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## Slain Civil Rights Leader's Niece Denounces Gay Rights Proposals

by Cassandra Sweet

California (AP) - A niece of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the state Capitol against two bills that would crack down on discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Alveda Celeste King told about 100 people gathered on the Capitol steps Tuesday that she opposed the legislation because sexual behavior does not deserve the same legal protections as race and gender.

"To equate homosexuality with race is to give a death sentence to civil rights," Ms. King said. "No one is enslaving homosexuals ... or making them sit in the back of the bus." Ms. King said her uncle would not have approved of current laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. "I'm here because an injustice is being done against family values," Ms. King said.

Ms. King criticized openly gay Assemblywomen Carole Migden, D-San Francisco, and Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa

Monica, and charged the California Legislature with harboring "forces that want to steal away the civil rights from under our very noses."

In a statement released Tuesday, Ms. Kuehl criticized Ms. King for trying to "make it appear that civil rights leaders feel it is inappropriate to compare the struggles of the gay and lesbian community with the African-American civil rights movement."

Both the Rev. Jesse Jackson and King's widow, Coretta Scott King, have spoken on behalf of gay and lesbian civil rights, said Ms. Kuehl, the speaker pro tem of the Assembly. Gay rights activists who watched the rally held on the Capitol steps defended pending legislation by Ms. Kuehl and Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles.

"No one has the right to a monopoly over what civil rights are about," said Eric Astacaan, a spokesman for LIFE, a gay and lesbian lobbying group. Ms. King's comments "pretty much sanction hatred and dis-

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## Sandi Patty Speaks Out

by Leslie Ramsay

Word Records recording artist Sandi Patty will perform with the Houston Symphony this weekend, August 23 at 8 PM, out at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. This will mark Ms. Patty's first visit to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

Sandi Patty has performed her Christian Contemporary music to sold out audiences world wide. The 34 Dove awards, 5 Grammy Awards, three platinum albums, and five gold albums only begin to prove her talent is well recognized outside as well as inside the Christian community. Her voice is phenomenal.

The Houston Voice had an opportunity to visit with Ms. Patty for a brief but very informative interview. She was open and honest about her views on a number of issues that are of interest to our readers.

Sandi Patty's career has been marked with many ups and downs. Her awards

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## Cunanan Siblings Conducting Investigation Into Murder of 'Baby Brother'

(California) - The family of Andrew Cunanan is conducting its own investigation into the death of their "baby brother," and is exploring all the possible theories, it was reported.

From an attorney's office in Peoria, Ill., Cunanan's brother and sister, Christopher Cunanan, 36, and Elena Cunanan Johnson, 34, told the *San Diego Union-Tribune* in a telephone interview that their younger brother's violence wasn't the result of any childhood trauma.

Cunanan was coddled by his family and considered the "white sheep," a near-genius who would certainly be a success, the siblings said. His parents sacrificed so much that only he, and not the three other children, could attend private school. They even gave him the master bedroom of their home.

"If they could, they gave him everything he wanted," Johnson told the *Union-Tribune* in a story published Thursday. "They just wanted the best for him. They tried to give him good values and morals."

The siblings said Cunanan, who grew up in San Diego County and would have turned 28 this month, memorized encyclopedias, dressed in suits and talked about becoming a priest. Authorities say Andrew Cunanan killed five men, including fashion designer Gianni Versace, in a cross-country spree of violence.

The siblings said their mother is in denial about her son's death and the events leading to it. In her only interview since Cunanan killed himself on a Miami Beach houseboat

last month, Mary Ann Cunanan told the TV show "Hard Copy" she believes Cunanan was framed by the Mafia and then murdered.

"She's not well," Christopher Cunanan said. "She's taking medication. I think she's not lucid." Andrew Cunanan had been estranged from his family in recent years, they said. The next time they saw their brother was on television. "I cried," Johnson said. "I wished I could have helped him. I wish I would have known he was so troubled."

## Soros Commits \$1 Million to Fund Needle Exchange Programs

(New York) - Financier George Soros said he will donate \$1 million to buy clean hypodermic needles for drug addicts nationwide who risk contracting AIDS. Soros challenged government leaders to "respect the scientific evidence" that needle exchange programs curb the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Critics say the programs encourage drug use.

"Needle exchange programs are scientifically proven to save lives, do not encourage drug use, and are supported by a majority of the American public," Soros said in a statement. The federal Centers for Disease Control estimated last year that intravenous drug users, their children and sex partners accounted for over one-third of the new cases of HIV infection.

Soros told *The New York Times* in an interview published last week that he does not support legalizing drugs. But he said they were practically impossible to outlaw, so he proposed trying to reduce the harm that drug users cause themselves.

Soros, whose philanthropy has supported democratic movements in

## Mayoral, Council Candidates to Speak at Log Cabin Forum

(Montrose) Mayoral and city council candidates will speak at the general membership meeting of the Log Cabin Republicans - Houston (LCH), Monday August 24th beginning at 7 p.m.

Confirmed mayoral candidates include former Houston Police Chief and Clinton Administration Drug Czar Lee Brown, city council member Gracie Saenz, George Grenias and Jean-Claude Lanau. City council at-large candidate Annise Parker will also appear at the campaign forum.

"We are delighted that the front runners for the office of mayor consider the endorsement of Log Cabin Houston and important part of their quest for public office," said Dale Carpenter, co-chair of the screening committee and president of LCR-Texas. "LCR gives moderate and conservative members of the gay and lesbian community a voice in local, state and national politics that they have not had in the past."

The groups Screening Committee has conducted several sessions with mayoral candidates all week. More sessions will take place in the next few weeks as the filing deadline approaches. Each candidate screened received a questionnaire asking the candidate their views on a non-discrimination ordinance, domestic partners benefits and general city issues - i.e. the pending civil

rights initiative, the brouhaha surrounding the stadium, mass transit and government ethics - according to a copy obtained by the *Houston Voice*.

"Our screening process serves not only to educate us about the candidates but also educates the candidates about us," said Carpenter. "Before Log Cabin came along, most politicians assumed that all gay and lesbians are liberal Democrats. The truth is that gays and lesbians are as politically diverse as any other group of Americans."

Each candidate will provide a brief overview of his or her campaign with a question and answer period to follow. The meeting is open to the community. The invitation went out to candidates who have filed a treasurer's report solidifying their candidacy. City council member Chris Bell, who will announce his candidacy this Saturday, has confirmed he would speak at the groups next meeting.

The group is expected to announce their endorsement in the Mayoral race soon after the meeting. The group plans to make endorsements in the council races at a later date. The location for the meeting is Renata's Restaurant at 2006 Lexington. The social begins at 6:30 PM with the Candidate forum to begin promptly at 7:00 PM. For more information call 713/529-9100.

**Annise Parker**

**George Grenias**

**Gracie Saenz**

**Lee Brown**

## An Anti-Religious Catharsis

by Frank Parsley

I am writing in response to Leslie Ramsay's column in the August 15th issue of The Houston Voice.

Her comment that the religious community has always been the strongest ally to the gay community is the absolute opposite of anything remotely resembling the truth. Anyone with a brain the size of a speckled butter bean knows that the gay and lesbian community exists in spite of religion. The religious community has beaten, tortured, and killed (not to mention discriminated against), gay men and lesbians for two thousand years or so. Religion, in this case the Judeo-Christian cult, is fighting with its mil-

lions and minions against everything we are trying to achieve, like justice and equality under the law and the simple right to exist as human beings in a free society.

I realize that within most denominations there are a few renegade churches that are accepting gays and lesbians openly and even in some cases performing gay unions or marriages but they are a tiny minority and are always ostracized by their conventions.

And as far as the Mormon church is concerned, why yes, they are very pro-family as long as that family is all heterosexual. It is one of the few churches that can make the Southern Baptists look pale with respect to its homophobia. The next time you attend your church let them know that you are an out and proud lesbian and see how fast they fall over themselves helping you to the door, and locking it behind you.



## MONTROSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

### Creating Families

The law firm of Moore & Hunt is sponsoring an all-day seminar called Creating Families on Saturday September 20, 1997. Professionals and lay persons specializing in building families through the process of both adoption and donor insemnation will present detailed information and answer questions in sessions throughout the day. An informational "how to" sourcebook will be provided. Class size is limited and reservations are required. For more info, please call Natalie Williams at 522.4282 ext. 10.

### Access Houston

Videographer Kevin White will air his video of the country's first nighttime Pride Parade on August 25 at 8:30pm on August 25. Access Houston, using both high-tech and low-end handheld cameras, show a quick, cute record of the Parade.

From its opening sequence of the magical rainbow that blessed the parade's beginning to its ending that shows the Houston-banned HRC public service announcement, the hourlong video showcases the nocturnal highlights. Be sure to watch!

### H.E.E.L.

Jeffrey Bays, Mr. Texas Drummer 97-98 will hold a fund-raising event named "Clippers I" at Mary's Bar (1022 Westheimer) on Sunday, August 24 from 3 to 6pm on the patio. Guest barbers will be Don Gill and Don Dowden, providing an assortment of flattops, butch cuts and similar styles and our own Mr. Texas Drummer will take care of the shaving. The proceeds from the event will be used to kick-off H.E.E.L.'s debut tentatively scheduled for September.

H.E.E.L. (Houston Educates & Encourages Leather) is a teaching organization. H.E.E.L. will hold monthly classes on a broad variety of Leather/SM/Fetish topics. These seminars will be punctuated with practical hands-on workshops and expect to be able to host a variety of instructor/presenters that are recognized as specialists in their field of play. For info, contact Jeffrey Bays at 281.484.4585.

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### G.A.Y.S.

The next Garden & Yard Society (G.A.Y.S.) meeting will be held at "In With Nature" at 912 W. 11th in the Heights on September 12th at 7pm. Terry Gordon Smith will talk all about gourds! The October 10th meeting will be G.A.Y.S. one-year anniversary. Upcoming events include a Garden Tour on October 12 and a Bus Outing on November 8. The Spring Wildflower Bus Outing was enjoyed by 40 happy gay gardeners. The bus trip on November 8 will be heading south to Maas Nursery in Seabrook and on to Moody Gardens in Galveston with lunch somewhere along the way. For info, call 713.661.6378, 713.520.1066 or 713.869.8248.

### New Charity

PWA Holiday Charities is proud to announce their new "tax-exempt" status from the I.R.S. Reaping in the rewards from the Miss Vacant Lot Contest last Sunday at Mary's, over \$150 was raised for this worthy charity. Seen here is Thumper, Miss Mary's, who hosted the event. It didn't take long for Thumper to rip her wig off and try to stay cool in the summer heat and humidity.

PWA Holiday Charities will hold their monthly meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month, 12 Noon at their office at Mary's. Make plans to join!

### Slot Shots!

Don't forget that every Wednesday at Mary's, naturally, Don Dowden hosts the "Slop Shot Pool Tournament beginning at promptly 1pm. Seen here are last week's entrants into the tournament. Great way to practice your pool play and see some great men at the same time! Good going, Don!

### New Group Forming

Confidential telephone support group now forming for lesbians and gays with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. If you need help coping and would like to become a part of this group, please contact Rody at 281.725.5939. Listen carefully and leave a voice message.



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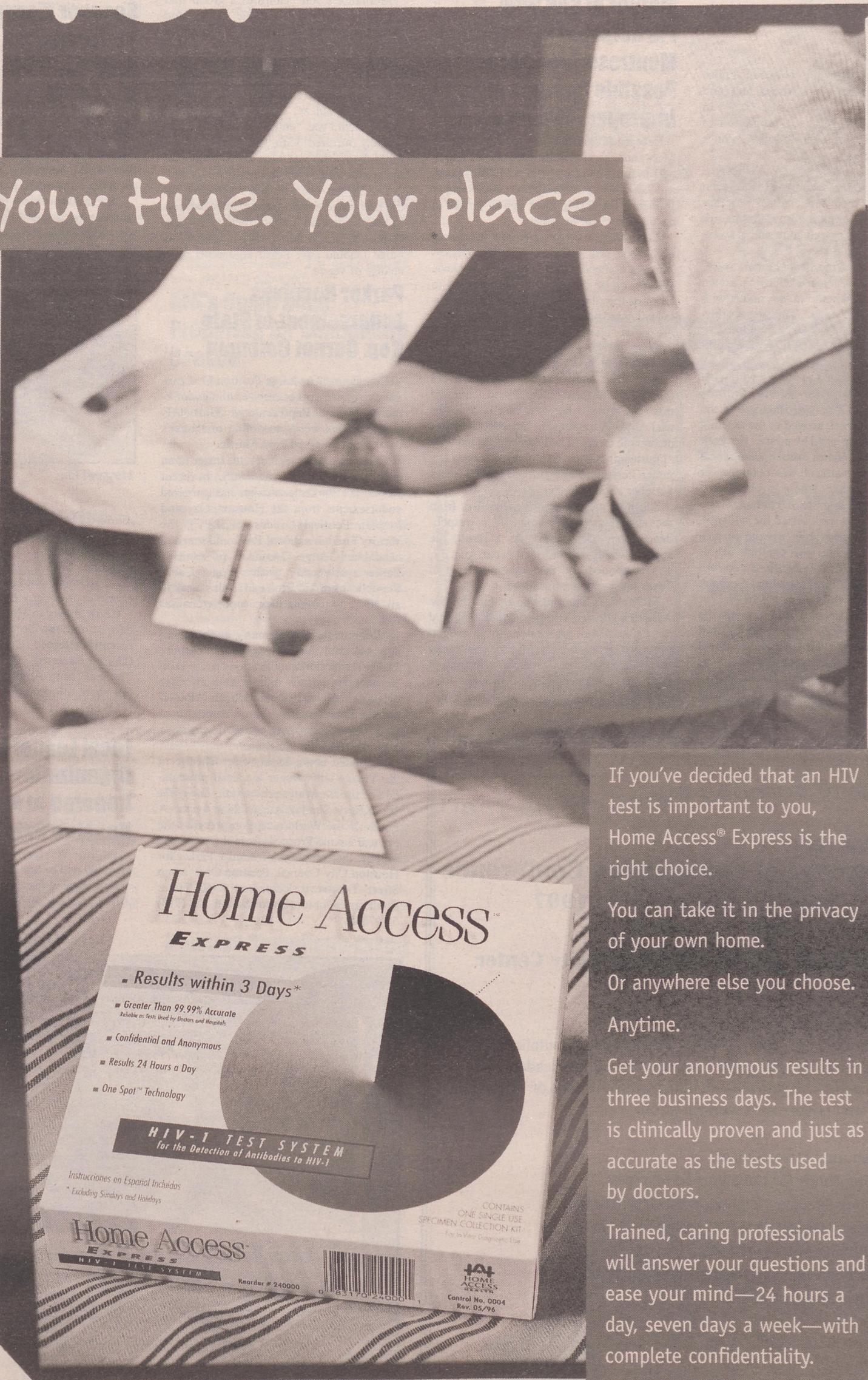
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## HPD Arrests Two Men Suspected of Promoting Child Pornography via Internet

Investigators with the Houston Police Department's Computer Crimes unit and Juvenile Division have arrested two men in separate cases involving the promotion of child pornography on the Internet. Police said other arrests are expected.

Investigators identified the two suspects as Morgan Alexander Marks and Michael John Bedynek. Both men were charged with promotion of child pornography, a third degree felony. Marks has posted bond and is awaiting trial.

In the case involving Bedynek, an investigator posed as a 13-year-old boy in a chat room on the Internet and made contact with Bedynek two weeks ago. The suspect then sent numerous sexually explicit photos of children ages 6 to 12 to the undercover officer.

The suspect arranged a meeting with what he thought was a 13-year-old boy, with the intention of having sexual contact with the teen. When Bedynek arrived at the meeting location, he was arrested by police. Bedynek was armed with a 9 mm pistol and an illegal knife. A search warrant was obtained for Bedynek's residence where sophisticated equipment, including three computer systems, surfaced and were seized for evidence.

Marks used a pedophile website to promote the sale of child pornography worldwide. Police said Marks advertised a cd-rom he had produced that contained sexually explicit photos of children ages 5 to 17.

"Hundreds of people from around the world have ordered this cd-rom," said HPD's Sgt. Brown. "His website promoted the idea that sexual nudity by children was not in fact pornography, but protected freedom." Brown said lists of those who

ordered the cd-rom has been compiled and police were in the process of looking over the list.

## Mother of Son Who Participated in Torture of Montrose Teen Faces Possible Charges of Improper Influence

Rebecca McMahon - the mother of Jason McMahon, serving a life sentence for taking part in the brutal torture of a Montrose teen in 1995 - faces possible charges of Improper Influence for asking three appeal judges to have "mercy" for her son.

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, McMahon sent a letter imploring Justices Michael Schneider, Sam Nuchia and Davie Wilson, all of the 1st Court of Appeals to examine the alleged errors that occurred during her sons trial. McMahon, a secretary for the chief justice of the 14th Court of Appeals, provided the justices with a copy of the appellate brief replete with all of the alleged errors highlighted. McMahon asked the justices to have "mercy" and requested that they remand her sons case back to the trial court and reduce the imposed sentence of two life terms. The letter was signed with "Fourteenth Court of Appeals" appearing under her name and provided the justices with her phone number.

All three judges recused themselves from the appeal after receiving the correspondence from McMahon. As a result, the appeal, which was slated to occur Aug. 12, was postponed and the Supreme Court of Texas must reassign the appeal.

McMahon's letter may be against the law. Assistant District Attorney Chuck Noll told the *Chronicle* that prosecutors are investigating whether or not McMahon broke any laws and that "misdemeanor charges of improper influence may be brought to a

grand jury." Rikke Graber, also an assistant district attorney, said that "it was inappropriate conduct for a court employee."

McMahon's son belong to a group that allegedly engaged in satanic rituals and called themselves "vampires." In December 1994, the group was convicted of kidnapping an 18-year-old Montrose teen. The group made him disrobe, beat him, inflicted burns on him with a curling iron and repeatedly set him ablaze. According to testimony, the victim was "mutilated with bites and sexually tortured with the curling iron." McMahon, who was believed to be one of the groups leaders, received two life terms.

The alleged errors involve whether or not the trial judge should have granted lawyers to ask the jury pool about their views concerning satanism and vampires and if the judge "should have heard arguments for a change of venue."

## Parker Receives Endorsement of State Rep. Garnet Coleman

City Council At-Large Position One candidate Annise Parker received the endorsement of state Representative Garnet F. Coleman this week, according to Parker's campaign manager Grant Martin.

Coleman's endorsement adds luster to an already well-endorsed candidacy. In recent weeks, the Parker campaign has garnered endorsements from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC); the Victory Fund, a national PAC; and mayoral candidate George Grenias. In addition Parker screened with Log Cabin Republicans of Houston earlier this week in an effort to obtain their endorsement as well.

"Representative Coleman's endorsement is a powerful acknowledgment of Annise Parker's superior qualifications as a businesswoman, crime fighter and effective neighborhood leader," said Martin. "Parker and the Representative share a commitment to economic prosperity and stronger, safer neighborhoods for Houston."

