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Texas Supreme Court to Consider AIDS Confidentiality Case

by Juan B. Elizondo, Jr.

(Austin) - The Texas Supreme Court will consider whether doctors should tell anyone that a patient has been or may have been exposed to AIDS or the virus that causes the disease. The state's highest civil court agreed last week to consider the case filed against a San Antonio clinic by a woman whose ex-husband suffered from hemophilia and died of an AIDS-related illness.

"It's very important both for families and for hospitals and physicians who are faced with this dilemma," said Jerry Gibson, an attorney for Santa Rosa Health Care Corp. "Obviously, the families would be interested in knowing. But the state law says the health care providers aren't suppose to tell anyone. There is a very strict state confidentiality law."

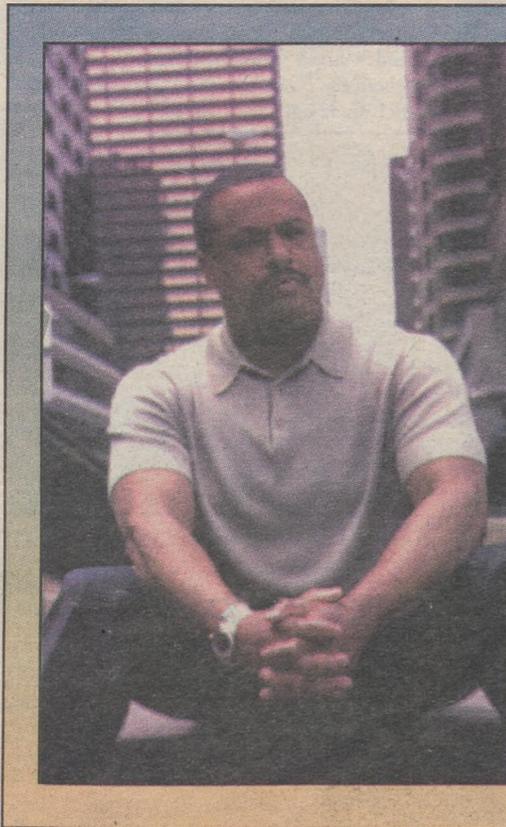
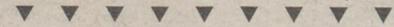
A trial court in San Antonio threw out the case, saying the clinic had no duty to

warn Linda Balderas Garcia that her husband may have been exposed to HIV or AIDS. A state appeals court reversed that decision, and the clinic appealed to the Supreme Court.

Gibson said neither Adalberto Balderas nor the clinic was aware he had been exposed to the disease before the couple married in the late 1980s. Ms. Balderas Garcia later divorced Balderas. He died in the early 1990s, according to her attorney, George Powell.

"This is a very important issue in public health," Powell said. "If you are going to control diseases, there has to be communication." Powell said the case is not one of patient privacy, but one of public health.

The court did not schedule oral arguments or a time frame for its consideration of the case. The nine judges could review the case file and make a decision without hearing more from attorneys.



E. Lynn Harris comes to Houston

Author E. Lynn Harris, openly gay author of the current New York Times Best Seller "*If This World Were Mine*" will sign copies of his book at the Bookstop on Alabama and Shepherd this Sunday, September 14 at 2 pm.

Mother Teresa Transcended Religious, Political Differences

by David Briggs

She was the closest person to a living saint many people may ever know, a woman who transcended religious and political differences wherever she set up an AIDS hospice or a homeless shelter.

When Mother Teresa died Friday, a world went into mourning, not only for the passing of this humble Indian woman, but also for the loss of the symbol of perhaps the globe's most unassailable religious figure.

In a week when the leader of one of the United States' largest Baptist churches publicly sought forgiveness for moral lapses, and at a time when nearly all religious leaders

seem to be drawn into political minefields, her work picking up the dying off the streets of Calcutta or rescuing mentally ill children in Beirut captured the world's imagination of one person who embodied the religious ideal of simple, selfless service to the poor.

A visibly upset Cardinal John O'Connor of New York said Mother Teresa is already a saint. "The world loses a woman who walked this



world," he said, then paused, struggling for composure, before continuing, "in as holy a fashion as any woman I've ever known."

Five years must pass before the Catholic Church can even begin the process of canonization for Mother Teresa, but barely had word of her death been announced than people throughout the country began to echo O'Connor's sentiments.

Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain

civil rights leader Martin Luther King, said in Atlanta, "Our world has lost the most celebrated saint of our times. This courageous woman gave hope to millions, and showed us the power of caring and human kindness."

Even the pre-eminent figure of American Protestantism - Billy Graham - could think of no other word to describe her. "It was my privilege to be with her on several occasions. The first time was at the Home of Dying Destitutes in Calcutta," Graham said. "I had a wonderful hour of fellowship in the Lord with her just at sunset, and I will never forget the sounds, the smells and the strange

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Nation's First Private School for Gay Students Opens in Dallas

by Melissa Williams

(Dallas) - It wasn't Mickey Roby's sexuality that made the 14-year-old the target of classmates' taunts. It was her mother's.

"When they found out that my mother was gay, it was really hard," said the elfin freshman with dyed red hair. "I was spit on. They'd make little jokes in class."

At Walt Whitman Community School in Dallas, Mickey doesn't encounter such problems. It's the nation's first private school for homosexuals, though a few students - Mickey, her 13-year-old sister, Rikki, and another boy - are there not because they are gay themselves, but because a parent is.

Walt Whitman Community School - all three teachers, seven students, one building and three classrooms of it - is the dream of Becky Thompson, who is lesbian, and Pamala Stone, who is not. The veteran educators had observed

students harassing others at the Walden Preparatory School in the north Dallas suburb of Addison, which they both left in January.

Ms. Thompson and Ms. Stone also were troubled by studies concluding that homosexual youth are at higher risk for destructive behaviors. "The more we talked about it, we just became committed to doing it," Ms. Thompson said. "It was a simple 'Here's a problem,' and we had the solution."

Tuition at Whitman is \$7,000 annually. Ms. Thompson said all seven students are receiving financial assistance from people who want the school to succeed. The school also is seeking grants from private foundations. They hope eventually to have up to 30 students.

Although they anticipated attracting dropouts a few credits shy of graduation, only two students are seniors. That shows the earlier age at which

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Medical Journal Urges Mandatory Reporting of HIV Infections

(Massachusetts) - The distinguished *New England Journal of Medicine* is urging mandatory reporting of HIV infections to state health departments to increase the chances people will get early treatment. More than half of all states now require that the names of infected people be reported to confidential registries. However, New York and California, the two with the most cases by far, do not require this.

Early in the epidemic, the need to keep

AIDS infections private was often considered to be more important than any public health benefits of turning names over to health agencies. However, opinion has shifted, and mandatory reporting has grown less controversial in recent years, especially with the advent of treatments for people who are infected but not yet sick.

In Thursday's issue of the journal, Dr. Robert Steinbrook, a deputy editor, said in

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Ballet Season Opener A Wonderful Melange of Modernity

by Rich Arenschioldt

Boing! Boing! Boing! goes the ballet! This past weekends offering by our resident company was an exceptionally bouncy visual and aural treat. While most of Houston seems to be stuck in the storybook syndrome, this boy wonder craves dance from the "Holy akimbo! Batman" school of movement.

This show will satisfy your craving for the movement unique.

The centerpiece of the afternoon was

George Balanchine's *The Four Temperaments*. I had in the forefront of my mind Principal Dancer Lauren Anderson's comment that "Here in Houston we do Balanchine almost better than anyone." Well, she's right. Balanchine understood completely the relationship of music to movement. He commissioned the accompanying musical score from fellow modernist Paul Hindemith for \$500. It was money well spent. Though some shudder at Hindemith's dissonances and unusual rhythmic patterns, they fit hand

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by Carolyn Roberts

Fun-draising

The hardworking folks of the PWA Holiday Charities did some fundraising over the weekend. On Sunday afternoon, Ken (the Fireman) and Don Gill tended bar at Mary's, naturally. A bidding war over Ken's



At the Venture-N.

shirt helped to raise the day's total to \$234. Later at the Venture-N, John Benevides slung some cocktails adding \$62 to the fund's kitty! A job well done by all!

Heavy Hitters

"Two Tons of Fun" weighed on the stage of Gentry this past Sunday. A highlight of the evening's festivities was when Pitty Pat



"Two tons of fun" at Gentry.

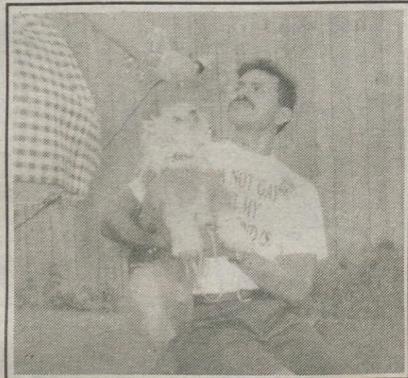
Magnolia Sugarbaker and Jennifer Ellsworth did their rendition of "It's Raining Men!" Hallelujah, they raised \$320 to benefit the RSICSS.

New Miss Briar Patch

Miss Edith Head is the new Miss BriarPatch. Clamida Flowers gave Edith a run for her money. Congrats are in order to Mr. BriarPatch-Anthony. This crowning brought \$500 to the coffers of Stone Soup! Way to go!

BRB donates to PWA

Ms. Nevada and the show at the Brazos River Bottom brought in over \$400. The kind hearted folks that donated money to benefit the PWA Coalition deserve a big, ol' BRB size hug!



At the Annual Dog Show at Mary's

A Real Dog Show

The 16th Annual Dog Show at Mary's howled this past Sunday. Hosts Ova Ewe and Ken Claude awarded winners with blue ribbons and dog food. Congrats to Kimmy, Evan, Reba, Princess, Tasha, Desty, and Mattie. Special awards of "Smells Like a Dog" and "Lies Like a Dog," and "Best Non-dog" were awarded to Dog Lipps. Kimmy (pictured) won awards for "Nelliest" and "Best Costume."

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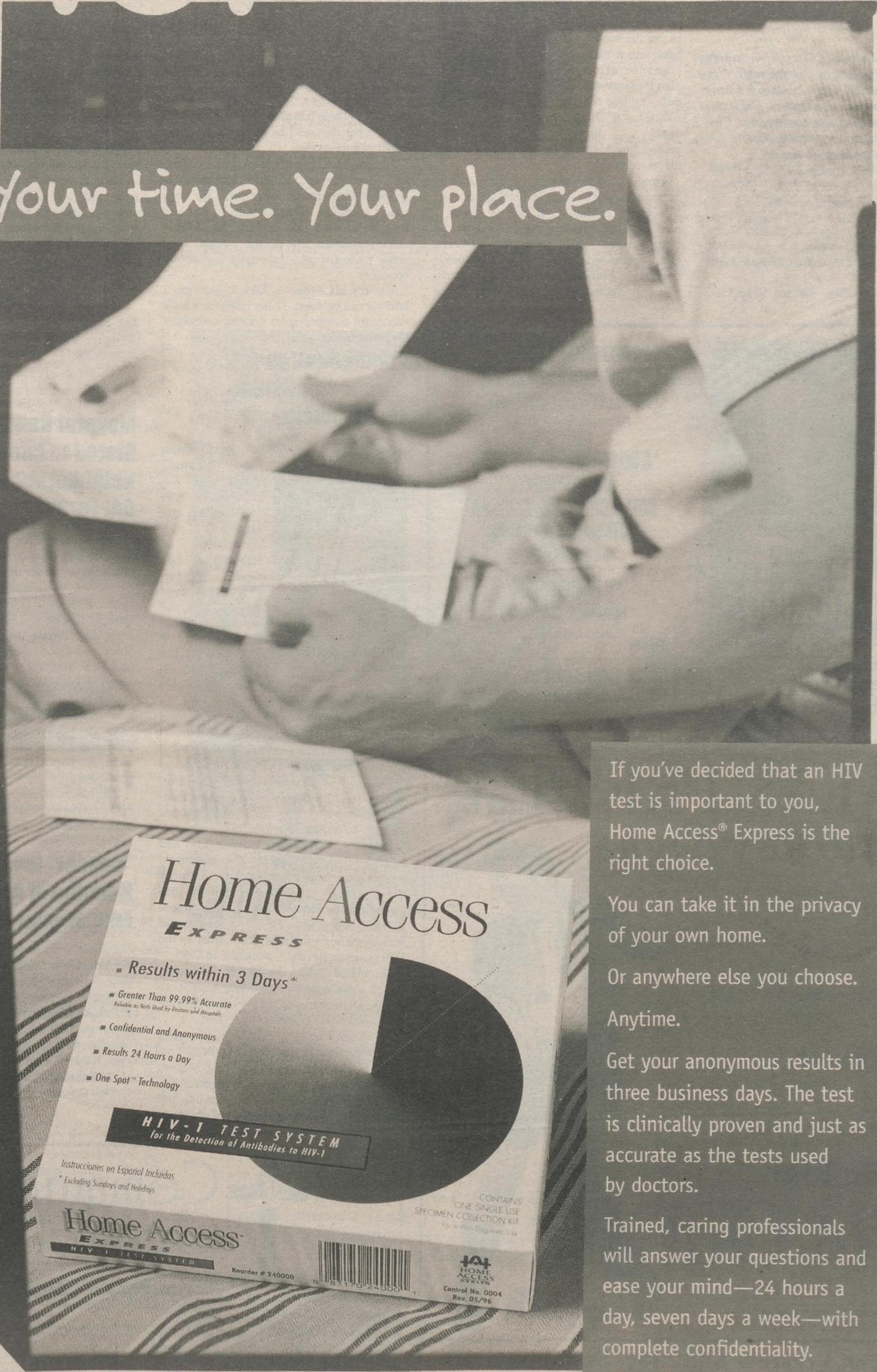
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Greanias Pledges to Make Public Safety a Priority

Mayoral candidate George Greanias announced this week to end the myth that Houston can not have safe streets and a first-rate public transportation system. The statement, made just prior to a discussion of City finances by mayoral candidates before the Tax Research Association, reads:

"Houston's next Mayor faces two major challenges. The first is to maintain the commitment to public safety established over the last six years. The second is to improve public transportation. Because of the Metro transfer, these issues appear to be related, but it is time to end the myth that they are related.

As you know, I have pledged to end the

Metro transfer over the first three years of a Greanias administration. I intend to put the money back into a mass transportation plan that includes rail. Ending the transfer will also avoid the prospect of Metro going into debt over the lost revenues.

I understand this position raises a serious question: What about police protection? My answer is simple. If elected Mayor, I pledge to maintain our police force at the same level of protection offered Houstonians today and to work to improve the ration of officers per thousand residents. If I am elected Mayor, the Houston Police



George Greanias

department will be just as tough in reducing violent crime, just as strong in stopping burglaries, just as quick at getting to your neighborhood to answer your calls.

Let me be clear. I am saying we will maintain the 5,361 officers shown in this year's City budget, which gives us a ration of 3 officers per 1,000 residents. Under a Greanias administration, the force will grow as Houston grows. We can, if we work together towards this goal, even increase the number per thousand by directing new revenues to public safety.

No one should doubt these goals can be met. Each year the City takes approximately \$55 million dollars from metro for non-transit spending. This amounts to just less than 5% of the annual budget. If a Mayor can't reprogram 5% of the budget, they aren't up to the job - especially in a strong economy.

For my six years as City Controller, I know it can be done. Other cities have built successful transportation systems and enjoy the same reduction in crime as Houston."

Parker Continues to Garner Significant Endorsements

Annise Parker, candidate for Houston City Council, Position 1 At-Large, was endorsed by the Houston Association of Realtors last week. Parker, who has already picked up the support of Texas State Representatives Debra Danburg and Garnet Coleman, also received the endorsements of Rep. Sylvester Turner and Ken Yarbrough last week.

"I am deeply honored by the trust which these community leaders have placed in my candidacy," enthused Parker. "I have worked hard for twenty years to bring business, law enforcement and neighborhoods together to improve our city."

A Past president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, the Neartown Association and Neartown Community development Corporation, Parker has served on the Houston Police Department Advisory Committee for over a decade, and was appointed by Mayor Bob Lanier to the HPD Citizen Review Committee in 1993.

In related news, the Parker Campaign issued a challenge to community activists to engage all members of the community in the camps extensive volunteer operation.

"A massive grass roots effort is the secret to moving Annise Parker into office," said Parker's campaign manager Grant Martin. "We've had a great volunteer response so far. But campaign season is now upon us, and our volunteer needs have increased ten fold."



Annise Parker

Mosbacher Unveils Plan for Trade and Jobs

Mayoral candidate Rob Mosbacher announced this week a four point economic growth plan to stimulate trade and bring new jobs to Houston during a press conference at the Houston Ship Channel. Mosbacher repeated his pledge to make Houston the economic gateway to America.

"As Mayor, I will aggressively promote our city around the world, and particularly in Latin America," said Mosbacher. "There is a market of 250 million people to our south and no city in the United States has more to offer them than Houston. As a businessman who has traveled throughout that part of the world, I know first-hand the opportunity that Houston has, and I plan to help our businesses seize it.

The four point plan that is encompasses the Mosbacher Economic Growth Plan includes: Aggressively marketing Houston; Improving air routes to new markets; Maximizing port opportunities; and Maintaining and strengthening economic environment to attract new business.

Mayoral Candidates Slated to Address Neighborhood Issues at CAI Forum

The Houston Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI) will present a luncheon forum for the five leading mayoral candidates, Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at the Red Lion Hotel, 2525 Westheimer, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Lee Brown, Councilmembers Helen Huey and Gracie Saenz, George Greanias and Fob Mosbacher will address specific issues of concern to homeowners and volunteer leaders of community associations and civic organizations such as crime, annexation, recycling, the City's trash sponsorship program, deed restriction enforcement, and requiring lifeguards at every semi-public pool.

The luncheon is open to the public, however reservations are required. For more information and reservations, contact CAI at (713) 784-5462.

"Caeser" Invades Houston at AFH Educational Forum

Project Caeser (Community Advocates for Education, Safer sex And Risk reduction) "invades" Houston with the "Think Negative" series. Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH), the educational Forum, beginning September 29, is geared towards HIV negative men in the Houston area. The Forum continues to take place every Tuesday during the month of October.

The Forum will focus on the complex

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issues many uninfected gay and bisexual men face living in a community entrenched by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

According to Forum Coordinator, Philip Knowlton "think negative is about much more than HIV issues. It teaches men about the ups and downs of dating, sex, relationships, negotiation and finding your place and identity in the community." Furthermore, Knowlton continued, "it provides a supportive and informal group environment for men to work out their issues."

The complimentary Forums are all inter-related. For more information, contact Philip Knowlton or Randall Ellis with Project CAESAR at (713) 62306796 or email: education@aidshelp.org.

AssistHers Are Doing it for Themselves

AssistHers is a lesbian organization dedicated to helping Houston area women who are experiencing a chronic or acute illness. The group is in need of volunteers to work as members of a team. Each team is assigned to one client and provides basic non-medical services to the client, her partner, and family members.

Volunteers are needed to perform monthly tasks such as: a home visit, pet care, grocery shopping, transportation, yard work, and respite care. By volunteering four to six hours a month, volunteers make a significant difference to a lesbian woman who may be feeling isolated and overwhelmed by her illness, according to the organization.

In the last twelve months, AssistHers has helped 18 women with illnesses such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, lupus, depression, and stroke. To volunteer, contact AssistHers at (713) 521-4628.

Miss Camp America Hosts 29th Annual Pageant this Weekend

The 29th Annual Miss Camp America Pageant - *Under the Big Top* - will be held Saturday, September 13 at the University of Houston Cullen Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the gala will be distributed to The assistance Fund, Bering Dental Clinic, The Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund, Montrose Clinic's Frost Eye Clinic, and People with AIDS Coalition - Houston.

The perennial event began 29 years ago as a spoof of the Miss America Pageant, a television staple for decades. The all male (plus one female) revue will showcase talent presentation, swimsuit presentation, and some of the most creative and extravagant evening gowns ever seen on a stage. During the performance, one will enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, choreography, oversized wigs, headpieces, and "fabulous" costumes as they spoof the Miss America Pageant with their "beauties" complete with size 15 heels and long luscious legs.

The show, which has been recognized by Governors Richards and Bush, as well as Mayor Lanier, has become an integral part of the September Houston scene in the style of *La Cage aux Folles*. Tickets are available through TicketMaster. For more information, call (713) 639-3700.

Briefs....

Representative Debra Danburg will be the keynote speaker at the next meeting of LiB, September 19, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. Danburg, an advocate of women and gay and lesbian issues in the state legislature, will address the group and follow up with a question and answer session from participants. For more information, call the LiB Hotline at (713) 529-0077....

The City of Houston Planning and Development Department announced that their first annual Neighborhood connections Conference held last weekend was a huge success. four hundred community and civic leaders attended the day-long networking conference that brought together - for the

first time - community resource professionals, neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations and city departments....

The Houston Comedy Arts Open, presented by HBO and the US Comedy ARTS Festival (USCAF), will take place 11 a.m., Thursday, September 18 at Laff Stop, 1952 West Gray. Hosted by VH-1 Video Jockey, Billy D., is an opportunity for aspiring comedians to be noticed by industry professionals. For more information on the competition, call Laff Stop at (713) 524-2333....

Opening the fourth season of concerts with a series expanded to include five concerts, the Houston Symphony Chamber Players offers a program of works by Devienne, Roussel, Rossini, and Schubert, Wednesday, September 17 in Stude concert Hall at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. Maestro Christoph Eschenbach

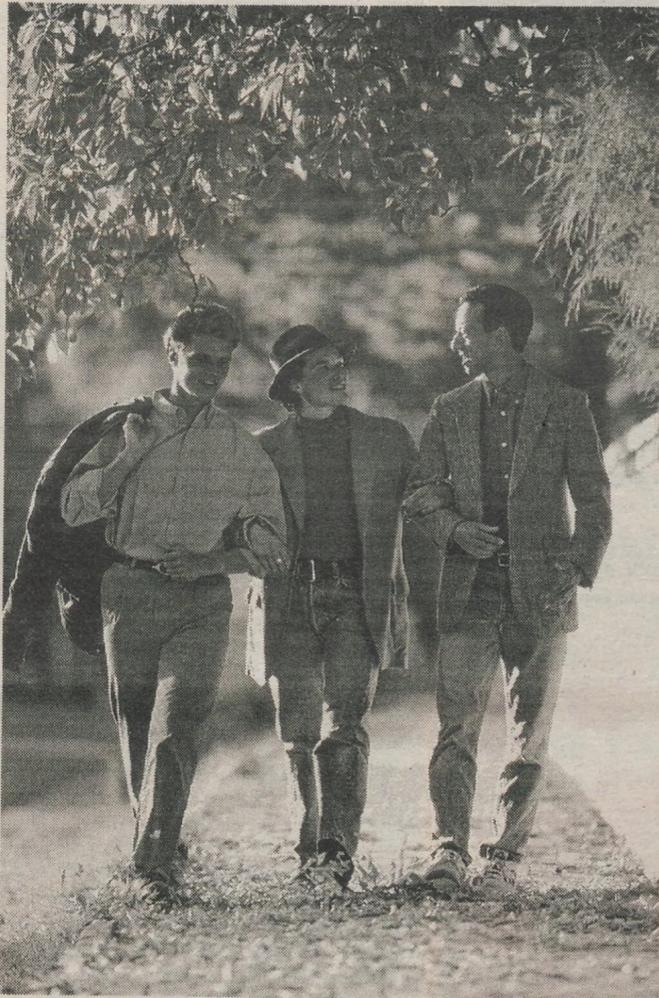
will be featured as pianist in Schubert's beloved *Trout* Quintet. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and is preceded by Concert Insights, a twenty-minute discussion form the stage beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (713) 222-ARTS....

