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Title-holder Johnny Maddox, aka Jill Jordan, hanging up crown?

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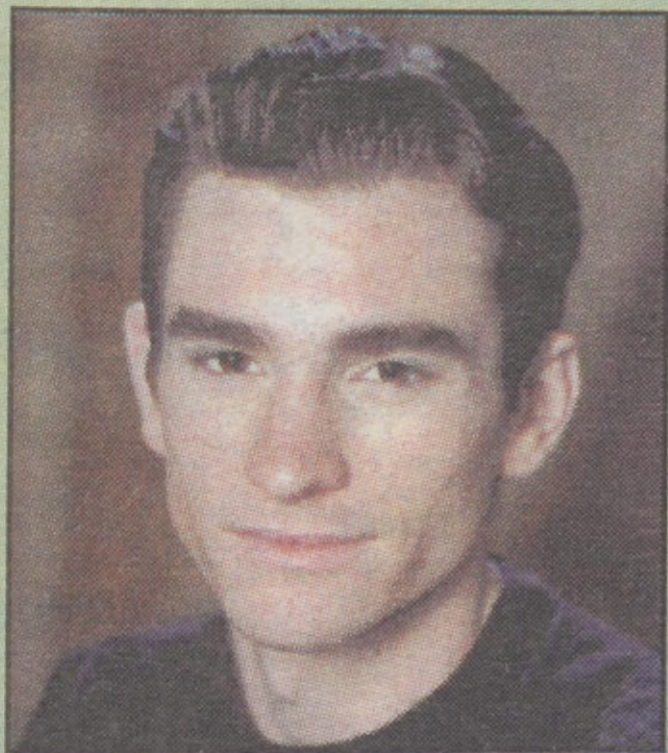


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America Online stays mum on \$8.35 million gift from Steve and Jean Case that gay activists say will fund an 'assembly line of hate'

by LAURA BROWN

A recent donation from America Online CEO Steve Case and his wife to a private school associated with a far-right church amounts to funding an "assembly line of hate," according to one of the nation's largest gay political groups.

Steve and Jean Case donated \$8.35 million to Westminster Academy, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., religious school that shares a campus with Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Coral Ridge Ministries, led by Rev. D. James Kennedy, has been an outspoken proponent of the theory that gays can change their sexual orientation, including taking the lead on a series of "ex-gay" ads that ran in major national newspapers last year.

On Oct. 19, three days after the donation first became public, Jean Case issued a personal statement saying the donation to Westminster, which she attended, was not "given to benefit Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church or its programs" and was "in no



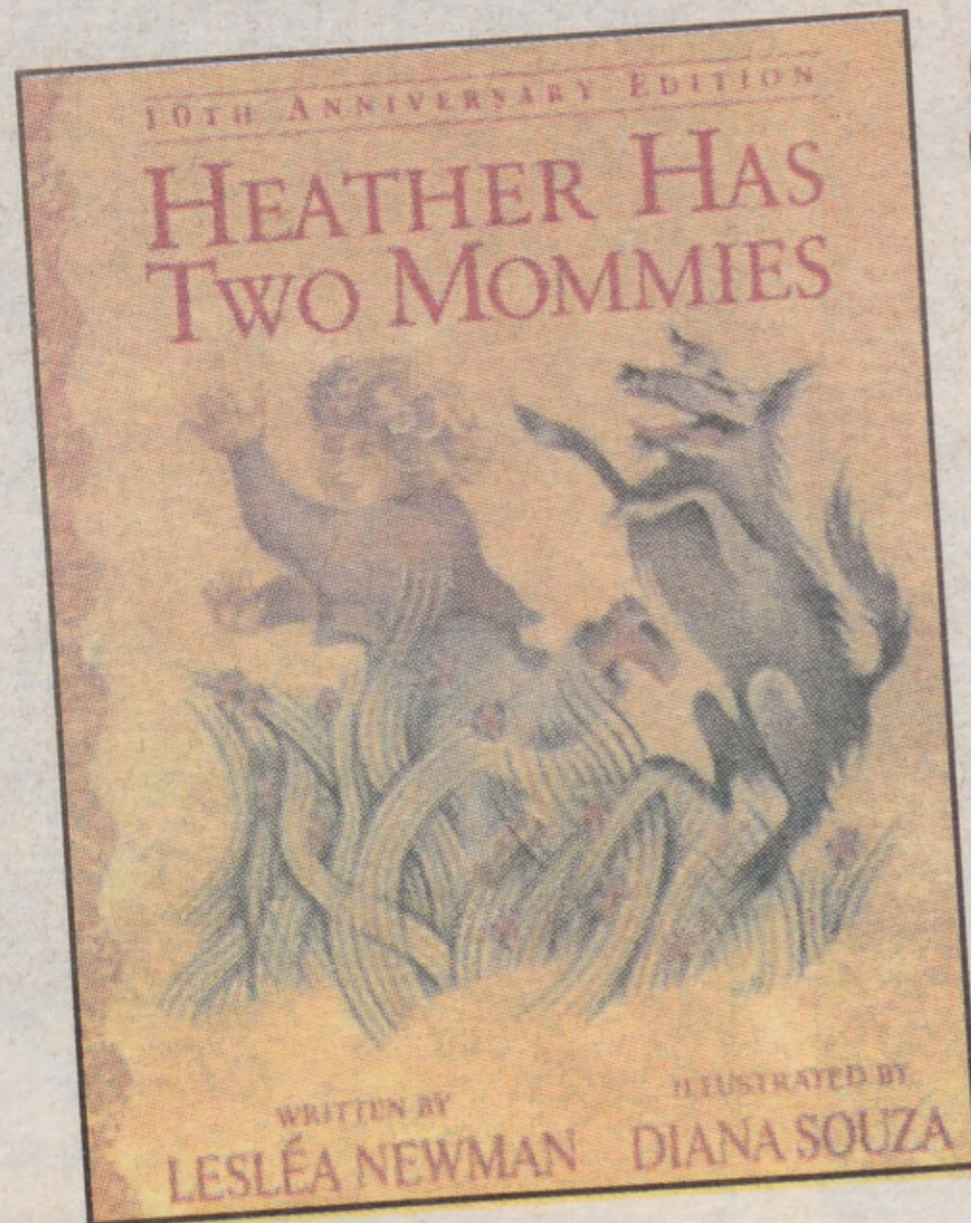
A multi-million dollar donation from America Online CEO Steve Case and his wife to a religious school with ties to an anti-gay ministry has sparked renewed debate over the Internet service providers relationship to gays.

way... intended to send a message of intolerance."

Case's statement did not say whether the couple agreed with Coral Ridge's teaching that homosexuals can change, a mes-

sage supporters insist is about "hope," not intolerance. A spokesperson for the Cases' family foundation declined comment and deferred to the statement when asked if

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## Santa Fe school board votes against book ban

Books with homosexual themes top list of most-banned tomes

by ELLA TYLER

Last week, the Santa Fe school board, in a 4 to 3 vote, decided against a policy that would require that books in the district's libraries be free of "vulgarity, profanity, references to homosexuality or other deviant behavior."

About 30 books could have been banned under this policy, including "Just As Long as We're

Together," by Judy Blume, because it included the word "asshole" and "Don't Look Behind You," by Lois Duncan, which includes the phrase "the shit hit the fan."

Other books that could have been banned are "Bridge To Terabithia," by Katherine Paterson; "Call of the Wild," by Jack London; and "Where The Red Fern Grows," by Wilson Rawls.

The school libraries in the district require written parental permission before books from the Harry Potter series may be checked out.

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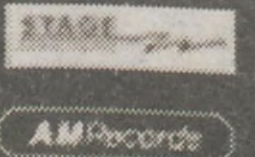
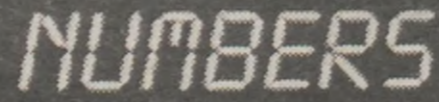
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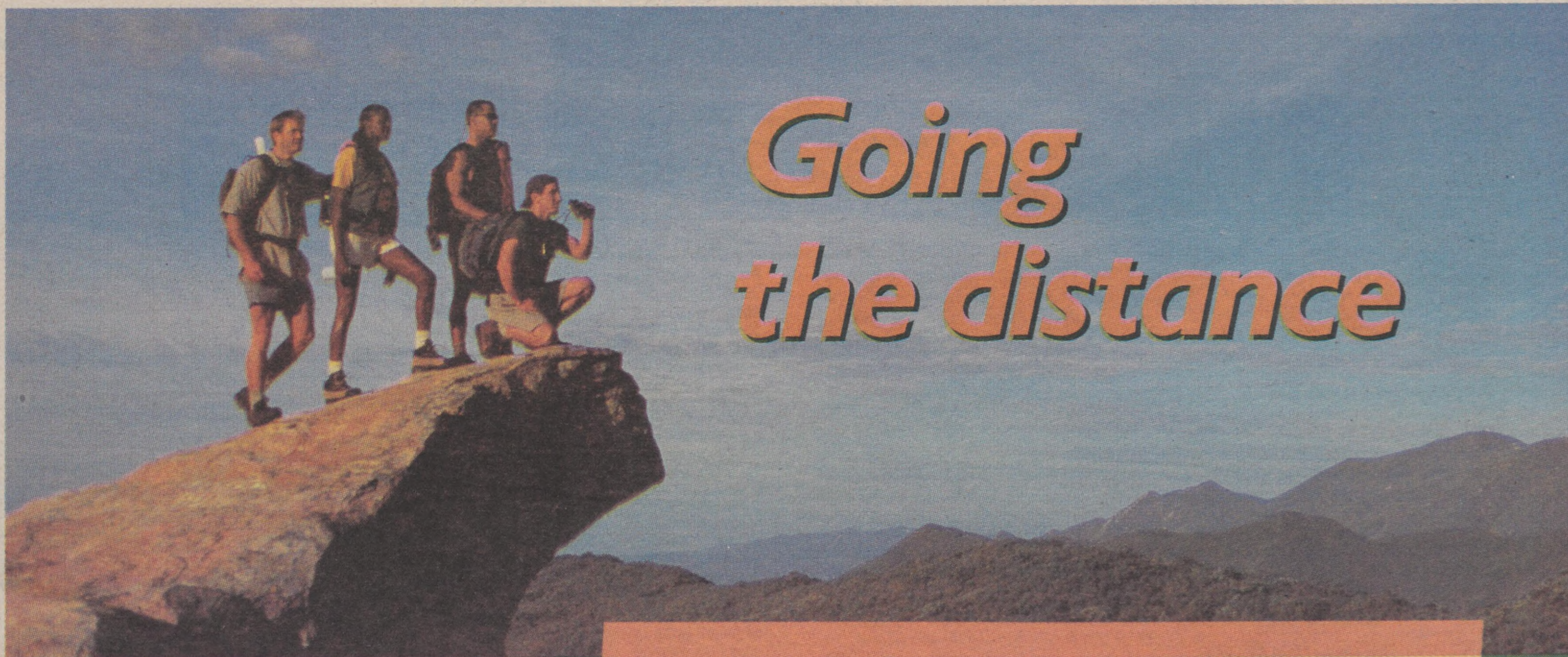
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#### ■ THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CRIXIVAN

CRIXIVAN can be taken with a light meal or on an empty stomach. Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN may develop stones in the kidney or urinary tract. For some, this can lead to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure. Drinking at least 6 glasses of water each day may help reduce the chance of forming these stones. Other side effects reported include rapid breakdown of red blood cells and liver problems.

As with other protease inhibitors, changes in body fat, increased bleeding in some patients with hemophilia, and increased blood sugar levels or diabetes have been reported. Additionally, severe muscle pain and weakness have occurred in patients also taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins." There are some common medications and AIDS-related medications you should not take with CRIXIVAN. Also, taking CRIXIVAN with any products containing St. John's wort, an herbal supplement, is not recommended because it may lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to CRIXIVAN. Discuss all medications you are taking or plan to take with your doctor.

*For more detailed information about CRIXIVAN, please read the information immediately following this advertisement.*

<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents. Panel on Clinical Practices for Treatment of HIV Infection, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), May 5, 1999.

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Please read this information before you start taking CRIXIVAN. Also, read the leaflet each time you renew your prescription, just in case anything has changed. Remember, this leaflet does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss CRIXIVAN when you start taking your medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when using CRIXIVAN and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

### What is CRIXIVAN?

CRIXIVAN is an oral capsule used for the treatment of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). CRIXIVAN is a type of HIV drug called a protease (PRO-tee-ase) inhibitor.

### How does CRIXIVAN work?

CRIXIVAN is a protease inhibitor that fights HIV. CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN can also help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4 (T) cell count. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

CRIXIVAN is usually prescribed with other anti-HIV drugs such as ZDV (also called AZT), 3TC, ddI, ddC, or d4T. CRIXIVAN works differently from these other anti-HIV drugs. Talk with your doctor about how you should take CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN has been studied in adults. The safety and effectiveness of CRIXIVAN in children and adolescents have not been established.

### How should I take CRIXIVAN?

There are six important things you must do to help you benefit from CRIXIVAN:

1. **Take CRIXIVAN capsules every day as prescribed by your doctor.** Continue taking CRIXIVAN unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of CRIXIVAN that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from CRIXIVAN, you must not skip doses or take "drug holidays". If you don't take CRIXIVAN as prescribed, the activity of CRIXIVAN may be reduced (due to resistance).
2. **Take CRIXIVAN capsules every 8 hours around the clock, every day.** It may be easier to remember to take CRIXIVAN if you take it at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take CRIXIVAN, your doctor or health care provider can help you decide what schedule works for you.
3. **If you miss a dose by more than 2 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time.** However, if you miss a dose by less than 2 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of CRIXIVAN at any one time.
4. **Take CRIXIVAN with water.** You can also take CRIXIVAN with other beverages such as skim or non-fat milk, juice, coffee, or tea.
5. **Ideally, take each dose of CRIXIVAN without food but with water at least one hour before or two hours after a meal.** Or you can take CRIXIVAN with a light meal. Examples of light meals include: dry toast with jelly, juice, and coffee (with skim or non-fat milk and sugar if you want) or corn flakes with skim or non-fat milk and sugar. Do not take CRIXIVAN at the same time as any meals that are high in calories, fat, and protein (for example — a bacon and egg breakfast). When taken at the same time as CRIXIVAN, these foods can interfere with CRIXIVAN being absorbed into your bloodstream and may lessen its effect.
6. **It is critical that you drink at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquids (preferably water) throughout the day, every day.** CRIXIVAN can cause kidney stones. Having enough fluids in your body should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

### Does CRIXIVAN cure HIV or AIDS?

CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking CRIXIVAN may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important for you to remain under the care of a doctor. Although CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses, including death, associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

### Does CRIXIVAN reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

CRIXIVAN has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

### Who should not take CRIXIVAN?

Do not take CRIXIVAN if you have had a serious allergic reaction to CRIXIVAN or any of its components.

### What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor?

Talk to your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking CRIXIVAN. We do not yet know how CRIXIVAN affects pregnant women or their developing babies.
- You are breast-feeding. You should stop breast-feeding if you are taking CRIXIVAN.

Also talk to your doctor if you have:

- Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease caused by cirrhosis.
- Problems with your kidneys.
- Diabetes
- Hemophilia
- High cholesterol and you are taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins."

Tell your doctor about any medicines you are taking or plan to take, including non-prescription medicines, herbal products including St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), or dietary supplements.

This medication was prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

This leaflet provides a summary of information about CRIXIVAN. If you have any questions or concerns about either CRIXIVAN or HIV, talk to your doctor.

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Taking CRIXIVAN with the above medications could result in serious or life-threatening problems (such as irregular heartbeat or excessive sleepiness).

In addition, you should not take CRIXIVAN with the following: Rifampin, known as RIFADIN®, RIFAMATE®, RIFATER®, or RIMACTANE®.

