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Suicide a risk for young gay men

A new study highlights increased risk for suicide attempts among gay and bisexual men under 30

By PAIGE PARVIN

At school, his peers taunted and jeered at him. In church, leaders chastised him. At home, his parents were shocked and repulsed by him, and tried to change him.

At 17, Brandon Bauer had nowhere to turn. "I just felt like everything was about to explode," he said.

In a sense, it did. One night Brandon, a junior in high school, took a handful of prescription pills in hopes of escaping a life he had come to find unbearable.

"I don't think anybody really wants to die as much as they want to just feel better, and have all the pain go away," he said. "You get to a point where you don't know any other way."

Bauer's story isn't unique. According to a recent study, as many as one in five gay men attempt suicide, and the vast majority are under 30. The study joins the growing body of evidence that points to a higher risk of suicide among young gay men.

Bauer described himself in high school as a slight young man, interested in art, not sports, and who befriended girls more easily than boys.

"People could tell I was different," he said.

"There was a lot of pressure from boys to be super-masculine, and I just never really was. I got called 'fag' a lot."

High number show 'suicide symptoms'

Nearly one in five men who report having sex with men have tried to kill themselves, according to the study. What's more, half of these men have experienced symptoms associated with suicide risk: thoughts of death, a desire to die, and fantasies about suicide.

But the risk may lessen as men grow older, the authors pointed out. The vast majority of attempted suicides were reported by men under 30.

The study, published in the April *American Journal of Public Health*, is based on findings from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Authors Vickie Mays and Susan Cochran analyzed the responses of 3,503 men, aged 17 to 39, of whom 78 said their lifetime sex partners have included men.

The NHANES didn't ask whether the men were gay, only the gender of sex partners; the **> Continued on Page 12**



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'World Pride' loses official support from Rome

As Vatican pressure increases, Italian premier, cardinal join the papal call on organizers to cancel the July event

ROME—Rome's mayor said Monday he was yanking the city's sponsorship of July's gay pride events, which the Vatican doesn't want taking place during the Holy Year called by Pope John Paul II.

World Gay Pride Roma 2000, billed as the first-ever worldwide Pride celebration, will take place in Rome from July 1-9.

Events including sports competitions, a human rights conference, film showings, fashion shows and parties are scheduled to culminate July 8 with the World Pride March and Parade and a concert featuring ex-Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, Gloria Gaynor, the Village People, Ru Paul and Marc Almond.

But the event has proven controversial because Rome is also home to the Vatican, the seat of Roman Catholicism, and World

Pride coincides with Jubilee, the year-long celebration of 2000 years since Christ's birth.


Thousands of pilgrims from the pope's homeland, Poland, are expected in Rome for Holy Year activities at the Vatican the same week as the gay events are scheduled.

On Monday, Rome's leftist Mayor Francesco Rutelli, citing events like a gay fashion show to be held near a church, said the city was withdrawing official backing of the World Pride even although the government would still "be the guarantor of the gays' freedom to demonstrate."

Charges and countercharges have flown thick and fast since then, with one Jewish leader tartly reminding Rutelli that no one should forget homosexuals also died in the **> Continued on Page 10**



Some 200,000 people are expected for the week-long World Gay Pride in Rome next month, though Italian religious and political leaders are pushing to stifle the event.



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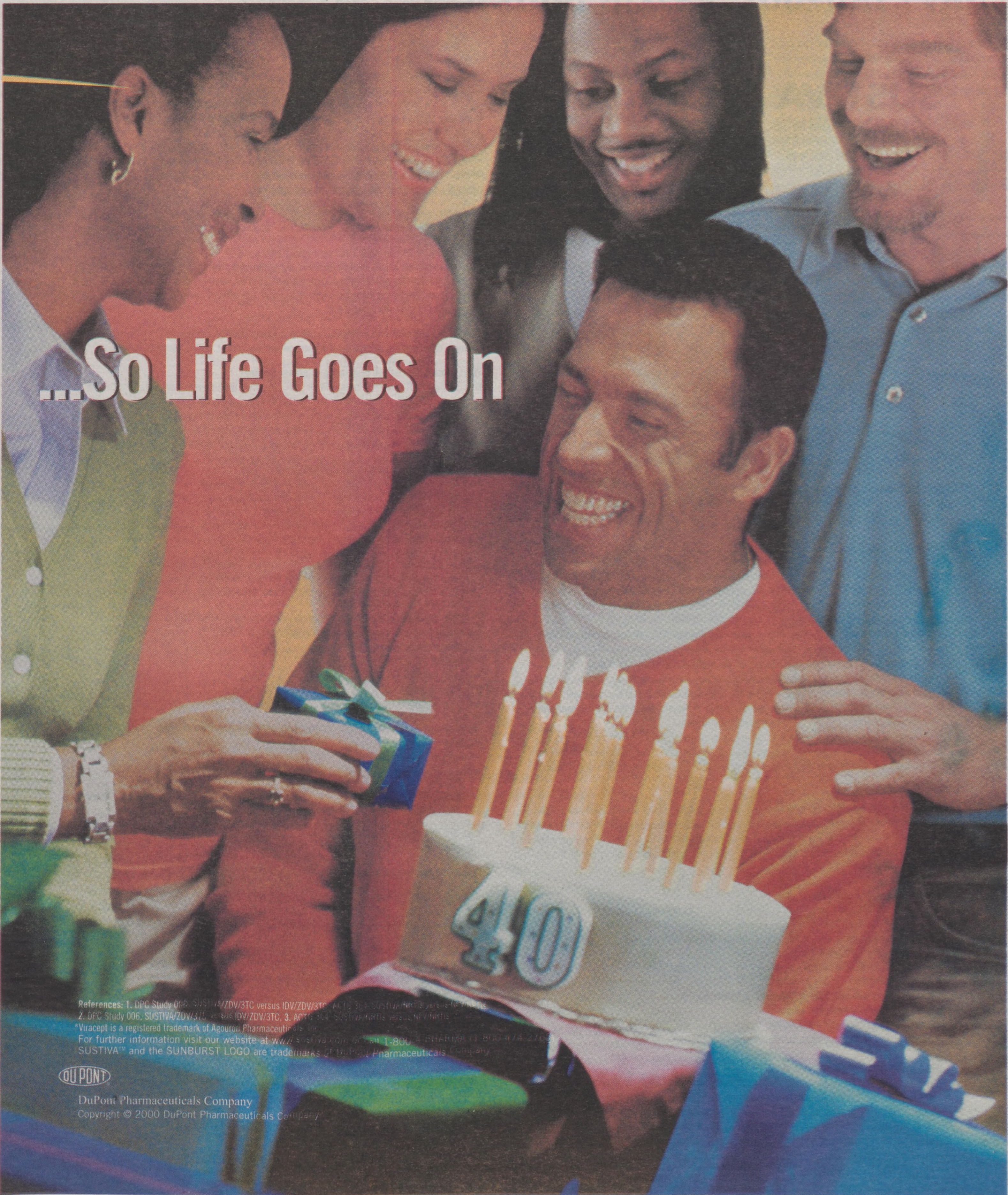
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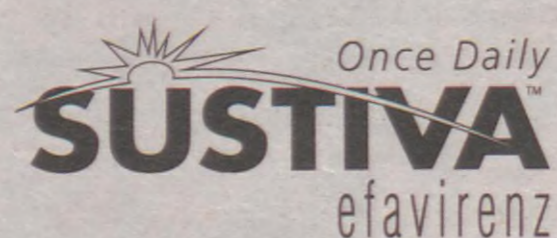


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Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to SUSTIVA or any of its ingredients.

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Talk to your doctor right away if you:

- Are pregnant or want to become pregnant
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What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?

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

Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams a few hours after starting treatment with SUSTIVA. These feelings may be less noticeable if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime. They also tend to go away after you've taken the medicine for a few weeks. If you have these side effects, such as dizziness, it does not mean that you will also have severe depression, strange thoughts or angry behavior. Tell your doctor promptly if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. There is the possibility that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs. You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you are having these side effects.

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

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

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

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

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Diverse celebration marks Houston Pride

by KAY DAYUS

It's almost that time of year—time to take the huge disco ball out of storage and string it atop the intersection of Montrose and Westheimer for the 2000 Pride parade.

But this year, the nearly 9-foot disco ball will have colors other than silver and organizers hope to persuade city officials to turn out the streetlights so the ball will glow to its full potential.

And you'll also know it's Pride in Houston thanks to more than a dozen rainbow-colored banners hanging on light poles along lower Westheimer.

The banners, which went up late last month, replace the pink triangle banners displayed during June for the last four years, said Brian Keever, banner director for the Pride Committee of Houston.

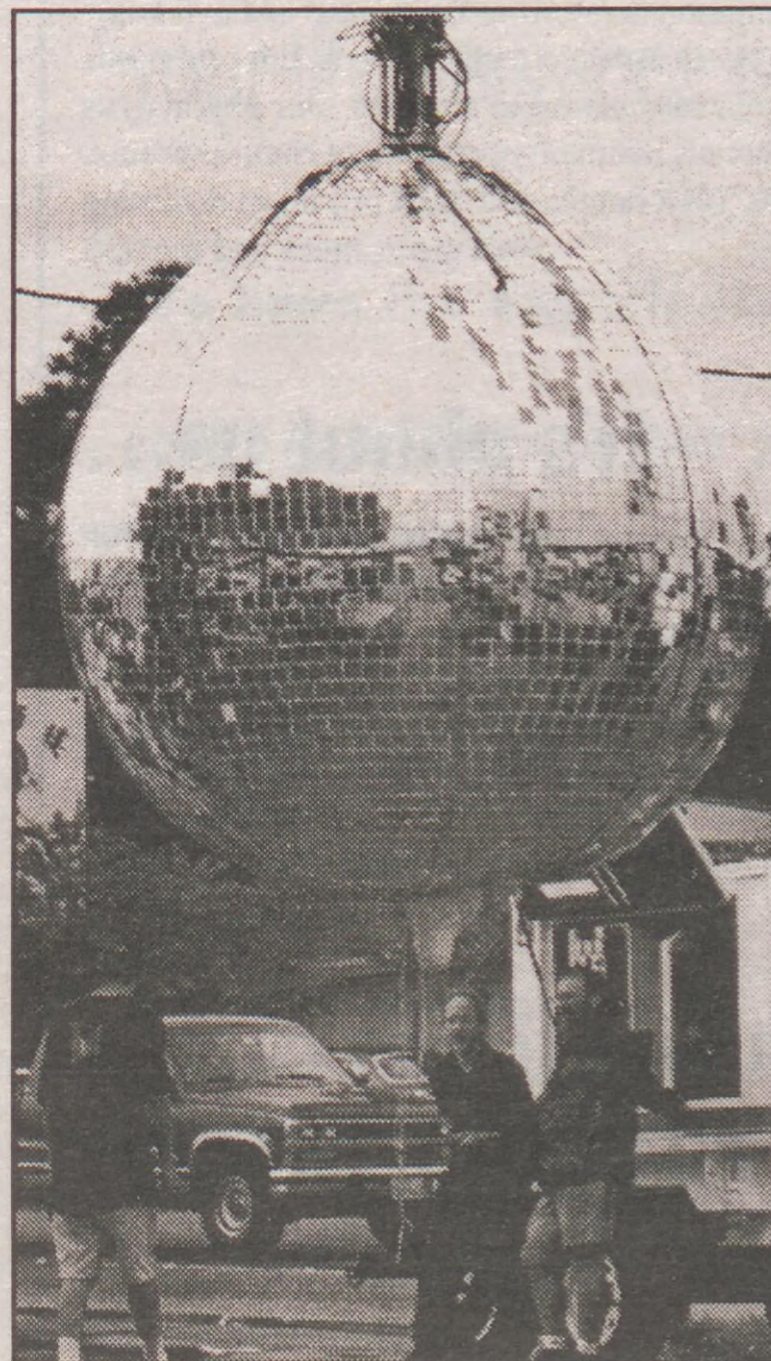
"We decided to usher in the new millennium with vibrant rainbow-colored banners that really exemplify Pride," he said.

Except for post-parade parties, the parade is the culminating event of a month-long celebration, according to Jack Valinski, executive director of Pride Committee Houston. The theme for the local Pride celebration this year is "Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action."

"We want this parade to be bigger and better," Valinski said. "We want to get more people out there. So far, we have about 70 entries for the Parade, but we're expecting a big rush to beat the June 1 deadline.

Pride month officially begins with a kick-off party June 9 at the Lovett Inn from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The party is free and open to the public.

After that, there are more than 90 diverse



A large disco ball will once again adorn the intersection of Montrose and Westheimer during the June 24 Pride parade.

social, cultural, educational, recreational, charitable and spiritual events leading up to the June 24 parade.

A popular event is Pride Day at AstroWorld on June 10. For \$25, you get admission into AstroWorld, all-you-can-eat barbecue; free

admission into Rich's that night and free admission into WaterWorld the next day.

Several long-running events also return, like the 2000 Gay Pride 5K Fun Run on June 10. The run benefits AssistHers, a lesbian group that helps people in ill health and in need of assistance.

For the less energetic, there's the "Take Pride, Take a Look and Take Home a Piece of Art" show on June 30, which highlights the works of local gay men and lesbians.

Something new this year is the grand opening of the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum on June 15. A preview gala with wine and cheese will be on June 15. The museum collects, preserves and provides access to historical items from the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in the Gulf Coast.

Perennial gay civil rights activist Ray Hill performs his one-character play, "Queer Like Ray Hill," June 16-18 and June 21-23 at Ashland Street Theater. The play details early gay activism in Houston.

