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## Hate crimes bill awaits Perry's approval

Texas House approves Senate changes to legislation to protect minorities, gays

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Texas House on Thursday accepted Senate changes on a toughened hate crimes bill, sending the legislation to the governor's desk.

The Senate changes including one giving less-populated counties easier access to state money to prosecute hate murders. Another Senate amendment instructs the attorney general and the Texas Education Agency to develop a program about state laws on hate crimes. The program would be optional for schools.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has said he has not decided whether to sign the legislation.

"I think it's time for Texas to come together to pass a piece of legislation that

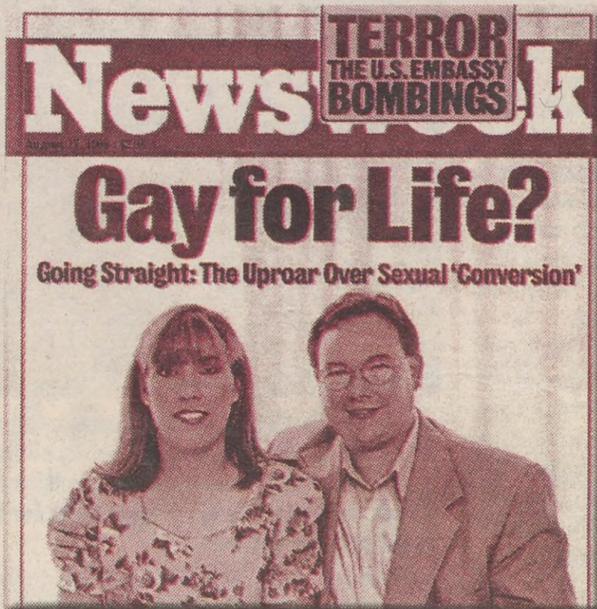
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Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, right, hugs Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, on the floor of the Texas Senate after the Senate approved the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act on Monday in Austin, Texas. Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, approaches from the left.

## Study says gays can go straight

by ERIC ERICKSON



The 'ex-gay' movement lost steam last year, after its most visible leader, John Paulk (above with his ex-lesbian wife Anne), admitted going to a Washington, D.C., gay bar. But a new study may revive interest in 'reparative therapy,' which aims to convert gays to heterosexuality.

A respected psychiatrist who helped lead the fight 30 years ago to remove homosexuality from the list of mental disorders now says "highly motivated" gays can change to a heterosexual orientation.

Dr. Robert Spitzer, a psychiatry professor at Columbia University, spearheaded a study that tested claims made by 200 "ex-gays" that they had changed their sexual orientation. Spitzer said the research convinced him that the medical community "ought to acknowledge" that at least some people "can change from gay to straight."

Spitzer was scheduled to present his findings at Wednesday's American Psychiatric Association meeting in New Orleans, and he said he also plans to submit his work to a psychiatric journal for publication. His conclusion clashes with resolutions passed by the APA and other groups concluding that "reparative therapy" aimed at changing sexual orientation is ineffective and may be harmful.

Ironically, Spitzer was the man credited with successfully urging the APA to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders in 1973. At the time he said homosexuality does not meet the criteria for a mental disorder.

The Human Rights Campaign, a gay lobby group in Washington, D.C., attacked the study's small sample size and its ultimate conclusion, which matches the claims made by many conservative groups that homosexuality is not a permanent orientation.

"We think it's an incredibly biased and unscientific study with the right wing's finger prints all over it," said Wayne Besen, HRC's associate director

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## Local lesbian moms celebrate Mother's Day year round

While some have encountered backlash from family and public, all agree that joys of motherhood are worth the struggle

by MARIA MINICUCCI

This Sunday is Mother's Day and mothers all over the country will be remembered in one special way or another. However, we do not typically associate lesbians with motherhood even though a substantial number of lesbians are, in fact, mothers.

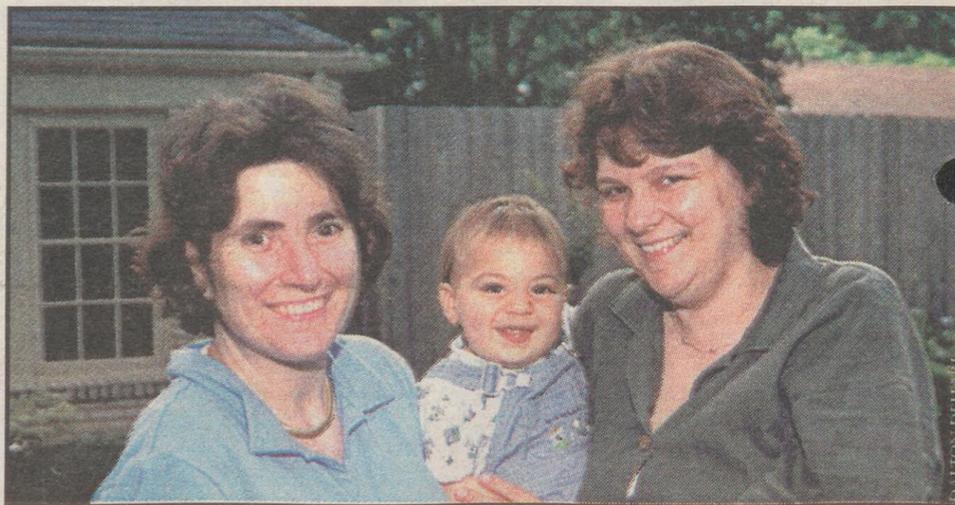
This is the story of several lesbian moms in Houston. How they became Moms may vary but they all have one thing in common—their commitment to their children and the joy they experience through motherhood.

Deborah Rogers has been in the lime-light of late since she stepped into the role of interim president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. Being a lesbian mother had taken a bit of back burner to this recent commitment.

Rogers, 40, acknowledges the sort of quirky way she became a lesbian parent.

"My step-brother and I legally adopted his daughter's two children."

Since the adoption, Rogers has been raising, Harley, now 6-years-old, and Hunter, now 7, as a single parent.



Katrina Kuehler and partner Francesca Agostini will celebrate Mother's Day at home with their 1-year-old son, Luca. The couple immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1994 and though both admit their parents initially had difficulty accepting the couple's decision to have a child through artificial insemination, the new grandparents now make frequent trips to Houston to visit their grandson.

How has she adjusted to her role as a single parent and a lesbian? Rogers claims that her biggest frustration has been various levels of homophobia and how that affects her children.

"My family is fairly supportive, however, there have been times when family members have resorted to hateful comments," Rogers says.

The most recent situation was when a family member told her son, Hunter, "growing up with two lesbians is going to turn you into a sissy..." Hunter's reaction was,

"Mom, that's just ignorant!"

In fact, Rogers believes that her lesbianism and how she deals with it has actually made her children quite aware of people's attitudes.

"They seem to be little activists in the way that they notice differences, accept them and recognize hateful attitudes."

Rogers also enjoys their artistic endeavors.

"I frequently get hand-drawn pictures and crafts with rainbows all over them."

Karma Hinson and Rogers are partners and have made decisions about parenting.

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## Dems defeat GOP redistricting plan

Measure would've divided the Montrose and Heights, taken both from Danburg's district

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Texas Senate is now debating a compromise to a redistricting plan that would've splintered many districts and would likely have weakened the political clout of the Montrose and its gay community.

Early in the week, a Republican redistricting plan for the Texas House of Representatives had Democrats up in arms. The plan would've divided the Montrose, currently within Democrat Rep. Debra Danburg's district, among three House districts.

"The plan emasculates Montrose as any kind of political force," Danburg said. "I guess they want the gay community to have no voice."

The House approved a compromised redistricting plan which Danburg says is "almost identical to the one I currently have."

The new plan adds the Gulfton area to Danburg's district 137.

"It's actually a stronger Democratic district than it was," Danburg told the Voice.

Of the Republican plan, Danburg said it amounts to a thinly veiled technique to gut the House of Democratic incumbents.

"They (the GOP) always run Republicans



Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Pete Laney, left, jests with Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who throws up his hands, on the House floor on Tuesday in Austin during a redistricting session. Later, Laney said: 'I don't think there is such a thing as a typical redistricting session. I think there probably is the opportunity for the best and the worst in people to come out, and sometimes that happens.'

against me and I always annihilate them," Danburg said. "Well, they figured the only way to get rid of me is to take my community away from me."

She said she also has high hopes that the Senate will approve the measure.

"The Senate has historically ratified what-

ever the House does," Danburg said.

She noted though, that the bill could still be vetoed by the governor or face a legal battle if Republicans decide to file suit in an effort to push their redistricting plan.

The House defeated the Republican plan late Monday.



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Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to SUSTIVA or any of its ingredients.

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Talk to your doctor right away if you:

- Are pregnant or want to become pregnant
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- Have problems with your liver, or have had Hepatitis
- Start or change any medicine
- Have side effects while taking SUSTIVA
- Have a history of mental illness, substance or alcohol abuse

#### What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?

A small number of patients have had severe depression, strange thoughts, or angry behavior. Some patients have had thoughts of suicide and a few patients have actually committed suicide. These problems tend to occur more often in patients with a history of mental illness. You should contact your doctor immediately if you think you are having these symptoms, so your doctor can decide whether you should continue to take SUSTIVA.

Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams a few hours after starting treatment with SUSTIVA. These feelings may be less noticeable if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime. They also tend to go away after you've taken the medicine for a few weeks. If you have these side effects, such as dizziness, it does not mean that you will also

have severe depression, strange thoughts or angry behavior. Tell your doctor promptly if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. There is the possibility that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs. You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you are having these side effects.

One of the most common side effects is rash. These rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor promptly.

Other common side effects include tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea. However, this is not a complete list of side effects reported with SUSTIVA when taken with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss a more complete list of side effects with you.

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#### Can I take other medicines with SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Your doctor may change your medicines or change their doses. For this reason, it is very important to:

- Let all your doctors and pharmacists know that you take SUSTIVA.
- Tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your medicines when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

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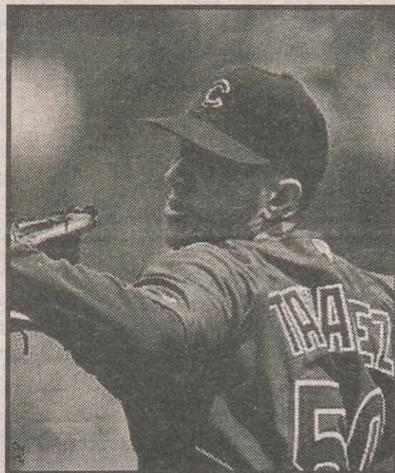
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# around the nation

## Chicago Cubs fine pitcher over anti-gay comments in post-game diatribe

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Cubs fined pitcher Julian Tavaréz and said he will attend sensitivity training for making anti-gay slurs in comments about San Francisco baseball fans. Tavaréz used profanity and a word derogatory to gays following an April 29 game against the Giants. His suspension concluded May 4. "He's got to understand, he offended a lot of people," said Cubs Manager Don Baylor, who made Tavaréz apologize to his teammates. Commissioner Bud Selig called Tavaréz's comments "reprehensible" and said he will meet with Tavaréz personally to discuss his behavior. "The Cubs organization clearly let it be known that anti-gay sentiment is not only inappropriate, it will not be tolerated in their organization," Equality Illinois spokesman Rick Garcia said. Atlanta Braves' reliever John Rocker missed part of spring training and the first two weeks of the 2000 season after racist and anti-gay remarks in an interview after the 1999 postseason. Tavaréz's remarks were not as encompassing and were delivered in a losing post-game clubhouse.