It is not recommended to take CRIXIVAN with the cholesterol-lowering drugs MEVACOR® (lovastatin) or ZOCOR® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between CRIXIVAN and LIPITOR® (atorvastatin) and BAYCOL® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take any of these cholesterol-reducing drugs with CRIXIVAN.

Taking CRIXIVAN with St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort is not recommended. Taking St. John's wort has been shown to decrease CRIXIVAN levels and may lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to CRIXIVAN or cross resistance to other antiretroviral drugs.

#### Drugs you can take with CRIXIVAN include:

RETROVIR® (zidovudine, ZDV also called AZT)	EPIVIR™ (lamivudine, 3TC)
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BIAXIN® (clarithromycin)	ORTHO-NOVUM 1/35® (oral contraceptive)
TAGAMET® (cimetidine)	Methadone

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RESCRIPTOR® (delavirdine) — If you take CRIXIVAN with RESCRIPTOR®, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

SPORANOX® (itraconazole) — If you take CRIXIVAN with SPORANOX®, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

SUSTIVA™ (efavirenz) — If you take CRIXIVAN with SUSTIVA™, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

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

Like all prescription drugs, CRIXIVAN can cause side effects. The following is not a complete list of side effects reported with CRIXIVAN when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN developed kidney stones. In some of these patients this led to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure or inflammation of the kidneys. Drinking at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) each day should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had rapid breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia) which in some cases was severe or resulted in death.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had liver problems including liver failure and death. Some patients had other illnesses or were taking other drugs. It is uncertain if CRIXIVAN caused these liver problems.

Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors. In some of these patients, this led to ketoacidosis, a serious condition caused by poorly controlled blood sugar. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients required adjustments to their diabetes medication. Others needed new diabetes medication.

In some patients with hemophilia, increased bleeding has been reported.

Severe muscle pain and weakness have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors, including CRIXIVAN, together with some of the cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins." Call your doctor if you develop severe muscle pain or weakness.

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

#### Clinical Studies

Increases in bilirubin (one laboratory test of liver function) have been reported in approximately 10% of patients. Usually, this finding has not been associated with liver problems. However, on rare occasions, a person may develop yellowing of the skin and/or eyes.

Side effects occurring in 2% or more of patients included: abdominal pain, fatigue or weakness, low red blood cell count, flank pain, painful urination, feeling unwell, nausea, upset stomach, diarrhea, vomiting, acid regurgitation, increased or decreased appetite, back pain, headache, dizziness, taste changes, rash, itchy skin, yellowing of the skin and/or eyes, upper respiratory infection, dry skin, and sore throat.

Swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow occurred rarely.

#### Marketing Experience

Other side effects reported since CRIXIVAN has been marketed include: allergic reactions; severe skin reactions; yellowing of the skin and/or eyes; heart problems including heart attack; abdominal swelling; indigestion; inflammation of the kidneys; inflammation of the pancreas; joint pain; depression; itching; hives; change in skin color; hair loss; ingrown toenails with or without infection; crystals in the urine; painful urination; and numbness of the mouth.

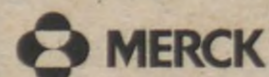
Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

### How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules in the bottle they came in and at room temperature (59°-86°F).
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# Tanqueray Texas AIDS Ride discontinued

Organizers cite low rider turnout, fiscal woes as reasons for dropping annual event; Dallas group may hold similar ride next year

by GIP PLASTER

Citing declining rider participation that resulted in dismal financial returns, Pallotta Team Works announced Tuesday that the three-year-old Tanqueray's Texas AIDS Ride will not be held again.

Only 491 riders made the 325-mile trek this year, down from 619 riders in 1999 and 699 riders in 1998.

The announcement came just over a week after the completion of this year's Houston-to-Dallas event on Oct. 15. The determination was a joint decision made by the Texas beneficiaries and Pallotta.

But the co-executive director of the event's lead beneficiary, the Resource Center of Dallas, said the event will continue in some form—without Pallotta.

"We are going to do a ride in 2001. It'll probably be scaled-down," said Karen Estes, co-executive director of the Resource Center of Dallas.

The Resource Center was the event's lead beneficiary and was responsible for handling the event's finances.

A Tuesday morning Resource Center staff meeting and a meeting this Saturday with some riders are the first steps in planning the new event, she said.

"One thing has been decided: We will not be using the same production company," Estes said.

The center will probably organize the event themselves without the help of an



Low rider turnout and poor financial returns caused promoters of Tanqueray's Texas AIDS Ride to disband the event. Directors of the Resource Center of Dallas say they plan to continue an AIDS ride of some sort next year, but it is still uncertain if the ride would be state wide and whether Houston AIDS agency would benefit from such an event.

outside company, she said.

"Over the last three years we have—the riders have, the crew has—created a wonderful community," she said. "To throw that away would not be the thing to do. We want them. We love them. We need them."

Whether Houston's beneficiaries will participate in the new event being planned by the Resource Center—or whether other Dallas beneficiaries will participate—has not yet been discussed, according to Estes.

In addition to the Resource Center, eight other agencies benefit from the ride and provide seed money, including AIDS Services of Dallas, AIDS Interfaith Network of Tarrant County in Fort Worth, AIDS Services of North Texas in Denton and Plano, AmFAR and the National Minority AIDS Council.

Center for AIDS, New Hope Counseling Center and PWA Coalition benefit in Houston.

Seven other organizations withdrew from the event between 1999 and 2000.

Sara Steen, executive director of the

Center for AIDS and the unofficial leader of the Houston beneficiaries, said she assumes Houston's contingent will be asked to participate in the new event.

But she said she knows little about what's being planned. While the Resource Center has tried to contact her, they have not yet made contact. Before any planning can be done, she said she will have to know more and meet with other beneficiaries.

"Our community here hasn't gotten together about it," she said.

## Dismal and worsening

The first Texas AIDS Ride in 1998, a seven-day event, grossed almost \$2.7 million and drew 699 riders, but ride expenses resulted in a net return to the beneficiaries of only \$376,000—or 14.12 percent.

In an effort to cut costs, organizers dropped an Austin to Houston leg after the

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# Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus makes endorsements

Group throws support behind mostly Democrats, some Green Party candidates and a handful of Republicans

by ELLA TYLER

The Harris County Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee endorsement for the Nov. 7 General Election have been released and while most of the candidates are Democrats, the group is also endorsing several Green Party candidates.

According to Clarence Bagby, co-chair of the PAC's screening committee, the endorsements are: For president, Al Gore, Democrat. For U.S. Senate, Doug Sandage, Green Party.

In races for the U.S. House of Representatives, Jeff Snell, District 7; Nick

Lampson, District 9; Sheila Jackson Lee, District 18; Ken Bentsen, District 25 and Gene Green, District 29; have been endorsed. All are Democrats.

Appeals and William R. Barr, also a Democrat, was endorsed for Place 2 on that court, the highest court in the state for criminal matters.

State Sen. John Whitmire, a Democrat, was

We hope to have a lot of new voters because the GLPC voter registrations committee, chaired by Deborah Rogers and Mike

Bodan, registered nearly 1,000 new voters.

—Clarence Bagby, PAC co-chair

Green Party members, Charlie Mauch, a candidate for an unexpired term on the Texas Rail Road Commission; Gary Dugger, a candidate for a full term on the commission; and Ben Levy, a candidate for Texas Supreme Court, Place 1, were endorsed at the PAC's October meeting.

There are no Democrat candidates in these three races.

Democrat Bill Vance was endorsed for Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal

endorsed for reelection. In races for the Texas House of Representatives, Democrats Fred Lounger, Dist. 130; Michael Skadden, Dist. 134; Debra Danburg, Dist. 137; Ken Yarbrough, Dist. 138; Joe Moreno, Dist. 143; Donald Sepolio, Dist. 144; Rick Noriega, Dist. 145 and Garnet Coleman, Dist. 148 were endorsed.

Incumbent Yarbrough faces a particularly difficult race, Clarence Bagby, co-chair of the PAC Screening Committee said.

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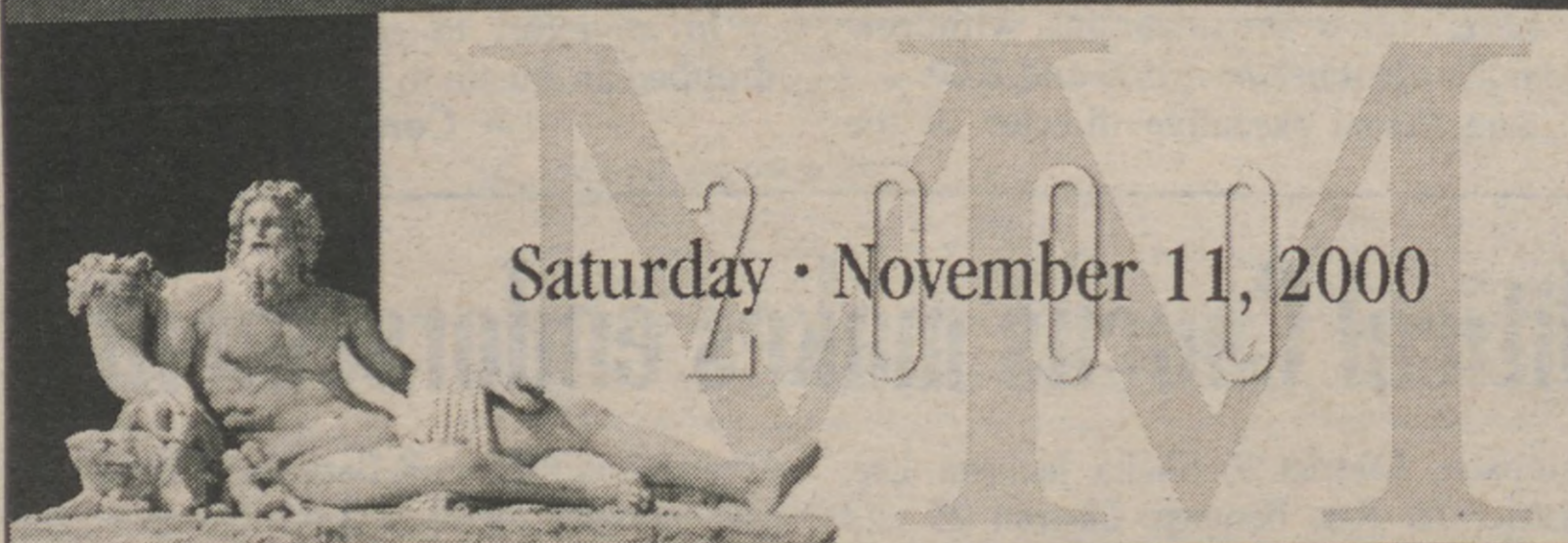
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### Ky. Big Brothers, Big Sisters bans gay volunteers

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP)—The local chapter of Big Brothers-Big Sisters, which links children with adult mentors, will no longer allow homosexuals to participate in the program. The board voted 10-9 to bar openly gay volunteers following a closed-door meeting Wednesday. Board members had raised concerns about health issues and fear that it would create confusion among children over sexual preference matters, said Sue Krampe, executive director. The debate on whether to continue to allow homosexuals to mentor children surfaced recently after Brian Combs, a case manager and minister at Christ View Christian Church, quit after learning a homosexual was a mentor in the program. Combs had been the only person to raise a complaint prior to the first vote. But since then, the agency has fielded 18 telephone calls in opposition to allowing homosexuals in the program, Krampe said. Volunteers had been asked their sexual orientation during the initial screening process and parents were allowed to veto a match based on their answers. The board will decide later when the new policy takes effect, Krampe said.

### Ventura opposes enhanced penalties for hate crimes in Minnesota

ST. PAUL (AP)—Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura said Oct. 20 that he didn't support a hate crimes law for his state because sentences should carry equal weight regardless of who is victimized or why. "What's the difference if one does it out of bias or hate or if someone does it while robbing the 7-Eleven?" Ventura said. "It's a dangerous slippery slope to determine why one did it and why one is more serious than the other." One caller to Ventura's show, who identified himself as Dale of Rochester, challenged Ventura's view. "Shouldn't there be a difference if you kill someone because they're black or because they're a Jew?" he asked. Ventura asked Dale how he would "explain to the family of a person murdered that it was not a hate crime and the person doesn't get sentenced as severely as someone else who does a hate crime, who gets sentenced worse?" Similarly, Ventura said he doesn't support additional penalties for people who kill policemen or public officials.

### Mass. teen who won right to dress as girl at school fears for safety

BROCKTON, Mass.—A teen who won the right to wear girl's clothing to school has yet to reenroll because family members fear it isn't safe, the *Boston Globe* reported. The 15-year-old, identified as Pat Doe, is being tutored at home until school officials provide assurances there won't be problems. Jennifer Levi, an attorney for the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders of Boston who represents Doe, said that some officials have "clear hostility" toward the teen. Levi says the school should host training sessions on sexual orientation and gender identity. School Superintendent Joseph Bage agreed with Levi's concerns. "I'd be a liar if I said I didn't," said Bage, who reiterated his disappointment with the judge's ruling and said the school district will probably appeal the decision. Doe's grandmother, who said she has lived with the child almost since birth, said Doe was pleased with the judge's ruling and wants to return to eighth grade. "School has been a horror show; it's just been one incident after another," she said.

### Gifts totaling \$3 million to help gays at colleges in Penn., N.H.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A gay alumni couple has announced a \$2 million gift for a new gay and lesbian student center for the University of Pennsylvania. David Goodhand, 37, and Vincent Griski, 36, said the money will be used to renovate a building to house the university's 18-year-old Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center. The center will offer office space and a social gathering area for at least 10 on-campus groups for gay men and lesbians. In Hanover, N.H., Dartmouth College has received a \$1 million donation to boost programs and support for gay students. The gift is from alumnus Roger Klorese, who helped start the school's first organization for gay students in the 1970s, and his partner, composer David Haney.



David Goodhand (left) and partner Vincent Griski on the University of Pennsylvania campus recently as the gay couple announced a \$2 million donation for a new gay student center.

### Debate in Hawaii schools over gay harassment rules gets heated

HONOLULU—The Hawaii school board will vote Nov. 2 on whether to include specific protections for gay students in the current revision of the board's anti-harassment rules, the *Honolulu Advertiser* reported. The proposed rule would bar students from harassing others because of gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation. "It's going to be split," said board member Winston Sakurai. "It looks like it's going to be 7-6 either way." The debate on the issue has grown increasingly heated. Some are comparing the level of rancor to that generated by the same-sex marriage controversy in 1998, and with nine of 13 positions on the board up for election in November, board members are feeling the political heat. "I've told the members that you have to stand up and be counted on this one," said chair Mitsugi Nakashima said. He also told his fellow board members that their priority should be protecting the children, not their own religious beliefs.

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# Whose Side Are You On?

## The Record on Gay & Lesbian Issues



**Gore**



**Bush**

### Appointments

**YES** The Clinton/Gore administration has appointed over 150 openly gay men and lesbians to executive and judicial offices, and Gore indicates that he will continue this legacy.

**NO** "An openly known homosexual is somebody who probably wouldn't share my philosophy (*Time*, Feb. 28, 2000)."

### Ending Workplace Discrimination

**YES** Gore supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and will continue the 1998 landmark executive order against discrimination in the federal civilian workforce.

**NO** Bush refused to adopt a non-discrimination policy inclusive of sexual orientation for his office and Governor of Texas. He also has not stated support for ENDA.

### Hate Crimes Prevention

**YES** "Violence against gays & lesbians must end now. As president, I will continue to fight for enactment of a hate crimes law which includes sexual orientation."

**NO** In 1999, Bush opposed adding "sexual orientation" to the hate crimes law of Texas.

### Fighting HIV/AIDS

**YES** Gore fought for expanded Medicaid coverage for people with HIV/AIDS, including supporting legislation to protect individuals who are able to return to work from losing their federal health benefits.

**NO** Bush is opposed to key HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, including efforts targeted towards providing information on safer sex to young Americans.

