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The new season of 'The Real World' premieres Tuesday. Get a sneak peak at what the gang does in New Orleans, meet Danny and learn about his mystery military man. Page 15



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Billy Stritch released his third jazz album this week, but the Sugar Land native developed his musical chops at the gay clubs in Houston.

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H.A.T.C.H. Prom 2000 is June 17. Organizers hosted a party for more than 100 gay and lesbian youths last year and expect a bigger turnout this year.

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Longtime community activist Judy Reeves thinks Houston's gay and lesbian community needs a wake up call. In her guest editorial Reeves explains why it's time to take a stand against Dr. Laura.

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State sodomy law overturned

Appellate court reverses decision against Lawrence and Garner, acquits both

by WENDY K. MOHON

In a landmark decision Thursday, the 14th Texas Court of Appeals declared the state's "Homosexual Conduct" law unconstitutional under the Texas Equal Rights Amendment and acquitted two Houston men convicted of violating the 120-year-old Texas sodomy law.

"Today is independence day in Texas," Mitchell Katine, a Houston attorney representing the men, told the Houston Voice Thursday.

The decision stems from an appeal of sodomy law convictions of Tyron Garner and John Geddes Lawrence. The two were arrested Sept. 18, 1998 in Lawrence's northeast Houston apartment after police responded to a report of an armed intruder inside the home. Sheriff's deputies entered the apartment and allegedly found the two men engaged in consensual sex. The pair were arrested, jailed for 24 hours and later pleaded "no contest" to the Class C misdemeanor.

Though Thursday's decision is technically only binding in the 14th Court of Appeals, which

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Tyron Garner, right, and John Lawrence, left, listen to their lawyer, Suzanne Goldberg, center, speak to reporters after a Harris County Criminal Court judge found them guilty and fined them for homosexual conduct Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, in Houston. Thursday, the pair were acquitted and the state's sodomy law declared unconstitutional.

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Appeals court reviews Burdine case

Process begins to determine if slumbering attorney fairly represented man convicted of killing his roommate

by GIP PLASTER

Houston death row inmate Calvin Burdine, a gay man who in 1983 was sentenced to die for killing his male housemate, had yet another day in court Monday.

This time, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments about whether now-deceased Houston attorney Joe Cannon provided an effective defense despite the fact that he slept through some of the original six-day trial.

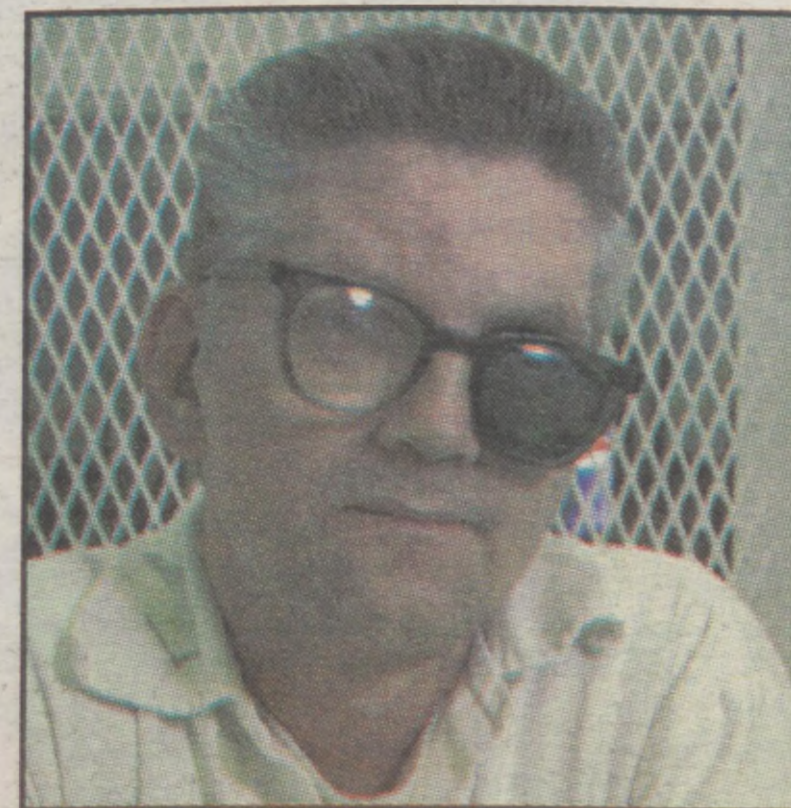
Courts have ruled that psychologically unstable and alcohol-addicted lawyers can conduct proper trials, so one who is asleep could, too, a lawyer for the state told the three-judge panel this week.

"It's no different if a counsel is sleeping or having a psychotic episode," Assistant Attorney General Julie Carruthers Parsley told the crowded courtroom, according to the Associated Press.

But Burdine's current attorney Robert McGlasson said the original trial was "a sham." "A sleeping lawyer is no lawyer," McGlasson said.

Cannon also failed to object when irrelevant evidence was presented, when Burdine's homosexuality was referred to in a questionable way and when other prejudicial statements were made, he said.

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Eighth annual H.A.T.C.H. prom slated for June 17

by ROBERT B. HENDERSON

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals will present "H.A.T.C.H. Prom 2000" on Saturday, June 17 from 8 to 11 p.m. at The Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd.

It will be the eighth annual dance permitting youth to have a date of their true choice at a prom. There is no cost for youth age 13 through 20. Admission for adults is \$20 at the door.

Dan Meador, KHOU-TV Channel 11 weatherman, will act as DJ for the evening. Food and beverages will be provided for the guests. While "H.A.T.C.H. Prom 2000" is focused to youth, the entire community is invited to attend without regard to age.

According to Kevin Davidson, H.A.T.C.H. board president, attendance has grown each year. Last year, more than 100 youth attended the prom.

Davidson says H.A.T.C.H. sponsors the dance "to give an alternative prom to the youth so they can bring the partner of their choice, versus their counterpart in the heterosexual world who sometimes will not allow or there will be harassment based on them bringing a partner of the same sex. So this is a kind of safe environment for them to attend and enjoy their own prom. Some of the youth will bring some of their straight friends, but it's not too many."

Since "H.A.T.C.H. Prom 2000" is an event for homosexual youth and adults, security is an issue. Davidson said the "facilitators," who assist with the group sessions of H.A.T.C.H. on Friday and Sunday evenings, will be present to provide security as will members of the board of directors. Davidson said the group also contacted Q-Patrol and the constable's office.

The board of directors also uses the



Last year, more than 100 youths attended the annual H.A.T.C.H. prom. This year's event, which is free to those age 13 through 20, will be held June 17 at The Lovett Inn.

annual H.A.T.C.H. prom as its primary fund-raising event. Community members are asked to be "host sponsors" in one of four different levels: "chaperone" for \$100; "principals" for \$250; "superintendent" for \$500 and "a member of the school board of trustees" for a donation of \$1,000 or more. Davidson said about 100 sponsors have signed up for "H.A.T.C.H. Prom 2000." He said the event's major sponsor is Chase Bank of Texas.

Along with the H.A.T.C.H. Prom, the numbers of youth served through the years has been increasing since services were first offered about 13 years ago.

"With new youth coming through, we

probably serve 250 a year, but it fluctuates in that you have some youth who stay there for six months to a whole year and they get counted. You have some that come there for a month and then leave. We have some we've had for a couple of years who continue to come back," Davidson said.

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Community input needed for HIV-related public forum

by RICH ARENSCHIEDT

One of the most common complaints from the gay and lesbian community to public officials is, "We never have enough say in what happens to money that is spent for HIV and AIDS."

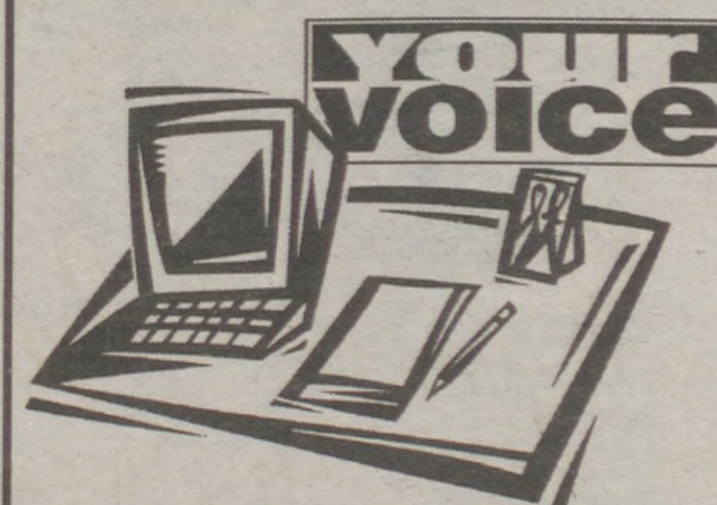
In an effort to dispel that sentiment, the Ryan White Planning Council and the Harris County Health Department Division of HIV Services seek input from community members and those directly affected by HIV/AIDS at a public forum on Monday, June 12.

This forum, the first of two such meetings, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Houston City Hall Annex Chamber, 900 Bagby Street, located on street level near City Hall.

The Ryan White Planning Council is the entity that determines how \$17.5 million in Title I HIV funding is prioritized and allocated for Houston/Harris County. This planning body, comprised entirely of volunteer community members, is constantly seeking input from all facets of the affected community.

In an effort to increase visibility and awareness, these televised public hearings will focus on current community concerns and on the "state of emergency" recently declared by Mayor Lee Brown as the result of increased rates of HIV infection in the African American community.

Those individuals who need transportation or childcare in order to be able to attend this forum should call HIV Services at 713-572-3724.



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Around the South

ACLU joins Kentucky town in defending gay rights ordinance

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP)—The Kentucky branch of the ACLU announced May 31 it will help defend another legal challenge to a Kentucky gay rights ordinance, this time in the city of Henderson. The city passed an ordinance in September prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations. Earlier this year, a lawsuit was filed by Rick and Connie Hile, Henderson landlords who claim the ordinance forces them to violate their religious beliefs by "facilitating or supporting such a sinful lifestyle." The Hiles are represented by American Center for Law and Justice, a conservative legal advocacy group supported by televangelist Pat Robertson. Dr. J. Barrett Hyman, a gynecologist and obstetrician, also filed lawsuits in federal court alleging he would be forced against his religious beliefs to hire a gay job applicant in his office. Jeff Vessels, executive director for the state ACLU, said the lawsuits put Kentucky at "ground zero" in the national debate over religious freedom and civil rights laws. Similar lawsuits have been filed in Louisville and in Jefferson County.

Fla. court reverses ruling that stripped lesbian mother of kids

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—A Florida appellate court has overturned a custody decision because the court inappropriately "succumbed to the father's attacks on the mother's sexual orientation." The District Court of Appeal of Florida for the Second District ruled June 2 that a trial court erred in granting sole custody of the children to their father. Julie Jacoby filed for divorce in 1997, and later moved her two children, ages 7 and 10, into the home she shared with her female partner in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1998, the Pinellas County Circuit Court granted sole custody to Jacoby's ex-husband, agreeing with his claim that granting custody to his wife would have made the children vulnerable to teasing and harassment from classmates at their private religious school. The appeals court said the decision "penalized the mother for her sexual orientation without evidence that it harmed the children." The appeals court, by a 2-1 vote, also admonished the lower court for favoring the household of the father, who has remarried, over the home provided by the children's mother, ordering it to reconsider custody without relying on anti-gay prejudice.

GOP congressional candidate stands by earlier pro-gay positions



Paul Jost stuck by pro-gay commitments he made in a 1997 race, despite conservative opposition in his bid to win the GOP nomination for a Virginia Congressional district.

