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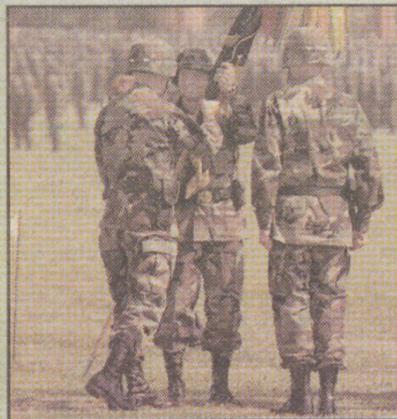
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Cheney family makes for GOP puzzle

Gay political advocates wonder how GOV ticket will reconcile anti-gay platform with support for Cheney's openly lesbian daughter

by PAIGE PARVIN

Despite high hopes among gay Republicans and an atmosphere of optimism and inclusion, the GOP platform, ratified at the party's national convention in Philadelphia this week, again specifies opposition to "the gay lifestyle," gay marriage, "special legal privileges" for gays, and gays in the military.

Yet former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, tapped last week to join Texas Gov. George W. Bush on the Republican presidential ticket, has a daughter who is openly gay.

Reports indicate the Cheneys are a close-knit, loving family and Mary, 31, is postponing business school to campaign with her father. There is even wide speculation that she will appear on stage with her family—and her



There's something about Mary: Presidential candidate George W. Bush has selected a conservative running mate in former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney; wife Lynne Cheney criticized an interviewer for asking about her daughter's sexual orientation. Where does openly lesbian daughter Mary Cheney fit into this conservative puzzle?

partner—at the traditional GOP convention finale.

These facts make up the pieces of a political puzzle that has gay rights advocates around the country scratching their heads.

"There's a major contradiction and a disconnect between the family dynamic, the reality versus the rhetoric and policies put forth by the GOP," said Wayne Besen, a

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Austin jury turns in quick conviction for gay man's murder

Sentence will be at least 25 years due to accused's prior convictions

by GIP PLASTER

A 61-year-old man has been convicted and will be sentenced to at least 25 years in prison for the murder of a gay Austin man.

A Travis County jury took only two hours—including time for lunch—to convict Nolan Harrell Webb of killing Gary Goins, 48, who was openly gay and HIV positive.

Webb's attorney said after the trial that there is no way to make sense of the facts of the case.

Webb, who will be sentenced Aug. 18, could get life in prison for the killing but will serve at least 25 years because of prior felony convictions. He was previous convicted of assaults as well as drug and burglary charges

going back as early as the 1960s.

Webb served time in prison, where he first met the victim. They were later reacquainted in Austin.

On the evening of March 7, Goins dripped blood as he left his apartment dressed only in underwear. He yelled for police and later collapsed in the home of a stranger in a nearby apartment complex.

Goins had been stabbed in the heart.

Webb admitted that he killed Goins, but he said he did it in self-defense because the HIV positive man was sexually assaulting him and could have infected him with the virus.

Webb had been invited to Goins' home that evening. According to testimony, Goins had a party that night that included Goins' roommate Tommie Lee Washington as well as Webb and another person. The group consumed more than a bottle of vodka.

Goins decided that evening to kick out Washington and let Webb move in, witness said.

Webb said from the stand that he woke

up later that night in the dark. He said his pants had been removed and Goins was hovering over him.

The knife wound came as a result of the struggle between the two men, Webb testified. But Goins' body showed no signs of a struggle.

Webb was apprehended in a homeless camp. He still had the murder weapon—a knife he used for work—in his pocket.

Webb did not admit being gay. Only Goins is known to be gay, according to Burk Bettis, Webb's attorney. He said he does not think his client and the other men involved are gay, but he admits the whole situation is hard to understand.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense," Bettis told the *Houston Voice*. "The most accurate single term is 'co-dependent.'"

"The deceased was gay and according to his friends he had a habit of picking up men for brief relationships and not revealing that he was HIV positive. That had gotten him into some trouble before," Bettis said.

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Top brass of Army base where gay soldier was killed reassigned to Fort Sam Houston

by GIP PLASTER

The general who was in charge of a Kentucky military base when a gay soldier was killed there has been reassigned to a San Antonio installation after serving less than two months in a Pentagon job.

But one gay and lesbian group has been saying since January that they would like to see the general resign.

Maj. Gen. Robert T. Clark's reassignment was announced only days after the release of an Army investigation touted to prove there was no atmosphere of homophobia at the base when Clark was there, but the announcement and the release are not believed to be related.

The reassignment is for "compassionate family requirements and will permit him to continue in service to the nation as well as provide his family access to needed expert medical care," according to an Army statement.

Clark gave up his post as vice director of operations for the elite Joint Chiefs of Staff to become deputy commander of the Fifth Army at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

"I regret that I am unable to continue to serve as a member of the Joint Staff," Clark said in a statement. "But I have to do what is right for my family."

His reassignment is effective Aug. 4.

But Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a group that helps service members impacted by the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, would rather see Clark resign

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Maj. Gen. Richard D. Cody, center, receives the organizational colors of the 101st Airborne Division June 9 from Maj. Gen. Robert T. Clark, left, during a change-of-command ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky. Clark has denied that he tolerated the harassment of homosexuals at the post prior to the bludgeoning death of a gay private by a fellow soldier. Effective today, Clark has been reassigned to be deputy commander of the Fifth Army at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

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Community activist makes 'positive' move

Sean Carter named new executive director of Body Positive Houston

by ELLA TYLER

Sean D. Carter knows how to turn a positive diagnosis into a positive outlook.

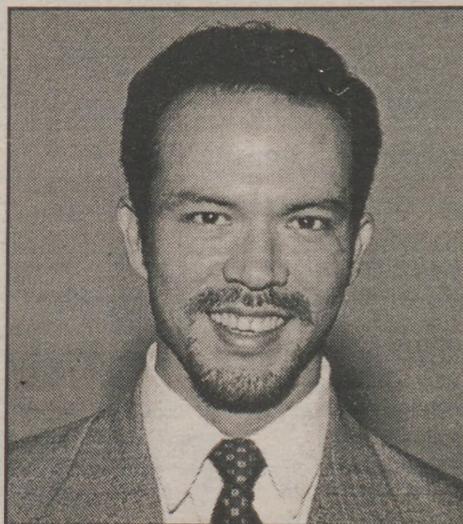
Recently hired as executive director of Body Positive Houston Wellness Center, Carter was formerly the development and marketing manager for the Montrose Counseling Center. He is currently president of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and a board member of Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals and of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

He was Mr. Gay Texas in 1998 and the Grand Marshall of the 1999 Pride Parade. He's also been performing in the musical revue, "Naked Boys Singing."

Carter discovered that he is HIV positive when he was 21 and near the end of this term as Student Body President at Louisiana State University.

"I had been sexually assaulted and had thrown myself into the election campaign then my work as president, so I didn't have to think about the assault and could deny to myself that I was gay. Hurricane Andrew hit the campus just as school started, so there was lot's to do," he said.

"Then, at Christmas, I had some time to



Sean Carter

think, and realized I was gay. I came out to my family and all my friends. They were wonderful," he said. "However, when I found out I was HIV positive, I had to take some time to myself, so I resigned.

"Even though I resigned and even though I was out," he said "I was chosen Student of the Year at this very conservative school."

Carter earned a degree in voice, but studied English literature and political science also.

"I had planned to go to law school, but after I found out I was positive, I decided I wasn't doing to spend any more time in school."

Last year, Carter helped found Fabulous

Boys Network, a group that promotes health and wellness for gay men under 35.

"I, and others, were concerned by the 1999 Center for Disease Control report that numbers of new HIV infections were rising in men under the age of 35."

Carter believes that too many young people think that the new medications mean AIDS is nothing to be concerned about.

"I was at University of Houston not long ago and a young man told me that if he became positive, he'd just take pills. Those ads that show men climbing mountains don't show him leaning over the other side puking his guts out. Even though the drugs mean people are living longer, AIDS is still terminal illness."

Carter adds, "We are seeing an increase in the number of clients with HIV who are co-infected with hepatitis C, and that is a serious problem. Liver problems are a side effect of Hepatitis C, but many AIDS medications metabolize in the liver. Sometimes we are not able to balance both."

Carter said he is excited about joining Body Positive Wellness Center.

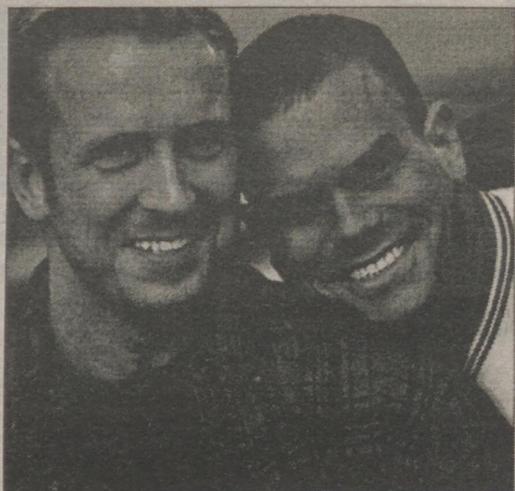
"The staff and board have all welcomed me with open arms, and I think that we are going to make a great team" he said.

"I have been through some of the program myself, so have a personal connection to Body Positive. I have seen the vast improvement in the quality of people's lives. It's living proof of the need for this work."

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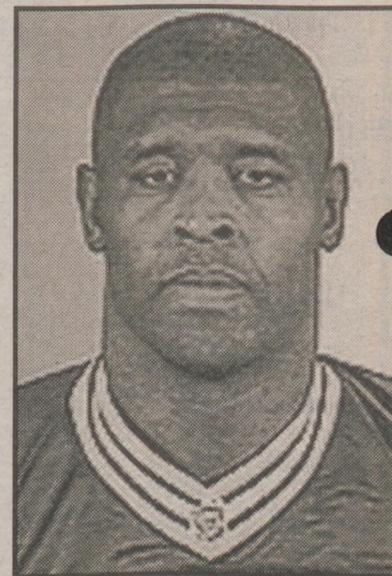
Around the South

Gay-friendly Florida suburb looks to end support for Boy Scouts

WILTON MANORS, Fla.—In an effort to sanction the Boy Scouts of America for its anti-gay policies, a Wilton Manors city councilman has asked the city attorney to draft a proposed ordinance barring groups that discriminate against gays from receiving city funds and meeting in public buildings and parks for free, the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* reports. City Councilman Gary Resnick—one of three openly gay members on the five-person panel—said his effort was “in reaction to that Supreme Court ruling” that allowed the Scouts to discriminate against gay scouts and scout leaders. But there will be little practical effect if the measure passes, since there’s only one troop in Wilton Manors and it meets at a Catholic church. “If Broward County adopts something similar, it might have a more practical effect than Wilton Manors,” Resnick said. Similar efforts are taking place in Arizona, Michigan and across New England.