### Gay adoptions

**YES** He believes that adoption decisions should be made in the best interest of the child and not based on prejudice. He supports leaving such decisions to adoption agencies, parents, and professionals—not politicians.

**NO** "I'm against gay adoptions. I believe children ought to be adopted in families with a woman and a man who are married."

### Domestic Partners

**YES** While not supporting marriage in name, Gore "supports extending the legal and economic benefits that accrue to married couples to domestic partners..."

**NO** Bush supported the Texas state sodomy law as a symbolic gesture of "traditional values," indicating his disbelief in the legitimacy of gay & lesbian relationships.

### Equality

**YES** "It is time for all Americans to recognize that the issues that face gays and lesbians in this country are not narrow, special interests; they are matters of basic human civil rights."

**NO** Bush has made little effort to reach out to the gay & lesbian community. He promises to abolish the White House post, established by Clinton, which serves as a liaison to the gay community.

### Gays in the Military

**YES** Gore supports elimination of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in favor of allowing gays & lesbians to serve openly.

**NO** Bush is opposed to gay and lesbian Americans serving openly in the military. He supports the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

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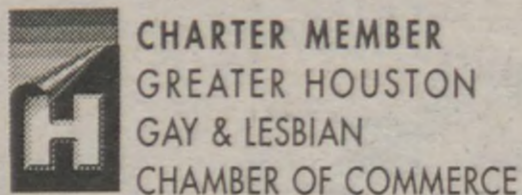


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## The tyranny of the swing-state 'undecideds'

by CHRIS CRAIN

Who would have guessed even a year ago that candidates for president in the year 2000 would talk more than anything else about issues like the availability of prescription drugs under Medicare and partial privatization of Social Security?

Is it any wonder that gay and lesbian voters under the age of 65 don't feel too energized to turnout for Al Gore, even if no major party nominee for president in the history of the Republic has been more supportive of gay civil rights?

For years, our civil rights have been dismissed by political operatives as "a narrow, single-issue agenda," but the topics that dominated the three presidential debates, and most of the candidates' stump speeches, are just about as narrow.

The difference is that gay voters haven't been admitted to that special clique that has the laser-beam focus of both major party candidates: "the undecideds."

In numbers, gay voters—even *openly* gay voters—dwarf this poll-driven class of the undecideds, who have supplanted "soccer moms" as the darlings of this campaign season. To gain entry, not only must your mind not be made up despite months

of campaigning, but you must also live in one of a dozen "swing states," mostly in the midwest and northwest, whose Electoral College delegates are considered in play.

Even openly gay voters outnumber these 'undecideds,' who are getting all of the candidates' last-minute attention.

That's why we've heard almost nothing from the candidates about divisive social issues like gay civil rights, abortion and affirmative action. Rarely has there even been attention to the issues relevant to most big city dwellers. Only when pressed by journalists do these subjects come up at all, and even then we get little more than sound bites.

This is no way to elect a president. Given the importance of the office, we should demand of these two candidates a more complete discussion of a broader range of issues, relevant to the lives of more voters.

It's also no way to get elected. On its face, it may seem eminently reasonable to tailor positions to what the pollsters tell us

these swing-state undecideds think are the important issues. But there's an element of human nature missing here.

If, after months and months of campaigning, these undecideds still can't make up their minds, it's safe to say they're not exactly leaders.

In an election like this one, where the poll numbers have stayed unbelievably close, appealing to a broader range of voters in the bigger states might break the polling deadlock. History has proven that no one loves a bandwagon like last-minute undecideds.

Either way, the candidates would be better served energizing voters—including racial and ethnic minorities, as well as gays—who are far more likely than the undecideds to turn out on Election Day.

Instead we've been treated to a bizarre election season where the sitting vice president only rarely mentions eight years of peace and prosperity, and both candidates fall all over themselves to blur any difference they have on the issues.

Al Gore should remember that issues are his friend; no one thinks he'd win an election decided on personality. Maybe, in these closing days, he will find his voice on issues relevant to the rest of us, whether we're decided or not.



## VIEWPOINT

### Will the real 'nice guy' finish first on Nov. 7?

by MELINDA SHELTON

Following last week's final debate between presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush, a

voter said she'd finally fallen from the indecision fence.

The woman appeared on a top-ranked morning news show and announced her choice: George W. Bush. Why Bush? "Because he seems like a genuinely nice guy." A woman spoke those words.

That same day, Capitol Police reported Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton missing from their Rotunda memorial. No doubt they'd gone in search of this woman—and planned to use one of those fence planks to smack some sense into her pretty little demented head.

Being a "nice guy" shouldn't be the determining factor in choosing the leader of the most powerful country in the world. Spin doctors have done a remarkable job creating an image for this man who comes off as dumb as a sack of rocks. A likeable sack of rocks.

Good ol' George even made David Letterman bust a gut last week. On his Top 10 list of things he'll do as president: "Give the Oval Office a good scrubbin'." Grin, shift beady eyes, wink.

What 'chall willing to bet that once the cleaning crew's done moppin' and such, old GW'll pull out a foot-long stogie, light it up, and order his cook-staff to rustle up some Texas-sized weenies that he'll roast over the Oval Office trash barrel?

Nice guy. George W. Bush's path to the

Texas governor's mansion was paved with money and family connections. His record on the environment, education, extending health care to the elderly and children, and passing effective tax reform is dismal at best. He has never supported any gay rights issues.

The trail to the White House may well be paved with the same ingredients: money, connections, and a well-rehearsed good ol' boy routine designed to mask his ineptitude as an effective leader.

I remember when a governor from Georgia swept onto the national political scene, determined to reach the White House. Jimmy Carter promptly became the butt of countless jokes because he had a deep Southern drawl, a drunk for a brother, a mama who threatened his detractors in terms only a mama could get away with, a soft-spoken wife, and a daughter who was vilified for her plainness.

Back then I resented Jimmy Carter's accent being used as a weapon against him—and all Southerners. This time I resent George W. Bush using a manufactured Texas twang to fool voters into believing he's really just a nice guy who trusts people to do the right thing.

Gullible—and jaded—voters are being bamboozled by a drawl that's as exaggerated as GW's qualifications. What we really have here is a rich man with family influence and an almost non-existent public service record, a Republican Party desperate for a win, and way too many voters falling for his medicine show routine.

Poor Al. The man's smart, attractive, competent, seems to be a faithful and lov-



George W. Bush uses a manufactured Texas twang to fool voters into believing he's really just a nice guy who trusts people to do the right thing.

ing husband and father, and has vast on-the-job training and an impressive performance record. While he hasn't always been 100 percent behind all gay rights issues, Gore has publicly expressed support—at great political risk.

The problem is many people think Al's too good to be true. In his case, being confident in his ability to lead our country has come off as inside-the-Beltway arrogance.

George W. Bush is a different story. Right now a lot of folks are lapping up GW's manufactured good ol' boy image like water-starved jackasses at a drawn-down pond.

Let's hope on Nov. 7 the people will do the right thing—just like GW says.

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VIEWPOINT

# A little gay PDA can go a long way for harassers

by JENNIFER VANASCO

I look like a girl. I'm short. I have long hair and cleavage. I wear feminine things, like dresses and strappy sandals and jewelry.

So I get catcalls, sure, but I'm never harassed for being a lesbian.

At least, not when I'm alone. The lack of harassment in my life ended when I started dating my girlfriend Jen.

Jen is tall, and she wears her hair short. She dresses in typical lesbian butch style—that is, like a boy. Sometimes, when waitresses are glancing at us quickly and not really looking, they will refer to her as "sir."

Most people, when they look at us, can tell right away that we are a lesbian couple. But others are surprised on their third or fourth glance to realize that we're both women.

And when they're surprised, they can get mean. It's as if, by not conforming to society's gender norms, we have given up our own right to privacy, our ability to be tenderly affectionate with each other in public without public comment.

People who don't understand why two women would want to be together act as if it is their duty to express disbelief and disgust.

But there are different kinds of harassment, I've found.

There's the in-need-of-a-little-educat-

tion type. If you can have a favorite kind of harassment, then for me this would be it.

One day, Jen and I were walking along in a very lesbian section of a beach. We stopped to kiss and soon there was a clutch of pre-teens ogling us from a bench. "Ooooo," said one of the girls. Another started singing, "Let's get it on!"

Jen blushed and turned away. I looked at them and smiled.

Jen was leaning against the railing, kissing me, when a man approached us. 'Sir,' he said to Jen, and I felt her stiffen.

'Sir, buy your lady a light-up rose?'

The chanteuse stopped mid-word and stared at us. "They're both girls!" she screamed to her friends.

"Are you lesbians?" they shouted to us, calling from a distance—not wanting to get too close, it seemed, but not wanting to leave us alone, either.

"Yes," I said. I came closer. They backed up. "What questions do you have?" I said. Mostly, they wanted to know about sex. I told them to ask their parents.

We turned to leave, and one of the girls ran up to us, stopping a few feet away. "My aunt is a lesbian," she said.

"I'm sure she's very happy," I said.

"She's my favorite aunt," she whis-

pered, and ran back to her friends.

That was a good interaction. Then there is the other kind.

There are confusing ones. Jen and I were holding hands one warm summer evening when a homeless man lurched toward us and asked for change. We demurred. He walked a few steps further, turned around, and yelled, "fag-gots!"

I should have been amused instead of angry. Clearly, this was someone who

was powerless and was trying to exert some control. But I was furious. I felt the blaze roar through my stomach and blaze up around my neck.

I'm sure there were many things I could have said in that moment, many things I could have done. But all I could shout back, in the hot rush of anger, was something inane like, "Well, at least we have a home!"

Then there was that time near a famous fountain, where tourists swarm to view the lights in the summer. Jen was leaning against the railing, kissing me, when a man approached us.

"Sir," he said, and I felt her stiffen.

"Sir, buy your lady a light-up rose? How

about a rose for the lady?" The man craned his neck between us, as if proximity were persuasive.

"No, thank you," Jen said politely. Her voice sounds like the woman she is.

Startled, the man jumped backwards half a step. "You're both girls?" he said, as jumpy as if Mr. Ed had whispered, "Hiya, handsome," in his ear. "You're girls?"

He ran from us, looking backward every now and then, as if we'd be following him with some weapon of death.

This is all low-level harassment. I've never had anyone invade my space and yell. I've never been spit at. I've never been kicked, punched, beaten, slashed, shot at. I hope none of those things will ever happen to me.

But you know what? Low-level harassment is enough. It is enough to make us feel like second-class citizens. It is enough to make us hesitate for an instant every time we take hands or kiss in public. It is enough to make us feel helpless and angry and afraid.

I refuse to stop being affectionate with Jen in public just to hedge against the harassment. It is my baby step to change the world.

It might not be enough. But right now, it's all I have.

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## The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green...

...by Eric Orner

**Tired Guy  
versus  
Fresh Guy**

**Fresh Guy is snickering because Tired Guy doesn't know how to work the phone.**



**Fresh Guy thinks this is "rully" funny & annoyingly, is making this rully clear.**



**Tired Guy has had enuff of Fresh Guy's crap. He knows how to work a cell phone, OK? He's just never used one of these flip phones before. Like, big deal.**



**Tired Guy does however, does know how to use a magic wand, like this one here, which he got from a Radical Fairie he once dated.**



**Tired Guy thinks maybe it's time to send Fresh Guy away. Howzabout a time & place with weird phones.**



# HRC: Case donation funding 'assembly line of hate'

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Steve and Jean Case agree with the idea that gays can change.

Meanwhile, AOL itself has not yet responded to criticism from gay activists, including the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights group that has received donations from AOL in the past.

The controversy is not the first time the online service provider has found itself in hot water with gay users [see sidebar, page 16]. In the most high profile case, AOL drew fire after an employee violated privacy rules and revealed to a caller the name of a member using the online name "Boysrch, almost resulting in the discharge of Navy officer Timothy McVeigh under the military's ban on openly gay service members.

Still, activists said they were "shocked" by the Case donation, since AOL settled with McVeigh, apologized for the error and has acknowledged gay men and lesbians in press releases as one of AOL's largest online "communities."

AOL has also sponsored gay rights events, including a festival at April's Millennium March on Washington and HRC's national fund-raising dinner. In addition, AOL is a major investor in PlanetOut, which offers gay-related news, travel, shopping, e-mail, message boards, chat rooms and other services online.

HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch

sent a letter to Steve Case last week, demanding a "clear explanation" of the donation to Westminster and asking him to "reconsider this decision."

"We find it unfathomable how your family could reward a school inexorably linked to teachings that say gay and lesbian Americans are not worthy of dignity, respect and full citizenship," Birch wrote.

"From our point of view, your gift will only create an assembly line of hate and intolerance, where the minds of impressionable young men and a woman will be poisoned with divisive rhetoric that tears apart the fabric of our diverse society," she said.

Calls to AOL requesting comment on the donation were returned by a spokesperson for the Case Foundation, a separate personal foundation funded by the Case family.

Case Foundation Vice President Pam McGraw said the donation, which has already been given and cannot be withdrawn, was not made by the foundation, but instead by Steve and Jean Case personally. The Cases made a similar donation to Steve Case's childhood alma mater, Punahou School of Hawaii, she said.

E-mailed questions sent to Steve Case, AOL Vice President David Eisner and Richard Socarides, a former White House gay liaison who now works for AOL, did not receive responses by press time. Further calls to AOL requesting comment from the

company's perspective also were not returned.

## Gifts 'send a bad message'

Initial press reports indicated the donation came from the Case Foundation. Individuals have the right to support whatever groups they choose, HRC acknowledged, but even with the clarification that the Cases gave the money individually, "the gift still sends a bad message, to our community particularly," said HRC Communications Director David Smith.

Smith said he was "equally disturbed" by news this week that the Case Foundation had also supported churches with ex-gay ministries.

Examining the foundation's 1998 tax returns, Gay.com Editor Michelangelo Signorile discovered the group had given \$100,000 to the McLean Bible Church, a high-profile fundamentalist church close to the Cases' Virginia home.

McLean Pastor Lon Solomon preaches against homosexuality, and a church spokesperson said it works with two ex-gay ministries. According to the Wall Street Journal, Steve Case has been seen worshipping at the church.

Also in 1998, the latest year for which tax returns were available online, the Case Foundation gave \$260,000 to the Billy Graham Evangelical Society, as well as \$500,000 to Westminster Academy.

At press time, Smith said HRC had not received a direct response from AOL to its letter, and the statement from Jean Case was not enough to answer the group's concerns.

"I think we still seek a further clarification of what this gift is about or an acknowledgment of how it could be perceived, and an attempt on their part to try and assuage fears and explain why this gift should not be seen as supporting the anti-gay actions of James Kennedy," he said.

"We would like to see a clear repudiation of reparative therapy and the anti-gay positions of [Coral Ridge]."

Nevertheless, HRC believes Case should be given "the benefit of the doubt" due to AOL's past support of gay rights causes, and the group is not calling for a boycott or other specific action at this time, Smith said.

"But we in no shape or form are letting the situation drop," he added. "We will pursue this until we get an answer, and then proceed appropriately."

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# Publisher: Controversial gay-themed books designed to help youth cope

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amplified, student-led prayers before football games, and it has recently been sued for allowing anti-Semitic harassment of a student.

## Judge rules against book banning in Wichita Falls

Every year for the past 20 years, the American Library Association has designated the last week in September as "Banned Books Week." Bookstores across the country display "banned books" such as "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "The Handmaiden's Tale," and "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl." Trendy booksellers wear their "I read banned books" buttons.

This year, Banned Book Week had something to celebrate. On Sept. 19, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's ruled that a Wichita Falls ordinance allowing library patrons to petition to move controversial materials out of the library's children's section was unconstitutional.

The rule had been adopted to resolve a controversy over "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate," two children's books that address gay parenting. The city decided the following week that it would not appeal the ruling.