This Tuesday, September 16 the 1998 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee opens up nomination for the new year. Positions available include co-chairs and committee members to work on next years parade and events. For more information, call (713) 529-6979....

Midtowne Spa will be celebrating their 21st Anniversary with a gala part and show. The event encompasses an evening of food, fun and entertainment. Debbie Delicious, Ova Ewe, J.T. Stone, Rafael Martinez and Rainbo D' Klow'n will join

hosts Hyron Hall and Barbara Velour for an eclectic evening of live entertainment. A drawing for a round trip ticket for two to New Orleans will be given during the festivities. For more information, call David Richardson or Mark Greinert at (713) 522-2379....

Finally, The American Cancer Society is offering fee smoking cessation classes for smokers beginning September 17. The four class program continues September 20, 24, and 27. About 12-15 persons form each group and are led by a trained ex-smoker or health professional. Participants must register. A \$20.00 deposit is required, which will be refunded upon completion of the program. For more information on the FreshStart program, call the American Cancer Society ant (713) 266-2877.



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Pataki Creates High-Level State AIDS Task Force

(New York) - A high-level task force to better coordinate state policies dealing with HIV-infected New Yorkers has been created through an executive order issued Wednesday by Gov. George Pataki.

The inter-agency task force will be headed by Pataki's Director of State Operations James Natoli and state Health Commissioner Dr. Barbara DeBuono. The heads of 15 other state agencies that serve at-risk individuals or groups will also be on the task force.

"New York leads the nation in both the number of AIDS cases and the scope of state-supported medical and social services for those who are affected by the AIDS epidemic," Pataki said. "We need to ensure

that the state's HIV/AIDS policies are consistent across agencies and are based on the most current information about HIV prevention and care."

The task force must submit a report to the governor by 1999. It will examine a comprehensive list of programs serving people with HIV/AIDS; identify areas of duplication or fragmentation in care; educate agency personnel to increase awareness; and establish a collaborative relationship with the state AIDS Advisory Council. The chairman of the AIDS Advisory Council will be invited to task force meetings.

Stacey Millman, of the New York AIDS Coalition, said she was "thrilled" by news of Pataki's action. "This is an important step forward for this administration in terms of recognizing the needs of AID patients," she said.

News of the task force came Wednesday

as the *New England Journal of Medicine* urged mandatory reporting of HIV infections to state health departments to increase the chances people will get early treatment. Neither New York nor California, the state's with the highest incidence of AIDS, require the names of infected people be reported to state authorities.

Bill Requiring Semen Donors to be HIV Tested Signed Into Law

(New Jersey) - Legislation that requires semen banks to test donors for the HIV virus and freeze donated specimens for at least six months was signed into law Tuesday.

The law will require an HIV test to be performed with the donor's written consent. Any potential donor who refuses to consent to an HIV test will not be permitted to donate semen. The law improves health safety standards at semen banks by bringing them into conformance with national standards established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Taxpayers will not foot the bill for the tests, they will be paid for by the semen bank clients. Under the law, violators will be found guilty of a disorderly persons offense, punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine for each offense.

Mayor Giuliani Sanctions Princess Diana Tribute

(New York) - Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says New York City will be honored to host a Sept. 14 memorial tribute to Princess Diana.

"There are many, many people who felt very close to her, who are very touched by her death and her life," the mayor said Thursday. "I do think that there was a special relationship between the princess and the city of New York, and it gives New York a chance to express that as well."

The memorial service will be held in Central Park's north meadow and will include a tribute of prayer and music for "the people's princess," officials announced Thursday.

Representatives of the Episcopal Church and the British government said the extraordinary reaction to Diana's death had prompted them to suggest an outdoor memorial. The city agreed. Since Diana's death Sunday in a car crash in Paris, about 10,000 people have come to the New York consulate to write messages in 15 books of condolence that will be sent to London.

"The outpouring of affection for Diana at the consulate has been such that we felt something had to be done in a public manner to honor and memorialize her life and work," said the Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, Episcopal bishop of New York.

The interfaith tribute, based on an Anglican Church service, will include readings, music and prayer. In addition, there may be speeches by representatives of charities with which Diana worked. The city service will take place eight days after Diana is buried in her home village, about 60 miles north of London.

The last memorial service held in the park was in 1980 for John Lennon, park officials said.

House Honors Princess Diana

(Capitol) - The House joined the Senate last Thursday in mourning the loss of Princess Diana, saying she had "touched the hearts" of Americans with her good work.

In a resolution passed by voice, the House expressed its "deep and heartfelt condolences" to the British people and government and her family. The Senate approved a resolution making Saturday, the day of her funeral, a "National Day of Recognition for the humanitarian efforts of Diana, Princess of Wales."

The House resolution praised Diana for her work in such areas as AIDS, breast cancer, the homeless and land mines, and said she "touched the hearts of the British and American people with her unflagging

humanitarian and charitable efforts, her grace and her good humor."

Rep. Ben Gilman, House International Relations Committee Chairman, said the "outpouring of emotion by the American people that we have witnessed is due to an identification with a woman who personified a fairy-tale princess and who represented infinite possibilities. We are greatly diminished by this loss," he said.

Anti-Gay Messages Scrawled on Sidewalk at MTSU

(Tennessee) - Scrawling messages with chalk is a common way of promoting events at Middle Tennessee State University. But the medium took an ugly turn when anti-gay sentiments were scrawled on a sidewalk outside Peck Hall.

Last week, students found "Faggots=maggots" and "Lambda must go" scrawled on the sidewalk. Lambda - a group for lesbian, gay and bisexual students - has condemned the action.

Authorities say many student groups, including Lambda, use the sidewalk and chalk to advertise meetings and events and it will be hard to identify those responsible. "If there's any information, we'd follow up on it," said Lt. Roy Brewer of the university security force.

Two Heterosexual Men Sue Gay Bar, Claim Discrimination

(Minnesota) - Two men have filed suit against a gay bar, claiming they were barred from entering the establishment because they are heterosexual.

Torence Harris and Greg Krebs say they went to the Gay 90's Theatre Cafe & Bar on July 29 to meet two friends. They contend a bouncer told them they could not enter because they are not gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Their suit, filed last week, says the action violates a 1993 amendment to the Minnesota Human Rights Act guaranteeing access to accommodations and businesses regardless of sexual orientation. The two seek damages in excess of \$50,000.

"A lot of gay people helped get that new law passed," said Timothy Hickman, the men's lawyer. "It's troubling that ... the management of the Gay 90's is not willing to live up to the legal obligations it wants the rest of the community to live by."

Robert Parker, the bar's night manager, denied the allegations. "We serve anyone who isn't drunk, underage or belligerent," he said. "I think they're out for monetary gain," Parker added.

Bill to Require HIV Test Stalls

(Wisconsin) - A bill that would make Wisconsin the only state to require HIV tests for couples seeking a marriage license is stalled in an Assembly committee.

Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-Onalaska, chairman of the Assembly Children and Families Committee that held a hearing on the bill Thursday, said there is no need for a vote because the legislation lacks support on the committee. Four other Republicans on the committee co-sponsored the bill; four Democrats oppose it.

Huebsch said he is the key vote on the issue, but since he came away from the hearing with more doubts than ever, the bill won't be scheduled for a vote. The measure, sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Steven Foti, R-Oconomowoc, "has its share of problems," Huebsch said. He cited the experience of Illinois, which had a similar law that was later repealed. Many couples got around the Illinois law by going to neighboring states to be married.

Foti remains very serious about the proposal and will work to find an acceptable version. Foti said he proposed the bill to slow the spread of AIDS among heterosexuals, where it is increasing faster than in any other segment of the population. HIV tests

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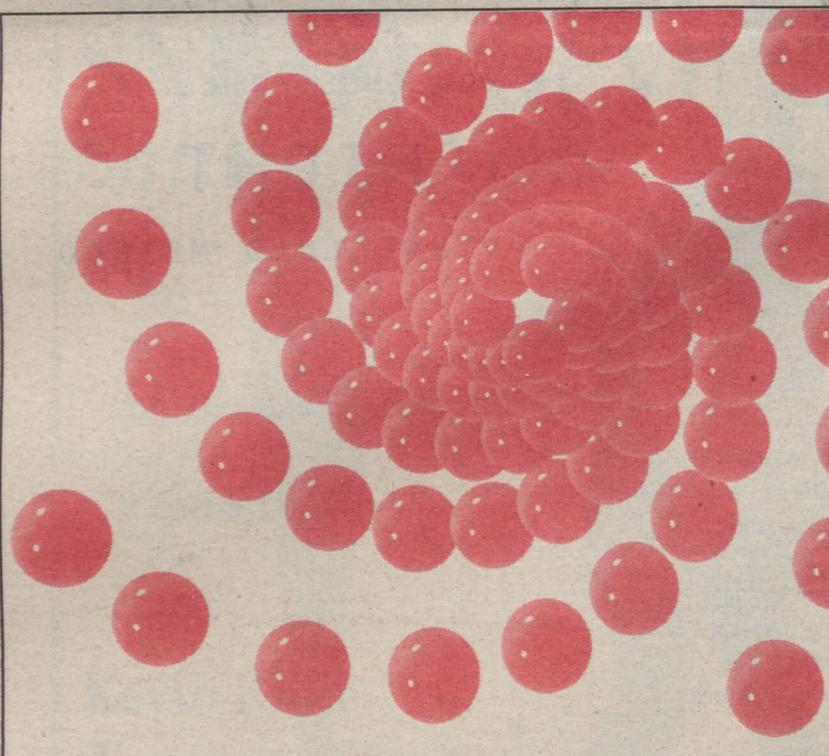
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People treated with VIRACEPT may experience some side effects; the most common is mild to moderate diarrhea in approximately 20% of people in clinical trials. There are some common medications and some AIDS-related medications you should not take with VIRACEPT. It is important to discuss with your doctor all other medications that you are taking.

We still can't make any long-term promises, since it is not yet known whether taking VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that can occur with HIV. But if you've already made the tough choice, talk to your doctor about VIRACEPT and the new options it offers. Or for more details, call toll free **1-888-VIRACEPT** or visit www.agouron.com.

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TABLETS and ORAL POWDER

BRIEF SUMMARY: For complete prescribing information, see package insert.

VIRACEPT is indicated for the treatment of HIV infection when antiretroviral therapy is warranted. This indication is based on surrogate marker changes in patients who received VIRACEPT in combination with nucleoside analogues or alone for up to 24 weeks. At present, there are no results from controlled trials evaluating the effect of therapy with VIRACEPT on clinical progression of HIV infection, such as survival or the incidence of opportunistic infections.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

VIRACEPT is contraindicated in patients with clinically significant hypersensitivity to any of its components.

WARNING

Patients with Phenylketonuria: VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains 11.2 mg phenylalanine per gram of powder.

VIRACEPT should not be administered concurrently with terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride, triazolam or midazolam, because competition for CYP3A by nelfinavir could result in inhibition of the metabolism of these drugs and create the potential for serious and/or life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias or prolonged sedation.

PRECAUTIONS

General

Nelfinavir is principally metabolized by the liver. Therefore, caution should be exercised when administering this drug to patients with hepatic impairment.

Resistance/Cross Resistance: Because the potential for HIV cross resistance between protease inhibitors has not been fully explored, it is unknown what effect nelfinavir therapy will have on the activity of subsequently administered protease inhibitors. (See MICROBIOLOGY in complete prescribing information.)

Hemophilia

There have been reports of increased bleeding, including spontaneous skin hematomas and hemarthrosis, in patients with hemophilia type A and B treated with protease inhibitors. In some patients, additional factor VIII was given. In more than half of the reported cases, treatment with protease inhibitors was continued or reintroduced. A causal relationship has not been established.

Information For Patients

For optimal absorption, patients should be advised to take VIRACEPT with food. (See Pharmacokinetics and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

Patients should be informed that VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection and that they may continue to acquire illnesses associated with advanced HIV infection, including opportunistic infections.

Patients should be told that the long-term effects of VIRACEPT are unknown at this time. They should be told that there is currently no data demonstrating that VIRACEPT therapy can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Patients should be advised to take VIRACEPT every day as prescribed. Patients should not alter the dose or discontinue therapy without consulting with their doctor. If a dose is missed, patients should take the dose as soon as possible and then return to their normal schedule. However, if a dose is skipped, the patient should not double the next dose.

The most frequent adverse event associated with VIRACEPT is diarrhea, which can usually be controlled with non-prescription drugs, such as loperamide, which slow gastrointestinal motility.

VIRACEPT may interact with some drugs, therefore, patients should be advised to report to their doctor the use of any other prescription or non-prescription medication.

Patients receiving oral contraceptives should be instructed that alternate or additional contraceptive measures should be used during therapy with VIRACEPT.

Drug Interactions

Nelfinavir is an inhibitor of CYP3A (cytochrome P450 3A). Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs primarily metabolized by CYP3A may result in increased plasma concentrations of the other drug that could increase or prolong both its therapeutic and adverse effects. Nelfinavir is metabolized in part by CYP3A. Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs that induce CYP3A may decrease nelfinavir plasma concentrations and reduce its therapeutic effect. Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs that inhibit CYP3A may increase nelfinavir plasma concentrations.

Based on known metabolic profiles, clinically significant drug interactions are not expected between VIRACEPT and dapsone, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, clarithromycin, azithromycin, erythromycin, itraconazole or fluconazole.

Antihistamines

Terfenadine: Administration of terfenadine with VIRACEPT resulted in the appearance of unchanged terfenadine in plasma; therefore, VIRACEPT should not be administered concurrently with terfenadine because of the potential for serious and/or life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. Because a similar interaction is likely, VIRACEPT should also not be administered concurrently with astemizole.

Anti-HIV protease inhibitors

Indinavir: Coadministration of indinavir with VIRACEPT resulted in an 83% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 51% increase in indinavir plasma AUC. The safety of this combination has not been established.

Ritonavir: Coadministration of ritonavir with VIRACEPT resulted in a 152% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and very little change in ritonavir plasma AUC. The safety of this combination has not been established.

Saquinavir: Coadministration of saquinavir with VIRACEPT resulted in an 18% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 392% increase in saquinavir plasma AUC. If used in combination, no dose adjustments are needed.

Antifungal agents

Ketoconazole: Coadministration of ketoconazole with VIRACEPT resulted in a 35% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC. This change was not considered clinically significant and no dose adjustment is needed when ketoconazole and VIRACEPT are coadministered.

Anti-HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors

Didanosine: It is recommended that didanosine be administered on an empty stomach; therefore, nelfinavir should be administered (with food) one hour after or more than two hours before didanosine.

Zidovudine: Coadministration of zidovudine and lamivudine with VIRACEPT resulted in a 35% decrease in zidovudine plasma AUC. A dose adjustment is not needed when zidovudine is administered with VIRACEPT.

Little or no change in the pharmacokinetics of either drug was observed when VIRACEPT was coadministered with lamivudine or stavudine.

Antimycobacterial agents

Rifabutin: Coadministration of rifabutin and VIRACEPT resulted in a 32% decrease in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 207% increase in rifabutin plasma AUC. It is recommended that the dose of rifabutin be reduced to one-half the usual dose when administered with VIRACEPT.

Rifampin: Coadministration of rifampin and VIRACEPT resulted in an 82% decrease in nelfinavir plasma AUC. VIRACEPT and rifampin should not be coadministered.

Oral Contraceptives

Ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone: Coadministration of VIRACEPT with OVCON-35 resulted in a 47% decrease in ethinyl estradiol and an 18% decrease in norethindrone plasma concentrations. Alternate or additional contraceptive measures should be used during therapy with VIRACEPT.

Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis

Carcinogenicity studies in animals have not yet been completed. Nelfinavir was not, however, mutagenic or clastogenic in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests including microbial mutagenesis (Ames), mouse lymphoma, chromosome aberrations in human lymphocytes, and an *in vivo* rat micronucleus assay.

Pregnancy, Fertility and Reproduction - Pregnancy Category B

Comparisons of systemic exposure are based on the steady-state area under the plasma concentration time curve (AUC) observed in humans receiving the recommended therapeutic dose. Nelfinavir produced no effects on either male or female mating and fertility or embryo survival in rat studies at exposures comparable to human therapeutic exposure. There were also no effects on fetal development or maternal toxicity when nelfinavir was administered to pregnant rats at systemic exposures comparable to human exposure. Administration of nelfinavir to pregnant rabbits resulted in no fetal development effects up to a dose at which a slight decrease in maternal body weight was observed; however, even at the highest dose evaluated, systemic exposure in rabbits was significantly lower than human exposure. Additional studies in rats indicated that exposure to nelfinavir in females from mid-pregnancy through lactation had no effect on the survival, growth, and development of the offspring to weaning. Subsequent reproductive performance of these offspring was also not affected by maternal exposure to nelfinavir. However, there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, VIRACEPT should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing Mothers

The US Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises HIV-infected women not to breast-feed to avoid postnatal transmission of HIV to a child who may not yet be infected. Studies in lactating rats have demonstrated that nelfinavir is excreted in milk. It is not known whether nelfinavir is excreted in human milk.

Pediatric Use

Nelfinavir was studied in one open-label, uncontrolled trial in 38 pediatric patients ranging in age from 2 to 13 years. In order to achieve plasma concentrations in pediatric patients which approximate those observed in adults, the recommended pediatric dose is 20-30 mg/kg given three times daily, not to exceed 750 mg three times a day. (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

A similar adverse event profile was seen during the pediatric clinical trial as in adult patients. The evaluation of the antiviral activity of nelfinavir in pediatric patients is ongoing.

The safety, effectiveness and pharmacokinetics of nelfinavir have not been evaluated in pediatric patients below the age of 2 years.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The safety of VIRACEPT was studied in over 1500 patients who received drug either alone or in combination with nucleoside analogues (d4T or ZDV/3TC). The majority of adverse events were of mild intensity. The most frequently reported adverse event among patients receiving VIRACEPT was diarrhea, which was generally of mild to moderate intensity.

Drug-related clinical adverse experiences of moderate or severe intensity in $\geq 2\%$ of patients treated with VIRACEPT coadministered with ZDV plus 3TC (Study 511) or in combination with d4T (Study 506) for up to 24 weeks are presented in Table 1.

Table 1—Percentage of Patients with Treatment-Emergent¹ Adverse Events of Moderate or Severe Intensity Reported in $\geq 2\%$ of Patients

Adverse Events	Study 511 Naive Patients			Study 506 Experienced Patients		
	Placebo + ZDV/3TC (n=101)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=97)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=100)	Placebo + d4T (n=109)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=98)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=101)
Body as a Whole						
Abdominal Pain	1%	0	0	3%	2%	4%
Asthenia	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%
Digestive System						
Diarrhea	3%	14%	20%	10%	28%	32%
Nausea	4%	3%	7%	1%	3%	2%
Flatulence	0	5%	2%	4%	8%	3%
Skin/Appendages						
Rash	1%	1%	3%	0	4%	3%

¹ Includes those adverse events at least possibly related to study drug or of unknown relationship and excludes concurrent HIV conditions

Adverse events occurring in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT in all phase II/III clinical trials and considered at least possibly related or of unknown relationship to treatment and of at least moderate severity are listed below.

Body as a Whole: accidental injury, allergic reaction, back pain, fever, headache, malaise, and pain.

Digestive System: anorexia, dyspepsia, epigastric pain, gastrointestinal bleeding, hepatitis, mouth ulceration, pancreatitis and vomiting.

Hemic/Lymphatic System: anemia, leukopenia and thrombocytopenia.

Metabolic/Nutritional System: increases in alkaline phosphate, amylase, creatine phosphokinase, lactic dehydrogenase, SGOT, SGPT and gamma glutamyl transpeptidase; hyperlipemia, hyperuricemia, hypoglycemia, dehydration, and liver function tests abnormal.

Musculoskeletal System: arthralgia, arthritis, cramps, myalgia, myasthenia and myopathy.

Nervous System: anxiety, depression, dizziness, emotional lability, hyperkinesia, insomnia, migraine, paresthesia, seizures, sleep disorder, somnolence and suicide ideation.

Respiratory System: dyspnea, pharyngitis, rhinitis, and sinusitis.

Skin/Appendages: dermatitis, folliculitis, fungal dermatitis, maculopapular rash, pruritus, sweating, and urticaria.

Special Senses: acute iritis and eye disorder.

Urogenital System: kidney calculus, sexual dysfunction and urine abnormality.

Laboratory Abnormalities

Few patients experienced significant laboratory abnormalities while receiving VIRACEPT. The percentage of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities in Studies 511 and 506 are presented in Table 2. Marked laboratory abnormalities are defined as a Grade 3 or 4 abnormality in a patient with a normal baseline value or a Grade 4 abnormality in a patient with a Grade 1 abnormality at baseline.

Table 2—Percentage of Patients by Treatment Group With Marked Laboratory Abnormalities¹ in $>2\%$ of Patients

	Study 511 Naive Patients			Study 506 Experienced Patients		
	Placebo + ZDV/3TC (n=101)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=97)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=100)	Placebo + d4T (n=109)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=98)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=101)
Hematology						
Hemoglobin	6%	3%	2%	0	0	0
Neutrophils	4%	3%	5%	1%	1%	4%
Lymphocytes	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	0
Chemistry						
ALT (SGPT)	6%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
AST (SGOT)	4%	1%	0	0	3%	3%
Creatine Kinase	7%	2%	2%	4%	5%	6%

¹ Marked laboratory abnormalities are defined as a shift from Grade 0 at baseline to at least Grade 3 or from Grade 1 to Grade 4

OVERDOSAGE

Human experience of acute overdose with VIRACEPT is limited. There is no specific antidote for overdose with VIRACEPT. If indicated, elimination of unabsorbed drug should be achieved by emesis or gastric lavage. Administration of activated charcoal may also be used to aid removal of unabsorbed drug. Since nelfinavir is highly protein bound, dialysis is unlikely to significantly remove drug from blood.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adults: The recommended dose is 750 mg (three 250 mg tablets) three times daily. VIRACEPT should be taken with a meal or light snack. Antiviral activity of VIRACEPT is enhanced when VIRACEPT is administered in combination with nucleoside analogues. Therefore, it is recommended that VIRACEPT be used in combination with nucleoside analogues.

