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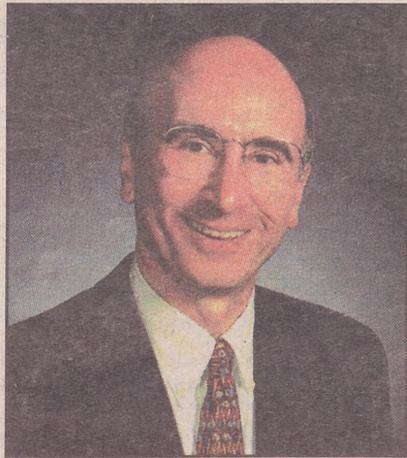
## ELECTION '97 Turnout is Crucial for Community Success at Polls

by Curt Morrison

It's that time of year again. Every year voters face the task of selecting a candidate to support at the polls for various offices, whether it be local or national. This year the focus is on local elections and the Bayou City is having one its most interesting elections in a decade. With most incumbent candidates unable to run for reelection due to term limits, there is a whole new slate of candidates to choose from.

For the gay and lesbian community, this year's races are pivotal to its cause. Longtime gay rights advocate Annise Parker, an openly gay candidate, is running for City Council At-Large Position 1 and is favored to be in the run-off. Ray Hill, the perennial candidate and gay rights activist, is also running. Hill is challenging incumbent Jew Don Boney in District D. In addition, mayoral candidate George Greanias sought out the support and endorsement of the gay and lesbian community from his campaigns inception.

The attention paid to the gay community



Mayoral candidate, George Greanias

has been unprecedented. However, if the attention focused on the gay and lesbian community is not reciprocated by gays and lesbians at the polls, it could have a devastating affect on future alliances.

Notwithstanding Parker and Hill, the gay



City Council At-Large Position 1 candidate, Annise Parker.

community has been one of the primary issues of the race. A record number of candidates screened with the two largest gay political groups in Houston, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus  
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### Teacher Exonerated by Board for Discussing 'Ellen' Episode in Class

CALIFORNIA (AP) - A school board has cleared a teacher accused of wrongdoing because she discussed the "coming out" episode of the TV show *Ellen* with her fifth-grade class. Parents Mike and Judy Trelow complained that teacher Victoria Forrester violated their parental rights by discussing the April episode in their daughter's class at Amelia Earhart Elementary School.

After the school board's decision Tuesday night, Forrester's supporters cheered. "The board has concluded that the parents' allegations were not supported by the evidence," said board president Anna Elefant. "No student was harassed, intimidated, ridiculed or intentionally embarrassed."

The state is still investigating the Trelow's claims. In July, the couple took their complaint to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. That board, expected to decide in December whether to proceed with the case, could revoke Forrester's license to  
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## Gay History: The Last 50 Years-1980's

by George Rimmey  
Special to *Houston Voice*

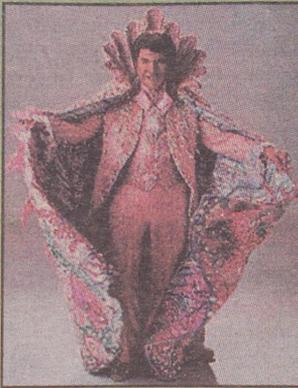
The decade of 80's is getting closer to present time but since these articles I'm writing about Houston and gay life are intended for the very young I'll continue, because this is a decade of great importance.

Houston had clearly become a world center in every aspect of the word. In 1978 to 1982 we elected a new mayor, Jim McConn who actually had a conscious. He changed the city council, which was previously composed racially of 8 men: 7

whites and one black, to a very diverse 14 members: 7 white, 2 blacks, two women, and one Hispanic.

McConn also established the first real police reform, even to the extent of hiring a black chief of police. The importance of what he started is so significant because, sadly enough, this is the decade when "gay bashing" became so prevalent.

Montrose was clearly



established as a gay area and was being revitalized with new townhomes making it a very desirable area for everyone to live. How gays became the favorite target for teenagers, I will never understand. The only possible explanation I have is the "separatist movement"; I'll speak of that in my closing article next week.

Kathy Whitmire, the

"Tootsie" in all of our lives, was elected Mayor in 1982. She was truly a great friend of gays and supported us in every way she could. We were actually seeing real police protection.

When you look back to the raids of the 50's I described previously, it is hard for me to believe the change. Kathy Whitmire actually visited gay bars and solicited our votes. She not only got them, but also established herself as one of Houston's great heroines. The H.G.L.P.C. was establishing itself as a real political force and would continue making great advance-  
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### HGLPC Meeting to Host Hate Crimes 'Summit'

HOUSTON - State Representative Scott Hochberg and Houston City Councilmember Chris Bell will be a part of the Houston Hate Crimes Summit sponsored by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 5. The meeting will be held at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett in Houston.

The Summit is a collaborative effort brought forth by the Caucus in conjunction with the National Gay and lesbian task Force, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, It's Time, Texas, the Texas Chapter of the National Organization of Women, and the Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Inc. Other participating organizations include the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center and the Metropolitan community church of the  
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### Judge: Pot Possession Defendant May Use Medical Necessity Defense

by A.J. Dickerson

MICHIGAN (AP) - A few puffs of marijuana make life bearable when nausea overwhelms best-selling author Peter McWilliams, who suffers from AIDS and cancer. For him, marijuana is medicine -

and that's what he'll argue at his Nov. 21 trial on one count of possession. If convicted, he could face up to a year in jail.

Romulus District Court Judge Tina Green on Wednesday gave his lawyer permission to base the defense, in part, on McWilliams'   
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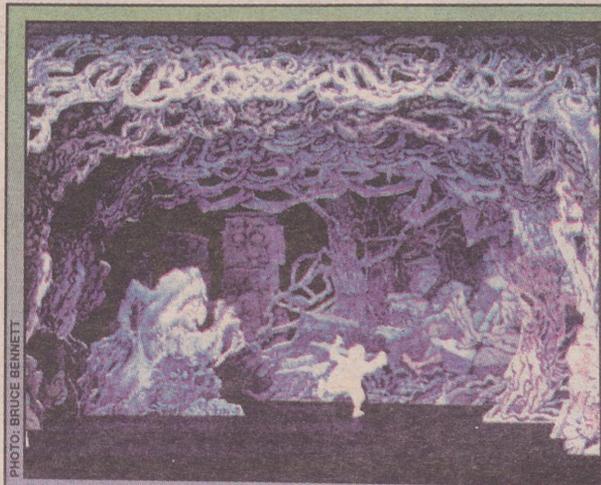


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HGO General Director David Gockley once stated, "that twenty-odd years ago Frank Corsaro came to him with one of the great ideas, to have children's illustrator, Maurice Sendak, create the sets and costumes for a new production of *The Magic Flute*." That production, which premiered in 1980, was one of Houston Grand Opera's most successful ever. Now, Sneak and Corsair will recreate the magic in a new production of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, which opened Friday, October 24 at the Wortham Theater Center. It runs through November 15.

### Frank Files Domestic Partners Bill for Federal Workers

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Congressman Barney Frank, D-MA, introduced legislation this week making domestic partnership benefits available to federal employees. The bill, unveiled at a press conference, is cosponsored by 14 other members of Congress. The bill also drew praise from leading American corporations, labor unions and many gay rights organizations.

"This is a case where the private sector is well ahead of the government in terms of treating employees fairly," Frank said. "There is already strong private sector evidence that offering domestic partnership benefits to employees improves the lives of affected workers significantly without major financial impact."

Frank said he believed the time has come for the federal government to follow the lead of so many private firms and recognize that individuals who live in committed relation-  
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## PWA Coalition Staff Member Honored

Bob Hergenroeder, MA, LMSW, a staff member of the People With AIDS Coalition is this year's recipient of the Dan Forrester Memorial Award for HIV Concerns. The award is given each year by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and will be presented at its annual convention in Dallas, November 7, 1997.

"We are proud that Bob has been chosen to receive this award," said Lynn Pannill, Executive Director of the People With AIDS Coalition. "Bob has been instrumental in the growth of our Case Management program over the past four years, and we are delighted to see his contributions recognized," Pannill added.

Hergenroeder joined the Coalition in July, 1993 as an HIV case manager. Until 1994, he was the only case manager at the agency. Now, the case management program has nine case managers and three interns - a graduate intern from the University of Houston and two undergraduate interns from Texas Southern University.

Earlier this year, in April, the PWA Coalition received a grant from Ryan White for Medical Case Management demonstration project. That project has literally redefined the way case management services will be performed in this region. "Without Bob's leadership - along with the support of the Board of Directors, Staff and Donors - the expansion would not have been possible," Pannill said.

Hergenroeder was nominated for the Forrester Award by Margot Morris, LMSW, Executive Director of Omega House. "I am consistently impressed with Bob's remarkable ability to educate/counsel/refer/advocate for clients and do so using a combination of commitment and boundaries that truly embodies all the principles of good social work practice," state Morris in her nomination letter. "...Bob has a long personal and professional record as a friend and advocate to the truly disenfranchised."

## Briefs....

Crossroads Market & Bookstore will present renowned historian and author James T. Sears Wednesday, November 5 at 7 p.m. Sears will speak on, and sign copies of, his new book *Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life, 1948 - 1968*. The book is being hailed by critics and gay activists alike as an "engaging and enriching" history of gay Southern life. The book is set against an incongruent post-World War II backdrop of fear and suspicion, innocence and gentility that includes stories of homosexual Southerners coming of age in an era of impending social upheaval and smoldering homophobia that fueled to a national level at the Stonewall riots. Crossroads is located at 1111 Westheimer. For more information, call (713) 942-0147....

Gaylapalooza returns to Houston's Laff Stop Comedy Club for one night only, Sunday, November 9, 1997. The comicfest headlines are Scott Kennedy, Kevin Maye, and Bob Smith. Kennedy and Maye are the co-stars of HBO's *The Gay Comedy Jam*. Smith is the author of *Openly Bob*. He made headlines as the first and openly gay comic



Kevin Maye and Scott Kennedy

to appear on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno. Gaylapalooza is the biggest gay comedy event to date. For more details, call (713) 524 - 2333....

The Alley Theatre and Tony's...at Home Catering now have more in common than their respective, cherished "Tony's." The two-year-old catering division of veteran restaurateur Tony Vallone's restaurant dynasty (Vallone Restaurant Group - Tony's, Anthony's, Grotto, La Griglia, Vallone's and Tony's Ballroom) just signed a contract to provide food and drink concessions for all Alley productions, as well as catering for the theatre's social events....

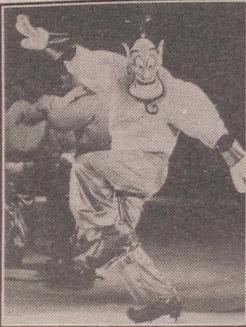
Ever dreamed of being a model? Think you have what it takes to become a model? Have you ever pictured yourself in a catalog? If you answered yes, then get ready for an opportunity that may provide you the opportunity to make your dreams a reality. Solo Production, LLC and Boy's Life are searching for a select group of men and women to become the "1998 Boy's Life Model Crew" The model search begins Wednesday, November 5, 1997 by bringing a full body photo of yourself to Boy's Life (220 Avondale) between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. For more information, call (713) 526-9878 or (713) 521-2910....

Outrage, while currently recovering from its resoundingly successful "Decadance: A Night in the Quarter" party, announced it will be hosting its annual rush party for new members and sponsors during the month of January. In addition, Outrage is now accepting applications through February 28, 1998 for consideration as its 1998 financial beneficiaries. For more information, call (713) 706-2508....

The Krewe of Olympus presents "Dia de Los Muertos," a costume celebration, Saturday, November 1, 1997 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Venture-N. There is no cover for the event....

StatScript Pharmacy is offering free S.B.I.A. testing (body composition), November 24 and 25 at 3407 Montrose in Houston. HIV often causes loss of lean body mass, which is then replaced by fats and fluids. To have your body composition measured, call or stop by StatScript Pharmacy to make an appointment for the test. The test is painless, quick and simple. Afterwards, you'll be given a copy of your results to share with your healthcare team....

Finally, Walt Disney's World on Ice is bringing its classic animated film *Aladdin* to life at the Summit, ahem Compaq Center, for eight performances November 26-30, except Thanksgiving. For details, call (713) 627-9470.



The Genie from Aladdin comes to life in Disney's World on Ice.

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## Texas Man Drives Thousands of Miles to Help AIDS Patients

by Valeria Skold  
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT - Vern Mastin has missed most of the late-night TV shows the past seven years. In bed by 9 p.m. and up by 5 a.m., the 62-year-old native Kansan and former school bus driver has been slipping quietly out of his Port Arthur home while his wife, Charlotte, lies asleep inside.

Before the rest of the neighborhood can get a chance to have their morning coffee, Mastin is starting up his old blue Dodge pickup for his daily 400-mile journey across several county lines. "I go to places people don't realize I go," said the silver-haired senior.

It's all part of his job as the "TAN Van Man" for the Triangle AIDS Network. He picks up HIV and AIDS patients all over Southeast Texas who would otherwise have no fiscal or physical means to get to their health care appointments at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. "It's very critical," Mastin said. "Some of them don't have any families or are disowned. It's discouraging sometimes for both of us."

Mastin is known for more than his early rising and chauffeur duties. He is the group's first permanent paid driver since TAN started the transportation program in 1991. And as such, he has indirectly become a personal witness to the changing face of the fatal illness on the Southeast Texas population.

"There has been a big turmoil in the last three years and it's not getting better," he said. "We've even got babies and pregnant women with HIV. I transport them, but it breaks my heart."

When Mastin first started working for TAN in 1991, the group's white Ford minibus was brand new with 800 miles on it. He was traveling only twice a week to Galveston. And there were only a few patients on his pickup route, mostly gay white males, the predominant population first afflicted with the disease in the 1980s.

Now, with 174,000 miles added to the odometer, Mastin is traveling three times a week with a full load of 13 patients. And there are more women and non-white passengers in his bus than before. Although Mastin has seen the disease spread to different segments of the population, his passenger list also reflects the positive effects: the increase of AIDS awareness, early intervention, and the medical breakthroughs that often extend the life of AIDS patients.

Mastin's day typically begins around dawn at 5:45 a.m. He drives 22 miles to the TAN office in Beaumont where he finds a blinking light on an answering machine notifying him of any cancellations. He cross-checks the names against a list of passengers to pick up that day. With the day's itinerary in hand, he switches over from his Dodge pickup to TAN's Ford.

In the past six to eight months, the minibus has almost always been full, said Sherridan Tutt, executive director of the Triangle AIDS Network. Mastin, along with volunteers who drive two minivans on a part-time basis, try to meet the transportation needs of TAN's 330 clients, but it's not easy, said Jock Hinrichs, transportation coordinator. Not only do they make three trips to UTMB each week, but they provide daily transportation for clients who have errands to run such as picking up medication or paying bills, Hinrichs said.

The TAN van is the only free transportation service exclusively for AIDS visits to UTMB in Galveston, which provides everything from primary care to experimental drug treatments under clinical trials. Jefferson, Liberty and Jasper counties also provide transportation, but their vans quickly fill up with non-AIDS cases, Hinrichs said.

The hardest part of Mastin's job is not the drive. He said he was used to putting 30,000 miles on a pickup every year while putting up hay on his farm in Kansas. When he wasn't driving his trusty pickup, he was behind the wheel of a school bus.

The hardest thing about his daily 400-mile

road tours is he can put in 40-plus hours in just three days. That means sometimes walking through the door of his Port Arthur home as late as midnight after having stayed with a patient undergoing an infusion or chemotherapy treatment.

Waiting time is just part of the job, Mastin said. He's the only one who will. The three county vans that provide transportation to UTMB for indigent care patients leave at either 3 or 4 p.m. on the dot, with or without the patients. Mastin, on the other hand, rounds up the group, taking them to the different floors, making sure they are where they're supposed to be, and staying until he has to.

"If you don't get them in, you don't get them out," Mastin said. "The county van would leave them if they're not done. I only do that if they're goofing off. You only have to do it once, then they remember."

If they'll let me, I'll drive til' I'm about 65," added the now Social-Security eligible Mastin. "I'd miss it."

## Gay GOP Group Stays Out of Contentious City Controller's Race

HOUSTON - After considering appeals from both of the major contenders in Houston's hotly contested race for city controller, the Log Cabin Republicans of Houston opted to make no endorsement in the race at a meeting held October 27, 1997.

A motion to endorse the incumbent, Lloyd Kelley, narrowly lost. Although Kelley screened with Log Cabin last week, he did not attend the group's endorsement meeting, opting instead to send a representative of his campaign. According to the group, some members cited Kelley's failure to personally appear as a reason for denying him the endorsement.

The group contends that they have never endorsed a local candidate who did not make a personal appearance at a general membership meeting. Log Cabin previously screened Kelley's opponent in the race, municipal court chief judge Sylvia Garcia. Garcia, a Democrat, also personally spoke to the group at its September meeting.

Kelley, a Republican, made local headlines in August when he said at a meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee that his opponent is gay. Garcia heatedly denied that she is gay, and suggested that her four brothers would physically attack Kelley if he repeated the claim. Kelley responded that Garcia's sexual orientation was not an issue in the race and later apologized for mentioning it. Kelley told Log Cabin that he believes discrimination against gay men and women is wrong.

Log Cabin has endorsed George Grenias for Mayor, Annise Parker for City Council At-Large, Position 1; Chris Bell for City Council At-Large, Position 4; Elizabeth Spates for City Council At-Large, Position 5; and Ray Hill for City Council District D.

## Sheila Jackson Lee Endorses Annise Parker

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee announced this week that she has endorsed Annise Parker for City Council At-Large, Position 1. Parker, a full-time oil and energy professional and entrepreneur has acquired over 18 years of community service within the Houston area.



Sheila Jackson Lee

According to Jackson Lee's camp, Parker has effectively worked on revitalization's and redevelopment within the inner city community; as a volunteer with numerous non-profit organizations; and with both liberal and conservative groups as a respected mediator for the Houston Police Department.

"Annise is the best qualified candidate for service on City council for the Position 1 At-Large seat because of her genuine commitment, dedication and long term demonstra-

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tion of improving the quality of life for all people," said Jackson Lee.

"As an entrepreneur, neighborhood and civic leader, and crime fighter, she is prepared with the necessary skills to effectively serve the citizens of Houston. She is a bridge builder who understands the importance of working together with all diversified groups within our community."

Parker has amassed a vast array of impressive endorsements for her campaign. In addition to Lee, Texas State Representatives Garnet Coleman, Debra Danburg, Sylvester Turner and Ken Yarbrough have endorsed Parker. She has also earned the endorsements of mayoral candidate George Greanias, Harris County Constable Jack Abercia and the following organizations to name a few: Harris County AFL-CIO, Harris County Democrats, Houston Association of Realtors, the *Houston Chronicle*, Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, Houston Latino Political Caucus, Houston Police Officers Union, *Jewish Herald-Voice*, Log Cabin Republicans of Houston, The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and University of Houston Young Democrats.

**O'Neill Questions Opponent's Residency Status**

Terence O'Neill, a candidate for Houston

Community College Trustee District 8, has alleged that his opponent, Abel Davila, does not live in the district. Davila is an Aide to Councilman Felix Fraga. O'Neill claims that property tax records, phone records and other existing evidence "clearly demonstrates that Abel Davila does not live in District 8."

According to O'Neill Davila is using his parents address as his home while he lives with his wife at another address. O'Neill also charges that Davila filed a homestead exemption for his home.

"If Abel Davila wants to say he is living with his parents, he is neglecting - to the full amount of property taxes required - to fund our public schools and Houston Community College," says O'Neill. "Taxpayers deserve accountability and integrity."

Meanwhile, the *Houston Chronicle* reports that Davila plans to buy a house early next year in District 8 and that Davila contends O'Neill is merely trying to sway votes days before the election. Davila admitted to the *Chronicle* that he and his wife moved into his parents' house, which is in District 8, in an effort to cut expenses. Both Davila and his wife are in college, as is O'Neill.

O'Neill, an employee of a local law firm, was recently appointed by County Judge Robert Eckels to serve on the Ryan White Planning Council. If elected, O'Neill would be the second Hispanic to hold the position and represent the largely minority district.

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teach, dismiss the case, suspend her license or issue a private letter of reprimand.

Trelow has maintained that Forrester is a good teacher, but she violated his wishes to be notified of classroom discussions concerning homosexuality. The Trelows say there is a document on file with the school stating that they don't want their daughter to participate in such discussions.

Additionally, Trelow claimed that, when it became clear that Heather did not agree with Forrester's assertions that the Ellen character was "brave" and "proud," the teacher pulled the girl aside and suggested

she be open to different points of view.

"This is not a homosexual witch hunt. We are just concerned that the school district is allowing this to happen," Trelow said in an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "The teacher didn't follow the rules. If you violate parental rights, you should be punished."

Forrester has not commented on Trelow's allegations, and the district asked that school officials not discuss the matter while it was before the school board. "She's a great teacher. She's one of the district's best teachers," her attorney, Ballinger Kemp, told the Alameda Unified School District board before its decision.

**Hundreds Inoculated for Flu Possibly Exposed to Hepatitis, HIV**

by Brigitte Greenberg

CONNECTICUT - Hundreds of residents who received flu shots at town-sponsored clinics were in a panic Tuesday after learning they may have been exposed to viruses that cause hepatitis and AIDS because a doctor failed to change syringes.

More than 450 residents, most of them elderly, packed an auditorium at Masuk High School and grilled state health officials for several hours about the possible risk. While calling the chance of exposure to any blood-borne virus extremely remote, state officials recommended that those who received the shots be inoculated with the vaccine for hepatitis B as a precaution.

Dr. Claude Light resigned from his position as town medical director on Monday after state health officials received a complaint that he failed to change syringes for each patient while administering flu shots to 468 people at clinics on Oct. 16, 18 and 21.

"I don't understand how something like this could be happening in this day and age. This is really horrible," said Mary Ann Marini, 63, who received a flu shot. "You would think because he's a doctor, he would know the proper procedures."

But Light said he didn't know. "I thought the procedure I was using was perfectly acceptable," said Light, reached by telephone at his private practice. "When (the standards) changed, I probably should have changed, but I didn't know. I thought what I was doing was risk free, no problem."

Light said he used fresh needles for every patient but didn't realize that current standards set by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta require that the syringe also be changed for each patient. He used one syringe for each vial of flu vaccine. Each vial contains doses for 10 to 12 people.

Light said no blood was ever drawn from the people, so the syringe should not have been contaminated.

Epidemiologist Aaron Roome of the state Department of Public Health and Addiction Services said exposure could only come if blood from an infected person was drawn back into the syringe, and then was injected into the next person.