Unapologetic White offends gays in new NFL home in Charlotte

SPARTANBURG, S.C.—Football player Reggie White, who lost a job as a CBS sports commentator because of his anti-gay remarks, ended his one year retirement from football by joining the Carolina Panthers, the *Charlotte Observer* reported July 29. At Panthers training camp last week in Spartanburg, White said he had nothing personally against gays, but that he hates all sin, including his own. White, who runs a youth ministry in Knoxville, Tenn., first angered gays and other minorities when he spoke about his inner city work before the Wisconsin legislature in 1998. In his speech, White called homosexuality one of the biggest sins in the Bible, and made stereotypical comments about black, Asians and Hispanics. “To most Christians, he’s not controversial,” said Calvary Church senior high youth pastor Jimmy Wade. To David Howard, who runs a Charlotte gay bookstore, he’s even more reprehensible than the athletes who break the law. “In a sense, he’s different and worse,” Howard said. “His personal behavior has not been altered by alcohol. It’s been altered by ideals.” Despite his provocative views, White has said he doesn’t want to debate his critics. “Jesus didn’t debate,” he said, “so why should Reggie debate?”



NFL star Reggie White ended his one-year retirement to join the Carolina Panthers, a move that concerns some gays in Charlotte who are offended by White's remarks about homosexuality.

Miss. prison officials say HIV treatment continues to improve

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP)—Mississippi prison officials argue in new court documents that treatment for inmates with HIV/AIDS exceeds the orders a federal judge issued a year ago. Leonard Vincent, attorney for the state Department of Corrections, asked U.S. Magistrate Jerry A. Davis in a July 19 report to dismiss a complaint filed over the treatment of HIV-infected prisoners at the Parchman penitentiary. Davis ordered the department in 1999 to implement combination therapy and issue reports to the court. “It is our position that what we were doing was already adequate,” Vincent said. “Then the University of Mississippi Medical Center has come on board and improved on that.” But problems still exist, said David Ingebretsen, executive director of the Jackson office of the ACLU. “If the Department of Corrections is so sure they are doing the right things, they should let an independent medical authority look at patient records to see what is being done.” The ACLU and prisoner rights attorney Ron Welch are awaiting a ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals as to whether Welch or the ACLU will be the inmates’ court-appointed lawyer. The ACLU has accused Welch of ignoring inmates’ complaints about medical treatment.

Effort to expand Texas hate crime law gets support from public officials

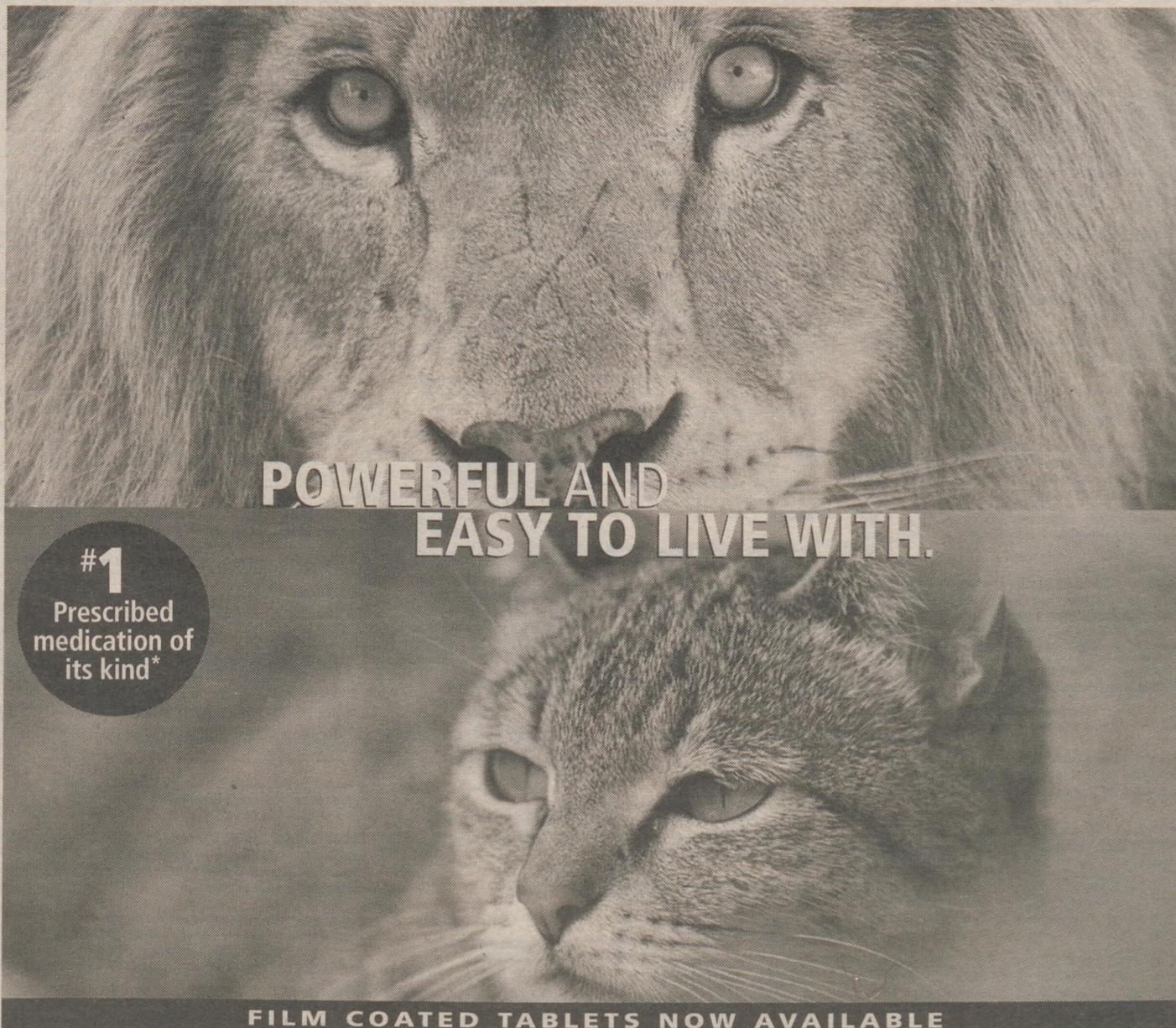
DALLAS—Hate crimes were on the agenda across Texas during events last week. Here, several public officials announced at a July 28 public hearing their support for a proposal by state Rep. Senfronia Thompson (D-Houston) to strengthen penalties for hate crimes, the *Dallas Morning News* reported. Thompson has held public hearings across the state to bolster support for the bill, which didn’t pass during the last session of the legislature. The measure would increase penalties for criminals who target victims based on their race, color, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and four other local officials said they supported the proposal. In Houston, a July 24 forum on hate crimes at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Center found that violence against gays is increasing, but continues to be underreported, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. The forum marked the ninth anniversary of the murder of gay Houston banker Paul Broussard, 27, who was beaten and stabbed by 10 teens outside a gay bar in 1991. Although the number of hate crimes against gays in 13 U.S. cities decreased slightly last year (from 2,017 to 1,960), the number of killings increased from 26 to 29.



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

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Who should or should not take VIRACEPT?

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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.

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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.

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- Phenobarbital
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- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

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

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

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

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

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Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

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What are the side effects of VIRACEPT?

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

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

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

How should I take VIRACEPT?

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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.

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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	—	—
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18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2	2
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*1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

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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.

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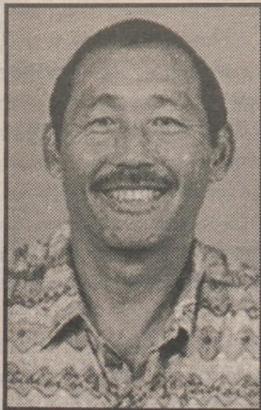
SACRAMENTO—The state Board of Equalization has voted to grant head-of-household tax status to a lesbian who is supporting her partner and non-biological child, the *San Francisco Examiner* reported. The board's 3-2 vote on July 26 could also affect unmarried heterosexual couples. The Board of Equalization will vote again on the measure in about three months. "[The decision] recognizes the reality of our families and gives legal validation to the reality that our client is a parent regardless of the fact that she doesn't have a biological relationship to the child," said Shannon Minter, staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, who argued the case for the Los Angeles family of Helmi Hissrich, Tori Patterson and their 3-year-old daughter. Hissrich, who fought for more than two years for the exemption, will save an estimated \$2,500 a year.

Hawaii University dumps rainbow logo over its ties to gay pride

HONOLULU (AP)—The University of Hawaii is being criticized over its decision to change the school's nickname and logo from the Rainbow Warriors to the Warriors because the rainbow has become a symbol of gay pride. "That logo really put a stigma on our program at times in regards to its part of the gay community, their flags and so forth," said Hugh Yoshida, the school's athletic director. "Some of the student athletes had some feelings in regards to that." Yoshida later said that his remarks were used out of context, but he did not apologize. In another speech, Hawaii assistant women's volleyball coach Charlie Wade joked that he was propositioned by a man because of the rainbow logo. "I think they missed the opportunity to use it as an educational tool to educate people who were questioning it at different universities," said gay civil rights advocate Kuumeaaloha Gomes.



Hugh Yoshida, athletic director at the University of Hawaii, said the school's rainbow had become too identified with the gay community, so the school changed it.



Gay hotel owner wants boycott after Newark dumps reservations

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—The owner of a gay-operated hotel in the Caribbean is calling for a gay boycott of the city of Newark after it abruptly canceled reservations for a youth group. The city had rented 34 rooms at the Cormorant Beach Club on St. Croix to house 92 children who are to participate in the U.S. Youth Games. On July 27, Newark canceled the reservations, which accounted for 90 percent of the hotel. "It's the worst homophobia you can imagine, and it's not right," said Arthur Mayer, owner of the Cormorant. "They knew who we are and what we are when they made the reservations. The whole situation is appalling." Mayer stands to lose \$20,000 from the cancelled booking. City officials said the decision to switch resorts was based on economics.

Hillary Clinton gets nod from gay groups; Lazio steps into AIDS debate

NEW YORK (AP)—The statewide gay rights group Empire State Pride Agenda and the Human Rights Campaign both endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign for the U.S. Senate last week. In accepting the endorsements, Clinton said she was "surprised" to read an article from the *New York Post* reporting that U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio, who is challenging her for the Senate seat, lobbied for a group that believes HIV is not the cause of AIDS. "It was a further piece of evidence as to why my opponent doesn't get it," Clinton said. In 1998 and 1999, Lazio wrote to U.S. Department of Health & Human Services requesting a meeting between federal officials and members of the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of HIV/AIDS. Lazio's spokesperson Dan McLagan said the congressman wrote on behalf of a constituent who is a member of the group. "Rick does not share their views on the cause of AIDS," McLagan said. "But this is a group made up of AIDS sufferers that has found some success with alternative therapies. Congressman Lazio was urging the National Institutes of Health to meet and talk with them."

