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Singer/Actress Cher whose latest single, *Paradise Is Here*, is available on Reprise records. See *This N' That* on page 13 for more entertainment news.

Massachusetts Will Recognize Marriage

BOSTON (AP) - A Hawaii court's decision allowing gay couples to receive marriage licenses in that state has given Gov. William F. Weld an opportunity to frame his views on the subject. The governor, responding to questions from reporters on Wednesday, said he would veto any Massachusetts proposal to ban gay marriages, although he does not yet think the state is ready for its own law recognizing them.

Weld, however, said that if Hawaii's decision to grant the licenses is upheld by its own Supreme Court, Massachusetts would have no choice but to offer gay couples married in Hawaii the same legal rights and obligations it extends to straight couples.

On Tuesday, two gay tourists from Boston, David Dudley and Edward Koh, went to the Hawaii Department of Health and requested a marriage license hours after the judge's ruling. The couple of 10

years was denied one by workers acting on the advice of state attorneys. The Hawaii attorney general has asked for a stay of the judge's ruling and is expected to appeal to the Hawaii Supreme Court.

"My position, as a matter of law as the chief executive officer of the state, would be that couple would be entitled to the benefits and burdens of married status in Massachusetts," Weld said.

"If you don't take that view of the law, then you take a cross-country train trip and you're married or not married depending on what the statute of the state that your train is traveling through says," the governor added. "A Reno (Nev.) divorce is a lot quicker than a divorce in other states, and we recognize Reno divorces." The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that denial of marriage licenses to same-sex couples amounted to gender discrimination under the state constitution's Equal Rights Amendment.

Gay couples have been trying to get married legally so they share property rights and things as simple as hospital visitation privileges extended to family members. The state Supreme Court sent the case back to a lower court to give the state a chance to show a compelling public interest in allowing such discrimination.

In a two-week trial in September, Deputy State Attorney General Rick Eichor insisted the judge and the state Supreme Court misread the state constitution and the state law.

"The law does not discriminate on the basis of sex," he said. "It makes distinctions on the basis of sexual orientation, not sex." In his ruling Tuesday, Circuit Judge Kevin Chang said the state failed to show any compelling reason to deny the marriages. The initial Hawaii ruling prompted Congress to pass the Defense

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Democrats Win Two of Three Seats

Bensten, Lampson and Brady are Victors

By Curt Morrison

In all three Houston-area runoffs held December 10, voters chose the candidate who avoided ties to far right extremists and campaigned on a platform of relative moderation and tolerance on social issues. Voter turnout was low with only 16% of eligible voters participating in the election.

The victor candidates are Democrat Ken Bentsen, who defeated Republican Dolly Madison McKenna in District 25; Democrat Nick Lampson, who defeated Republican Freshman Steve Stockman in District 9; and Republican Kevin Brady, who defeated arch conservative Republican Gene Fontenot in District 8. Both Bentsen and Lampson received a congratula-

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Lingle On Hiatus

Houston Voice columnist Larry Lingle has been under the weather in recent weeks. His column, Plain Speaking, which has not been in the last two issues will hopefully resume next week. The Houston Voice and its staff wish Mr. Lingle a speedy recovery.

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Regional News

Anti-McKenna Literature Distributed

District 25 congressional candidate Dolly Madison McKenna has been the target of Wyatt Roberts and the Texas Family Association (TFA) during the last few weeks building up to last weeks special election. Roberts is the former radio personality who spearheaded last years ill-fated boycott towards businesses that advertised in The Texas Triangle. He subsequently was relieved of his duties from the radio station. TFA has distributed literature touting McKenna's support of abortion and homosexuality. The flyer titled The Liberal Agenda of Dolly Madison McKenna, also accuses McKenna as being against christian activists. "Dolly McKenna has been an outspoken leader of the liberal opposition to the pro-life plank in the Republican Party platform," states the flyer. In addition, McKenna is taken to task for her "encouragement and support of Log Cabin Republicans," citing that she was the recipient of the groups 1995 "Republican of the Year" award. The flyer lists TWT Magazine as its source. The literature also quotes conservative extremists and their comments concerning McKenna including ousted Senate District 13 Chair Al Clements. Clements was ousted in Houston through the efforts of Log Cabin and other moderate Republicans. "Ms. McKenna is unacceptable because of her strong pro-abortion stand. Ms. McKenna has expressed bigoted anti-Christian remarks and made it a personal crusade to drive people of faith from the Republican Party," states Bill Price, President of Texans United for Life. Price is the state convention delegate who led the fight to keep Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison from being a national delegate because she is pro-choice. McKenna raise the ire of religious right extremists when she stated the following in a letter to her supporters dated April 5, 1994: "Frankly, it's (referring to right wing extremists) pretty scary and when I describe their agenda, people are incredulous. There is a broad-based social agenda intended to replace our constitutional democracy with a fundamentalists theocracy... It is a hate-filled agenda of gay bashing and intolerance that is much like the fundamentalism that has recently swept the Middle East, the neo-Nazis in Germany, and now, the neo-Fascist in Italy."

"Perverts In The Park"

In a cynical sweeps week stunt that backfired, San Antonio's KENS-TV (Channel 5) showed men having oral sex on the air and implied that gay men are "perverts." In the news segment, "Perverts in the Park," reporter Al Zimmerman hid a camera inside a men's restroom in the park, capturing footage of one man performing oral sex on another man. The series on police raids in Olmos Park aired the week of Nov. 14. In haste to get the story on the air, the graphic sexual scene was not properly digitized and very clearly showed the act. During the same newscast, anchor and managing editor Chris Marrou pontificated that KENS had gone "too damn far" to get ratings. KENS stood by the legitimacy of the story despite

being dismissed by the San Antonio express as "sweeps week sleaze." In his narration of the segment, Zimmerman refers to the individuals being filmed as perverts.

Montrose Clinic Inducts New Leader

The Montrose Clinic held a reception for incoming President Katy Caldwell, formerly the Harris County Treasurer. Caldwell succeeded Eileen Hegar earlier this month. The non-profit community based agency serves people in the metropolitan area through low or no cost health, social, educational and research services. Extensive services are provided to those living with HIV including access to experimental HIV therapies, case management, deaf services, education and disease prevention. Caldwell, a financial analyst, brings an impressive background of impeccable credentials to her new post. Hegar is credited with the Clinics transformation from a small antiquated facility into the multi-faceted organization it is today.

Loving Arms Assists Children With AIDS

The Second Annual Miracle on Brazos Street will be presented on Dec. 15 by Armand and Company and the Brazos River Bottom (B.R.B.). The benefit show for infants in the care of The Loving Arms Foundation assists children who are inflicted with the AIDS virus. The event makes Christmas a very special day for these children. The benefit show begins at 7:30 p.m. and the foundation encourages everyone to bring an unwrapped toy suitable for children ages 1 to 6. A drop off box will be provided during the month of December.

Suspects Arrested In Internet Sex Ring

In conjunction with the San Antonio Police, the Houston Police Dept. has arrested two men wanted in a statewide Internet sex-ring. The two men are being held at the Harris County Jail facility and will be turned over to Bexar County authorities. The suspects, James Richard Dinkins and Steven Snyder were charged with engaging in organized crime (aggravated promotion of prostitution) by the San Antonio police. The Houston Police Department regularly monitors the Internet for criminal activity and investigates accordingly.

Regional Briefs

Metro is offering early transit service programs throughout the holidays. The newly revised schedule offers discounted rates and more frequent runs to area malls and other major locations. For more information, contact the Metro route and schedule information hotline at 635-4000. ... Volunteers, ages 12-25, are needed for a 10 week acne study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The study will test two marketed acne medications. All medications will be provided free of charge, and participants will be compensated. For additional information or to volunteer, call (713) 798-6921, Monday through Wednesday.

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Jenny Jones Update

Jonathan Schmitz, convicted of killing Scott Amedure after Amedure revealed he was sexually attracted to Schmitz on The Jenny Jones Show, was sentenced 25 to 50 years last week for the crime. Although the jurors concluded that being humiliated on the syndicated talk show was not a defense for killing Amedure, the parents of the deceased victim have filed a \$25 million lawsuit against the Jenny Jones show and its producers, Warner Bros. and Telepictures. The entire incident has sparked national debate and catapulted attention to hate crimes and "ambush television." At issue is whether or not talk shows go too far to garner ratings success. Critics argue that the programs act irresponsibly. Proponents, on the other hand, believe that it is a matter of free speech and viewers have the option of not watching the fare. Schmitz had purportedly believed he was going on the show to meet a female secret admirer and contends he was humiliated before the audience when the admirer turned out to be Amedure. Three days later, Amedure was fatally shot. The show never aired.

College Prank Backfires

In what was billed as a college prank, a number of student staff members from the school paper of Greencastle, Indiana's DePauw University took part in the production of a patently homophobic parody of the DePauw's rival school's newspaper. Originally The Bachelor, Wabash College's paper was renamed The Bachelorette and contained headlines that read Football Team Panics After Towel Boy Accident and Rectal Scanner. Much to the chagrin of community activists, page after page was filled with homophobic stereotypes that were interpreted by many in the community as ugly hate designed to embarrass Wabash by implying that the school is actually a haven for depraved, sex hungry homosexuals. A number of those involved in the paper's production have since apologized claiming that the publication wasn't meant to be taken seriously. "We were negligent in allowing the publication, which we wanted to be a spirited satire of our rival school, to become insensitive...and terribly uncreative," said a student.

Gay Men's Chorus Live On Internet

The first live worldwide broadcast of a gay men's chorus will occur Dec. 13 via the Internet. Utilizing RealAudio technology, the producers of Hangin-OUT, a weekly live global gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community forum, will present the Seattle Men's Chorus Winter Holiday Concert from Meany Theatre in Seattle. The event can be reached at <http://www.hanginout.com/>. Click on the Seattle Men's Chorus link. For more information contact John McMullen (HanginOUT) at (204) 674-2649 or e-mail john@hanginout.com.

ER Focuses On HIV Health Care

In the midst of continuing controversy surrounding health care workers infected with HIV, NBC's ER will focus major attention on the issue in upcoming episodes. ER is television's highest rated show and is seen weekly by an estimated 60 million viewers. In a historic development, the shows writers have created a story line in collaboration with the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) that will mark the first time a television show has ever incorporated a major character who is an HIV-positive health care worker on a regular basis.

In the show, tentatively slated to air Dec. 12 and 19, the writers use the character of Jeanie Boulet, an infected phy-

sician's assistant (portrayed by actress Gloria Reuben), to illustrate the myriad ways in which HIV is handled in the hospital setting, how a health professional might cope with the diagnosis, and how others react to an HIV-positive medical colleague. "Due to public hysteria and poorly formulated national policy, HIV-positive health care workers continue to face the threat of public condemnation, job loss, debilitating litigation, and professional and public ostracism, says GLMA Executive Director Benjamin Schatz. Many in the industry hope that ER's incorporation of the subject into its show might be the catalyst for reassessment.

Top Designer Trends For 1997

The world's largest organization of interior decorators announced their top ten designing trends for 1997 last week. According to Decorating Den Systems, economists and business leaders have coined 1997 as "The Year of the Consumer." According to the report, demanding consumers expect the home fashions industry to stimulate, excite, motivate and still provide quality products and service. This years top trends, in descending order, are: Style—Relaxed Luxury is this year's prevailing style; Theme—Designer Reading is the theme of the year with an emphasis on the artist rather than the manufacturer; Lifestyle Decorating—Vintage Recollections has crept back into vogue in an attempt to recapture the graciousness of time gone by; Emphasis—Glamour in the Bedroom is the new attitude in home furnishings and the primary focus of home design; Pattern—Big Cats on the Prowl (leopard spots, tiger stripes, etc.) is the pattern of the year; Variety—Upholstery Collage is the new look. A multiple of fabrics on one piece of furniture, often producing a patchwork effect is one of the hottest trends this year; Design—Arabesques & Acanthus are this years top design choices; Color—Autumnal Palette, a combination of rich amber, cinnamon and tobacco falling softly across a canvas of moss green with just a hint of purple heather to provide the perfect accent; Detail—Nailheads and Buttons will add just the right amount of detail and distinction to this years trends; and Focus—Babies and Juveniles, always a hot market trend because their style changes with current pop culture.

National Briefs

Editors Kim Howard and Annie Stevens are in search of first-person true stories for a proposed anthology describing undergraduate experiences coming out, being out and staying closeted on college campuses. If interested, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 5345, Takoma, Park, MD 20913. The pair promise confidentiality and discretion is assured. Deadline for submission is March 31, 1997. ... The Consumer Credit Counseling Service is offering free holiday tips for interested consumers. The service provides free financial advice, information and assistance on reducing debt. For more information call CCCS at 713-923-2227. ... Washington author Bob Bernstein won the prestigious 1996 Human Rights Award for his book Straight Parents/Gay Children. Bernstein won the award for the best scholarship on the subject of intolerance. The book, published in 1995, is currently available in paperback. ... Want to be a poet? Here's your chance. The National Library of Poetry will award \$48,000 in prizes to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. To enter, send one original poem, no more than 20 lines, and include your name and address on the top of the page. For more information, contact the library at 410-356-2000.

NATIONAL NEWSNOTES

U.S. Quietly Granting Political Asylum

By MITCHELL LANDSBURG

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP)—Even now, eight years later, Jose Cruz cannot speak calmly about the events that drove him from his homeland. His voice cracks, his shoulders heave and tears slide down his smooth, delicate cheeks.

By his account, Cruz was routinely raped, beaten and humiliated in El Salvador for being a "culero"—a "faggot"—despite his every effort to hide his sexual orientation and act straight, even macho. Finally, threatened with death by paramilitary thugs, he fled to the United States and began life anew.

Now settled in the relative sanctuary of New York's Long Island suburbs, Cruz had pinned his hopes on what once would have been an impossibility: to be granted political asylum on the basis of his sexual orientation. Last week, he got his wish.

Since June 1994, when Attorney General Janet Reno quietly cracked open the door to such cases, more than 40 gay men or lesbians have been granted asylum because of their sexual orientation—or, more accurately, because they are members of the "social class" of homosexuals facing persecution.

More remarkably, at least one man, a heterosexual, has been granted asylum because he is HIV-positive—a diagnosis that, in other circumstances, could get him barred from the United States.

These cases, along with the far more publicized case of an African woman fleeing genital mutilation, represent a significant rethinking of the applications of asylum law. Once reserved for those whose religious or political views made them the targets of official persecution, asylum law is increasingly being applied to those who are outcasts by virtue of cultural—or medical—differences with the prevailing norm. Their case histories are shocking testimony to the degradations suffered by homosexuals in many parts of the world—and to the relative tolerance of the United States. Among them: -A gay Mexican man who was harassed and robbed by police, then raped and brutalized by soldiers.—A gay Brazilian man who was repeatedly raped at gunpoint by police. On one occasion, he was taken to jail, where the commanding officer encouraged criminals to gang-rape and brutalize him. After fleeing to the United States, he discovered he was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.—A feminist and lesbian activist who won asylum after arguing she could face the death penalty for homosexuality in her native Iran.

-A Russian lesbian who was repeatedly arrested, expelled from school and fired from jobs, then threatened with psychiatric institutionalization to "cure" her.

It is impossible to say just how common—or uncommon—these cases are. Asylum case records are confidential, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service won't say how many cases have been decided on the basis of sexual orientation. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission in San Francisco counts 43 cases through July 5, 1996, but that count is not exhaustive.

It seems safe to say, though, that the gay and lesbian cases account for only a tiny fraction of all asylum cases. In 1994, the last year for which complete figures are available, the United States received 146,468 applications for political asylum and granted 8,131.

That doesn't placate some critics of U.S. immigration policy, who are alarmed by the gay and lesbian asylum claims.

"We think this is part of a broader process designed to completely corrupt the meaning of the political asylum laws," said K.C. McAlpin, deputy director of FAIR, the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which advocates much stricter controls on immigration.

McAlpin said he sympathizes with gays and lesbians who face intolerance, but believes they should be working to change the attitudes in their native lands. He draws a distinction between social ostracism and political persecution.

"What about kids who dress like punk rockers?" McAlpin asked. "That may be frowned upon in a country like Iran. Is that going to be grounds for political asylum in the United States?"

Advocates for the gay and lesbian asylum-seekers say their clients are very much the victims of political persecution, whether or not it stems from a conscious government campaign against homosexuality. Their tormentors are frequently police officers, the very people to whom they would ordinarily turn for help.

Hiroshi Motomura, a professor of law at the University of Colorado who edits the leading legal casebook on asylum law, said the gay asylum cases are based on "well-settled precedent." He sees them as part of a general broadening of asylum law that includes cases of persecution against women.

However, Motomura questioned the wisdom of a judgment last year that granted asylum to a heterosexual man from Togo on the basis of his infection with HIV. The man argued he would be a social outcast in Togo, and would receive poor medical care there.

"I question personally whether the unavailability of drugs is what asylum was intended for," Motomura said. Taken to its logical extreme, he noted, such a precedent could open U.S. borders to tens of millions of the world's sick and outcast.

In addition to the man from Togo, several HIV-positive gay men have been granted asylum. In some cases, their HIV status was cited as a supporting reason they likely would suffer persecution.

Being HIV-positive still can be grounds for deportation from the United States. But lawyers who work in asylum law insist there is no contradiction—the whole point of asylum law is that humanitarian concerns should sometimes override normal immigration restrictions.

The cases of gay and lesbian asylum have come from throughout the world, but most are from Latin America, probably because it is simply closer. European countries, which have similar asylum policies, are more likely to grant asylum to gays and lesbians from

the Middle East and the former Soviet Bloc nations.

Among the Latin American asylum-seekers, Jose Cruz offers a fairly typical case.

The middle child in a working-class family of nine, Cruz grew up in a small city in El Salvador and began to experience intolerance and ridicule long before he knew he was homosexual—or even what homosexuality was.

"From an early age, I was effeminate," he writes in his application for asylum. This caused his parents to suspect he was gay—something he didn't realize himself until adolescence. In one of the tragicomic episodes of his young life, he recalls the time his parents sent him to a prostitute to "cure my effeminate ways and homosexuality and make me a man."

He said he paid the prostitute to say they'd had sex—a lie. Meanwhile, at age 13, Cruz said, he was raped by a local soldier. It was the first of several such incidents, always involving soldiers, police or paramilitary "death squads."

In what Cruz described as the most terrifying of these encounters, and one of the only ones that did not involve rape, he and two friends were surrounded on a San Salvador street in the summer of 1987 by two paramilitary commandos—two young men who were "buffed and pumped," Cruz would recall. They ordered Cruz and his friends to the pavement and began to search their belongings.

One of his friends, en route to a drag show, had a bag containing a dress, wig and makeup. When the commandos opened it, Cruz said, "They screamed, 'Culeros

(faggots), you're a disgrace to society! You deserve to die now!'"