RICHMOND, Va.—A candidate for Congress who had called himself a "Ronald Reagan Republican" announced he would stand by earlier pro-gay positions, despite a tough race against more conservative Republican opponents, *Hampton Roads* magazine reported June 4. When Paul Jost ran for Alexandria City Council in 1997, he told the Alexandria Gay & Lesbian Community Association that he supported non-discrimination provisions in the city charter, domestic partner benefits for gay and straight unmarried city employees and "ceremonial recognition" of same-sex partners. When presented with those results in May, Jost said he didn't remember the questionnaire, but that he still stood by the answers. One of his opponents, Mike Rothfeld, responded by mailing 65,000 letters throughout the district, blasting Jost for his support of "marriage-like homosexual unions." The Republican chairman of the district, Roger Pogge, sent an e-mail calling for Republicans to support one of Jost's opponents. Jost remains the best known and financed of the candidates and has been endorsed by Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore. The primary to determine the Republican nominee for Virginia's First Congressional District will be held June 13.

Tenn. House approves bill allowing officers to demand HIV tests

NASHVILLE (AP)—The Tennessee House passed a bill May 31 requiring any person arrested for aggravated assault of police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel or prison guards to be tested for HIV, and to pay for the test if requested. Additionally, if the emergency responder were infected with HIV, the arrestee would be responsible for related medical bills. The bill passed the House 92-0, with three Memphis Democrats voting present. The Tennessee Senate had expanded the bill to include anyone who is the victim of aggravated assault, but the House stripped that provision. Republican Rep. Chris Newton said it's a good bill because an officer who goes to a "crack house" and arrests someone who assaulted him with a syringe used to shoot up the cocaine "would like to know before they go home if they have HIV."

South Carolina Pride cancelled in favor of 'community building'

COLUMBIA, S.C.—For the first time in 10 years, there is not going to be a gay pride march in the state of South Carolina, *The [Columbia] State* reported June 2. Instead, South Carolina gay and lesbian leaders have decided to stress community-building events around the state, such as a picnic to be held in Florence, S.C. The 1998 Pride March drew 5,000 to Myrtle Beach, but the 10th anniversary march drew far fewer people to the state capital of Columbia.

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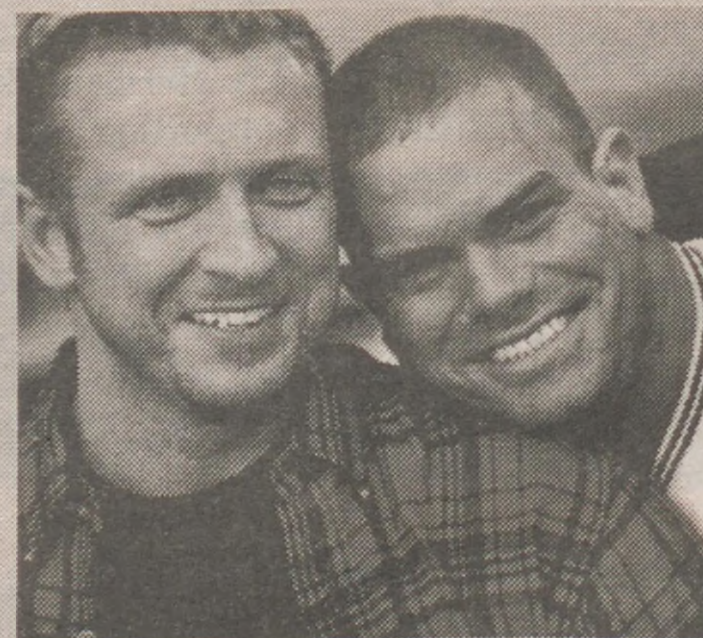
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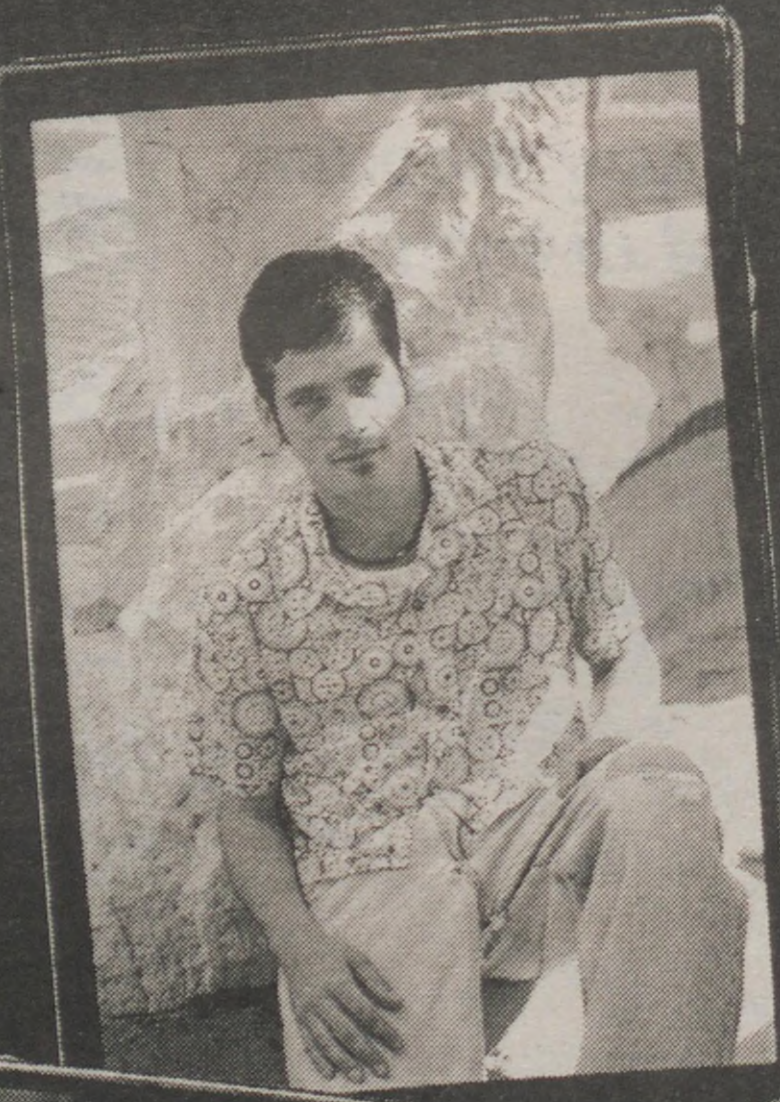
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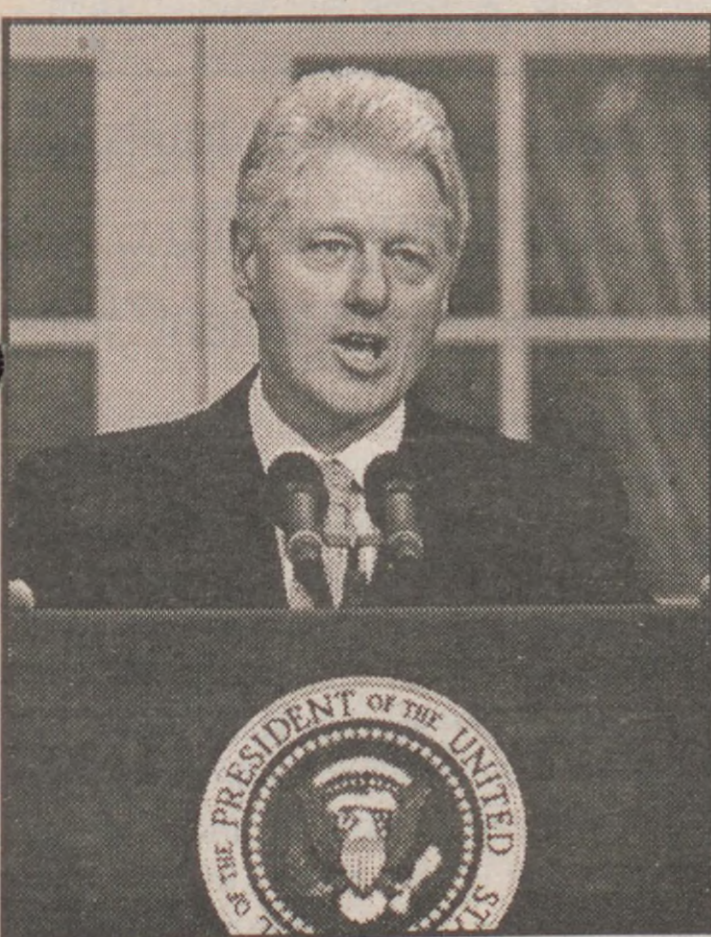


Around the Nation

Supreme Court curbs grandparents' rights, effect on gays unclear

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court curbed states' power June 5 to help grandparents and others obtain the legal right to visit children against parents' wishes. "So long as a parent adequately cares for his or her children, ... there will normally be no reason for the state to inject itself into the private realm of the family," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the court's main opinion. The decision in a case from Washington state yielded six opinions from the nine-member court, but no majority opinion. Among those urging the justices to move slowly in weighing the competing rights in such disputes were lesbian rights groups who say "de facto" parents—including adults with no biological connection who play a significant parent-like role in a child's life—should get visitation rights. The ACLU hailed the outcome, saying it should have no impact on "de facto" parents but would protect gay parents from "inappropriate interference by courts and third parties, such as relatives, because of anti-gay bias."

Clinton issues Pride Month proclamation, drawing conservative ire



WASHINGTON—President Clinton proclaimed June "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" on June 2. "Too often... gays and lesbians face prejudice and discrimination," Clinton said. "Too many have had to hide or deny their sexual orientation in order to keep their jobs or to live safely in their communities," he said. The timing of the proclamation, released at 5:30 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, caused some conservatives to suggest Clinton was trying to avoid news coverage on a controversial issue. "It's typical of Clinton to release this late on a rainy Friday afternoon," Clifford May, communications director for the Republican National Committee, told the *Washington Times*. "Once again, he's trying to be on both sides of an issue."

President Clinton issued a Pride Month proclamation late last Friday, leading some conservatives to charge the timing was designed to avoid media coverage.

N.H. passes gay student protections, N.Y. moves closer to doing so

CONCORD, N.H.—Two Northeastern states moved forward on the issue of protecting gay high school students. The New Hampshire legislature passed a sweeping school safety bill aimed at protecting all students from harassment and violence. The measure requires local school boards to take action to prevent and remedy incidents of violence, harassment and discrimination on any basis. Any school employee or outside contractor who witnesses harassment will be required to report it, and the school will be obliged to take action. The bill unanimously passed the New Hampshire Senate, and passed by more than a hundred votes in the House. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen is expected to sign the bill.

And in New York, the Dignity for All Students Act, which seeks to bar discrimination and harassment in New York's public schools based on sexual orientation and other categories, cleared a New York Assembly committee May 23 by a 20-7 vote, the *New York Blade News* reported May 26. The measure now moves to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

Boy Scouts face United Way cut off in N.J., lawsuit in San Diego

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J.—The Boy Scouts of America faced controversy on two fronts last week over the group's ban on gays. The United Way of Central New Jersey announced that it will cut off funding to a Boy Scout council unless the group adopts an anti-discrimination policy that includes gays, the *East Brunswick Home News Tribune* reported May 25. Rosalie Burns Davis, local United Way director, said she expects the organization to obey the 1999 state Supreme Court ruling prohibiting discrimination in places of public accommodation. "It's up to the Boy Scouts if they want to accept the funding," Davis said. "They have until July 1 to respond. If they don't get back to us, we will not issue the check." The local Scouts, headquartered in Monmouth Junction, could lose \$81,350 in funding this year if they do not adhere to the state's anti-discrimination laws, she said. The 1999 state ruling favored former Assistant Scoutmaster James Dale, who was kicked out of the Scouts in 1990 after it was revealed he is gay. The case is now before the U.S. Supreme Court, which may decide whether to uphold the state's law by this summer.