'Dr. Laura' fights back as popular talk radio show loses big advertisers

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Laura Schlessinger, the conservative radio host who has been the target of a nationwide protest by gay groups since plans for the launch of her September television show, has asked her listeners to start a campaign to help her retain advertisers, the *New York Times* reported. Premiere Radio Networks, her syndicator, disclosed last week that nearly 10 percent of the show's national advertisers have dropped the show. Since May, "Dr. Laura" lost ads from Toys 'R' Us, United Airlines, AT&T, Kraft, General Foods, Xerox, SkyTel and Geico insurance. On Tuesday, retail giant Sears said it's also dropping the show. Schlessinger urged listeners to send letters and e-mails to thank sponsors who have remained. Also, Hate Watch disclosed that one of Schlessinger's Jewish supporters, Rabbi Abraham Hecht, was banned from Israel for two years after he said in 1995 that religious law sanctioned the killing of those who would give land to the Palestinians, the *New York Daily News* reported July 25. Hecht's letter supporting Schlessinger was posted at the top of her web-site last week.

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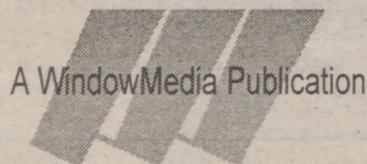
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EDITORIAL

Dick's glass closet, Al's closet-dweller

All eyes are on Mary Cheney.

Hours after Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush tapped his father's former Defense Secretary, Dick Cheney, as his running mate, media reports dribbled in about his lesbian daughter.

At first, mentions in the mainstream media were limited to veiled references on political talk shows about "a gay family member." Even as interviews with Mary Cheney were unearthed by this newspaper and other gay press, in which she talked candidly about her sexual orientation, the story traveled under the radar screen.

But not under the gaydar screen. Cheney, the younger, is well known for her role as gay community liaison for the Coors Brewing Co. While in that post, she helped convince gay activists all over the country to drop their boycott against the brewery, which is owned by a family that gives regularly to right-wing organizations.

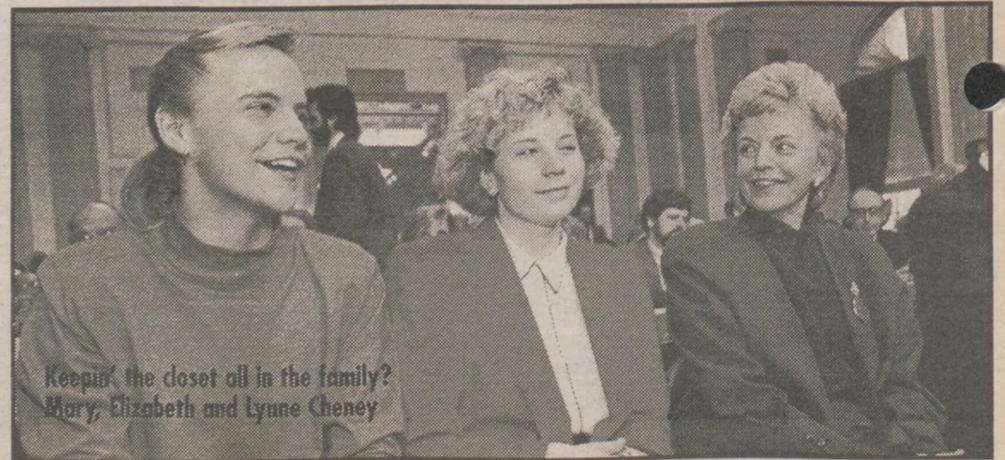
Cheney's Coors effort was largely successful, and may prove to have been an appropriate training ground should she now move to selling her own right-wing family, as media reports have suggested she might, joining her father on the campaign trail or even on the stage at the Republican convention this week.

But before Log Cabin activists get too excited about the converts that might be won by the vice presidential nominee's out gay daughter, they should keep in perspective the significant difference between the sell job for Coors and for Cheney, the senior.

The Coors family may be archly conservative, but the family's brewery was early on the list of large companies to adopt progressive policies like non-discrimination protection and DP benefits. Coors also gave generously to gay events and organizations.

The same can't be said, of course, for the Republican Party, or for Mary's dad. That family is arch-conservative, too, and the family business is as well.

In Congress, Dick Cheney's conservative record included votes against federal AIDS funding and the Hate Crime Statistics Act. Both were moderate measures that passed with significant GOP support, but not from Cheney.



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Those are characteristic of a strong record as a social conservative, including votes against reproductive choice and the Equal Rights Amendment. Cheney based the latter vote on his fear that women would be forced to serve in the military. Coupled with his later stand against service by gays, and it's clear this man wanted nothing to do with his daughter wearing combat boots.

At the same time, during his tenure as Defense Secretary, Cheney defended his spokesman, Pete Williams, after he was outed.

"I have operated on the basis over the years with respect to my personal staff that I don't ask them about their private lives," he said back in 1991. "As long as they perform their professional responsibilities in a responsible manner, their private lives are their business."

That's the same public/private distinction that his wife, Lynne Cheney, who had a stint as Bush Senior's head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, relied upon in taking offense to a question about Mary from ABC's Cokie Roberts.

It's an outdated, telling perspective that, between the lines, treats sexual orientation like it's a private, intimate sexual detail, instead of a basic, non-private fact.

It strains credulity that the Cheneys

never asked staff members whether they were married, and yet the answer would reveal sexual orientation. Just 48 hours after the would-be Second Lady took offense at Roberts' question, the would-be First Lady, Laura Bush, took the podium at the GOP convention in Philadelphia to trumpet her own heterosexual relationship.

Cheney, like his running mate, says he doesn't believe in discrimination, and yet they both promote a double standard that places most basic facts about the private lives of gay coworkers (and family members) off limits.

It's the premise behind "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and it's why even Republicans trying to be "compassionate" about gay rights leave most gays cold.

But as much noise as gay rights groups may make about the Cheney hypocrisy, we shouldn't hear too much about it from the Al Gore campaign. That's because his campaign manager, Donna Brazile, lives in a glass closet that could have been built by Dick Cheney himself.

After a significant history campaigning for gay rights, including a stint on the board of the Millennium March in Washington, Brazile has coyly refused to confirm her sexual orientation.

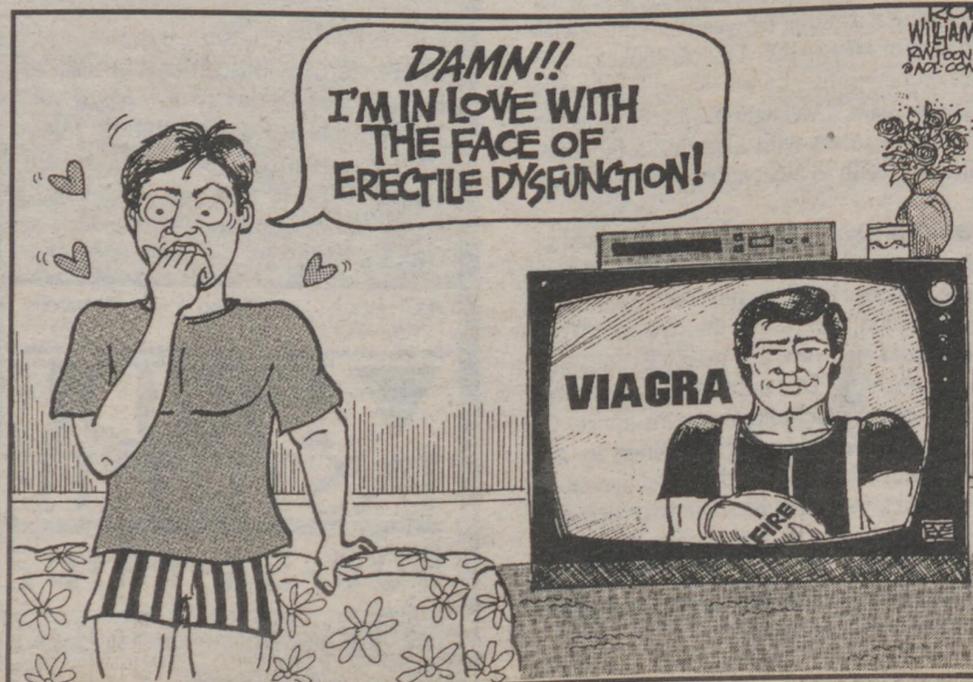
"If I had a private life, I'd have a sexual orientation," she quipped to the *Washington Post*.

Only closet cases refuse to talk about their sexual orientation. There's not a heterosexual alive who would do it.

So both the major parties share an incapacitation over the simple acknowledgment that gays are playing a role in their families and their campaigns.

The days are numbered for this unspoken "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and the arrival of Mary Cheney on the political scene will hasten the change.

At the very least, Brazile may feel she has the political cover to come out, and the principle may well be established that sexual orientation is a fair game question for everyone in public life.



CORRECTION

In an article about the annual "Birthday Bash," in the July 28 edition of the *Houston Voice*, the partner of the late Michael Gonzales was misidentified. Gonzales' surviving partner is Craig Schar. *The Houston Voice* regrets the error.

VIEWPOINT

Gay 'Survivor,' this year's J.R. Ewing, hits TV jackpot

by STEPHEN H. MILLER

Gay Americans of the bearish persuasion have a new heartthrob—Richard, of the #1 prime-time hit "Survivor."

The show, airing Wednesdays on CBS, concerns a gaggle of disparate Americans transported to a South Seas island—male, female, black, white, urban, rural—and one gay guy, Richard.

You know the shtick: They fend for themselves, but also have to engage in orchestrated contests of skill and endurance. At the end of each show, someone gets voted off in a hokey tribal council. As summer ends, the sole survivor will win a million bucks.

Writing about "Survivor" is tricky, because at least one other show will have aired by the time anyone reads this, and who knows what will be revealed.

Still, in some ways, "Survivor" is as big a breakthrough as "Ellen" or "Will and Grace"—maybe bigger. And the reason is Richard Hatch, though the media refers to all the ersatz castaways on a first name basis.

Richard is big, hairy and usually shirtless. Which is to say, he's a bear-lover's dreamboat. A 39-year-old corporate trainer, on the island he's the chief spear fisherman, which puts him several levels above some of the more obvious slackers.

He's also a prime mover behind what has been a successful alliance with Rudy, Susan and Kelly, who have been deciding in secret to pool their votes each week on one targeted victim, helping to ensure that they'll stay on the island for at least one more week.

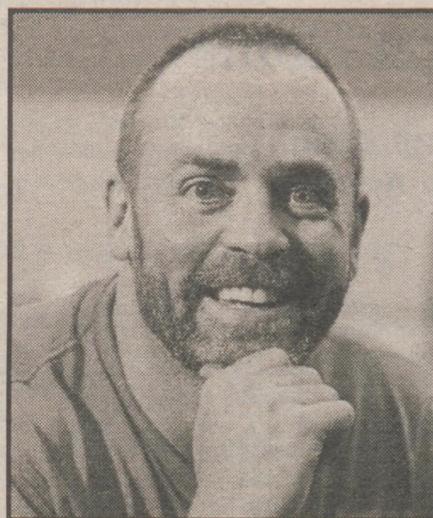
That strategy has earned Richard some enemies back here in the real world. Writing in *Entertainment Weekly*, openly gay critic Mark Harris ripped him to shreds in a column titled

"American Schemer."