Pediatric Patients (2-13 years): The recommended oral dose of VIRACEPT for pediatric patients 2 to 13 years of age is 20-30 mg/kg per dose, three times daily with a meal or a light snack. (See complete prescribing information for dosage table.) For children unable to take tablets, VIRACEPT Oral Powder may be administered. VIRACEPT Oral Powder should not be reconstituted with water in its original container.

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would stop one spouse from infecting another or a child they have, Foti said. "As you enter the marriage, you ought to know whether you have the capability of having healthy children," Foti said.

Under the proposal, no marriage license could be issued unless the couple proved that they had a blood test for the HIV virus at least 30 days before applying for the license. Couples would not have to tell county clerks, who issue marriage licenses, the results of the tests, and no one could be prohibited from marrying if the test was positive for HIV.

Mike Gifford, director of public policy for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, testified against the bill. There are more effective strategies against the HIV virus than requiring blood tests for it before marriage, Gifford said. "Applying for a marriage license is not at-risk behavior," said Gifford, who said the bill does not address his group's major strategy of targeted testing, intervention and education.

Dane County Clerk Joe Parisi predicted state and local revenue losses if the bill is passed. In Illinois, he said, the number of marriage licenses issued dropped by 22 percent in the 18 months the law was in place.

Agency's Funds at Risk in Flap Over Handout

(North Carolina) - A Mecklenburg County commissioner has threatened to withhold funding for an AIDS program after a volunteer distributed a sexually frank pamphlet to a group of teenage girls.

The unidentified volunteer, a female AIDS patient, discussed safe sex this summer with a group of 13- and 14-year-olds at the Area Health Education Center, a state public health agency affiliated with Carolinas Medical Center. The woman gave out excerpts from a booklet entitled "Safe Sex, Safer Sex and Unsafe Sex." The excerpts explored various safe sex techniques including masturbation, simulated oral sex and sex toys.

"That kind of information would encourage somebody to almost want sex," Commissioner Hoyle Martin said Thursday. "I just can't understand it. It's as wrong as two left shoes. It's irresponsible." In a letter to Metrolina AIDS Project executive director Les Kooyman, Martin expressed anger over the booklet and said MAP risked losing \$46,844 in county funds.

Kooyman said his agency never authorized distribution of the explicit material. "We have approved materials and a volunteer took it upon herself to use materials that were not approved . . . and certainly not endorsed by this agency," he said.

Kooyman said the county money represents about 5 percent of MAP's budget. But he said the money is used for case management, including helping people with AIDS get medical treatment. "I would hate to see us be penalized because it would affect the core of what we do in trying to help people," he said. "I hope it's a misunderstanding and

hopefully something we can work out. We certainly would like to work with commissioner Martin on this to make sure we are following the guidelines."

Earlier this year, the county placed new restrictions on agencies that counsel young people about sex. The restrictions require most counseling to be done only in the presence of the parents or with their permission.

San Francisco Man Chosen As Next Director Of Maine AIDS Agency

(Maine) - The director of a senior citizen health center in San Francisco will begin work Nov. 1 as executive director of Maine's largest agency serving people with HIV and AIDS.

George Friou was the unanimous choice of a committee that reviewed 40 applicants to head The AIDS Project after Stephen T. Moskey resigned in March. Friou, 41, currently is executive director of North of Market Senior Services in San Francisco. The \$2.3 million agency provides a wide range of health services to senior citizens.

The AIDS Project has a \$1 million budget and a staff of 19 who provide HIV/AIDS prevention education and service to people with HIV and AIDS in York, Cumberland, Androscoggin and Oxford counties.

Reached Wednesday in California, Friou said his career has involved him in many public health issues such as nutrition, high school health education, senior services, and health needs in developing countries. He has worked in Pakistan and the African country of Gabon.

But Friou has grown increasingly concerned with HIV and AIDS in recent years. "A lot of gay men and women infected with HIV are friends of mine, and they are passing away, and it's become very personal - how to find ways of preventing this," he said. "It becomes quite a motivating point of one's life."

Officials at The AIDS Project praised Friou's demeanor and wealth of experience. Friou's experience with needle-exchange programs at North of Market Senior Services and at Upham's Corner Health Center in the Dorchester section of Boston was of particular interest to the search committee. Needle exchanges are designed to limit transmission of the HIV virus among intravenous drug users.

"One of the things we're aware of is that intravenous drug use is being represented among a greater percentage of people who get infected with HIV," Mike Martin said. Martin, vice-president of The AIDS Project board of directors, said the trend in Maine shows greater HIV incidence among people who have substance abuse and mental health problems.

Friou will be the agency's fourth executive director since 1990.

Man Accused of AIDS-Cure Fraud Sentenced

(Missouri) - Several would-be investors continued to support Patrick Graham's supposed research on an AIDS cure, even See NAT'L page 14

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It's in the Kiss

by Larry Lingle

The latest "gay" movie catching all the headlines - thanks to big-picture promotional budget - is "In and Out" starring Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck. Actually this picture owes its existence to an earlier gay-themed film, "Philadelphia". After winning an Oscar for playing the dying hero of that

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movie, Tom Hanks outed his high school drama teacher and this planted the seed for the current "In and Out".

It's been more than a quarter of a century since "Boys in the Band" brought a group of gay characters onto the cinematic screen. And while that ground breaker now seems dated (gay liberation and AIDS has aged us all) it remained THE gay movie for a decade. It was not until "Making Love" hit the theatres fifteen years ago that a major motion picture (as the flacks are wont to call them) again dealt solely with a gay theme.

I recall all too vividly seeing the first trailer (preview) for that film in a Dallas theater and even such a sanitized version had the audience groaning in disapproval. I actually saw the movie for the first time in a press screening notable only because the local Dallas newspaper reviewer, now better known to cable television as Billy Bob, scorched the movie and its gay theme.

My only reservation about "Making Love" was that its heterosexual stars playing gay were too obviously "playing gay". The one serious love scene was about as convincing as Rock Hudson wooing Doris Day (not even a straight actor could convincingly woo Day through all that gauze). Otherwise, besides being personally smitten with Michael Ontkean (the half of the love affair rarely mentioned in retrospectives) I related to a married man being attracted to another man. In fact, Ontkean's and Kate Jackson's fictional marriage hit the rocks after eight years, the same as my own marriage, the only major difference was that my wife and I did not read Rupert Brook to each other, although I did try to get her to read Gordon Merrick.

Harry Hamlin, Ontkean's love interest, managed to overcome any adverse effect of playing a gay man by assuming particularly masculine roles as well as conducting rather public romances with a number of overly obvious feminine types. Ontkean has been less successful, usually being cast a sensitive type, not an unlikely casting for someone who began as published poet. His last major role was as a lead in a television movie playing an abusive husband - the movie's only significant moment was Ontkean displaying a well-toned body for a fifty-year old man.

"In and Out", written by Paul Rudnick (all the many press-related stories mention he wrote "Jeffery" but fail to note that he is personally "out" as is the producer of the movie) who apparently, according to the press kit, avoids "political" statements and tries simply for humor which some critics have mistaken for stereotypes. It does, however, retain the "kiss" which has become the defining issue for a gay movie. Whether true or not, every straight actor from Hamlin to Will Smith seems to struggle with the kiss, as if this is the most horrendous act demanded of an actor. If Rock Hudson, Anthony Perkins, Valentino and all the other gay actors of the past could fake all those many kisses on the pliant lips of countless leading ladies (many of whom would have preferred another woman) then come on guys, your

supposed to be actors, fake it.

And besides, not all kisses between gay men lead necessarily to passionate love. The casual kiss of Patrick Cassidy as he said good morning to his lover in "Longtime Companion" seemed natural and unaffected. Even in the low-budget "Kiss Me Guido" we accepted that the macho straight Italian would have trouble with the "kiss" and delighted in his discomfort - and loved him all the more, what a body.

Unfortunately, the focus is all too often on these big-budget movies - after all, their producers want to attract as much publicity as possible to generate the audience needed to make money. For everyone of these movies there are dozens of low-budget films with gay themes - and often gay actors - which go relatively unnoticed. "Parting Glances" is still one of the better such films even though made earlier in the AIDS epidemic it does not suffer from being out of date as the more mainstream "Before the Frost".

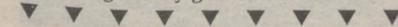
On a personal note I had occasion to remonstrate with the editor of this newspaper recently over a "news" story about a sale at a local branch of a chain video store. In the article it said that this store had the largest selection of "alternative" (that's straight business parlance for "gay and lesbian") films in the city. I, of course, had to call to correct this statement as I knew that my store had the largest such selection to rent in the state.

Continuing this personal note, I am constantly made aware that the gay press, more than its straight counterpart, is prone to accept any and all claims stated in its advertising. Thus another gay publication circulating throughout the state regularly carries ads claiming the biggest video selection in Austin and now one here in Houston, both such claims vastly incorrect. Simply because an advertiser pays for an ad does not exempt the publication from liability over false claims.

In a recent *New York Times* article, Bernard Weinraub explored the brief history of gay roles, noting that in today's world playing gay is far from a dead end for an actor. He cites particularly Eric Lutes, a New York stage actor who was brought in to play a gay station manager on "Frasier". The episode was one of that show's most successful and Lutes was flooded with offers.

Weinraub also recalls that real gay men have often not fared well on the big screen. Almost half a century ago the father of the musical, MGM Studios, made "Words and Music" about the lives of Richard Rodgers and Lorenze Hart. Mickey Rooney played the short and gay Hart and in the film Hart died relatively young over heartbreak from being short. When Cary Grant played Cole Porter in the screen biography of the same, "Night and Day", there was nothing of Porter being gay (even less about Grant's bisexual past), only a romance with Alexis Smith and their later married life spent in separate mansions. In the movie Porter's only problem was being too rich.

But even now, some actors are hesitant about playing gay - Steve Martin turned down the role taken by Kevin Kline. Ah well, but at least there is a story out that Ellen DeGeneres is trying to get Clint Eastwood to play a gay man on her series. The harks back to the old days of television's "Rawhide" and a younger, lanky Eastwood. The stuff from which fantasies are made. That, after all, is what movies are all about. Just so long as they give us the "kiss".



The choice is yours...

by Leslie Ramsay

The past week's news was filled with stories of the death of Princess Diana and how the paparazzi were responsible. Now we find out, after three separate blood tests, that the chauffeur was drunk. Not only was his blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit, they also discovered Prozac and traces of a sedative in his system.

Still the media spins the story about motorcycle riding camera guys. The real story is the Princess got into a car with a drunk who killed her.

How many of us over the past year or so have let a friend or acquaintance who is a little "tipsy" get into a car and drive? "Topsy" for some is totally smashed for others. Being able to handle your liquor should not be a test of your machismo.

Partying is a requirement for some members of our community. The myth of the carefree lifestyle of the single homosexual apparently includes massive quantities of alcohol and drug ingestion. I am sure that the rate of alcoholism and drug abuse is no greater than the heterosexual community. I have read the reports contrary to this belief

offenders must go through in order to get their license reinstated. Many of the people that go through this program have been drunk drivers for many years before getting caught. How many close calls have they had before they ended up dealing with their irresponsibility?

How do we stop drunk drivers?

The scientific community and the car manufacturers have joined forces to come up with a car that requires a Breathalyzer test before the engine will start. I doubt that many people will request that option to be installed on their new Chevy. Especially if they know they have a problem.

Community support of the drunk driver must end. We, as a community, must let the people we know who have a problem that we will not let them get out on the highway in that condition again.

Who is really to blame?

Bar owners are already serving drinks by stricter standards because of the personal irresponsibility of their patrons. The first time a bar patron gets into an accident after an evening of drinks they run to their lawyers. The lawsuits are filed against the bar owners for serving them the drinks they requested and paid for. The bar owners are in business to sell alcohol not pay hospital bills.

The drunk drivers are out on the highways, driving as usual but without a license. Some states have impounded the cars of the drunks. So, they go get another one. Some states put them in jail with very long sentences. When they finally get out of jail they go buy a six-pack and start all over again.

but in my personal experience I have witnessed many more alcoholic straight people than gay people.

M.A.D.D. has fought for years to stiffen the penalties for drunk drivers. Many states have enacted laws that suspend the license of first time offenders. So what does this really do? The drunk drivers are out on the highways, driving as usual but without a license. Some states have impounded the cars of the drunks. So, they go get another one. Some states put them in jail with very long sentences. When they finally get out of jail they go buy a six-pack and start all over again.

California has a mandatory counseling and drug and alcohol program that first time

I have heard countless stories of the "poor addict" and their problems. The drunk or addict isn't to blame for whatever they do while they are under the influence. They are helpless in their situation. They are completely incapable of handling their illness. They are powerless.

I personally do not buy into that feel good, fuzzy headed logic. This excuse mill does not help the addict. This does not help the people who are burying their children, their fathers, their husbands, their mothers, their wives, or their partners. The truly powerless people are the innocent victims.

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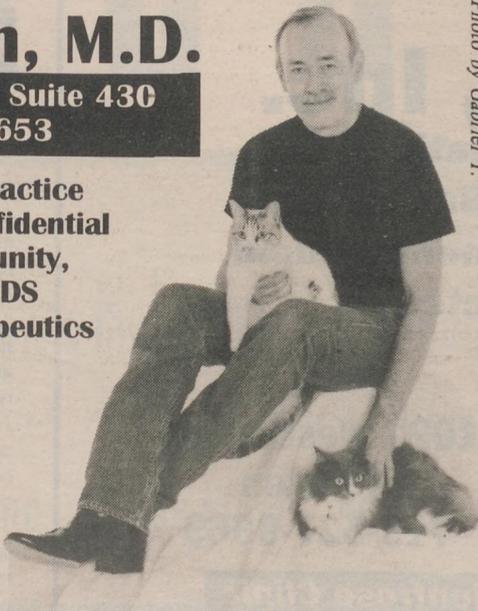


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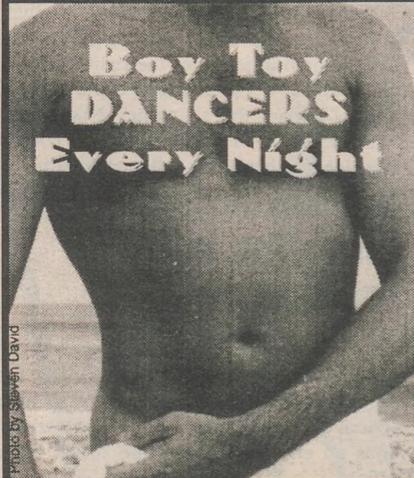
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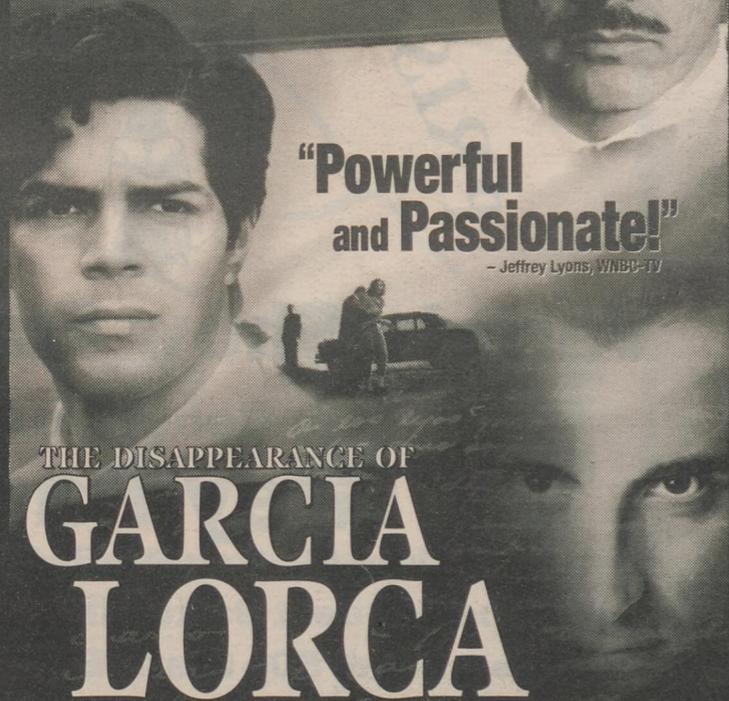
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though a judge sentenced the southwest Missouri man to 15 years in prison for fraud.

Graham, 56, was accused of defrauding investors of \$5.3 million for alleged research on an AIDS cure. In June he admitted taking millions from investors - including singer Pat Boone - for the fake venture, Attorney General Jay Nixon's office said.

Graham was charged with 20 felony counts of securities fraud and selling unregistered securities. In a plea bargain, he pleaded guilty to three counts of securities fraud. Nixon's office had told Graham the state would push for less than the maximum sentences if he provided \$5.5 million to an escrow account by Wednesday.

But Graham did not produce the money, and on Wednesday Circuit Judge David Darnold sentenced him to concurrent 10-year sentences on two counts of securities fraud and a 5-year sentence to follow on a third charge. "I apologize to every investor wholeheartedly," Graham told the judge.

In reviewing Graham's background investigation at sentencing, Darnold said Graham's grades in science and math showed he was more of a con man than a scientist. The judge noted that Graham had attended college for six years but never graduated and made D's in math and science but A's in speech classes.

Prosecutors said that between December 1991 and May 1995, Graham sold stock, notes and stock options in Conquest Labs Inc. to 505 investors across the country. The investors, who included 110 people from the Springfield area and 31 from Branson, invested amounts ranging from a few thousand dollars to \$500,000.

Testifying for the defense, the Rev. Cliff Braschler, owner of Braschler Theater in Branson, said he invested \$91,000. But, he said, "I gave the money to Pat freely." Another defense witness, Robert E. Vance Jr., of Henryetta, Okla., told the judge he is trying to borrow \$30 million to repay

Conquest investors and finance businesses based on Graham's medical research abilities. He hoped that by repaying investors, he could keep Graham out of prison.

Graham, who was convicted of wire fraud in 1984, admitted telling investors that Conquest was testing and developing an "AIDS remission product" and had 10 patents pending on the project, Nixon said. Both claims were false, Graham admitted.

Instead, Graham used the money for living expenses, to pay himself a \$120,000 annual salary and to buy houses for himself and his wife and for his two daughters, Nixon said. He also bought cars for himself and his sons-in-law and paid salaries to one daughter and two sons-in-law with the money, Nixon said.

Nixon said the sentence was "the right thing to do. "Obviously the judge, in putting Mr. Graham in jail, sent the right message, which is that if you swindle people out millions of dollars, that's a crime," Nixon said. "This 15 years in prison sends the correct message to other white collar criminals."

Mitchell County Sheriff to Forfeit Pay, Makes Apology

(North Carolina) - A court apology by Mitchell County Sheriff Vernon Bishop for tape-recording the phone call of a high school coach he thought was a homosexual ends an effort to remove the sheriff from office.

Last Thursday's apology ended a three-day hearing on Bishop's future. The local district attorney had petitioned Mitchell Superior Court to remove Bishop from office for abusing his power. DA Tom Rusher dropped the petition in exchange for the apology. Bishop also will have to forfeit a half-month's salary, or about \$1,590 as part of the deal.

"I realize I have exercised poor judgement in this matter and I apologize," Bishop said

in his apology before the court and Judge Howard Manning Jr. Bishop acknowledged Tuesday during the hearing he asked his deputies in 1995 to record conversations they might pick up on their police scanners of a local high school football coach. Bishop said it was part of an investigation into whether the coach was conspiring to commit sodomy.

The sheriff presented copies of the tape to school officials, who in turn confronted the coach. The man later resigned, and Bishop said he dropped his investigation. After the apology, Manning in turn lectured the sheriff.

"You are charged with protecting everybody's rights. If you don't want to, you shouldn't be in office," Manning told the sheriff. "Do you understand?"

"Yes," Bishop replied softly.

The coach still lives and works in Mitchell County but has declined to comment on the petition. He has not been called to testify. Later, Manning said: "The tragedy of this situation is, the coach got chewed up and spit out."

A State Bureau of Investigation agent testified Wednesday that the sheriff lied to agents by telling them that an anonymous person left a tape of the conversation on his desk. On Thursday morning, Manning denied several requests by Bishop to dismiss the petition. Before Bishop presented his side of the case, the district attorney, sheriff and other officials met behind closed doors for two hours before coming to the settlement.

Bishop, who was appointed to the post in 1992 and won a four-year term in 1994, still sounded defiant after the hearing at the Mitchell County administration building. "My statement speaks for itself," said Bishop of the apology. He says he's confident he'll win re-election next year. "The only thing I'm going to say is that everything I did at the time was pursuant to an investigation and out of my concern for the kids of Mitchell County."

ACLU Protests Mass. Man's Arrest Under Controversial Law

(Rhode Island) - The state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is protesting a Massachusetts man's arrest under a law from the 1800s that makes certain sex acts between adults a felony.

North Smithfield police said a man reported he was robbed during a sexual encounter with another man in the woods near Route 146. Police arrested the alleged robber but also charged the other man under a state law that forbids so-called abominable and detestable acts against nature, The Call of Woonsocket reported Thursday.

ACLU Rhode Island executive director Steven Brown called it "outrageous" for police to charge the men under the law, particularly the alleged robbery victim. "It's bad enough police would charge any adult for consensual sexual activity, but it is especially outrageous that they would charge the victim in the case," he said. "I'm not sure what message it sends, other than to stay a victim."

The incident happened Tuesday in the woods near a state Department of Transportation weigh station - an area frequented by men seeking sexual liaisons, Sgt. Kevin Gouveia said. Michael Simmons, 28, of Upton, Mass., told police a man stole his wallet during a sexual encounter. Steve Chausse, 36, of Sutton, Mass., was arrested by Uxbridge, Mass., police a few minutes later. Police said Simmons' empty wallet was in Chausse's car.

In addition to the sex charge, Chausse was charged with larceny, trespassing and loitering. Simmons is facing the same charges except for the robbery count. Many police departments treat the law, which carries up to 20 years in jail, as "archaic" and only use it in rape cases, he said. The ACLU would not rule out offering assistance to Chausse or Simmons if their lawyers requested it, Brown said.

Trial Set for Centers Accused of Refusing HIV-Positive Child

(Wisconsin) - Three day-care centers accused of refusing to enroll an HIV-positive child will face trial in federal court next year.

U.S. District Judge John Shabaz on Tuesday set a March 5 trial date for the three Beloit-area centers.

They include the Kiddie Ranch Day Care and Learning Center, Happy-Time Day Care Center and ABC Playhouse Child Care.

They are accused of denying enrollment in 1996 to a 4-year-old boy who tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. U.S. Attorney Peggy Lautenschlager accuses the three centers of violating the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The centers' lawyer has said they never had a chance to enroll the child because his guardian failed to complete the application process.