"The risk is extremely low. It's a remote possibility," Roome said. "As a precaution, we're recommending the vaccine." He said exposure to HIV would be even more remote because HIV is not as hardy a virus as hepatitis B and would not be transmitted as easily.

Dr. Richard Melchreit of the state health department said the population who received the flu shots is considered an extremely low-risk group for HIV. Those who received the shot included senior citizens, town and school system employees, and some retired Roman Catholic nuns.

Still, his reassurances did not allay some peoples' fears. "People here are all frightened," shouted Dora Laporte, to applause. "I think the city and whoever gave that shot are responsible."

Light, who had served as town medical director for 30 years, said he had followed the same procedure for many years without incident. The state has documented only one case of hepatitis B in Monroe since 1990. The case was not investigated to see whether there was a link to the doctor. State officials didn't have statistics on cases before 1990.

Judy Ober was concerned for her 83-year-old mother, Florence Caldwell, who received a flu shot. Caldwell is bedridden from a stroke. "It's scary. I think they should give everyone a blood test for hepatitis and HIV," Ober said.

The town, however, is not testing people for the diseases. Instead, state health officials recommended the town administer the hepatitis B vaccine. The first of three doses of the vaccine will be administered at a free clinic on Wednesday. The second dose will come in December, and then the third will be given in six months.

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If residents want to go to their private physicians for HIV and hepatitis B tests, the town will pay bills not covered by insurance, said town Selectman Karen L. Burnaska. Richard F. Amato, chairman of the town health commission, said the vaccines and tests could end up costing the town as much as \$100,000.

A spokesman for the state health department said Light's license to practice was in proper order but that the state would investigate his actions at the town clinics.

**Jury Sentenced Man Convicted of Killing Lesbians to Death**

by Jeff Barnard

OREGON - A man who admitted killing a lesbian couple after they refused to give him money that he wanted to rekindle his relationship with a Las Vegas stripper was sentenced to death on Monday.

Robert Acremant, 29, lured Roxanne Ellis, 53, and Michelle Abdill, 42, to an apartment in December 1995 and tried to force them to write him \$50,000 in checks from their property management business. When they refused, he bound and gagged them with duct tape and forced them to lie in the back of a pickup truck next to boxes containing a Christmas tree and a present for Ellis' granddaughter. Then he shot each twice in the head.

The slayings sent a shudder through the gay community of southern Oregon. Partners for 12 years, Ellis and Abdill had worked for the defeat of a statewide measure to limit the rights of homosexuals and had cared for AIDS victims. Acremant pleaded guilty last year to two counts of aggravated murder. The jury took four hours Monday before unanimously sentencing him to death by injection.

"It'll never bring anybody back," said Lorri Ellis, Roxanne's daughter, said from

her home in Colorado Springs, Colo. "And I know that he doesn't have any remorse for what he did. Now it may put a little fear in him for what my mom felt the day he killed her."

The defense hinged on the testimony of a psychologist who testified Acremant's life, built on hard work and achievement, descended into chaos. Acremant left his job as an efficiency expert to develop software, but the venture failed. He then began drinking heavily, the defense contended, after being spurned by stripper Alla Kosova.

Two months before the women were shot, Acremant shot Scott George of Visalia, Calif., after a night of drinking in what was supposed to be another robbery. He faces a sentencing trial later for that slaying.

Prosecutors on Monday painted Acremant as an evil and greedy man who assembled guns, silencers, disguises and how-to books in a black duffel bag and was ready to keep on killing as long as he needed money.

"His little death kit was all set up and ready to go," prosecutor John Bondurant said. The defense wanted the jury to sentence him to life in prison without parole. "Is Mr. Acremant so far beyond redemption that he has to be eliminated from the human community? I think not," said Mark Rader. "Redemption is possible for Mr. Acremant."

Acremant's mother turned him in after recognizing a police sketch. His father, Ken Acremant, reached at his California home, said he thought jurors "might have seen a different side of him. I have no hard feelings to those people."

Testimony revealed Acremant chose the victims because he felt lesbians were easier to rob and wouldn't have families that would miss them.

**Us Senate Panel Hears Plea for Gays' Job Rights**

by Cassandra Burrell

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Kendall Hamilton's work at an Oklahoma City

restaurant was so good his manager recommended he be manage a new restaurant, he told a Senate committee Thursday. But after seemingly successful interviews in 1995, his prospects hit a dead end when a fellow employee went to management with what she considered disturbing news: Hamilton was homosexual.

Shortly afterward, Hamilton's boss told him that his sexual orientation had destroyed his chances to become a manager for the restaurant chain. It turned out that the manager's job went to a person who had been with the chain only nine months - "and it was someone that I trained," Hamilton told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

He approached a civil rights attorney with the hope of pressing a legal challenge. But nothing in Oklahoma law or federal law protected him against being fired because he was gay. On Thursday, he asked the Senate to pass a bill that would outlaw job discrimination against gays. "I don't want any special treatment," he said. "I just want the same chance that everyone has."

The bill, introduced by Sen. James Jeffords, would prohibit the use of a job applicant's sexual orientation as a basis for hiring, firing, promotion or compensation. A similar bill failed in the Senate on a 50-49 vote in 1996. President Clinton said he was disappointed that the bill was defeated, but gay-rights advocates hoped that with aggressive lobbying this year, it could pass both the Senate and the House.

Conservative opponents rejected that idea Thursday, although none accepted invitations to testify at the committee's public hearing. The Family Research Council described the legislation as a "homosexual quota bill" that would grant special rights to people based on their sexual behavior.

Jeffords said he changed this year's anti-discrimination bill to meet the concerns of senators who argued against it last year on grounds it could clog the courts with new lawsuits, give gays preferential treatment or force companies to send the government statistics on the sexual orientation of their

employees.

**Man Suspected of Infecting Dozens of Women with HIV Virus Had Violent History**

by Karen Matthews

NEW YORK (AP) - Confusion follows the man known as Nushawn Williams. Confusion not only over the many different names he used in his young but troubled life, but also over how many women he may have knowingly infected with the AIDS virus.

Williams, 20, was in custody in Brooklyn on Tuesday, awaiting sentencing on a drug charge and facing accusations that at least nine women and girls in rural upstate New York contracted HIV from him.

According to state Health Commissioner Barbara DeBuono, Williams gave New York City health officials 50 to 75 names of women he claimed he'd had sex with. She said that number could include 28 from western New York.

Williams, who was acquitted two years ago of a 1994 murder charge, "seems to take some delight in keeping records," said Chautauqua County Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Berke. But New York City Health Department spokesman Fred Winters said the number of names on the list is "far smaller" than DeBuono said, although he would not say how many there were. He said city health officials developed their own list by interviewing Williams last week in prison on Rikers Island.

Meanwhile, other women who claimed to have had sex with Williams were coming forward. An 18-year-old woman in upstate Jamestown who said she had a long relationship with Williams said, "I just want people to know that even though he did know that he had it and he did this to a lot

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of people, he's not a monster."

The young woman, Amber Arnold, who took an HIV test Tuesday, said she wrote Williams on Monday night to say she'd stand by him. "I can't let him die alone. I won't do it."

New York City police said a 16-year-old girl came forward Tuesday to say that she had sex with Williams in the Bronx around May 30, when she was 15. She said the encounter was not forced and took place in the rear of a building on East 227th Street. Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson was considering bringing charges in the case.

William Cember, who was listed as William's attorney in a drug case, did not return calls seeking comment Tuesday. While officials tried to find out whether Williams has infected anybody in New York City, Brooklyn neighbors remembered the young man they knew as JoJo.

"He was a troubled kid," said an unemployed construction worker in the Crown Heights section, who would not give his name. "He hustled. He sold controlled substances." Even Williams' grandmother had few kind words for him, telling the *Daily News* that she "knew God would punish" her grandson. "I loved him," said the grandmother, Eleanor Johnson McRae. "But think about all the other people he hurt."

Chatauqua County officials said they had documented at least nine HIV cases in which Williams is suspected of infecting sex partners as young as 13. Berke said at least half of the women were infected after Williams learned he had HIV about a year ago.

With the release of his name, several aliases and photograph, authorities expected other sexual partners to come forward. Winters said a few potential victims already had been identified. "We are strongly urging anyone in New York who may have had contact with (Williams) to visit our HIV clinics for counseling and testing," he said.

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Howard Safir said police are working with the Health Department "to track down any potential victims, and as we identify them, notify them." Williams was arrested in the Bronx on Sept. 22 for selling crack to an undercover agent. He faces sentencing Monday, said Steven Reed, a spokesman for the district attorney.

Tom Antenen, a spokesman for the city Correction Department, said the defendant was at Rikers Island in a section reserved for notorious prisoners. He was being watched closely and kept away from other inmates. He is in custody as Shytek Johnson - one of many names he used, including Face Johnson and Face Williams - but is the same man who was tried as Nushawn Williams for murder in Brooklyn in 1995, Antenen said.

Williams was arrested in 1994 at age 17 after authorities said he accompanied a friend who used a hunting knife to kill a man over an insult to a woman. The friend was convicted of first-degree manslaughter; Williams was acquitted.

At the six-story apartment building on Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights where Williams lived until about age 15, Sharon Huggins remembered him Tuesday as a neglected youth who was forced to scrounge meals.

Two residents remembered Williams surviving a shooting at a housing project in 1996.

Former neighbor Yolanda Sandy told the *Daily News* that Williams was "a real good-looking boy. I used to always try to help him. Tell him to stay in school and stay off drugs. But the kid had a really bad reputation."

Collin Lawrence, owner of Force Records on Nostrand Avenue, said he tried to help the troubled teen-ager as well. "I've known him since he was a little boy," Lawrence said. "I used to help him out and give him money on Friday nights." Lawrence said Williams repaid his generosity in 1993 by shooting him in the hand and robbing his store. He said he never pressed charges.

**Marijuana Club Operates Quietly in Seattle**

by Hunter T. George

WASHINGTON - It's not advertised on billboards, and it's not on any list of health plan services, but people with AIDS, cancer and other serious diseases know exactly where to find marijuana: the Green Cross Patient Co-op.

"They're not doing it for profit," says a partially paralyzed man who stopped by Thursday to pick up marijuana he uses to control muscle spasms. "This is a service."

The Green Cross has been providing the weed to the sick for five years, usually for free or at cost. And it does so out of a modest house in a working-class West Seattle neighborhood with only occasional hassles from authorities, even though the "medicine" they smoke and distribute is illegal.

"They pretty much leave us alone," says Joanna McKee, the flamboyant co-founder of the co-op. "I think they just realize we're not a problem." McKee hopes to expand operations statewide if voters approve Initiative 685, the Nov. 4 ballot measure that seeks to legalize the medical use of marijuana, heroin and other drugs while revising criminal policies on drug users to require treatment instead of prison.

Although she had nothing to do with the drafting of the initiative - indeed, she's troubled by its flaws - she says the Green Cross could serve as a model for a distribution network of marijuana clubs that serve people with legitimate medical needs. If voters reject the measure, she plans to draft a new initiative dealing only with the medical use of marijuana.

The nonprofit Green Cross' popularity continues to grow. After starting out with a few plants for her own use, McKee reports that the group now serves about 200 patients, mostly people infected with the AIDS virus, although other patients suffer from cancer, multiple sclerosis and various

injuries.

An average of six patients drop by each day, with some choosing to smoke pot in the living room and the rest taking it home. This special pharmacy and health clinic of sorts is operating in the jurisdiction of King County prosecutor Norm Maleng, who's a leader of the campaign against Initiative 685.

But Maleng and the Seattle police apparently are willing to leave the Green Cross alone, although there's no official agreement to look the other way and the prosecutor's office says its duty is to enforce all laws. "We have no particular issue with that group," says Officer Carmen Best, a Seattle police spokeswoman. "It's not anything that's had a significant amount of attention from our department."

Maleng believes most people don't mind allowing the severely ill to have access to marijuana in controlled situations. But he opposes Initiative 685 because it opens the door to use of other illegal drugs, such as heroin and LSD, and it could lead to the release of 300 felons serving time for drug possession.

"We would welcome an intellectually honest debate about a true medical marijuana law where doctors could prescribe marijuana as pain relief for patients suffering severe and terminal illnesses or battling side effects of radiation treatment," says Dan Satterberg, Maleng's chief of staff.

"The Green Cross is a welcome contrast to the I-685 message. They're only after a recognition that marijuana, and no other drugs, can play a role in pain relief for people who are suffering from terminal illnesses and other terrible diseases."

The Green Cross was founded by McKee, 54, and Ronald "Stich" Miller, 51, in the early 1990s. McKee began using marijuana to control her pain from a back injury caused in a 1981 car accident. She can walk, but spends much of her time in a wheelchair. She's a colorful character, with her eye patch and clothing emblazoned with

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medical use of the marijuana.

Defense lawyer Richard Lustig said he will call doctors to testify that marijuana can help AIDS and cancer patients battle nausea and can stimulate their appetites. "We're not advocating the recreational use of marijuana at all. We are fighting for the right of patients to get all the medical help available," he said.

McWilliams, whose self-help books include the best seller *Life 101*, was arrested in December 1996 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where he was to catch a flight home to Los Angeles after visiting relatives in Michigan. "The policeman walked up out of the blue and said, 'Do you have any marijuana?' And I said, 'Yes, I use it to help keep down my pills.'"

California law allows doctors to recommend marijuana, but not prescribe it. At first, Wayne County prosecutors considered giving the former Allen Park resident a break, said deputy chief prosecutor Ray Walsh. "It's not like we hate him, even if he is a thorn in our side," he said.

In July, they decided to try him on one count. Walsh said the change came in part because his office felt McWilliams had been misleading and also because McWilliams had a marijuana possession conviction in

Allen Park in 1968.

"The irony is, I didn't smoke pot from the 1960s until I got sick in March of 1996," said McWilliams. "I believed all the nonsense that it would destroy your motivation. I lived a very spartan existence." McWilliams said pot eased his nausea during chemotherapy for non-Hodgkins lymphoma and helps him tolerate the drugs he takes to control AIDS.

"I was always watching the battle of the bulge. During chemo, you have a revulsion to food. Then along came marijuana. It was quite wonderful. It was literally a medicine I need," he said. "People think, 'Oh, you're stoned all the time.' People don't believe it, but if you smoke it constantly, you don't get high anymore. It still continues its medical use but you build up a tolerance." McWilliams, 48, is a co-author of *Hypericum & Depression*, which hit best-seller lists in August.

Michigan is among the states with no law permitting medicinal marijuana use. Washington state voters will decide next month if marijuana should be legalized for medical use. Medical experts are divided on the benefits of marijuana, though a National Institutes of Health report this summer concluded there is strong evidence that the drug can help treat severe weight loss, nausea and glaucoma.

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ments in furthering the understanding of all gays.

In 1984, the real estate boom of the city came to an abrupt halt. Developers and builders overbuilt and inundated the city with homes, apartments, and office buildings. Real estate values fell twenty to twenty-five percent almost overnight. No one thought the golden age would end. Even the Galleria area, which was called the "golden triangle," was hit hard.

Unfortunately, homes that sold in 1983 at over inflated prices still have not recovered that value today. The booms on top of the buildings in the 60's and 70's were gone, but Houston still continued to grow through new industries.

The 80's also saw the onslaught of significant cultural modifications. The sexual revolution of the 60's and 70's would come to an end when the dreaded and unfathomable AIDS, came into our world. My heart breaks when I think of the many young people who are now approaching 40 years of age have had to live with the fear of this terrible disease all of their adult lives.

When AIDS was first discovered, the C.D.C., government, hospitals, and health care organizations paid little attention or even cared. It was considered a gay disease. I can not explain nor understand the great bigotry that it evoked. The religious extremists named it the "gay plague".

The Federal Government gave little heed towards nipping this disease in the very

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marijuana leaves.

Miller, who's paid by the state as McKee's in-home health-care aide, says he smokes pot to relieve back pain. Now living off her monthly Social Security check, McKee, 54, says she smokes about a gram of marijuana a day, usually a few puffs from a pipe every few hours.

"I'm dealing with constant pain from a spinal cord injury. Constant pain leads to depression, and depression can be terminal," she says in her raspy voice. "I wake up in the morning to a giant red ball of pain. I can't think. I can't hardly move. (Marijuana) doesn't get rid of the pain. It just allows my consciousness to get around it. When I smoke, it distracts my mind around the hurt."

McKee developed the Green Cross - Miller came up with the name from an industrial safety logo - after learning about the plight of AIDS patients who say marijuana boosts their appetite. Recreational users call it getting the "munchies."

She read about other marijuana clubs around the country and agreed to grow pot for people who can prove a doctor either recommends or at least knows about the patient's use of marijuana. She calls each patient's doctor for verification.

The group operated on nearby Bainbridge Island for a few years, but was forced to leave in 1995 after federal agents raided her home in a bust that gained nationwide attention. The Green Cross settled a year ago in its current location, a house in a blue-collar section of West Seattle, one block from a Methodist church. McKee and Miller say neighbors haven't complained about their quiet operation.

Patients enter through an alley behind the house, which is marked with a simple "Green Cross" sign in the garage window. Marijuana is dispensed in plastic prescription bottles bearing a homemade Rx label that warns users not to drive or operate machinery while using the "medication."

Patients sometimes hang out in the dark,

cluttered living room and smoke marijuana through a pipe or bowl, although a housemate delivers to those too sick to come over. Patient records, including copies of physician recommendations, are kept in a file cabinet in a corner of the living room.

"Thank God for Green Cross," says Dr. Rob Killian, a Tacoma physician who's prime sponsor of Initiative 685. "They're taking the legal risk, making sure it's a clean, safe, good product. I haven't had to send my patients to God knows where." Patients appreciate the ability to buy pot from someone they trust, rather than a street dealer.

"As things stand right now, I can get all the marijuana I need by picking up the phone and calling someone at the Green Cross. And they bring it to me and don't charge me anything for it," says Ralph Seeley, a Tacoma attorney and cancer patient who took the issue of medicinal marijuana all the way to the state Supreme Court, but lost earlier this year.

McKee and Miller are remarkably open about their cause. The co-op is featured on a Web site - the address is [www.hemp.net/greencross](http://www.hemp.net/greencross). The phone rings constantly, and patients come and go. While most patients who visited the house on Thursday didn't want their names disclosed, McKee and Miller had no qualms about lighting up a yellow glass bong in the presence of journalists. "Give anyone our phone number," McKee says.

Still, the Green Cross is not immune to legal problems. McKee was arrested in 1995 in a highly-publicized bust that netted 162 plants in her home, although the case was later dropped due to a faulty search warrant. Federal agents last spring seized a shipment of pot valued at \$300,000.

A Green Cross patient, Martin Martinez, starts a 90-day prison term this week for growing 88 plants for himself, an amount that disturbed Maleng's office. And earlier this month, Olympia police seized 18 marijuana plants from the home of a man who said he was growing them for medicinal use by a friend with AIDS.

To keep police attention to a minimum,

McKee and Miller say they no longer grow marijuana in the house, although they declined to give a tour of the whole place. Instead, they say they rely on a handful of trusted growers who charge about \$1,200 per quarter-pound. They also help patients set up facilities to grow their own.

**Boy Scouts Settle Lawsuit With Man Who Accused Counselor of Abuse**

by Denise LaVoie

CONNECTICUT - The Boy Scouts of America on Tuesday settled a lawsuit brought by a man who said his merit badge counselor molested him more than 100 times, starting when he was a 12-year-old Scout during the 1970s.

The terms of the settlement, which came just as the case went to trial in Norwalk Superior Court, were not released. Neither side would comment on the amount of money awarded to the man. Pressure to settle the case mounted after the jury heard details of the alleged abuse during opening arguments.

Jurors watched the former Scout - now a 32-year-old man - weep as his lawyer described how the abuse caused him such anxiety, guilt, shame and embarrassment that he attempted suicide. Several jurors glanced over at the man as he sat in the front row with tears running down his face.

The man - who is identified in the civil lawsuit only as "John Doe" - accused the Boy Scouts of America and the Fairfield County Boy Scout Council of negligence for allowing him to be molested by John T. Hiller Jr., his merit badge counselor at Troop 32 of the Scouts in Bridgeport during the 1970s.

Hiller, who died in 1993, was not named as a defendant in the lawsuit. The plaintiff alleged that the Scouts should have done a background check on Hiller, which would have shown he spent time in prison for

molesting children in the early 1970s.

"You're looking at a man; you're dealing with a boy when this occurred," said Robert Pinciario, one of the man's lawyers. "Was a 12-year-old boy owed something? Was he owed protection?" he said. "Did the Boy Scouts protect (him) from being molested more than 100 times when he was following the procedures for obtaining a merit badge?"

James Coyne, a lawyer for the Boy Scouts of America, told the jury that the lawsuit sought to hold the Boy Scouts responsible for the intentional acts of Hiller. He asked the jury to view the conduct of the Boy Scouts in the context of the 1970s - a time when there was less awareness about child abuse.

In his lawsuit, the man said Hiller molested him in the men's bathroom at the Housatonic Marina in Stratford after inviting him to go on a boating trip with him and his family. After the first incident, Hiller molested the boy at least 100 times between 1977 and 1980, mainly during Scout outings, according to the lawsuit.

The jury never got to hear those details. After a lunch break, lawyers huddled in the courthouse hallway for about 45 minutes. Judge Frank D'Andrea Jr. then called the jury in to tell them an agreement had been reached. "The case has been resolved. It has amicably been settled between the parties," he said.

The former Scout declined to comment to reporters as he left the courthouse. "I just hope this helps him get on with his life," said Pinciario, his lawyer.

The judge ruled just before the trial got under way that he would not - at least initially - allow testimony about Hiller's prior record of child molestation. With the jury out of the room, lawyers questioned a recordkeeper for the state Department of Correction who said Hiller was incarcerated from November 1971 through December 1972, when he was paroled. He completed his parole in October 1976.

A spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America would not comment on the  
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**Between the Covers**

by Larry Lingle

This past weekend I found myself in one of those moods, somewhere between depressed and don't give a shit. So when I looked around for something to read I wanted a book that neither challenged nor was a downer. The logical choice, at the time, was Tommy Tune's *Footnotes* - not an autobiography and definitely a quick read.

I have never been much of a Broadway musical buff, unlike Blake, my assistant manager at the store, whose mind retains both the significant and the trivial on every musical to open on the Great White Way. Despite the years of play going that Bill, my late better half, and I indulged during numerous New York trips, we never saw Tommy Tune perform, at least not in person. Seeing *Grand Hotel* was, in effect, seeing Tune perform his magic. And that was one of the few musicals I enjoyed, thanks in no small measure to Michael Jeter whose inspired dancing was genuine Tommy Tune.

