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## Pride Committee of Houston Unveils 1997 Logo

### *Glowing with Pride*

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK 1997



### *Houston Hosts America's First Nighttime Parade*

The Pride Committee of Houston (PCOH) announced this week that they will host America's first night time Gay and Lesbian Pride parade expected to draw nearly 50,000 spectators. The event is scheduled to take place Saturday, June 28, 1997.

The parade will take place along its traditional route with a few exceptions. Normally the parade moves east on Westheimer from Woodhead to Montrose Boulevard. This year the parade will turn on Montrose and end at Hawthorne Street.

The Committee, off to an early start, selected *Glowing With Pride* as the theme of this year's festivities. The slogan was unveiled along with the new four color logo designed by graphic artist Leana Colmenares, who dedicated it to the memory of her father of twenty-two years, Bill Whiting, who died of AIDS last February.

Leana wanted to emphasize the presence of the heart in her design stating that "pride is a strong emotion that each of us can find within our hearts." The logo captures the essence of PrideWeek and reflects the energy and enthusiasm being put into this event.

The predictable Houston summer heat inspired the group to make



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Debbie Reynolds and Albert Brooks in the Paramount picture "Mother".  
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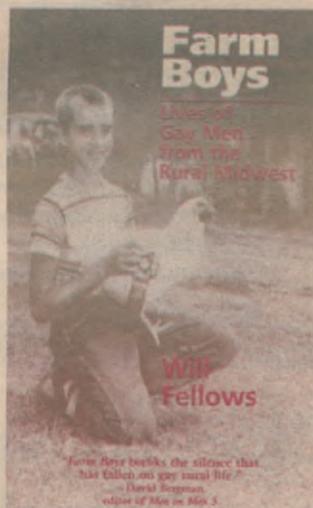
## Will Fellows Slated to Appear at Crossroads

### *An Interview with the 'Farm Boy' Author*

By Jon Anthony

Best-selling author Will Fellows will appear live at Crossroads Market to read from his book *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest* (Wisconsin Press).

*Farm Boys* is a collection of stories from more than three dozen gay men who grew up in farm families. Ranging in age from 24 to 84, Fellows book is a truly enjoyable reading. In fact, it's a gem.



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## Bell and Dixon Selected For Run-Off

### *Caucus to Hold Second Endorsement Meeting*

By Curt Morrison

As expected, Chris Bell and Rev. James Dixon will face one another in a run-off election to determine who will fill the vacated at-large position 4 City Council seat formerly held by Judge John Peavy. Polls taken prior to the election indicated that the pair would surpass the crowded field of 16 candidates.

Bell, endorsed by Log Cabin Republicans of Houston, came in second to Dixon. Community activist Ray Hill, endorsed

by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC), came in a strong fourth.

"I'm beaten but not bloodied," said Hill. "I managed to hold together the lion's share of the gay/lesbian/transgendered vote and picked up around 4,000 new votes among supporters of the adult industry, libertarians and other new friends."

Asked who he would throw his support behind, Hill indicated he would follow the recommendations of the HGLPC en-

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Delores Mitchell and Vinnie Burrows in "Having Our Say".  
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**Duck Smoooches To You All!!!**

By EARL STORM

January '97 celebrates a full year of the "Such is Life!" cartoon strip being published in the "Houston Voice!" With heartfelt appreciation Buckminster Duck and I want to thank Crad, the staff and the readership of the "Houston Voice" for this opportunity to "quack" each week.

This has been an incredible year of personal, spiritual and creative growth. My duck-toons have been a wonderful forum to process and celebrate gay life and life itself! Not to mention the small fortune it has saved me in therapy!

It is an incredible honor to touch the lives of people I may never meet through my

toons. The healing power of humor helps me/us get through our challenges and playfully celebrates our victories! From my drawing board here in San Diego it feels great to share these feelings with Houston...even if it's just two dimensionally.

As my creative adventures take me into more and more gay and gay friendly publications I am very proud to be a part of the "Houston Voice" family! As a result of tremendous community support, the horizon looks very bright for "Such Is Life!" with gallery shows, a published anthology and a line of duck-merchandise. Thank you for being a part of it's success!

My heart goes out to all who have expressed their support, compliments and guidance. Thank you so very much for reminding me that duck-dreams do come true!

**Meet the First Latin American Globetrotter**

By LEE DAVIS

Elevated, gigantic, lofty, imposing, towering, gargantuan!! Okay, to put it simply, he's very tall!! In a recent interview with Orlando Antigua (and several bottles of pain relievers later from looking up throughout the interview), I met a kind, gentle man who had anything but an easy start in life.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Orlando and his family moved to the Bronx in New York City at the age of four. He attended St. Raymond's High School for Boys in the Bronx. As a sophomore, he was the unfortunate recipient of a bullet that lodged in his head. During his senior year in high school, his family endured a very public episode of homelessness. As the oldest of three brothers, Orlando had to help keep his family together until housing was secured. Orlando was offered a scholarship to play basketball at the University of Pittsburgh in 1991. In 1993, after suffering from severe headaches, he had to experience a very delicate operation to remove the bullet inflicted in him while in high school. Orlando graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences in 1995, culminating a brilliant career at Pitt. He scored more than 900 points, dished out 192 assists, grabbed 400 rebounds, blocked 75 shots and collected 74 steals in 113 career games for the Panthers.

Thus far Orlando has traveled throughout



Orlando Antigua of the Harlem Globetrotters

the states, Mexico and South America. As soon as this tour is over, he intends to go to Europe with the Globetrotters. When asked what he missed most while traveling, he quickly responded "Mom's home cooking and his fiancee!"

Orlando hopes to stay with the Globetrotters as long as possible, but noted that every player must try out each year. "There is no guarantee that just because you played the year before, that you will once again be selected." If he can stay with the Globetrotters for 20 years, that would please him. After that, he hopes to keep with the game by coaching basketball at the collegiate level, preferably back at Pitt.

Two days here in Houston, then to San Angelo and San Antonio before returning to Houston on Friday, the life of a globetrotter is quite hectic! Orlando contends that "seeing all of the smiles on the audience's faces at the games, seeing children afflicted with various diseases in hospital visits light up when the Globetrotters walk in the door...these are all things that make being a Harlem Globetrotter something very special that only a few have the pleasure of experiencing."

See the Globetrotters play on Friday, Jan. 24 at The Summit at 7:30pm and enjoy a pleasurable evening of highly-skilled, yet very personable, professional basketball players.

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**Log Cabin Annual Benefit Honors Lincoln**

The Log Cabin Republicans of Houston will hold their third annual Lincoln's Birthday Party fundraiser Sunday Feb. 9. This year's benefit will celebrate Lincoln's 188th birthday.

The gala will take place at Baich's from Noon until 2:30 p.m. at 2016 Main. City Council candidate Chris Bell will be the guest speaker at the Brunch. Tickets for the event are \$30.00 and can be purchased at the House of Coleman and Crossroads Bookstore.

The group will hold their annual elections for office holders at their monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 27 at Renata's Restaurant located at 2006 Lexington near the Southwest Freeway and Shepherd exchange. For more information, call (713) 523-2521.

**Alley Theatre Hosts Women's Center Gala**

The Houston Area Women's Center will celebrate the contributions of its hundreds of volunteers and supporters at a 20th Anniversary gala event at the Alley Theatre, Monday, Jan. 27 from 6-8 p.m.

Founded in 1977, the Houston Area Women's Center provides shelter, counseling, and support services to thousands of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault each year. The center is one of the largest women's centers in the country.

The organization will also hold a dedication ceremony for the naming of the Louise Strauss Ablon building earlier that day at 4:30 p.m. located at 1010 Waugh Drive. The generous donation was bestowed by Kay Ablon Schwartz in memory of her mother, Louise Strauss Ablon. "This is a wonderful gift to the center on the anniversary of our 20th year of service to the community," said Executive Director Ellen Cohen.

**EPAH Hosts Benefit For Bering Dental Clinic**

The Executive Professional Association of Houston will present The Sweetheart Masquerade Ball benefiting the Bering Dental Clinic at The Embassy Ballroom at Post Oak and Westheimer Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

The group will crown a lucky attendee "Queen" of the ball. Tickets for the benefit are \$50 and available through the organizations Community Affairs Committee. The cost of the ticket includes dinner, dancing, entertainment and an open bar.

For information concerning the event, call Jerri Crain at (713) 890-1291 or the Bering Community Service Foundation at (713) 529-0671.

**Counting Crows Assist Montrose Clinic**

The musical group Counting Crows will collaborate with the Montrose Clinic in the fight against AIDS. The Clinic will dis-

tribute information about HIV/AIDS at the groups live sell-out performance at the Music Hall Jan. 23.

The popular rock band decided to support an AIDS service organization in each city of their tour in an attempt to enlighten their audiences to the importance of joining the fight against a disease that is increasingly affecting more people each year.

"This is an excellent opportunity to reach a large number of people. Having Counting Crows, a band that is climbing the charts, join us in this effort is very exciting," intoned Montrose Clinic President Katy Caldwell.

**Convicted Killer Presents 'Prison Art' Show at Montrose Gallery.**

Convicted killer Elmer Wayne Henley, Jr. prison art will be shown at the Hyde Park Gallery Friday, Jan. 14, at 9 p.m. The 40 year old Henley has been incarcerated since he was 17 years old for murder.

During his incarceration, he has remained active in school. He has obtained an Associate of Liberal Arts degree from Alvin Community College and currently awaiting the offering of courses which would allow him to complete his Bachelors Degree.

In a recent interview with Ray Hill, Henley expounded on his affinity for art. Henley proffered that he has only been painting for three years as a result of prodding from friends and indicated that he prefers drawing people in black and white. "Black and white offers no distraction and is much more pleasing to me. Color seems to obscure the intrinsic beauty of the human form," opined Henley.

Henley, who is self taught, has won first place in a prison art show and in 1996 donated 12 pieces of his work to an Austin benefit auction for abused children. Henley will donate a share of the proceeds to AIDS Foundation Houston. Ray Hill's interview with

the artist will air Jan. 14 on his KPFT, 90.1 FM Prison Show.

**Theatre Workshop Holds Auditions**

The Group (Theatre Workshop) announced they will be holding auditions for its upcoming production of *Two Boys In Bed On A Cold Winters Night*, a new play by James Edwin Parker.

Needed are two male actors who are able to convincingly convey the portrayal of 35 year old males with relatively good physiques. The roles call for brief nudity. Auditions will consist of readings from the script and will be held at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Boulevard, Saturday, Feb. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

*Two Boys* is a comic tale of how not to act on a one-night stand. According to *The New Yorker*, it is also a sharp-eyed exploration of "emotional intimacy." Having had successful runs in New York, San Francisco and London, the play has garnered raves. *The Philadelphia Gay News* called it "surprisingly tender and affecting."

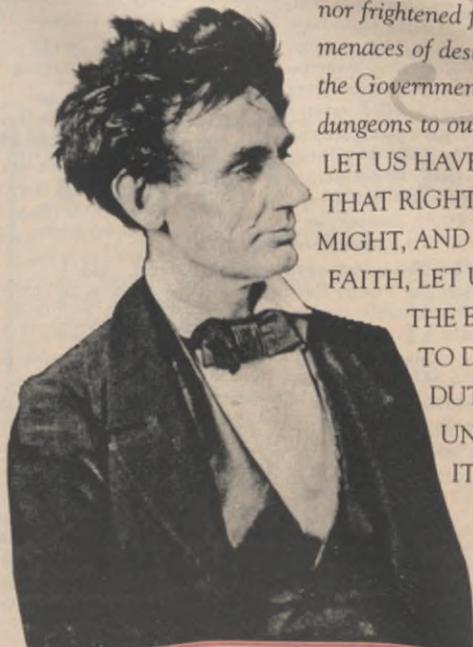


Convicted Murder and Artist Elmer Wayne Henley

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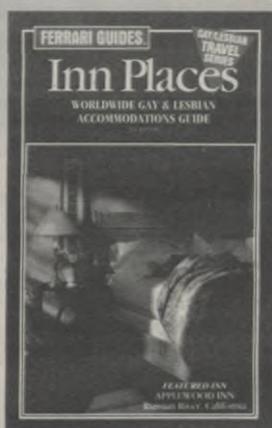
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## Chamber of Commerce Board Elects Officers

The Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce held their annual board retreat last weekend to elect new committee chairs and office holders.

The Board unanimously re-elected President Coy Tow and Vice President Sandra B. Wilkins, M.A. Board members Bill Green, CPA, CFT and Laura Hudman were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The remaining board members for 1997 are Suzanne Anderson, Tony Carroll, Marion E. Coleman, Cheryl Conner, Dan DiDonato, Joyce Gayles and Patrick McKee. Committee Chairs selected at the retreat include: Dan DiDonato (Communications); Todd Partridge (Membership); Co-Chairs Joyce Gayles and Tony Carroll (Program); Co-Chairs Helene Rouse and Kenneth Council (Social); Marion Coleman (Newsletter); J.C. Michelak (Public Relations); Dan DiDonato (Internet); and Greg Jeu (Directory) were selected as Communication Subcommittee Chairs

In related news, the group presented their



Award Recipients at GHGLCC Meeting: Laura Hudman (OutSmart); Dan DiDonato (Preferred Graphics); Richard Wiederholt (Basic Brothers); and Susan Upchurch (PFLAG).

annual recognition awards at the Jan. 6 meeting. The recipients were Laura Hudman (Outstanding Member); Dan DiDonato (Membership Development); P-FLAG Houston, (Community Service); and Richard Wiederholt for the prestigious President's Award for vision and leadership.

The Chamber meets monthly on the first Monday at the Allen Park Inn at 6 p.m. Next month's meeting will focus on How to Successfully Market Your Self and Your Business with Todd Partridge hosting a panel of experts.

## City Council Passes S.O.B. Bill

The Houston City Council unanimously passed the controversial Sexually Oriented Business Bill last week after months of tumultuous public debate. It is unclear exactly how the measure will affect the adult entertainment industry, however, the bill is expected to have an impact. The new law is scheduled to take effect within 120 days of its passage. Additionally, the law does not provide any exemption or grandfathering as is usually the case with most city ordinances.

Crafted by the city's Legal Department and council's S.O.B. Committee at the behest of Mayor Bob Lanier, the bill is most likely to end up in the courts. Councilmembers Helen Huey and Jew Don Boney were

the committee co-chairs.

"Several councilmembers raised some very serious questions about various aspects of the resolution, but when it came right down to it, nobody had the cajones to stand up to the Mayor, Helen Huey and Jew Don Boney and vote against the passage," said longtime community activist and a paid lobbyist for adult video industry.

Ray Hill asserts that the referendum will be decided by the courts and the question is how many lawyers will profit and who are they going to be. "The idea that people are going to walk away from multi-million dollar investments without a fight is unrealistic," said Hill.

## Hollyfield Announces Grant Recipients

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, from 5 till 7pm at the offices of the Hollyfield Foundation, located at 2700 Albany, Suite #202, The Hollyfield Foundation will hold a reception to recognize the gay, lesbian, and AIDS service organizations who have competed and have been selected by the Board of Directors of The Hollyfield Foundation as their second annual grant cycle recipients. The Hollyfield Foundation's 1996 grantees and their projects are:

—Houston Black Tie Dinner, Inc. 1996 Dinner —supporting the Victory Fund and twelve local charitable organizations.

—DiverseWorks —supporting gay and lesbian programming for the Houston community during 1996-97.

—Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) —supporting the THRF toll-free Hotline for Texans with legal problems related to HIV/AIDS or sexual orientation.

—Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) —supporting production of the 1997 HATCH newsletter and fliers for distribu-

tion to school administrators and counselors in the Houston area.

—Out Youth Austin (OYA) —supporting the OYA toll-free Helpline for lesbian and gay youth.

—AIDS Housing Coalition Houston —supporting this male transitional living house for persons with HIV/AIDS.

—The Center For AIDS (CFA) —supporting the CFA 1997 Series of Community Forums on HIV/AIDS Treatment and Research Issues.

—Steven's House —supporting this intermediary care facility for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Hollyfield Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Jay Hollyfield, a well-known Houstonian who died of AIDS-related conditions in 1994. The Hollyfield Foundation is composed of a board of 13 women and men from throughout Texas who are committed to advocacy for AIDS and the equal rights of lesbians and gays. Since 1994 the foundation has been able to support over 15 gay and lesbian community and AIDS service organizations.

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# RSICSS Coronation XIII Finally Over!

By LEE DAVIS

Donned "A Winter Fantasy Ball," The Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. (RSICSS) put on their best for visiting dignitaries. The place to be on Saturday, Jan. 18, was the Renaissance Hotel. Beginning at 7pm(ish) and ending at 2am(ish), RSICSS' members rolled out the red carpet with lavish "Winter Wonderland" set designs for all three sets...yes three!



Emperor and Empress XIV Jerel McNeil & Anita Mann

To give you a little history on RSICSS, they are an organization sharing the purpose of supporting the many needs of those with HIV/AIDS. As an example of its profound accomplishments, RSICSS has raised over \$100,000 over the last four years. There are no corporate underwriters and very few big buck donations from individuals. Members of the Court, far from being the wealthy in our community, enter their membership knowing that a large part of their lives will be dedicated to RSICSS. From September through January, individual members (candidates) "run" for the title of Emperor and Empress, leaders of the Court for the following year. The Imperial Court opens itself to the community by allowing any member of that community (gay or straight) to vote for their leaders—their Emperor and Empress. A week after voting, Coronation takes place. This is the reigning monarchs stepping down—a party weekend. Coronation brings together most clubs and organizations in the city as well as Courts from other parts of the country, Mexico and Canada.