Other events include a performance of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church on June 11, a roller skate derby, gospel singing, country dancing, discussions about homosexuality and a church and HIV/AIDS panel discussion.

For a complete list of Pride activities, click on www.pridehouston.org.

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Gay Republicans knock state party over exclusion

by TAMMYE NASH
Dallas Voice

Gov. George W. Bush will not attend the Texas GOP convention this month in Houston, aides said May 26—the same day a gay Republican group criticized the state party for excluding it from the convention for the third time in a row.

Democrats and some Republicans called Bush's decision a slap in the face to the state party's leadership. But a Bush campaign spokesman insisted the governor's absence from the convention was a matter of schedule conflicts.

Steve Labinski, president of the gay Log Cabin Republicans Texas, which has once again been denied the opportunity to participate in the state convention, said that Bush's absence is "a pretty important signal" that the party leadership is "out of step" with the majority of Republican voters.

"We think it's pretty relevant that the national candidate from Texas continues to distance himself from his own state party," Labinski said. "We [convention delegates] had all received word that [Bush] would speak on Thursday at the convention. Now we find out he won't even be attending. It just shows once again that the Texas Republican Party continues to embarrass

itself and its own candidates."

Rich Tafel, president of the national Log Cabin group, agreed that Bush's decision to skip the Texas convention is "embarrassing and insulting" to the state party leadership.

"The Texas GOP leadership is so very far to the right, the Republican candidates in Texas who win seem to have to run from that right wing position. They have clearly created a situation where their own candidates want to distance themselves as much as possible," Tafel said.

Tafel also said Bush's decision not to attend the state convention appears to be retaliation, at least in part, for the party leadership's refusal in 1996 to allow him a governor's traditional role of leading the state delegation to the national GOP Convention.

Bush campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan dismissed the speculation surrounding Bush's move, adding that the preeminent GOP presidential candidate will miss the convention because "of scheduling and priorities."

"The Governor is planning on campaigning in Florida and Kentucky during June. He wants people outside of Texas to know him as well as the people of Texas do," Sullivan added.

Bush's announcement came the same day that the Texas Log Cabin group "pub-

licly condemned" the state GOP for excluding the gay group from the state convention for the third time.

Log Cabin Texas filed suit against the Texas Republican Party in 1996 after party leaders refused to allow the gay organization booth space at the convention that year.

The GOP won the case in court but faced criticism even from within its own ranks for the exclusion. Earlier this year, state GOP officials announced a rules change prohibiting any organization or individual who has filed suit against the party from having booth space at the convention.

Although they denied the move was intended to specifically target Log Cabin, party leaders acknowledged that only one other person, a dissatisfied vendor, had ever filed suit against the party.

Labinski said the group's efforts to work with state party officials proved fruitless.

"We aggressively reached out to the party for the past 30 days," he said. "Our request for an information booth has never been answered. This only communicates one message: If you are a Republican who happens to be gay, you are not welcome."

But Log Cabin will have an informational booth outside the convention hall.

Bush has refused to intervene in the conflict.



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'Dr. Laura' ratings drop as GLAAD launches national ad campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has launched a campaign to discourage advertisers from sponsoring "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger's upcoming television show. In full-page newspaper and magazine ads, "Ad time for 'Dr. Laura' is for sale. Here's what you're buying," is followed by examples of Schlessinger's offensive comments. The effort to discourage advertisers for "Dr. Laura" comes as ad agencies consider what time to purchase during the fall television season. The "Stop Dr. Laura campaign" has already succeeded in scaring off Proctor & Gamble, United Airlines and Toys "R" Us as advertisers on her show.

Meanwhile, Schlessinger wrote in her syndicated newspaper column that "persistent attempts to silence me are only a small part of the political strategy of a special-interest minority whose power far exceeds their numbers. ... Opposition to any of its goals is tantamount to being a 'fellow traveler.'" At WABC-AM in New York, program director Phil Boyce admitted that ratings for her radio show were down almost 25 percent. "She has been underperforming the station norm for about a year," he said.

Giuliani replacement more conservative on gay rights issues

NEW YORK (AP)—Gay rights advocates didn't have much to say about the Senate race between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rudolph Giuliani, since both candidates pretty much agreed on gay issues. Now that Rep. Rick Lazio has replaced the New York mayor as the GOP candidate, the choice for gay voters is starker. The Human Rights Campaign gave Lazio a rating of 18 out of 100 last year, down sharply from his rating of 50 in 1998. While neither Clinton nor Giuliani had a voting record to compare, both had "been supportive of some core issues, including comprehensive civil rights protection, domestic partnership, recognition of the rights of gays to serve openly in the military, and support of hate-crimes legislation," said Tim Sweeney of the Empire State Pride Agenda. "That is no longer the case with the entrance of Rep. Lazio."



Rick Lazio, who has replaced New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani as the likely GOP Senate candidate, has low ratings on gay rights issues.

Study finds gay men tend to earn less than heterosexual men

WASHINGTON (AP)—Men who consider themselves "unmarried partners" of another man are better educated on average, but make less money than heterosexual men of the same age, according to a study that claims to take the most comprehensive look ever into the lives of homosexuals in America. Women who have female "unmarried partners" also tend to be more educated, but earn salaries comparable to those of heterosexual women in the same age bracket, according to the study published in *Demography*. "An important point that is clearly articulated is that it illustrates the impact of anti-gay discrimination on income levels," said HRC spokesperson David Smith. Economist and study author Seth Sanders, however, shied away from saying his study was proof of discrimination against gays. He suggested one reason may be that gays tend to enter more fields that offer lower salaries. The study also found that 22 percent of lesbian couples living together have children, compared to five percent of gay male couples living together.

Calif. gov. vetoes unpaid leave bill that included gay couples

SACRAMENTO—A year after he signed a measure allowing employees to use sick leave to care for ill relatives, California Gov. Gray Davis has vetoed a similar bill that extended the same rights to unmarried couples, including gay couples, the *Sacramento Bee* reported May 25. In his veto message, Davis said that "This measure, while well-intentioned, extends that right far beyond what any other state has permitted to a relationship outside the family," with the phrase "outside the family" underlined. The bill was opposed by business lobbying groups throughout the state. Michael Bustamante, a spokesperson for the governor, said Davis vetoed the bill because it was so broadly written that it would have covered roommates who share expenses. Last year, Davis signed a bill extending domestic partner benefits to state employees.

Mass. Senate funds gay suicide prevention despite workshop flap

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Senate fought off an effort to cut by one third the funds for gay and lesbian teen suicide prevention programs, the *Boston Globe* reported May 24. The effort to remove \$500,000 from the \$1.5 million budgeted resulted from a controversy over a workshop at Tufts University in March that discussed sexual positions and condom use with teenagers and cost two state Department of Education employees their jobs. The funds were reinstated along with an amendment that specified that they "not be used for sex education purposes." Meanwhile, a Superior Court judge barred a group of parents from disseminating secret tape recordings of the workshop, but did not prevent the media from airing the tape or publishing a transcript.

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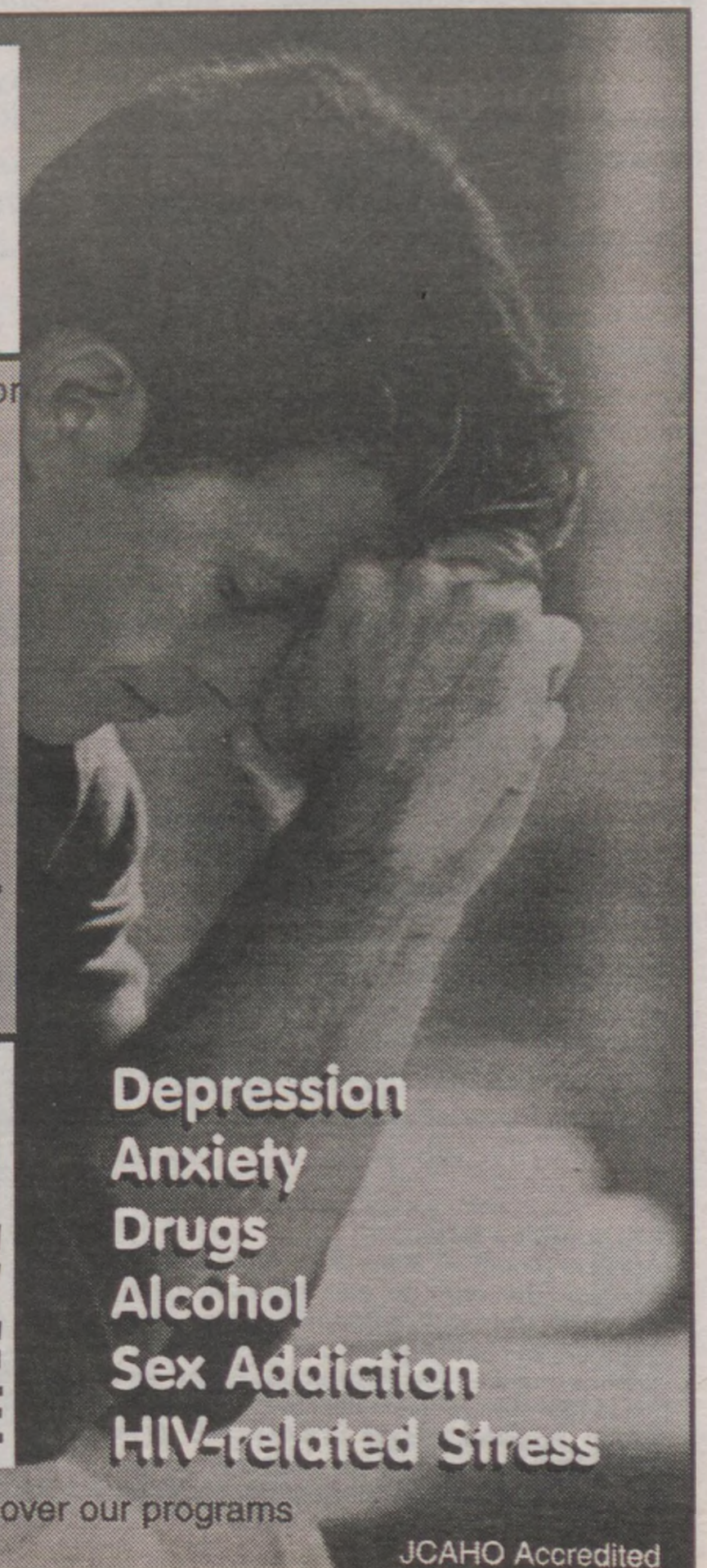
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VIEWPOINT

Being gay has gotten way too expensive

by JIMMIE SCOTT

My straight brother Ernest and I participated in the Millennium March on Washington, D.C., and I'm still recovering from sticker shock.

After the march, we paid "again" for admission to the Millennium Festival area. I saw one lesbian wearing a handmade poster on her back that read: "Airline tickets-\$383, Hotel room-\$400, Concert tickets-\$150, T-Shirt-\$10, Festival-\$5, Being here-Priceless!"

I could not help but stare at this lesbian with a beer in one hand and her girlfriends' hand in the other. Her pale skin was already red, and the sun had brought out the blond tints in her hair.

It was obvious she and her girlfriend were having an absolutely wonderful time, but *wow*, almost a thousand dollars?

After it was all over, I got the not-so-good idea of thumbing through the credit card receipts from my weekend excursion in Washington.

My cost for "being there" was close to \$500, and that was only because I stayed with my brother.

The next day, before I got back to Atlanta, my answering machine was full of calls alerting me that, as Georgia's representatives to the Millennium March, we had made the cover of Monday morning's *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Another of the messages was an invitation to go to the Human Rights Campaign's annual Atlanta dinner. Dr. Maya Angelou, who I absolutely adore, was scheduled to be the keynote speaker, but at \$175 a ticket, I figured I would just have to reread one of her books on my bookshelf.

Is it me, or has being gay gotten way too expensive? I realize money makes the world go round, but whatever happened to

the grassroots movement gay and lesbian people used to be famous for?

Has our movement gotten so caught up in fund-raising that we have forgotten that the majority of us can't afford to be at the events we help publicize and organize? It seems to me that our movement is becoming more and more segregated, not racially (that would be another subject altogether), but by class: the haves vs. the have-nots!

I can't even remember the last time "our" community had an event when money wasn't involved.

As a gay rights activist, I do understand the importance of fund-raising, but as an unemployed by choice, full-time college student, every one of my little pennies counts.

And I can't afford to spend a \$150 per person to be at the New Year's Eve Prizm Ball to benefit the Georgia Equality Project and Atlanta Executive Network. While the Prizm Ball is unquestionably a good cause, especially with all the money it provides for YouthPride, none of the gay youth I've talked to can or could afford to be there either.

So I think it's time for all of us to "be real" for a moment, and ask a simple question: What is happening to "our" grassroots movement? Have we gotten so caught up in trying to out fund-raise the Christian Coalition that we have forgotten about trying to strengthen the people

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power of the "real" gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered people?

After all, we don't all look like those picture-perfect postcards and gay advertisements that portray "our" movement as mostly white male, with tons of disposable income to spend on vacations to Paris or Madrid.

In fact, a lot of us not-so-common gay folks consider happiness being able to scrap together enough money to make a mortgage payment.