"Heather Has Two Mommies," which celebrated its 10th anniversary in June, and

"Daddy's Roommate" are innocuous books for young children that both are on the ALA's Top Ten List of banned books from 1990 to 1999.

"Heather," by Leslea Newman, is about a child who was conceived through artificial insemination and is being parented by two lesbians. "Daddy's Roommate" is written from the point of view of a boy who likes visiting his father and his father's lover.

Buchmeyer said the rule violated the First Amendment and said "[S]peech cannot be burdened, any more than it can be punished or banned, simply because it might offend a hostile mob."

The suit was brought by the ACLU on behalf of 19 residents of the city.

Most current censorship attempts, 71 percent, occur in schools and school libraries, according to the ALA. Grounds for challenge include sexual explicit material, offensive language, occult themes and promotion of homosexuality.



Challenges to violence and racism are less frequent than challenges for sexual explicitness or promotion of the occult.

In fact, the four Harry Potter books were the most often challenged books in 1999.

Judy Blume, who writes young adult books that deal frankly with sexual issues, is the most challenged author over the past decade.

Not all challenges to books result in their being removed from the library or curriculum. In fact, most are ultimately unsuccessful. However, according to the ALA "attempts to censor lead to voluntary curtailment of expression by those

who seek to avoid controversy, a situation far more critical than an actual banning.

The books "When Someone You Know is Gay," by Susan and Daniel Cohen; "A Way of Love, A Way of Life: A Young Person's Introduction to What It Means to Be Gay," by Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham,

and "Two Teenagers in Twenty," by Ann Herson, have all been challenged recently.

Dan Cullinane of Alyson Publishing, which publishes "Two Teenagers in Twenty," "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate," says, "As publishers, we don't get involved in these issues. It's inappropriate for us, because we're not disinterested."

"It's the librarians who defend their right to put books that they think are beneficial to the public on their shelves. It's the taxpayers money that buys the books, and defends the lawsuits."

"I have the headline from the Wichita Falls paper taped over my computer, and I love the judge's opinion. It's so calm and reasoned," Cullinane said. "The other thing I enjoyed is that 'Heather Has Two Mommies' is one of the books that Barnes and Noble required every store to display in September for the 'Close the Book on Hate' campaign."

"We published 'Heather Has Two Mommies' and 'Daddy's Roommate' because, as Leslea says 'books can validate a life, and for children to see their lives, makes them feel more real'."

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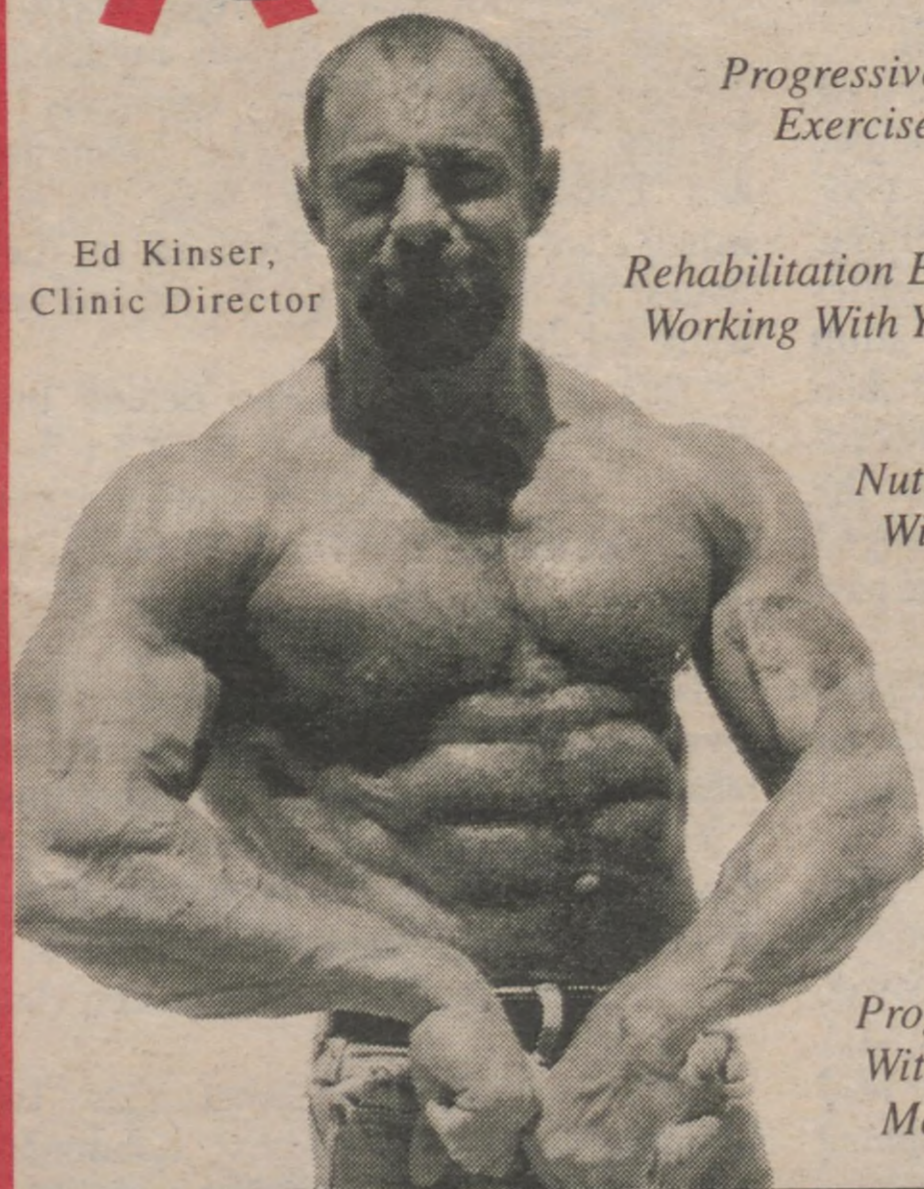
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# health news

## More gay men get hepatitis vaccines, but not enough, study says

SAN FRANCISCO—A survey conducted for the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association suggests that vaccination rates for hepatitis A and B have increased significantly in large urban areas, but that a majority of men who have sex with men remain unprotected from the viruses. The results are based on a random sampling of 2,566 men who attended Gay Pride events in 1999 and 2000. This year's 10-city survey, which also included attendees of the Millennium March on Washington, showed a jump of 13 percent for hepatitis A vaccinations and six percent for hepatitis B vaccinations over the previous year. When all cities are averaged, 35.5 percent of respondents were vaccinated against hepatitis A infection, and 38.9 percent were protected from hepatitis B. But public health officials caution that the rates of vaccination among gay and bisexual men are still lower than they need to be to protect the community from future outbreaks of the disease.

## Report argues that doctors should be able to keep HIV status secret

CHICAGO (AP)—A leading health policy expert says the government should no longer compel HIV-infected doctors to tell patients about their disease. Lawrence Gostin of Georgetown University Law Center said the current rules "pose significant human rights burdens" and are not supported by recent data showing the risk of doctor-patient transmission is extremely low. Gostin's proposal was published in the Oct. 18 issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The movement to force physicians to admit their HIV infections began with the 1991 death of Kimberly Bergalis, who was infected with HIV by her dentist. At that time, the CDC adopted guidelines requiring HIV-infected health workers to reveal their infection to patients undergoing invasive procedures. But since then, only two other patients in France have had their infections linked to health care workers, Gostin said. Kimberly Bergalis' father disagreed. "The same attitudes in place today are the same ones that caused us to lose our daughter," said George Bergalis. The guidelines are being evaluated under a routine review by the CDC.



Kimberly Bergalis was infected with HIV in 1991 by her dentist, leading to new rules that compel HIV-infected doctors to tell patients, guidelines now under review by the CDC.

## Vaccine may not cure AIDS, but could help body build defense, study says

WASHINGTON (AP)—An AIDS vaccine tested in monkeys does not prevent the animals from becoming infected, but does prompt the body to mount a defense strong enough to keep the disease in check. In a study appearing Oct. 20 in the journal *Science*, researchers report that Rhesus monkeys inoculated with the vaccine and then injected with the virus developed strong immune system cells that controlled the infection. The results suggest, but do not prove, that a similar vaccine developed for humans might control an HIV infection, said Dr. Normal L. Letvin, senior author of the study. Letvin said the vaccine works by invigorating CD8 lymphocytes in the immune system, which have the job of seeking out and destroying cells in the body that have been infected with virus. The vaccine caused a rapid rise in the number of CD8 cells and enabled the immune system to keep the AIDS virus from causing serious illness in 12 inoculated monkeys.

## Clinton signs AIDS funding bill with focus on non-gay HIV transmissions

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—President Clinton signed legislation Oct. 20 authorizing more than \$1 billion a year for AIDS prevention and treatment. The five-year reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act includes new provisions that HIV infection data, as well as cases of full-blown AIDS, be used to determine how federal money will be apportioned to individual states. Supporters say that will mean more money for programs that help infants, women, minorities and people in rural areas. "America has the resources to win the battle against AIDS, and we are well on the way to winning it," said Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), a sponsor of the legislation. The bill approves \$20 million a year for programs to reduce HIV transmission from mothers to their babies and \$30 million for programs to encourage those infected with HIV to notify their partners.

## Surgeon General wants partnerships to fight AIDS in minority communities

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Federal health officials are seeking partnerships with Hispanic and black communities as the AIDS epidemic disproportionately affects those groups, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher said Oct. 19 during the "HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color" at St. Mary's University. "This is America's problem. Whatever effects the most vulnerable population in this country ultimately impacts us all," Satcher said. The number of new cases has fallen from 150,000 a year to about 40,000 as public education and prevention campaigns have taken hold, Satcher told a local newspaper. But new infections are disproportionately being found among blacks, Hispanics, women and young people.

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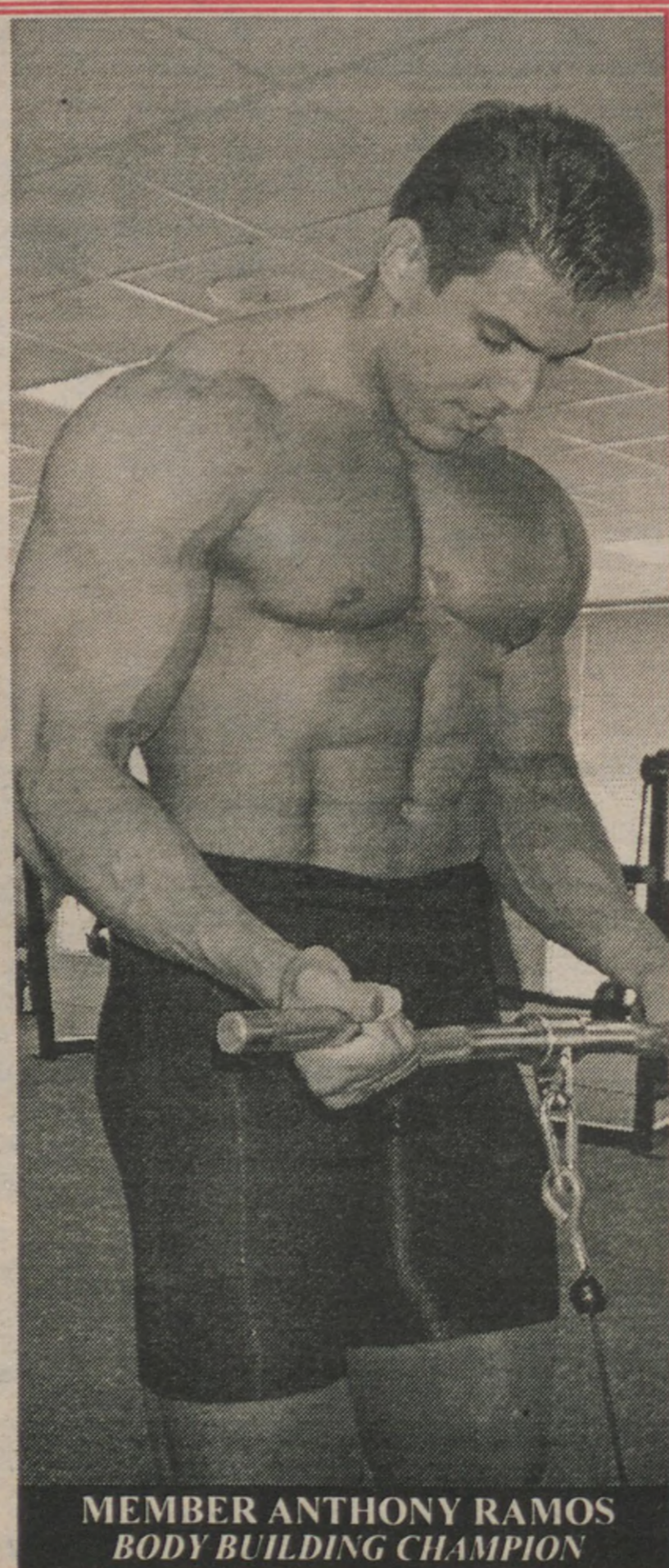
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## First openly lesbian Tel Aviv councilmember to visit Houston

Michal Eden set to speak at HLGCC Saturday morning

by MARIA MINICUCCI

Houston's LGBT communities are a hotbed of political activities working to improve LGBT quality of life at home and across the country. This week, LGBT political vision has expanded to a global level by organizing a visit by Michal Eden, the first openly lesbian city official to be elected in Tel Aviv.

Eden's portfolio of political credentials includes holding office as a city council woman for Tel Aviv-Jaffa, chairperson for the Committee for the Advancement of Women's Rights, chairperson for the Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and chairperson for the Committee Against AIDS.

Eden represents herself and her political position as "a proud voice for change." She attributes her beginnings in the political arena to a personal tragedy.

"In 1990, my brother tried to kill me when he found out that I was a lesbian," she said.

By 1998, Eden won an elected seat in Tel Aviv's City Council. Among the initiatives she undertook as councilwoman was developing a shelter for runaway LGBT youth; the first ever in the city.

"The majority of lesbians and gays in Tel Aviv are hiding deep in the closet and scared to... face rejection by family and friends," Eden said.

Eden's commitment to the LGBT population and to change is reflected in the activities she has been involved in since she was elected.

These include: implementing women-friendly sexual harassment laws, affirmative action policies regarding women hired for municipal jobs, honoring key Israeli women by renaming city streets, implementing mandatory training for educators about lesbian and gay issues, sponsored the first Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Tel Aviv.

Eden is currently visiting LGBT communities throughout the United States to convey information about what is taking place globally around LGBT issues.

This Saturday, Oct. 28, Eden will be at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne, at 10 a.m.

## Organizers pull plug on Texas AIDS Ride

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1998 event because of poor support from Austin agencies. The 1999 event was trimmed to four days, 325-mile trek from Houston to Dallas.

In addition, an Austin office was closed and the Houston office moved into donated space. Staff was also reduced.

Organizers said at the time that the changes, and the fact that start up equipment like tents and computers would not have to be bought again, would lower the costs of fund-raising and allow more money to be returned to agencies.

But 1999 numbers show a slightly higher percentage of return on investment, but drew fewer riders.

"I think the results from the first year were hard to overcome, Estes said.

The 1999 event grossed just over \$2.1 million and brought out 619 riders, but after costs were deducted, only \$303,000—or 16.52 percent—was returned on the beneficiaries' investment.

In 2000, 491 riders participated. Each was required to raise at least \$2,300 in donations. The riders raised \$1.8 million in gross donations. Expenses will be deducted from that amount, but a final accounting is not expected for months.

Another factor contributing to the high



Carl Ekman and Larry Townsend were two of the 491 riders who participated in Tanqueray's Texas AIDS Ride 2000. Dismal financial returns and low rider turnout have caused organizers to pull the plug on the event, but directors of the Resource Center of Dallas say they plan to continue an AIDS ride of some sort next year.

cost of fund-raising is riders who register but do not ride, according to Pallotta. For each person registered, organizers must provide food, tents and other supplies.