*Footnotes*, on first glance, appeared to be the ticket to light and fast reading - small format, lots of pictures and wide margins. I had never read anything which spelled out that Tune acknowledged his gayness, although it would appear a given. A review of the book indicated he outed himself, although in an interview in connection with the book he seemed surprised that not everyone already knew.

Between countless theater stories, Tune sandwiches in his various affairs - both men and women. If I were more a music aficionado I could perhaps figure out his one heterosexual relationship. His first gay lover, and his longest relationship, recently died in a car accident. But that relationship ended some years ago - the exact circumstances involving another dancer could almost plot a musical itself were it not for the tragic aspects as they related to Tune.

His last relationship ended nearly three years ago as many gay bondings now end -

with AIDS. Tune's *Footnotes*, to this point, blended far more humor with an obvious down playing of setbacks. Despite recounting his discovery that his last lover was an alcoholic and addicted to cocaine, still seems to be playing it light for his readers. That is, until he seems to astonish even himself by the admission that every day for the past two years he has thought of suicide. There, it's out, and there it lies.

*"For the better part of my life - and that is no short span - I have been enthralled by politics and engaged to one extent or another in every presidential campaign since 1952 ... Yet now I find myself disengaged. Oh, I still try to send a check to this candidate or that. Bill and I cheered the election of Bill Clinton as a new day for our community. Yet, as those who follow this column will attest, I have felt no driving urge to defend Clinton or his record. Not from any feelings one way or the other, but simply from lack of interest."*

Tune confesses that this is something of a downer to leave for the end but he doesn't try to disown his feelings at this point. This, like all that he has written before, seems to come from the heart and with little editing. So however brief and scattered are his *Footnotes* they display a genuineness that cannot be denied. I wonder if any of the fine Houston matrons who will undoubtedly line up this week for his book signing would like to ask Tune more about his "cum facials" which he came up with along with Andy Warhol (he is quick to note that they each used their

own "product").

The end result, for me, after reading Tune's book was to further swing my own mood to depression. Unconsciously or otherwise, I realized my timing was faulty. This is the second anniversary of that final hospitalization of my better half. In a few short days I shall have officially weathered two years of loss.

When Bill died in November of 1995, I

of you Adlai Stevenson is an unknown but for me he was the quintessence of the political candidate).

Yet now I find myself disengaged. Oh, I still try to send a check to this candidate or that. Bill and I cheered the election of Bill Clinton as a new day for our community. Yet, as those who follow this column will attest, I have felt no driving urge to defend Clinton or his record. Not from any feelings one way or the other, but simply from lack of interest.

In the first year after Bill's death I relocated my Houston store, bought a store in New York (a long-term dream of ours) and sold our home and bought a house in Montrose. This year I am in the process of expanding both my Houston and Austin stores and nearly bought another store in my native state.

Yet I feel disengaged. For the bulk of my business life I had but one goal - to create a legacy which would provide for my better half after I was gone. After all, I was twenty years his senior. It was only logical that I would go first - and also logical that I would have him there in my senior years. Well, AIDS has changed all our lives.

I still labor seven days a week - granted, at my own pace - with the business. And struggle constantly with staying competitive. But the real drive is gone. My attorney had been at me to finish my will, to straighten out my estate. My life insurance, which would once have been the cushion of security for Bill, still lacks a beneficiary. The mere thought that my next of kin, by law, is my estranged brother should motivate me to action, but not so far.

Unlike Tune, I am not thinking of suicide every day. While time has healed the initial shock of Bill's death, it has also left a voice which consumes my interests and leaves an even greater void. Like Tune, this column has become my *Footnotes*, often my ramblings of a personal nature. But hey, who knows, maybe tomorrow something will spark that old political interest. Not.



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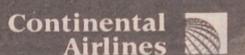
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**Go Vote!**

by Leslie Ramsay

I intend to go to the polls this Tuesday morning wearing a clothespin on my nose. Not because this is some new bizarre fashion statement I have decided to pursue but because it is my civic duty. Every American citizen has a moral obligation to get up early that first Tuesday in November and drag myself or herself down to the corner voting booth. The punch card voting locations are

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all over this city. The poll hours are from 7AM to 7PM.

This Tuesday's election is very important. Not only is the office of mayor up for grabs, but also city council seats, several bond money offerings and more constitutional amendments to the state constitution than I realized.

This Tuesday, we the people, will decide on whether or not the state government will require "minimum standards" for constables. Right now any "bubba" with a gun and a desire to be a constable is made a constable. I firmly believe that a person who is in charge of upholding the laws and protecting the peace should at least be able to meet some sort of "minimum" requirements.

This may not be a big issue with most of you city dwellers but I live way out in the country. The local constables I deal with drive around in their white 1974 Dodge Darts with a big red light bolted to the roof creating havoc and grief for many of us.

I have watched a couple of them walk into liquor stores just outside the county line before their "shift" begins. They usually pick-up a six pack of Lone Star beer, a Styrofoam cooler and a bag of ice. The air conditioning in their white 1974 Dodge Darts is usually "busted" so they need something to keep themselves cool in the summer time.

The back roads of Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, and Brazoria counties are really dusty. If you are driving 90 or 100 miles per hour down these dusty roads with your windows down, your mouth gets a little dry. Your throat gets a little parched. A cold

Lone Star is just the thing to squelch your thirst.

After a few hours racing around the back roads they decide to do some "bidness". Serving warrants while intoxicated is not something I am alleging any of the current constables in the aforementioned counties are in the habit of doing.

I will say that I have known one or two constables in the recent past that made a habit of it. They needed "courage" to walk up to the half-burnt single wide trailer to serve an alleged perpetrator. The hungry

Rotweiler chained to the fire gutted Ford Pinto in the front yard was usually not too happy to see the flashing red light that was bolted to the top of the white 1974 Dodge Dart. The residents inside the half-burnt single wide trailer were not too pleased to see the flashing light either. The warrants were usually for drugs or DUI. The constables were usually pretty well lit before making the journey down the dirt road/cattle trail to get there.

Maybe what we need are alleged perpetrators that live in closer to town. Yeah, that's it. All people who are in the habit of picking up DUI's or getting popped for drug possession should be relocated to the cities. The courthouses, jails and court appointed lawyers are all located in the cities. This would sure make the lives of these poor overworked constables easier. Their beer budget would definitely be reduced as well.

If these folks were relocated to the cities for convenience sake, the rest of law abiding country dwellers could get back to living the quiet, peaceful lives we envisioned for ourselves.

The constable issue is but a blip on the sample ballot I picked up today. I almost missed it. If you look real close you may locate it along side the more pertinent issues like ending preference programs in city contracting, refinancing your home, road and bridge overbuilding and raising your taxes.

Every time our legislature gets together in Austin, they find a way to get more of your hard-earned dollars. I enjoy going to the voting booth to tell them, "No ma'am!"

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lence occur each year throughout our country," said Caucus Board Chair Clarence Bagby. "We must continue our efforts to see that attacks against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people are stopped."

Only twenty states have passed legislation against hate attacks, including attacks involving sexual orientation bias, according to NGLTF statistics. Eight other states have hate crime laws that do not include crimes based on sexual orientation.

The Caucus will provide complimentary wine, coffee and soft drinks. The Summit will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more details, call (713) 521-1000.

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Resurrection.

The Summit will be presented in a panel discussion format with various speakers including Bell and Hochberg. "This will be quite an informative event with panelist of a national and stated wide stature," said Caucus President Lane Lewis. The Summit is timed to coincide with President Clinton's upcoming National Hate Crimes Summit, November 10. The NGLTF is hosting a series of prequel Summits in other cities as well.

"Thousands of incidents of anti-gay vio-

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ships, "regardless of their sexual orientation or marital status," should be eligible for the same benefits as their heterosexual counterparts including health care coverage, life insurance and retirement benefits. Under Frank's legislation, the domestic partner of a federal employee (in same or opposite sex couple) would be eligible for benefits in the same manner and to same extent as the spouse of a federal employee. This eligibili-

ty would extend to retirement benefits, life insurance, health insurance and compensation for work injuries.

"I am especially pleased to have the support of important entities like Microsoft, Time-Warner and Harvard University," Frank said. "They have shown that fair treatment for workers and financial success can go hand in hand, and I intend to work closely with them and other forward-looking private sector allies in the effort to pass this legislation."

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Connecticut case, but said the national organization now has a policy on child abuse, which prohibits adults from one-on-one contact with children.

"We work very hard to prevent child abuse, because it is a very serious problem in society," said Gregg Shields, a spokesman for the Boy Scouts, based in Irving, Texas. "If we understand there's a problem, the leader is either suspended or his membership is revoked immediately," he said.

**UNC Presidential Candidate Brown Meets With Gay Students**

COLORADO - Former U.S. Sen. Hank Brown - now the lone candidate for president of the University of Northern Colorado - has met with a gay students group and apparently dispelled negative rumors about him.

Fourteen members of the campus Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Organization met with Brown on Tuesday and told him his history as a Republican senator did not win him a lot of trust and respect from the group's members.

"There will probably be things we agree on and things we disagree on. I don't know anyone I agree with everything on," Brown said. "I hope you feel that if I'm selected to represent this university that my door will always be open to you."

One student asked Brown whether he would support a plan that would offer health insurance benefits to the partners of students and staff. Brown said he would review such a proposal and give it serious consideration. Brown said the session "was very helpful, very informative."

Tyler Collins, a senior, said it was easier to support Brown after meeting with him in person. "The rumors have been pretty bad," Collins said. "He really seems sincere in his intent to hear where we're coming from. We want to make sure the president of this uni-

versity is as open-minded as the faculty."

One student asked the Brown why he wanted to be president of UNC. "I ask myself that same question," Brown joked. "You get to a point in your life when you decide what will be the most fun and fulfilling thing to do."

**'Ellen' Promo Makes Light of Conflict With Network**

CALIFORNIA - The star of *Ellen* can dish it and her network can take it - at least when promotion of the show is involved. During this week's *Monday Night Football* on ABC, an advertisement for *Ellen* poked fun at the sometimes rancorous dispute between Ellen DeGeneres and the network over her gay character.

"Hi, I'm Ellen DeGeneres. I can't tell you the plot of this week's show, but it's titled 'Ellen Kisses a Girl and Upsets the Network,'" DeGeneres says in the spot. The episode airing Wednesday night has Ellen out on a date with her real estate agent and concludes with them sharing a brief kiss. The agent (played by Lisa Darr) will appear in subsequent episodes.

Earlier this month, DeGeneres angrily objected to a parental advisory that the network aired before an episode in which she playfully kissed a female pal. Gay and lesbian rights groups also protested.

An advisory planned for this week's show represents a "double standard for lesbian and gay content on television that is simply unfair and un-American," Chastity Bono of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said in a statement.

The network repeated its position Tuesday that the advisory signaling "adult content" is intended as help to parents and is not discriminatory.

**State Sues Over Gay Computer Threat**

MAINE - The state attorney general is suing a University of Maine student who

allegedly made threats of violence against homosexuals over an Orono campus computer network. The lawsuit asks the court to bar 19-year-old Casey Belanger from making any further threats of violence motivated by bias.

The suit says Belanger posted a statement on the computer network saying he "disliked fags." He later allegedly sent another message that was broadly distributed and contained an explicit threat against homosexuals.

State prosecutors said that because of the message, some students, staff and faculty at the university fear violence from the defendant. UMaine President Peter Hoff said the incident "should sensitize others to the impact and consequences of irresponsible statements and actions."

**Pacificorp Extends Benefits to Same-Sex Couples**

OREGON - Pacificorp is quietly extending health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees.

The change, effective Jan. 1, will put same-sex domestic partners on the same footing as spouses when it comes to medical coverage, life insurance, bereavement leave and other health-related company subsidies.

Portland-based Pacificorp has about 9,000 employees in seven western states, about 6,700 of which will be eligible for the extended benefits, company spokeswoman Nancy Varekamp said. About 2,300 members of IBEW Local 57 in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming have their own benefits program. The Pacificorp plan covers the remainder of employees, she said.

In Montana, Pacificorp's operations include retail electricity sales in the Kalispell area, and telephone service through PTI Communications. It is part of Pacific Telecom, which tentatively has been sold to Louisiana-based Century Telephone Enterprises for \$1.5 billion. Pacificorp also has an interest in two power plants at

Colstrip, Mont.

Based on the experience of other companies that have instituted similar programs, Varekamp said, Pacificorp estimates 50 to 60 employees will qualify for the broadened benefits, adding less than 1 percent to the cost of its program.

To qualify, an employee and his or her partner must sign an affidavit declaring the existence of a "long-term, committed and exclusive relationship." The extension applies to same-sex partners only; it does not cover live-in heterosexual partners who are not married.

"We're simply acknowledging the diversity in our work force," Varekamp said. "We found it inequitable that same-sex partners were not eligible for a benefits program. Bottom line, it's a business decision" that will enable the company to compete for good employees, she said.

Pacificorp unveiled the new coverage eligibility without fanfare. The *Yakima Herald-Republic* obtained a copy of an internal memo dated Oct. 23 announcing the change. "The domestic partner issue will receive no special emphasis. This is just one of several miscellaneous changes being announced at the same time," the memo said.

Varekamp said enrollment materials will be distributed beginning Oct. 30. At Pacific Power's office in Yakima, Wash., business manager Joe Kauzlarich said the change hasn't generated any controversy. "Whatever our benefit program may be in regard to sexual orientation, as long as it doesn't affect customer service, it shouldn't make a difference," Kauzlarich said.

Not everyone, however, is sold on the idea. "For a utility to do this, when they have a monopoly, is particularly egregious because we're talking about an increase in their overhead," said Jerry Shaw, executive director of the Christian Coalition in Olympia.

Shaw believes many people feel that efforts to accommodate alternative lifestyles have gone too far.

Varekamp said the benefits change was not a moral issue. "We're not endorsing anyone's lifestyle or family arrangement," she said.

Pacificorp joins numerous companies that already have expanded their health care plan to same-sex couples, including Microsoft Corp., Time Warner and Levi Strauss. "Twenty-five percent of the Fortune 500 companies have this in place or will by Jan. 1," Varekamp said.

**AIDS Agency to Close**

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - The board of the AIDS Task Force, a charitable group that serves about 300 patients in this area, has voted to disband. Susan Leonard, chairwoman of the board, said Tuesday that the group ran out of money and was working to transfer its services to other agencies.

"Right now, we are closing because we do not have the capability to remain open," she said. "It has been a horribly painful decision for me and the other board members. We hope that the community steps up to this and more aggressively funds AIDS concerns."

The task force ran a food pantry and had volunteers visit patients in their homes. It also had a small emergency fund to pay for expensive drugs that many patients infected with the HIV virus use to delay full-blown AIDS.

Kristen Hopson, a social worker at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, said the cut in drug funding would be felt immediately. "Today, I sat in a room with someone and told them I cannot help them and our doctors cannot help them because they cannot have access to medicine," she said Tuesday.

A new generation of AIDS drugs has dramatically changed medical care for AIDS patients. But the drugs are expensive - as much as \$2,000 a month - and put a strain on AIDS agencies. The task force formed in 1985 and has always experienced difficulty raising money.

Rev. Thomas Albert, the director of the agency, said the group kept its name off correspondence because some donors did not

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**ACLU Looking Into Student Suspensions**

COLORADO - The American Civil Liberties Union is investigating whether the civil rights of several Eaton High School students were violated when they were suspended for staging an alternative school spirit week.

Mark Silverstein, legal director in the ACLU's Denver office, said Tuesday he will review the case. "It sounds like there may have been egregious violations of the students' First Amendment rights," he said. ACLU actions could include phone calls, letters or even litigation on behalf of the students, he said.

Sixteen students were barred from the rural Weld County school last week after they organized alternative events during homecoming week, including activities recognizing gays and promoting safe sex. Some parents objected, and school officials seemed that the students' methods were disruptive, said Principal Gene Huser. The students were suspended when they disobeyed a school order to halt their plans, Huser said.

**Hospital Defends Treatment of HIV-Positive Patient**

MISSISSIPPI - The Gulf Coast Medical Center has been sued by an HIV-positive woman who claims she was misdiagnosed and refused emergency-room treatment. The woman, a Georgia resident who did not want her name revealed in court papers, filed the malpractice lawsuit Oct. 8 in U.S. District Court. She claims hospital negligence caused her to lose her sight.

The plaintiff said she went to the hospital suffering from "symptoms of meningitis." An unidentified emergency-room physician did not conduct blood tests when he learned of her AIDS-related condition, the lawsuit claims.

Gulf Coast Medical Center officials declined to discuss specifics of the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages. "We certainly care about all of our patients," said Kathy Springer, hospital spokesman. "We have thoroughly reviewed the situation and believe our staff delivered the appropriate care."

According to the lawsuit, the Fulton County, Ga., resident went to the emergency room June 30, 1996, complaining of "severe fever, headache, dizziness, difficulty in walking." During the emergency-room examination, the lawsuit said, the physician informed the woman she had vertigo and released her.

Two days later, the woman went to another hospital where she was diagnosed with meningitis by using a "lumbar puncture," a standard diagnostic procedure, according to the complaint. Because of the alleged misdiagnoses the woman encountered "intracranial pressure in her brain, causing permanent damage to the optic nerve, rendering her totally and permanently blind," the lawsuit concluded.

**Homosexual Couple Denied Use of University Chapel for Ceremony**

TENNESSEE - A homosexual couple from Georgia wanting to have a commitment ceremony at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Patten Chapel were denied their wish.

Robert Angle and Scott Baker, both of Tunnel Hill, Ga., said the ceremony wasn't a same-sex marriage, but a celebration of love. The school didn't see it that way. Officials felt the ceremony was a wedding, which would have violated state law against same-

sex marriages.

The school also said the two were misleading on their application to use the chapel. They marked out the space for bride's name and just wrote Angle's last name. They used initials for Angle's first and middle names, UTC spokesman Marc Cutright said.

The two said the woman who gave them the application took their \$300 user fee in February, which they felt was approval to use the chapel. They then ordered flowers, booked a band, registered for gifts, rented tuxedos and invited 120 guests for the November event.

But Cutright said Angle brought a woman with him, not Baker, when applying for use of the chapel. They didn't say they were the couple, but that's what they implied by filling out the application together. Earlier this month, Angle's check was returned, accompanied by a letter from Ralph W. Moser, assistant vice chancellor for business and financial affairs.

"It now appears that the application and fee payment was made for the purpose of obtaining the facility in order to conduct a same-sex marriage ceremony," Moser wrote. "As UTC is a state agency, the request has been determined to be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Tennessee, and (we) are denying your application for use of the chapel."

Angle questions the timing of the decision. "If they had a problem with it, they could have let us know in March or April," Angle said. "I took a lot of time to plan this the way I wanted it."

Cutright said many couples use the chapel each year for weddings. The applications are processed through several offices and reviewed a final time about a month before the ceremony. He said during a review in October, someone noticed the bride's name was initials and the school requires full names. Further investigation found that the couple was two males.

"There was a clear intent to conceal the nature of the ceremony," Cutright said. "The couple did not appear together when making their application and there was a failure to disclose the facts at time of application." Cutright said if the men feel the decision is unfair, their argument should be taken up with the Tennessee Legislature, not the school. "This is basically an attempt to change public policy by ambush," Cutright said of the men's actions.

Angle and Baker said they will exchange vows next month anyway. "I'm not giving up, yet," Angle said. "It's not just us - the issue is bigger than us. The ceremony will still be the ceremony - no matter where we have it - even if it's in a field somewhere."

(Compiled by Staff from Associated Press and Wire Reports)

**COURT WATCH**

**Court Clears Way for Cincinnati to Deny Gay Rights Protection**

by Terry Kinney

OHIO - A federal appeals court cleared the way Thursday for the city to deny discrimination protection to homosexuals. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed an earlier ruling that allowed Cincinnati to

implement a 1993 voter-approved amendment to the city charter barring enactment or enforcement of any law aimed at ending bias based on sexual orientation.

The U.S. Supreme Court had ordered the appeals judges to restudy the matter in light of a high court decision striking down a Colorado gay rights measure last year. "It's a big win for us," said attorney Karl Kadon III, an assistant city solicitor who argued the case for Cincinnati. "The whole case is See COURT page 12

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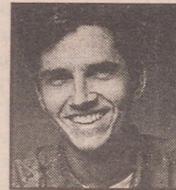


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about the right of people to decide what their government can do," he said.

Patricia Logue, a Chicago attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which advocates for gay rights, called the ruling indefensible, the result of "very specious" reasoning. "This is a renegade decision approving a clone of the Colorado ballot measure thrown out by the Supreme Court," she said.

Ms. Logue said it could be several days before a decision is made whether to appeal. Gay rights advocates sued over the charter amendment, contending that the measure unlawfully thwarted their political participation. U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled in 1994 that the amendment was unconstitutionally vague and violated the free-speech and equal-protection rights of homosexuals.

The following year, a three-judge panel of the appeals court reversed Spiegel's decision, saying homosexuals were not an identifiable group and could not be entitled to specific legal protection. The court said that unlike skin color or gender - which is obvious on sight - homosexuals generally are not identifiable unless they choose to be "by conduct, such as public displays of homosexual affection."

**Lawsuit Alleges Women Were Forced to Kiss Before Being Released**

by Larry Neumeister

NEW YORK (AP) - A police officer alleges in a lawsuit that he was harassed because he crossed the "blue wall" of silence by complaining about a sergeant who ordered two women headed to a gay bar to kiss before they could drive away.

Officer Michael Ortiz said in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan

that his civil rights were violated when he was punished for free speech after the March 22 episode in Queens Village. The lawsuit, filed Oct. 2 in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, accused police Sgt. Daniel Engel of confronting four women who stopped at a DWI checkpoint to ask officers directions to the bar.

Engel, a command officer in a Queens task force, allegedly asked them about their sexual identities and habits before asking directly if they were lesbians. At least one of the women confirmed that they were, leading police Lt. Harold Wittig to ask whether the women were romantically involved with each other, the complaint said.

After two women in the front seat acknowledged they were lovers, Engel directed them to kiss each other, the lawsuit said. When they protested, he insisted that they kiss before being allowed to leave, it added. After the women complied, Engel said, "That was excellent" and allowed them to leave, the lawsuit said.

The episode, which occurred in front of other police officers, was recorded on audio-tape by Ortiz. Ortiz said in the lawsuit that he was tape-recording his interactions with Engel because he believed Engel was trying to ruin his reputation. Ortiz said he recently refused Engel's order to give a traffic ticket to a motorist who had done nothing illegal.