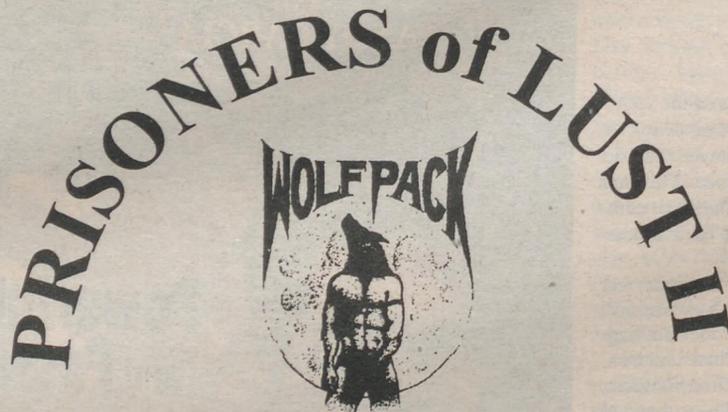
People Magazine to Honor Diana With Pediatric AIDS Fund

(New York) - She appeared on its cover 43 times, the most of any celebrity. With a 44th cover, *People* magazine will honor the memory of Princess Diana and establish a research fund to fight pediatric AIDS, said Ann S. Moore, the magazine's president.

The fund also will underwrite the Elizabeth Glaser Scientist Award, which will allocate monies to one scientist to research pediatric AIDS over five years. *People* will provide \$100,000 in seed money and match reader and advertiser donations of up to \$700,000 during the five-year period, Moore said.

Princess Diana met Elizabeth Glaser, the wife of actor Paul Michael Glaser, just months before her 1994 death from AIDS complications. Mrs. Glaser co-founded the See NAT'L page 16

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Pediatric AIDS Foundation in 1988. Details about the new fund will appear in the Sept. 22 issue of People, on newsstands Sept. 15.

Comprehensive Approach Best Way to Prevent Hiv Among Drug Users

(Washington) - Research shows that needle exchange programs to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS do not promote drug use, and this must be brought home to the public, a state health official says.

"Nobody wants to encourage drug-using behavior and the science tells us these programs don't do that," said Mariella Cummings, director of infectious disease and reproductive health in the state Department of Health. "For many people, their intuition tells them otherwise. We have to get the facts out to them" and educate them, she said.

A new study released Tuesday said the needle exchange programs coupled with a number of other programs is the best way to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS among injection-drug users. The study, which focused on Washington state and Massachusetts, was conducted by the Washington D.C.-based Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, made up of the top health officer from each state and territory.

Since other researchers have demonstrated that needle-exchange programs work, this study seeks to explain the role that state health departments can play and show health directors in other states what worked and what didn't, said coordinator Patrick Flaherty. "Needle exchange by itself is not going to solve all the problems, but it's a critical component," he said.

Also of value are substance-abuse treat-

ment, outreach to at-risk populations such as prostitutes, HIV counseling, testing and primary care, and coordination among key players in treatment and prevention, the study said.

Washington state was chosen because it has a low-to-medium infection rate among injection drug users, operates legal needle exchanges and has a progressive record of using state funds for prevention, Flaherty said.

Tacoma became the first city in the United States to begin a needle-exchange program in 1988. Currently, 112 needle-exchange programs operate in 29 states and in Washington, D.C., up from 21 states in 1994, Flaherty said.

Both states in the study had to establish their programs would work without increasing drug use and had to gain the support of their communities - particularly important for controversial programs such as needle exchanges.

Many complaints revolve around the role the exchanges play in the war against drugs. Research has shown that, contrary to popular opinion, needle-exchanges neither cause non-users to start injecting drugs nor increase use among addicts.

A Pierce County Superior Court judge upheld a legal challenge in 1990 to Tacoma's program, which has evolved from a van-based exchange to a handcart administered by outreach workers for two hours on weekdays to the present half-hour a day administered by outreach workers.

Businesses, elected officials and health workers - responding to complaints that it scared shoppers and attracted drug dealers - have been fighting about where to locate the downtown exchange.

A similar battle is being fought in Seattle. The Seattle-King County Department of Public Health adopted its needle-exchange program in 1989. Now, seven sites exchange needles and the health department is trying to address complaints that the downtown Seattle site attracts addicts.

According to the study, Washington state officials said they want to do more with needle-exchange programs and help people understand the benefits of making clean needles available to addicts. To do this, key players need to work more closely when setting up programs in urban areas that may be targeted for renewal, the study said.

Cities need to find appropriate settings for sites, keeping in mind that neighborhoods change over time and that many people need to be involved in planning, the study said.

Twenty-One AIDS Cases Reported in Montana Since March

(Montana) - Twenty-one people in Montana were diagnosed with AIDS during the past six months and the disease has claimed six lives since March, the state Health Department reports. AIDS develops in people infected with the virus HIV and kills by weakening the body's natural defense system to other diseases.

Since the state began tracking AIDS in 1986, 359 people in Montana have contracted the disease and 208 of them have died. Here are other statistics from the August AIDS report by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services:

- Thirty-one AIDS cases have been reported in Montana since the start of 1997.
- The victims include 32 females and 327 males.
- Eighty-two percent of AIDS patients live in 10 counties: Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Powell, Roosevelt, Silver Bow and Yellowstone.
- Men who have sex with other men are at highest risk of contracting the AIDS virus. Of the 359 cases in Montana, 208, or 64 percent, have been among men who had sex with other men.
- Four women and four men have contracted the virus through blood transfusions.
- Three children under age five have died

of AIDS.

AIDS cases include 260 victims living in Montana at the time they were diagnosed, while 99 people were diagnosed in another state before moving here.

HIV is spread through transfer of semen, vaginal secretion and blood. More than 600,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with AIDS during the past decade and 62 percent of those people are dead.

District Residents Protest Closed Sentencing Commission Meeting

by Carolyn Skorneck

(Capitol) - A closed meeting of a commission slated to create tougher penalties for the District of Columbia's violent, gun and drug offenders drew protesters to the Justice Department.

"We can't even go in and watch a body that has tremendous power over hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians," said Steve Michael, 41, of Act Up, an AIDS activist group that is part of the Stand Up for Democracy in D.C. Coalition. "D.C. voters don't have a voice in this at all."

Just three days after Eric Holder, the District's former U.S. attorney, was formally sworn in as deputy attorney general, becoming the first black to hold such a high law enforcement position, protesters waved posters Monday blasting him as "Bill Clinton's favorite Oreo."

Others, recalling recent allegations of New York City police abuse of a man in custody, waved toilet plungers at Pennsylvania Avenue traffic. Holder is chairing the seven-person, six-month commission established as part of the \$1 billion District rescue plan in the budget package that passed Congress

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this summer and was signed by President Clinton.

The panel also has two judges and one representative each from the City Council and the offices of the U.S. attorney, the mayor and the public defender's service. The panel is to make recommendations that toughen current laws to ensure, for example, that those convicted of certain serious offenses serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

After meeting privately for several hours and taking no action on substantive matters, most of the commissioners met with about 15 protesters, said Holder aide Monty Wilkinson. "It was a constructive meeting."

Many demonstrators were concerned that the law would impose much tougher sentences on some offenses such as crack cocaine possession.

"It would be terribly punitive for an entire generation of black men if our sentences are ratcheted up," said Mary Jane DeFrank of the local ACLU affiliate. "We already have the longest incarceration rates in the nation, four times the national average."

Michael, meanwhile, expressed fears that compassionate release programs for the ill might be in jeopardy.

In defending the commission, Holder has said it has "substantial local involvement" and noted that it targets serious and violent offenders. "These are the people who made the streets of Washington, D.C., unacceptably violent," he told *The Washington Post* last month. He had no comment Monday, Wilkinson said.

Joint Concert to Benefit AIDS Charities

(Minnesota) - The Minnesota Orchestra, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Opera are planning a joint concert to benefit AIDS charities.

The "Celebrate the Art of Living presents Classical Action" concert will be the first time the three groups have performed together. The Nov. 9 benefit concert at Orchestra Hall will take place after a reception and silent auction.

Minnesota Orchestra music director Eiji Oue, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra music director Hugh Wolff and Minnesota Opera artistic director Dale Johnson made the announcement Monday.

Six Years After HIV Virus Diagnosis, Magic Still Robust, Serene

(Michigan) - Six years after learning he carries the AIDS virus, Magic Johnson is robust, serene and busy.

For Earvin Johnson, a star at Lansing Everett High School and Michigan State University and for the Los Angeles Lakers, life is better in many ways than before the diagnosis, he told *The Detroit News* for a story Monday.

"I don't know if another athlete could have handled this," he said. "When I tested positive for HIV, my life was already in order. I knew I could handle it."

"I didn't panic," he said. "It's just another challenge. I'm a person who says, 'Let's deal with it. Let's find a way to correct it.' I've always been like that. ... Most days, I don't even think about it."

These days, Johnson awakes at 6:30 a.m., works out for two hours, has breakfast, then heads for work. His six businesses are involved in real estate development, movie theaters and merchandising. *Forbes* magazine estimates Johnson's net worth at \$100 million.

"I know nothing but work," Johnson said. "I get that from my dad. These days, I don't finish until 6 or 7 at night. I've got more to do now than I did when I was playing. But I enjoy working."

One venture is his new film production company, Magic Johnson Entertainment, which is working on his upcoming talk show, *The Magic Hour*. The pilots went so well that executives at Fox moved the show's debut up to early 1998, the *News* said.

"I'm happy about that," Johnson said. "We've already got Mel Gibson, Tyra Banks,

Cher and Danny DeVito lined up. We actually had too many stars for the number of shows we've committed to. We had to turn some away."

Johnson's good fortune has not blinded him to the plight of those suffering from AIDS. He said he is working to "fight discrimination against people with HIV and AIDS, and to get funding for those who don't have the money to get the medicines I have. I'm fighting a battle for other people now."

Johnson married his longtime love, Cookie Kelly, in 1991, shortly before Johnson learned he carried HIV. Their son, Earvin III, was born months later. The child and his mother have tested negative for the incurable virus. The couple have since adopted a daughter. Also, Johnson has a teen-age son from a previous relationship.

"When I got the bad news, the only thing I was really concerned about was whether I could be with Cookie the rest of my life, and see my kids grow up," he said. "She stayed by my side. She supported me, and loved me unconditionally."

"My wife is the reason I'm still alive and still ticking. She keeps me grounded. She's a great mom and a great wife, and this is the only thing she ever wanted. I was a fool not to marry her before."

Taylor Donates \$100,000 to AIDS Group

(California) - Elizabeth Taylor has donated \$100,000 to a group that cares for people with AIDS.

The Serra Project will use the money to provide food, clothing and 24-hour care at four Southern California centers, said P.G. Ciotti, the project's executive director.

Taylor's "tireless work and generosity enable us to continue to offer desperately needed support" for those with AIDS or HIV infections, Ciotti said Saturday.

"This is an illness that has left many of us without friends, family or hope," said Ronnie Rivera, who lives in the project's Casa Long Beach facility. "It's really heartening that someone of her magnitude care about us. ... she truly is a superstar."

The Oscar-winning actress long has been involved in AIDS causes. Her Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation donated \$100,000 to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in March.

Louisville Aldermen Reject Gay Rights Ordinance for Third Time

(Kentucky) - A third effort to enact a gay rights ordinance for the city of Louisville was rejected Tuesday night 7-3. Two members abstained, Reginald Meeks and Keith Allison, saying they did not want to participate in a symbolic vote.

Alderman Tom Owen, a supporter of the ordinance, said he would not be an alderman the next time the matter comes up for a vote because he intended to be Louisville mayor and support the proposal from that office. Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson has never revealed his position on the issue.

Owen made reference to signs planted around the city supporting the ordinance, something that Maureen Keenan, co-coordinator of the Fairness Campaign, said allowed the group to remain upbeat despite defeat. "We know the city's behind us," she said, "... and we know the people are going to rally and start looking for some fresh leadership. This group is tired and stale."

Louisville allergist Frank Simon, who has led efforts to defeat gay rights ordinances, said the ordinance was not needed. "Everyone has equal protection under the law now, that's in the United States Constitution," he said.

The vote followed political charges and countercharges from aldermen on both sides of the issue. Board President Steve Magre, an opponent, said Alderman Paul Bather had promised him that Bather and two other aldermen would back Magre's re-election if he voted for the measure. Magre said he thought that was unethical.

Bather denied trying to gain Magre's support. See NAT'L page 25

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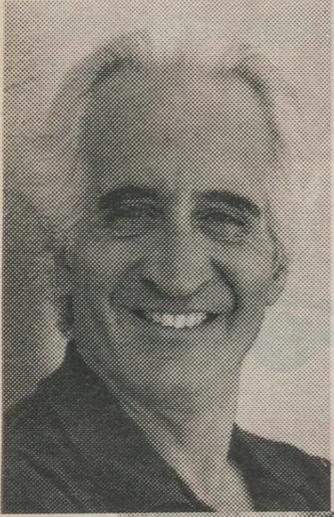
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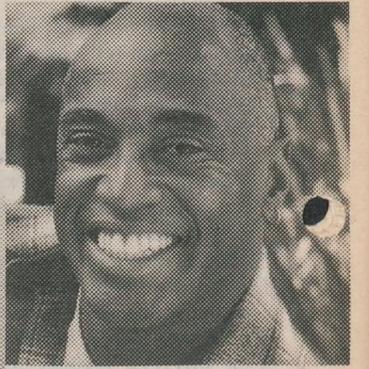
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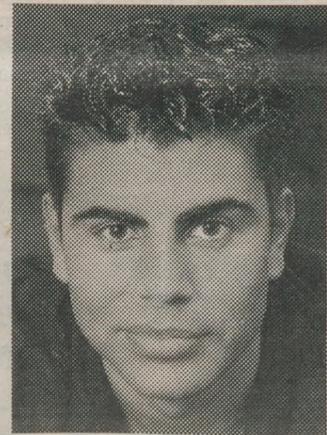
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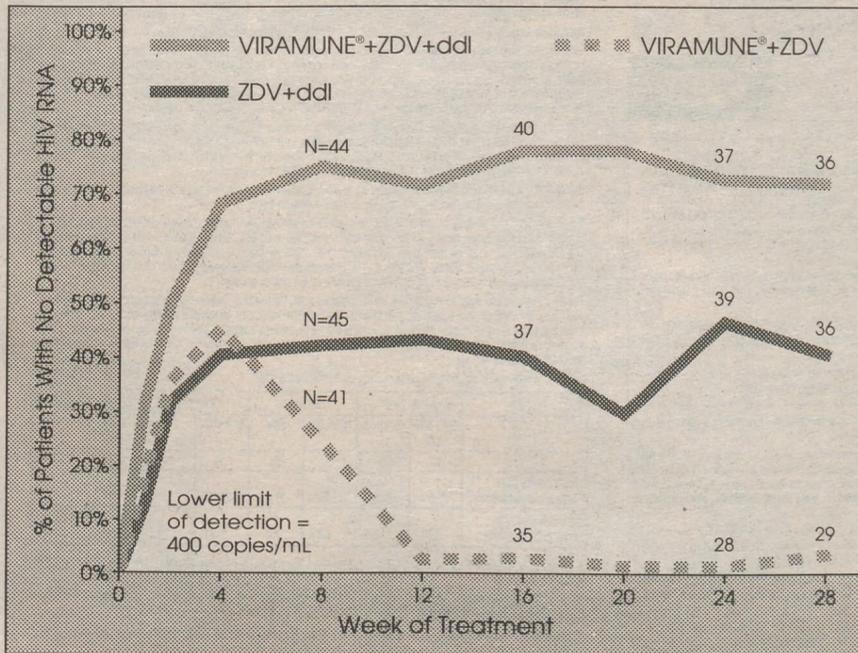


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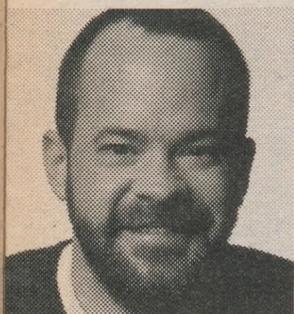
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VIRAMUNE[®] therapy must be initiated with a 14-day lead-in period of 200 mg/day, which has been shown to reduce the frequency of rash. Dose escalation should not occur if rash is observed during this lead-in period until the rash has resolved. (see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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1: Percentage of patients with rashes in controlled trials^a

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

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

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

Table 2 lists treatment-related clinical adverse events that occurred in patients receiving VIRAMUNE[®] in ACTG 241 and in Trials BI 1037 and BI 1011.

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

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

Laboratory Abnormalities: Table 3 summarizes marked laboratory abnormalities occurring in three controlled studies.

Table 3: Percentage of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities

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

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

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

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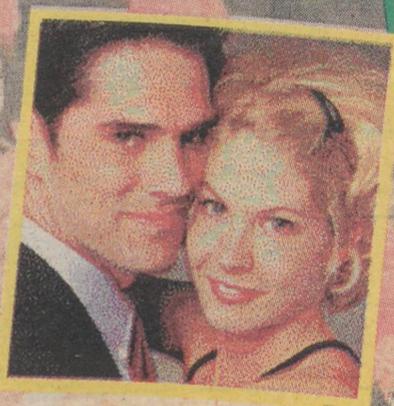
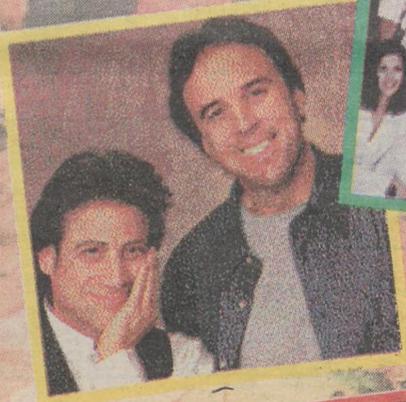
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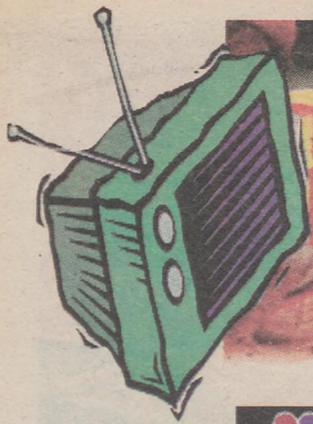
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Fall TV Schedule



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sunday

6:00	Dateline NBC	60 Minutes	The Wonderful World of Disney	World's Funniest...
6:30				
7:00	Men Behaving Badly	Touched by an Angel		The Simpsons ▼
7:30	Jenny			King of the Hill
8:00	Movie	Movie	Movie	The X-Files
8:30				
9:00				Local Programming
9:30				

monday

7:00	Suddenly Susan ▼	Cosby	Timecop	Melrose Place
7:30	Fired Up ▼	Everybody Loves Raymond		
8:00	Caroline in the City	Cybil ▼▼	Monday Night Football	Ally McBeal
8:30	The Naked Truth	George & Leo		
9:00	Dateline NBC	Brooklyn South		Local Programming
9:30				

tuesday

7:00	Mad About You ▼	JAG	Soul Man	Movie
7:30	News Radio		Over the Top	
8:00	Frasier ▼▼	Michael Hayes	Home Improvement	
8:30	Just Shoot Me		Hiller & Diller	
9:00	Dateline NBC	Dellaventura	NYPD Blue ▼	Local Programming
9:30				

wednesday

7:00	The Tony Danza Show	The Nanny ▼	Spin City ▼	Beverly Hills, 90210
7:30	Built to Last	Murphy Brown ▼	Dharma & Greg	
8:00	3rd Rock From the Sun ▼	Public Eye with Bryant Gumbel	The Drew Carey Show ▼	Party of Five ▼▼
8:30	Working		Ellen ▼▼	
9:00	Law & Order ▼	Chicago Hope ▼	PrimeTime Live	Local Programming
9:30				

thursday

7:00	Friends ▼	Promised Land	Nothing Sacred ▼	Living Single
7:30	Union Square			Between Brothers
8:00	Seinfeld ▼	Diagnosis Murder	Cracker	413 Hope St. ▼
8:30	Veronica's Closet ▼			
9:00	ER ▼▼	48 Hours	20/20	Local Programming
9:30				

friday

7:00	Players	Family Matters	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	The Visitor
7:30		Meego ▼	Boy Meets World	
8:00	Dateline NBC	The Gregory Hines Show	You Wish	Millennium
8:30		Step by Step	Teen Angel	
9:00	Homocide:	Nash Bridges ▼	20/20	Local Programming
9:30	Life on the Street ▼			

saturday

7:00	The Pretender	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman ▼	C-16	Cops
7:30				Cops
8:00	Sleepwalkers	Early Edition	Total Security ▼	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back
8:30				
9:00	Profiler ▼	Walker, Texas Ranger	The Practice	Local Programming
9:30				

▼ = Denotes a gay character(s) as part of the cast. ▽ = Denotes a gay actor(s)/actress(es) on the show.

New Television Season Saturated with Gay Characters

by Jon Anthony

It's Fall. Kids are back in school. Summer Vacation is over. And, Hollywood is ready to vie for your attention with their slate of new and returning shows on America's favorite medium - television. Thirty-seven new shows will debut in the next several weeks and only a handful will make the grade.

This season viewers will be inundated with 13 new dramas, 20 new sitcoms and four science fiction series. As is custom, some of television's biggest stars of yesteryear will attempt a comeback. Kirstie Alley, Tony Danza, Bob Newhart, Judd Hirsch, Annie Potts and (ugh) Andrew Dice Clay will return to the small screen.

NBC, television's most watched network, has the least to worry about. With such megahits as *Seinfeld*, *Frasier*, *Mad About You*, *3rd Rock From the Sun*, *Friends*, and *ER* dominating the ratings, the network stands to win next season's ratings race as well.

CBS, in dire straits, needs to have the most hits in order to pull itself from dismal ratings. From the looks of the crop of shows they will be debuting, that is unlikely to happen. With the exception of *60 Minutes* and *Touched by an Angel*, the network didn't have any top 20 shows last season.

ABC, second in last season's ratings, has added some promising new programs that could give NBC a run for its money. Time will tell. The network did lure big screen actor Tim Curry to the tube in a sitcom titled *Over The Top*, costarring Annie Potts. The show is currently being retooled prior to debuting next week - usually not a good sign.

The big news this season is the onslaught of gay characters in the new season, a 23% increase over last season. Five new shows will have gay characters: UPN's *Head Over Heels*, ABC's *Nothing Sacred*, Fox's *413 Hope Street*, NBC's *Veronica's Closet* and ABC's *Total Security*. A midseason replacement, *Ask Harriet*, will address the subject of drag as the main character will don female clothing to get his old job back after being fired.

All in all, there will be approximately 30 gay characters on a regular basis. According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the increase in gay characters on television is indicative of the networks' heightened awareness and realization that gay and lesbian characters are becoming acceptable to mainstream audiences. Witness the now legendary *Ellen* coming out episode. It was the highest rated show for the week and audiences continued watching subsequent episodes.

The trend is evident among the big four networks. ABC has 10 shows with gay characters, NBC has 9, CBS has 3 and Fox has 3. Moreover, some of television's biggest hits have gay characters and have done so with little fanfare until recently. They include: *Ellen*, *Fired Up*, *Profiler*, *E.R.*, *NYPD Blue*, *Friends*, *Mad About You*, *Spin City*, *Party of Five*, *The Simpsons*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Cybill*, *Chicago Hope*, *All My Children*, *Nash Bridges*, *Frasier* and *Babylon 5*.