The men beat them with the butts of their guns, Cruz said. "I felt faint from the pain of their blows." Finally, just as one had pulled a knife and pledged to "cut up your little faggot bodies into little pieces for the vultures," three cars drove by and parked. The commandos fired a shot into the air and fled.

It was this incident, and the memory of those insults, that reduced Cruz to tears during a recent interview. He spoke through a translator at the small, neat apartment he now shares with a sister in suburban Hempstead. He is still a strikingly effeminate man, dressed this day in a woman's black-and-white checked jacket, his long black hair pulled into a ponytail, a black leather hat perched on his head.

Since coming to the United States illegally in 1988, crossing over the Mexican border hidden in the recesses of a mobile home, Cruz has scratched out a living painting trucks, washing hair in a beauty salon and, lately, cleaning a shop. He dreams of getting his beauticians' license and returning to a hair salon.

Clearly, the United States has been good to him. Not once, Cruz said, has he been victimized because of his homosexuality. "And if I were ever to experience that, I would have fled this country, too," he said. Then he amends that statement. There is a crucial difference between the abuses homosexuals suffer in the United States and those he suffered in El Salvador, he said.

"Because, you know, there are laws that protect people, including homosexuals, from abuse. Whereas in my country, you could never file a complaint."

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GLOBAL NEWSNOTES

World Notes

Chilean Prison Controversy

According to gay inmates incarcerated at the Colina prison in Santiago, Chile, prison officials subjected them to involuntary HIV tests with contaminated needles. Upon arrival, the men were ordered to strip, and submit to an HIV test.

The prisoners contend that the prison medic used only 10 needles to draw blood from the 37 gay inmates, despite information that 22 of the men were already infected with HIV.

Trinidad Lathrop, an attorney at Centro Legal Chile who has worked extensively with the gay prisoners, stated in an interview that the prison medic denied the prisoners accounts. Ironically, the chief medical officer has refused to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident, despite sworn testimony from all of the prisoners interviewed that, indeed, only 10 unsterilized needles had been used to test all 37 inmates, possibly exposing all of the gay prisoners to the HIV virus.

Chilean prisons have always been subject to human rights abuse violations. Humanist Party President Tomas Hirsch and Trinidad Lathrop have demanded a full investigation of the prisoners accusations. At press time, no action had been taken.

South African Supreme Court Victory

South African Supreme Court justice, the Honorable Mr. Van Deventer, ordered country-wide compliance with a new Department of Correctional Services (DCS) HIV/AIDS policy securing the provision of condom distribution to all prisoners, medical attention and treatment for HIV+ prisoners, and protection from discrimination on the basis of their HIV status or sexual orientation.

The court order came in response to a case brought forth by 10 prisoners at Pollsmoor Prison in the Western Cape and the National Association of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS. It was the first legal test of the newly adopted Department of Correctional Services (DCS) May 17, 1996 policy. One of the applicants was a gay male who had tested negative upon entry into the prisons system and had unsuccessfully requested condoms

for more than a year. Every three months he had tested negative and after more than a year, he sero-converted. In addition, prisoners with HIV/AIDS at Pollsmoor Prison lived in segregation from the other prisoners, and in 1995 had participated in a hunger strike to improve their conditions. Even before the Republic of South Africa adopted its new constitution earlier this year, the Department of Correctional Services had initiated a Work Group on Health Services in Prisons. The Work Group recommended that prisoners with HIV be desegregated and that condoms and all forms of barrier methods be provided as a matter of urgency to male and female prisoners.

The Supreme Court decision has far-reaching implications on all questions relating to HIV/AIDS in prisons. The order binds the Minister of Correctional Services and his services to protect, as far as possible, prisoners from stigmatization on account of their HIV status or sexual orientation.

Buenos Aires Govt. Forbids Discrimination and Repeals Edicts Abuse

In a historic first, the Statutory Convention of Buenos Aires unanimously approved a measure forbidding discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race, religion, political ideology, or sexual orientation, making Buenos Aires the first Spanish-speaking city in Latin America to do so. Shortly thereafter, the convention passed a clause that repealed the infamous Police Edicts that have enabled police to arbitrarily detain young people, transvestites, gays, lesbians, and prostitutes, among others, without any form of outside judicial review. While the police remain under federal control, any person arrested in the city will need to be presented before an as yet to be constituted city judicial review board.

Traditionally, the city of Buenos Aires has been governed indirectly by the president of Argentina, who appointed the city mayor, and governed through federal laws. This year, for the first time, Buenos Aires residents chose their own mayor and representatives in charge of drafting an Autonomous Statute for the city. The Statutory Convention has been working since July to develop this historic document and governance structure.

Romania's Anti-Homosexual Law

By MARC ALMOND

The Romanian Parliament voted to retain Article 200 of the country's Penal Code. Although the revised version of Article 200 no longer criminalizes all homosexual acts, it retains ubiquitous legal penalties for consensual homosexual acts between adult Romanian citizens. Violation of the code could result in a penalty of 1-5 years imprisonment.

The United States Congress voted to restore Most-Favored-Nation status to Romania in Oct. 1993. Earlier that year, the Council of Europe admitted Romania as a member of its ranks. Generally, acts of such nature are based on the country's human rights record. To date, Romania continues to defy clear directives from numerous regional and international human rights bodies to eliminate all legal penalties for consensual homosexual acts. It is not known whether Congress intends to rescind Romania's Most-Favored-Nation status as a result of these infractions. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Campaign (IGLHRC)

contends that their gay men and lesbians suffered repercussions during the parliamentary debates over provisional matters and continue to suffer today. The group reports that several recent incidents of police persecution of gay men in Romania have been brought to their attention. Particularly egregious is the case of Adrian Gabriel Presnat and Dumitru Radu Vasiliu, two 17-year-old Romanian men from the town of Iasi. It is reported that the two were forcibly detained, severely beaten, and interrogated by police on the evening of Sept. 15, 1996 in the town of Iasi. The Iasi police reportedly failed to specify the reason for their incarceration. According to reports, the Iasi police have been contemplating charges of rape against the two, as well as the application of Article 200, Paragraph 1 which criminalizes acts which cause public scandal. IGLHRC has brought this case to the attention of the Romanian Embassy. The group is urging a thorough investigation of this and other incidents of police harassment towards Romanian gay men and lesbians.

COLUMNIST

Family Values

by Esperanza Lavender Jazz Paz



By ESPERANZA LAVENDER JAZZ PAZ

Her Christmas Has Gone To The Dogs

All I wanted was a popcorn can, the kind you can only buy between Thanksgiving and New Year's, and although I'd rather not have it decorated with Santas or angels, I would have gratefully paid for one, even a dented one, if it had been that easy.

I just wanted to store my dog's food in it. A large metal canister with a tight-fitting lid. I'd been wanting one since April, but some things are seasonal, and for a popcorn tin, one must wait until the Holidays to purchase one if one is a Christmas believer or not. I'm not. It's not that I'm opposed to Christmas (some of my best friends are Christians); I'm not anticapitalistic either, but I do think it's curious, the way that our country seems to live economically from one holiday to the other. (On the other hand, consider how distasteful it would be to have to decline fruitcake all year 'round.)

One reason that I dislike Christmas is that it is unescapable. There is no choice, it is flaunted in private and public in the way that straight people accuse gays of "advertising their sexuality." Also, because it is so fake. Fake mistletoe, fake Santas, fake popcorn in those tins. I have a friend who (you do too, admit it, you have a friend who does this) uses a fake Christmas tree, the same one every year, and puts water in the base of the fake tree holder and sprays "Christmas tree scent" out of a can because she loves the smell of Christmas so much. She also sprinkles a drop of vanilla extract on the bottom of her never used six year-old built-in oven and turns on the gas to 200 degrees to "simulate the scent of home

baking."

I like what is real about Christmas. I am even willing to exploit it. Teenaged brothers who greet each other Good Morning as they roll out of their beds around noon each Dec. 25th get my cheeriest applause. My partner, who is loathe to accept a frivolous gift, but seems to genuinely appreciate an electric paper shredder (to her that's a bauble) wrapped up in tinsel and glitter—hey, it makes me happy to please her. I even like having Thanksgiving dinner again. All that, I like about Christmas. That, and having a day off in the middle of the week.

It's little things, like the popcorn tins, that get me. Not only that they become available during such a limited time, but that the competition for them is so vicious. I had to travel to four stores over three days to find a shopping cart to carry one to the check-out line in! Moreover, it was not only the popcorn tin, I got to wondering what else I might need next summer that is only for sale during the merchandising season: a prefabricated gingerbread house (ever try to find one of those at Easter?) or a pint of peppermint ice cream? What if I ever needed a pair of socks with 101 dalmatians and jingle bells on the cuffs? Better get them while they're here.

I have friends who love the season, who love the spirit, who are jolly and rosy-cheeked and ever more generous at this time of year. I used to be one of them. Until I got a dog and needed a container to keep her food in. That's when I got in this bad mood. And I won't feel better until Mother's Day. That's the only other day our boys make an effort to get along.

If Jan had known that it was going to make Christmas this stressful, she would never have succumbed to Jazz's pleas for a dog. Or kids.

Christmas Caroling in Montrose

The Westheimer Street Festival and members of the Houston Pride Band will be playing Christmas Carols while riding in a horse carriage "gayly" decorated in Christmas lights and other traditional holiday fare. Six brass instrument musicians will provide the entertainment.

Stops will be made at the Police Store, Westmount Shopping Center, Walgreens, Krogers, Mary's, Crossroads Book Store, Ruggles, Michelangelo's, Bistro 224, Mauvolium Club, La Strada and Stop & Go. The festivities take place on Dec. 19 between 6 and 10 pm.

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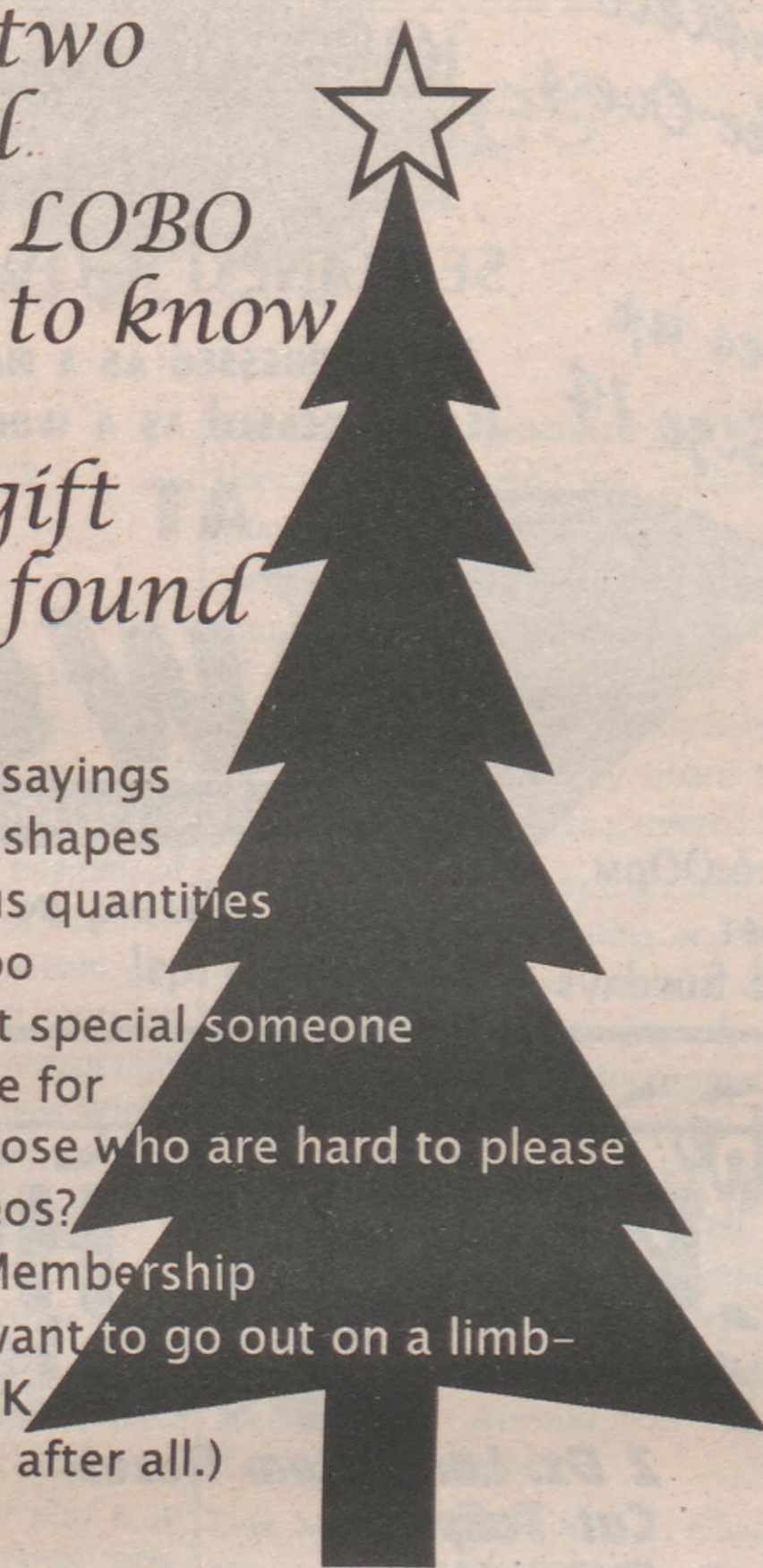
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Milam House provides transitional and long-term housing to those persons infected with the HIV virus who would otherwise have no place to live. In existence for three years, Milam House just completed renovations on the house they recently purchased through a generous grant from the City of Houston HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) office.

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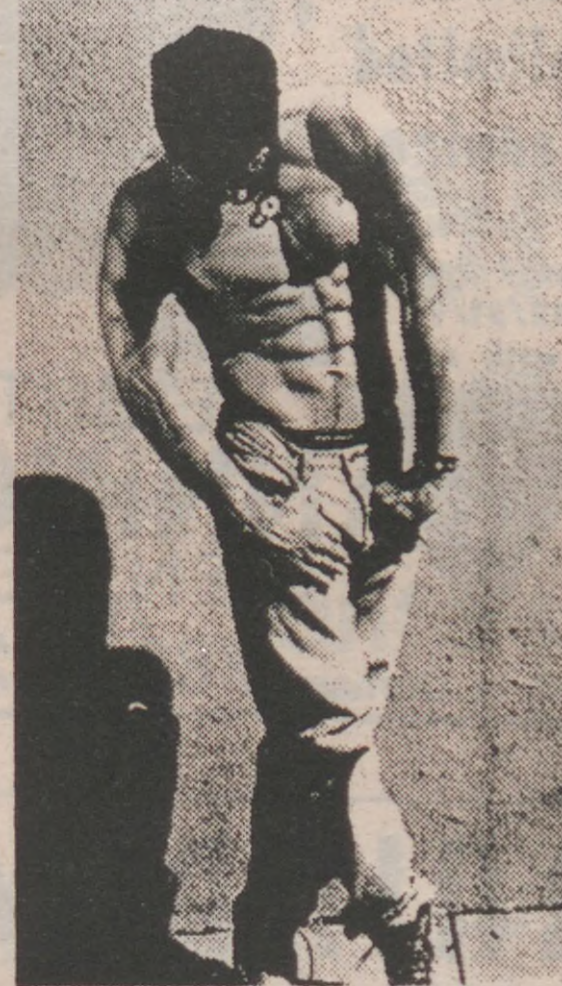
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COLUMNIST

Gay Today 

By GLEN WEBBER

Recently it dawned on me that I will reach my forty third birthday in just three short months—Feb. 24 to be exact. As such, the forthcoming milestone propelled a mental metamorphosis.

Considering my medical predicament, I am very excited to have survived thus far. Encouragingly, like many of you that are HIV-positive and have AIDS, I have managed to beat the odds. Although it is unfortunate—because of the nature of the disease and its mutation process—medical personnel were compelled to provide their AIDS patients with a probable life span. Often times those predictions were incorrect. I am living proof. To be sure, AIDS has limited me, however, due to recent developments I am still optimistic and continue to trek on. In fact, I plan on living long enough to watch my niece and nephews grow into adulthood. I plan on outliving my mother and father, which is how it should be. I am not going anywhere and I hope all of you with AIDS feel that way. You deserve to have a wonderful life filled with love and passion. I am looking for love and hope to find it.

I have always felt that being open about having full blown AIDS has kept me from dating. Not too many men want to get involved with someone who has AIDS. Many men tell me they don't want to date someone who might get sick and then feel obligated to take care of them. I understand, but to judge someone who has AIDS and to not get to know them is wrong. There are many people like myself, who are wonderful and love life. I learn something valuable from a person inflicted with AIDS that I encounter and much of it becomes fodder for my columns.

I receive wonderful letters from readers who share similar anxieties and experiences. Rev. Johnson of M.C.C.R. one of the smartest and most dynamic speakers I have ever heard, told me I would never meet all the people I have ever helped with my column. This is truly a blessing from God. I am very proud of that. As you know, I don't get paid for writing this column. My reward is helping people live quality lives. My column is my ministry for helping those with terminal illnesses, and I am grateful to the Voice for providing me the forum to share my insights with the community. I promise to never let you down. We are all in this battle together, and you know I feel like we are going to win.

I am compiling a book consisting of my columns as a source of inspiration. I hope it will help you and your friends to live a better quality of life. I hope the local bookstores will sell it. This book will be for anyone who needs help. I am living a better quality life now with the help of M.C.C.R. The friendships I am making now will last me the rest of my life. I am following a new creed in life: No drugs, just hugs.

Last week I criticized crack and cocaine users who become addicted and have to steal to support their habits. I am a victim of such a person. I befriended a person, and had no idea he was a crack addict. Although his behavior was suspect, I didn't know. Well, when some of my things started missing, I got very suspicious. My fears were confirmed when one day, while cleaning my bathroom, I discovered a stash of crack rocks under the bottom towel in my linen closet. I flushed them all down the commode. When he discovered it was gone, he started screaming at me with threatening comments. I opened the front door and told him to get the hell out. He left, threatening revenge. Well since then, I have moved to a beautiful secured apartment. He won't find me. If he does show up, I will beat him with my trusty cane.

One thing that makes me mad is the way drug addicts take their government checks and food stamps and trade them for drugs. They get enough drugs for one week. They also can't afford food and spend three weeks bumming off their friends, if they have any left. This is my tax money going to these animals, and I resent it. I believe anyone getting government money or one who is living in subsidized housing, such as the AIDS apartment complex should be required to take weekly drug tests. If they test positive, their checks and food stamps will be suspended until they test negative. Expensive, you say? Well, it is more expensive to waste money on drug addicts.

I will address the issue of alcoholics since so many of you have kindly ask me to comment. I believe that all those people who have drinking problems and are able to stop and get their lives in order, should be congratulated! They perhaps have the hardest job in the world. To completely change their life for the better and, once again, become productive citizens should not be overlooked. Congratulations to all you fine, decent, kind people. You are an inspiration to us all.