In 1998 and 1999, about 1,300 people registered. This year, 960 people registered.

Since 1994, AIDS Ride around the country have taken in about \$128 million and about \$70 million has been returned to agencies. The exact percentage returned to agencies is 54.41 percent, according to the most recent numbers available.

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# GLPC endorses mostly Democrats

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"We can't be complacent about Danburg's race, and Donald Sepolio, who is challenging Robert Talton, is doing very well," Bagby said.

Talton sponsored the unsuccessful bill to prohibit gay adoption. Representatives.

Incumbent State Representatives Scott Hochberg, Kevin Bailey and Jessica Farrar, who are all unopposed Democrats, sought and received the PAC endorsement.

Democrat Grant U. Hardway, Sr., was endorsed for Judge of the 337 District Court and fellow Democrat Mary Thompson, was endorsed for Judge, First Court of Appeals, Place 2.

Democrat James S. (Jim) Dougherty was endorsed for Harris County District Attorney, a position that became open when long-time District Attorney Johnny Holmes decided not to run for re-election.

Bruce Mosier, D, was endorsed for Judge, County Civil Court at Law No. 1. Mosier's name was accidentally omitted in the first printing of GLPC-PAC endorsement cards, Bagby said, "but he is an excellent candidate and everyone should vote for him."

John Webb, D, was endorsed for Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Two Republicans picked up PAC endorsements. Daniel Vela, a candidate for Harris County Constable, Precinct 2, and John Buchanan, candidate for re-election as Harris County School Trustee, At Large Position 3.

Perry Wooton, D, who is unopposed in his race for Harris County Constable, Precinct 7 was also endorsed.

PAC endorsement cards will be available at many locations in the Montrose/Heights area and have been mailed to several thousand voters, Bagby said.

In addition, "card-pushers" will be handing out the

endorsement card at about two dozen Montrose/Heights precincts.

"We hope to have a lot of new voters because the GLPC voter registrations committee, chaired by Deborah Rogers and Mike Bodan, registered nearly 1,000 new voters," Bagby said.

Before receiving the GLPC-PAC endorsement, the candidate must complete a written questionnaire and be interviewed by a screening committee. Candidates are scored on their position on a variety of issues important to the GLBT community and on the quality of the campaign.

The candidate must commit to including the GLPC endorsement on any campaign literature that includes more than three endorsements. The screening committee makes recommendations to the entire Political Action Committee, which then makes the endorsement.

Scott Simpson and Bagby co-chaired the screening committee. Committee members were Lucy Watson, Tim Burns, Karl Reinhardt and Deborah Moncrief Bell.



Clarence Bagby

## Voters may cast ballots early

by ELLA TYLER

Although Election Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 7, any registered voter may vote early without an excuse or reason at any one of 29 early polling locations in Harris County.

On Friday, Oct. 27, the early polling locations are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, they will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, from 1 to 7 p.m.

From Monday, Oct. 30 to Friday, Nov. 3, the early polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Two early poll locations that are convenient to the Montrose area are 1319 Texas and the Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray.

For other locations call the Harris County Clerk at 713-755-5792 or visit [www.co.harris.tx.us/clerk/elect.htm](http://www.co.harris.tx.us/clerk/elect.htm).

Voters who are disabled, older than 65, or who will be out of town or in jail on election day may also vote by mail. Applications for ballots must be received by the County Clerk by Nov. 1 and the ballot must be returned by the close of business on Nov. 7.

In addition to the General Election for President and various federal, state and county offices, the other issues on the ballot are: a referendum on the construction of a sports arena; a referendum about the use of sales tax revenue if the city of Houston is awarded the 2012 Olympics; a bond election for the city of Bellaire and, for the city of West University, a set of charter amendments and a pay raise for police officers.

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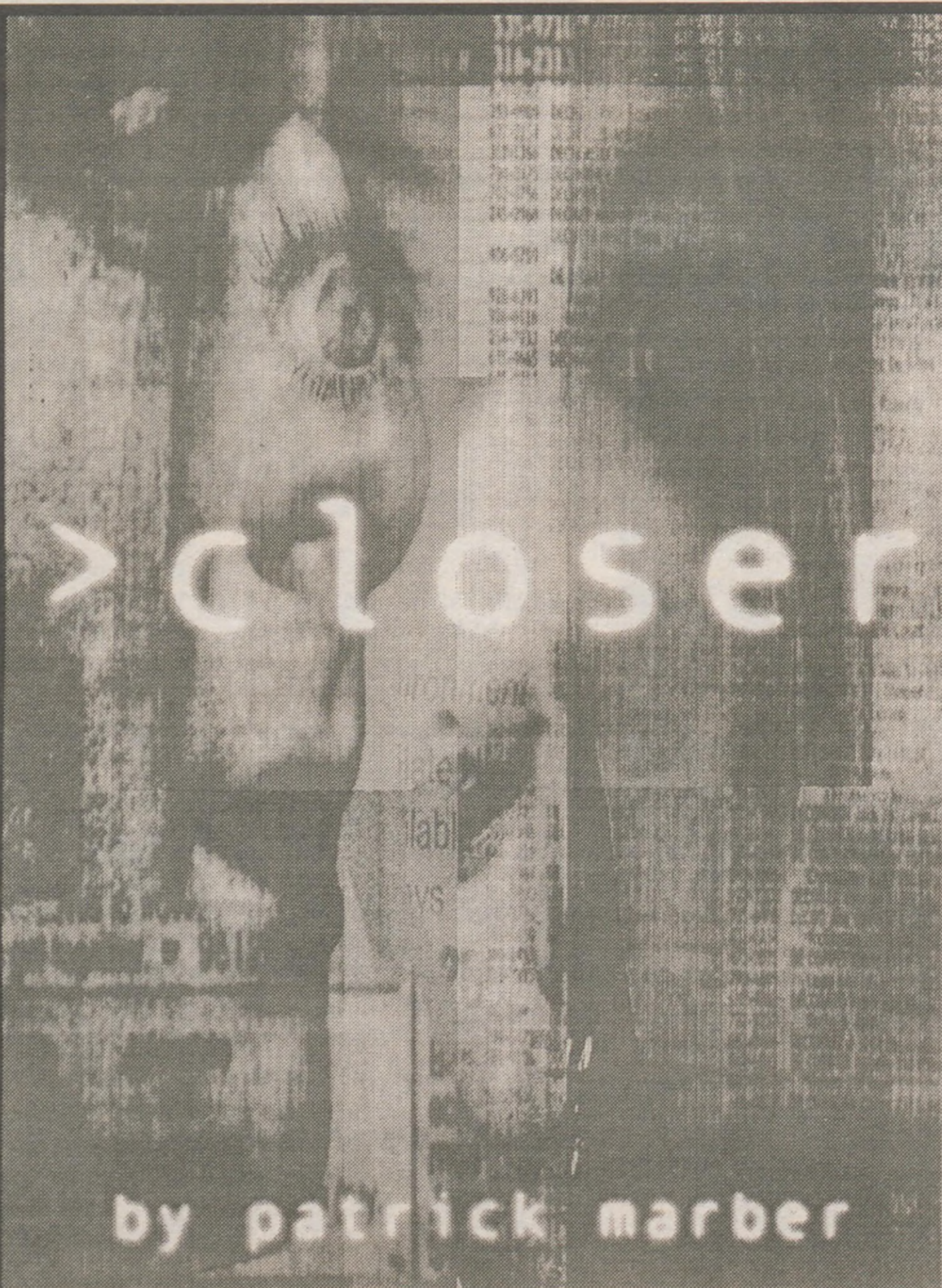


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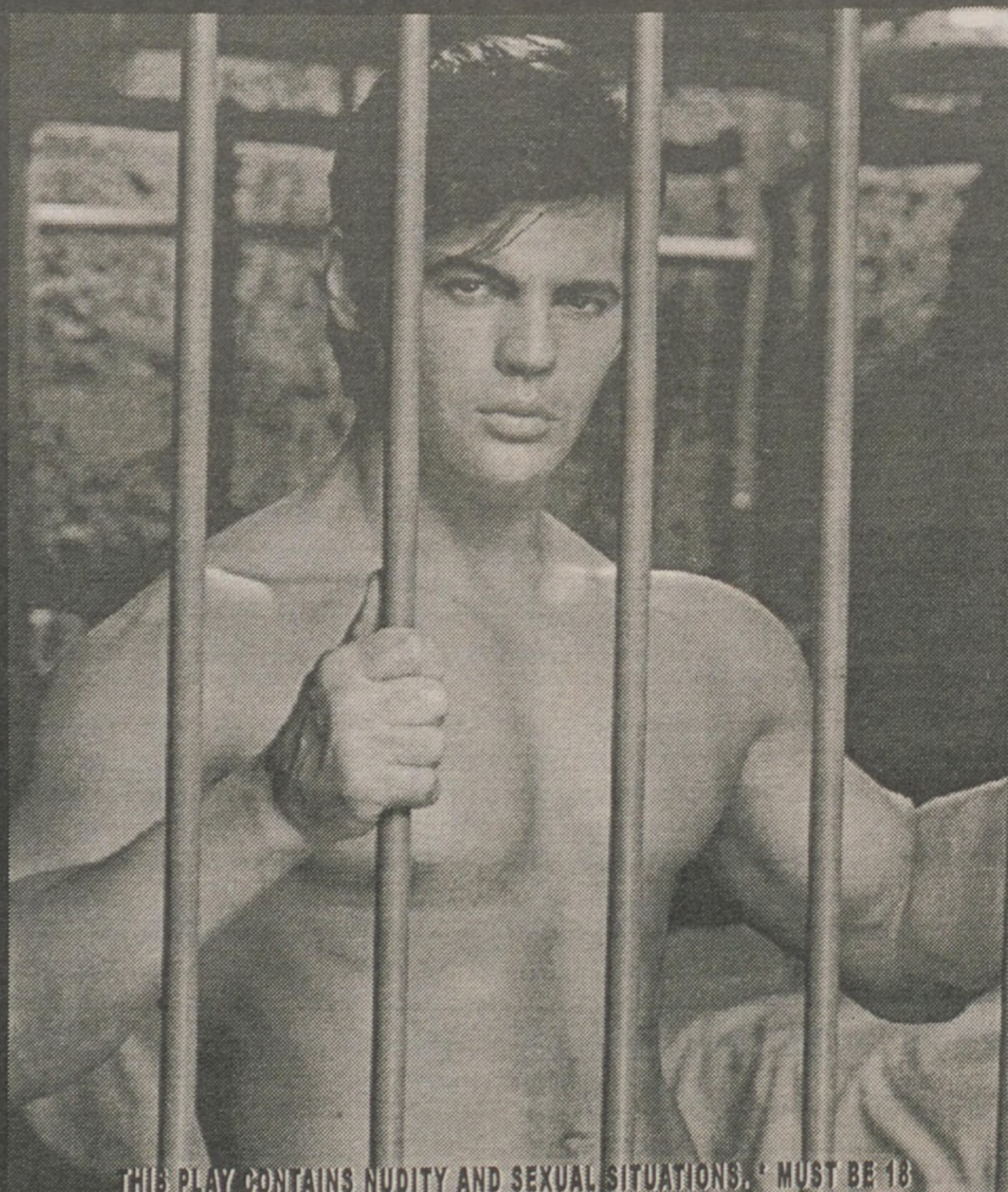
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## WHEREVER... JOHNNY MADDOX IS QUEEN

### Legendary Houston drag title-holder retiring well, maybe

by D.L. GROOVER



Johnny Maddox, above sans makeup, shares the same name as a musician awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but Maddox has garnered his own fame in the world of drag competitions.

Drag is a time-honored avocation.

Even a cursory history must go back to classical antiquity and those manly Athenian soldiers of Solon's who lured, then stoutly defeated, the randy Megarian army by wearing women's clothing.

The Roman emperors Caligula and Elagabalus often appeared in public painted and dressed as Venus, goddess of love. Let's not forget the "roaring boys" of Shakespeare's Globe, those adolescent actors who artfully depicted Cleopatra, Juliet and Lady Macbeth.

Then there were those infamous "drag balls" in turn-of-the-century New York and Washington, in which the "erotopaths"—lasciviously dressed in womanly attire, who assemble in this strange libidinous display." Then came Milton Berle and Dame Edna.

But if you want to know anything at all about Houston's drag culture history, look no farther than Johnny

Maddox and his alter-creation Jill Jordan.

Last weekend, Miss Jordan was the "big momma" who oversaw the Miss Atlantic Universe At-Large preliminaries, while next weekend in Alexandria, La., she will end her 28-year career as a female impersonator by crowning her successor as Miss Gay Universe 2001.

Or will she?

His three-decade romp through the tiaras, girdles, and glitter of international competition started out as a dare. It was New Year's Eve, 1972, and the catalyst was when someone told Johnny that he couldn't possibly do that.

Well, that's all it took.

"It hurt my feelings and made me mad," Maddox said. "I did it just to show them. Twenty-eight years later, three state titles, and three national titles, I think I've proved my point."

He surprised himself at his natural facility and success. When glamorized, Miss Jordan is a big girl.

"The funny part is I'm 6'3" and started off at 200 pounds. I'm the last person in the world who should be doing this. But that was part of the thing I wanted to also prove: that you don't have to be a little bitty, tiny, nelly faggot to do drag. You can be anybody and do it if you put your mind to it."

When he started working for Real

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Maddox, in his alter-persona Jill Jordan has amassed three state and three national titles, but may give up competing after crowning a successor at the Miss Gay Universe 2001 pageant.

## GENERATION-Y CHOREOGRAPHER

### Brian Enos, 18, creates work for Cullen Contemporary Art Series

by D.L. GROOVER

Eighteen-year-old dancer/choreographer Brian Enos may be too young to drink and just about to vote for the first time, but there's no minimum age on creativity.

As a student in the Houston Ballet Academy, he's been asked by artistic director Ben Stevenson to create a work for the Cullen Contemporary Series, the youngest dance-maker to set a work on the company. It's high praise and confidence from Stevenson and a daunting challenge for one so young, even one who knows what he wants—to work with the pros.

"At first, I was nervous if they would like the piece, if they would respect me, but after

the first couple of days I didn't even think about it," Enos said. "They're completely professional. I just go ahead and do what I have to do and get it done."

"It's been lots of fun. It's so amazing working with the company. They pick stuff up like that. You tell them to do something and they have it. Incredible."

He started dance class as a late bloomer, still in high school in California, but his natural ability to move, his ease and his intelligence impressed his teachers, who recommended he go to Houston Ballet's prestigious summer program.

There, the faculty offered him a place in the Academy, the full-time ballet school and training ground for potential company members.

While a student, his choreographic work for the Academy recitals were highly praised, bringing him more attention.

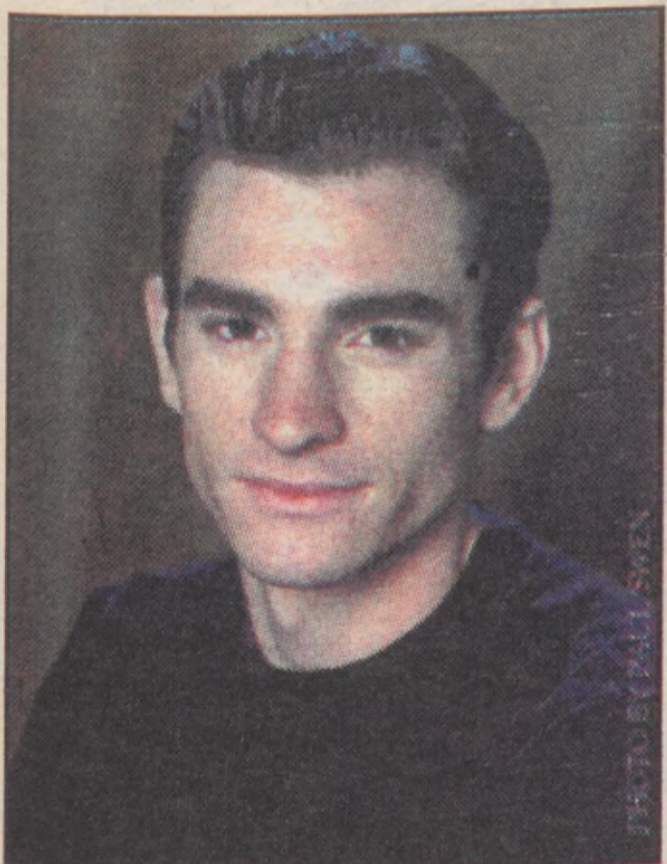
This November he will join Houston Ballet as an apprentice.