Chicago Cubs pitcher Julian Tavaréz has apologized for anti-gay comments he made last month. The team has said he will attend sensitivity training.

## OH man challenges law that makes it illegal to ask for gay sex

JEFFERSON, Ohio—An Ohio man convicted under that state's "importuning" law hopes to challenge it before the Ohio Supreme Court, the *Gay People's Chronicle* reported. Under the law, it is a first-degree misdemeanor to solicit a "person of the same sex to engage in sexual activity." The law is most often used when police are conducting stings in parks where gay men frequently cruise for sex. Eric R. Thompson was charged under the law in 1999 when he stopped to ask a male jogger if he wanted oral sex. When the jogger said no, Thompson left, but he jogger complained to police. Thompson's attorney Marie Lane argued that the law violates federal and state equal protection laws, but the trial court convicted Thompson. Ohio repealed its sodomy law in 1973, but the Supreme Court has twice upheld the importuning law. The Ohio Supreme Court has not said whether it will hear the appeal.

## Gays in HI continue complaints against anti-gay school board member

HONOLULU—In the face of new accusations that she violated campaign spending laws, Board of Education member Carol Gabbard said last week she has been cleared in a complaint brought by gay activists, the *Honolulu Advertiser* reported. Gabbard said the complaints have been raised by "homosexual activists" who are harassing her and her family. The state Campaign Spending Commission received a complaint in March from a gay rights group that Gabbard had used the office of the Alliance for Traditional Marriage & Values as her campaign headquarters and had not listed use of the office as a contribution. The commission disagreed. The panel is now looking into a second complaint filed last week by a former political opponent who objected to Gabbard's involvement with the alliance and other anti-gay groups and said Gabbard would use her position on the board to influence policies concerning gay students. Gabbard has until May 30 to respond. Gabbard's husband is president of the alliance, which helped lead the campaign against the legalization of same-sex marriage in 1998.

## Gay Democrats raise \$350,000 during Capitol Hill dinner last month

WASHINGTON—About 120 members of the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Council, a fundraising arm of the Democratic National Committee, raised more than \$350,000 for the DNC during an April 26 dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, according to the *Washington Blade*. DNC Chairperson Terry McAuliffe told the gay business and professional leaders who paid a minimum of \$2,500 each to attend the event that the Democratic Party "needs your help" to win control of the House and Senate in the 2002 elections and to recapture the White House in 2004. The GLLC raised more than \$5 million for the DNC in the 2000 election, GLLC officials said last year. "I want to thank you for what you did in the last election and I want to thank you for what you have done for the Democratic Party in good times and bad," McAuliffe said at the gathering about Andrew Tobias, the DNC's gay treasurer, who founded the GLLC.

## Committee votes for repeal of civil unions in Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—A fractured House committee voted Wednesday to repeal civil unions and replace the law with an alternative that would apply to same-sex couples and blood relatives. The Judiciary Committee's 6-5 vote sets the House on a schedule to debate by the end of next week whether to overturn the landmark law that was enacted a little more than a year ago. Although the new legal relationship, dubbed reciprocal partnerships, would provide couples the rights and benefits of marriage, it would take away some of the trappings of marriage that so anger civil unions opponents. Ridding those from the state's recognition of same-sex relationships is one of the key things that civil unions opponents and their lawmakers want. "They did not want the civil union law," said Rep. Sylvia Kennedy, R-Chelsea. "They wanted something that did not have the connotations of marriage to it. This isn't marriage. It's a contract."

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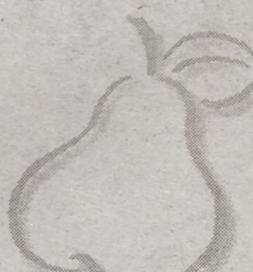
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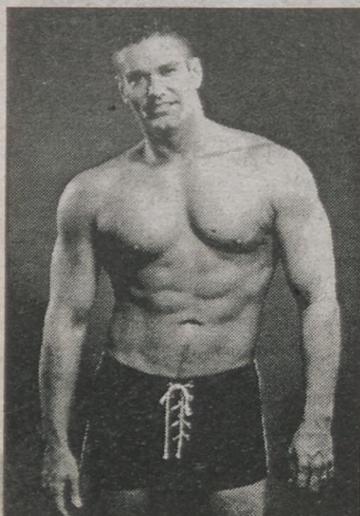


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## Big Tobacco targeted gays in San Francisco to boost cigarette use

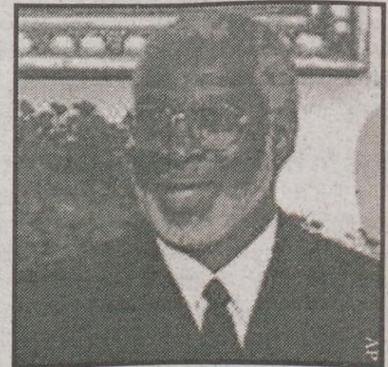
SAN FRANCISCO—Declassified tobacco industry documents have revealed a plan, called Project SCUM, that targeted San Francisco gays and homeless inner-city dwellers to increase their use of tobacco, the *San Francisco Weekly* reported. Information about the project, the acronym for which stands for "subculture urban marketing," was revealed by Anne Landman, who has been culling online archives of documents that came to light last year as part of a 1998 litigation settlement. Project SCUM details how R.J. Reynolds hoped to capitalize on groups it termed "consumer subcultures," including "alternative lifestyle (gay/Castro)" and "street people (Tenderloin)." The cigarette maker wanted to improve the presence of its Camel brand among gays with the relaunch of its retro Red Kamel brand in 1996. "This is a hate crime, plain and simple. What else do you call it when a group thinks of gays and lesbians as 'scum,' and then targets us with something that kills?" said Kathleen DeBold, director of the Mautner Project for Lesbians With Cancer.

## Hepatitis C emerges as a growing threat to people with HIV

SAN FRANCISCO—Hepatitis C is now the leading health threat to Americans infected with HIV, the *New York Times* reported. Up to 40 percent of people with HIV are also infected with HCV, the virus that causes hepatitis C. That means that many PWAs, who are living longer thanks to anti-retroviral drugs, now find themselves dealing with hepatitis complications, such as liver cancer, cirrhosis, and liver failure. Among HIV-positive hemophiliacs and IV drug users, hepatitis C co-infection rates may run as high as 90 percent. "This is emerging as a really huge problem. Before protease inhibitors, most people died too quickly from HIV-related causes to even know they were infected with HCV," said Alan Franciscus, director of the Hepatitis C Support Project in San Francisco. HCV is the most deadly of the three hepatitis viruses and can take up to 20 years to show signs of infection, though PWAs often show signs much sooner.

## Surgeon general hopes to reduce suicide among gay teens, others

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher has issued a report calling for a national campaign against suicide, which is a prime cause of death among gay teens. More than 30,000 Americans commit suicide each year, making it the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S. "Suicide exacts an enormous toll from the American people," said Satcher, whose plan offers 68 recommendations about how to reduce suicide and aims for a significant reduction in suicide numbers by 2005. A key recommendation urges the creation of a national violent death reporting system that includes suicide. Often local coroners, doctors and health officials rule suicides as something else to spare a family embarrassment and pain. In addition to gay teens, senior citizens, black teens and Native Americans are among the groups most likely to commit suicide.



**U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher**  
called for a national campaign against  
suicide that would attack suicide  
rates among gay teens.

## Research finds growing rate of resistance to HIV drugs in U.K.

LONDON—Research in Great Britain has shown a growing tendency toward HIV drug resistance, Reuters reported. About 25 percent of people in Britain infected with the HIV last year were resistant to one or more anti-AIDS drugs. "The proportion of patients newly infected who exhibit some level of resistance to the drugs has increased. That is of concern," said Simon Gregor, a researcher who monitors infectious diseases in Britain. Scientists, who published their findings in the *British Medical Journal*, said the increasing use of antiretroviral drugs and unprotected sex among the highest risk groups were behind the increase. The group examined 69 patients who were infected with HIV between June 1994 and August 2000. Fourteen percent, or 10 people, had mutations in the virus associated with drug resistance, two of which were resistant to two or three classes of anti-AIDS drugs. None of the patients had been treated with antiretroviral drugs before.

## 'Healthy People' used to urge more research on gay health concerns

LOS ANGELES—Gays are hailing their new inclusion in Healthy People 2010, the national blueprint for good health, but call it only a first step toward documenting specific community needs, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. While 29 out of more than 400 recommendations refer to gays, most gay responses were listed in data tables under the heading "Data Not Collected," which means the government still isn't tracking those results directly, said Gwenn Baldwin, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. "It's like somebody inviting you to a wedding but there's no seat, no table and no food for you," Baldwin said. What is now needed, she said, is data that demonstrates where gay needs aren't being met, like gay adults who are disproportionately affected by mental health and drug problems, lesbians often skipping routine gynecological care because of fear of discrimination, and primary care for African-American gays.