Next week, my column will focus on overcoming loneliness. I will discuss my thirteen year relationship with Kelse, and how I have been fighting loneliness for the last three years. Loneliness is a horrible experience but it can be overcome. It takes courage and strength and a desire to live life to the fullest. I am doing it now. I have started dating again, and I will say my life is getting on track. I am even starting to work out again. I miss my beautiful body. But I will never again tie my self-esteem to it. I have a lot to be thankful for, and my relationship with God and M.C.C.R. is my way to live life again. As my spiritual side grows, so does my desire to have a life with quality friends. I am grateful and thankful to God for all my blessings.



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Rainbow Reader

By JONE DEVLIN

Rita Mae Brown, known for her creation of truly unforgettable characters truly outdoes herself in **Southern Discomfort**.

Hortense is a respectable married white woman in the turn of the century South who doesn't like sex or much else. Her own marriage is a lie based on money and tradition. Of course, there is nothing unusual about this, except that Hortense doesn't seem to care who knows it. She has even stopped pretending with her husband, and is regarded by everyone in town, including her own mother, as a cold fish that is beyond even the most basic of desires.

All of that changes when she meets Hercules, a fifteen year old black man who comes to her house with his father to do odd jobs. At first, Hortense pretends her interest in Hercules is purely kind, loaning him books from her library and giving him extra money for college, and he obligingly goes along with her pretense. Before long the two are forced to admit their attraction for each other and embark on a tumultuous forbidden love affair. Providing them with a place to meet as well as helping them keep this deep dark secret, are two prostitutes, Banana Mae Parker and Blue Rhonda Latrec, a woman with a deep dark secret of her own.

Indeed, the affair of Hortense and Hercules isn't the only riveting thing Rita Mae Brown has woven into this story.

There are Banana Mae's and Blue Rhonda's repeated attempts to hold on to their customers, all the while dreaming up ways to compete with the big new whorehouse across the street (which is constantly adding innovations like a sex menu, or a buy one get one free special). Added to this are their furious efforts, in their spare time, to bring down a local evangelist who's starting to hurt all the sex business in town.

Hortense, meanwhile, ends up becoming pregnant. Since bearing the child openly would make her affair with Hercules very obvious, she absents herself from town for a year and then sneaks the child into her home as the "niece" of one of their cooks. This arrangement seems to suit everyone until Hercules dies in a freak accident, and his family decides they want to be a part of his child's life. Added to the mix are Hortense's two legitimate children, who become at first jealous, and then suspicious when their mother, who has always been indifferent to them, suddenly begins to shower all sorts of love and affection on the cook's niece.

Southern Discomfort is a page turner from the word go. The star crossed love affair between Hortense and Hercules is riveting, and the antics of Banana Mae and Blue Rhonda will have readers in stitches right from the start. While all of Rita Mae Brown's books are worth reading, this one is worth reading over and over again.

Performing Arts Notes

Community Shines at Songfest 96'

Winter Reveries Raises \$65,000

By Jon Anthony

Nearly 800 people attended this year's gala event known as A Christmas Songfest. The capacity crowd convened at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center Sunday, Dec. 8 for an evening of song and celebration. This year's festivities honored Dr. Paul R. Gustafson, the Honorary Event Chair, whose contributions to the community are immeasurable. The theme of this year's event was Winter Reveries and the benefactors were The Assistance Fund and Omega House.

The Assistance Fund provides financial assistance, for payment of insurance premiums enabling persons piving with AIDS to maintain continuation of their medical or dental insurance until they qualify for Medicare. Also provided is an emergency medication assistance program for those clients in transition from private insurance to Medicare.

Omega House is a residential care facility that provides hospice care to AIDS patients in the terminal phase of their illness. They provide housing as well as spiritual, psychological and palliative medical care for residents and their families, mates, and friends. Residents are generally admitted without regard for their ability to pay.

The Songfest Board of Directors estimate

Sunday's event generated \$65,000. The board also indicated that including this year's revenues, the organization has raised approximately \$280,000 for community assistance through the year's. One of the highlights of the evening was the live auction of Evander Hollyfield's boxing gloves. Emceed by board member Rick Barnes, the gloves garnered \$3,500.

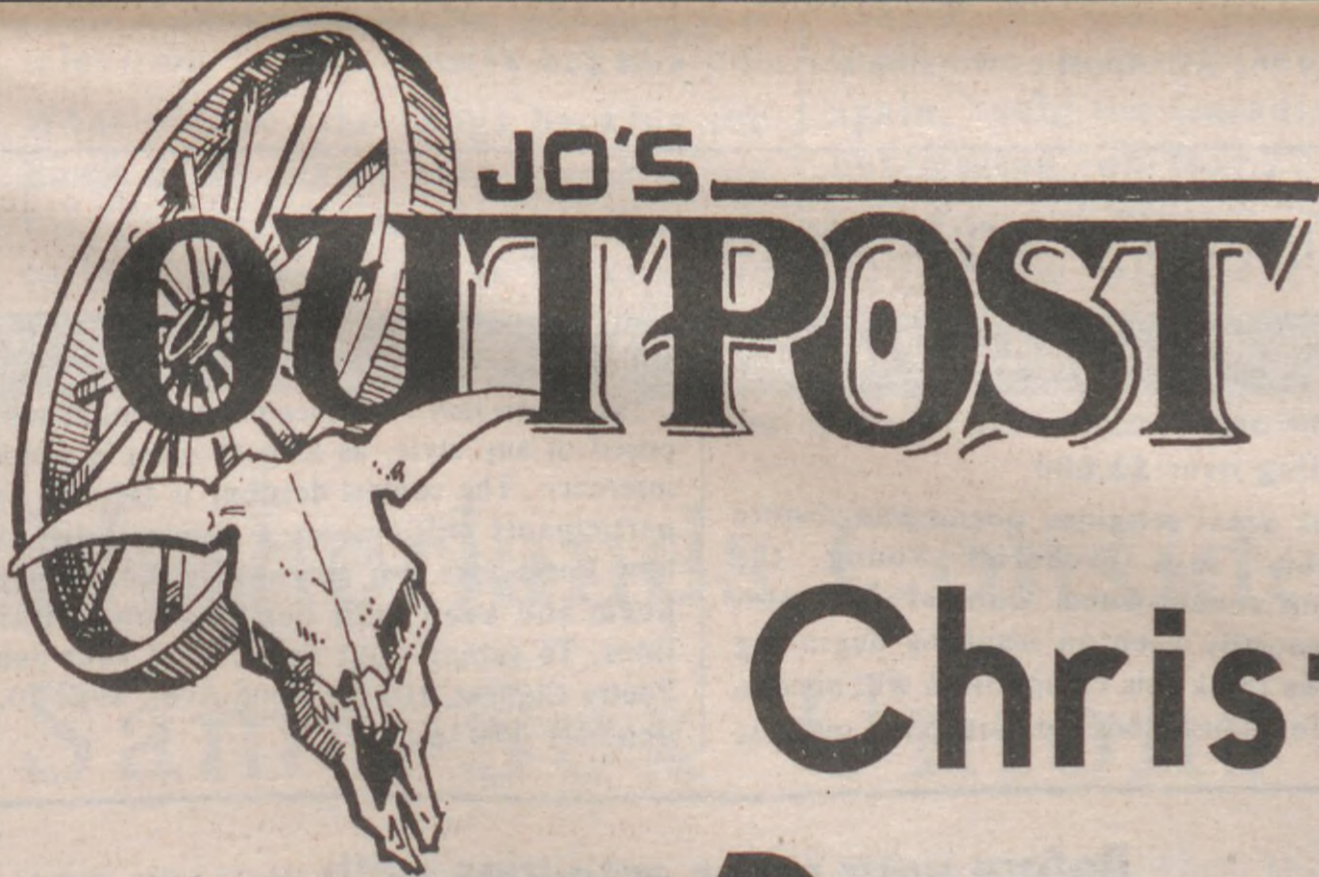
The evening was a lovefest for those who attended. All participating organizations went on stage and performed their rendition of a holiday favorite. Songstress Sharon Montgomery (Montgomery, Plant and Stritch), wowed the crowd with her vocal prowess. Other musical entertainers included Keith Caldwell, Ricky Comeaux, Cindy Harrelson and Terry Pierce. Houston legend Jerry Atwood was the evening's musical director and accompanist. Atwood was one of the founders of Songfest.

Dan Meador of KHOU-TV, Channel 11, Dayna Steel of KNWS-TX, Channel 51 and Maria Todd of KRBE radio, 104FM, were the evenings master of ceremonies. Their expertise provided the evening with a pleasant flow of song and comment. A Christmas Songfest has become a traditional fund-raising favorite. It has earned its reputation as a fun-filled benefit that is always entertaining. Moreover, it has become the gala event of the community as a result of the tireless efforts of its committed Board of Directors.

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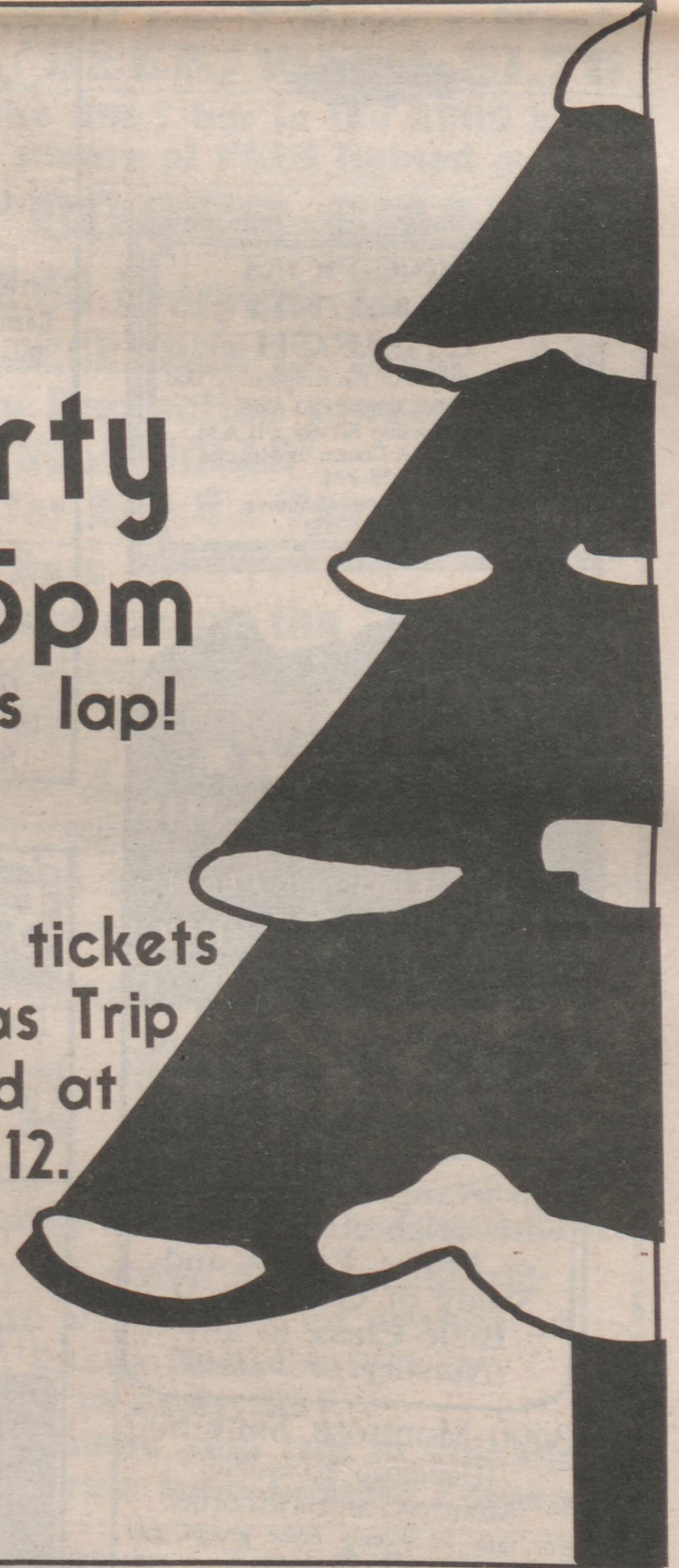


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* Catholic Mass at 10:00 am. Movie Nite at the Kolbe Project at 7:30 pm. 522-8182.

Saturday-12/14

* Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.

Sunday-12/15

* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor," (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756

* MCCR worship services 9:00 am & 11:00 am 861-9149

* Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269

* First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200

* Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872

* Community Gospel worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. SERVICE IN NEW LOCATION, 4305 LILLIAN 880-9235

* Houston Mission Church worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225

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* Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830

* Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service. 10:50 am Seekers class 9:15 am 526-1017

* Church of the XII Apostles worship service

at 10:00 am. Chapel of the Santana Funeral home, 5352 Katy Freeway. 665-7903.

Monday-12/16

* Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182

* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149

Tuesday-12/17

* MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Singers at 8:00 pm, The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149

* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.

* HIV Affected group meets at 7:00 pm. Judy or Pam at 880-9235; HIV Infected group meets at 7:00 pm. Catherine or Robert at 880-9235. At Community Gospel.

* Maranatha Fellowship MCC has home groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.

* Advent Scripture Study at Kolbe Project. 7:30 pm. 522-8182.

Wednesday 12/18

* MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149

* Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* MCCR: Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 pm Midweek uplift service at 7:00 pm, Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm 861-9149

* "A Course in Miracles"—Study Group using the book, published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, which is aimed at removing the blocks to our awareness of one's presence. Kingdom Community Church 7:30 pm 862-7533.

Thursday-12/19

* Bible Study 7:00 pm At Faith And Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* Community Gospel midweek service 7:30 pm 880-9325

If you want an event listed in this section, please call 529-8490.

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FINANCIAL

David Bowie Goes Wall Street

New York (BBN)—Twenty-five years later, David Bowie wants to use the bond market to be a richer man.

Bowie, the London-born rock and roll star, is pondering whether to package his future royalties into an asset-backed bond issue that would be marketed in the weeks ahead.

Rather than wait for royalties—or sell the rights to his songs out-right—Bowie may sell more than \$50 million of bonds backed by future royalty payments on the publishing rights and master recordings of a basket of his tunes, including hits such as *Let's Dance* and *Changes*.

"This is one of the many possibilities we are looking at," said William Zysblat of Rascoff Zysblatt Organization, which manages Bowie's business affairs.

Gruntal & Co. is arranging the private sale, which will be led by David Pullman, managing director of the structured asset sales group at Gruntal, said people familiar with the sale.

Investors have inundated Gruntal with calls about the bonds since they were mentioned in a Wall Street Journal article Friday. Still, some investors aren't sure they want to buy into the music industry without more details.

"You have to know when and where the songs get played and how the royalties are paid," said Chris Sebald, who helps manage \$11 billion of assets at Mimlic Asset Management in St. Paul, Minn. "Maybe there's a variability in the cash flows." People involved with the sale said bond buyers can take comfort from the fact that royalties from record sales are determined as a fixed portion of gross sales. Royalties from publishing sources such as air play and record pressings are also set at a certain rate which can't be lowered, while revenue from television and movies is negotiated. What's more, the songs backing the Bowie bonds already have a track record for generating royalties. The so-called catalog of songs backing the

bonds posted average unit sales of more than 10 million in each of the past three decades.

"I guess there's people still buying David Bowie albums," said Scott Colbert, who manages about \$4.4 billion at Commerce Bank in St. Louis.

The bonds represent the latest wrinkle in the growing market for asset-backed debt, which now includes bonds backed by tax liens, tourist receipts and loans on Harley Davidson motorcycles. Sales of the bonds have already topped \$140 billion this year, shattering last year's record of \$120 billion.

Asset-backed bonds are drawing more buyers—and bankers are finding more and more assets to use as backing for bonds—as money managers hunt for bonds that offer higher yields than benchmark treasuries.

"(The Bowie bonds) are one more example of the froth of the market," said Colbert at Commerce Bank. "Bankers are securitizing anything at all that has a financial cash flow to it."

Bowie's idea may catch on. If he could make a hit on Wall Street, imagine how well better-known artists could do.

"This idea is very sensible," said William Velez, president of SESAC Inc. in Nashville. It supplies music users with products created by its artists, who include Bob Dylan and Neil Diamond.

It also makes sense that Bowie would seek ways to boost his cash flow. After all, the artist, who turns 50 next month, hasn't had a smash in quite a while.

SoundScan, which tracks sales of records in the U.S., said Bowie has sold only 200,000 albums so far this year, down from 338,000 last year. "Bowie is no longer 'hot'—he probably never will be again," said the Guardian, a London publication, on Nov. 27. "He hasn't sold a record in years," the New York Daily News said earlier this year.

NATION/WORLD

Netherlands Considering Same-Sex Unions

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Homosexual couples in the Netherlands would be permitted to register their relationship as a legally binding union under a proposed law. The proposal, which has broad backing in parliament and is expected to become law in Jan. 1998, would give registered same-sex couples nearly identical rights as married heterosexuals, except that gay couples would not be allowed to adopt children, said a Justice Ministry spokesperson, Liesbeth Rensman.

Gay rights advocates say the law is a sig-

nificant step toward recognizing gay marriages.

But a prominent gay organization said it would continue campaigning for adoption rights. "This is not enough," said Sjoerd Beumer of the Dutch Federation for the Integration of Homosexuality.

The proposed law would give gay couples the same pension, social security and inheritance rights as married couples and enforce alimony payments if a couple split. Dutch society is known for its tolerance toward homosexuals, who also are welcome in the military.



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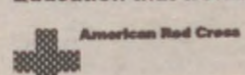
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Mars Attacks! (Our Intelligence)



Danny DeVito as Rude Gambler in Warner Bros.' all star sci-fi comedy Mars Attacks!

By CHRISTOPHER RUNDQUIST

Mars Attacks!, opening Friday, Dec. 13, is one of those movies that you will either love or hate. If you appreciate the humor of "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" or the "Naked Gun" and "Airplane" films, you will love this movie. If you are looking for artistic substance or an award winning story-line, you may be disappointed. This movie is exactly what it is advertised to be: a spoof of the old 50s and 60s sci-fi double features. It also happens to be very fun, as long as you don't take it too seriously.

The movie opens with the President (Jack Nicholson) meeting with his top advisers to decide what the best P.R. angle is for announcing to the public that the earth has been surrounded by Martian space ships. The story then unfolds to depict how the invasion affects the lives of earthlings in several locations: Washington D.C., New York, Las Vegas, The Arizona Desert, and rural Kansas. Each of these locations has its own distinct story line, which feeds off of the Martian invasion, and contributes to the main plot. The ending is hokey, but it fits with the overall ambience of the movie.