Meanwhile, in San Diego, after years of debate with the city attorney's office over the Boy Scouts' subsidized use of public land, the ACLU and a local gay bar association are proceeding with legal action against the city, the *San Diego News* reported May 25. The Scouts currently lease sections in Balboa Park and Fiesta Island for \$1 a year. Fiesta Island's fair market rental value is \$1,470. The lawsuit demands that the city end its discounted leases with the Scouts

because of its anti-gay policies. The city attorney says that termination of the leases in 2007 and 2011 before they end would be a breach of contract.

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EDITORIAL

An inconvenient fact—or two

by CHRIS CRAIN

You can bet that at breakfast tables around America on May 28, some eyebrows were raised.

That Sunday morning, the *New York Times Magazine* published a cover story on Calpernia Addams, the transgendered love interest of Army Pfc. Barry Winchell, who was bludgeoned to death with a baseball bat last year for being gay.

Only according to the *Times* story, Winchell's actual sexual orientation was swept under the rug by gay activists from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, who convinced Addams to allow herself to be described with male pronouns in press releases.

This discovery led David France, the story's author and a "national affairs editor" with *Glamour* magazine, to conclude Winchell wasn't gay at all but instead fell somewhere in "the gray in-between."

"The fact is that Winchell, killed for being gay, wasn't gay, at least not in the traditional Harvey Fierstein sense of the word," France writes.

"Barry Winchell, who had only ever dated biological women before, was in love with a pre-operative transsexual—a transgendered woman," as Addams prefers it—part male and part female, a gentle being without a clear portfolio in the black-and-white realm of the sexes."

Having accused SLDN and other gay activists of surface-level posturing in the Winchell case, France doesn't plum much deeper.

Human sexuality is as complicated as gender identity, and France isn't too adept at the deep end of the pool.

Though France faults gay activists for deciding for Addams her gender, he is at least as guilty for deciding for Winchell his sexual orientation. At least Addams, by France's own account, went along with the activists; Winchell, "killed for being gay," can't sound off on the subject.

But we do know that friends of Winchell say he considered himself gay for sleeping

with Addams. France acknowledges as much in the article.

"Addams would introduce Winchell as heterosexual," writes France, "but he would always correct her, saying, 'It's okay.'"

Calpernia Addams, who comes off remarkably articulate in the article, also acknowledges a fact of life for many male-to-female transsexuals who become involved with men. The lesson is another clue to Winchell's actual sexual orientation.

"One of the cold hard facts that we understand is that a lot of the straight men who are attracted to us are actually closeted gay and they may not even have admitted it to themselves," she told France.

In 'An Inconvenient Woman,' the *New York Times* faults gay activists for bending genders to make a murder into a hate crime. But the *Times* ignores some 'inconvenient' facts

"We bring them into the gay community and introduce them to people and they start to get comfortable, and the next little step is that they leave us behind and start dating men."

And that's not even the tail end of the slippery slope of sexual orientation. Addams says in the article that Private Winchell didn't much care if she completed sex reassignment surgery.

But as prurient as France gets into the nature of their relationship, he misses some obvious follow-up questions, especially if his general theory is that Winchell loved Addams without regard to her gender.

Was their sex life, which Addams describes glowingly if vaguely, centered at all around Addams' male genitalia? It's not so much that inquiring minds want to know, but it's certainly relevant to France's conclusions about Winchell.

Two other ironies discount significantly the relevance of this exposé into Pfc. Barry Winchell's sexuality.

First and foremost, he was killed for being gay, whether or not he lives up to France's definition of the word.

He was beaten to death with a baseball bat by Private Calvin Glover, who had been teased earlier that evening by Winchell's roommate, Pfc. Justin Fisher, for losing a fight with Winchell the weekend before.

Fisher taunted Glover for getting "beat by a faggot," according to France's account. "A faggot cannot kick my ass," Glover reportedly hollered as Winchell skulked off to bed. "I could fuckin' kill you!"

Ultimately, then, the activists at SLDN can be forgiven their desire to "package" the story in such a way that most Americans could understand it. Any other course would have rooted around intrusively in the private lives of not just Addams but the

recently murdered soldier as well.

The second "inconvenient fact" for the *New York Times Magazine* account is that the three individuals who supposedly took part in the gender-bending strategy conference all swear it didn't take place.

Addams, SLDN attorney Kathi Westcott and local activist Rhonda White wrote a joint letter to the *Times* three days before the article appeared, alarmed by the version related by the newspaper's fact-checker, who called in advance of publication.

They specifically denied that anyone "suggested that Ms. Calpernia Addams self-identify as a man."

It's a rare thing that the complex issues of gender and sexuality receive such depth of coverage in the mainstream press, even the *Times* account ignored inconvenient facts at a disturbing rate.

The case of Barry Winchell and Calpernia Addams illustrates the difficulty of telling everyday America stories about anti-gay bias in a way that they can understand.

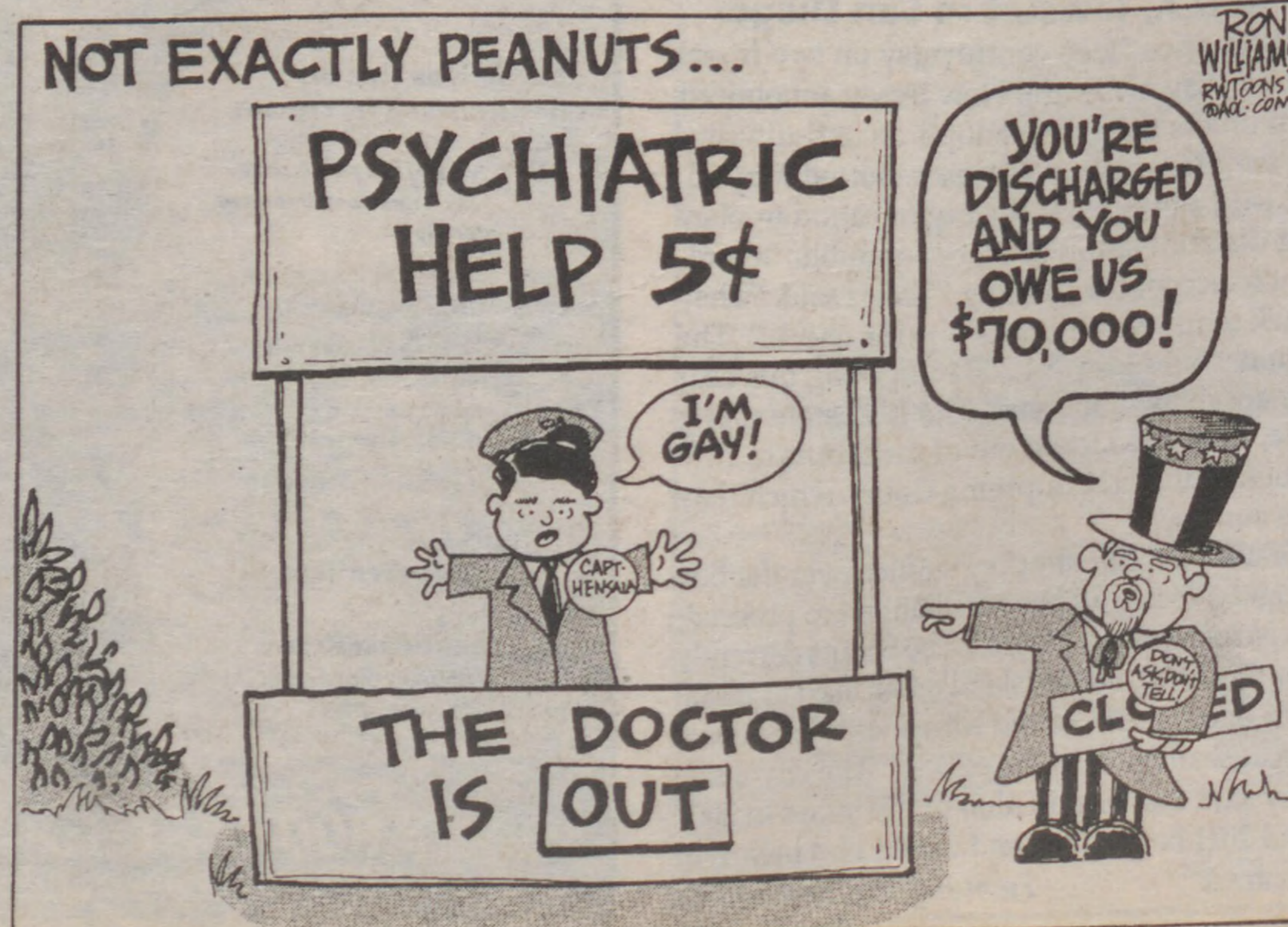
But gay activists should not be cowered from trying. The stakes are too high.

It is human nature that the most gruesome stories of anti-gay violence are the ones that can result in real change. The murders of Matthew Shepard and Billy Jack Gaither spurred the call for hate crime laws in a way that assaults and arson have not.

And the tragic murder of Pfc. Barry Winchell sparked reconsideration of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" at the highest levels of government. President Clinton was prompted to abandon his own unworkable and unprincipled compromise, returning to his 1993 pledge to repeal entirely the ban on service by gays.

The president was joined by Al Gore and Hillary Clinton, both of whom had defended "DADT" until then.

It is a long-standing cliché that no one should die in vain, but the work of SLDN and local activists in Nashville, far from grounds for criticism, should be praised for preventing another Barry Winchell from feeling those blows to the head—and widening another Calpernia Addams.





GUEST EDITORIAL

Time for Houston to take a stand against Dr. Laura

by JUDY REEVES

There are presidential candidates who would give their first-born White House puppy for the kind of free press the gay and lesbian community has given to Laura Schlessinger in the past few weeks.

I have amassed almost 140 messages from a couple of computer lists I subscribe to, and that doesn't count the messages I deleted due to mental fatigue about the subject.

I guess my question is: Why?

Why would we waste so much energy and time giving lip service to a deaf universe?

Why, when we would normally jump up and start buying poster board and markers for the protest, are we limiting our concerns to e-mails and phone calls?

Talk by Schlessinger has run the gamut from defamation of a rather substantial portion of the population to just plain childish, hateful name calling. We have responded and exploded with the ear-piercing noises of retaliatory name calling—accompanied by the usual poor-pitiful-me victimization. Except where completely ignored, this has been responded to, by Schlessinger, with more defamation and more hateful name calling.

This is a wake up call.

We, in this community, need to stop acting like angry children whose toys have been taken away and start acting like adults who are dealing with the typical uneducated hate-monger who not only has the

money to buy air time, but also the typical lemming-like following of other hate-mongers.

One of the most disturbing things I have seen so far has to do with a meeting which took place recently at KPRC Channel 2. Present at the meeting were some concerned community members from various organizations and the station's general manager, Steve Wasserman. I sat in awe as I read about how the meeting unfolded.

It went something like this: Wasserman isn't willing to cancel the show because it would cost "them" money, as they are locked into a two-year commitment.

He "will monitor the show"—whatever that means.

Wasserman also explained to the group that, "we've been assured by Paramount it (the show) will not be a bully pulpit..." [19 May 2000 *Houston Voice* article by Wendy K. Mohon]

In another portion of the same meeting, the group played an audiotape containing excerpts from Schlessinger's radio talk show.