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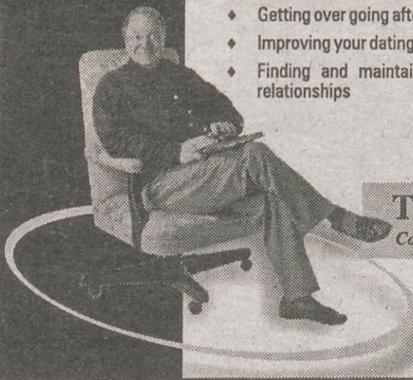
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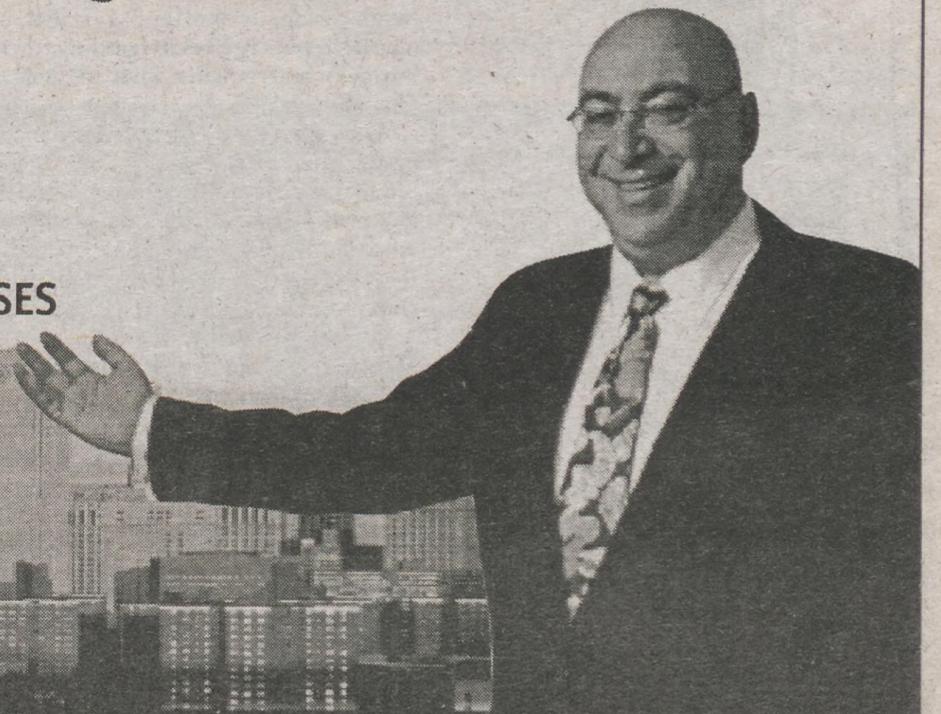
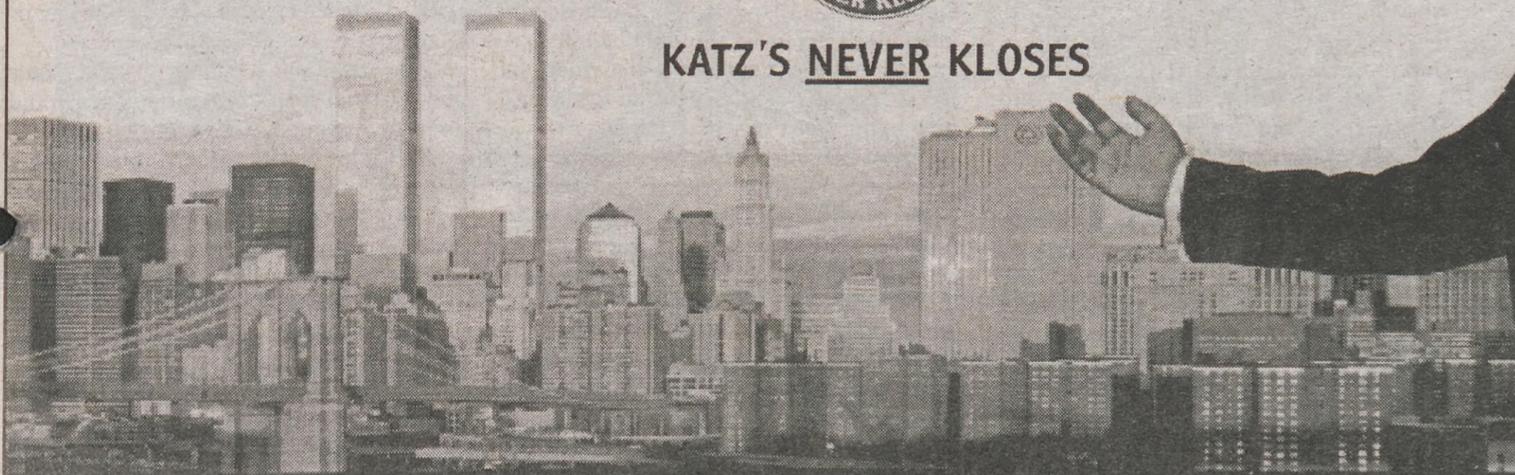
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## EDITORIAL

# Crossing the line in gay 'entertainment'

by CHRIS CRAIN

For those of you who still resist any connection between the seamier side of gay culture and the rape and killing of 13-year-old Jesse Dirkhising, then look no further than the latest release from Bound & Gagged Video.

Life sentences were handed down just weeks ago to a gay couple in Arkansas who befriended Jesse and then engaged him in sex play orchestrated by the older and carried out by the younger.

The two men drugged the boyish-looking teen, gagged him with duct tape and sodomized him repeatedly. When they took a break, they noticed the youth had stopped breathing. Jesse's death, while apparently accidental, illustrated the danger of even fantasizing non-consensual bondage scenes, much less carrying them out.

Within days of sentencing in the Dirkhising case, a press release from Bound & Gagged Video trumpeted the planned release of "BOYNAPPED!" The title of this video says it all—it tells the story of an older gay man who, with the help of his younger accomplice, executes a plan to drug a younger guy, gag him with duct tape and then sodomize him.

The video's putative star, Matt Sizemore, offers enthusiastically, "I play one of two hoodlums who get their kicks kidnapping twinks out for an innocent jog. ... The catch? We tie 'em, tape 'em, gag 'em, cuff 'em—you name it," he boasts.

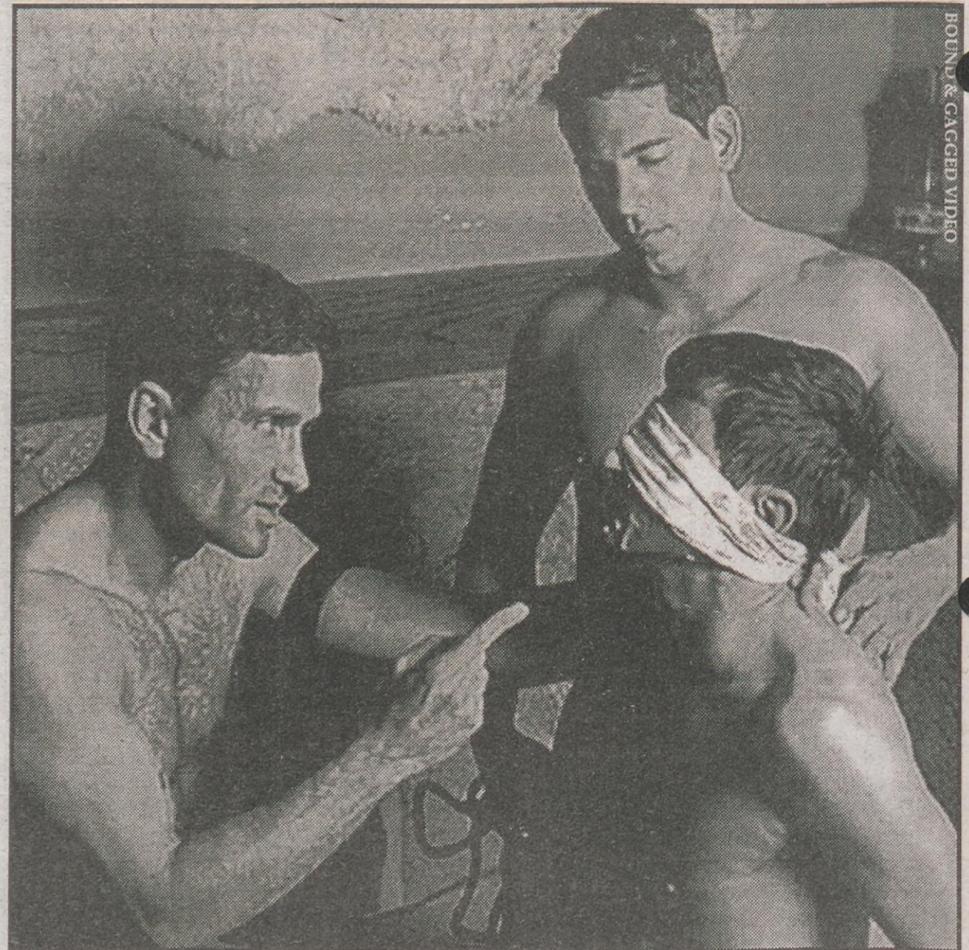
Following the usual formula for such fantasies, the victim eventually enjoys his sexual torment, becoming a willing participant.

The release breathlessly describes the action. "The two [gay men] capture a twink... and tie him and gag him in a nice tight package before getting down to business and making love to their sex toy," it gushes.

Even the roadside kidnapping plotline in "BOYNAPPED!" has counterparts in real life that are all too real. In the video, two gay men pretend to have car trouble, and when a "twink" jogs by and offers help, they gag the unsuspecting youth with a chloroform rag.

Jeffrey Curley, a 10-year-old Massachusetts boy, was kidnapped in 1997 by two gay men who lured him into their car and gagged him with a gas-soaked rag. When the boy refused their sexual advances, they killed him.

Jeffrey's parents have since sued NAM-BLA—the North American Man-Boy Love



Just days after two gay men were convicted of gagging and raping a teenager in Arkansas, Bound & Gagged Video proudly announced a June 1 release date for 'BOYNAPPED!'

Association—alleging that one of the two men visited the group's Web site shortly before the crime and was emboldened by what he saw there.

Want more? In January 1985, 16-year-old Thomas Allen ran out of gas on his way home from a date. A Missouri gay couple stopped to offer him a ride, but instead ordered him to disrobe and masturbate. When Thomas refused, they beat him to death and dumped his body in a nearby river.

The similarities between "BOYNAPPED!" and these horrible crimes is most likely coincidental, though all three cases have been in the news in the last few months. And certainly the producers do not intend for viewers to act out in literal fashion the fantasies depicted in the video. In fact, a "producer's statement" at the beginning of the tape urges the contrary:

"Not every fantasy should be turned into reality. The fantasy enacted in this video should not," the statement says. "BOYNAPPED!" is not safe, sane or consensual. Many things done in it should never be done at all. So don't view it as a how-to tale."

But is that disclaimer, one likely to be viewed by most in the same fast-forward manner as the ubiquitous FBI warning, enough to excuse the producers from the consequences of glorifying such violent, nonconsensual sex as "entertainment"?

Gay activists rightly condemn violent anti-gay lyrics in Eminem's songs, and stereotyped portrayals of gays in film

and television, because they understand the message they convey to the listener and the viewer.

Are we unable to draw *any* lines in our own culture about turning violent fantasy into entertainment, when we know all too well what can happen when those fantasies are acted out in a careless, much less malicious, manner?

Imagine the uproar if a mainstream Hollywood studio produced a film that portrayed the murder of J.R. Warren, who like Thomas Allen was run over repeatedly by a car, as an exciting whodunit caper.

Or what if the producers of "Boys Don't Cry" had suggested Brandon Teena really enjoyed it when he was raped by two friends angry that he was a biological female?

No 30-second warning, or arguments about sexual freedom and fantasy, would assuage our anger. And rightly so.

Still, if it troubles you to attack anything billed as "entertainment," out of fear that it will limit artistic creativity or raise the specter of censorship, then at least consider whether we should do a better job of grappling with crimes like these.

If gay media and gay groups across the country had dealt more openly and honestly with cases like these, perhaps the producers of "BOYNAPPED!" would have thought twice about producing such reckless and irresponsible "entertainment."

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# A lesbian mom works to find the Barbie balance

by PAIGE PARVIN

"Barbies aren't mean like the Joker. They're good. They give their babies yummy breakfast dessert treats. I want a Barbie birthday cake at my party."

