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## Parker, Bell and Brown face run-offs; Proposition A Defeated HGLPC endorsement of Lee Brown contingent upon signed pledge

by Ella Tyler

Tuesday's election results verified the correctness of two clichés of American politics: "the only poll that counts is on election day" and "it all depends on voter turnout".

Polls showed the charter amendment to prohibit affirmative action would win, but it lost. Record breaking turnout by black voters, who marched to the polls to support affirmative action, resulted in higher than predicted lead for Lee Brown over Rob Mosbacher in the Mayor's race.

It also led to surprise run-offs for city council members, Chris Bell and Ray F. Driscoll. Bell and Driscoll, who are both white, were expected to win re-election easily but are in run-off's with black opponents.

By election day, the defeat of incumbent city controller Lloyd Kelly by Sylvia Garcia, was predictable, though not certain. Although Kelly out-spent Garcia by a two to one margin, by election day, 60% of the voters were still undecided. Kelly's major downfall seemed to be his inability to look like he was working hard at being controller. He should have heeded the cliché about avoiding the appearance of impropriety



Kelly did not help his cause when, while seeking the support of a Republican group for a race for Railroad Commission, he claimed that his opponent is gay. The vehemence of Garcia's denials of this claim offended some in the community. Kelly's attempts to avoid claims that he was gay baiting just focused more attention on the

race and Garcia.

Garcia's victory does show that a candidate's performance is more important to voters than rumors about a his or her sexual preference. Otherwise, the election results were best summed up by Jane Ely, the *Houston Chronicle's* political commentator, See **ELECTION** page 23

OPENLY **BOB**



BOB SMITH

Openly gay comedian, Bob Smith, will sign copies and greet fans at Crossroads Market Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm. Smith will also appear here at Houston's Laff Stop that evening at 8 pm in the Gaylapalooza comedy event. For more information call Crossroads at 713-942-0147 or Laff Stop at 713-524-2333.



## Elders takes on the 'Dreaded M Word'

### Former Surgeon General to Speak at Houston's Black Tie Event

by Curt Morrison

It doesn't take much to fire up former Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders. Just mention the words AIDS or children and she will let you know her thoughts. Elders, who will be in town Saturday, November 8, for the Black Tie gala, spoke with the *Houston Voice* Thursday morning about upcoming projects and her passion to keep on fighting the "bigots" of America.

It has been almost a year (Issue 843) since we last interviewed the religious rights' favorite target. During the interim, the controversial Pediatrician has spent most of her time giving speeches nationwide, writing a book and being professor of pediatrics at the University of Arkansas.

"I'm working on a new book," said Elders from her hotel room in Massachusetts. "It's called *The Dreaded M Word*. (pause) I'm writing a book about masturbation."

Masturbation? Why not, after all isn't that what cost her the Surgeon General's job. Elders was fired by President Clinton when she said in a speech that children ought to be taught about masturbation. The ensuing brouhaha was so extorted that it catapulted into a public relations fiasco for the White House and Elders was asked to resign.

Clearly Elders was not advocating that we teach children *how* to masturbate,

merely that we teach them about the subject. After all, other than abstinence, masturbation would be considered the best form of safe sex. Critics, mainly right wing fanatics, had a different view. For better or worse, their view prevailed and Elders resigned. She did not, however, resign from being a national advocate of health and sex education, especially where children are concerned.

Elders does not leave a stone unturned. She proffered her opinions and expertise on many subjects, some of which we ripped from current issues and headlines. Here's what she had to say:

### Miss America

The recently crowned Miss America made it clear that she would use her title to advocate AIDS issues and educate children about the dreaded disease. Critics have maintained that children should not be subjected to such mature subject matter at an early age.

"Well you know we - when I say we I mean the rest of America - we have sat around and let that very religious non Christian right really deny our children and our young people of the information they need to make good decisions about their health," said Elders. "That abstinence only education program is a way to pay to keep our children ignorant and I feel that it is child abuse."

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## Supreme Court considers AIDS confidentiality case

by Juan B. Elizondo, Jr.

AUSTIN (AP) - By law, doctors treating people who might have been exposed to AIDS or HIV can't tell anyone. But a San Antonio woman says the state law doesn't apply to her situation. She's suing a clinic for not telling her that her finance might have been exposed.

As it turned out, Aldalberto Balderas, a hemophiliac, was exposed to the AIDS virus while getting blood-clotting products from Santa Rosa Health Care Corp. in the late 1970s. He died in the early 1990s of an AIDS-related illness after marrying, then divorcing, Linda Balderas Garcia. Ms.

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## Gay nominee gets Helms support

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (AP) - U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms is supporting an openly gay nominee to be ambassador to Luxembourg after receiving written but unpublicized assurances about the appointment, a Republican aide said Wednesday.

The nomination of James Hormel, a wealthy Democratic donor from San Francisco, was approved by the committee on Tuesday and sent to the Senate floor. The Republican aide, asking not to be identified, said Helms' concerns about the nomination were eased after receiving assurances from the Clinton administration.

The aide declined to be specific but the administration is believed to have offered assurances that Hormel would not pursue a

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## Gay History: The Last 50 Years 1990's

by George Rimmey  
Special to *Houston Voice*

Houston is no longer just referred to as the 4th largest city in America, but now has become a truly international city visited by people from all over the world. AIDS still is the paramount concern of gays, but we are hearing of the Lazarus effect. People are getting better. A friend of mine who I hardly recognized six months ago is his old self today. A complete cure has to be just around the corner.

Looking back on the past 50 years of gay life in Houston in my past five articles I see a terrible trend in not just the gay world but in the entire country. For a lack of a better word I'll call it the increase in all forms of separatism. We are no longer a country united by loved but a compilation of groups



loving ourselves.

Now it is popular to be an Afro-American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Irish American, Italian American and ad infinitum. Where are the American Americans I remember in my youth?

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**Body Positive appoints Executive Director**

The Board of Directors of Body Positive/Houston has appointed John H. Alexander, Ed.D. as Executive Director. Dr. Alexander joins the administration with an extensive background in government, higher education and non-profit administration, external relations, and development.



John H. Alexander

"We are pleased to have John Alexander join us as we move forward in our plans to open Body Positive/Houston Wellness Center," said Gary M. Rod, President of Body Positive/Houston. "The Wellness Center will assist HIV-positive individuals to manage their health for maximum quality of life."

"In addition to our peer counseling program, the Center will offer resistance weight training, nutritional counseling and assessment, and relaxation and stress reducing therapies. With Dr. Alexander's assistance we are raising the necessary funds to complete construction, and plan to open early in 1998."

The Wellness Center is a collaborative project of Body Positive/Houston, The Women's HIV Coalition, The Houston Buyer's Club and the Program for Wellness Restoration (PoWeR).

**Mervyn's supports AIDS food pantry**

Mervyn's has donated \$500, shopping bags and numerous food items from their



Left to right-Gregory Perrin, Director of Development, AIDS Foundation Houston, Gary Huser of Mervyn's California-West Oaks and Brian Walker of Mervyn's California-Fondren at Stone Soup.

California West Oaks and Fondren locations to Stone Soup, AIDS Foundation Houston's Food Assistance Program. The donation will be used to help feed hungry Houstonians who are living with HIV/AIDS, said AFH.

Stone Soup's Food Assistance Program is designed to provide non-perishable and perishable food items as well as toiletry items to HIV symptomatic individuals. As a result of generous donors, the organization is able to provide these items to over 1,000 qualified clients on a regular basis throughout the year.

"Mervyn's has been a long time supporter of Stone Soup and AFH," said John Huckaby, Director of Client Services for AFH. "Their commitment to caring is just incredible."

**AIDS Housing Coalition in dire need of funds, holds rummage sale**

The AIDS Housing Coalition of Houston (AHCH) is holding a Rummage-A-Rama yard sale and bargain bonanza in an effort to raise much needed moneys. The organization is trying to keep the doors open at TLC House, the only same day entry emergency shelter in Montrose.

The group is asking the community to please donate any unwanted household items anytime this week prior to the sale event this weekend, Saturday, November 8. Tax deductible receipts will be available upon request. The sale takes place at 117 Tuam Avenue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, or to make a cash donation, call (713) 521-1613.

**Briefs....**

The Montrose Counseling Center has rescheduled the previously announced Women's Network "Lesbianism?" forum to November 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Also, Bob Schaibly, Minister at First Unitarian Universalist Church will speak to the organizations Men's Network, November 11 from 7:15 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (713) 529-0037....

AIDS Foundation Houston's Twelve Oaks Hospital team are asking for community support at their annual garage sale to be held Saturday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3515 Stanford. For information, contact Adele Barrier at (713) 975-8188....

Last weeks open house for the PWA Holiday Charities raised over \$1,000. In other charity related events, this Sunday the BRB will be hosting the Four Season's Military Ball, and Don Gill will be buzzing (cutting) hair at the Ripcord from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday night with all moneys benefiting the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund....

Lambda Roller Skating Club will host a benefit skate, Wednesday, November 12 to raise funds to send Dofi to Miss Gay America. Skate time is 8 to 10 p.m. at 8075



Grey Party donates \$3,500.00 to NAMES Project Houston.

Cook Road and admission is \$5.00. For more information, call (281) 933-5818....

The Grey Party donated \$3,500.00 to Names Project Houston and \$11,500.00 to Steven's House from this year's proceeds.... An Artist Reception for Dana K. Archer will be held at Hyde Park Gallery, November 7 from 7 to 10 p.m....



Kevin Pittman

Finally, Kevin Pittman has joined the Facker-Blum & Associates, Inc. as a Realtor Associate.

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## Inmates could counsel each other on AIDS under option

AUSTIN - Inmates could get AIDS prevention counseling from their fellow prisoners under one proposal being looked at by a Texas Board of Criminal Justice subcommittee, a board spokeswoman said.

Information gathered by the board's Subcommittee on Health Care, which heard from experts on AIDS and correctional health care Monday, will be used in making policy recommendations to the full board when it meets Nov. 20 and 21 in Arlington, said spokeswoman Allison Griffin.

"One point that was made on several occasions was that HIV and AIDS within TDCJ is not really just a correctional problem. It's a community problem, since many of these offenders will be released to the community, and so it is something that the entire state needs to work together on," she said.

There was some suggestion that fellow inmates rather than health professionals might most effectively pass on AIDS prevention information, she said. It also was suggested that programs could be offered through the prison school system.

The option of mandatory testing for the AIDS virus was discussed, although that would be costly, she said.

There currently is voluntary testing in Texas prisons. As of Oct. 31, there were 2,029 prisoners identified as HIV-positive, she said. That's out of 140,000 inmates.

## Book on Alfred Kinsey gaining backlash for Houston author

HOUSTON - A new book that questions whether sex researcher Alfred Kinsey's homosexuality skewed his landmark find-

ings 50 years ago has garnered criticism for its Houston author. In "Alfred Kinsey: A Public/Private Life," University of Houston history professor James Jones argues that Kinsey may have been trying to condone his own sexual tastes.

"Kinsey was a dedicated scientist but not a neutral one," said Jones, who spent 15 years on the 937-page biography, the first on Kinsey by a historian. "He was first and foremost a reformer who wanted to end Victorian morality, to drive a stake through its heart."

The book, released in October, is making Jones decidedly unpopular among some gay activists and sex researchers who accuse Jones of everything from prurience to armchair psychologizing. "This outing of Kinsey is nothing but middle-brow tabloid trash," said UH sociologist Bill Simon, a former Kinsey researcher. "It's self-serving opportunism that will do much damage to the future of sex research without offering any real insights into sex research."

Also among Jones' critics are officials at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction in Indiana. John Bancroft, director of the Bloomington-based institute, questioned the new information because some of it came from anonymous sources. Jones says he will reveal the names after their deaths.

"The portrait is unconvincing to people who knew Kinsey well," Bancroft said. "But even if it were true, it would not invalidate Kinsey's work, which was groundbreaking in showing the extent to which American sexual life varied."

In 1948, Kinsey dropped a bombshell on the United States with the publication of the bestseller *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, dubbed *The Kinsey Report*. At a time when extramarital sex, premarital sex and homosexual intercourse were publicly invisible, Kinsey tore open the blinds, writing that they both existed and were common.

The book reported that almost all men masturbated and had premarital sex, half had cheated on wives and more than a third

had at least one homosexual experience. In 1953, a companion report on women produced similar results.

"More than any other American of the 20th century, Kinsey was the architect of a new sensibility about a part of life that everyone experiences and no one escapes," Jones wrote in his book. "He brought intimate matters out into the open and forced Americans to confront the gap between prescribed and actual behavior."

Beneath a carefully crafted public image, Jones said, was an altogether different reality: a deeply troubled man driven by sexual neuroses. As a young professor, Kinsey became more and more obsessed with sex, Jones says. By the time his first famous sex report came out, he was having sex with men, engaging in painful sexual acts and filming his wife having sex with staff members, the author contends.

Jones argues that Kinsey's findings were tainted because his own sexual interests and empathy for people leading unconventional sex lives seemed to affect his polling methods. Although he took 18,000 in-depth sexual histories, Kinsey sought out homosexuals, prisoners and anyone on the fringes of sexuality, Jones says.

Indeed, researchers today consider Kinsey's numbers significantly off the mark. Recent studies have found the figure for men who've ever had some sort of homosexual experience is 9 percent, down from Kinsey's 37 percent; and that from 1 percent to 4 percent of men are exclusively homosexual, down from Kinsey's 10 percent. Jones' critics say Kinsey's unrepresentative samples and inflated numbers are old news dressed up with titillating new gossip to boost book sales.

"The important thing is the Kinsey data has been out there for almost 50 years," said Simon. "It has been looked out, criticized and remains in that sense, an important contribution to science. I'm not sure the personal gossip revolving about life at the institute ... adds to the data."

## Horror stories told at Caucus' Hate Crimes Summit

HOUSTON - Several dozen people attended the Houston Hate Crimes Summit sponsored by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Wednesday. The panel that included State Representative Scott Hochberg and Houston City Councilmember Chris Bell heard poignant accounts from hate crimes victims telling stories of violence perpetrated against them based upon their sexual orientation and sexual identity.



Caucus members

"The panelists were overwhelmed by the stories of unreported incidents and of police officers who refuse to report them as hate crimes," said Caucus President Lane Lewis.

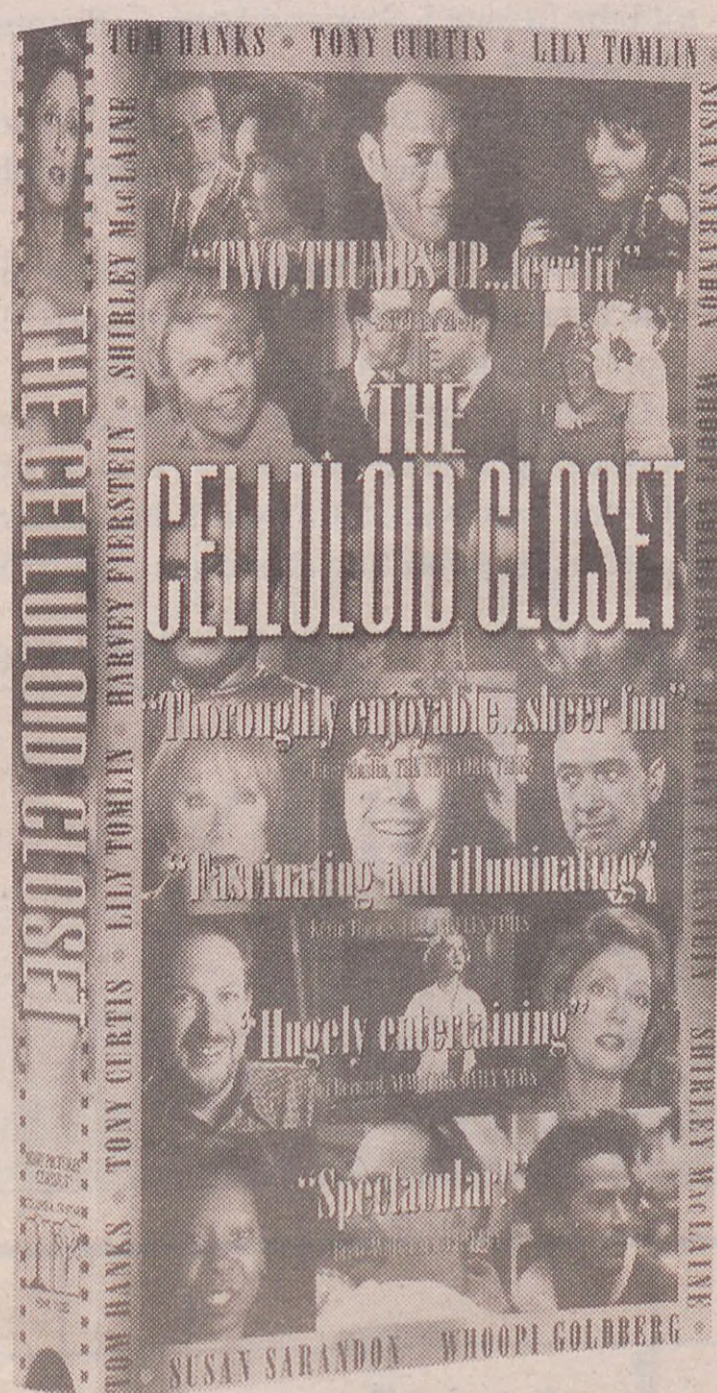
On November 10, President Bill Clinton is hosting a national hate crimes summit in Washington, D.C. In conjunction with this event, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is collaborating with numerous local organizations across the country hosting a series of town forums on violence against the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.

These forums are addressing the state of anti-gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender motivated violence throughout the country

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and the status of related federal laws and legislation. At each town meeting, the Task Force has provided petitions for participants to record their own experiences of hate violence. Over 30 petitions were completed at Wednesday's Summit.

Task Force Executive Director Kerry Lobel will deliver these petitions to President Clinton at the White House Hate Crimes Summit.

Montrose Counseling Center therapist Gary Norman, the Center's hate crimes specialist, gave a report on the number of reported hate crimes in Texas. Norman, a licensed master social worker, said that there has been an almost eight percent increase in hate crimes from 1995 to 1996, according to the Department of Public Safety. "We have seen an increase in violent assaults as simple assault was the second most common hate crime in 1996," Norman said.

Panelist Rachel Rosen, Co-Chair of the Task Force National Board, expressed surprise that only 35 hate crimes were reported in Houston. "Based upon other cities across the country, I think that number probably represents one month's actual hate crimes in Houston," said Rosen. "Under-reporting is a significant problem in Houston."

"San Antonio has flatly refused to report hate crimes," said Hochberg. "You all must step forward to apply pressure and provide this information to elected officials if we are going to succeed in improving hate crimes laws." Hochberg said the current Texas hate crime law is too general and that it is widely held that it would not pass constitutional muster. "Our effort in the last session failed, but we will try again."

Several attendees related stories of police officers refusing to report incidents as hate crimes. One attendee told of being beaten to the point of losing consciousness by six attackers and later being told by police at the hospital that their attackers said that she and her friend attacked them and that the police believed the attackers.

Panelist Jeanne Sommerfeld, president of the Texas Chapter of the National Organization for Women, talked about the Violence Against Women Act and the fact that it does not treat violence against women as a crime, it just defines such violence as against national morality. "Any hate crimes statute must include gender bias in order to ensure enhanced penalties for crimes against women or crimes based upon perceived gender identity that are based upon gender bias," Sommerfeld said.

Rosen verified Thursday that the Task Force has included gender in the proposed

language for federal hate crimes legislation in their negotiations with the White House and Congress.

Bell pledged to work with the Caucus to address problems with the Police Department. "It is critical that these crimes be defined and handled as hate crimes," Bell said. The Caucus has a permanent seat on the Houston Police Advisory Committee and Caucus officials agreed to work with Bell to address the problems.

Numerous organizations collaborate with the Caucus on the Summit, with principal co-sponsors including the Task Force, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, It's Time, Texas, the Texas Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and the Gulf Coast Transgender Community Inc. Other co-sponsoring organizations include the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance, Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center and the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection.

The Summit was presented in a panel discussion format. Panelists will include Hochberg, Bell, Rosen, and Sommerfeld.

Caucus Board Chair Clarence Bagby announced that the Caucus would be moving forward on a collaborative anti-violence project with assistance from the Task Force. "The Task Force Policy Institute will be assisting us as we move

forward on this effort that will include organizations ranging from It's Time, Texas to the Anti-Defamation League to the National Organization for Women, among many," Bagby said.

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

**Gay GOP Congressman to speak at Log Cabin Houston Gala**

HOUSTON - U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, will be the keynote speaker at the Elegant Elephant gala, an annual fundraising dinner for Log Cabin Republicans of Houston, Friday, November 14.

Kolbe is one of only two openly gay candidates in the U.S. House of Representatives. Massachusetts Congressman Barney Franks, a Democrat, is the other. Kolbe revealed his sexual ori-

entation several years ago after being informed that a national gay newsmagazine *The Advocate* was going to "out" him in an upcoming issue. Kolbe's "coming out" did not hinder his re-election in 1996; he resoundingly won with nearly 60% of the vote.

In addition to Kolbe, Dallas city councilman John Loza, also an openly gay Republican, will speak at the gay GOP groups annual gala. Loza is the first openly gay Republican to win office in the state of Texas. He will speak about his campaign earlier this year.

This year's, Elegant Elephant, the organizations 3rd annual celebration, will be held at the Houston Center Club, located at 1100 Caroline. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The group will also hold a silent auction at the event. For more information, call (713) 523-2521.

**LGRL Executive Director to attend White House Summit on Hate Crimes**

AUSTIN - Dianne Hardy Garcia, Executive Director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, will attend the White House Conference on Hate Crimes, Monday, November 10. The conference is

intended to bring together a diverse group of Americans to discuss the issue of hate crimes, how to prevent a hate crime and ensure that hate-related violence is taken seriously.

"I am proud to be invited to this important and historic conference," stated Hardy-Garcia. "I am honored to be a Texas voice and a gay voice at this meeting. Over the last four years, we have worked diligently to address the problem of hate-related violence in Texas." Garcia maintains that Texas has recorded over 2,000 hate crimes since 1992. She contends that number is only the tip of the iceberg.