In related news, Main Street Theatre in the Village will present a special presentation of the Joe Watt's production, *End of the World Party*, Sunday, August 24 at 4 p.m. A Foods of the World reception precedes the event at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the event will support the campaign of Annise Parker for Houston City Council, Position One. Main Street Theatre is located at 2540 Times Boulevard. For more information, call (713) 521-7338.

## Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center to Co-Sponsor Margaret Cho Performances at Laff Stop

The Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, along with The Laff Stop will co-sponsor two performances by popular comedian Margaret Cho, Sunday, August 31 at the comedy club located in the River Oaks Shopping Center. Tickets for the 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. show are \$13.50.

Cho, a favorite of the gay and lesbian community, is well known for her leading role in the film *It's My Party*, which dealt



Margaret Cho.

with a man living with AIDS and his relationships to his friends. In addition, Cho is a perennial to television viewers nationwide.

In 1994, she made history as the first Korean American to star in a sitcom, ABC's

*All-American Girl* and has appeared in many television comedy programs including A&E's *Evening at the Improv*, Fox's *Comic Strip Live*, MTV's *Half-Hour Comedy Hour*, VH-1's *Comedy Spotlight*, and *Lifetimes' Six Comics in Search of a Generation*.

Cho's shows in Houston are part of her current nationwide tour to promote her recently released CD *Drunk With Power* (Uproar Records). She will also perform at The Laff Stop August 29 and August 30. For more information, call the HLGCC at (713) 867-7904.

## Local Leader and Organization to be Honored at AIDS Action Houston Gala

Phillip W. Lacy and the Methodist Hospital will be honored for their leadership and courage in the fight against AIDS at the AIDS Action Foundation's first annual

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Houston Dinner, September 4 in the Ballroom of the four Seasons Hotel. The event will feature a cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner and award program.

At the event Mr. Phillip W. Lacy will be honored for his resolute and tireless work as one of the most vocal individuals in the Houston HIV/AIDS community. He has organized or served countless local and national organizations such as the Houston Black Tie Dinner, Inc., DIFFA/Houston, Bering Community Service Foundation, AmFAR, BCBC, Assistance Fund, The Names Project and the Montrose Clinic.

The Methodist Hospital of Houston will also be honored for its commitment to the local HIV/AIDS community. According to the Foundation, Methodist has set a remarkable standard for giving back to the community through its generosity both to the Bering Community Service Foundation and to the SEARCH Project for the Homeless for their Tiny Treasures program.

As a result, these programs are able to provide direct service to Houston's HIV/AIDS populations including specialized HIV dental care, adult day care and pediatric AIDS care through the extraordinary funding that Methodist contributes.

**AFH Names Gregory Perrin as New Development Director**

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) announced earlier this week that Gregory Perrin will be the foundations' new Director of Development. Perrin will be responsible for raising funds and conducting major special events for the organization, one of Houston's largest AIDS Service Organizations.

Perrin joins AFH from the Houston Grand Opera (HGO) where he was Assistant director of Corporate Giving. Perrin, who has an extensive background in planning and implementing galas, parties and corporate breakfasts, was instrumental in helping HGO establish its Business Alliance, an exclusive networking forum for corporations.

AFH served over 4,000 people in 1996 who were infected with HIV/AIDS, and thousands of others who were affected by, and at risk for HIV/AIDS. The foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for Houston's community via HIV/AIDS education, healthcare, social services and volunteerism.

**Red Cross, Home Depot Join Forces in HIV/AIDS Workplace Training**

The Greater Houston Area Red Cross has teamed up with Home Depot to provide HIV/AIDS Workplace Education to about 2,100 employees at the 14 Houston area Home Depot stores. In the Houston area, Red Cross is one of the primary providers of educational HIV/AIDS information to workplaces.

"This is our second year to bring this important program to the employees of Home Depot," said Lynne Tyer, director of HIV/AIDS Education for the Greater Houston Area Red Cross. "The HIV Workplace Training program came out about three years ago and several thousand area employees have and are taking advantage of it."

Home Depot spokesperson Patricia Taylor who attended the first class commented that it was successful. "The class was just great," said Taylor. "It held the interest of everyone who attended and the Red Cross instructors did a fine job in answering all the questions people had. We were very pleased."

More classes will be held in all 14 stores from mid August through the end of June 1998. Each class covers three major topics. These include:

1. Basic HIV Issues - Covers transmission and prevention (fact versus myth), the needs, concerns and viewpoints of workers who are HIV positive, co-workers and employers/managers. How to handle a workplace

injury also is discussed.

2. Rights and Responsibilities & Legal Issues - Covers discussion of the legal rights, duties and obligations of HIV positive workers, co-workers and employer/managers. also, confidentiality, state laws, reasonable accommodation, undue hardship and the American Disabilities Act.

3. Life Threatening Illness Policy Presentation - This includes a life threatening illness brochure and "12 Steps to Blood Clean Up" covered in an OSHA handout.

The HIV/AIDS workplace training is one of many ways Red Cross is helping companies educate and protect their employees. similar workplace training programs also help employers work within OSHA guidelines and those of the American Disabilities Act. Other workplace programs include first aid, CPR, Protect Your Back and Preventing Disease Transmission. For more information, call (713) 526-8300.

**AFH's Camp Hope Preparing for Sophomore Season**

Camp Hope, a children's project of AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH), will be heading to Camp John Marc (near Dallas), September 19-21, with 40 children ages 7 through 16. Camp Hope provides a week-end camp for children living with HIV the chance to "be like other kids" and enjoy fishing, arts & crafts, baseball, the country and most importantly: life.

The project, in its second season, was recently honored as the winner of the 1996 Leadership in Action Award, presented by Leadership Houston. Camp Hope won top honors in the Health & Human Services category for its inaugural season.

"The camp provides a great way for the campers to not only participate in the camp experience, but it also offers a tremendous support system," said Mike Mizwa, Director of Education for AIDS Foundation Houston and Camp Hope's Director.

Camp Hope will extend to a full-week camp in 1998 through a collaboration with the Camp For All Foundation. The camp will be an unique barrier-free camp that will be fully equipped, including its own on-site medical facility, to serve chronically ill and/or disabled children and adults from Houston and areas throughout Texas. The foundation selected AFH as the sole HIV/AIDS service organization providing summer activities.

For additional information, to help sponsor a child or to volunteer, contact Mike Mizwa at (713) 623-6796.

**Houston Symphony-Exxon Pops Series Opens with Melissa Manchester**

(Houston) Grammy Award winner Melissa Manchester will take the stage August 29-31 for the opening performances of the Houston Symphony- Exxon Pops Series. Conductor-in-Residence Stephen Stein will present a musical program consisting of light classics with a special performance by violinist, Fia Mancini, an eighteen-year old gold medalist in the Houston Symphony League Student Competition.

Melissa Manchester will perform many of her standards, "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Come in From the Rain," "Midnight Blue," "Through the Eyes of Love," and "Whenever I Call You a Friend". In a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald she will perform "Lady Be Good".

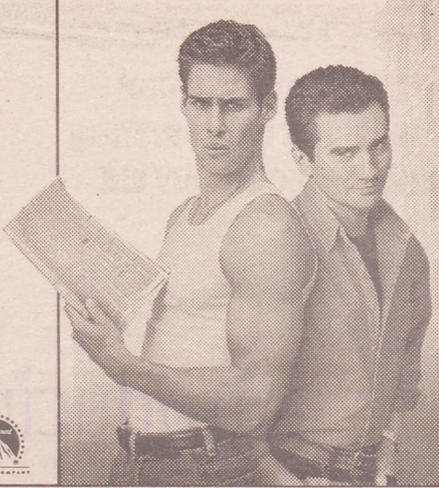
This performance will mark Ms. Manchester's debut with the Houston Symphony. She has had a very successful career with a Grammy award in 1982 for Best Female Vocalist for the song "You Should How She Talks About You" and two Academy Award nominations in 1980 for the movie themes, "Through the Eyes of Love" and "I'll Never Say Good-bye".

The concerts will take place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts at 615 Louisiana. The performance times are 8:00 PM Friday, August 29 and Saturday, August 30, and 7:30 PM Sunday, August 31. The tickets for the opening performances will be available through Ticketmaster and the Houston

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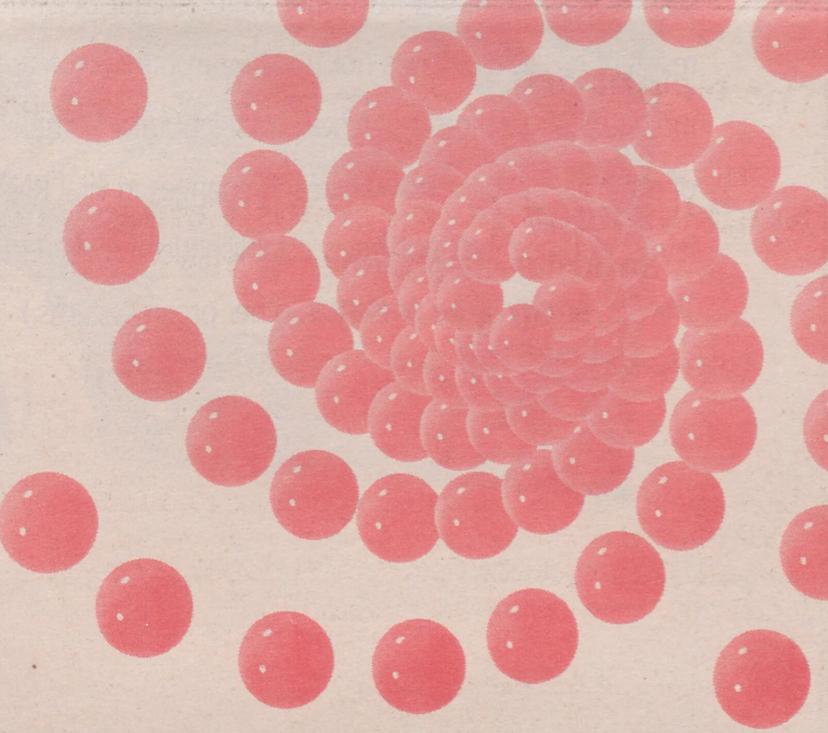
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# VIRACEPT

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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-Emergent<sup>1</sup> 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%

<sup>1</sup> 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 Abnormalities<sup>1</sup> in  $>2\%$  of Patients**

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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%

<sup>1</sup> 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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**Time to go, Ms. Reno...**

by Leslie Ramsay

The career of Janet Reno is an enigma to me. When she was first appointed to the office of Attorney General, Ms. Reno was touted as tough on crime. Her character was impeccable. She did not have any openly obvious alliances with big business or big government. Her no-nonsense, all business, just get to the point persona has changed dramatically since her White House stay has begun.

I am soundly disappointed in the responses Ms. Reno is giving the press these days. Her news conferences are now described as long-winded and circular. She repeats certain phrases over and over without really saying anything. What has happened to her?

I envisioned her appointment as a champion and pioneer to the position. The old boy network had worked the office in previous administrations. I was looking forward to a no nonsense tough on crime candidate. Now she has become a sad joke. She is just another woman that the administration has broken, used and abandoned.

Friends and family are concerned for her health. The Parkinson's disease that she was diagnosed with back in 1995 has not seriously slowed her down. Her hand trembles a little. They still comment to the press that she should slow down.

The situation she is in now is pretty daunting. As the attorney general, it is her duty to look into improprieties and alleged illegalities at the highest level. She has refused to look into the scandals that keep popping up all over the Clinton government. She has refused to even admit that there is a real problem.

At the beginning of her tour of duty she stood up to the microphone and loudly took the blame for the Waco disaster. Now in

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her second term she is denying the reports that anything is happening. Her denying the sworn testimony that is rolling out of the Senate investigation hearings, as proof of illegal activity at the highest level is ludicrous. She denied that the vice-president's own admission of wrong doing as proof at a White House press conference.

The news this week that "visitors" to the White House are claiming to have given cash money to members of the White House staff as well as to the first family is pretty straightforward. The same visitors are claiming to have given tens of thousands of dollars to the immediate family in exchange for photo's and coffee talk.

**What is Ms. Reno waiting for?**

The boys over at *Saturday Night Live* parody her inactivity with granting her very own "Dance Party" skit. The vision of "Janet Reno" bopping around with "Donna Shalala" is working to endear her with the American public. Unfortunately, the parody is distracting the public from the seriousness of her position.

Some critics truly believe she is only holding onto her job as a trade for her silence and alleged cover-up of the mischief of her "master" or "patron". Some believe she is just playing partisan politics. Some believe

she is trying to keep her position in order to further some other "secret behind the scenes" agenda that only she and the president know about.

What? I was sitting in the audience when a well-known lesbian activist was in town discussing with a wink and a nod the "real" reason behind Janet Reno staying in Washington, D.C. at all cost. I would much prefer that the "secret" were made public so that we may all understand what she is really doing. This continued veiled secrecy is frustrating for all of us.

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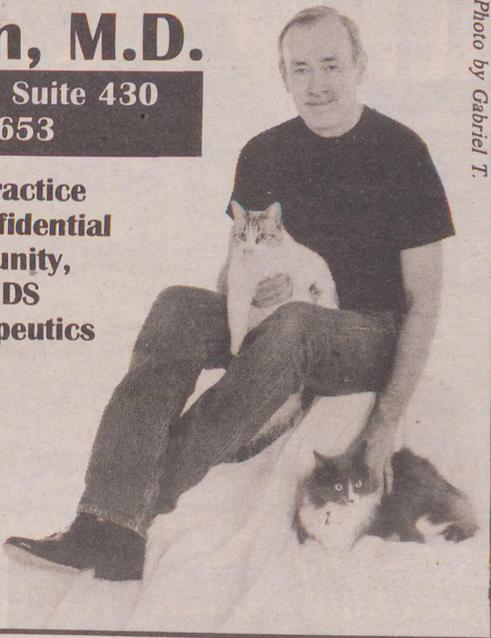


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## The World of Boy Toys

by Larry Lingle

Only in the mythical world of Camelot and modern journalism could six widely spaced paragraphs and a hazy - apparently - nude photograph generate news. But such was the case recently when advance word leaked that John Kennedy, in his political magazine *George*, takes a swipe at a couple of his wayward cousins and graced said editorial with said hazy photo.

I first heard of this phenomenon from Maureen Dowd in her twice-weekly column in *The New York Times* op-ed page (for which she is also editor). Dowd noted the unkind cuts of cousins Michael and Joe, Jr. and referred to the titillating nude photo. I, of course, as a long-time Kennedy Junior fan would have rushed to the nearest newsstand had I not already had a subscription to *George*.

Dowd, only in passing, mentioned the cover story, "20 Most Fascinating Women in Politics" with a cover nude photo of Kate Moss. And she certainly didn't mention that she was one of the infamous "20", which also includes Paula Jones. Considering *George's* role among magazines the assessment of Dowd seems even more intriguing: "no other writer - especially not at the dusty *Times* (zing goes the dart to the heart) - so precisely deconstructs the evermore blurred worlds of politics and pop culture." That, after all, is what *George* is all about.

But I digress. For all those, male and female, who ran out for a copy of *George* for John-John's self exposure, there could only have been disappointment. The so-called nude shot reveals only knees, shoulders and face gazing longingly at the apple of temptation.

And, as for the unkind words for his cousins, everyone is guilty of overreacting, to say nothing of lousy reading skills, to interpret Kennedy's words as a rebuke for

his cousins.

First of all, Kennedy seems to be confessing to some personal temptation requiring strong will power which brought him to reflecting on the national pastime of "gawking at the travails of those who simply couldn't resist". Kennedy then quotes from an unnamed article which seems to endorse the notion that those who conform to the norm tend to "drift from the essence of our true selves". Hardly condemnation.

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Of course, given the proven perception of cousins Michael and Joe Jr., it is hardly surprising that their reactions of dismay seemed more to reflect a reading of the critics than the article itself. Their own actions made them "poster boys for bad behavior", nor Kennedy's words about them. In actuality, Kennedy is more condemning of those who have perhaps overreacted to the actions of his cousins.

If the press wants to create a civil war within the Kennedy clan then they will have to invent a gun that really smokes. And if the readers want Kennedy laid bare they must rely in that proven source, the *National Enquirer*.

Last week I mentioned Maureen Orth's

story in *Vanity Fair* on Andrew Cunanan, soon to become a major best-selling book at your newest superstore. I noted at the time that her patchwork narrative had yet to be compared with *The Advocate's* forthcoming issue on Cunanan. Well, the press is in and Orth is out. Not only did *The Advocate* provide both a clearer and more complete picture of this less than unique person but better informed stories have also appeared in *Out* magazine, with access to gay friends of

the tanned, ab-defined leeches of Fire Island and other points of wealth on the A circuit. Granted, in their survey of an A-list party in the Pines, a chief figure is David Geffen and Cunanan once voiced this mogul as his goal, he was never in the running.

Cunanan's aging La Jolla closet case may have been Gamma Mu but he wasn't part of the glamorous upper echelon where A-listers are like day trippers to the Pines. By April Cunanan was a dumpee with a 38 inch waist - not the makings of a Trophy Boy. This may have been more the basis of his motivation than any of the wild speculations of ill-informed law enforcement agencies.

And Roshan-Konigsberg even offer a how-to guide to trophy-boy success. "Do you like older men? (keep in mind that in gay terminology that means only around 40) Are you too good-looking to waste away in a typing pool? (don't discount even this minimal skill) Do you like to travel, attend benefits and stay in hotels? Do you enjoy working out? Are you not too particular about sex? (Oh, you didn't understand that sex is required?) Do you think of tanning as productive activity. If so, you may find that a career as a boy toy is your ticket to blastoff into the high life."

However, the authors offer a word of caution: Your career as a boy toy will probably end around the age of twenty seven, so it is best to get an early start and sock away a little security, preferably real estate, along the way. A by-product of a career as a boy toy is that financial success prepares you for tomorrow's "older man" role with your own boy toy. Something like the old adage, today's trade is tomorrow's something or other.

Ah, well, the world of boy toys and A-lists exist for most of us, in another orbit, a world away. The rest of us must deal with the real, every day world of making a living end and, hopefully, finding true love along the way. Happy trails.