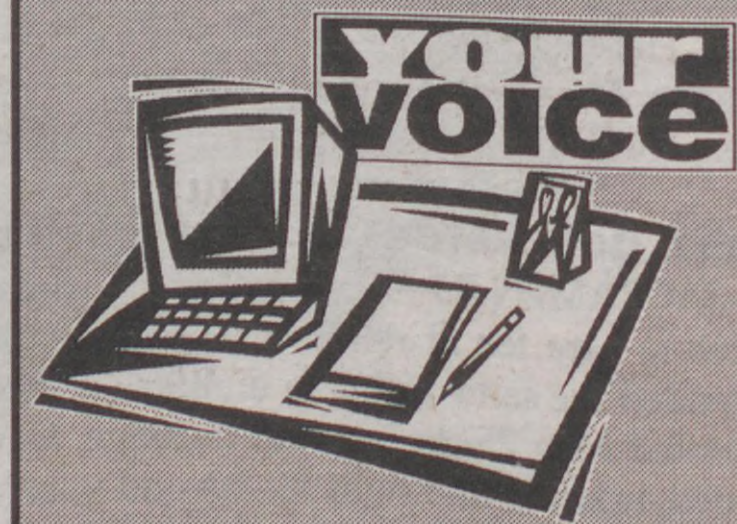
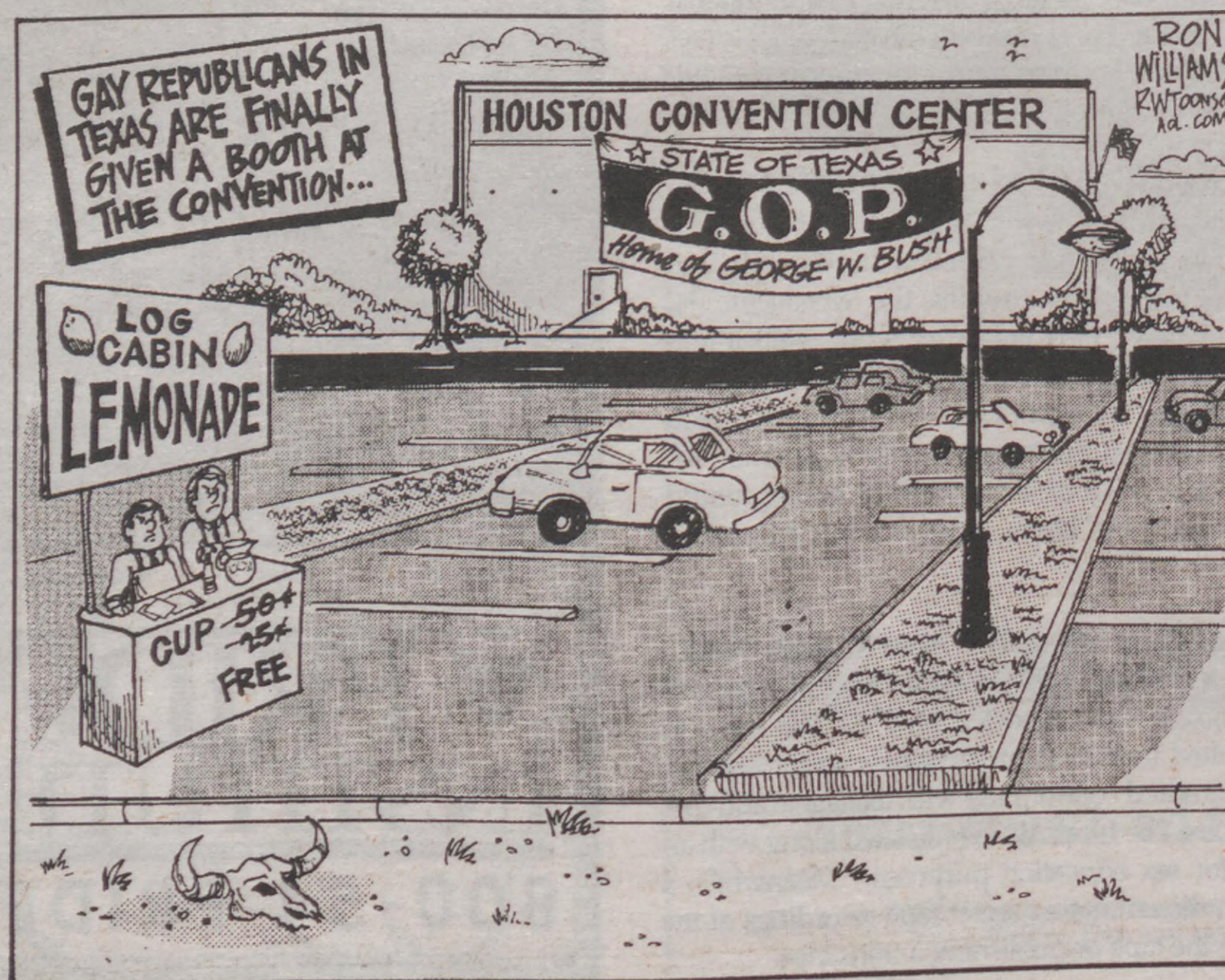
And that's leaving out the unwritten rules of gay "designer fashion" requirements.

We really do need to take a long, hard, comprehensive look at the rising cost of gay-sponsored events.

Even still, I will agree with that lesbian's Millennium March poster. The weekend may have cost me a small fortune, but while I was marching, I noticed a group of young people on the side of the road with a sign that read, "Black, Gay, Out and Proud!"

When I read that sign, and I saw all of them yelling and hollering to me, "You go boy!" my heart and my eyes swelled with tears of pride, and at that moment, I too felt that being "there" was priceless!

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VIEWPOINT

Supreme Court declares open season on women

by JENNIFER VANASCO

The U.S. Supreme court doesn't take cases to resolve an injustice against a particular person, group or agency.

They take cases because they want to prove a point. Because they want to further define and refine the law.

But sometimes the technical point they make comes at the expense of the humans involved—not only the people who actually brought the case, but also the people who may benefit from the law being scrutinized.

That's what happened when the Court struck down a central provision of the federal Violence Against Women Act.

Now women's rights activists have declared war—and we should join them.

The Violence Against Women Act, passed by Congress in 1994, sought to fill the gaps left in many state judiciary systems concerning the protection of women. (Though the law is gender-neutral, specifying "persons," let's be realistic: Systemic violence like domestic violence mainly victimizes women and, clearly, that is the population the law is addressing.)

Some of VAWA's provisions were not at issue here; for instance, \$1.6 billion in federal funds was set aside to support efforts like rape prevention programs and battered women's shelters, and that remains constitutional.

But the most vital, controversial provision of VAWA is a civil rights remedy: It says that all persons have the right to be free from gender-motivated violence.

Basically, it allowed women to sue for damages in federal court.

Most gays support this idea. Some of us would say it doesn't go far enough. After all, much of our community's work revolves around the right to be free not only of crimes motivated by gender (and, we would add, perceived gender) but also crimes motivated by real and perceived sexual orientation.

years detailing the large economic impact systemic gender violence has on 50 percent of the population. (And, in fact, the Commerce Clause is where the 1964 Civil Rights Act sits).

The Equal Protection Clause may seem more intuitive, but it has that funny part about no *state* denying equal protection; which seems to mean, as legal scholar Catharine MacKinnon adroitly points out,

The court struck down the Violence Against Women Act, and gays should join feminists in raising an outcry.

Be that as it may, VAWA was an important step in the right direction, echoing the Civil Rights Act by starting to provide a constitutional baseline of equality for women.

Then why did the Court strike that crucial VAWA provision down?

The reasons are both a complicated lesson in jurisprudence and a call to arms for civil rights activists.

The act was being tested in two ways: under the Commerce Clause, which provides that "The Congress... shall have power to regulate Commerce... among the Several States," and the Equal Protection Clause, which guarantees that no state shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The important thing to remember here is that reasonable people can—and do—disagree (the decision was 5-4) over whether VAWA falls cleanly under these mandates.

To the layperson, putting civil rights under the Commerce Clause may seem silly, even though Congress spent several

that a police officer beating a prostitute in a jail cell is unconstitutional; but a private beating, such as one that same officer might give his wife, is not. (And in fact, a few states still have a marital rape exemption, meaning that women can't bring rape charges if the rapist is their husband.)

But the real reason the Supreme Court decision went the way it did was not because it was fussing about where, exactly, a law protecting women should go; it wanted to slap Congress on the hand. Congress was over-reaching, the decision said. This kind of power is for the states alone.

Perhaps the Court is right, though the states don't seem to think so; the attorney generals of 38 of them supported VAWA.

Certainly it does seem that the Constitution, as it stands, does not have a place for this kind of protection, even though it would seem to "promote the general welfare" of half the population. (As the report says, quoting 1991 figures,

"Violent attacks by men now top the list of dangers to an American woman's health. Every 15 seconds, a woman is battered, and every six minutes, a woman is raped in the United States.")

But then maybe the Constitution is what we have to change.

Because the states, clearly, aren't doing their job. Congress reported that pervasive bias among police officers, prosecutors, judges, juries and court employees often prevents women who had been victims of violence from seeking criminal or civil justice in state courts. Violence against women is simply not seen in the same way as violence against men.

We gays see this, too; prosecutors refusing to press charges because we "provoked" violence; juries looking the other way because of our sexual orientation.

It's time for an Equal Rights Amendment. There needs to be a place in the Constitution where civil rights are protected from the abuses of private actors, not just public ones. And since those rights don't sit easily within the Constitution we have, we need to press for an amendment that would finally protect all of us, no matter what our gender or—why not be fully inclusive?—sexual orientation.



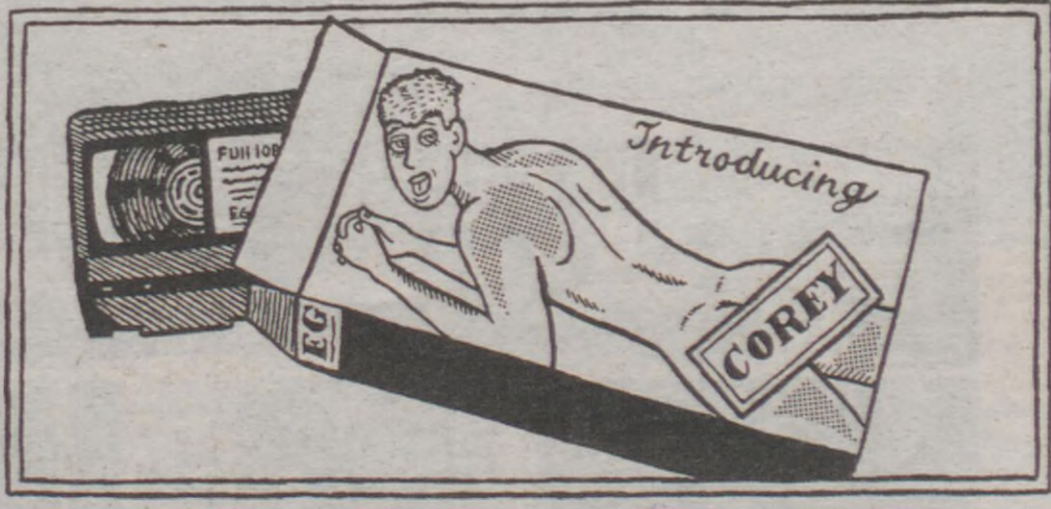



All it needs is to say something as simple as "No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws."

Women are half the population; it is time we had our full rights.

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Religious flap casts cloud over 'World Pride'

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Holocaust.

The government has not actually forbade World Gay Pride week, but neither has it yet issued permits necessary for some of the large public gatherings.

Right-wing politicians, including the president of Lazio region, which encompasses Rome, have demanded the events be scrapped. Far-right groups are reportedly organizing a "week of the family and tradition" during the World Pride celebration.

Gay rights leaders attacked the mayor's decision.

"It's a matter of deciding if Italy is a lay country, free and democratic, or it's a Vatican serfdom," said Franco Grillini, who heads a commission in the national government's equal opportunity ministry.

Deborah Oakley-Melvin, an American serving as international director for the events, said about 200,000 people were expected to come from abroad, but that many of them have been asking organizers if all will be canceled.

"We tell them, 'Come, we're doing it. We'll march,'" she said.

Cardinal, premier oppose Pride

Rutelli's decision follows an appeal by a top Italian cardinal to move the event elsewhere. "What we are asking is not at this time and not in Rome," said Cardinal Camillo Ruini, president of the Italian Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops. "I

don't believe it is by chance that they selected Rome this year."

Pride organizers have pointed out that Rome was chosen as the site for World Pride four years ago, before many events for Jubilee were announced publicly.

Last week, Italian Premier Giuliano Amato spoke before Parliament and called the scheduling of Gay Pride week during Holy Year "inopportune," adding that "unfortunately" Italy's constitution doesn't allow the gathering to be banned.

Saying a postponement would be tantamount to a ban, Amato told the lawmakers that all authorities could do was "limit the event to a defined spot, isolate it from the rest of the city" and monitor it knowing that "constitution and law allow interventions to impede crimes," an apparent reference to feared demonstrations.

Some opponents fear the event will turn into a demonstration against Pope John Paul, who has also criticized the scheduling of the event and has long defended the Vatican's condemnation of homosexual acts.

Oakley-Melvin said Rome's police headquarters told organizers that neo-fascists were threatening to attack gay participants and thus permits couldn't be issued for the various outdoor events.

The gay pride parade will not be permitted to cross the city's center or other city streets to insure "public order," the newspaper *Il Messaggero* reported the day Amato addressed parliament.



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The remarks by the premier, who is the head of the Italian government and took office a month ago, immediately sparked protests, including from one of his ministers.

"The concerns raised are out of place," said Katia Bellillo, minister for equal opportunity.