Coronation XIII weekend was no different—an out-of-town show on Thursday night, an in-town show on Friday night, Coronation XIII on Saturday night, a brunch on Sunday morning and finally a Victory Show on Sunday night. Out of town courts included those from San Diego, Los Angeles, Portland, Albuquerque, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Dallas, Arlington/Ft. Worth, Omaha, and many others—too many to list here! There were also representatives from Toronto, Ontario Canada. A long way to come for Houston to show its' best face for a weekend full of activities. Emperor

XIII Jim Halbert and Empress XIII Ruby Stone, along with support of their fellow RSICSS members, performed splendidly to show their out of town guests the best that Houston has to offer.

There were three sets at the Coronation on Saturday night. Jim and Ruby entered in a slave/reindeer-pulled sled. Beautiful white feathers bloomed from the tail of the sled, accenting the white costumes both Jim and Ruby were wearing. Yes, the evening's festivities had begun, and in fine fashion! Entertainers performed, all courts were announced, gifts were given to Jim and Ruby upon their departure from Reign XIII. Men and women in tuxedos, men and women in fashionable (and I expect costly) ball gowns, men and women in leather—truly a diversified crowd!

The third set finally came and the intensity in the crowd was felt throughout the Grand Ballroom. It was time to announce the winners of Emperor and Empress XIV for the upcoming year. The Board of Directors and Monarchs were the first to see the vote tabulations and all nodded approval. Imperial Prince Royale Rick Carter left the ballroom to escort Emperor XIV in. Jerel McNeil, a long-time activist in Houston was proclaimed Emperor XIV. It was then time for Imperial Princess Royale Vanna White Lee Love to leave the ballroom and escort the new Empress XIV in. Anita Mann came whisking through the doors to become Empress XIV. There were no losers in this contest. Every candidate showed their best all year long to support the many worthy causes of RSICSS. Congratulations to our own RSICSS—Houston and the community are very proud of you and wish you continued success during Reign XIV.

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**Clinton Inaugural A  
Resounding Success**

President Clinton became the first Democrat President to begin a second term since Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Inauguration was a resounding success and the most diverse inauguration in history encompassing a Gay and Lesbian Inaugural ball. Clinton received the bulk of gay and lesbian votes in the last election despite a sometimes tumultuous relationship with the community. Clinton is widely considered to be the most gay friendly President to ever occupy the Oval Office.

Clinton is enjoying a rebound in the polls with the latest results showing him to be more popular with the electorate than at any time during his tenure. The President cited Martin Luther King, Jr. as a source of personal inspiration. The inauguration took place on the Martin Luther King holiday. "The American people returned to office a president of one party and a Congress of another. Surely, they did not do this to advance the politics of petty bickering and extreme partisanship they plainly deplore," said Clinton. "No, they call on us instead to be repairers of the breach and to move on with America's mission..."

**Clinton Budget Proposes  
HIV Prevention Increase**

The President's budget, scheduled for release Feb. 6 is reported to include an increase in HIV prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The \$20 million increase, is reported to be earmarked for HIV prevention efforts among drug users. This is a particularly important population as nearly three-quarters of new AIDS cases can be linked to substance abuse.

Most AIDS programs are expected to receive modest increases in the President's budget. While these increases are somewhat gratifying for AIDS advocates in that they demonstrate the Administration's commitment to AIDS programs, there remain concerns that the increases are inadequate and that there are plans to cut other public health and housing programs and to reform the Medicaid program.

**Cisneros Coordinates AIDS  
Focus Meeting**

Outgoing Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Henry Cisneros coordinated an unprecedented meeting last week of three cabinet secretaries with a group of AIDS housing providers, residents, and advocates. The meeting, chaired by Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown, and attended by Cisneros and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, was the first such meeting to focus exclusively on AIDS issues.

Cisneros took the opportunity to urge Brown and Shalala to follow his model of involving community-based AIDS service providers and consumers directly affected by federal programs in the development and implementation of AIDS-related programs and policies.

AIDS Action Council's Director of Government Affairs Aimee Berenson, who attended the meeting praised Secretary Cisneros' outreach to the AIDS community during his tenure. Secretary Brown committed to adopting the Cisneros community involvement model at the Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides direct medical care to more people living with HIV and AIDS than any other federal agency.

All three secretaries committed to continued collaboration between their agencies to coordinate and strengthen the ability of all federal programs, not just AIDS-specific programs, to meet the continuum of needs of people living with HIV and AIDS.

**Massachusetts Police Chief  
Recruiting Gay Officers**

Springfield, MA (AP)—The city's police chief is actively recruiting gay and lesbian officers.

That word came Thursday in a statement released from Chief Paula Meara. She said she was intent on shaping a police

department that reflects the community. Meara herself made news earlier this year by bucking traditional stereotypes. She took over the biggest police department in New England to be run by a woman.

**Colorado Bill Proposes  
Hate Crime Law Extension To  
Include Homosexuals**

Denver (AP)—A bill to expand Colorado's hate crimes law to protect homosexuals has been introduced in the Senate.

It's the second session in a row such legislation has been filed by Sen. Dorothy Rupert, D-Boulder. "It's going to be tough fight, but I think we need to do this," Rupert said Monday.

The bill died last year under election-year pressure to protect moderate Republicans. "I wanted so much last year to have a floor vote but was persuaded not to do so," Rupert said. "Now is the time to go." The state's 1988 ethnic intimidation law makes it a crime to single out anyone for criminal action because of race, color, ancestry, religion or national origin. SB 100 would expand the law to include sexual orientation, age, and physical or mental disabilities.

**Gay Activist Elected To  
Reform Party National  
Committee**

Gay activist Jim Mangia, Secretary of the Reform Party of California, was elected by an overwhelming vote of local Reform Party chapters, to be the California representative to the founding meeting of the Reform Party National Committee.

Called by Ross Perot, Richard Lamm, Pat Choate and Russell Verney (Executive Director of the Reform Party), the Committee will convene its first meeting Jan. 25 and 26 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mangia, 37, was one of the founders of the Reform Party of California and served as Ross Perot's liaison to the gay and lesbian community during the 1996 presidential campaign.

**Community Leaders Meet  
With Gore**

Vice President Gore pledged continued support for the gay community in the second Clinton administration after meeting last week in the White House with a group of gay and lesbian leaders.

"Vice President Gore was very open to our requests and positive about continuing the dialogue we began four years ago," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

Community leaders in attendance at the meeting were Roberta Achtenberg, Keith Bykin, Kerry Lobel, Martin Ornelas-Quintero, Jeff Soref and Jeff Trammel.

**Group Files Suit Seeking  
Injunction Against Federal  
Officials**

A group of physicians and patients—represented by the ACLU of Northern California and the San Francisco law firm of Althuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin—filed a class action suit in federal court in San Francisco seeking an injunction to prevent federal officials from taking any punitive action against physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to their patients in compliance with California law.

The lawsuit is a direct response to the Clinton administration's Dec. 30, 1996, announcement of its plan to oppose the implementation of Proposition 215 by threatening California doctors with a wide range of punishments if they recommend medical marijuana.

The defendants in the suit are: Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Director of Shite House Drug Control Policy; Thomas Constantine, Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States; and Donna Shalala, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Nebraska Legislature Introduces Doctor-Assisted Suicide, Gay Marriage Bill

By ROBYNN TYSVER

Associated Press

Lincoln, NE (AP)—The death wish of a terminally-ill patient would be granted under a controversial bill that has made its return to the Legislature.

The bill was one of two repeat measures introduced by Sen. Ernie Chambers that are guaranteed to garner attention. The other, which was one of 60 new bills submitted Thursday, would legalize gay marriages.

Both of Chambers' bills died last year in committee.

Physician-assisted suicides "break down the barriers between healing and killing," said James Cunningham with the Nebraska Catholic Conference, which opposes both bills.

Supporters, including the Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, argue that the terminally ill should have the right to end their suffering.

"The person's right outweighs the government's interest," said Matt LeMieux, executive director of the Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The U.S. Supreme Court could end the controversy if the court rules that such suicides are protected by the U.S. Constitution. The court heard oral arguments on the issue earlier this year.

The court also could leave the issue up to the states, LeMieux said. In that case, a bill would be needed to be approved in Nebraska to legalize doctor-assisted suicides, he said.

Most Nebraskans oppose doctors being

involved in death, said Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of the Nebraska Right to Life.

She said the bill was a "step beyond Jack Kevorkian," the Detroit doctor famed for helping people commit suicide. Kevorkian provides the equipment and the help for a person to commit suicide. Chambers' bill calls for a doctor to administer death, Ms. Schmit-Albin said.

The measure could unleash future atrocities, she said.

"I think there is a very real threat that the elderly and the handicapped are going to be expected to move along for the sake of others," she said.

At the request of a patient diagnosed with a terminal illness, a doctor would be allowed to give the patient a lethal injection under the plan (LB406) offered by Chambers.

No doctor could be forced to participate in the procedure, nor subjected to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for participating.

The gay-marriage bill (LB407) will, perhaps, have a tougher time being approved than the assisted suicide measure.

Civil rights officials acknowledged earlier this month that an opposing bill introduced by Sen. Jim Jensen of Omaha will be successful in denying recognition of gay marriages in Nebraska.

Twenty-eight senators have come out in support of that measure, which was prompted by an court injunction issued last month in Hawaii that prohibits that state from not recognizing same-sex marriages.

## California State Law Allows Marijuana Club To Re-Open

By MARK EVANS

San Francisco (AP)—Milahhr Kemnah, the first person the state allowed to legally buy marijuana since the 1930s, wasn't entirely prepared for his moment of fame.

The 28-year-old San Franciscan strode into the Cannabis Cultivators Club on Wednesday, but turned his back a few steps short of the counter, his face panicked. His pockets were empty.

"I better tell them I didn't bring enough money," he whispered to a friend, who quickly pulled out a crisp \$10 bill. Moments later, Kemnah, who suffers from AIDS, bought two plastic baggies filled with low-grade, Mexican-grown pot. "I feel glad and I feel lucky. History is being made," Kemnah declared before rolling a joint.

Five months after state narcotics agents raided it and shut it down, the marijuana club reopened to people with prescriptions for the drug, backed by a state law that legalized marijuana for medical uses and a judge's ruling.

Before the raid, the club had operated illegally for years, but police in San Francisco looked the other way. Would-be pot-smokers lined up to get membership cards for the club, which will sell marijuana to people with AIDS, glaucoma and other serious illnesses to relieve their symptoms.

Some researchers say marijuana can relieve eye pressure in glaucoma, reduce nausea in cancer patients on chemotherapy, and combat wasting, a severe weight loss associated with AIDS.

Other experts say there is no medical use for marijuana, which was outlawed in the

United States in 1937. Possession of marijuana remains a federal crime, but it was unclear how the government would react to the club's opening.

Federal officials have said they will watch closely to see if doctors prescribe drugs illegal under federal law.

Attorney General Janet Reno said earlier this week that federal officials will "review the evidence on a case by case basis" but she hinted that agents will continue to focus on large cases.

"We will continue to enforce federal law, and we are reviewing the administrative, civil and criminal options right now," said Bob Weiner, spokesperson for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Potential buyers had to bring doctors' notes, diagnoses and identification. Club organizers called patients' doctors before issuing ID cards with photos and a bar-code strip.

The next step was purchasing the pot from "bud tender" Randi Webster, who had six types available, from Mexican-grown to top-quality California-grown. Prices ranged from \$5 to \$65 per one-eighth-ounce bag. Also for sale were marijuana cookies, truffles and vials of marijuana tincture that can be dropped into tea or coffee.

Attorney General Dan Lungren has reluctantly acknowledged he is bound by Proposition 215, which was passed in November. His spokesperson, Steve Telliano, said state narcotics agents will not disrupt club operations as long as it keeps proper records and does not make a profit.

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## Hawaii House Offers Proposals On Same-Sex Marriages

Honolulu (AP)—State House Democrats have scheduled a hearing Tuesday on their plans for a constitutional amendment on same-sex marriage.

They unveiled a package of bills Friday on their agenda for the legislative session. Two of the bills center around same-sex marriage.

The Democrats propose a constitutional amendment that would require voter approval. It would define marriage as between one man and one woman.

The lawmakers also are proposing a new "reciprocal beneficiaries" law. It would give people who cannot marry certain rights and benefits now only available to married couples.

The benefits would include the right to make hospital visits, the right to make health decisions and the right to inherit property without a will. The proposal does not include the ability to provide health insurance coverage or specific tax benefits for a partner.

"We worked very hard on this," House Judiciary Committee Chairperson Terrance Tom said. "We feel very confident...that our constitutional amend-

ment will be found constitutional if challenged."

The Senate has not yet issued a proposal. Last year, the House pushed for a constitutional amendment, but the measure failed in the Senate.

The Senate unsuccessfully pushed a "domestic partnership" proposal to give gay and lesbian couples many of the rights and privileges of marriage without actually being married.

Hawaii courts have ruled that the state cannot deny marriage licenses for gay and lesbian couples. The issue still is unresolved while the latest ruling is appealed to the state Supreme Court.

Constitutional law expert John Van Dyke, who teaches at the University of Hawaii, said the House package will not hold up to the standards set by the state Supreme Court.

"Under the Hawaii Supreme Court decision, if there's a different treatment then there is discrimination," Van Dyke said.

The House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the bills at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Capitol auditorium.

## HIV Infected French Surgeon Calls For Testing

### Urges Patient and Surgeon Alike

Paris (AP)—A French surgeon who apparently passed on the AIDS virus to a patient during an operation—years after he unknowingly was infected by another patient—called Thursday for anyone undergoing surgery to be tested for the virus.

Dr. Patrick Cohen said surgeons, too, eventually should be tested for HIV to avoid spreading the deadly disease on the operating table.

"It's necessary to take steps, and rapidly—to test all the patients we operate on, and eventually all the surgeons," Cohen told France Info radio Thursday.

Cohen, an orthopedic surgeon, apparently passed on the virus during a long and complicated operation in 1992 or 1993, during which, witnesses said, he cut his hands several times.

In a report released Thursday, Professor Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute—one of two physicians who discovered the AIDS virus—called for greater caution but no widespread testing, noting that such cases are rare in medicine.

The incident is only the second known case in which a health professional has infected a patient, according to Montagnier, who co-wrote the report. A dental surgeon from Florida is believed to have contaminated six of his patients.

"The hypothesis that the patient was

contaminated after being exposed to the surgeon's blood during the operation is highly likely," Montagnier said. "There is a strong possibility, but it is not a scientific certainty."

Health officials said Cohen contracted the virus while performing surgery in 1983, but was unaware of it until bad health caused him to take a test in March 1994. During those years, Cohen said he performed surgery on about 6000 patients.

After he discovered he was carrying the virus, Cohen alerted health authorities, who began HIV tests on nearly 1000 of his patients. One was found to be HIV positive.

"It is likely that the blood dripped onto the open wounds," Montagnier said. "Although the circumstances appear to be clear, that combination of events is very rare."

The health department concluded that Cohen should have declared the first accident in 1983, undergone a subsequent AIDS test and been able to accept treatment that would have minimized the risk of contamination to patients.

Cohen no longer performs surgery at the hospital in St. Germain-en-Laye, about 15 miles west of Paris.

The report called for doctors to be more vigilant in declaring surgical accidents, infected doctors to undergo intensive therapy, and HIV-positive doctors to be prevented from performing certain operations.

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## 'Having Our Say'--A Conversation That Covers Our Century

By RICH ARENSCHIEDT

Theater is often a passive experience where participants merely occupy seats expecting to be impressed by events unveiled in front of them. The current Large Stage production at the Alley Theater, *Having Our Say--The Delaney Sisters First Hundred Years*, breaks that mold and draws us into a personal, even intimate conversation with two ancient 'maiden ladies'--Sadie and Bessie Delaney.

The stage set is reminiscent of a very comfortable, very familiar living room. The women that inhabit it are also very comfortable, very familiar people, albeit, very different from most of us. The dialogue that you enter into with these women, (and audience members will certainly feel an inner compulsion to interact with them), is friendly and heartwarming but also has instances where the subject matter make it awkward, even uncomfortable.

Based on the best selling book of the same title by Kodansha Marcia published in 1993, *Having Our Say* has been adapted for the stage by Emily Mann. After a successful Broadway run it received several Tony nominations, including one for best play. The vast majority of the script comes directly from the Delaney sisters; given their copious opinions and experiences, not much else needs to be added.

From their first utterances, it is clear that this duo is not your ordinary set of spinsters. Their remarkable story unfolds before you containing dozens of characters, spanning six generations and encompassing a century of American life. While not born into slavery, as some of us might think, these women were clearly impacted by it and the repercussions of emancipation.

From the beginning of the show, issues and experiences are presented in a forthright manner. Titters of nervous laughter came from a mixed Alley audience, unsure of whether to laugh at some of the 'racial labeling' that the sisters used in self description. These women were born eons before the era of political correctness and their expression and nomenclature reflect that. Even in the unthreatening atmosphere of theater we have difficulty with language once considered harmlessly descriptive and not in any way pejorative. Although presented to us by two kindly elderly sages, racial terminology still makes us squirm.

While many of the experiences recounted to us are indicative of the African-American post-slavery experience, one thing is remarkably clear--the women, in spite of their difficulties were much more fortunate than their peers; in fact they would be considered by many to be very, very lucky.

Throughout the play, one whole section of which is dedicated to the infamous 'Jim Crow' laws, the sisters refer (with wonderful clarity of example)--to the injustices of prejudice and segregation. These are tempered (thankfully) by instances of equity bestowed on them and their families by those who abhorred injustice and assisted them in self preservation and actualization.