This rapid rise sits well on Enos. He described his good fortune with surprised gratitude. His studious demeanor and quiet intensity show maturity.

Private and reserved, Enos isn't concerned about being out, either. He takes a no-nonsense attitude, like many of the millennium generation.

"I don't care, it doesn't bother me. I'm not uncomfortable or anything. It doesn't have anything to do with my work."

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Brian Enos, 18, moved from California to Texas to join the Houston Ballet Academy. In November he will join Houston Ballet as an apprentice.

# On Stage

THEATER REVIEWS

## Lady of Spain I adore you, and 'Misery,' too



HGO's 'Carmen,' Little Room's 'Misery' offer diverse, well-produced adaptations

by D.L. GROOVER

Georges Bizet, former child prodigy, winner of the prestigious Prix de Rome, married to the daughter of respected composer Halevy, had finally found his unique musical voice after middling operatic affairs such as "Pearl Fishers" and "Young Girl from Perth." The opera-Comique wanted a new work, but when he chose Merimee's scandalous novel CARMEN, the directors had a fit.

Sanitized and freely adapted from the brazen tale, it still wasn't suitable for the Comique's "family" theater, where no one ever died on stage, and any hint of immorality was banished. The leaders at the Comique panicked and uncharitably spread gossip about one of their own productions. Bizet forged ahead.

The premiere, March 3, 1875, the day Bizet received the Legion of Honor, wasn't

a disaster, but it wasn't a hit, either. Depressed and ailing from heart and throat problems, the composer fled to the outskirts of Paris, where he died during the run of his masterpiece, some say from a broken heart. He never saw his gypsy girl triumph throughout the world.

That she still does is evident in Houston Grand Opera's superb rendition of this war-horse. We might quibble over Sevillians dressed like Mafia dons, or the hazy period in which this most-beloved opera is set, or a fussy, not-macho-enough Escamillo, or a Don Jose' who's directed to grow more infantile as the tragedy unfolds; but the pluses outweigh these drawbacks.

The production looks great. Designer Riccardo Hernandez evokes the hot-house atmosphere of Spain with vibrant saturated colors of blood red and lemon. Solid rectangular frames recede upstage, out of which drop Pastia's Alhambra-like tavern, the mountain pass, the stucco wall of the corrida. There's plenty of atmosphere in this sparse vision.

Better yet, this production sounds great. French mezzo Beatrice Uria-Monzon is a perfect Carmen: strong, secure, svelte and sexy. When she sings her seductive credo, "The Habanera," astride the orange cart, you almost see heat waves. Waiting for Don Jose at the tavern, she reclines on a table and arranges her skirts. When he sees her, he sighs out loud. She takes our breath away, too.

Veteran tenor Luis Lima sings Don Jose with consummate artistry and the ease of a pro. His unfortunate chump is very physical: pushed and shoved, he knocks over chairs, he stomps his feet in frustration, and at the finale throws a mini-tantrum when spurned by Carmen. Schoolboy petulance isn't what we expect from Don Jose, but Lima manages to pull this off because of his hot chemistry with Uria-Monzon.

Bizet's last work is often called a perfect opera. HGO's rendition approaches that superlative.

### 'Misery' finds good company

I don't know why the Little Room Downstairs Theater isn't packed for every

performance of Simon Moore's adaptation of Stephen King's thriller. It's the perfect story for the Halloween season and boasts an incredible performance by Marcy Bannor as the psychotic Annie Wilkes.

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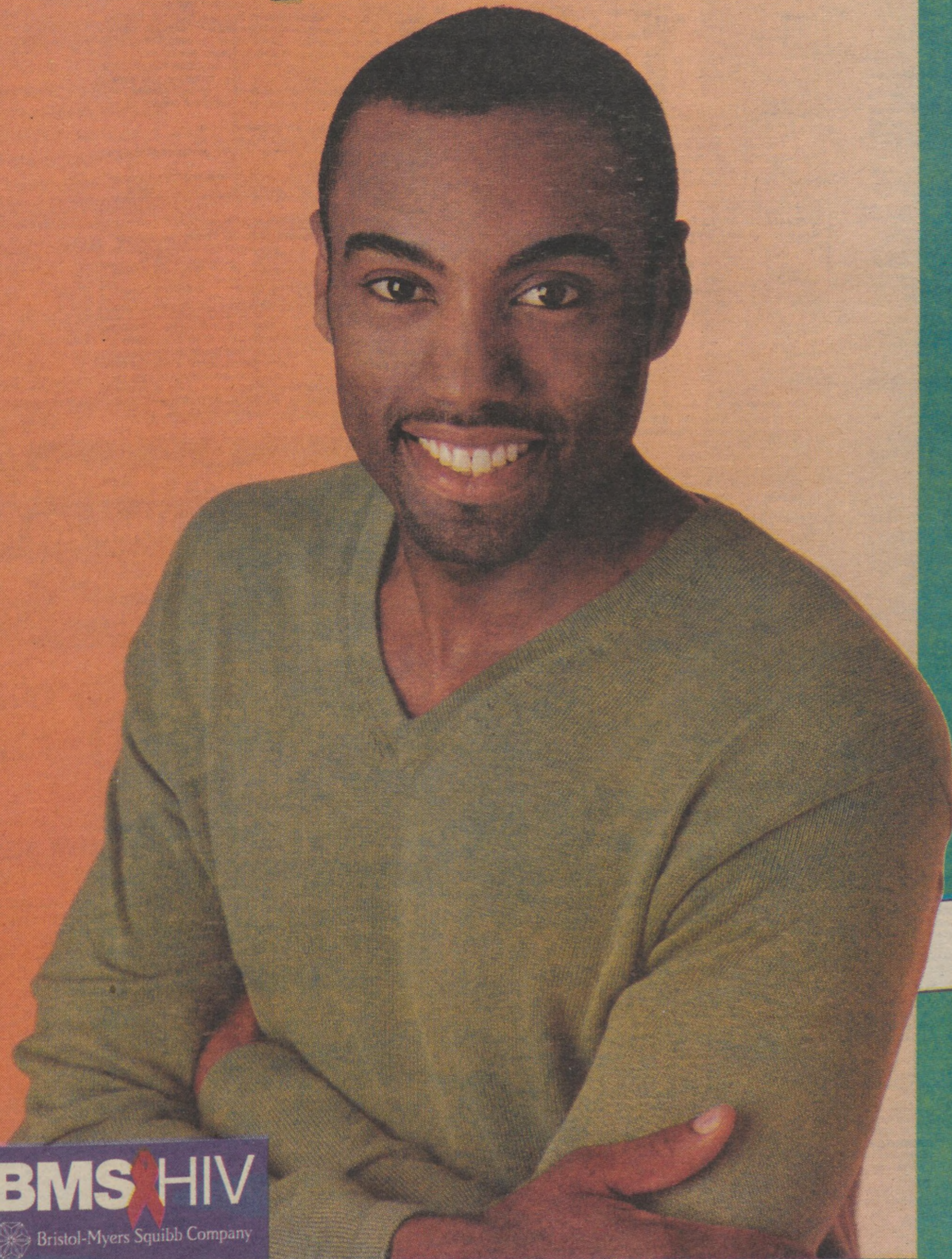
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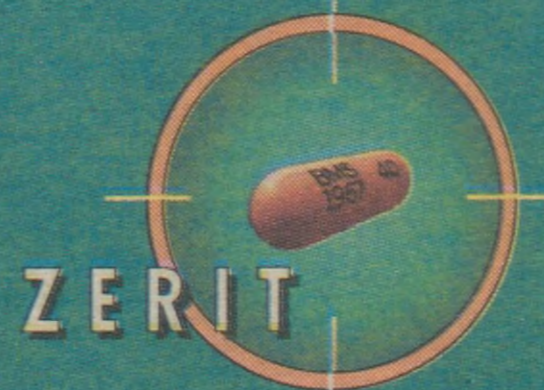


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**CLINICAL STUDIES**

**Combination Therapy:** The combination use of ZERIT is based on the results of clinical studies in HIV-infected patients in double- and triple-combination regimens with other antiretroviral agents.

One of these studies (START 1) was a multicenter, randomized, open-label study comparing ZERIT (40 mg BID) plus lamivudine plus didanosine plus zidovudine plus indinavir in 202 treatment-naïve patients. Both regimens resulted in a similar magnitude of inhibition of HIV RNA levels and increases in CD4 cell counts through 48 weeks.

**Monotherapy:** The efficacy of ZERIT was demonstrated in a randomized, double-blind study (A1455-019, conducted 1992-1994) comparing ZERIT with zidovudine in 822 patients with a spectrum of HIV-related symptoms. The outcome in terms of progression of HIV disease and death was similar for both drugs.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

ZERIT is contraindicated in patients with clinically significant hypersensitivity to stavudine or to any of the components contained in the formulation.

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**2. Peripheral Neuropathy:** Peripheral neuropathy, manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the hands or feet, has been reported in patients receiving ZERIT therapy. Peripheral neuropathy has occurred more frequently in patients with advanced HIV disease, a history of neuropathy, or concurrent neurotoxic drug therapy, including didanosine (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

**PRECAUTIONS**

**Information for Patients:** Patients should be informed that an important toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. Patients should be aware that peripheral neuropathy is manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in hands or feet, and that these symptoms should be reported to their physicians. Patients should be counseled that peripheral neuropathy occurs with greatest frequency in patients who have advanced HIV disease or a history of peripheral neuropathy, and that dose modification and/or discontinuation of ZERIT may be required if toxicity develops.

Caregivers of young children receiving ZERIT therapy should be instructed regarding detection and reporting of peripheral neuropathy. Patients should be informed that when ZERIT is used in combination with other agents with similar toxicities, the incidence of adverse events may be higher than when ZERIT is used alone. These patients should be followed closely.

Patients should be informed that ZERIT is not a cure for HIV infection, and that they may continue to acquire illnesses associated with HIV infection, including opportunistic infections. Patients should be advised to remain under the care of a physician when using ZERIT. They should be advised that ZERIT therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of ZERIT are unknown at this time.

Patients should be informed that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that HIV-infected mothers not nurse newborn infants to reduce the risk of postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

**Drug Interactions:** Zidovudine may competitively inhibit the intracellular phosphorylation of stavudine. Therefore, use of zidovudine in combination with ZERIT is not recommended. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY.)

**Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility:** In 2-year carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats, stavudine was noncarcinogenic at doses which produced exposures (AUC) 39 and 168 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended clinical dose. Benign and malignant liver tumors in mice and rats and malignant urinary bladder tumors in male rats occurred at levels of exposure 250 (mice) and 732 (rats) times human exposure at the recommended clinical dose.

Stavudine was not mutagenic in the Ames, *E. coli* reverse mutation, or the CHO/HGPRT mammalian cell forward gene mutation assays, with and without metabolic activation. Stavudine produced positive results in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte clastogenesis and mouse fibroblast assays, and in the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. In the *in vitro* assays, stavudine elevated the frequency of chromosome aberrations in human lymphocytes (concentrations of 25 to 250 µg/mL, without metabolic activation) and increased the frequency of transformed foci in mouse fibroblast cells (concentrations of 25 to 2500 µg/mL, with and without metabolic activation). In the *in vivo* micronucleus assay, stavudine was clastogenic in bone marrow cells following oral stavudine administration to mice at dosages of 600 to 2000 mg/kg/day for 3 days.

No evidence of impaired fertility was seen in rats with exposures (based on  $C_{max}$ ) up to 216 times that observed following a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day.

**Pregnancy:** Pregnancy "Category C." Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits with exposures (based on  $C_{max}$ ) up to 399 and 183 times, respectively, of that seen at a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. The incidence in fetuses of a common skeletal variation, ossified or incomplete ossification of sternebra, was increased in rats at 399 times human exposure, while no effect was observed at 216 times human exposure. A slight post-implantation loss was noted at 216 times the human exposure with no effect noted at approximately 135 times the human exposure. An increase in early rat neonatal mortality (birth to 4 days of age) occurred at 399 times the human exposure, while survival of neonates was unaffected at approximately 135 times the human exposure. A study in rats showed that stavudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta. The concentration in fetal tissue was approximately one-half the concentration in maternal plasma. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, stavudine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

**Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry:** To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to stavudine and other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling (800) 258-4263.

**Nursing Mothers:** Studies in lactating rats demonstrated that stavudine is excreted in milk. Although it is not known whether stavudine is excreted in human milk, there exists the potential for adverse effects from stavudine in nursing infants. Mothers should be instructed to discontinue nursing if they are receiving stavudine. This instruction is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control recommendation that HIV-infected mothers not breast-feed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

**Pediatric Use:** Use of stavudine in pediatric patients is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of stavudine in adults with additional pharmacokinetic and safety data in pediatric patients.

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Adverse events that were reported to occur in 105 pediatric patients receiving ZERIT (stavudine) 2 mg/kg/day for a median of 6.4 months in study ACTG 240 were generally similar to those reported in adults.

Stavudine pharmacokinetics have been evaluated in 25 HIV-infected pediatric patients ranging in age from 5 weeks to 15 years and in weight from 2 to 43 kg after I.V. or oral administration of single doses and BID regimens (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Table 1 in full prescribing information).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Adults: ZERIT therapy has been associated with peripheral neuropathy, which can be severe, is dose related, and occurs more frequently in patients being treated with neurotoxic drug therapy, including didanosine, in patients with advanced HIV infection, or in patients who have previously experienced peripheral neuropathy.

Patients should be monitored for the development of neuropathy, which is usually manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. Stavudine-related peripheral neuropathy may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms resolve completely, patients may tolerate resumption of treatment at one-half the dose (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). If neuropathy recurs after resumption of ZERIT, permanent discontinuation of ZERIT should be considered.

When ZERIT is used in combination with other agents with similar toxicities, the incidence of adverse events may be higher than when ZERIT is used alone. Patients treated with ZERIT in combination with didanosine may be at increased risk for adverse events such as pancreatitis, peripheral neuropathy, and liver function abnormalities. (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS).

Selected clinical events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in a controlled monotherapy trial (Study A1455-019) are provided in Table 1.

Adverse Events	Percent (%)	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
Headache	54	49
Diarrhea	50	44
Peripheral Neurologic Symptoms/Neuropathy	52	39
Rash	40	35
Nausea and Vomiting	39	44

<sup>a</sup> Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

Pancreatitis was observed in three of the 412 adult patients who received ZERIT in a controlled monotherapy study.

Selected clinical adverse events that occurred in antiretroviral naïve adult patients receiving ZERIT from two controlled combination studies are provided in Table 2.

Adverse Events	Percent (%)			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ indinavir (n=102)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Nausea	43	63	53	67
Diarrhea	34	16	45	39
Headache	25	26	46	37
Rash	18	13	30	18
Vomiting	18	33	30	35
Peripheral Neurologic Symptoms/Neuropathy	8	7	21	10

<sup>a</sup> START 2 compared two triple-combination regimens in 205 treatment-naïve patients. Patients received either ZERIT (40 mg BID) plus didanosine plus indinavir or zidovudine plus lamivudine plus indinavir.

<sup>b</sup> Duration of stavudine therapy = 48 weeks.

Pancreatitis resulting in death was observed in one patient who received ZERIT plus didanosine plus indinavir in the START 2 study.