As advertised, this movie makes use of some of the greatest talent available today. Oscar winner Jack Nicholson (Batman, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest), plays in a dual role as the president and a shady Las Vegas developer. Tony award winner and Oscar nominee Glenn Close plays the first lady. Oscar and Golden Globe nominee Annette Bening (The Grifters, Postcards From the Edge) plays Nicholson's Las Vegas wife. Pierce Brosnan (Gold-

eneve, Mrs. Doubtfire) plays the scientist who cannot accept the concept that such technologically advanced creatures could possibly be anything but peaceful. Danny DeVito (Batman Returns, Get Shorty) plays a Las Vegas gambler, and general loser. The cast also includes Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael J. Fox, Rod Steiger, Tom Jones (as himself), Lukas Haas, Natalie Portman, Jim Brown, Lisa Marie, Sylvia Sydney (An Early Frost), Paul Winfield, and Pam Grier.

In addition to this impressive cast, the makers of the movie are equally impressive. Tim Burton (Batman, The Nightmare Before Christmas) both directs and produced. Co-producer Larry Franco is best know for his work on Jumanji and Batman Returns. Director of photography, Peter Suschitzky worked on the Empire Strikes Back, and the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Production designer Wynn Thomas most recently designed To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar—the list goes on and on. The special effects were a tag team effort between Industrial Light and Magic (Twister, Jurassic Park), and Warner Digital Studios (Eraser, Batman & Robin). The effects themselves range between incredible and extremely corny, which helps to maintain the b-rated feel of the movie.

While this (***) movie probably will not earn any Oscars, it is a lot of fun, and it is entertaining. At the same time, it insults your intelligence and borders on the ridiculous. If you truly enjoy this genre of movies, make an effort to see it on the big screen. Video simply will not do it justice.



The First Couple, President James Dale (Jack Nicholson) and wife Marsha (Glenn Close).

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

This & That...

by Jon Anthony

Madonna fans in 21 cities can purchase advance tickets for the upcoming premiere of the highly anticipated film adaptation of *Evita*. Disney is using its marketing muscle to create additional hyperbole for the big budget Andrew Lloyd Weber musical. A total of 153,000 tickets have been set aside for advance sale. The film opens in Los Angeles and New York on Christmas Day and goes national on Jan. 1. Incidentally, Madonna will appear live on *Oprah!* this Friday, Dec. 13. The toll-free number for advance sales is 888-384-8297.... **Jim Carrey** is in negotiations with several major studios to produce and star in a remake of the 1959 cross-dressing classic *Some Like It Hot*.... **Jack Nicholson** received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of Mann's Chinese Theater last week. The Oscar winning actor returns to the big-screen in *Mars Attacks!*, which hits theaters Dec. 13.... NBC was so impressed with guest performances by **Carol Burnett** and **Carroll O'Connor**, as **Helen Hunt's** parents, on the hit sitcom *Mad About You* that network brass have been huddling with the two television legends about starring in their own show, a spin-off, for next season. Meanwhile, expect more appearances during the season.... **Barry Manilow**, the **Rodney Dangerfield** of music, has a new album out. *Summer of '78* is a collection of love songs from the 70's. Manilow recently appeared in a highly rated A&E concert special and plans to tour next year. The Emmy, Grammy and Tony Award winner has sold 58 million records to date.... **Carla Gugino**,



Michael J. Fox's love interest **Ashley** on *Spin City*, has been dropped from the sitcom. Gugino's last appearance in the show will air Jan. 7. City's producers felt that the romance lacked excitement in comparison to the shows crisp workplace ensemble scenes. Although the show is a hit, it has not lived up to the networks expectations, hence the retooling.... Opera diva **Jessye Norman** is producing a high profile AIDS benefit that she hopes will become an annual tradition. The songstress has enlisted the help of some high caliber stars like **Whoopi Goldberg** and **Elton John**. The benefit is being lavishly produced and plans are underway to air the event on network television. Norman, who is about to embark on a tour, is also mobilizing churches nationwide to join the fight against AIDS.... **Woody Allen** is contemplating making a movie about his tumultuous relationship with **Mia Farrow**. If he decides to make the film, it would be a documentary and the reclusive director said the film would be appropriately titled *An Error In Judgment*.... The **Budweiser Frogs** will be hitting a big-screen theater near you in the not too distant future. Plans are underway for the popular amphibians to make a commercial for the king of beers that would preclude the main attraction.... ABC will fill the void vacated by *Monday Night Football* after its fall run with a weekly *Monday Night Movie*. *Intersection*, starring **Sharon Stone** and **Richard Greer**, will kick off the new *Monday Night* on December 30.... Former *Saturday Night Live* alum **Julia Sweeney** is penning her memoirs for Bantam books. The book is based on her autobiographical one woman Broadway play, *God Said, Ha!* and will be released early next year.... CNBC will begin airing reruns of *Late Night With Conan O'Brien* weeknights at 9 p.m. in an effort to attract a younger skewing audience. O'Brien's ratings have dramatically increased during the past year and the network wants to capitalize on his rising star status. Original episodes of *Late Night* will continue to air on NBC nightly at 12:30 a.m.... MTV newsreporter **Alison Stewart** will be leaving the cable channel to join CBS News.

Stewart signed a three year contract with the network and will play a pivotal role in the upcoming CBS newsmagazine *Coast to Coast*. In addition, she will be providing reports for network staples *This Morning* and *48 Hours*.... **Lady Chablis**, of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* fame, has sold the film rights to her autobiography *Hiding My Candy* (Pocket Books, \$22). Chablis is currently filming the screen version of *Midnight* which is being produced and directed by **Clint Eastwood**. Chablis, who does not like the term drag queen, considers herself a professional male entertainer who performs as a female chanteuse. No word yet as to when *Midnight* or *Candy* will be released.... **Bernadette Peters** will be making her solo debut appearance at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 9 at a benefit for the Gay Men's Health Crisis.... **Sharon Stone** has signed to star in the big-screen adaptation of **Larry Kramer's** tome *The Normal Heart*. Stone is the national spokeswoman for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).... Humorist **Dave Barry** will try his hand at writing a novel for G.P. Putnam's Sons. Barry, a nationally syndicated columnist, has yet to decide what the novel's premise or its title will be. The book is due in the fall of 1999.... *General Hospital* will spawn a spin-off titled *GH2* which will focus on the next generation of doctors an nurses at the fictitious Port Charles University's Medical School. *GH2* will debut March 28, 1997 and replace the low-rated **Morgan Fairchild** vehicle *City*.... Director **John Waters** will commemorate the 25th anniversary of *Pink Flamingos* with a restored version. The cult classic which starred the late **Divine** is scheduled to hit video outlets April 30 of next year.... **Angie Dickinson** will guest on an upcoming episode of HBO's critically acclaimed

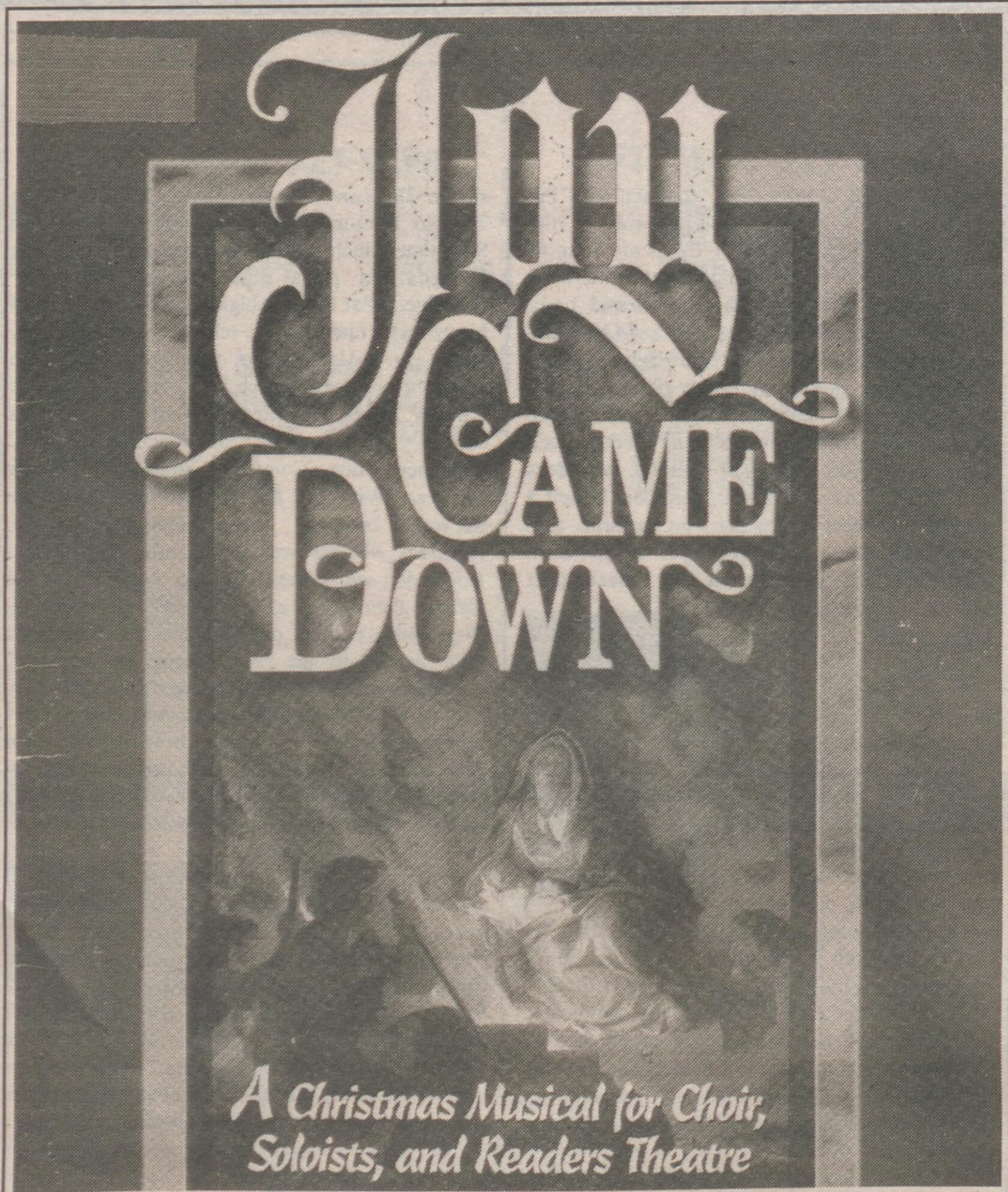


sitcom *The Larry Sanders Show*. Dickinson is in Toronto filming a comedy about the Mafia for Showtime which co-stars **Robert Loggia** and **Joe Bologna**. At press time, no air dates were available.... **Pat Boone's** highly publicized album of heavy metal tunes will be released in January. The album, *In a Metal Mood*, will consist of Boone doing cover songs of such heavy metal artists like **Guns N' Roses**, **Metallica** and **Jimi Hendrix**.... It's official. After months of speculation, ABC announced that Comedy Central's *Politically Incorrect* With **Bill Maher** will be joining the networks latenight lineup beginning Jan. 6. *Incorrect* will air weeknights after *Nightline*.... Doubleday will release *Gift and Mystery: On the Fiftieth Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination* by **Pope John Paul II** on December 11. Last years tome penned by the Pope became an instant #1 bestseller worldwide.... **Milestones:** Ukulelest **Tiny Tim** of *Tip Toe Thru The Tulips* fame died of heart failure at 64 last week. Actor **Howard Rollins** (*In The Heat of the Night*) died this week of an undisclosed ailment. **Top of the Charts:** Disney's *101 Dalmatians* collared its way to the top spot at the box office for the second week in a row. *Dalmatians* earned a record \$45 million when it opened and woofed up an additional \$16 million last week. ABC's *Home Improvement* topped the Nielsen's ratings last week. On the music front, **Toni Braxton's** *Un-Break My Heart* is the top selling song of the week and British alternative rockers **Bush** hold the number one position on the album charts with their latest release *Razorblade Suitcase* reports Billboard magazine. **Danielle Steel's** *Silent Honor* (Delacorte) and **James Hillman's** *The Soul's Code* (Random House) are the best-selling fiction and non-fiction titles on the New York Times bestseller's list, respectively.... **Quote of the Week:** "Sorry Guys. I only got the one set." - **Dennis Franz** (Sipowicz on ABC's *NYPD Blue*) during a scene where he is leaving a gay bar with a handcuffed suspect.

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BY DAVID BIANCO

How Did Mccarthyism Affect Gays And Lesbians?

Between 1950 and 1954, U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-WI) constantly made headlines with his attacks on communists and other "subversives" that he claimed had infiltrated the entire federal government. Although McCarthy was only one of many public figures who crusaded against "anti-American" employees of the federal government, his attention-grabbing stunts and blow-hard persona helped lend his name to the phenomenon now known as McCarthyism.

Although less well-known than the campaign against communists, the McCarthy era also saw a widespread push to root out "perverts" from government service—and the overwhelming majority of those "perverts" were lesbians and gay men. About two weeks after McCarthy's first media splash in which he alleged that hundreds of communists were working in the State Department, a top State Department official indicated that nearly a hundred of his agency's employees had resigned amid concern that they were security risks, adding "Most of these were homosexuals."

This revelation caused a media stir, appearing on the front page of the next day's New York Times and causing many both inside and outside the government to ask just how widespread was the infiltration of sex perverts within the ranks of government. Few questioned the assumption that homosexuals serving in government positions posed a threat to national security—whether through the risk of blackmail or through the presumed weakness and incompetence of "moral degenerates."

Although other legislators, particularly the prominent Republican Nebraska Senator Kenneth Wherry, took the lead in investigating the presence of homosexuals in government, McCarthy himself also pointed fingers. For example, he complained to a Senate subcommittee that one gay man had been protected from losing his State Department job because of political pressure from the Democrats.

Throughout 1950, the investigations continued, and dozens of lesbians and gay men lost their jobs each month. In December of that year, the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations released its report on the "Employment of Homosexuals and Other Sex Perverts in Government," which charged that gays were generally unsuitable for government jobs—in part because they enjoy each other's company and thus "it is almost inevitable that they will attempt to place other homosexuals in government jobs." Worse, the report continued, homosexuals' emotional instability "makes them susceptible to the blandishments of the foreign espionage agent."

This report and the other accusations of

the McCarthyera were turned into concrete homophobic policies as the 1950s wore on. The FBI began surveillance of gay bars and social networks, while the Post Office began keeping track of homosexuals by noting the subscribers to physique magazines and gay pen-pal clubs. Soon after Eisenhower took office in 1953, he issued Executive Order 10450, which made "sexual perversion" acceptable grounds for firing any government employee, from the military to the Library of Congress. According to one estimate, as much as 20 percent of the American work force was subject to McCarthy-era rules that could allow summary dismissal because of homosexuality.

McCarthy's public humiliation and censure in 1954 (which involved his closeted gay aide Roy Cohn's mendacity and audacity in spending public funds) ended his role as the demagogue of the decade. But the anti-gay policies of the McCarthy era, along with their inevitable psychological effects on the fragile gay and lesbian community of the time, long outlived the public career of the their founder.

The greatest irony of this historical episode is the fact that McCarthy was often accused, McCarthy-style, of having been gay himself. A bachelor for 45 years until he married a member of his staff in 1953, McCarthy's sexuality was the subject of innuendo both during his life and since. At the height of McCarthy's power, a newspaper publisher who had previously tangled with the senator wrote, "It is common talk among homosexuals in Milwaukee who rendezvous at the White Horse Inn that Senator Joe McCarthy often engaged in homosexual activities. The persons in Nevada who listened to McCarthy's radio talk thought he had the queerest laugh. He has. He is."

It is not a coincidence that those who were most feared in the McCarthy era were communists, homosexuals, and Jews. The three groups share key characteristics, which posed a threat to an insecure nation at the outset of the Cold War. Communists, homosexuals and Jews are not always easy to spot. They may conceal their political opinions, masquerade as straight, or change their last names, but heterodox they remain—often discreetly meeting with fellow travelers. Less than two decades after members of these groups were sent to concentration camps on the other side of the Atlantic, they again found themselves thrown together, this time in a vicious campaign of innuendo, slander, and attack on their livelihoods.

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Also, leave the store with a group of people, not alone. Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through parking lot. Be cautious of people handing out flyers or asking questions in parking area. Ask security for escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone. Watch for people that may be following you. This can occur inside or outside stores. If you suspect being followed, report to security immediately. Glance in the back seat and under vehicle before getting in. If front seats flip forward, leave seats pushed forward until your return, if moved, leave your car immediately and seek security.

Kimmie Rhodes

Kimmie Rhodes' release *West Texas Heaven* is sure to be at the top of many critics "best of 1996" list. Since it's release in April of '96, Kimmie has done a European tour with Willie Nelson, and taped a songwriters special for Austin City Limits with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Billy Joe Shaver, and Kris Kristofferson. The program will air in February of 1997. Kimmie will return to Houston Dec. 19 to perform at The Mucky Duck.

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Theatre LaB continues its showing of *john & jen* through Sunday, Dec. 22. Call 868-7516 for tickets. Directed by Jim Phillips, this is the ideal musical for all your family and friends. It is a touching and tender portrait of jen and the most important men in her life, her brother and her son, as they grow together from the turbulent times of the 1950s to today.

The two actors are Elizabeth Byrd from TUTS making her TLH debut and Paul Nicely returning after his smash performance in *Poor Super Man*, *Box Office of the Damned*, *Dark Rapture*, and *Assassins*.

Metro Rider Forums

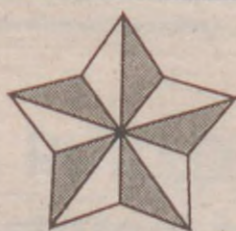
In its efforts to provide regular, ongoing communications opportunities for transit patrons and METRO employees, METRO will be holding more Rider Forums in December. Rider forums give patrons the opportunity to make comments and suggestions or address concerns informally with METRO representatives. Each forum will be led by a team of METRO employees representing Transit Operations, Maintenance, Service Development & Public Information, and METRO Police. Action lists from this input will be addressed at subsequent forums. Patrons will be informed about any route or schedule changes, new services and other relevant information. On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the forum will occur at Cullen Center at Jefferson (between Smith and Louisiana) from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Ringers Concert

On Monday, Dec. 16 at 7:30pm, Houston's premier professional handbell ensemble, HOUSTON FESTIVAL RINGERS will perform at The Church of St. John the Divine located at 2450 River Oaks Blvd. @ Westheimer.

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Man Sues Hospital for Revealing Medical Condition

MIDLAND, Texas (AP)—A man stricken with the virus that causes AIDS is suing Memorial Hospital and Medical Center for allegedly revealing his condition.

Freddie Lee Hawkins Jr. has filed suit against the hospital, Midland County Hospital District and Angela Shaw, a nurse at the hospital.

Hawkins is suing for over \$500,000 in punitive and actual damages.