To my 4-year-old son, this matter-of-fact observation seemed a perfectly sensible conclusion to his rambling dinnertime discourse on superheroes.

My own reaction to it was slightly more complex. "Delicious breakfast dessert treats, huh?" I echoed, seizing on the most benign of his phraseology while I sorted through my various anxieties about the rest.

My son's best friend is a girl, and a relatively girly one. So Barbie crops up frequently in his conversations, at least as often as Batman and Scooby Doo and the endless other potential birthday cakes.

So? What's the problem? I'm a lesbian, right? If my son wants to hang out with girls and play with Barbies, happily turning stereotypical gender roles upside down, I should be beside myself with satisfaction.

After all, we gay people are supposed to raise more sensitive, evolved, egalitarian boys—boys who can barter for Barbie clothes without shame. If I were any kind of a lesbian I would have pressed a Barbie into his hands the minute her tiny high-heeled shoes ceased to be a choking hazard.

Yet somehow it's not that easy. My own confusion on this issue was betrayed by the way I handled it at Christmas, when Barbie was featured prominently on Tucker's Christmas list. I say prominently—if anything on a list of about 80 items can be considered prominent.

I could easily have let Barbie fade into oblivion, along with the pet turtle (salmonella risk) and the Pokemon video (too violent).

But, just to prove to myself what an enlightened lesbian mom I really am, I

It's one thing to dream of being a progressive parent when the gender-free being is floating in your abdomen. It's quite another to be one when your 4-year-old boy is asking for a Barbie birthday cake.

dutifully marched out and bought the Barbie. Then I made sure Tucker opened it during our Christmas celebration with my girlfriend—not in front of my parents—and I promptly put it away in a drawer in his room, where Barbie and her little plastic purse remain.

It's one thing to dream of what a wise, confident, socially progressive parent you'll be when the gender-free little being is still suspended in fluid in your abdomen. It's quite another to be one when your 4-year-old boy is asking for a Barbie birthday cake.

For me, the challenge may lie in committing to a consistent parenting philosophy. There were so many possible answers to Tucker's observation, and I subscribe, in theory, to all of them.

The feminist in me, for example, might have chided, "Barbie isn't good, baby. She's evil. She's the synthesis of centuries of patriarchal oppression and female objectification. And she can't have babies, sweetheart, because her stomach is stapled to her spine."

Then there's the open-minded, affirming, vegetable-steaming lesbian parent in me, who could have said, "Of course Barbie isn't mean, honey. And I'm sure she takes care of her babies and doesn't let them have sugary desserts for breakfast. I bet her family has two mommies, since her friend Ken is gay just like Uncle Trey."

And let's not forget the pop-tart-toasting soccer mom who's so like my own very traditional mother: "Tucker, Barbies are for little girls. Finish your milk so you'll grow big and strong and then you can play with your trains."

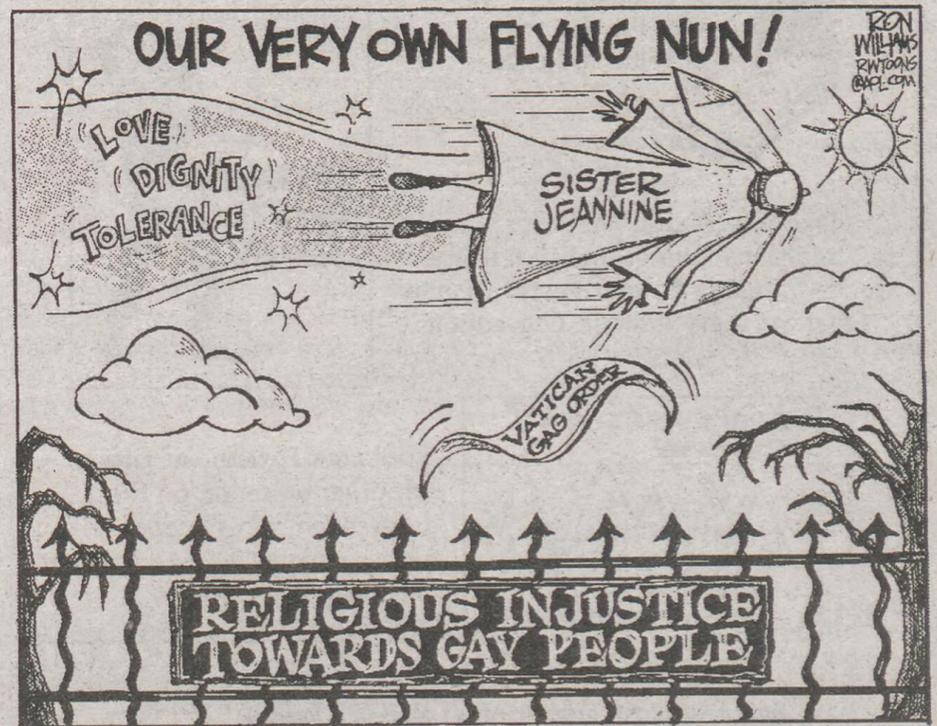
want them to be ordinary, accepted, and not different at all. The question is, how does our own identity as lesbians shape our identity as parents?

What matters is that it does. By giving consideration to a wide range of influences and experiences—including sexual orientation—when making parenting decisions, we give our children the opportunity to more fully explore the complex tapestry of themselves and the world around them.

While I have more uncertainties than Barbie has bathing suits, in the end I bring all the puzzle pieces of myself to the role of being Tucker's mother, and I know in my heart that he will only be the richer for it.

If I were in a traditional marriage, I would like to believe that my eventual answer to Tucker's request for a Barbie cake would have been exactly the same: "Sure."

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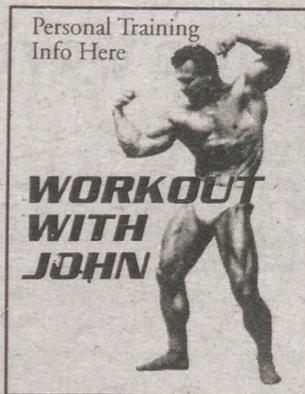
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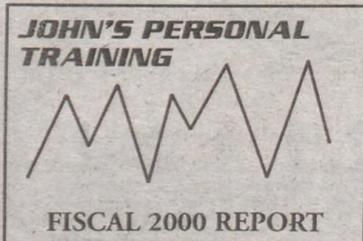
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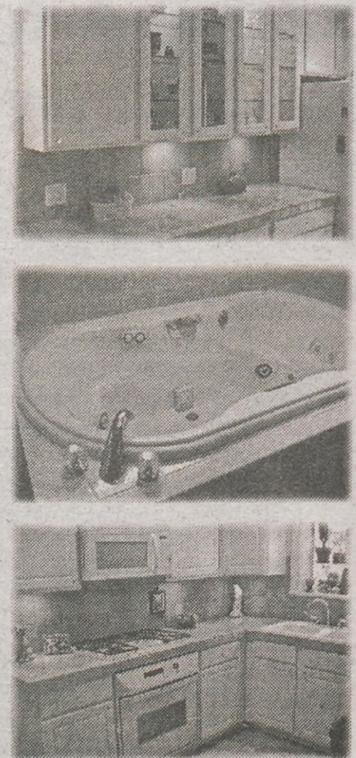
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# Stonewall Dems tap new leader to quell internal strife

Aftermath of close presidential election leaves gay group struggling over direction, leadership

by ANDY COLE

WASHINGTON—The National Stonewall Democrats, spurred by internal division over the organization's purpose and direction, hired a new interim executive director last week to replace Michael Colby, who had led the group for just over a year.

Paul Yandura, who is considered more of a Washington insider than Colby, signed on April 25 to a six-month contract to lead the group. Previously, Yandura has worked Democratic presidential campaigns since 1992.

He also served as director of the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Council at the Democratic National Committee, a fund-raising group that solicits donations of \$10,000 or more from prominent gay professionals.

During the next six months, Stonewall Democrats will conduct a search for a permanent executive director, a statement

from the group said. Yandura has indicated interest in having the job permanently, according to the *Washington Blade*.

In the aftermath of the narrow presidential election, a lingering dispute among Stonewall board members over the organization's purpose eventually made Colby's position untenable, according to recent press reports.

Three cliques had developed on the board: those who believed the group should essentially be a grassroots organization, coordinating the work of more than 60 affiliated local clubs; those who believed the group should focus its energy at the national level; and those who believed both goals should be pursued simultaneously.

Colby was not able to straddle these multiple tasks, leading openly gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, a founding member of the group, to reluctantly request his resignation in April.

"It is difficult to fly the plane while you're building it," Frank said of Colby's tenure at NSD, according to *Bay Windows*, a gay newspaper in Boston.

Since its formation in May 1998, Stonewall Democrats has had to cope with problems far different from its organizational counterpart in the Republican party, the Log Cabin Republicans. While LCR is a



Stonewall Democrats ousted executive director Michael Colby (left) last week, replacing him with an interim leader, Paul Yandura, who is also seeking the permanent post.

top-down organization that largely directs local chapters in matters of policy, the NSD is a much larger and more fractious group, with over 20,000 members nationwide.

Because some of the clubs within the organization have existed for decades, directives from Washington were sometimes viewed as meddling by gay Democratic activists at the local level, according to *Bay Windows*.

From sources in the NSD leadership, it seems that Colby tended to side with grassroots supports, leading to fissures with gay Democrats in Washington. Since the election, relations between Colby and the Democratic leadership became strained to the point that the DNC said it could not continue to work with the group as long as Colby was at the

helm, the newspaper reported.

Colby disputed that characterization.

"That's really news to me," he told *Bay Windows*. "I think I've had a good relationship with members of the DNC. I'm on a first-name basis with them."

Colby added that the problems at NSD likely resulted from "figuring out where Stonewall's place is" in a party that is already firmly on record as supportive of gay civil rights issues.

The former executive director said one of his biggest accomplishments was increasing the number of chapters to 65 from 40.

But according to unidentified sources cited by *Bay Windows*, Colby is to blame for the divisions. One anonymous source at the DNC gave a scathing assessment of NSD under Colby, and said the organization "became so dysfunctional that it became futile and painful to work with them. Michael's name-calling made it impossible to be productive."

The group was also mismanaged internally, critics charged.

Bob Whitelaw, a national vice-chair for elections and vice-president of the Georgia Stonewall Democrats, declined to comment about the specifics behind Colby's resignation.

But Whitelaw said that it's "unethical" for officials with the group to speak with the press about internal bickering.

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## Senate amendment asks that schools teach about hate crime laws

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clearly sends a message that we're not going to allow for hateful acts against Texas citizens," he said.

Early on in the legislative session, however, he argued that Texans were adequately protected under the current law and said the Byrd measure would create "new classes of citizens."

Texas already has a hate-crimes bill that increases penalties if a crime is proven to be "motivated by bias or prejudice" but it does not list specific categories of people who would be protected.