Their father, born into slavery just prior to emancipation, was educated, entered the clergy and became the first African American Bishop in The Episcopal Church in America. This man, through his intellect and faith, was the most important influence on the sisters. While not fully examined in the play, their obvious worship of him could have contributed to their single until death status. The pair, apparently not unknown to the men of Harlem,

could find no man to compete with such an awe-inspiring father figure.

Through their education and profession, one as teacher, the other as dentist, the Delaneys served as magnetic forces for the social and creative renaissance that swept Harlem in the early part of this century.

Their circle included social and cultural activists, most notably W.E.B. DuBois, regarded as originator of the modern civil rights movement.

The chronicle of their friendships reads like a 'Who's Who' of African-American movers and shakers. Jazz greats Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington, singers Marion Anderson, Ethel Waters and Paul Robeson, activist Booker T. Washington, and scholar E. Franklin Frazier all interacted with the sisters and some frequented their home.

One can only imagine the discussions that took place around their kitchen table and what impact these two venerable women had on the African American experience in arts, politics, and government.

*Having Our Say* is a 'walking paced' production, reminding us of a longer than expected conversation with a slightly quirky, much wiser older relative.

Delores Mitchell as the 'sweet' Sadie and Vinie Burrows as the vinegar Bessie compliment each other very much as our



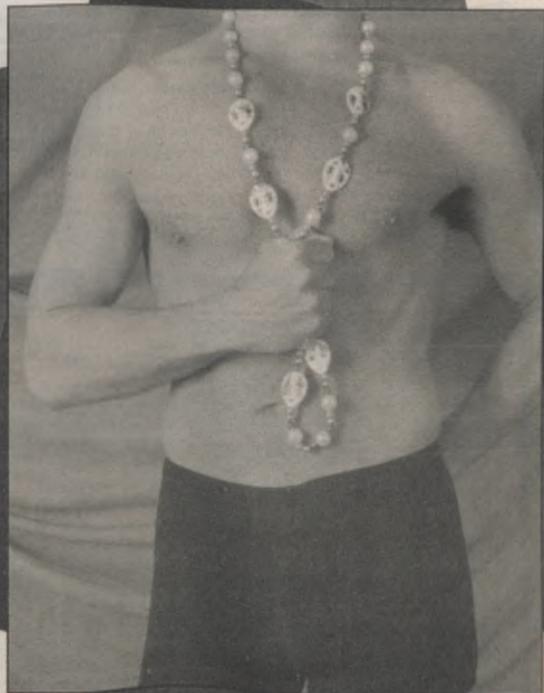
Sadie Delaney (Delores Mitchell) and Dr. Bessie Delaney (Vinie Burrows) star in *Having Our Say* at the Alley Theatre. (Photo by Bruce Bennett)

own siblings do, each with a different (and sometimes amusing) attitude and perspective.

Throughout the oratory that comprises the Delaney sisters' lives, audience members feel as though these characters are speaking specifically to each of us. At times you'll feel tempted to walk up on stage and share a cup of tea with them, or take a bite from a plate of food that they are busy preparing while conversing with you. This intimacy, combined with the wonderfully familial way in which the sisters interact, and the tales they tell, reminds us of the simple aspects of life observed with the benefit of hindsight and wisdom; words of women and a country that have grown up together.

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## Plain Speaking

By LARRY LINGLE

Recently I had a brief but satisfying reunion with one of only two individuals I have remained in contact with from my high school and undergraduate years. As it happens, the three of us attended high school together in our mutual Missouri home town and later went to the state university, which at that time had only one campus, in Columbia.

Gene, my friend of old, was in town for three days of concerts with a group he put together in 1970 while living in Toronto—the Canadian Brass. As befitting a musician, Gene is now, as he was then, very laid back, unassuming, and serious only about his music.

Our affinity in high school was bridge—not the Bill Clinton kind to the future but the one with a deck of cards. I was the debater, loner, befriended by the girls in the class (clearly I put off an aura of being "safe"); whereas Gene the musician, while not an athlete himself, was comfortably accepted among the class jocks. In our small group of bridge players Gene and I were the only males.

In college our bond was beer drinking, preferably at a dive called the Shack which was conveniently located across from the main building which anchored the Red Campus—a strange nomenclature, considering that was the 50's, and the Red Scare. Actually, it was based on the red bricks making up the buildings and distinguished them from the White Campus, the newer structures composed of native limestone.

Over the intervening decades Gene and I have crossed paths on only a few occasions—one high school reunion (and one was enough)—and a few times when his group performed where I happened to be living. This recent reunion was like the others, as if time had stood still—except for the ravishes of age on two no longer young students. Gene remains the same easygoing musical prodigy of his youth, as comfortable today with my gay persona as he was when I was merely the class misfit.

The difference, however, surfaced repeatedly as we talked. Gene is now twice a grandfather, once widowed and once divorced and now living with a Canadian film maker despite his road schedule which accounts for two hundred days a year. I, on the other hand, have a divorcee from a straight marriage and am widowed from a long-term gay relationship.

Gene's career has always been music, from the San Antonio Symphony to his own group. I, on the other hand, have used up the lifetime average of three careers—teaching, journalism and now business. The final result of my travels through life would have been the lowest priority of the student I once was.

As much as I enjoyed this brief reunion, it did, nonetheless, revive a vague but real sense of loss. Triggered, obviously, by my loss of a lover and companion for life, I have come to realize that I lost much more. With Bill I had a reason to build a business, to create a home, and plan a future.

While I do not mean to make light of others who have suffered a loss of a lover from

AIDS while still relatively young, I do envy their opportunity to rebuild a future. A friend recently asked if I thought I would "remarry." "Not bloody likely," was my response. Not because my capacity to care for another died with Bill, but the realization that six decades of living ill prepares me for starting over.

As talented as my classmate, Gene, may be—and he is—he would not be classified as promising. Whatever sort of businessperson I may be, or even writer of columns, I distinctly would not be termed promising. Promising, one with a future, a comer, someone to watch—all these accolades belong to the young, along with the rest of society's hopes and dreams.

Older men, straight and gay, like my friend Gene and myself, are on a holding pattern at the end of life's flight. If there is any anticipation it only centers on whether we will land safely or crash and burn.

The other classmate to whom I referred in the beginning as having also attended the same high school and college was the class valedictorian who, when in high school, reminded me of Eleanor Roosevelt. Maurine went on to Columbia for her doctorate and continues to teach journalism at the University of Maryland. Even at sixty she is under some pressure to retire—to make way for a newer generation. Only a brief few years ago she was one of two finalists to return to the University of Missouri as dean of that oldest School of Journalism.

Maurine remains my only link to the ghosts of the Class of '54. On the several occasions when Bill and I were in Washington, we always dined at least once with Maurine whose interests, fortunately, were broader than recalling high school memories which, in both our cases were not all that fondly remembered.

While I have often remarked that growing older does not bother me, the truth of the matter is that it certainly isn't a picnic. Even at forty, one can conceivably start over. All those personal ads so popular in the alternative press even offer hope of romance as late as 45. But reach fifty it's pasture time (try saying that slowly), and hitting sixty (like yours truly), forget the pasture, get a rope. I have seen laments for those societies which venerate their elders for sage wisdom and wise counsel. Now being an elder myself, I say give me youth and reckless, heedless disregard of consequences. Wisdom is much overrated. I think sage advice comes more from aching bones than divine knowledge. Besides, I believe the young have every right to make the same mistakes we did. As Gene and I sat at a table at Cafe Adobe, we didn't share our wisdom from life's long journey, we recalled the follies of our youth and connected over time as two bridge-playing fanatics as if time stood still for a few brief moments in our own twilight time.

(Larry Lingle is the proprietor of Lobo Bookstores as well as a nationwide entrepreneur. His weekly column of views and asides are the opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication.)

## Righteous Indignation

By LESLIE RAMSAY

The continued bashing of Newt Gingrich is just getting too tired. Again, in last week's *Houston Voice*, I read another recounting of the weak and dismal charges against Mr. Newt.

Not surprisingly, the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives has spent the last two years lobbing meaningless charges and accusations at the Republican speaker. In an attempt to divert attention from their own leader—Bill Clinton—and his vast ethical lapses, they filed seventy-five charges with the House Ethics Committee against the representative from Georgia. Of those seventy five charges, only ONE charge was upheld.

To be sure, the Speaker may have inadvertently misled the committee as a result of a misunderstanding of an obscure convoluted IRS tax law. As a taxpayer, I can attest that if you call the IRS forty times with the same question, you are very likely to receive forty different answers.

In the committee's findings they were unable to substantiate any of the other seventy-four charges. If recent current events were a barometer for reckless accusations, the Democrats would be in dire straits.

Recently, a young woman, Nina Shahravan, accused two Dallas Cowboys, Erik Williams and Michael Irvin, of rape and holding her at gunpoint. The charges were totally unfounded; Irvin wasn't even there when Williams videotaped the entire sexual encounter he had with her. Apparently, Erik Williams videotapes all of his sexual encounters for this very purpose. The Dallas police viewed the tape and investigated the charges. They have now charged Ms. Shahravan with filing a false report. If she were convicted on this charge she would face a possible jail sentence and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Will the Democratic leadership be charged with filing seventy-four false charges against Newt Gingrich? True, the ethics committee is only six appointed pseudo-judges, three Democrats and three Republicans.

Has any past ethics committee ever administered real punishment on their peers? One representative, now retired, received only a reprimand for having illegal sex with an underage page. Another current house member has been brought up three separate times before the ethics committee for violations concerning an illegal tax exemption he claimed on a home. He claimed this home as his primary residence when in fact it was a vacation home that he frequently rents out to lobbyists. Was he fined or reprimanded by the committee for his proven tax evasion? Now this eth-

ics committee has passed down a \$300,000 fine to the speaker. They appear to be holding him to the highest ethical standards because he is second in line to the presidency.

If Newt Gingrich is held to the highest ethical standards because of his proximity to the oval office, then what is the deal for its current occupant? When the Clinton's took office in 1993, they promised to have the most ethical White House ever. Now celebrating their re-election, the Clinton's are facing another four years of ethics charges to spin on and on about. The re-elected President's inauguration weekend has turned out to be a commemoration of the master whirling dervish spin-doctor coming back to town.

Currently, the Democratic leadership has to answer questions about the illegal wiretapping of a private phone conversation by two Florida Democratic activists, Jim and Alice Martin. Representatives Jim McDermott (D-WA) and David Bonnier (D-MI), have apparently, in their efforts to get Newt "by any means necessary" committed several clear-cut felonies.

Brian Lunde, a Democratic campaign consultant, has hit the nail on the head with his statement, "We have overplayed our hand. The Democrats are now committing felonies in order to catch Gingrich on a minor technicality."

The \$300,000 fine that the committee passed down to Newt Gingrich for his "minor technicality" is supposed to help defray the cost of the entire investigation. I propose that the representatives that filed the false charges pay for the committee's work.

The representatives that felt that tying the hands of the speaker was more important than doing the country's business should be held accountable for the expense of the investigation, the legal fees of the wrongly accused as well as punitive damages. The tax-paying citizens of this country do not have the money to waste on these trivial witch-hunts.

Perhaps the Democratic National Committee has \$300,000 or so, lying around from the Riady family that they need to dispose of, quickly.

(Leslie Ramsay's column *Righteous Indignation* is a new weekly column of opinion from the gay conservative viewpoint. Leslie is a member of Log Cabin Republicans Houston and resides with her lover Dawn outside of the Loop. The views expressed in her column are those of the author and they do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication. The *Houston Voice* welcomes Leslie to its family with pride.)

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## New Release's Spotlight Old Favorites



Walter Matthau and Ossie Davis in *I'm Not a Rappaport*, a Gramercy Pictures Release

## Who's Rappaport?

By CHRIS RUNDQUIST

Gramercy Pictures release of "I'm Not Rappaport" opens in theaters on Jan. 31, 1997. This film is the screen adaptation of the stage play by the same name, written by Herb Garner.

The stage play "I'm Not Rappaport" is one of the most honored and successful plays in American theater history, a winner of the 1986 Outer Critics' Circle Award, and the John Gassner Award. Acclaimed both off and on Broadway (where it ran for nearly three years), it has been performed throughout the country, as well as in Europe, Africa, South America and opens this fall in Tokyo, prior to touring Japan.

The film stars Walter Matthau, who gives a richly funny and human performance as Nat Moyer. This character is an eighty-one year old Jewish radical of the old school, a compulsive and fanciful talker, a feisty philosopher, and a trou-

blemaker given to assuming fictional personalities.

His daily companion on a bench in New York's Central Park is Midge Carter, played by Ossie Davis, who is also eighty-one, a black, half-blind, apartment house superintendent. Midge's approach to life is realistic and down to earth, making him the perfect foil for Nat.

With vaudevillian flair, these appealing oldsters outrageously take on the world and its multiple threats, drug dealers and muggers, enlightened children, forced retirement, and the specter of the old folks' home.

Co-stars include Amy Irving as Clara Gelber, Nat's daughter, and Martha Plimpton as Laurie, a junkie that comes to the park to draw for art school. Also co-starring are Craig T. Nelson as The Cowboy, a drug dealer, and Boyd Gaines as Danforth, the president of the tenants' committee that wants to fire Midge.

Author and Director Herb Gardner is also the author of "A Thousand Clowns" for which he received Academy Award Nominations for Best Screenplay and Best Picture of the year. Producer John Starke is credited with some thirty films ranging from "The Warriors" to "The World According To Garp"

Despite the obvious talent that went into making this film, it falls short of the impact that the stage play created. Even the vaudevillian skit that the movie named for, which is similar to the Abbot and Costello skit of "Who's On First," fails to provoke a strong response. Even though Matthau and Davis give fine performances,

this \*\* film will leave you asking "did I miss something?."

## Reynolds' is Delightful as 'Mother'

By JON ANTHONY

After a fifteen year hiatus from feature films, Debbie Reynolds hits the big screen with a bang in Albert Brooks thoroughly delightful comedy caper *Mother*.

The Paramount Pictures release, written and directed by the talented Brooks, appears to be typical comedy fare until you actually realize the brilliance of its production.

Reynolds portrays the aloof, yet knowledgeable, mother to her sons John and Jeff, convincingly portrayed by Brooks and Northern Exposure's Rob Morrow, respectively.

John, a writer of science fiction novels, comes to the realization that he is unsuccessful at marriage—he has just gone through his second divorce—because he never had a healthy relationship with his mother. Hence, he decides to move back home in an attempt to ameliorate his predicament.

Predictable, yet still entertaining, this drastic experiment yields some interesting results which dramatically affect his brother Jeff. Moreover, the entire situation brings to the forefront the sibling rivalry the brothers secretly harbored towards each other. Sounds depressing, but it's not.

In fact, this is one hysteri-

cally funny movie. Brooks is a master at taking the material he wrote and adapting it to the screen. Mother is riotous at moments and Reynolds demonstrates beyond a doubt that she is one of America's funniest actresses and an exemplary comedian.

The film takes you on a comic tour de force as John and his mother re-acquaint themselves with one another.

Particularly funny are the grocery store scene and the shopping spree at the mall where mother and son try to upstage one another with their embarrassing comments to complete strangers.

Directed by Albert Brooks, the Scott Rudin Production produced by Rudin and Herb Nanas, *Mother* is a \*\*\*\* film that will send you home with a smile on your face. Reynolds will undoubtedly receive an Oscar nod and deservedly so. She is a treasure the American public should be re-acquainted with.



Debbie Reynolds is puzzled by her son John's (Albert Brooks) decision to move back home in the Paramount Pictures comedy *Mother*

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**PastOut**

By DAVID BIANCO

**What Were "Blue Discharges"?**

During the Second World War, military personnel who were removed from service because of suspected or confirmed homosexuality were often given "Section Eight" discharges on blue paper, which became known as "blue discharges." The struggles of lesbian and gay veterans to overcome the discrimination and prejudice related to their blue discharges were among the first organized political struggles by gays and lesbians in the United States.

Army psychologist William C. Menninger described the typical situation as follows: "A man on his own initiative, or because of noticeable difficulty in adjusting himself, might visit or be sent to a psychiatrist for consultation. When it was found that the basis of the difficulty was homosexuality, if this was reported to his commanding officer, the man probably received a blue discharge, or perhaps would be tried. Objections to this were raised by many homosexual individuals, whose request for help from a medical officer ended up in a discharge 'without honor.' This action undermined confidence in medical officers. Furthermore, the Army required that doctors report even those statements given in confidence in a consultation room."

Blue discharges—which were also given for non-gay-related reasons—fell in a category between dishonorable discharges (which were usually given to military personnel convicted of homosexual acts) and honorable discharges (which were sometimes available to gay and lesbian soldiers with otherwise impeccable records). Still, they carried with them the stigma of less-than-honorable service as well as practical obstacles for the gay and straight soldiers and sailors who received them. Blue discharges (whose stories are told in detail in Allan Berube's *Coming Out Under Fire*) would be stripped of their uniforms and medals and forced to return in shame to the draft boards of their home communities to present their discharge papers. The military justified these procedures in part as a way of discouraging straight soldiers from feigning homosexuality to evade service.

But the worst indignity of the blue discharges was the denial of benefits under the GI Bill. Veterans with honorable discharges received thousands of dollars in monetary benefits in the areas of education, housing, and credit—but the Veterans Administration refused to make such benefits available to those with blue discharges.

Approximately one-fifth of the blue-discharge veterans were African-American, in part because some racist commanders used the blue discharge as a way to punish black soldiers and sailors in their command. In response to this inequity,

black leaders—led by the black newspaper *The Pittsburgh Courier*—urged Americans to pressure the government to bring relief to those denied benefits because of their blue discharges.