Harris, whose own photo is totally unbearish, called our man Rich a "conniving, manipulative, smarmy, fork-tongued, ... evil, lizard-face, portly gay corporate trainer Machiavellian superstar," and that was just for starters. Comparing him to J. R. Ewing from "Dallas," Harris finally admits that Rich is "utterly mesmerizing."

So what if Rich flirted with Greg, the straight Ivy Leaguer, who also seemed to be flirting with him, and then voted Greg off while singing under his breath, "Good night, sweetheart, it's time to go." The fact is, it's a game, fella, and strategy rules.

Self-reliant, super-competent Gretchen,



Labeled a 'conniving, manipulative, smarmy, fork-tongued, evil, lizard-face, portly gay corporate trainer Machiavellian superstar,' Richard Hatch is making an impression on CBS' surprise hit 'Survivor.'

voted off a few weeks back, may very well have had the best physical survival skills, but she couldn't see sully herself in an alliance, which she dismissed as nothing but "back stabbing" by "devious rivals." Corporate trainer Rich knows better.

"Survivor" is all about manipulative relationships and making them work to your advantage. It's not "Gilligan's Island," and it's not summer camp.

And while some lefty critics look at Rich's corporate background and paint him as a deceitful exemplar of free-market capitalism (again, the J. R. factor), they miss the point.

This is not a "community," it's a contest. After all, no one's planning on sharing the million-dollar booty. Paranoia is

the name of the game, and if you can't stand the heat, this island's not for you.

As of this writing, several of the others have figured this out and are belatedly trying to put together alliances of their own, including one group of women, who may be trying to lure Kelly to their cause. Stay tuned.

EW's Harris says Rich has "single-handedly eradicated every anti-gay stereotype of the 20th century [because] he's not limp-wristed, incompetent, ... cowardly or effeminate." But still Harris complains that Richard's "replaced them with every anti-gay stereotype of the 19th century: duplicitous, secretive, allying himself with neither gender, ... obsessed with bending others to his will."

On the magazine's web-site, one posting laments, "I wish Richard's being gay wasn't so much on the forefront." Someone else labels him Richard "Vader."

Give me a break. Rich knows it's a big game show, and he knows how to play it. I doubt he'll win, but it's great watching him try.

In all the yammering about whether Richard is a brilliant schemer or a "fat yutz," as the *New York Post* put it, the fact that the show is a gargantuan mega hit, and that Rich is, in fact, this season's J. R. Ewing, is downright revolutionary.

This is the show that everyone talks about around the office water cooler. I'd wager that high school kids are hip to it as well. And its star player, at least as of this writing, is the gay guy.

There's a cultural paradox here. The U.S. Army has been advertising on "Survivor," although openly gay people like Rich are barred from the armed forces. Yet if popular culture is a bellwether, then we know that the entrenched forces of intransigence, be they the U.S. military or Boy Scouts, can't hold out against the tide.

Not that many years ago, after all, there were no gays on TV. Then the ice began to break. But a gay relationship was enough to cause sponsors to flee ABC's "Thirtysomething" a decade or so back. It all seems so quaint.

From "Melrose Place" to "Dawson's Creek," gays have become part of the contemporary video landscape. The producers of "Will & Grace" are even promising that next season the gay lead will actually start dating men in earnest, without Grace tagging along. Now that's progress.

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The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green...

...by Eric Omer

Four Star Fugitive
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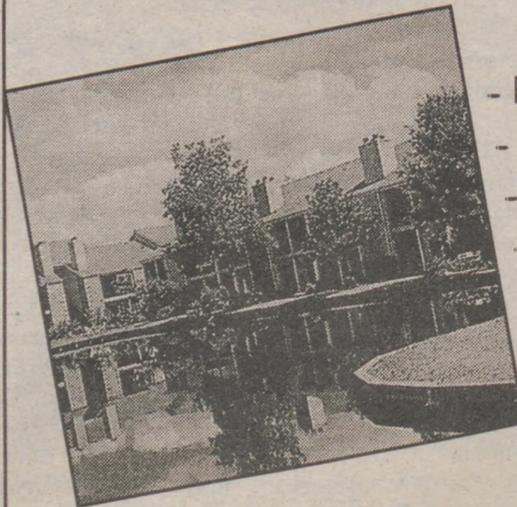
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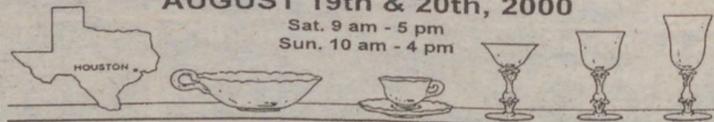
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spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington-based gay rights lobby.

A former Congressman from Wyoming, Cheney has an "extraordinarily conservative" voting record, Besen said.

Since he was named Bush's running mate, there has been no indication that Cheney's position on hot-button issues including gay rights, abortion and AIDS funding, has changed. But in press appearances this week, Cheney has explained his Congressional votes allowing cop-killer bullets and against Head Start, and allowed that he would vote differently today.

Errant, but loved?

While speculation is rampant about Cheney's lesbian daughter, Mary, and her role in the campaign, it's unclear what to expect as the convention—and the campaign—unfolds. Mary Cheney has not spoken to the media since her father was tapped by Bush.

Most reports indicate the Bush/Cheney campaign will embrace Mary. Stories in the Chicago Sun-Times, among others, report that Mary will join her family in the traditional gathering at the GOP convention finale,

and that she's planning to bring her unidentified lesbian partner to the convention.

GOP Chairman Jim Nicholson said Saturday he won't be bothered if TV cameras pan around to 31-year-old Mary Cheney if she plans to watch Cheney's prime-time speech Wednesday night from First Union Center in Philadelphia. That means even if she happens to be sitting next to a lesbian partner, he told the San Francisco Examiner.

"I think it would be just fine," Nicholson said at a morning breakfast with reporters. "I don't think it would be a problem. This party is steadfastly against discrimination regardless of their race, sex, creed or any preferences that they choose to follow."

So far, Dick Cheney hasn't drawn much heat from conservatives.

Even the anti-gay Rev. Jerry Falwell said in his Liberty Alliance newsletter it would be "ludicrous" to let Mary be a factor in judging Cheney, although Falwell has been criticized for calling her "errant."

"I have no doubt Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, will become a focal point of critics," Falwell wrote. "It is ludicrous to judge a man based on one errant, but loved, family member. As I've said many times, if one of my children announced to me they were a homosexual, I would immediately embrace them and tell them my love for them would never fail, even though I dis-

agreed with their life's choice.

"She would attend gay pride events, but a lot of it was part of her job," Joe Fuentes, who worked with Cheney at Coors, told the newspaper. "Her role was to work with the gay and lesbian community and tell them, 'This is Coors' position.'"

Bush a wolf in sheep's clothing?

Many gay Republicans are disappointed in their party's statement of principles for the upcoming general election, which is considered reflective of Bush's "compassionate conservatism" campaign theme.

At one point during deliberations, Bush operatives had removed some of the platform's overt anti-gay language, raising the hopes of gay advocates. But he allowed a right-wing faction of the party to restore it so he could gain more ground for his education goals.

The platform says the GOP opposes civil rights that protect Americans because of their "sexual preference." Like the 1996 Republican platform, it claims homosexuality is incompatible with military service, and supports the Defense of Marriage Act.

Delegates were so careful not to express any support for gays that they amended a provision endorsing traditional, two-parent

families with "fathers and mothers" to make it "a father and a mother," so it couldn't be construed to mean two fathers or two mothers, according to the Washington Post.

Gay rights activists have blasted the GOP platform, claiming it, like Bush, is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

"The rhetoric has been toned down, but the policy statements are the same," Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's policy director, said from Philadelphia on Monday. "The platform of the Republican party makes it clear that there is not support for workplace protections for gay men and lesbians, and it reiterated anti-gay language from past years. It's sad to see the 2000 platform hasn't moved beyond 1992, or 1996."

Some gay Republicans have chosen to focus on more gay-positive aspects of the convention, like the fact that there are more openly gay delegates than ever before—18 this year, compared to five in 1996.

"There's no doubt in my mind there's effort by the Bush camp to send a message," the LCR's Tafel told the San Francisco Examiner. "We appreciate their efforts. We understand it's a hassle for them."

The only openly gay Republican in Congress, Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona, became the first publicly gay party member to address a national GOP convention with a three-minute speech on trade—his area of expertise—Tuesday night.

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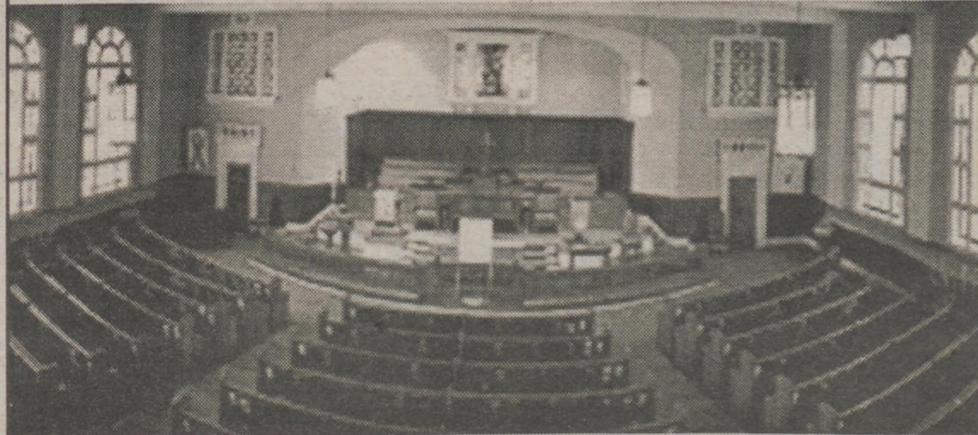
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Texas delegates pray during gay congressman's speech

by KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA—Some Texas delegates bowed their heads and prayed Tuesday as U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona, an openly homosexual member of Congress, addressed the convention.

"I really have a problem with the gay agenda that he has. I was just praying. I love the sinner but hate the sin, and that's what I was doing," said David Kent of Bryan.

At least a dozen Texas delegates, who are seated directly in front of the podium at First Union Center, bowed their heads and prayed during Kolbe's speech. Some removed their white cowboy hats.

One woman held up a cane with an American flag attached. Another delegate displayed a sign reading, "There is a way out."

Texas' 124-member delegation is dominated by religious conservatives. Many delegates looked at Kolbe and applauded his remarks on trade. A few stood and clapped.

Some sat quietly without applauding and without bowing their heads.

Texas delegation leaders said there was no organized protest.

Larry Stevens, a delegate from Fort Worth, said individual group members

acted as they felt they needed to do.

"There is hope. There's hope for Kolbe. There's hope for families," Stevens said. "So many people get caught up in this, as well as drugs and all sorts of things. But to put someone on the forefront like that, to represent high values in this nation, it just wasn't necessary.

Stevens said the delegates weren't trying to embarrass Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who will accept the party's nomination for president Thursday night. Bush has portrayed himself as a "compassionate conservative" throughout his campaign.

Butch Davis, another delegate who prayed during the Kolbe address, said he was disappointed the congressman was allowed to give his speech.