In some cases, state law prohibits medical facilities from disclosing patient

information without permission.

After testing positive for HIV on May 13, he contends in his lawsuit that friends and relatives of Ms. Shaw began calling, expressing condolences because he was "dying of AIDS."

Hawkins accuses Ms. Shaw of revealing his condition.

When word got out that he had the disease, Hawkins claims he lost many friends and was unable to find work.

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Surgical Tools

Surgery performed with tools the width of a pencil tip yields smaller scars and a shorter recovery than previous instruments. Surgeons at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston can now use two-millimeter instruments to remove gallbladders and perform other abdominal operations with minimally invasive surgery techniques.

"The smaller tools allow these procedures to be performed as outpatient surgery, and patients can return to normal activities within a week," said Dr. Charles Brunicaudi, Chief of General Surgery at Baylor and Methodist.

The five-millimeter instruments previously used for minimally invasive surgery left incisions about the width of a pencil eraser and usually warranted an overnight stay in the hospital. The only possible problem with this tool is that other maladies may be missed in the abdomen with these very small areas of vision into the belly.

"But even that was a dramatic improvement over traditional 'open' surgery for gallbladder removal, which entailed an incision 8 to 12 inches long, at least one week in the hospital and six to eight weeks for recovery," said Brunicaudi. During minimally invasive surgery, a miniature camera called a laparoscope shows the internal organs on a video screen. The scope, scissors, lasers and other surgical instruments are inserted through the navel and four small holes made around the abdomen. The gallbladder can be removed in portions through the navel.

"The incisions are barely noticeable, especially now that they're only two millimeters," Brunicaudi said. "Patients have much less pain after the operation than they would experience with traditional open surgery. There's also a quicker return to full activity. "The miniaturization of surgical technology is the most exciting advance we have seen in general surgery," he said.

AZT For Women

Transmission of HIV from a pregnant woman to her infant can occur when a woman has little or no detectable HIV in her blood and a relatively intact immune system, according to a new report by researchers supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

However, in the study a specific regimen of the drug zidovudine (AZT) reduced the risk of perinatal transmission, regardless of a woman's viral load or CD4+ T cell count. Therefore, researchers urge caregivers to offer AZT therapy to all pregnant HIV-infected women, regardless of their stage of disease.

"HIV transmission to the infant is most likely to occur when a woman has large quantities of virus in her bloodstream, but there appears to be no absolute threshold of maternal viral load below which HIV is not transmitted from mother to infant, nor a 'safe' maternal CD4+ T cell level above which transmission never occurs," comments Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID).

Rhoda S. Sperling, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and her colleagues report the new findings in the Nov. 28 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*. The researchers found that the reduction in perinatal transmission after AZT treatment could only partially be explained by the drug's effect of reducing HIV in a mother's bloodstream.

By late 1995, more than 1.5 million children worldwide had been infected with HIV, a figure that may grow to 10 million by the year 2000, according to the World Health Organization. More than 90% of children with HIV infections contracted the virus from their HIV-infected mothers. In the U.S., 7472 cases of AIDS among children younger than 13 years had been reported to the CDC as of Sept. 30, 1996. HIV infection ranks seventh among leading causes of death for children aged one to 14 years. In many cities in the eastern United States, HIV disease is the leading cause of death among children ages two to five.

JAMA

African-American patients have a lower risk of dying in the hospital than white

patients, according to a report in the Nov. 27 *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA). Dr. Howard S. Gordon and colleagues at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, studied more than 88,000 patients from 30 hospitals in northeastern Ohio.

Gordon, now an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and a full-time physician and researcher at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, said the study focused on patients diagnosed with one of six commonly treated medical conditions: acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, obstructive airways disease, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, pneumonia and stroke.

The predicted risk of death based on the severity of illness upon admission to the hospital was 20% lower for African-Americans than for whites. But even after the researchers accounted for the differences in illness, the adjusted in-hospital death rate was 13% lower for African-Americans.

The lower severity of illness among African-American patients possibly suggests that they are likelier than white patients to be treated for common medical conditions in more costly inpatient settings, Gordon said. Emergency-room physicians may be more inclined to admit uninsured patients to the hospital out of concern that these patients might otherwise receive inadequate outpatient follow-up care, he added.

Access To Viracept

Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. recently announced the availability of VIRACEPT (Nelfinavir mesylate), an HIV protease inhibitor, through an expanded access program for people with advanced HIV disease who have exhausted all current protease inhibitor treatment options. People who are unable to use any of the three approved HIV protease inhibitors because of intolerance, contraindication or prior failure and who have CD4+ T cell counts of 50 cells/mm qualify for this program. Expanded access programs represent an effort by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make investigational drugs available at the earliest opportunity to people for whom no other comparable or satisfactory therapy exists.

A toll free information service is available for physicians, health care professionals and people interested in the VIRACEPT Expanded Access Program. Call 1-800-621-7111 Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm EDT. Calls placed before or after these hours will be promptly returned during operating hotline hours.

The safety of VIRACEPT has been studied in more than 500 people who received the drug either alone or in combination with nucleoside analogues. The most commonly reported side effects were mild or moderate diarrhea, headache and fatigue. Phase II/III clinical studies of VIRACEPT are ongoing. It is too early to know how VIRACEPT will compare with the other Protease Inhibitors out there already, but according to a local physician, it is certainly worth a trial.

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AMPHOTEC Availability

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SPORTS CAPSULE

Christmas Skate

The Lambda Rollerskating Club is hosting their final Skate for the 1996 season on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at Starlite Skating Academy, located at 8075 Cook Road (corner of Cook & Beechnut).

Skate time is from 8-10pm. Admission is \$5 plus \$1.50 for skate rental. You may bring your own skates (in-lines welcome). Everyone attending is asked to bring a toy to be donated to Casa de Esperanza and the Loving Arms Foundation. Last year, they donated over 300 toys to charities.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come out, have some fun, and help brighten a child's Christmas. Their 1st Skate for the 1997 season will be held on Jan. 8. For info, call 933-5818 or e-mail lrsc@neosoft.com.

Gutterballs

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division I Standings in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are Beat The Meat Again, We Go There and Dog Tired. In Division II, Thirsty Wives Club, Spank My Feet and Intelligent Wifeforms occupy the top spots. High Scratch Game of 265 was bowled by Rodney Seiler and Scratch Series of 715 was bowled by Chris Bennett. High Handicapped Game was bowled by Gerry Heard and Series by Terry Wolber. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Call Tom at 522-9612.

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports standings as Please Don't Eat The Daisy in 1st, We Go There Too in 2nd and The Four Tops in 3rd. High Scratch Game of 241 and Handicapped Game was bowled by Don Burken, and Series of 645 and Handicapped Series was bowled by Rodney Seiler for the men. For the women Peri Cain bowled High Scratch Game of 205 and series of 588. Sharon Goodwin bowled High Handicapped Game and Nancy Malandrino Series. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 7pm on Sunday. Call Tom at 522-9612.

The Wednesday Night Mixers reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Party Line in 2nd and Charley's Tunas in 3rd. For the men High Scratch Game of 209 was bowled by Rich Mayer and Series of 541 by Richard Dauchy for the men. Handicapped Game was bowled by Corey Fournet and Series by Doug Winslow. For the women Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game of 253, series of 596 and also High Handicapped Game and Series. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30pm on Wednesday. Call Tom at 522-9612.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls at 6:15pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. Balls R Out is in 1st with TAZ Club in 2nd, Bitches in Beautiful Shirts in 3rd and Sappho Strikers in 4th. Call

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Protect Those Eyes

Are you ready for the game? Don't forget protective eyewear. "Sports are a significant cause of eye injuries," said Dr. Bowes Hamill, an Assistant Professor Ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Eye injuries are most common in basketball and baseball, where a foreign object—such as a finger or a fast ball—can come into contact with the eye. He said most sports-related eye injuries could be prevented with protective eyewear, which costs between \$15 and \$25.

Do not make the mistake in thinking that any old glasses will do. "Sunglasses and prescription lenses are not designed to be protective eyewear," said Hamill. "You need to have protective glasses that are designed to withstand impact." He recommends goggle-type protection for basketball and shield-type protection for baseball.

Women's Football

The Houston Women's Flag Football League (HWFFL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for women to play football. They are looking for players, coaches, referees, cheerleaders and league/team sponsors.

Games are played at Wilson Elementary School, located on Fairview between Mandell and Yupon. On Sundays at 4pm, the league shows the videotapes of games at Ms. B's, located on Buffalo Speedway. There's no stopping for the holidays as games continue from 9am to 1pm Dec. 14, Dec. 21 and resuming on Jan. 4, 1997. Call Tonya at 731-315-9368.

Cycling Fun

Houston's Gay & Lesbian Cycling Club, **The Chain Gang**, was founded in 1990 to provide friendly cycling opportunities for members and friends in metropolitan Houston.

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Pool Concludes

The Independent Billiards League of Houston (IBL) concluded its 1996 season recently with Si Como No (Pastime) finishing in 1st place. On Saturday, Dec. 14, they will have their Annual Awards Banquet at the Ripcord.

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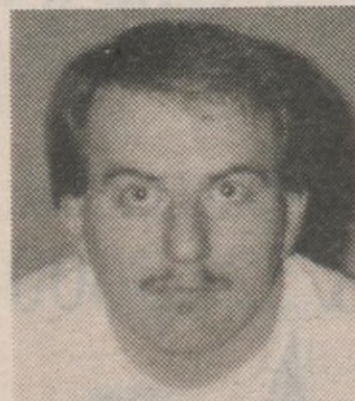
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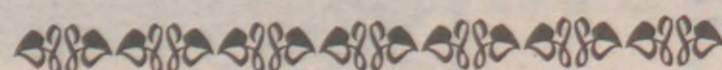
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Marriage continued...

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of Marriage Act in September, which says the federal government will not recognize gay marriages. The law also allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states. But if the Hawaii ruling is upheld, gay activists both in Washington and Boston have said they will try to build upon the success and overturn the law.

"We call on our friends in the Legislature to use the precedent of this decision to uphold our rights to seek the equal protections and rights of same gender marriage in Massachusetts," the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights Lobby said in a

statement. Weld said Wednesday that he believes the federal law is unconstitutional because it violates the Full Faith and Credit clause of the Constitution.

"Under the Full Faith and Credit clause, the way one state defines legal relationships for the purposes of that state's laws has to be respected by every other state," the governor said. Weld went on to say he would veto any state law mimicking the federal Defense of Marriage Act, although he predicted Massachusetts will not pass its own law allowing gay marriages.

"I'm not sure that public opinion is ready for that, frankly," he said.

Same-Sex Marriage Ban To Be Proposed Again

DENVER (AP)—A Colorado state lawmaker has announced plans to reintroduce a bill in the 1997 Legislature that would ban recognition of same-sex marriages in Colorado.

The announcement by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Fort Morgan, came just a day after a Hawaiian court ruled that state must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The same bill was approved last year by the Colorado Legislature, but vetoed by Gov. Roy Romer.

The Hawaii ruling still must be appealed. But that doesn't matter to Musgrave.

"Basically, it will be the same bill," she said. "I think some people kind of poo-pooed the situation, saying we didn't need to worry about this yet. Obviously, we do need to worry about it."

Musgrave's bill banning same-sex marriages was approved in both houses ear-

lier this year largely on a partisan-line vote with most Democrats in opposition. Gov. Roy Romer vetoed it in March, saying it was unnecessary because Colorado law did not recognize such marriages.

But a few months later, President Clinton signed a federal Defense of Marriage Act giving states the authority not to recognize same-sex marriages that are performed legally in other states.

Romer has indicated he likely would sign a bill that was in line with the federal legislation, and his spokesperson, Jim Carpenter, said Wednesday that the governor still felt that way.

"Colorado is vulnerable," Musgrave said. "We don't have specific language dealing with the issue. That's why I carried the bill last year. If we do nothing, we are, in effect, inviting the very thing that happened in Hawaii to happen here."

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'Election continued...

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tory call from President Clinton.

The successful re-election of U.S. representative Ken Bensten is in part due to significant support from the gay community, according to Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee officials. "The re-election of Congressman Ken Bensten-D gives the HGLPC a 100% record in getting incumbent members of Congress re-elected," said Caucus President Pat Gandy.

"Congressmember Bentsen's campaign was one of moderation and fairness that obviously appealed to the people of the 25th Congressional District," informed HGLPC PAC board member Clarence Bagby when contacted by the Houston Voice. "We're obviously thrilled by Ken's 14 point margin of victory," said HGLPC PAC co-chair Jay Seegers. "Immediately upon his election to Congress two years ago, Congressmember Bentsen implemented an employment non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and he has pledged to vote for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)," exclaimed Seegers. When contacted, Bagby and Seegers, indicated that a number of gay and gay-friendly voters reside in District 25. Although the organization did not make any endorsements in District 8 or 9, the general consensus appears to be relieved that Republican Brady won over right wing extremist Gene Fontenot. "We're ecstatic that Gene Fontenot and Steve Stockman, who have both been openly hostile to the cause for equal rights for gay Americans, were repudiated by the voters in favor of more moderate candidates," said Bagby.

"Over all, we as Gays and Lesbians are in a good position to make progress this year in spite of the fact that the Republicans have a 19-vote advantage in the U.S. House of representatives. Moderate and progressive Republicans from the West and North will join with urban progressive Democrats so we are in a situation that can be worked if the leadership of the House and the Senate cooperates," remarked Gandy.

According to the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, a G.O.P. group supporting equal civil rights for gays and lesbians, the results showed that Republican candidates who identify with far right causes, or who mistakenly flirt with the far-right in their campaigns, lose votes in a general election. "Our party needs to re-examine the positions it adopts on social issues and the candidates it presents to the voters," said Log Cabin State President Dale Carpenter. "Mainstream views on social issues and tolerance are winning positions."

Clearly, there is evidence to support Log Cabin's analysis. Both of the candidates, Gene Fontenot and Steve Stockman, who aligned themselves with right wing issues of intolerance and extremism lost their bids for office. Republican Kevin Brady on the other hand was one of only two Republican state representatives to support the Hate Crimes bill in the last legislative session. "Fontenot was the only

candidate to run anti-gay T.V. ads in a desperate attempt to win and he lost by a larger margin than any other candidate," observed Carpenter.

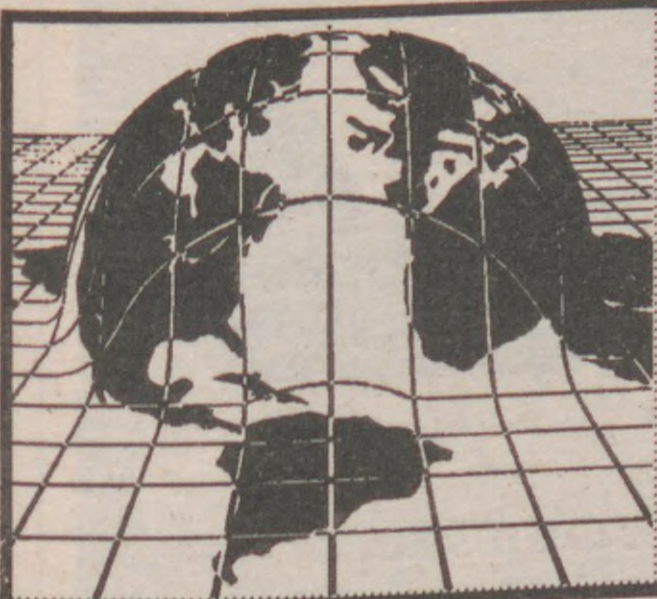
"I'm delighted Stockman did not win for he is not a friend of the gay community," said Log Cabin Republican Houston President Gary Van Ooteghem. "Brady's win, I think, was the best news election eve because if Fontenot had gotten elected, Houston would have sent the Beltway a new Bob Dornan, whereas, Brady is a friend of the community," intoned Van Ooteghem.

Bentsen's win over McKenna in District 25 was one of the most hotly contested districts in Texas and was being observed very closely. Both Bentsen and McKenna were considered moderates and were supported by members of the gay community. Bentsen was endorsed by HGLPC earlier this year and the caucus worked diligently for his candidacy. McKenna, although not endorsed by Log Cabin had received numerous support from members of the group which she has addressed. Long known for her moderate positions on abortion and gay civil rights, she easily beat several far-right GOP candidates in the November election. But in the weeks after November 5, she tried to appeal to the party's fringe right-wing elements. In the process, she probably alienated some of her mainstream base, who either stayed home or voted for Bentsen.

"The 25th congressional district race shows that mainstream GOP candidates must have the courage of their convictions. Dolly McKenna got very bad advice from some in the party who told her to stop talking about her moderate positions on social issues," said Carpenter. "It is precisely those views that made her such an appealing candidate...The lesson for mainstream candidates is, don't lose your nerve, you're in the majority," concluded Carpenter. "McKenna and Bentsen was a tough race because both candidates appealed to the community and moderate voters. The District 25 race was a win-win situation as they were both pro civil libertarian candidate," opined Van Ooteghem.

The Log Cabin Republicans of Texas has chapters in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. Nationwide, Log Cabin has more than 10,000 members. Log Cabin Houston is the nations fourth largest Log Cabin chapter. The group convenes every fourth Monday of each month.

The HGLPC PAC is the sister organization to the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political caucus, the South's oldest gay civil rights organization. The HGLPC PAC is a non-partisan organization that endorses candidates based upon their level of support for equal rights for gay Americans and provides campaign support. In addition to its social welfare activities, the HGLPC lobbies local, state and federal officials in its effort to educate the public to ensure that gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call 529-8490 or fax at 529-9531.

Friday, Dec. 13

- * Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- * HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- * 12-step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * AIDS Mastery workshop starts. 861-6453.
- * Free Spaying and Neutering Program. 522-2337.
- * GAYS (Garden and Yard Society) meets at 7:00 pm. 661-6378.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. 863-1860.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 am to 3:00 am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- * Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * Visual Art Alliance meets at 10:00 am. 583-8408.
- * Autumn's Seasons Bondage Club discussion group meets at 10:30 am. 788-5593.
- * Gay Men's Chorus performs at 7:00 pm. 521-SING!
- * Fundraiser at Toopee's at 7:00 pm. 661-4185.
- * Subhana Ferriao & Karen Mastracchio in an Evening of Dances of Universal Peace at 7:30 pm. 813-4842.
- * Just for Us Support group for teenagers who have gay/lesbian parents meets for Holiday in the Park at Astroworld. 284-4939.

Sunday, Dec. 15

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 863-1860.
- * The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- * FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. 522-8021.
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.

- * Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. 522-9612.
- * Gay Men's Chorus performs at 2:30 pm. 521 SING!
- * Free and Confidential HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Rich's, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.