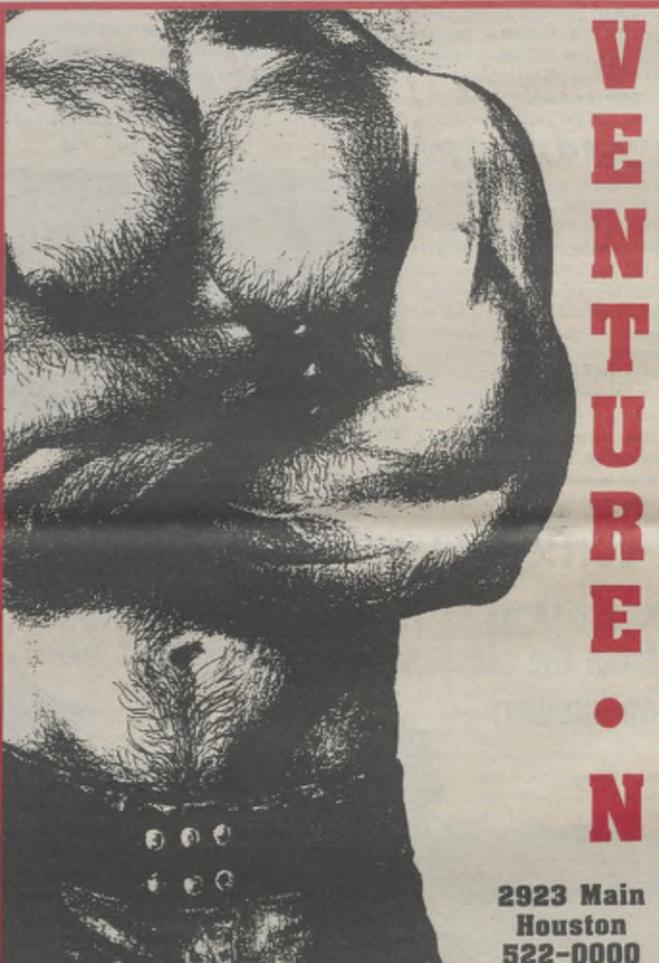
Many did, including gay and lesbian veterans who resented their blue discharges. One lesbian former officer wrote an anonymous letter to the Army publication *Yank* in which she complained of having received a blue discharge when a lesbian affair was discovered. She wrote, "The public in general is uneducated in the psychology of handling my type of discharge, hence I find it embarrassing and impossible to elucidate upon just why I left the Women's Army Corps."

A congressional subcommittee chaired by Congressman Carl T. Durham of North Carolina investigated the situation, and its report (released on Jan. 30, 1946) found fault with the system that punished the blue discharges without any due process. It even singled out gay discharges as victims of unfair treatment, charging that the Veterans Administration should be stopped "from passing moral verdicts on the history of any soldier." Blue discharges should be abolished, the report concluded.

The combination of public pressure and the Durham committee's report led to a temporary reprieve for holders of blue discharges, many of whom found success by appealing their individual cases. And in May 1947, the Army abolished the blue discharges altogether, replacing it in most cases with a general discharge for unsuitability. But the good news was not shared by gays and lesbians, who were specifically excluded from receiving general discharges. More than one observer has linked this exclusion with the growing concern about rivalry with the Soviet Union, in which gays were seen as potential security risks.

Without such public "scarlet letters," many gay and lesbian veterans would otherwise have returned to the closet or perhaps opposite-sex marriages and conventional lives. But the very public discriminatory treatment itself led to group consciousness, as experience of the blue-discharges led to a growing sense among American gays and lesbians that they were a minority group that suffered official prejudice. Although it took another several years for such specific language to be applied to their situation, gays and lesbians were already beginning to band together to discuss and address their challenges in society.

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## Immunet Surpasses Growth Expectations

By BILL SHEPPARD

(New York)—New York-based Immunet, a non-profit organization that operates a Web site dedicated to AIDS treatment information, passed the 1,000,000 hits mark. Industry experts claim this important milestone allows Immunet to be one of the leading sources of information for AIDS caregivers on the Web.

Immunet has also launched a new design look with an updated homepage, improved graphics, and easy-to-use directory to strengthen functionality with quick download time. Immunet is equally viewable on all browsers at <http://www.immunet.org>.

In just a few months, Immunet has gained the attention of more than 80,000 AIDS caregivers and patients. Averaging just under 1000 visits a day, Immunet continues to demonstrate that AIDS caregivers are looking for the same up-to-date information. "Immunet now enters the pantheon of great Web sites," declared Steven Petrow, the health producer of Hotwired, Wired Magazine's online venture.

"The public and industry response to our service has been extraordinary," says Mark Johnson, founder of Immunet. "We could not achieve such quick success if it was not for Lotus' and Worldcom's continued generous support of our mission to be the premier AIDS Web channel." Lotus Development Corp. has provided financial backing and Worldcom provides site management services in-kind making it possible for Immunet to concentrate on content management.

The content on Immunet is targeted towards healthcare professionals and patients to keep them up-to-date on topics regarding HIV/AIDS. Since its launch in May 1996, healthcare professionals, academics from universities, and staff from AIDS service organizations represents 60% of visits. Many are attracted to AIDS Treatment News Archive and Continuing Medical Education courses. Immunet is visited by people from the four corners of the world; from Canada to Chile, from New Zealand to Namibia—88

different countries to date. Visitors from the United States still dominate, but each month they make up a smaller and smaller share of the total people who visit. One of Immunet's most popular services is the 'AIDS Treatment News Archive,' a well-designed site that uses a sophisticated search interface to provide easy access to individual articles from AIDS Treatment News. Many consider this newsletter the best AIDS treatment publication for the general public.

Other services created by Immunet include three accredited CME (Continuing Medical Education) courses; two on 'CMV Treatment,' focusing on providing the latest medical data and treatment strategies on this debilitating complication of HIV/AIDS; and one on the 'XI International Conference On AIDS' which reported daily from the HIV/AIDS Conference in Vancouver for all who couldn't be there.

All CME courses are written by leading practicing physicians in the field of HIV and AIDS. Moreover, they are peer-reviewed by healthcare professionals to ensure only quality information is released on the Internet. Immunet also provides community forums for AIDS caregivers in an open discussion format in four topic-specific groups: CMV Disease, Anti-retroviral Therapy, Woman and HIV, and Wasting Syndrome.

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## Triangle Stock Soars on News of AIDS Drug Test

Durham, N.C. (AP)—Good news about an AIDS drug being developed by a pharmaceutical company in the Research Triangle sent the company's stock soaring 16 percent last week.

Research Triangle Pharmaceuticals became a publicly traded company Nov. 1. Its stock closed last Friday at \$20, up \$1, a 5 percent gain. During the day, the stock had risen as high as \$22 a share on the Nasdaq.

The firm announced earlier that its experimental AIDS drug, MKC-442, significantly reduced the amount of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in preliminary tests involving human volunteers.

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By LEE DAVIS

**MSL Wants You Back!!**

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Over the past couple of years, the softball league has greatly increased in membership and last season saw the return of many members who were instrumental in keeping the league alive in past years. MSL gets off to an early start this year with the Lone Star Classic taking place over Easter weekend and regular league play beginning the following Sunday. The final weekend of play is June 22. All those interested in playing or perhaps coaching are requested to leave your name and number with the league office at 713.867.3913. They will add your name to the list of eligible players to be given to all coaches and managers. Come on back, or join anew and have a great time this summer. They really do miss you!

**Volley Volunteers**

The Lone Star Volleyball Classic IX is still looking for volunteers for their tournament to be held Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. Volunteers are needed to distribute welcome packets, register players, house players, assist at the gyms, show the city, etc.

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**Gutter Balls**

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division A is headed by We Go There, Beat the Meat Again and Pinheads. Spank My Feet, Five Easy Pieces and Snow White & Black Bowles lead Division B. Steve Schoendienst bowled High Scratch Game of 278. Series of 684 and also High Handicapped Game and Series. Two bowlers are needed to finish out the season. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Call Tom at 522.9612.

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports standings as Please Don't Eat The Daisy in 1st, We Go There Too in 2nd and Titty Titty Wang in 3rd. High Scratch Game of 257 and Series of 687 was bowled by Rodney Seiler for the men. The previous week, Brian Bergeron bowled a near perfect 289 Scratch Game. Mike Figliola bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. For the women, Marla Aizenshtat bowled High Scratch Game of 213 and Peri Cain Series of 570. Tena Oates bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. For more info call Tom at 522.9612. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 7pm on Sunday.

The Wednesday Night Mixers reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Party Line in 2nd and Charley's Tunas in 3rd. For the men Richard Dauchy swept all categories with High Scratch Game of 255 and Series of 676. For the women Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game of 209 and Series of 554. Pat Decarlo bowled High Handicapped Game and Margaret Hale High Handicapped Series. Call Tom at 522.9612. Two bowlers are needed to finish out the season. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls at 6:15pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. Balls R Out is in 1st with Bitches in Beautiful Shirts in 2nd, TAZ Club in 3rd and Sappho Strikers in 4th. For more info call Pat at 281.437.6218.

**HMBL Results**

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League (HMBL) reports Week 11 standings as Oui Cousins, Jackson 5, J.R.'s Cue Crew, Ripcord Maniacs, and Masters of the Mine as the top five teams.

The top five players as of Week 11 are Larry Lentz from the Boozers, John Adams of Crazy 8's, Ken Bailey from Oui Cousins, Bob Cypert from the Jackson 5 and Willie Suniga, also of the Jackson 5. Congratulations to all!

The last night of play will commence on Tuesday, Feb. 4. An end of season buffet will be provided courtesy of Cousins. All teams are expected to turn in all remaining score sheets at that time.

**Fishing Club Pride**

The Rainbow Fishing Club announced the reservation of 25 places on the Texsun II for Sunday, June 22nd. This will be an Official Pride Week event. The 70-foot Texsun II carries 65 people and goes 40-60 miles out into the Gulf of Mexico.

The cost for the 12-hour trip is \$60 per person which includes all fishing tackle and bait. Reservation deposits of \$30 are being accepted now. The club needs to mail its initial deposit for 10 people by Feb. 1 to hold the reservations. Club members will be fishing together in the rear and starboard side of the boat. There are no membership dues at present. Call the club at 713.523.6381 to make reservations, for more info or to get on the free mailing list.

**8-Ball**

The Independent Billiard League of Houston (IBL) is holding their Awards Banquet for the 1996 Summer Season. All members of the League (and a guest) are invited to attend and recognize outstanding players and teams for the past season.

The banquet will be held at the 611 Hyde Park Pub on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 2-5pm. Jackets for the top five teams and other trophies will be presented. Registration for the next season will also commence. Members of the community interested in joining the 1997 Winter Season are encouraged to come to the Pub after 4:45pm for info or call 713.524.9261.

**Steak and HOGs?**

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) invites all to join them at the Brazos River Bottom on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 6pm for Steak Night. For \$6 you get a T-bone, tater and salad bar. Then join them as they dance off all those calories—again! For more info call Barb at 713.864.0082.

**Bikes & Repairs**

The Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club invites all to join them on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 1pm for their jaunt along the streets of downtown Houston. You won't have to dodge too many cars as traffic in downtown is very mild on the weekends. Meet them at Heaven for this 15-mile ride. Call John at 713.863.1860 for more info.

The Chain Gang has a specialist in their forces. Member John Williams is offering a cleaning service on all types of bikes. For a fee of \$20, John will wash and clean the whole bike including the chain and cog and make minor adjustments. For details on this service, call 713.863.1860.

**Women's Flag Football**

The Houston Women's Flag Football League (HWFFL) holds their semi-finals for the year on Saturday, Jan. 25. Please join them from 9am to 1pm on Fairview between Mandell and Yupon at Wilson Elementary School. HWFFL's Championship Game will be played on Saturday, Feb. 1. Then join them on Sunday, Feb. 2 at Ms. B's for a video showing of the games. For info call Tonya Medrano at 713.315.9368.

**More Club Info**

The Houston Women's Softball League (HWSL) is gearing up for another season of play. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2 at 3pm. To be held at the Dignity Center, 1302 Yale in the Heights, all interested parties are invited to attend. They welcome all new coaches, teams and/or individual players. Games will tentatively begin March 15 & 16 with their pre-season tournament. For info call Trish at 713.688.9468.

The Lambda Roller Skating Club skates every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:30pm at 8075 Cook road. The cost is \$5 if you have your own skates and only \$1 more if you don't. For more info call Keith at 933.5818 or Steven at 440.3737.

The Montrose Ice Picks skate every third Thursday of the month at Sharpstown Ice Center. For info call Angel at 522.3687. A Gay sky diving club called Houston Triangle Divers hosts outings for those brave of heart throughout the year. For info call 530.7822.

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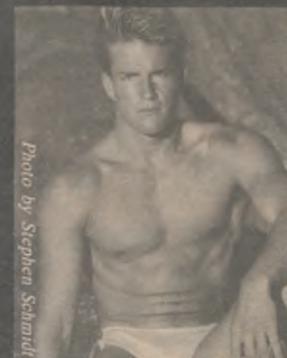


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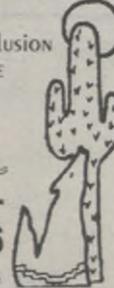
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**BUSINESS FINANCIAL**

# Hopkins Offers HMO For AIDS Patients

Baltimore (AP)—Johns Hopkins has set up a health maintenance organization to do what many HMO's hope to avoid, treat AIDS patients. To ensure patients are treated equally, physicians will not be told whether the person they are seeing is in the managed care plan.

Patients will receive a full range of services, including inpatient, nursing homes, counseling and dental care. Only a few other AIDS-dedicated managed care programs have been established. Such programs are risky because if new technology comes along, Hopkins might have to provide an expensive new treatment without a change in rates.

what good managed care can be for people with very complicated illnesses," Ms. Solomon said.

Bartlett said the hospital will begin enrolling patients in March from United HealthCare, an HMO that has many Medicaid patients. About 53 percent of AIDS patients wind up on Medicaid, the federal-state health program for the poor and disabled. Health maintenance organizations paid by the state would subcontract with Hopkins for AIDS care, paying about \$2,300 a month per patient, several times higher than monthly fees for Medicaid patients without AIDS.

The cost of hospitalizing people for AIDS-related conditions at Hopkins is about 10 percent less than at other hospitals, while survival is 20 percent higher, said Dr. John G. Bartlett, Hopkins' chief of infectious disease.

Hopkins is more successful because the experts see many AIDS patients and can often assess conditions quickly, he said. The hospital also has many components, from mental health to social work, combined into one program. Dr. Liza Solomon, director of the state AIDS administration, said she is eager to see if the approach can work.

Hopkins expects to enroll about 600 of the 3000 Maryland Medicaid patients with AIDS, and hopes to develop similar programs for patients with other chronic, life-threatening diseases.

The strategy will help keep patients at Hopkins, which is concerned about losing patients because HMOs are not interested in paying for the additional costs associated with research and teaching.

"We've always thought that good managed care can be very good medicine. What we have the opportunity to see is

"If the whole market enters into managed care, and Hopkins is not entering into these contracts, they're sunk," said Dr. David Hyman, a physician, attorney and associate professor at the University of Maryland Law School. "They're clearly trying to leverage off their expertise in the area, and that's a good thing."

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

## D.C. Nightclub Deaths Cause Concern Among Gay Blacks

PALMER PARK, Md. (AP)—After the deaths of five black gay men, patrons at three District of Columbia nightclubs have become fearful that a killer is targeting them, a police spokesperson said Wednesday.

"There is nothing to indicate at this time that they (the killings) are related," said Cpl. Diane Richardson, spokesperson for the Prince George's County police. "However, we're not ruling anything out."

Richardson said gay men at the Bachelor's Mill, 360 and Full House nightclubs became alarmed when they recognized pictures of three victims posted at the Washington bars.

"At some point they all frequented the same clubs but we have not established that they knew each other," Richardson added.

The police spokesperson said all five victims were gay men and one was last seen at the Bachelor's Mill, a Capitol Hill gay club. The five men were killed and their bodies found in this suburb of the nation's capital in three separate incidents since early October.

"I don't think their being gay has anything to do with it," said Beatrice Gatch, owner of Bachelor's Mill. Ms. Gatch said some of her customers suspected drugs and money were motives.

She said her club wasn't taking any extra security measures because it already searches "every individual who comes into the establishment."

The first victim, Anthony Barnes, 42, was found stabbed to death in his Bladensburg, Md. home on Oct. 6. There was no sign of forced entry, and his car was stolen but later recovered.

"He was last seen alive at the Bachelor's Mill," Richardson said.

Jimmy McGuire, 33, and James Williams, 27, were found shot to death Dec. 21 in a single-family house they shared in Clinton, Md.

John R. Whittington, 41, and Derrick Hilliard, 22, were found shot to death Jan. 5 in a first-floor room at a Motel 6 in Camp Springs, Md.

There was no sign of forced entry in those cases, either.

The police have no suspects in any of the cases.

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## This &amp; That...