After Ortiz revealed the tape-recorded exchange with the women, the lawsuit said, Ortiz was punished by the police department for crossing the "Blue Wall" of silence that calls for officers to look the other way when colleagues do the wrong thing. Ortiz was called a "rat," threatened with retribution and assigned to less desirable assignments, the lawsuit said. The alleged harassment caused severe stress and a loss of sleep and appetite for Ortiz, the lawsuit said.

Lorna Goodman, spokeswoman for the city's law office, said that office had not seen the case yet. The police department did not immediately return a call for comment. Colleen Meenan, Ortiz's lawyer, said the

years, 5 days a week for 8 or more hours a day as an unpaid volunteer. When he left the foundation, he had established a volunteer network program of over nine hundred volunteers.

In the beginning, the people that started all these support groups were gay. It was not until the straight community and children became infected that heterosexual people became involved as volunteers. Only after the disease spread into the straight community did we see real reform and government support for PWA's.

There is little doubt in my mind that the real heroes were those early volunteers. This is not to denigrate those who are working so hard today to support PWA's. I wish I had the time and space to publicly thank all of you by name, but you know who you are and that's enough.

I will never forget the hatred I had for the lack of caring by the general public when AIDS first appeared. It is ironic that many of these lethargic individuals, now that it has become fashionable to support AIDS benefits, are some of the biggest financial benefactors.

They will never be in the same class as the early volunteers that stood outside gay bars, banging on tambourines, passing out free condoms as well as safe sex information. They spread the word to everyone who would listen in those early days when the government would not.

I've now walked you through the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's as I have lived it. I hope that talking about these old times will be of benefit. I'll end my series with a summary and prediction next week.

*(George Rimmey, a longtime community advocate, has written an article about each decade during the past 50 years in honor of Gay History Month. Subsequent installments will run weekly until complete.)*

police department never questioned other officers who were at the scene. "At the very least, it rises to the level of misconduct," she said.

**Advocates to Appeal Gay Rights Referendum Ruling**

by Glenn Adams

MAINE - Gay-rights advocates went to court Monday to try to block a referendum on a newly enacted state law prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals. A lawsuit filed in Superior Court claims state elections officials should not have authorized the referendum last week because more than 15,000 petition signatures were invalid.

Two conservative Christian groups collected more than 65,000 signatures over the summer to block the new law from taking effect until a statewide election can be held. After reviewing the petitions, Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky announced Oct. 20 that 58,182 valid signatures - 7,051 more than needed - had been collected.

The law would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs, housing, credit and public accommodations. The Legislature approved the bill last spring, capping a 20-year effort by supporters. Gov. Angus King signed the bill.

A coalition called Maine Won't Discriminate said hundreds of volunteers working around the clock for the past week found duplicate signatures, names dated before and after the legal time period and improper notarizations.

"We feel confident that there are in fact many, many, many irregularities that were not discovered" by the state, said Karen Geraghty, a leader of the group. The suit also alleged technical problems in the way the state reviewed the petitions.

Paul Volle, executive director of the Christian Coalition, which helped organize the petition drive, said he had confidence in the review by the secretary of state's office and municipal officials. "I'm confident we will be on the ballot," said Volle. He said 15,000 signatures represents "an awfully high percentage" of the total collected. "I have trouble believing it," he said.

The lawsuit does not allege fraud. It seeks a trial in which gay-rights activists can provide details of the alleged problems with signatures. But the law was put on hold when the Christian Civic League of Maine and Christian Coalition submitted their signatures Sept. 18. The conservative groups say the gay rights law gives preferential treatment to homosexuals and lesbians.

Although he ruled the groups had collected enough signatures, Gwadosky said his office had disqualified 1,000 signatures and municipal officials excluded over 6,000 more. Gwadosky said he was not surprised the appeal was filed, but said he remains confident his decision to authorize the referendum was appropriate. He noted it is his office's longstanding practice "to err in favor of the petitioner" when determining the validity of signatures.

King said he would be disappointed to see the gay rights law go to a referendum, noting Maine voters rejected a proposal in 1995 to outlaw municipal gay rights laws and keep new protections out of Maine's Human Rights Act.

"We just had one two years ago; people spoke and I had hoped that we could lay that one to rest and move on to other issues. I just don't think it's going to be good for Maine to have a long, divisive, bitter campaign on this subject," said the governor.

If the courts allow the referendum to go ahead, a special election will be held between December and next April.

**Judge Gives Rare Approval to Joint Adoption by Gay Couple**

by Jeffrey Gold

NEW JERSEY - Jon Holden and Michael Galluccio, a homosexual couple, say they considered Adam part of their family since they became his foster parents when he was 3 months old. Two years later, that feeling is officially sanctioned by a state judge in a decision that could have an impact on gay rights in New Jersey and the nation.

The Bergen County men on Wednesday were granted joint adoption of their foster child, becoming what activists believe is only the second homosexual couple in New Jersey with such a decree. Holding 2-year-old Adam, his cheeks smeared with lipstick from his grandmothers, the men spoke to a clutch of reporters outside the Bergen County Courthouse after an hour-long closed hearing Wednesday.

"From the bottom of our hearts we are so gratified," Holden said. Galluccio added, "We are thrilled." Adam smiled and grabbed at the microphones.

The decision is just part of a continuing battle by the two men, who are also leading a class-action lawsuit seeking to overturn a state regulation that bars unmarried couples from joint adoption. Similar rules exist in many states. The state did not oppose the petition of Galluccio and Holden to adopt Adam, although it maintained that the previous such case was approved in error, said lawyers who attended the hearing.

Wendi Patella, a spokeswoman for the state Division of Youth and Family Services, which placed Adam in foster care, said she could not discuss his case because of privacy restrictions, and also could not comment on the pending lawsuit. She did say, however, that DYFS attorneys did not attend the hearing.

Since the state allows unmarried individuals to adopt, many other New Jersey gay men and women are adoptive parents. Many are in couples where one partner is the biological parent, or where each partner adopted the child separately. "It is definitely a step closer to recognition of same-sex marriages," said Rebecca Isaacs, political director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Galluccio and Holden, in their mid-30s, See COURT page 13

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beginning. It was perceived as a queer disease and so what if a few queers, mostly white men, died.

No one knew how it was transmitted. Sexual activity and blood supplies went unprotected. This was a white gay man's disease so minorities and women paid little attention.

Even after it was determined that blood was the source of infection, proper screening was not immediately put into effect. I truly believe that this lack of caring or understanding will go down in American history as the greatest medical blunder in modern times.

When you think of the worldwide effect it has and is having, it leaves little doubt that early protection and prevention would have saved lives. I could never express the pain we've all suffered over the loss of a dear friend or lover. My heart breaks every time I remember the wonderful friends whose lives were cut short. I will write about the hero's that evolved during this period.

In the beginning, it was very unpopular to even be associated with an AIDS support group. If you were, you were automatically suspected of being gay or infected yourself. Never the less, hundreds upon hundreds of people became volunteers. Those brave volunteers actually started the many foundations and support organizations we have throughout the community today.

Many of my friends, who like me, are now in retirement. Even though we could be considered by the youth of today as in the closet, we devoted much of our time to these causes. I like to think our age and expertise had a definite effect in the founding of these organizations.

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have been together 15 years and live in Maywood, said Michael Adams, a staff attorney with the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, which assisted in the adoption petition and is also backing the class-action lawsuit.

Adam became their foster child after being born addicted to cocaine to a woman who was HIV positive. Drug therapy will probably keep Adam free of the virus that causes AIDS, but he will have permanent health problems, Adams said. "It's incredibly difficult" to find homes for such children, Adams said, adding that thousands in New Jersey alone await placement.

Galluccio and Holden also became foster parents in January to a newborn girl, but cannot begin adoption proceedings until parental rights end, Adams said. Galluccio is a manager at a telecommunications company, while Holden stays home.

The adoption ruling by state Superior Court Judge Sybil R. Moses appeared to be narrowly tailored. "The judge made her decision in the best interests of the child on the facts in front of her," said the men's lawyer, Barbara Fox, who declined to address specifics.

The ruling does not necessarily predict the outcome of the class-action lawsuit, which Moses will hear in November. The lawsuit seeks to overturn the state regulation, charging it violates state and federal constitutional rights to equal protection.

"If you're going to penalize people with different treatment, there has to be a legitimate governmental reason, and there isn't here," Adams said. Because homosexual marriages are not recognized, he said, "this rule has a disproportionate effect on gay and lesbian couples."

If they were denied joint adoption, Galluccio and Holden would have to each try to adopt Adam on their own, which could add a year and about \$2,000 to the process, Adams said. And because only one could adopt at a time, if something happened to the adoptive parent before the other adoption was final, the other man would have no parental rights, he said.

The ACLU had no list of which states bar unmarried couples from joint adoption, said another staff attorney on the gay rights project, Jennifer Middleton, who said that enforcement varies widely. "Nobody is really monitoring what is happening from family court to family court in every state. For the most part, these are private matters that nobody wants to bring a lot of attention," Middleton said. "I think it's all a relatively

new phenomenon."

Only two states, Florida and New Hampshire, bar all gay men and women from adopting, said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "In the remaining states, there are formal or informal policies which discourage approval of adoptions by a lesbian or gay couple," Kendell said.

"But even in those states, as in New Jersey, the single most important factor in a judge's determination about an adoption is the child's best interest. And if it is clear that the child's best interest will be promoted by granting the adoption, then the policy will most often be disregarded," Kendell said.

Her group estimates that between 8 million and 13 million children are being raised in households headed by a gay person, which includes children born during marriages that ended.

**Jury Rules Former Student Was Harassed by Lesbian Teacher**

NEBRASKA - A federal jury has decided that a former high school student who had a lesbian affair with her female teacher was sexually harassed and that the school district should pay \$25,000 in compensation.

Janet Kinman, a 1990 graduate of Bryan High School, contended that she was defenseless against the advances of her teacher Sheryl McDougall. The teacher's license was revoked when evidence of the affair was presented two years after Miss Kinman graduated.

The jury's verdict Thursday in U.S. District Court ended a 3 1/2-day trial that detailed the teacher-student affair. Miss Kinman's attorneys argued that the high school and Omaha School District administrators refused to believe the girl in 1989 when she informed them of the affair.

Miss Kinman, now 25, said turmoil over her sexual identity and relationship with the teacher affected the quality of her education. She contended that administrators were negligent in the matter. Miss Kinman's attorney, James Harris, said district officials "just fell on their face in this case. I'm sure they're ashamed of the way they handled it, as well."

The teacher preyed on the student, Harris said, and administrators refused to believe the student. "She's happy to be vindicated. Twelve strangers believe her," Harris said, referring to the jury. Jack Douglas, the school district's attorney, and Ms. McDougall could not be reached for comment.

**State's High Court Adoption Ruling Could Affect Unmarried Couples, Gays**

RHODE ISLAND - A case about unmarried couples and adoption before the state Supreme Court is being closely watched by child advocates and gays and lesbians. The high court ruling would clarify state law, which allows adoption by single people and married couples, but does not specifically address adoption by unmarried couples.

"We really do feel very strongly that it is the child's rights that are the biggest issue here," said Amy Tabor, the American Civil Liberties Union lawyer handling the legal challenge. The appeal comes in the case of a man denied the right to adopt his girlfriend's 10-year-old son because he and the mother are not married, Rhode Island ACLU executive director Steve Brown said.

The couple lived together for three years, jointly raising the boy, Brown said. Together, they petitioned the court to approve the adoption, which was endorsed by the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, Brown said. But Family Court Judge Raymond Shawcross blocked the adoption because the two are unmarried, Brown said.

The ruling unfairly jeopardizes adoptions by heterosexual couples opposed to marriage and by gays and lesbians, Brown said. A high court decision in the case would

establish a precedent in an area of law interpreted differently by different judges. Family Court Chief Judge Jeremiah Jeremiah said adoptions by unmarried couples now is left to the discretion of individual judges.

Charles Greenwood, a Providence adoption lawyer, said many Family Court judges are open to adoption by unmarried couples, but he knows of at least two who are opposed. Greenwood said he waits to file petitions so they'll be heard by receptive judges.

In her appeal, Tabor will argue that Shawcross wrongly interpreted the law to mean that no unmarried couple should be allowed to adopt. State law does not specifically bar such adoptions, she said. She plans to ask the high court to consider other facts in the case - not just the couple's marital status - to determine what is best for the boy.

"The real issue here, the issue in terms of the parent's relationship, should include the level of commitment between them and their stability," Tabor told the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. Jeff Katz, executive director of the Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange, called the Shawcross ruling absurd.

"... Since the range of people who give birth to children is all over the map - gay people give birth to children and unmarried people give birth to children - there's no reason, given that there are more kids who need families than there are more families to adopt them, to limit people by age, or by sexual orientation or by marital status," Katz said. "It doesn't make sense at all."



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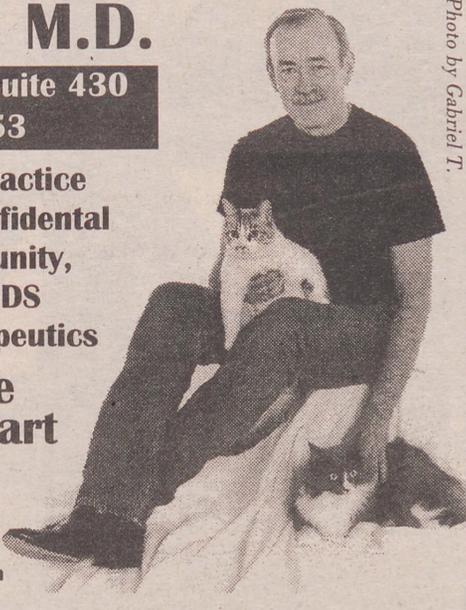
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## Asian Prostitutes Demand Recognition and Stop to Harassment

by Oliver Teves

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A group of Asian "sex workers" demanded Wednesday that authorities not treat them as criminals, stop police harassment and provide them with medical and other assistance like ordinary workers.

In a statement to delegates attending the 4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, the group said sex work should be recognized as an occupation, and that unsafe working conditions rather than prostitution itself cause the spread of AIDS.

Khantini Slahnaih, a homosexual and former sex worker from Malaysia, said the fear of police raids on brothels reduces the time available for prostitutes to convince clients to use condoms. "You need at least 20 minutes to negotiate condom use, so anything can happen in 20 minutes," said Slahnaih.

He said many have been forced into the profession by poverty. "You have to understand that we don't want to be engaged in the sex industry," he said. "There are a lot of people thinking we like to sell our bodies. It's not true." He said many prostitutes want to leave the profession, but find no alternative, particularly when they are supporting a family.

Asian societies generally treat prostitutes as social outcasts, according to Ku Yu-ling of the Taiwan-based Solidarity Front of Women Workers, which supports sex workers in Taiwan. Slahnaih said their demand is not to legalize the profession, but to recognize that what they do is an occupation and workers should not be subjected to rape, assault, extortion and other forms of harassment by the authorities.

Napaporn Soimalai, a 29-year-old prostitute from Bangkok, said recognition would mean "we will be able to work and not be

arrested." Napaporn, a first-year psychology student who finances her studies and supports her parents with her earnings, said she went to Bangkok to look for a factory job six years ago from her home in northern Thailand but found none. She said most of her clients are foreign tourists and that her policy is "no condom, no sex." She didn't know when she would be able to quit prostitution.

Only two countries - Taiwan and Australia - in the Asia Pacific region have legalized prostitution.

Sex workers from Taiwan, however, denounced a recent move by the Taipei government to declare prostitution illegal in the Taiwanese capital. As a result, 128 out of 600 licensed prostitutes in the country became illegal, according to their supporters.

Aida Santos of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women said she acknowledges the hardships of prostitutes but is against giving recognition to the profession. "There is no question about sexual exploitation embedded in prostitution," she said.

"Prostitution is a human rights violation. We don't want to legitimize it as work because legitimizing it would legitimize a human rights violation." She said women should be allowed to work with dignity and be free from violence and insecurity. "You're never secure as a person in a highly stigmatized work," she said.

## Dutch Government Pushing To Be First To Let Homosexuals Adopt

by William J. Kole

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Dutch society, renowned for its tolerance of homosexuality, is pushing for a federal law that would permit gays and lesbians to adopt children.

The legislation, which would also sanction same-sex marriages, was approved this

week by a parliamentary panel. Believed to have broad backing in Parliament and expected to be enacted early next year, it also gives gay couples the same pension, inheritance and social security rights as married heterosexuals.

"The rights of children in homosexual relationships must be better regulated," said Bas Kortmann, chairman of the parliamentary panel. He called the bill "an important symbolic step against the old idea that homosexuality is heresy."

If the current version passes, the Netherlands would become the first country to sanction homosexual adoption at the federal level. In the United States, matters of marriage and adoption are overseen by states. Some U.S. states allow homosexual adoption and a few forbid it.

The Netherlands is known for its acceptance of homosexuals and openness on the issue. Homosexuals are welcomed in the Dutch military, and Amsterdam will hold next year's Gay Games, the quadrennial Olympics-style sports festival. There didn't appear to be any organized opposition to the legislation. In fact, public opinion surveys have shown that seven in 10 Dutch think gays can be good parents.

The Dutch Federation for the Integration of Homosexuality hailed the new proposal, saying it would stop gay couples from having to lie about their sexuality in adoption papers. Dutch lawmakers had planned to approve a similar bill this year but held off because it didn't include adoption rights.

The committee, commissioned by State Justice Secretary Elizabeth Schmitz, said most of its members concluded that "same-sex couples can only receive equal treatment if they are permitted to enter into civil marriage." Marriage "has always been a flexible institution that has kept pace with social change," the panel said in a report.

Maarten Jan van Mourik, a law professor at Catholic University of Nijmegen, today decried the bill as "the next step in the abolition of marriage." "The creation of a sex-neutral marriage raises the question: Why make marriage accessible to just two people?

And why not make marriage between a parent and a child possible?" he wrote in a commentary in the daily *De Telegraaf*.

Homosexual couples already have won the right to register their relationships and jointly own property in much of Scandinavia, though Denmark, Norway and Sweden have not yet allowed them to adopt. The Dutch panel conceded that legalizing gay marriage and adoption in the Netherlands could lead to "international complications" for Dutch gays and lesbians who move with their adoptive children to countries hostile to the idea.

## Asia Pacific Threatened But Not Defenseless Against AIDS

by Oliver Teves

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Asia's huge population faces "a tragedy of historic proportions" if the rapid spread of AIDS in the region is not contained, officials of an AIDS congress said Sunday. "The AIDS clock in Asia's most populous countries is clearly ticking fast," Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of the Joint U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS told an international AIDS congress in Manila.

An estimated 7 million people already are infected with the AIDS-causing virus in the region and the number is expected to double at the end of the century, a congress statement said. About 2,500 delegates, including AIDS activists and scientists from 65 countries are attending the five-day congress at a seaside convention center in Manila to discuss global cooperation in combating the disease.

Piot said Asia-Pacific countries could still avert a major AIDS epidemic "if the region wakes up in time" unlike countries in Africa, the region with the world's highest number of infections. Despite efforts by

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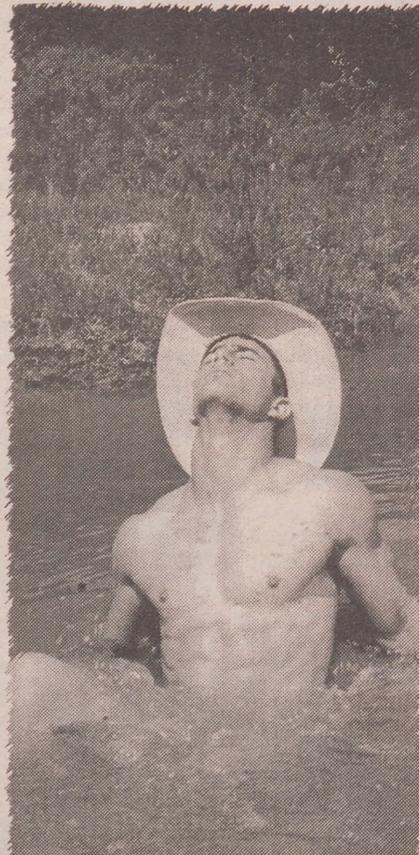
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some Asian governments to check the spread of AIDS, the rate of infections has doubled in the last three years through sex and injections of prohibited drugs, he said.

Citing figures by the World Health Organization's Western Pacific regional office, Piot said the total number of infections is estimated to double again by the end of this century. He said among the hardest-hit Asian countries were India, which has the world's highest number of infections at five million people, and Cambodia, where half the number of sex workers are infected.

In China, officials estimate that infection with the AIDS virus and full-blown cases will number from about 400,000 by the end of 1997 to 1.2 million by the year 2000. Although most past infections were among drug users, officials say the number of future infections would most likely be accelerated in China's booming coastal regions, which are experiencing vast population movements.

Officials said booming economies across Asia are a factor in the spread of AIDS, due to corresponding influx of people from areas with high infection rates. Like in China, most infections in Vietnam were also among drug users. Officials said an estimated 300,000 cases, or one out of 100 adults, will be infected in Vietnam by the end of the century.

Piot cited Thailand, one of the first Asian countries to face the AIDS problem, for an effective anti-AIDS campaign aimed at sex workers, which considerably reduced new infections. The country is expected to have 800,000 infections by the year 2000. Officials said lesser number of infections were noted in Bangladesh, Japan, Nepal, Singapore, the Philippines and most Pacific nations.

Delegates said cooperation among countries could be the key to preventing a widespread outbreak. "Asia can meet the AIDS challenge if it uses existing knowledge, exist-

ing tools and best practices. Not to take full advantage of all that would be a tragedy of historic proportions for Asia's billions," Piot said.

Piot said many Asian countries most likely could not afford the high costs of an AIDS epidemic. He said that in Indonesia, for example, it was estimated last year that by 2005, government spending on treatment for AIDS patients would account for one-third of current health expenses.

On Saturday, Dr. Ofelia Monson, chief organizer of the congress, said countries worldwide "need to cross borders and form partnerships against AIDS." Addressing the delegates on Saturday, Philippine President Fidel Ramos said "xenophobic reactions," like closing borders to suspected carriers of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, are not a solution.

"Closing borders would only serve to increase the vulnerability of peoples and reduce their survivability," he said. "Clearly the only recourse that nations can take is to share experiences, learn from each other and be united in an unwavering commitment to fight AIDS."

"We must act now, together," he said. "The price of apathy and inactivity - in lives lost, economic opportunities foregone, and setbacks in human development - is just too high to ignore." Around six million people worldwide have died of AIDS and more than 20 million are carriers of the AIDS-causing virus.

**UN Study Finds Sex Education Does Not Increase Sexual Activity**

by Erica Bulman

GENEVA (AP) - Education about sexual health and AIDS leads to safer sexual behavior without encouraging young people to have intercourse at an earlier age, claims a U.N. study released last week.