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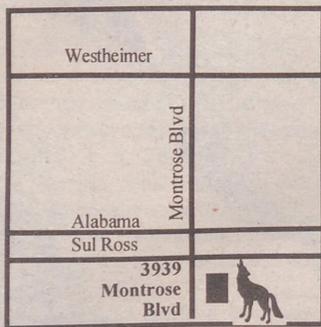
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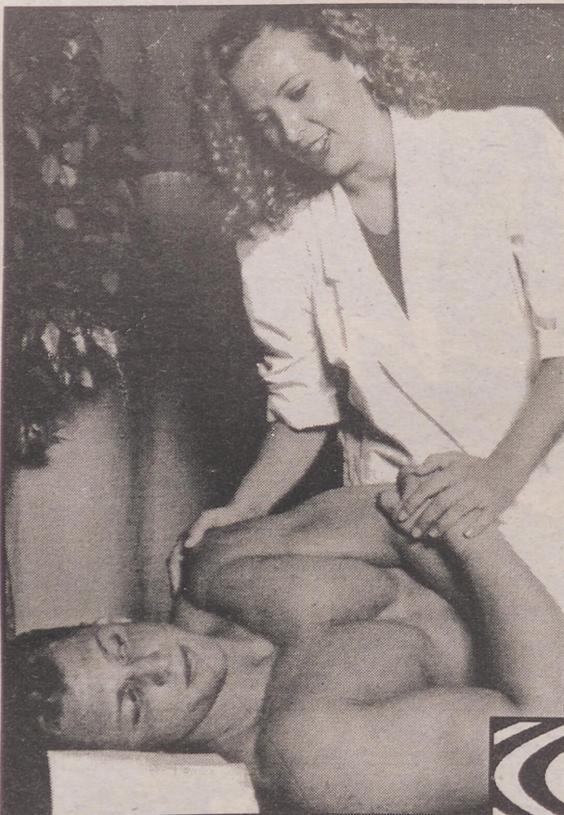
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### Theater District Invites Public to 'Sample the Arts' at Open House

Houston's Theater District and its world-class performing arts organizations will open their doors and invite the public to "Sample the Arts" during the Fourth Annual Theater District Open House presented by American Express, Sunday, August 24 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Alley Theatre, Jones Hall, Music Hall and Wortham Theater Center.

The event, free of charge, will be followed by a complimentary performance by rumba flamenco guitarist Jesse Cook and his band from 6 to 8 p.m. on fish Plaza, located in front of Wortham Theater Center.

Open House activities will include special performances providing sneak previews of the upcoming 1997-98 Theater District seasons; behind-the-scenes tours of backstage, seating and dressing room areas; question and answer sessions with actors; costume stations, celebrity storytelling, face painting and puppet shows for children, free food and drinks from favorite area restaurants; door prizes; and season ticket information booths.

Houston is the only city in America that has a collective Open House involving all the major performing arts organizations and multiple venues. For additional event information, call (713) 853-8039.

### New Montrose Area Pharmacy to Offer Specialized and Individualized Counseling

A new pharmacy has opened in the Montrose area that purports to do more than just fill your prescriptions. According to the company, StatScript Pharmacy was born out of a doctor's frustration with the way pharmacists were treating patrons who were afflicted with HIV/AIDS. Patients routinely received poor embarrassing service and there questions regarding prescriptions were left unanswered.

Realizing the void, the doctor set out to offer his patients a pharmacy that he deemed they needed and deserved. Hence, he started StatScript in a small section of his office. That was 11 years ago in Kansas City when, at the time, most HIV/AIDS patients struggled to even find a pharmacy that carried the only AIDS drug (AZT) then available. Today, StatScript not only fills HIV/AIDS related prescriptions, they offer confidential professional services and patrons receive counseling on their medication.

Considering there are nearly two dozen medicine's prescribed for some HIV/AIDS patients, the importance of 'specialized and individualized' counseling to help integrate these complex therapies becomes more evident.

If the company's growth is any indication, the concept is well received. StatScript has grown and expanded to other locations and cities and the growth continues. In the last year the company has doubled in size to meet the demand for community based HIV/AIDS specialized pharmacy services. The company has 16 locations nationwide and expects the total to have 20 by the end of the year.

### Briefs...

**H**ouston Councilman Judson Robinson III said he will not enter the race for city controller due to family and career considerations. Robinson was unable to seek reelection because of term limits...

**H**ispanic activist W.R. Morris announced this week that he will run for one of the five at-large seats on City Council. Morris did not indicate which

one but stressed he will decide prior to the filing deadline. Morris unsuccessfully ran for the District 1 seat in 1991, 1993 and 1995....

**M**ayoral candidates Gracie Saenz, Helen Huey, Jean Claude Lanau, Rob Mosbacher, Goerge Grenias and Lee Brown will all participate in an open debate sponsored by the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Harris County Young Democrats and the Houston Young Republicans. The debate begins 7 p.m., August 26 at the Stouffer Renaissance Hotel in Greenway Plaza....

**T**he Houston Civil Rights Initiative turned in 20,000 signatures for a ballot measure seeking to end the city policy that sets quotas for contracts awarded to businesses owned by women and minorities. The signatures need to be verified. If accurate, the initiative will be on the November 4 ballot....

**A** conservative group has asked a federal judge to halt the upcoming City Council elections. The group argues that the current district lines are unconstitutional. Edward Blum of the Campaign for a Color-Blind America claims the boundaries primarily were designed to create heavily populated minority districts. At press time, decision has not been rendered....

**J**ulie Andrews highly touted Houston debut in Theatre Under The Stars' all new mounting of *Victor/Victoria* has been postponed. The play will now begin performances November 25 and run through December 21. Andrews, a legend of the theater, recently had minor throat surgery and was unable to perform as scheduled....

**T**he law firm of Moore & Hunt is sponsoring an all-day seminar entitled *Creating Families*, Saturday, September 29, 1997. The seminar will feature professionals from a variety of fields speaking on the topic of building families through adoption and donor insemination. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Natalie Williams at (713) 522-4282, extension 10....

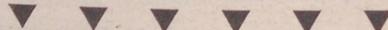
**B**elsie Gonzalez has been hired as the new outreach coordinator for the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC). Gonzalez will be responsible for outreach and education programs for the Houston community. In addition, she will serve as the Spanish language spokesperson for the HAWC and coordinate the speakers bureau....

**T**he Houston Symphony and KUHF 88.7 FM will collaborate on a special season preview of the Symphony's 1997-98 concert season. This unique opportunity to experience an advance sampling of the Houston Symphony's season will be broadcast live on KUHF, Sunday, August 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. As part of the preview, the orchestra will perform a live concert from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Jones Hall. Conductor-in-Residence Stephen Stein will conduct. Admission is free and seating is first-come, first served....

**F**arm AID '97 will take place at Texas Stadium in Irving, Saturday, October 4 at 11 a.m. The day-long concert benefiting the American Family Farmer, will feature extended sets by founders Willie Nelson and Family, John Mellencamp, Neil Young along with Dave Matthews Band, The Allman Brothers and John Fogerty. For ticket information, contact Ticketmaster at (713) 629-3700....

**C**ongresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee met with the Director of US Federal Prisons, Kathy M. Hawk last week to express concerns surrounding the environmental and security aspects of the new Houston Federal Detention, located on Texas Avenue downtown. At press time, details of the meeting had not been released....

**F**inally, Season Auditions for five TUT Musicals have been announced. The productions are *Makin' Whoopee!*, *Gigi*, *Hot Shoe Shuffle*, *Oliver!*, and *Zorro: The Musical*. Vocal auditions may be scheduled by appointment only, Tuesday, August 26, Wednesday, August 27. An open dance audition takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 28. For an audition appointment or more information, call (713) 622-1626, extension 4003.



## California Petition Seeks to Define Marriage as Union Between Man, Woman

(California) - Backers of a plan to bar state recognition of gay marriages have been authorized to collect signatures to qualify for the June 1998 ballot. Proponents of the Defense of Marriage initiative paid the required \$200 for a title summary and now need 433,269 valid signatures of registered voters by Jan. 2.

The listed proponent of the measure is Marilyn L. Hastings of Defense of Marriage in Sacramento, but she provided no contact number.

"It's kind of a mystery. We don't know who the person is who's introduced it," said Andy Pugno, legislative assistant to Sen. Pete Knight, R-Palmdale. "I don't know of any elected representatives that are involved. I get the impression this is truly a grassroots effort and politicians are being kept in the dark."

Knight has introduced legislation the past two years to prevent California from recognizing gay marriages. Both times, the bills were defeated. But similar bills have passed in 25 states, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The measure has drawn an early opponent LIFE: California's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV-AIDS Lobby. The Sacramento group plans to mount a decline to sign campaign. "Only a broad coalition will be able to stop it," said LIFE legislative advocate Ellen McCormick. "It definitely scares me, but I think there are also other people who really care about the issue."

No state in the nation currently recognizes gay and lesbian marriages, although Hawaii courts have said they are guaranteed by the state Constitution. An appeal of that ruling is pending before the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Congress has weighed in on the issue, also, approving a law last year defining a marriage as the union between a man and a woman and giving states authority to not recognize same-gender marriages performed in another state.

## Police Pursue Tip in Haitian Beating

by Tom Hays

(New York) - Authorities trying to determine whether police savagely beat a Haitian immigrant are pursuing a tip that officers told hospital staff he was injured having homosexual sex, *The Associated Press* has learned.

Investigators were checking a nurse's tip about a possible cover-up attempt by officers from the 70th Precinct stationhouse in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, law enforcement sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Wednesday. Police and prosecutors declined to comment.

Prosecutors contend four officers beat Abner Louima, 30, at the stationhouse on Aug. 9 following a brawl at a nightclub. Two officers allegedly dragged Louima into a bathroom where one shoved a stick, believed to be the handle of a toilet plunger, into his rectum and his mouth while calling him racial slurs.

Four officers were arrested and charged and 14 others faced disciplinary action ranging to dismissal. Addressing the cover-up claim, Louima's lawyer, Brian Figeroux, accused officers of trying to hide a scandal: "They constructed a story to protect their own."

Doctors at Coney Island Hospital contacted authorities when they became convinced Louima's internal injuries were caused by a blunt object. He has been transferred to Brooklyn Hospital, where he was in stable condition. Louima has filed a \$55 million claim against the city.

Another Haitian immigrant who was arrested along with Louima and jailed at the same stationhouse has emerged as a possible

witness to the alleged attack. Patrick Antoine, 36, who is cooperating with investigators, claimed he was brutally attacked by police, said his lawyer, Alan Abramson.

*The New York Times* reported Thursday that investigators were considering charging two officers who allegedly beat Antoine while they transported him to the precinct in their squad car. Antoine said he was walking down the street when he was punched and kicked without warning by Justin Volpe and other police officers responding to the nightclub.

Volpe is one of the officers accused of attacking Louima in the bathroom. Police dropped all charges against Antoine on Tuesday, including an allegation that he had assaulted Volpe.

In the Louima case, Volpe and Charles Schwarz were arraigned Monday on state charges of assault and sexual abuse. Both pleaded innocent and were freed on dlr \$100,000 bail. Two other officers, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder, were arrested Monday and charged with beating Louima earlier, before he arrived at the stationhouse.

## Bill to Ban 'Same Sex' Marriages Being Resurrected

by Charles Wolfe

(Kentucky) - State Rep. Sheldon Baugh wanted to have "same sex" marriages outlawed last year and could not get a bill passed, but he is making another run at it for 1998. His drafted legislation would declare void a marriage between people of the same gender, no matter where it was performed. Rights granted by virtue of the marriage, or its termination, would be unenforceable in a Kentucky court.

"The time is right to file this bill," Baugh, R-Russellville, told the interim Judiciary Committee in a hearing Tuesday. He said that was because a circuit court judge in Hawaii ruled in December that a ban on same-sex marriages violated the "equal protection" clause of the Hawaii Constitution.

The judge's ruling was put on hold while the Hawaii Supreme Court decides the case, which is expected late this year, according to the Legislative Research Commission. But Baugh predicted that, without his legislation, gay couples from Kentucky could go to Hawaii to be married, then return and demand legal recognition of their union.

"The idea of same-sex marriages is ridiculous," Baugh said. A roomful of gay-rights supporters disagreed. Maria Price, director of Kentucky Fairness Alliance, said nine states had passed bills like Baugh's in a knee-jerk reaction to what Hawaii might do someday. Baugh's proposed bill "only serves to codify existing discrimination," she said.

The Rev. Mendle Adams, pastor of High Point United Church of Christ at Union in Boone County, said legislation like Baugh's "would step over the line and define a religious sacrament." But Martin Cothran, representing the conservative Family Foundation in Lexington, said the General Assembly has a responsibility to set policy for the state. "Judges shouldn't be making policy. Policy should be made by the elected representatives of the people," Cothran said.

Joan Callahan, a University of Kentucky philosophy professor, said there was no compelling argument, secular or moral, that intimacy between people of the same gender is bad. But the committee chairman, Republican Sen. Tim Philpot of Lexington, said there was, in fact, a secular reason: AIDS and the mortality rate among gay men. Callahan countered that encouraging marriage was a way to combat promiscuity.

Legislative committees have no authority when the General Assembly is not in session. So, there could be no vote Tuesday on Baugh's legislation or a proposed bill by Philpot to exclude same-sex couples from a law permitting judges to issue protective orders in domestic violence cases. Philpot said he wanted only to give the bills a full hearing - and there was plenty to hear in a three-hour clash of opposing philosophies.

Laura Drew and Janette Wolak, one of at least two lesbian couples with children at the hearing, talked at length of their 3-year-old daughter, Brent Nicole Drew-Wolak, who scampered around the hearing room. Wolak, who is pregnant, said she and Drew, partners for 10 years, had wanted children but feared what they would face from society. "We made the decision to turn it over to God," Wolak said, "and as you can see we have been blessed."

The Rev. Hershael York, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a leader among conservative clergy when he was pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington, said he agreed that children are a blessing. But "they certainly got their child in a way other than God intended," York said, bringing hoots and catcalls from the audience. "We have experimented with marriage too much already, to

our peril," York said.

## Professor: AIDS Treatment is Like Chess

by Dr. Jefferey B. Greene

As AIDS treatment decisions become more complicated, those with AIDS and their loved ones need to educate themselves and work with experienced doctors who can help them understand their options.

Despite the new hope generated by the latest "cocktails" of medicines called protease inhibitors, the surprising effectiveness of these drugs may not be permanent. That's because if the virus outsmarts one drug in the cocktail, it may also become resistant to other, similar drugs.

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Treating AIDS has become more like a chess game where the doctor and patient must think of several moves in advance to outsmart the virus and keep medicines from losing their potency. Unfortunately, the success of the new medicines has given some people at risk for AIDS a false sense of security. There have been reports of people having unsafe sex and using injection drugs, thinking that they don't have to avoid AIDS because it can be treated. Wrong - AIDS remains a serious, incurable disease.

Although the protease inhibitor cocktail has made HIV undetectable in people's blood, made them feel healthy, regain lost weight, and even return to work and a normal lifestyle, it has not necessarily cured them. Current technology may not be sensitive enough to detect the virus in the blood, or the virus could be lying dormant in other parts of the body.

The drug cocktail itself is not an easy path to follow. Patients must take up to 20 pills a day, always watching the clock and timing their meals because some drugs must be taken on an empty stomach, others after eating.

Another drawback is that the drugs, which can cost over \$20,000 a year, are so new that no one knows if they are safe for long periods of time. And not everyone can withstand the combination of therapies for AIDS infections. Some may experience side effects or toxic interactions.

For example, certain treatments for tuberculosis, a common disease among people with AIDS, interact with certain protease inhibitors. Because the combination can make people sick, doctors may be forced to choose whether to treat the tuberculosis or the AIDS.

Still, these medicines are our best hope yet. We now have a total of 11 powerful drugs against AIDS, and doctors are trying to learn the best way to wield these pharmacological weapons, because the virus may become resistant to the ones we use first, limiting our options in the future.

The 11 drugs fall into three families: nucleoside analogs (AZT, ddI, ddC, d4T and 3TC), protease inhibitors (saquinavir, indinavir, zalcitabine and zalcitabine), and most recently, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (nevirapine and delavirdine).

When AZT stops helping a patient, the AIDS virus also may become resistant to AZT's relatives in the same family: ddI, ddC, d4T and 3TC. That's because the virus figures out how the entire family fights and becomes resistant to all its members.

Most AIDS patients today are taking several drugs at a time. Now, scientists believe that changing one drug in a four-drug cocktail may allow the virus to zero in on the newcomer and become resistant. Instead of changing just one drug in the regimen, some doctors now say patients should try a whole new regimen if their current one loses its effectiveness.

Aside from the complex choices of which drugs to take, doctors are now facing problems of when to administer the drugs and how to get patients to cooperate. In the past, when there weren't many drugs available to fight AIDS, doctors didn't treat patients until they became very sick, since the drugs would only work for a short time before the virus became resistant.

Now, with better drugs, doctors are treating patients earlier, in the years they are infected with HIV but haven't yet developed the symptoms of full-blown AIDS. Some worry that the virus will become resistant and patients will be left with no options.

Another new wrinkle in the AIDS problem is patient compliance. If a person with AIDS does not follow complicated treatment regimens, the AIDS virus may become resistant to new drugs. And people might pass these unstoppable, resistant strains of AIDS to others.

The following organizations provide free information: The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (212) 219-0106, publishes free booklets on treatment options. The federal government's AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service provides information on experimental drugs (800) TRIALS-A, and the National Institutes of Health pro-

vides the HIV-AIDS Treatment Information Service (800) HIV-0440.

(Dr. Jeffrey B. Greene is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at NYU School of Medicine. He was part of the team of physicians that first described AIDS in the 1980s.)

**Comic Strip's Creator Understands Fuss Over Gay Character**

by Christopher Clark

(Missouri) - *For Better or For Worse* creator Lynn Johnston understands the problem some editors will face when she shifts the comic strip's focus to the love life of a gay character for a few days. That doesn't mean she'll be happy if they don't run it.

"It's not frustrating for me but for the people who are harassed because they have to put up with this every minute of their lives," Johnston said Wednesday from her home in Canada.

Kansas City-based Universal Press Syndicate said Wednesday it wrote to 1,700 newspapers informing them of the upcoming sequence. The comic strip, which deals with the Patterson family and their relatives and friends, angered some editors and readers in 1993 when a 17-year-old character, Lawrence, revealed he was gay.

The outing of Lawrence, best friend of college student Michael Patterson, was based on a similar revelation by Johnston's brother-in-law and its profound affect on her family. The upcoming four-day sequence, running Aug. 20-23, focuses on Lawrence and his love interest, Ben, who is considering moving to Paris to study piano.

At least 20 daily newspapers have told Universal Press that they will use syndicate-supplied reruns from 1995 instead, said Elizabeth Andersen, who edits the strip for Universal Press.

"It is a decision that took a lot of thought on our part," said publisher John Goossen, publisher of *The Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal*, which has a circulation of 62,000 daily and 70,000 on Sunday. "We kind of looked at what we feel the standards of the community are. We feel that the comics page is different from what we cover in our news pages, where we cover the newsworthy activities of the gay and lesbian community as news."

Papers in Ohio, Texas and Alabama were among those who won't run the Lawrence-Ben series, Andersen said. Specific names were not immediately available. Thirteen newspapers canceled *For Better or For Worse* when Lawrence came out. At least 25 other papers requested rerun strips.

Lawrence has remained a regular character since then. Ben has also appeared repeatedly, once showing up at a prom with Lawrence. Universal pointed out that, as in 1993, the number of objecting newspapers is tiny compared with the strip's overall distribution. "That makes it kind of a non-story," Andersen said. "I think editors are just playing it safe."