By Jon Anthony

Two of Tinseltown's most celebrated small screen veterans, **Bea Arthur** and **Mary Tyler Moore**, will return to the medium during the second half of the season. Moore will be a regular on NBC's highly touted sitcom *The Naked Truth* starring rising phenom **Tea Leoni**. Truth debuted last season on ABC to critical praise and dismal ratings leading many to believe it was headed to permanent hiatusville until NBC saved the day. Former *Cheers* alum **George Wendt** has also been added to the cast of the revamped show which has the luxury of being sandwiched between *Seinfeld* and *ER*, a time slot known in the industry as television heaven. Moore, who co-starred with Leoni in last years critically acclaimed hit *Flirting With Disaster*, will portray the mother of the series title character Nora. Over at CBS, **Bea Arthur** has been added to the cast of CBS' waning **Harry Anderson** vehicle *Dave's World* in a last ditch effort to save the show from cancellation as a result of anemic ratings.... Rumor has it that the cast of *Seinfeld* has agreed to a ninth season. According to industry insiders, **Jerry Seinfeld** agreed to renew his contract for a reported million per episode.... A resurgent **Debbie Reynolds** is currently working on her next film project. Titled *In and Out*, the film stars Reynolds as the mother of a son who breaks off his engagement by announcing he is gay. **Kevin Kline** co-stars in the big-screen comedy slated for release later this year. Reynolds, a top selling headliner in Las Vegas, has Hollywood buzzing with Oscar talk about her triumphant performance in the current comedy smash *Mother*, her first feature film role since 1971. She returns to the strip for casino performances February 10.... **Faye Dunaway**, currently earning raves for her performance as a steely barmaid in the **Kevin Spacey** thriller *Albino*, *Alligator*, will helm the Houston premiere of **Terrence McNally's** 1996 Tony Award winning play *Master Class*. Class, currently a Broadway smash, will replace *Funny Girl*, starring **Debbie Gibson**, which has been canceled as a result of contractual disputes. Dunaway stars as opera diva **Maria Callas** in the production, a biographical play about the life and loves (including **Aristotle Onassis**) of the celebrated iconoclast.... The legendary **Chita Rivera**, a two-time Tony Award winner, brings her one-woman show to the Grand Opera House on Galveston Island for one performance only February 15, 1997. Broadway veterans **Ben Vereen** and **Leslie Uggams** will grace the venerable Opera House stage March 8 and 9. For more information, call 800-821-1894.... ABC's much hyped lesbian kiss on its Saturday night drama *Relativity* didn't lure or create viewer interest in the show to the degree the network had hoped. In fact, the show ranked 95th for the week.... Publishing company Hyperion, a subsidiary of Disney, snared two potential best-selling tomes last week for a hefty sum nearing \$2 million. Gossip queen **Liz Smith** will pen her memoirs for the publishing giant in an as-yet-untitled autobiography that promises to dish the behind the scene tales of Hollywood royalty. Smith's deal guarantee's her \$1 million. As for the second deal, Hyperion ponied up \$850,000 to legendary crooner **Gladys Knight** for her autobiography, *Between Each Line of Pain and Glory*. Knight's tell-all is due next fall. Smith's will be published in the fall of 1998.... **Marianne Faithfull's** highly anticipated new album, *20th Century Blues*, hit record stores this week amidst much fanfare. The critically acclaimed songstress recorded the disc of decadent tunes from the '20s and '30s live in a Paris cabaret.... Due to the unexpected success of teen targeted feature films *Beavis*

and *Butthead* and **Wes Craven's** *Scream*, both films have sequels in the works. Meanwhile Craven fans do not have to wait for *Scream II* to be thrilled or horrified. His latest chill fest, *Bad Moon Rising*, is planning to scare up box office receipts when it is released this summer. Rising is billed as a werewolf spoof.... **Rosie O'Donnell**, hailed by many critics as 1996's entertainer of the year, will reprise the character of Naomi - the busy flower store clerk in fictitious Pine Valley - on the Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) episode of ABC's hit serial *All My Children*. O'Donnell portrayed the character in a successful cameo last year.... The Wall Street Journal reports that tobacco giant **Phillip Morris** is getting into the music business in an effort to target home brand Virginia Slims to young women. The company plans to offer a series of complimentary pop, R&B and country CDs, that appeal to women, with the purchase of two packs of Virginia Slims. The marketing campaign is slated to debut next month.... Budweiser is retiring their highly successful frog advertising campaign at the end of the year due to pressure from critics who argue that the amphibians appeal to a youth oriented demographic.... What do **Margaret Thatcher** and **Sean Connery** have in common? According to MCI, they are American's top choice when asked whom they would most like to have a phone chat with in England. Interesting combination indeed. Thatcher was the top choice of men; Connery of women.... The Country Playhouse will hold auditions for their production of *Death of a Salesman* Sunday, January 19 at 1 p.m. Callbacks will occur Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. The theater is currently presenting **Agatha Christie's** *Ten Little Indians* (previously titled *And Then There Were None*) through February 8. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Matinees scheduled for Sunday Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. For more information concerning show times or auditions call (713) 467-4497.... A live recording of world renowned film and theater composer **Maurice Jarre's** live performance conducting The BBC Orchestra will be released by Milan Records February 11. The recording includes some of Jarre's most popular works (the broad orchestral scopes of *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Dr. Zhivago*) as well as the world premiere of "Concerto for Electronic Valve Instrument," an original piece for the instrument invented by **Nyle Steiner** who performs as the soloist.... CBS/Fox and BBC Video will release two new videos of interest this winter. The sweeping adaptation of **Joseph Conrad's** novel *Nostramo* starring the incomparable **Albert Finney** and **Brian Dennehy** will be released on January 28 to coincide with its broadcast premiere on PBS Masterpiece Theater. On February 11, three new volumes and two re-packaged volumes of the British comedy classic *Are You Being Served* will hit video stores for consumption.... **Top of the Charts:** **Toni Braxton's** *Un-Break My Heart* is the hottest song in the country while **No Doubt's** *Tragic Kingdom* is the number one selling album according to Billboard Magazine. NBC's *ER* and *Seinfeld* topped the Nielsen Ratings. *Beverly Hills Ninja* karateed its way to the top spot at the box-office rivaling *Evita* and **Eddie Murphy's** *Metro*, which placed second. *Airframe* (Knopf) by **Michael Crichton** and *A Reporter's Life* (Knopf) by **Walter Cronkite** top The New York Times fiction and non-fiction bestseller lists, respectively. **Quote of the Week:** "The store is now closed." - **Debbie Reynolds**, when asked in a recent interview whether she has a sex-life.

## Elections continued...

(Continued from front page)

dorsement and acknowledged he has been asked by both candidates for his support. "My loyalty to the caucus is not subject to question," informed Hill.

The HGLPC will convene an endorsement meeting Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. at their offices located at 2700 Albany.

"Ray made a credible showing and demonstrated that a gay candidate can garner significant support - even in a citywide race," said Jay Seegers, HGLPC

PAC Co-Chair. "Ray's showing should encourage other openly gay men and lesbians to enter future citywide races," added Seegers.

"We're delighted that [Chris Bell] is in the run-off and we look forward to building a relationship with him as he heads towards his city council position," said outgoing Log Cabin Republican Houston President Gary Van Ooteghem.

Voters also rejected the ballot initiatives concerning minimum wage and tax authorization.

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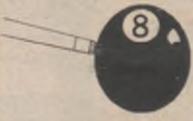
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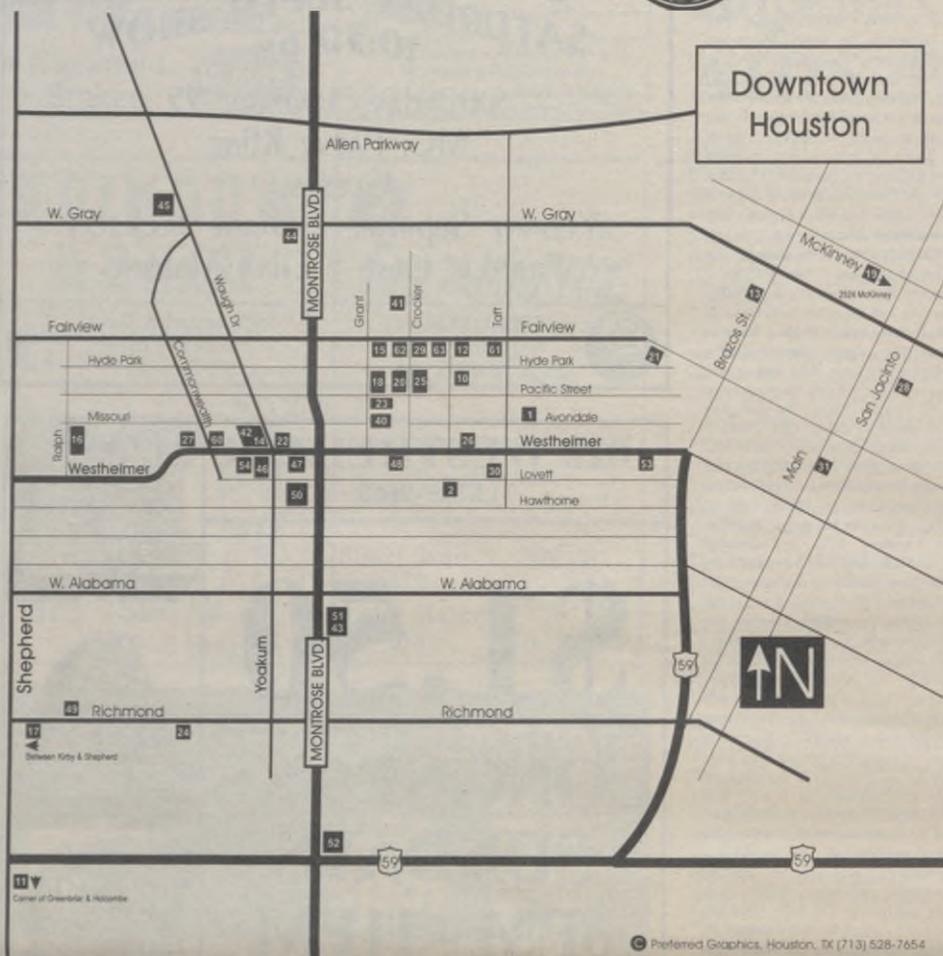
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## Montrose Area Business Update

### Chills Smoothies Expands!!

By LEE DAVIS

Chills Smoothies, 3939 Montrose and 2601 Cartwright Road in Missouri City has expanded. Now known as Chills Smoothies & Po-Boys, the before smoothies only store now serves mouth-watering, delicious po-boys. Having sampled the roast beef po-boy, I can assure you that their sandwiches provide you with enough fixins for a late-night snack! Filled to the brim with lettuce, tomatoes, onions and mayo, these sandwiches are definitely authentic New Orleans Style.

Offering roast beef & gravy, ham, turkey, smoked turkey, barbecue beef, italian meatballs, andouille sausage, chicken salad, tuna salad and veggie po-boys should give anyone the diversity in a menu they could possibly want! The price is right as the po-boys range from \$3.95 to \$5.25. Also available on the menu is chicken & sausage gumbo for only \$3.95. Food is available for dine-in, take-out and delivery.

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### Opening Night Success!!

By LEE DAVIS

Bricks II, 617 Fairview, experienced a fabulous Grand Opening on Jan. 15. At 12 Noon, owner Dave Parker opened his doors to find a host of people waiting to get in! By 12:15pm, you couldn't buy a seat in the

place. Freshly painted walls, a new bar counter top, wood slats under the bar stools, restroom improvements, and so on and so on. Bricks II, formerly Pastime, had suddenly transformed itself into a very comfortable, clean bar (after 2-1/2 weeks of remodeling)!

At 8pm that same evening, Tuna Melt & The Casseroles presented a show benefiting the LVL PWA Fund. A host of performers were on hand to lend support to Tuna as she presented crowd pleasing entertainment throughout the evening. Thought it was crowded at 12 Noon? You couldn't stir the customers with a stick! A bountiful buffet awaited those who came for the evening's festivities.

Congratulations to Dave and all of the hard working employees at Bricks II and the best of everything in the future! Kudos to Tuna Melt & The Casseroles and many thanks to the bar patrons that evening for raising over \$500 for the LVL PWA Fund.



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## GLAADlines

### Ellen's Closet May Be Swinging Shut!

ABC Television may be slamming shut *Ellen's* closet door forever. The network has decided to place *Ellen* on hiatus during March and April. ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses said that the network has yet to decide whether an *Ellen* coming out episode (which has as yet not been taped) will air. Radical religious groups are taking advantage of this unfortunate turn of events by mounting an unprecedented campaign of pressure against ABC and Disney. Following Tarses' statement, *Ellen* Morgan sang her way out of the closet during the Jan. 10 taping of the show.

In the episode, *Ellen* attends a rock 'n' roll fantasy camp, where she performs a song, which she penned, called "I'm Scared of Being Afraid." In the third take of the song, the Morgan character crooned, "So here's what I have to say... And by the way, I'm gay! It's okay!" As the studio audience cheered, she ended the song with the refrain "I'm gay! I'm gay! I'm gay!" A spokesperson for *Ellen* indicated that the take was an unscripted, spontaneous improvisation by DeGeneres and would not air. The coming out song seems to make clear DeGeneres' intention to let her character out of the closet. It also may highlight her frustration with the show being placed on hiatus and Tarses' waffling on whether or not to let the character out. On Jan. 14, the radical religious American Family Association issued a release urging people to demand that Disney follow the AFA's hate agenda and force *Ellen* Morgan to stay in her closet.

Meanwhile, due to ABC's waffling, internet activists on Prodigy have started a campaign to send ABC waffle coupons, pictures of waffles, packets of waffles and home-

made waffle recipes via snail mail and e-mail.

If you would like to join in the Prodigy campaign, write letters and/or call both ABC and Disney to express your opinion of the matter contact the following:

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### The Gospel According to Montini

In the Jan. 9 *Arizona Republic*, E.J. Montini wrote a column entitled, "So Sayeth the Bible," in which the author challenges the ways that members of radical religious groups selectively use the Bible to suit their own anti-gay agenda.

Montini focuses on one state legislator in particular, Rep. Karen Johnson (R—Mesa), and her recent attempts to ban gay organizations from public schools and universities and declare sodomy a Class 6 felony.

"Her Bible tells her that homosexuality is an abomination," the writer says. "To her, gays are sinners, if not criminals. Johnson may be an elected official, but she follows what she'd call a 'higher law...' I differ with Johnson not because she's a zealot who goes too far, but because she's a zealot who doesn't go far enough."

Montini suggests that Johnson feels she is interpreting the Bible literally, and should be

thorough in that conviction: "If Johnson truly believes what she says, she'll also push for a law prescribing the death penalty, as the Bible does, for anyone who works on the Sabbath and demand that a person who commits adultery be stoned to death. In Mark 10:11, anyone who gets married after divorce is committing adultery. If that were made into law, we'd be able to rid ourselves of one indicted governor and at least one ornery U.S. Senator, not to mention the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives."

Finally, Montini notes that as a woman, Rep. Johnson is herself at odds with her guiding text. According to Timothy, 2:11-12, they include, "Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness," and not "teach or have authority over men; she is to keep silent."

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### Casper, The Friendly Editorial

An editorial in the Jan. 12 edition of the *Casper* (Wyoming) *Star-Tribune* celebrated the state's constitutionally enshrined emphasis on equality while lambasting state House and Senate members who have pre-filed anti-gay marriage legislation (HB 94).

"The proposed legislation smacks of the same prejudicial mind set that created the old miscegenation laws in the South which prohibited interracial marriages," the editorial says.

According to the state Constitution, it says, "laws that affect political rights or privileges cannot discriminate based upon sex. Legislation that would deny same-sex couples access to the marital status and its concomitant rights and benefits clearly discrimi-

nates on the basis of sex." Then, quoting *Loving v. Virginia*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on miscegenation laws, the editorial notes that marriage is considered a vital personal right essential to the pursuit of happiness. "The state cannot arbitrarily limit some citizens' fundamental rights. That's at the core of what liberty and equality mean. 'HB 94' is a misguided attempt to elevate some people's prejudice against homosexuals into law. Let us take pride in being the Equality State. Equality for everyone."

In a time when states across the country are considering anti-same-sex marriage laws, this rational and level-headed response to the hysterical homophobia brings the central issue of same-sex marriage—ensuring civil rights and equal treatment under the law—into sharp focus.

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### Working It Out, Texas-Style

The Jan. 10 edition of the *Houston Chronicle* featured an engaging article on coming out in the workplace. In the story, author L.M. Sixel describes several gay men and their decisions to come out-or stay in the closet-at their jobs.

"The decision to 'come out' at work is a tough one, experts say. Many gays and lesbians worry they will be ostracized by their co-workers or that it will harm potential advancement if they reveal their sexual orientation," Sixel notes. "But sometimes they figure it's more important to be up front and let their colleagues know they have same-sex relationships."

One man, Dale Carpenter, works for one of Houston's big-

gest law firms, and came out during the job offer so there would not be trouble later. Another, an engineer at an oil company, does not want anyone to know, "because he works with too many insensitive people. Some make cruel jokes about gays; others just point and whisper," the author says. "So he quit going to Christmas parties and makes sure he never talks about doing things with other people on weekends."

Sixel quotes David Wantz, the director of the University of Indianapolis' career counseling center, who says that, "Coming out is easier for people who work in fields where reason and enlightenment play a role, such as law, medicine and higher education." He says that in jobs that depend on the perceptions of others, such as being in the military or being a firefighter, coming out is more difficult.