The study by UNAIDS, which coordinates AIDS prevention for the United Nations, said it reached its conclusion after reviewing 68 studies conducted in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

The research helps debunk the myth that sex education promotes sexual activity among youth, said UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot. Rather, students who attend sex education classes tend to wait until they are older to have intercourse, have fewer partners, fewer unplanned pregnancies, and fewer sexually transmitted diseases.

The findings coincide with those of a Swiss study published in the American Journal of Health, which found that a national AIDS campaign and sex education in schools resulted in fewer sexually active 17 year olds. In England and Sweden, the average age of those having sex for the first time is 17, while in the United States it is 16, the report said.

About half of all new HIV infections strike those 25 years old and younger, Piot said, making AIDS education imperative for young people. Most parents are happy to leave the job to the schools, if done professionally. "Failing to provide appropriate and timely information to young people for fear of encouraging sexual activity is not a viable option," he said.

Piot said Brazil, South Africa, Thailand, Zimbabwe and Uganda have exemplary sex education policies. For example, students 10 and older in Zimbabwe receive mandatory lessons on life skills and AIDS.

Despite the results, UNAIDS faces many hurdles in globalizing sex education.

For instance, in Roman Catholic countries, Pope John Paul II has urged making the family the center for information about sexuality and morality. The Vatican issued an edict in 1995 urging parents to pull their children from programs that promote condom use to prevent pregnancy or the spread of AIDS, calling such teachings "dangerous" and "immoral."

**Christian Church Leaders Need to Do More to Fight AIDS, Clergy Say**

by Oliver Teves

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Christian churches should do more to help the global fight against the spread of AIDS, participants in an international conference on the disease said Tuesday.

Speakers at a session on the response of religious organizations to AIDS said ordinary members of the clergy are often more active than high church officials in promoting AIDS awareness programs and the use of condoms, which are opposed by the Catholic hierarchy and by some Protestants.

"By and large the response of the churches has been inadequate and has in some cases even made the problem worse," said Sister Emmy Frances, secretary general of the Council of Churches of Fiji. Sister Emmy, a member of the Catholic Sisters of Compassion, was addressing the 4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific currently being held in Manila.

About 2,500 delegates from 65 countries are attending. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines has refused to participate in the conference, saying it would only promote the use of condoms.

Sister Emmy said some churches have been slow to respond to the problem of AIDS because of their "ignorance and unease" in discussing human sexuality and a traditional emphasis on spirituality.

"Through their silence, many churches share the responsibility of the fear that has spread all over the world more quickly than the virus itself," she said. "I believe that it is time that churches and religious organizations take a holistic approach to

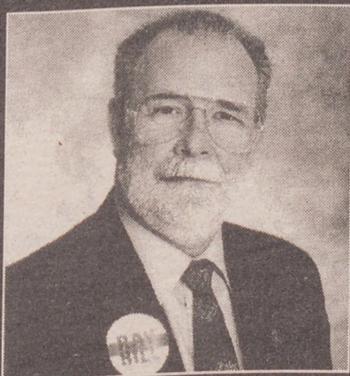
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HIV/AIDS, including the prevention and control of the pandemic," she said.

Unlike the Catholic Church, the World Council of Churches, an association of Protestant churches, has called for a full range of approaches to deal with the AIDS epidemic, from sexual abstinence to condom use and safe practices in relation to blood donation.

Eliza Fung of the AIDS program of Anglican St. John's Cathedral in Hong Kong said there has been "no clear direction" from the leadership of Christian churches in Hong Kong on how to respond to AIDS.

She said a recent survey among Christians in Hong Kong showed a high awareness of the disease, but found that many believe that AIDS is "a punishment from God."

Other participants said they believe in teaching young people how to use condoms, while also helping them to build strong moral values and resist peer pressure that will expose them to the disease.

**Seattle Health Officials Worried About HIV Epidemic in Vancouver**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - A skid road epidemic of the AIDS virus in Vancouver is gaining worldwide attention and has health officials worried in the nearest big city - Seattle.

"You're our neighbors, and not too far away," said Dr. Bob Wood, AIDS control director for the Seattle-King County Health Department. "For there to be a major outbreak of HIV infection within a segment of your population is a threat to us," Wood said in a telephone interview Thursday. "We're not all that confident that what happened in Vancouver couldn't happen in Seattle as well."

About 1.6 million people live in and around Seattle, compared with 1.1 million in the Vancouver area, a three-hour drive to the north. Thousands of Vancouver-area resi-

dents visit Seattle regularly. Fearing that traffic could include denizens of Vancouver's downtown eastside who carry the human immunodeficiency virus, health officials are beefing up efforts to survey Seattle's estimated 15,000 needle-using drug addicts.

"We see (Vancouver) as a source of a lot of people who probably are in a relatively highly infectious phase of their infection," Wood said.

Health officials in Vancouver have declared a medical emergency, saying the HIV infection rate is as high as 50 percent among 6,000 to 10,000 injection-drug users in the area between Gastown and Chinatown.

In Seattle, the HIV infection rate among intravenous drug users has been around 3 percent a year. "They haven't gone up. Yours have gone up enormously," Wood said.

Vancouver has a massive needle exchange and various outreach programs, and the British Columbia government has committed \$2.2 million to attack the problem. The needle exchange distributed 2.5 million hypodermic syringes last year, compared with 1 million in Seattle.

Considering those efforts, the soaring HIV rate among cocaine and heroin addicts is puzzling, said Don des Jarlais, research director of the Chemical Dependency Institute at the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

"Right now, there are hundreds of cities, perhaps thousands of cities in industrialized countries, where prevention looks like it's working, but Vancouver is a red flag saying, 'Don't get complacent,'" des Jarlais said. "It's clearly a place where the prevention efforts turned out to not be sufficient to prevent an outbreak, even though in probably hundreds of other cities around the world those prevention efforts have been sufficient," he said.

Like Wood, health officials in the Vancouver suburbs also fear the problem could spread - and for good reason, said John Turvey, executive director of the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society, which runs several programs intended to deal with the epidemic. "The

naive thing is the assumption that somehow this stays here, this epidemic stays in the downtown eastside," Turvey said.

Some blame the epidemic on a switch from heroin to cocaine as the addictive drug of choice in the area.

They say cocaine addicts shoot up more often than heroin users and that, because of the nature of the drug, are likely to be more reckless and inclined to use dirty needles that can transmit HIV.

Wood, who led a Seattle delegation to Vancouver earlier this year, has a different theory. He compared the downtown-eastside to a nuclear reaction that occurs when atomic particles are compressed until they explode.

"The closer you pack people, the more likely they are to share (needles) and not have privacy and to be frenzied and not to take the kind of precautions we want them to take," said Wood. Seattle's users are more spread out, so "they may not be bouncing off each other as much," Wood said.

**Study Says Most HIV-Carrying Addicts Get No Treatment**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - Most of the city's drug addicts who carry the AIDS virus don't get AIDS therapy, making

them more contagious and more likely to get sick and die earlier, a study indicates.

In addition, those most likely to refuse or be left without treatment are young women who are most likely to be prostitutes and thus to spread the human immunodeficiency virus, the findings suggest. The Vancouver Injection Drug User Study covered 171 HIV-carrying addicts and was released Sunday at a conference on AIDS in British Columbia.

At least 60 percent of addicts don't take advantage of the free HIV treatment that is available through the province's medical plan, Drs. Robert Hogg and Steffanie Strathdee wrote. The number may be even higher because patients who volunteered to participate in the study might be more likely to seek medical treatment than the average, they added.

More must be done to educate doctors about the importance of identifying HIV-carrying drug abusers as potential AIDS victims and to treat them accordingly, Hogg and Strathdee wrote. The Vancouver-Richmond Health Board estimates as many as half of the 6,000 to 10,000 drug addicts in the city's skid road area have HIV.

To combat the problem, the board voted last week to spend more than \$3.3 million in addition to the cost of a needle exchange program in which 2.3 million hypodermic syringes were distributed last year.

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**Natural Molecule May Become Promising New HIV Drug**

by Paul Recer

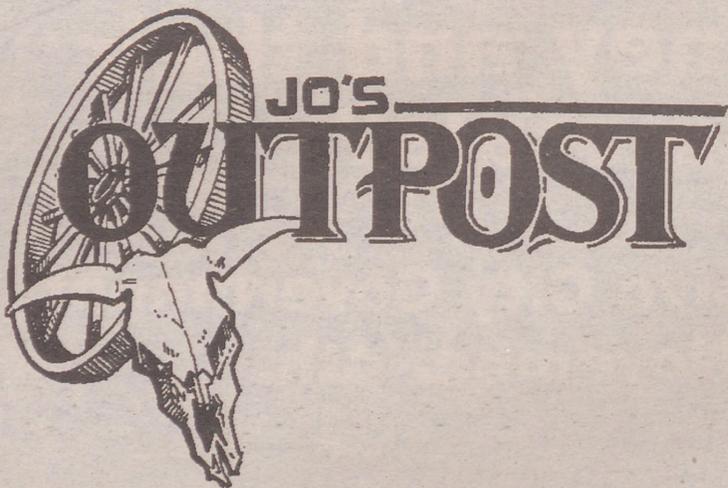
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - In a basic discovery that eventually could lead to powerful new types of AIDS drugs or even a vaccine, researchers have identified in the laboratory a natural molecule that prevents the

AIDS virus from infecting cells.

The molecule was discovered by a team led by famed AIDS researcher Robert Gallo. A report today in the journal Science said the molecule works against HIV by physically blocking the portal used by the virus to invade lymphocytes and other types of blood cells.

Three similar molecules, all called chemokines, were found earlier by Gallo's team at the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. But Gallo said the new molecule is much more

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effective because it protects all the cell types attacked by HIV.

Periodic injections of these chemokines could create a barrier between HIV and its target cells, and prevent the virus from spreading its deadly infection, Gallo said. "Its breadth of activity and its potency will make it more important than any of the other chemokines found so far," he said in an interview.

He emphasized, however, that before chemokines can be tried against HIV in humans, the molecules must be extensively tested in monkeys against a related virus called SIV, or simian immunodeficiency virus, the monkey equivalent of HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. Such testing could take several years.

Discovery of the new chemokine comes just as doctors report that some AIDS virus is developing a resistance to the three-drug combination that has successfully suppressed HIV in thousands of patients. That combination of reverse transcriptase and protease inhibitors works against the virus inside the target cell. Chemokines would work against HIV by preventing the virus from entering those cells. The virus is thought to be less able to develop a resistance against this blocking action.

The discovery "sounds very promising" as a new type of treatment, said Patricia D'Souza, an AIDS researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "This chemokine appears to inhibit the viruses that appear early, as well as those that develop later," D'Souza said. "It might be really valuable in preventing infection, as well as preventing the progression of the disease."

Chemokines have been the subject of intense study by AIDS researchers since the discovery a decade ago that the molecules somehow work to suppress HIV, and are secreted by immune-system blood cells in response to HIV infection. Their natural function is to attach to white blood cells, which are the body's major disease fighters, and guide

those cells to the site of an infection.

Earlier research showed that chemokines attached to white blood cell surfaces at the same points, called receptors, that are used by the AIDS virus. The scientists also found that some strains of HIV concentrated on one type of receptor, while other strains targeted other receptors.

Gallo and his team earlier identified three chemokines that were able to block an HIV strain that mainly attacked macrophages, one type of blood cell. The new chemokine is able to block not only the HIV strains that attack macrophages, but also the virus that attacks T-cells, the principal warrior of the immune system and the primary target of HIV, Gallo said.

"This chemokine is so broad that it also blocks SIV," Gallo said. "That means we can go right into testing on monkeys. This is a major step forward." If the chemokines prove effective, he said, it may be possible to control HIV infection with periodic injections of a "cocktail" of several types of chemokines.

"It would be like using insulin shots to control diabetes," Gallo said. It also may be possible to create a vaccine that prompts the body to produce high amounts of the HIV-specific chemokines. That, in theory, could prevent the initial HIV infection.

### Sexual Experience Can Alter Spinal Cord Nerves, Rat Study Finds

by Malcolm Ritter

NEW YORK - Sex shrinks certain spinal cord nerves in male rats, says a study with possible implications for research into brain differences between gays and heterosexuals.

The study indicates that adult sexual experience can cause an anatomical difference in the nervous system, said psychologist S. Marc Breedlove of the University of California at Berkeley. So when scientists report that certain anatomical features of the

brain tend to differ between gay people and heterosexuals, it's not at all certain that these differences cause the differing sexual behavior, he said. Maybe it's the other way around, with sexual behavior causing the anatomical differences, he said.

Several research groups have reported such differences in various parts of the brain. The most famous report, in 1991, dealt with a cluster of cells in the region called the hypothalamus. Breedlove reports in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* that the size of spinal cord nerves differed between male rats that had sex during the study and other male rats that didn't.

How does that apply to human sexual orientation? Breedlove said he isn't claiming that the gender of one's sex partners makes any difference to the nerves of the spinal cord or to the brain. In fact, he said, he doesn't know what differences in experience between gays and heterosexuals might promote brain differences.

All he's saying is that important experiences leave some kind of impact on the brain, because that's how a person learns, he said. And that should be kept in mind in interpreting reported brain differences in studies of sexual orientation, he said.

"I don't think the (rat) finding says anything directly about the origins of sexual orientation in humans," Breedlove said in a telephone interview. "There's no doubt in my mind there are genetic influences on sexual orientation in humans."

Roger Gorski, a neurobiologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, said he didn't see any direct link between the rat experiment and human sexual orientation. But Breedlove is right in saying that nobody knows whether the reported anatomical differences in the human brain are a cause or result of differences in behavior, he said.

Breedlove worked with castrated male rats that were implanted with testosterone capsules to keep them interested in sex, and females with their ovaries removed. Some males were put into a cage with females that were constantly ready for sex because of a

hormonal implant. Other males were housed with females that were unreceptive. None of the males had prior sexual experience.

About a month later, the males were compared on the size of certain spinal cord nerves that are involved in copulation. Rats that had been copulating had smaller nerves than the non-copulators. Previous research suggests that smaller nerves might signal "the system was primed for additional action," Breedlove said.

### Researcher Tracks Down Lymphoma That Threatens AIDS Patients

by William McCall

OREGON - A change in the cells that line blood vessels may be the key to the way a form of lymphoma develops in AIDS patients with depressed immune systems.

An Oregon Health Sciences University researcher says highly specialized endothelial cells lining the capillaries normally play a critical role in signaling the immune system to send cells from the blood stream to enter tissues and fight invading organisms.

"However, in AIDS patients, the endothelial cells are themselves infected by HIV and their signaling mechanism goes awry," said Ashlee Moses, an OHSU microbiologist and immunology researcher. In an article in the November issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*, Moses outlines a possible mechanism for the way endothelial cells begin the cancerous transformation of "B cells," which normally help the body fight infection.

AIDS patients have been suffering an unusually high rate of B-cell non-Hodkin's lymphoma, an otherwise rare disease. "It's far and away the most common type of cancer in AIDS patients," said Dr. Donald Kohn of Children's Hospital at the

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# Philip Glass Filled To Overflowing: *Les Enfants Terribles* Here For Two Performances

by Rich Arenschioldt

Society for the Performing Arts (SPA) brings the most unusual and interesting event of the season, Philip Glass' *Les Enfants Terribles* (Children of the Game) to Wortham Center Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st. The quintessential musical minimalist returns to Houston with a new dance/opera spectacle created in collaboration with choreographer Susan Marshall.

This work, the third in Mr. Glass' trilogy of works inspired by French avant-garde writer, artist, and pioneer filmmaker Jean Cocteau is a strange, intense and twisted tale of a sibling co-dependence so strong it is eventually fatal.

Mr. Glass, well known in Houston thanks to SPA and Houston Grand Opera, (*Akhmaten*, and other works) had his *La Belle et La Bete* (Beauty and the Beast) performed here as a previous SPA *New Now* season offering — one that was a stunningly effective marriage of cinema and live musical performance skillfully crafted and perfectly executed. Glass' first work in homage to the French writer Cocteau, *Belle*, was romantic, the second one, *Orphee*, was mystical, and the last in the trilogy, *Les Enfants Terribles*, is truly tragic.

*Children of the Game* is a departure, or rather an expansion of what creators Glass and Marshall are trying to express to audiences through the Cocteau story line. While previous Glass/Cocteau hybrids utilized film and music, this work enlarges that artistic vocabulary with movement, dialogue and text performed, spoken and projected on stage. Given the complexities of the plot these additions are welcomed, and bring a heretofore absent physicality to the action and to the audience observing it.

Cocteau's 1929 novel, reportedly created during the period when the author was institutionalized for opium abuse, is full of sharply contrasting images centered on siblings, Paul and Lise. These two are not your ordinary Jody and Buffy brother/sister duo. They are hopelessly depen-



dent on one another, sensual, quasi-incestuous and wrapped up in a world warped beyond our imaginings. In classic Cocteau tradition, the room in which these kids 'play' takes on its own persona. According to composer Glass, "This 'room' is transformed into a place/being that jealously refuses to let its 'children' grow up. A harmless game evolves into a fierce struggle that ends in destruction."

Director/Choreographer Susan Marshall found the unconventionality of *Les Enfants Terribles* intriguing, but challenging, to put forth to audience members in a clear manner without minimizing the mystical aspects of the original Cocteau novel. "I did not want to direct a conventional opera in which dance would play a role secondary to that of the main action," Marshall recounts, "nor did I want to enact the events of the story literally. The task at hand was to keep the Cocteau story at the center of this collaboration while maintaining a balance between clarity and veiled, suggestive mystery."

Creator and Director have worked tirelessly to assemble a cast that exceeds all of the dramatic, dance and musical needs of *Les Enfants Terribles*. The production requires four singers, seven dancers, three keyboardists, one of whom is Mr.

Glass, and a full lighting and sound crew. All participants play several roles during the show — audience members may have to stay alert in order to follow the stage action.

The musicians who travel with Glass and his touring productions are first-rate. Their 1995 performance of *La Belle et La Bete* here was musically superb, especially in light of the fact that they were singing/playing simultaneously while film was projected above and behind them. To witness performers who interpret a difficult score within the unforgiving time constraints of film, and who do so with such musicality was an extraordinary phenomenon I hope to re-experience with *Les Enfants* this week. The addition of dance and movement to Mr. Glass' already successful performance recipe should create a riveting entertainment event.

Words, film, music, movement — forego the idiocy of Halloween and experience something you can really sink your mind into, *Les Enfants Terribles*.

*Les Enfants Terribles (Children of the Game)* will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st at Wortham Theater Center. For tickets call 713-227-ARTS

## Ye Olde Switcheroo!

by Leslie Ramsay

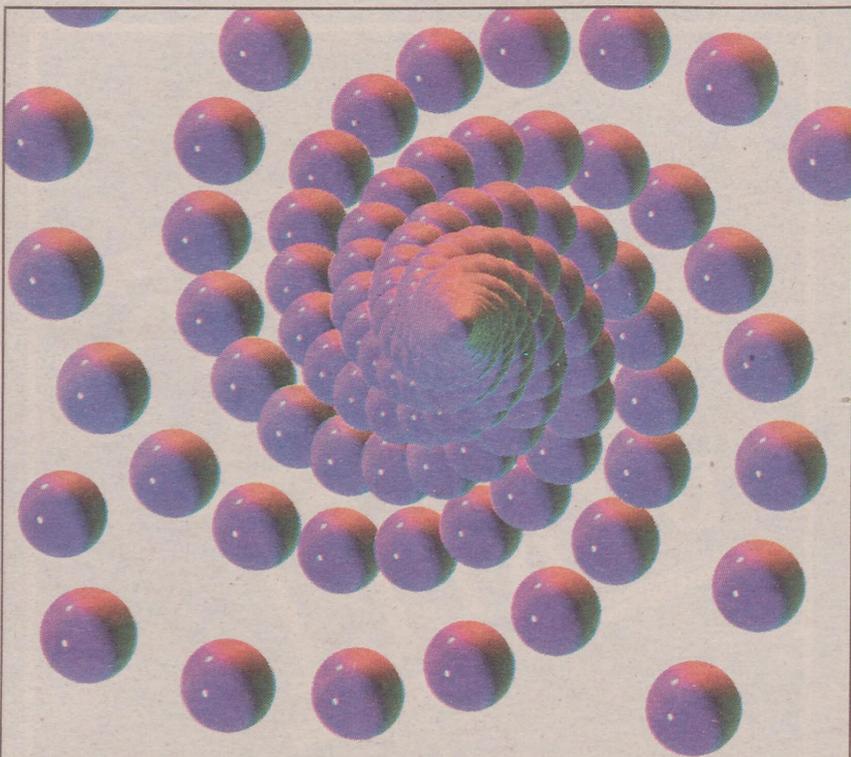
Paramount Pictures releases *SwitchBack* to a multi-plex near you this weekend. Film stars Dennis Quaid and Danny Glover attempt to keep you on the edge of your seat for two hours or so. The title is a big hint as to its not so subtle cat and mouse plot.

Dennis Quaid (*Dragonheart*, *Wyatt Earp*) plays the FBI hero type Frank LaCrosse. Frank is searching for a serial killer. The serial killer kidnaps his son in order to through LaCrosse off of his trail. Unfortunately, for the killer, LaCrosse searches for him on his own time. LaCrosse travels from Amarillo to the Colorado Rockies in pursuit of his son's kidnapper.

Danny Glover (*Lethal Weapon*, *Gone Fishin'*) stars as "the itinerant former railway worker Bob Goodall". His name appears at the top of the press info apparently based on his agents negotiating strength. His previous box office successes *Lethal Weapon*, *Gone Fishin'* have given him the box office draw/top billing even in this suspense film. His role is quite different from the moron fishing fanatic he played last in the box office surprise hit *Gone Fishin'*.

Jared Leto (*How to Make an American Quilt*, TV's *My So-Called Life*) charmed his way into the role of "puzzling drifter Lane Dixon". The producer, Gale Anne Hurd, has commented on his eyes, "Leto has the best movie eyes since Paul Newman". His previous role as Jordan Catalano in *My So-Called Life* caused many young gay boys and straight girls to swoon at his very presence on the small screen. His new bearded face and cropped hair cut should do the same trick for the movie going crowds.

The film is somewhat entertaining. If you like this type of crime thriller/chase film by all means gather your seven dollars together and race to the multi-plex. The lines probably won't be too long.