Monday, Dec. 16

- * Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 pm. 861-6181.
- * Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 pm. 529-1223.
- * Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 pm. 539-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- * \$2 off haircuts and free beer (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm) at Four Star Productions. 524-7785.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- * Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 pm. 495-8009.
- * Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- * Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 pm. 488-4492.
- * Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- * PROTECT: an HIV negative support

- group meets at 7:00 pm. 520-7870.
- * Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.
- * Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30 pm. 778-2677.
- * FrontRunners meet at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- * Free Spay and Neuter Assistance. 522-2337.
- * New HIV Treatment Strategies conference. 527-8219.
- * "Knowledge is Power," HIV: Preventive Treatment. 285-1140.
- * "It's a HeartSaver," CPR training. 285-1140.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Mary's. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 pm. 537-1348.
- * Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- * GLOBAL meets at 4:00 pm. 743-7539.
- * Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7:00 pm. 867-9581.
- * Men's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Lambda Rollerskating Club skate at 8:00 pm. 933-5818.
- * Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250 for more info.
- * Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7:00 pm. 782-4050.
- * Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Call 520-2000.
- * AVES offers free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.

- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * "Women and AIDS," seminar. 285-1140.
- * "Caring for Yourself: Diabetes seminar. 285-1140.
- * "Little Things Mean a Lot," cancer support group meets at noon. 285-1140.

Thursday, Dec. 19

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Art Labs at The Art League at 1:00 pm. 225-9411
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 pm. 521-7464.
- * Twentysomething meets at 7:30 pm. 315-6786.
- * KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm—Subject: Sexuality: Public or Private?, Pride and Hair—the Musical. 866-6505.
- * Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- * Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 pm. 528-3704.
- * HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 pm. 942-0923.
- * HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 pm. 796-2272.
- * Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 pm. 782-4050
- * Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30 pm. 738-RACE.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7:00 pm. 521-SING.
- * The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * Gallery Talk at the Contemporary Arts Museum. Free at 7:00 pm. 526-0773.
- * "Three Strikes and Your In," HIV: Drug Combinations bu Dr. Roderick Fraizer. 285-1140.

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Rodent on the Rampage!



Gaye and Barbara visit with Santa at the Mary's Christmas tree lighting party!



Oh, this crown hurts, squeals Shelby St. John, the new Miss Gentry.



Reno (J.R.'s): How lovely to be a woman!

Vera (BRB): What happened to your foot? Did you drop a bottle of Cactus Juice on it? And I hear you got a TWI, that is Taxi while intoxicated!
 Ray (Venture-N): I heard you are an infatuated butt sniffer! Have you been watching too much "deliverance"? Snort! Snort!
 Joe (PS): Please stay out of Nancy Sinatra's closet!

Ricky (BRB): What is this I hear about you cruisin' your mom's trade at a Christmas party?
 Stacey Grummer: Exactly how much does it cost to take ALL your animals to the vet? And are you Ms. Bacchus II Emeritus now?
 Bobby (BRB): Do you own stock in Firewater?
 Armand (BRB): I have a message to you from the Rodent Rooter: "here comes a Merry Christmas strait to jew." Good luck on your benefit!
 Jeff (BRB): What happened in the DJ's booth Saturday night? "We" were confused!
 Val (Gentry): I saw you acting like Michael Jackson!

Important Stuff!

There is a new drinking establishment opening soon! Check out the ad for Bricks II on page 13.

Congrats to Shelby St. John, the new Miss Gentry and Xavier Luna, the new Mr. Gentry.

If you want a table at the New Barn (opening New Year's Eve), you better get to Chances and get them NOW! This new hot spot will fill up fast!

The 10th annual LVL PWA Christmas show, at the Brazos River Bottom this past Sunday, raised \$1500! Way to go! Basic Brothers is having a great sale! 20% off all Y.M.L.A. fitness and fashion wear! Great gifts are in store at Basic Brothers!

"Bah Humbug," plays this Sunday (12/15) at 8:00 pm at the BriarPatch. This live Christmas musical romp is not to be missed. You better reserve your table early. This show opens at the Country Playhouse next week!

The 2nd annual "Miracle on Brazos Street," presented by Armand & Co. and the BRB is on Dec. 15, at 7:30 pm. This is a benefit for the Loving Arms Foundation. Please help them to make this Christmas very special one for those unfortunate kids carrying the AIDS virus. You are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy (for ages 1 to 6) and put it in the box!

Jewel's is stocked to the rafters with glittery holiday wear! You can find those perfect outfits for all your holiday parties! Jewel's offers 10% off all in-stock sequined gowns! Check out her ad on page 8.

Hungry? Head over to Boudreaux's of Montrose! They have tasty daily specials as well as the best homemade cakes! If you get lucky enough to be there when they serve their Banana Nut cake, try it! It is soooo tasty, and the gumbo s terrific! Boudreaux's is located near the corner of Crocker and Fairview!

Allrecords can fill your stockings with the latest sounds! Be sure to check out their ad on page 2!

Looking for fun on a Wednesday night? The BriarPatch can fill the bill! Wednesdays feature the talents of Beverly Siscoe. She is a "real" saloon singer with a voice like Elaine Stritch and the repertoire to match. Also, mark your calendars for the BriarPatch's annual holiday buffet on 12/22!

Rascals has some new drink specials! Saturday nights, 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm, the well cocktails are only a buck! Yes, one measly dollar! The new special

for Sunday is \$1 domestic beers! Rich's line up for the holidays if quite festive! Friday, 12/13, is the employee turn-about show, 12/20 is "A Holiday Evening Not To Be Forgotten," and on 12/27, Jimmy James returns to Rich's. You can check out their web site at www.aol.members/richs01.com.

Mary's has their new sweat shirts now on sale!

Party at Toopee's on Dec. 14th. This party is a fundraiser for a local sister's surgery. Join folk singer Rainelda, Nancy (Bite Me!) Ford, and more local lesbian performers. There will be a complimentary buffet, door prizes and more! The fun starts at 7:00 pm.

"John & Jen," a new musical is playing at Theater Lab. For more info, call 868-7516.

The Gay Men's Chorus will be performing on Dec. 14 and 15. Call 521-

My disclaimer is in force! If you find gossip and sexual innuendos not to your likings, please read other articles in the Houston Voice!

Earle (Gay & Lesbian Yellow Pages): See, I do know how to spell your name right! PS, I know someone who thinks you are a very handsome guy!

Lil' Don (BRB): I hear that every morning you look in the mirror and say "Look what the Lord hath made. It's a miracle, it's a miracle!"

Pooh Bear: Wow! I'm impressed! Wearing the same suit to the Ripcord's 14th anniversary as you wore on opening day! Not many of us can claim to fit into clothes we wore 14 years ago! And why does the BRB use you for target practice?

Don P. (BRB): Yes, there is a Santa, but in your case she rides a broom and dresses in black!

Darin (PS): You fish eater you!

Mark and Hank (hangs at the BriarPatch): My how love changes everything! I hear you two met at the piano at the BriarPatch!

Cherry Maraschino (Miss Montrose): I am glad you learned protocol! It was the right thing to do asking the master if you could dance with his boy/slave! Good girl!

Miss A (BRB): So that is what happened to Carol Channing's eyelashes! And what is this I hear about you using up 4 jumbo packs of condoms Saturday morning and you were by yourself?

Steve Chaison (RSICSS): How did you skin your nose on a zipper?

Mark M. (NLA:H): You handsome guy you!

Giovanni (RSICSS): Your empress did not do WHAT to you?

AJ (Heaven) I see you and I both love to eat at Niko Nikos!

Papa Del (Gentry): So, act like a tree and leaf!



Laura and Eric of the G/L Yellow Pages visit with Shelly Porter of the Human Rights Campaign.



The Austin Baptist Women grace the BRB's stage!



Are you left-over dancing?

SING for more info.

Milestones!

A message: To my baby, I love you, Huggs, Stephen!

Keith of TGRA will be a great-grandfather this January! Congrats!

A big happy birthday to Tommie Sue (sumakatra) and Kenneth of the BRB, Billy Bailey and Rick Carter of the Court, and Larry H. of the Houston Area Bears, and Paul of the Venture-N.

A big get well hug to Darlene of the Outpost!

Rodent Droppings

The Lazer Wizard and I have been talking about having another baby! Well, after watching Harvey beat up Ratrat again, we have decided not to get another furry little bundle of joy! Oh, well, I guess 2 is enough!

Nicole Blake: Who were you seen with on I-10 at Kirkwood in a truck? And how did you get home Saturday night from the BRB? Maybe trade brought you your keys back? Please let me know!

Jody (PS): I hear you are smarter than the average bartender.

Jim Roberts (Venture-N): I hear you met the "Pinball Police!" and why do people keep telling me about your wrinkled jeans under your chaps?

Wayne Gray (BriarPatch): Why have you been smiling so much lately? Could Scott have anything to do with that?

Dante (PS): Don't touch Cindy's (Rascals) crystal!

Bill, Mark & John (Venture-N): You know the bigger they are, the higher the boots fly! And what is this obsession with watching Bill (VN) pee?

Patty Duke: Ho! Ho! Ho! You big ho!

Dirk (PS): Just what were you and those 3 guys doing to each other on the Ripcord's patio last Monday night? Details, I want details!

Rodent Rooter: Ah Ha! My suspicions have been confirmed! One of your "friends" slipped up and told me who you are! Dare I believe him, or was it the booze talking! Anyway, I hope when the droppings dropped out of the overhead compartment, you were wearing something "wash-n-wear!" Rodent droppings do stain!

Xavier Luna (Mr. Gentry): Congrats, you finally got a title! Rumor has it that you won because there wasn't a horse involved!

Shelby St. John (Miss Gentry): Is it true when you go to bed you strap your crowns on your dog Tyler's head? And I hear you don't "dance" for talent. What is up with that?

JP (hangs at Mary's): Since you spend so much time with Mary at Mary's, you better not worry about JB.

Andy (Grizzly Bear-hangs anywhere is has not been barred from): Welcome back! Pretty good in bed too I hear!!

Mike (BRB): If you had been in the tea room, Lee (Houston Voice) would have been 3 hours, not two!

Well, I'm not going to be spewing the lies again until after the First! Watch for my "Year in Photos" that will be in the next two issues!

Oh, get out your phone books, I have a new pager number: 761-3921.

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Fun at the Stephen's House holiday party!



The Ripcord's 14th Anniversary party!

Where... What... and... When!

Friday, Dec. 13

- * Heaven: \$1 well and \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Buffet at 5:00 pm.
- * Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.
- * Midtowne Spa: Shower dancers.
- * BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour. Wayne Gray tickles the rest of the night! Blackjack tables open at 9:30 pm.
- * Rascals: Free hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm; \$1 Schnapps; Video Post Office.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 6:00 pm; \$2 Kamikazes.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Candidate Jerel McNeil's "In The Spirit of Things" show at 9:00 pm, plus photos with Santa.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 8:00 pm to 2:30 am; After hours until 4:00 am.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- * Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm. The National Leather Association: Houston guest bartends starting at 9:00 pm; "Jingle Balls," a benefit for NLA:H's Toy Drive at 10:00 pm.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hours 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip Contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Friday Foreplay; \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 7:00 pm. No cover until 9:00 pm.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9:00 pm.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; After Hours until 4:00 am.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- * Rich's: Fizz Fridays! 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call; Doors open at 9:00 pm; Employee Turn About Show tonight!
- * Ms. B's: Mary Hall performs at 9:00 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- * Pacific Street: Leather and Flesh; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm.
- * Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.
- * Heaven: \$1 well 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Absolut-ly anything.
- * Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30 p.m.
- * 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9:00 to 9:30 pm at Santa Fe Bar and Patio, 9:30 to 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10:00 to 10:30 pm at J.R.'s Bar and Grill, and 11:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Heaven.
- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine from noon until 9:00 pm; The Houston Area Bears "Social" begins at 8:00 pm.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm; Annual Clubber's Christmas Party!

- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:30 am; happy hour until 10:00 pm; After hours until 4:00 am.
- * Rich's: 21 and up tonight! No cover before 10:00 pm; \$1 well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * BriarPatch: Wayne Gray and others play live.
- * E/J's: \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- * PastTime: \$1.25 Vodka eye-Openers 7:00 am to 11:00 am.
- * Rascals: \$1 Well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 15

- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine from noon until 9:00 pm; Cook-out on the "Far Side" and the Houston Area Bears guest bartend also at 5:00 pm; "Grin n' Bear It!", the big blowout contest at 8:00
- * J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11:00 pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6:00 pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Open pool tables.
- * Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11:00 pm. No cover before 10:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 5:00 pm; Steak night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- * Mary's: 50¢ draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Don Gill & Tiffany Swanger Guest-Bartend at 3:00 pm.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Pool tournament, Boy Toys dance at 5:00 pm; Imperial Court Christmas Show at 9:00 pm; Male Strip contest at 11:00 pm. \$2 Kool-Aids; Photos with Santa at 7:00 pm.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * OutPost: Christmas Party at 5:00 pm. Happy Hour Noon to 8:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7:00 pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from noon to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Faces Band with Andre on Vocals at 7:00 pm.
- * Rascal's: \$2 Mimosas and \$1.75 well drinks; Tea Dance; Best Basket and Buns Contest 10:00 pm.
- * Rich's: 18 and up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp with Simply Divine and Lana Blake at 10:30 pm; Doors open at 8:00 pm.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- * Ripcord: \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night.

Monday, Dec. 16

- * Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Outpost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip 11:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm; Annual Clubber's Christmas Party!

- * Club Houston: Half price lockers from noon to midnight.
- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine from noon until 9:00 pm.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Crown Royal.
- * BriarPatch: Wheel of Fortune and Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Clint plays topless: Open pool tables.
- * Rascal's: Monday night football on the big screen; free pizza; Miller Lite products for \$1.50; Cuervo shots \$2.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1 longnecks at 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well and domestic beer.
- * Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Four Star Hair Productions: \$2 off haircut and free beer 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 524-7785.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- * Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Female Dancers at 10:30 pm.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 well, wine, domestic longnecks and frozen Margaritas; Jockey short contest at 11:00 pm; Grab for Cash at midnight.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Executive Night No cover with your personal business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$2 Windex shots.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Amateur talent contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; \$1 domestic longnecks.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well, \$3 any drink in the house; male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Rascals: \$1.75 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic longnecks.
- * Club Houston: Half price lockers, rooms and video rooms from noon to midnight.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Marci holds court at the keyboard.
- * The Ranch: C & W dance lessons at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Mary's. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Saloon singer Beverly Sisco tickles the ivories.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; Male Strip Contest with Dyan Michaels at 11:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea; Joe Boxer dance contest at 11:00 pm.

- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Rascals: \$1.50 domestic longnecks; Lil' Rascals strip contest at 10:00 pm; Free happy hour buffet.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karokee night at 9:00 pm.
- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine from noon until 9:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: No cover with a "Be My Guest" pass. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Drink specials all day and all night.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks.
- * Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night and shower dancers.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Free Pool Tables.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night.
- * Ripcord: \$2 well and domestic beer all day/all night.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.
- * Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace takes you to the Edge: Doors open at 9:00 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 19

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and at Rich's from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Male Dancers at 10:30 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Tacos on the patio.
- * Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- * Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon to midnight.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3 Skyy vodka.
- * Rascals: Retro Rewind; \$1.50 vodka drinks.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; 75¢ Schnapps.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, and wine; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Venture-N: \$1.75 well, beer, and wine from noon until 9:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 11:00 pm; Burgers on the patio from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; dance lessons at 9:00 pm.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Classic Rock night.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold and Micro brewed beer; Star Search Gold Karokee at 9:00 pm.
- * Nancy Ford at Ms. B's at 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, open mike and karaoke 10:30 pm to 1:00 am.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Wayne Gray, Laurie Gage and new to the BriarPatch Edith Head perform live.
- * PastTime: Pool league meets!
- * Cousin's: Talent contest at 11:00 pm.

Gay Marriage Update

Judge Grants Stay Of Same-Sex Marriage Order

By **RON STATON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER**

HONOLULU (AP)—Joseph Melillo believes waiting six years to get married is long enough.

"That's an awfully long engagement," Melillo said Wednesday after a judge put on hold the first ruling in American history that allows gay marriages.

Melillo and his partner, Pat Lagon, will have to wait at least another year: The stay will remain in effect until a ruling by the state's highest court.

That court ruled in 1993 that Hawaii's ban is unconstitutional unless the state could show a compelling government interest in preventing gay marriages.

In issuing the stay to his own ruling, Circuit Judge Kevin Chang said there would be confusion if gay couples got married and then the high court overturned his decision.

"We kind of expected it, but we're not happy with it," said Melillo, who sued the state along with Lagon and two lesbian couples.

Chang said Tuesday that the state had failed to show any compelling state interest in denying gay couples the right to marry, and he ordered the state to begin issuing them licenses. It was the first such ruling by a judge in the United States.

The dispute prompted passage of a federal law signed by President Clinton that says the federal government will not recognize gay marriages and allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states. In addition, 16 states have passed laws denying recognition of gay marriages.

Deputy Attorney General Rick Eichor sought the stay, arguing that allowing couples to marry immediately would undermine the state's case.

"If hundreds, or even thousands, of gay marriages take place, the Supreme Court probably won't even hear the appeal," he said.

Eichor also argued that the three gay couples who sued for the right to marry would suffer no real harm if their right to marry were delayed.

Dan Foley, a civil liberties lawyer who represented the couples, said he found that argument incredulous. He said his

clients already had suffered from delays in the case.

"I hope it won't take long to convince the Supreme Court that Judge Chang's ruling was correct," Melillo said.

Senator To Make Third Try To Ban Gay Marriages

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—An Alabama legislator will make another attempt to ban same-sex marriages now that a judge in Hawaii has ruled that state must issue marriage licenses to homosexual couples.

State Sen. Bill Armistead, R-Columbia, said Wednesday he has a "marriage protection" bill ready for consideration when the Legislature convenes Feb. 4. It would make Alabama the 17th state to ban same-sex marriages.

Armistead proposed the same bill in this year's regular session and special session, but it died both times.

"I could never get the lieutenant governor to bring the bill up for a vote. I guess he and some of the senators who blocked this legislation from becoming law earlier in the year thought if they did not address the issue it would go away,"

Armistead said in a statement.

But he said the ruling Tuesday in Hawaii shows the issue won't go away. Circuit Judge Kevin Chang ruled that Hawaii has no compelling reason for not issuing marriage licenses to homosexual couples. The Hawaii Supreme Court had ruled in 1993 that the state's ban on same-sex marriages violated the state constitution's prohibition against gender discrimination. But the Supreme Court had ordered additional review by the lower court judge to see if there was a compelling reason for the discrimination.

President Clinton signed a law in September that says the federal government will not recognize gay marriages and allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states.

Laws against gay marriages have been enacted in 16 states, including Tennessee and Georgia. Alabama Gov. Fob James and Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice have signed executive orders saying gay marriages are not recognized as valid in the states. When James signed the executive order in August, he said same-sex marriages violate public policy and God's law.