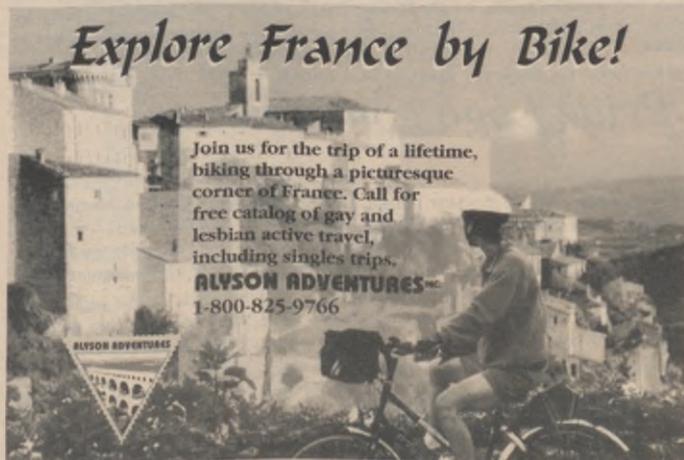
However, the article ends on a hopeful note, saying that, "Generally, if you have a good relationship with your bosses and co-workers, that will continue once you make your sexual orientation known. People tend to be more tolerant when they realize they know someone who's gay and that he doesn't have two heads."

The article makes a variety of good points, from the importance of appreciating one's environment before coming out to acknowledging that coming out at work is, in the end, a highly personal choice that can be both liberating and frightening. Unfortunately, the author does not interview any lesbians nor explore the ways that coming out can carry a different set of issues for women who are also gay.

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## Rainbow Reader

## Bone Chilling 'Bastard'

By JONE DEVLIN

Ruth Anne, or Bone as she is commonly called, has no daddy. This hasn't affected how her mother's family feels about her, but her mother is obsessed with getting a birth certificate that doesn't have that big red illegitimate stamp on it.

In fact the first five years or so of Bone's life are spent being hauled up to the courthouse with her mother, so she can fill out the paperwork and try, once again to get a clean certificate. It never does work, and finally her mother gives up. But then, mysteriously, the courthouse burns down, and all the county records are destroyed.

At that point the lives of Bone, her mother Anney, and sister Reese seem to be as problem free as they can be until Anney, recently left a widow by Reese's father, decides to marry a man that the girls will know as Daddy Glen. It doesn't take long for Bone to discover that Daddy Glen doesn't like her much, except when he's touching her where he shouldn't be.

Dorothy Allison's *Bastard Out of Carolina* is a stark disturbing tale of poverty, pain and child abuse. Bone, like the majority of abused children, blames herself for Daddy Glen's abuse. Even when he's throwing her against walls and beating her bloody with his belt for no apparent reason, she still tells herself that somehow, some way it must be her fault. Bone, however, is also human and before long her heart fills with rage. Rage at Daddy Glen for his treatment of her. Rage at her mother for knowing what is going on but putting up with it anyway. Rage at her sister for somehow managing to escape Daddy Glen's abuse.

Eventually Bone's pain, anger and subsequent feeling that she is a freak places her into a twisted friendship with a local albino girl, who is so ugly that no else in the town, either adult or child wants anything to do with her.

Unfortunately her new friend Shannon proves to be as ugly inside as she is out and soon she and Bone fight. After a time though, Bone decides to forgive her, and shows up at a barbecue Shannon's family is giving just in time to see Shannon die in a freak accident.

This becomes the final straw in Bone's pain filled life. She (along with one of her cousins) begins to engage in hate filled, dangerous and even criminal activity. She

becomes obsessed with paying back all those who she feels have mistreated her and her family, all those people who look at them with contempt because they're poor, because they're drunks, because she's illegitimate. She even becomes so angry that she forgets to step lightly around Daddy Glen, and the resulting beating leaves her so bloody and scarred that she can't hide it.

At a family gathering one of her aunts sees the marks of Daddy Glen's wrath on Bone, and shows them to her uncles, a protective and dangerous lot. The result is that Daddy Glen is severely beaten, and Bone's mother takes her and her sister to an apartment in town to live. But Anney, Bone's mother, loves Glen with all her heart, and cannot bear to stay away from him, no matter how badly he treats her child.

Hence, she decides to move back in with him, causing Bone to run away to her aunt's house. Anney, upset by Bone's leaving, and still not knowing the best way to handle the situation, tells Glen she cannot move back in with him, that Bone needs "time" to adjust.

Glen, infuriated by the loss of his wife goes to where Bone is staying to "talk" to her. Unfortunately he doesn't talk. He beats and rapes her. Anney comes in after the act has taken place and though at first enraged by what happens, she ends up, as always forgiving Glen.

After Bone leaves the hospital Anney comes to see her once. She gives her a "clean" copy of her birth certificate, and then drives away with Glen to start a new life leaving Bone to work through her physical and emotional agony the best way she can.

Bastard is written in the first person, and Bone's language is plain, heart wrenching and captures the essence of an abused child so well it is often painful to read.

Dorothy Allison has captured the feel of rural South Carolina, poverty and misery in a way that few can. There are no one dimensional characters in this book. Everyone, from Daddy Glen to Anney to Bone's many aunts, uncles and cousins, is a real person, fully drawn and dealing with Bone's as well as their own pain the best way they can. Currently a controversial Showtime film directed by Academy Award winner Angelica Houston, *Bastard out of Carolina* is a tale that will linger and resonate on your mind long after you've finished it.

## Documentary Assists Teachers To Promote Homosexual Tolerance

Murfreesboro, TN (AP)—A documentary film on how teachers can promote homosexual tolerance to elementary school students will be shown for the first time in the Southeast at Middle Tennessee State University.

Legislators, county school boards and other educators should receive invitations this week to view the film on Feb. 15 as part of the sixth annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference.

"It's a hot-button issue. I can hear it now: 'Oh, they want to teach homosexuality to elementary students,'" said Michael Grantham, an event organizer and member of MTSU's Lambda Association of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty and staff.

"Tolerance—not homosexuality—is taught, and that's the key issue."

Debra Chasnoff, an Academy Award-winning documentary film maker, directed the film, which is stirring up debate among educators in several major U.S. cities and in Canada.

Film makers took cameras into classrooms in several states where teachers talked about homosexuality to students in grades 1-8. The lessons were geared toward the students' ages.

"Sex is never discussed," Chasnoff said. Scott Link, President of MTSU's Baptist Student Union, said he's not sure how he feels about it.

"On one hand, if you don't discuss it you might have someone who thinks it's OK to take a baseball bat to someone who is different ... but you have to be very careful that you don't cross the line and say we're going to accept this as a viable, alternative lifestyle," he said.

## Peeking Behind the Curtains

## 'Business' Receives Mixed Reaction

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Ah, can you sense it? The smell of grease-paint and the roars (and sometimes snores) of the crowd. With this in mind, I'd like to provide a brief overview of what you can expect to see onstage in the coming months. First, let me tell you what's already been going on. Camp Comedy from Theatre LaB, serious drama from Main Street Theater and a recent production of *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* at Jones Hall.

*How to Succeed...sometimes doesn't.* Yes, it did recently win a Tony, but in this critics opinion, it was a splashy technicolor musical laden with songs you will forget long before you leave the theater. Although there are some amusing scenes of office politics and the set of costumes were pretty, the show wasn't particularly lyrical.

Additionally, the show had some very sexist undertones, even though it was a revival; more than likely it was probably considered okay at the time in which it originally came out. In spite of such, I had to cringe at the sight of lecherous bosses and secretaries who sleep their way to the top. Not to mention the women being portrayed as willowy senseless creatures.

There were some bright spots however. The highlight of the show, which occurred in the last five minutes, was a scene stealing gospel/scat bit performed by Tina Fabrique. If only the whole show had been this rousing.

That being said, lets move on to what you can expect to see on the boards in the coming months.

### Arts and Entertainment Calendar of Events

Theater Under the Stars brings the songs of George Gershwin to life in *Crazy For You* playing March 7-23. Then everyone's favorite male impersonator entertains you in *Victor/Victoria*, May 16-June 1. Tickets: 622-TUTS.

That zany Fertle Family grieves over why Grandpa hasn't moved in days at the Radio Music Theater, Jan. 23-May 3. Tickets: 522-7722.

Sit down and pour the tea with presidents' wives of the past in the musical *First Ladies Suite* at Theatre LaB March 12-April 13. To see this latest installment in their fascinating women series, call 868-7516 for tickets. Hillary won't be there but I will.

The Company Onstage provides mystery with Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, Jan. 24-March 1. Tickets-726-1219.

A hot ticket for Broadway fans can be

## Pride Logo continued...

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history while planning this year's event. Already garnering accolades from the local community, it is apparent that the committee members are excited about this event which promises to be a spectacular evening of celebration, neon floats and colorful costumes.

Committee Chairs Darren Armstrong and

found at the Galveston Grand 1894 Opera House when visited by the legendary Chita Rivera in Broadway's *'Chita!'* on Feb. 15. *Singing In The Rain* will be there on Feb. 23 and Ben Vereen and Leslie Uggams appear March 8. Tickets-800-821-1894.

Stages sets its sights on *'Three Viewings'* Jan. 15-Feb. 9, Feb. 19-March 16 they present *Lady Day* at the Emerson Bar and Grill. Tickets-527-0220.

Main Street Theatre brings an interesting mix of comedy, music, and drama for the season. *First The Miser*, a hilarious comedy about greed by Moliere runs Jan. 23-Feb. 23. Then *Uncle Vanya*, by dramatic master Anton Chekhov (not the *Star Trek* guy) March 6-April 6.

March 20-April 27, its *Once On This Island*, a romantic musical with a tropical flair which some have likened to the *Little Mermaid*. The story of a gay male hustler prone to exaggeration comes to us via *The Six Degrees Of Separation* April 17-May 18. Tickets-524-3622.

New Heights Theatre has extended the run of *The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare* through Feb. 1. Tickets-869-8927.

The Houston Voice wishes the Alley Theater a happy 50th Anniversary. Gifts they are giving the community include *Twilight*, Los Angeles 1992, a poignant look at the Los Angeles riots as performed by Anna Deaver Smith on Jan. 21-26. Then, its *The Greeks*, an Epic in two parts which runs Feb. 28-May 4. Spend a summer with a group of gay men who share *Love! Valour and Compassion!* Terrence McNally's award winning play May 9-June 1. Comedian Steve Martin tries a hand at playwrighting with *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, a tale of a fictional meeting between Picasso and Albert Einstein in a Paris bar. Tickets-228-8421.

The Actor's Workshop, who recently cast the delightful Tiffany Grant as a woman who believed herself to be Edith Piaf, brings *Cliffhanger* Feb. 7-March 1, March 21-April 12 come dine at the *Loman Family Picnic*. A woman searches for ethnic identity in *Latina* May 2-24. Now a major motion picture with Meryl Streep and Dianne Keaton, you can see *Maryins Room* in its original format June 6-June 28.

Houston's Broadway Series former pop star turned Broadway star Debbie Gibson did not have the star power to carry *Funny Girl* to Houston, but we did get a fair exchange, with Faye Dunaway as diva Maria Callas in *Master Class*, May 4-9. I guess Faye "done away" with Debbie so to speak. Rock n' Rollers should enjoy *Smokey Joe's Cafe* featuring songs like *Hound Dog*, *Yakety Yak* and dozens more May 27-July 1. Mr Demille, I'm ready for my close-up. Norma Desmond comes to town in *Sunset Boulevard* July 22-August 3, 1997. Tickets-622-SHOW.

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By LEE DAVIS

**The Miracle Worker**

For those of you in the North '40, the Backstage Ensemble in Old Town Spring present *The Miracle Worker* from Feb. 1 thru March 8. Performances are Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. For info call 281.353.2656.

**Soiree Still Sailing**

The first "official" event of Soiree Aubergine occurs on Super Sunday, Jan. 26 at Gentry, 2303 Richmond. Beginning at 4pm and continuing until 8pm, a \$5 donation will get you a plate of brisket, chicken and a multitude of side dishes buffet. From 4pm until 9pm, entertain yourselves with *Dockside Diversions* playing blackjack, roulette or take your chances in a gem dig.

Immediately following the Super Bowl game, Xavier Luna and Shelby St. John, Mr. and Miss Gentry present *The Bermuda Triangle Revue*. All proceeds benefit Bering Care Center and Dental Clinic. This year's sponsors include Bistro Cuisine, Gentry, House of Coleman, Houston Voice, Montrose Softball League, TGRA-Houston, The MAP and TWT. On Saturday, Feb. 1, *Divas of the Delta Queen* will begin at 10pm. An outrageous night of a thousand stars featuring entertainers from a host of local clubs, organizations and businesses. See next week's Bulletin Board for more on this exciting event!!

**Sweet Charity**

DIFFA/Houston and the HIV Service Providers, Inc. remind all that Sweet Charity takes place on Feb. 2, 1997. Beginning at 5pm at the Texas Medical Center Ballroom, 2151 W. Holcombe, the event boasts entertainment, dinner, auction and magnificent chocolate desserts donated by Houston's finest dessert chefs. Benefiting The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry, call 713.682.5995 for info.

**Rainbow Ranglers Auditions**

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7pm at the Brazos River Bottom, the *Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club* will hold auditions for their 1997 dance season.

A 501(c)(3) charity whose purpose is to promote country western dance and provide charitable assistance to the community, the club teaches beginning level

dance to the public every Thursday evening at 9pm at the BRB. Partners are not required. At 8pm on Jan. 29, the Ranglers will feature a class on two-step pattern-work. A \$5 donation is requested of non-members for this class.

For those interested in auditioning, the dance company is divided into three parts. The award winning synchronized team rehearses every Wednesday night and two Mondays a month. Membership dues in the Ranglers are \$35/year and synchronized team members must pay their share of any choreography or studio fees. This usually runs around \$15-\$20 per month. The synchronized team is fortunate to be coached and choreographed by Mr. Red Draper, one of Houston's finest C&W dancers.

The second group within the Ranglers are the Showcase dancers. These dancers work in pairs with flexible rehearsal hours, costs, and coaching schedule to produce spotlight couple performances. The third group is the Variety/Novelty group which also have a flexible rehearsal schedule, no costs, and perform simple dance routines which require but a few hours of rehearsal. For info contact the Rainbow Ranglers at 713.880.0670.

**Fine Art Showing**

Rice University Art Gallery presents *Sol LeWitt New Work*, his Wall Drawing and Sculpture from Jan. 26 to Apr. 13, 1997. On Sunday, Jan. 26 there will be a Special opening from 2-4pm.

The Rice Gallery has commissioned several site-specific works by LeWitt. The gallery will resonate with a powerful large-scale wall drawing created with the assistance of Rice University students. LeWitt has also designed several spare, elegant sculptures created from such humble materials as styrofoam and cinder blocks.

**Bradshaw Continues**

On Thursday, Feb. 6, *The Kolbe Project* will show the second half of John Bradshaw's address videotaped last summer at Dignity USA's national convention. The address on healing the inner child of gay/lesbian persons will be shown in conjunction with the Kolbe Project's monthly potluck. The potluck begins at 7pm, Thursday, Feb. 6 at 1509 Fairview. The Kolbe Project can provide further info at 713.522.8182.

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**"Farm Boys" continued...**

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The *Houston Voice* caught up with Fellows in Wisconsin to talk about his project and upcoming tour.

According to Fellows, the concept for this book happened accidentally. "I was casting about for a creative outlet for myself and I figured I wanted to do some writing," said Fellows.

"I was having a conversation over dinner with a friend one evening and I proposed a project about rural life and living in Wisconsin," said Fellows. His friend did not seem intrigued and suggested he write about something he was familiar with to which Fellows facetiously responded: "Well, like what, gay men who grew up on farms." And his friend replied why not.

Fellows revealed that the book was therapeutic in the sense that it allowed him to deal with the issue of feeling like an outsider, an issue which was somewhere in his subconscious.

The book delves into the limiting conditions common to rural life: rigid gender roles, social isolation, ethnic homogeneity and racism, suspicion of the unfamiliar, sexual prudishness, religious conservatism, and scant access to information.

All is not derogatory in farm life however and the book focuses on that as well. Many of the individual stories recall pleasurable experiences such as their love for the landscape, the vast beauty of the open space and their love for family, church and community.

"A number of the men I talked to still felt a very strong connection to their hometown," cites Fellows. Many of the men

interviewed no longer live in farm communities.

*Farm Boys* was Fellow's first book and a sequel is in the planning stages and the material will stem from insights he gained as a result of writing this book.

"When you look at a lot of these men's stories, their whole experiences growing up in rural families were certainly a mixed bag," said Fellows. "There are some things that they really treasure about their experiences and there were some things that were really awful."

"One of the things that varied quite a lot was the extent to which their parents were accommodating of gender identity," informs Fellows. "For example, quite a number of these boys, while they might have held up their end of the workload on the farm, were very much interested in more typically female domain activities - whether it was house related work like canning, freezing, cooking, sewing, needlework and all those kinds of things."

Fellows said it depended upon the parental reaction to the aforementioned as to how it affected these men in adulthood and that translates into fodder for his next tome.

Fellows, who grew up on a Wisconsin farm, works as an educator and writer. He lives with his mate in Milwaukee. Currently embarking on a nationwide tour, Fellows has been promoting the book since October. He is excited about visiting Houston and his appearance. He will be appearing at Crossroads on Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Fellows will be reading from the book and autograph copies.