Other trends this year include updated versions of buddy sitcoms (*George and Leo*, *Dharma and Gregg*), the supernatural (*You Wish*, *MeeGo* and *Teen Angel*), the single dad syndrome (*The Tony Danza Show*, *The Gregory Hines Show* and *The Tom Show*) and shows about divine inspiration (*Nothing Sacred*, *Good News*, and *The Visitor*).

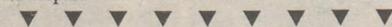
NBC's *Veronica's Closet* will, in this critic's opinion, be the highest rated new show. The Kirstie Alley vehicle with the enormously talented Kathy Najimy as her co-star can't miss sandwiched between *Seinfeld* and *ER*. More importantly, the show is down right hysterical, the best post *Seinfeld* show in years. Other likely hits: CBS' Bob Newhart/Judd Hirsh vehicle *George and Leo*, *Brooklyn South* (produced by Stephen Bochco), and *The Gregory Hines Show*. ABC's promising new shows are *Over The Top*, *Dharma & Greg* and *Hiller and Diller*.

Regardless, the networks will pull out all the stops to make sure you watch their fare. Unfortunately of all the new shows we sam-

pled, there were few that really deserved any attention. With the exception of *Veronica's Closet*, *George and Leo*, *The Visitor* and *Over The Top*, your best bet is to watch the tried and true. Nothing we've seen can compare to the excellence of *Seinfeld*, *NewsRadio*, *Frasier*, *Cybill*, *The X-Files*, *E.R.* and, of course, *Ellen*.

So, relax and sample each and every new show. Who knows, there might be something that will entertain you immensely. In fact, our wonderfully talented production manager, Victor Perea, has created a grid for you, our readers, so that you can determine what you want to watch this season. Moreover, the grid lets you know which shows have gay characters or gay actors among their ensemble. As the theme song from the animated classic, *The Flintstones* says: "We'll have a gay old time."

And, if this year's slew of new programs doesn't tickle your fancy, there is always next season. Already the networks have sitcom development deals with Tom Selleck, Cher, Dolly Parton, Jacklyn Smith and Victoria Principle.



"Nothing I've seen can compare to television's brilliant sitcom, *Frasier*"
- J.C.

"If it's not *Star Trek*, I'm probably not watching it"
- Cuervolyn

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Alive & Kicking

by Leslie Ramsay

Contrary to the rumors out there "Alive & Kicking" is not a movie about AIDS. Britain's Channel Four and First Look Pictures release Alive and Kicking to the Greenway theatre this weekend. This is all around gay effort. The director, Nancy



ties come from his extra poundage not from anything more sinister than that. Antony Sher always gives excellent performances. Many of you will recognize him as Disraeli, the Prime Minister with the bizarre eyes in Mrs. Brown.

Diane Parish (*The Final Passage*) plays Tonio's dance partner and best lesbian girlfriend, Millie. Millie and Tonio have a go at pretending to be straight but they end up naked and laughing in bed instead of doing the deed.

The love scenes between Flemyng and Sher are very sensual. The dance performances are so touching many in the preview audience were weeping. This is a great date night film.

PHOTOS: CHRISTINE PARRY

Meckler, brought us "Sister My Sister". The writer, Martin Sherman, brought us "Bent".

Jason Flemyng (*Hollow Reed*) plays Tonio, a very driven and narcissistic ballet dancer. He finds himself as the principal dancer in the dance group, Ballet Luna, after the loss of Ramon, his best friend. Being the egocentric character that his is, he steps up to the challenge even though he has begun to show signs of AIDS related health problems himself. He is searching for some happiness in his life.

Antony Sher (*Mrs. Brown*) is the new boyfriend, Jack. By profession Jack is a therapist who drinks too much. Jack's insecuri-



Monty, monty, and more monty!

by Leslie Ramsay

The Fox Searchlight Pictures release, "The Full Monty", has been highly touted throughout the community. Everyone is doing a free screening or a benefit showing. Why so much attention? It's really funny.

The thought of a group of out of work steel factory workers stripping down to the "full monty" may not cause many of you to put out the \$6-\$7 for the price of a ticket this weekend but I caution you not to let this scare you off. The story leading up to the big show is very entertaining.

Robert Carlyle (*Trainspotting*) is the instigator behind this get rich quick scheme. He needs money to pay off his child support

payments and to get his life back on track. Six months living on the dole a.k.a. welfare is definitely not setting well with him. He is passionate about remaining an intricate figure in his son's life.

Tom Wilkinson (*Priest, The Ghost and the Darkness*) gives a moving performance as the ex-supervisor who is too ashamed to tell his wife that he lost his job six months ago. His joining the line workers in their scheme to make it rich in one night is quite out of character for this very formal man. He has a lawn full of gnomes for goodness sakes!

The surprise love relationship that begins towards the end of the film is a serendipity. The price of admission is justified.



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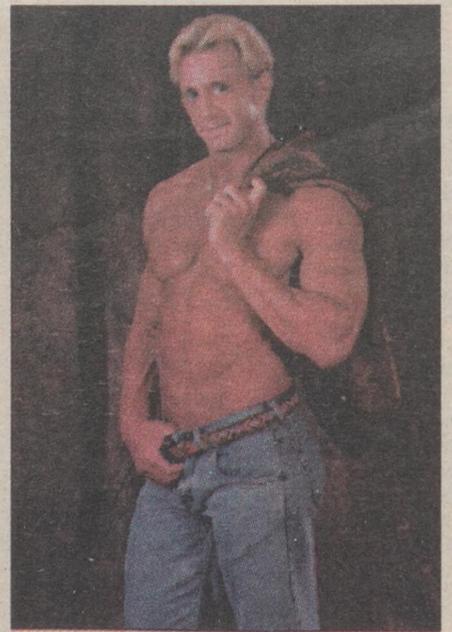
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port through a political deal and charged that Magre had reneged earlier this year on a promise to support a gay-rights measure, a charge Magre vehemently denied.

The ordinance had been watered down in an attempt to win its passage. As originally drafted, the ordinance would have prevented discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. Last week, supporters agreed to drop the protections in housing and public accommodations.

Carla Wallace, a spokeswoman for the Fairness Campaign, said earlier that even if the proposal failed, dialogue over the issue "has moved the community forward." She promised the next effort to pass the measure would start immediately.

Pentagon Boosts, Then Undermines Officer in 'Don't Ask' Case

(California) - Four days before he lost a challenge to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Navy Lt. Richard Watson was nominated for promotion by the Defense Department - which promptly undermined him by reminding senators of his homosexuality and court case.

On the same day, Sept. 2, that President Clinton formally recommended Watson to the Senate for promotion to lieutenant commander, an assistant defense secretary sent a letter to Sen. Strom Thurmond, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, calling attention to Watson's status.

The letter from Frederick Pang, assistant secretary for force management policy, noted that a Navy board had approved Watson's discharge in 1995 based on the department's "policy on homosexual conduct." A court order prohibits the department from taking "adverse action" against Watson while his lawsuit continues, Pang wrote.

A similar but more elaborate letter from Pang last year prompted Thurmond's committee to shelve Watson's promotion without a hearing. Maj. Monica Aloisio, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said Tuesday that last week's letter was required by law, a statement disputed by Watson's lawyer.

The letter was "dirty pool" that "impugned a good officer," said attorney Christopher Bakes. He said the Clinton administration, still barred by court order from taking actions against Watson, "passed the buck to Sen. Thurmond to do what it could not do."

John DeCrosta, spokesman for Thurmond's committee, said it would be busy with the Defense Department budget for two weeks and then would consider Watson's nomination, among many others. Watson's only known "homosexual conduct" during a decorated 15-year career was a letter to his commanding officer in 1994 disclosing his homosexuality.

Last Friday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that the Navy was entitled to presume from Watson's statement that he would engage in prohibited homosexual conduct and that his resulting discharge order was neither discriminatory nor a violation of free speech. The court said it would have been possible for Watson, of Bremerton, Wash., to remain in the service by convincing the Navy that he would not engage in homosexual conduct.

Bakes said Tuesday he would seek a rehearing before an 11-judge appellate panel. For the time being, the appeal blocks Watson's discharge. An appeal is also likely from Andrew Holmes, a California Army National Guard officer whose case was consolidated with Watson's.

Promotion to lieutenant commander would increase Watson's pay by 5 to 7 percent and make him eligible for command at sea, Bakes said. Watson's ambition is to command a nuclear submarine. Before ruling on Watson's discharge, U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly of Seattle ordered the government to take no adverse action based on his homosexuality. Based on that order, which remains in effect during Watson's

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Olive: Debut Album Extra Virgin From RCA No Waste Of Time

by Steve Underwood

Just imagine: you've come home from work and you want to relax, or you've come home from your favorite Saturday night haunt and you need to unwind—really unwind. You reach for Olive's *Extra Virgin*—perhaps wishing you were still one—and the world becomes a bit more manageable.

Vocalist Ruth-Ann Boyle, ex-Simply Red band member Tim Kellett, and programmer Robin Taylor-Firth are Olive, RCA's imported British gang, whose highly synthesized trip-pop jungle adventure *Extra Virgin* became the Euro-rage captivating US radio and nightclubs.

I wish to spare Ruth-Ann the useless vocal comparisons, but I can't: a dash of *Everything But The Girl*, a pinch of Billy Holiday, a teaspoon of Tori Amos, and a cup of *Delirium*—girl-power vocals intertwined with British funk/R&B/jazz/trip-hop. The result? An unmistakable, marvelous fusion from a former student union barmaid turned pop-sensation.

Thanks in large part to **KISS 98.5**, *You're Not Alone*—Olive's first single—is quickly becoming a Houston classic, ala *Everything But The Girl's Missing*. Like *Missing*, *You're Not Alone* is a yearning song, the kind of yearning born between the lover and the loved: "I'll wait for you till the end of time," and "Two minds that once were close/Now so many miles apart." Sad and melancholy—yet stimulating and delightful.

"It doesn't matter if the songs are happy or sad as long as the music's great and there's a message that means something," reasons Kellett. "Sad music stays with you longer and it means more in the end."

Sure it does. Been dumped lately? That

suddenly UN-special someone couldn't control you—much less himself? Then cue up *Outlaw*, track 7 on the CD. "Playing with my trust in you/You cover all your traces/And watch me relax with you/Insidious."

Trust, trust, trust—or more precisely, the lack of it. Haven't most of us suffered from its consequences before? You know, when

down."

Extra Virgin is true to the experience of life. "The subject matter is something anyone can relate to," says Kellett. "And unlike many bands who we've been compared to, we don't shy away from writing songs with a beginning, a middle and an end. Every song on our album tells a story . . . it's not just an abstract smatter of lyrics that don't mean anything."

The band tackles a wide range of subjects, from Ruth-Ann's memories of her father's death when she was three (*Safer Hands*) and a meditation on the irresistible lure of adultery (*Curious*) to a simply cautionary environmental tale (*Killing*) and a somber look at domestic violence (*Blood Red Tears*).

"I tend to write from a feminine perspective," says Kellett. "Maybe it's because I grew up with three sisters as the only boy in the family. And I have two little girls of my own. I've always found it more

interesting to write for a girl and a boy. And once we joined up with Ruth-Ann, I began to write about some of the things that were important in her life."

If *Extra Virgin* is anything, it's Kellett's own life story in song and verse. But like most life stories, *Extra Virgin* is an excursion into the paradoxical forces that makes life what it is: trust and mistrust; faithfulness and faithlessness; love and hate. *Extra Virgin* is an enlightening balance, one that makes mortality a little easier.

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you begin to loosen up a bit when dating someone, thinking you just might be able to believe those "I love you's," those "I miss you's,"—then BAM! Here it comes: "We need to discuss our relationship. It's over. I've never kept a boyfriend this long."

Yeah, you've been there before and so have I. But hold your heads up high, boys and girls! *Outlaw* reminds the faithful and trusting dumpee to claim the moral high ground: "Fool, you surely are/It's so you Blind to all the damage done/You go too far."

Since being dumped makes one a little wiser, skip back to track 2, *This Time*. "This time the rules we make will be mine/Stronger, than you have found, Clearer than clarity itself." So he wants to date? "You must be found/A soul survivor/ Who'll stick around/never let me



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- Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Saturday-9/13

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Rite Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 7:30 pm at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Sunday-9/14

- Holy Rite Eucharist I 8:00 am; Holy Rite Eucharist II 9:00 am; Choral Eucharist 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor" (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.
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- Community Gospel Worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. 4305 Lillian 880-9235. Catch them at www.communitygospel.org. Study Series on Heaven—or Life after Death..
- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
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class 9:15 am 526-1017.

- Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182.
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- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.

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Monday-9/15

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:30 pm, \$2. 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.

Tuesday-9/16

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Wednesday-9/17

- Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
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Thursday-9/18

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
- Midweek Service at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
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If you want an event listed in this section, please call John at 529-8490 by 12 Noon Mondays.

RELIGION

Vatican All But Rules Out Death Penalty, Modifies Stance on Homosexuality

by Daniel J. Wakin

Vatican City (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church has all but ruled out the death penalty as an acceptable punishment, saying in revisions to its official teaching that justifiable uses are "practically nonexistent."

The changes, released today, also narrowed the Vatican's position on the acceptability of animal experiments, encouraged organ donations and changed the wording on homosexuality to avoid taking a stand on its cause.

The revisions come in the definitive edition of the catechism, the compendium of church teachings, issued in Latin, the official church language. They incorporate suggestions, corrections and additions that have emerged since 1992, when the catechism was first published in modern languages. About 100 paragraphs were altered, including some simple changes in wording or word order.

Regarding the death penalty, the 1992 catechism said it was acceptable in cases of "extreme gravity," unless "bloodless means" of protecting society against a criminal were available.

The new version requires the "full ascertainment" of a suspect's guilt for the death penalty to be imposed, and says cases where it is justified are "very rare, if not practically nonexistent."

That phrase comes from John Paul II,

who has campaigned against the death penalty and appealed for clemency in a half-dozen high profile cases in the United States, most recently that of Joseph O'Dell in Virginia.

"It is almost impossible to fulfill all the (catechism's) criteria" for a death sentence, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told reporters in presenting the revisions.

"We don't exclude it in principle, but we insist on these criteria," said Ratzinger, who as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is the church's doctrinal chief.

In other revisions:

Homosexuality was termed "objectively disordered," which Ratzinger said was meant to avoid passing judgment on whether the sexual orientation was innate or acquired. Unchanged is the call for compassion for homosexuals and the requirement of chastity.

Animal experiments were justified only if they "contribute to curing or saving human lives." Previously, animal experiments were called acceptable "since" they save lives.

Organ donations after death were called a "noble and meritorious act and should be encouraged."

Ratzinger said the revisions would be published as a pamphlet to go along with the local language versions of the catechism.

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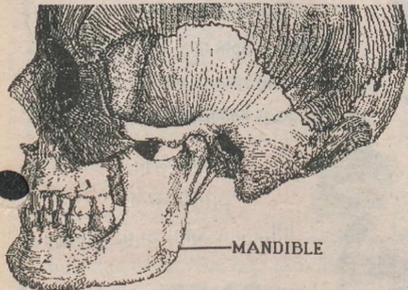
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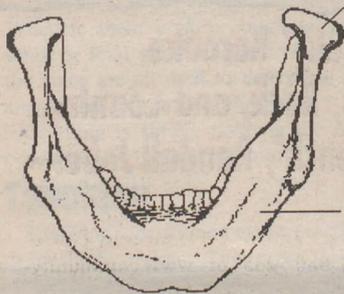
**Alternative Medicine :
Acupuncture**

by Dr. Stephanie Y. McGhee

We are accustomed to western medicine where equipment is utilized to diagnose conditions and prescription drugs are given for treatments. Alternative medicine, though thought of as "new" in the western world, have been around for thousands of years and have been responsible for healing millions of people. For the next few weeks, I will discuss these alternative approaches to ailments such as acupuncture, chiropractic, herbology, massage therapy, and naturopathy. I feel that the understanding of these various practices will give every reader a more knowledgeable approach to which treatment or care giver that is sought out.



Acupuncture has been a known treatment for ailments for over 5,000 years. It is the insertion of very fine needles on the body's surface in order to influence physiological functioning of the body. The basis of



Acupuncture is that the body has an energy force running through it known as Qi (pronounced chee). The spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical aspects of life are said to make up Qi. A person's health is then influenced by the flow of Qi through the body. This flow of energy is believed to run in pathways along the body called Meridians. When these channels of energy

are interrupted, Acupuncture is said to restore the balance.

Qi can be divided into two areas known as Yin and Yang. In the Chinese philosophy, these are opposite forces that when balanced, work together. Yin is signified by female attributes, passive, dark, cold, moist, that which moves medially, and deficient of Yang. Yang, on the other hand, is signified by male attributes, light, active, warm, dry, that which moved laterally, and deficient of Yin. To understand this, a human is the perfect example. A man is made up of part of his mother (yin) and part of his father (yang). The two cannot be separated from man or woman. Whether or not you believe this philosophy, one thing is certain: **Acupuncture works.**

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listening/smelling (grouped together in Chinese) and touching. Let's look briefly at each step so you would know what to expect.

Inquiring

A lot of time is taken by the Chinese medicine doctor in asking questions about his patients. He benefits from the answers by determining the knowledge you have of your See **ALTERNATIVE** page 29

by Ella Tyler

If you haven't been to see the "Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon" exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, there's not much time left. The exhibit, focusing on the life, work and legacy of British botanical artist Margaret Mee, will show here only until September 21, 1997, then will go on tour. Mee, considered to be the foremost female botanical artist at the time of her death in 1988, was one of the earliest protesters of destruction of the rain-forest. The exhibit includes botanical illustrations, sketchbooks and information about conservation as well as artifacts and objects used by the indigenous people. I haven't gotten there yet, but I've heard rave reviews and plan to make it before it closes.

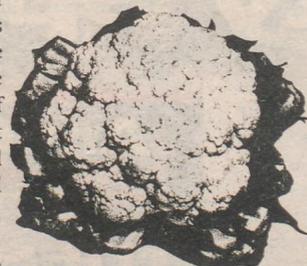
I've been planning to go see it, then write about it, but time is getting too short. It seems impolite to write "I saw a wonderful exhibit, but it closes tomorrow." The Museum is on Herman Drive, at the North end of Herman Park. Its hours are 9 to 6 Monday to Saturday and 11 to 6 on Sunday. Admission is \$3.00. The Museum's web site is www.hmns.org, or call (713)639-4629

for more information.

If you happen to be cruising through your local garden center this weekend, you might see some vegetable plants. This isn't some con by plant growers, many vegetables grow very well in the fall here. Beets, cabbage, chinese cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and turnips can be planted now and through next month. Eggplant and tomato plants can be set out now, but not for much longer. Celantro and dill are two herbs that do much better in cooler weather. If you're tempted by the sales on bigger plants, remember to wait to plant them until it is cooler and to keep them in the shade and well watered until then.

I got a very nice booklet from the Water Department called "Guide to Water Wise Gardening". It includes lists and descriptions of vines, ground covers, flowering plants, shrubs and trees that should survive without supplemental watering in this area. If you're tired of hauling sprinklers and hoses around, call 713/880-2444 and ask for a copy. If you do not have a rain gauge, get one. It's difficult to tell how much rain your garden has gotten without one. There were major storms where I was Tuesday afternoon, but when I got home, it had rained less than a half inch there.

Next week, we'll talk about good bugs, why I got into a snit over "Garden Line" and haven't listened since, and other things.



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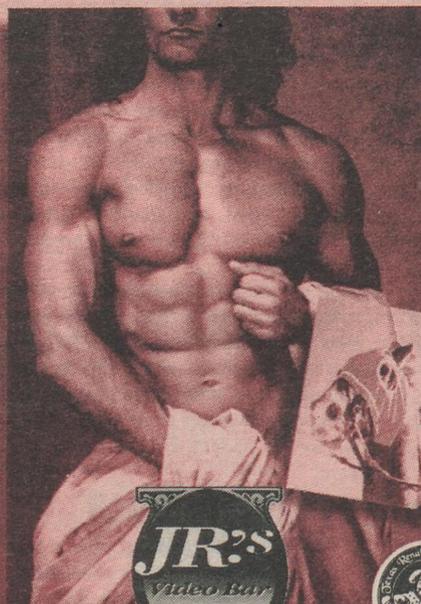


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Listening and Smelling

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Touching is performed by the practitioner to evaluate pulses. The most common descriptions of pulse rhythm and flow are: slippery, choppy, floating, wiry, tight, slow, rapid, thin, big, empty, and full. Your practitioner can discuss these descriptions in more detail.

How to Choose a Practitioner

First you will need to determine if you are looking for a primary care physician, someone to work alongside with your doctor, or simply a short-term treatment for a specific complaint. My recommendation is if you know someone who currently is receiving treatment from a practitioner and they are happy, get a referral from them. This is one of the better ways of choosing any practitioners.

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I hope this information will make you a little bit open-minded to the use of acupuncture. Although I did not go into the many different ailments that it is used for, I feel that I gave you a basic understanding to the philosophy and practice of acupuncture. One day take a chance and seek out a practitioner of acupuncture and simply have an evaluation. You never know what you might find out.

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appeal, a Navy board and the Pentagon first approved Watson's promotion last year, based solely on his service record, and Clinton sent his name to the Senate last September.

Four days later, Pang sent his first unsolicited letter to Thurmond, detailing the history of Watson's case and noting that his homosexuality was not disclosed to the promotional board. In response, the committee took Watson's nomination off the calendar and returned it to the Navy without a vote, Bakes said.

Watson then returned to Zilly's court, arguing that Pang's letter had violated the judge's ban on adverse actions. Zilly refused to hold the government in contempt of court but found the letter improper and banned any such letters while his order remained in effect, Bakes said.

The administration appealed, and the same 9th Circuit panel that later upheld the "don't ask, don't tell" policy ruled that the Defense Department had the constitutional authority to communicate to the Senate about appointments. The ruling did not specify the contents of the communication, Bakes said.

Aloisio, the Pentagon spokeswoman, said Tuesday that Pang's letter to Thurmond last

week was "information that the Senate has to know by law. Any adverse actions in an officer's file have to be sent to the Senate Armed Services Committee" when the officer is nominated for promotion, she said. "We had to do it with all officers involved in Tailhook."

Bakes countered that Congress had asked the Pentagon to identify all promotional candidates who had been involved in the Tailhook scandal, but had made no such request about Watson.

Negative information about an officer must normally be revealed to the Senate, Bakes said. But he said the government, in its court papers in Watson's case, had never referred to the disclosure of the officer's homosexuality as "adverse action" - which would be barred by Zilly's order - and was playing a double game by doing so now.

Measure Strengthening Gay Rights Law Fails in Senate

(California) - Legislation to strengthen California's ban on employment discrimination against gays and bisexuals was narrowly defeated Monday in the state Senate. The

measure by Assembly Majority Leader Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, went down to defeat on a 19-18 roll call, two votes short of the bare majority needed for approval in the 40-seat upper house.