Johnston, who lives near North Bay, Ontario, said she was disappointed by the latest flap but said the decision to run the strip is "certainly up to the editors. I remember when we went through this before," she said. "In these small communities, everybody knows the editors and the editor can't go have coffee and a doughnut without someone saying, 'Why are you running that junk in the paper?' I got wonderful calls from editors who said they couldn't run it even if they wanted to. I respect that, I understand that."

**AIDS Clinic Targets Overlooked Teen Population**

by Rachel Zoll

(Rhode Island) - Outreach worker Jim Radford has a tough time convincing teens they should get tested for AIDS. Some say

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they don't trust adults to keep test results confidential. Others feel hopeless and don't want to bother. Still others believe AIDS can't affect them.

As a result, young adults infected with the AIDS virus often don't seek help until the advanced stages of the disease. A Providence community group and area hospitals have launched a program to bring teens into treatment sooner.

Miriam and Hasbro Children's Hospitals and the AIDS group F.A.C.T.S. have opened the ADAMS Clinic to offer young people confidential testing and find them appropriate treatment. "I think there has been this attitude that adolescents can fit into an adult program," Radford said. "You're bringing up so many different issues - sexuality, homosexuality. They need a special program."

More than 3,000 Rhode Islanders are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to the state Department of Health. About 20 percent are between age 20 and 29 and likely were infected as teens. Like adults, most teens become infected through sexual contact or drug use. But the number of Rhode Islanders ages 15 to 19 diagnosed with the disease is low because so few get tested, Radford said.

"I've been to clinics where they told me they asked adolescents if they wanted to be tested and they refused. I've done some street outreach where some of the kids don't care. Outside of Providence, they say 'It can't happen here,'" Radford said.

Dr. Tim Flanagan, a Miriam Hospital physician and AIDS researcher, said misinformed teens often believe there is no hope for those infected with HIV. "Our treatments really work," Flanagan said. "Now, most young adults, most adolescents, don't know it."

The clinic will be open Mondays at Miriam and F.A.C.T.S. will offer testing at

another Providence site separately, Radford said. The program has received a \$364,000 federal grant, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., announced.

"Unfortunately, most treatment centers do not address the unique physical and psychological needs of these young adults with AIDS or the HIV virus," Reed said. "The ADAMS Clinic was designed to provide a more youth-friendly atmosphere where teens and young adults can talk freely about testing and treatment."

**Custody Fight Brewing Over Child Of Lesbian's Ex-Partner**

by Arthur H. Rotstein

(Arizona) - Elise Green says she initially raised the child of her former lesbian partner. Now, in a case that might set an Arizona precedent, she wants to be named its mother, with custody and visitation rights.

"We're seeking to have her established as a parent of a minor child, with rights to shared custody and guarantees of visitation," Nancy McDade, attorney for Green, said last week. Green and Shari Wilson, 32-year-old lesbians, began living together in August 1990.

"Ms. Green and her lawyer have talked about the need to expand the definition of 'family,'" Wilson, the biological mother of Hayley, now 2 - conceived through artificial insemination - said in a statement. "I do not question that there are situations in which one partner in a same-sex relationship should be allowed to have visitation with the partner's child. But that would not require any new law or any new definition of family."

Wilson declined to be interviewed but said in her statement that Green had desert-

ed her for another woman with three children. Green said she stayed home from her job for the first 15 months of Hayley's life and was her primary care-giver. Wilson said Green stayed home because she "could not find a job that suited her." Green filed a suit two months ago seeking an order under a statute that requires mandatory DNA testing; if she were to pass the test, she would be listed on the child's birth certificate as its mother or father.

"There's no provision anywhere in that law for a woman who did not give birth to sue to be declared a parent," said James Stroud, Wilson's attorney, who argued Tuesday at a Pima County Superior Court hearing for the suit's dismissal.

A letter in the court file that Wilson wrote Green in May, several months after the couple broke up, says when she decided to have Hayley she felt she and Green would stay together. "I thought of you as her mother and as her primary parent. But I stopped seeing you that way when you abruptly left our family," it said.

In an interview with *The Arizona Daily Star*, Green said Wilson had told her on Mother's Day "I want you out of our lives." She said Wilson told her to stop visiting the child. Green's maternity suit is not an attempt to replace Wilson's role as a parent, McDade said. "We're fully recognizing her role as a parent as well."

Green, an inspector with the U.S. Customs Service, said the relationship ended shortly after she returned to work. McDade likened the case to that of a traditional family breakup in which a child's relationship with one parent is severed. Both lawyers said the case is without precedent in Arizona.

"It is unusual, but I expect it will become more important as society changes," McDade said. If custody rights are denied, Green will seek visitation under a recently adopted state law that can grant such rights to someone who has been treated as a parent

by the child and who has formed a meaningful relationship.

That's where the case belongs, Stroud said - but he stressed that the case is one of non-parental visitation rights. And he said Wilson will oppose such rights if the case reaches that point.

**HIV-Positive Doctors Fight for Right to Practice**

by Martha Irvine

(California) - It's been more than six years since Dr. Paul Scoles was diagnosed as HIV-positive. It's been almost as long since he's picked up a scalpel to cut a patient.

The Philadelphia-area orthopedic surgeon blames vague federal guidelines and patient fear for keeping him and other health care workers with the AIDS virus from doing their jobs, despite numerous studies that say the risk to patients is minimal.

"Good people, talented people - people who want to work - are being kept from working," said Scoles, who will speak at the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association conference, which opens Thursday in San Francisco.

The topic has even been tackled on the television show *ER*, in which character Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant, finds out that her husband has infected her with the virus. Jeanie hasn't had to deal with some of the harsher consequences facing HIV-positive doctors in real life, including having malpractice insurance yanked or dealing with employers who are skittish about liability.

"It's not a medical issue, it's a PR issue and a legal issue," said Naphtali Offen, who coordinates a retention program for HIV-positive health care workers for the gay medical association, a national professional organization for homosexual doctors and

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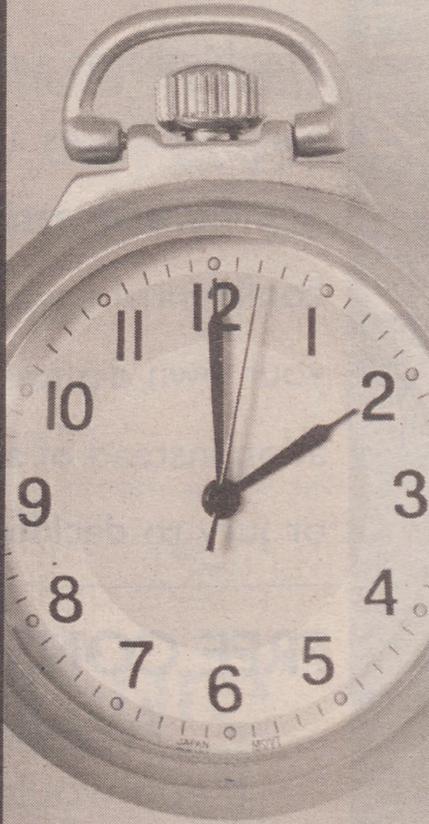
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health care workers.

For example, a physician's assistant in Utah was relegated to a secretarial position, while a medical student in the Northeast was prohibited from doing basic things like drawing blood, Offen said. "I am hard-pressed to know what to tell them," Offen says. "They are basically treated like pariahs."

At the heart of the issue are guidelines set up by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1991, formulated after a Florida dentist infected patients with the AIDS virus. Since then, there has been only one other documented case of doctor-to-patient transmission, in France in 1996, according to the CDC.

While the guidelines are currently under

review, the CDC recommends that health care workers with HIV or hepatitis not perform "exposure-prone procedures." But medical organizations and even the CDC admit that defining "exposure-prone procedure" is all but impossible. As a result, state policies, which Congress says must either match or be comparable to the CDC guidelines, vary.

Still, most agree that the chance of a health care worker transmitting the AIDS virus to a patient is extremely low. In fact, CDC statistics show that health care officials are much more likely to be infected by patients than vice versa.

Scoles, 47, learned he was HIV positive in 1991. The hospital soon found out and gave him a choice of telling his patients, or they would intervene. He refused, and found himself without a job. "Largely as a result

of what happened to me, most physicians who are HIV-positive stay very, very quiet. And that's my advice," says Scoles, who settled a lawsuit with his former employer in 1995 for disclosing his HIV status to his patients.

Keeping quiet would, however, be illegal in states such as Minnesota, which requires HIV-positive health care workers to register with the state. California, on the other hand, has no such reporting requirement.

People shouldn't assume that HIV transmission to a patient would never happen, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, an associate professor of medicine and infectious diseases at the University of California-San Francisco. "But if we have restrictive policies, we just drive this problem underground. And that's just really a self-defeating approach," she said.

The solution, she said, is taking extra precautions, including wearing two pairs of gloves during surgery and other invasive procedures. Some patient advocates and hospitals - including Scoles' former hospital - say people have a right to know if the health care workers who treat them are infected, regardless of the risk.

"When in doubt, disclose," says Minneapolis attorney James Wicka, who represented a woman who won an undisclosed settlement after her gynecologist died of AIDS. Although he wore gloves while examining her, the doctor told patients that open sores on his hands were from a bad sunburn, Wicka said.

Scoles now works for an AIDS foundation and teaches part-time at Case Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland. He says his skills are so rusty that it would be all but impossible for him to work as a surgeon. "Would I like to go back to practice? Sure, I'd go back tomorrow," Scoles said. "Is that likely? No."

### Survey: Voters Would Preserve Gay Rights Law

by Glenn Adams

(Maine) - A majority of Mainers say they would vote to keep the state's gay rights law on the books, and a little over half will support passage of the forest-cutting "compact" this fall.

Results of the survey released Wednesday by Strategic Marketing Services of Portland also show strong confidence in the economy, with 69 percent declaring themselves optimistic or very optimistic. Strategic Marketing surveyed 450 registered Maine voters who are likely to go to the polls in November.

They were asked a series of wide-ranging public policy questions in telephone interviews between July 29 and Aug. 4. Fifty-eight percent said they would not vote to repeal Maine's gay rights law, 33 percent would vote to repeal it, and 9 percent are undecided.

Lawmakers approved the non-discrimination law earlier this year, but opponents launched a petition drive to put the question before voters. It is still unclear whether the question will appear on this November's ballot.

A leader of the repeal forces, Michael Heath of the Christian Civic League of Maine, said he was disappointed by the poll figures, but not surprised, and said he does not believe the edge is insurmountable. Heath, executive director of the conservative group, said he has long believed "that this was going to be an uphill struggle."

### District Rescinds Sexual Orientation Reference From Policy

(Michigan) - Less than a year after adopting the measure, Wayne-Westland school officials have deleted the sexual orientation category from the district's policy protecting students and staff from discrimination.

The seven-member school board voted 6-1 this week to remove the wording from the policy that also covers race, creed and religion, *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*

reported Wednesday.

Board President Debra Fowlkes said that while she is concerned about the rights of gay and lesbians within the district, the sexual orientation language is not needed in the policy. She said existing codes of conduct exist to prevent taunting and discrimination. "It was a matter of duplication," she said.

When the original policy was approved 7-0 in January, Trish Brown, an openly gay woman, was board president. She was unseated in June by newcomer Ed Turner. "This is an extremely sad day for people who believe in dignity and respect for all students and staff, because gays and lesbians in Wayne-Westland schools are now open to harassment, both physical and verbal," Brown said Tuesday. "The board has no backbone," she said. "Somebody was pushing their buttons."

Board member Mathew McCusker, the only member who voted Monday to keep the disputed language, said Ms. Brown's membership did not affect the decision. McCusker, chairman of the board's policy committee, said the board revisited the issue because residents complained about the policy at a May school board meeting.

McCusker agreed with Ms. Fowlkes saying the measure duplicated other codes and adding that he does not expect the change to have much of an effect. "The policies we have more than protect our students and staff from harassment of any kind, and I don't think the addition of those two words or the deletion of those two words changes that."

Jeff Montgomery, president of the Triangle Foundation in Detroit, a gay rights group, questioned why the change was adopted in the first place if gay and lesbian rights already are protected. "They're saying they didn't really want to protect everyone's rights," he said. "That's a great lesson for the kids watching this happen."

Board attorney Joseph Bennett said gay and lesbian students are protected under district policies that "address obscene language, slander and verbal or physical conduct that threatens students." Bennett said he advised the board to remove the words "sexual orientation" because it could open the district up to lawsuits from people who say that their First Amendment rights are being violated.

"Districts can prohibit vulgar speech, but there are other comments about sex that aren't obscene, like 'I don't like homosexuals,'" Bennett said. "You can't have a policy that controls that kind of speech."

### City Officials Cool to Pilot Needle-Exchange Program

(New Hampshire) - AIDS activists who want to stem the spread of disease among New Hampshire intravenous drug users celebrated a small victory earlier this year when lawmakers approved a pilot needle-exchange program. But now they're finding that was the easy part - finding a place to test the idea is turning out to be the real struggle.

Advocates believe that the program needs to be implemented in one of the state's larger urban areas, such as Manchester or Nashua, to work. The program is designed to provide intravenous drug users with clean needles and safely dispose of used ones. Exchange programs are intended to stop the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and other diseases, such as hepatitis. About 6,000 New Hampshire residents are at risk of contracting HIV through dirty needles.

Manchester's police chief and board of mayor and aldermen have already said the program is not welcome there, and Concord, Franklin and Nashua officials have expressed reservations about their towns being used as proving grounds.

### Decorative Gateways to Mark Chicago's Gay Neighborhood

(Illinois) - The renovation of a street in a neighborhood that is home to a large gay

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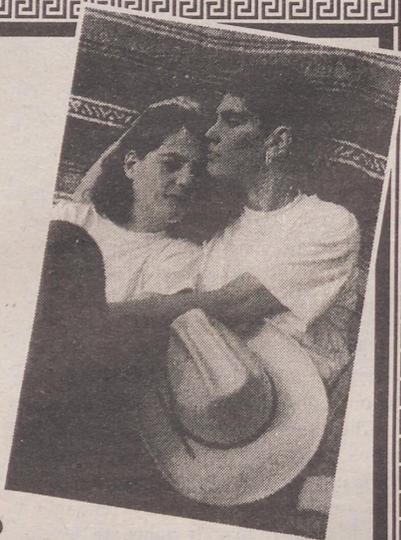
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and lesbian community will include two gateways to mark the area as friendly to gays. The gateways, along with 22 steel pylons along Halsted Street on Chicago's North Side, will include a rainbow ring of lights, reflecting the colors in the gay pride flag.

The project, costing \$3.2 million, includes planting 180 trees and widening sidewalks. It is the city's second major initiative in five months to recognize its gay community. In March, the City Council extended health insurance benefits to the live-in partners of gay and lesbian city employees. The gateways will be located nearly a mile apart on Halsted Street, giving a clear message that it is a special area for gays.

"If I were coming from out of town, (as a lesbian) I would identify this as a neighborhood that is friendly to gays," said Mary Morten, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's liaison to the gay and lesbian community. "The overarching theme is that this is a diverse community. It's not about it being only a gay hub."

City government designating a neighborhood as gay-friendly is unprecedented. "Chicago is definitely a first," said Mark Johnson, spokesman for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. "But I don't think it will be the last time you'll see it. It'll be trend-setting for other areas as well."

The city wanted to acknowledge the contributions of the gay and lesbian community, said Greg Harris, a community activist involved in the plan. Business owners along the street have not objected to the effort. "It's always been a liberal street, ahead of its time," said Marshall Hornick, owner of Chicago Diner. "It's half gay, half straight. Who cares?"

**State Filed Civil Rights Charge Against Man for Homophobic Slurs**

(Maine) - A Biddeford man has been charged with violating Maine's Civil Rights Act for allegedly physically threatening and yelling homophobic slurs at two men on the Maine Turnpike. Attorney General Andrew Ketterer said the complaint charges Kurt G. Bray with accosting two men driving north on the Maine Turnpike around 12:30 a.m. on June 28.

The complaint alleges that Bray drove immediately in front of the victims' car for several miles, slamming on his brakes and causing the victims to stop suddenly. At one point Bray reportedly came to a complete and sudden stop in front of the victims' vehicle and, with the assistance of another pickup truck, blocked the victims' passage on the turnpike.

The victims, fearing Bray had a weapon, backed up on the turnpike, got off at the nearest exit and called the Maine State Police. The Attorney General's lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction to prohibit Bray from assaulting or threatening any person because of that person's race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation. It also prohibits Bray from seeking contact with the victims.

"Bias-motivated violence will not be tolerated in Maine," Ketterer said in a statement. "Two men have the right to sit together and travel in a vehicle without fear of threats and violence. The defendant not only put the lives of these two men in danger, his conduct also threatened the lives of every person on the turnpike that night."

David Lawrence, assistant to the attorney general, did not know whether the victims are from Biddeford or if the two men know Bray. Lawrence also did not say why charges weren't brought against the driver of the pickup that assisted Bray in blocking the victims' passage on the turnpike.

**Two Accused of Hate Crime Following Monterey Attack**

(California) - Two men who allegedly attacked another man outside a gay bar have

been arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and "terroristic threats," a hate crime.

Monterey Police Sgt. Michael Bainter said the victim, whose name wasn't released, was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment of bruises, facial lacerations and a possible broken jaw.

The victim was outside the Lighthouse Bar and Grill at about 1:20 a.m. Saturday when he was approached by two men. One of the men, Jason B. Soboleski, 20, of Monterey, allegedly asked the victim, "Are you a f---g queer?" Soboleski and Jonathan Maxon, 20, of Monterey then allegedly beat and kicked the victim and called him a "queer" and a "fag."

"I'm just amazed that it happened," said Nick Kaleel, a bartender at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill. "It's been pretty safe on Lighthouse. We've never had a problem. Actually, we have straight people who come in here, have drinks and get along ... I thought we had a pretty decent community."

Both suspects were being held in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

**HIV-Positive Man Sentenced for Having Sex with Two Teens**

(Indiana) - A Vanderburgh County judge had harsh words for a man charged for having unprotected sex with two teen-age girls without first telling them he was HIV-positive. Judge Richard Young delivered a quick and harsh lecture to Kevin Cleve before sentencing him to the maximum sentence for two misdemeanor charges of criminal recklessness.

"It seems you don't care if you contaminate anyone," Young told Cleve, who is already on parole for selling HIV-tainted blood to a plasma center.

Cleve pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to 180 days in the Vanderburgh County Jail. But he will be allowed to serve both sentences at the same time. He has already served 21 days on the Class B misdemeanors.

Young interrogated Cleve about his actions and asked him to explain why he sold contaminated blood in 1995. After his attorney objected to Young's question, Cleve said he sold his blood in 1995 because he was trying to get enough money to move. He said he assumed the plasma clinic would be able to detect the blood and discard it before anyone received it.

Prosecutors were disappointed they could not charge Cleve with a more serious crime for having sex with the teens. The two girls have been tested for HIV, and the results have been negative. But the virus can take years before it manifests itself.

In a hearing, both girls testified they had consensual sex with Cleve on numerous occasions. One victim said after she learned Cleve was HIV positive, he began wearing condoms. Prosecutors cannot pursue child molesting charges because both victims are 16, the legal age of consent.