"We believe there are moral rights and wrongs and we also believe that if any one of us did wrong, we would want others to pray for us," he said.

Earlier in the day, at the Texas delegation's daily breakfast meeting, delegates were reminded how to dress and to wear their cowboy hats because they are frequently featured in national television coverage.

Nothing was mentioned publicly at the daily meeting about Kolbe.

Also during the daily meeting, Texas delegates listened to a Republican

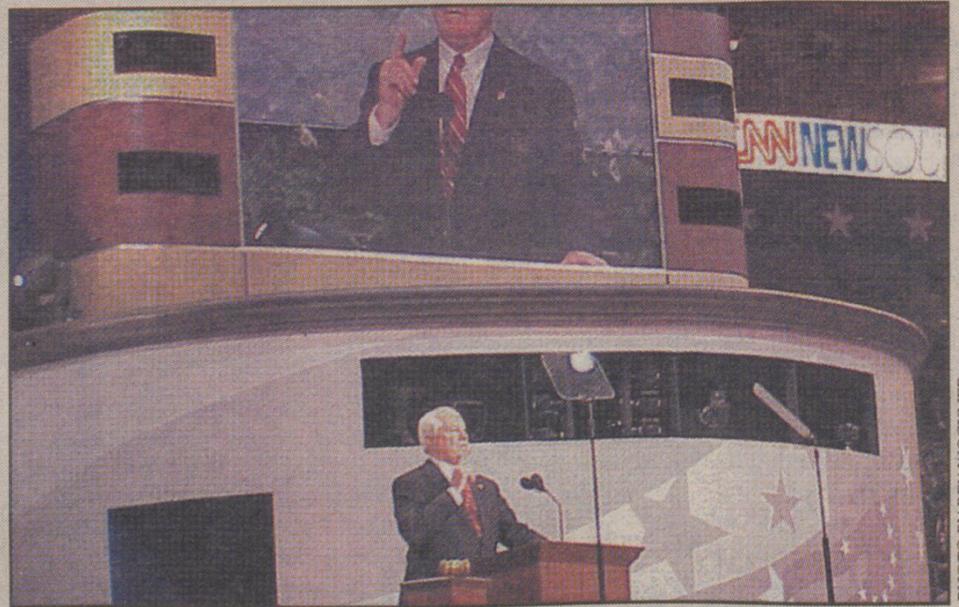


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pollster's pep talk.

"George Bush is going to be the next president of the United States," Frank Luntz told the Texas delegation.

"Bush, Bush, Bush," the delegates and alternates shouted in reply.

Luntz, who speaks to GOP organizations and advises party officials on strate-

gies, said retired Gen. Colin Powell's speech at the Republican National Convention on Monday resonated with viewers, especially when he discussed Bush's education reforms.

"Colin Powell scored through the roof," Luntz told the delegation, referring to polling results.

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Group wanted Army general to resign

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than be reassigned, according to C. Dixon Osborn, the group's co-executive director.

A Jan. 10 press release calling for Clark's resignation said he is responsible for setting the command climate that allowed for the death of Pfc. Barry Winchell.

"Had he set the proper command climate, Pfc. Winchell might be alive today. Other soldiers would not have been forced to leave or face potential violence against them," the release said.

It continued: "Maj. Gen. Clark is the commander responsible for the lack of supervision, lack of leadership and excessive drinking in the barracks that, with anti-gay harassment, created the conditions in which Pvt. Calvin Glover could murder Pfc. Winchell."

SLDN at that time asked gays and lesbians to contact President Clinton and Secretary of Defense William Cohen to ask for Clark's resignation.

Osborn said the Army's recent report has not changed his mind.

"That is still our position," he said.

The release of the report and Clark's reassignment are probably unrelated, Osborne said. Clark's wife is ill, he said.

No climate of homophobia

On July 5, 1999, Winchell was beaten to death as he slept in his barracks at Fort

Campbell. Glover, a fellow soldier, was convicted in December of Winchell's murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Spc. Justin Fisher, accused of helping to facilitate the murder, received a 12-year prison sentence after a plea agreement. Fisher, who was Winchell's roommate, allegedly threatened and taunted Winchell repeatedly, goaded Glover into the attack, and helped him dispose of evidence.

Two weeks ago, the Army released its report finding that "the chain of command... responded appropriately to matters with respect to enforcement of the [don't ask, don't tell] policy" and concluding that the command climate at Fort Campbell prior to the soldier's death "was a positive environment."

The Inspector General found that isolated incidents of harassment occurred, but the report said that when the incidents did occur, the chain of command responded appropriately.

The study vindicated everyone in Fort Campbell's chain of command from any responsibility in Winchell's death except for First Sgt. Roger Seacrest. The non-commissioned officer was described in the report as "abusive."

Laura Brown contributed to this story.

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Body Positive expands services, names new director

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One of Carter's goals for Body Positive is to increase the center's funding. One of his targets will be the Ryan White Planning Council.

"Nelson Vergel (vice president of the board) has already written the Ryan White Planning Council requesting that funding category 'Rehabilitation Services' be changed to 'Side Effects Management Services' and to make this a higher funding priority," Carter said.

"'Drugs and Medications' are the number two priority for Ryan White funding but 'Rehabilitation Services'—which, in part, spawn from the side effects caused by these drugs—may drop from number 18 on the funding priority list to number 21 on the list," he noted.

"I hope education and advocacy will convince the council that side effects management plays an integral role in the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS, and deserves more funding," Carter explained. Ryan White is not the only place the Center is looking for funds.

"We have had great funding support from the community, and we hope to see it continue. But we also want to increase our funding from outside sources," explained Todd Ramos, secretary of the board. Carter's other priority is to increase the center's education and outreach work.

"I want more people to know about our services, but I also more education programs

from professionals. We want to teach people with these illnesses how to live better."

In addition to his myriad of professional and political activities, Carter and his life partner, Jerel Mc Neil, are planning to wed.

"We have been together for four and a half years, and will get married on Sept. 17, five years after we met.

"My parents will walk me down the aisle," Carter replied when asked if his family accepts his gayness.

"Jerel is busy too, he is president of Colt 45's this year, but he tells me to slow down," Carter said. "He has a grandson who is going straight from the terrible two's to the terrible three's, but he's a delight. I always wanted children, and he calls me grandma."

Carter says, "I'm not going to slow down. People say I go too fast and do too much, but I didn't expect to be 25. On days when I wake up with a cough, I still think 'is this it?'"



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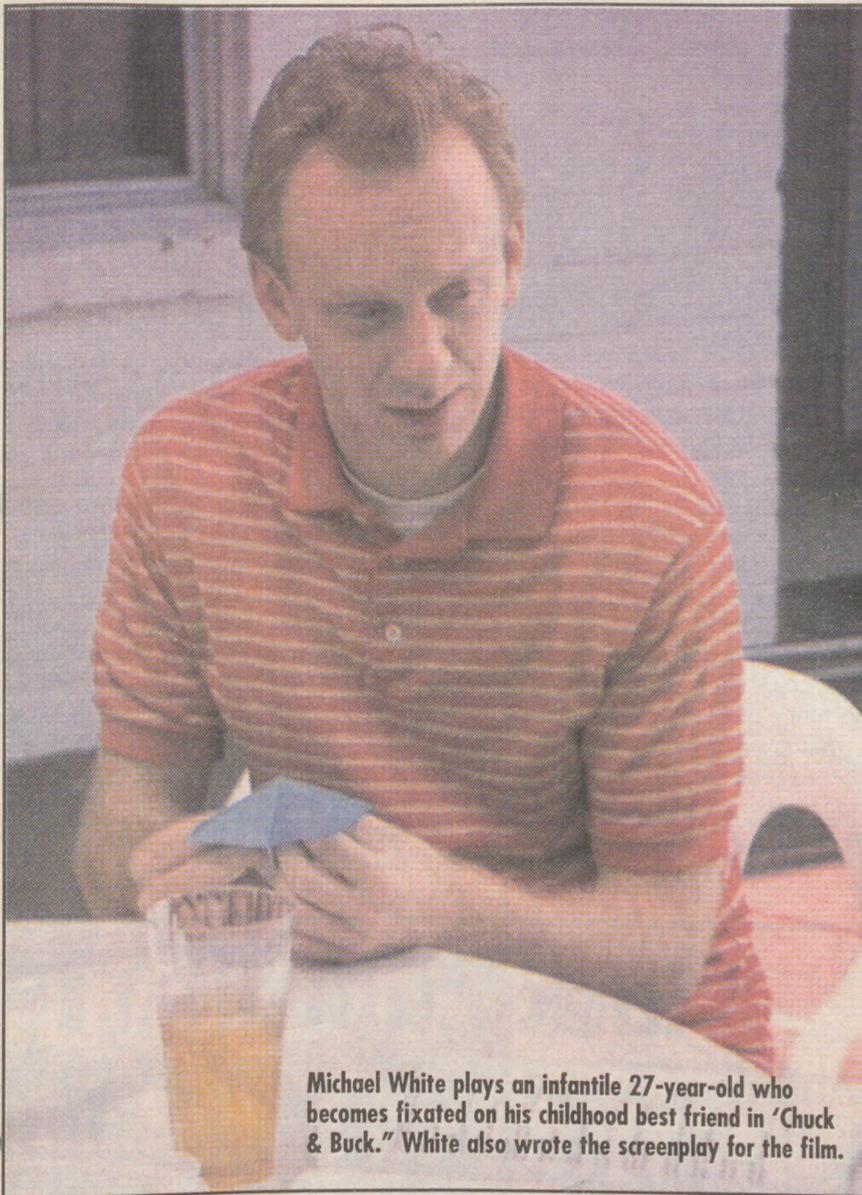


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Michael White plays an infantile 27-year-old who becomes fixated on his childhood best friend in 'Chuck & Buck.' White also wrote the screenplay for the film.

Defying labels

'CHUCK & BUCK' WRITER, STAR SHUNS GAY, STRAIGHT CHARACTERIZATIONS

by EARL DITTMAN

While screenwriter/actor Michael White readily admits his tenure as the supervising producer and head writer for the hit TV teen drama "Dawson's Creek" proved to be "a fairly educational experience," artistically, he says it left him feeling impotent, frustrated and desperate to compose something he could be proud of.

"After two years of writing for 'Dawson's Creek,' I was just sick of it," White explained in a phone call from his home in Los Angeles. "I mean, it was a show where every character on it was the ideal fantasy of what you would like to be. They were the person that is more beautiful than anyone you know or more eloquent than you've ever been.

"I just started feeling oppressed by it after a while and knew I wanted to write something totally original—without any limits. And I knew the perfect vehicle would be a movie: an unusual story about two guys named Chuck and Buck."

More importantly, White was determined to make it a screenplay that couldn't be easily categorized by mainstream Hollywood producers and studios, regardless of the consequences.

"Sometimes, as a hired gun, you have to write things for other people, not necessarily yourself," he said. "With this, I was like, 'I want to do something that is really trying to express something that I want to talk about and do it in a way that pleases me.'"