Garcia also said that Texas needs a strong and clear hate crime law. "I am hopeful that President Clinton's Conference will provide a real opportunity for finding solutions to help end hate crimes. In our increasingly diverse culture, it is time that all (sic) we make sure are differences are never settled with hate-related violence."

The White House Conference on Hate Crimes will begin with a breakfast at the White House. The Conference will take place at George Washington University and will last all day. The President, Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries and members of the Administration will participate in the conference. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus held their own hate crime summit earlier this week. See related story in Regional News.

NATIONAL NEWS

**Senate hears testimony on reparations to hemophiliacs with AIDS**

by Katherine Rizzo

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - The government should make amends to hemophiliacs who might have been spared the HIV infection if not for missed opportunities to screen out tainted blood, an Ohio father told senators Thursday.

John Williams of Dayton said that contamination of the nation's blood supply with HIV has devastated the hemophilia community "both emotionally and financially." His son Christopher contracted the virus that causes AIDS from a tainted injection.

Health officials knew that a substance used to prevent hemophiliacs from bleeding to death could transmit infectious diseases such as hepatitis, but "We were told that this was the price we had to pay to treat Chris' hemophilia," Williams said. "I believe complacency about the transmission of diseases like hepatitis led to the HIV tragedy within the hemophilia community."

The Williams family learned in 1985 that a batch of clotting factor from which their son received an injection was being recalled for HIV contamination. Eight years later, Christopher died at the age of 16.

Williams testified in support of a bill by Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, offering one-time payments of \$125,000 to those with hemophilia and HIV.

"Bad things happen to good people all the time. In this case, when bad things happened to good people, the U.S. government played a part in the problem," said DeWine. "The government failed to recall potentially contaminated blood and blood products," he said.

"In 1983, knowing that a blood product might have been made with AIDS-tainted blood, the government failed to automatically recall that product," DeWine said. "And in 1985, knowing that there was now a way to make the blood products safe, the government failed to take the potentially unsafe product off the market until four years had passed."

His statement echoed the conclusion of an investigation by a special committee of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Health. "The committee concluded that a failure of leadership in the government and the blood industry led to several missed opportunities to help protect the public from the threat of AIDS," one of the editors of the committee's report, Dr. Michael Stoto, told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Pharmaceutical companies have separately made settlement offers to hemophiliacs who contracted AIDS.

Estimates of the number of hemophiliacs who became infected by contaminated blood supplies range from 6,000 to 18,000.

DeWine's bill would authorize reparations of up to \$900 million. A version of the bill that was passed this week by the House Judiciary Committee authorized up to \$750

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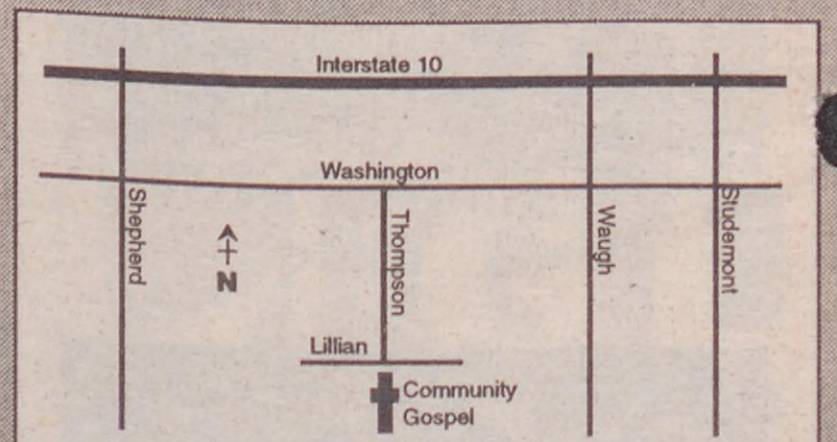
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**Prosecutors mount criminal case against Williams**

by Tom Hays

NEW YORK - A man suspected of wantonly spreading the AIDS virus around the city and upstate could face assault or other criminal charges for allegedly infecting a Bronx teen, a prosecutor said.

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson said Monday his office was investigating allegations Nushawn Williams had unprotected sex with the 15-year-old girl, even though he knew he was HIV-positive. The girl has been tested, but results were pending, Johnson said.

In a pre-sentence report prepared in an unrelated drug case in the Bronx, Johnson also disclosed that Williams, 21, had been diagnosed with schizophrenia. Sporting black jeans, a blue plaid shirt and wiry dreadlocks, Williams appeared in court Monday after pleading guilty to selling crack cocaine to an undercover cop in September.

Judge John Byrne had been expected to sentence him to one year in jail. But Byrne instead returned Williams to solitary confinement on Rikers Island for further psychiatric evaluation. Sentencing was rescheduled for Dec. 4.

Last week, health officials revealed that Williams, also known as Shytek Johnson, had admitted having unprotected sex with numerous young women in New York City and rural Chautauqua County - despite testing positive for HIV in September 1996. He continued having sex up until he was jailed on the drug charge on Sept. 22, sometimes with wayward teens he seduced with crack, authorities said.

Health officials in Chautauqua County said Williams infected nine of at least 28 sex partners with the HIV virus, six of them knowingly. At least one man got HIV through sex with one of the young women, they added.

Williams told *Dateline NBC* in an interview earlier this week that he had sex with only "two or three" women in the last year, not the dozens described by prosecutors. In the interview, which NBC spokesman Jeff Vaughan said took place off-camera at Rikers Island, Williams said he didn't believe health workers when they told him he was HIV positive. He said he thought county officials were "just trying to get me out of town."

His family said Williams believed he was being run out of town because he was a young black man having sex with white women. In interviews with New York City officials last week, Williams provided sketchy information on another 19 partners. Also, 13 people have contacted authorities as potential victims since the story broke, said Department of Health spokesman Fred Winters, adding that it was too soon to know if any were infected.

Meanwhile, authorities are building criminal cases accusing Williams of intentionally spreading the deadly virus. Prosecutors in Chautauqua County have already charged him with statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl. They also are seeking to indict him on six counts of first-degree assault - one for each person he allegedly infected after learning he had HIV.

In the Bronx, Johnson conceded that trying to prosecute Williams by using information provided by health officials could create "confidentiality hurdles." But, he added, "We're going to investigate to the extent we can."

Williams' attorney, William Cember, called the talk of new charges against his client very premature. "The bottom line is that the guy hasn't been indicted on anything other than the drug charge," he said.

**State ends proposal to record names of people infected with HIV**

by Evan Berland

CONNECTICUT - Connecticut health officials have set aside a proposal to collect the names of people infected with the virus

that causes AIDS.

The concept had been discussed in recent weeks with officials at the state Department of Public Health contending that listing the names of carriers of the HIV virus would help them develop prevention programs in communities where they are most needed. However, opponents of the proposal had said the policy, if adopted, would have scared away many people from getting tested.

The department will continue to discuss with various groups the growing difficulties of tracking those infected with HIV, Beth Weinstein, director of the AIDS program for the health department, said Monday.

Weinstein said she and others in the department would try to come up with ways to gather data that will be acceptable to the HIV/AIDS community.

The state currently collects personal data on full-blown AIDS cases, HIV infections of children under 13 and cases of those with both HIV and tuberculosis. There has long been a lag time in reporting such cases, but the advent of new AIDS drugs has made the state's job more difficult because the drugs forestall the onset of AIDS and may provide long-term protection.

**Police worry HIV-positive man lured boys for sex**

by M.R. Kropko

OHIO - An HIV-positive man may have had sexual contact with at least 50 boys, some he recruited for a youth basketball league, a police detective said Thursday. James Russell testified during his trial on a rape charge that he has the virus that causes AIDS. Authorities learned about his possible involvement with other boys when they investigated the rape.

Russell "indicated to us he was involved with others," Euclid police Lt. David Brooks said. "But at this point we're only aware of the one he forced himself on and he was

convicted on that rape." Russell, 35, of Euclid, regularly tried to recruit boys into the basketball league he formed and then would lure them to his apartment, police said.

His roommate told authorities that he brought boys to the apartment often and may have had sex with them, Brooks said. Police would not identify the roommate. Russell was convicted Friday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court on one count each of rape, kidnapping and gross sexual imposition of a 17-year-old boy.

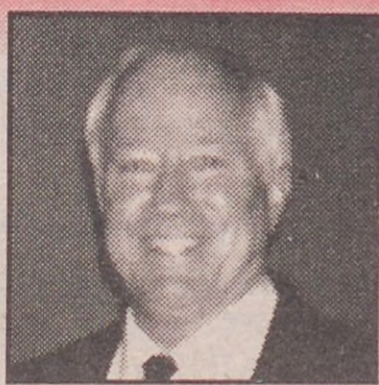
Judge Stuart Friedman set a hearing for Dec. 4 to determine whether Russell should be classified as a sexual predator. Russell, who has been in custody since his arrest in May, was in the county jail. Russell told arresting officers that he practiced safe sex, Brooks said. He also denied having intercourse with the 17-year-old. Police were asking anyone who knew of Russell's involvement with boys to contact them.

The detective would not speculate whether Russell may have tried to spread the virus. "It came out in open court that he admitted to testing positive on two separate occasions for HIV," Brooks said. "So he was in fact aware he medically tested positive even though he did not feel ill, he did not feel sick at all." Robert Williams, Russell's court-appointed attorney, had no comment, his secretary said. Assistant Prosecutor George Rukovena, who prosecuted the case, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

Brooks said health concerns were increased this week by reports from western New York about nine young women who are infected with the AIDS virus after having sex with 20-year-old Nushawn Williams. Authorities believe Williams knowingly spread the virus to young women he met at parks and near schools after he was diagnosed and received counseling about his HIV status.

The rape victim in Russell's case was tested for HIV. "I don't know if he was infected but if I did know I could not say," Brooks said. See NAT'L page 6

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said. A person who tests positive for HIV does not necessarily have AIDS. The victim reported the rape to administrators at his school, who then notified police.

County Health Commissioner Tim Horgan said he had no specific information about the Euclid rape case but that authorities have no way to regulate the activities of people who carry the AIDS virus.

**Activists accuse officials of playing politics with AIDS victims**

by Peter Durantine

PENNSYLVANIA - The Ridge administration's announcement last week that it was now offering low-to-moderate income people infected with AIDS a revolutionary new drug was greeted by AIDS activists with sarcastic cheers.

They said Pennsylvania's Public Welfare Department should have made Viracept available eight months ago, when the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug. Other drugs were made available months faster, following FDA approval. "It's a victory, but it's disgusting the department took almost a year to add this drug," said Paul Davis, spokesman for the Philadelphia-based AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power.

The history of the search for an AIDS cure is pocked with suspicion from activists who have long believed discrimination against gays has stifled progress. In their eyes, the little things add up. ACT UP blames the delay on Gov. Tom Ridge. With no evidence to support their accusation, they claim Ridge was protecting the market for Merck and Co. Inc., which uses its Pennsylvania laboratories to make a competing AIDS drug, Crixivan.

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Pharmaceuticals, is a southern California company that does not provide jobs in the state and therefore has nothing to offer Ridge, Davis said. "I think it's a safe bet that Merck used some of its influence on the Ridge administration," he said.

But as the second largest pharmaceutical company in the world, the New Jersey-based Merck, which earns billions, has no reason to worry about its share of the market, business analysts say. "I can't imagine the state of Pennsylvania, or any other state in this country, would be in collusion with a drug company in doing what you suggest," said David Saks of Gruntal & Co. in New York.

Merck spokeswoman Mary Elizabeth Basaman said, "We do not lobby against our competitor's drugs. We are advocates for our drugs." Tim Reeves, Ridge's press secretary, said, "The governor is not weighing in on what pharmaceuticals should be on the list and what should not."

Pennsylvania's Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program dispenses 57 types of AIDS drugs and treatments to state residents who are not in an institution where these medications are available and earn less than \$30,000 per year.

Crixivan and Viracept are called protease inhibitors, a powerful class of AIDS drugs that have made the virus undetectable in an overwhelming number of people, according to federal and state officials. Activists say Viracept, which can be ingested with meals, is an easier drug to use than Crixivan, which must be taken on an empty stomach or with light meals.

The fact that Crixivan was made available under the pharmaceutical program five months after FDA approval, as opposed to the eight-month lag time for Viracept has ACT UP suspicious. And the state's response only increases suspicion. "Crixivan was the first protease inhibitor and we wanted to be up and running with this new breakthrough drug," said George Yanoshik, a Welfare Department spokesman.

Actually, according to the department's own press release dated July 25, 1996, Crixivan was the second protease inhibitor the pharmaceutical program made available. The first was Invirase, which also was the first protease inhibitor the FDA approved. The state added Invirase in February 1996, less than three months after it received FDA approval. Invirase is manufactured by Hoffman-La Roche Inc., of Nutley, N.J.

"They are not moved by compassion," Davis said of state welfare officials. "They know most of the people with HIV or AIDS in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh don't elect Tom Ridge."

**NY Poll: Americans want localities to control needle exchange spending**

NEW YORK - Americans heavily favor letting localities decide whether to spend federal money on anti-AIDS needle-exchange programs, according to a recent poll paid for by a pro-exchange think tank.

Told that current law forbids using federal HIV-prevention money to fund needle exchanges, 71 percent of those questioned said they thought the law should be changed to let states and localities decide how to use the money. Twenty-five percent disagreed and 4 percent offered no opinion. However, only 44 percent of those surveyed said they favored supplying drug users with clean needles; 42 percent were opposed and 14 percent gave no opinion.

Most of those surveyed said they were not well-informed about needle exchange. Fifty-five percent described themselves as not at all or not very familiar with the programs; 45 percent said they were somewhat or very familiar. Congress in 1988 outlawed federal money for needle exchanges until there is proof they don't encourage drug use. The exchanges give clean needles to drug users who turn in used ones.

The poll, commissioned by the Lindesmith Center, a New York drug policy research institute, was conducted by the Harris organization, which questioned 1,003 adults by telephone from Oct. 15 through 19. The margin of error was 3 points in either direction, said center spokesman Ty Trippet.

**Government awards \$19.6 million in AIDS grants**

WASHINGTON - Federal grants totaling \$19.6 million have been issued to provide support to low-income people in Minnesota and 19 other states who are infected with the AIDS virus.

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Monday the grants will help 11,000 people who have tested positive for HIV, including those with full-blown AIDS, remain in their homes or be provided with housing if they are homeless.

The grants, which were awarded to community organizations on a competitive basis,

represent 10 percent of a \$196 million program. The larger share of the money earlier was awarded to states and cities according to a formula based on the number of AIDS cases reported.

The \$19.6 million in grant aid is being made available to communities in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

**State-approved needle exchange program to start by end of year**

NEW MEXICO - A state-approved needle exchange program expected to begin in New Mexico's largest cities in the next several weeks has drawn opponents and has yet to work out questions about costs and details. The program is likely to begin by the end of the year in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and probably Las Cruces, said Steve Jenison, medical director of the state Department of Health's HIV/AIDS/STD bureau.

"It's not a matter of just exchanging syringes. There's lots of education that needs to take place. Good studies show that syringe exchange, along with teaching people about not sharing needles, help prevent the transmission of HIV, hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases," Jenison said.

Studies by Columbia University, Yale University and the National Institutes of Health show that needle exchange programs have reduced HIV and hepatitis infection. The law, which went into effect June 20, establishes a needle exchange program under the Health Department.

Intravenous drug users will be able to exchange used syringes and needles for sterile ones, receive education on disease transmission and get referrals for substance abuse treatment. Minors will be prohibited from receiving or exchanging needles. However, some believe the program could backfire.

The Rev. Michael Naranjo, a pastor at the Rock Christian Outreach in Espanola, has worked with rehabilitating hundreds of drug addicts in northern New Mexico. "Those who have been hooked on heroin, who are desperate and need a fix - they're going to share the needle," Naranjo said. "I think it's a lot of wasted money. It's not going to help the drug problem. It's a Band-Aid on a very critical problem."

Tony Olmi, state chairman of the Christian Coalition of New Mexico, said the program comes across as pandering to people's vices. "What is really being done about getting people off drugs and slowing down the process of more getting out there?" he asked. "Putting out more needles and exchanging more needles isn't the answer. That to me is like trying to bail out the ocean."

But the program also has numerous supporters. "This is probably the most progressive and controversial bill that I feel has

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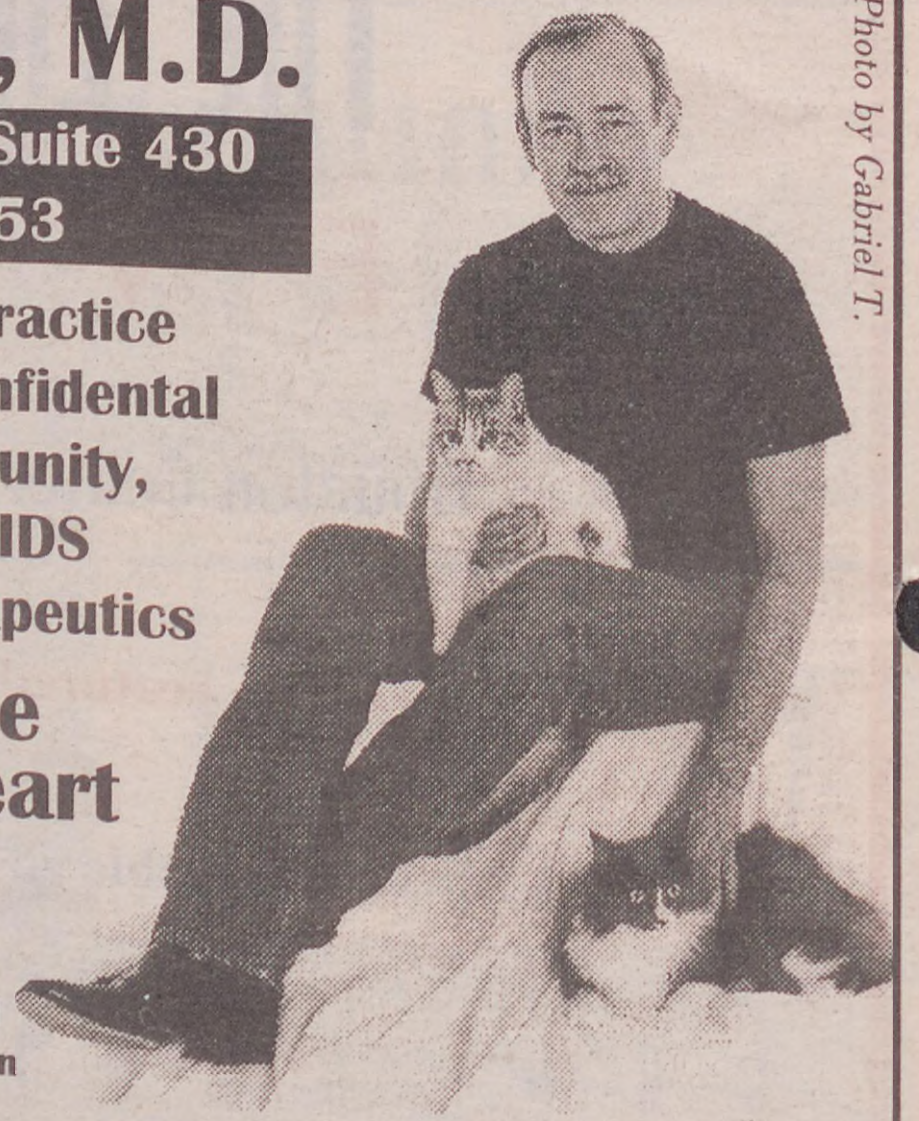


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gone through New Mexico," said Johnny Hoffman, former executive director of the Northern New Mexico People Living With AIDS Coalition.

"This shows much compassion for IV drug users. With the syringe exchange, this might be the only time that an active IV drug user has contact with someone who is clean," he said when the bill was passed.

Researchers and clinicians tend to agree the program is critical.

"I think it's great," said Anne Marie Sekula, clinic nurse and outreach coordinator at Ayudantes, a mental health agency for families and children with drug and alcohol abuse problems. "I think it will help stop the transmission of diseases. (Drug users) get abscesses from using unclean needles. They get ulcers and sores. They need clean equipment."

**Miss America captivates sixth-graders with AIDS talk**

VIRGINIA - Miss America knows how to hold an audience, especially a young one, when she speaks about AIDS awareness.

"My kids were spellbound. They sat still and were very quiet, which is unusual," said teacher Deborah Miller, whose middle school students in Pittsylvania County were among the 1,000 who listened Monday to Kate Shindle.

"HIV really is a hard disease to contract. And if you don't do drugs and don't have sex, you'll probably never get HIV," Miss Shindle told the youngsters. "It only takes one mistake to contract this virus, so don't do that to yourself." Miss Shindle is using her year as Miss America to spread the word about AIDS, focusing on the wide range of people with HIV and the increasing number of young people contracting the virus.

Sixth-grader David Lewis said he's heard similar talks before, but he paid more attention since it was coming from Miss America. "I think it was pretty good. I listened a little bit better to her," he said.

**Family of HIV suspect says he's not totally to blame for outbreak**

NEW YORK - Relatives of Nushawn Williams say he doesn't deserve all the blame for spreading HIV to at least nine women. "Don't blame my child. Find the man who gave it to my son," William's mother, Denise Williams, told the *Buffalo News*.

Some family members think Williams, 20, was infected with HIV by a homosexual working in a youth detention facility in the New York City area who befriended Williams while he was incarcerated there about three years ago.

Diane Fields, Williams' cousin, told the newspaper in an interview held in New York City that Williams told her the worker gave

him the virus. "We will stand by him until we die. That's our family," said Fields. "The parents should have taught them, the girls, to keep their legs closed or use condoms."

Fields, a Jamestown resident who was in New York City for a taping of the Montel Williams TV talk show, said she doesn't place the entire blame for the outbreak of HIV in western New York on her cousin. "There is only one way not to get pregnant, never have sex on the first date and never see the same guy twice," she said.

**Man who robbed to bail out boyfriend sentenced to prison**

PENNSYLVANIA - A man who went on a crime spree to raise money to bail his boyfriend out of jail has been sentenced to eight to 16 years in prison.

Shawn Quinones pleaded guilty Monday in Montgomery County Court, saying he "went straight on a demolition course" after Donald Singleton was jailed for shoplifting and other charges and held on \$50,000 bail. "I was trying to get Donald out of jail," Quinones said. "I just wanted him home with me."