They explained to Wasserman the suicide statistics and how they were concerned Schlessinger's TV show comments may affect our youth. All of this was done to "raise Wasserman's awareness level," according to Pat Rickey, a PFLAG board member.

Was Wasserman's awareness level actually raised? Well, I personally do not believe that it fluctuated in either direction.

The meeting came to a close and the accomplishments were pretty much one-sided from where I sit. Wasserman still

plans to "monitor," but not cancel the show because then KPRC might lose a buck.

That's pretty much where he started and ended with the group in attendance.

Both Rickey and DiDonato said they came away from the meeting feeling there was no need to organize a protest. DiDonato said he "is encouraging members of the gay and lesbian community to write KPRC and express concerns over the program, but to do so 'in a friendly manner' because Steve Wasserman has indicated he is a friend to the gay and lesbian community."

Someone must have sprinkled fairy dust throughout the room upon arrival. The group was pleased that Wasserman took them in to the meeting in a timely fashion. Isn't that just the courteous thing to do when you have an appointment?

He talked with them for an hour. Isn't that pretty much the acceptable length of time set aside for a meeting?

He [Wasserman] "has indicated he is a friend to the gay and lesbian community." How? Did I miss something here? What's wrong with this picture?

According to PFLAG members in that meeting, our YOUTH are at risk here! Since when do we sit back on our haunches and say "pretty please" to someone who is a threat to our future?

If even one show airs at KPRC and even one child is hurt—either emotionally, psychologically or physically—then we have FAILED them. "Monitoring" the show is not acceptable behavior.

Stopping the show or view-and-approve each show before airing is the only possible acceptable solution to this situation short of

banning it altogether. If we sit back and just wait then who is going to take responsibility for that injured child? Who is going to put things back the way they were "BS" (Before Schlessinger)? And, should it air in spite of our efforts, are we going to make it the highest-rated show of this century by ALL tuning in "just to see?" Please—Just Say NO!

We are a multifarious world and it is not a world in which everyone can or will love one another and/or agree on every little thing.

But that does not give anyone the right to disgorge hate toward a single group so often that it puts that group at risk of being attacked by others. This is where Schlessinger's kind of "free speech" becomes so dangerous we have to put ourselves on the line to stop it!

I am a strong proponent of free speech, but there is a very wide abyss between free speech and character assassination.

Schlessinger must be stopped.

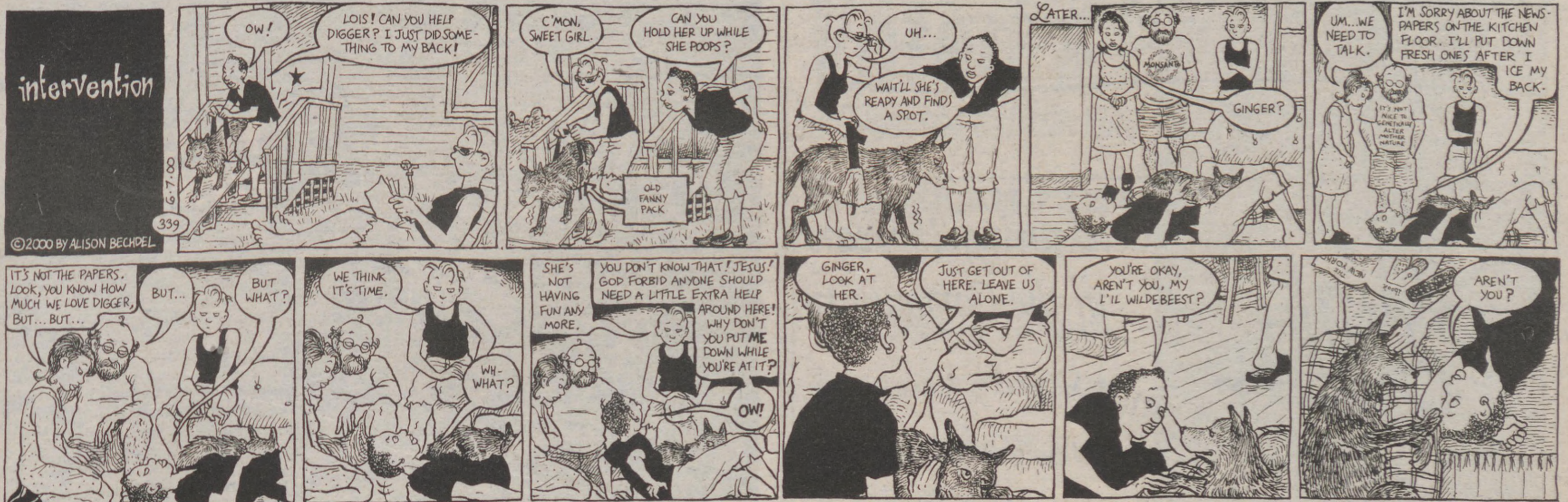
Those who have seen the way are plenty. They have shown their support by pulling their advertising, demonstrating, writing letters, sending e-mails, making phone calls, and some have canceled shows...but not in Houston.

We "met" with them and are happy they are going to "monitor" to be sure there is no "bully-pulpit" on the air.

The only ones we have to speak to "when they come" will be each other...and then only to ask, "When did we stop standing up for ourselves?"

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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



Court reviews Burdine case

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"Joe Cannon sat, asleep or not, while the prosecutor in the punishment phase told the jury that life in prison wasn't much punishment for a homosexual," McGlasson told the panel.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner threw out Burdine's conviction last year, but he did not bar the state from retrying the man.

The arguments heard this week by Judges Edith Jones, Fortunato Benevides and Rhesa Barksdale are part of an appeal by the state to determine whether Burdine's original conviction should be reinstated.

Parsley argued that there is no evidence that Cannon's naps changed the outcome of the trial.

Mandy Welch, a Houston attorney who serves as Burdine's co-counsel, told the Houston Voice that the panel seemed somewhat sympathetic to their client, although she said it's impossible to determine for sure what judges are thinking.

"They certainly all expressed concern about the fairness of a trial where the lawyer sleeps," she said.

"The judges seemed to understand the difficulties of showing the harm of a lawyer being asleep," she said. "It's very difficult to show after the fact what harm was caused."

Welch said the judges did seem somewhat concerned that it took 10 years for the sleeping lawyer issue to come to the forefront, but she said that can be partly explained by the fact that Cannon was still Burdine's attorney during the first appeal.

Parsley's argument that Cannon was no more impaired than an addicted or psychologically unstable lawyer is simply not true, Welch said.

"Judge Benevides in one of his questions made the point that I want to make," she said.

"How can you equate the possibility that an attorney may not know what's going on with one who does not know what's going on?" Benevides asked during the proceedings.

While no timetable was given for when the appeals court will rule, Welch said rulings of the sort usually take at least a month and often longer.

Lengthy trial process

Burdine's 17 years on death row began after he was convicted of the April 1983 robbery and murder of W.T. Wise, a 50-year-old night supervisor for a security service.

Testimony showed that the pair had a gay relationship and had been living together for 3 1/2 months before a dispute caused Burdine to move out of their trailer. Burdine told police that Wise wanted him to work as a prostitute.

Some trial evidence showed that Douglas McCreight was the primary perpetrator. McCreight pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and was paroled after eight years in prison.

A long process for Burdine

Earlier this year, District Judge Hittner ordered that Burdine be released after the state missed a retrial deadline, but the 5th Circuit threw out the lower court's ruling.

A panel of the appeals court on March 3 issued a terse two-page ruling saying Burdine should remain in prison pending review of Hittner's finding that the original trial was unfair.

McGlasson told the Houston Voice at the time that his client had hoped to be released during the appeal, but he said Burdine has seen many ups and downs in his years on death row, including eminent execution before a last-minute stay.

"He's certainly been on a roller coaster," McGlasson said.

Disparaging remarks

McGlasson said then that Cannon referred to people who patronize gay bars as "faggots," "fairies" and "queers" while being cross-examined during a hearing to investigate charges that Burdine received an unfair trial in 1984.

That shows a conflict of interest, at the least, because Cannon was biased against gays, he said.

"I sensed no moral or other concerns by him regarding the use of those terms," he said.

McGlasson said he also has evidence that Cannon allowed homophobic jurors on the panel during the 1984 trial.

Long before that recent missed deadline and this week's oral arguments before the 5th Circuit, gay rights and anti-death penalty advocates, including the American Civil Liberties Union, were calling Burdine's 1984 trial a "travesty of justice."

The ACLU filed a friend of the court brief while the trial was at district court level because of a comment by the state

prosecutor that a gay man would not be punished by a prison sentence.

"Sending a homosexual to the penitentiary certainly isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual, and that's what (Cannon) is asking you to do," prosecutor Ned Morris told the jury.

That is one of the comments to which Cannon did not object, McGlasson said.

Two gays put to death this year

At least two gay men have already been executed in Texas this year.

On Jan. 25, Larry Keith Robison, a gay 42-year-old Air Force veteran, was executed for the death of his partner Ricky Lee Bryant and four other people in Lake Worth, a suburb of Fort Worth.

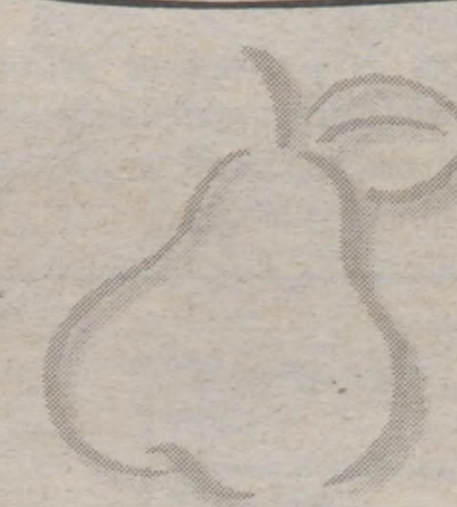
Robison decapitated and sexually mutilated Bryant, perhaps ingesting some of his tissue leaving his genitalia in the kitchen sink, then went to the cabin next door and killed four other people.

On Jan. 29, four days after Robison was put to death, juvenile offender Glen Alan McGinnis, a 27-year-old gay African American man who was 17 when he killed a Montgomery County mother of two, was executed on Texas death row.

McGinnis shot Leta Ann Wilkerson in the head, shoulders and back during the robbery of a laundymat.


His attorney said a number of societal factors worked against McGinnis, including the fact that McGinnis was gay.

"He was polite, respectful, legitimately sorry about what he'd done," lawyer William Hall said. "But he was also a black man who killed a white woman. And he was very, very gay, and that didn't help."



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Health News

Series of 'gay' genes may explain how homosexuality is inherited

NEW ORLEANS—A researcher has suggested that several genes, and not just one, are responsible for homosexuality in men, according to an article in the May 25 *Bay Area Reporter*. Published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Edward M. Miller's report explores the evolutionary puzzle of how the genes, or alleles, responsible for homosexuality have survived despite the low procreation rate of homosexuals. Miller suggests that if all of the "gay" genes are present, a person will be gay, but if only some of the genes are present, an individual will be heterosexual but have some characteristics more closely linked with the opposite sex. "Single alleles [in heterosexual men] make for greater sensitivity, empathy, tender-mindedness, and kindness," Miller wrote. "These traits make heterosexual carriers of the genes better fathers and more attractive mates." He also suggests that the attraction some women have to insensitive and unkind men is part of a biological drive to lessen the chances of producing homosexual offspring. "Females may have evolved so as to adjust their choice of mate to the genes their own body is carrying," Miller wrote.