On Thursday, Bellillo pledged to take part in one of the World Pride events.

"As a free woman of this country, I will participate," Katia Bellillo told reporters.

Bellillo said, however, that she would abide by his orders for her ministry to withdraw its sponsorship from an event on human rights involving Amnesty International.

"If the premier has said 'no,' I have to

retract it," she said.

Walter Veltroni, head of the Democrats of the Left, the ex-communist biggest party in the government, also objected to Amato's stand.

"The democratic state has to guarantee respect for the personal freedoms of our citizens, including their sexual choices," Veltroni told Reuters, noting that gay events take place in all Western capitals.

The gay rights group Arcigay called for Amato's resignation.

"We find Cardinal Ruini's comments most disturbing," Grillini, Arcigay's president, told Reuters. "The point [of Gay Pride] is also to denounce discrimination and damage towards gays in society and across the world."

He noted that the Italian Health Ministry's list of illnesses still includes "homosexuality" and gays are not allowed to donate blood or organs.

Still, Italy's openly gay film director and producer Franco Zeffirelli spoke out May 26 against the Gay Pride march, saying it would be seen as a provocation in Rome in Holy Year.

He told Milan's *Corriere della Sera* in an interview it would be better to hold a conference of academics and intellectuals to study the problems confronting gay men and lesbians.

Millions of Catholic pilgrims have been streaming through Rome throughout for Holy Year activities to mark Christianity's Jubilee third millennium.

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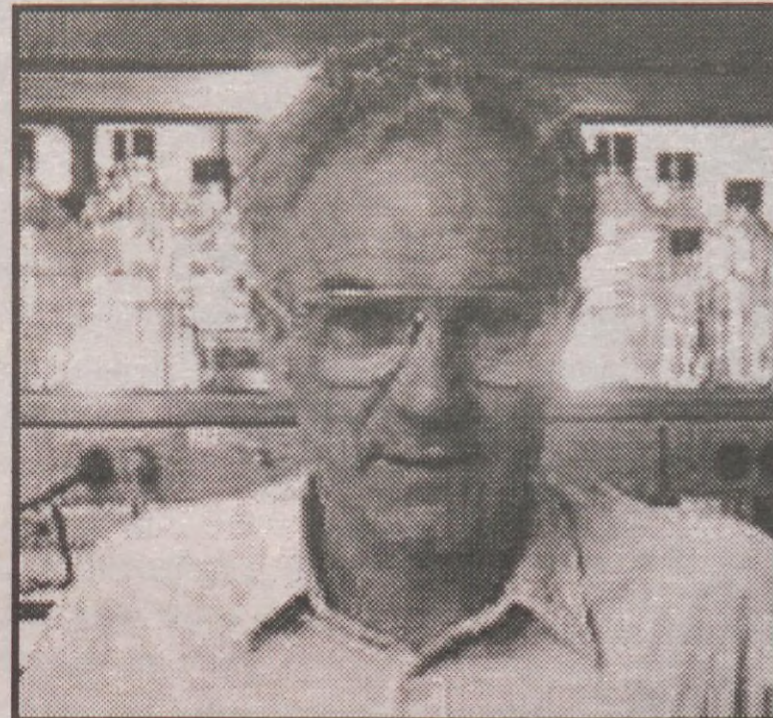
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Contrarian AIDS researcher back in media, research limelight

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—After years of being ostracized for his controversial views about the cause of AIDS, researcher Peter Duesberg is once again enjoying the media limelight. In 1987, Duesberg was considered a leading authority on retroviruses. That was the year he published his theory that AIDS is not caused by HIV, but by illegal drugs and the anti-AIDS medication AZT. Mainstream scientists denounced his theory as clearly wrong and recklessly undercutting safe-sex campaigns. But this year, South African president Thabo Mbeki has given serious consideration to his AIDS theory, and a few scientists are expressing cautious interest on his theory that too many or too few chromosomes in a cell is a cause of cancer. Scientist Robert Weinberg doesn't think Duesberg's worth listening to. "Some of his contrarian theories are relatively harmless. Others of his statements concerning, for example HIV, are grossly irresponsible, indeed almost criminally irresponsible," said Weinberg, who teaches at MIT. Duesberg says it is mainstream scientists who have behaved rashly by prescribing AZT. "Even if they would blame me [for encouraging unsafe sex], I would prefer that charge over being responsible for 200,000 people now on AZT."



Maverick scientist Peter Duesberg has generated controversy for his contrarian theories about the source of AIDS and cancer.

Syphilis outbreak among gay men discovered in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Warning of a syphilis outbreak and fearing more HIV infections, Los Angeles County health officials launched a \$450,000 advertising blitz last week designed to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases among gay men. The campaign will use radio and newspaper ads, billboards, posters, web-site banners, Internet chat room postings and distribution of 500,000 condoms to promote testing, treatment and safe sex. The rise in syphilis cases is important because the disease can speed transmission of HIV, said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding. HIV was known to be present in 48 of the 93 syphilis cases detected since March in gay men. The campaign will urge them to get tested, use condoms and limit their number of sexual partners. The county typically records 100 to 150 syphilis cases for an entire year.

Last year, the Center for Disease Control created a national plan to eliminate syphilis as a public health risk, noting the disease was at its lowest level ever. Since then, the plan has received only half the support called for, said CDC scientist Dr. Judith Wasserheit. Organizers said promoting condom use and other safe-sex messages will be a challenge. The median age of the men who contracted syphilis is 36. "We're facing a rejection of the safer-sex message here by men who know the message and maybe even practiced it for a long time," Wasserheit said.

Rhode Island doctors note progress in search for AIDS vaccine

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP)—Rhode Island's leading HIV/AIDS vaccine researchers say studies show experimental vaccines appear to be safe and are generating some of the right responses from the body's immune system. Researchers have been looking into a two-step vaccine, one part to develop antibodies and another to help prime cells to fight HIV. "The good news about that study, which is fairly well along at this point in time, is that people do develop both antibodies and active cells," said Dr. Kenneth Mayer, the principal investigator of vaccine studies at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. The next step is determining whether the vaccines are effective, Mayer said.

Health coalition urges warnings on Internet medical treatment

NEW YORK (AP)—A health-care coalition is pushing voluntary guidelines that call for doctors and therapists to warn patients about the limits of on-line treatment. Under the "eHealth Code of Ethics," health-care providers should tell patients when face-to-face interactions are better than cyberchats. The guidelines, released in Washington May 24, are needed because of the growing influence of the Internet on health care, said Dr. Helga Rippen, chair of the Internet Healthcare Coalition. The guidelines also call for health sites to seek consent before collecting and sharing personal information.

Campers, especially in east, are warned about hantavirus

DENVER (AP)—As people begin trekking to the outdoors this season, scientists are warning that the mystery disease hantavirus is a threat throughout North America. Once thought to mainly haunt the Four Corners area of the Southwest, doctors say it has proved deadly from Canada to Argentina. And late spring is the deadliest season as people begin cleaning barns and stables, and head to the hills to hike, bike and camp. "Healthy, active people are more likely to become infected because their activities often put them in contact with the virus," a CDC advisory says. Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome begins much like a flu, with muscle aches and a fever, followed by shortness of breath and coughing. It typically progresses rapidly, requiring ventilation and hospitalization within 24 hours. As of May 8, 250 cases had been reported in the United States since it was first identified in 1993. Of those, 101 victims died.

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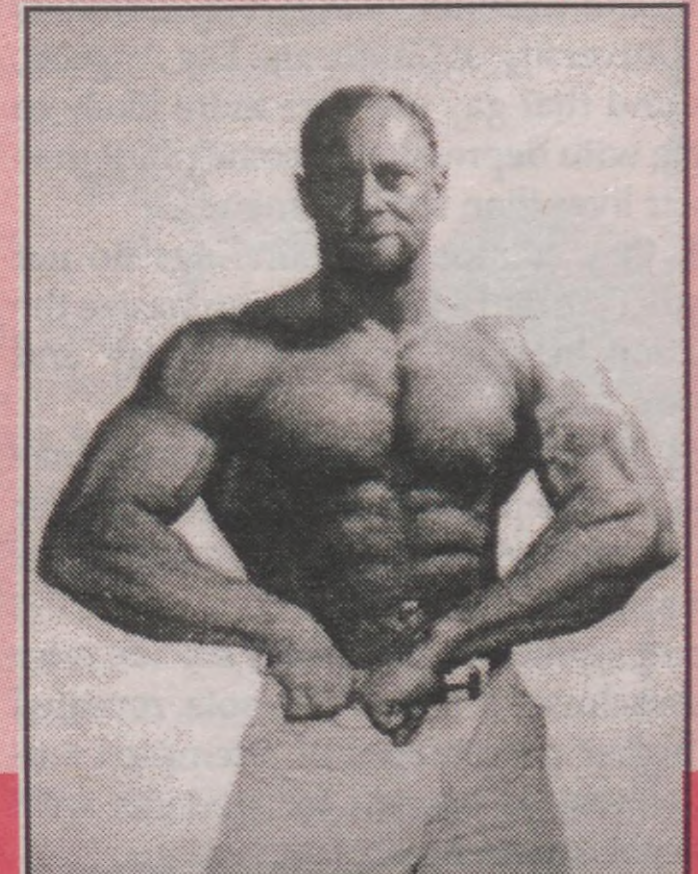


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One in five young gay men may try suicide, study says

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question was meant to determine HIV risk factors, the authors said. Women were not asked the gender of their partners.

Almost 20 percent of men with same-sex sexual histories reported at least one attempted suicide, as compared to 3.6 percent of exclusively heterosexual men. Of those gay or bisexual men who had attempted suicide, 98 percent were aged 17-29 at the time of the survey, the report said.

Mays and Cochran, both faculty members at the University of California, Los Angeles, also found that gay men are more likely to struggle with depression at some point during their lives than straight men.

Still, they caution, "our findings do not contradict current views that emphasize the distinction between psychopathology and homosexuality."

Most gay men will not experience disorders such as depression, mania, and bipolar disorder, and will not attempt suicide, the report said.

Recent studies on gay youth suicide rates in Massachusetts and Minnesota revealed even higher percentages of attempted suicides, almost 30 percent for students with gay sexual experiences.

Mays and Cochran attribute the difference to the age groups of the respondents.

"What the study underscores is that there's a greater risk of suicide attempts in people's coming out years," Cochran told the Washington Blade.

Gay youth face unique hardships

The results of the study were hardly news to leaders of one gay youth advocacy organization.

"What we know is that adolescence is an incredibly challenging time for all young people, gay or straight," said Jim Anderson, communications director for the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network.

"In addition, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students have the added hurdles of dealing with sexual orientation or gender identity, and many are not able to access support in places that most youth find support in their families, churches and schools."

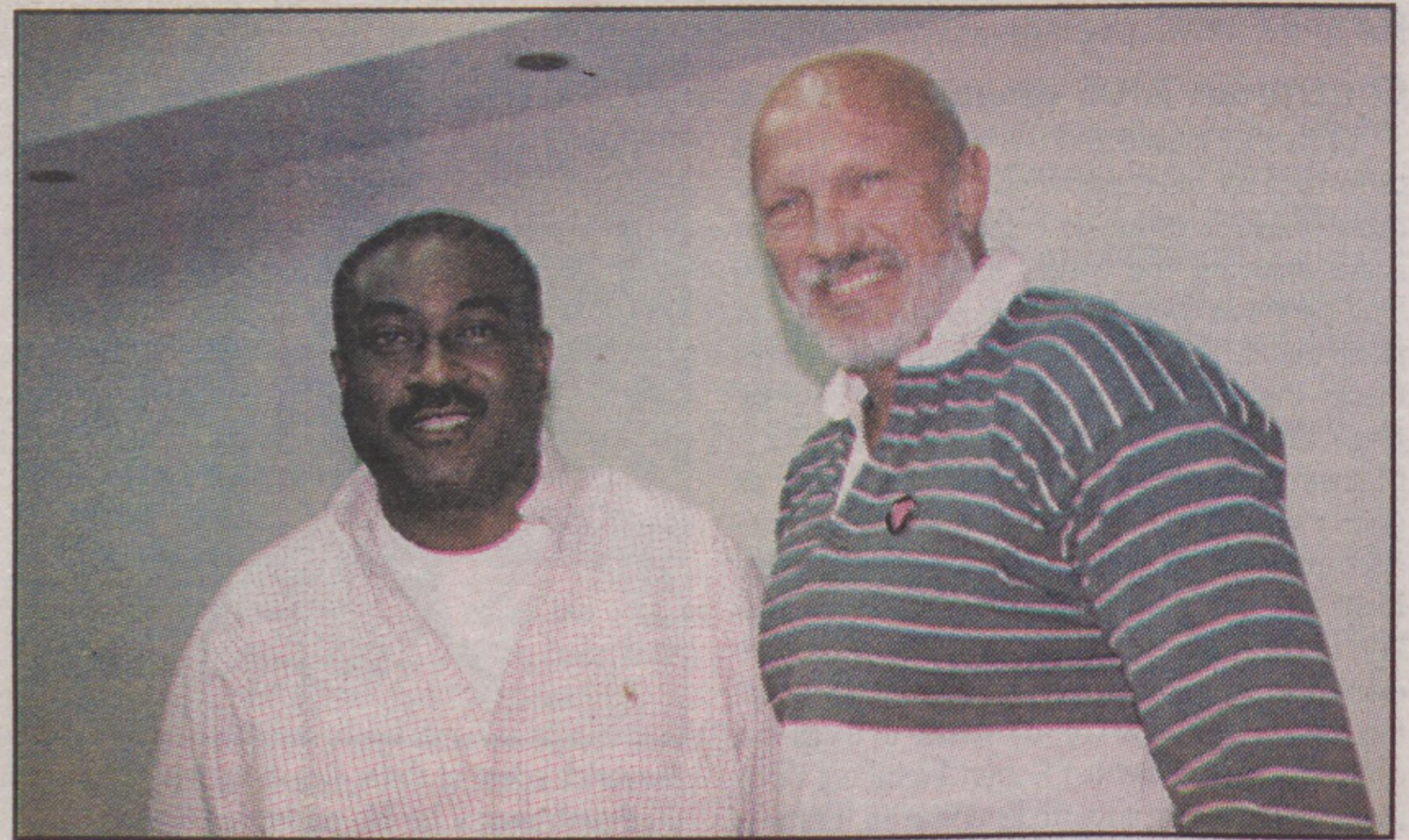
Gay men and lesbians are recognizing their sexual orientation and "coming out" as gay at younger ages than ever before, Anderson pointed out, most between 13 and 16.