Security guards at Willow Grove Park mall had spotted the two men stealing shirts and jeans Jan. 17. Quinones led police on a high-speed chase until the car crashed in Philadelphia. Quinones, 23, got away. Singleton, 24, didn't.

Two days later, Quinones held up an Upper Merion gas station for \$273 while dressed as a woman, with long hair, make-up, a short leather jacket and black pants. Jan. 21, Quinones used a BB gun to rob a Chester County Denny's restaurant of \$200. The next day, he and friend Wayne Culkin burst into an East Norriton Denny's and took \$828 from the register and \$200 from customers. The men were arrested that day. They attacked two constables Jan. 30.

Culkin, 21, pleaded guilty to robbery and aggravated assault and was sentenced to eight to 16 years in prison. Singleton also pleaded guilty and was sentenced last month to five to 10 years in prison.

**Gay rights supporters call for referendum cancellation**

MAINE - The Christian Civic League of Maine can join the state in defending an upcoming referendum on gay rights, a judge ruled Monday.

Gay rights supporters filed a lawsuit two weeks ago arguing Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky lacks the authority to call a referendum. The suit asks the court to overturn Gwadosky's approval of the referendum.

Gwadosky declared Oct. 20 that enough petition signatures had been gathered to hold the referendum.

The petition drive's sponsors, the Christian Coalition of Maine and the Christian Civic League of Maine, want vot-

ers to overturn the state gay rights law approved last spring. Michael F. Phillips Jr., an attorney for the league, said he expected the state to do well in defending Gwadosky's decision to authorize the referendum. But as one of the groups that circulated the petitions, he said the league would better be able to defend them.

In court Monday, gay rights advocates argued the referendum should be cancelled because of 26 different flaws in the petitions filed. Both the petitions' sponsors and Gwadosky's staff reviewed the petitions for mistakes that would invalidate signatures. Of the 65,256 signatures filed by the Civic League and Christian Coalition, state workers disqualified 7,074, leaving 58,131 valid names.

But the gay rights coalition Maine Won't Discriminate says Gwadosky's staff let flawed signatures pass. The lawsuit seeks to demonstrate that. In a 90-page document filed with the court, referendum opponents describe the error in each of the 15,000-odd signatures that they claim are flawed and therefore invalid. Such errors include signatures without dates, improperly notarized signatures, signatures without the street address of the signer, duplicate signatures and altered signatures.

Gay rights advocates also say Gwadosky improperly approved signatures that were collected before the Legislature adjourned for the season. Advocates say no signatures should have been collected until after the adjournment, but Gwadosky has disagreed.

**Parents meet to protest against lesbian school teacher**

UTAH - About 100 parents, grandparents and children gathered in the Utah County town over the weekend to plan what they call a dignified protest against a lesbian school teacher.

The "Citizens For Legal and Moral Values in Nebo School District" won't picket or march. Instead, they will pull their

children from Wendy Weaver's classes and circulate petitions for a Nebo School District policy allowing them to keep their children away from other teachers that parents consider objectionable.

"We have a say in what our kids are taught, in class or by example," said Roxanne Barney, one of the organizers of Saturday's meeting. Barney pulled her teenager from Weaver's class before the school year started. Barney was quoted in *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Last summer, after learning Weaver is a lesbian, Spanish Fork High School officials took away Weaver's job coaching the girls' volleyball team and ordered her not to talk about her sexual orientation at school or on her own time.

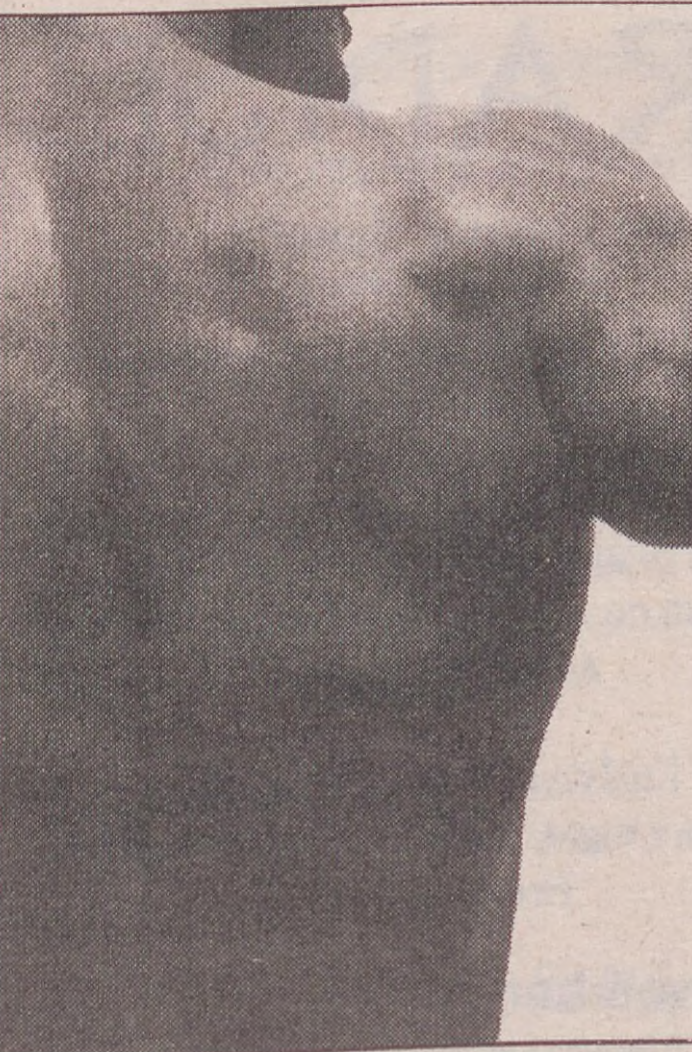
Last month, Weaver, a psychology and physical education teacher, sued the school district in federal court, contending the district's gag order violated her rights to free speech and privacy. Her suit seeks a declaration that the ban is unconstitutional and an order that school administrators remove it from her personnel file. Despite the lawsuit, parents say the gag order wasn't enough.

"We're trying to establish the right of parents to control the moral upbringing of our children," said Matt Hilton, an attorney donating his time to the parents' group. "What is at issue here is defining the purpose of public education."

At the Nebo School Board's Nov. 12 meeting, the parents plan to dump their petitions and a list of policies they want the board to adopt. Among the changes, the parents want to be able to direct administrators to pull their children from classes taught by teachers with questionable backgrounds. They want student and teacher privacy rights, and silence on sexual issues, to extend beyond campus to interaction outside of school. And they want the policies to apply equally to all teachers, regardless of sexual orientation.

Carol Gnade, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, which repre-

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## It's Just a Funk

by Larry Lingle

Doing this column every week has reminded me of late, of late, what a blue funk I've fallen into (if that is not a slander on the color blue). While there are probably some major underlying causes for same, and I am aware of the origins of a few, I was jolted into an awareness of one such cause when I picked up my Tuesday *New York Times* and discovered that Frank Rich is alive and well.

For those who do not follow the Times' Op-Ed page, Rich is a twice weekly columnist and former theater reviewer whose opinions I value if for no other reason than I find he usually agrees with me. The fact that as a family man he is very pro-gay carries no small weight with me. While I am not an inveterate letters-to-the-editor type, I once did send Rich a piece of my mind, or at least a thought, which elicited his response.

I had been missing his column for what seemed like weeks, but was too lazy to even call the local Times office and inquire as to his whereabouts. In the meantime I had to subsist on Maureen Dowd, who runs a close second to Rich. So it was with an audible sigh of relief that I spied Rich's by-line.

And now the mystery is solved. The weeks turned out to be four months. He had taken leave to do more serious writing "that would have no connection whatsoever with current events, could never appear in a newspaper and had no guaranteed audience." I, for one, am intrigued. The only form of writing to meet this criteria would be a work of fiction. Yes, newspapers like to pretend that all they publish is factual, no made up - as in fiction.

The remainder of Rich's column is a

run through of the major stories he did not write about. And his merely listing these earth-shattering topics placed them

actor) Fred Thompson spent a few million of our dollars to peter out both as an inquisitor and as a plot remover.

*"When all the dust settles from Tuesday's polling, and the requisite run-offs are held, it will not be a new day in Houston. We will still have crowded freeways and no mass transit, we will still retain the nation's second-worse air for breathing, and the Houston Independent School District will still be gearing up to hit us with another bond request while burdening the system with more administrators per square foot than real teaching."*

in a well deserved perspective. He did not get to comment on the great campaign-contribution scandal about the Chinese plot to control the presidential election, for which Senator (I am not an

Rich lost the opportunity to explore Bill Clinton's "distinguishing characteristic" ala Jones (his penis is curved) or Mark Wahlberg baring his (or Doc Johnson's) anatomical asset. While Wahlberg's unveiling may not have been a first, the mere thought that a president of the United States is being dragged into court in a case which could require so intimate an unveiling boggles this aging mind, to say nothing on the course of American history.

At least Rich has returned in the nick of time for a future comment on New York's mayoral election in which a two-person race (for those not in the know the Democratic candidate is a woman) has sparked nearly as much interest, and a down to the wire finish, as our own mayoral slugfest in which the results - even from the vantage point of election day - may well correlate to money spent: Brown, Mosbacher, Greanias, in descending order.

So Frank Rich has re-emerged from his isolation "determined to get to the bottom of those rumors that the newspaper I work for has, in my absence, taken to publishing in color." For once the rumors are true.

I'm not saying that Rich's column, alone, can chase away the blues, although, for me, it's a start. It was also a considerable help that on Monday my gay son, Will, made one of his now rare appearances from his life as a hermit in a cabin on Lake Livingston.

Will, for reasons grounded in childhood, abhors birthdays, so he let his twenty-fifth sneak by last week with only receiving cards and the briefest of phone calls. So I was overjoyed when he emerged if ever so briefly this week. It was enough time for his favorite food, Mexican, and a journey to my store to restock his magazine supply.

I won't embarrass Will further by discussing his life's struggles but will only note that his presence is always a great joy to me.

So now you know. While some wish for fame and fortune, I, on the other hand, am easily placated - a good read (Rich) and a brief visit (Will). I hope my favorite candidates pulled it off this week, but, knowing my track record for backing winners, most best be reconciled to also ran status. And, while in my youth - a dim memory of which still flickers - I thought the world would end with the defeat of the anointed, I have come to realize that in the wonderful world of politics nothing short of a revolution will change the system.

Perhaps age bequeaths cynicism rather than wisdom, or reality over optimism. In any case, any given politician, from president to dog catcher (is there any city in which the dog catcher is elected) can effect only so much change. Bob Lanier is already being billed as Houston's greatest mayor. Certainly his own - and his wife's - image makers have been hard at work to create such a reality. But he also governed at a time of economic growth which had nothing to do with city hall. He borrowed from the transit authority to assure greater police presence and crime went down - but crime was going down nationwide.

There is no disputing that a gay or lesbian on city council would be refreshing, to say nothing for the image of our community, but city councilpersons are, in practical terms, not particularly influential.

When all the dust settles from Tuesday's polling, and the requisite run-offs are held, it will not be a new day in Houston. We will still have crowded freeways and no mass transit, we will still retain the nation's second-worse air for breathing, and the Houston Independent School District will still be gearing up to hit us with another bond request while burdening the system with more administrators per square foot than real teaching.

But I'll have Frank Rich's column and my gay son, Will, to lighten the dark days of advancing age. So maybe I'll stop singing the blues.



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**Those crazy Californians...**

by Leslie Ramsay

In a former part of my life, I lived in a little jewel of a city on the Emerald Coast of California called Eureka. News from this isolated region of Northern California is sparse due to the isolation from the rest of the state. Today a little news brief made the ABC news-break about good ol' Eureka. It brought back a lot of memories.

Several Earth First activists stormed Congressman Frank Rigg's office this week. The group of tree huggers spread wood chips and sawdust all around the office. ABC reported that they terrorized the office staff before finally chaining themselves to chairs apparently waiting for their appointment with the Congressman.

During the four years I lived in Eureka, this type of behavior by "non-violent" environmental activists was common. The "non-violent" protest of the paper mills and lumber mills made national headlines. They "non-violently" spiked the Redwood trees so that when the logger attempted to harvest a tree the chainsaw would hit the iron spike. The spike would jam the chainsaw and usually the logger would lose an appendage or maybe his life. Another "non-violent" protest was to sabotage the logging company's equipment. They would remove engine parts, drain the gasoline from the engine or just throw chains into the exposed moving parts. Sometimes these actions would cause the equipment to flip over causing injuries to the driver or other employees of the logging company.

All the time they were doing these very destructive things to protest the logging of Redwood trees on private property they claimed to be "non-violent". Only in Eureka is killing a human to save a tree is considered "non-violent".

Eureka is an enigma. Loggers and gold rush era immigrants built the city. The citizens themselves are fairly conservative. They support a very large religious community, civic organizations and service clubs. The Masons and Knights of Columbus are very big there. They also have the largest population of left

over hippies I have ever seen.

The community itself is located 253 miles north of San Francisco. Many of my friends were escapees from San Francisco. They were seeking solitude and peace during their last few months while struggling with the last stages of the AIDS virus. They found their peace and quiet for the most part. The college kids from Arcata, a town just fifteen minutes north of Eureka, provided them high comedy and laughter when they thought they couldn't laugh anymore.

While I lived there the Earth First group was made up of mostly left over hippies from the 60's and students from Humboldt State University in Arcata. Since then I have been told that professional protesters from all over the United States have relocated to Eureka to protest full time. What kind of degree do you seek with a goal of professional protester as your career goal? Are you required to write research papers on Abby Hoffman, Angela Davis or the Black Panthers? Do you need to spike a tree in order to graduate?

For the most part, Eureka is a beautiful place to vacation. The Redwood Forest surrounds the city on three sides with the Pacific Ocean bordering the West End. If you overlooked the tie-dyed freaks with gray hair that whine about every little nuclear power plant or land fill you might call it paradise. That is, of course, if you don't mind the huge homeless population.

The city of San Francisco exports their homeless people to Eureka via Greyhound bus. Thousands of mentally deranged alcoholic drug addicts roam the streets day and night looking for someone to panhandle. I have been told that the San Francisco police sometimes even drives they're hard core cases up to the city limits in their patrol cars. Hence the need for large civic and social organizations.

I sometimes miss that sixty year old woman who used a little girls voice to speak but laughed like a drunken sailor, who stood out on the corner in front of Woolworth's talking to her dead father. It may be time to check on her...Woolworth's has closed down. I wonder where she's standing now? She gave me perspective. All I ever gave her was lunch at the horseshoe luncheonette.

**For Cryin' Out Loud, Just Tell Me**

by Dr. Charles C. Perroncel

Ever feel like you were pulling teeth to get the simplest information out of your partner or date or friend? Those of us who are expressive have a hard time understanding others who are quiet and reserved.

If WE err, it's in the direction of talking an issue to death ... everything has to be "out on the table" ... That's better, RIGHT? Maybe ... for YOU. But not everyone operates like CNN, filling the airwaves with uninterrupted news flashes.

Some people are shy and believe that to say anything is to commit yourself to it ... forever. Others are scared of saying the WRONG thing. Some are so distant from their feelings they don't even understand you when you ask, "Just tell me how you feel about that..." You might as well be speaking Swahili.

Volcanoes and Boilers frequently couple ... and the result is a rough road through loveland. There's a fairly simple explanation for this. We all tend to believe that others think and function as we do ... or that they ought to. So if we are committed to expressing our feelings as the BEST way to be ... by damn, our partner should too.

When our partner is quiet they are not necessarily being withholding or obstinate. They just may not know how to express feeling things. Here are some skills to learn:

1) No matter how pressing a matter seems, you can productively

wait 'til you're calm to discuss it. So learn to say "I think I'd better wait to talk about this or I might say something I don't mean."

2) Learn to ask clarifying questions such as "What I heard you say was (fill in the blank) ... Is that what you meant?" This slows the conversation and your brain down and gives you an accuracy check.

3) Avoid "You" statements at all costs: NOT "You made me mad" but "I'm feeling mad right now". This takes your comment out of the blaming mode and gives your partner a chance to do problem solving thinking instead of warding off accusations.

4) When your partner speaks ... SHUT UP! Most "talkers" fuss constantly about their partner NOT talking. But as soon as the partner starts to talk ... we talk-over, correct "the facts" or, when upset, shout our partner down. Give them time to do what you keep saying you want them to do. You'll get a lot more of what you want that way.

5) Be sure you speak together of things that make you happy as much as ... no, more than ... things that you find upsetting. The quiet ones tend to hear and hoard the negatives ... and dish them out long after you've forgotten them. We'll talk to them next time.

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sents Weaver in the case, is bothered by the parents' plans. "The whole notion of causing this kind of divisiveness in a community is troubling," Gnade said. "One would hope that there would be level heads that recognize this is a fine teacher who deserves better treatment."

Weaver's attorney, David Watkiss, suspects the group represents the minority. "Individual parents can exercise whatever rights they wish to," he said. "But the majority will recognize that her personal life, whether or not they agree with it, is irrelevant to her ability as a teacher."

Hilton acknowledges the group's legal options are limited, which is why members want to make sure their interests are not ignored as Weaver and the school district negotiate. "The goal is to make sure the district knows that many parents feel this is not appropriate role-modeling for our children and we have the right to determine who our children's role models will be," says Hilton, a father of five. "I'm infinitely more concerned that my children's moral values are intact when they graduate than I am about what they've learned."

**Cable network to air documentary on suspected gay serial killer**

INDIANA - The remains of seven people were found on his property. Herbert Baumeister committed suicide. Now, a television documentary includes an interview with a man who claims that Baumeister tried to strangle him in a swimming pool.

In the hour-long episode of *Investigative Reports*, scheduled to run Saturday on the A&E network, Mark Goodyear of Indianapolis says Baumeister propositioned him at an Indianapolis gay bar, then took him to his suburban Westfield estate and tried to kill him.

Baumeister committed suicide in 1996.

Police had wanted to ask him about the remains of seven people - all believed to be men - whose skeletal remains were unearthed on his 18-acre estate. Four of the bodies have been identified.

Sgt. Kenneth Whisman of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department says the *Investigative Reports* episode, dubbed *The Secret Life of a Serial Killer*, is built around conjecture and not the facts, something that has been scarce considering that Baumeister is dead.

"From what I hear, they're really stretching it with this report," said Whisman, lead investigator in the Baumeister case. "They try to connect him to some cases where there just isn't any evidence linking him to."

Investigators, who have spoken to Goodyear a number of times, were initially impressed with the details of his story about his near-fatal encounter with Baumeister. But Whisman has since become skeptical of Goodyear, saying he has changed his story a number of times. "His credibility is questionable at this point," Whisman said.

While what happened at Baumeister's estate remains murky, one thing is clear, says Whisman: Baumeister led a double life as a husband of 25 years and as a man who frequented gay bars in Indianapolis. Baumeister, who operated Indianapolis thrift shops, fatally shot himself in Canada in July 1996, shortly after investigators had begun searching his property after his wife told them her son had found a human skull in nearby woods.

Police have not linked Baumeister to any of the deaths, but he has been connected to the disappearances of some of the men whose remains were found. Due to the lack of evidence in the case, police have made a point of not referring to Baumeister as a serial killer.

"This is still classified as a death investigation. However, Baumeister was and still is the only suspect that has surfaced in the investigation," said Whisman, adding that the full story "will never be told - we can only speculate now."

Gabriel Films of New York, which produced the A&E documentary, visited Indianapolis last winter and spring to interview friends of the suspected victims, Hamilton County authorities and Baumeister's widow, Julie.

To date, Hamilton County has spent about \$250,000 on its investigation into the Baumeister case, Whisman said. The sheriff's department is waiting for the Hamilton County Council to act on its request for \$20,000 for advanced DNA testing on the remaining bones. When the money is appropriated, a private, out-of-state laboratory will analyze 20 bones a forensic anthropologist believes are the remains of the three victims still unidentified.

**Sergeant sues over reverse bias**

OREGON - A Multnomah County Corrections sergeant believes the sheriff won't promote him because of his association with a conservative anti-gay-rights group, he claims in a lawsuit filed Thursday. Bruce R. McCain was an attorney for the Oregon Citizens Alliance from 1992 to 1994.

"No question it tainted my career," he said. "It rubbed a lot of people the wrong way."

The federal lawsuit claims McCain's career has been effectively halted after more than 14 years with the sheriff's office. Sheriff Dan Noelle said he hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment. Also named as defendants were Corrections Commander Jeanie King and Multnomah County.

In a complaint filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, McCain said that in 1995 and 1996 he was passed over for promotions that went to African American females and lesbians. He said Noelle in July 1997 again refused to promote him because he allegedly had identified himself as a "white, Christian, heterosexual male."

McCain doesn't deny that the description

fits, but says he never used it to describe himself. "When you string together those four descriptions - white, Christian, heterosexual, male - I think in this context, it does become a pejorative term," he said.

**Man arrested after failing to register as predator**

OHIO - A Warren County man labeled a sexual predator by the courts could face more prison time for allegedly failing to register his address with authorities.

Brian D. Brewer, 21, waived a preliminary hearing in Lebanon Municipal Court last week. A grand jury on Friday is to consider indicting him on a felony charge of failing to register his new address when he moved last month. He could face a year in prison if convicted.

A new Ohio law went into effect this year and requires anyone designated by a judge as a sexual predator to register with the local sheriff and contact the sheriff once every 90 days for life. It is intended to alert residents if convicted sex offenders move to their neighborhood upon release from prison. It defines a sexual predator as someone who has been convicted of a sex crime and is likely to be a repeat offender.