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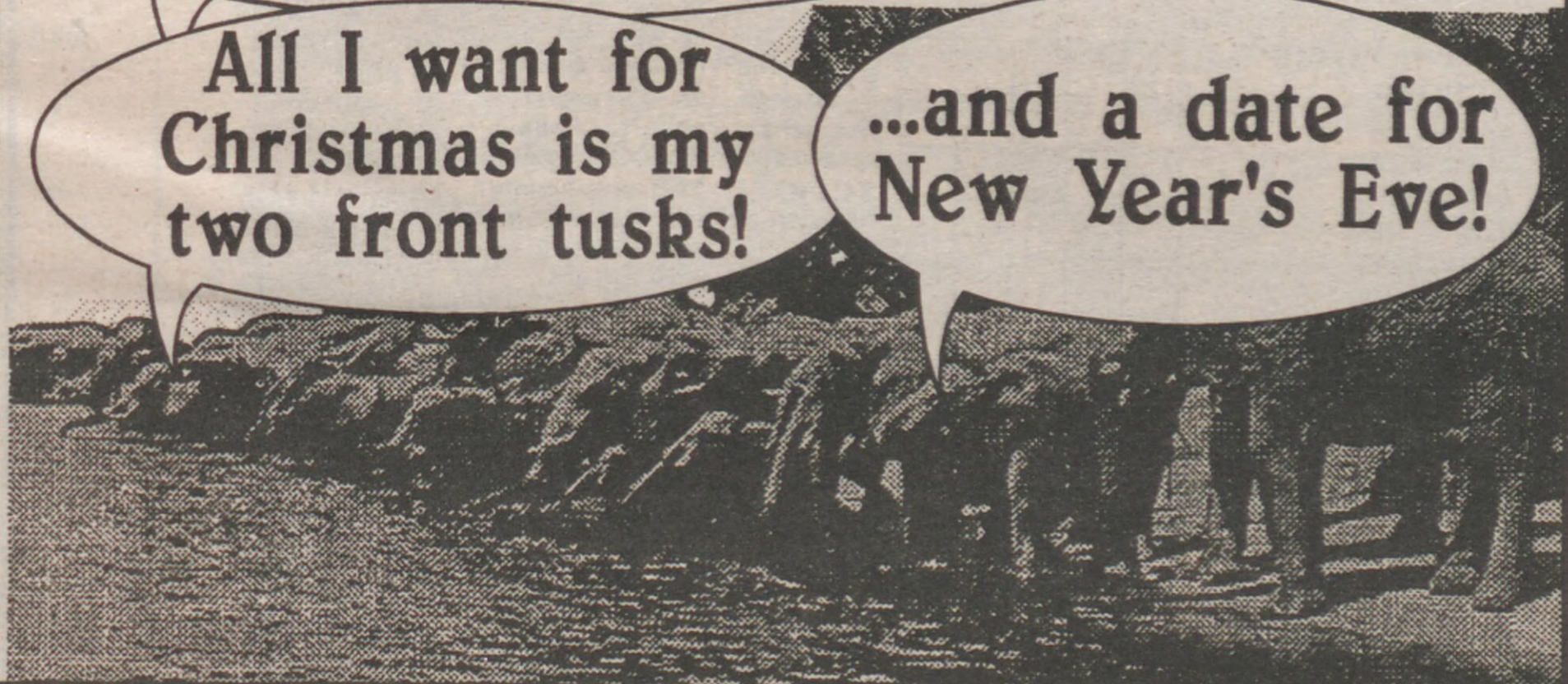
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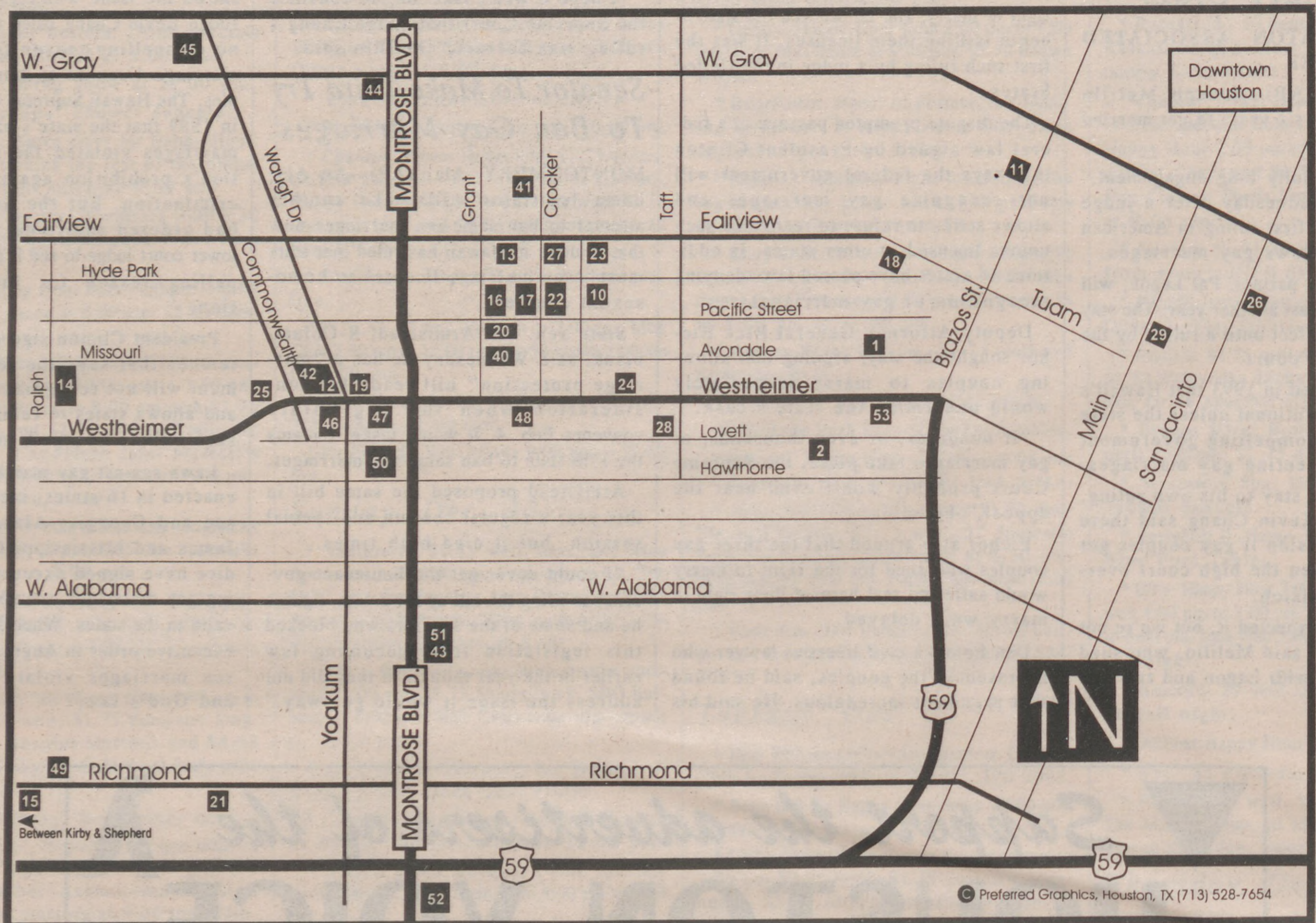
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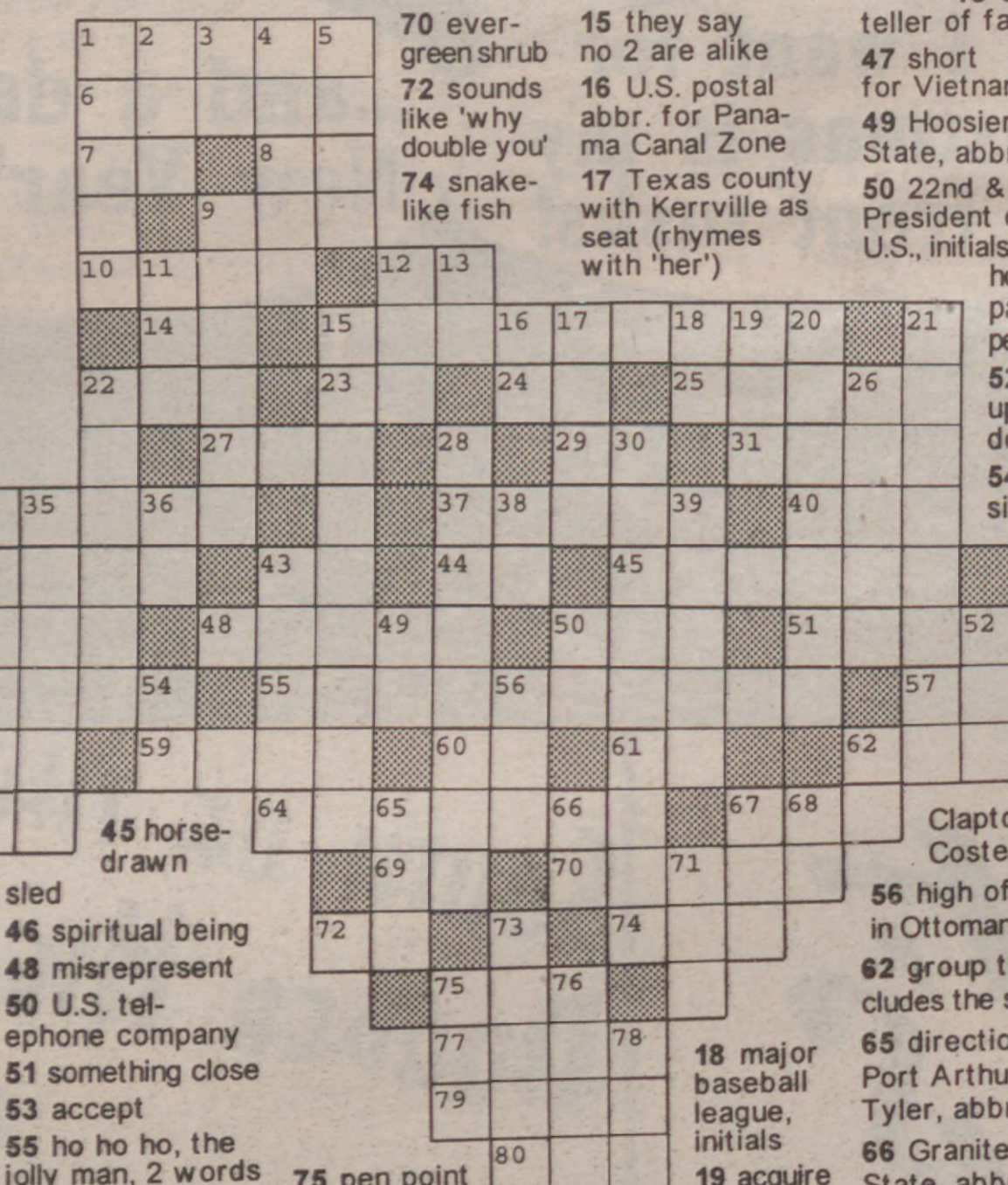
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By Henry McClurg

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- 1 seaweed & other plants
- 6 presents
- 7 Flickertail State, abbr.
- 8 township & title page abbr.
- 9 small, low islet
- 10 frequently on top of the Christmas tree

- 12 what vie becomes when converted to vying
- 14 Beaver State, abbr.
- 15 hung by the chimney with care
- 22 pigeon sound
- 23 state that is 'Land of Enchantment,' abbr.
- 24 the letter Z phonetically
- 25 in Greek mythology, river of forgetfulness in Hades
- 27 British slang for toilet
- 29 initials of TV news journalists Mudd & MacNeil
- 31 plant decorated at Christmas
- 32 gifts
- 37 unfit the rigging
- 40 TIA in a mirror
- 41 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound
- 42 short for Pres. Jackson's first name
- 43 Army, Navy & ..., abbr.
- 44 half of a lulu



- 45 horse-drawn sled
- 46 spiritual being
- 48 misrepresent
- 50 U.S. telephone company
- 51 something close
- 53 accept
- 55 ho ho ho, the jolly man, 2 words
- 57 sounds like 'in eye'
- 58 prefix meaning great
- 59 prepare food
- 60 sounds like 'eye gee'
- 61 the letter M phonetically
- 62 29th U.S. President Harding, died in office, initials
- 63 symbol for element dysprosium
- 64 hanging ornament
- 67 in computer lingo, file name extension for an executable file
- 69 direction Victoria to Houston, abbr.
- 70 ever-green shrub
- 72 sounds like 'why double you'
- 74 snake-like fish
- 75 pen point
- 77 Christmas carol
- 79 singer Fitzgerald
- 80 rugged mountain

DOWN

- 1 actress Moorehead or 3rd century saint
- 2 movable cover
- 3 Geraldine, Mondale's running mate for VP, initials
- 4 fragrant floral oil
- 5 catch sight of
- 9 songs of joy
- 11 additionally
- 12 MTV in a mirror
- 13 new way of saying hello
- 15 they say no 2 are alike
- 16 U.S. postal abbr. for Panama Canal Zone
- 17 Texas county with Kerrville as seat (rhymes with 'her')
- 18 major baseball league, initials
- 19 acquire
- 20 narrow passage thru water; position of difficulty
- 21 becoming violently agitated
- 22 lighted at Christmas
- 26 ...-ho, ...-ho, it's off to work we go
- 28 the Christmas season
- 30 stand under it and get a kiss
- 32 Keystone State, abbr.
- 33 body acid
- 34 slipped, dropped
- 35 capacity for action
- 36 noun suffix

- 38 13th letter of Greek alphabet
- 39 brief light flash
- 43 Greek teller of fables
- 47 short for Vietnam
- 49 Hoosier State, abbr.
- 50 22nd & 24th President of the U.S., initials ("Party honesty is party expediency.")
- 52 HIS upside down
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Minimal Use of Gay Rights Law

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—It took 11 years for supporters to get a gay rights measure through the General Assembly, but now that the law is in place, not many people are using it.

In the 19 months since the law took effect, only nine complaints have been filed with the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights. Eight claimed employment discrimination and one alleged housing discrimination.

During the same period, more than 800 complaints were submitted claiming discrimination because of race, gender, age or disability.

"We really didn't think homosexuals were discriminated against, so that statistic doesn't surprise me," said Judith Ryder of Scituate, president of the Eagle Forum of Rhode Island, an organization that promotes family values. Most of the testimony from proponents at legislative hearings was personal and anecdotal and not supported by evidence or data, she said.

Supporters also said the low number was not surprising. It's still difficult for many homosexuals to file a case because doing so brings them unwanted public attention, they said.

"Bringing a case is still a very risky thing for gays and lesbians," said

Kate Montiero of Providence, who is active in the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. "You have to be ready for your parents, your landlord, your employer" to find out.

Gene Booth, executive director of the Human Rights Commission, agreed the

number of filings was not remarkably low.

"Despite what some of the opponents said at the statehouse, we really didn't expect (gay) people to be breaking down our doors to file complaints," Booth said.

The law protects homosexuals from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. If the commission finds a violation, it can fine offenders up to \$10,000.

Susan Sussman, a lawyer and former longtime director of Vermont's Human Rights Commission, said simply having the law reduces discrimination. Employers in particular want to avoid bad the publicity a filing can bring, she said.

"They want to avoid liability," she said. "The fact that people aren't filing lots of complaints and running of to the courthouse doesn't mean the law hasn't worked."

The number of Rhode Island filings is similar to those in other New England states with gay rights laws. In Vermont, only five of 118 cases filed before the commission this year involved sexual orientation. In Connecticut, only 30 of 2400 annual civil rights cases involve homosexuals.

Outgoing House Judiciary Committee Chairperson Charles Knowles, D-Narragansett, said more time is needed to evaluate the Rhode Island law.

"I think it's kind of early to tell how it's working, although I haven't changed my opinion that there (wasn't) any major or crying need for it," he said. "... I never saw it as a major problem that had to be rectified in the first place."

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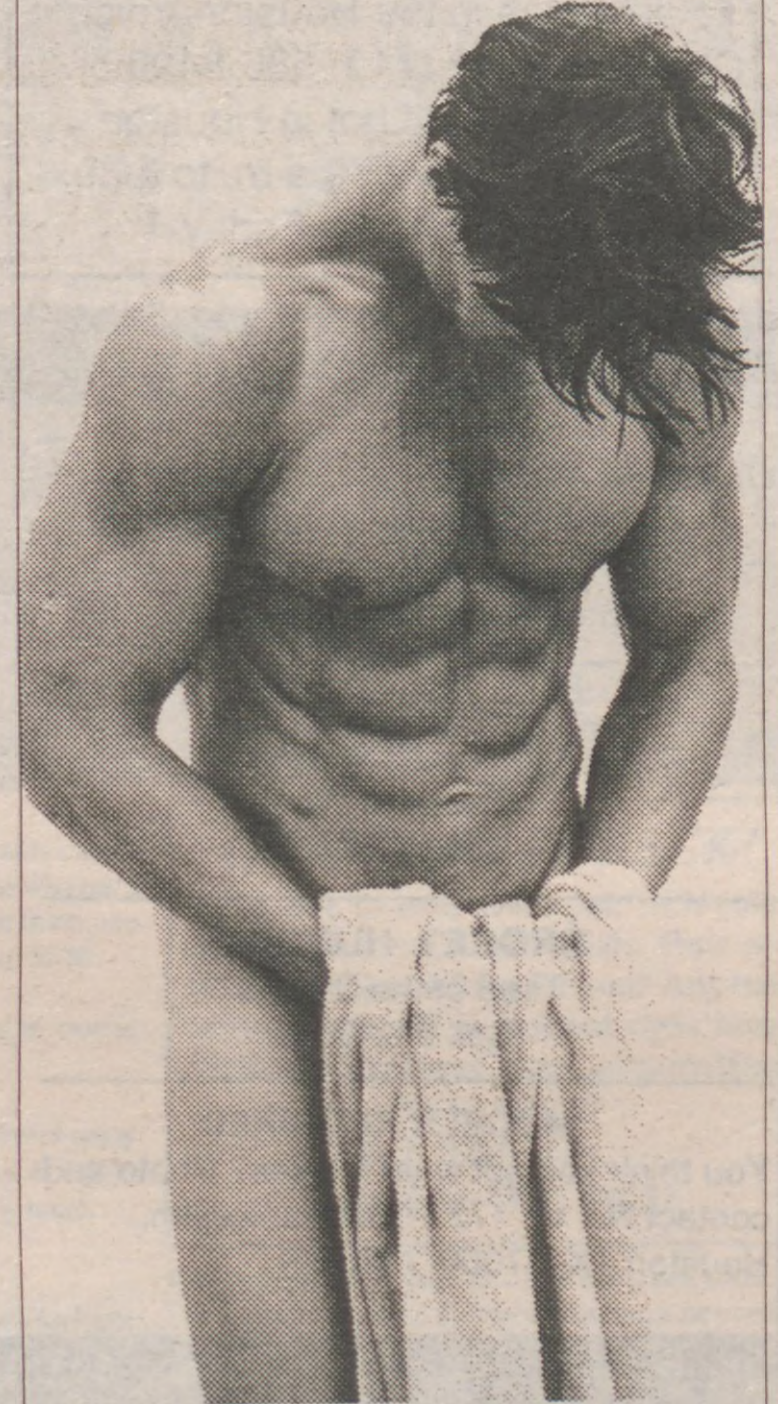
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SF 37, butch. I have a soft, romantic streak on the inside. I'm honest, intelligent, sincere & passionate about life. Looking for a butch top who is honest, upfront & trustworthy for fun & friendship. Maybe we can get together. Call Ext. 5251