"The process of deciding who to disclose their sexual orientation to is incredibly stressful," he added. Anderson said he is not aware of research that separates suicide rates between young gay men and lesbians, as the Mays and Cochran analysis does.

He was hesitant to draw conclusions about the different experiences gay men and lesbians might have as youth.

"I think it's perhaps more obvious, the harassment and isolation male students face, because it's often more violent," he said, "but I don't think we'd want to draw the conclusion that it's any more detrimental."

The high rate of suicide among younger gay men, and the fact that they begin to



After attempting suicide at the age of 45 because he couldn't face acknowledging his sexual orientation, Vern Lewis (right), now 58, conducts outreach programs for gays and is planning a commitment ceremony with partner Vic Jackson.

recognize their sexual orientation at an early age, may not be unrelated.

The "coming-out years" Cochran mentioned can be tough at any age, and the feelings of worthlessness, rejection and isolation that youth experience aren't uncommon in gays who "come out" as adults, according to one educator.

And he should know.

Vern Lewis was 45 when he swallowed a handful of sleeping pills and slept for 15

hours, waking up to the realization that something had to change.

Lewis, who grew up in the 1950s—"not a good time to be gay in South Dakota," he said—was married, had two children and a successful career when he began to realize in the early 1980s that he was in serious trouble.

"I got a deep sense of just how empty my marriage was, how really unhappy I was," he remembers. "I was really disconnected. I would look in the mirror and not know

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Researcher Vickie Mays says adolescence is a critical time for gay youth, but the risk of suicide decreases as they get older.

myself. And I didn't see any way out. I was so afraid of losing the facade of the successful married business executive."

Following his suicide attempt, Lewis contacted a support group for married and divorced gay men. After he went through an ugly divorce and almost lost his job, Lewis helped start a support network for gay people at his company.

Now retired, Lewis is a familiar face to gay leaders in Georgia, where he serves as the education director for the Georgia Equality Project, and helps facilitate a

workshop, Healing Internalized Homophobia. He and his partner, Vic Jackson, are planning a commitment ceremony this month.

For gay men and lesbians of any age who are struggling to cope with their sexual orientation, both Lewis and Bauer agree the most important step they can take is to find someone to talk to.

"Talk to someone, don't go it alone," advised Lewis. Bauer added, "The most important thing is to find someone like you, and it isn't that hard, but it's very scary."

Organizations like GLSEN work to build support for gay youth in schools, training guidance counselors and educators in how to understand and help gay students.

"I don't think people really understand how devastating it is to not be able to get support from your mom and dad," said GLSEN's Anderson. "It's crucial to educate parents, educators, people in faith communities, that LGBT young people face a lot of unique challenges, and they need support that takes those challenges into consideration."

Even for adults, simple communication and support can make, literally, all the difference in the world, Lewis pointed out.

He recalled a middle-aged woman in a Healing Internalized Homophobia workshop who shared an experience from her workplace. The young mail carrier, rumored to be gay, committed suicide.

"Afterward, the woman approached every single person she worked with and said, 'I am gay too, and if you ever need to talk to anyone, come to me,'" said Lewis. "It's very powerful what just one person can do."

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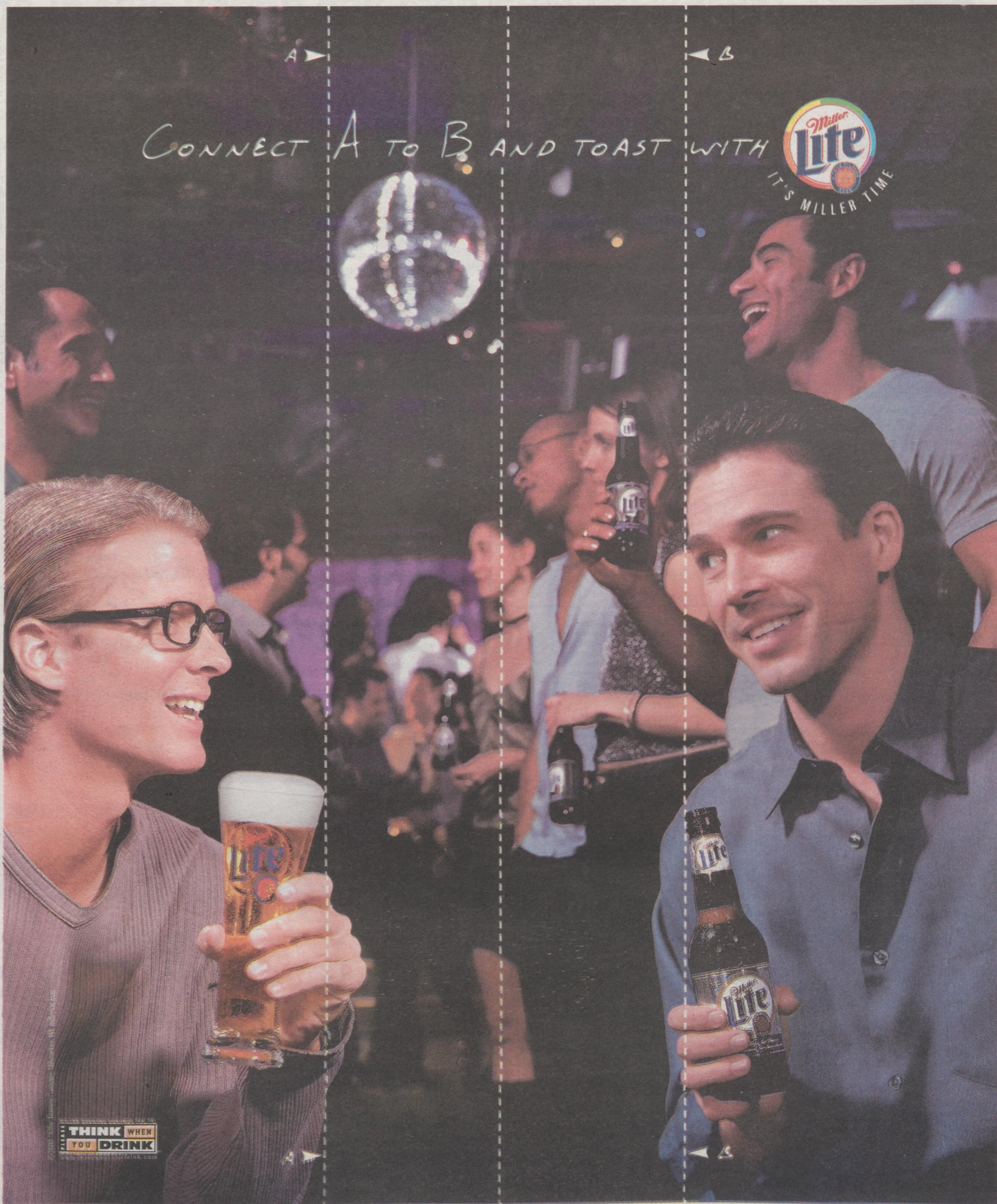
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A GUIDE FOR YOUR LEISURE TIME

Trey McIntyre brings his 'eye-catching' flare for ballet to Houston as part of a busy summer for this choreographer on the rise

by D.L. GROOVER

Trey McIntyre is out of breath.

Maybe it's because his whirlwind stop in Houston Ballet is over, and he's about to fly back to his hometown of Portland, Ore., to put the final touches to his high-tech version of "Aliss in Wonderland" for the Oregon Ballet Theatre.

Maybe because his world premiere last week for the Houston Ballet, "Bound," is a big hit. Or, maybe because he's been out past his bedtime scooping up the late-night atmosphere at Rich's and the bars along Pacific Street.

It's probably all three, and then some—but whatever the reason, he's earned the right to be winded.

There's no rating system for choreographers. If you do a work and it's a success, that's good. If you're asked back, that's very good. After that, if you're asked by many companies all over, that's the best of all possible worlds. Whatever his prior standing, with "Bound," McIntyre has moved into the big leagues.

With an eye-grabbing "look" consisting of busted bustiers or pants tied together with pieces of rope, with a cinemascope backdrop of shifting scrimms to hide and reveal, with blazing pools of light emanating from the floor, with couples streaming across the stage or diving recklessly into each other's arms, "Bound" is an accomplished work.

It is full of expansion, full of off-kilter balances, peculiar oddities—a finger drum roll or flicks of the foot—that are just right. Most important, the plotless, multi-layered dancing fits the music: Benjamin Britten's sweeping and angular "Piano Concerto."

"I come from the tradition that Ben set up," McIntyre said.

Ben, of course, is Ben Stevenson, the longtime artistic director at Houston Ballet and pre-eminent practitioner of purity, clarity and simplicity in dance.

"When it comes right down to it, all I really care about is if somebody can dance—with their heart, their brain, and what their movement quality is like—way beyond what the body looks like. I've seen a lot of amazing bodies that can't do a tendu, and what's the good in that?" McIntyre said.

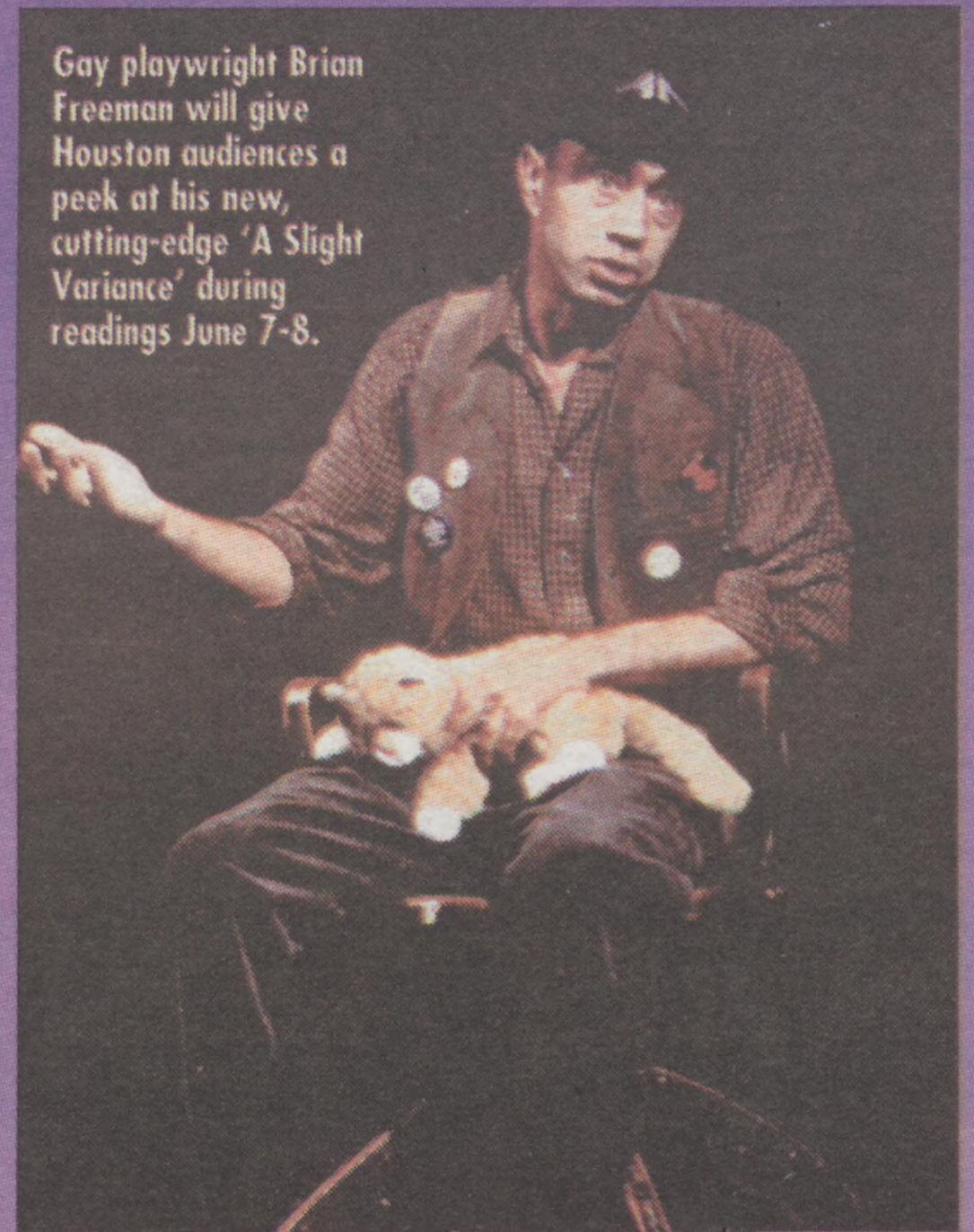
As one of the most sought-after choreographers of the Gen-X school, McIntyre can hold his own. Last April, in the midst of creating his co-production of "Aliss" for Oregon, Dallas/Fort Worth and Nashville, he traveled to the famed Stuttgart Ballet

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'Bound' for glory

'Pomo Afro Homo' RETURNS

Gay playwright Brian Freeman will give Houston audiences a peek at his new, cutting-edge 'A Slight Variance' during readings June 7-8.