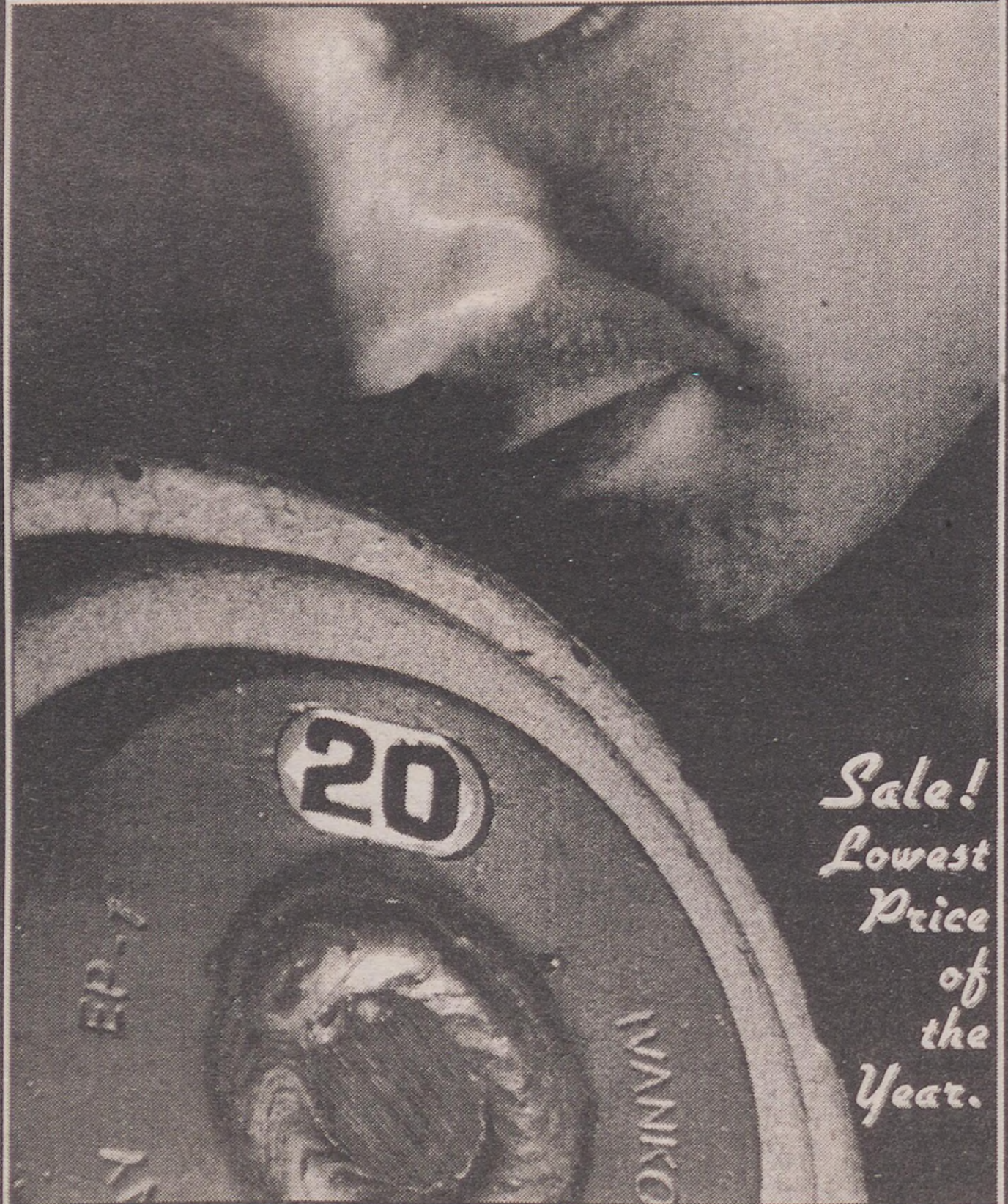
Brewer was convicted in 1994 in Clermont County of gross sexual imposition and sexual battery involving a 13-year-old boy. After serving 18 months in prison, Brewer lived with his mother in Lebanon and registered with the Warren County sheriff. But Brewer allegedly failed to notify authorities when he moved to Middletown last month. Brewer was arrested Oct. 14 on a warrant for failure to register after a state trooper stopped him for walking along Interstate 75.

**State may close interstate rest stop due to illegal sex**

TENNESSEE - Men having sex with other men at parking areas off Interstate 24

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has prompted so many complaints from travelers and arrests by deputies that the state could close them.

"We videoed two men having sex and only 50 yards away, there was a family having a picnic. It's awful," said Tracy Alexander, an investigator with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. "It goes on 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

In the past three years, nearly 200 people have been charged with indecent exposure at parking areas eastbound and westbound at mile-marker 118, near Manchester. Alexander said the spots are advertised nationwide in at least one gay publication as places to meet men for sex. "Those arrests are mainly just working weekends. If we were out there every day, we'd average about three or four arrests a day," he said.

Unlike rest stops, state parking areas are not well lit and do not have rest rooms, attendants or phones, said Luanne Grandinetti, spokeswoman for the State Department of Transportation, which oversees the state's 19 rest stops and 16 parking areas. The number of parking areas actually reflects eastbound and westbound stops in eight counties, she said. They are pull-off sites mainly for truck drivers and include trash cans and a few picnic tables.

In July, the DOT closed parking areas off Interstate 40 at Mt. Juliet, just east of Nashville, because of same-sex solicitation problems. But Grandinetti said it's "really not that big of a problem" statewide. She admitted, however, that the parking areas pose a risk. "Under the cover of darkness, it's quite easy to carry on illegal activities there," she said.

The DOT wasn't aware there was such a problem at Manchester and the department will work with local law enforcement to close it if necessary, she said. If closed, truckers have the option of sleeping at a commercial truck stop at Manchester, or state rest areas at Nickajack Lake, Monteagle Mountain or Nashville,

Grandinetti said.

Alexander said plainclothes officers started working the site in 1990 after the sheriff's department started getting a lot of complaint calls from motorists and truck drivers. "Some would even make a special trip to the sheriff's office on their way back from vacations to tell us about what they saw," he said. "And truck drivers complained they couldn't get sleep because people kept knocking on their cabs trying to get them to have sex."

He said trees and undergrowth were cleared at the parking areas a few years ago to discourage the activity, but it didn't work. "They don't care. Daytime, nighttime, we've even caught them in the rain," he said. "I have been out there with my badge on and caught one in broad daylight with my patrol car sitting in the parking lot."

While most of those arrested are from outside Tennessee, there are locals caught, too, he said. Last week, an employee of the Franklin County school system pleaded guilty to indecent exposure after soliciting sex from an officer. He was fined \$450 and given a six-month suspended jail sentence.

"We get them from all walks of life. We got a former state trooper, the mayor of Trenton, Ga., college professors," he said. "We got one man who had driven from a motel room in Manchester while his wife and children were asleep."

When arrested, officers often confiscate the cars of suspects, and find in them drugs, weapons or sexual toys such as whips, chains, leather masks and battery-operated devices, Alexander said. He said the sheriff's department hadn't asked the state to shut the parking areas, but it's something he supports. "We need it gone out of here," he said.

**Former math teacher pleads guilty to sexually assaulting boy**

NEW HAMPSHIRE - A former Kimball Union Academy math teacher has pleaded

guilty to performing a sex act on a teen-age boy.

David Greer, 38, formerly of Keene, entered his guilty plea Thursday. He had been charged with felonious sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child. Under a plea agreement, Greer will serve 1 1/2 to seven years in prison on a sexual assault charge. A possible seven-year sentence for endangering a child's welfare was suspended, but may be reimposed if Greer fails to complete sex offender counseling.

Sullivan County Attorney Mark Hathaway said the jail term "represents a sentence on the low end of the spectrum," but that it was fair and keeps the victim from having to testify. Hathaway said Greer was a mathematics teacher at Kimball during the 1995-1996 school year when he met the boy, a pupil there. "He had contact with the defendant, both incidental contact at school and through" the Congregational Church in Meriden, Hathaway said.

The boy changed schools last fall and began receiving letters from Greer that were "pornographic in nature," Hathaway said. He said the two had chance meetings during the 1996 Thanksgiving vacation. At one meeting, Greer took the boy into a bathroom stall and engaged in oral sex with him, Hathaway said.

The events came to light through a letter the boy wrote Greer saying he wanted nothing further to do with him. Greer will be sentenced in 45 days. In the meantime, the judge revoked his \$25,000 bail posted by his parents after Greer's lawyer said losing the money now would prove a hardship to them.

**Teen-ager said to be tortured by his homosexuality before killing**

NEW YORK - The parents of a New Jersey teen-ager accused of killing 11-year-old Eddie Werner say they left him home

that day because he seemed "docile," not violent and troubled as he had been.

Nicholas and Dolores Manzie of Jackson, N.J., left 15-year-old Sam Manzie at home Sept. 27 to fulfill a previous commitment to run a junket to a Connecticut casino, they told ABC's Barbara Walters in an interview to be aired on 20/20 Friday.

"Sam was very docile those two days and my daughter was going to be home for part of the day before she went to work," Mr. Manzie said. "We really felt as if there wouldn't be a problem." The two days before the killing were "the best two days we had in 1 1/2 years with him," Mrs. Manzie said.

While they were away, Werner came to the door of their suburban home selling candy and holiday items for a PTA fundraiser. Manzie allegedly robbed, sexually assaulted and killed the boy before stuffing his body into a suitcase.

He is charged with murder, felony murder, aggravated sexual assault and robbery. Prosecutors want to try him as an adult, but a judge has yet to rule on the request. New Jersey has the death penalty, but it is not used against juveniles tried in adult court.

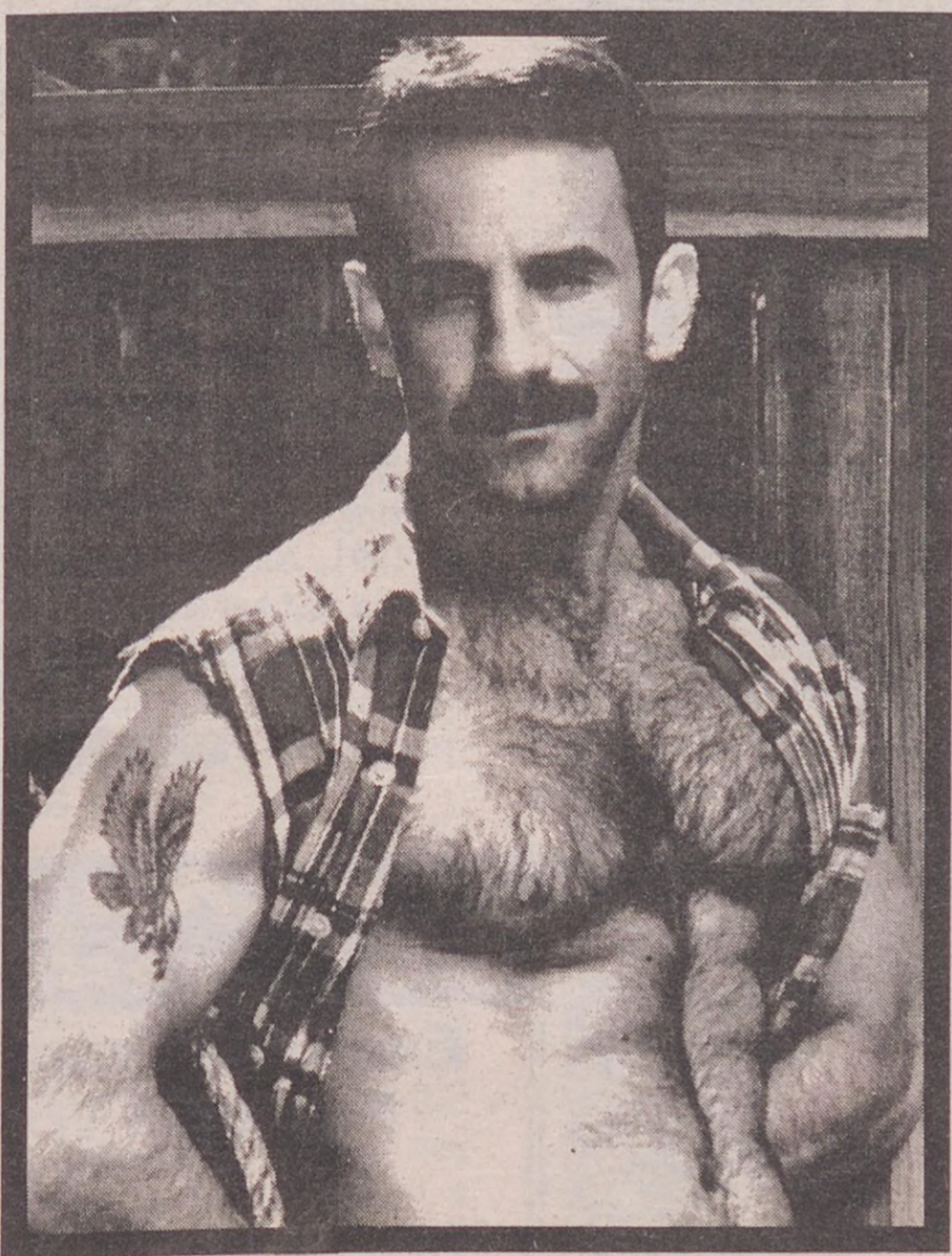
Werner's parents did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday. A message left on an answering machine at their home was not returned. In their first public comments since the killing, Manzie's parents painted a picture of their son as a loner who was struggling to come to grips with his homosexuality - and finding friends on-line.

Prosecutors say Manzie had used an on-line chat room to strike up a relationship with 43-year-old pedophile Stephen P. Simmons of Holbrook, N.Y. Simmons is now jailed on charges he molested Manzie during motel room trysts the two arranged.

The boy first began discussing his sexuality with his parents when he was 14, his mother said. His parents said they assured him that whether he was heterosexual or homosexual, the important part was feeling

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good about himself.

"I know he was tortured by it," Mrs. Manzie said. "I know that now, that although he admitted to it and was accepting it for himself, it was torturing him, really torturing him." Said Nicholas Manzie: "Sam knew how much I was devoted to Catholicism and I think that's probably one of the reasons why."

Three years ago, when Sam Manzie first took an interest in computers, his parents were pleased because they worried about his lack of friends. "I thought it was great 'cause he had nothing else in his life," said Mrs. Manzie.

"It was a way he was finding friends, they were communicating through the computer. He wasn't out playing like other kids. And it would break my heart to see them out there, and he had nothing. So when the computer came into the house, it was like he had some kind of communication with somebody," she said.

Mr. Manzie said that when he saw his son at the computer he was playing games with other kids his age.

Eventually, the teen turned violent, his father said. He became more and more aggressive, acting out and ignoring what his parents had to say. When they knocked at his door, he ignored it. "The look in his eyes when he was looking at me was one of ... I was terrified. Just by his look ... as if he wanted to really hurt me bad," Mr. Manzie said.

Sam, who was under psychiatric care at Shoreline Behavioral Health Center, confessed about his affair with Simmons, prompting a criminal investigation in which authorities monitored their communications.

"They (prosecutors) were giving us dates to come in for statements, they were coming to the house. Everything got so crazy that we forgot about Sam, his feelings. I mean we forgot about what he needed at that time," Mrs. Manzie said.

She said a counselor at Shoreline rejected her anguished plea to keep Sam for around-the-clock treatment. "I told her, 'Don't make me take him home 'cause something's going to happen.' And I thought it was going to be within the family 'cause he was so hard to control and his violence was getting worse and worse. And they said, 'You have to, you're the mother' - that if I didn't I could be prosecuted or I could be arrested for abandonment."

On Sept. 24, his parents took Sam before Superior Court Judge James Citta in Toms River, N.J., asking that the teen be committed. Citta said no and encouraged the family to work it out at home.

"At that point we were thinking, 'Well, there are all these professionals that had seen Sam and said that he is not homicidal, not suicidal, he's OK,'" said Mr. Manzie. "I'm thinking, 'God, what kind of mother am I to think I have a kid that needs to be put away?'" said Mrs. Manzie.

Now being held without bail in a juvenile detention facility, Sam Manzie has completely withdrawn, his parents said. Asked if he shows remorse, Mrs. Manzie said: "I'm

not even sure of that. I mean, I'm not sure of anything because he just stares blankly ahead, like we're not even in the room with him."

Gay GOP group in western Massachusetts disbands amidst controversy

MASSACHUSETTS - A national organization of gay Republicans has dissolved its western Massachusetts chapter saying the local Log Cabin Club failed to elect officers or hold meetings.

Joseph D'Amour of Springfield, president of the western Massachusetts club, accused the national group Wednesday of seeking to punish him for the club's endorsement of state Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, a Democrat, in the governor's race.

The Log Cabin Club of Massachusetts is supporting acting Governor Paul Cellucci, a Republican. Mark Goshko, president of the state club, said he had asked the national board to look into D'Amour's group because of a "general lack of coordination and cooperation."

However, Kevin Ivers, a spokesman for the national group, said the decision stemmed from western Massachusetts members complaints to the national group that they had never been contacted after joining.

D'Amour said the club did not hold any meetings in 1996, its first year of operation, but had met on Columbus Day to elect officers.

Woman to sell copies of her Princess Di photos for women's shelter

New Hampshire - In life, Princess Diana touched millions by being an advocate for charity. Suzanne Alleca is doing her small part to let her continue in death. Alleca and her family got to meet the princess. Now she is trying to see that some good comes from the meeting.

She is selling copies of a photo she has of Diana and her sons and donating the profits to Marguerite's Place, a transitional home in Nashua for women and children in crisis. "This is one small way that I can see that some good comes from my lucky encounter," Alleca said. "I'm just trying to make some sense out of a senseless death."

Alleca and her family lived in England from 1988-91 when her husband was stationed at a British air base.

The Allecas went to the royal family's holiday estate in Sandringham, about 70 miles northeast of London, as sightseers.

The public is admitted to the grounds outside the estate every Sunday to watch the royal family on its way to and from church. During visits on Dec. 30, 1990, and on Jan. 6, 1991, Alleca spoke briefly with Princess Diana and her sons, and Prince Charles.

"Here was this famous lady across the ocean raising her boys at the same time as me, so I felt a bond with her," she said. "She

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was such a real person that I felt we shared a connection as two young mothers. I felt like she was really talking to me, responding to what I said rather than giving a stock answer. I felt closer to her after that."

Although cameras were not allowed, someone - Alleca believes it was security officer - managed to take some photos. The nine photographs, with the negatives, were sent to the Allecas before they left England.

When Princess Diana died in a car crash Aug. 31, Alleca was devastated. She brought her photographs to Hollis Primary School, where she teaches, so she could share her story about Princess Diana. One of her friends suggested other people might like copies.

Alleca didn't want to profit from the pictures, so she thought of Marguerite's Place. Alleca's photograph went on sale this week at Hollis Photo and Frame Design for \$10 to cover processing and matting, plus \$25 to Marguerite's Place. The 4-by-5-inch photograph has been matted to fit an 8-by-10-inch frame.

**Eleven arrested after protest at Giuliani's campaign office**

NEW YORK - Eleven protesters from the AIDS service group Housing Works were arrested last week after they chained themselves to a desk at Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's campaign office, police said.

Housing Works has city contracts to provide housing to HIV-infected people, most of them drug addicts, but has been locked in a bitter dispute with the city over money.

Several hundred clients and supporters of the organization protested last week in front of the offices of the city Human Resources Administration; an HRA spokeswoman said the city has held up payment on Housing Works contracts because of "a history of financial improprieties" at the organization.

Housing Works contends that it has not committed any kind of fraud and is being penalized for criticizing Giuliani's AIDS policies.

"The mayor's not going to shut us down, he's not going to shut us up," said Michael Kink, legislative counsel for the group. "We're not going to retreat from our role as honest critics of the Giuliani administration." The 11 protesters were arrested at around 10:30 a.m. after chaining themselves to a desk at the Lexington Avenue offices of the mayor's re-election campaign.

Sunny Mindel, a spokeswoman for the Giuliani campaign, said the protesters chanted and were disruptive. Betsy Herzog, a police spokeswoman, said they were charged with trespassing, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Giuliani won a second term as New York's mayor by a landslide in this weeks election.

**Greg Louganis draws full house at Indiana University**

INDIANA - Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis says growing up gay wasn't easy and people who believe that sexuality is a choice make life difficult for all homosexuals. "I'm a firm believer that you're born this way. It's not a decision," Louganis said Tuesday night during a speech before a packed house at the Indiana Memorial Union's Alumni Hall.

The four-time Olympic diving gold medalist recounted his troubled childhood, his battle with dyslexia, his addiction to painkillers and struggle to be accepted as a gay man. Louganis, who is HIV-positive, also told the audience that the disease has recently advanced into full-blown AIDS. "It's like stepping off a cliff and not knowing if there's anything there to catch you," he said.

Appearing tanned and fit during his speech, Louganis said he is taking a new drug therapy to combat the disease, which robs the immune system's ability to fight off infections. After he suffered a diving injury

during the 1988 Summer Olympics, Louganis said he felt he had no choice but to keep his HIV-positive status a secret even after the injury exposed medical workers to his blood.

Louganis said part of the reason he decided not to tell them he was HIV-positive was because South Korean officials had refused to allow Indiana native Ryan White to enter the country to watch him perform. "I knew I wouldn't be welcome in Seoul," he said.

White, the Indiana schoolboy who fought to attend school after Kokomo school officials banned him from the classroom because he had AIDS, succumbed to the disease in 1990 at age 18. Louganis, who publicly announced his homosexuality during a 1995 interview with Barbara Walters, said he felt isolated during the Seoul games. "I felt very alone on the pooldeck, very isolated. But that's what secrets do - keep you isolated," he said.

COURT WATCH

**Georgia Supreme Court upholds Atlanta's domestic partners ordinance**

by Dick Pettys

GEORGIA - The Georgia Supreme Court on Monday upheld Atlanta's latest attempt to provide health benefits to unmarried domestic partners of city employees. The 5-2 decision affirmed a 1996 ordinance extending benefits to those who register as domestic partners of workers and who are financially dependent upon them.

"Gay and lesbian employees are now one step closer to equal work for equal pay," said Jane Morrison of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which argued for the ordinance. "This is a wonderful decision. There are all kinds of real life family situations where this will have an impact," she said.

But Matt Glavin of the Southeastern Legal Foundation, which challenged the ordinance, said, "What this really does is shift the battlefield from the courts to the Legislature. And I think what you'll see in the upcoming legislative session is a swift and decisive response."

Rewritten after the state Supreme Court voided an earlier version, the new ordinance eliminates language recognizing domestic

partnerships as "a family relationship" and awarding benefits to domestic partners "in a comparable manner ... as for a spouse."