Supporters were given permission to take a second vote at a later Senate meeting. Current law generally prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation. But the law, part of the state labor code, doesn't cover non-profit organizations.

Villaraigosa's bill would transfer the anti-discrimination provisions to the Fair Employment and Housing Act, extending its prohibitions to cover non-profit groups that aren't church-related. The bill would also extend the time period for filing discrimination claims, from the current 30 days to one year. Supporters also say that investigators for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing have more experience in handling discrimination complaints.

Sen. Ray Haynes, R-Temecula, called the bill a bad precedent. "You are placing in danger people who have legitimate personal concerns about employing people whose lifestyles they disagree with," he said. "This particular

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statute, all it does is say your civil rights are based on your bedroom behavior," he added.

But Sen. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland, said the bill says "discrimination is wrong no matter who you are."

Ellen Degeneres' Mother Spokeswoman For National Coming Out Project

(California) - The mother of television comic Ellen DeGeneres is the new spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project.

Betty DeGeneres, 67, will appear on television and in print public service announcements as well as make personal appearances nationwide, HRC said in a statement Monday. It's the first time the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national homosexual political organization, has named a heterosexual to serve as National Coming Out Project representative. Chastity Bono, Amanda Bearer and Candace Gingrich served in the past.

"She'll be encouraging gay people to come out and be honest, while also urging fair-minded friends and family members to come out for equal rights," HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch said. Betty DeGeneres, who occasionally appears on the Ellen DeGeneres comedy *Ellen*, decided to work for the National Coming Out project after the positive response to her daughter's public coming out.

"I am thrilled at this wonderful opportunity to talk with gay and straight Americans about the importance of coming out, because honesty truly is the best policy," the elder DeGeneres said.

Rabbis Sue to Stop Opening of Holocaust Museum Because of Gay Exhibit

(New York) - Sixteen Orthodox Jewish rabbis have filed a lawsuit that may threaten the scheduled Sept. 15 opening of a new Holocaust museum in Manhattan.

The suit, filed in federal court Friday, says the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust offends the beliefs of Orthodox Jews because it includes an exhibit honoring gays and lesbians who were persecuted by the Nazis.

The rabbis were angry over "the elevation of homosexuals to the martyred status of the six million Jews," who died in the Holocaust, said Rabbi Yehuda Levin, the lead plaintiff. Their suit says the use of public money to build the museum near Battery Park was unconstitutional. Levin, who once ran for mayor, has been a vocal opponent of gay rights.

Howard Rubenstein, a vice chairman of the museum, said he had not seen the suit and could not comment other than to say "we fully intend to open on time." He said the museum would fulfill its mission "of public education about 20th Century Jewish history, including the Holocaust."

Federal Judge Sonia Sotomayor was expected to schedule a hearing for next week.

Protesters Blast Disney For 'Pro-Gay' Policies

(California) - Demonstrators rallied outside Walt Disney Studios to attack the company's alleged pro-homosexual policies, and studio workers gave them cookies and sodas.

"We want Mickey to come home," Mason Weaver of Oceanside said at a news conference during Friday's rally. "We don't want him to have a dress when he gets here."

Several Christian groups, notably the Southern Baptist Convention, have called for boycotts of Disney products and theme parks. They object to Disney granting its employees health benefits for same-sex partners and to the TV series *Ellen*, which features a lesbian character and is broadcast on Disney-owned ABC.

Disney employees set out water, soft drinks and cookies for the demonstrators, who stood outside in muggy, 100-degree weather. Disney issued a statement saying the entertainment giant is committed to "values that include tolerance and compassion and respect for everybody."

Radio Host Who Wants Gays Punished Prompts Backlash

(California) - A radio talk show host has stirred up civil rights activists by urging Biblical punishment - meaning death - for gay men and lesbians.

"This is really appalling," said Bill LaPointe, publisher of *The Blade*, a monthly news magazine for homosexuals. "It really sent shivers down my spine."

Rich Agozino, host of "Crosstalk" on KBRT-AM, urged callers to write legislators asking for laws that fit his view of God's punishment for homosexuals.

"Lesbian love, sodomy are viewed by God as being detestable and abominable. ... Civil magistrates are to put people to death who practice these things," Agozino said, according to a transcript of an Aug. 29 program.

Agozino has had a daily program for about three months, said station manager Ed Personius. KBRT's signal reaches from Santa Barbara to San Diego. "I think it's an honest dialogue concerning Christian beliefs," Personius said.

"It's a thinly veiled call to violence against people who he calls abominable," said Rusty Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

The nonprofit group counted 15 reported hate crimes against gays and lesbians last year, Kennedy said. That has decreased from a record high of 35 in 1992.

Gay Father Seeks End to Restrictions on Visits with His Children

(Maryland) - A homosexual father seeking broader visitation rights with his children asked an appellate court Friday to give

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gay parents the same protections accorded heterosexual parents in similar cases.

A divorce decree issued 16 months ago by Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Lawrence Rushworth prohibited Robert Boswell's two children from staying overnight with him. The judge also said the children could not be in Boswell's house any time anyone with "homosexual tendencies" was present or if anyone was living with Boswell in a non-marital relationship.

Boswell's lawyer, Nancy Pelikoff, told a panel of judges of the Court of Special Appeals that the restrictions should not have been imposed unless there was evidence such visits would harm the children.

"The judge made no findings along those lines," said Ms. Pelikoff, an American University law professor who is handling the appeal for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The fund is a national organization that works to protect legal rights of gays and lesbians.

Cynthia Young, lawyer for Kimberly Boswell, said the judge had ample evidence to show the restrictions were necessary to protect the 8-year-old boy and 6-year-old girl. She cited psychiatric testimony that the boy seemed to have difficulty adjusting to his father's homosexual friend.

"It confused him. It disturbed him," Ms.

Young said. She said the judge inferred from the comments that if gays or lesbians were present during visits to the father, "this might be disturbing to the boy. This is not a gay rights case. This is a best interests of the children case," she said.

Ms. Pelikoff said the Maryland Court of Appeals has ruled that the mere fact that a noncustodial parent is involved in a sexual relationship is not sufficient to restrict visitation rights. Restrictions can only be imposed to prevent harm to the child, she said.

That decision came in a case involving a heterosexual couple, but Ms. Pelikoff argued it should apply to gay parents as well. Ms. Pelikoff noted that Mrs. Boswell did not object to overnight visits. The restrictions were imposed by the judge on his own, she said.

Beatrice Dohrn, Lambda's legal director, said courts in other states have split on whether restrictions such as those imposed by Rushworth are legal. A complaint alleging that Rushworth is biased toward gays and lesbians was filed last month by the Lesbian Avengers. Neither Boswell nor Lambda joined in that complaint. The complaint asked the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to sanction him for his conduct. Rushworth has denied any bias and said he imposed the restrictions in the best interests of the children.



COURT WATCH

Court Upholds 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

(California) - A federal appeals court has upheld the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, saying two service members who declared their homosexuality were discharged for conduct, not speech.

"The military has a legitimate interest in discharging service members on account of homosexual conduct in order to maintain effective armed forces," the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Friday in a 2-1 ruling.

The court also said the military was entitled to presume that self-declared homosexuals had a "propensity to engage in prohibited homosexual conduct." That presumption can be disproven, and some have done so, the court said.

A dissenting judge said the policy "severely burdens speech," encourages lying and has no rational connection to military effectiveness.

The ruling upheld the discharge of a Navy officer in Washington state and reversed a judge's decision in favor of a California Army National Guard officer who challenged his discharge.

Three other federal appeals courts have also ruled that service members can be discharged for declaring their homosexuality and failing to prove that they would not engage in homosexual acts, either on or off the military base, while in service. The Supreme Court has not considered the issue itself but has denied review of one of the appellate rulings.

One of the appeals courts, the New York-based 2nd Circuit, is considering another challenge to the policy, a claim that the Constitution bars the discharge of homosexuals for conduct that would not subject a heterosexual to discharge. A federal judge in

Brooklyn recently agreed with that argument.

The policy was adopted by Congress in 1993 and accepted by President Clinton, who had previously proposed repealing entirely the long-standing ban on homosexuals in the military. Current rules prohibit inquiries into a service member's sexual orientation but allow discharge for homosexual conduct or for a "propensity" to engage in homosexual conduct. Lawyers for the two men in Friday's case said they were disappointed and would probably appeal.

"They convert, through verbal sleight-of-hand, speech into conduct," said Todd E. Thompson, lawyer for former National Guard 1st Lt. Andrew Holmes of Sacramento. "It's unfortunate that the judiciary of the United States is not willing to look at this policy squarely and evaluate it for what it is."

The discharge of the other man in the case, Navy Lt. Richard Watson of Bremerton, Wash., had been put on hold during his appeal. In June 1993, after Clinton took office with a promise to eliminate discrimination against gays in the military, Holmes wrote to his commanding officer, saying, "As a matter of conscience, honesty and pride, I am compelled to inform you that I am gay."

He was discharged in 1994 after offering no evidence that he would refrain from engaging in homosexual conduct. Watson was a decorated 15-year Navy veteran who wanted to be a nuclear submarine commander. He disclosed his homosexuality to his commanding officer in 1994 while an ROTC instructor and was notified of his impending discharge in 1995.

GLOBAL NEWS

Mother Teresa, Patron Of The World's Poorest, Dead at 87

by Bikas Das

Calcutta, India (AP) - Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun revered for her tireless dedication to the world's most wretched, died surrounded by grieving sisters of her order. She was 87.

Crowds of weeping people stood in the rain before dawn in the streets outside her Missionaries of Charity home in central Calcutta. Pope John Paul II, U.S. President

Bill Clinton and other world leaders praised Mother Teresa and her commitment to the poor.

With Mother Teresa gone, "there is less love in the world, less compassion, less light," said President Jacques Chirac of France. "She leaves us a strong message which has no borders and which goes beyond faith: helping, listening, solidarity. The world is in mourning."

The frail, 4-foot-11-inch nun, who was born in Europe but became an Indian citizen during her six decades on the subcontinent, had suffered heart problems and other ailments for years and gave up leadership of her order in March because she was too ill to

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Her successor, Sister Nirmala, told reporters that Mother Teresa died of a heart attack Friday. Mother Teresa's last words were, "I cannot breathe," said a close friend, Sunita Kumar. She said Mother Teresa then slumped down in her bed.

Sister Nirmala said the funeral will be held Sept. 13, just three days after the 51st anniversary of the day Mother Teresa received what she said was a calling from Jesus "to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

Sister Nirmala said a site had been chosen in the Missionaries of Charity's headquarters in this eastern metropolis and nuns were contacting the Vatican before finalizing the funeral arrangements. Mother Teresa's body was taken to a chapel at the convent and laid, with hands clasped, in the simple habit worn by members of her order - a blue-trimmed white sari and a long-sleeved blouse. Young nuns filed past, touching her feet in a traditional Indian gesture of respect.

"The city will not be the same again," said Khokan Sen, a shopkeeper who joined thousands of others in a line outside the charity. "People who need her most do not even have the power to look for a substitute," he said as a steady drizzle fell.

The Vatican said Pope John Paul II would celebrate a Mass for her Saturday at Castel Gandolfo, his summer residence outside Rome. "Her death touched his heart very deeply," said the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, a spokesman.

Working in the slums of Calcutta 50 years ago, Mother Teresa started taking in the destitute dying in gutters, sheltering infants abandoned in trash heaps, soothing the ulcers of lepers and helping the insane. A British TV documentary about her in 1969 brought "the saint of the gutters" international attention, and volunteers and donations poured in to the religious order she

founded.

That allowed her to spread her work around the globe, with more than 500 missions in 100 countries by mid-1990, from the hovels of Third World nations to the ghettos of New York. Her order opened one of the first homes for AIDS victims.

"The world and especially India, is poorer by her passing away," said India's prime minister, Inder Kumar Gujral. "Hers was a life devoted to bring love, peace and joy to people, whom the world generally shuns."

Although India is predominantly Hindu, Mother Teresa was widely regarded as a national treasure who transcended religious divisions. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

Mother Teresa stands out, in a very positive way, as an example of true self-sacrifice in humanitarian work. She became a symbol to the world," Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize awards committee, said Friday.

Clinton called the nun "an incredible person." In Washington, where just three months ago Mother Teresa received the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, the U.S. House of Representatives observed a moment of silence.

A tiny woman bent almost double in her later years, she was as renowned for her humility as her charity. Accepting the Nobel in the name of the "unwanted, unloved and uncared for," she wore the same \$1 white sari that she had adopted to identify herself with the poor when she founded Missionaries of Charity.

She used the Nobel's \$192,000 to help finance her charitable work, along with dozens of other financial prizes and donations from foundations and private citizens. Born on Aug. 26, 1910, as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, she lived in Skopje, in what is now Macedonia. At 18, she became a nun in the Loreto teaching order and moved to India to teach in its convent schools.

Taking the name Sister Teresa after St.

Teresa of Lisieux, the patroness of missionaries, she spent the next 17 years teaching at St. Mary's high school in Calcutta, eventually serving as principal. She fell ill in 1946 and was sent to the mountain town of Darjeeling to recuperate. "It was in the train I heard the call to give up all and follow him to the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor," she recalled.

In 1948, Pope Pius XII permitted her to leave her order, and she began teaching Calcutta slum children whose families could not afford to send them to school. The children called her "Mother Teresa." One day, she found a woman "half-eaten up by maggots and rats" lying in the street in front of a hospital. She sat with the woman until she died.

After appealing to authorities for a building where the poor could die in dignity, Mother Teresa was given a hostel used by pilgrims next to the temple of Kali, the Hindu goddess of death and destruction. She and a small group of nuns roamed Calcutta's slums, scooping up destitute people lying in the gutters.

Local people complained and a police commissioner was sent to the Nirmal Hriday (Pure Heart) clinic to investigate. Moved by the misery of the nuns' charges, he announced he would evict the women only when the complainers persuaded their mothers and sisters to take over the work.

The clinic remained the center of Mother Teresa's growing charity and the place she called home. Wherever people needed comfort, she was there: with the hungry in Ethiopia, the radiation victims at Chernobyl, the survivors of Armenia's earthquake, the blacks of South Africa's squalid townships.

In 1982, at the height of the siege of Beirut, Mother Teresa persuaded the Israeli army and Palestinian guerrillas to stop shooting long enough for her to rescue 37 children trapped in a hospital on the front line. When communism collapsed in

Eastern Europe, she rushed into the communist countries that had shunned her for decades with dozens of projects.

But there were criticisms. A 1994 British television documentary, *Hell's Angel: Mother Teresa of Calcutta*, argued she was promoting a reactionary strain of religion. The film, later shown in the United States, also criticized her for accepting contributions without questioning the source, such as from Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

In 1992, she wrote to a U.S. judge on behalf of savings and loan executive Charles Keating, who was on trial for fraud. Keating, who donated \$1.25 million to her order, "has always been kind and generous to God's poor," she said.

Mother Teresa brushed aside accusations of impropriety. "No matter who says what, you should accept it with a smile and do your own work," she said.

For Diana's Favorite Causes, An Outpouring and Then?

by Ted Anthony

London (AP) - She learned early on that she could sell anything, and Princess Diana chose her products carefully. "I wanted to do good things," she said last year.

One glimpse this week at the causes the Princess of Wales so vocally served shows she succeeded mightily. Donations and sentiments are pouring in, and people from her favorite charities will march, hundreds strong, in her funeral procession Saturday. But after the pomp recedes, organizations that relied on Diana as their voice must go on without an eloquent, valuable - and probably irreplaceable - advocate.

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- False Prophets or Just Dang Good Guessers: An eclectic mix of composed and improvised music, vibrant visual art and Southern style storytelling; sponsored by Diverseworks, runs until September 13, 12:00 pm to 11:59pm, The Orange Show, 2401 Munger, FYI 713-228-0914.
- Ken Claude Fundraiser: Fundraiser to raise money to represent Houston in the International Mr. Drummer Contest, 5:30pm to 10:00pm, Ripcord, 715 Fairview.
- The Gardening and Yard Society: Lesbian and Gay Gardening Club, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, 2415 McClendon, Houston, FYI 713-661-6378.
- Astro Rainbow alliance for the Deaf: general meeting, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer, FYI 713-869-2287.
- Movie Time: Free Les/bi/gay film showing at Kolbe House, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, 1509 Fairview, FYI 713-522-8182.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay /Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 786-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Tootie's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Acres Home Multi Service Center.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm. 522-8182.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

Saturday, September 13

- Gulf Coast Transgender community: is a non-sexual support group for all transgendered individuals and their partners. Montly socials are held, FYI 713-780-4282.
- AIDS Housing Coalition Houston: A 90 day gay positive

- emergency house for PWA's in transition, 10am to 12pm, 117 Tuam Ave. @ Helena, FYI 713-521-1613.
- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Support Group meets. 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.

Sunday, September 14

- Rainbow Fishing Club: New Buccaneer 12 Hour Trip, \$60, 7:30am to 7:30pm, 611 Hyde Park Pub, 611 Hyde Park, FYI 713-5232-6381.
- Golf Tourny Fundraiser for Annise Parker: Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Annise Parker, \$100, 8am to 5pm, Pinecrest Golf Club, Houston, TX, FYI 713-688-3888.
- The Women's Group: The Women's Group is a feminist groups for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience, 10:45am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin, FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
- Houston Area Bears: General Meeting, 2pm to 4pm, varies, FYI 713-867-9123.
- Texas Gay Rodeo Association: Regular monthly meeting of the TGRA, 2pm to 5pm, The New Barn
- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.

Monday, September 15

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 529-1223.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6pm. 732-4300.
- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Ste 1717.
- HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- Miss Camp America meets. 520-STAR.
- Houston Area Women's Center's Volunteer training. 535-6363.
- Texas Medical Center Lambda Group meets. 523-5539.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Brazos River Bottom 4 to 8pm; QT's 8pm-12am.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.

Tuesday, September 16

- Sex, Lies & Video Tapes workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8pm. 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Women for Sobriety Meeting; 7-8pm; 701 Richmond; 281-855-8616.
- Lesbian Health Initiatives meet at 7pm. 526-7828.

- 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at 5th Ward Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus monthly meeting, 7pm, 501 Lovett Blvd.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic: Mary's 4-8pm and Brick's II 8pm-12am

Thursday, September 18

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center, 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

Wednesday, September 17

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Bricks II 8pm - 12am.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 473-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call

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Your Horoscope for the week of September 14 - September 20

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You give the impression of being quiet and detached. With strong powers of attraction, you are also very selective in what you desire. You will attract exactly what you need and not much more. Try to start knocking down the walls you've put up.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) There is a touchy family matter which will resurface, since it has never quite been resolved - so the less said, the better. As your week gets under way, you are right on target with your well directed energies and initiative. All efforts will be noticed.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Getting organized as early in the week as possible will assure successful results either in business or your personal life. There are various complications which show the need for a new approach to a current problem with a mate or a close associate.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Whether single and eligible, or married, you may discover that dreams really do come true in the love-and-marriage arena. Pursuing your heart's desires in a no-nonsense way keeps others on their toes, and can strengthen important ties.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Fantastic trends should enable you to get more mileage out of your efforts by simply following your instincts. Both romance and financial gains are favored. Be prepared to cope with a sudden and unexpected development regarding a partnership; it will pass.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Tread gently on the sensitive feelings of a mate or lover, comments may result in a fiery overreaction, so guard your manner and speech. Although you may be in the mood to have things go your own way, it's not time to insist on it - back off a bit.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) Give your best efforts to your job and health interests. Don't let others sidetrack you or go overboard about any private matters. The time is right to follow through on any financial dealings. You may be quite pleased with the results.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Behind the scenes manipulations may be the key to getting ahead now where business and career aims are concerned. Be attentive to those to whom you mean alot; this may be more welcome than you think. Both creativity and romance are high.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) The work ethic is strong in you this week and you may feel compelled to take on a sizable project, or new self-improvement program. An on-the-job problem may also be a worry, but the prognosis will be good. Extra effort now will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) This will be one of your better weeks on which relationships, financial interests, home and health matters all seem to be going smoothly. It is a gratifying time of personal accomplishment, for people around you seem to be receptive to your practical ideas.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) It's definitely a working week, and you may be tied down to chores or routine tasks while others seem to be having the time of their lives. Follow through on a project which you have been mulling over for some time - it's family or money related.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Your financial prospects look relatively good right now, although you may be on the brink of some large expenditure that will possibly change that monetary cushion swiftly. You may have to put in extra effort at work, with little to no thanks.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) The week will begin with encouragement from your mate or lover who are sympathetic to your ideas. The way you manage your financial affairs is the focus of an argument between you and a family member. This argument will go on forever if you let it.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 John, director of 'Pink Flamingos'
 - 6 inhibitors that have infused hope into HIV-positive people
 - 13 meadow
 - 14 OATH in a mirror
 - 16 positioned
 - 17 a version of 'ole'
 - 18 Armistead Maupin's newspaper column that became PBS miniseries, 4 words
 - 23 French for sad
 - 24 Latin for salt
 - 25 Canada's Northwest Territories abbr.
 - 26 Latin for 'that is,' abbr.
 - 27 landing (as a postal address) abbr.
 - 30 smell
 - 32 L.A. gay area, 2 words
 - 36 SO upside down
 - 37 Scottish for 'own'
 - 38 epic poem
 - 39 singles
 - 44 saint abbr.
 - 45 European version of this traveling AIDS memorial will be on display at Gay Games V in Amsterdam
 - 46 Sonny & Cher's lesbian daughter
 - 49 labored
 - 50... Zedong, also (old style) ... Tse-tung
 - 51 British nobleman
 - 52 nu way of saying hello
 - 53 furniture to make love on
 - 54 burger place canceled ads on Ellen's coming out episode
 - 55 'Mr.' contest sponsored by hard-core gay mag with finals in Sept. in S.F.
- DOWN**
- 2 comrades
 - 3 golf ball pegs
 - 4 direction Castro to Greenwich Village
 - 5 share abbr.
 - 6 nickname
 - 7 decays
 - 8 unit of weight in eastern Asia of about 1.33 oz.
 - 9 additional things, abbr.
 - 10 voce (in music, very softly)
 - 11 former English county now part of Cambridgeshire
 - 12 biggest U.S. phone co.
 - 15 walk like a toddler
 - 19 1st sign of the zodiac
 - 20 one who commits a serious offense
 - 21 circles of light surrounding heavenly bodies
 - 22 Hoosier State, abbr.
 - 28 major baseball league, initials
 - 29 migrating person of Europe
 - 30 British spelling for 30 ACROSS
 - 31 slept
 - 32 20th century U.S. jurist Douglas, initials ("The use of violence as an instrument of persuasion is therefore inviting and seems to the discontented to be the only effective protest.")
 - 33 informal British for 'thank you,' usually said twice
 - 34 made a sibilant sound
 - 35 TOW
 - 40 daughter of Tantalus
 - 41 young eel
 - 42 human foot covering
 - 43 circles (as a postal address) abbr.
 - 45 quart abbr.
 - 46 call of the crow
 - 47 river of central Scotland
 - 48 in the shipping business, abbr. for truckload
 - 49 former French coin
 - 52 usually 365 days, abbr.
 - Solution elsewhere this issue c.1997 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE GAY'18

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beauty of that place. When she walked into the room to greet me, I felt that I was, indeed, meeting a saint."