Gay men using IV drugs continue behavior that can spread HIV

ATLANTA (AP)—The number of AIDS cases among gay men who use intravenous drugs have been decreasing since 1992, the government reported June 1. The CDC estimated that five percent of HIV-positive men in that category had progressed to full-blown AIDS in 1998, down from eight percent in 1990. The decline is due in large part to increased use of anti-retroviral therapies that delay disease progression, the CDC said. Surveying the 513 men in that risk group who were diagnosed with AIDS from 1996 to 1998 showed that, in the past five years, 82 percent had used drugs, 34 percent had used intravenous drugs, and 15 percent had shared needles. Nearly half of those who were sexually active did not use condoms. Forty-two percent of the AIDS cases among the high-risk men were in Southern states and 51 percent in the Western United States. Forty-three percent of the group also had sex with women. "Prevention measures that have an impact on that group could possibly prevent transmission to several different groups," said CDC spokesperson Pascal Wortley.

Florida targeting blacks, Hispanics with HIV/AIDS awareness ads



A new ad campaign is designed to break the stereotype that AIDS is a 'homosexual, gay white male disease,' said Fla. Rep. Frederica Wilson.

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP)—Florida health officials hope to raise AIDS awareness among the state's black residents with an advertising campaign scheduled to run all year. The state Department of Health has assembled a series of hip, straight-talking ads to be aired on television, radio, billboards and newspapers in Florida's urban centers. The advertising campaign with a budget of \$750,000 a year and some ads will target Hispanics and Haitians as well. The ads' message: Get tested, abstain from sex or use condoms during sex, don't be embarrassed to talk about AIDS, and know that, in recent years, AIDS has been spreading fastest among minorities. One ad shows two young men speaking about the disease after playing a game of basketball. "Many of our children and our adults still believe AIDS is a homosexual, gay white male disease," said Democratic state Rep. Frederica Wilson, who helped kick off the advertising campaign. "We have to break through that psyche."

AIDS Action calls for increase in explicit AIDS prevention ads

WASHINGTON—Jeff Jacobs of AIDS Action, a coalition of 3,200 community-based AIDS service organizations, called on Congress and the Clinton Administration to significantly boost funds earmarked for explicit HIV prevention messages. Jacobs said he agreed with an editorial note in a recent CDC report that argued prevention strategies "must provide the information, skills and support necessary to reduce both sexual and drug related risk behaviors." The editorial note appeared in a recent issue of the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. "Our members on the front lines in this battle know what frank, targeted prevention messages can do to stem the spread of HIV, but many feel their hands are tied," Jacobs said.

Media coverage of pharmaceuticals ignores side effects, misleads

BOSTON—A study of how the mass media covers health found that many news stories on drugs fail to report side effects or researchers' financial ties to the companies that make the medications. The researchers looked at 207 newspaper and TV stories from 1994 to 1998 on three drugs: aspirin, used to prevent heart disease; pravastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug also used to prevent heart disease; and alendronate, a drug for preventing and treating osteoporosis. In the 170 stories that cited experts or scientific studies, half included at least one expert or study with financial ties to the drug's manufacturer. The study was published in the June 1

issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, whose incoming editor has been criticized for an apparent conflict of interest involving a drug company. —From staff and wire reports



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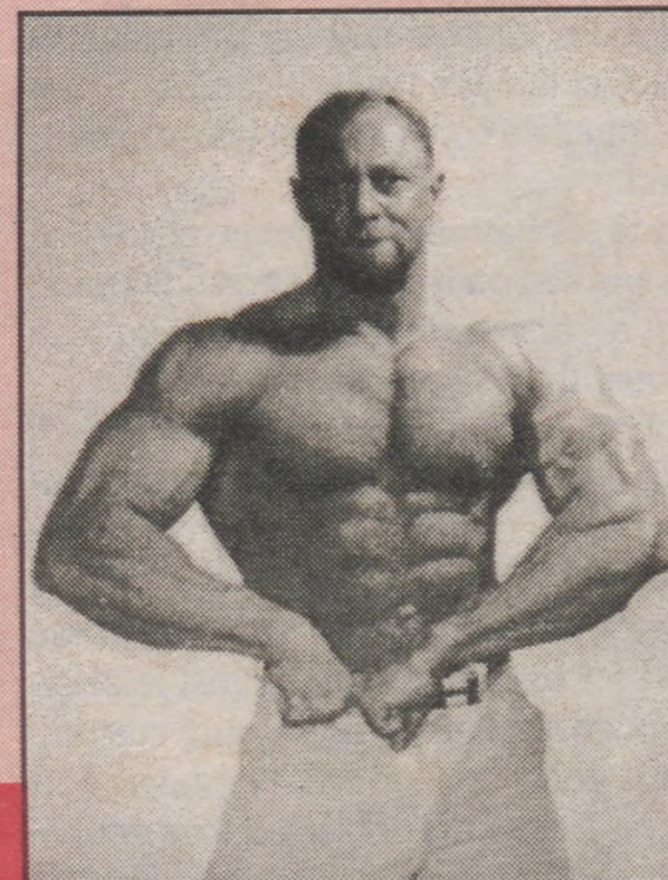


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Sodomy law overturned

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covers 14 counties, Katine said "it's a ruling that is good for the entire state."

"Until the highest court in the state rules, it is persuasive in the state and most other state courts will follow it," Katine said.

Thursday's ruling could be challenged by other courts within the state, but Katine said most courts in the state follow the lead of the court of appeals.

"If a court wants to not follow the precedence set today, there is nothing that compels them to do so, but generally, 99 percent of the time, the appellate courts follow one another," Katine said.

Lambda staff attorney Suzanne Goldberg, who also worked on the case, agreed, terming the ruling a "tremendous victory for lesbian and gay men throughout Texas."

"The bottom line is that the homosexual conduct law has been declared unconstitutional and that ruling is valid around the state," she said.

"Today's decision means that an excuse often used for discrimination against lesbians and gay men in employment and custody decisions is gone," she added. "Lesbians and gay men no longer are subjected to a double standard for their private sexual intimacy."

Neither Garner nor Lawrence were taking calls from the media Thursday, but in a statement issued by Lambda, Lawrence is quoted saying: "At least this nightmare brought some benefit for all of us in Texas. I am thankful and

relieved that this horrible experience may finally be over."

The 14th Court of Appeals' ruling is unique because unlike the Georgia Supreme Court's decision in November 1998 which declared that state's sodomy law unconstitutional because it violated privacy rights, Thursday's decision was based on the Texas Equal Rights Amendment.

The Texas ERA states that "[e]quality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin."

Attorneys for Lawrence and Garner argued that their clients' equal rights were violated based on gender, since the men would not have been arrested had one been male and the other female.

The court agreed, stating in its majority opinion: "the statute criminalizes the conduct solely on the basis of sex of the participants, thereby violating the Texas ERA prohibition against denying equality under the law on the basis of sex."

"The Texas Equal Right Amendment is a strong and important part of the constitution and it makes perfect sense that the court would make the decision based on this," Goldberg said.

Asked if she was surprised at the court's decision, Goldberg said, "this decision is consistent with decisions around the country. What is surprising is that there are sodomy laws."

Three other states currently prohibit consensual sex acts between same-sex partners—Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma. Twelve other states have sodomy laws that apply to both gay and heterosexual couples.

Thursday's decision was made by a three-member panel of the court and included a dissenting opinion by one justice who contends that the sodomy law "does not discriminate on the basis of gender because it applies equally to men and women, i.e., it is just as unlawful for men to engage in homosexual conduct as it is for women."

The ruling could be challenged by the Harris County district attorney, a state prosecuting attorney on behalf of the state attorney general's office or by another appellate court. If challenged, the case would be decided either by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court.

Goldberg said Lambda is prepared to defend the ruling.

"The law is plainly unconstitutional," she said. "We are happy to see it struck down here and if we need to go further, we certainly will."

INFO

The full text of the 14th Court of Appeals ruling, along with the dissenting opinion may be accessed through the Lambda web-site, www.ldef.org.

Attorney Mitchell Katine speaks at the Pride Kickoff party, Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett, 713-529-6979

SPEAKING OUT

Community members react to news of the Texas 14th Court of Appeals decision declaring the state's sodomy law unconstitutional:

"It's excellent news and I want to congratulate those two gentlemen [Tyron Garner and John Geddes Lawrence]. These were not quote/unquote activists, yet they were willing to sacrifice their privacy and their time for the benefit of all gays and lesbians in the state and we should appreciate that."—Houston City Councilwoman Annise Parker

"I am so pleased at the results. It's a real victory for Texas. I want to congratulate the two judges in the majority opinion. They did the right thing."—Matt Eastus, Houston Mayor Lee Brown's advisor on gay issues

"I think it's a giant step to start taking the stigma away from anal sex. When our government says the sex we are having is unlawful, that filters down to our friends and family... it gives people the excuse to say it's wrong."—Randall Ellis, AIDS Foundation Project CAESAR outreach coordinator

"I hope that it's pushed to the supreme court level. I'm anxious to see if this impacts business decisions regarding partner benefits."—Debbie Hunt, attorney and Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce president

"Most Texans and certainly most Americans believe that everyone has a right to privacy and what goes on behind closed doors between two consenting adults is just that—between those consenting adults. It's really exciting to see us finally emerging into modern times with the rest of the country."—Clarence Bagby, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force board member