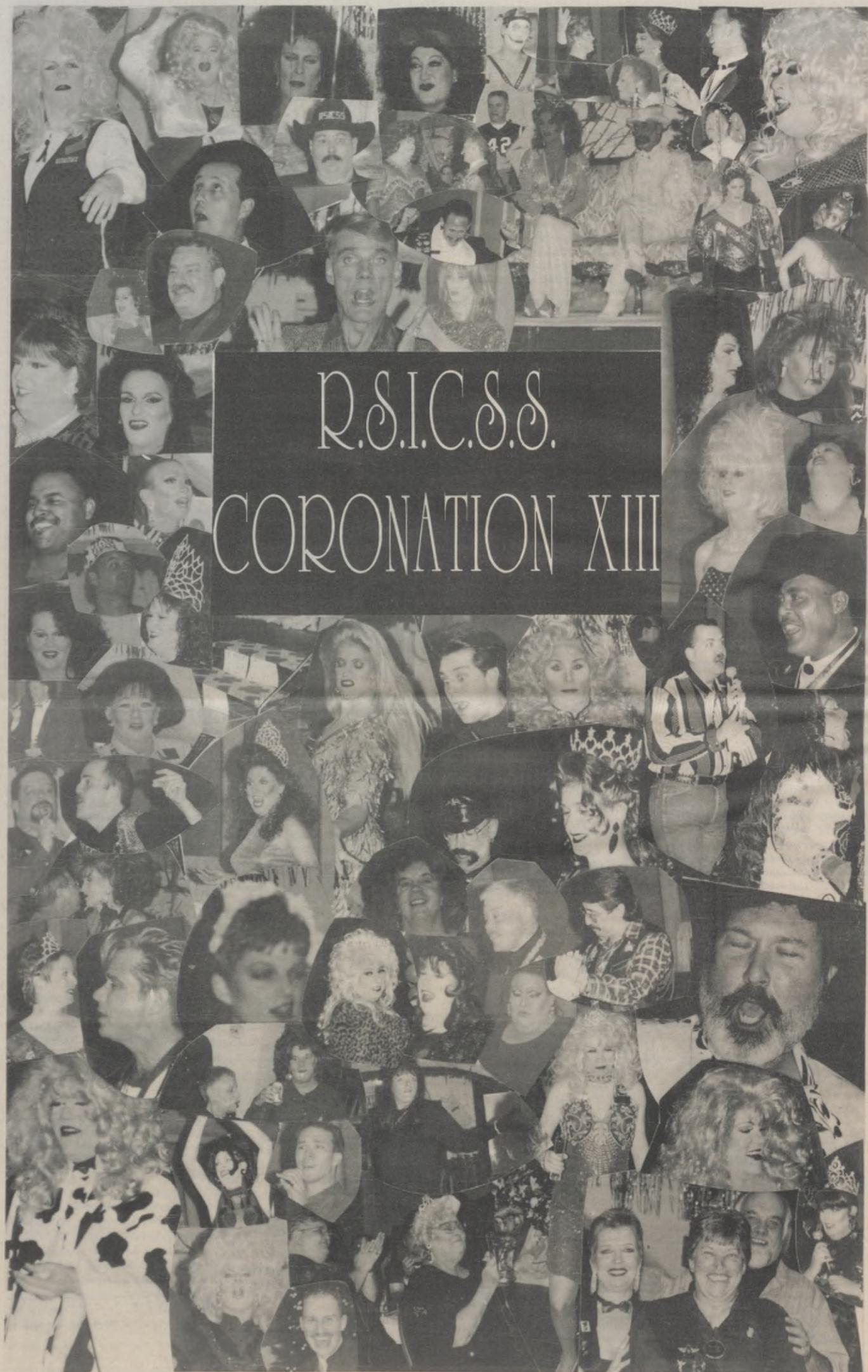
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By LEE DAVIS

## Giardia, Not A Souvenir

Giardia can ruin a trip abroad—or a trip to a North American wilderness area. Giardia lamblia is a parasite that can cause severe abdominal problems, often accompanied by diarrhea, low-grade fever, chills, fatigue, weight loss and malaise, said Dr. Wayne J. Riley of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It is often seen in travelers returning from Russia, South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Mexico, but it can also be acquired by drinking from streams in any wilderness area, including the U.S. and Canada.

"Do not drink untreated stream water," Riley said, "and be particular about what you eat and drink in countries where giardia is a problem." The disease, if contracted, can be treated with drugs prescribed by a physician.

## Building Healthy Families

The Gay & Lesbian Medical Association is accepting proposals for presentations at their 1997 Annual Symposium, August 21-23, 1997 in San Francisco. The theme for the 1997 Symposium is *Building Healthy Families* with continuing medical education for presentations for physicians focusing on building and supporting healthy families for both the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physician and their patients.

Included in this year's educational program will be sessions focusing on Creating and Supporting LGBT Families, Helping our Family in the HIV/AIDS and Other Serious Diagnoses and Shaping the Future: Keeping our Families Healthy.

For consideration of presentation of an educational program for physicians supporting one or more of the above areas, please submit a detailed proposal including a brief course description, learning objectives for the physician learner and the names and affiliations of all presenters no later than Feb. 14, 1997 to GLMA Symposium, Attn: Director of Conferences, 211 Church Street, Ste C, San Francisco, CA 94114.

## New Guide

With nine antiretrovirals, drugs which work to stop or slow HIV disease progression currently approved for use in the U.S., people living with HIV disease have hundreds of possible treatment combinations. In response to the growing attention given these antiretrovirals and the difficulty in understanding their use, The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) has released an easy-to-use guide to current and emerging HIV/AIDS treatment options. *Do You Know Your Options?* is designed to help people living with HIV and AIDS understand antiretroviral therapies.

"It's great to have HIV drug advances and new treatment options. Now, we must empower patients with the understanding of how to best utilize these new therapies for their individualized needs. This guide helps to provide that knowledge," said A. Cornelius Baker, the Executive Director of NAPWA. "The guide is intended to complement, not replace, the advice of a trained physician."

To request your free copy of the brochure, write to NAPWA, 1413 K Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, call 202-989-0414 or visit NAPWA's website at <http://www.thecure.org>.

## Depression Screening

A free depression screening will be offered from 9-11:30am on Feb. 10 at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The screening is one of six that will be held as a community service throughout the year at the Baylor Psychiatry Clinic.

The program is limited to 35 partici-

pants and includes a brief lecture, completion of a depression questionnaire and an individual interview with a clinic therapist. For info or to reserve a place at the screening, call Mary Ford at 713.798.4837.

## Alzheimer's Minimized

Aricept, a new drug approved for Alzheimer's disease, improves the symptoms and daily functioning of many patients. Aricept was tested for five years in clinical trials involving more than 30 centers in the U.S. Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in late Nov. 1996, it is expected to be available in most pharmacies by mid-January or early February.

Doctors measured Aricept's effectiveness by using standard Alzheimer's memory evaluation tests and by interviewing patients and care givers to assess changes in daily functioning. The drug contains an enzyme that blocks the breakdown of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter in the brain. The medication is taken once a day and has few side effects.

"While it cannot stop the progression or make a patient return to normal, the treatment will be beneficial to a great number of patients," said Dr. Rachele Doody, Clinical Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

## AIDS Treatment News

AIDS Treatment News recently launched their first online reader survey on the Immunet web site (<http://www.immunet.org/atn>). This survey lets anyone interested in AIDS treatment convey what topics they want researched and published in upcoming issues. "This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who has trouble finding AIDS treatment information to make their voice heard," says John S. James, Editor and Publisher of AIDS Treatment News.

They will publish the survey results, which will also help other AIDS organizations be more responsive to the needs of their clients. The survey is anonymous, so respondents' privacy is guaranteed. Current plans are to run the survey indefinitely, and publish updated results periodically, documenting changing public perceptions and interests over time.

Immunet is a non-profit global electronic network devoted to leveraging technology to transform how people work together to end AIDS. Immunet provides web publishing of AIDS information, organizes team-based work groups, and helps AIDS organizations operate efficiently with internal technology consulting.

## Cholesterol Study

People with high cholesterol are sought for a cholesterol study in The DeBakey Heart Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Men and women ages 18 and up must be diagnosed with high cholesterol. Qualified participants will receive study treatment at no cost. Parking will be reimbursed. For more info or to volunteer, call 713.798.3330 or the volunteer hotline at 713.798.5576.

## Free Lecture

Freelife International and The Therapy and Wellness Center present Dr. Earl Mindell, R.Ph., Ph.D. on Friday, Jan. 31 at the Cullen Center, Smith @ Pease.

Touted as the world's leading nutritionist and author of all time best seller *The Vitamin Bible*, 1996 best seller *The Anti-Aging Bible* and *The Parent's Nutrition Bible*, Dr. Mindell will present a free lecture on nutrition. Dr. Mindell will speak from 11:15 to 11:45 and from 12:15 to 12:45. A health brown bag lunch will be available from 11am to 1pm. Open to all. RSVP preferred but not required. For info call 956-1993.

By STEPHEN SCHMIDT

So, you exercise regularly, right? Most of the time? When you can get to the gym? When the job isn't keeping you nailed to the desk, when the sky isn't pouring rain down on your favorite jogging trail, when the lower back or the crick in your shoulder isn't acting up? Sure, you'd like to exercise more often and really get in shape, but for some reason or other you are unable to adhere to a regular regimen. Of course, there are many legitimate explanations for the irregularity. And then there are the rationalizations, the complications and the *Excuses*.

If you're anything like me, you have an arsenal of them. And chances are, upon honest introspection, you know most of your excuses are lame.

Yes, there are legitimate reasons. Serious problems such as "I've got a work deadline" or "I've got a bad headache" or "flesh-eating bacteria has rendered the entire right side of my body worthless." Get the point?

I've compiled a list of the most overused excuses, and found ways to get around them. Here's what to do the next time you hear yourself say:

### "I'm Too Tired To Exercise"

**Eat early; eat often:** Your blood-sugar levels may be low in the morning, and running out of the house without an adequate breakfast sets you up for an energy crash later. Fuel up with a balanced meal at the start of the day. One good combination: a bowl of cereal, a piece of fruit and a glass of skim milk. Then, to keep energy levels high, eat every four hours. As a rule, eat until you feel just somewhat satisfied, then stop.

**Have a chicken sandwich:** Some people make the mistake of eating too many carbohydrates. A diet high in carbohydrates (75 percent or more) and lacking in protein may keep you in low gear all day long. During lunch and dinner, try to get between 10 and 15 percent of your calories from protein sources (chicken, eggs, lean meat) and keep carbs like bread and pastas between 60 and 70 percent.

**Train late in the day:** Studies have shown that aerobic training is most effective in the afternoon. Personally, I've found training in the morning gets me going for

the day. It seems to get those juices flowing, and I understand that it can set the pace for speeding up your metabolism for the rest of the day.

**Watch the sugar:** Basically, sugar gives you an artificial high, and a quick one, because it is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream. The theory is that your body responds to sugar by releasing a large dose of insulin, a hormone that clears the blood of sugar. The problem is, insulin tends to do its job too well: it can bring blood-sugar levels too low, causing your body to crave even more sugar. This can just be a roller-coaster ride for your body, actually depleting your energy. Stick to complex carbohydrates like fruit for energy, and keep simple carbohydrates to a minimum.

**Take your C's:** Vitamin C may help you work out longer and with less muscle fatigue. Doing high repetitions when you exercise causes lactic acid to pour into your muscles. This triggers a burning sensation which may prompt you to run out of steam before you should. Vitamin C can help slow lactic-acid buildup, thereby minimizing muscle fatigue.

### "I Don't Have Enough Time"

**Big muscles first:** If time is a problem, don't waste it doing isolated exercises that only work one muscle group. Workouts should involve several muscle groups. This will also help if the weights/machines are in use, and instead of waiting for one to become free, you can go directly to another area and work another body part. This type of training will maximize your time.

**Break it up:** Split your routine in half or in three 20-minute workouts. You'll feel less stressed and have more energy for each session. Weight training in the morning and aerobics at night could be a great way to go.

**Time your workouts:** 45 minutes or less. Otherwise you could be wasting your time. Try shorter rest times between sets.

**Work while working out:** Take some mundane, time eating tasks you do at the office to the gym. While you're on that bike or walker, go through your mail, write up your daily planner or dictate memos in between sets. Even if you're not, people will think you're important.

More excuses and solutions next week.

# Gay Commitment Ceremony Planned For Valentine's Day

By STEPHEN SCHMIDT

A mass Gay Commitment Ceremony is scheduled to take place in Fort Lauderdale on Feb. 15th, 1997. Some of the nation's leading corporations will help finance *Winter Gayla '97*, a weekend of events to celebrate pride in gay culture, which is expected to draw thousands of gay couples to the city.

"We want to give couples the opportunity to pledge their commitment to one another in a loving, caring, and sharing way," said Rev. Grant Lynn Ford, who will officiate the massive service known as "Love Celebration" on behalf of The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC).

Events throughout Ft. Lauderdale's *Winter Gayla '97*, made possible through the support of corporate sponsors, include: a beach party, MCC Love Celebration, and Fantaseas, a massive dance party in the open air atrium of the Museum of Discovery and Science, all presented by A.A.R. Productions, Inc. on Saturday, Feb. 15th, and a Presi-

dent's Day Cruise on Monday, Feb. 17th.

A portion of the proceeds from the weekend's events will benefit MCC in its effort to establish a couple's ministry to help same sex partners deal with the challenges of ongoing relationships. The donation will also help MCC expand its outreach ministry to all gay men and lesbians and assist Ft. Lauderdale's Sunshine Cathedral in the establishment of a national gay and lesbian domestic partnership registry.

All *Winter Gayla '97* events will take place on the weekend of Ft. Lauderdale's annual gay pride festivities, which have been moved from the traditional June date to the winter. This weekend of events will raise the city's profile as a major gay destination.

To register for the Love Celebration, the world's largest gay commitment ceremony, call 954-525-4567 or write, *Winter Gayla '97*, PO Box 2467, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303-2467. E-mail address is [aarinc@earthlink.net](mailto:aarinc@earthlink.net). Information on sponsors available upon request.

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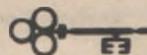
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Friday, Jan. 24

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Heaven: \$1 well and \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Buffet at 5:00 pm.  
 \* Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Midtowne Spa: Shower dancers.  
 \* BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour: Wayne Gray tickles the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Bunny O'Hare open at 9:30 pm.  
 \* Rascals: Free hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Hourly shot specials; Video Post Office at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 6:00 pm; \$2 Kamikazes.  
 \* Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 8:00 pm to 2:30 am; After hours until 4:00 am.  
 \* J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles, \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli; hard body male dancers.  
 \* Club Incognito: Boyz night out.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm. The Houston Area Bears guest bartenders at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hours 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip Contest at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Pacific Street: Cyber Infusion: NEW cutting edge light show! \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 7:00 pm. No cover until 9:00 pm.  
 \* 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; After Hours until 4:00 am.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.  
 \* Rich's: Frat Night Fizz Fridays! Miss Southwest USofA Pageant at 9:00 pm. 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call; Doors open at 9:00 pm.

Saturday, Jan. 25

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Pacific Street: Leather and Flesh; Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm.  
 \* Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Heaven: \$1 well 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Absolut-ly anything.  
 \* Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30 p.m.  
 \* 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9:00 to 9:30 pm at Santa Fe Bar and Patio,

9:30 to 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10:00 to 10:30 pm at J.R.'s Bar and Grill, and 11:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Heaven.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.  
 \* J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks and premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.  
 \* Ripcord: After hours until 4:00 am.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:30 am; happy hour until 10:00 pm; After hours until 4:00 am.  
 \* Rich's: 21 and up tonight! No cover before 10:00 pm; \$1 well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; DJ J.D. Arnold spins the beat of Billboard. Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Faces Band, with Andre on Vocals play starting at 9:00 pm.  
 \* BriarPatch: Wayne Gray and others play live.  
 \* E/J's: \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Star-Studded show with Roxanne Lee Love at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Rascals: Doors open at 2:00 pm; Happy hour until 8:00 pm. \$1 Well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 26

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -12:00 noon to 7:00 pm.  
 \* E/J's: \$1 Bud and Bud Light.  
 \* Cousin's: Drag Show at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" and FIST (Females Search of Trouble) guest bartend at 5:00 pm.  
 \* J.R.'s: 99c well vodka juice drinks noon until 11:00 pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock; SRO Karaoke at 6:00 pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11:00 pm  
 \* BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Open pool tables;  
 \* Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11:00 pm. No cover before 10:00 pm.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 5:00 pm; The Mr. BRB Contest at 7:30 pm; Steak night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Mary's: 50c draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Don Gill and Tiffany (FIST) (TLP) Swinger (benefits the LVL PWA Holiday Fund) guest bartenders.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Super Sunday at 4:00 pm with Football Diversions, BBQ dinners and the GAME at 5:15 pm; Pool tournament at 5:30 pm; Right after the game "The Bermuda Triangle," a fundraiser for Soiree Aubergine; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; Male Strip contest at 11:00 pm. \$2 Kool-Aids.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8:00 pm.  
 \* Pacific Street: Male Overload! Portfolio MEN! Meet the men of the Advocate, Playguy, Inches and In-Touch! Doors open at 7:00 pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium. \$1.25

schnapps.  
 \* Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from noon to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.  
 \* Rascal's: 99c vodka drinks; \$1 domestic longnecks; \$1.75 well drinks.  
 \* Rich's: 18 and up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp... a comedy revue with Simply Divine and Lana Blake at 10:30 pm; Doors open at 8:00 pm.  
 \* 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.  
 \* Ripcord: \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25c refills; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.  
 \* Heaven: 75c well drinks 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut and Bacardi Limonade; 75c draft beer; Super Show at 11:00 pm.

Monday, Jan. 27

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  
 \* Outpost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip 11:00 pm.  
 \* Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.  
 \* J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Pacific Street: Mall Escape! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm.  
 \* Club Houston: Half price lockers from noon to midnight.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Crown Royal.  
 \* BriarPatch: Wheel of Fortune and Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Clint plays topless: Open pool tables.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1 longnecks at 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well and domestic beer.  
 \* Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.  
 \* 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.  
 \* Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* Rascal's: \$1.25 domestic longnecks; pool tournament at 8:30 pm; Free pizza.  
 \* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Houston. 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Female Dancers at 10:30 pm.  
 \* J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas and wine; Jockey short contest at 11:00 pm; grab for cash at midnight.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card, \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$2 Windex shots.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$2 Cuervo.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.  
 \* Rascals: \$1.25 domestic longnecks and well drinks; Gay Movies.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; \$1 domestic longnecks.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.  
 \* Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon until midnight.  
 \* Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  
 \* BriarPatch: Drawing for dollars at Happy Hour; Marci holds court at the keyboard.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine noon to 7:00 pm.