She was a tireless opponent of abortion, but her voice was heard against a backdrop of missions throughout the world that cared for abandoned children. Although she adhered to the church's moral teaching on sexuality, she embraced those dying of AIDS as she had the lepers in Calcutta.

"We are working with people with AIDS and people who are gay, and people in our country have cast those people out," said Jamie Schield, program director at the Dallas-based Foundation for Human Understanding. "They have been regarded as lepers. And then you look at people who Mother Teresa cared for. She shined as something of a patron saint to us. It helped make our work seem a little more on track."

In the larger sweep of history, "traveling tirelessly the streets of the entire world, Mother Teresa marked the history of our century," Pope John Paul II said upon her death.

However, for those lighting candles in the back pews of churches throughout the world or for those who shared her mission work, the five-foot spiritual giant also is being remembered in more personal ways.

"It seemed to me that in meeting her, holiness was quite attainable," said Brother James Walker of the Missionaries of Charity in Los Angeles, speaking from a rambling Victorian-style home in the city's poverty-wracked and gang-ridden Pico-Union District. "She was quite fully human. It seemed like being with your grandmother, in the best sense of saying that."

Within an hour of Mother Teresa's death, the front door of a Missionaries of Charity convent in New York was inundated with roses, chrysanthemums and other flowers left by people from the neighborhood. Eight-year-old Alex Santana said his bouquet was left with the message, "I hope you have a good time in heaven."

After visiting the convent, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, "I don't know if I'm allowed to say this, but I believe she was a saint and I haven't met many saints." (See related story in Global News)

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an editorial that infection with the AIDS virus should be a reportable disease at the federal level, just like tuberculosis and many sexually transmitted illnesses, such as syphilis and gonorrhea.

The editorial noted that this would allow health agencies to track down partners of infected people so they could be warned of their risk and get counseling and treatment. Protease inhibitors and other AIDS drugs, used together, dramatically slow the progression of an infection to full-blown AIDS. Many doctors believe patients should start treatment as soon as possible after infection to improve their chances of survival.

The same issue of the journal published a study, directed by Dr. Scott M. Hammer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in

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in glove with Mr. B's choreography.

The way the dancers interpret Balanchine's famous 'architecture' building style has a lot to do with their attitude about the master. Their crisp, almost diffident postures enhance movement without distraction and maintain audience focus on the 'lines' within a piece. Execution was technically terrific — the addition of some new (and slightly taller) men to the corps gives badly need height to the company and increases its overall impact.

Though Russian by birth, George Balanchine is the universal well-spring from which many other movement makers have come. The collection of pieces from other choreographers exhibited strong evidence of his influence — throughout the entire program the other works wore bits of clothing taken from Balanchine's choreographic closet.

Jiri Killians expansive *Sinfionetta* was the work providing proof that dancers can and do fly. A wonderful mix of modern and classical dance vocabulary, Killian's overwhelming message of liberation is ever present in the fast-moving, almost windy piece. Loose costuming and a seemingly borderless back-

Boston, showing that AIDS patients getting a combination of the protease inhibitor indinavir, plus the drugs AZT and lamivudine, had half the death rate of those getting two drugs when followed for nine months.

That study received wide attention after the results were released by the National Institutes of Health, its sponsor, in February. States with laws requiring HIV reporting by name are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Connecticut, Oregon and Texas require that only HIV-infected children be reported by name.

drop reinforce a work which depicts unencumbered freedom.

Houston Ballet Artistic Director Ben Stevenson's new work *Eclipse* was a classically oriented portrayal of celestial reverence. A simple icon-like set and diaphanous attire focuses our attention to the dancers and their movement. There are some interesting new moves, notably, a gracefully difficult 'on the floor' shoulder roll within the pax de deux. Principals Sean Kelly and Lauren Anderson looked lovely together. They, and the whole company, continue to become not only better dancers, but better communicators as well. The Ballet orchestra did a marvelous job with a program that would rival any symphonic offering. Their reading of the intensely romantic Chopin Piano Concerto which accompanies *Eclipse*, however, was a bit too muted for me. Any time you create dance over an existing musical work that restriction can diminish musical impact. Musical romantic freedom can be difficult to accomplish within somewhat strict the boundaries of dance.

With remaining shows this weekend only, catch this interesting and enjoyable set of works, pleasing to the ear and the eye.

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people are becoming aware of their sexuality these days, Ms. Thompson said.

In earlier years, people didn't consider their sexuality until they were in their late teens or early 20s, she said. "I think if you lived in a small town anywhere in the U.S. you might not even know what gay meant," she said. "You might think that you were having particular feelings, but you might not know how that turned into being gay. Now it's on television. It's a very different culture now."

That was the experience of 20-year-old senior Chris Mayhall, who dropped out of Stephenville High School with one year to go after telling his parents of his homosexuality and getting thrown out of the house.

"I did not know what gay meant until I was 18 years old," Mayhall said. Schoolmates guessed he was different by how he carried himself and who he hung out with. "People would call you (names) in the halls and in classes," he recalled. "Teachers, they don't do anything. I went to a counselor who said not to carry myself that way."

David Buckel, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, said the Whitman school is the first of its kind in the country. "I'm sure you're aware of the sadness that attaches to the formation of a school like this," he said. "The public schools haven't really caught up with the desperate need that lesbian and gay youth have with struggling with bigotry in the public schools every day."

Friday, September 12

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray plays tonight! Blackjack tables with Bunny open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm: Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- Midtowne Spa: Anniversary Party. Guest entertainers TBA. 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tournament 6pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm.
- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: Klub Kamp. a comedy drag review 9pm doors open, 11:30pm show—Retro Modern Hits by D.J. Chris Sill, \$1, \$2, \$3 drinks.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails, \$2 Cuervo. 9:00 live band.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Guest Bartenders 9:00 pm.

Saturday, September 13

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks;
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 10:30 to 11pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy

- Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Rascals: "Everybody Dance Night". No Cover before 11pm.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. DJ Bridgitt Tucker spins.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. Houston Area Bear's Social 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 14

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fixins
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays your favorites.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; "Broadway Bound" 9pm. Followed by the Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- Heaven: \$1.00 well drinks, \$2.00 domestic longnecks, and \$3.00 anything in the house (excluding multiple liquor drinks and champagne) Video Classifieds 9:30-1:30. Doors open at 8.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1:30pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.
- Rascals: Super Sunday Show, 11:00pm - "Rascal's Untouchables". No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & guest Bartenders bartend 6pm till???. HCC Show at 8:00 pm.

Monday, September 15

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.

- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover with pass. Lowest regular drink prices in town.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Table.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

Tuesday, September 16

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm; Live Band 8:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas & wine; Jockey short contest at 11pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.
- VooDoo Lounge. Doors open 9:00 pm. No cover with ad from the Houston Voice. \$2 well, domestic, and special drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

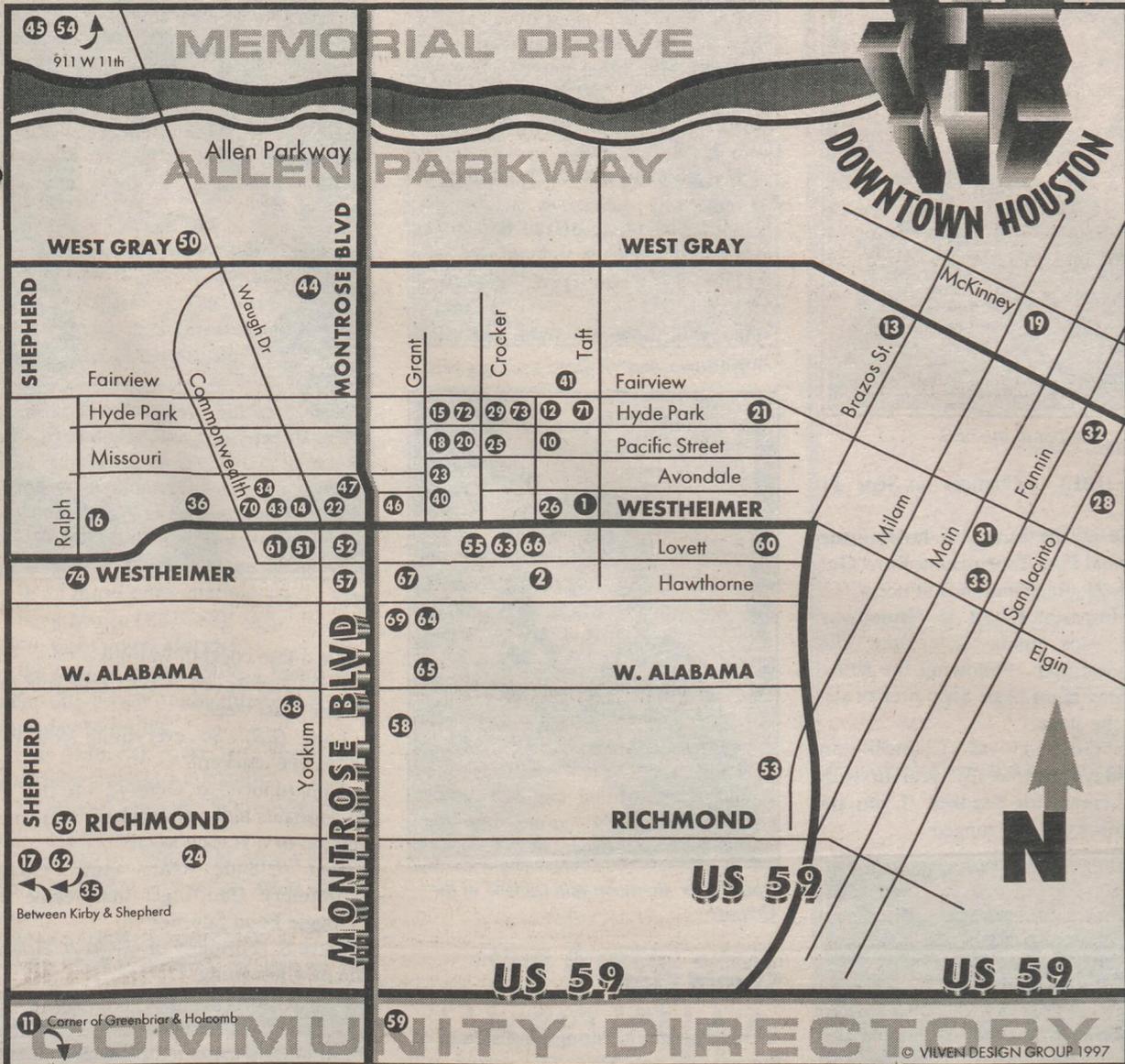
Wednesday, September 17

- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75

- domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser & 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace: Doors open 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & nite; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular and video) Noon to Midnight: Amateur Strip at 10:00 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

Thursday, September 18

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head plays in a number of disguises.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Cousin's: Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Tacos on the patio; Thursday Night Follies @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- Heaven: \$1.25 Frozen 'Ritas, \$1.00 well drinks. Amateur Strip Contest at 11pm hosted by Kofi. \$200 in Cash Prizes.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold & Micro brewed beer: Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; 75¢ Schnapps.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.



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The VooDoo Lounge, located at 2151 Richmond (Shepherd Plaza) wants you to come in on Tuesdays for a VooDoo of a good time! They have \$2 well drinks, domestic beers, and house specialty drinks that are truly tasty from 9-11pm. There is NO COVER if you bring in the ad that is on the opposite page. Join hosts Tara and Kara Dion for a night of bewitching dancing. Tell 'em Cuervolyn sent you!



Come see me at the VooDoo Lounge.

52 Party animals are boarding a plane! Destination: San Francisco. Objective: PARTY! Henry (Montrose Inn) has gotten quite a "tour package" together. The Bar Area Reporter (BAR) is sending a reporter to meet this group at the airport! Daddy's Bar is hosting a welcoming party. One hell of a bar run is planned. This group has a free drink coming from: The Mint, The Pilsner Inn, Harvey's, The Power House, Hamburger Mary's, and The Hole in the Wall. The highlight of the weekend will be this rowdy group going to cheer on Ken Claude as he competes for Mr. International Drummer!



Hi, I'm Migal...I work at the Venture-N. Come see me!

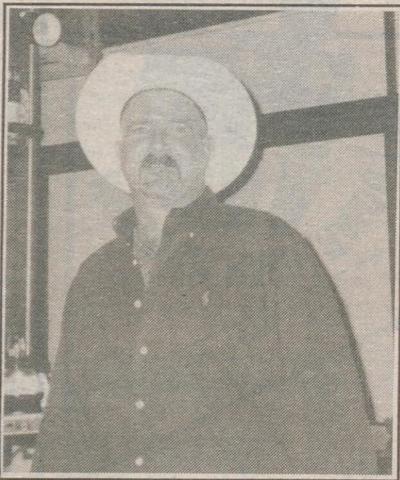
The Daddy of Montrose, Max Mixon presents "The Queens of my Double Wide" at the BRB this Sunday (9/14) @ 8pm. This is a fundraiser for the Bering Care Center!

Midtowne Spa is celebrating their 21st anniversary next weekend. Join them for a weekend long party with food, fun, entertainment and more! Be sure to register to win a trip to New Orleans!

Ken Claude is on his way to San Francisco to compete in Mr. International Drummer. He will be at the Ripcord, Friday (9/12) starting at 5:30 pm. Stop in and wish him good luck. You can donate to his travel fund, too.

Sunday at the Venture-N, Cuntessa and Tiffany will host a fundraising show for HCC's 25th annual LUEY weekend!

You can register for the newest Pool



I'm behind the bar at the BRB.

League (IBL) at Chances on Sept. 21 @2pm.

Buddy of the Lazy J is holding the 2nd annual Pool Tournament Blow Out on Sept. 21. Registration is at noon.

The Imperial Court is "Broadway Bound" this Sunday at Gentry. The show starts 9pm. Following the show, the Sunday night Male Strip Frenzy sizzles on the stage.

Get "Gonged" at Chances on Wednesdays. But, really, join in with Shiela Lennon for Karokee. If you are good, you won't get gonged!



Lovely ladies at the New Barn.

Barry (Vanna) and Steve (Sil) are on their way to Cancun. Vanna won the best bartender's contest sponsored by the folks at Finlandia and the Houston Voice. Have a great time!

The Pride Committee's election meeting is Sept. 16. Everyone present can vote. You can also volunteer for to help with next year's Pride Parade. For more info, call 713/529-6979.



Mary and Gus at Mary's, naturally!

Sean and Lexy are holding "Court" at Chances this Friday. The show is at 9pm and benefits the RSICSS.

The Mr. and Miss Rascal's contest will be held on Sept. 22 and 23. For more info, call 942-CLUB.

The Houston Women's Festival is on Sept. 20. For more info, call 713/868-1911.

Empower '97, the Gay Business Expo is on Oct. 11. Call 713/462-1354 for more info.

Milestones

My prayers are with Laura Lee (RSICSS). Her father passed away. We love you, honey.

Speedy recovery hugs to Pasty Kline (Lazy J).

Jeff (ex-Steam) needs a belated birthday hug!

Happy birthday to Bob of B.O.P.

Happy anniversary to Bob and Tom (B.O.P.). 17 years is a long time! Congrats!

Happy birthday to my friend Billie Duncan.



Spend your afternoon with Darlene at the Outpost



Miss Vacant Lot!

make a fine cocktail waitress!

Brian Keever (NLA:H): I hear you got "some" last week?

Lane (PS): So everything you eat tastes like chicken?

Tom (dancer at Gentry): A trip to McDonalds and a six-pack? Is that your version of a Happy Meal?

Ken Claude (Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer): Can I get that recipe of "Doggie Food Soufflé?"

Steve S. (Formerly of Gentry): How's the new job going?

Stupid Stuff

Don't be stupid enough to listen to all the rumors you hear. The rumor mill (besides me) is spreading some nasty lies about some of our communities most hard working and kind people. So if you hear that so & so broke up, or so & so got fired, or so & so got caught stealing from their employer, or so & so is too pushy to be a fundraiser, please keep in mind to believe only 10% of what you hear.



Irving, you handsome devil, you!

Rodent Droppings

Disclaimer! Disclaimer! I love my disclaimer! LIES! It is all LIES!

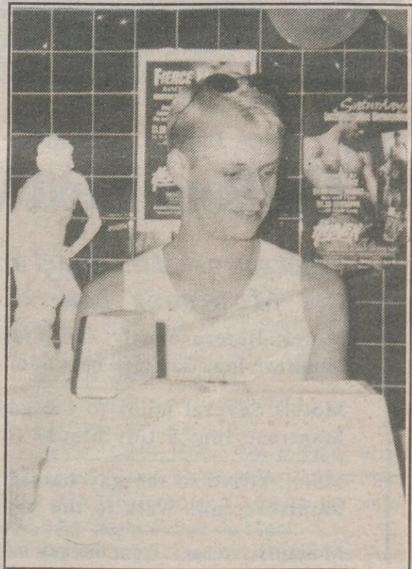
The kids have been very good this past week! Or at least I think so. Their cages had to be moved away from the window so Rascal won't get to all her ferret treats at once!

Don Gill (Mr. Wonderful): I hope you can forgive my typo last week. You are definitely not a dog!

Randy (P S): There are real doctors, not vets! Why the Pamprin?

Ova Eye: Is it true that when one of your water balloon tits broke, you flooded your apartment?

Max (Daddy of Montrose): You sure



Let me see your ID at Heaven.

Jeff (hangs at Mary's): And I quote: "I love weenies!"

Woody (Gentry): Bill...is that you?

Crystal Rae Lee Love: I saw you dipping your cocktail glass into that "dog bowl" at the dog show at Mary's!

Kimberly (hangs at Chances): Did you really grab Wiley's crotch so hard he dropped a drink? Are you having latent heterosexual thoughts?

Brian (New Barn): I hear you had to take a week's vacation!

Vanna White Lee Love: I guess your mom knows it all now since you gave her the phone number to the New Barn and told her to ask for Vanna, not Barry!

John B. (PWA Holiday Charities): I saw your water "broke" last Sunday as you were guest bartending at the Venture-N! You mop it girl! And just deep does your little Rat Terrier's tongue go down your throat? And when did you start hauling tires?

Zilla: I have a message from Coco. "What is this I read about a scratching post? Did that feline leave any marks?"

JT (Formerly Miss Montrose/PS now

SCENE AND HEARD

in Utah): News travels! I hear you got your right nipple pierced! And is it true that you found the only "Top" in Salt Lake?

Steve Nally (TWT): Since when do you double as a Houston's most famous cowboy's saddle?

Mike (Charlie's): I know someone who really digs you! If you want to know who, just call me!

Richard (E/J's): Vacationing in the Bahamas?

Boots (Chances): I'm sorry I missed you dancing in a black leather thong and a 12' black feather boa! Leather and feathers!

Darla K. (Gentry): Honey, I know how hard it is to find your glasses in the dark! I'm blind, too!

Papa Del (Gentry): I saw you hanging out on lower Westheimer holding a sign that reads "Will work for Sex, do hair for money!" What are you going to do with all those extra quarters?

Jerry Morin (RSICSS): Why did you try to burn down Mary's?

Jan (hangs at the BRB): I heard you went out Friday night thinking it was Saturday morning!

Gus (Mary's): Can you keep your nose out of peoples cocktails?

Migal and Michael (Venture-N): Are you IN yet?

Vera (BRB): What did Mario (BRB) do to you that you forget what day it was?

Mario (BRB): Green flies?

Miss Zack (Cousin's): So, you fell off your heels and sprained your ankle! Had you been partying with my old friend Jose Cuervo?

Cody (BRB): The dog is much cuter than you!

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exaggeration. She had a profound impact, and no one can fill her shoes," said Gavin Hart, spokesman for the National AIDS Trust, one of Diana's dearest charities.

Diana grew gradually into charity work as she grew into princesshood, and by last year she was helping well over 100 groups. But after divorcing Prince Charles and losing the title Her Royal Highness, she curtailed her involvement to six favorites.

Her personality, and thus her causes, drew far more attention than Charles' "Prince's Trust" for disadvantaged young people. She used as her instrument of benevolence the intense public attention that some say led to her death.

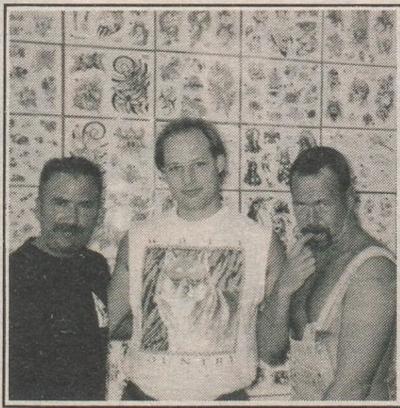
The media duly conveyed her message: Photographers who tailed her across the globe recorded her hugging AIDS patients, touching lepers and treading gingerly across minefields. So charities that grew accustomed to the cachet of Diana's support must tackle a virtually unsolvable problem - how to replace the most famous woman in the world.

"Without that presence, that visibility, that vibrancy, they won't have the same profile they had before," said David Harrison, managing director of Harrison Bergman Ltd., a London consulting firm that represents charities. "But you have to add," he said, "that she has taken their profile beyond what they ever expected it to be."

The English National Ballet began receiving Diana's support in the late 1980s. As time passed, she brought in millions of dollars, began attending rehearsals for hours and occasionally even repaired to the ballet offices to make fund-raising phone calls.

"There's an overwhelming feeling here that we've lost a member of the company," said Richard Shaw, the ballet's deputy executive director. "It's really hard to tell what's going to happen."

Fears ebbed slightly Tuesday when



These guys are ready for new tattoos at Scream-n-Demon.

Erica Lane (Lazy J): So, you are finally returning to the stage on Sept. 21!

Tirra (hangs at Bricks II): How many times did you play "Roll Out the Barrel" last week?

Sam (BRB): You are jealous 'cuz your ??? isn't big enough?

Edith Head (BriarPatch): So, you finally got a crown!

Donald (VooDoo Lounge): You sure pour a tasty Cuervo!

Mary (Mary's): Do you live life like you like the glasses stacked? You know, on the edge!

Don Dowden: I hear that you have started racking your balls every Wednesday @ 7pm at Bricks II!

Have a great week,
Cuervolyn

Buckingham Palace announced the creation of what has been dubbed the "Diana fund," an umbrella charity to parcel out money to causes the princess favored. "It is obvious the public wants to remember a princess they loved in a way she would have approved," said Victor Adebawale, chief executive of Centrepoint, a charity for homeless youths, and one of the six. The fund, he said, "has given us the direction that is needed."

Diana's continued involvement, had she lived, is a little dubious, given *Daily Mail* royal reporter Richard Kay's telephone conversation with her six hours before her death. "She was going to complete her obligations to her charities and to the anti-personnel land mines cause and then, around November, would completely withdraw from her formal public life," Kay wrote.