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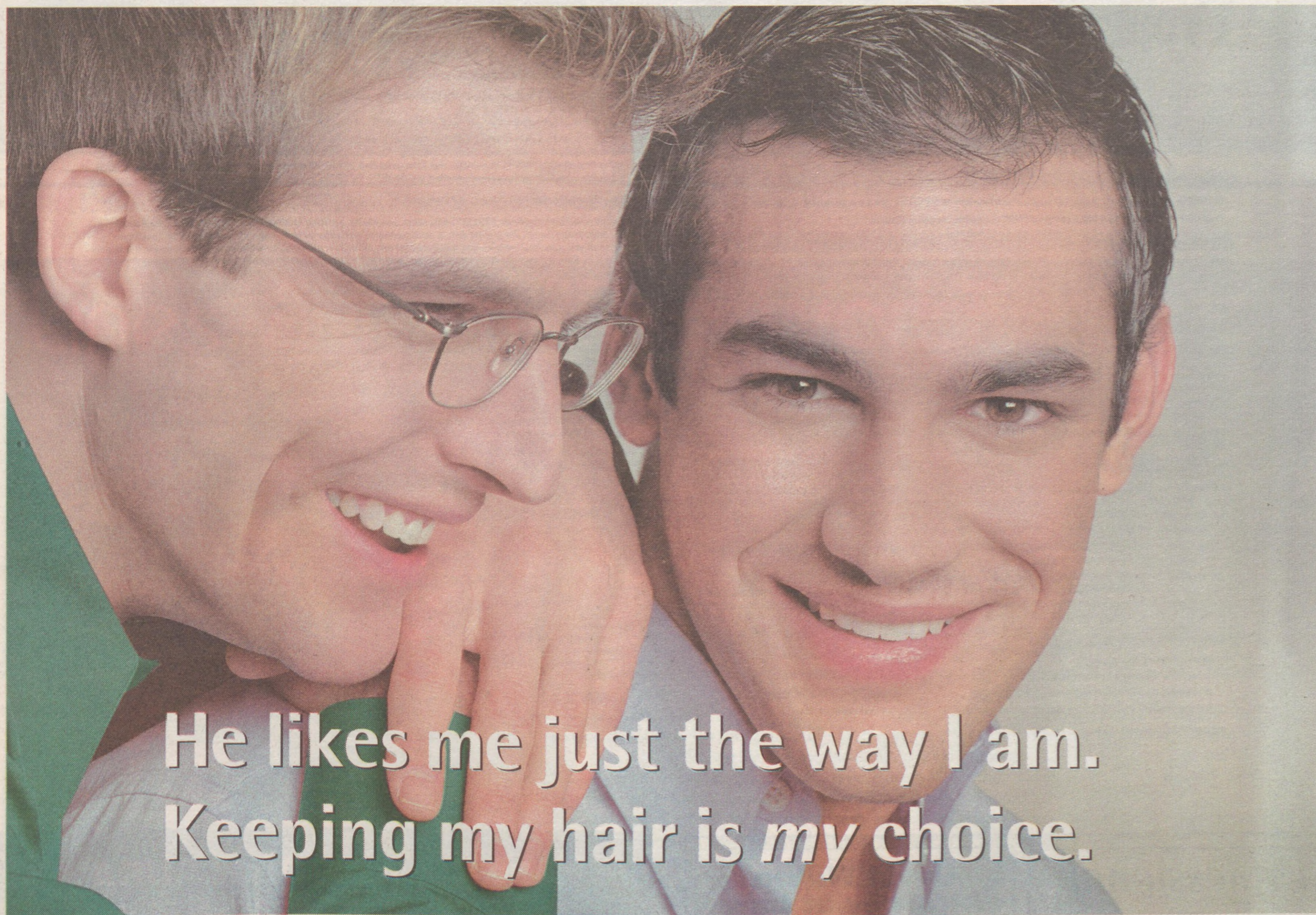
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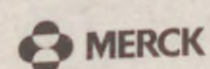
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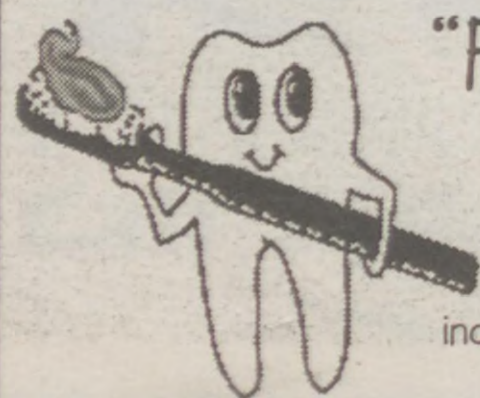
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A GUIDE FOR YOUR LEISURE TIME

Lines blur on "Real World" Producers conceal identity of gay cast member's military boyfriend

by LAWRENCE FERBER

Danny isn't the first openly gay cast member to appear on MTV's nine-year-old real life soap opera series, **THE REAL WORLD**. Nor is he the first to kiss another man onscreen. However, he is the first to kiss a **BLURRED** one.

"That totally kills the moment," Danny laughs, a small town Georgia twang informing his masculine register. "Oh, that's so romantic, he's making out with a blur."

Actually, Danny's really making out with his military man boyfriend, Paul, whose identity was concealed with blurs in post-production so as not to endanger his military career—nor break up the happy couple.

"We didn't want to deny Danny the opportunity to have Paul visit," explains "The Real World's" openly gay executive producer, Jon Murray. "Plus it's an interesting story, people will talk about it, and maybe the military policy will evolve because we're showing it up in the face of young people."

Hot on the heels of last season's hot Hawaii adventure, which featured bisexual Ruthie and queer, bleached boy Justin, this year takes place in even spicier New Orleans with what Murray feels is one of the series' most likeable casts ever. In addition to University of Georgia graduate Danny, there's Julie, a sheltered Mormon; Matt, a stylish creative critter; Melissa, a short but saucy slice of half-black, half-Filipino energy; David, a muscular musician with sex appeal for days; Kelley, a strong

willed beauty; and Jamie, a good-looking, well-off Cornell graduate.

Together, the gang produced their own cable access program, experienced Mardi Gras, attended a dinner party at a famous author's home, went on a swamp tour through the alligator-infested bayou, savored the thrills of stripping at a Bourbon Street club, and found more than a beignet's worth of romance.

Danny professes that his housemates—shacked up in a chi-chi Greek revival mansion in the historic Garden District—were welcoming from the moment he stepped inside. In fact, he even suspected that other "family" members might have been in his midst.

"Honestly, when I walked into the house I didn't think Matt was a queen," Danny admits, "but I thought 'are you kidding me? I'm supposed to be the token gay!' Supposedly he's straight, though..."

"I thought he was the most adorable little thing I'd ever seen," said Kelley of Danny. "And to me personally, I don't think (being gay is) a big deal. I don't understand why people get all up in arms about it." Certainly none of the house members did (although Kelley reckons the sight of "totally hot" Paul and Danny sucking face got some of the frisky frau "pretty depressed"), or at least not to anywhere near Puckish extremes. At most, Jamie exhibited occasional tinges of discomfort towards Danny—as evident in the premiere episode.

"The thing with Jamie is he totally wants to

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The cast of the new 'Real World.'

INFO

The new season of 'The Real World' premieres Tuesday, June 13 at 10 p.m. on MTV.

Stritch standards

Houston-area native releases third jazz album

by ROBERT B. HENDERSON

Billy Stritch's third album, "Jazz Live," has standard pop songs he sang with his group during a week's engagement at Jazz Standard in Manhattan in April 1999. The album was released nationwide June 6. The CD includes songs familiar even to an

amateur listener such as "The Best Is Yet To Come," "But Not For Me," "Mountain Greenery," "I've Got The World On A String" and "I Got Rhythm."

But if you're planning to snuggle with your partner listening to "golden oldies," you may be disappointed. "Mountain Greenery" is not the version you heard Dick VanDyke and Mary Tyler Moore sing on the television show of the early 60s. Stritch agrees it is "Mountain Greenery" with an "attitude." The same "attitude" or "high energy" is evident on

the other songs in the album.

Stritch was born and raised in nearby Sugar Land and much of his early career was spent in Houston's gay clubs. He went to Lakeview Elementary School and graduated from Dulles High School. From Sugar Land he went to the University of North Texas in Denton.

He started working in music from the time he was 15 years old, but the determination to make music a career came earlier. He remembers wanting to play the piano when he was four.

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Billy Stritch's new CD, "Jazz Live," will be released June 6.

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BOOK REVIEWS

A total health guide to 'Men Like Us'

by J.S. HALL

When AIDS first struck gay men, a number of other health issues and illnesses were temporarily put to one side in favor of pushing and protesting for research towards a cure.

Now, two decades later, for better or worse, that battlefield has cooled with the advent of powerful drug combinations, as well as fatigue and other factors. Now that we are willing—or have more time for other matters—these other concerns can be addressed, hence the existence of **MEN LIKE US**.

At its broadest and most basic, this book hopes to bridge the many gaps in health knowledge among gay men and act as a universal health resource. Think of it as the gay male equivalent of "Our Bodies, Our Selves."

After an introduction that will probably strike some as excessively politically correct, Daniel Wolfe and his gang of contributors explore a number of pressing issues.

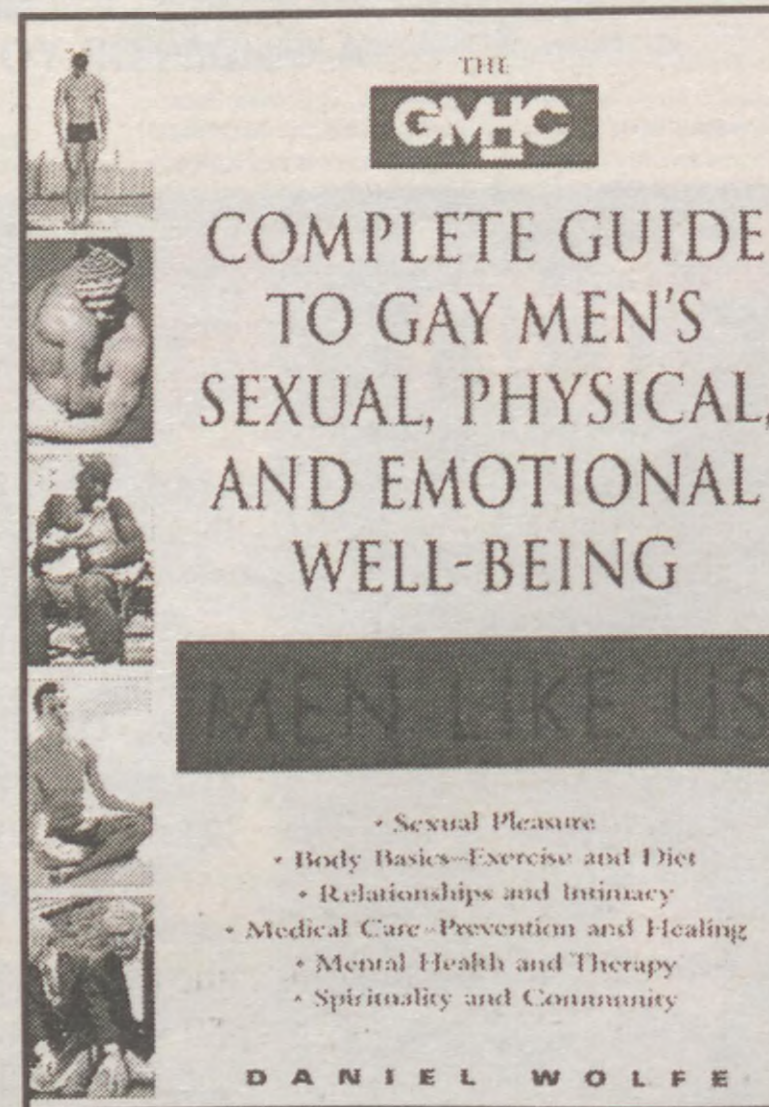
Not surprisingly, "Men Like Us" begins with sex talk. Opening with a largely non-

judgmental discussion of the anatomy of male-male sex and its pleasures is a shrewd move on the editor's part. After all, if people are intrigued by the beginning of a book, they're more likely to read (and hopefully buy) it.

And let's face it—gay guys love sex. The sex section has its serious moments, such as the importance of communication, whether with a life partner or a one-night stand, and an examination of the myriad sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV that lurk out there.

Along those lines, for many gay men, their next favorite topic of discussion after sex is bodies—whether it be their own or that belonging to some head-turning wonder. Caring for the body properly takes a lot of effort, planning and sacrifice, as this book will tell you.

Whatever you consume, inhale or snort will have varying detrimental effects, which are explored unsparingly. And as Bette Davis famously declared, old age ain't for sissies. For gay men, growing old means a series of challenges that most straight people don't have to consider: more intense ageism and less support



from family.

Whether it's the prospect of entering a nursing home, or taking care of your elderly parents, these are all issues we'll all have to face sooner or later.

There's ample advice on living with HIV—hardly a surprise, considering GMHC's dealings with the disease since the days when it was called GRID—and coming to terms with other illnesses (like hepatitis) that may afflict you, as well as dealing with hospitals and long-term care.

The book eventually shifts its focus from body to mind and spirit, exploring the effects that negativity (gay bashing, stress from concealing your true self, and so on) has on us, plus the many different ways we can fulfill our spiritual needs (alternative religions, yoga, and the like).

Appendices provide valuable information and resources on gay-specific clinics and referral help, as well as transgender, transvestite and intersex resources.

"Men Like Us" is the closest thing we've ever had to a definitive guide to gay self-improvement; it's an important milestone and a long-overdue resource that offers loads of crucial information in a tidy (if hefty) package.