**Researchers Confirm Second Gene That Hinders HIV Infection**

(Capitol) - A second gene mutation that slows the progression of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has been found by researchers who studied specimens from 3,000 people, according to a study published today.

Scientists at the National Cancer Institute said the altered gene or a similar one discovered earlier are present in about 30 percent of the long-term survivors of HIV infection. The researchers said still other gene mutations that protect against HIV may yet be found. The study on discovery of the gene mutation was published today in the journal *Science*.

The mutation, in a gene called CCR2, tends to protect people infected with HIV from rapid deterioration into AIDS. An earlier study identified a protective mutation in a gene called CCR5.

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# Punk girls do grow up...

by Leslie Ramsay

If you ever wondered what would become of those purple haired overly pierced punk girls and rude boys from the early 80's that roamed the streets of London, Mike Leigh's

new film, *Career Girls*, has your answer. The kid's who dressed in black and sulked around town listening to the Cure have either become estate agents, personnel managers, or stationary salespeople in the late 90's.

October Films released the quirky new film by the much celebrated director Mike Leigh (*Secret's and Lies*) last week to a fairly good reception. I thought the movie would be a little too quirky for most American audiences. The characters have so many

peccadillo's that it was at times hard to keep up with their rantings.

Katrin Cartlidge (*Naked*) plays Hannah, a manic, nervous, sometimes cruel jerk that befriends Annie as played by Lynda Steadman. Annie is the punk girl with an extremely unattractive skin condition. They become roommates during their college years. The story is told through a series of flashbacks and shared memories during a reunion weekend in London.

The characters they come across during their friendship are bizarre. One of the most disturbing parts of the film deals with Ricky (Mark Benton) the insane boy who loved Annie even with her bad skin and weird hair. Mark Benton's performance as a young man who starts out in college as an intelligent oddball psychology student that slowly deteriorates into a rambling street person w very solid. His devolution was heartbreaking.

The unspoken relationship between the main characters was very apparent to every other character in the movie except themselves. The chemistry was right between them, they just didn't understand how to deal with it. The girls should have fallen "in love". They were in love with each other even poor old Ricky saw that through his fog.

I wouldn't say that this movie was a disappointment as much as I would say that I really didn't gain anything from seeing this film except a little sadness.



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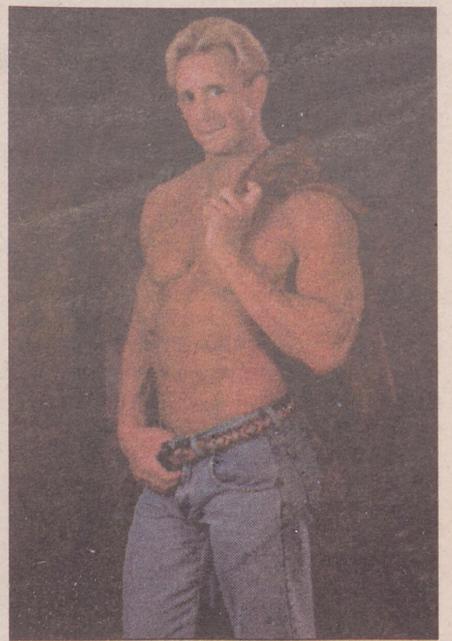
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# G.I. Jane goes Hollywood...

by Leslie Ramsay

*G. I. Jane* is a Hollywood Pictures film directed by Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Thelma & Louise*). Ridley Scott is a director who is not afraid to allow his leading female characters to be strong talented capable independent women.

Navy Intelligence Officer Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore) sets a historic precedent when she is recruited as a test case to be the first woman allowed to train for the highly covert operations Navy Seals. Whether or not she could do the job was not as important as whether or not she looked like a girl. Lt. O'Neil confronts C. O. Salem (Scott Wilson) about the separate "equalizing" standards being used for her training and proceeds to make herself one of the guys by shaving her head and moving into the men's barracks. Upon receipt of a photograph of Lt. O'Neil hugging a female officer, (Lucinda Jenney), the military officials immediately initiate court martial proceedings. Even in this Hollywood film, the truth is, even though you exceed expectations, go above and beyond the call of duty, if you are suspected to be a homosexual, you are still threatened with a court martial and the loss of your career whether or not the rumors are true.

Demi Moore (Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* voice of Esmeralda,



*Striptease*) underwent a lot of hardships for this movie besides the obvious hair loss. Her performance reflects her commitment to this film.

## G.I. JANE

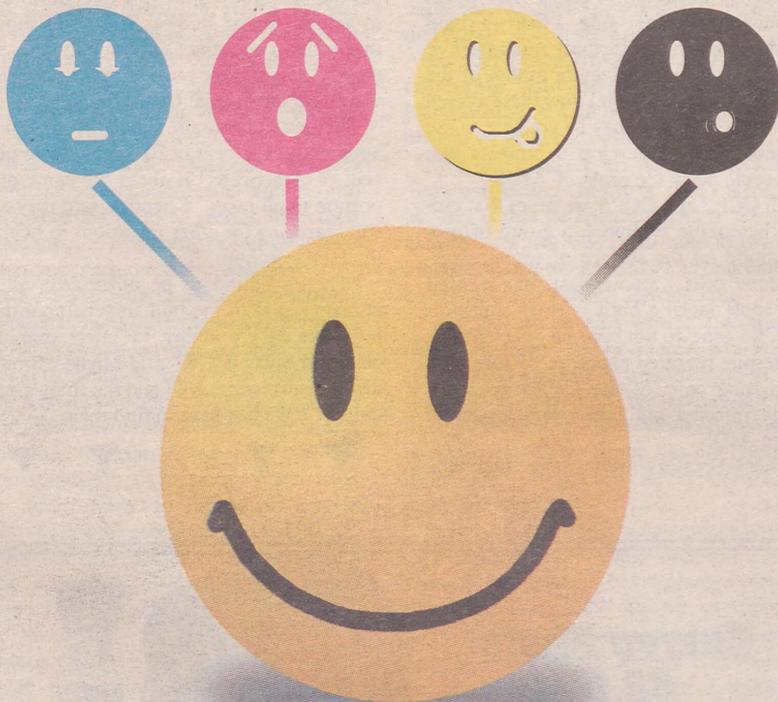
Anne Bancroft (*The Graduate*, *Turning Point*) captured perfectly in her performance the ultimate deal maker

"good ole gal" Texas politician. Her southern accent faded in and out when she was careless.

This film will make a good date night film for those of you who are into the military imagery. A good part of the movie is sweaty workouts and physical activity.



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"These gene alterations tell us that nature already has devised a therapy that works without significant side effects," said Stephen O'Brien, a doctoral researcher at the cancer institute and senior author of the study. "If we can pinpoint how these altered genes contain HIV, it may be possible to use this knowledge to develop treatments that help people delay the onset of AIDS."

Both CCR2 and CCR5 are genes that produce chemokine receptors, a group of proteins found on the surface of immune-system blood cells. Studies last year showed that people lacking both normal copies of the CCR5 gene do not become infected with HIV despite repeated exposure. Those with one missing copy of the CCR5 gene can become infected but take years longer to develop AIDS.

Earlier laboratory studies suggested that a

CCR2 mutation also retarded HIV infection, but the new study is the first to confirm this in actual clinical studies. The study shows that patients with the CCR2 mutation develop AIDS up to four years later than patients who have the normal CCR2 gene.

The researchers said the CCR2 mutation apparently is present in 20 percent to 25 percent of Americans, in about the same proportion in all races. Scientists said they are still searching for other mutations to hobble the HIV infection.

"There's bound to be other gene alterations present in the human gene pool that influence HIV's ability to infect immune cells and cause AIDS," said Michael Smith, also a researcher at NCI and the study's lead author. "We just have to find them."



## Former High School Teacher, Coach Admits to Bank Robberies

(New Mexico) - A former teacher and coach at Manzano High School admitted he committed two Albuquerque bank robberies in four days, the FBI said. Richard William Childs, 54, is accused of robbing two banks, including one in which a bandit told tellers he had AIDS and wouldn't hesitate to kill, agent Doug Beldon said.

Childs was arrested after the robbery of a Bank of America on Tuesday. The robbery was similar to one Aug. 8 at a Norwest Bank in which the robber said he had AIDS and indicated he had a gun, Beldon said. Childs was denied bond Wednesday and will remain in federal custody pending trial on the charges, Beldon said.

FBI agent Elma Perez-Gonzales testified at Childs' detention hearing that Childs admitted to authorities that he wrote the notes used in the Norwest bank robbery. Childs allegedly told authorities that after robbing Norwest, he flew to Las Vegas, Nev., and spent the \$14,000 he took, Perez-Gonzales said.

## Gay-Rights Group Preparing to Fight Same-Sex Bills

(Kentucky) - A group that promotes gay and lesbian rights geared up today for a fight over three bills headed for the legislature that would prevent "same-sex" marriages and protective orders for couples of the same gender.

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance claims the proposed legislation, aimed at homosexuals, is anti-family. The "real pro-family movement" opposes anti-gay legislation, the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, a United Church of Christ minister from Henderson, said. "Gay and lesbian people were born in, grew up in, live in and find their love in Kentucky's rural, suburban and urban families," Bennett said.

Bennett and the alliance oppose three bills that have been drafted for the 1998 General Assembly. One would define marriage as a union of people of opposite sexes. Another would specifically prohibit same-sex marriages. And both would deny legal recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states.

The third bill would deny domestic-violence protection to couples of the same gender. The bills were scheduled for a public hearing today by the interim joint Judiciary Committee. Before the meeting, several alliance members held a news conference in the Capitol Rotunda to condemn the proposed legislation and criticize the committee chairman, Republican Sen. Tim Philpot of Lexington.

The group included Laura Drew and Janette Wolak, a lesbian couple from Lexington with a 3-year-old daughter, Brent Nicole Drew-Wolak. "As mama bears fight to protect their cubs, we, too, are here to protect our children," Ms. Drew said.

But Philpot, who is personally sponsoring the bill on domestic violence protective orders, disagreed with the group's focus on family in protesting the bills. "I do not agree that gay couples fit the definition of a family. It hasn't happened in the history of the world," Philpot said.

Philpot, an attorney who often had represented battered women in court, said any victim of violence can file assault charges. He said the state's domestic violence laws were enacted specifically to protect people within a traditional family unit.

"This is not 'anti' anything," Philpot said. "If gays want to prove that violence in their community is so severe they need special protection, we should give it to them.... But call it gay protection."

## Man Wants Compensation for Hemophiliacs to Include All Transfusion

(North Carolina) - A North Carolina man who contracted the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion doesn't want Congress to

forget about him and thousands of others like him. Too weak to pick up his grandchildren, Steve Grissom said he intends to use all the fight he has left to bring attention to what he and thousands of others have weathered.

On Aug. 8, Grissom registered a new organization: The National Association for Victims of Transfusion-Acquired AIDS, which may be the first national group to try to reach out to nonhemophiliacs who received blood infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.

"I'm the president, vice president, janitor and chairman of the board. And I'm sick half the time," said Grissom, who weighs 138 pounds and depends on an oxygen tank to fill his weakened lungs. Although weakened by the AIDS virus, Grissom is waging a battle to inform people of legislation that would exclude him from compensation for his illness.

Congress is considering a bill that would provide government compensation to hemophiliacs who received HIV-tainted blood supplies in the 1980s. Under the plan, the government and private sources would make \$225,000 payments to each hemophiliac or any relatives infected with HIV-tainted blood products circulating between 1982 and 1987.

However, the measure ignores thousands of people who are not hemophiliacs but still received the virus from inadequately monitored blood supplies. "The government shirked its responsibility for all this," said Grissom. "That has always bothered me."

Both houses of Congress this fall are expected to debate identical bills that could endow the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund. The \$900 million pool would be named after a Florida boy whose home was set on fire after others learned that he and his brothers - all hemophiliacs - had AIDS.

The money would supplement \$600 million that four manufacturers of blood-clotting products have agreed to set aside for hemophiliacs and family members who developed AIDS from tainted blood products. At least 26 countries have already created similar compensation programs to help hemophiliacs. In this country, some 4,000 hemophiliacs and spouses or children have died from AIDS, according to the National Hemophilia Foundation.

## US West to Extend Benefits to Same-Sex Partners of Employees

(Colorado) - US West became the latest company to extend health benefits to the same-sex partners of its employees. The new health plan also will cover dependents of same-sex couples, but does not extend to unmarried opposite-sex partners "since they have the option of becoming eligible through legal marriage."

The company's 1,664 employees of US West Communications in New Mexico are also eligible for the coverage. Toni Ozeroff, US West vice president for human resources, said the change will help the company attract and keep qualified employees.

"Having a diverse workforce is one of the keys to building customer loyalty and successfully serving a diverse marketplace," she said. The costs, Ozeroff added, are insignificant. "We've looked at other companies' experiences and confirmed that the costs of providing domestic partner health-benefits, and the additional effort required to administer those benefits, are both minimal," said

With its announcement, US West joins a number of major companies including American Express, Coors Brewing, Disney and Microsoft - that extend health benefits to same-sex couples. "As competition for the best qualified people intensifies, more and more employers are expanding their benefits to include same-sex partners," said Andrew Sherman, vice president of the Segal Co., a nationally recognized human resources and employee benefits consulting firm.

The change at US West applies to all employees, including those at US West Communications and US West Media  
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Group. Medical, dental and vision care options are included in an enrollment package that will be mailed to employees beginning in September. The coverage will take effect in January.

US West employees who want to take advantage of same-sex partner benefits must complete an affidavit confirming that their relationship is long-term - essentially the equivalent of marriage.

**New Laser Can Quickly Detect Diseases in Blood, Including AIDS Virus**

(New Mexico) - A new hand-held laser that can quickly reveal blood-borne disorders and diseases such as the AIDS virus has been patented by scientists at Sandia National Laboratories.

"It's possible to take a blood sample containing millions of cells and extract information about each cell in a few minutes," said Paul Gourley, project manager at Sandia. "The results are quantifiable."

The lab said Friday the device uses millions of tiny lasers to detect blood problems. Gourley said the laser has important applications in detecting cancerous cells. "If no cell is cancerous, we get a standard light signal. A cancerous cell gives a bright flash at different wavelengths," he said.

The laser was developed by Sandia technician Anthony McDonald, Gourley and his brother, Dr. Mark Gourley, who works at the Washington Hospital Center and National Institute of Health, both located in Washington, D.C. The Gourleys collaborated on the project working cross-country.

The patent is on a prototype laser scanner that could be used economically in the field as well as in hospitals and clinics, the laboratory said. The patent is jointly held by the National Institutes of Health, which helped Sandia develop it.

**Library Patron Takes Gay Sex Book Hostage**

(California) - A library patron has refused to return a book on gay sex which she says "doesn't meet the standards set forth by society." Linda McGeogh, who requested *The New Joy of Gay Sex* be banned from the Belmont Library, had a friend check out the book and put it in a storage locker after waiting for the library to act.

"We're not going to bring it back," said McGeogh, 38, who contends the book's gay content has nothing to do with her request. "It's something that should be kept in a bedside table, not in a public library." But librarians and book lovers say a ban violates the First Amendment by limiting the public's access.

"We believe very firmly that everybody should have access to what the library has and nobody should have to ask for it," said San Mateo County librarian Nancy Lewis. "For us, it's a First Amendment issue."

McGeogh asked the library to dump their only copy of the book after she came across it on a June visit with her 8-year-old daughter, 7-year-old son and a friend. "I went through it and was absolutely shocked," McGeogh said.

Lewis said she will appoint a panel to make a recommendation. But she has final say in the matter. The book has been overdue since June 11. McGeogh will be billed for a \$6 overdue fine and the cost for a replacement copy if she doesn't return the original, library officials said.

**Co-Founder of Focus on The Family Makes Public Apology**

(Colorado) - A man who calls himself a co-founder of Focus on the Family publicly apologized to women, ethnic minorities, gays and lesbians, religious groups and the

media during a blitz Friday to promote his book.

Gil Alexander-Moegerle claims he was one of seven people who co-founded Focus on the Family, a \$100 million-a-year Christian organization that counsels people seeking advice in dealing with family struggles. In his book "James Dobson's War on America," Alexander-Moegerle criticizes the group's well-known leader and his followers, accusing them of veering from their original mission of helping people raise their children and preserve their marriages.

The author believes Focus has become too political and said Dobson has made "a harmful foray into big-time politics."

"I am ashamed of my former colleagues for their attacks on you and for their pattern of slamming the doors of reasonable access in your face," Alexander-Moegerle said in a written statement. "I encourage you to bang those doors down, to investigate and to report the truth about the threat James Dobson and other religious extremists pose to the American tradition of tolerance, inclusivity and the separation of church and state," he added.

Alexander-Moegerle, who lives in Los Angeles, made the comments in a news release prior to his appearance at the Colorado springs offices of the gay and lesbian activist group Ground Zero. He said his book is the first insider critique of "the character, style and political agenda" of James Dobson, who co-founded Focus on the Family in Arcadia, Calif., in 1977.

Paul Hetrick, a Focus on the Family spokesman, denied Alexander-Moegerle helped found the nonprofit organization, saying the author worked for a Chicago advertising agency and served only as a consultant before becoming an employee in 1980.

Hetrick speculated that Alexander-Moegerle was still angry over a lawsuit he lost in Pomona (Calif.) Superior Court in which he sued Focus on the Family for allegedly firing him inappropriately after

seven years. Hetrick said Alexander-Moegerle voluntarily resigned from the organization after divorcing his wife and marrying his secretary. Hetrick said Alexander-Moegerle accused Dobson of interfering with his personal life after Dobson suggested he and his first wife avoid divorce by getting counseling.

"We just disagree on these matters. But that's not fueling Gil's fury. What's fueling his fury is that he failed to achieve what he wanted ... which was to be able to divorce his wife, marry his secretary and continue to be employed at Focus," Hetrick said.

The spokesman also denied any allegations that Focus on the Family is a sexist, racist and homophobic organization or has changed its focus on preserving families since its inception. "That's utter nonsense," Hetrick said. "This group has not changed its mission, its purpose or its emphasis since it was founded."

An estimated 5 million Americans tune in to Dobson's weekly radio program *Family News in Focus*, which is broadcast by more than 2,500 stations around the world. About 8,000 letters pour into the Colorado Springs Focus on the Family offices daily. Hundreds of employees field 3,400 telephone calls a day. Many people seek advice, comfort and prayer in dealing with family struggles like alcohol abuse, sexual problems and marital difficulties.

**Recipients Question Status Of Reciprocal Benefits**

(Hawaii) - Those eligible for reciprocal benefits through the state are questioning whether they would have to pay the money back if the benefits policy changes. The Legislature passed the reciprocal benefits concept this year. It allows two adults that cannot legally marry to share health benefits.