The court had deemed that language an attempt by the city to expand the definition of "dependent" in a manner inconsistent with state law. The new ordinance carefully avoids that language, said Justice Carol W. Hunstein, writing for the majority. Affirming the ordinance, she wrote:

"The city acted within its authority when it chose to provide insurance benefits to the dependents of a city employee. It is within the city's discretion as a governing authority to determine whether to provide such benefits to all, some or none of its employees' dependents."

Critics, including the Southeastern Legal Foundation, contended the revised ordinance failed to provide an adequate definition of financial dependency. But the court's majority disagreed. Among other things, the ordinance stipulates that domestic partners are dependent if they rely on cash or supplies from city employees to maintain themselves or to maintain their standard of living.

In a joint dissent, Justices Hugh P. Thompson and George Carley said the definition is too loose. A dependent, they said, is someone who looks to another for the ordinary necessities of life. But under the city's definition, they argued, a dependent

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**Lesbian lawyer appeals Bowers case to Supreme Court**

by Russ Bynum

GEORGIA - A lesbian lawyer asked the U.S. Supreme Court Friday to hear her case against former Attorney General Mike Bowers, who denied her a job because she planned to marry another woman. Robin Shahar's lawyers hope for a ruling that establishes constitutional protection for gay and lesbian relationships, if the nation's highest court agrees to hear her appeal.

Ms. Shahar and the American Civil Liberties Union first sued Bowers, now a Republican candidate for governor, in 1991. She argues that Bowers violated her constitutional right to freedom of association when he reneged on a job offer because she planned a Jewish commitment ceremony with her lesbian partner. She had been working as an intern in his office.

"This case is very clear," Ms. Shahar said during a news conference. "No person should be judged in the workplace by their membership in a minority group. We should be evaluated by our work." Bowers had no comment on the appeal, his spokesman Bill Crane said.

Ms. Shahar, 34, is now a senior assistant attorney for the city of Atlanta. Both a federal district court and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided her case in Bowers' favor. The appeals court said Bowers, known for his defense of Georgia's laws against sodomy and adultery, was entitled to believe people might be confused about his stands if he hired someone involved in a same-sex marriage.

The court refused to reconsider the case

after Bowers admitted in June to having an extramarital affair for most of his 16 years as attorney general. "It's an interesting twist in this case that I was fired for being honest about my relationship, yet Mr. Bowers felt that it was OK for him to be secretive and dishonest about his relationship," Ms. Shahar said.

Bowers' admission is the "icing on the cake" in proving that he discriminated against Ms. Shahar because she's a lesbian, said Ruth Harlow, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay-rights group that filed the appeal with the ACLU. "The kinds of double standards, the kinds of justifications Bowers has offered in this case are very representative of the kinds of justifications for anti-gay prejudice that we see," Ms. Harlow said.

Bowers had argued Ms. Shahar's marriage would be an open defiance of Georgia law, which his agency is sworn to uphold. Last year, a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit appeals court ruled in Ms. Shahar's favor, saying she had a fundamental right of intimate association with her partner.

But the full court set aside that ruling in March so all 12 judges of the court could hear the case. The full court reversed the panel's decision, saying Bowers' interest in promoting the efficiency of the Law Department outweighed Ms. Shahar's interest in personal association.

**Appeals Court backs visitation for gay father**

NORTH CAROLINA - In the second recent ruling of its kind, the state Court of Appeals has ruled that a gay father in Tennessee should get visitation rights with his daughter over the objections of the mother. In the first case, the state Supreme Court is expected in coming months to rule whether the Appeals Court was correct in 1996 when it ordered that two children be returned to their gay father.

The more recent ruling came Tuesday in a custody dispute between Michael Marshall and Lisa Sizemore. They were married in 1991 and separated in the fall of 1992. The child was born in November 1992. Sizemore won custody of the daughter after the marriage was annulled in 1993. She lives in Charlotte and Marshall lives in Johnson City, Tenn.

Marshall went to court in 1994 seeking visitation with the girl. During hearings, he presented evidence that he had sent money, clothes and other items to Sizemore since the child was born and had taken a parenting class. "Evidence revealed that (Marshall) was an 'excellent father' and that he and the child got along wonderfully," wrote Court of Appeals Judge K. Edward Greene.

Sizemore's evidence was that her former husband was a homosexual who lived with a man in the home where visitations were to take place. In the lower court, Sizemore also claimed Marshall had sexually abused the girl, But District Court Judge Yvonne Mims

ruled the claims weren't credible and ordered visitation rights for Marshall.

Both Sizemore and Marshall "are good and caring parents and are both fit and proper persons to have custody of the minor child, and the child will need and benefit from the care and supervision of both parents," Mims wrote.

Several witnesses alleged sexual abuse by Marshall. A therapist hired by the mother testified the father had licked the child. Additionally, a day-care employee testified the girl acted strangely after visiting her father.

"The trial court should have heeded the inquisitorial nature of child custody proceedings and attempted to adequately investigate the serious concerns raised by the evidence," Judge Mark Martin wrote in a dissent. "After evidence of child abuse was corroborated by multiple parties, the trial judge should have appointed a guardian ad litem to investigate rather than determine the non-existence of the child abuse based on the bare denial of the alleged abuser."

GLOBAL NEWS

**World Bank report emphasizes AIDS prevention efforts**

by Harry Dunphy

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Government leaders in developing countries must act to prevent AIDS epidemics even if that means promoting such politically controversial programs as condom use and clean needles for drug users, according to a World Bank report released Monday.

The report recommended fast, intensive prevention efforts in countries where AIDS is just starting to appear, especially among people who have many sex partners or inject drugs, saying millions of lives could be saved. Approximately 90 percent of all HIV infections occur in developing countries.

Sub-Saharan Africa has the most people infected with AIDS - 14 million - but new evidence in the report suggests the virus may be on the verge of exploding in parts of China, India, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The report does not cover the United States and other industrialized nations. In some countries life expectancy was 10 to 20 years shorter than it would have been in the absence of the AIDS epidemic, said Joseph Stiglitz, the bank's

chief economist and a former adviser to President Clinton.

The international lending agency is one of the largest sources of money for AIDS prevention, having committed \$632 million to 61 projects in 41 countries. Stiglitz said the report differs from many other studies of AIDS by focusing on how best to allocate scarce government resources and international funding for cost-effective responses to the disease.

Martha Ainsworth, a co-author of the report, said countries that believed AIDS would not become a problem are now experiencing serious epidemics. "By the time many AIDS cases are observed it is too late to avert a serious epidemic," she said. "HIV will already have spread widely."

Among those in the riskiest category are people who have unprotected sex with many partners - truck drivers, migrant workers, bar workers and the military, the report said. The report said programs that make it easier for injecting drug users to get sterile needles also have been highly effective in preventing the spread of AIDS.

Asked if the bank advocated needle-exchange programs, Richard Feachem, director of the bank's health department, said the bank's role was to provide governments with information so they can decide. He said the bank was prepared to pay for

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# The truth? What is that?

by Leslie Ramsay

Banner Entertainment's *Telling Lies in America* begins its exclusive run at the Landmark Greenway Theatre this weekend. The film is a product from Joe Eszterhas (*Flashdance*, *Basic Instinct*), the man who usually writes about strippers or homicidal lesbians. The female characters in *Telling Lies in America* are still naked, easy, beautiful and stupid. The male characters are still



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liars, cads and untouchable. This film is clearly personal for Eszterhas. This film is a real departure for Eszterhas.

Brad Renfro (*The Client*, *The Cure*) plays Karchy Jonas, a seventeen-year-old Hungarian immigrant. He proves again in this film that he is a very talented young man. He sticks with the Hungarian accent throughout the film unlike some of his better known peers in other films. His portrayal of the boy who doesn't quite fit in is very well done.

Kevin Bacon (*Sleepers*, *Apollo 13*) stars as the sleazy Billy Magic, radio DJ and general

slime bag. Billy Magic quickly begins corrupting poor Karchy. He uses the boy as only a sleazy radio DJ can. Kevin Bacon does a good Billy Magic.

Maximilian Schell (*The Chosen*, *The Freshman*) plays Istvan Jonas, Karchy's widowed father. He works very hard to provide a good life for Karchy. He studies to become an American citizen. He wants the American dream for his son.

Calista Flockhart (*The Birdcage*, *Drunks*) is

the unattainable object of Karchy's desire, Diney. Flockhart is a fine actress. She has a TV gig going right now on the Fox network called, *Ally McBeal*, which isn't too bad.

Paul Dooley (*Sixteen Candles*, *The Player*) does the role of Father Norton, the Catholic priest/principal, very well. He scared me and I'm not even Catholic.

*Telling Lies in America* is a great film for those of you who like to relive the fifties. If you enjoy watching Kevin Bacon slime all over the screen for 110 minutes, it may be worth the price of the movie ticket.

# Madness Indeed

by Leslie Ramsay

Warner Bros. Pictures releases *Mad City* to the multi-plex this Friday. John Travolta fans are already charging movie tickets to their Visa cards in anticipation of this event. There really is no need to reserve seats; there will be plenty after the first day or two of release.

Dustin Hoffman (*Midnight Cowboy*, *Tootsie*, *Little Big Man*) gets to play the part of a journalist again. This time he is a TV newsmen out to make a simple man who made a mistake, into the story of the year. Years of being an investigative journalist have prepared him to create a really big story out something completely forgettable.

John Travolta (*Face/Off*, *Carrie*, *Get Shorty*) is the loser security guard that makes the mistake of requesting his job back while holding a loaded shot-gun in

his hands. The entire situation gets blown out of proportion and on television because the Hoffman character needs a really big story to carry him back to the top network news job he used to have. The years have not been kind to Travolta and Hoffman. The hokey sideburns on Travolta are horrible.

Alan Alda (*Crimes and Misdemeanors*, *Manhattan Murder Mystery*), Blythe Danner (*Alice*, *Prince of Tides*, *Homage*), Mia Kirshner (*Love and Human Remains*, *The Crow: City of Angels*), Robert Prosky (*The Chamber*, *Rudy*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*) and Ted Levine (*Silence of the Lambs*, *Heat*, *Betrayed*) round out the cast. The two larger the life stars interact fairly well with the supporting cast.

*Mad City* is pretty predictable but mildly entertaining. The money spent on a theater ticket might serve your charity of choice better than Warner Bros.



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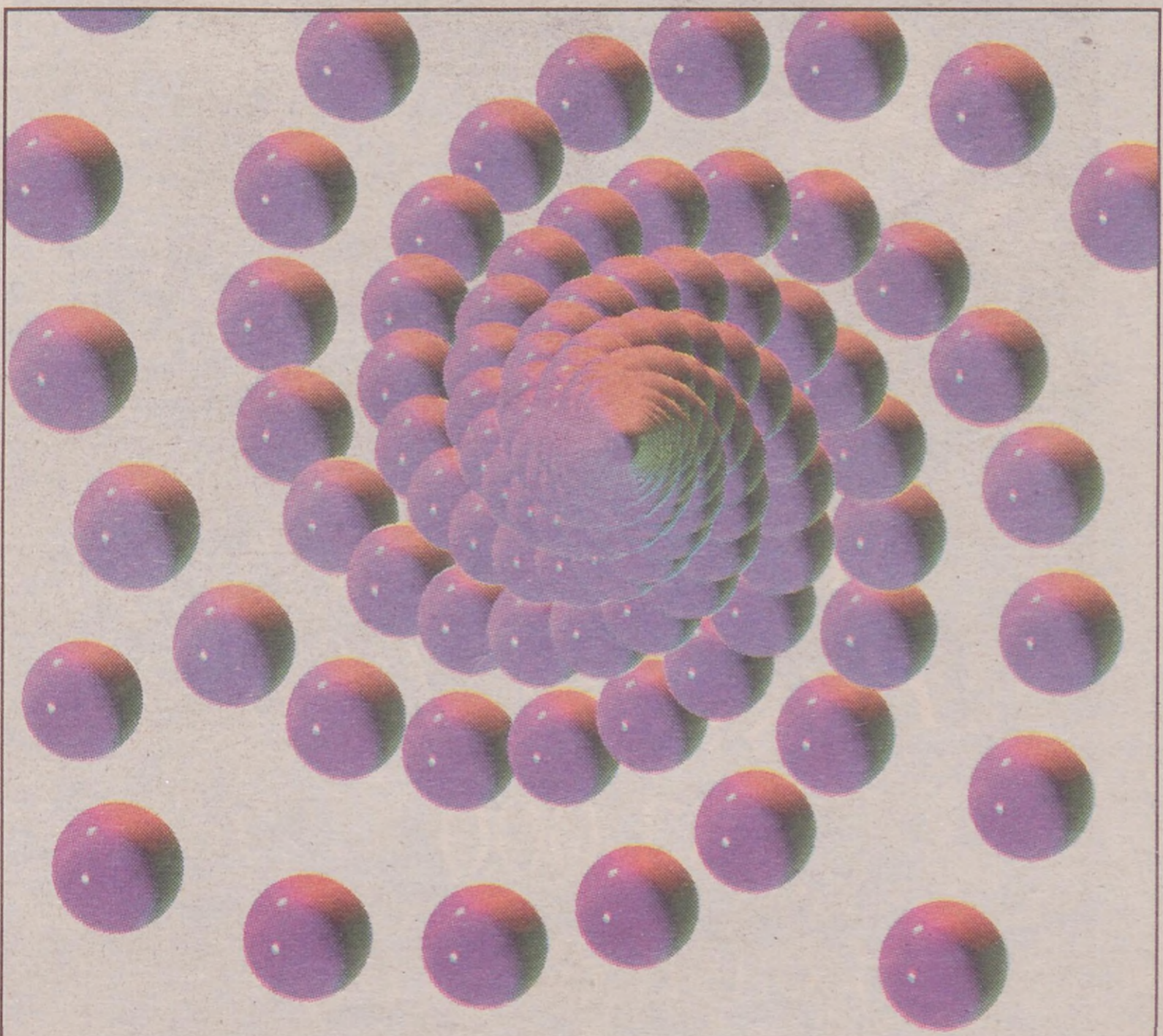
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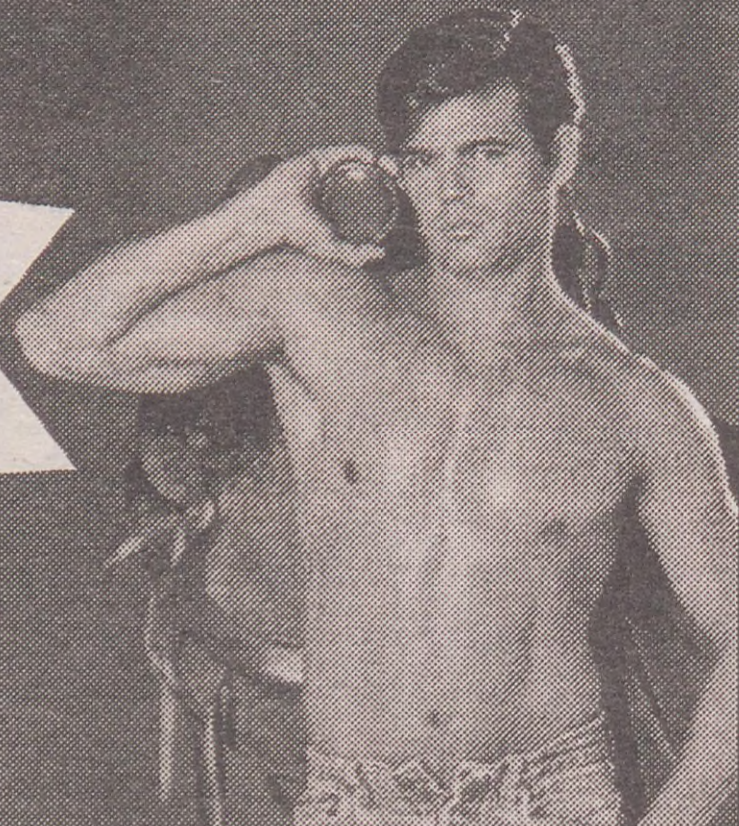


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such programs if asked by a government. Ainsworth and Feachem both said treatment for AIDS patients available in the West was too expensive for developing countries. They said it was better for available funds to be spent on prevention.

### Ontario judge bars extradition of three men to Pennsylvania

by David Crary

TORONTO (AP) - An Ontario judge is refusing to hand three Canadians over to U.S. authorities in a high-profile fraud case because he believes a U.S. prosecutor implied the threat of homosexual rape against the men.

Judge Bruce Hawkins said Tuesday there was no lack of evidence to justify sending the three men to Pennsylvania. But, Hawkins ruled, "no right-thinking Canadian would endorse the use of a threat of homosexual rape as a means of persuading Canadian residents to abandon their rights to a full extradition hearing."

He granted a stay of proceedings under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, blocking the extradition attempt. The disputed comments came in an interview on Canadian television with assistant U.S. attorney Gordon Zubrod, who said those who resisted extradition would face a long, hard prison term as "the boyfriend of a very bad man."

On Wednesday, U.S. Justice Department spokesman Gregory King said Zubrod "has apologized for his inappropriate comment." King, speaking by telephone from Washington, said the matter had been referred to the department's Office of Professional Responsibility, which has power to take disciplinary measures ranging from reprimands to suspensions.

The Justice Department had not given up hope of obtaining the extradition of the three Canadians - Harry Cobb, Allen Grossman and James Tsioubris. King said the next step would be determined in consultations between U.S. and Canadian authorities.

Cobb, Grossman and Tsioubris were among more than 40 people and several companies charged in 1994 and 1995 with taking part in a cross-border telemarketing scam. The swindlers preyed on people who had bought gems as investments, but were unable to resell them. More than 1,000 people were swindled out of an estimated \$35 million. Some participants in the scheme surrendered to U.S. authorities and became prosecution witnesses.

Hawkins said he found Zubrod's comments unacceptable, and he also criticized the comments by a U.S. federal judge, William Caldwell, who said in 1995 that people in the case who come to trial after failing to cooperate will get "the absolute maximum sentence that the law permits me to give."

The Canadian Justice Department, which argues extradition cases on behalf of foreign authorities, has not decided whether to appeal Hawkins' order.

### Sydney bid for Gay Games criticized by SOCOG member

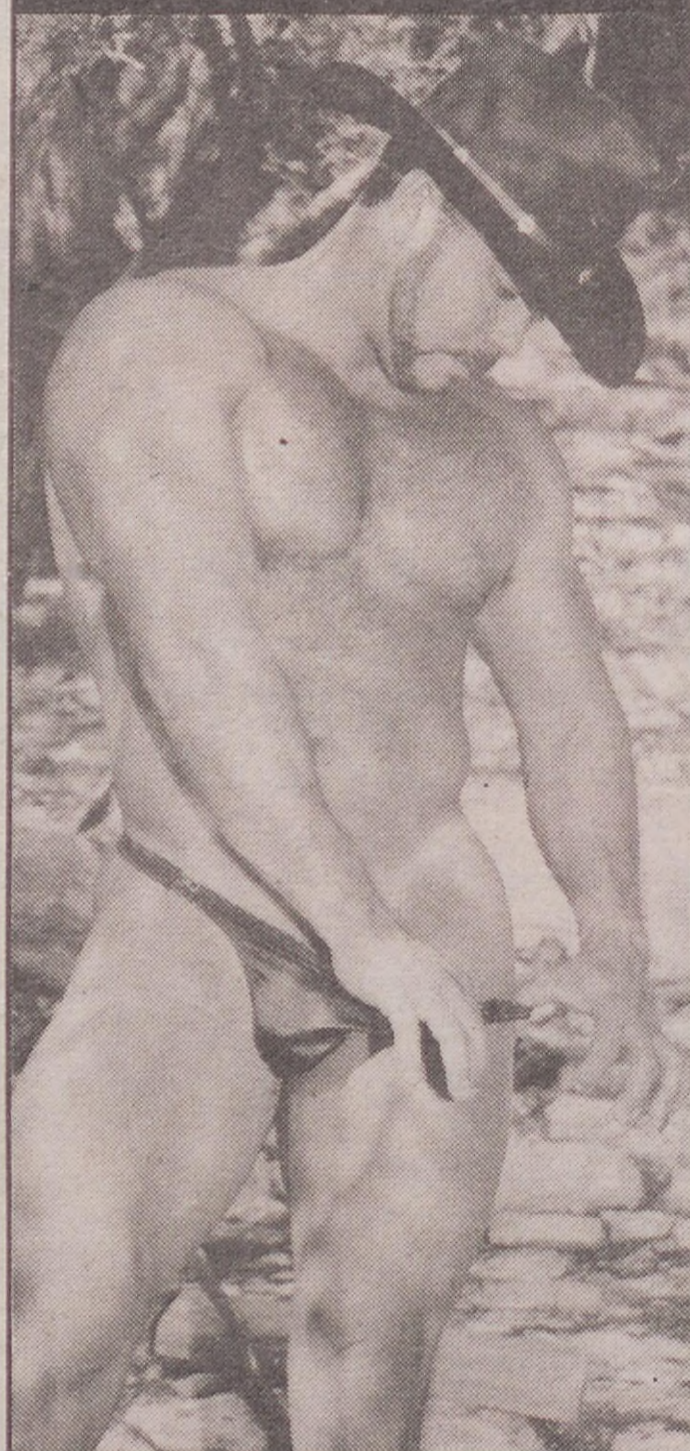
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A funding request to help Sydney's bid for the 2002 Gay Games is a stunt to allow overseas homosexuals a cheap holiday in Australia, an Olympics official said Sunday.

Ian Armstrong, the New South Wales opposition spokesman on the 2000 Olympics and a member of the organizing committee SOCOG, has criticized tentative support by the government of a \$1 million funding request.

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Sydney, which boasts a large homosexual population and hosts a yearly Mardi Gras which attracts crowds of 600,000, is considered a strong chance of winning the right to host the Games when the decision is made on Nov. 13 in Denver. Montreal, Toronto, Dallas, Long Beach and Minneapolis are the other cities in contention.

Armstrong, reported in Sydney newspaper the *Sun-Herald*, said he was staggered by the amount of funding sought by organizers to help host the Games if the bid is successful. "I predicted that this business was just a stunt to allow Sydney's homosexuals to give their overseas colleagues a cheap holiday in the harbor city," Armstrong said. "And it appears I was right."

Organizers have received about \$50,000 government funding to help win the bid and have been promised use of some of the venues to be used at the 2000 Olympics. Armstrong said the gay community should self-fund the event if successful.