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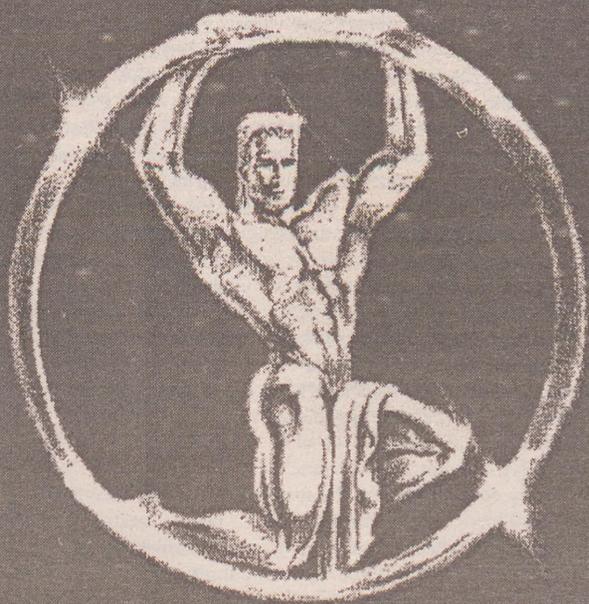
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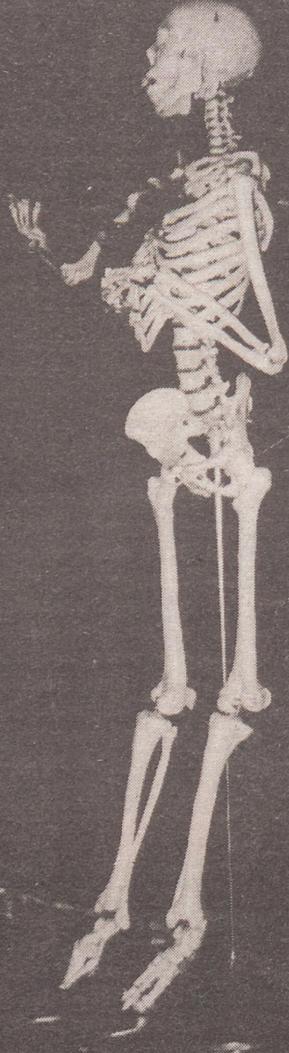
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University of Southern California. "It's also a problem for anybody who's immune suppressed," such as heart, kidney, liver and bone marrow transplant patients, he said.

The disease has not been well understood and researchers have focused on abnormalities in the lymphoma cells themselves, said Dr. Grover Bagby, director of the Oregon Cancer Center at OHSU, whose grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Veterans Administration supported the research.

Moses took a different approach and found that lymphoma cells are interconnected with other cells. "Her discoveries reflect her clear understanding" of the process, Bagby said. Other factors likely play a role in the disease, including the Epstein-Barr virus, which causes mononucleosis, said Dr. Parkash Gill, an expert in hematology and immunology at USC.

In healthy people, the immune system deactivates the fairly common virus. But in AIDS or transplant patients, the immune system is no longer able to keep the virus in check, and it promotes uncontrolled cell growth which is the basis of cancer. "This one study will not answer all the questions but it may help understand a certain aspect of lymphoma," Gill said.

### Experts Say HIV And AIDS Pose Special Challenges In Rural Areas

by Joel Stashenko

NEW YORK - Chautauqua County's HIV crisis dramatically illustrates that rural New York is no more insulated from the threat of AIDS than the state's big cities are, health experts say. And when HIV does strike rural areas, its sufferers often face hurdles to proper health care that people in urban New York don't have to cope with.

The vulnerability of small-town New York to HIV may ultimately be a small bit of consolation from the Chautauqua County tragedy, the director of the state's AIDS Institute said. "There is probably a feeling in rural areas that, 'We don't have those problems here,'" Dr. Guthrie Birkhead said Tuesday. "Hopefully, if there is any positive side to this whole story, it is that people are at risk wherever they are and it's not just an urban problem."

Indeed, while AIDS cases reported in rural counties of New York are not large in number by New York City standards, the

incidence of infection is now increasing in upstate New York faster than the national average, according to George Ferrari, executive director of AIDS Works of Tompkins County.

"I think people in the more rural, isolated areas still want to believe themselves not at risk," Ferrari, whose group offers services to HIV and AIDS patients, said. "The denial is still very, very strong." Ferrari said he has watched the Chautauqua County case unfold, and continues to see a strain of denial in how the suspected carrier of HIV, Nushawn Williams, is being portrayed.

"You see the concept that this is brought in from outside and that there are 'innocent victims' here," he said. "That always begs the question about who the hell is the 'deserving' victim." Past that, the idea of someone from a big city coming in to infect local young residents reinforces the notion that those people are otherwise protected from AIDS in their rural enclaves, he said.

Once infected, people in more isolated areas of the state also face such hindrances to proper treatment as the lack of support services like counseling, transportation difficulties, a shortage of doctors experienced in treating AIDS-related problems and a reticence from being identified as having the disease, experts said.

Dr. Cynthia Miller, an infectious disease expert at Albany Medical Center, said a small town may have only one pharmacist, creating a problem for an HIV patient. "Maybe they don't want to fill their prescriptions there, because the pharmacist is someone they go to church with and they don't want them to know," she said. "So they might want to fill their prescriptions in Albany and have to drive here once a month. So that is aggravating."

The intimacy of a small community can prevent people from both receiving treatment for AIDS or even from learning how to avoid behavior putting themselves at risk of getting the disease, such as unprotected sex or sharing intravenous needles, Birkhead said.

"In a small community, you lack anonymity," he said. "Their neighbors might say, 'Why were you going to an AIDS prevention discussion?' It's a little bit easier in a big city, where people can just go to a different neighborhood for those services."

Transportation and health professionals versed in AIDS cases are more common in urban areas than rural ones. Ferrari said New Yorkers must not be surprised that young people in a place like Chautauqua County are susceptible to HIV infection.

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and teen pregnancy rates are "astronomical" in parts of upstate, rural New York, Ferrari said. "We shouldn't be surprised, yet again this kind of news shocks us," Ferrari said. "I worry 15 or 16 years into this epidemic what more needs to happen to break down people's denial?"

The apparent link between drugs and some of the Chautauqua County cases also fits the profile of exposure to HIV in places where the disease is more common, Birkhead said. "Drugs and alcohol tend to go along with risky behavior and tend to reduce one's good intentions and defenses," he said. "People on drugs or on alcohol are obviously going to be less likely to make good judgments, less likely to use condoms."

## Researchers to Modify AIDS Drug Study in Africa After Ethical Flap

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Researchers in an AIDS drug study in Ethiopia have decided not to give fake pills to a group of pregnant women with the AIDS virus.

The Johns Hopkins study and more than a dozen like it have come under heavy criticism because the researchers planned to give AZT to some pregnant women with HIV infection, while others with the disease only would get placebos, or fake pills.

The women set to receive the placebos have been dropped from the Ethiopian study, meaning all of the remaining women in the project will get the real drug, Johns Hopkins spokesman Marc Kusnitz confirmed Thursday. He said the placebo part of a study planned for Ethiopia was abandoned after a similar study in Thailand by Harvard University was conducted with all participants getting the drug.

Details of Hopkins' change in plans were to be announced today, Kusnitz said. All of the studies are part of an effort to find ways

to protect the unborn children of HIV-infected women in countries that cannot afford the \$1,000 per patient cost of the standard AZT treatment developed in the U.S. The goal is to find some level of AZT treatment that is effective, but less costly.

To do this, the studies would give varying amounts of AZT to some and only placebos to others. The groups then would be compared to determine if reduced levels of AZT were better than nothing at all in preventing transmission of the disease to the babies. The research has been attacked by critics who say it is unethical to withhold the drug from any patients because giving AZT to pregnant women is now the standard treatment.

An editorial in the *New England Journal of Medicine* compared the research design to the infamous Tuskegee study in which penicillin was denied to black men with syphilis. The editorial prompted two AIDS researchers to resign from a journal advisory board.

Officials from the patient advocacy group Public Citizen charged that withholding AZT from women in the studies would allow the unnecessary death from AIDS of about 1,000 babies. The organization wrote letters to Donna Shalala, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, demanding that the federal government halt the studies unless all the patients received AZT.

The Hopkins study in Ethiopia originally was to include 900 pregnant women infected with the AIDS virus. A third were to receive AZT during pregnancy and delivery, and the newborns were also to get the drug. Another third of the women were to get the drug, but the babies would not. The remaining third were to receive only sugar pills. This last group is being dropped from the study.

## New AIDS Drug Treatments Mean Many Keep on Working

MICHIGAN - Anti-AIDS drug treatments that became widely available two

years ago have turned an automatic death sentence into long life for thousands of Michiganders. And that means that people with HIV now are returning to work.

"I'm looking at people who have lived for 10 or 15 years with HIV and they're worried about things like paying their bills and what's on Thursday night TV," said Mark, a 32-year-old Detroit man with HIV. He spoke with Booth News Service on the condition that his last name not be used. "I've learned how to live more than I ever did," he said.

Diagnosed with HIV six years ago, Mark quit two sales jobs in fear that his employers would learn of his disease if he sought treatment under the companies' health insurance plans. Since then, new drugs have kept him healthy enough to find a job as an AIDS educator and advocate.

State officials estimate that perhaps 2,000 AIDS patients are ready and able to work. "Once these people recognize that the drugs are working and they feel better, there are options," said Randy Pope of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Advocacy and business groups are stepping up efforts to help potential employees and employers address the shift. State officials are working on a pilot program that will, among other things, help people who have HIV or AIDS put together a resume, and hone or develop skills.

People with HIV or AIDS returning to work face a litany of tough questions: How do I explain a lengthy gap in my resume? What if the job doesn't have health benefits, or I have to wait weeks or months for benefits to kick in? Should I tell my boss or co-workers about my illness?

"This issue has created so much anxiety for everyone," said Aaron Pennington of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, a private, non-profit agency that advocates for the rights of the disabled. "Our past experience has been that a lot of people didn't confront this. As soon as they got sick, they quit their jobs. They didn't disclose their HIV status."

New state data shows the mortality rate from AIDS dropped 36 percent from 1995 to 1996. The national mortality rate declined about 23 percent during the same period. Pope attributes better access to care in Michigan for the higher rate of decline. "That's significant," Pope said. "The quality of life of persons living with HIV disease is changing fast."

About 7,600 Michigan residents are living with HIV and AIDS, Pope said. About 70 percent of them use 2-year-old combination drug treatments that include powerful protease inhibitors. Those drugs changed the outlook for people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Am I going to die tomorrow?'" Mark said. "I thought about cashing in all my insurance because, obviously, I wasn't going to need it." The level of HIV in his blood now is undetectable, Mark said. "I'm still here," he said. "I counsel people to be honest upfront. It's huge anxiety. We're not talking about cancer; we're talking about a terminal illness with social baggage."

## Indian Educators Learning to Battle AIDS

OKLAHOMA - The Red Cross is trying to help American Indian health educators overcome cultural sensitivities about AIDS and HIV in a program geared toward preventing the disease from spreading in Indian communities.

The program, called the American Indian Decision to Survive curriculum, was developed by the Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross and is being reviewed by National American Red Cross for possible marketing nationwide.

The program started with a three-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Red Cross. American Indian instructors train other American Indians to go back to their communities and spread the word about prevent-

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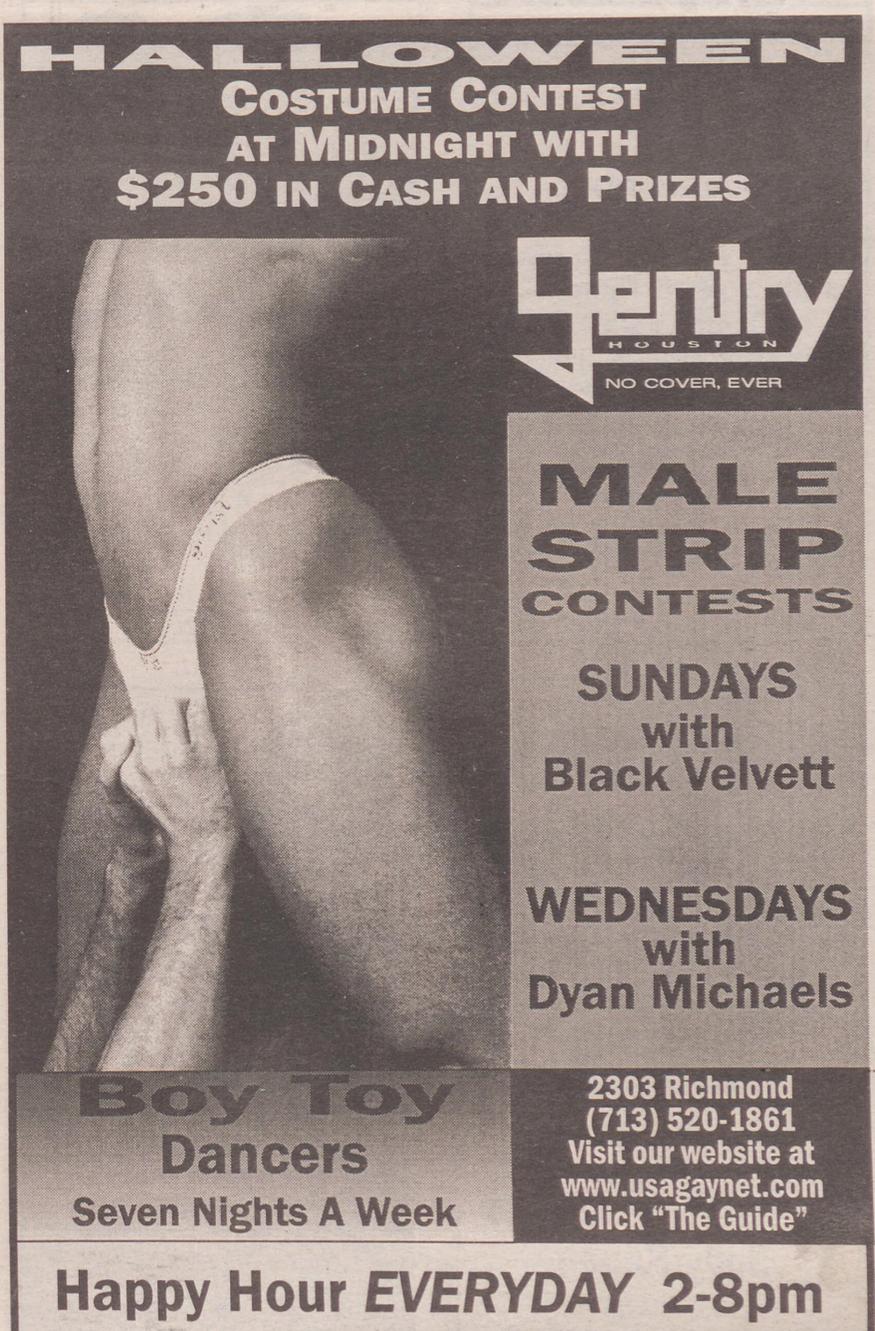
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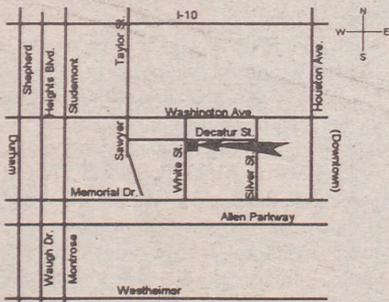
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**Tuesday-November 4**

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**Wednesday-November 5**

- Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
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- Catholic Mass at 8:30 am the Kolbe Project.

**Thursday-November 6**

- Kolbe Project-November Potluck, 1030 Heights 6:30pm.
  - Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
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HEALTH

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ing the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"It started because of a heavy interest in the needs of basic HIV-AIDS education to be more sensitive to needs of Native Americans," said instructor Armando Gonzales, who works with the Native American Community Health Center, Inc., in Phoenix.

Many American Indians view HIV or AIDS as being outside their culture and, therefore, not something that affects them, Gonzales said. Getting people to listen and take preventive measures presents a challenging task. American Indians also avoid talking about AIDS to one another because that would be like "wishing" the disease upon someone, Gonzales said.

In 1996, the CDC reported 1,569 cases of AIDS among American Indians, compared to only 31 cases in 1986. In Oklahoma, the cumulative number of HIV cases by the end of September among American Indians and Alaska Natives was 108, or 6 percent of the state's total HIV cases. The cumulative number of AIDS cases among this same group was 189, or 7 percent.

The AIDS program incorporates legends, traditions and values of American Indians to suit their educational needs. In one recent raining session, a group representing the Cherokee, Pawnee, Chickasaw, Creek and Ponca nations stood in a semicircle near Gonzales, who held eagle and hawk feathers

along with a shell filled with smoky swirls.

While program participants learn about how HIV affects the body, they also learn how it applies to the "circle of life," which is symbolic for American Indians. Rather than looking at life as a linear concept that starts with birth and continues through childhood, adulthood, old age and death, life is viewed as a never-ending circle or journey, Gonzales said. At times along this journey, people will encounter obstacles, such as HIV, that test their spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well-being.

**Proportion of Women Among HIV-Infected is Rising**

ARKANSAS - As the rate of new HIV infections slows, the proportion of women among the newly infected has risen dramatically - almost fivefold over the past two years - according to figures from the Washington County HIV Clinic. From 1992 to 1995, just under 7 percent of the clinic's new HIV-positive patients were women. But over the last two years, 33 percent have been women.

According to a clinic employee, the majority of newly infected women seen at the clinic contracted HIV through heterosexual sex and were not practicing what is considered risky behavior. These women were usually infected by a partner who either did not know

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(HGLPC) and Log Cabin Republicans of Houston (LCR-H). Of the mayoral candidates, only Greanias and Lee Brown, a Democrat, sought gay community support. And, Republican mayoral candidate Rob Mosbacher has used his opposition to gay rights as a means to gain right wing votes, despite the fact that his sister Dr. Dee Mosbacher, is a self-identified lesbian activist.

Interestingly, the most contentious race hands down is for the position of City Controller. What should have been a no brainer easy reelection race for incumbent Lloyd Kelley has turned into an utter fiasco. Kelley should have fired his advisors a long time ago. His campaign could be a text book case for how not to run a campaign. This is not to say that Kelley does not have a chance to win re-election; he does. Nearly 60% of the voters were still undecided in the race at press time.

Kelley bungled his smooth reelection campaign when he told a Republican group that his opponent was gay. He did not mention his opponent by name. He didn't need too. His chief opponent Sylvia Garcia responded to the allegations with a vengeance normally not displayed in public. Garcia was so furious she eluded that her brothers would handle the situation in a physical manner if Kelley repeated the accusation. Needless to say, her reaction stirred equally as much controversy in the gay community for her statement suggesting it was like being accused of theft or murder. Kelley has since apologized and Garcia has focused on other matters, such as city audits. For most pundits, the Kelley/Garcia debacle was by far the most interesting race to analyze.

Regardless of what the pundits think or how the spin-doctors convey their candidates message, or lack thereof, the ultimate decision will be made by you - the voters. To provide our readers with some semblance of sense concerning the polemics of the past few months, a synopsis of the election follows:

## City Council

## DISTRICT A

Helen Huey's former seat, District A has eight candidates vying for the post that encompasses northwest Houston. The eight candidates are: Allen Barrilleaux; Chris Branson, Liz Lara-Carreno, Brenda Flynn Flores, Dave Jones, Bruce Tatro, Ken Urmy, and Dave Wilson. Brenda Flynn Flores has received the endorsement of the HGLPC. LCR-H did not make an endorsement in the race.

## DISTRICT B

Incumbent Councilman Michael J. Yarbrough is being challenged by George W. Singleton in the race for City Council District B. Yarbrough, who received the endorsement of the HGLPC, is under indictment in the downtown hotel sting and faces federal bribery and conspiracy charges. His opponent works for Foley's Department Store. Poll's show that Yarbrough is favored. LCR-H did not make an endorsement in the race.

## DISTRICT C

Martha Wong, the incumbent, is running unopposed. Neither HGLPC or LCR-H endorsed in this race.

## DISTRICT D

The race for District D city council seat is without a doubt the most divisive race in the gay community. Incumbent Jew Don Boney is being challenged by longtime community activist and gay rights leader Ray Hill.

In what is one of the most bizarre twists in the race, Hill's longtime allegiance to the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus did not net him the groups endorsement. They endorsed Boney. The group contends Hill was not a declared candidate at the time of their endorsements. Hill contends the group knew he was contemplating a run for the seat and would not move the endorsement to a later date. Hill did however receive the endorsement of the Log Cabin Republicans of Houston.

Both Hill and Boney have long been controversial political figures. Hill, one of the

forefathers of the gay civil rights movement in Houston has championed gay and lesbian civil rights for nearly three decades. He is a strong advocate for prison reform and hosts a weekly radio show on the subject for KPFT. Hill is known for his steadfast adherence to a cause even if it means getting arrested.

Boney's candidacy has stirred controversy and debate in the gay community since he first ran against Saundria Chase Grey in 1995. Despite being endorsed by the HGLPC in that race, Boney only carried one district in Montrose by a mere 428 votes clearly demonstrating that he was not the candidate for the Montrose area gay and lesbians. However, he did win the overall vote.

At issue with many gay voters is Boney's allegiance with Helen Huey on the Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance and his association with the Nation of Islam. Just recently, the *Houston Chronicle* printed a picture of Boney at the Day of Atonement Rally in Downtown Houston. The rally was organized to encourage African-Americans to stay home from work and school to demonstrate their worth to society. What frustrates many community members is that the Nation of Islam is known for its hatred toward homosexuals.

Boney is favored to win the seat, although Hill expected to have a strong showing in the Montrose area. Hill has also campaigned heavily in many of the districts heavily populated African-American communities.

## DISTRICT E

Incumbent Robb Todd is unopposed. Todd did not receive the endorsement of the HGLPC or LCR-H.

## DISTRICT F

Incumbent Ray Driscoll opted not to run for City Controller and retain his seat. He has three opponents: James B. Neal, Brandon Rasch and Dionne L. Roberts. Roberts received the endorsement of the HGLPC. LCR-H did not endorse.

## DISTRICT G

Jean Kelley and Karen Kay Kristopher are vying for District G voters approval. Kelley's husband, John, vacated the seat, opting not to run for re-election. Neither the HGLPC or LCR-H issued endorsements in the race.

## DISTRICT H

Incumbent Felix Fraga faces three challengers for his seat in District H. Fraga is one of the incumbent's indicted in the aforementioned FBI bribery sting at City Hall. His opponents are: John Curtis Gibbs, Marcia Olivarez, and Carmen Orta. Olivarez received the endorsement of the HGLPC. LCR-H did not endorse in the race.

## DISTRICT I

Incumbent John E. Castillo is being challenged by James Partsch-Galvan. Castillo is also under indictment in the FBI bribery sting. Partsch-Galvan is a long time militant activist. HGLPC endorsed Castillo, LCR-H did not issue an endorsement.