SF 23, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes. I'm a GQ boy. Looking for an older woman to take care of me. Call Ext. 5284

SWF Red hair, green eyes, 20. Looking for someone, 21-25, who is White or biracial. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5279

SWF 18, 125 lbs., bisexual. I'm considered very attractive. I would like to meet an older, dominant lesbian or bisexual female to become friends with or much more. I have blonde hair & blue eyes. I'm very oral. Looking to meet someone soon. Call Ext. 5276

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SWF 35. In search of a single White female, 30-45, for companionship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5248

SWF 45, 160 lbs., 5'5", professional. Seeking companionship and friendship, or possibly more. I'd like to meet a non-smoker. Seeking a Hispanic or White female. I enjoy the beach, going out, traveling and dancing. I'm a non-drinker. Call Ext. 5256

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SWF Late 40's. Looking for a White female to help me come out. I like fishing, hunting, dancing & boating. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5237

SWF 30, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for a female, between ages 28-40, who is a soft butch. Wanting to date or hang-out. Like going to movies, boating, fishing, etc. I'm drug-free, alcohol-free & a non-smoker. Call Ext. 5215

SBF I'm a 21-year-old, horny, Black female. If you want to know more, call & leave me a message. Call Ext. 5164

SWF 43, non-smoker. Enjoy cooking, the mall & parks. Looking for love. Should be interesting & White or biracial. Call Ext. 5208

SWF 5'7", 130 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, 20. Looking for a beautiful, feminine woman who is preferably the same as me. Wanting to share life. should like going to the beach, the movies & anywhere our hearts desire. I'm very attractive, so you must be also. No jokes or running around. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 5207

SBF 45, 6'. Looking for companionship & romance. I like sex. I'd like to meet some interesting people. I like music & I live on the west side of town. Looking for a woman, no butch. Call Ext. 5194

SWF My hobbies are playing pool, shooting darts, dancing & clubbing. Looking for a female in the age group of 25-40. I'm 190 lbs., 5'11" & a security guard. Call Ext. 5173

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SHM 34, handsome. Searching for that special guy for companionship. I am HIV+. Willing to know you & share with you. Let's be good friends. It will lead us to a very special relationship of love & respect. Race is not important. Prefer someone masculine-looking & acting. Prefer a top, ages 26-46, who is discreet. Will respond. Call Ext. 5294

SWM Safe, sane. Looking for other guys into body punching. All limits respected. Call for details. Call Ext. 5292

SM Masculine, attractive, 37, dark brown hair, smooth olive complexion, hazel-green eyes, witty sense of humor, 5'8", 165 lbs. I'm a healthy HIV+ male who takes care of myself. Looking to meet a single, HIV+ man who lives in Houston & is good-looking. Prefer someone close to my age & a top. Not attractive to feminine men. Looking for a real guy. Leave a message if you want to talk. Call Ext. 5201

SHM 29, 6'1", 220 lbs., HIV+, healthy. I'm financially secure. I like going out & having quiet, romantic dinners at home. Call Ext. 5275

SM Looking for a good time & hot dick. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5289

SM Tall, slim, sissy. I love to wear feminine clothes & have the appearance of a very effeminate male. I love to do girly things, such as make-up, shopping, pajama parties and having fun. Seeking another sissy with similar interests so we can be girlfriends and priss around together. Call Ext. 5287

SWM Certified sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm 6' & 220 lbs. I have a tight end, football player's build, with strawberry-blonde hair & green eyes. I have a hairy body. I'm very masculine, drug-free & disease-free. Looking for guys who have similar qualities or those who may be attracted to my qualities. Call Ext. 5149

SM 5'10", 200 lbs., 8". I love sex, drugs & having a good time. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5283

SWM 35, 5'6", 160 lbs., clean & discreet. I am very aggressive & demanding. Looking for a submissive, older White male for a possible long-term relationship. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Call Ext. 5282

SWM 38, handsome, muscular, dark brown hair, hazel-green eyes. I would like to meet a guy in his late 30's or 40's who enjoys being an aggressive, loving top. Seeking someone who wants to start a monogamous relationship. I'm HIV+, healthy & attractive. No jokes or running around. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 5190

SWM 46, 6', 210 lbs., dark blonde hair. Searching for that special person. A White or Hispanic male, 30-50, who is sincere. Seeking a friendship or a relationship. I like doing simple things that people can do together. Call Ext. 5281

SHM 42, HIV+, healthy. I enjoy life & quiet evenings at home. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5273

SM 20, 6'1", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Like to sing, dance, go out & have quiet times at home. Looking for a relationship. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5272

SM Muscular, handsome, sexy man, HIV+, late 30's. Would like to meet a man in his late 30's or 40's. Should be attractive, masculine and should enjoy being a top. I enjoy being a bottom. Call Ext. 5271

You've got it & I want it. You're Hispanic or Latin, dark-complexioned, a smoker, drug & alcohol-free, height/weight proportionate, mature. I'm a gay White male, 158-160 lbs., 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, considered attractive, work out daily, very fit, mature, HIV- & a top. Interested in mature bottoms, no games. Interested in simple encounters, possibly more. Discretion is needed & will be given. Call Ext. 5267

SM 46, 6', bi curious. I have one or two experiences that were not satisfactory. I would like to meet someone to help me investigate it more. Contact me. Call Ext. 5266

SBM 33, 6', slender, smooth, HIV+, very healthy & active. I love music, sports, dining in, dining out & cuddling. I'm very flexible & willing to try other things. Looking for Black males for friendship & a possible relationship. I'm honest, sincere & trustworthy. Must like to have fun. Call Ext. 5265

SWM 36, HIV+, 6'2", 160 lbs. Looking for love in all the wrong places. I'm fun-loving, humorous & open-minded. I'm a light drinker & smoker. I'm somewhat Bohemian with an appreciation for the finer things in life. I enjoy quiet evenings at home with an occasional night out on the town. Call Ext. 5264

SWM Handsome, 37, 5'8", 172 lbs. I work out frequently & I'm muscular. I'd like to meet a guy late 30's to mid-40's good-looking. Must like to have a lot of fun. He should enjoy being a real top guy. If you want to play with my nice, smooth muscular body, give me a call. Call Ext. 5201

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SWM Attractive, early 40's, 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeks femme-looking cross dresser or transsexual, 21-45, for dating, fun or a possible long-term relationship. Please respond. Call Ext. 5258

SWM 20, bi, brown hair, hazel eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing & more. Looking for someone who has a sense of humor who likes to party. If you think you are the one, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5236

SM Leave me a message & I will call you as soon as I can. Call Ext. 5233

SWM 38, 190 lbs., 6', HIV+, healthy, active. I enjoy the arts & having laid-back fun. I'm retired & enjoying life. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5253

SWM 31, 5'5", 145 lbs. I'm very boyish-looking. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male, 21-32, who likes sports, rock music, cars, traveling & casinos. Call Ext. 5252

SWM 5'7", brown hair, & eyes, 43. I like music, arts, opera, the theater, museums & quiet dinners at home. I also enjoy kissing, cuddling & touching. I'm open to new & varied interests. I'm a laid-back, sensitive & down-to-earth person. I'd like to meet Hispanic, White or Asian males who are 25-50. Call Ext. 5240

SWM Attractive, 5'11", 180 lbs. Would like to meet a female impersonator. Call Ext. 5261

SWM I'm a very young 43-year-old, sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm a 6', 220 lb. teddy bear. I'm considered stocky, beefy & a linebacker build. I have red, strawberry-blonde hair, hazel-green eyes, a mustache & a hairy chest. Looking for guys with similar qualities, or those who are attracted to my qualities. Also looking for a gay sailing club & interested in forming one if one is not out there. Call Ext. 5212

SHM 5'7", 170 lbs. Looking for Black males, 23-35, who want to have fun. Call Ext. 5218

SWM 31, muscular, tan, smooth, 156 lbs. Like to meet a man who is stockier than I am. Not looking for a chubby guy. Would like to meet a top. Call Ext. 5175

SWM 44, 5'9", 165 lbs. I'm a bottom, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm clean-shaven, with short hair. I'm straight-acting & discreet. I enjoy giving blow jobs & receiving anal action. Looking for a White male who is a top man. Someone who is taller than me. Must be muscular, with above-average endowment. Smokers & light drinkers okay. Call Ext. 5244

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SWM 29, 6', 160 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smooth chest, tan body. I'm a construction worker from Louisiana. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male to show me around, in more ways than one. Friends first, possibly more. No games. No chubbies or above. If you are 21-35, a brunette & 5'4" or taller, call me. I will bring you there. Call Ext. 5238

SM 5'11", 190 lbs., goatee, blue eyes, salt 'n pepper hair, hairy body. Like to have fun with friends. Interested in Hispanics. Call Ext. 5219

SWM Brown hair, very blue eyes, 5'9", 180 lbs., very muscular, 34. Looking for a very sensuous, feminine TV or TS. Let's have a really good time & see where it goes. Call Ext. 5232

SWM 27, 6'3", 195 lbs., in very good shape. Looking for a gay White man who is 27 or older, tall & masculine, to have fun with. Call Ext. 5231

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SWM 6'1", green eyes, mustache, goatee, 39, tall, smooth body. I'd like to meet White or Hispanic guys. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5221

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SWM 50, 6', 190 lbs., brown eyes, & hair. I'm HIV+ & a top daddy only. I prefer a single White male over 40 & less than 5'10". Must be a non-smoker. No drugs or femmes. Seeking someone who enjoys quiet life, movies, theaters & sci-fi. Call Ext. 5200

SM 6'2", 190 lbs. Looking for football player build type of guys under 40. Call Ext. 5196

Gay male, 23, 6'1", 172 lbs., dark hair, dark eyes, well-toned, smooth. Looking for bodybuilders to have good times with. Call Ext. 5195

SM 46, 6', 280 lbs., graying hair. Seeking a gay White, Asian or Hispanic male, 25-50, who is drug & disease-free. He should be slim-to-medium-built, with fuzzy legs. I enjoy friends, music & honesty. I'm compassionate & affectionate. Call Ext. 5192

SWM 60, 5'8", 290 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I'm a bottom. Looking for guys in their 20's or 40's. Race is not important. Honesty & sincerity are prime factors. Let's share respect, love & an active physical relationship. I enjoy quiet times at home, dancing, traveling, the beach, dining in, dining out & the company of an affectionate friend. Call Ext. 5187

SWM 34, 6'1", 275 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I own my own business. I enjoy movies, dining in, dining out & intimacy. I have a lot of love to give. Looking for someone to love & get to know. Possible long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5186

SWM Attractive, 38, HIV+, long brown hair, brown eyes, mustache & beard. I'm straight-acting & appearing. I like to enjoy life, concerts, movies, traveling & good friends. I'm retired, healthy & financially secure. Looking for that special friend who is also straight-acting & appearing, with similar interests. Looking for someone who wants to get out & enjoy life. Call Ext. 5178

SM 6'1", 200 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, Cuban/French. Interested in guys who are versatile & 20-30. Race is not important. Looking for someone to really have a good time with. Sex would be great! Let's get good & nasty. Call Ext. 5177

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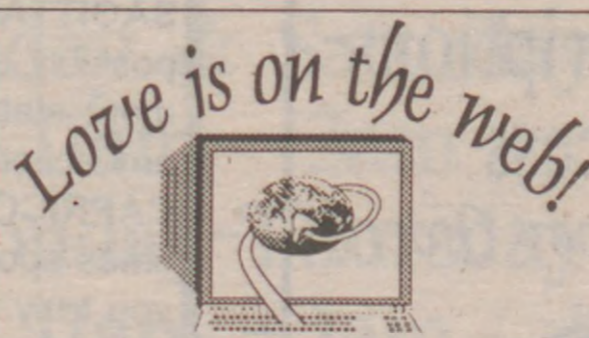
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IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: To make your relationships better, avoid pettiness in all its forms when interacting with those close to you. Make sure all communications are crystal clear to avoid blowups and confusion. Take note of any exceptional dreams and try to analyze anything symbolic. Interweave practicality with philosophy.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Learn to recognize when you are finished with a particular venture and move on... resolve to try and do better next time. Plan a family event where everyone participates, your efforts will be appreciated by all. Taking time for yourself this week will be important.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Love is overflowing. Either a current mate will rekindle your flame, or you may be introduced to a new and exciting love. Whichever occurs, you are now essentially in a new relationship - for the rules have changed. A positive attitude will lift your spirits.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Opportunities abound for you. If the attitudes of those around you are holding you back, it's time to be a little bit more self-centered in order to move yourself closer to your goals. A new financial circumstance is very likely to present itself soon.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Don't try so hard to keep everyone in your small circle happy. Any attempts to patch up an old relationship which is on the rocks will be met with frustration. Work may be a welcome relief from the worries you can't seem to leave behind. Use your tact and charm.

LEO (July 24- August 23) It's time to act on the plan you have been formulating for improving your surroundings at home. Money will be tight, but cutting corners in other areas will make the project possible. You and your lifemate are on the exact same track.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Life is not without flaws, and the sooner you convince the perfectionist attitude in yourself, the happier you are going to be. There are some situations which will always be changing, and never perfect. Keep track of the difference between truth and illusion.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) Your plans may go completely awry this week. Make the best of the situation and some good may come of it. Something very promising may come from a missed opportunity. It's hard for you to show your feelings, since they've been hurt so many times.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Your hard work may not be noticed by others during the week. Make sure to satisfy yourself first, for you will never be able to count on others for your happiness. Be cautious about spending too much money. Try not to make hasty choices until you've thought further.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21) Get help with money matters - possibly bank statements and transactions. Your financial footing may be much more stable than even you expected. Investigate all financial tips before taking any actions. If it seems to good to be true, it probably is.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20) Learn from a friend this week - sometimes spontaneity is the best course of action. Don't be so quick to judge others, you truly do not know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take on the leadership role where money is concerned and use a firm hand.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Pay attention to your intuition, particularly where love and romance is concerned. You may feel yourself being drawn into a very unusual relationship, but one that will keep your interest for many years to come. Focus your energies on diffusing any anxieties you may feel.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) If you keep your feelings under wrap, it will create emotional upheavals, even though there is an illusion of control. It's OK to share your feelings with someone you care for. The feminine side of your nature is strongly present and it may make you feel a bit uncomfortable.



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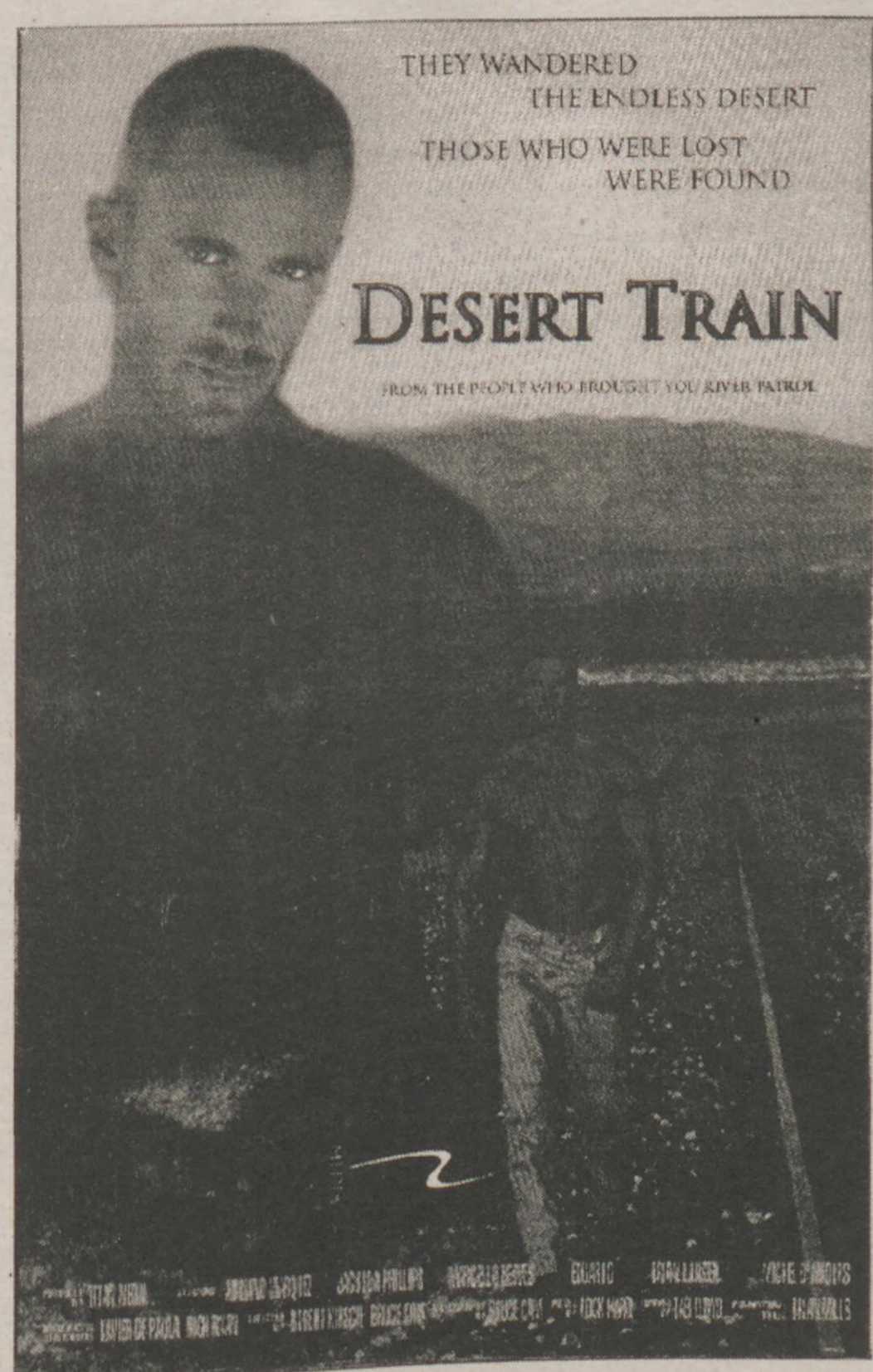

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