Selected laboratory abnormalities reported in a controlled monotherapy study (Study A1455-019) are provided in Table 3.

Parameter	Percent (%)	
	ZERIT (stavudine) (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
AST (SGOT) (>5.0 x ULN)	11	10
ALT (SGPT) (>5.0 x ULN)	13	11
Amylase (≥1.4 x ULN)	14	13

<sup>a</sup> Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.

<sup>b</sup> Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

ULN = upper limit of normal.

Selected laboratory abnormalities reported in two controlled combination studies are provided in Tables 4 and 5.

Parameter	Percent of Patients			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ indinavir (n=102)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Bilirubin (>2.6 x ULN)	7	6	16	8
SGOT (AST) (>5 x ULN)	5	2	7	7
SGPT (ALT) (>5 x ULN)	6	2	8	5
GGT (>5 x ULN)	2	2	5	2
Lipase (>2 x ULN)	6	3	5	5
Amylase (>2 x ULN)	4	<1	8	2

ULN = upper limit of normal.

Parameter	Percent (%)			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ indinavir (n=102)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Total Bilirubin	65	60	68	55
SGOT (AST)	42	20	53	20
SGPT (ALT)	40	20	50	18
GGT	15	8	28	12
Lipase	27	12	26	19
Amylase	21	19	31	17

**Observed During Clinical Practice:** The following events have been identified during post-approval use of ZERIT (stavudine). Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to their seriousness, frequency of reporting, causal connection to ZERIT, or a combination of these factors.

**Body as a Whole:** abdominal pain, allergic reaction, and chills/fever.

**Digestive Disorders:** anorexia.

**Hematologic Disorders:** anemia, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia.

**Liver:** lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis (see WARNINGS), hepatitis and liver failure.

**Musculoskeletal:** myalgia.

**Nervous:** insomnia.

**Pediatric Patients:** Adverse reactions and serious laboratory abnormalities in pediatric patients were similar in type and frequency to those seen in adult patients.

**OVERDOSAGE**

Experience with adults treated with 12 to 24 times the recommended daily dosage revealed no acute toxicity. Complications of chronic overdosage include peripheral neuropathy and hepatic toxicity. Stavudine can be removed by hemodialysis; the mean  $\pm$  SD hemodialysis clearance of stavudine is 120  $\pm$  18 mL/min. Whether stavudine is eliminated by peritoneal dialysis has not been studied.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The interval between doses of ZERIT should be 12 hours. ZERIT may be taken without regard to meals.

**Adults:** The recommended dose based on body weight is as follows:

40 mg twice daily for patients  $\geq$ 60 kg.

30 mg twice daily for patients <60 kg.

**Pediatrics:** The recommended dose for pediatric patients weighing less than 30 kg is 1 mg/kg/dose, given every 12 hours. Pediatric patients weighing 30 kg or greater should receive the recommended adult dosage.

**Dosage Adjustment:** Patients should be monitored for the development of peripheral neuropathy, which is usually manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. These symptoms may be difficult to detect in young children (see WARNINGS). If these symptoms develop during treatment, stavudine therapy should be interrupted. Symptoms may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms may worsen temporarily following discontinuation of therapy. If symptoms resolve completely, patients may tolerate resumption of treatment at one-half the recommended dose.

20 mg twice daily for patients  $\geq$ 60 kg.

15 mg twice daily for patients <60 kg.

If neuropathy recurs after resumption of ZERIT, permanent discontinuation of ZERIT should be considered.

**Renal Impairment:** ZERIT may be administered to adult patients with impaired renal function with adjustment in dose as shown in Table 6.

Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)	Recommended ZERIT Dose by Patient Weight	
	$\geq$ 60 kg	<60 kg
>50	40 mg every 12 hours	30 mg every 12 hours
26-50	20 mg every 12 hours	15 mg every 12 hours
10-25	20 mg every 24 hours	15 mg every 24 hours

Since urinary excretion is also a major route of elimination of stavudine in pediatric patients, the clearance of stavudine may be altered in children with renal impairment. Although there are insufficient data to recommend a specific dose adjustment of ZERIT in this patient population, a reduction in the dose and/or an increase in the interval between doses should be considered.

**Hemodialysis Patients:** The recommended dose is 20 mg every 24 hours ( $\geq$ 60 kg) or 15 mg every 24 hours (<60 kg), administered after the completion of hemodialysis and at the same time of day on non-dialysis days.

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40 mg	Dark orange	BMS 1967	60	0003-1967-01

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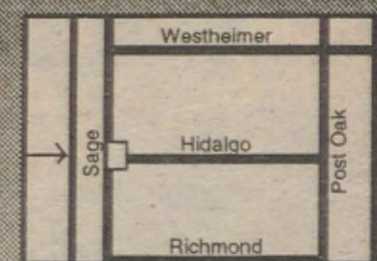


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## After 28 years, Jill Jordan may hang up drag queen crown

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Girl Pageants in 1969, he had already been mesmerized by beauty pageants since he saw his first Miss America on television in 1955. He's watched it ever since.

"It's a big special part of my life. I love pageants, so naturally, it was an offshoot to go into the drag part of it. I was so good to start with, I just fell into it and therefore went on down the line."

By this time, he was entering and winning "boy" contests, but the prize money and trophies seemed too easy to come by.

"I thought this is kind of silly. I'm doing absolutely nothing and they walk up and hand me a trophy just for being me. Whereas it takes a lot of effort and work to be in a "girl" contest and to get the same kind of results. It's more a challenge. So I went that route."

Maddox chose well. The route brought him fame and great personal satisfaction. Born in Greenville, Maddox is a substitute teacher in Houston and owns Texas Entertainment Agency, a talent booking firm, as well as hiring himself out as a beauty pageant consultant and adviser.

He's partly responsible for the change in the manner and operation of drag shows here in Texas, giving them the high gloss of professionalism.

"In the old days, the early '70s, pretty

much any man in a dress with some makeup on was standard bill of fare for the day. That's all it took, back then.

I really feel like I'm a little bit responsible, at least in this area, for that change coming about, because I immediately started putting all of my Real Girl Pageant things into my drag stuff.

"I used to produce eight or 10 drag pageants a year, and I would do the same things at those that I would see done at the Real Girl."

In her long career, Miss Jordan has been Miss Texas At-Large, Miss Gay Texas World At-Large, Miss Galaxy, Miss Globe, and finally Miss Universe At-Large 2000.

Along the way, Jordan has wracked up numerous other awards in talent, evening gown and interview.

Does he have a favorite title?

"Your current one's always your favorite. But for me to have been Miss Universe At-Large 2000, and I'm 50 years old, is a very definite crowning accomplishment. To be doing it this long and still be winning, more even now than I ever have, is a triumph.

"In the gay life, emphasis is on beauty, body, money... all these superficial types of things... and for somebody my age to be competing and winning is something I'm proud of."

Pageants operate under several differ-



ent "systems:" America, Universe, USA, National, Continental. Within these, most have an At-Large division for the bigger girls.

What has pleasantly surprised Maddox are the recent wins of the "good-sized girls" outside their system. They're taking the titles away from the regular-sized contestants.

"The smaller girls are up in arms about it. But it's just that the big girls are good and cannot be denied. Miss USA is around 400 pounds, and Miss America is around 300! They are good-sized girls. I'm the light-weight."

But now, Maddox says it's time to hang up the gowns and crowns, if his friends and fans will let him.

"As of last night I got my face so cracked, I didn't know what to do. I've been going around preachin' to everybody I couldn't wait to have this over with. So I could be finished and quit on top. It's been fun, but I want it over with."

"And then my best friend informed me that if she wins my title, her people are going to appoint me to take her place in this other national in another system."

"At first I said, 'The hell they are.' But the more I got thinking about it—free trip to Florida, all expenses paid—I thought it's a shame to get up to the top and get everything perfected and walk off from it. So maybe I will."

For Maddox, a.k.a. Jill Jordan, a class act, drag is the one true gay art form.

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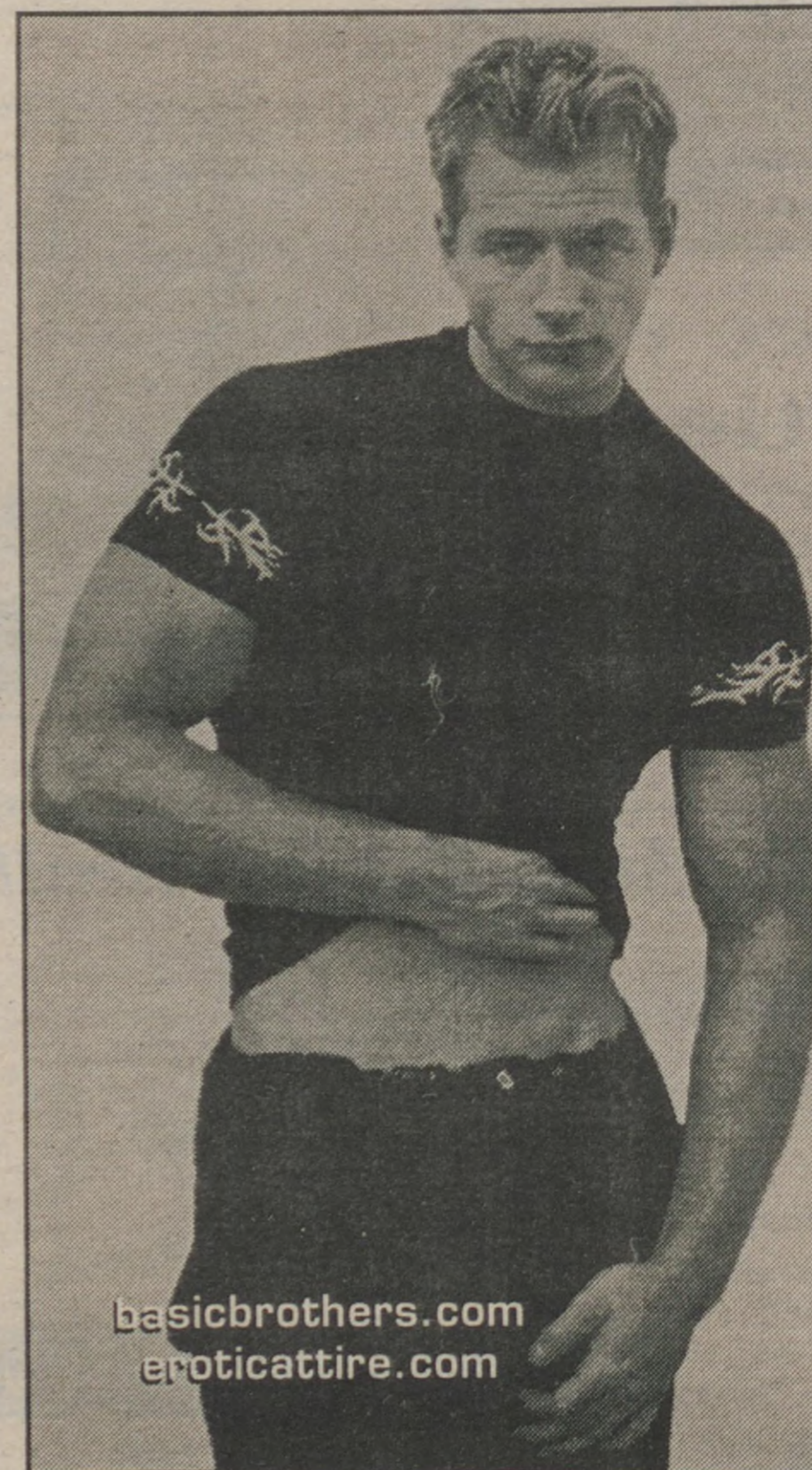
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Oct. 26 through Nov. 12; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.  
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Oct. 26-29  
Wortham Theater Center, Cullen Theater  
713-227-ARTS

**Creature From The Black Lagoon**

In this granddaddy of all B-movies, the seaweed-encrusted Gill Man comes out of the swamp and chases the screaming, lovely Julia Adams all around the jungle. And in 3-D, too. For all the heavy breathing, it's pretty tame, but in 1954, this was hot stuff for kids and made a fortune for Universal. Richard Carlson plays the scientist/love interest, but his pinched persona can't compare to the eroticism of the creature. Nostalgic red and green 3-D glasses will be provided, all the better to see Ms. Adams' cantilevered brassiere with heaving bosom.

Oct. 27 & 28, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 29, 7 p.m.  
MFAH Glassell School of Art, 5101 Montrose  
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## Houston Ballet Academy student becomes company's youngest to choreographer

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And right now, Enos is focused. He has a world premiere to finish for the Houston Ballet.

"I experimented with choreography in high school, and realized it was something I enjoyed. When I came here for the summer program I did the choreographic workshop, and my pieces were well received. They ended up using the piece I did for an academy performance last year, and then I did a piece for the spring show.

"People keep asking me if I want to pursue choreography or if I want to dance. That's something I've been wrestling with a lot lately. Right now, I'm looking to have a dancing career.

"If somewhere along the line some amazing choreographic opportunity comes up I may just take it. It's something you can do long after you can dance."

Soft-spoken yet amazingly focused is how principal dancer Dawn Scannell also describes Enos. She dances the lead in his abstract "Landing," and is equally focused, famed for her dramatic interpretation and technical prowess.

"Extremely intense," Scannell says immediately. "It's very easy to work for him. He's very quiet in his manner and his delivery of how he wants things done, but it's very direct and he knows exactly what he likes and what he doesn't like."

Any fears that the choreographer might

be too young or viewed as a student from the Academy were quickly dispelled after a few days. The work is difficult, fast and a "thigh burner," which impressed the dancers, as did Enos's confidence and respect for the dancers.

Scannell compares this piece with the modern edgy work of William Forsythe, Stanton Welch and Trey McIntyre, contemporary choreographers whose precise ballets push the envelope of technique, rhythm, and body ability.

"I just let the music carry me," Scannell explains. "It's not a strength thing, it's pure rhythm."

As if not busy enough with the Cullen opening and his heavy load of dance classes, Enos is already planning his next work, listening to music to find inspiration. But he knows how lucky he's been so far in his short career.

"I'm so grateful that Ben's letting me do it. It's an amazing opportunity. I like Houston. I miss San Francisco, though, I love it there. But I'm glad I came here."

**INFO**

**'Landing' by Brian Enos**

'In a Whisper' by Natalie Weir  
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# Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Well-deserved rep

Café Annie's atmosphere, service and food well worth the price

by TRAYCE DISKIN

I have to admit, when a friend wanted to celebrate a special occasion after a busy Monday at work, I was skeptical when she suggested CAFÉ ANNIE. "Are you sure it'll be worth it?" I whined into the phone from my cocoon of sweatpants, T-shirt and couch.

"Let's face it," I urged, "there are plenty of nice places which serve excellent food—why get all dressed up just to pay three times the price?"

An hour later, beaming above my appetizer of Rare Yellow Fin Tuna with Shaved Beets and Pecans (\$14), I knew exactly why.

Yes, Café Annie is one of the most expensive restaurants in Houston. And while it's more smart and sleek than old-world elegant, the women in heels and men in suits set the standard for the formal, see and be seen atmosphere. The cherry wood walls and modern, but prodigious chandeliers lend a serious and corporate air to the dimly lit room.

The life sized dolls hanging from two or three fixtures added a festive funkiness—how else to describe a doll attired in nothing but a black and magenta sequined bikini? But for the most part, the ambiance is about fine food, dining and living.

However, one bite of the satiny ribbons of pink tuna, I, literally, was sold. A layer of thick shaved beets topped the artful tower of seared fish and bled sweetly into the meat. The truffle vinaigrette and frisee electrified each ingredient with a tangy, fresh spark like nothing else I've tried.

My friend chose the Mussel Soup with Cilantro and Serrano Chills (\$12), which began with a bare white bowl with five plump mussels in the center, laced with a spoonful of ancho chile jam. Our waiter then poured the "soup" into the bowl from a bone white saucer into an explosion of color.