## AT-LARGE, POSITION 1

Seven candidates are vying for the seat vacated by Gracie Saenz. If endorsements were an indication of who will win this race, Annise Parker would win hands down. (See related story in Regional News). Her chief opponents are businessman Don Fitch and Yolanda Black Navarro. Other contenders in the race include: Alphonso "Al" Delaney, Rafael Hernandez, Thelonius D. Peugh and Herschel Smith.

Parker has raised more money than her opponents, garnered more endorsements than any of her opponents and seems to be a shoo-in for the run-off. One of her opponents, however, a lobbyist for garbage company Browning Ferris Industries, recently put \$35,000 of personal funds into the race to stay competitive with Parker, according to reports filed with the City Secretary earlier this week.

"I'm proud of the money I've raised but no amount of money can substitute for my superior qualifications for this job," commented Parker. "Let's win this race without a runoff and prove that Houston is a place where qualifications count and diversity matters."

Parker, who was endorsed by the HGLPC and LCR-H, is confident about her chances

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of winning this seat. She stresses the importance of the gay and lesbian community getting to the polls. "We're strong," said a confident Parker, "and we're definitely in the runoff. But I don't want a runoff - I'm ready to win this election outright."

"Our community often complains about being disenfranchised, yet often does not turnout to vote," says Parker. "This election is different, however. We have a real opportunity to elect the most qualified candidate on the ballot - a candidate from our community. I'm looking forward to a record turnout on November 4."

In an interview with the *Houston Voice*, Parker emphasized her commitment to civil rights, her civic contributions and her business background during the past two decades. She believes that the cities problems "are solvable."

The first candidate in the race, Parker thinks she garnered her diverse set of endorsements based on her track record. She also thinks they knew that she has an "element of viability and can win the race." Parker has three major issues she would like to focus on. They are: Crime, Transportation and Neighborhood Revitalization.

Although crime is down, Parker thinks we need to reduce it further. As for transportation she favors considering mass transit in the form of light rail (fixed guideway). And, she wants the city to clean-up and repair streets and sidewalks in an effort to bring people into the inner core. "We have to make it more attractive in order to encourage people to move back into the city," Parker said.

**AT-LARGE POSITION 2**

Incumbent Joe Roach appears headed to an easy victory. He is being challenged by Willie Wright, Jr. Neither candidate received an endorsement from gay groups.

**AT-LARGE POSITION 3**

Incumbent Orlando Sanchez is being challenged by Andrew C. Burks, Jr. Neither

candidate was endorsed by gay groups.

**AT-LARGE POSITION 4**

Incumbent Chris Bell was endorsed by LCR-H and the HGLPC. Bell received both groups support in his prior special election and stood firm when sexual orientation became an issue in his race. Bell demonstrated that he stood behind his principles and positions. He has two opponents in the race: Richard Johnson and Bill Wiener.

**AT-LARGE POSITION 5**

Nine candidates are vying for the seat. They are: Dwight Boykins, Carroll Robinson, Elizabeth Spates, Sam Texas, Allan Vogel, "Griff" Griffin, W.R. Morris, Mark Sandoval and Jack Josey Terence. The HGLPC has endorsed Carroll Robinson, a former Associate Professor. LCR-H has endorsed Elizabeth Spates, a former HISD Trustee and perennial volunteer.

**CITY CONTROLLERS RACE**

Incumbent Lloyd Kelley faces a strong challenge from Houston Municipal Court Chief Judge Sylvia Garcia. The tumultuous race has been fodder for weeks. Other contenders in the race are Arthur Bibbs, Robert Davis and Wilfred McGriff. Garcia has received the endorsement of HGLPC. LCR-H chose not to endorse in the race after conversations with both candidates. Kelley, however, did not appear at the gay GOP groups meeting as promised. The outcome of this race will be one of the campaigns most debated. Not only on the merits of who won, but why.

**MAYORAL RACE**

There are eight candidates in the race for Mayor to succeed the enormously popular Bob Lanier. The are in order of appearance on the ballot: Richard E. Barry, Rob Mosbacher, Helen Huey, Lee Brown, Gracie Saenz, George Greanias, Bernard E. Calkins, and Jean-Claude Lanau

Of the aforementioned candidates, only two have actively sought the endorsement of the gay and lesbian community, George Greanias and Lee Brown. Greanias received the endorsement of both the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Log

Cabin Republicans of Houston. Greanias has a long history of supporting gay and lesbian issues and fighting for fiscal responsibility.

Lee Brown, a former Houston Police Chief and Clinton Administration Drug Czar, has the backing of the Democratic establishment in Houston. Internal polls conducted by the Democrat Party are cause for some concern as they demonstrate his support has waned from the initial inception of his campaign. However, Brown is expected to be in the run-off with either Greanias or Rob Mosbacher, the candidate of the Republican establishment.

None of the other contenders have fared well or made a lasting impression on voters. Helen Huey has drawn less support than Gracie Saenz. Huey is the only candidate that publicly supports Proposition A, the Houston Civil Rights Initiative, and her push for the Sexually Oriented Business ordinance with Jew Don Boney did not win her the support she had envisioned.

Saenz decided early on to focus on the Hispanic vote. While valiant and commendable, it is not enough to win a city wide race. And, Jean-Claude Lanau, to his credit, actively sought gay support. He is an advocate of gay rights and genuinely supports equality for gays and lesbians. Most members of the community did not think he was electable.

Barring a major catastrophe by Brown, Mosbacher or Greanias, one of those three candidates will be in the Mayor's office in the near future. A run-off is almost assured. Recent polls show indicate that Mosbacher and Brown are leading, albeit by small margins. What will determine the outcome of this race more than any issue is the candidate who can compel most of his supporters to go to the polls and vote.

**Constitutional Amendments**

by Ella Tyler

In the four years that I worked as an Assistant County Attorney, I often encountered the Texas Constitution because it has

provisions that control many aspects of county government. The basic document was written more than a century ago with goals which included protecting the public purse from demands by railroads for financial concessions from railroads and protection from "carpetbagger" politicians.

Today it is seen as a cumbersome document that micro-manages the government. This is true, but the public has rejected proposed constitutions that are less detailed. There are 14 proposed amendments to the Constitution on the ballot for November 4, 1997.

The issues these amendments cover gives an overview of the extent the present constitution controls governmental action. As you make your decisions on these amendments, one possible guiding principle is whether you think the present constitution is too restrictive.

I used the League of Women Voter's Voter Guide (get at the library) and the Texas Legislative Council's Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, as well as my own experience, to prepare this article. However, any opinions are strictly my own and not those of the *Houston Voice*, its staff or owner.

**PROPOSITION ONE:** Allows an appointed municipal judge to hold appointments in more than one city. The Constitution prohibits dual office holding in general, which is probably good, but makes it difficult for a few towns which elect municipal judges to find judges. This amendment allows only that a person may hold the office of Municipal Court Judge in more than one city. Who are we to argue with this?

**PROPOSITION TWO:** Allows the legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of a residential homestead to 10% per year and also allows school districts the option of allowing senior citizens to transfer their freeze on valuations from one homestead to another. On one hand, it can be difficult for a homeowner to pay tax increases that result when a neighborhood's value rises dramatically, on the other, each time a homeowner is given a tax break, others pay a higher share of taxes.

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**PROPOSITION THREE:** Allows a local taxing unit to grant property tax exemptions for property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented. The importance of water conservation varies from area to area in the state. This allows local governments to decide whether water conservation activities have such value to their community that tax exemptions should be granted for such activities, thereby giving an incentive for water conservation. Critics say that when one group gets a tax break, it shifts the burden to others. They also say that everyone should engage in water conservation so if there are tax breaks, they should be state wide.

**PROPOSITION FOUR:** Eliminates duplicate numbering and obsolete provisions of the Constitution. Vote for it. It might be nice to have a new constitution, but it's unlikely, and in the meantime, we should clean it up as best we can.

**PROPOSITION FIVE:** Allows the Texas Supreme Court to hold court in places other than Austin. Although it might be nice for the public to be able to see the Texas Supreme Court hear arguments on cases in their own cities, it would be expensive to transport nine justices, their briefing attorneys, clerks and documents to other cities.

**PROPOSITION SIX:** Allows the Texas Growth Fund to invest in business in South Africa and Namibia without disclosing such investments. This provision was adopted in 1987 when South Africa controlled Namibia, which is now independent, and when there was apartheid, now repealed.

**PROPOSITION SEVEN:** Allows the Water Development Board to move bond authorization from one category to another. At present, water development bonds are approved by category such as water supply, flood control, water quality, and state participation water projects. This means that voters can approve bonds for flood control but not for water supply (usually reservoir construction). Water is a serious issue in Texas and areas have different needs. At present the bonds approved for water supply projects have been sold and the money has been spent, but bonds approved for other categories of work remain unsold. Whether you vote for this amendment really depends on how much you think you and other voters should control individual components of water development. The present system makes long range, and state wide planning difficult, but changing it requires some trust in the Water Development Board not to build unneeded reservoirs that benefit only a few.

**PROPOSITION EIGHT:** The most controversial amendment on the ballot, and you probably have seen some material about it. Representative Debra Danburg played a major role in passing the bill that would allow home-equity lending and reverse mortgages if this amendment passes. At issue is how much protection homesteads deserve and how much protection consumers need from themselves. Texas is the only state that allows no form of home equity lending. Critics say that this bill will cause some families to lose their homesteads. Proponents say that this bill has so many restrictions and consumer protections that the likelihood of unscrupulous lenders taking advantage of unwitting homeowners is very low and that the value of allowing homeowners to use equity in their homes as security for loans outweighs this risk. The amendment also makes it more difficult for home remodeling contractors to get liens against homesteads (currently allowed by the constitution) because it imposes a 12 day waiting period. I am familiar with this area of the law and scams that deprive people of their homes, and think that there is more consumer protection than there was before.

**PROPOSITION NINE:** Allows rural fire prevention district in Harris County to, with voter approval, raise the tax rate from three to five cents per hundred dollars of valuation. This will benefit the people who want it, and, although there maybe should have been a provision that allowed this state wide, there wasn't. I don't think this is a fair reason to vote against an otherwise useful provision.

**PROPOSITION TEN:** Puts the revenues that presently support the Texas Crime Victims Fund into dedicated accounts so that this money may be used only for compensation to crime victims. This is one of the amendments that the *Houston Chronicle* oppos-

es, somewhat to my surprise. Reviewing the pros and cons, the core issue seems to be whether we should have any more funds that are constitutionally dedicated, meaning that money from certain sources can go only to one purpose. It is doubtful that the legislature would spend crime victim funds on other purposes, but without this consistorial amendment, it could.

**PROPOSITION ELEVEN:** Limits the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund by restricting debt service to 5% of the general revenue. The argument against this amendment are that it is unneeded. Debt service for 1996 was 2.7% and this amendment would limit the ability to incur debt in emergency situations. The ability of the state to incur debt is seriously constrained by the Constitution already.

**PROPOSITION TWELVE:** States that if the Texas Supreme Court has not ruled on a motion for rehearing within 180 days, it is overruled. This is one of these amendments that make you wonder what was going on to cause this amendment to be drafted. The Court could, but hasn't made this rule for itself, and the majority of the motions are heard well before six months are over. The argument for the amendment is that waiting for a response to a motion for rehearing keeps litigation open. The argument against it is

that it does not allow for any extension of time even for good cause.

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The Ballot also includes an amendment to Houston's City Charter which will prohibit affirmative action for women and minorities. If you are for affirmative action, vote No; if you are against it, vote Yes. The City and County both have bond elections on ballot. They are self-explanatory.

**SYNOPSIS**

Again, the gay and lesbian community has

a lot at stake in this election. Political observers and politicians are watching this race very closely. With such a large slate of candidates seeking the support of the gay and lesbian community, it is time the community deliver. The alternative will prompt candidates to ignore our issues and disenfranchise themselves form any alliance to the gay community.

Recent statistics indicate that a majority, albeit small, of the public over age 30 vote in general elections. A mere 17% of 18 to 30 year olds vote. This is alarming primarily because the younger generation is the future of our government. Many of the young in the gay and lesbian community are unaware of how hard fought the few rights we have were obtained. Indeed, they are also unaware how fragile and precarious those rights are at the present time.

The gay and lesbian community can no longer afford to provide lip service to the establishment and not back it up with credence. Now is not the time for apathy. Particularly when two openly gay candidates are running for city council seats and two out of three major contenders for Mayor are actively pursuing our vote and the city controller has made sexual orientation a major issue. Due your civic duty and vote, Tuesday, November 4. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

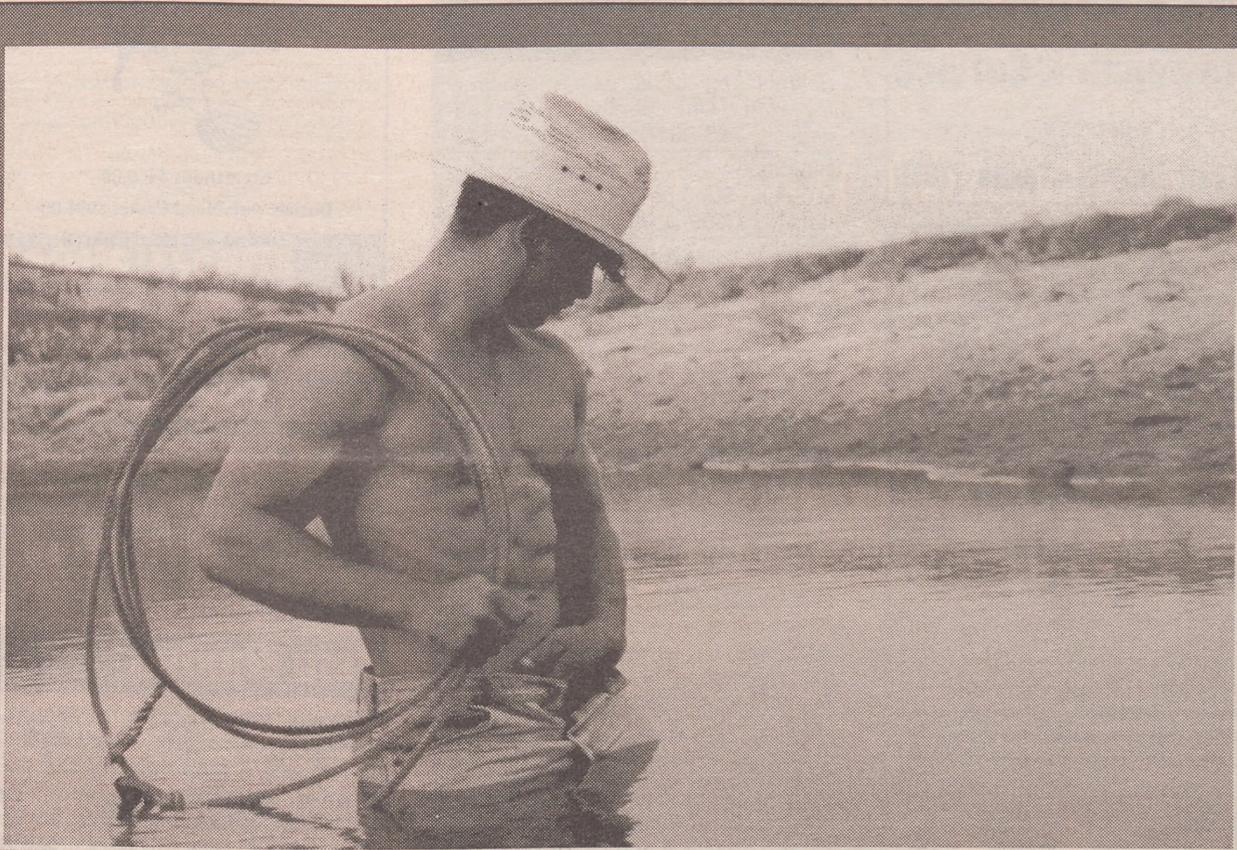


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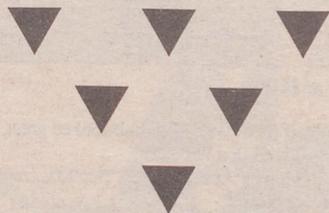
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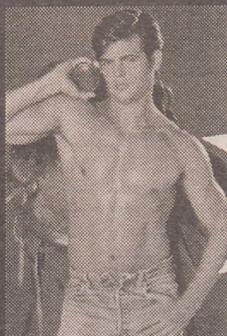
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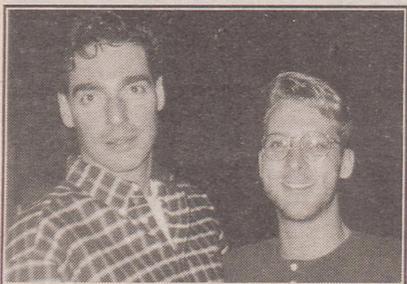


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**Important Stuff**

Yes Sir! November 9, 1700 hours! The BRB! The Four Season's Military Ball '97! You are invited and will attend! Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. You can purchase tickets at Lobo, Basic Brothers, or call 713-880-0670.



Kip and Chad at Gentry

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association rides in to Houston next weekend. Join the cowgirls and cowboys at the kick-off dance on Nov. 7 @ 8 pm at the Renaissance Hotel. For more info, call 713-777-1444.

Mary's naturally has added "Steak Night" to their Thursday night line up! A big ol' T-bone, baker all the way and salad is a mere \$6. The grill glows starting at 6 pm.



At The Outpost

The PWA Holiday Charities invite you to their open house on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4 to 7 pm. The patio bar at Mary's will be so hot that Ken (the fireman) will be hosing off Robert Harwood as they guest bartend!

John Benevidas will be guest bartending for them also at the Venture-N at 6 pm and Ramon from the 611 Hyde Park Pub will sling drinks at Mary's on Sunday at 2 pm!

The Misfits have pulled out all the stops to present the Houston Council of Clubs November fundraising for Let Us Entertain You's 25th anniversary weekend! "A Night of Spice" will be at the Venture-N on November 9 at 8 pm (sharp, not drag time I am told).

Congrats to Donna Duma and Maverick! They are the new reign in the Dallas Court!

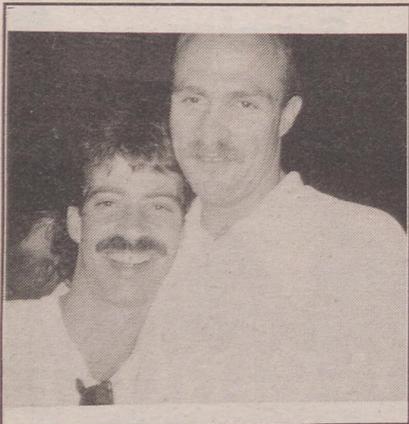
Ms. Nevada, closed out her fundraising candidate campaign with over \$10,000 raised! You go, girl! Good luck!



Ach-choo!

**Milestones**

Happy birthday to Tiger!  
Whip another birthday to Dean Waldrad!  
A snappy birthday to my favorite photo snapper Steven David!



Partying at Paradise.

**Rodent Droppings**

Disclaimer! You know the drill! The Houston Voice is in NO way responsible for the following lies! This is gossip! NOT NEWS! If you want to read something from a real journalist, please turn the page!

I received my favorite Ferret Clothing catalog this week! I am trying to decide which hats to buy! They have a "Top Hat" that would look great on Harvey. There is a little straw bonnet (with flow-



Party Animals

ers) that Rascal would love! Decisions, decisions! Scooter (Ripcord): What will you pull out to get a \$5 tip? And is it really necessary to stay out all night to be beautiful in the morning? Tim A. (works out at World Gym): How was your trip to South Beach? Wasn't that dentist you went with straight...or was he? Do tell, do tell!



At Fantasy Ball

Bart (611 Hyde Park Pub): Be careful when you sit on a barstool that doesn't have a back! Homer Simpson (Pacific Street): That is NO way to treat a lady!

Narene (hangs at the BRB): Have you changed the Cactus River into your own library?

Chester (hangs at the 611): Just how did you get your head stuck between the bars? How much lube did it take to remove your head?

Leon (611): I heard your legs were in the air, again!

Lee Denning: Is it true that you are in love?

Alan (Basic Brothers): Which corner were you working? What was that hanging out of your shorts? Happy to see men or a cucumber in your pocket?

Alan (Misfits): You in high heels? This I've gotta see!



Drew at Venture-N

Raci (Chances): What is the difference between a Rum and Tonic and a Cubre Libra? A call from Kim?

Woody (Gentry): Boone really wants to know what really happened to the fart machine!

Jerel (RSICSS): Exactly what do you do when your fold away bed folds away with you in it!

Kenny (Gentry): I hear that all the bartenders have put you on "Cuervo Restriction!"

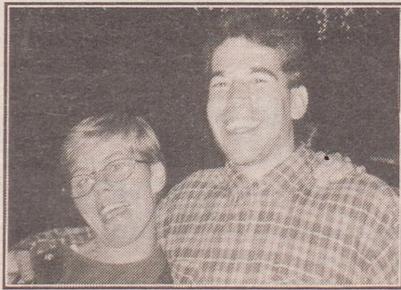
Anita Mann (RSICSS): I hope you are feeling



What an Angel!

better! I'm sorry to hear you missed receiving your award in person!

Barry (New Barn): Jealous! Who is Lexy?  
Darla K (Gentry): And I quote: "I'm not frowning, I just resting my smile!"  
Crystal Rae Lee Love (RSICSS): So we are up



Hanging at Chances

to 19 and 20 awards!  
Jerry Morin (RSICSS): Jealous?



Scary at Mary's

Kenny (Gentry): Do we all want to know just how big of a slut you were during your trip to New Orleans!

Buddy T. (RSICSS): I here the little green monster visited you!

Barry P. (Soiree Aubergine): And I quote: "I didn't do it, I didn't hear about it, I was out of town when it occurred!"

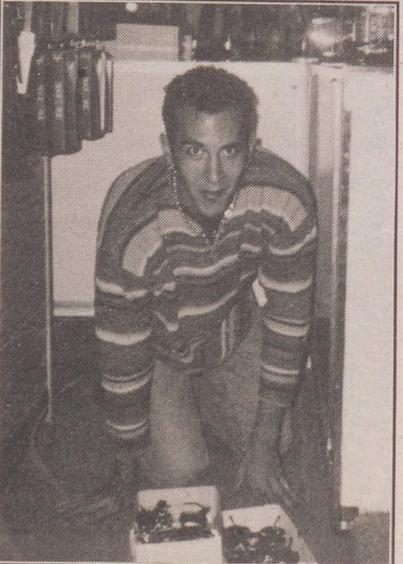


Only at Mary's

Michael (RSICSS): Your hair looked great, but it clashed with that red dress!