The James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, named for the East Texas black man dragged to his death from a pickup truck by three white men in 1998, strengthens penalties for crimes motivated by the victim's race, religion, color, sex, disability, sexual preference, age or national origin.

Perry's spokesman said the governor will analyze the bill for a few days before deciding whether to sign, veto or let the bill become law without his signature. Perry has 10 days to make a decision.

Two years ago, a similar bill passed the House in 1999 but was turned down by the Senate when critics complained it created unnecessary distinctions for homosexuals. Then-Gov. George W. Bush refused to support the measure, saying all crimes are hate crimes. Democrats attacked him for that decision during the White House campaign.

Rep. Talmadge Heflin, a Houston Republican, voted against the bill and voiced concern over an amendment creating an optional program for schools and



**Hate crimes bill House sponsor Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, said the fate of the bill is in the governor's hands. 'The ball is in his court. I've done my job.'**

hate crimes.

"My concern is that we just put a vehicle in place to teach in our public schools values that are counter to what most of the families in the state teach," Heflin said, referring to the provision protecting gays.

A press release issued by Focus on Family, a national anti-gay organization, urges Texans to call Gov. Perry's office to voice opposition to the bill because it will promote the "homosexual lifestyle" to

schoolchildren.

The release read, in part: "Pro-family advocates are especially outraged by an amendment added just prior to passage that would require the state attorney general and the Texas Education Agency to develop a 'hate crimes' education program for children. Kelly Shackelford, president of the Texas-based Free Market Foundation, said the bill accomplishes something that gay activists could never have accomplished directly.

"They now have a vehicle to bring the promotion of the homosexual lifestyle into all Texas schools," said Shackelford.

Texas already has a hate-crimes bill that increases penalties if a crime is proven to be "motivated by bias or prejudice," but it does not list specific categories of people who would be protected, and some prosecutors have said it is too vague to enforce.

"I'm very happy," Stella Byrd, said after Monday's Senate vote. The bill is named for her son. "At last something positive happened from it. I think what happened to my son, and knowing there's a bill named after it will help me cope better."

The bill passed the Republican-controlled Senate in a 20-10 vote. All 15 Democrats and five Republicans, including acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, voted for the measure.

"I felt like it was probably very important that we send a message to the world that crimes committed from motivation of hatred are not to be tolerated in the state of Texas," Ratliff said.

House sponsor Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, said the fate of the

bill is in the governor's hands.

"I'm not going to pick up the phone. I'm not going to ask him to sign it. I'm not going to ask him to veto it," Thompson said. "The ball is in his court. I've done my job. Now it's his turn."

The hate crimes bill approved by the Texas Legislature would:

- Strengthen penalties for crimes motivated by hate based on a person's race, religion, color, gender, disabilities, sexual preference, age and national origin and ancestry.
- Provide aid to small counties prosecuting hate murders.
- Assign a prosecutor in the Attorney General's Office as a hate crimes director.
- Clarify the definition of a hate crime to conform Texas law with language upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Provide for training for prosecutors related to punishment enhancement because of bias or prejudice.

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## Gay activists criticize claim that gays can change

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for communications. It was Besen who first alerted the media last fall when he and other HRC staffers saw John Paulk, a leading "ex-gay" spokesperson, in a Washington gay bar.

"Dr. Spitzer clearly got his sample from the right wing and his own biases may have played a role," Besen said. "He's against gay adoption, against gay marriage and opposed to gays serving in the military."

Spitzer, who said he was a skeptic before conducting the study, interviewed 200 people who claimed they successfully changed their orientation from gay to straight. Spitzer concluded 66 percent of the men and 44 percent of the women had arrived at what he called "heterosexual functioning."

That term was defined as being in a sustained, loving heterosexual relationship within the past year, getting enough satisfaction from the emotional relationship with an opposite-sex partner to rate at least seven on a 10-point scale, having satisfying heterosexual sex at least monthly and never or rarely thinking of somebody of the same sex during heterosexual sex.

Study participants answered 60 ques-

tions about their sexual feelings and behavior before and after their efforts to change. Most said they had used more than one strategy to change their orientation. About half said the most helpful step was work with a mental health professional, most commonly a psychologist. About a third cited a support group, and fewer mentioned such aids as books and mentoring by a heterosexual.

While Spitzer said he has no proof the participants were honest, he said they had no trouble offering detailed descriptions of the behavior and said the gradual nature of the change they reported indicates "it is not a simple made-up story."

The study generated immediate and harsh reaction from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

"This pseudoscience lacks credibility," said Tim McFeeley, NGLTF's political director. "The general public and virtually every legitimate medical group has come to know that sexual orientation is not a disease that can be 'cured' by reparative therapy, or by religious extremism."

Besen and media reports said that Spitzer found his participants with the help

of "ex-gay" support groups.

"The science itself is incredibly weak," he said, adding many of the people in the study were bisexual, and others married, before participating.

Psychologist Douglas Haldeman, who is on the clinical faculty of the University of Washington and has published evaluations of reparative therapy, said participants appeared unusually skewed toward religious conservatives and people treated by therapists who had "a strong anti-gay bias." Such participants might think that being a homosexual is bad and feel pressured to claim they were no longer gay, Haldeman said.

The study will no doubt generate a lot of talk about the ex-gay movement, which seemed to have been losing steam.

"I think it will give them a short term jolt, absolutely," Besen said. "I think when the dust settles and people look at what actually happened in this study, they're going to find that it doesn't hold up scientifically."

—Associated Press contributed to this report



John Paulk

## Lesbian mom: 'We want to raise a healthy and open-minded child'

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"Karma will definitely be a co-parent to Harley and Hunter."

And, since they live in Katy, Rogers laughs as she describes them as "suburban soccer Moms."

Rogers notes that she comes from three generations of adoptees. "My dad was adopted, I was adopted and my children are adopted."

Katrina Kuehler, 38, did her best to juggle the needs of Luca, her 1-year-old son and the rigors of being interviewed. Kuehler is a stay-at-home mom, while her partner, Francesca Agostini, 35 attends to her profession in academia.

Kuehler said she and Francesca immigrated to the United States from Germany since artificial insemination is banned in Germany.

"Apparently, there is still a lingering fear that genetic abuses may occur again," Kuehler said.

They have been in Houston since 1994.

Of Luca's conception via artificial insemination, Kuehler says happily, "It worked on the very first try!"

Mothering has been both challenging and exciting for both moms. Their parents still have a hard time with their choices. However, once Luca was born, the new grandparents could not stay away and make frequent trips to Houston to visit their grandson.



Deborah Rogers

Here in Houston, they have not encountered anything as blatant. However, Kuehler says when attending baby groups she constantly has to correct the assumption that her partner is her male husband.

Angie Rodriguez and Theresa Luck just recently found out that they will be expecting a baby on Jan. 1, 2002. They live in College Station right now and make a point of participating in the Gay and Lesbian Parent Group here in Houston.

They also found the group to be an enormous help to them in many ways. Rodriguez, 23, says that she and Luck planned to have a child through artificial insemination and the entire process was extremely grueling and time-consuming.

"Then, I got pregnant on Easter Sunday!"

What are they expecting as parents?

"We want to raise a healthy and open-minded child. We want them to follow where their hearts lead them," Rodriguez said.

Kuehler also acknowledges that most of their gay friends in Italy and Germany (Francesca is from Italy) surprisingly have a difficult time reconciling being gay with being parents.

## Hispanic AIDS agency shutting down

AVES closing clinic May 31 due to mismanagement, \$400,000 deficit

by KAY Y. DAYUS

Past bad management and lies resulting in debt of over \$400,000, is forcing Amigos Volunteers in Education and Service (AVES) to close its clinic doors on May 31, leaving a big void in the HIV Hispanic community, says Francisco Sanchez, the agency's interim executive director.

However, stresses Sanchez, the agency will continue to fulfill its initial mission of providing HIV education, case management and counseling to its primarily Hispanic clientele.

Sanchez said former AVES executive director, Angela Mora, apparently lied to the board of directors for some time leading them to believe they had a surplus, not a huge deficit.

"She led the board to believe they had a surplus of \$150,000, when in fact they were \$400,000 in debt," says Sanchez. "Given the size of the debt, we are hard pressed to continue the clinic and operate with the same high standard of care our clients are accustomed to."

Sanchez is worried that clients might not easily go somewhere else to get treatment since HIV Hispanics are reluc-

tant to go to "regular" doctors because of cultural issues surrounding HIV.

"Our biggest challenge is making them continue to get their care."

To that end, AVES will provide case managers to accompany clients to whichever other agency they choose to go to, says Sanchez. He says that funding, primarily through the Ryan White Foundation, will not cease, but will instead be funneled to other clinics.

Sanchez said that even when Mora resigned in August last year and moved to California she continued to tell the board they were operating with a surplus. And the board had no reason to disbelieve its executive director and internal accountant, Gloria Carrion, who left in October.

Apparently, financial discrepancies and problems did not surface until after the clinic opened, says Sanchez, adding that it is very expensive to run such a clinic. But, he says, instead of telling the board the truth, Mora and Carrion, chose to mislead them.

"No one walked away with money; it was mismanaged." According to Sanchez, the board has not ruled out legal action against the former director and accountant.

For now, the Agency will try to pay off the massive debt and strive to make sure other programs are not adversely affected, he says.

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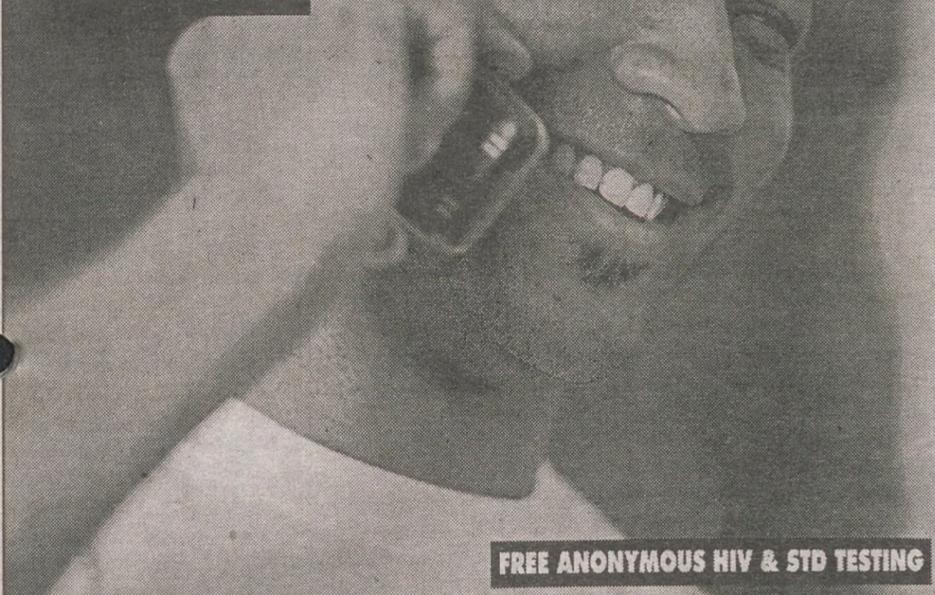
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Federal health officials estimate that 300,000 Americans are HIV-positive and don't know it.