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## TMJ Disorders

by Dr. Stephanie Y. McGhee

Many of you have heard of TMJ. Unfortunately, many people suffer from disorders of this area, maybe even you suffer from it yourself. If you do not have a disorder of this joint, you are fortunate, but I bet you know of someone who does. I see a good number of TMJ disorders in my practice every year, and more commonly, they have mostly been misdiagnosed by other physicians in the past. Not from lack of knowledge, but the TMJ disorders are not given a high level of concern or are not understood for their debilitating pain and discomfort.

The letters TMJ stand for Temporomandibular joint. It is the joint that connects the lower jaw to the face and enables one to chew. To find this joint, place your finger at the little triangle fold at the front of your ear and slightly move forward. Slowly open and close your jaw to feel the movement of this joint. If this process causes pain or discomfort, you may have a disorder with your TMJ. This joint is used more frequently than any other joint in the body. Any time you talk, chew, bite down, or swallow, this joint is put to work. It is no wonder that so many people have problems with the TMJ and can notice the affects of a disturbance in it due to its high level of use.

There are two main causes for TMJ dysfunction. One is from overuse and the other is from favoring one side of the mouth when chewing or biting down. Overuse usually applies to people who clench or grind their teeth together for a variety of reasons, primarily stress. Some are not aware of their grinding habits because they do so in their sleep. A good indication that you grind your teeth while sleeping is if someone tells you that you do that or if you notice that your teeth are being worn down. Overuse of the jaw is typical with people who chew gum daily or chew on ice. The jaw is constantly

working in these cases and puts undue stress on the temporomandibular joint. People with malocclusion or 'improper bites' have a higher tendency to acquire TMJ disorders because of the uneven distribution of forces to both sides of the jaw. One other cause of TMJ disorders is from an injury to the jaw either by a blow to the area or even a whiplash of the neck can apply pressure to the joints of the jaw from muscle spasms in the neck.

Some symptoms of TMJ disorders are headaches, toothaches, jaw soreness, "popping" or "clicking" while chewing, ear pain, ear congestion, painful chewing, shoulder and neck pain from muscles pulling, dizziness, disorientation, and even confusion. Below is a list of questions to help determine if you may be suffering from TMJ disorders.

### QUESTIONS TO SEE IF YOU MIGHT HAVE A TMJ PROBLEM:

1. Do you have frequent headaches?
2. Do you hear popping, clicking or cracking sounds when you chew?
3. Do you hear a grating sound (like crumpling of newspaper) when you chew?
4. Do you have stiffness, pressure or blockage in your ears?
5. Do you hear a ringing or buzzing sound in either or both of your ears?
6. Do you experience dizziness frequently?
7. Do your jaws feel like they "catch"?
8. Do your jaws feel tight, difficult to open?
9. Does it appear that you can't open your mouth as wide as you used to?
10. Does your tongue go between your teeth or do you bite on your tongue to separate your teeth?
11. Do your teeth ache?
12. Are your teeth sensitive, especially to cold temperatures?
13. Do you wake with sore facial muscles?
14. Do you clench or grind your teeth during movements of frustration or concentration?
15. Do you grind your teeth at night?
16. Do your ears hurt?
17. Does it hurt to move your jaws sideways?
18. Do your neck, back of your head, or shoulder hurt?
19. Have you been hit in the jaw?
20. Have you been put to sleep for surgery?
21. Have you had a whiplash injury?
22. Have you seen a neurologist, psychologist or psychiatrist for unexplained head or neck pain?
23. Do your jaws ache after eating?
24. Are you under a lot of stress?
25. Have you been told that you might have TMJ?

There are a few things that you can do to alleviate the pain from this disorder without seeing a doctor. The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery recommends trying some simple remedies. Chew evenly. This means to transfer food in your mouth throughout the chewing process to equally distribute the work load on the jaw. Stop gum chewing and avoid hard chewing foods. Stop clenching, gritting, or grinding your teeth. You can exercise your jaw by bringing your lower teeth out in front of the upper teeth for ten repetitions about four times a day. A heating pad twice a day directly on the area may help in the healing process, as well as two ibuprofen tablets four times a day to decrease inflammation. (If you have problems taking ibuprofen, check with your doctor for advise on other medications that could help you.)

If the pain persist after a few weeks, or if it is already unbearable, the best thing you could do is make an appointment with your dentist or chiropractor. Typically the two professions refer back and forth to meet the needs of their TMJ disorder patients. The treatments vary from patient to patient depending on the cause of the condition.

This information is not intended for a means of self-diagnosis. If you have concerns about any health condition, it is best to consult with a doctor for diagnosis and treatment options.

If you have a topic that you would like more information or have questions on, forward them to Synchronized Montrose Chiropractic c/o Dr. McGhee at 811 Westheimer, Suite 101, Houston, Texas 77006. Or send e-mail to drmcghee@neo soft.com.

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The relationships eligible would included a parent and a child; an aunt or uncle and niece or nephew; and gay couples. But the attorney general's office is looking into the legality of offering such benefits. Attorney General Margery Bronster has said essentially that most Hawaii companies are not required to provide medical coverage under the law.

One man who gets coverage from his partner's state health plan is concerned that he may have to pay the state back for the premiums it has already paid. Daniel Thomas Peralta also said instead of that, the state could simply demand that he pay 100 percent of the premiums. Peralta now pays 40 percent or \$80.68.

Other are holding off on signing up for the policy until the state or courts reach a decision.

"This whole issue has pitted the gay community against the straight community," said Susan Reardon, who has decided to wait before applying for medical benefits.

Businesses are arguing that they may have to cut back on benefits for families to give medical coverage to reciprocal beneficiaries, she said. Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Quinn said the office has not determined whether state workers would be forced to repay the money.

**Psychologists Say Homosexuality No Reason for Therapy**

(Illinois) - Homosexuality is not a mental disorder and doesn't need treatment, the nation's largest group of psychologists has declared in an attempt to quell controversy over so-called reparative therapy. The American Psychological Association also called on mental health professionals to "take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientation."

The association first declared in 1975 that homosexuality isn't a mental disorder, saying it supported the American Psychiatric Association in removing it from the official list of mental and emotional disorders. The newest resolution said lack of information, ignorance and prejudice puts some "gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning individuals at risk" for seeking "conversion" or "reparative" therapy, which is aimed at reducing or eliminating homosexuality.

There have been no well-designed scientific studies to test such therapy, the association said in a statement. But it hasn't been conclusively shown to be harmful, "extensive clinical experience suggests that such therapy feeds upon society's anti-gay prejudices and is likely to exacerbate the client's issues of poor self-esteem," the association's office said.

Kim Mills, a representative of the Human Rights Campaign, a lesbian and gay political group, said the resolution "reaffirms the fact that since there is nothing wrong with homosexuality, there is no reason that gay, lesbian or bisexual people should try to change."

Robert H. Knight, director of cultural studies for the conservative Family Research Council, said "homosexual behavior entails inevitable physical and psychological risks" and maintained that homosexuals have been successfully treated for decades. "Homosexuals can change," he said.

**Briefs...**

The Gay and Lesbian alliance Against Defamation announced today a national essay contest celebrating October's "Lesbian & Gay History Month: A Celebration on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History." The essay, which will appear in numerous lesbian and gay publications coast-to-coast, will highlight the historical significance of the community and its continued struggle for equal rights. Submissions must be received no later than September 22. For more information, call (212) 807-1700....

Finally, Tall Men's Network (TMN), the only organization in the United States for tall gay men (6'2" +) and their admirers now has an on-line World Wide Web site, according TMN Founder, Don Scott. The site, located at <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/6919>, includes general club information, a member application, member statistics and recent newsletter articles.

(Compiled from staff and wire reports)

**Full Appeals Court Denies Man Trial on HIV Bias Claim**

(Virginia) - A former bank employee who claims he was fired because he was infected with the AIDS virus lacks the evidence he needs to take his case to trial, a divided 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled. The 7-5 decision by the full court last week reverses the decision last fall by a panel of three appeals judges that William Runnebaum had enough evidence to take his discrimination suit against NationsBank of Maryland to trial.

Runnebaum alleged that the bank violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by firing him in January 1993 after they discovered that he is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus. His supervisor at the Baltimore bank,

however, said she had decided to fire Runnebaum for poor performance before learning in late November or early December of 1992 that he had HIV. She said his disease played no role in his firing.

Runnebaum sued in 1993, but U.S. District Judge Frederic N. Smalkin of Baltimore ruled that Runnebaum failed to provide direct evidence that he was fired solely because of his disability. He appealed the decision, and last September the three-judge panel reversed Smalkin's decision. That panel ruled 2-1 that even though Runnebaum had no direct proof of discrimination, he had enough of a circumstantial case to be heard in court.

Last week's ruling restores Smalkin's decision. The full court took particular notice of what it said was Runnebaum's poor job performance and said NationsBank was justified in firing him.

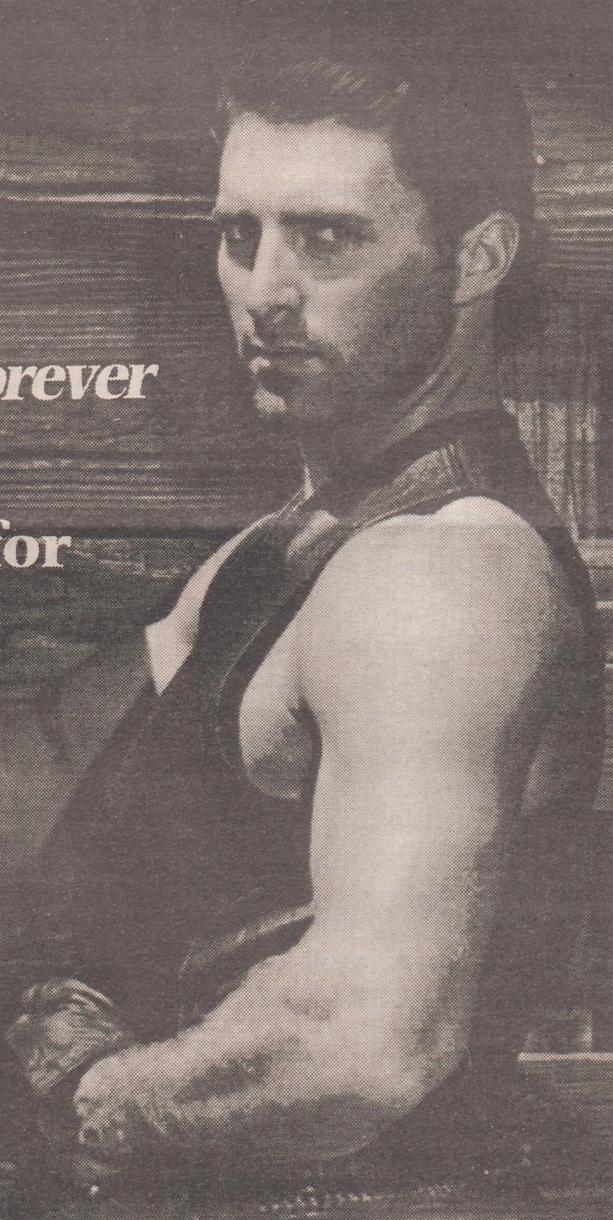
"The record is replete with indications that Runnebaum did not meet NationsBank's legiti-

mate expectations for his employment. He failed to submit required reports, to attend certain functions, and to take training classes or attend manager's meetings," Judge Karen J. Williams wrote for the majority.

In a sharp dissent, however, Judge M. Blane Michael said the majority had ignored the ADA by ruling that unless someone has AIDS symptoms, HIV is not a disability. He said it was clear that Congress intended for HIV infection to be considered a disability. "The majority's opinion amounts to an outright repeal of Congress's effort through the ADA to fight discrimination against those with asymptomatic HIV," Michael wrote.

Runnebaum's attorney, Gerard P. Martin of Baltimore, said he had not read the entire ruling and could not say whether he would appeal the case to the Supreme Court. Runnebaum now lives in Georgia, has not developed AIDS symptoms and remains in good health, Martin said.

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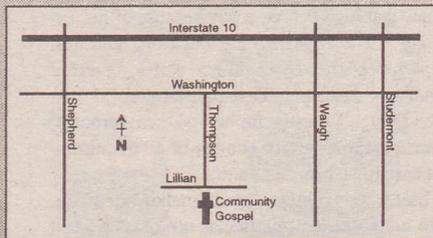
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- Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Saturday-8/23

- 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-8/24

- 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.
- First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200.
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- Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182.
- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Monday-8/25

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

### Tuesday-8/26

- MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149.
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### Wednesday-8/27

- 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.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Thursday-8/28

- 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.
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If you want an event listed in this section, please call Lee at 529-8490 by 12 Noon Mondays.



## GLOBAL NEWS

### Couturier Sought Unity With Rainbow, But Church On Defensive

by Christopher Burns

Paris (AP) - Superstars love couturier Jean-Charles de Castelbajac for his playful approach to fashion, and even the Catholic Church hired him to clothe Pope John Paul II, his cardinals and his bishops.

But on the day their world youth festival opened in this fashion mecca, church officials were pressed Tuesday to explain why conservative faithful were upset Castelbajac's rainbow design resembled a symbol of the gay rights movement.

After Elton John, Lauren Bacall and Grace Jones, the devout Catholic designer was asked by the archdiocese of Paris early this year to design the church's ceremonial robes for the 12th World Youth Day, which ends Sunday with a Mass led by the pope.

"The color is the arch of unity. After the flood, the universal flag," Castelbajac told Madame Figaro magazine. "It seems to me to be the right path: language for all and the instrument of sharing." Castelbajac hopes the event will bring a renaissance of Church art he dubs "pope-art."

But conservative Catholics were up in arms that the gay rights movement also uses a rainbow. At the festival's daily news briefing, officials were put on the defensive. The leftist daily Liberation had grinned Monday with the headline "La Catho Pride," allud-

ing to the gay Europride parade last month.

"I am happy homosexuals have chosen for colors a biblical and a human sign," said Monsignor Michel Dubost, the chief organizer of World Youth Day. "But they didn't invent the rainbow. I don't see why you have to be ugly to be Christian." Dubost also noted the Olympics had used the rainbow symbol for its events.

Best-known for his graceful animal designs, Castelbajac is no newcomer to religious fashion. In 1985 he was tapped to design the ecclesiastic clothing for the France's Abbey of Epau. Castelbajac's signature rainbow design has stripes of green, blue, red, orange and yellow. Each color is to represent a continent. Of the 5,000 priests attending the final Mass, each 1,000 will wear a different color cross on their sleeves.

De Castelbajac also used his rainbow design for the festival's T-shirts, bandanas, hats, umbrellas and a crucifix. The sale of the items is expected to cover one-fifth of the festival's budget. A major force in the fashion world since 1968, de Castelbajac has also dressed the likes of Rod Stewart, Farrah Fawcett, Isabelle Adjani and Vanessa Paradis.

De Castelbajac received no fee to work for the church. The French conglomerate Les Chargeurs was donating the 2,000 yards of fabric needed for the robes. "Dressing the pope coincides with my faith, my Judeo-Christian upbringing," de Castelbajac told Le Monde. "The idea of a group, of celebration and this harmonious mass of people, really inspired me."



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and record sales are for music she recorded a few years ago. After a four or five year recording hiatus she will release her new album, "Artist of My Soul", October 28.

Part of that hiatus was to recover emotionally as well as spiritually from the devastating, almost career shattering, exposure of her extra-marital affair and subsequent divorce. The backlash that reverberated throughout the vast contemporary Christian music world led to her removal from play lists at Christian radio stations nationwide. Her office building was burnt to the ground. Overnight her career came to a screeching halt.

During this time of soul searching and reflection Ms. Patty released a Christmas album that did well at the retail level. The mainstream radio market played her holiday music and her audience began to slowly come back around.

"I have no one to blame but myself for what happened. I have taken the time to learn and grow. You have no idea how many people are watching your life...your every move," she said in her HV interview. "Some Christian radio stations appreciate the process of you trying to make things right again. They will play my music again once they see how I have changed. My new album, Artist of My Soul, is very reflective and celebratory of God's grace."

The Pops event will include a mix of

patriotic, big band, a few Christian songs and Disney music. When the question of why she is performing Disney tunes while the Southern Baptists are calling for a boycott against all things Disney she said, "I hadn't really thought about not singing them." She continued, "Disney is not a ministry. Disney has done a lot of good work for families. They have provided family entertainment when no one else would. This is my own opinion and it is a very prayerful opinion."

The religious community at large is not all of the same mind set as the Southern Baptists. When asked if she felt her views towards Disney might hurt her career, her response was, "Everybody needs to follow through with whatever their conscience tells them to do. I will continue to sing Disney songs. My family will still go to see Disney films."

Her family has grown recently. The new blended family of her and her second husband has brought the number of children to eight, seven from previous marriages and one newly adopted 19 month old. Ms. Patty definitely has her hands full with eight children, a busy touring schedule, a new album to promote, and as a television spokesperson for the Jenny Craig diet plan.

The Houston Pops performance by Sandi Patty will provide a backdrop for her return to the spotlight. The music, celebration of love, forgiveness, and understanding is not to be missed.

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crimination against homosexuals," Astacaan said. "I'm gay and I deserve equal treatment as every other citizen in the U.S.A."

Ms. Kuehl's bill would expand current equal job and housing laws to afford greater protections with respect to sexual orientation and gender. Both bills have passed the Assembly and are awaiting action in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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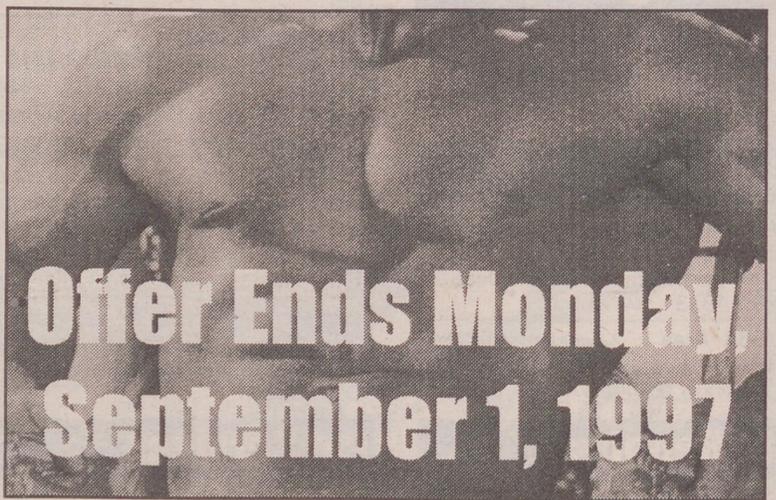
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**Friday, August 22**

- 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 Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Harris County Animal Control.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm. 522-8182.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; The New Barn 4-8pm.

**Saturday, August 23**

- 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.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Rich's 10pm-2am.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Family Activity

1-6pm. 284-4939.

**Sunday, August 24**

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.

**Monday, August 25**

- 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.
- Gay & Lesbian Readers Group; 3003 W. Holcombe Blvd; 7pm. 349-0050.

**Tuesday, August 26**

- 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.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Summer Lecture Series; 7:30-9pm, 2515 Waugh Dr. 284-4939.