"The homosexual lobby is always claiming to have miles of support in the general community so why can't they do their own fund raising?" Armstrong said. "If we start doling out large sums of public money, purely on the basis of race, color or sexual preference then we (as law makers) are not doing

our job."

Bid finance director Peter Fussell said the Gay Games would bring about \$100 million into the state and the funding request was a small price to pay for the income the Games would generate. The Gay Games started in 1982 with just 1,200 participants but 12,000 competed at the New York edition in 1994.

### U.N. Companies join in AIDS drug initiative

GENEVA (AP) - The U.N. AIDS prevention agency joined with three drug companies Wednesday to launch a program to provide more AIDS drugs to people in developing countries.

About 23 million people worldwide are estimated to be infected with the AIDS virus. Some 90 percent live in developing countries where access to drugs is a "daily challenge," said Dr. Awa Coll-Seck, director of strategy and research policy for UNAIDS.

Three major pharmaceutical companies - Glaxo Wellcome, Hoffmann-La Roche and Virco - will provide drugs at subsidized rates to Uganda, Ivory Coast, Vietnam and Chile starting this year. UNAIDS hopes the initiative will expand to other countries if the trials are successful over two to three years.

### Needle exchange advocates hope to prevent spread of AIDS

by John Pope  
*The Times-Picayune*

LOUISIANA - Several times a week, someone taps at the apartment door. The man inside may not know every visitor's name, but he knows what each person wants: clean hypodermic needles for shooting up intravenous drugs.

The man goes to a box to fish out one syringe in exchange for each used needle brought to his doorstep, a state health officer told *The Times-Picayune*. He puts the dirty needles into a proper container for disposal, the kind doctors have, to keep anyone from getting stuck accidentally.

The syringes are donated by advocates of needle exchanges. No money changes hands. No questions are asked. The swap, one of more than 200 a month by a clientele of about 80 addicts who frequent the needle exchange, is concluded in minutes.

The man, while not an addict himself, agreed to let his home be used for the needle exchange after becoming concerned by the health hazard posed by discarded dirty needles in his neighborhood, the state health officer said.

Everything is hush-hush because Louisiana law bans needle exchanges, even though many public-health officials have long contended they keep down the spread of infectious diseases, such as hepatitis and AIDS, which can be transmitted by sharing contaminated needles. Critics worry that making needles available at no cost increases illegal drug use.

Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, a national conservative interest organization, has condemned needle exchanges as "a dopey idea," one that condones or even encourages drug use.

But health experts say there is no evidence to justify such fears.

"Although the data available are limited, they provide no evidence that needle-exchange programs increase the amount of drug use by needle-exchange clients or change overall community levels of injection and non-injection drug use," according to a 1993 study prepared for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Despite the fact that most needle exchanges are illegal and forced to operate clandestinely, their number is growing. There are 115 in 29 states, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam, said Dave Purchase of Tacoma, Wash., chairman of the North American

Syringe Exchange Network. "Are we enablers?" he said. "Yes. We enable people to stay alive."

Purchase, who also runs Tacoma's legal exchange, spoke in New Orleans last month during a meeting of the Drug Policy Foundation, a liberal non-profit advocacy organization. Its members, many of whom work in drug-related programs, have a common bond: They disagree with much of the federal anti-drug policy, including its opposition to needle exchanges.

The federal government refuses to pay for such programs, despite an exhaustive 1993 report that recommended lifting the ban. Even though President Clinton promised in 1992 to let federal money underwrite needle exchanges, his AIDS strategy, which he announced after re-election last year, retains the prohibition on giving clean needles to people who shoot up drugs like heroin and cocaine.

"It's primarily politics," said Dr. Peter Lurie, a specialist in family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, who led the team that compiled the report for the CDC. "It's fear by the Clinton administration that people would depict them as soft on drugs," he said. "I don't think it has anything to do with science. I think if the people affected by these programs were anybody but significantly minority drug users, this would be handled differently."

In addressing this issue at the Drug Policy Foundation's meeting, Imani Woods, a drug-treatment specialist from Seattle, said, to sustained applause: "While we're fighting, people are dying. As long as you're not providing clean needles, you're participating in genocide."

The foundation members are not alone. They have been joined in their advocacy of needle exchanges by the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association, as well as such celebrities as Elizabeth Taylor and Kate Shindle, the recently crowned Miss America.

The legal picture on needle exchanges can be confusing. Some states, like Louisiana, ban the practice outright. Others, such as Maryland, have made exceptions for areas within the state. In Louisiana, exchanging needles is a felony after the third conviction. The maximum punishment is a \$5,000 fine and five years in prison.

"The laws are much more effective at barring needles than they are at barring heroin and cocaine," said Ben Junge, a participant in the New Orleans drug conference who runs the evaluation of Baltimore's legal 6,500-client needle exchange. If the bans on needle exchanges continue until 2000, the American Medical Association estimated that as many as 11,000 AIDS cases will

result and that the medical bill will be as high as \$630 million.

In Louisiana, about two-thirds of all intravenous-drug users share needles regularly, chiefly because they cannot get clean needles, according to a report by the state Office of Public Health. Moreover, the report said, one-third of all the state's AIDS cases in men and two-thirds of the AIDS cases in women result from drug use, either from sharing needles or having sex with an infected narcotics addict.

"All logic indicates needle exchanges decrease the level of infection," said Dr. Tom Farley, medical director of the HIV/AIDS program in the state Office of Public Health. But, he said, there is no conclusive proof that readily available syringes would actually achieve this goal, and there probably never will be a way to find out.

The reason: ethical standards. The people conducting such an investigation would

have to give clean needles to one group and withhold them from another and watch what happens. In the absence of such a project, "the next-best thing is to learn about people's behavior," Junge said. "What we've seen is that when people have increased access to needles, high-risk activity, such as sharing needles, declines."

### New research advances determination of AIDS virus structure

UTAH - University of Utah biochemists have taken a step toward determining how the AIDS virus is put together. Knowing the structure of the virus may aid scientists develop treatments for the disease. The University of Utah researchers have deter-

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mined the shape and structure of a key protein that forms the HIV core.

"This is an important accomplishment," said chemist Doug Rees at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. "It gives us a complete picture of the structure of the protein that forms the core surrounding the genetic information at the center of the virus. This protein is an attractive target for trying to design new drugs."

The \$300,000 study was published today in the journal *Science* by Utah biochemists Chris Hill, Wes Sundquist, Theresa Gamble, Sanghee Yoo and others. Gamble now has left the U. for a job in North Carolina.

Hill said that by showing what the protein looks like, "We can understand how it works. By understanding how it works, researchers potentially can design drugs to stop it from working." He said it will be "five to 10 years at the earliest before a possible new drug might be available."



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Nevertheless, the Utah researchers "have opened the door for development of a new class of AIDS drugs that targets a key protein needed for the spread of the AIDS virus," said biochemist Michael Summers of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

He said the same method was used a decade ago to determine the structure of protease, another protein in the AIDS virus. That led to the recent protease-inhibitor drugs that alleviate symptoms and reduce virus concentrations to undetectable levels in AIDS patients.

The new Utah research details the capsid protein. About 2,000 copies of the protein link up and wind themselves together to form a cone- or bullet-shaped shell - called a viral core or coat - surrounding the genetic blueprint at the center of the AIDS virus.

Without a properly formed protein core, the virus cannot make copies of itself. So a drug that prevented formation of the core should render the AIDS virus unable to replicate. In a July 1996 paper in *Science*, Sundquist, Yoo and Summers said they determined the structure of two-thirds of the capsid protein. They used a magnetic-field device to make pictures showing it was arrow-head-shaped, but contained smaller coil- and hairpin-shaped components.

In the new study, the researchers bounced X-rays off crystals grown from the remaining one-third of the capsid protein. They showed when two copies of this chunk of protein join together, the molecule has an overall egg shape containing what resemble knotted bunches of coiled phone cord.

The important discovery is that two copies of the chunk of capsid protein must link to each other so a whole protein can form. Hill and Sundquist said new drugs might be designed to prevent the two copies from connecting, blocking formation of the whole protein and protein core, leaving the AIDS virus unable to replicate.

"It is very lovely work ... and extremely well-done," said Stephen Harrison, a Harvard University biochemist. "Its long-term significance is in giving us an additional set of tar-

gets in efforts to design drugs to fight AIDS."

**Program including water swap explains science behind AIDS**

by Casey Combs

PENNSYLVANIA - Shrieking, giggling, blushing. Those were some of the responses from high school students when a teacher asked them to "pick a partner who you'd like to exchange body fluids with." The request Wednesday, however, was merely part of an experiment.

To demonstrate how fast AIDS can spread, 30 students swapped cups of chemically treated water with only three others. Color changes showed that roughly three out of every four students became infected with the mock HIV. The results sobered up the students fast. Donte Taylor, 15, called the experiment an "eye opener" for teen-agers. "It scares me," he said. "It's better to just not do anything: abstinence."

The exercise is part of a hands-on curriculum about AIDS being offered to 3,000 teachers meeting in Pittsburgh this week for the National Science Teachers Association convention. Revelations this week that one New York man may have knowingly infected at least nine women and girls as young as 13 make the lesson especially timely, organizers said.

Since the book and video, both entitled "The Science of HIV," were published last spring, thousands of teachers have requested them, said Shirley Ireton, director of special publications for the association. And despite unblinking references to rectal tears and vaginal fluid, nobody involved with the project can recall a single complaint about unsuitable contents.

"I think there are a fair number of parents who are relieved that it's being taught," said Sharon Nelson, a teacher at Waunakee High School in Waunakee, Wis., who has used parts of the curriculum in her classes.

The key is focusing on scientific principles behind HIV infection, "not a moral judgment on what you should or should not be doing," said Michael DiSpezio, who wrote the curriculum with funding from Abbott Laboratories in Chicago.

In his hour-long lesson with 70 students at Taylor Allderdice High School, DiSpezio never mentioned the word "condom" and only brushed on sex. Instead, he used Lego blocks and color drawings to describe how proteins are built in a cell, how a virus attacks and why the HIV virus is impervious to disease-fighting cells.

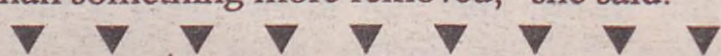
"If somebody is telling them to do something and not explaining why, that doesn't have as much clout," said DiSpezio, who previously worked as an eighth-grade teacher and a scientist who studied parasites. DiSpezio asked 30 of the students to each take one cup of water, dump the liquid into a friend's cup and take half back again, then swap with two more partners.

He announced that water in only four of the cups was treated beforehand with a chemical representing HIV. When he squirted a drop of another chemical into it, the water in the "infected" cups turned red. He tested each student's cup, and 23 turned red. Students yelled "dang" and gasped as infections mounted.

Nearly all teen-agers have heard messages about the dangers of AIDS, but few comprehended that they really are at risk. "People my age, they don't think it can happen to them. They think you have to be older to get AIDS," said Latasha Drummond, 16, who became infected in the fluid-exchange experiment.

The video, aired this fall on The Discovery Channel, shows HIV-positive young people, including a teen-age girl who explains that she was infected during her one and only sexual experience. According to Nelson, the girl says: "What ticks me off is that the students I go to school with all think I'm a slut or a whore."

That segment and the fluid exchange have the most impact, said Nelson, the Wisconsin teacher. "It's a reality all of a sudden, rather than something more removed," she said.



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# Pioneering Group Sets Trends For The Metropolis



by Steve Underwood

If club-trotting Houstonians desire to have a "scene" with an indigenous group identifying our metropolis with its sound, then they should look no further than **MUSIC BOX**, a local house music dance-oriented group. **MUSIC BOX**, under the guidance of producer Stephen Bogle and manager Alex Carmentes, are progressively establishing a creditable reputation in the City.

**MUSIC BOX** are Aaron Evens, Caleb Huntsberry, Lissie Salinas, and Terre Thompson. Aaron was born in Brooklyn, New York, raised in Denver, and graduated from Texas Southern University. Caleb released his first single in 1987 titled *Don't Come Back to Me*, with chart success locally at #17, and in England at #12. Lissie was raised in Brownsville, Texas and began singing in choirs. Houston has been her home for the last 12 years. Terre, a law student at Texas A & M, was not available during this interview. I had the opportunity to speak to Aaron, Caleb, and Lissie about **MUSIC BOX**, and here's what they said.

**SU:** Lissie, how did the group meet?

**LS:** I've known Caleb for several years, well, since about '83 or '84. We met at a new wave punker club called BJs on Dairy Ashford, and

that's how Caleb and I knew each other. And then after that, we continued to be in the club scene, but with a more distant relationship, more hi/bye than anything else.

**SU:** Were you club kids to begin with or something like that?

**LS:** Yeah (laughing).

**SU:** I know Caleb was! Who's in charge of putting everything together, the music and stuff?

**CH:** As far as putting the music together, it's me, Aaron and Lissie. We all play keyboards. As far as our manager, we have a new manager now, Alex Carmentes of Salsamania Entertainment.

**SU:** If you wanted Houston to know one thing about the group, what would that be?

**AE:** As a group, we don't want to have a sound or a look like any other group currently out on the circuit. Like, for Houston to know about us, we're a good act, talented, and have a lot to offer.

**SU:** So Caleb, what's your story?

**CH:** I came here in the 1980s. I was born in Middlesex, England, but I have no British background. Dad was in the military, we moved to the States, and we came here in 1982.

**SU:** What's this new single called?

**CH:** It's called *Change (The Final Show)*. We wrote the lyrics with [local Houston DJ] Rocky B, passed it on to our producer, Stephen Bogle, and he put some mixes together this year for us along with Alex Carmentes.

**SU:** How did you get the inspiration for the song?

**LS:** It's was Rocky B's idea to write the song they way she did. She had a lot of feelings at the time that just kind of came out, and Caleb and I were amazed, because she is really ahead of her time with music. We really just fed off of that.

**SU:** When is the single expected to be out?

**CH:** Probably by the end of this year, or maybe early next year.

**SU:** How did it feel performing at Pride Fest '96 (just a reminder: Pride Fest '96 rained out. The entire performance was moved over to Heaven).

**LS:** It was the biggest challenge of my life! My mind was tortured, with no sound check! I was a Heaven regular from 1987 to about 90 or

91, but I just got burned on going out so much, plus my job — I had to kick back a bit.

**SU:** But you guys also performed at Rich's for Club Hedonism. What was that like?

**CH:** That was really scary! I have never seen so many people staring at a stage. I've been on stage a lot, but that was scary. That was for our previous release, *Money*.

**SU:** What happens just before a performance? How do you guys feel?

**AE:** When you get ready to start performing, something that I find important is just being prepared, cause you can be a bit more relaxed on stage. We try to rehearse 3-4 times a week, usually late, maybe till 1 a.m. in the morning.

**SU:** What keeps you guys together?

**AE:** Over the period of about a year, our relationships have really grown. We all like house music and we like to perfect it. Everybody brings something totally different to the group. It's like a puzzle: we all have a piece.

**SU:** What do you get out of this puzzle, Lissie?

**LS:** Actually, I'm the less serious of the three. I love to sing, but I never thought I would ever want to do that as a career. But Caleb would hear me singing to the songs at the club, and he would say, "girl, you are the one, you need to join our team!" But I told him "I don't know about that," cause I used to have a lot of stage fright. For me, I'm having a good time, I just love house music, I love to dance, and I love attention—so that's me!!

**SU:** And what about you, Caleb?

**CH:** I've been doing this for a while. I want to put out something really hot in dance music, and represent Houston.

So, Houston, expect the single *Change (The Final Show)* to be in stores soon. Support **MUSIC BOX**, our local house music pioneers. You can contact their manager, Alex Carmentes, at (713) 779-9600 or [Salsamania@earthlink.net](mailto:Salsamania@earthlink.net). If we don't support our own scene, perhaps we will never have one.

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## HO HO HO VH1 Presents RuPaul

Rhino Records



Leave it to that drag master of self-promotion, **RuPaul**, to turn Christmas time favorites into campy self-portraits with a disco beat. Yes, now Ru thinks she's Rudolph, stealing her chance to take over Santa's show. But since when did Ru ever have trouble playing reindeer games? Tracks include the gender bending *I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus*, a flashback to Dr. Seuss's Christmas stories with *Your're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch*, and the anatomically inspired *All I Want For Christmas* (is my liposuction, my implants, my plastic). This CD is a great idea for a stocking stuffer, and besides it costs a lot less than that fateful luncheon at La Strada. And at least the CD comes with a money back guarantee.

## It's Raining Men — The Sequel Martha Wash Featuring RuPaul

Logic Records

Arriving just in time for Halloween, Martha Wash teams up with cohort RuPaul to revive that gay dance classic that never really went away. Of course, you notice who's featuring whom: perhaps there is some truth to that old adage "age before beauty." Martha—minus Izora—took quite a few more lyrical and vocal liberties this time around and RuPaul does most of the talking. But what else can I really say about this single  
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other than, yeah, you're gonna want it. And by the way — did you catch the Halloween video premiere on on *Pacific Avenue*? It's an absolute scream! Fortunately, the Sequel's remixes has been slowed down quite a bit to a comfortable 128 bpm. Extended remixes by Eric Kupper, Dillon & Dickins, and Calley & Rizzo.

**Kiss Me Guido Soundtrack**

**Various Artists**



DV8 Records

Ok, so you saw the movie, and just maybe you were hoping little Nick Scott would eventually crossover and give it up. Well, you know it

didn't quite work out that way, but hey, who cares?—he's still *incredibly* cute. And he can sing, too—REALLY, he can. If you just happen to need *another* soundtrack of recycled classics, try this one. Golden oldies include: Machine *There But For The Grace Of God Go I*; Gloria Gaynor *I Am What I Am*; and La Flavour *Mandolay*. But there are a few newbies to boot. Last year's super-summer smash *Stand Up* by Love Tribe is included with the extended mix as well as a new song by Martha Wash "*Magic Charms*." And yes, a song by little Nick Scott himself, "*I'm Gonna Shout*." Well, with a body like that, Nick, I think most queens will want to scream!

**Gay Apparel Xmas Songs The Go-Go Boys**



Ring Records

Now, this is the one that gets me: *Boys to the World*, *Chicken Hawk is Coming to Town*, *I Came Upon a Midnight Queer*, and *Deck the Balls*—that's just a sample of what this outrageous release has to offer. Got Christmas parties with that coterie of gay A-listers? Then you want this CD, a conversation piece in its own right. Get a load of these homo-fied lyrics: "Deck the balls with silk bikinis/'Tis the reason we like weenies/Don we now our Gay Apparel/Trolls are absent from our carol." Then, get this (sung to *The First Noel*): "The Gay Hotel/The rooms they were free/A man 'cross the hall yelled/'Won't you sleep with me'/ GAY HO-O-O-O-Tel, GAY HO-O-O-O-Tel/Here is the place to ring your bell." The madness ends with *The 12 Gay Days of Christmas*, but the fun never stops. You'll never think of Christmas the same way again.



**Friday-November 7**

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:30 pm, \$2. 880-9235 or [www.communitygospel.org](http://www.communitygospel.org).
- Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

**Saturday-November 8**

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
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**Sunday-November 9**

- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Rite Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 11am at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
- Holy Rite Eucharist I 8:00 am; Holy Rite Eucharist II 9:00 am; Choral Eucharist 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry at 11:00 am. Bible Studies adults and children, 10am. Nursery provided. 528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
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• Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.

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**Monday-November 10**

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- Maranatha Fellowship MCC has groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.
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**Wednesday-November 12**

- Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.
- Catholic Mass at 8:30 am the Kolbe Project.

**Thursday-November 13**

- Kolbe Project-November Potluck, 1030 Heights 6:30pm
- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or [www.communitygospel.org](http://www.communitygospel.org).
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"Here is a young person who is trying to make a difference in the lives of children and trying to make sure that they make good decisions and we have this group out there who does not care about children, does not care about poor people," Elders said. "All they care about is a set of values that they don't live by.

They don't live by those rules. When I think about that abstinence only thing. They attached it to the welfare bill. You know, were talking about young women who had a child out of wedlock and now we want to tell them that they have to be abstinent until they're married. That's a lie. All the data says our people are not being abstinent. They are sexual beings and to not want to give them comprehensive health information makes no sense.

**Abstinence**

"I think we can talk about abstinence. It is obviously the safest way to prevent pregnancy or any kind of sexually transmitted disease. But we are sexual beings and if we choose to be active we need to have the options to be as safe as we can possibly be," Elders said. "We know that the vows of abstinence break far more easily than does a latex condom."

**Medicinal marijuana**

Elders stirred a national debate on the merits of legalizing drugs in a speech during her tenure as Surgeon General. When the controversy over her remarks sub-

sided, a real dialogue began on the merits of medicinal marijuana. Recently, several states have made it a ballot issue, some successfully, others not.

"I support medicinal marijuana," says Elders. "I feel that doctors should use whatever they feel they need to use to help and make their patients feel better. We have lots of medications out there and sure other things will work but we need to have as many choices as we can. I feel that's a doctors responsibility."

Critics say it sends the wrong message, how do your respond to that, I asked. "We give people morphine, Demerol and other drugs all the time for pain. So I don't feel that it sends the wrong message," she replied. "I feel that we have a bunch of people who are making money off of promoting that they're reducing drug use in children - when we know that it is going up - and they spend all the money on trying to keep other countries from growing it, keeping it out of our country and very little on educating our children.