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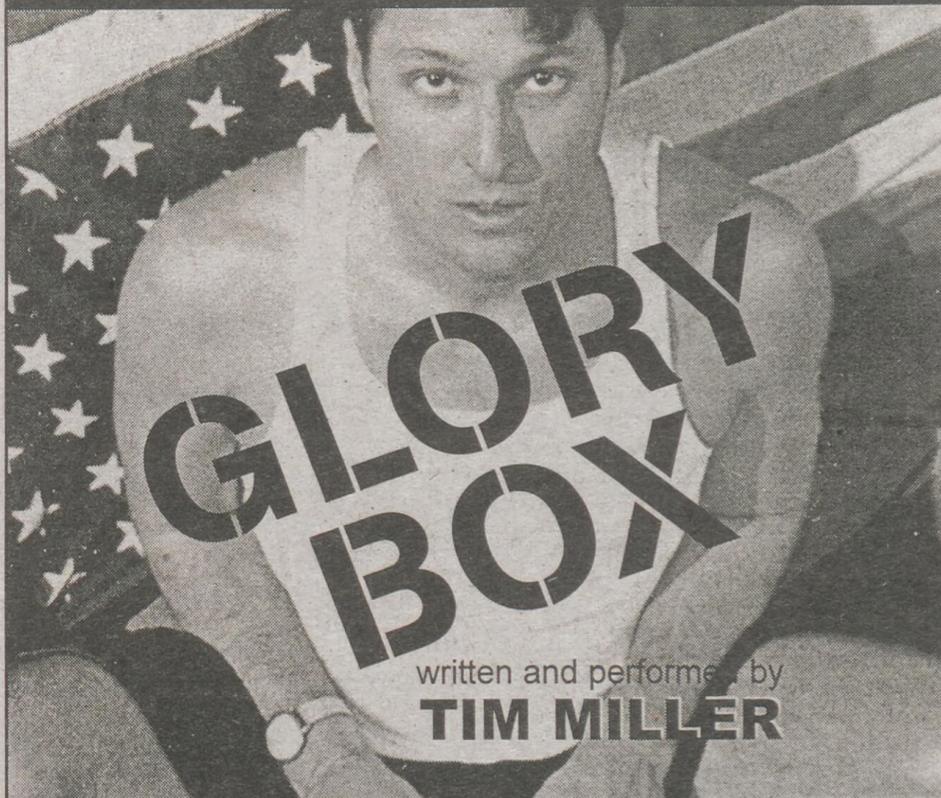
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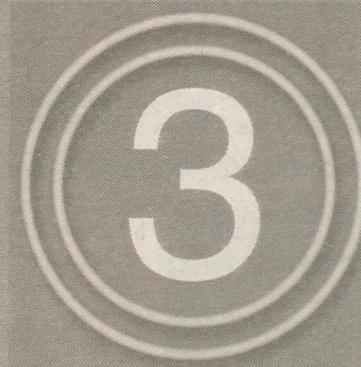
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**Make sure to see your doctor regularly because serious side effects can occur, such as muscle damage and a decrease in red and/or white blood cells, especially in patients with advanced HIV disease or AIDS.**

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The most common side effects of taking the medicines in TRIZIVIR together are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, weakness or tiredness, headache, dizziness, pain or tingling of the hands or feet, and muscle and joint pain. Most of these side effects were mild to moderate and did not cause people to stop taking these medicines.<sup>1</sup>

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Please see important information for TRIZIVIR on adjacent page.

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**MEDICATION GUIDE****TRIZIVIR® (TRY-zih-veer) Tablets**

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Trizivir contains abacavir, which is also called Ziagen®. About 1 in 20 patients (5%) who take abacavir (as Trizivir or Ziagen) will have a **serious allergic reaction** (hypersensitivity reaction) that **may cause death if the drug is not stopped right away.**

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- Fever
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Trizivir can have other serious side effects. Be sure to read the section below entitled "What are the possible side effects of Trizivir?"

**What is Trizivir?**

Trizivir is a medicine used to treat HIV infection. Trizivir includes 3 medicines: Ziagen (abacavir), Epivir® (lamivudine or 3TC®), and Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT, or ZDV).

All 3 of these medicines are called nucleoside analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs). When used together, they help lower the amount of HIV in your blood. This helps to keep your immune system as healthy as possible so it can fight infection.

Different combinations of medicines are used to treat HIV infection. You and your doctor should discuss which combination of medicines is best for you.

Trizivir does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. Trizivir has not been studied long enough to know if it will help you live longer or have fewer of the medical problems that are associated with HIV infection or AIDS. Therefore, you must see your health care provider regularly.

**Who should not take Trizivir?**

Do not take Trizivir if you have ever had a serious allergic reaction (a hypersensitivity reaction) to any of the medicines that make up Trizivir, especially Ziagen (abacavir). If you have had such a reaction, return all of your unused Trizivir to your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not take Trizivir if you weigh less than 90 pounds.

**How should I take Trizivir?**

To help make sure that your anti-HIV therapy is as effective as possible, take your Trizivir exactly as your doctor prescribes it. Do not skip any doses.

The usual dosage is 1 tablet twice a day. You can take Trizivir with food or on an empty stomach.

If you miss a dose of Trizivir® (abacavir sulfate, lamivudine, and zidovudine), take the missed dose right away. Then, take the next dose at the usual scheduled time. Do not let your Trizivir run out. The amount of virus in your blood may increase if your anti-HIV drugs are stopped, even for a short time. Also, the virus in your body may become harder to treat.

**What should I avoid while taking Trizivir?**

Do not take Epivir, Retrovir, Combivir®, or Ziagen while taking Trizivir. These medicines are already in Trizivir.

Practice safe sex while using Trizivir. Do not use or share dirty needles. Trizivir does not reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or if you become pregnant while taking Trizivir. Trizivir has not been studied in pregnant women. It is not known whether Trizivir will harm the unborn child.

Mothers with HIV should not breastfeed their babies because HIV is passed to the baby in breast milk. Also, Trizivir can be passed to babies in breast milk and could cause the child to have side effects.

**What are the possible side effects of Trizivir?**

**Life-threatening allergic reaction.** Trizivir contains abacavir, which is also called Ziagen. Abacavir has caused some people to have a life-threatening allergic reaction (hypersensitivity reaction) that can cause death. How to recognize a possible reaction and what to do are discussed in "What is the most important information I should know about Trizivir?" at the beginning of this Medication Guide.

**Lactic acidosis and severe liver problems.** The medicines in Trizivir can cause a serious condition called lactic acidosis and, in some cases, this condition can cause death. Nausea and tiredness that don't get better may be symptoms of lactic acidosis. Women are more likely than men to get this serious side effect.

**Blood problems.** Retrovir, one of the medicines in Trizivir, can cause serious blood cell problems. These include reduced numbers of white blood cells (neutropenia) and extremely reduced numbers of red blood cells (anemia). These blood cell problems are especially likely to happen in patients with advanced HIV disease or AIDS.

Your doctor should be checking your blood cell counts regularly while you are taking Trizivir. This is especially important if you have advanced HIV or AIDS. This is to make sure that any blood cell problems are found quickly.

**Muscle weakness.** Retrovir, one of the medicines in Trizivir, can cause muscle weakness. This can be a serious problem.

**Other side effects.** Trizivir can cause other side effects. The most common side effects of taking the medicines in Trizivir together are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, weakness or tiredness, headache, dizziness, pain or tingling of the hands or feet, and muscle and joint pain.

This listing of side effects is not complete. Your doctor or pharmacist can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects with Trizivir.

Ask a health care professional about any concerns about Trizivir. If you want more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist for the labeling for Trizivir that was written for health care professionals.

Do not use Trizivir for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Trizivir to other persons.

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# Out on the Bayou

A guide for your leisure time

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## GCAM comes home to Montrose

Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History moves to museum district

by ELLA TYLER

Houston's gay museum has a new home at 1609 West Main, Apartment 1, in the heart of the Museum District.

"I was going through the old Voices donated to the archives," said Judy Reeves, the group's secretary, "and in a 1989 issue there was a story about the Museum District boundaries and when I mapped them out, we're smack dab in the middle."

"The important thing," Reeves said "is that we're in Montrose, which is where people said they wanted us to be, and it's large enough for us to be there for a while. There's room for displays and for people to do research, though not room for all the archives, which will stay at the warehouse."

The formal opening will be June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We will open the 'On Stage—Past to Present' exhibit, and begin collecting material for our time capsule project," Reeves said.

Volunteers began moving permanent displays into the new space last weekend. "We got the Lady Victoria Lust display and the trophy cases for the Bears and the Colt 45s moved, and got lots of shelves built," Reeves said.

The "On Stage" exhibit is of costumes from a variety of events, Reeves explained. "We already have all or part



Bruce Reeves and Guy Cowden haul the shadowbox containing memorabilia of Lady Victoria Lust into the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum's new home on West Main. Last weekend, volunteers moved several displays to the museum's new site which will officially open on June 14.

of 14 costumes from several Miss Camp, the Krewe of Olympus, and three different eras of Mother Brooks, and are looking for more," she said.

"This is more visual than our other exhibits have been," Reeves said. "In the old space, we were limited to what we could display on the wall, but here we have room for displays that people can walk around."

Reeves is also excited about the Time Capsule project, which involves collecting small items from community groups and putting them into a time capsule to be opened in

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## "Keep Singing" enough to keep any activist motivated

Book tells story of two mothers fighting anti-gay attitude of Jesse Helms

by ELLA TYLER

The book "Keep Singing" is a perfect gift for an activist mother or grandmother—or for any activist. It will inspire and encourage anyone who thinks that grass roots political activism is dead.

It is a first-person account of the story of two North Carolina women—Patsy Clarke and Eloise Vaughn—who, in 1995, after losing sons to AIDS,

formed Mothers Against Jesse In Congress—MAJIC for short—to protest Jesse Helms' extreme anti-gay stances.

It is personal and warm, telling both the family and public stories behind this Quixotic campaign. It also tells of the gifts these women gained from this endeavor. The book contains a wonderful introduction by Allan Gurganus ("The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All," "Plays Well With Others") about our quest for "moral grandeur" and how Clark and Vaughn achieved it. Even if you normally skip introductions, read this one.

Until 1995, Clark and Vaughn, would have been unlikely AIDS activists. They were in their sixties, grandmothers and the widows of promi-

nent men in their state.

Clark's husband had been a businessman, Republican activist, and friend of Jesse Helms. She, too, was a rigidly conservative Republican. Her activism was the hospital and a theater group.

Vaughn says, "Two things I did with great energy—raise children and campaign."