Wolfe writes in a clear, conversational tone, and the book brims with sidebars and commentary from helpful medical personnel and gay men like the rest of us. It may not be perfect, but it's a perfect complement to our season of pride.

INFO

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by Daniel Wolfe
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Stritch standards

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"Both of my sisters were taking piano lessons. It seemed sort of natural for me to do that too. I started that as well when I had just turned 5. It wasn't anything I felt was thrust on me but I didn't necessarily love to practice.

"I studied with a lot of different people growing up. I studied with some jazz players as well, because my parents were smart enough to realize that pop music was what I was more interested in and jazz and all that stuff."

Stritch said he thinks his parents knew he was not the "rugged boy" model early on. He did not display any athletic aptitude, which he feels may have been an early irritant to his father, who was a sports writer at the time. In time, Stritch said his father grew to be very supportive and proud of his career.

"Before you're born something taps you on the shoulder and gives you talent or disposition to go in a certain direction, gives you some sort of ability. I think the goal in life is to find what it is. I think a lot of people never figure that out. A lot of people do find out what they're calling is. I was lucky I figured that out at a pretty young age," Stritch said.

Stritch was born with the surname "Streich." He began using the anglicized spelling when he was 17 to match up with the Anglicized pronunciation the family had used for generations. He has since made a

legal change in the spelling.

When Stritch went to the University of North Texas, he found himself in a very disengaged environment. He had gone there on scholarship to major in "jazz education" at the time it was the only program of the kind in the nation. He said he was overwhelmed in Denton because he had come from a high school where he had been "The Star." In Denton he was just another student. He handled the "come down" poorly, he said, by not focusing on his studies and hanging out in the drama department where he was needed to do shows. His scholarship was withdrawn.

"College and I were never really meant to be. I was always sort of 'chomping at the bit' to get out there and work and do the road and be in show biz. That's sort of the way I was pushed," Stritch said.

He returned to Houston and began working in clubs and piano bars the summer after his year at college. He worked at Nick's Fish Market downtown. He also worked in another restaurant called Ambiance. Both have since closed.

"I realized I really loved to work with singers, while at the time, I didn't consider myself to be one. I had sung in high school and church choir. That first summer at piano bars, I realized I really had to put some singing into practice to get people to sing around the piano bar. Unwittingly, I became a singer at that point, a player and singer,"

Stritch said.

He and two women formed a group of piano and three voices and performed throughout the '80s in Houston. The group was first called Montgomery, Mayes and Stritch but became Montgomery, Plant and Stritch when Mayes left the group.

"We worked all the gay bars. The main one we worked all the time was a place called Rascals [Kirby at Westheimer]. We were 'The Local Darlings.' We worked Tuesday through Saturday nights and there was no cover at the place, which was great. Whenever we worked there, people would be like seven deep to the bar and had the tables full and the place would be packed. It was quite an amazing time," Stritch said.

"We flirted to other clubs as well, but we'd always get back to Rascals. At that time there were a lot of places in Houston to work, which is not the case anymore in any city. You have to really travel."

During the same time, Montgomery, Plant and Stritch also started to travel to Newport for summer gigs and began to play at some New York clubs. It was the beginning of national exposure for the group. They worked two times a year at the Algonquin Oak Room.

They also appeared at Carnegie Hall twice and played jazz festivals in Europe.

"It was a pretty great time," Stritch said.

"I miss working with other singers and doing that vocal sound because I love arrang-

ing for voices. I had the opportunity to do that for other groups. I would like to eventually put together something like that as a side line."

Montgomery, Plant and Stritch disbanded in 1990 at the height of their success due to personal circumstances more than anything else, Stritch said. They were being wore down by being on the road and being constantly with each other.

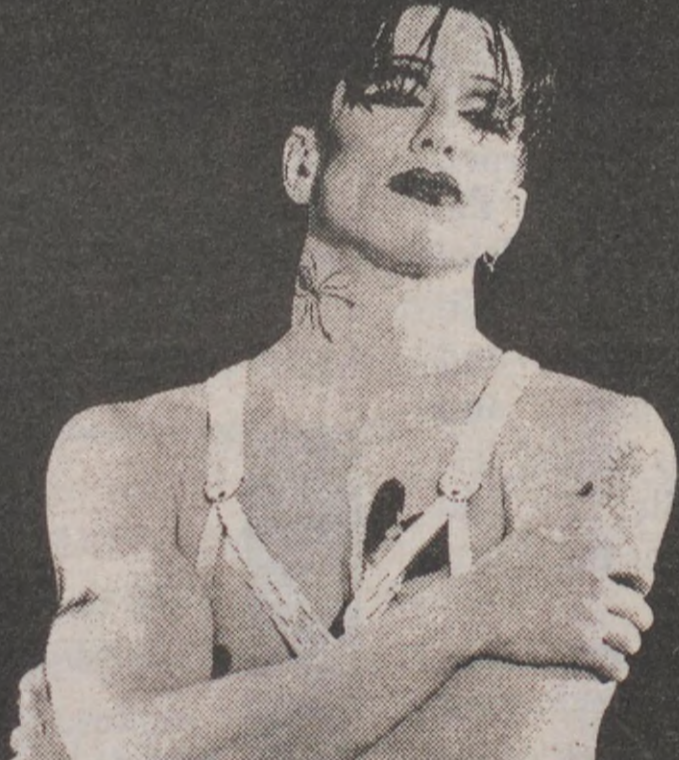
Stritch identifies himself as bisexual. He said he began to notice his feelings were not the "standard" male feeling as early as 5 years old.

"I think it is something you're definitely born with. I don't think it 'nurtured' later in life. You can choose not to play that direction. In my case, certainly it was feelings I always had from an early time. You can pretend it isn't there and you do that, especially in high school—act like it's not there. I think things are probably different now for kids growing up," Stritch said.

By the time he was in high school, Stritch was able to name the feelings he had as a child, at least to himself. He also knew it would not be safe to express those feelings to others. He said he began to explore "both sides" of his feelings when he was in college and out in the world. While he does not have a partner at this time, he said he has had partners of both genders in the past.

"I've always been drawn to people I really resonate to on an emotional level. That's very fulfilling. We've had a love of something in common, a love of music or a love of something. We had a lot to talk about, a lot to bring to the relationship," Stritch said.

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'Sheba': rich and reasonable

by TRAYCE DISKIN

One thing you can say about **QUEEN OF SHEBA**, or for that matter any of Houston's dwindling number of Ethiopian restaurants, is that, thankfully, it's still here. Unlike the numerous fine Italian, Tex Mex, or Continental restaurants teeming in store fronts and side streets, Ethiopian restaurants are increasingly difficult to come by. The charming and airy Awash on Westheimer closed months ago, but that didn't put an end to my cravings for those super-rich stews lumped colorfully on spongy injera bread, and utensil free dining.

As my friends and I drove out to Queen of Sheba, on Bellaire near Chimney Rock, we mused about the reasons Ethiopian hasn't quite caught on. Although some of us insisted that it's still too unfamiliar to many Houston diners, others argued that you have to really, really be in the mood for Ethiopian—to devour mild, but incredibly rich food until you're full to bursting. And then to endure hours where the injera settles in your stomach like a rock and expands even more.

On the night we visited Queen of Sheba, my mood was set for all of the above. More of a neighborhood restaurant frequented by locals and Ethiopian natives, the dining room cozy and comfortable—downright homey if you don't mind a blaring b-ball game from the TV and chipped paint on the pillars and walls. But the sapphire blue shag carpet, and white, unadorned walls gave the room a bright cheerfulness. The back of the menu thoroughly describes the biblical one-night stand of Solomon and Makeda, the Queen of Ethiopia and Sheba, and I appreciated this history lesson as I sipped my beer (Miller Lite, Bud or Heineken) and looked over the spare, but typical menu.

Combination platters are key when ordering Ethiopian, and unless your enamored with one dish only, such as the Kitfo (\$7.93—go figure), a slick steak tartare that slides right down the throat in it's cool, peppery coating. The Meat Combination (\$7.98) we shared consisted of five dishes, each one distinct in texture and ingredients, but not so much in flavor. The Yebeg Wote lamb stew offered tender, small pieces of lamb that perfectly held the smoky coating, and the Minchet Abesh, ground beef stew with herbs in a tomato base that kept the dish from being overly heavy or greasy. The Tibs Wote, a thicker beef stew, practically melted into each swatch of injera with a creamy, rich smear of spices and cooked vegetables. The Keke Wote, featured on both the Vegetarian Combination (\$7.25) and the meat combo, is a yellow pea stew

whipped thick with butter and spices. I loved the hearty cling-to-your-ribs texture of the peas, and the fruity aftertaste.

The Yatakelt Wote, the Ethiopian version of a dinner salad, was a little heavy on the shredded cabbage, but the veggies were fresh and crispy, although a little hard to scoop up for lack of moisture. The Gomen Wote, collard greens cooked with garlic and herbs, was grassy and not wilted like so many others I've had.

I never thought I would say this about Ethiopian food, but compared to other restaurants, Queen offered some of the smallest portions I've seen. Of course the point is, who cares—small portions may be preferable to the overwhelming amounts usually served, but nonetheless, it made reaching and scooping difficult for our group.

Although there was more than enough of most dishes, a few, such as the Keke Wote, disappeared almost immediately. Considering the prices, of course, one shouldn't even hesitate ordering supplemental dishes, but there's something about the initial communal servings that make subsequent servings a bit gratuitous.

Service at Queen of Sheba was friendly, but incredibly slow considering we were the only ones dining this Friday evening. I also wasn't impressed with the complete dearth of dessert dishes, and our server neglected to offer us coffee—a sweet and powerful staple.

The words that best describe Queen of Sheba's food is respectable, decent and beautifully priced. For the charm and exquisite blend of flavors that seduced me into Ethiopian cuisine, we may well have a wait.

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Some common medications and some HIV-related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. Protease inhibitors, including VIRACEPT, may interact with cholesterol-lowering drugs. Talk to your doctor about any prescription or non-prescription drugs you are

taking. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, changes in the distribution or accumulation of body fat, and increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com. (Refer to the important information on the next page.)

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Information for Patients About VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept)
Generic Name: nelfinavir (nel-FIN-na-veer) mesylate

For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection
Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

What is VIRACEPT and how does it work?

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

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

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

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

Does VIRACEPT cure HIV or AIDS?

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

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

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

Who should or should not take VIRACEPT?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can VIRACEPT be taken with other medications?

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

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Hismanal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine® (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others
- Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)

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

- Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

- Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

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

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

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

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

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

Special considerations

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

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

How should VIRACEPT be taken with other anti-HIV drugs?

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

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

- Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT)
- Efavir® (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit® (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

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

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

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Sustiva® (efavirenz)

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

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

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

Norvir® (ritonavir)

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

Invirase® (saquinavir)

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

What are the side effects of VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

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

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

How should I take VIRACEPT?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

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

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

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

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

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

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

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

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

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

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

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

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

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

How should VIRACEPT be stored?

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

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

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

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Line blurs on "Real World"

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pretend he's cool with it, because his deal is he wants to be seen as being very PC, like the PC business world," Danny opines. "But I know he's not. There was one time where me and Kelley, we're laying in bed, we'd been drinking or whatever, just kinda hanging out and being silly, and he made this comment like 'ooh, I don't wanna get too close to that.' What is that supposed to mean? Little things like that from time to time would show me he is NOT cool with it and should really stop pretending. It was really funny to watch the first episode—the reality is shown."