"When I wrote the script, I was like, 'This is it! As a writer, this is what I wanted to do. Hopefully, it'll get made, and if it doesn't, it's not a failure, people just don't get it.' From the outset, I wanted it to be something that people were either going to embrace as it was or just reject—and it would never get made."

Luckily, Miguel Arteta, director of the controversial film "Star Maps," fell in love with White's script (simply titled "Chuck & Buck") and offered to make it his next directorial project. White, who is a self-professed fan of "Star Maps" (the tale of young Hispanic teen forced to become a male prostitute by his own father), didn't waste any time taking the director up on his offer.

"I felt like Miguel really understood where I was coming from with 'Chuck & Buck,'" White said. "In a lot of ways, 'Chuck & Buck' and 'Star Maps' have a lot of the same sensibilities. They

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GAY LIONS, AND TIGERS, AND BEARS? OH MY!

'Biological Exuberance' explores homosexuality in animals

BY D.L. GROOVER

Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas do it, Cole Porter wrote in 1928, but even the sophisticated Mr. Porter couldn't imagine the same-sex goings-on that occur throughout the animal kingdom as documented by Bruce Bagemihl in his amazing study, "BIOLOGICAL EXUBERANCE: ANIMAL HOMOSEXUALITY AND NATURAL

DIVERSITY" (St. Martin's Press.)

Birds, bees and fleas are just a smattering of the incredible variety to be found in the wild animal kingdom, including: Successful lesbian parenting among snow geese, male vampire bats who masturbate while licking another male all over, ring-billed gulls who form bisexual menage au trois.

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'Chuck & Buck' star dodges sexual labels



Michael White, as Buck, confides in his friend Beverly, played by Lupe Ontiveros, in a scene from 'Chuck & Buck.'

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both deal with subjects that a lot of people don't want to talk about or admit. So I knew if anybody could make my script work on the screen, it would be Miguel.

"And I was right. He brought life to all of the characters and made them real. And he was the one who convinced me to play Buck. Initially, it was never a thought of mine to play him. But after Miguel told me

I was the first person he imagined as Buck, I was like, 'I'll do it.' He's a real visionary."

A critical and audience hit at this year's Sundance Film Festival, "Chuck & Buck" is the story of a man frozen in time: Buck is a 27-year-old who still thinks and behaves like an 11-year-old. After his mother dies, he goes in search of the only other person who has ever shown him kindness and companionship in his lonely, desolate life—his old

playmate Chuck.

To Buck, though, the two were more than just childhood buddies, and he yearns for the emotional and "physical" closeness they shared together some 15 years before. But while Buck has been living in a suspended childhood, Chuck has become a handsome, successful, L.A. record company executive with a beautiful fiancée.

Chuck (who now prefers to be called "Charles") has no room in his world for the man-child and the memories he possesses, so he gives his one-time friend the brush-off. Buck, however, becomes wildly fixated with Chuck and his life—ultimately forcing his former pal to confront the truth of their past. It's a mesmerizing, at times disturbing, dark comedy that takes viewers on an emotional roller coaster ride that promises to haunt them long after they've left the theater.

"We've all experienced feelings of loneliness and the need for love," White explained. "And I think we've all taken it to an extreme at some point in our lives. Chuck and Buck are really universal characters."

While White acknowledges many straight movie-goers have had trouble with some of the film's more overt homoerotic sequences, what has really surprised him is some of the negative criticisms he has received from a few members of the gay community.

"Believe it or not, I've had straight guys

come up to me with tears in their eyes, going, 'You've told the story of my life,'" he recalled. "I know there's definitely more of a mainstream homophobic reaction to it, but there's a lot of straight people out there who get it. The people who seem to have more of a problem with 'Chuck & Buck' are some gay viewers."

When I wrote the script, I was like, 'This is it! As a writer, this is what I wanted to do. Hopefully, it'll get made, and if it doesn't, it's not a failure, people just don't get it.'

When questioned about his own sexual orientation, White becomes surprisingly evasive and steers our conversation back to the film.

"To be honest, I don't really identify myself by other people's perception of what's gay or what's not," he confessed.

"I just want viewers to feel passionate about it, one way or the other. If they love it, great! If they hate it, that's OK, too. At least I have gotten them to think about subjects they normally don't think about. So I've done my job."

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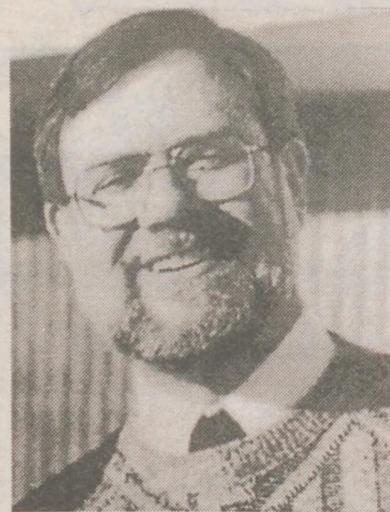
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Book: There are 'multiple shades' of sexual orientation in the animal world

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In captive populations of roseate cockatoos, one-half to two-thirds of all couples are same-sex pairings that last for their entire lives.

During their summer 'haul out,' male walrus on average participate in same-sex behavior five times an hour. Female dolphins use their snouts to penetrate the genital slits of other females. Bonomo monkeys will passionately kiss open-mouth or perform fellatio. Some Humboldt penguins are exclusively homosexual.

In captivity female elephants will masturbate one another with their trunks. During sex, female hedgehogs lick, sniff, and nibble each other's genitals. Male black swans will court a female, mate with her and build a nest, then ultimately chase her away after she lays her eggs, thereafter, the two males, inseparable, will incubate and raise the chicks together.

There are transgendered white-tailed deer, genetically male but combining traits of both sexes, who form their own social group and are often attacked and harassed by other deer. Bighorn sheep engage in same-sex group sex, rubbing, nuzzling, and mounting each other in turn; while straight egret couples often engage in swinging homosexual sessions with other couples during the mating season.

By any definition of the word, this book



Two young male Bonobos kissing is just one of many examples of animal homosexuality depicted in 'Biological Exuberance.'

is monumental. At 750 pages, this hefty tome is the first compilation in one source of almost 200 years of observation and research into animal homosexuality and transgender behavior. Limiting itself to mammals and birds, with more than 300 species examined, Bagemihl's extensive celebration of nature's absolute diversity is, he states, but "an overture, an invitation to further research and discussion." What a symphony nature plays.

Although written for the scholar as well as the lay reader, this fascinating study is

graceful in its prose, easily comprehensible, and as page-turning as a fine novel.

Part I, "A Polysexual, Polygendered World," explores the history and meaning of animal homosexuality, while Part II, "A Wondrous Bestiary," offers an individual series of profiles from apes to wood warblers. Thus divided, the book can be dipped into when a quick fact is needed (ex: 94 percent of all sexual activity observed in giraffes is homosexual), or the history and prejudices still inherent in biological study can be perused at leisure in the essays in the first half.

Animal transvestites are everywhere, taking on the characteristics of the other sex without actually changing their own. For instance, female African swallowtail butterflies mimic males in wing color and pattern; the plumage of a young male painted bunting is an exact replica of an adult female. And transsexuality or sex change is "a routine aspect of many animals' lives."

Even though every page of this book is full of significance, Bagemihl's chapter on "Humanistic Animals, Animalistic Humans" is a most thought-provoking essay on the naturalness of homosexuality. He makes a cogent argument for the striking similarities and equally striking differences between human and animal homosexualities. As he says, there are "multiple shades" of sexual orientation throughout the animal world, and even though exclu-

sive homosexuality is less common than bisexuality in animals, that does not in any way infer that heterosexuality predominates.

Sexual life is fluid, he implies, constantly shifting and changing. What is surprising is that active hostility or segregation toward those engaging in homosexual acts is a rare occurrence in the animal world. Calling the animals' approach to sexual and gender variance "humane," he asks us to learn from them.

This phenomenal book with its equally phenomenal photographs (if you've ever yearned to see a female hyena's erect clitoris or a masturbating walrus, here's your chance) is required reading.

"Biological Exuberance" dances joyously and sings out for the natural occurrences of unlikeliness, for the irregular, for the unspeakable mysteries of life on earth, for all those wondrous differences that make each of us unique, and life worth living. So, the next time in the heat of passion someone calls you an animal, smile and take it for a compliment.

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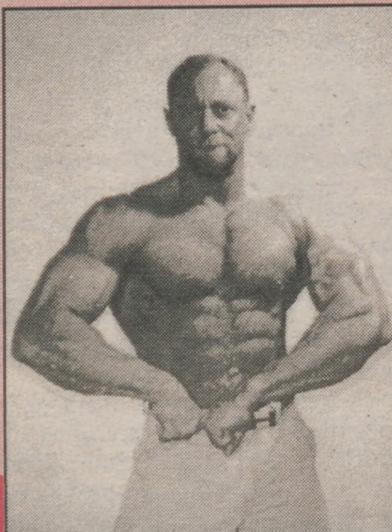


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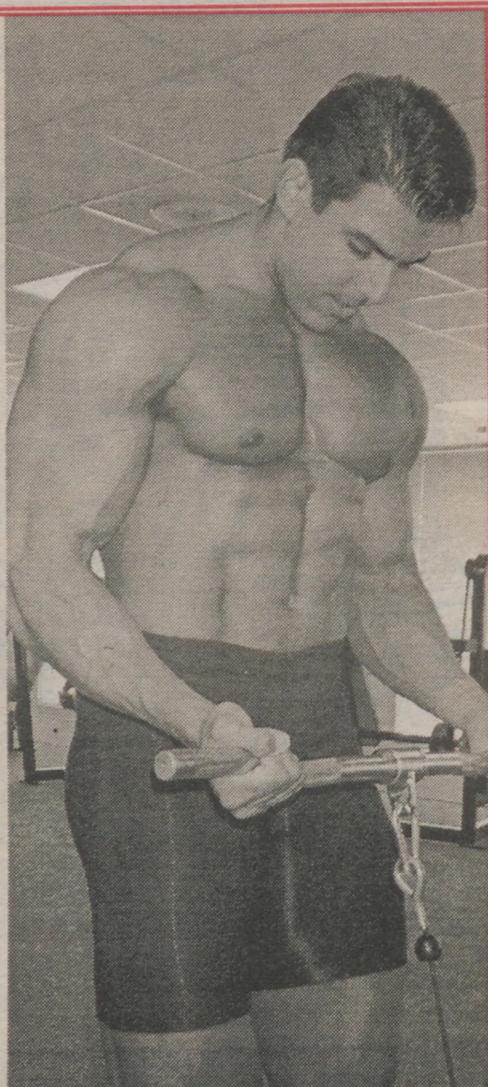
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U.S. House passes Ryan White bill that alters HIV funding formula

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—The U.S. House passed legislation by Rep. Tom Coburn that includes a significant change in the way the federal government funds local AIDS agencies. Members approved the reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, which provides most of the government's funds for AIDS care and research, by voice vote on July 25. One key provision of the bill changes the formula that determines how funds are distributed—if the measure becomes law, money will be handed out on the basis of how many HIV infections in a jurisdiction, not on the basis of how many people have progressed to full-blown AIDS. The formula would also provide more equity for rural areas, women and minorities. Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican, said his legislation marked the "most dramatic shift" in the battle against AIDS in more than a decade. "Continued emphasis on AIDS rather than the full scope of the epidemic has resulted in funding disparities and inadequate care for women and minorities," Coburn said. "This bill takes the long overdue step of recognizing the needs of all those infected."