She had four children and campaigned for her husband, a Democrat, who was elected to the General Assembly in 1960 and later became the Speaker of the House. In 1985, he was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court and a month later, discovered he had brain cancer. He

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## Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW

### Quick quality

Taste of Asia doesn't sacrifice taste for speed

by TRAYCE DISKIN

When someone first suggested I visit TASTE OF ASIA in the newly populated strip mall adjacent to the Edwards cinema, I winced at the thought of pan-Asian fast food. Thankfully, A Taste of Asia, isn't a jack-of-all-master-of-none establishment, but a quick and casual Vietnamese diner, focusing on quality, national dishes.

While the atmosphere is fairly clinical with its pale tile floors and faux steel and leather furniture, it's meticulously decorated with cultural artifacts as well. On one wall, a row of slim Geishas stare at diners from their willowy, Disney-esque frocks.

Further down, vibrantly colored, tiny kimonos beam from their tidy frames like prestigious diplomas. If the dining area and dinnerware is any indication, the kitchen must be fastidiously clean and orderly.

While the Goi Cuon or Spring Rolls (\$5) aren't as plump and loaded with shrimp as others I've tried, they included a respectable mix of fresh vermicelli, cilantro, veggies and savory steamed shrimp. The sauce's deep nutty bite greatly helped out. The Hoanh Thanh Chien or Fried Wonton (\$6.95), wrapped in braised rice paper and the Dumplings (\$3.95) in veggie, chicken or pork are all good choices for appetizers.

The most remarkable dishes are the more than 10 types of Hu Tien Xao, or Pan Fried Noodle. These thick, flat noodles do a superb job of soaking up whatever sauces, fish, or meat stew along with them.

The Bun or Vermicelli dishes are fresh and minty and feature incredibly well-cooked beef and chicken. The Bun Bo Nuong (\$7.25), with char-grilled honey-braised minced lemon grass beef is particularly tasty, but the Singaporean Bun Gao Tan Gia Ba (\$8.25) is delicious with a sprinkling of spicy curry powder, bell pepper, shrimp and shredded pork.

The rice platters, or Com Dia, tend to mirror common Chinese dishes, albeit with lighter, and more flavorful sauces.

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The Com Xao Do Chay or Vegetarian Rice Platter (\$6.25) features golden brown cubes of tofu in a clear sauce with a trace of Nuoc Mam, or Vietnamese fish sauce. The celery and broccoli were gorgeously steamed and impressively ungreasy.

The Com Ga or Marinated Chicken (\$7), and Com Ga Xao Hot Dien or Cashew Chicken (\$6.95) were both hearty in a stick-to-your-ribs kind of way, and made for great lunch leftovers.

Taste of Asia offers a myriad of Fried Rice dishes, and scrumptious bowls of Pho, the much-loved Vietnamese noodle soup.

The most remarkable dishes, however, are the more than 10 types of Hu Tien Xao, or Pan Fried Noodle. These thick, flat noodles do a superb job of soaking up whatever sauces, fish, or meat stew along with them. In fact, the Mi Xao Mom Thap Cam, or Meat and Seafood Noodles (\$9.25) may keep us returning to Taste of Asia for the plump scallops and succulent calamari.

The prices, location, and convenient delivery service make Taste of Asia a much-needed alternative to Chinese takeout. While it may not be the best atmosphere for a cozy, romantic dinner, it's a place to flock to for a quick escape from the Greenway Plaza office.

Starving cinema junkies will also appreciate the late hours and friendly, efficient service. It may be served quickly, but it certainly transcends fast food.

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about VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept)

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#### WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

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

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

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

#### DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

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

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

#### WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

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

#### Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

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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:**

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

Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

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

#### Special considerations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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 15-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

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

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

#### HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

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

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

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

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

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

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

#### HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

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

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

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

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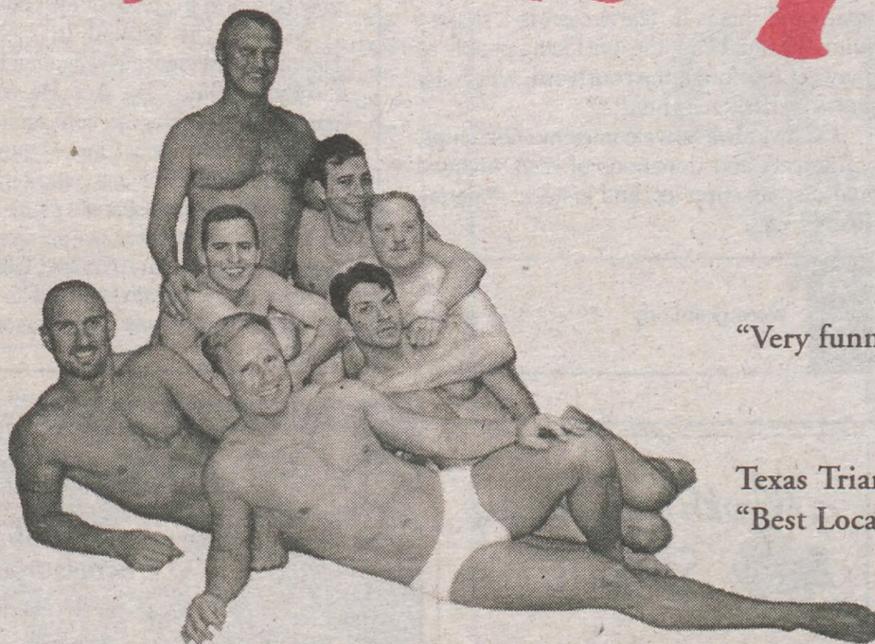
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## Official GCAM opening set for June 14

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25 years. "Our vice-president, Rick Hurt, came up with the idea, and we will be collecting material from the opening through the Empower event in October," she said. "After that, we will seal it and find a place to bury it."

The museum's formal name is The Gulf Coast Archive & Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History. It was formed in October 1999 and opened its first show in June 2000.

Until now, it has been housed in a portion of a warehouse/residence on Capitol Street, east of downtown. "Some of the archives, especially the stuff that is unprocessed, will stay in the warehouse. We want to get everything processed before it is moved," Reeves said.

GCAM has amassed a substantial collection of material relating to the gay community, Reeves said. "We hope that the time capsule project will start people thinking about what they have now as being of historic importance, and bring us more stuff," she continued.

GCAM sustains itself on memberships and small donations. There is no charge for admission.

"We got a nice donation from Chase about six months after we were founded, but it is the grassroots support and fundraisers that people have held for us that have kept us going," Reeves said. "We really appreciate them."

Reeves also had kudos for the new landlord. "He's been more than accommodating. He put in a hardwood parquet floor instead of



**Chuck Garish polishes a display case last weekend at the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum's new home at 1609 West Main in the museum district of the Montrose. While some archival material will remain in GCAM's old downtown warehouse, the new site will be open to the public starting June 14.**

carpet, and did special lights and built storage space in the bathroom instead of a tub.

"We looked a long time for the right space and this is it. The project is L shaped with our unit being the one facing people as they walk through the courtyard, which, by the way, has a nice breeze."

GCAM always welcomes memberships, volunteers and donations of cash, archival and display supplies, and historic material, Reeves said.

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[www.gcam.org](http://www.gcam.org)

## Mothers ban together to fight Jesse Helms

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was 56 when he died.

Although Clark and Vaughn appeared to be polar opposites, their sons had many traits in common. They were both named Mark, both involved in the theater, and both owned linen suits. Of the conversation with Vaughn about the suits, Clark writes, "Can you imagine if they had met?" I asked. "We could have been mothers-in-law."

Vaughn and Clark were introduced by a mutual friend. She told Clark that she knew a woman who had lost a son to AIDS and she would have her call. Vaughn called Clark, as she had many other mothers, and their friendship grew. They discovered that they had many things in common, and Vaughn eventually convinced Clark that Clark was a liberal. Clark's discussion of the pleasures of giving up being a conservative Republican may be worth the price of the book.

MAJIC was formed in 1995 after Helms fought vigorously against funding the Ryan White Care Act. He was only one of three senators to vote against it.

During that time, Clark wrote a very personal letter to Helms, who had called her the night her husband's plane crashed in 1987, asking him to have some compassion for people with AIDS and telling him of Mark Clark's death from AIDS.

Helms' reply was long, personal and

appallingly cruel. He attempted to justify his position and included the lines, "As for Mark, I wish he had not played Russian Roulette with his sexual activity" and "I have sympathy for him—for you. But there is no escaping the reality of what happened. I wish you well always."

When Helms announced that he was running for reelection, Clark and Vaughn decided that they needed to do something to campaign against him. They called a group of 10 or so mothers and thus Mothers Against Jesse In Congress was born.

Clark, Vaughn and their band of mothers made a television commercial against Helms that only three of North Carolina's eight TV stations would air, due to the Helms' campaign's lies that MAGIC wasn't a legal political action committee.

Even though the commercial didn't run in many markets, *Time* magazine covered the story. Although Helms won reelection, MAJIC achieved the status of being third on his list of "14 ultra-left, fringe, special interest groups out to smear Jesse Helms and Help Harvey Gant."

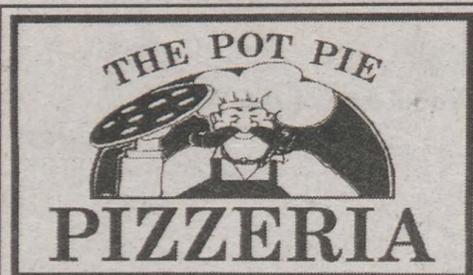
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lively dancing and Leo Delibes' confectionery score, Ben Stevenson's delightful picture book version of this tale from 1870 is a classic of the repertoire. Sara Webb, Lauren Anderson and Kathryn Warakomsky, all living dolls themselves, spell the title role. Wind up this entertaining ballet, and watch it spin.  
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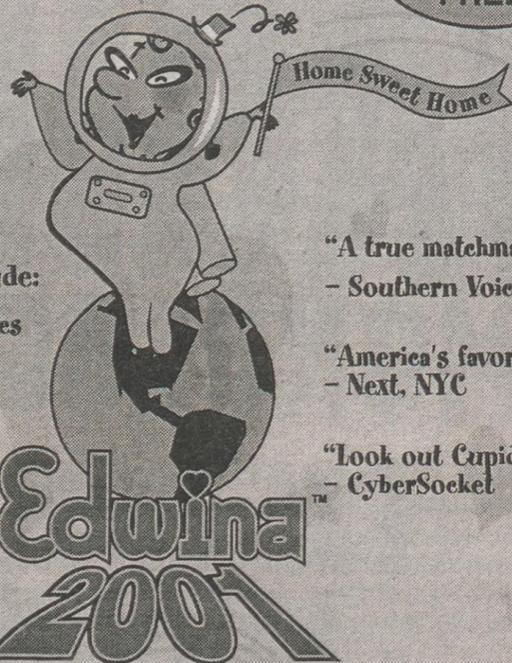
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"Heterosexual men, we scratch, we chase girls and we play sports. Imagine growing up a homosexual male in suburbia where you are supposed to be scratching, burping and chasing girls. Imagine the confusion, especially in suburbia, where it is very well defined what young men do."