Val (Gentry): And I quote: "But Mrs. Jenkins said it was clean!"

Orlin and Vernon (Classic Chassis Car Club): What was that cologne you two were wearing after the car wash? Eau 'd amourall?



Alan on his knees as usual.

Darlene (Outpost): I am so sorry to hear that you have had to have your sex toy surgically removed!

Gary B. (hangs at the Venture-N): Please don't hustle the street hustlers!

Marsha (hangs at Mary's) Brady: I am so glad that Craig installed Velcro on your barstool!



At Outrage

Carl (Outpost): Was Sunday Full Moon Madness?

Mary (Mary's): You should remember to remove the toothpick BEFORE biting into your sandwich!

Nick-Judy (Garden Party): Good luck on your move to DC! We will miss you!

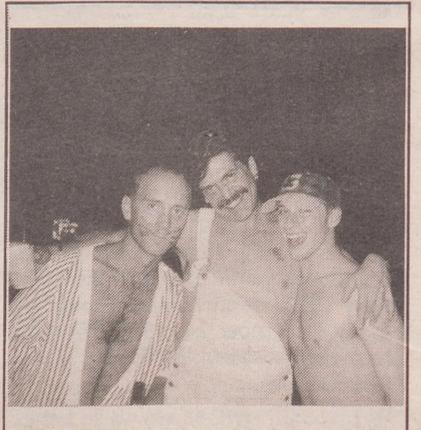
Eric (Gentry): Hope you stayed out of the Rawhide this time!

Craig (BricksII): I'm gonna tell everyone what you did last Thursday night!

Vera (BRB): I miss your love notes!

Patti Duke: Is it true? You are working at a truck stop?

Randy (PS): I hear your boyfriend with the ponytail that lives in your building has been barred from PS!



Party Animals

Michael (Venture-N): And I quote: "Of course I'm vicious, I'm a drag queen!"

Jim Lockheart: And I quote: "You don't have on the right shoes to throw a jealous fit!"

Jim (Stevens House): And I quote: "You never tip on a practice session!"

Ray (MSL): Drama! Drama! Drama!

Bear (hangs everywhere): And I quote: "I'll take rice or roni, but never together!"

Rudy (from New Jersey): Welcome to Houston!



Where is the fire?

Michael (in Harris County): Do you think you can screw Tia over and get away with it?

Marlin, Shane, & Rick (Pot Pie): Boyfriend contest? I hear Marlin is in the lead!

Keisha (PS): No, honey, the world does NOT revolve around you!

Frank P. (hangs at the Venture-N): Have a nice cab ride?

Happy Halloween  
Everyone!

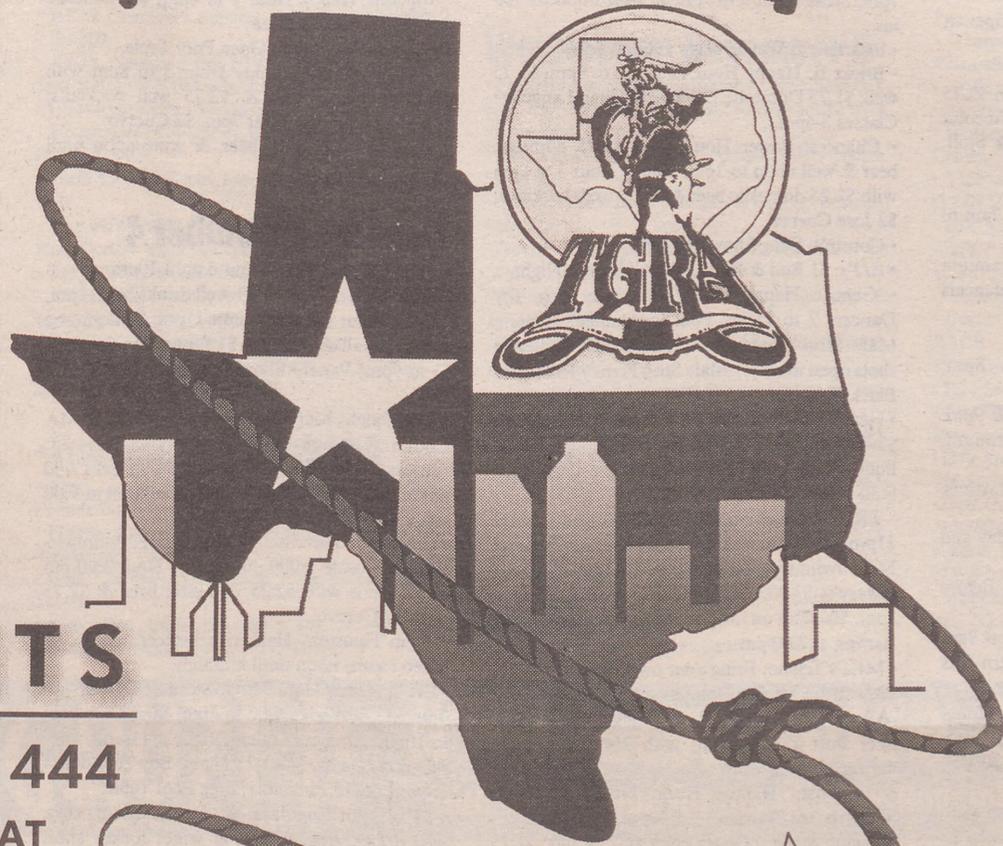
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- Club Incognito: Ladies night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Lazy J: Pool tournament
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Ladies night!
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tournament 6pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm.
- Paradise: Open 11 am; \$3.75 Call Martinis, \$2.25 well Martini All day all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Jello Shots \$1 all day and all night! Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2.
- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: Klub Kamp..a comedy drag review 9pm doors open, 11:30pm show—Retro Modern Hits by D.J. Chris Sill, \$1, \$2, \$3 drinks..
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails, \$2 Cuervo. 9:00
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Guest Bartenders 9:00 pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

**Saturday, November 1**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm. Joanne in the afternoons!
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.Super Show at 11pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 10:30 to 11pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Alternative night. The Orbit Room!
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am.
- QT's: Open at 8 am.; Jagermeister and

- Spearmint \$2. \$ 1 jello shots all day and all night!
- Rascals: "Everybody Dance Night". No Cover before 11pm.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard.; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. DJ Bridgitt Tucker spins.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. Cuervo \$2.50!

**Sunday, November 2**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 5 to 9pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fix-ins..
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays your favorites.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- Heaven: \$1 well drinks \$2. domestic longnecks; \$3.00 Anything in the house; (excluding multiple liquor drinks and champagne) Video Classifieds 9:30-1:30. Doors open at 8.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. 50¢ draft on the patio with guest bartending starting at 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Bring your own BBQ.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$1.75 well drinks,\$1 vodka well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1:30pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.No shirt, no cover, no kidding!
- Paradise: Doors open at noon; \$1.50 Mimosas, Bloody Bulls, Bull Shots, Belinis; \$1 well Vodka juice drinks all day and all night.
- QT's: Doors open at noon.
- Rascals: Super Sunday Show, 11:00pm - "Rascal's Untouchables". No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; \$2.50 Cuervo; snacks on the "Far Side" & guest Bartenders bartend 6pm till???

**Monday, November 3**

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite 7am-2pm. Football on the big screen; snacks.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table.
- Incognito: Male Strip night!

- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover with pass. Lowest regular drink prices in town.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am. All top shelf \$3.50 all day and all night!
- QT's: Killer Bee Shots \$2. Well vodka \$1.50 8 am to 2 pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Table.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

**Tuesday, November 4**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 5 to 9pm; Variety Show with Ms. Nevada at 8 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas & wine; Jockey short contest at 11pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Mela's Tejano: Free Hot dogs and \$1.75 beer.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am;\$1.50 well and \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am. Colorado Bulldogs (Kamora) \$3.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.\$2.50 Cuervo!
- VooDoo Lounge: Doors open 9:00 pm. \$2 well,domestic, and special drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Male Strip at 11:00 pm.

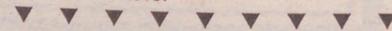
**Wednesday, November 5**

- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm .
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails;

- \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser & 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace: Doors open 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & nite; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Mela's Tejano: Amateur Talent Night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular and video) Noon to Midnight: Amateur Strip at 10 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am; \$1 well vodka and \$1.50 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Honey Dew Me \$2.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, November 6**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11pm. Party with Sam and Bruce.Dance lessons with Scott at 8:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head plays in a number of disguises.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Cousin's: Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Tacos on the patio; Amateur Talent contest @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- Heaven: \$1.25 Frozen 'Ritas, \$1.00 well drinks. Amateur Strip Contest at 11pm hosted by Kofi. \$200 in Cash Prizes.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold & Micro brewed beer: Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; 75¢ Schnapps.
- Mela's Tejano: Happy hour all day and all night
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am, \$3 anything in the house.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Classic Martini (Tanqueray or Absolut) \$3.75
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!



**Friday, October 31**

- Movie Time: Free Les/bi/gay film showing at Kolbe House, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, 1509 Fairview, FYI 713-522-8182.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Recovery and Beyond-relationship group. 713-333-9092.
- Amazing Attic Sale at 2000 Westheimer.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at the Barn, 4-8 pm. 713-830-3000.

**Saturday, November 1**

- AIDS Housing Coalition Houston: A 90 day gay positive emergency house for PWA's in transition, 10am to 12pm, 117 Tuam Ave. @ Helena, FYI 713-521-1613.
- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Rich's from 10pm - 2am.
- Rainbow Fishing Club meets, 713-526-7070.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860.
- Amazing Attic Sale at 2000 Westheimer

**Sunday, November 2**

- The Women's Group: The Women's Group is a feminist groups for all women; each woman defines

- feminism by her experience, 10:45am, FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860
- Rainbow Riders; A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
- FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am. 713-522-8021.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 9:00 am. 713-868-5039
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria at 5:00 pm. 713-629-1432.

**Monday, November 3**

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 713-861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 529-1223.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6pm. 732-4300.
- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Ste 1717.
- HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- Houston Area Women's Center's Volunteer training. 535-6363.
- Texas Medical Center Lambda Group meets. 523-5539.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Brazos River Bottom 4 to 8pm; QT's 8pm-12am.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- AIDS Foundation Houston offers free creative writing class. 3:00 pm. 713-623-6796.
- FrontRunners meets at 6:30 pm. 713-522-8021.
- Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce meets. 713-944-2306.

**Tuesday, November 4**

- Sex, Lies & Video Tapes workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8pm. 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.

- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Women for Sobriety Meeting; 7-8pm; 701 Richmond; 281-855-8616.
- Project Ceaser at AFH. 713-623-6796.
- Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week meets at 7 pm. 713-529-6979

**Wednesday, November 5**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Ripcord 8 pm to midnight, Midtowne Spa 9 pm to midnight.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the U of H) meets at 4pm. 473-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at

- Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Harpies Ice Hockey Team recruits. 713-802-1248.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus meets at 7 pm at the Lovett Inn.

**Thursday, November 6**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 713-225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center, 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; Venture-N 4-8pm, and The 611 8pm-12am.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Gulf Coast Transgender vommunity meets at 7 pm. 713-780-4282.
- Texas Gay Rodeo Association's Rodeo kick-off. 713-777-1444.
- Workshop on adopting children from China at 6:30 pm. 713-249-5941.

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Your Horoscope for the week of November 2 - November 8

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) Resist any temptations to gloss over details. This week they need your careful scrutiny. You will get alot done early, but later your mind may wander and energy level will slow down. Exercise initiative and watch doors open for you. The chance you've been waiting for is here.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21) Weekend getaways and recreational pastimes are highlighted this week. Watch your spending. Patience will be needed because you will tend to rush into certain things. Enjoy times with friends. If little things start going wrong, take a break and reflect.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) There's an accent on family life and domestic matters this week. One family member may need encouragement from you. You are now ready to investigate new career opportunities. Explore your options. Both travel and recreational pastimes are happily highlighted.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) A burdensome responsibility is lifted from your shoulders this week. Try not to be overly critical of a child. You may change your perspective towards a financial matter. Take care to go easy on your use of credit. Guard against romantic tiffs.

**LEO:** (July 24- August 23) Getting your house in tip top shape will be a priority during eping and meet with financial advisors. Unexpected business developments are to your advantage. You will achieve the most success by accepting offered suggestions and cooperating with others.

**VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) There will probably be a strong urge to immerse yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences; and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) This week it may be best to avoid causing emotional scenes with any partners. Romance will have a dreamy aspect for you. You and a lover will be very much on the same wavelength. There will be

a social connection that will prove helpful in business.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22) You may meet with extra incidental expenditures right now. However, the impulsive buy may not be the correct choice. Be sensible in regards to spending. Mix-ups in communication are possible now, or some information you receive will be in error. Avoid commitments without advice.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21) A small disappointment may arise in regards to a friendship this week. But you will be pleased with the positive business and financial developments that occur now. Either you or your partner may spend extravagantly. It's not a good time to loan money. Protect your resources.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) This week you may make up with someone from whom you've been estranged. An old friend gives you good advice this week. A home matter may require attention. You may be making travel plans on the spur of the moment. Money developments are on a positive note. Avoid neglecting duties.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) Your cleverness and efficiency will bring you notable success at work this week. But be careful in financial dealings. You will be a welcome addition at any gathering, for you're the life of the party. Avoid any flippant remarks. Things may be a bit hectic on the homefront. Be patient with family members.

**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) Utilize your time wisely this week. Don't spread yourself too thin. Make a schedule. You may not get around to a task that really needs to be done. You will achieve the greatest success by helping others to solve problems. Guard against overindulgence, and don't overspend.

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You'll have some inspired thoughts about either a business or financial matter. This is the right time to tell a romantic interest how much you care. Cooperation from others may be difficult to obtain. Singles may need to be aware of insincere newcomers.

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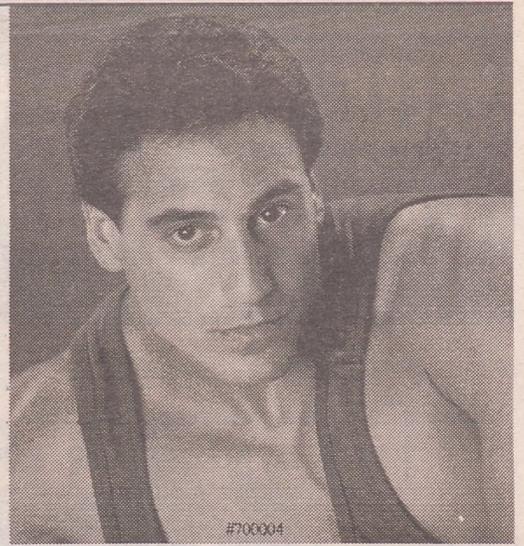
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**SWF 24**, 5'2", 120 lbs., short blonde hair. I'm in good shape. Looking to meet educated, professional woman to go out dancing with, have coffee, go to movies & basically just hang out. Call Ext. 5569

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**GHM 23**, 5'10", 200 lbs., mustache, goatee, dark brown eyes, black hair. I am a hairy bottom. I am seeking a top, any race or age for a good time & or friendship. Call Ext. 5633

**SM 6'1"**, 185 lbs., hazel eyes, attractive, Indian/Black origin. Looking to have a good time. Call Ext. 5628

**GWM 29**, dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5'8", 140 lbs., & 30" waist. My interests include hiking, biking, going to the beach & stay at home with someone special. Looking for somebody around my age or younger, who is interested in getting together & forming a friendship, hopefully something that will lead to a long term relationship. Call Ext. 5627

**GHM 21**, 5'6", light complexion & hazel eyes. I like to go out a lot. I'm outgoing & a nice person. Looking for anybody, any race & 18-30. Call Ext. 5613

**GWM 36**, 6'2", 185 lbs., blue eyes and HIV-. Seeking someone the same between the ages of 25-36, for friendship or possibly more here in Houston. Give me a call back. Call Ext. 5625

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

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

**GHM 42**, 150 lbs., lean build, slightly long black hair, goatee, brown eyes & HIV+. Would like to meet gay White males, between the ages of 30-44 years old. Call Ext. 5624

**GHM 5'11"**, 185 lbs., new to Houston, professional. I'm looking for a friend & good companionship to hang out with & have a good time. I'm looking for a dominant gay White male about my height/weight that is hairy. Call Ext. 5623

**SM 6'2"**, black hair, blue eyes. I enjoy bowling. Interested in a Hispanic or a White male, 18-29 years of age. I love to be with boys a lot. Leave me your name. Call Ext. 5622

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

**GWC** My partner is a gay White male, 5'9", 49, 173 lbs., blue eyes, salt 'n' pepper hair & very healthy, but **HIV+**. I'm 5'11", 189 lbs., blue eyes, blonde with graying hair, 56 & very healthy, but also **HIV+**. We are looking for friends who are gay White males, 45 or older. Should enjoy swimming, long walks, cooking out, dining out, animals & country living. Please be height/weight proportionate & masculine. Call Ext. 5620

**SM 180** lbs., 5'10", height/weight proportionate. Interested in meeting mature, gray haired men, 40's & above. Would like to meet someone fairly wealthy, I don't want to take care of anybody else. Call Ext. 5586

**SWM 45**, 5'7", 147 lbs., handsome, masculine & hairy chest. Seeking a single gay male between the ages of 25-45, who is interested in friendship. Body hair is a plus. Call Ext. 5616

**SM 33**, 5'10", 185 lbs., black hair, black eyes, very hairy & muscular. I'm bottom & **HIV** positive. I'm looking for top White, Hispanic or Black men for a good time. Call Ext. 5617

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

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

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

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

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

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

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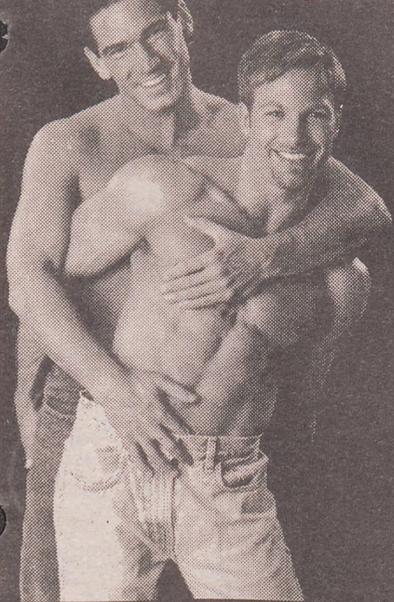
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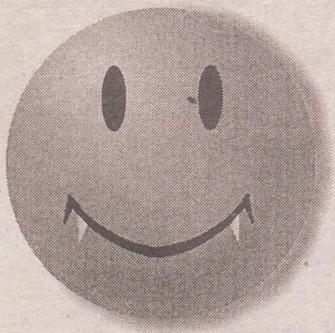
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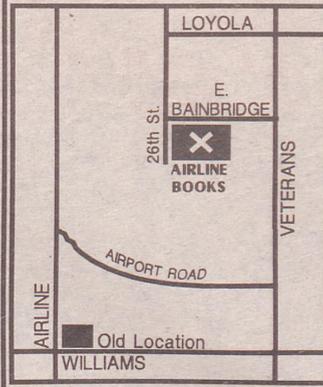
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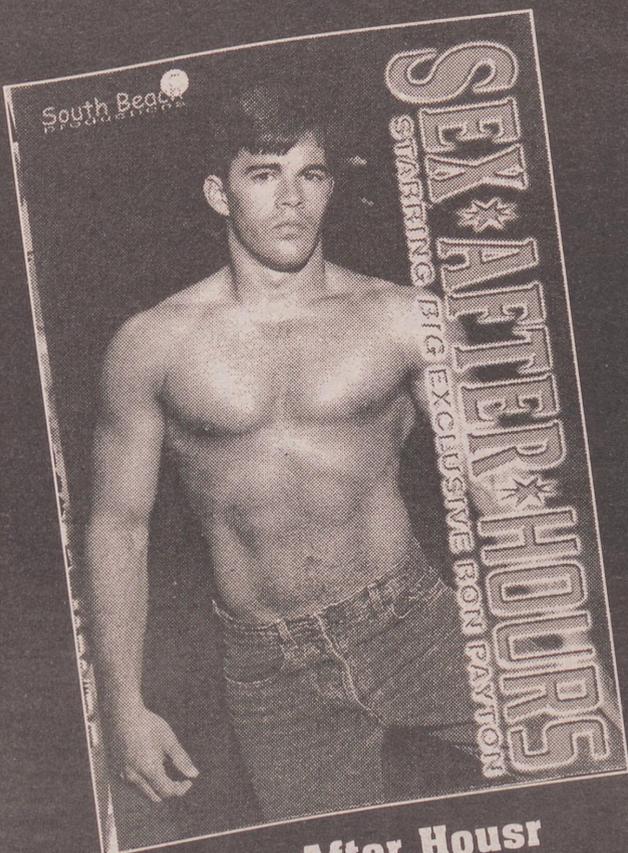
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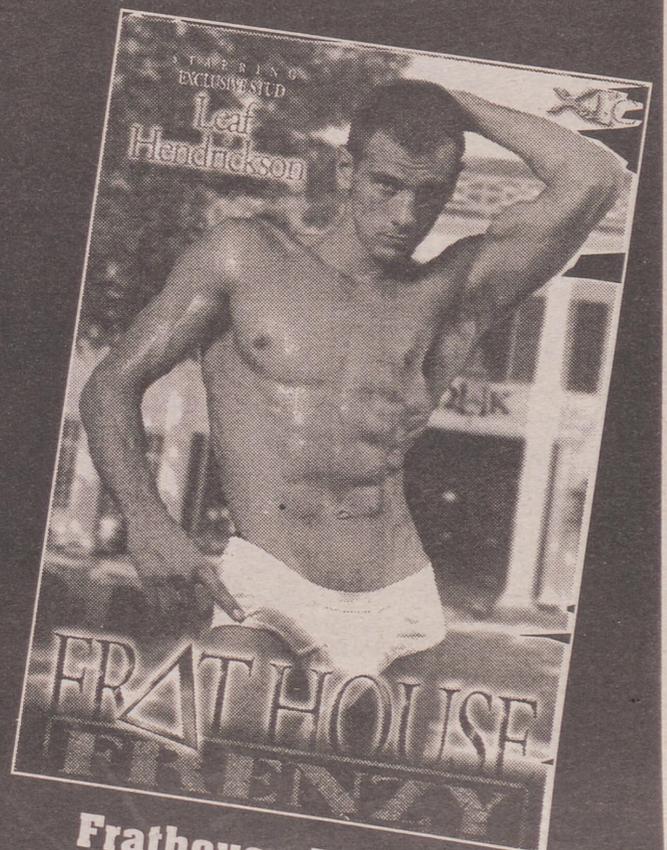
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