The sea-green broth coated each mussel like luscious coat of Martha Stewart paint—I wasn't sure if I wanted to eat it or paint my bedroom and wall-gaze. The cilantro, chile and heavy cream created a decadently rich broth. The milky, peppery flavor mingled perfectly with the briny shellfish and fruity jam.

The freshness and flavor of our entrees further supported the get-off-the-couch argument. My Texas-Raised Striped Sea Bass with Fragrant Green Chile Mole (\$28) was marinated in simple olive oil and lemon and unlike many grilled fish entrees, the taste was in the savory meat itself.

Each juicy, white flake broke off from the greaseless, shimmery skin on top of the corn tamales hidden below. The tamales sat in a pool of the green mole and soaked up the gorgeous flavor.

My friend splurged on the Wood Grilled Filet Mignon (\$36) and applauded the pillowy, tender meat. She wasn't a big fan of the overly-fried potato and Mexican cheese tortillas, but the steak's delicate juices excused the hard, crunchy side dish.

The avocado and tomatillo relish added an equally piquant and muted marinade.

For desert, we shared a Toasted Poundcake with Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Kaluha Sauce (\$10). The biscuit-like texture of the cake allowed the sauce to dominate with its dizzyingly rich coffee and burnt cocoa glaze.

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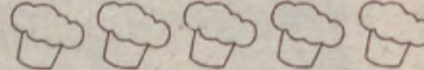
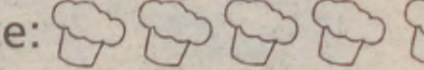
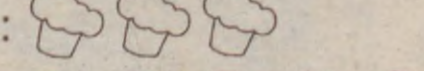
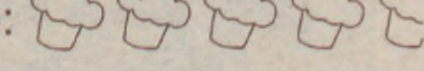
The service at Café Annie is efficient and seamless. Used forks, knives and napkins disappear and reappear between courses without detection and water and wine glasses are always full.

Take a piece of bread, without placing the cover back over the basket? Done. A torn open sugar packet offensively littering your table during coffee? Gone.

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Dignity mass. 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.  
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Call for ride locations. 713-863-1860.  
Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.  
Rainbow Fishing Club. Meeting. 713-526-7070.  
Houston Faerie Circle. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.  
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. • Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-528-3818.  
Houston Names Project. Yard Sale. Westheimer and Waughcrest. 713-52NAMES.

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.  
First Unitarian Universalist Church. Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Brunch available 10:30 a.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.  
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours 2 to 4 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

### monday, october 30

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

### sunday, october 29

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

### tuesday, october 31

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.  
Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-524-0439.  
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.



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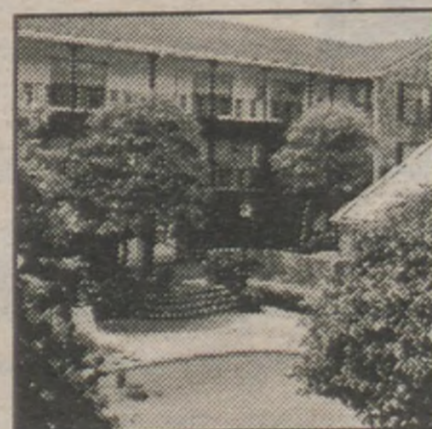


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 Lambda Skating Club skates. 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink. 713-410-7215.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Lesbian Island Association meeting. 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

## wednesday, november 1

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2015 Thomas Street 713-793-4026.  
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 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 Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.  
 Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.  
 Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.  
 Freelance Art Classes by Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 1 to 4 p.m. Lunch provided. 713-523-9530.  
 Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.  
 Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. 713-523-3037.  
 Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 1307 Yale. 713-527-0931. www.houstonprideband.org.  
 Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Various Support Groups 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. • 713-524-3818.

## thursday, november 2

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

Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.  
 Hep C Recovery. Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.  
 STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.  
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 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.  
 FrontRunners. Running Club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.  
 HIV Art Course Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Kermit Eisenhut. 713-524-9530.  
 Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.  
 Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.  
 HIV Testing. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • What Women Do- Lesbian sex workshop. 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

## friday, november 3

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) Meeting. 713-942-7002.  
 Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Rich's. 713-830-3000.  
 STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.  
 Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.  
 Q-Patrol walks the streets. 9 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.  
 Kolbe Project. Morning Prayer. 10 a.m. Movie Night. 7 p.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.  
 Mishpachot Alizim Shabbat Services. 8 p.m. 713-748-7079.  
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

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# Occasions

## Birthdays

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The one and only Cliff Owens of Mary's sips a long, tall cool one for his Oct. 28 birthday.

Rex, aka Miss Ouisa and Chicken Legs, is lip-synching her birthday number on Oct. 29.

Mary of Mary's has a merry birthday on Oct. 30.

Outpost owner and all around handsome cowboy Michael Gaitz wrangles his birthday on Nov. 1.

James Stevens of M2M Collection Clothing slips into a new birthday outfit on Nov. 1.

Photo guru and cutie Steven David snaps his birthday on Nov. 2.

## Anniversaries

Lee Davis and Cliff are trick and treating for their 22nd anniversary on Oct. 31.



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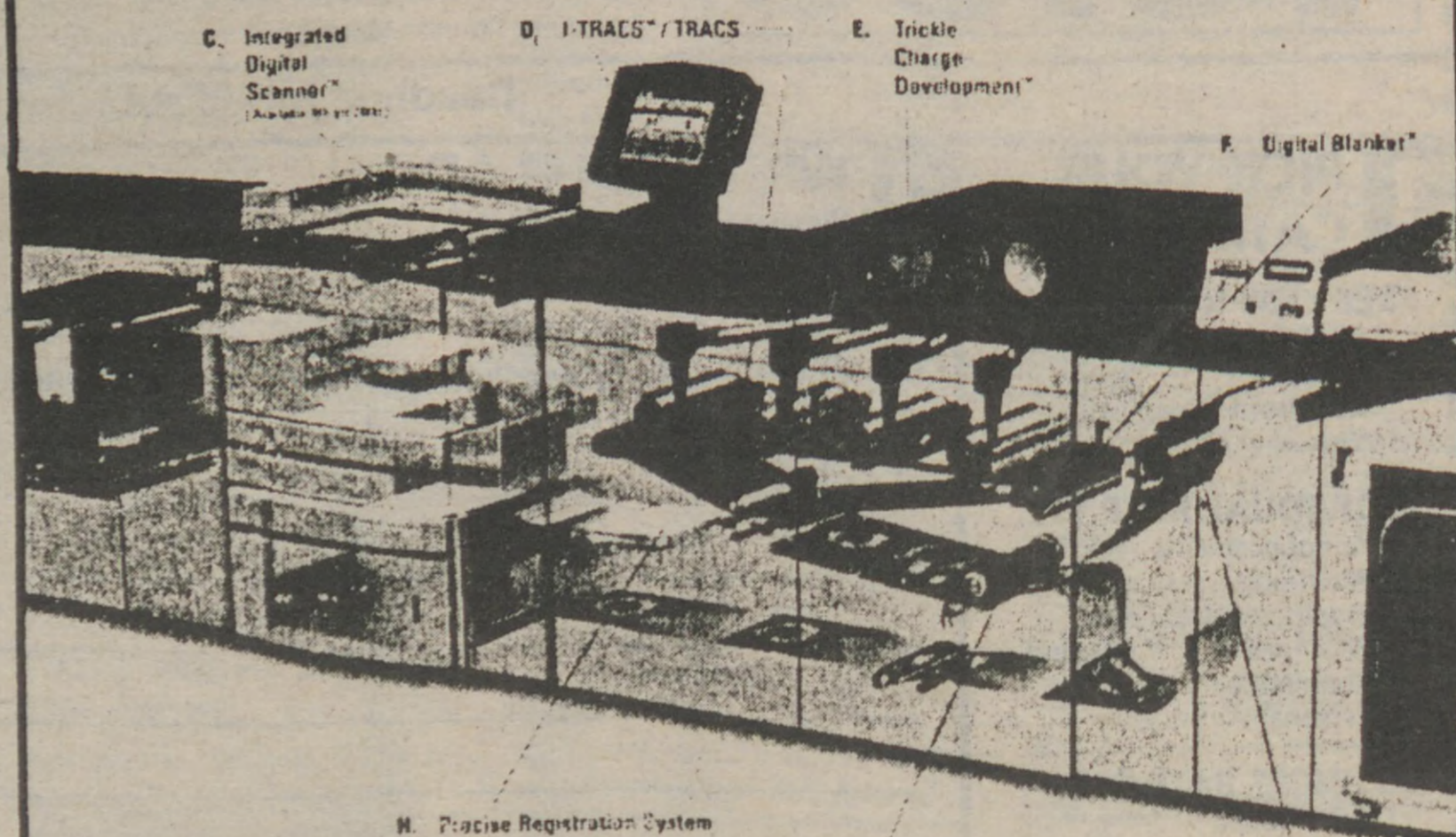
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YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

October 27 - November 2



**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**  
 As your ruler, Mars, finishes up a stint in your house of health during early November, you should do all you can to work on your stamina and overall well-being. If you're longing for someone to be really solid in your life, first you've got to be solid yourself. But here's a tip: a Scorpio can handle you extremely well.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
 Spend time at home as much as you can during early November. The outside world is full of too many distractions. You are ready to show your truest self to the one you love most. Instead of playing games with a Libra, be real. Instead of protecting yourself so much, open the door to your heart.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
 Take it easy on yourself. You know you want to change your life, especially your work life, but you don't have to do it overnight. If you can picture the finished product of what you are creating, you can make it. A Virgo can help you take care of your body.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
 There's a strange sense of danger and excitement in the air right now. Strange, because it's all been created from within your own head! Instead of allowing competitors (in love and in work) to show you up, show them up first. Get tough! A Taurus wants to know what you're made of.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
 This is the first time in months you've had a chance to breathe a little. Take it! Instead of trying to control the universe so much, hop into a nice boat and go where the waves want you to go. A Capricorn fits well on your bed, and in your life.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
 With Mercury retrograde and the Sun moving through the most intellectually stimulating but anxiety-producing sector of your chart, you may be the victim of mixed signals. If you've experienced a recent disappointment in love, allow yourself to feel the pain, but don't allow it to set you back for long. A Sag has something to tell you. Listen!

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
 You keep acting as if someone is rejecting you, darling. In reality, it's an old trauma that's coming back to haunt you. Mars enters your sign on Nov. 5, so prepare to set the tone for your romantic life. Be open to the mystery of your own fantasies. An Aries sniffs you out and is lured in by your charm.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
 While the planets are making their annual foray through your sign, you can indulge yourself in the little pleasures that bring you joy. A long time ago you walked away from someone who hurt you deeply. Now it's up to you to deal with what you've been avoiding. You may want to get back in touch with an Aquarius.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
 Venus in your sign makes you more attractive to the same sex than you realize, honey. In fact, one of your pals may be thinking about you in that way. You are able to improve your financial situation, but only if you are frugal, frugal, frugal. Instead of spending money, expend some physical energy on a Pisces.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
 The moon on your sign on Nov. 1 could bring you real luck in business matters if you present your case with the utmost integrity. Celebrate Halloween by being generous with a fellow Capricorn who's just as nervous as you are. Unmask at midnight.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
 You are such a sensitive, emotional person, yet so few people see that side of you. Allow your frustrations, childish as they may seem, to emerge. A Leo wants to see it all. You need to change the way you deal, especially in your career. Instead of staying where you are, move into the unknown.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)**  
 If you are feeling physically and psychically exhausted, hang on! A place where you can set down your bags and put up your feet and relax is just moments away. Make a travel plan. A vacation with a Gemini could lead to mind-blowing events. Book it!

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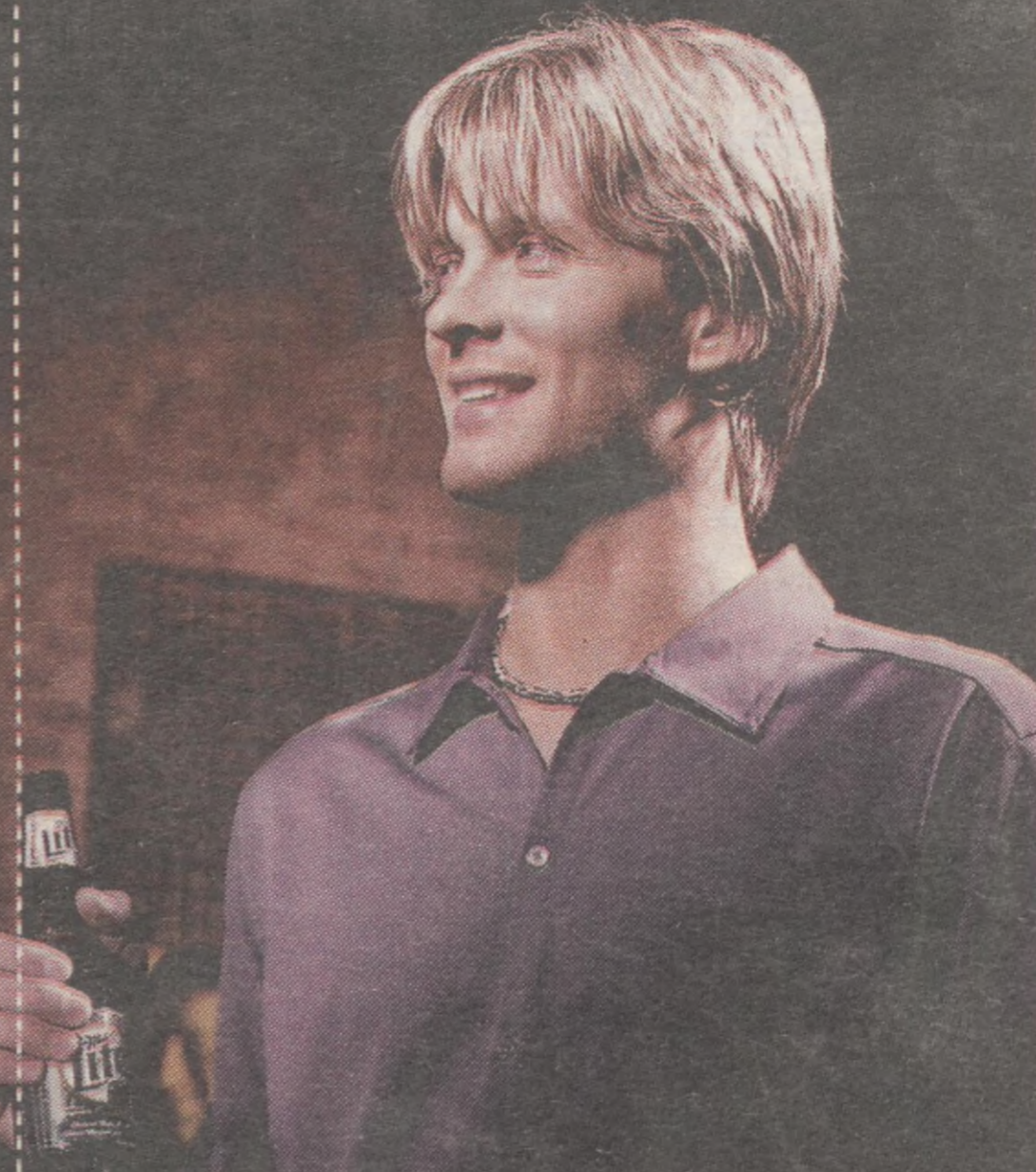
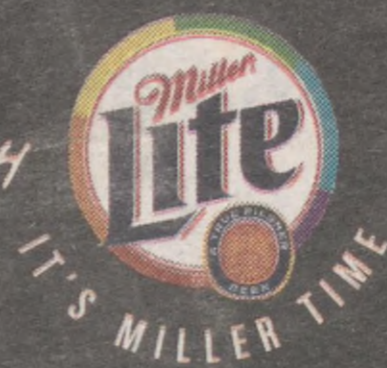
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