—Gary A. Vegliante, the mayor of West Hampton Dunes, N.Y., to the *New York Times*, April 23, on a prom held especially for gay youth in his town

"I like the way it has progressed. They are, dare I say, good role models. They're real people who are smart and nice and good at their jobs, struggling with something."

—Actress Laura Innes (right) (Dr. Kerry Weaver on "E.R.") to *Knight-Ridder* on her character's troubled romantic relationship with a female psychologist



"A small rut in a path."

—The definition of "gay," according to the 1867 Century Dictionary, as reported by the *Washington Post*, which said young people today use the word to mean "stupid" or "lame"

"I want everyone to think this is a great thing for all of us. I just want everybody to enjoy this moment because it's great and if the Red Sox could just win this year, wouldn't that be something?"

—David Moats, editorial page editor of the *Rutland (Vt.) Herald*, who won the Pulitzer for editorial writing for his editorials on civil unions for gay couples

"While plaintiff believes in the right of others to follow their own sexual preference, vast numbers of the public throughout the world do not share that view and, believing that he had a homosexual affair and did so during his marriage, they will be less inclined to patronize Cruise's films."

—A lawsuit filed last week in Los Angeles by actor Tom Cruise, against gay adult film star Kyle Bradford, after a French magazine published an interview in which Bradford alleged a sexual affair with Cruise that ended his 10-year marriage to Nicole Kidman



"I do regret not having been honest [publicly] earlier, mainly because I feel so much better about myself now that I'm out, which I think is most people's experience. I've never come across anybody who came out and regretted it."

—British actor Sir Ian McKellen (left) to the *Philadelphia Daily News*, April 30

"Amateur porn has gotten pretty hot since the advent of the Internet. ... I'm grateful to these boys for sharing their largesse with the rest of us, but don't these guys have parents? I mean, if your hard-on can be downloaded anywhere from Athens to Zanzibar, chances are pretty good it's going to find its way back to Peoria. And surely there's somebody you once dumped or just plain pissed off enough who'll make certain it gets there."

—Columnist Marc Acito writing in the Portland, Ore., gay newspaper *Just Out*, April 20

"Legally? Music, books, cycling. Being with friends—we're all pretty tight on the cast—is something I love to do to unwind."

—Actor Gale Harold, who plays Brian Kinney on Showtime's "Queer As Folk," when asked by the *New York Post* April 22, "What do you do to relax?"

"It's a big tent, and it's a helluva lot bigger when we include the gay and lesbian community."

—Former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson (right) (R-Wyo.), to the *Washington Blade* on his decision to play a leading role in the Republican Unity Coalition, a gay-straight alliance aimed at moving the party to embracing electoral support from gays



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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. Call for ride locations. 713-  
863-1860.  
Gay & Lesbian Breakfast Club. 9:30 a.m. 281-437-0636.  
Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.  
Rainbow Fishing Club. Meeting. 713-526-7070.713-880-9235.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon  
to 4 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition •  
Texas Association for Transexual Support meeting • 4 p.m.  
Gender Jam • 6 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.  
Miss, Mr. and Ms. GayPride 2001 Pageant • Chances Bar • 713-  
463-6705.  
Asians & Friends Dining with Friends & Cinema night • 713-626-  
6300.  
Let's Talk About Sex™ The Men's Gathering • 6:30 p.m. 713-880-  
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## sunday may 13

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

Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11  
a.m. 713-686-5876.  
Gay Catholics of St. Anne's-Houston. 5 p.m. worship service.  
Dinner and social. alexcam@wt.net. 713-623-0930  
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion  
9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.  
First Unitarian Universalist Church. Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Brunch available 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: Bisexuality. 1:30  
p.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.  
Anarchist Black Cross Federation/Anarchist Reading Group. 1  
p.m. www.houstonabc.org. 713-595-2103  
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center.  
713-692-2703.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours 2 to 4  
p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition. • 803  
Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

## monday, may 14

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

## tuesday, may 15

For Mature Audiences Only. Support group. 7 p.m. Bering  
Memorial UMC. 713-526-1017.  
HTGA Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-520-0439.  
Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Club  
Houston. 713-830-3000.  
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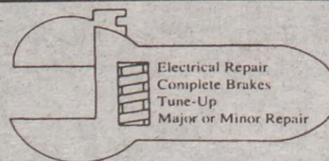
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Bering Support Network. Lunch Bunch Gang 11 a.m. 713-526-1017.  
 Gay Men's Process Group. 7 p.m. 3316 Mt. Vernon. 713-526-8390.  
 Men's Network. Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual men. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.  
 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 713-529-2555.  
 Classes. 3 p.m. 713-607-7700.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Lesbian Coming Out Group • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.  
 Gay Men's Health. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.

## wednesday, may 16

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. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.  
 Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mary's, Venture-N & E.J's. 713-830-3000.  
 BInet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Women's Social. 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.  
 Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.  
 Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.  
 Freelance Art Classes by Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 1 to 4 p.m. Lunch provided. 713-523-9530.  
 Houston Tennis Club. 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. 1307 Yale. 713-527-0931. www.houstonprideband.org.  
 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. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition • Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. • 713-524-3818.  
 Managing Chronic Headaches with Acupuncture & Herbal Therapy. Seminar. 7 p.m. • 713-660-9140.

## thursday, may 17

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 4807 San Felipe. 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.  
 Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Toy Disco. 713-830-3000.  
 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.  
 Lambda Skating Club skates. 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink. www.lambdaroll.org. 713-410-7215.  
 FrontRunners. Running Club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.  
 HIV Art Therapy Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Kermit Eisenhut. 713-523-9530.  
 Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.  
 Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.  
 HIV Testing. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition 6:30 p.m. • 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

## friday, may 18

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) Meeting. 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.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition. • 803 Hawthorne. • Hawthorne Men's Club . 7 p.m. • Lesbians in Action • 7 p.m. 713-524-3818.

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## Occasions

### Birthdays

Lee Brown rakes in another birthday on May 16.

Cowgirl, Sandi with TGRA ropes in a birthday on May 12.

Bar Owner and leatherman Bobby Rood spans in a birthday on May 13.

Howling "Wolf Puppy" wants out of the den for his May 14 birthday.

The beautiful Barbara Walker tips her tiara for her May 16 birthday.

The one and only Reno lifts his shot glass on his May 17 birthday.

Crazy guy and talented actor Randall Jobe will be acting up on his May 17 birthday.

Leslie, the coolest chick in the whole wide world, plans to spend her birthday searching for Rugby players, checking the alphabateticals, and griping about how it isn't fair when she gets "jagged."



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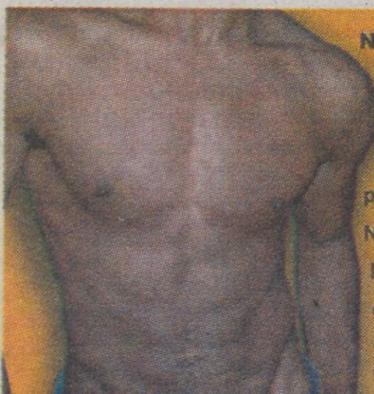
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**ARIES (MARCH 21—APRIL 20)**

Mercury in your social sector makes you more popular than ever with the smart set. Yep, finally people who can think at your quick pace. You may have to hold off on spending dough on idiotic things, though. Be cheap! A Leo will have to deal.



**TAURUS (APRIL 21—MAY 20)**

This is a time in your life where you have to move straight through the rough spots to get to the other side. Avoid avoidance, sweetie! It's time to let a phantom lover (the one things never quite worked out with) rest in peace. A new brand of Aquarius could enter your life to shake it in the most unexpected ways.



**GEMINI (MAY 21—JUNE 21)**

You may have to choose work over romance for a while, because the chance to make your name known worldwide (or citywide at least) is too good to pass up. Try to give yourself an attitude adjustment so that you can see the spiritual in the earthy and vice versa. Another Gemini can enhance your vision.



**CANCER (JUNE 22—JULY 22)**

This is a time of healing for you, Cancer darling. Allow yourself to get better—physically and psychically. You're not going to have to endure the same torture with a new lover that you experienced with an old one. A new love of the Capricorn persuasion is crazy (and wonderful) in a brand new way!



**LEO (JULY 23—AUG. 22)**

Take it easy on yourself, Leo. You may need to enjoy this in-between stage in your life. And stop pretending you're not a hopeless romantic. You don't have to actively pursue anyone now, but dream of a future with an Aquarius who understands your dark and light sides.



**VIRGO (AUG. 23—SEPT. 22)**

You have a choice to make about your love life, darling. Are you ready? You can either settle for the known and boring or go for what your heart really desires. Instead of trying to dumb yourself down or pump your image up, be the bizarre entity we know you are. A Taurus wants you to come out—as a total freak!



**LIBRA (SEPT. 23—OCT. 22)**

You are able to change one problem with your life during mid-May. Choose carefully. Hint: concentrate on money and the material world. With Jupiter on your side, you can complete a pet project and bring it to fabulous fruition... in due time. Distract yourself with an inspiring Virgo.



**SCORPIO (OCT. 23—NOV. 21)**

If someone in your life is playing power games with you, run, don't walk, in the other direction as fast as you can. If you do your work with integrity, you will impress yourself and eventually the masses. A Cancer has faith in you—and your ability to groove.



**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22—DEC. 21)**

Mars retrograde brings unexpected love your way. How will you know? That stirring in your jeans, dear. Avoid the urge to get shady with a Gemini. Take the cliché out of "keepin' it real" and really keep it real, babe.



**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22—JAN. 19)**

Rock on with a new relationship, Cappy dear. You are on the receiving end of some wonderful attention from an endearing fellow Capricorn. Push yourself to reveal parts of your secret emotional life. Your goal over the next two months is to stop compartmentalizing.



**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20—FEB. 18)**

It's time to take charge of your career before someone else does, dear. Your work life is going to change in just the way you hoped it would. But with this change comes a new set of challenges and annoyances. At least a Libra will be there to listen to you cheer and squawk.



**PISCES (FEB. 19—MARCH 20)**

A huge change in your life is on the horizon, but it won't be a surprise, baby. This is what you've been working toward. Concentrate on appreciating the little things in life, especially when it comes to relationships you've had for years. Don't take any of these stalwart loved ones for granted. Especially a Taurus.

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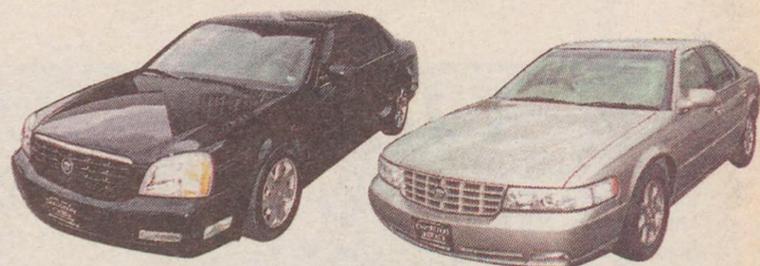
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