He also said she had enlisted Mohamed Al-Fayed, her boyfriend's father, to finance a charity for land-mine victims and was trying to open hospices across the world. Inevitably, this week's inundation of funds will trickle off; there is, after all, no more Diana to speak up on charities' behalf to support AIDS eradication in South Africa, refugees of Mozambique's civil war, cancer patients in Pakistan or land-mine banning efforts in Bosnia, Angola and Cambodia.

But organizations seem certain of one fact: They will use the momentum the princess provided to expand what Diana biographer Andrew Morton called "the unfolding vista of charity, community and social work that has given her a sense of self-worth and fulfillment."

"She raised the world's attention to these problems beyond what almost any person could do. You simply don't replace her," said Howard Rubenstein, who runs one of the United States' top public relations firms for celebrities. "Now is the time to tell the story of the help she gave and the work they do," he said. "And if they just tell the story, I think they can survive nicely over the next couple years."

Now...a few words about what's going on at *Chances*

Friday, September 12 at 9 pm, Sean and Lexy present a PR Ball Show featuring... Miss Laura Lee Love, Founder and Empress I & II...and many other talented performers. Come enjoy the show and help us raise money for our community!

Shiela, Every Wednesday at 9 pm plus KARAOKE...come try your luck at getting "GONGED!"

This is what's going on at The NEW BARN

Friday, September 12 - Marina and the Guppies from Outer Space Band play at 9:30 pm

Saturday, September 13 at 9 pm - Bridgett Tucker spinning dance music so our patrons can enjoy the largest dance floor in Montrose!

Monday, September 15 - Shuffleboard Tournament. First and Second place winners share \$5.00 entry fee 70/30.

Thursday, September 18 - Martha White Band...Best Little Country Band in Houston!

Sunday, September 21 - 2 pm I.B.L. registration for Fall/Winter League. Come join Gilbert and be a part of Houston's newest pool league!

Tuesday, September 23 - RSICSS & Friends compete for "Sport of the Week"! Trophies awarded to winners. \$5.00 Entry fee for one sport or \$10.00 for competition in Shuffleboard, Pool & Dart and Washer-Tossing! All entry fees donated. Have fun while raising funds for our community!

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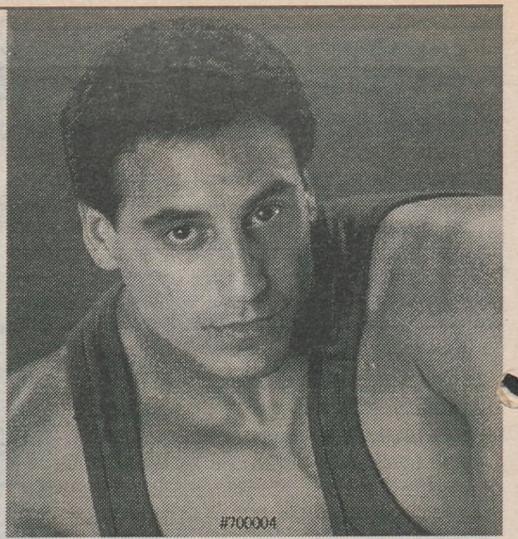
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Women SEEKING Women

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

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

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

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

SBF 5'7", 162 lbs., big breast. Looking for a female with similar qualities for a night of fun. Call Ext. 5105

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

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

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

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

SF 31, 5", 110 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, athletic. Seeking females who are interested in sports, swimming and non-smoker, and a light drinker. Call Ext. 5566

SWF 22, 5'7", 125 lbs. Interested in spending time with a cute single White or Hispanic male, who doesn't mind me working in a sexually orand having ented business. Should enjoy nature & intellectually stimulating conversations. Call Ext. 5559

SF 27, Professional, Adventuresome. I enjoy the outdoors and just about anything with a good company. Seeking a positive friend to enjoy life. I'm down-to-earth. Call Ext. 5556

SF 5'9", brown eyes. I'm down-to-earth, easy going & a great sense of humor. Looking for friendship first & possibly a relationship down the road. Call Ext. 5560

SBF Gay, sincere, love God. Interested in meeting other gay Black females for friendship & possibly more. Should enjoy life and have the same qualities. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5536

Seeking a White female between 35-45 to have a relationship with. I'd like to have an involvement with someone right away. I don't have a car. Very interested in having a lover. Call Ext. 5498

SBF 36, very attractive, professional, I love life and god. I'm fun loving and intelligent. Interested in meeting other Black females for friendship and possibly more. Call Ext. 5535

SF Tired of being alone. I'll be your special friend, if your woman enough for me call me I'll give you what you need. Call Ext. 5529

SF blue eyes. I love life and females. I have 42 years of life experience. I'm intelligent, professional and articulate. I have a quick mind. Do I sound like the type of person you would like to meet? Call me. Call Ext. 5526

SF 31, 5', brown hair, 115 lbs. I enjoy sports, outdoors and having fun. Looking for a friendship with a female between ages 28-35 with similar interests. Call Ext. 5525

SWF 45, nice person. Seeking a single female who is honest, sincere and willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5517

Men SEEKING Men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SM I like gray haired men, in their late 40's & up. I like to go to movies, dining out & go to comedy clubs. Interested in meeting mature, wealthy gay White men. Should be willing to show me the finer points of gay life in Houston. Call Ext. 5586

SM 5'10", 175 lbs. Looking for a tall male who is a top. I'm financially stable. I like going out and having fun. Call Ext. 5563

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

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



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

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

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

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

GWM Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'8", 140 lbs. Loving and caring relationship oriented. I enjoy outdoor activities, tennis and traveling. Seeking GM 35-50 for friendship and possibly more. Must be healthy and responsible. Call Ext. 5553

SHM 43, HIV positive, healthy, attractive. Seeking a male race is not important. Call Ext. 5562

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

SM Professional. Working on getting in better shape. Want a tennis player who can be out there with me. Call Ext. 5521

SM Responding to ad #5417, you are a bottom and non-drinker. I'm very much interested in you. Please call again and leave your number. Call Ext. 5557

SWM HIV+, 190 lbs., 6'2", healthy. I would like to meet another White male who is also HIV+ and good-looking. I'm financially secure and looking for the same. Seeking someone to join life with me. Call Ext. 5464

SWM HIV positive seeking the same. I'm good looking and very healthy. Would like to meet a single White male HIV+, who is willing to share life with me and live it to the fullest. Must be honest, sincere, considerate and deserving person. Call Ext. 5554

SM 42, good looking, little bit of money. Looking for a couple of young guys, maybe one live in to have a good time. Call Ext. 5551

SWM 61, caring, assertive 5'10", 175 lbs. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, non-drug user & HIV negative. I'm a hot top seeking a submissive bottom, any age, any race & 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, non-drug user & HIV negative. Call Ext. 5550

GWM 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., brown hair & hazel eyes. Masculine, nice body. Seeking males 35-45, HIV positive, who are fun, good-looking and enjoy being on the top. Call Ext. 5522

GWM 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., non-drinker, non-drug user. I'm handsome, husky, masculine, smooth physique & professional. I like cars, cooking, computers & going outside up in the mountains. Looking for a male 35-45, with a similar description, body & facial hair would be a plus. Call Ext. 5539

GWM HIV positive, attractive, financially independent. I love doing mostly anything, especially visiting my friends around the world. Looking for a special person who is integrity, fun loving & I can share the rest of my life with. Call Ext. 5538

SWM 36, HIV positive, 6'3", 190 lbs. Interested in meeting other good looking guys who are more than just looks, to do the town, dinner and outdoor activities. Call Ext. 5534

SBM 32. I like dancing, having a great time, dining out. Seeking Hispanic male who is between ages 25-35. Should be seeking the same, mature attitudes only and looking for a long term relationship. Call Ext. 5530

SM 6', 195 lbs., brown hair, with blue eyes. Looking for dominant top. Call Ext. 5523

SHM 22. Looking for someone to talk and go out with. I like going to the movies and having a good time. I prefer a Hispanic or White male. Willing to go all the way. Call Ext. 5519

SWM 33, 5'8", brown hair and hazel eyes. Looking for someone honest, sincere and likes outdoors. Call Ext. 5516

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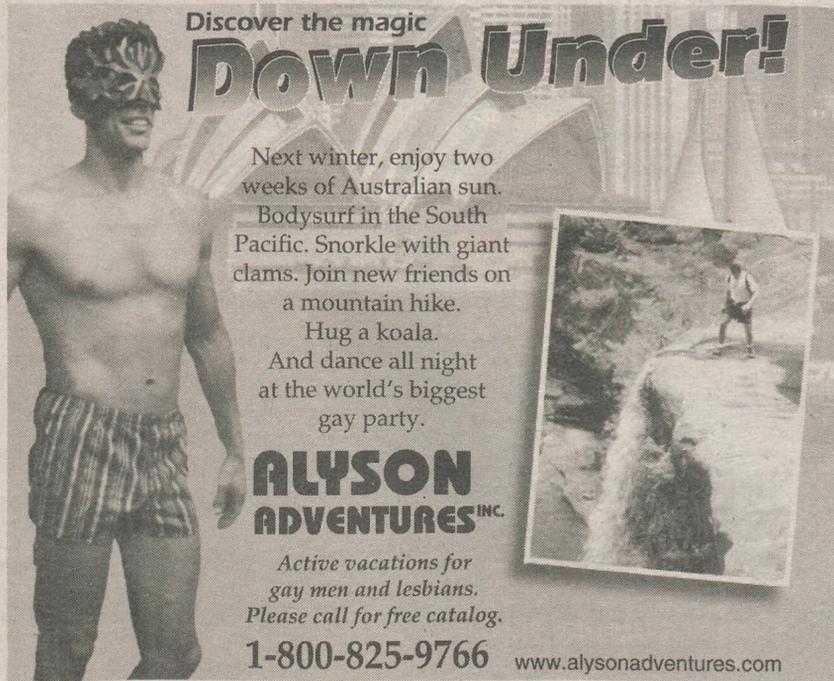
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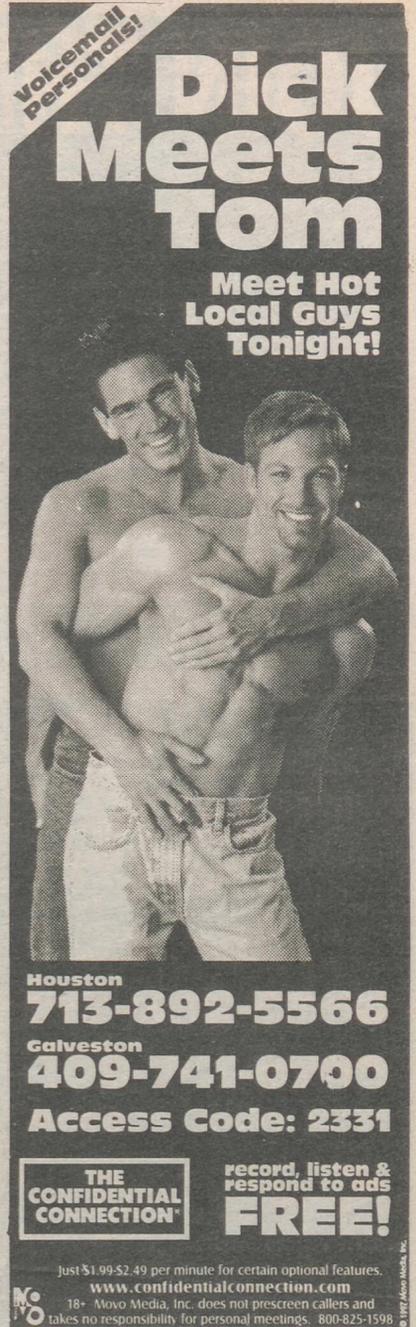
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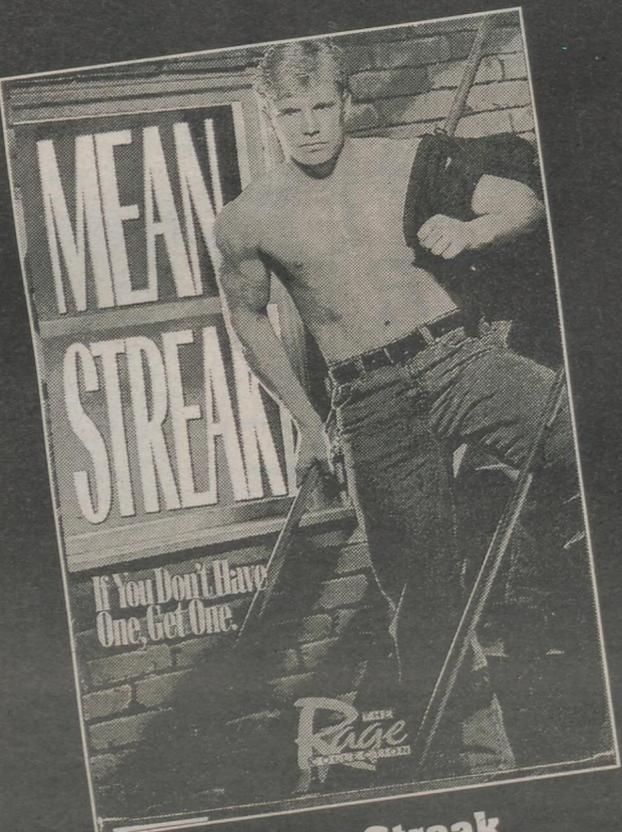
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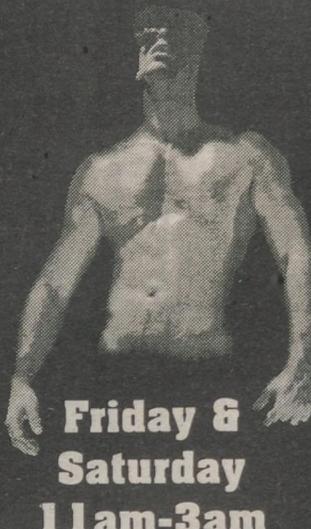
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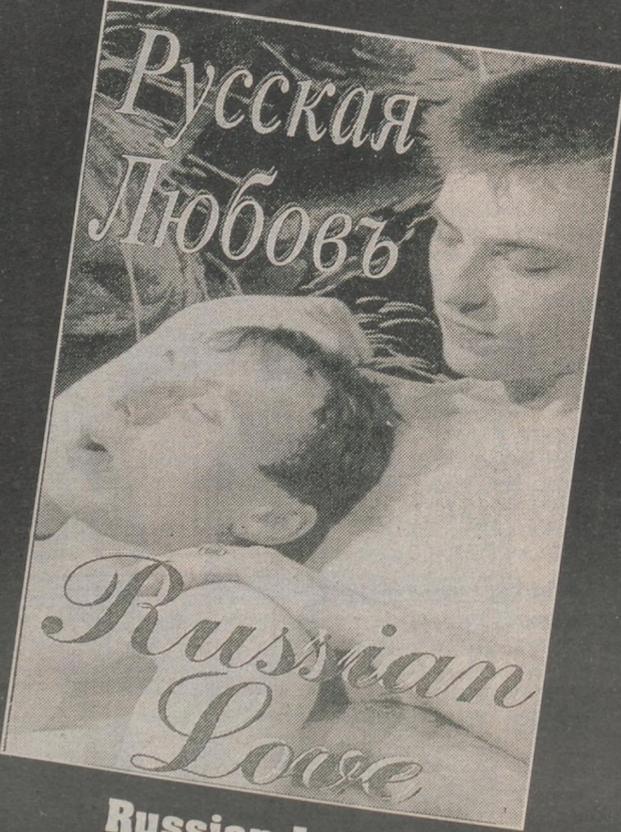
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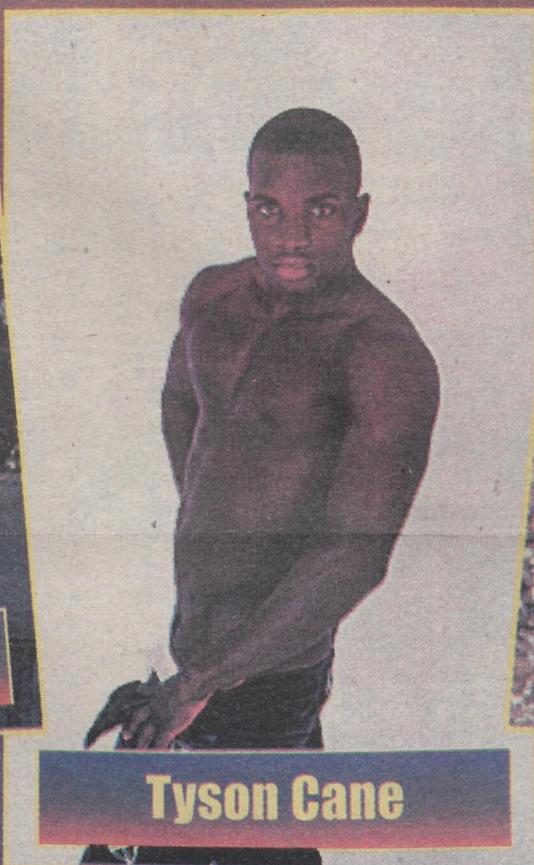


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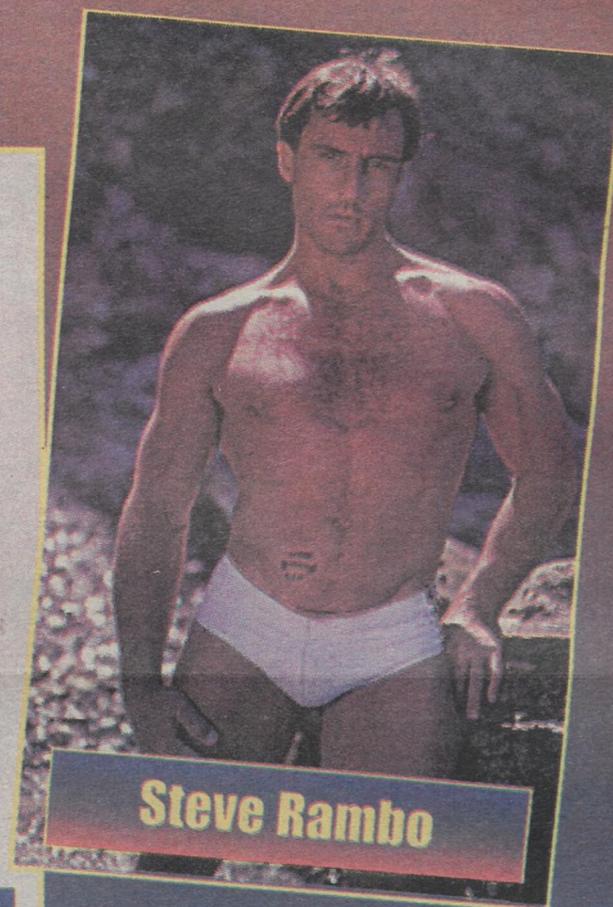
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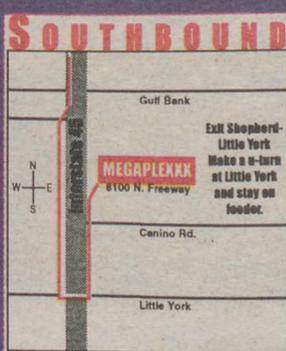
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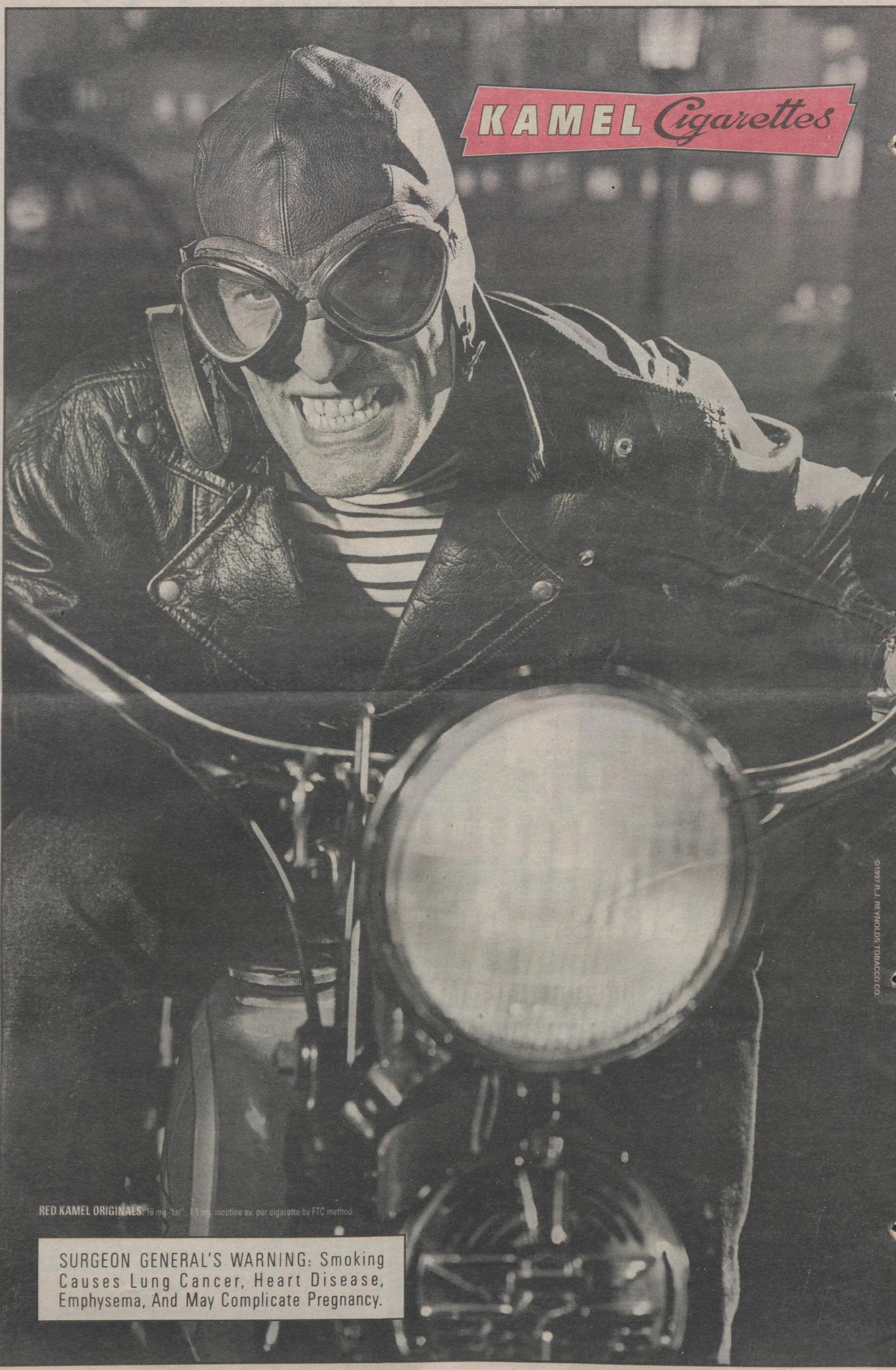
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