**Needle Exchange**

"I supported it from the very beginning," says Elders. "If I have one regret about when I was Surgeon General its that I didn't go out and take that on and get it done. Because they had passed a bill that said if the Surgeon General found that (needle exchange) does not increase drug use and that it would reduce the increase of AIDS, then they would

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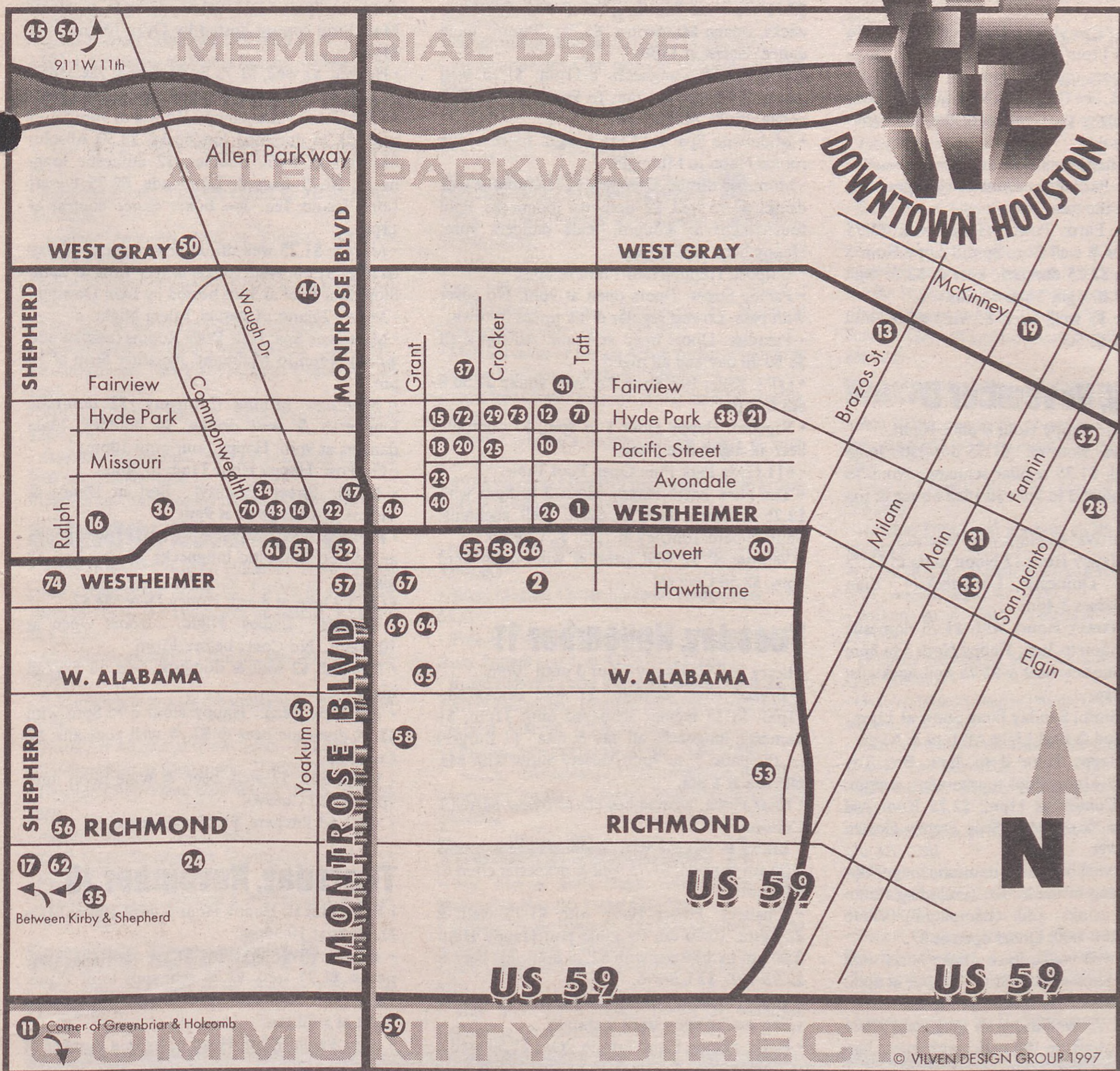
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17	Gentry	2303 Richmond	713/520-1861
18	Heaven	812 Pacific	713/521-9123
19	Incognito	2524 McKinney	713/237-9431
20	JR's	808 Pacific	713/521-2519
21	Lazy J	312 Tuam	713/528-9343
22	Mary's	1022 Westheimer	713/527-9669
23	Montrose Mining Co.	805 Pacific	713/529-7488
24	Outpost	1419 Richmond	713/520-8446
25	Pacific Street	710 Pacific	713/523-0213
26	QT's	534 Westheimer	713/529-8813
28	Rich's	2401 San Jacinto	713/759-9606
29	Ripcord	715 Fairview	713/521-2792
31	Venture N	2923 Main	713/522-0000
32	The Club Houston	2205 Fannin	713/659-4998
33	Midtowne Spa	3100 Fannin	713/522-2379
34	The New Barn	1100 Westheimer	713/521-9533
35	VooDoo Lounge	2151 Richmond	713/520-8636
36	Racals	1318 Westheimer	713/942-CLUB
37	Paradise	2312 Crocker	713/522-7366
38	Mela's Tejana Country	302 Tuam	713/523-0747
RESTAURANTS			
40	Baba Yega	2607 Grant	713/522-0042
41	Barnaby's Cafe	604 Fairview	713/522-0106
43	Charlie's Coffee Shop	1100 Westheimer	713/522-3332
44	Christy Donuts	1103 W Gray	713/524-4005
45	Java Java Cafe	911 W 11th	713/862-2683
46	Ming's Cafe	2703 Montrose	713/529-7888
47	Riva's Italian Restaurant	1117 Missouri St.	713/529-3450
BUSINESSES & SERVICES			
50	Cineplex-Odeon	1450 W Gray	713/524-8781
51	Crossroads Market	1111 Westheimer	713/942-0147
52	Eckerd Drugs	1007 Westheimer	713/524-9229
53	Fitness Exchange	4040 Milam	713/524-9932
54	Heights Above Florist	911 W 11th	713/862-2683
55	Houston Voice	811 Westheimer	713/529-8490
56	Inklings Bookstore	1846 Richmond	713/521-3369
57	Kroger Grocery	3300 Montrose	713/526-7865
58	Lobo Books & Video	3939-S Montrose	713/522-5156
59	Main St. Theatre	4617 Montrose	713/524-6706
60	Montrose Clinic	215 Westheimer	713/520-2000
61	Four Star Hair Productions	1201 Westheimer	713/524-7785
62	CreADive Unlimited	811 Westheimer(102)	713/526-5190
64	Vilven Design Group	807 Hawthorne	713/526-3212
65	House of Coleman	901 W Alabama	713/523-2521
66	Synchronized Chiropractic	811 Westheimer	713/521-7741
67	Walgreens	3317 Montrose	713/520-8000
68	KAD Computer, Inc.	1437 W. Alabama	713/522-7813
69	STAT Script Pharmacy	3407 Montrose (AS)	713/522-7373
CLOTHING SHOPS			
70	Basic Brothers	1232 Westheimer	713/522-1626
71	Jewel's Boutique	2404 Taft	713/523-3557
72	Leather By Boots	807 Fairview	713/526-2668
73	Leather Forever	711 Fairview	713/526-6940
74	Timeless Taffeta	1657 Westheimer	713/529-6299

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approve it. It was already approved, it just needed their signature.

"And, I'm sorry I didn't get that done. I think all the data says there is no increase in drug use associated with needle exchange and it definitely reduces the transmission of HIV disease. And for our government, to continue to abuse people by not allowing them the best public health possible makes no sense."

**Morality**

"We cannot legislate morals," Elders maintains. "The problem is the people that try to legislate them don't live by them. As far as I'm concerned, what goes on in other peoples bedroom is none of my business unless they are abusing children. We have to protect our children. Other than that, I don't care what other people do in their bedroom."

"If we had done what the public health service recommended we do back in the 30s and 40s, we probably would have never had this AIDS crisis. They recommended educating people through comprehensive health education about their sex to talk to people about preventative methods using condoms and how to be safe. This little manual was written primarily for people in the military. What they were trying to do was prevent our people in the military from contracting syphilis and gonorrhea."

**Williams**

Elders had some strong opinions about the Williams case in New York. Williams is the young man who allegedly endangered 30 girls through sexual contact because he is HIV-positive and did not inform the young women or use protection with them when engaging in copulation. The debate in academia today concerns who is to blame, Williams, the young women, or both. And, should

Williams be tried for attempted murder?

"You know," Elders said laconically, "I fault our society. If we had comprehensive health education for our young people in school this would not have happened. Having sex with a 13 year old when you're a 20 year old, that's child abuse. That's rape. We don't have to even get into murder, that's statutory rape. we don't deal with any of that. We allow this to go on because we don't want to tell our children anything about sex. We think ignorance is bliss."

**Television**

Surprisingly, Elders may agree with one aspect of her critics assertions. She believes television shows too much murder and violence, which in her opinion is far worse for society than sex. However, she contends that when sex is shown, its never treated respectfully or tastefully.

"We never show a married couple in bed," Elders said. "Its always having sex or its brutal sex with somebody else other than their-partner."

**Homosexuality**

Elders does not believe that homosexuality is genetic. "I think it is probably determined very early during a time in utero," says Elders. "Much of our imprinting about our sexuality is decided within the first eight weeks after conception. Our brain imprinting is done during that time."

**Advocacy**

Elders explained why she will not give up the fight to educate children and help stop the "unnecessary" deaths as a result of AIDS.

"I feel strongly about these issues," she said. "Just because I don't have a bully pulpit anymore doesn't mean that I cant keep trying to influence people. It's everybody working and everybody getting involved. it's not just one person. As a sur-

geon general you try to do things to help improve the general health of the nation.

"I was not out there trying to carry out the mission of people who didn't know nearly as much about public health as I do. That's probably why I didn't last as Surgeon General."

**Sex**

"Everybody does it and nobody talks about it," says Elders. "We do not have a healthy attitude about our sexuality. We allow people to treat it as dirty and nasty. We talk about all of these things in the closet. As a result, we perpetuate child abuse in our society. we do that by not educating them and talking to them about sex."

Lets say a five year old is being touched in places where they don't want to be touched and we've taught them that its nasty, its dirty and its bad. "Then when the abuser comes along and he says well they'll think your bad if you tell them. So our children don't tell us what s going on. And, a child abuser abuses 250 children during a course of a lifetime."

Elders maintains that her critics and religious right dictums about morality fail to look at the true picture: "They don't say anything about the fact that 70% of teenage pregnancy's were made pregnant by adult men. 84% of teens under 14 who become pregnant are abused by somebody in their own home. They don't talk about that."

Talking to Dr. Elders is always interesting and informative. Her words have far more impact when spoken in person. Like her or not, she is a force to be reckoned with. Elders will be speaking at the Houston Black Tie Gala Renaissance, Saturday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown. For reservations or information, call (713) 523-9611

COVER STORY

who said "In Houston, you can expect the expected."

As expected, Jew Don Boney was re-elected to the District D council seat, but Ray Hill is reported to have carried the Montrose precincts in this otherwise heavily black district. All but two of the constitutional amendments passed and voters approved all the Houston and Harris County bonds requested. The outcome of Proposition 8, the amendment which allows home equity lending, was certain enough that Nations Bank bought a full page ad in Wednesday's *Chronicle*.

Mayor Lanier is expected to chose Saturday, December 6, 1997 as the date for the run off election, but the date it is not official until the election returns are certified.

What's ahead for the voters and candidates in the next four weeks? If you did not vote in the November election, you may vote in the run-off but do not expect to get much mail from any candidates. However, if you did vote, expect a lot of attention. Run-off elections are always about getting voters who have already voted back to the polls.

Lee Brown, who claimed 42% of the votes and close to 90% of the black voters, must get his voters back to the polls and pick up about 30% of the Anglo vote.

Mosbacher, who got 29% of the vote, must avoid doing anything to incite black voters into a second round of record-breaking voting, keep his voters interested, and gain the majority of George Greanias' voters. Hispanic voters are key voters only if the race becomes very close because they have the lowest turnout of all ethnic groups.

The key to the Greanias vote is unknown. Was his support based on his social progressiveness or his demonstrated fiscal responsibility? Greanias led all candidates in the Montrose, Heights, Meyerland and Rice/Braeswood areas.

Meyerland, where Brown has lived since he became police chief, gave Greanias his second highest percentage of votes. His best

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**Friday, November 7**

- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm Buffet at 4:00 pm.
- Briar Patch: Wayne Gray plays tonight! Blackjack tables with Bunny open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from 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 Incognito: Ladies night.
- Cousin's: Super Friday Night Drag show with fabulous performers 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 8**

- Berry Hill 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!
- Briar Patch: 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: Super Saturday night Drag show with top Houston talent 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 Bridgett Tucker spins.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. Cuervo \$2.50!

**Sunday, November 9**

- Berry Hill 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.
- Briar Patch: 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: Sinful Sunday 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 10**

- Berry Hill 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.
- Briar Patch: 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 11**

- Berry Hill 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 8pm.
- Briar Patch: 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 12**

- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- Berry Hill 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.
- Briar Patch: 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 13**

- Berry Hill 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.
- Briar Patch: 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, November 7**

- 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.
- Houston Professional Men's Association meets at 7:00 pm. 713-866-4046.
- Garden and Yard Society meets. 713-520-1066.

**Saturday, November 8**

- 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.
- Rainbow Fishing Club meets, 713-526-7070.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860.
- AssistHers meet. 713-552-9445.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 713-780-4282.
- Making a Living Without a Job seminar at 9 am. 713-877-1981.

**Sunday, November 9**

- The Women's Group meets 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.
- Sisters meet. 713-801-4254.

**Monday, November 10**

- 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.
- A.C.E. (Acceptance:Communication:Equality) League of Brazoria County's FIRST meeting. 409-848-0812.

**Tuesday, November 11**

- 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) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Project Ceaser at AFH. 713-623-6796.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents family activity. 713-666-8260.

**Wednesday, November 12**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Ripcord 8 pm to midnight, Bricks II 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.
- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 713-902-2231.
- Healing and Happiness Through Wellness by AFH. 713-623-6796.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus meets at 7 pm. 713-521-1000
- The Mind/Body Connection: Alternative Approaches 7 pm. 713-524-2374.
- Mystery Shopper seminar at 7:30 pm. 713-240-6666.

**Thursday, November 13**

- 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 Mikg 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.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- HIV Prevention Community Planning Group meets at 9 am. 713-794-9251.
- Kolbe Project outreach at 7 pm. 713-522-8182.
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Your Horoscope for the week of November 9 - November 15

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20)It's a great week to improve relationships, particularly within the family. This may be the opportune time to reach out to someone who looks up to you, possibly a child. Be alert to all money opportunities, postponing any major decisions for now.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21)You are looking and feeling your best, so use this positive energy to your advantage - get out and accomplish things. Communications with others go well - you are a mind-reader with all around you. Tensions elsewhere may find you taking it out on a loved one.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) Make it a point of getting chores and errands out of the way earlier, because it looks like rest, relaxation and partying is in store for later. Be aware of the helpful insights surrounding you, rapid advancement at work may be a result of heeding suggestions.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) Personal financial planning is favored. Your intuition is sharpened concerning money matters. You may run into an intense blow-out with a mate or lover - keep your cool, things will straighten out rather quickly. Spend some time by yourself.

**LEO:** (July 24- August 23)It will be a busy week for you. Hard work on your part will bring you closer to your career and personal goals. Be supportive of family members, someone is going through a tough time. Resolve financial concerns you have now, before things get out of hand.

**VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) You are eager to help out wherever needed, but avoid those who manipulate your actions. Be sure that your efforts go to a good cause. Enjoy a break from the routine for a couple days. Luck will find you with extra dollars you weren't expecting at all.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) You are ready to conquer any obstacles this week. It may not be a bad idea to spend some time alone, because your criticisms of others may get you in deep water. It's hard to concentrate, and

daydreaming won't hurt - unconscious messages have practical value.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22)This week finds you in tune with your lover or mate, which makes for great fun and accomplishments for the next several days. It looks quite favorable for you to move closer to your goals. If people at work don't argue with you, they will argue around you- keep a low profile.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21)You need to get away from your hectic routine to be alone with your thoughts. Be confident of success in business dealings. Avoid any unpleasant financial surprises by going over matters to clear up any discrepancies. You can reach a meeting of minds with opponents.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) A friend challenges you to break out of your shell and promote yourself for advancement. Maybe it's time - trust yourself and you'll be happier in the long run. A great career opportunity presents itself, and you'll move ahead without upsetting anyone.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) It's hard to avoid confrontations. Someone you have recently befriended may turn on you. It'll be better to remain silent than be drawn into unnecessary arguments. Travel is favored for the next several weeks. If involved in litigation, expect to win.

**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) Career advancement seems effortless, so pursue your most cherished goal. Co-workers will welcome your great ideas. It may be a good idea to spend a little bit of time on your own, getting back in touch with yourself. Resolve differences that are putting distance between you and a loved one.

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You usually prefer to follow the logical path rather than trusting your intuition. However, your intuition can enhance your accuracy about situations when you team it with reason. Whether you admit it or not, you have experienced intense psychic moments, which may make you a bit uneasy.

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**ELECTION** from page 23

area was Montrose, where he took 58% of the vote. However, Mosbacher led Brown slightly in Montrose with 18% of the vote to Brown's 16%.

Debra Danburg, a Greanias supporter, has endorsed Brown. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee, endorsed Brown at its meeting Wednesday evening, contingent upon receipt of a signed copy of his questionnaire stating that he supports domestic partners benefits and non-discrimination for gays and lesbians. The Caucus's earlier endorsements of Annise Parker, Chris Bell, Carroll Robinson, and Dionne Roberts continue through the runoffs.

Annise Parker, who got 20% of the votes in the At Large Position One Race to Don Fitch's 29% does not expect to be the second place candidate in December. Parker says that Fitch "did a good job of working his conservative base, but he has few places to find additional votes." She notes that African-American and Latino candidates took more than half the votes in this crowded race. Parker has solid endorsements in those communities as well as an impressive string of other endorsements including the Log Cabin Republicans of Houston. If elected, Parker will be Houston's first openly gay public official.

Chris Bell, who won a special election for the At Large Position Four seat only a year ago, will be in a run-off with Richard Johnson. Johnson is an aide to Councilman Michael Yarbrough. Bell was also endorsed by LCR-H and has received high praise for his commitment to his principles and positions. Bell defeated a black candidate when he won this seat the first time and almost won this seat without a runoff, getting 48.7% of the votes.

Carroll G. Robinson and Elizabeth Ward Spates will be in the runoff for the At Large, Position 5 seat. The gay political groups split on this race with HGLPC PAC endorsing Robinson and LCR-H endorsing Spates. Both candidates are black, but the race is a city wide race, like all At Large seats.

There was a minor controversy at the HGLPC meeting because Robinson did not

include his HGLPC endorsement on postcard mailed to voters a few days before the election. A motion was made to rescind the endorsement of Robinson, however, it did not come to fruition. Rather a substitute motion was made stating that the organization would inform Robinson of its displeasure and make him aware of that a motion to rescind was presented.

The Robinson campaign told HGLPC leadership that the card was printed before the endorsement was received, but not mailed until later. A member of the group noted however that the card was printed prior to the *Houston Chronicle* endorsement, yet Robinson managed to stamp their endorsement on the postcard.

There will be run-off's for two district seats. District A, in the northwest Houston/Spring Branch area had been represented by Helen Huey. Bruce Tatro and Dave Wilson are in the runoff. Neither candidate was endorsed by a gay political group. Log Cabin indicated that they may reconvene their screening committee and consider endorsing one of the candidates. The HGLPC PAC will reconsider candidates that screened earlier this year.

Incumbent Councilman Ray Driscoll is in a runoff for the District F seat with Dionne Roberts. The district includes Sharpstown and the Gulfton areas. The ethnic balance in the district appears to be changing. Roberts, a 24-year old law student, claims that the district is now 55% minority. Driscoll is a middle-aged business consultant.

Houstonians were not the only people who went to the polls Tuesday. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani won reelection with approximately 57% of the vote. Giuliani's is a Republican. New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, won a narrow re-election campaign. And, in the only Congressional race this year, a special election to fill the vacant seat left by Susan Molinari, Republican Vito Fossella easily beat Democrat Eric Vitaliano. Nationally, the GOP swept the three top races, suggesting that the public seems satisfied with the status quo, a GOP congress and Democrat White House.



**HISTORY** from page 1

I previously spoke of my many black friends. One who was definitely a living legend was Barbara Jordan. Our meeting and friendship goes back to the 60's when she was a State Legislator and had a second story law office on Lyons Ave. I was the only white person she invited to her Christmas party that year. She sang and played the guitar and had a talent that even surpassed her political greatness.

A group of us went to a large dance hall and the adoration she received from people there was unbelievable. People came up to our table and told her they had named their daughter after her and much more. She hadn't even yet begun her national career.

I laugh now when I remember her asking me not to sit next to her. She was afraid people might think I was her date. I do not laugh when I look around and realize that I don't have a single black friend today.

I blame all the hate crimes and gay bashing today on this movement toward separatism. The only possible definition of prejudice is ignorance. Do not confuse ignorance with stupidity. Ignorance is not knowing. How can you know when you deem to stay by yourself separated from others? The gay community is probably even guiltier of this than the general population.

The H.G.L.P.C. works so hard for the political advancement of gay issues and with undisputed results. Today their members or their friends write terrible things about the Log Cabin Republicans. God bless the work the H.G.L.P.C. has done and is doing but let our minds not escape the importance of being a strong force in both political parties. In the last general election, 80% of the precincts that a Log Cabin candidate raced in was won and many of those were outside the Montrose area. Their voices were definitely heard at the State and National Republican Conventions. They were the only group that stood-up in these conventions proudly

against the destructive, prejudicial hateful groups that so erroneously refer to themselves as the "Christian Coalition".

The entire country is moving toward conservative principles (including the Democratic Party). ACT-UP made their presence known 15 years ago was probably the single most powerful force in securing medicines for HIV and people with AIDS. Back in the beginning their meetings in New York City drew up to seven hundred supporters. 50 or less attended their last meeting. Many of those who started ACT-UP are now successful writers or even politicians. They are still there, but now working within the system.

It will always be my belief that the talent and foresight of the gay community to see where the opportunities exist is unparalleled. We can do anything and most of the time better that includes serving in the armed forces. I did two years during the Korean War and even learned to drive a tank before I learned to drive an automobile. You see back in the late 40's and early 50's kids did have their own cars. The friends I made during that period both gay and straight will always be a memorable part of my life.

What have I learned from these past 50 years? The most important one is get yourself a partner, life mate, lover or whatever you might call it and make it last.

- George's three rules of partnership:
- Own a house together
  - Have a joint checking account
  - Be beneficiaries of each other's life insurance.