Unlike many of the wannabes, obsesses and exhibitionists who audition for a spot on "The Real World" each year (35,000 this season), Danny maintains he never gave the concept much thought until a friend urged him to try out. In fact, Danny admits he hadn't even watched the show in years, although its queer pioneers made an impression on him early on.

"The first season, with Norm in New York," he recalls. "I revered him for being openly gay on TV, and remember thinking 'I could never do that.' But even at that point, I totally denied the fact I was gay. That thought never crossed my mind. It wasn't until the past couple of years that I've really begun to accept it."

"He really is a wonderfully likeable guy," chimes Murray of Danny, "and he has one of



Danny dates a military man on the new season of MTV's "The Real World."

the most winning smiles I've ever seen. What I love is each year the gay or lesbian people have been very different from each other, and I think it's important that the audience see that not every gay person is the same as another. Danny is very different from Justin, who's different from Dan, who's different from Pedro who's different from Norm."

As Danny made it through the casting hurdles ("They made me take my shirt off and flex my biceps and dance"), a season in

New Orleans became a serious consideration.

"I wanted to escape from Atlanta and my life there," he admits. "I was not happy. And coming on here my main point was wanting to be a good role model for young gay people and dispel stereotypes as well." When Danny finally discussed the show with his parents they were "super stoked about it, telling everybody in town." And as for Danny's being openly gay, it was never considered an issue—mainly because they didn't know.

"We actually insisted that Danny would have to talk to his parents before he came on the show," explains Murray, who says a significant number of "Real World" rejects wrongly plot to use the show as a dramatic coming out device. "He wanted to come out, and quite frankly, I think he was looking for an excuse to finally make himself do it. This was the opportunity."

So on Christmas Eve, three weeks before touchdown in New Orleans, Danny came clean. And shortly thereafter, met Paul. "His parents were cool people," Murray gushes. "His father, who's still a little awkward about this whole sexuality thing, came here and he's in the show. Not only that, but Paul is here and they meet Paul for the first time in front of our cameras."

Getting back to Paul, Murray confesses that "when we cast Danny he hadn't even met Paul yet. When Danny walked into the house and started unpacking and put this picture on the mantle of this guy in military fatigues we were like 'what?'"

"Originally we had this crazy idea that

we could make it through five months and not see each other," Danny recalls. "But obviously within two weeks he was already down here. I wasn't expecting that and didn't know if they would be willing to protect his identity, and obviously if they weren't, he wouldn't come over. You saw the first episode where he's hiding outside? It's because he was NOT going to get near the house until he talked to producers and signed papers! But the producers and directors were pretty cool and worked along with and we worked out a special waiver agreement that they would blur out his face and protect his identity. After that he felt a little comfortable about coming in, but never really could stand it. We'd spend our nights in hotels and such."

Danny confesses he's still concerned about the show's impact once it starts airing.

"My biggest fear leaving here is we're going to be living together and people are going to obviously recognize me and see us together, and then realize who he is," he says. "I'm kind of afraid for his identity after this, and have the feeling we're going to be cautious about where we go and keep it on the DL."

But while Danny admits being a Real Worlder "was good, and I would definitely do it again," he's more than ready to board the plane back home and get back to the REAL real world, where beaus aren't blurred.

"Oh yeah. You don't understand, I've been counting down the days for a while now," he admits. "Paul's picking me up at the airport and we're going on a little road-trip."

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Q-Patrol walks the streets 8:45 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.
Dignity mass. 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. 713-863-1860.
Houston Wrestling Club. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.
Rainbow Fishing Club. 713-526-7070.
Houston Faerie Circle. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. 713-528-3818.
Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-956-1866.

sunday, june 11

New Hope Christian Center Worship Service. 11 a.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals meets. 713-942-7002.
Rainbow Riders. A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Holy Rite Eucharist 1 7:45 a.m.; Holy Rite Eucharist II 8:55 a.m.; Education hour 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 11 a.m. 713-528-6665.
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church. Service. 6:30 p.m. 713-528-6756.
Resurrection MCC. Services. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Youth Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal 1:30 p.m. 713-861-9149.
Grace Lutheran Church. Sunday school for all ages 9 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-528-3269.
Community Gospel. Service at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School for children 10 a.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
Houston Mission Church. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-529-8225.
Covenant Baptist Church. Service 9:30 a.m. & education hour 11 a.m. 713-668-8830.
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 713-526-1017.
The Women's Group. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.
Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County. 502 Church St. Service 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.

First Congregational Church (Memorial). Service at 11 a.m. Christian Education. 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.
Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
FrontRunners. 9 a.m. 713-522-8021.
Pentecostal Sunday Celebration at Grace Lutheran Church. 10:30 p.m. 713-528-3269.

monday, june 12

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

tuesday, june 13

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.
Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. 7 p.m. 281-495-8009.
PROTECT. An HIV-negative support group. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
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 Lambda Skating Club skates at 8 p.m. Tradewinds. 713-410-7215.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. Lesbians Island Young Women's Group meets 7 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-528-3818.
 Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Meeting. 7 p.m. 713-956-5359.
 Pride Committee Parade Participation Mandatory Meeting. 6:30 p.m. 1475 W. Gray. 713-529-6979.

wednesday, june 14

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2015 Thomas Street 713-793-4026.
 STD Exams & treatment. HIV Testing. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
 Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mary's, EJ's & Venture-N. 713-830-3000.
 Houston Crossdressing Anonymous. 7 p.m. 239 Westheimer.
 BiNet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Social meeting. 713-467-4380.
 Women's Network. Montrose Counseling Center Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual women. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.
 Project: Caesar. Workshops. AFH. 3203 Wesleyan. 713-623-6796.
 Out Skate Rollerskating Club. 8 to 10 p.m. 8075 Cook Road. 281-933-5818.
 Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
 Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.
 Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.
 Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
 Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. 713-523-3037.
 Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 713-524-0218.
 Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Various Support Groups 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
 Houston Area Bears Dinner meeting. 6:30 p.m. 713-867-9123.

thursday, june 15

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 713-521-7464.
 Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
 Hep C Recovery. Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017 Ext. 211.
 STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
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 HIV Art Course Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer 713-526-1118.
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 Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston (GLOBAL) meets at 4 p.m. 713-743-7539.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
 EC Houston. Pro-Gay, Pro-Christian bible study & fellowship. 800-310-6718 or Houstonec@hotmail.com.

friday, june 16

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) meets. 713-942-7002.
 Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Rich's. 713-830-3000.
 STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
 Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.
 Q-Patrol walks the streets. 9 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.
 Kolbe Project. Morning Prayer. 10 a.m. 713-861-1800.
 Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
 Positive Art Workshop. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer. 713-526-1118.
 Lesbian and Gay Voices. KPFT 90.1 FM. 7 p.m. 713-526-5738.
 Mishpachah Alizim Shabbat Services. 8 p.m. 713-748-7079.
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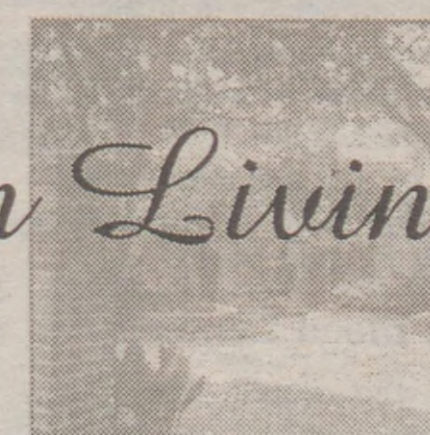


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Occasions

Birthdays

Big happy birthdays to former Houston Voice staffers **Connie Marmolejo** and **John Sweeny** who share birthdays on June 10.

Houston Area Bears **John K.** (June 9) and **Tim C.** (June 12) are hunting all the Bear's den for a warm and fuzzy birthday Bear hug.

The Radiant Rev. **Janet Parker** of Maranatha Fellowship has her birthday prayers answered for her 50th birthday on June 11. There will be a "Surprise Social" for her after services Sunday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Smart and sexy **Selena St. John** drags in a birthday on June 11.



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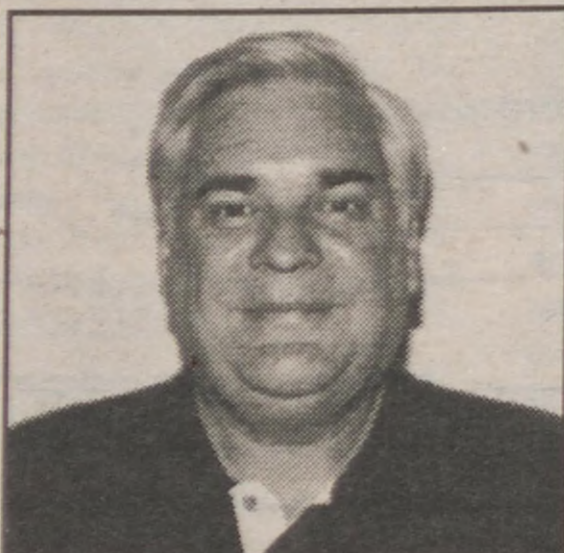
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TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Stop making excuses for someone in your life who keeps disappointing you. Your ruler, Venus, finishes a foray through your money house in mid-June, so please, take a chance and push for a better way of life. A Pisces likes it when you act like the head of the household.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

You've been avoiding the inevitable for too long! You can blossom like the flower child you are and enjoy a lot more success and leisure time if you do what you know you have to do. The unexpected and fabulous is totally within your reach. An Aquarius may be just the sexy troublemaker you need in your life.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Your intuition is even stronger than usual, and your dreams may be eerily prophetic. Write down your nocturnal wanderings and interpret them without bias. Stop worrying about what other people think about you. A Taurus is ready to accept you unconditionally.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

You crazy, love-struck fool. You may be falling for someone who should be a friend first and a lover second. Your sex life and your unconscious psyche are closely linked after Mars moves into the trippiest, most Jungian sector of your chart on the 17th. A Sagittarius pushes a lot of symbolic buttons from your past—sexy and scary, but definitely not superficial.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

The full moon on the 16th falls in the home sector of your chart, so you may have to put out a few fires on the home front and keep some other ones burning. Raise your asking price and your standards. A Capricorn loves it when you play hardball!

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Let's get real, honey. You've been scoping out a seemingly dangerous, but oh-so-sexy, person for weeks. Rather than obsessing, why not crank up the flirt-o-meter? It's a good time for a spontaneous trip. You and an Aries could discover new sides of each other while on the road.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Your sexual fantasies are unusually potent right now—and that's saying a lot! Rather than repress them, live with them and explore them in a soulful way. Follow your own deeper, darker, more profound instincts. A Pisces understands what makes your heart ache and can heal you.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

The full moon on June 16 falls in your sign and gives you the emotional strength you need to deal with a complex personal problem. Get busy asking for what you want, because now more than ever, folks in your life really want to please you. This is your time to be grateful. Save your first "Thank you" for a Libra.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

It's no wonder you're tired all the time. While everyone else is celebrating gay pride month 24-7, you are working overtime. Give yourself a break. Don't take the word of a charming-but-elusive type at face value. Do a little behind-the-scenes research. A Taurus wants to be frisked by you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

This is a great cycle for you if you are thinking of ditching a tedious gig to do something much more artistic and inspiring. An Aries is a good luck charm for you. You need to be around more people who speak the truth to you, dear.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

You're at your best when you're bringing folks from different parts of your life together. Get out of your own head and start communicating with people in the know. A Leo makes the perfect co-host for one of your dreamy gatherings.

Jill Dearman is the author of "Queer Astrology for Men" and "Queer Astrology for Women." For information on charts and consultations, call 212-841-0177 or e-mail QScopes@aol.com.



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