An early 1940s study on gays provides the groundwork for the staging of an upcoming performance piece at edgy DiverseWorks

by D.L. GROOVER

In 1941, a ground-breaking two-volume monograph detailing the lives of American gays was published by Dr. George W. Henry, a prominent psychiatrist at New York Hospital's Payne Whitney Clinic.

Called "Sex Variants: A Study of Homosexual Patterns," it contained the narrative autobiographies of its 80 subjects (40 men, 40 women) who willingly volunteered to be research guinea pigs in hopes that a "scientific" investigation would begin a balanced and fair look into their lives.

Although purported to be scientific and clinical, the findings and extensive negative psychiatric analysis of each participant by Dr. Henry heavily skewed any objective result toward what was viewed as the only possible result: the dominant, healthy, and normal heterosexual

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'Pomo Afro Homo' RETURNS

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authority. Homosexuality, science said, was still a sickness and a perversion.

This document provides the beginning to Brian Freeman's new work-in-progress, "A Slight Variance," which will have a staged reading at DiverseWorks on June 7-8. ("A Slight Variance" replaces Freeman's "Civil Sex," his variations on the life and times of civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, which has been postponed.)

"Some of the other actors had conflicts," Freeman said. "So it just got to be not doable. And we didn't have enough rehearsal time to adequately replace people. "So I said, 'I'm working on a new piece, it's not done yet, but I'd love to have actors for one week to workshop some of the material I'm putting together.'"

DiverseWorks readily agreed.

"We're going to do a workshop with five actors from Infernal Bridegroom. They've been very game, which is just wonderful. I figured fine, if they could handle Suzan-Lori Parks, they could handle me. We both like to experiment with form and do non-linear things," Freeman said.

His politically-charged work is personal yet tinged with an epic narrative sweep, always alighting on "queerness" and what it is to be gay, then and now.

As Artist-in-Residence at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center, Freeman's "been in the business" more than 20 year. It's fitting that

last April he received the Cal Arts/Herb Alpert Award to "provide mid-career artists with creative breathing room." You can breathe a bit easier on \$50,000, even dividing your time between San Francisco and New York City.

"It's not a grant, just an award for being a career artist. It just goes into the bank. It buys me a year or so. It helps so I don't have to go make espressos at Starbucks. In the arts, income in the theater is intermittent, at best. You learn how to stretch a nickel," he said.

Freeman's been stretching that nickel since graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975. He's received a Rockefeller Foundation MAP Grant, a New York Dance and Performance award (the "Bessie"), and a Wattis Artist-in-Residency Award to get "A Slight Variance" off the ground.

A respected director and actor as well as playwright, Freeman is a Directing Resident of the prestigious New York Shakespeare Festival of the Public Theater. For eight years in the '70s he was a member of the in-your-face performance group San Francisco Mime Troupe; and, in 1991, founded the cutting-edge performance trio Pomo Afro Homos, which played at DiverseWorks in 1992 and 1993.

"There was a gay cabaret, Josie's Cabaret, that opened up here in 1990," Freeman said, speaking of San Francisco. "I knew the people who were running it and they said,

why don't you come put on a show. So I called a couple of friends and we wrote a show together, and it really just took off. So we formed a group. My then-boyfriend at the time was an art history professor, and he saw the show and said, 'You guys are pomo afro homos.' We're like, What's that? Post modern African-American homosexuals. Catchy."

Disbanded in 1994, the Pomo Afro Homos had a "very, very rebellious energy, but still fun," Freeman said. "We tried to be smart. The show's were funny, but they were dark. It was complex work, even with humor, because of the times.

"I really tired of theater with a capital T. I thought the energy was in performance spaces; queer performance was really exploding at that point. So it was very exciting, very direct and immediate with the audience."

Will it be that way with his DiverseWorks performance?

"There's a very long history of people trying to find the cause of queerness, be it psychological, biological, or something in between," Freeman said. "I found this pre-Kinseyan study of sexuality ['Sex Variants'], and I thought it was so peculiar, that literally tried to find a queer body.

"They measured people head-to-head, they looked at the viscosity of people's body fluids, they put people through an early form of intelligence testing, they did these very lengthy case studies where people detailed and told the stories of their

lives. In reading through it, I was really struck less by the science, which is just strange and difficult, and more by the people's stories. I really liked those."

Freeman turned one of those case studies into a 10-minute monologue for the Afro Solo Festival in San Francisco. The performance was such a hit that he knew he had the subject for his next play.

"There's a long history of these kind of studies done with the calling card being in the name of progressive science, but in practice they really are more in the service of politics, often fairly conservative politics. Do you remember the lesbian seagulls? It never stops," Freeman said.

Or the most recent "scientific" study, written about in "Nature" magazine, which correlated sexual orientation with the length of a person's index finger.

"Hooey," Freeman said. "I try and write plays or 'performance' pieces. What is it? I don't know. It is what it is. If a regional theater wants to produce it, then it's a play; if a performance space wants it, then it's a performance piece. I have a certain style that I bring to the piece, and I'm very physical both as a performer and a director. I don't know, I try to make the shows the kind I would like to go see."

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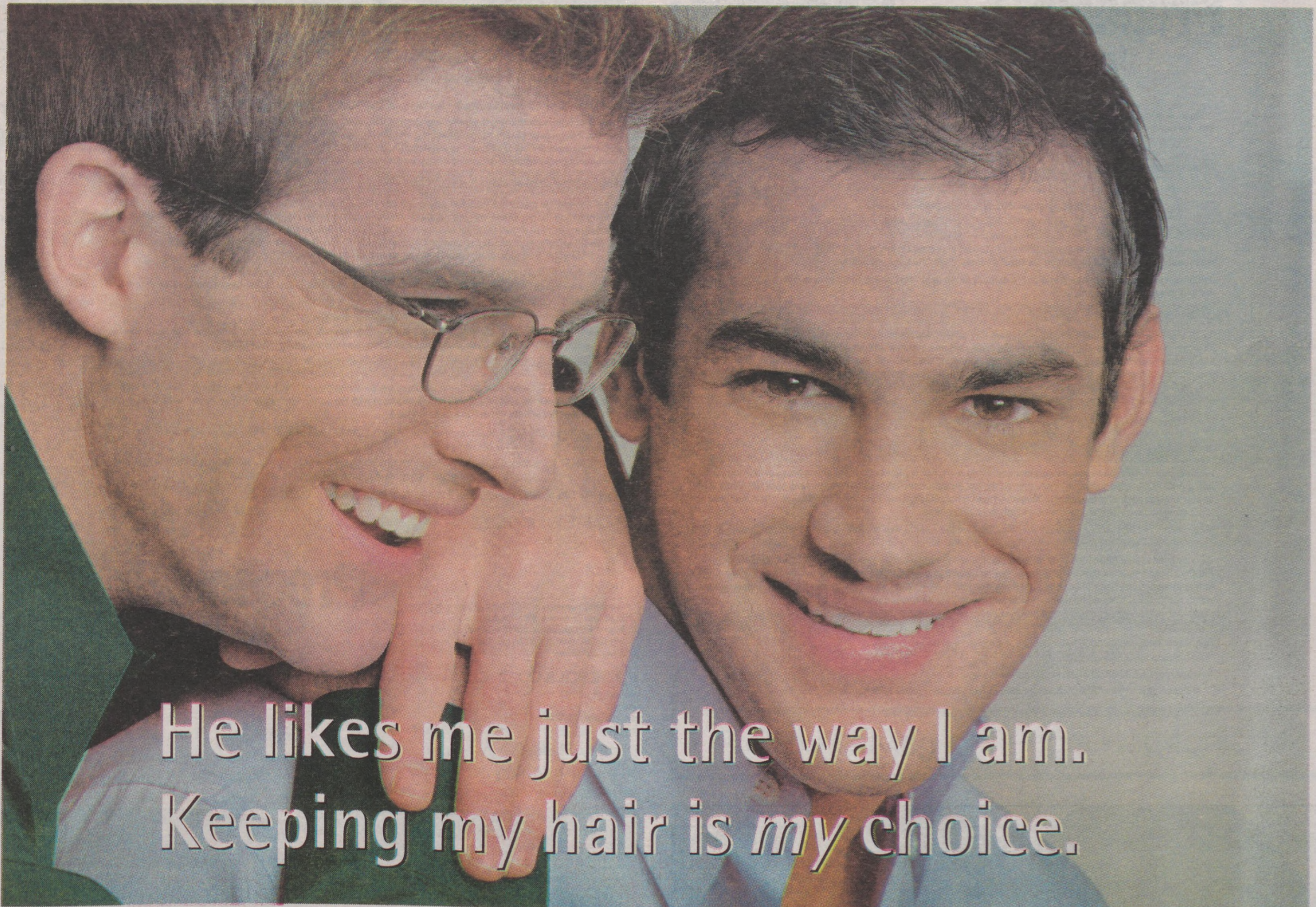
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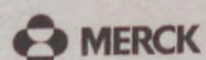
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Sweet and substantial

by KATHREEN LEE

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No gilded pictures of a dragon made from imitation mother-of-pearl adorn the walls. No traditional painting of "exotic" women bathing in a steamy waterfall in a "jade garden" ornament the establishment. Even the name is unrevealing: KAM's, written in straight text without the garish "font of Teriyaki" typical of many other Chinese restaurants.

Instead, the décor is simple. KAM's dispensed with the stereotypicals in favor of more unaffected decorations of patterned kerchiefs pressed behind glass frames. The resulting comfortable atmosphere allows diners to focus on the food.

But unlike the décor, you won't find the menu items so unfamiliar from typical Chinese fare. You can still order the customary Hot and Sour soup (\$2.25), Szechwan Chicken (\$7.95), Shrimp Lo Mein (\$8.95), or Sweet and Sour Pork (\$8.95).

KAM's also has an extensive vegetarian selection, which offers the Buddha's Delight (\$7.50), a combination of tofu, baby corn, straw mushrooms, snow peas and Chinese cabbage. No matter how non-conformist it may be, a Chinese restaurant would never be complete without it.

My dinner companion and I tried to sample both the typical and unusual fare offered at KAM's. I started the evening with the familiar Wonton Soup (\$2.25) and was delighted to find four servings of large Wontons (boiled dumplings for those not in the know). While the soup itself was a bit salty, the wontons, stuffed generously with beef and vegetables, more than made up for the somewhat brackish soup base with

We wanted to end the evening with KAM's original Coconut Freeze—a special house dessert topped with coconut ice cream and Chinese lychee fruit. The description made me want to skip the meal and head straight for dessert.

something more substantial.

My friend enjoyed her crabmeat and corn soup (\$3.25), a rather anomalous dish for a Chinese restaurant. The soup was thick and rich and tasted more like a crab bisque than the usual lighter soups.

We also ordered KAM's Cold Summer Rolls (\$2.95), wrapped in translucent rice paper and dipped in peanut sauce. The shrimp were plentiful, with fresh crunchy lettuce and the soft vermicelli reminiscent of Vietnamese restaurants.

Our order of the Steamed Seafood Dumplings (\$4.50) came in two vessels filled with mysterious condiments and mixtures which were difficult to identify. Our waiter mixed them, and it turned out to be rice vinegar, sesame oil and a mixture of jalapenos and garlic for dipping our dumplings. The sauce provided a biting and tangy edge to the otherwise bland dumplings. The jalapenos provided an excellent touch to the unique mixture of condiments.

The Kung Pao Shrimp (\$9.95) was well-balanced Szechwan hot sauce and agenerous serving of shrimp. We relished the crunchy texture of the sautéed celery, water chestnuts and peanuts. The shrimp and vegetables were both remarkably fresh.

To try the unfamiliar side, I ordered the Peking Duck Mui Shui (\$11.95), a special of the day. The mui shui was served wrapped in the rice crepe, though I prefer wrapping myself. Unlike the previous dishes, this special was disappointing. The duck used in the dish contained more skin than meat and there was a persistent burnt taste that permeated the mui shui rolls.

We wanted to end the evening with KAM's original Coconut Freeze (\$3.50), which is a special house dessert topped with coconut ice cream and Chinese lychee fruit. The description alone made me want to skip the meal altogether and head straight for dessert.