Basically this is a commitment that your love is more important than money. But this is only the beginning. Anyone who tells you his or her marriage was made in heaven is a liar of the first degree. Commitment is something more than love it is respect that you must work at every day of your life. My proudest accomplishment is the 36 years with my partner. His hair is no longer red, it is

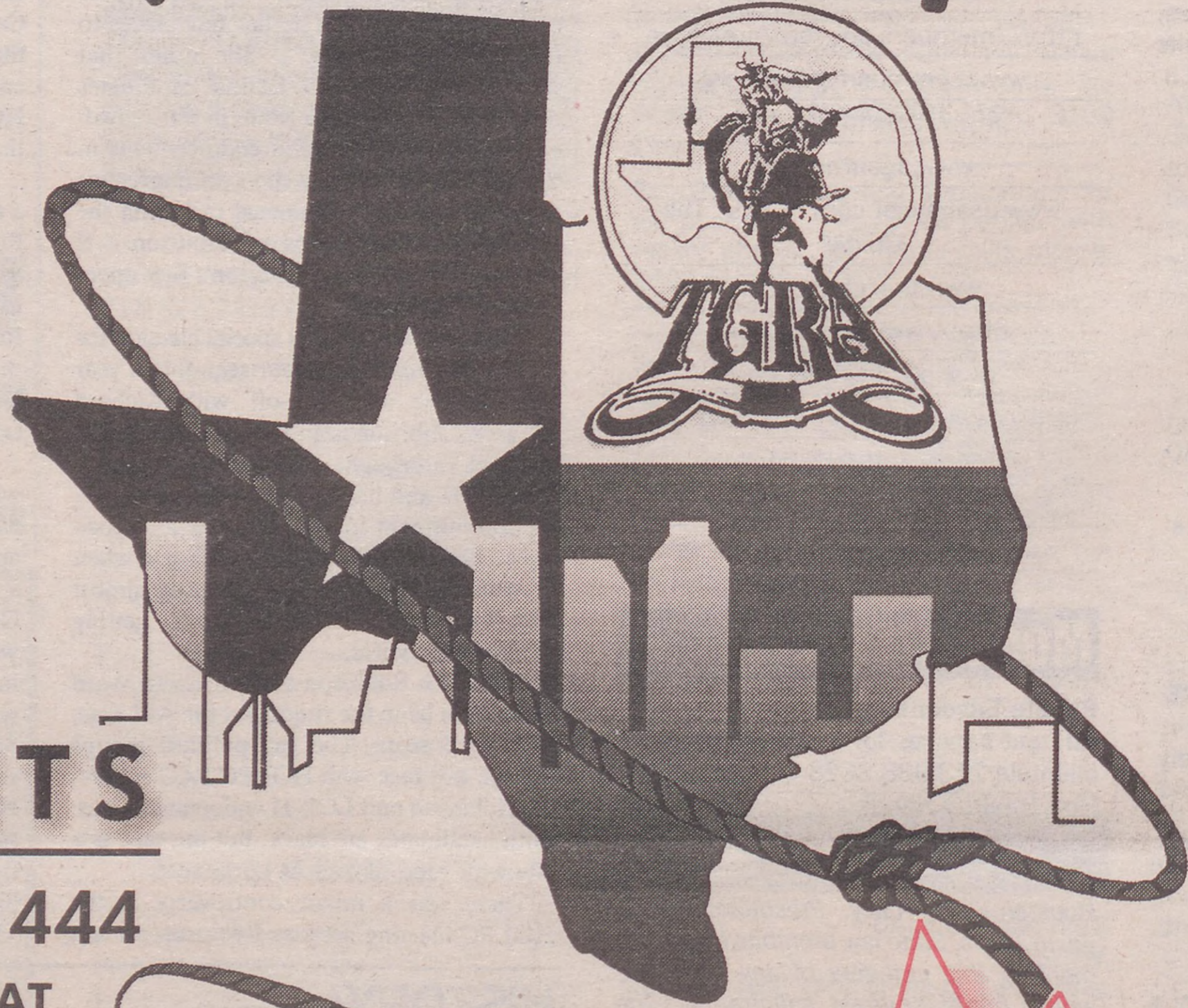
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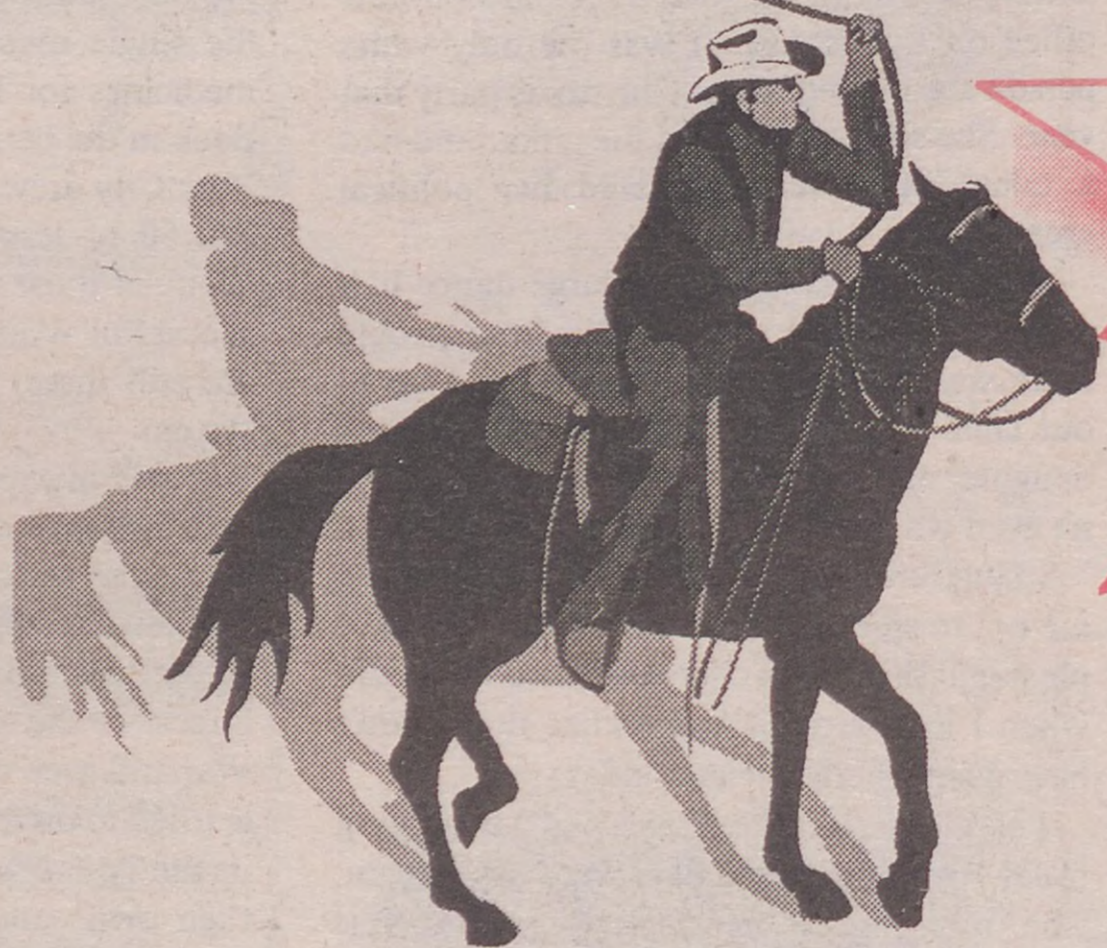
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**CASE/**from page 1

Garcia has tested negative for HIV twice but is suing Santa Rosa for not warning her Balderas might have been exposed.

George Powell, Ms. Garcia's attorney, argued before the Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday that the state's HIV-AIDS confidentiality law is meant to protect patients from being discriminated against.

It was not intended to prevent people intimate with those patients from being warned, he said.

But Jerry Gibson, an attorney for Santa Rosa, said even if the clinic knew Balderas had been exposed to the virus, it could not tell Ms. Garcia because of the law. "Santa Rosa tried to follow the law, and got sued for doing so," Gibson told the nine-member Supreme Court. "We're being sued because we didn't tell Ms. Garcia ... 'Aldalberto might have AIDS.'"

Cathy Sheehan, another Santa Rosa attorney, said state lawmakers in 1989 gave doctors permission to tell spouses of people who test positive for AIDS or HIV. But she said the law doesn't allow doctors to tell their patients' sexual partners or other people.

Ms. Sheehan also told the court that Santa Rosa didn't know Balderas had AIDS. She said he stopped getting blood products

at Santa Rosa in 1982 and did not acknowledge phone calls or letters sent to Balderas trying to notify him that he might have been exposed to HIV. "The duty was to attempt notification of a former patient," Ms. Sheehan said. "She's saying we should have sought her out and informed her personally. That's quite an onus to place on a health care provider."

Justice Greg Abbott asked Powell if the confidentiality law doesn't apply to sexual partners, should the court require doctors to find anyone who has been intimate with their patients to warn them that the patients might have HIV or AIDS. "I think we have to stick with readily identifiable third parties," Powell said. "Ms. Garcia was readily identifiable. They knew they were about to be married."

Gibson said it would have been a breach of Balderas' privacy to tell Ms. Garcia that he might have been exposed to tainted blood. Ms. Sheehan also said if doctors were required to tell other people, patients with communicable diseases might be less likely to seek diagnosis or treatment.

The court did not indicate when it would rule. A court in San Antonio threw out the case, saying the clinic had no duty to warn Ms. Garcia. A state appeals court reversed that decision, and the clinic appealed to the Supreme Court.

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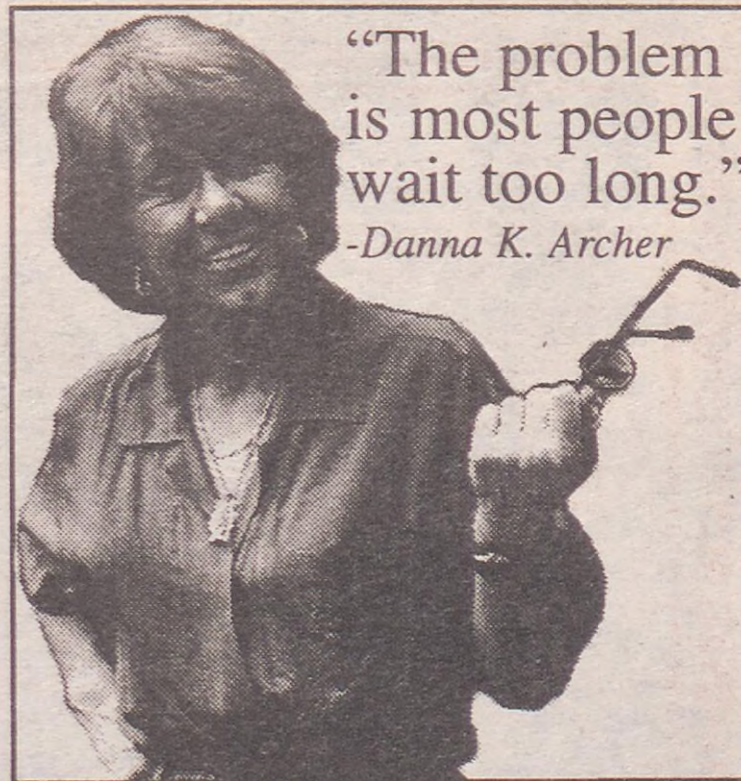
almost completely white and there are a few wrinkles here and there but when I look at him I see the most beautiful person in the world. We may not feel well all of the time but we do not take it out on each other - no way. We both know there must be mutual respect always and without it, it could end today.

I hope that these articles will instill in the young readers a definite feeling that we are not second class citizens and we never were. We are survivors. We are a combination of men and women who are made up of all races, groups, and religions, of such a force of talents that we can do anything.

When I look back to the 40's and think of the events of today, I am truly in awe. The Black Tie New Years Eve parties for over nine hundred when the entire Wyndam Warwick Hotel was taken over for a fund raiser by the Bering Foundation is mind boggling. What a happy event! The Krewe of Olympus Mardi Gras Ball also a black tie affair which was started by Ben Jones and Bill Walters is an event of mammoth proportions and great fun. The significant dress code change of the 90's would have to include black tie and tails. Jerry Atwood's Christmas SongFest is one of the most joyous times where straights and gays join together in an evening of true brotherhood. Miss Camp America, which I mentioned before, reigns supreme in fund raising.

In ending, I'll still believe the future will be great if we stand together, embrace each other and work together. Let's all stop this petty bickering because some of us are Republican or Democrat, out of the closet or in the closet, or different ethnically. United, we will prevail. Ending with my typical levity, remember it was Ginger Rogers who could do every dance step Fred Astaire could do, backwards. Well, we can dance forward and backwards and often do.

(George Rimmey, a longtime community advocate, has written an article about each decade during the past fifty years in honor of gay history month. This concludes this series.)



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gay agenda while in Luxembourg. A State Department official, also requesting anonymity, confirmed without elaboration that Helms received the assurances he was looking for.

Hormel sits on the board of the Human

Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's leading gay-rights group. Hormel, 64, has donated at least \$120,000 to party candidates and causes since 1995. An heir to the Hormel Meat Co. fortune, he sits on the boards of the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

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- kiss, 3 words
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- 31 common Internet acronym for 'Laughing Out Loud'
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- 32 red or yellow pigment
- 34 name of 5 Norwegian kings
- 35 Roman numeral 1250
- 36 person of the religion of Judaism
- 37 girl
- 38 conglomerate that once owned NBC
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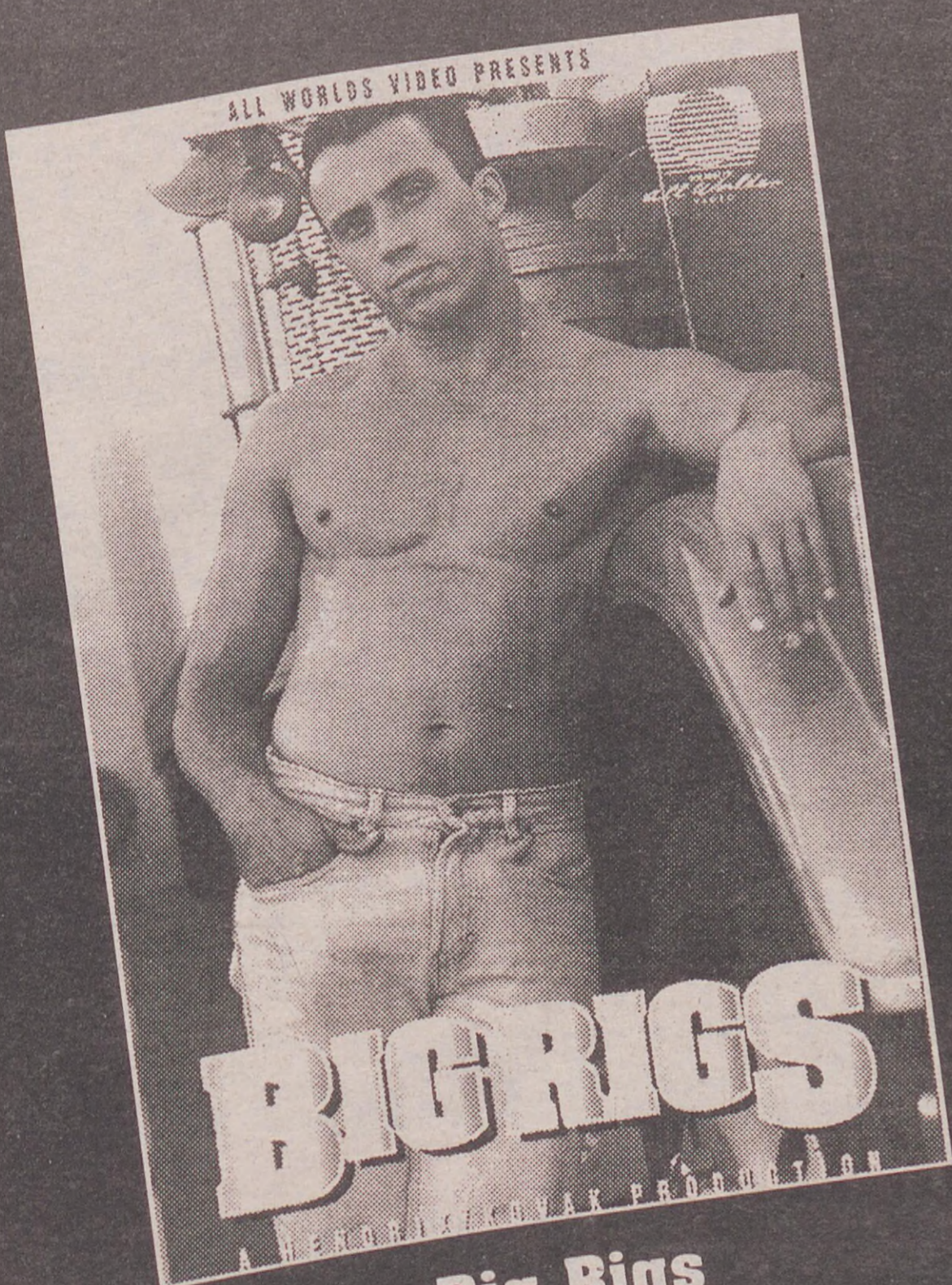
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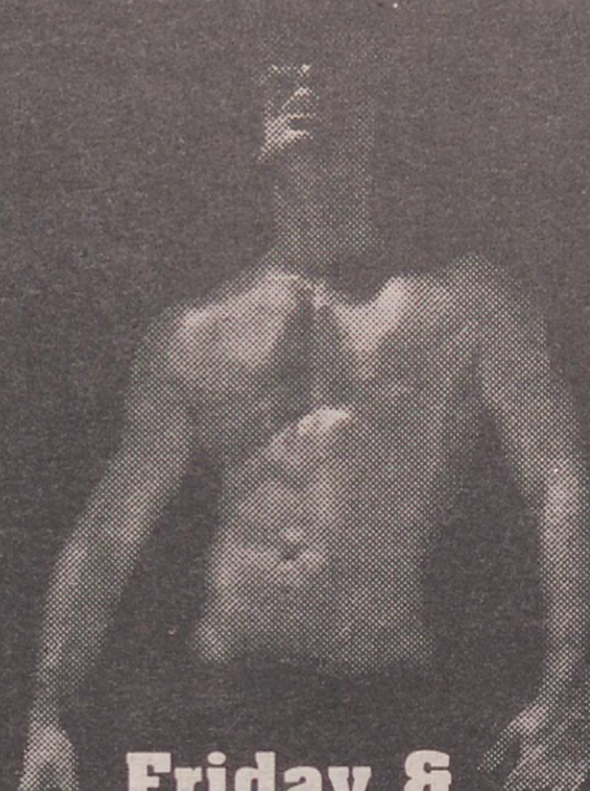
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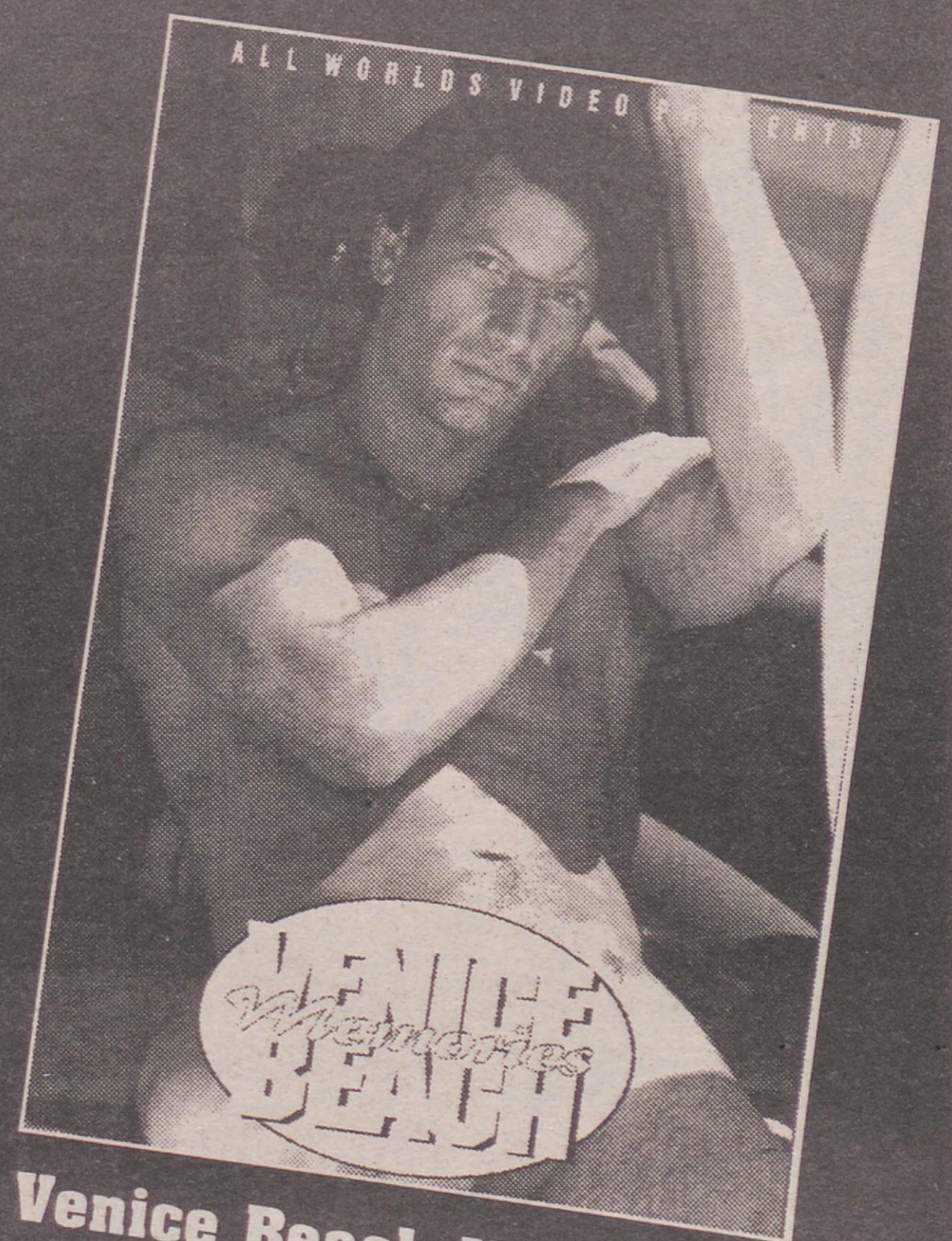
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