**Wednesday, August 27**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Midtowne Spa 9pm-1am; Ripcord 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 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.
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Magnolia Multi Service Center.

- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Newsletter Mailout; 1830 W. Alabama 7-8pm. 284-4939.

**Thursday, August 28**

- 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 Citizens for Animal Protection.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm; 611 8pm - 12am.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

**GALAXY GAZZER A Houston Voice Exclusive**  
Your Horoscope for the week of August 24 - August 30

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK:** This is a great period for new beginnings. Social opportunities are abundant and friends can help you with your wishes. Stay focused on speaking and thinking about positive outcomes, and everything will turn out fine.

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) Be flexible this week and if special plans need to be postponed, don't allow this to affect romantic interludes in the evening. There may be news from someone far away that may end up increasing your income. Your social calendar will be lively for some time.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21) There may be an obstacle within your personal life which is causing havoc between you and a lover. Although you may tend to take the path of least resistance, it's time to face the problem up front and take care of it once and for all. Your self-confidence will get you everywhere.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) There may be conflict between the job and your home life, since both are demanding plenty from you. It will be a touchy situation which may require plenty of gentleness and diplomacy. Definitely take advantage of togetherness with a mate, you'll accomplish alot.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) This week will be a mixture of ups and downs, and another person seems to be controlling this emotional swing. Don't allow yourself to get overemotional. Your social agenda is quite busy, so make the effort to not overbook yourself. Love is in the air.

**LEO:** (July 24 - August 23) Taking a firm stand this week is not suggested. Instead, use your charm and diplomacy, and possibly a somewhat devious approach. Those around you may be a bit irritating and over emotional, so put on that happy face. If married, prospects look good for adding to financial resources.

**VRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) You or your partner's intuition may be a great advantage this week. Concentrate on important questions and decisions about finances. Joint money matters may need some attention and updating. Blended knowledge

may be better than solo thinking.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) It may seem like a rather bland week, but use the downtime to make new contacts that have the potential for producing longterm lucrative results. Focus on partnership, whether in the business area or marriage, each must contribute to the success of the whole.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22) Both solitude and creative work may be rewarding this week. Few challenges will be found in social gatherings or encounters. Even though situations may arise that may tempt you to jump right in, it will definitely be better for you to sit them out completely.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21) An old, unresolved family problem may pop up this week and cast a rather depressing shadow over just about everything - facing the facts may help to ease the tensions. Try to keep a love relationship and platonic relationship separate, it's for the best.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) This is not the time for a financial gamble or risk of any kind. Although you may be taking a chance on romance. You may be feeling somewhat depleted, energy wise, but a dear friend will put a smile back on your face. Keep behind the scenes at work.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) You are in control and everyone surrounding you know it. Take advantage of your currently winning ways and apply the intensity you feel to advancing your career goals and monetary position. Any financial tangles must be dealt with immediately.

**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) The moral support that you've been seeking about an important decision is on it's way, and possibly from a very surprising source. It may be a wise idea to wait a few weeks to follow through on your decision though. Your affections for another are high.

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  - 17 10th and 8th consonants of the alphabet
  - 18 Japanese girl trained to entertain men
  - 19 office abbr.
  - 21 suffix for making a word jocular
  - 22 Greek's 21st letter
  - 23 what seems to always happen to Mel Gibson in every one of his movies
  - 25 Centennial State, abbr.
  - 26 direction South Beach to Provincetown, abbr.
  - 28 sounds like 'why eye'
  - 29 not 'a high,' 2 words
  - 30 customs
  - 32 to ... is humorous or ironic (art to art... folk to folk...)
  - 34 annual award for outstanding achievement in the theater
  - 36 things
  - 38 chunky diving seabird
  - 39 U.S. Army enlisted man ('I love men in uniforms')
  - 40 making discontent
  - 43 drag queen who bid on Princess Di's clothes June 25th
  - 46 sounds like 'in eye'
  - 47 interjection
  - man, to forgive is 9 ACROSS
  - 48 time zone of South Beach, Fla., abbr.
  - 49 Jesse Helms (ugh!) state, abbr.
  - 51 what Meryl Streep speaks with in just about all of her movies
  - 54 movie plot
  - 55 10th letter of Hebrew alphabet
- DOWN**
- 1 Roman numeral for gay bowling score of 200
  - 2 having a feeling like 'in eye'
  - 3 this puzzle is
  - 4 Palmetto State, abbr.
  - 5 where you are after gay bar hopping all night
  - 6 oily liquid that is major constituent of olive oil
  - 7 Roman numeral 52
  - 8 the top in an S&M relationship
  - 9 anagram of ready ('Are you ready, ....?')
  - 10 newspaper comic The Wizard of ..
  - 11 befittingly
  - 12 the letter M phonetically
  - 14 informal for though
  - 16 exceeded in weight
  - 19 4th &
  - 5th vowels
  - 20 the Queen of Soul, Aretha
  - 21 pseudonym of MTV's Sebastian in his porn days, 2 words
  - 22 'You're a .... and don't know it' (rhymes with know it)
  - 24 Broadway musical won 5 1997 Tonys
  - 25 British wit Quentin .....
  - 27 Eliot of The Untouchables;
  - 31 'Do you want me to ..... you?'
  - 33 actor-President who took years to even say AIDS, initials
  - 35 where we all should be in relation to the closet
  - 37 city of N. Italy
  - 39 large African antelope
  - 41 sounds like 'gee why'
  - 42 Scottish for remarkable
  - 44 Beehive State, abbr.
  - 45 Nelson Mandela's group, abbr.
  - 50 symbol for chemical element radium
  - 51 1st & 3rd vowels of the alphabet
  - 52 one's former lover
  - 53 territory abbr. Solution elsewhere this issue c.1997 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE GAY15

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**Friday, August 22**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm.
- BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour: Wayne Gray plays the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Dave open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2 Kamikazes open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: 75¢ Kamikazis all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm; 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. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- 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.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Reception for Ken Claude 6pm; Mr. Gulf Coast Boot Black Contest 10pm.

**Saturday, August 23**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 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; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 11 to 11:30pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.50 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: Sundance Cattle Company Anniversary Party 8pm to Midnight.
- Midtowne Spa: The Garage w/ private bunkhouse keys for rental @ 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 Gold Ritas all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.

- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard.; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 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.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Texas Renegades guest bartenders on the Top 9pm till ???

**Sunday, August 24**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fixins; Family & Friends Forever @ 8pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays piano after the show; Open Pool Table; Show @ 8pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm; Clippers I 3-6pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & Houston Area Bears bartend 6pm till???; Texas Cowgurlz @ 8pm.

**Monday, August 25**

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy

- Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table; Hair Hopper's Hazy Hangover Day til 8pm.
- 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.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long; doors open at 9pm. No Cover with a We'll Pleasure You Pass!
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

**Tuesday, August 26**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am to 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.50 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.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.

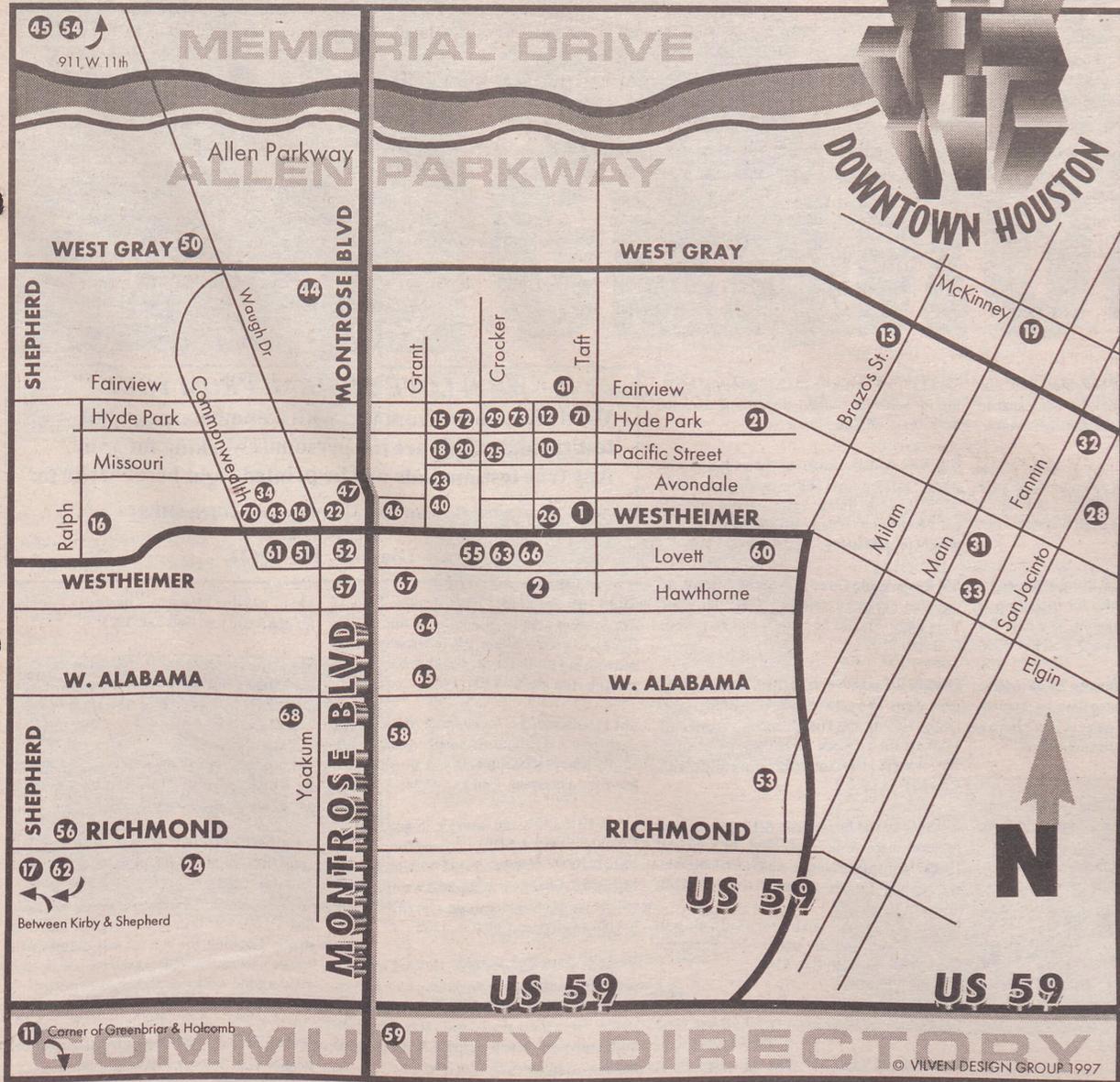
**Wednesday, August 27**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.25 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; 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: Dragstrip '97 amateur strip contest w/ Barbara Velour & Hyron Hall @ 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: Happy hour prices all day & nite; \$4 domestic beer pitchers.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Palace 5351 W. Alabama @ Rice 8pm with \$1 Bar Drinks til 11. 850-7699.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, August 28**

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

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| 1 | Montrose Inn   | 408 Avondale    | 713/520-0206 |
| 2 | The Lovett Inn | 501 Lovett Blvd | 713/522-5224 |

BARS & CLUBS

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|----|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 10 | 611 Hyde Park       | 611 Hyde Park    | 713/526-7070 |
| 11 | The Briar Patch     | 2294 Holcombe    | 713/665-9678 |
| 12 | Bricks II           | 617 Fairview     | 713/528-8102 |
| 13 | Brazos River Bottom | 2400 Brazos      | 713/528-9192 |
| 14 | Chances             | 1100 Westheimer  | 713/523-7217 |
| 15 | Cousins             | 817 Fairview     | 713/528-9204 |
| 16 | EJs                 | 2517 Ralph       | 713/527-9071 |
| 17 | Gentry              | 2303 Richmond    | 713/520-1861 |
| 18 | Heaven              | 812 Pacific      | 713/521-9123 |
| 19 | Incognito           | 2524 McKinney    | 713/237-9431 |
| 20 | JR's                | 808 Pacific      | 713/521-2519 |
| 21 | Lazy J              | 312 Tuam         | 713/528-9343 |
| 22 | Mary's              | 1022 Westheimer  | 713/527-9669 |
| 23 | Montrose Mining Co. | 805 Pacific      | 713/529-7488 |
| 24 | Outpost             | 1419 Richmond    | 713/520-8446 |
| 25 | Pacific Street      | 710 Pacific      | 713/523-0213 |
| 26 | QT's                | 534 Westheimer   | 713/529-8813 |
| 28 | Rich's              | 2401 San Jacinto | 713/759-9606 |
| 29 | Ripcord             | 715 Fairview     | 713/521-2792 |
| 31 | Venture N           | 2923 Main        | 713/522-0000 |
| 32 | The Club Houston    | 2205 Fannin      | 713/659-4998 |
| 33 | Midtowne Spa        | 3100 Fannin      | 713/522-2379 |
| 34 | The New Barn        | 1100 Westheimer  | 713/521-9533 |

RESTAURANTS

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| 40 | Baba Yaga                 | 2607 Grant        | 713/522-0042 |
| 41 | Barnaby's Cafe            | 604 Fairview      | 713/522-0106 |
| 43 | Charlie's Coffee Shop     | 1100 Westheimer   | 713/522-3332 |
| 44 | Christy Donuts            | 1103 W Gray       | 713/524-4005 |
| 45 | Java Java Cafe            | 911 W 11th        | 713/862-2683 |
| 46 | Ming's Cafe               | 2703 Montrose     | 713/529-7888 |
| 47 | Riva's Italian Restaurant | 1117 Missouri St. | 713/529-3450 |

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 50 | Cineplex-Odeon             | 1450 W Gray     | 713/524-8781 |
| 51 | Crossroads Market          | 1111 Westheimer | 713/942-0147 |
| 52 | Eckerd Drugs               | 1007 Westheimer | 713/524-9229 |
| 53 | Fitness Exchange           | 4040 Milam      | 713/524-9932 |
| 54 | Heights Above Florist      | 911 W 11th      | 713/862-2683 |
| 55 | Houston Voice              | 811 Westheimer  | 713/529-8490 |
| 56 | Inklings Bookstore         | 1846 Richmond   | 713/521-3369 |
| 57 | Kroger Grocery             | 3300 Montrose   | 713/526-7865 |
| 58 | Lobo Books & Video         | 3939-S Montrose | 713/522-5156 |
| 59 | Main St. Theatre           | 4617 Montrose   | 713/524-6706 |
| 60 | Montrose Clinic            | 215 Westheimer  | 713/520-2000 |
| 61 | Four Star Hair Productions | 1201 Westheimer | 713/524-7785 |
| 62 | CreADive Unlimited         | 2219 Richmond   | 713/526-5190 |
| 63 | Preferred Graphics         | 811 Westheimer  | 713/528-7654 |
| 64 | Vilven Design Group        | 807 Hawthorne   | 713/526-3212 |
| 65 | House of Coleman           | 901 W Alabama   | 713/523-2521 |
| 66 | Synchronized Chiropractic  | 811 Westheimer  | 713/521-7741 |
| 67 | Walgreens                  | 3317 Montrose   | 713/520-8000 |
| 68 | KAD Computer, Inc.         | 1437 W. Alabama | 713/522-7813 |

CLOTHING SHOPS

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|----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 70 | Basic Brothers   | 1232 Westheimer | 713/522-1626 |
| 71 | Jewel's Boutique | 2404 Taft       | 713/523-3557 |
| 72 | Leather By Boots | 807 Fairview    | 713/526-2668 |
| 73 | Leather Forever  | 711 Fairview    | 713/526-6940 |

On Your Next Visit to Houston...

What you get at the motel on the highway & what you get at the Montrose Inn

Motel: Heterosexuals with kids fighting next door.  
Montrose Inn: Gay men next door. Only gay men. Nothing but gay men.

Motel: Several miles to the gay bars.  
Montrose Inn: 5 tiny blocks to the gay bars.

Motel: Drive to the gay bars & pay \$5 to park. Or take a \$15 cab.  
Montrose Inn: Walk to the gay bars. Or take a \$3 cab.

Motel: Drive back from the gay bars and risk the cops making you walk the straight line. Or take a \$15 cab.  
Montrose Inn: Walk back from the gay bars. Or take a \$3 cab.

Motel: Rooms start at around \$50.  
Montrose Inn: Rooms start at around \$50.

Motel: Eat in their restaurant. Food for the masses. Pay plenty. \$1 soft drink machine.  
Montrose Inn: Complimentary late night sandwiches & full breakfast the next day. Free soft drinks, juices, coffee 24 hours.

Motel: Cruise the parking lot? Whoa! You're taking chances.  
Montrose Inn: Meet our other guests. Please!

Motel: The receptionist sneers at you.  
Montrose Inn: The receptionist winks at you.

Motel: Washing machine? Ironing board? Hair dryer? Refrigerator? Stove? Microwave? VCR & gay movies? Are you kidding?  
Montrose Inn: All of the above. Free to use.

Motel: Full size bed, plastic flowers.  
Montrose Inn: Queen size bed, fresh flowers.