U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn's measure to link federal funds for HIV/AIDS to HIV infections, rather than AIDS cases, will mark a 'dramatic shift' in fight against the disease.

Using the Internet to find sex partners ups STD risk, study says

CHICAGO (AP)—People who use the Internet to look for sex partners are more likely to have sexually transmitted diseases, a government research study concludes. In a study led by the CDC, investigators looked at the habits of 856 clients at a Denver HIV testing and counseling center. Nearly 16 percent—135 subjects—reported seeking sex partners online. Nearly a third of online seekers said they had had sexually transmitted diseases and had been exposed to HIV-positive sex partners. In comparison, 20 percent of "offline" seekers said they'd had previous venereal diseases and 14 percent said they'd had HIV-positive partners. An editorial accompanying the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association says that the findings aren't surprising, since the anonymity of sex facilitated by the Internet would be expected to appeal to "sexual adventurers" willing to take sex risks. Another article in the same issue discusses the recent outbreak of syphilis among members of a San Francisco M4M chat room, and points out that the Internet connection helped public health officials track down other infected men.

English gay man wins fight to enact changes in medical coding system

ESSEX, England—A gay man has won his fight to stop doctors from recording homosexuality as a disease on a patient's chart, the *Herts Essex Observer* reported July 28. When Greg Ratley, 43, needed a clean bill of health in March for a real estate purchase he was about to make, he discovered that his doctor had listed his homosexuality on his medical chart using an outdated coding system that listed homosexuality under diseases. Ratley started a campaign to end the use of the coding system. Last week, Britain's National Health Service's Information Authority agreed to the change. "Someone has listened and done something and that makes it worthwhile. This is for everyone—not just a gay issue," Ratley said. The policy holds that in the future, health professionals should list homosexuality under the heading "History and Observations," with a clarification "not a disease or disorder." The new coding should be operational within a year.

Prostrate treatment might depend on doctor's specialty, survey says

CHICAGO—A survey of doctors who treat prostate cancer has found that specialists usually recommend the type of treatment that they specialize in, *USA Today* reported. At a rate of almost 90 percent, 504 urologists tend to recommend removal of cancerous prostates, while 559 radiation oncologists opt to go with external beam radiotherapy. Neither specialty suggested a course of "watchful waiting," except in cases of a low-grade tumor or short life expectancy. Timothy Wilt, in an accompanying editorial, asserts that, "until we learn more about current options, the process of deciding which treatment method to use is similar to flipping a coin." He urges patients to enroll in controlled trials to help advance medical research on the disease. The survey appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

High insulin levels might be indicator of fatal breast cancer

NEW ORLEANS—Higher-than-normal insulin levels in a breast cancer patient's blood can indicate the likelihood that the person will die or face a recurrence of the disease, the *New York Blade* reported July 7. University of Toronto researchers based their findings on the results of 10 years of monitoring 535 women who had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Women with the highest insulin levels were eight times more likely to die from breast cancer than their counterparts with the lowest insulin levels. They were also four times more likely to have a recurrence of the cancer. Researchers noted that insulin promotes cell growth, and seems to work to help cancer cells as well as other cells in the body. The report was presented in May at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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On Stage

Sit 'n' spin delight

Tamalalia 2000' effortlessly weaves a spell

by D.L. GROOVER

Like Dorothy's farmhouse, Houston's homeless theater company, Infernal Bridegroom Productions, has landed with a most refreshing thump. Given a temporary home at Stages Repertory Theatre for the fifth installment of its continuing saga through the warped recesses of Tamarie Cooper's brain, TAMALALIA 2000 swirls through the hot, humid Houston night like the coolest rush possible.

If you've never taken one of IBP's theatrical psychedelic journeys before, don't be afraid. Drop in. It'll clear your mind with laughter and get you high on life's absurdities. As the finest remedy for the blahs, "Tamalalia 2000" could cure just about anything that ails you.

How could this possibly be a bad trip when the pre-curtain show is a goofy video loop of Cooper's current life in the Woodlands: blank stares during "Wheel of Fortune" in her beige living room beside her comatose beige husband (Andy Nelson); aimless shopping at Whole Foods; hubby golfing while he sneaks drinks out of his golf bag.

Projected upon a flounced curtain that any sleazy TV game show would be proud to call its own, the film gives way to Tamarie in the flesh as she welcomes us to her new life in the suburbs. Yellow swirls run amok on the floor and up the proscenium like Oz gone mad.

By no means is this a vanity production. The crazies from Infernal Bridegroom won't allow Cooper and Nelson's magic head trip to dissolve into a bummer.

Her life is not all she had hoped for since the last installment. Her beloved Ranger Andy from "Tamalalia #4" has metamorphosed into a drunken real estate developer, while her happiness is the artificial result of constant pill popping. When the Cutty Sark and Mother's Little Helper bottles start tap dancing around the room, she knows she's not in the Woodlands anymore.

Tamarie must escape. But how? With a fine surreal touch, the stagehand Bob (played by Patrick Reynolds in a deadpan style Buster Keaton would envy) sets before her that favorite childhood toy, the sit 'n' spin. Twirling herself sick, she magically whirls into the past—and future—in search of happiness, destiny, and herself.

This new-age Dorothy goes time tripping and collides with Pol Pot, Simon LeBon, Abraham Lincoln, Peter Paul Rubens, her pre-teen list of vows not followed, the curse of



PHOTO BY DERON NEBLETT

Clockwise: Tamarie Cooper, Rebecca Lowe, Kyle Sturdivant, Andy Nelson, Amy Dickson and Drake Simpson star in Infernal Bridegroom Productions' 'Tamalalia 2000.'

Aunt Ida's big fat ass, Oprah, the Utah Jazz and Mr. Campbell, her high school history professor (who sends her a video whose gentle admonishment prompts her to use her time travel for the good of mankind, instead of fashion tips and getting laid.)

This clever musical revue, a grab bag of parodies and sketch comedies written by Cooper and Andy Nelson, underscored with a thoroughly entertaining musical pastiche by Anthony Barilla, Chris Bakos and Greg Stanley, is infused with the quicksilver, personable presence of Miss Cooper.

This Rubenesque beauty with chestnut hair, ruby lips and fleshy posterior (thanks to Aunt Ida) is a welcome tour guide indeed. During her mind-bending blast to the past, she does, in fact, model for Rubens. Swathed in a billow of red velvet, lying seductively on a divan carried by chorus boys in pantaloons, she is a live-action cartoon vision of the baroque.

With the comic pizzazz of a 21st-century Betty Hutton, she struts, flails on the floor, vamps, dances up a storm, pouts or licks Heaven's floating bacon strips. Using unflinching timing and a stage presence measured in kilowatts, she gives this show its great kinky human heart.

By no means is this a vanity production. The crazies from Infernal Bridegroom won't allow Cooper and Nelson's magic head trip to dissolve into a bummer. What a sublime carnival they are.

After this zany expedition into the uncharted, the audience is invited to the patio to partake of beer and toast, Tamarie's favorite food. That so many do, honors IBP's most amiable cast and the delectable spell "Tamalalia 2000" weaves so effortlessly.

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Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Casual, yet reliable

Corelli's offers reliable Italian cuisine in a fun atmosphere

by KATHREEN LEE

Reliable, casual Italian is hard to come by within the Loop. Most Italian establishments attempt to maintain a sophisticated and romantic air through dim lighting, minimalist decor, subliminal offerings of the Three Tenors emanating from the ceiling and pretentious menus written in obscure Italian that no one, but the chef and possibly a handful of the wait staff, can interpret.

So, I was relieved to finally find a nearby Italian restaurant that's casual and bright with a menu peppered with the familiar favorites and standbys.

While the appetizer selections at CORELLI'S ITALIAN CAFE are few, the varieties within the limited options are tantalizing. The Sausage and Peppers (\$5.95) is a mix of sweet Italian sausage surrounded by sautéed onions and sweet peppers. The peppery bite from the fleshy meat perfectly complemented the sweet slick flavor of the vegetables. Although slightly greasy, one can not order sausages without expecting a certain amount of oil swimming in the medium.

Corelli's Bruschette (\$4.95) does not deviate much from the traditional blend of pesto, Roma tomatoes and mozzarella cheese, but the freshness of each ingredient and the crisp baked Italian bread distinguished this appetizer from other commonplace bruschette.

Corelli's lunch specials offer low-priced Italian staples such as Corelli's Signature Calzones (\$6.95) or for the more health conscious, the Luncheon Salad with Chicken (\$6.95). The calzones can be stuffed with your choice of chicken parmesan, meatballs or candelari spicy Italian sausage, in addition to sliced Roma tomatoes, whole milk mozzarella, basil and Corelli's sugo rosa sauce. This alternative to the usual marinara sauce is sweeter than traditional red sauce and based with Roma tomatoes.

Most of Corelli's pasta dishes are served with this unique sauce. While the tender slices of chicken mixed with the tangy sugo rosa sauce formed a delectable ensemble inside the calzone, the thin roll of pizza dough surrounding the calzone tasted more like the thawed custards from a chicken pot pie frozen dinner.

The dinner entrees diverge from the Italian norm with many unique offerings. For instance, the Pasta Putanesca (\$7.95) is a blend of artichoke hearts, calamata olives, fresh Roma tomatoes and basil sautéed in olive oil and tossed with angel hair pasta. While my friend complained that the dish was rather dry and needed more sauce, she did compliment the Mediterranean flavor of the dish and commented that the calamata olives gave the entree a fruity flavor.

Unlike the Pasta Putanesca, the Penne Corelli's (\$9.95) does not significantly differ from other penne pasta dishes, except that the marinara is replaced by Corelli's unique sugo rosa sauce. Grilled chicken and penne pasta are tossed with sautéed garlic, peeled Roma tomatoes, basil and light olive oil. While not remarkable and outstanding, it is at least reliable and worthy of consumption.

If you go during your lunch break, you don't have to wait very long as seating is ample and there is even a patio for those willing to risk the heat.

The casual atmosphere in Corelli's is aided by large movie posters of classic and modern films serving as wallpaper along the restaurant's interior.

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The combination of good food, film decor and casual atmosphere at Corelli's create a unique "Cinema Paradiso" for all diners to enjoy.

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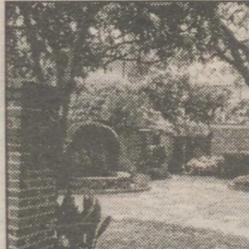
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama.
713-528-6665.
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Call for ride locations. 713-863-1860.
Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.
Rainbow Fishing Club. Meeting. 713-526-7070.
Houston Faerie Circle. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. • Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m. 713-528-3818.

Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
FrontRunners. Running Club. 9 a.m. 713-522-8021.
PFLAG-Houston. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-867-9020.

monday, august 7

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. • Black Lesbian & Gay Coalition weekly meeting. 7 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

sunday, august 6

New Hope Christian Center Worship Service. 11 a.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals meets. 713-942-7002.
Rainbow Riders. A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Holy Rite Eucharist 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 :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 11 a.m. Christian Education. 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.

tuesday, august 8

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.
Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. Support Group. 7 p.m. 281-495-8009.
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. 281-633-2555.

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 Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Support group. 713-284-4939.
 PFLAG-Houston mod week meeting. 7:30 p.m. 713-867-9020.

wednesday, august 10

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, Ripcord & Midtowne Spa. 713-830-3000.
 BiNet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Social meeting. 713-467-4380
 Women's Network. Montrose Counseling Center Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual women. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.
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 Out Skate Rollerskating Club. 8 to 10 p.m. 8075 Cook Road. 281-933-5818.
 Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
 Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.
 Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.
 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. 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. Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. 713-524-3818.
 Houston Area Bears dine out & meeting. 6:30 p.m. 713-867-9123.

thursday, august 10

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 713-521-7464.

Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
 Hep C Recovery. Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.
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 FrontRunners. Running Club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.
 HIV Art Course Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer 713-526-1118.
 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.
 Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston. (GLOBAL) Meeting. 4 p.m. 713-743-7539.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. 713-524-3818.

friday, august 11

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.
 Mishpach Alizim Shabbat Services. 8 p.m. 713-748-7079.
 Movie Night. Kolbe Project. 7 p.m. "On Golden Pond." 713-861-1800.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
 Garden and Yard Society. Meeting. 7 p.m. 713-661-6378.

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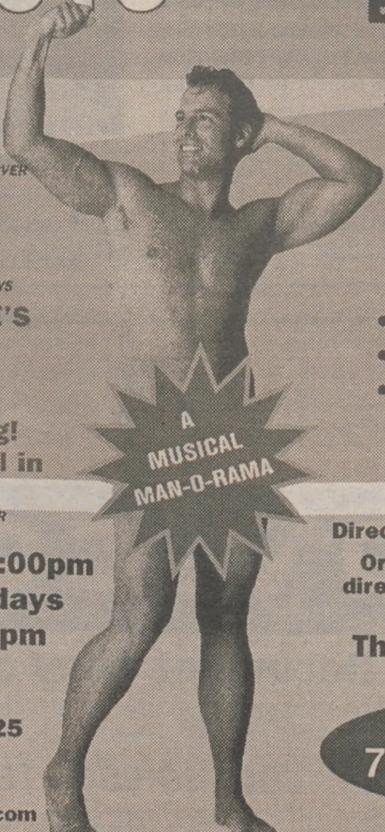
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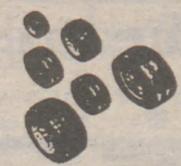
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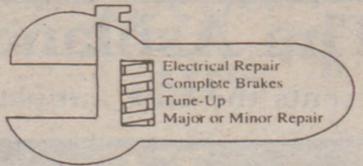


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Bite me, Baby!! The super talented, funny and smart newswoman Nancy Ford of the *Texas Triangle* is celebrating her birthday on Aug. 7. Stop the presses!

Robin Argo is smiling as she celebrates her birthday on Aug. 8.

Brick's II owner Dave Parker toasted in his birthday on July 10.

Local activist and all around wonderful guy Clarence Bagby tallies up another birthday on Aug. 7.

Anniversaries

Bob Houton and Kim Zigler, owners of Black Hawk Leathers and A Man's Resale celebrate their

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Sabbatical

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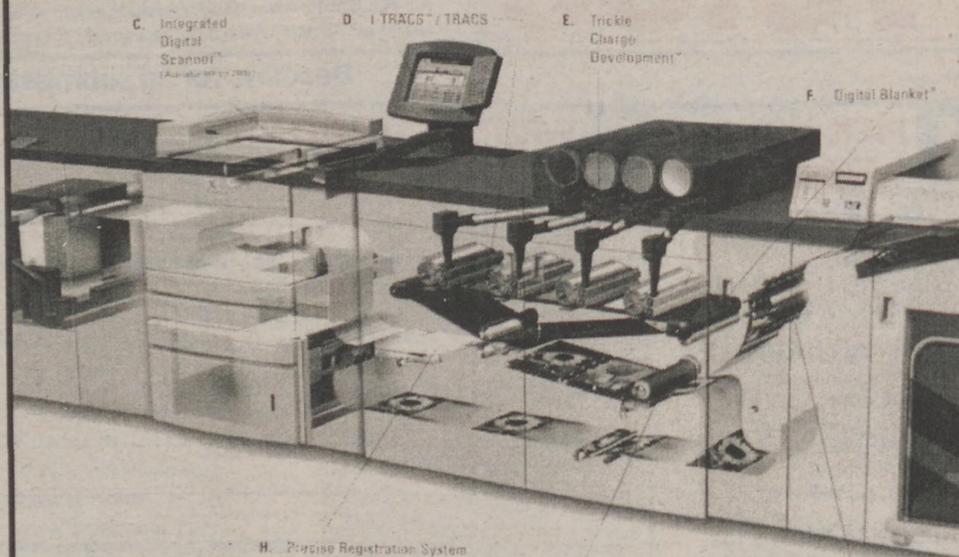
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Mercury joins the Sun in your house of creativity, so stop doing things by the book and use that imagination of yours, doll. Deepen your ideas about beauty, and you will enjoy getting more booty. A Virgo accepts your shallow as well as your profound sides.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

If you've been kvetching about how difficult it is to support your luxurious lifestyle, now's the time to slowly but surely summon up more dough. You can achieve much security now, but the catch is this: how much is enough? There comes a time when you have to take a risk, babe. Roll the dice with an Aries.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Whether you're looking to get a more flexible schedule at work or to bring more fun (and more people) into your relationship, now's the time to start wooing. It's time to follow up on opportunities that presented themselves earlier this summer. Pick up the phone! Call a Pisces!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Befriend some new types—people who stimulate your mind. Be less formal and more spontaneous. Make a vow to change the way you deal in your love life. If you can be a smidgen less defensive/self-protective, you could experience highs like you haven't had since you were a teen. And a Scorpio can take you even higher.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Mars opposite Neptune during the second week of August could make your romantic life extra passionate and extra confusing! A Taurus could send mixed signals. You may have to be a little bit more consistent with your pals, old and new. Routine is good for your social life and your spirit. Make dates and keep them.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Don't expect your love life to make sense during this cycle. It's all about discovering the mystery of what your heart really wants... and deserves. Move closer to a Cancer. The answers lie in what the two of you aren't saying. Bring a work dream to fruition by being persistent, persistent, persistent!

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

You can clear up confusion with a friend as Mercury comes to your aid beginning on the 8th. You may have to keep things light with a Sag. You are on the fast track to learning a lot about life and about a particularly fascinating subject. The more spiritual pursuits are suddenly intriguing to you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Use a light touch and a bit of humor to get the money and the positions you want. You can also talk your way into a powerfully erotic position with a Capricorn. A lot of people in your life are projecting their "Daddy" fantasies on to you. Make an effort to nurture your tribe, but let them see that you are more than just their papa or mama bear.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Before you do anything rash, get ye to a beautiful summer hot spot, if only for the day (though hopefully longer). The moon in your sign Aug. 8 brings you a bit of emotional clarity that can serve you well for months to come. You may finally look in the mirror and like what you see. A Gemini likes you even more.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Several planets are triggering your urge to merge—body and soul—with a lover who brings out your dark side. Risk humiliation and you'll experience an ego boost like you've never had before. Don't self-destruct, though. Self-discover with a Scorpio.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

If you can learn the difference between generalized love of humanity and the intimate love of one person, you might actually be able to find the happiness that's been eluding you in the last few years. Rather than force yourself on another Aquarius, experiment with the idea of holding back. A more intense form of passion is due to arrive any second!

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Dedicate yourself to what's important in your life and you'll make everything right with the universe (at least your particular universe). Explore your fetishes, and you may see God, or at least see your future with a Leo, who thinks he or she has super powers.

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

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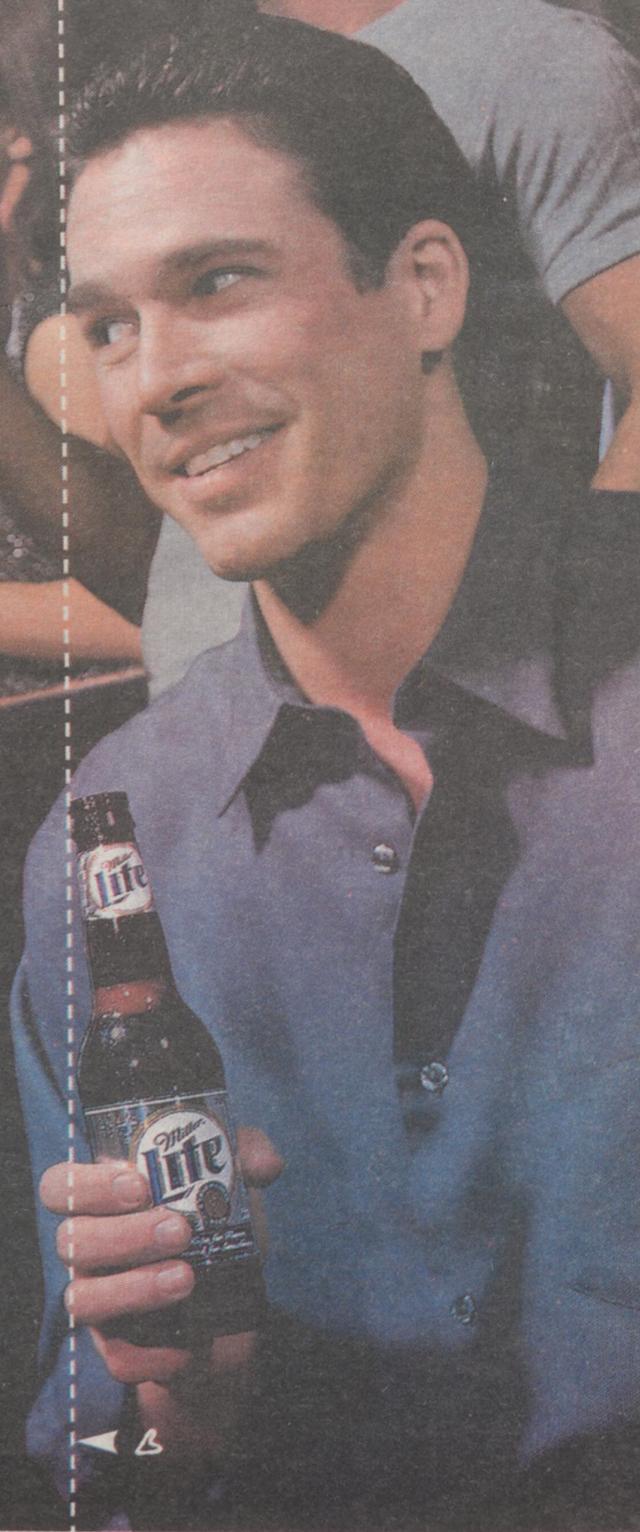
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