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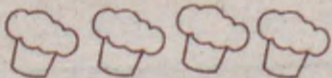
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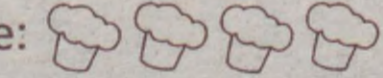
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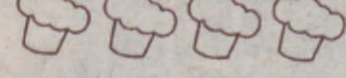
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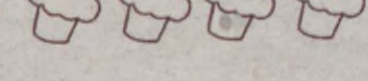
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
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
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
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
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
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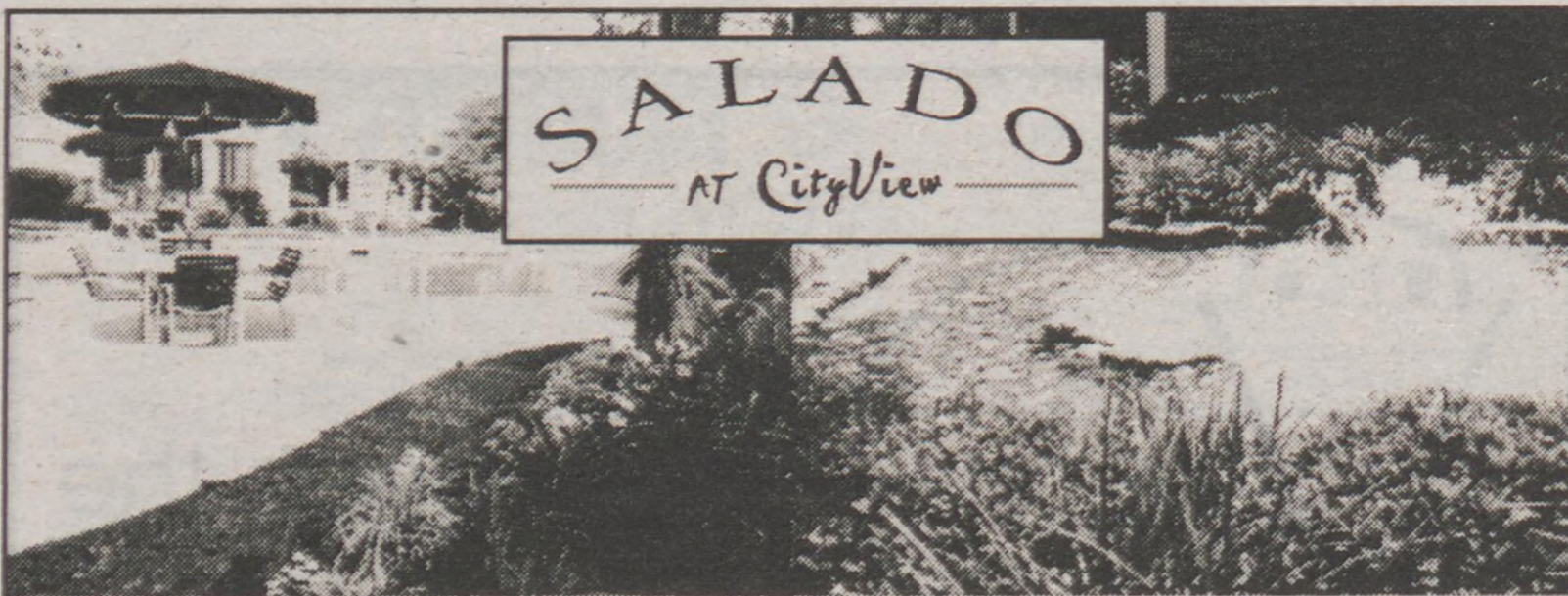
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A blast of spring cleaning

Now is probably an excellent time to attend to late spring cleaning. A final removal of all of that pollen and spring-generated plant debris will get your summer off to a great start.

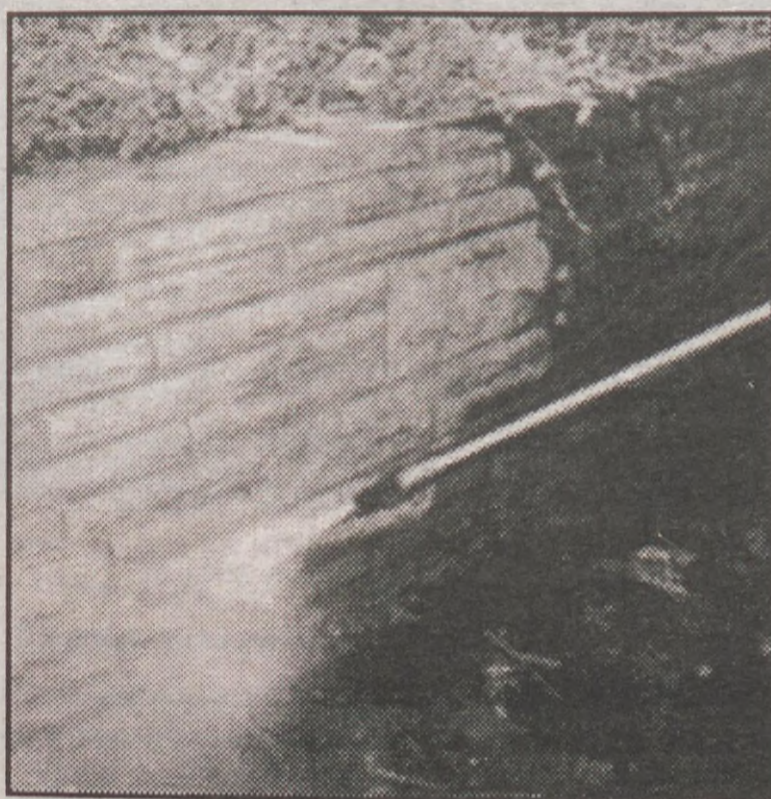
And while you're at it, now and in August are the best times to do all that pressure-washing you have been putting off.

Pressure washers are great for cleaning and freshening up your exterior surroundings. They are available through most equipment rental houses and come with certain gizmos that will apply detergent directly to the surface, as well as nozzles that will blast away untold ages of grime.

Some pressure washers are so powerful, they will blast a hole through wood, so a little careful practice before tackling the washing of your new vinyl siding would be an excellent idea.

A pressure washer essentially powers off flaking and peeling paint, dirt, some stains, algae, dust and pollen.

You will find that depending on the



Operated correctly, a pressure washer will leave a four to eight-inch strip of clean in its wake.

thing to wear over your clothing.

An old pair of tennis or running shoes is a good choice for shoes since they will give you a good foothold on the wet surface (in the case of a deck) and are easily dried out when your job is completed.

Before beginning your pressure washing, remove objects from the surface to be washed. Move all your plants and furniture off the deck, remove all the wreaths and objects d'art from the house, remove all screens from windows and take care to protect all plantings around the house from the detergent, which can be harmful to plants.

Begin with the applicator nozzle and the detergent applicator. Wet down the whole surface thoroughly. The applicator tip will not provide nearly the amount of pressure the washing tip will, so don't expect the dirt to just jump off the surface.

If it is a very hot dry day, do only small sections at a time so the detergent does not dry out before you can wash it off.

Most folks start at the bottom of the wall and work their way up in a slightly overlapping stroke about six-feet long. Any wet grime from higher up will come off easily in the final rinse.

Take great care not to aim the pressurized stream of water up under the siding or shingles on your home. The pressure would cause a surprising amount of water to be "injected" behind the siding, probably causing moisture problems down the road. Use a ladder or scaffolding as you work your way up the wall to reduce the likelihood of this happening.

Even with the best weather-stripping, pressurized water will find its way inside. Place old towels at the bottoms of all doors and windows and just don't get too close to the glass.

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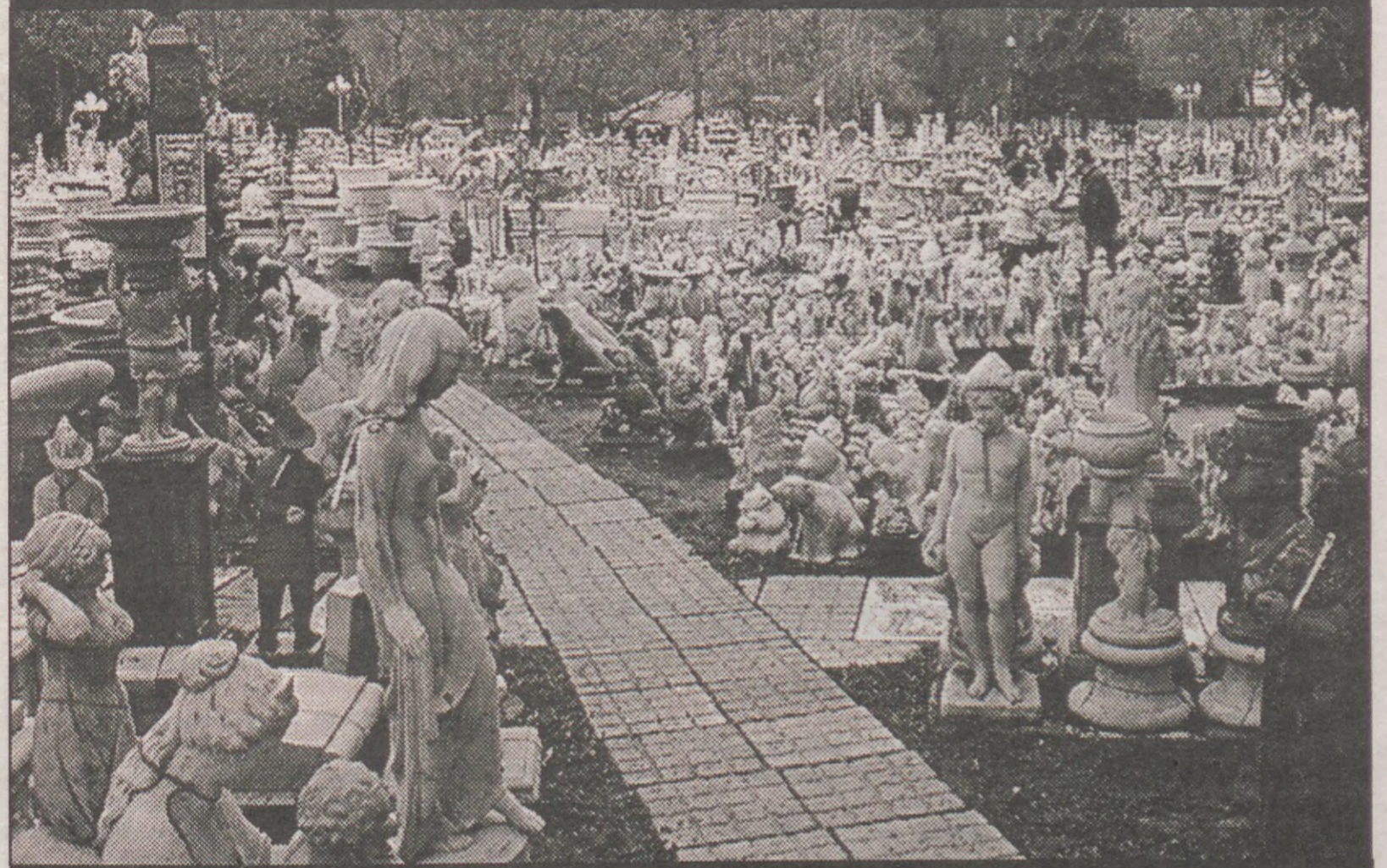
pressure of the water stream, the substance you are trying to remove and the surface you are working with, a pressure washer will easily leave a four to eight-inch strip of clean in its wake.

This may not sound like much, but considering the alternative of scrubbing the surface by hand, the pressure washer will cut the job time by at least 50 percent. If you are talking about hand-scraping versus power-washing the entire exterior of a house in preparation for new paint, the washer is a machine not to be without.

Since it is a rather damp job, dress for the occasion. Do not go barefoot or wear beach foot wear for this job. Passing a pressure washer over unprotected flesh can be painful, at the very least.

There will be a certain amount of water splashing in all directions and especially toward the operator. If you do not wish to be soaked to the bone, then a rain slicker with a hood is probably the best

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saturday, june 3

After Hours. KPFT 90.1 FM. 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. 713-526-5738.
Q-Patrol walks the streets 8:45 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.
Dignity mass. 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. 713-863-1860.
Houston Wrestling Club. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.
Rainbow Fishing Club. 713-526-7070.
Houston Faerie Circle. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. 713-528-3818. Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-956-1866.
Houston Outdoor Group HOG Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. 713-KAMPOUT.

sunday, june 4

New Hope Christian Center Worship Service. 11 a.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals meets. 713-942-7002.
Rainbow Riders. A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Holy Rite Eucharist I 7:45 a.m.; Holy Rite Eucharist II 8:55 a.m.; Education hour 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 11 a.m. 713-528-6665.
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church. Service. 6:30 p.m. 713-528-6756.
Resurrection MCC. Services. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Youth Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal 1:30 p.m. 713-861-9149.
Grace Lutheran Church. Sunday school for all ages 9:00 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-528-3269.
Community Gospel. Service at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School for children 10 a.m. 713-880-9235 or www.community-gospel.org.
Houston Mission Church. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-529-8225.
Covenant Baptist Church. Service 9:30 a.m. & education hour 11 a.m. 713-668-8830.
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 713-526-1017.
The Women's Group. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.
Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County. 502 Church St. Service 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.
First Congregational Church (Memorial). Service at 11 a.m. Christian Education. 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.
Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.

Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
FrontRunners. 9 a.m. 713-522-8021.
PFLAG-Houston. Monthly meeting. Panel discussion "Gay Couples in a Straight World." 713-867-9020 or pflaghouston.org.
PWA Holiday Charities. Monthly meeting. 713-521-0911.
Garden Party 2000 Fundraiser. "Barnyard Follies." 8:33 p.m. 713-868-9908.

monday, june 5

Gay Fathers/Fathers First. 8 p.m. www.GayFathers-Houston.org or 281-505-1788.
Bering Support Network. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.
HIV testing. STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 1 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. 713-626-2837.
Kolbe Project. Eucharist 7:30 p.m. 713-861-1800.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
Lesbian & Gay Voices Radio Show. 8 to 10 p.m. KPFT 90.1. 713-529-1223.
AIDS Mastery. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
Grief & Divorce Support Groups. 7 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017X208.
gayDAR. Wellness community. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017 X211.
Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours from 6 to 9 p.m. Black Lesbian & Gay Coalition weekly meeting. 7 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

tuesday, june 6

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.
Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. 7 p.m. 281-495-8009.
PROTECT. An HIV-negative support group 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
Bering Support Network. Lunch Bunch Gang 11 a.m. 713-526-1017.
Gay Men's Process Group. 7 p.m. 3316 Mt. Vernon. 713-526-8390.
Men's Network. Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual men. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.
Lambda Skating Club skates at 8 p.m. Tradewinds. 713-410-7215.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. Lesbians Island Young Women's Group meets 7 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-528-3818.
Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. Speaker Ms. Virginia Fisher, Directory of Tourism. GHC&VB. 713-523-7576.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. 7 p.m. Executive meeting. 713-529-6979.
Lesbian Health Initiative. 7 p.m. Meeting. 713-603-0023.
Impotence Support Group. Meeting. 7 p.m. 713-523-0541.
PFLAG-Houston. Mid-Month Meeting. 713-867-9020.
Men's Mixer. Center for AIDS. 713-527-8219.

wednesday, june 7

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2015 Thomas Street 713-793-4026.
STD Exams & treatment. HIV Testing. Free. AVES. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mary's, EJ's & Venture-N. 713-830-3000.
Houston Crossdressing Anonymous. 7 p.m. 239 Westheimer. BiNet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Social meeting. 713-467-4380
Women's Network. Montrose Counseling Center Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual women. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.
Project: Caesar. Workshops. AFH. 3203 Wesleyan. 713-623-6796.
Out Skate Rollerskating Club. 8 to 10 p.m. 8075 Cook Road. 281-933-5818.
Rainbow Ringers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.
Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. 713-523-3037.
Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 713-524-0218.
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Various Support Groups 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
HIV/AIDS Journal Club. Noon to 1 p.m. Center for AIDS. 713-527-8219.
Houston Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus. Program & Meeting. 713-521-1000.
Life Begins at Forty. Pot Luck. 6:30 p.m. 713-526-1017.
Classic Chassis Car Club. Meeting. 7 p.m. 713-797-8615.

thursday, june 8

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 713-521-7464.
Rainbow Ringers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.
Hep C Recovery. Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017X211.
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Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Toyz Disco. 713-830-3000.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.
FrontRunners. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.
HIV Art Course Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer 713-526-1118.
Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.
Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
HIV Testing. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston (GLOBAL) meets at 4 p.m. 713-743-7539.
Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
"Homosexuality & the Bible." 7 p.m. 713-683-1867.
Positive Singles. Mixer. 713-807-7304.
Gulf Coast Transgender Community. Meeting. 713-780-4282.

friday, june 9

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) meets. 713-942-7002.
Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Rich's. 713-830-3000.
STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.
Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.
Q-Patrol walks the streets. 9:00 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.
Kolbe Project. Morning Prayer. 10 a.m. 713-861-1800.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
Positive Art Workshop. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer. 713-526-1118.
Lesbian and Gay Voices. KPFT 90.1 FM. 7 p.m. 713-526-5738.
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Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
Healing Eucharist. Christ Church Cathedral. 7 p.m. 1117 Texas. 713-222-2593.
Houston Outdoor Group. Guadalupe Rafting Trip. 713-KAMPOUT.
"Take Pride." Art show. Hyde Park Gallery. 713-536-2744.
Garden & Yard Society. Meeting. 713-661-6378.

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'Bound' for glory

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in Germany to premiere "The Difference Between Naked and Nude."

Soon he'll go to Hubbard Street in Chicago for another work; to Washington D.C. for a one-act jazz piece; then off to Pennsylvania Ballet.

"So, that's my summer. The summer I was going to take off," he said.

McIntyre loves dance, technology, new gizmos and, especially, the movies, using all these influences in his rich, satisfying work.

"I think in such cinematic terms," he said. "The way I stage, the way I edit, and the way I move people around, it always has the flow of a movie. That's how I've learned rhythm, artistically, from watching movies."

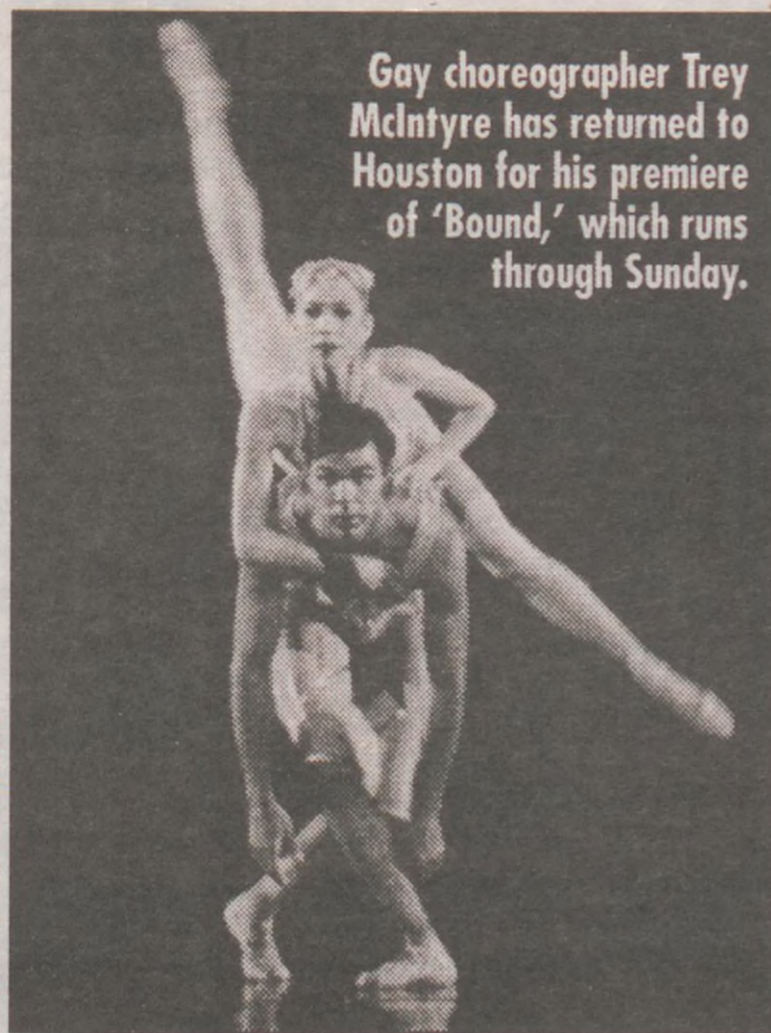
When he talks about dance, McIntyre's intensity is focused and white-hot, like those underground klieg lights in "Bound," yet he's self-effacing and calm. And he's 6 feet 6 inches tall, which doesn't do a dancer any good when your Swan Queen, even in pointe shoes, only comes to your waist.

But if McIntyre's destiny wasn't to be the cavalier, his intelligent musicality, innate theatrical sixth-sense, and quicksilver ability to make up dances placed him center stage almost immediately. Having danced with the Houston Ballet for five years, he was named choreographic associate in 1995 and created four works with the company prior to "Bound."

"I went to Phoenix because my partner at the time got an amazing job offer there. It was a great opportunity to go someplace and live somewhere where I wasn't working and just be in the desert, be in an area of the country I'd never been before. Be a housewife, a little bit. I was freelancing and using Phoenix as my home," he said.

When the relationship ended, McIntyre moved to Portland when he was appointed resident choreographer of Oregon Ballet Theatre in 1998.

"I love that part of the country, and Portland's a very cultural and funky city. People always ask me where I go to vacation when I have time off. I go home because I never get to spend any time there, and it's a great place to vacation. I



Gay choreographer Trey McIntyre has returned to Houston for his premiere of 'Bound,' which runs through Sunday.

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love to kayak and hike.

"I'm looking eventually to be an artistic director. I'd really love to do that. I'm not sure the timing's right for me now, or not, but I'm staying open-minded and see what comes my way. I'll wait for the right situation," he said.

Wherever that might take him, McIntyre's loyalty and devotion is never far from the Houston Ballet.

"There's no other company like it in the US," he said with a wide smile. "Totally unique. A dancer takes class in New York, and people know right away, that's a Houston dancer." He snaps his fingers. "You can pick them out. That's pretty cool."

McIntyre has several choreographic "heroes": Paul Taylor, Jiri Kilian, Bob Fosse, William Forsythe, and of course, Ben Stevenson.

"We've got to go in a new way with classical ballet or we're gonna be stuck. But copying is not the point at all. Explore things as an individual and come up with new ideas, like Balanchine. He was a revolutionary."

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Birthdays

Guava owner and all-around good guy **Woody** toasts in his birthday on June 3.

Classic Chassis Car Club members **Kenneth S.** and **William S.** shine their chrome birthday candles on June 4.

The one and only **Boots** celebrates his birthday on June 6. Realtor **Bernie Johnson** has a birthday on June 6.

George Tresh is always talking trash on his birthday on June 7.

Gaye Yancy of Mary's is wishing for a bag of charchol on her birthday on June 9.

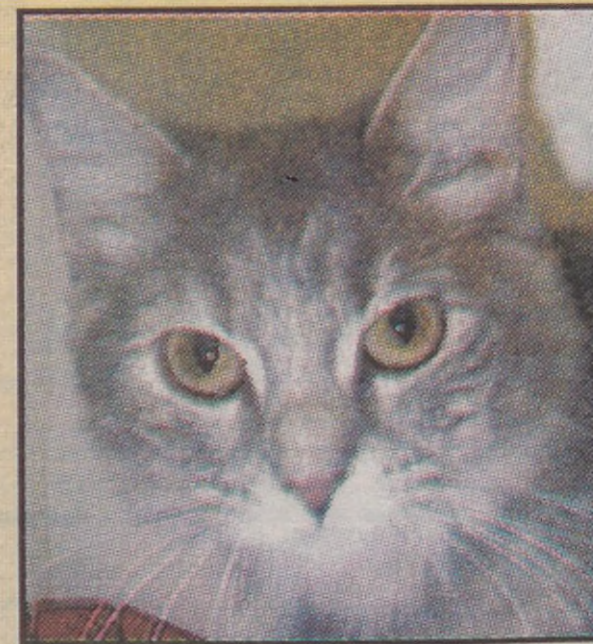
Rodgers blows out his birthday on June 8.

Anniversaries

Local celebs "**The Empress**" (Barry Petri) and **Mary Todd** (Bob Meyer) celebrate their anniversary on June 7.

If Gentry was still open, **Papa Del McGee** would be gearing up for a big anniversary blow out party this week.

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We'll miss super-duper graphic artist **Bethany Bartran**. She's only been around the *Houston Voice* since October, but has made a big splash. Don't forget us, and have a happy birthday, Bethany! She will celebrate her big-26 on June 4.

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YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

June 2 - 8



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

The moon lights a fire in your house of love over the weekend of June 10, so be ready for a most enticing proposition. Perhaps you should redecorate your apartment or have a heart to heart with the person you live with, even if you live alone. A Leo wants to experience domestic bliss with you.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Venus and Mars in your money house could make you a smooth operator when it comes to turning hot tips into cold cash. Ask yourself, "What have I dreamed of doing since I was a kid?" But use common sense. An Aquarius supports your need to be a romantic—yet steady—kind of whore.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

You are about to find out who is obsessed with you and why. For some reason you are in the public's collective unconscious. Break out of your tedious routines and throw yourself into anything that shouts "new!" and "different!" A Scorpio may be the flavor of the month for you, but you can't get that taste out of your mouth.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Mercury in your sign fills you with wit, so for God's sake use that silver tongue for good, not evil. This is your "incubation period." Soon your solar return season will arrive and you'll be on the brink of new challenges. For now, finish up old business. Call an Aries.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Pluto retrograde in your house of creativity is making you rethink your dreams. A new approach is fine; just don't sell out. Friends sense that you are about to surprise them. Please do. Taking risks (with integrity) has always been your calling card. A Pisces is waiting for you at the finish line.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Gambling pays off in your career. You know you've got the goods to get the things you deserve, but you're going to have to work twice as hard. Luckily the financial payoff is worth it, and so is the prestige. An Aquarius is turned on by your drive. Who wouldn't be?



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

The moon in your sign over the weekend of June 10 should give you some extra confidence and pizzazz. Forget guarantees and go after what your heart desires. Now's the time to act like you've got the world on a string. A Pisces wants you to believe in him or her.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Put out your message in no uncertain terms and be true to yourself. Don't blow it by over-plotting your game plan. You have a few last chances to be big and generous with your affections. In turn, you get a surprise from a Cancer even you didn't see coming.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

This is an amazing time for you to put on a brand new face in love. Now's your chance to break out and be a brand new you. Pluto retrograde in your sign can help you rethink an important life plan. If an obstacle is insurmountable, perhaps you should try another approach. A Gemini is behind you all the way.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Several planets in the day job sector of your chart should give you inspiration to make your regular gig as satisfying as it can be. You have the power to change your career, one small step at a time. Focus on the big picture in your relationship with a Sag. It's time to get your priorities straight.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

You can't always get what you want in your career. But if you're willing to compromise, you'll get what you need and a whole lot more. Your ultra-cerebral detached ways are not getting you any closer to the kind of intimacy you long for. A Libra offers you the milk of human kindness.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

This is a good time for you to pursue a dream that you've put on hold for way too long. You may even get the support you need from your kinfolk. Dig up all those skeletons in your closet and start dealing with them. Your home life will improve tenfold when you do. A Virgo will see you through the dark nights.

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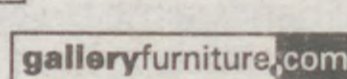
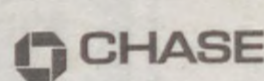


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