Motel: Maid knocking 8 a.m., you moan but she's coming in anyway. Checkout 11 a.m.  
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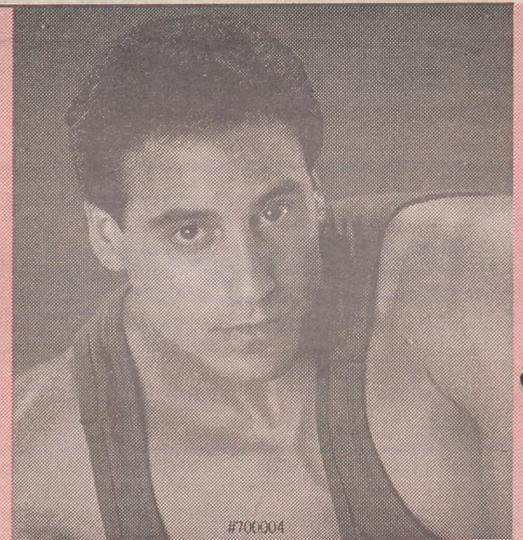
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## Women SEEKING Women

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

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

SF Tired of being alone. I'll be your special friend, if you think 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

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 oriented business. Should enjoy nature & intellectually stimulating conversations. Call Ext. 5559

SF 27, Professional, adventurer. 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

SBF 5'2", bisexual. Looking for a bi woman, White or Hispanic. Give me a call if you are interested. Call Ext. 5476

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 passably more. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5535

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

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, light drinker. Call Ext. 5566

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. I'm very interested in having a lover. Call Ext. 5498

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

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

SHM 35, 5'11", dark hair, dark eyes, 195 lbs. I work out regularly and I'm considered attractive. Looking to meet someone. Call Ext. 5491

SM 23, Jewish, 5'11", 145 lbs., attractive. I'm in search of another Jewish male, 22 or older, who has a good head on his shoulders. Must be able to speak the English language properly. If this sounds like you and you are looking for a friend or relationship, please leave a message. Call Ext. 5229

SM 35, 5'10", 175 lbs., handsome, black hair & eyes. I'm hairy, masculine & muscular. I'm a bottom who can be versatile. Looking for a 25-50-year-old White, Hispanic or Black top man. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5481

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

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

SM 42, 5'11", 185 lbs., salt 'n pepper hair, green eyes. Seeking someone older. I like guys around my height, on the heavy side. Looking for masculine men. No femmes please. Call Ext. 5487

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

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

SM Responsible Oriental male, aggressive, demanding. Seeking a male for a friendship or possibly more. Should be healthy and very clean. Call Ext. 5502

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 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

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

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' and height/weight proportionate. Looking for a non-smoker & someone who doesn't mind being a bottom. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5345

SM Smooth, tan bottom boy seeks tall, aggressive top man. Call me. Call Ext. 5123

SHM Very sexy, Latin, 20's, 150 lbs., HIV+. Looking for a top man who is mature & a little on the chunky side. Looking for a serious relationship. Let's go out sometime. Call Ext. 5459

SM 40, 5'7", 220 lbs. I'm a very outgoing person seeking a young man who is 18-40. I'm very versatile & a cross dresser. Call Ext. 5485

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

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. If it is you please give me a call. Call Ext. 5522

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

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SM Handsome, 32, muscular, 170 lbs., 5'8", intelligent and mature. Seeking males between 32-48, who is handsome. If you are interested leave me a message. Call Ext. 5524

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

SWM 6', 190 lbs., early 40's, HIV+. I'm handsome, fit & athletic. I have brown hair & eyes. I'm a definite top and considered masculine & stable. I'm self-employed and I stay busy. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, sports & taking things one step at a time. Call Ext. 5466

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

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

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

SM 35, 5'6", 145 lbs., brown hair & eyes, mustache, attractive, mid-western transplant, I'm a medical professional. I'm HIV positive but in the best physical condition I've ever been. Seeking friends & possibly more, 30-50, weight proportionate to height. Long lost hopeless romantic. Call Ext. 5513

WM Very healthy, financially secure. Looking for a good-looking single White male. Seeking someone honest, sincere & financially secure who is willing to share our lives together. Call Ext. 5509

GWM 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., non-drinker, non-drug user. I'm handsome, husky, masculine, smooth, phisic & 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

SWM 6'1", 155 lbs., bi sexual. Looking for bi sexual or gay men, race is not important. Should be in good physical shape. HIV negative. Call Ext. 5528

SBM 32. I like dancing, having a great time, dining out. Seeking Hispanic male 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, blue eyes. Looking for dominant top. Call Ext. 5523

SM 35, 5'6", very muscular. I like movies, dancing, dinners and spending time together. Seeking friends between 30-50 who are very hairy. Call Ext. 5515

SM 5'6", 26, blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for a male between 20-40 who likes to travel and drive around. Call Ext. 5104

SWM Mid-40's. Looking for an affectionate guy in his 30's. If this is you, please give me a call. Call Ext. 5482

SM 5'10", 180 lbs., in really good muscular shape. Looking for a work-out partner who wrestles on a somewhat regular basis & doesn't mind a good work out. Size doesn't matter. Call Ext. 5514

SHM 5'7", 32. If you are looking for a serious relationship, lets talk. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5497

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

SWM 42, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'6". I'm a little overweight, but everyone says I'm cute & cuddly. I'm looking for someone as a lifetime partner and I have been having a hard time meeting people. Looking for someone younger, good-looking & in shape. Call Ext. 5496

SWM 35, 5'9", height/weight proportionate, large endowment. Looking for an oral expert. Call and tell me why you are the expert. Let's see if we can make each other happy. Call Ext. 5488

SM Very young, 40, 5'11", 160 lbs., good shape, green eyes, blonde hair. Seeking someone younger who enjoys fun & can keep up with me. Age is just a number to me. I'm a hopeless romantic who enjoys nice things. Call Ext. 5478

SM 27, 5'7", 155 lbs., medium-built. I recently moved here from the East Coast. Looking to meet some nice guys for friends and hopefully more. I'm kind of preppy with short hair, a mustache and a goatee. Call Ext. 5465

SWM 47, 6', dark blonde hair. I'm not a top or a bottom. Just myself looking for someone 35-50 to become that special person. I love gardening, garage sales and doing special things with that special person. Call Ext. 5455

SWM Cross dresser, 35. I'm attractive. Looking for an attractive single guy, 18-35, who is open-minded and in good shape. Call Ext. 5423

SM Dominant, mature top Greek male. Non-smoker & disease-free. I'm 5'9" & 175 lbs. Seeks submissive bottom man, 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, drug-free & disease-free. We will have fun together. Call Ext. 5460

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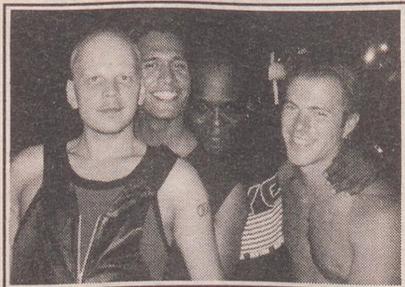
The Sundance Cattle Company will be celebrating another anniversary next weekend, at Mary's, naturally!

Finally! The time has come! The PWA Holiday Fund has received their 501 (c) 3



A happy rabbit!

status. Congrats to Don Gill and the gang! Also, I happened to be in the PWA Holiday Fund office this week! Wow! It is the old Sundance Cattle Company office. What a difference! Next time you are at Mary's, check it out!



Party boys

Hair cuts at Mary's, naturally. Aug. 24, The Dons (Gill and Dowden) will be "Clippers I" from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This is a get together for a new group forming



Come see us at the Briar Patch

called (Houston Educates and Encourages Leather) HEEL. This is the brainstorm of Jeffrey Bays, Mr. Texas Drummer 97. For more info, see the Montrose Area Update.

**Milestones**



Party Pals at Gentry

A very happy anniversary to Gary Munson and Al Montalvo (former Texas Riders). 7 years! Does it itch yet?

Happy birthdays to Billy Bailey, JD Lee Love, and Ken Jenkins of the Court.

Happy birthday to Larry Arbo.

**Rodent Droppings**

The usual disclaimer is in force. There is no truth to rumors, gossip and trash. If you



A wet Rascal

care to read real news, please turn back a few pages and check it out.

The little furry kids got a bath last week. Do you have any idea how hard it is to take a photo of a wet and wanting to get out of the bathtub ferret?

I don't have much this week. I was at home recovering my sofa and love seat this weekend instead of scouring the bars for gossip.

Hal (BRB): Just how long does it take to de-fag your place. Enjoy the shrimp on the Barbie... or was that Ken?

Ken (Basic Brothers): Who was that in your Nebraska hotel room?

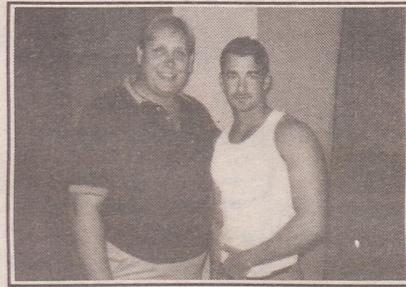
Animal (BRB): Next time you fall out of a truck, pick a softer landing than the parking lot of Bricks II. I'm sure Cody (BRB) did not like the fall either!



The new Miss Vacant Lot.

Rita Charles: Have another bag of chips, your are looking great!

Rogers (new Barn): Where have you been sleeping on Monday nights while Big Gary has been abroad?



At the Megaplexxx Party.

Ruby and Crystal (RSICSS): I here you both have an identity crisis after your photos appeared in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram!

Myrtle (hangs at PS): Slept with anyone's husband lately?

Brian (hangs at Gentry): I heard you had some fun in your garage!

Luis (hangs everywhere): The Mining Company bathroom is no sex palace!

Adrian (DJ at PS): Little boy blue, blow that horn one more time and we're going to put that horn where the sun don't shine!

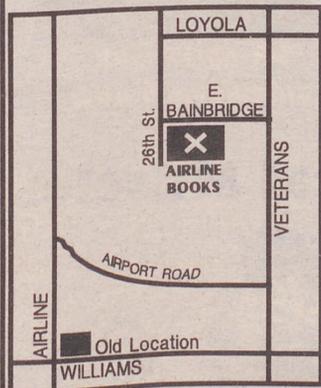
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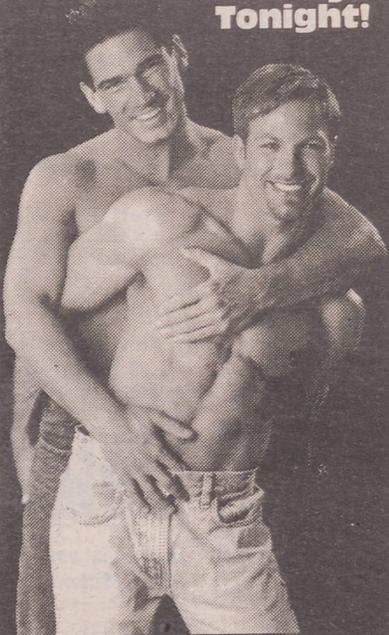
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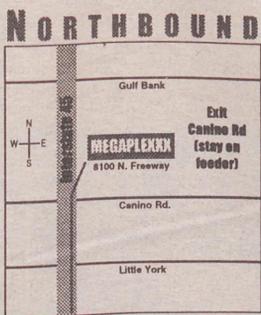
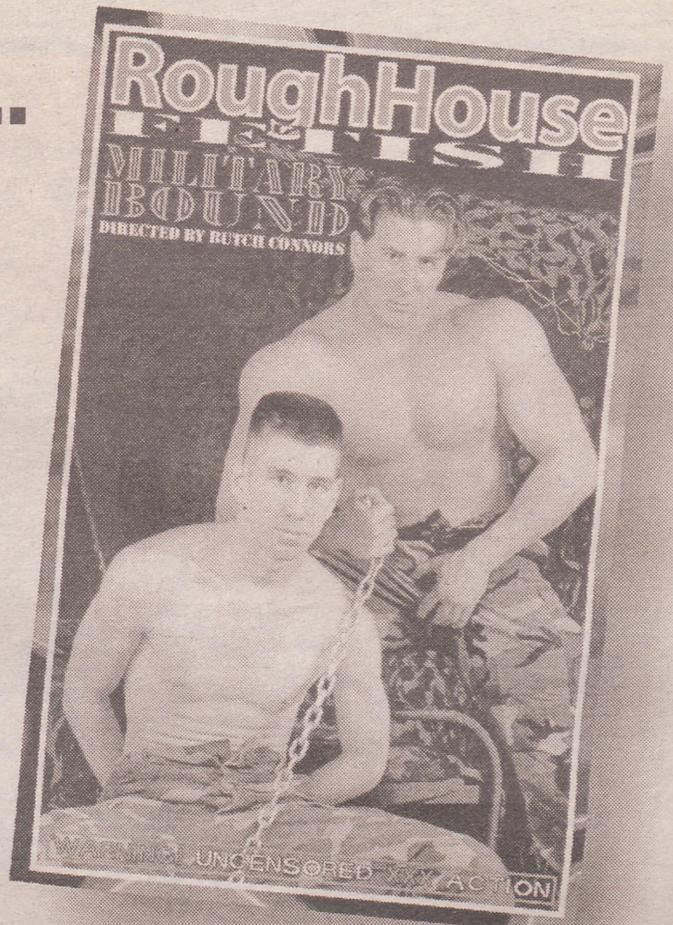
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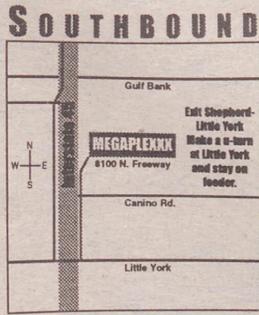
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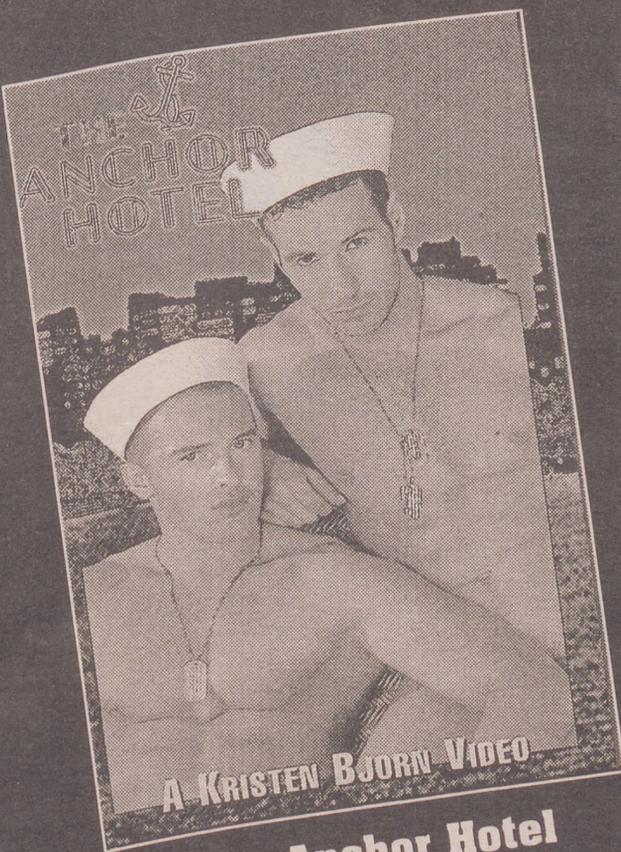
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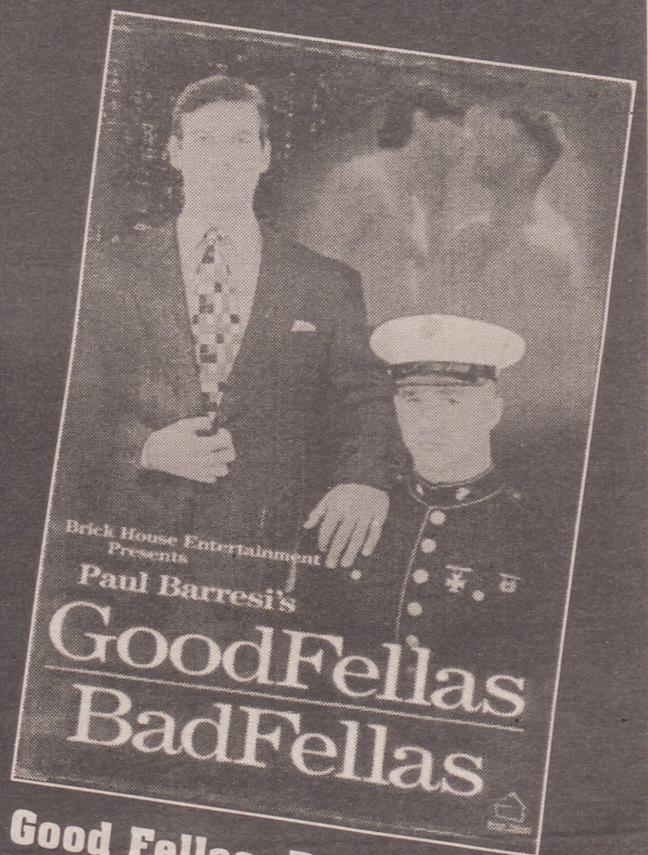


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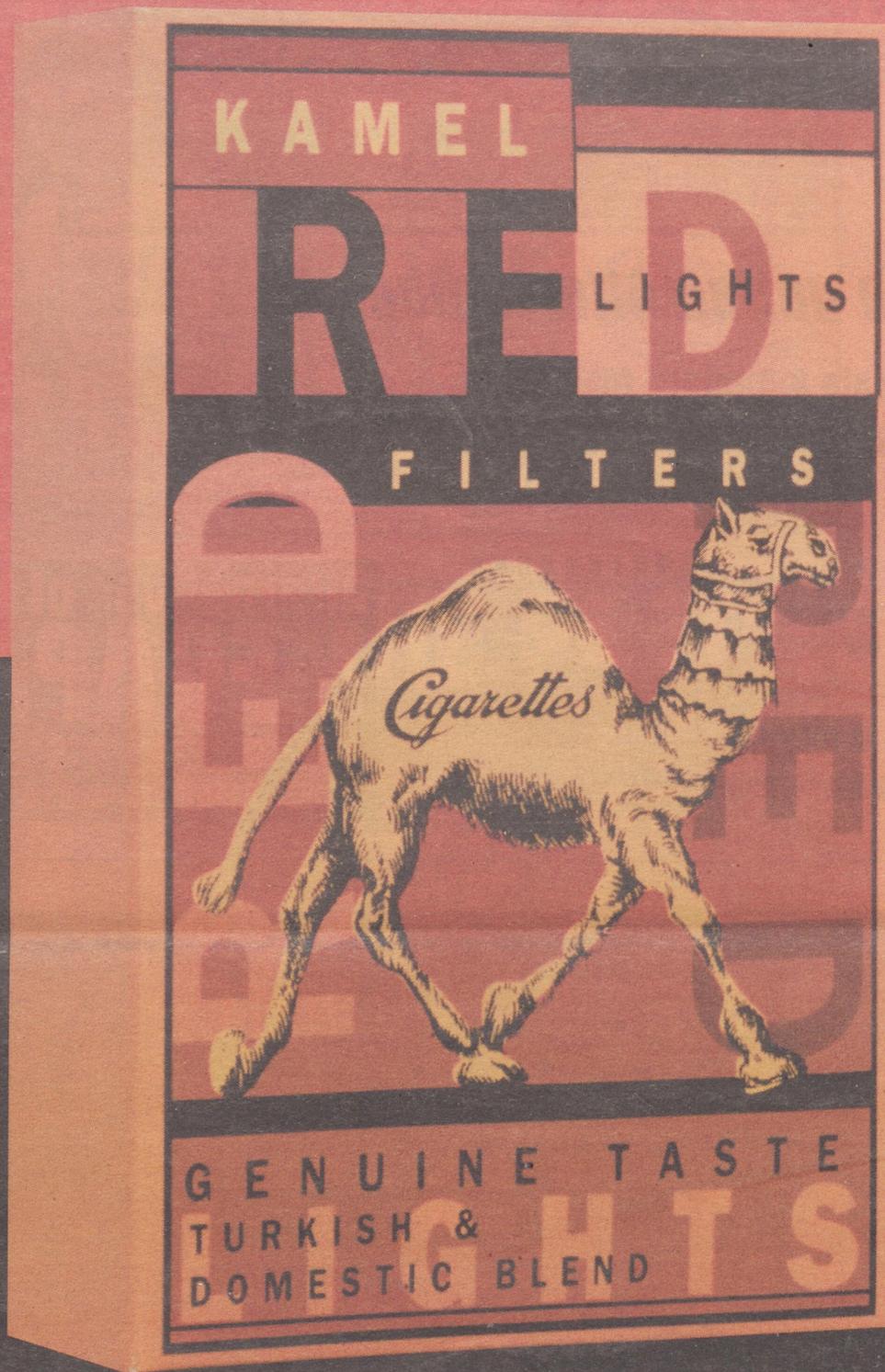


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