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Houston. 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Free Pool Tables.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night.  
 \* Ripcord: \$2 well and domestic beer all day/all night.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.  
 \* Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75c Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace takes you to the Edge: Doors open at 9:00 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00pm to 8:00 pm and at Rich's from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.  
 \* 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Male Dancers at 10:30 pm.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Tacos on the patio.  
 \* Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover with current gym card.  
 \* Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon to midnight.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3 Skyy vodka.  
 \* Rascals: Happy hour buffet 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$1.75 well drinks; \$1.50 domestic longnecks.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; 75c Schnapps.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, and wine; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 11:00 pm; Burgers on the patio from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; dance lessons at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Star Trek on the big screen at 8:00 pm & 9:00 pm; Classic Rock night.  
 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea; Joe Boxer dance contest at 11:00 pm.  
 \* Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.  
 \* Rascals: \$1.25 domestic longnecks and well drinks; Lil' Rascals strip contest at 11:00 pm; Free happy hour buffet.  
 \* Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9:00 pm.  
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 \* Pacific Street: Doors open at 9:00 pm.  
 \* Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Stop Shot Pool at 11:00 am; Drink specials all day and all night.  
 \* Brazos River Bottom: Drink spe-

cial until 9:00 pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks.  
 \* Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night and shower dancers.  
 \* Berry Hill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Free Pool Tables.  
 \* E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night.  
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 \* OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
 \* XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.  
 \* Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75c Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace takes you to the Edge: Doors open at 9:00 pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

\* Bricks II: \$1.75 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Draft mugs \$1 day, Shots \$1.50 -7:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
 \* BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Saloon singer Beverly Sisco tickles the ivories.  
 \* Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11:00 pm.  
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Community Calendar

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

Friday, Jan. 24

- \* Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- \* HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- \* HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- \* 12-step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* "Out of the Closet:Cinema" group meets. 822-8511.
- \* Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- \* Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- \* AIDS Mastery workshop starts. 861-6453.
- \* Free Spay and Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337.
- \* Houston Area Bears go on a Bar Prowl. 867-9123.

Saturday, Jan. 25

- \* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. 863-1860.
- \* After Hours on KPFT 12:00 am to 3:00 am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- \* Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- \* Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- \* Visual Art Alliance meets at 10:00 am. 583-8408.
- \* Autumn's Seasons Bondage Club discussion group at 10:30 am. 788-5593.
- \* ArtWalk in Galveston. (409) 763-2403.
- \* Battle of the Big Bands in Galveston. (409) 765-1894.

Sunday, Jan. 26

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

- \* Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. 522-9612.
- \* AALGA meets. 864-2242.

Monday, Jan. 27

- \* Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 pm. 861-6181.
- \* Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 pm. 529-1223.
- \* Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 pm. 539-0037.
- \* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- \* AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6:00 pm. 732-4300.
- \* Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- \* HeartSong meets. 541-3495.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- \* Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 pm. 495-8009.
- \* Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- \* Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Youth-Rap at 6:30 pm. 822-8511.
- \* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 pm. 488-4492.
- \* Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- \* PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7:00 pm. 520-7870.
- \* Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic

- at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.
- \* Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30 pm. 778-2677.
- \* FrontRunners meet at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- \* Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- \* Lesbian Health Initiative meets at Inklings. 526-7828.
- \* Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) available. 522-2337.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

- 0037.
- \* Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- \* Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) available. 522-2337.

Thursday, Jan. 30

- \* Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- \* Art Labs at The Art League at 1:00 pm. 225-9411
- \* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- \* KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices open rehearsal at 7:00 pm. 521-7464.
- \* Twentysomething meets at 7:30 pm. 315-6786.
- \* KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. 866-6505.
- \* Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- \* Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 pm. 528-3704.
- \* HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 pm. 942-0923.
- \* HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 pm. 796-2272.
- \* Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- \* HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 pm. 782-4050
- \* Women's Social Group meets at 7:30 pm. 822-8511.
- \* Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30 pm. 738-RACE.
- \* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7:00 pm. 521-SING.
- \* The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- \* The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.

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Mary's Men!

Important Stuff

Hugs and congrats to the new monarchs of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star! It is gonna be a long year for Anita Mann and Jerel McNeil! Congrats to Tuna Melt and the Casseroles for raising over \$500 for the LVL PWA Holiday Fund at the Bricks II opening! Congrats to the Brotherhood of Pain for raising over \$1000 at their Slave Auction this past Friday at the Ripcord! Whip me! The Stone "Souper" Bowl will be on Jan. 26. This Super Bowl Fund Raising competing is fun. For more details, please find Jackie Thorne of the Court.

Milestones

A very happy birthday to Vanna (Barry Larson) Lee Love.

Can all HAB members do this?

Cream for the "Boys" to lick! Harvey, in his waddling state, took over the pint... head totally engulfed in the carton, rolling around the floor and keeping Ratrat away from it! It looked like a ferret body with an ice cream head! It was too funny! No wonder Harvey is 3 times the size of a normal ferret!

Disclaimer is in force! Like it or leave it! I found this in my "In" basket. Here it is: "Mike Geinzer, President of NLA:H announced his plans to start a new line... The House of Glade. H.O.G.'s members will wear crown-shaped air fresheners on their left shoulders. Mike Geinzer, the patriarch of the House of Glade, was seen sport-

roe, apparently has a trick dress! When she went up to accept the First Founder's Award, she bent over to hug Jeanette & Dot. The dress decided to unzip at the same time! Anita Mann officially began the "Reign of No Make-up" on Sunday night... Jeff Chapman of the Houston Area Bears "upped" the ante on his new boy (Roger?Robert) whom sold for \$100 to Tiffany (FIST) at the Brotherhood of Pain's slave auction." (This was faxed to me, author unknown!) Fuzzy Bear (HAB): A new love interest? I have liquid paper build-up in my phone book next to your name! Mike G. (NLA:H): First pumps, now coronation drag? Sounds like a drag queen waiting to happen! And just what did you do with the 3&1/2 foot candelabra you bought?

Vanna Lee Love: So, Is Barry Gay?

Barbara (aka Bubbles): Yeah, you are at a conference in New Orleans? Yeah, and I have some swamp land in Florida to rent! Oscar (BRB): I want to know the words to "Blue Tail Fly." Bob T. (MCC): ARK.. almost road kill!

Mama Doug (hangs at the Outpost): Since when do you NOT like to be treated like a "smoothed steak?"

Mama Jo (Outpost): Vera (BRB) says you will park your car in any old driveway you can, even Miss A's.

J.P. (hangs at E/J's): Gotcha now! You are never drunk, only over served!

Max (BRB): Why are you walking like you got a wedgie? Love must be in bloom again! Lady Lee (hangs at the BRB): Why was there a spot on the BRB's pool table? Who helped you put it there?

San D. (Magical Mystery Tour): How does one get their as\* flossed?

Jim Halbert (RSICSS): Naked reindeers? Mike (Bricks II): How do the pool tables feel? Is it better than your bed at home?

Crystal Rae Lee Love (RSICSS): Deboning chicken? What else do you debone? And "stepping down" AGAIN?

JT (dancer at Midtowne Spa): and I quote: "it is just as friendly as Bricks in Denver."



The Grey Party donated \$1200 to Casa de Esperanza! Jerel, a ladies man



Step Down, Damn it!

A happy happy birthday to Lloyd W. of the RSICSS, HAB, etc.

A belated birthday hug to Fancy Pace Lawrence.

Rodent Droppings

Rodents! Ferrets are not rodents, but, well, alas!

Harvey and Ratrat have been little sweet ferrets! But, I have to tell you about this episode! I, Cuervolyn, did a bad thing! I introduced Harvey and Ratrat to Bluebell Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream. Bad mommy! But it was too cute! I went into the ferret room and laid down an empty (but lick able) pint-size carton of Mint Chocolate Chip Ice

ing his crown on his white tails jacket at this weekends Court Coronation. In other Coronation news, Mike's "Boy" "kneel" was an accessory to theft at the Renaissance Hotel. Ms. TLP '98, Tiffany Swanger was identified as "kneel's cohort in crime." The two stole approximately a 13 feet of white and pink heart shaped balloon bouquet from an adjacent ballroom which housed a Vietnamese Wedding earlier in the evening. The balloons ended up at the front of the stage and framing Emperor XII Jim Halbert during his final walk. Hotel management and security were not amused. They were overheard saying: "Please step away from the balloons!" It is doubtful the RSICSS will be invited back to the Renaissance Hotel. Miss Mon-

Nurse David (hangs at the BRB): I have a message for you: "Nice to see you again." Love, Vera!

Brian K. (NLA:H): And, you too are a drag queen!

Carlotta (BriarPatch): What, London is too far? I hear that now you are taking jaunts to Los Angles?

Mario (BRB): Is it true every time you play Darts, you think of Vera as practice?

Dale Carpenter (Log Cabin Republicans): During your shopping spree at Basic Brothers did you purchase those sexy undies you were looking at?

Mike (Bud Man): I hope Summer comes soon, morning drinkers on Fridays at the BRB like seeing you in shorts, especially with your LONG, BONEY FIN- GERS!

(He was referring to Bricks II in Houston.)

Anita Mann (RSICSS): And I quote: "Public hangings and beheading are too much. How about a public flogging?"

Michael Jones (RSICSS): How were the cold French Fries that Donna Dumae forced down your throat?

Armand (hangs everywhere): And I quote: "My grapefruit diet is working!"

Big Jim (Venture-N:Tucson): Why is your transmission slipping?

John Mata (RSICSS): Who does your "day after" make-up?

Buddy Thompson (RSICSS): How is the view from the 19th floor balcony?

Don (Mr. Wonderful) Gill: How many times does 24 go into 46?

Lee Brown (formerly of the Ripcord): Congrats on getting your cast off! Did you use lube?

Larry Arbo (Dallas): How does ice feel on your face?

Tom Sawyer (Bricks II): And I quote, "Whose balls were touching the table?"

Jim Cheek (the Map): Just how did Armand save your life?

Jim (Ripcord): Question! When is back shaving a party?

Steve: Thanks for last night. Your name is Steve? My name is Ken Claude.

Well, it has been fun. TTFN!

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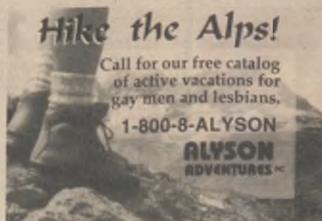
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- 1 20th century American novelist Lewis, initials ("Every compulsion is put upon writers to become safe, polite, obedient, and sterile.")
- 3 19th century American politician Webster, initials ("Employment gives health, sobriety and morals.")
- 5 woman who practices sorcery
- 7 Cain's brother
- 8 Limestone County community, sounds like ma-HEY-ya
- 10 a personal career-ending credit arrangement, abbr.
- 11 TV channels 14 & up
- 13 colored part of the eye pupil

- 15 ABC correspondent Sam Donaldson's Texas hometown, 2 words
- 20 15th-16th century English philosopher, essayist Bacon, initials ("A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.")
- 22 another name for Sioux Indian
- 23 MOO in a mirror
- 24 Roman numeral 2051
- 26 sounds like 'tee see'
- 27 sounds like 'why double you'
- 29 8th month of the year, abbr.
- 30 Houston Rock-et's center Hakeem
- 36 Jim, new GOP chairman, taking over from Haley Barbour
- 40 late astronomer Carl

- 41 foot of a 4-legged clawed animal
- 43 abbr. for Dutch & duke
- 44 old shoulder gun
- 47 cow name
- 49 hole-making tool
- 51 Cotton State, abbr.
- 53 having a thin metallic sound
- 54 official Texas state rock, 2 words
- 58 soil tillers
- 59 Beehive State, abbr.
- 60 hardly any
- 61 initials TV news journalists Mudd & MacNeil
- 62 stubby tail of a hare
- 64 fiber from coconut husk
- 65 Anglo-Saxon bard or minstrel

- 67 2 words spoken in marriage ceremony
- 68 what columnist Molly Ivins calls Gov. George Bush

- 70 objective case form of 'we'
- 71 stops
- 72 symbol for chemical element mercury
- 73 verb suffix, cause to be

### DOWN

- 1 Hindu religious teacher
- 2 W. Africa country with Monrovia as capital
- 3 Roman numeral 651
- 4 singer Houston or actor Holden, initials
- 6 Ross Perot's birthplace

- 9 Texas city once named Waterloo
- 12 ?? fi fo fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman
- 14 in Greek mythology, maiden loved by Zeus

- 16 Scottish for lake
- 17 country way of saying poor
- 18 slang for amyl nitrite
- 19 450-mile W. Siberian river, in-

- the jackdaw bird
- 25 big house
- 26 Add-Ran College was the predecessor of this university in Lubbock
- 28 radio station of the Grand Old Opry
- 30 SO upside down
- 31 experimental testing place
- 32 length of time
- 33 Jasper County seat, rhymes with Casper
- 34 undo a seam
- 35 musical drama
- 37 inactive & unused
- 38 Sooner State, abbr.
- 39 toward the outside
- 42 drifts through the air
- 45 nautical miles per hour
- 46 noun suffix for quality
- 48 relating to it
- 50 Badger State, abbr.
- 51 suitable
- 52 correspondingly

- 55 Hoosier State, abbr.
- 56 inhabitants of the Netherlands
- 57 Roman numeral 1102
- 63 country once headed by Lenin & Stalin
- 64 central processing unit
- 66 Texas city closest to Lake Charles, La.
- 69 George W. Jr., our governor
- 71 20th century American author Hemingway, initials ("So far, about morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.")

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**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Your social agenda will be quite lively for the next several months. You will have your fair share of popularity with the opposite sex, and there is great potential for a new romance. Regarding money matters, try to consolidate any future gains into one solid investment.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Your spirit of independence and adventure is strong during the week, and you may likely seek answers and opportunities far from home. Hasty decisions to questions concerning the job or everyday routine need to be avoided. Steer

clear of troublemakers.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) Your mate or business partner will be very helpful in matters relating to financial dealings. Don't be to sure of what seems like a safe bet, avoid taking any foolish risks. There are a few opportunities in various areas which will expand your horizons.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) An agreement with a companion can unleash a new potential for mutual expression, whether in a creative vein, personal alliance or moneymaking scheme. You have the tendency to take much for granted and magnify situations which are not all that they seem; be careful.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) Stick to routine matters and get as much accomplished as possible with minimal fuss. People both at home and at work will appreciate your diligence and efficiency. Draw on your intelligence and use your charm to get to the heart of things. You'll need help from others.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23) Your creative juices are flowing in all directions, and positively affecting everything you do. Your heightened creativity and inventiveness will add another dimension to your work. Instead of forging ahead on your own, it's best to enlist the help of others close to you.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) Be extra cautious in communications with a loved one. Avoid arguing and using a take charge attitude, for this is definitely a joint venture. There may be a problem at work with a new co-worker, so rise above resentments and reach for a new status through hard work.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) This week is no time to let your emotions overrule your mind, try hard to follow your intuitions. Between ups and downs in home life, romance, creative pursuits and finances, you will feel like you are on a seesaw gone wild. Somehow, everything will turn out fine.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) Your intuition is in high gear now, so it pays to listen to your inner voice regarding a financial deal. In other matters, particularly your homelife, it will probably be necessary to compromise. Zero in on routine chores and you will accomplish quite a bit.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21) Forge ahead and climb up that career ladder, you have more support from higher ups than you realize. Diverse trends favor your money activities, but don't be tempted to throw away advantages you've gained to obtain instant profits. Don't try to please everyone.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20) Try to complete unfinished odds and ends at work by mid-week, when personal interests will take over. Cooperation from others is scarce, so no matter what you do, there will probably be a bit of trouble. Your financial picture is becoming rather rosy.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19) This week could be rather hectic, and you have the tendency to overdue it, so at least try to pace yourself. Try not to overspend, because coming up short will be tougher to work your way out of. Your pleasing manner and attractiveness will be assets in dealing with the public.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) Business activities may be a bit disappointing; perhaps your expectations are exceeding possibilities. If you are getting the feeling that someone is undermining you on the job, you could be right. Do some investigating on your own, and don't overreact.

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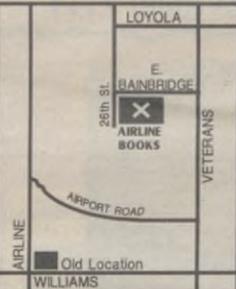


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SWF Red hair, green eyes, 20. Looking for someone, 21-25, who is White or biracial. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5279

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

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

SWF 57", 130 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, 20. Looking for a beautiful, feminine woman who is preferably the same as me. Wanting to share life, should like going to the beach, the movies & anywhere our hearts desire. I'm very attractive, so you must be also. No jokes or running around. Call Ext. 5207

SF 18, bisexual. Looking for other bisexual women to dominate & abuse me sexually. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5286

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

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

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

SBF 136 lbs., 5'2", light-complexioned. Looking for a single Black or White female to enjoy telephone conversations with & get to know a little better. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5321

SF 23. I'm a mother who enjoys romantic walks on the beach & romantic dinners. Looking for a professional butch who is caring & sharing. She should be 27 or older. I'm looking forward to your call. Call Ext. 5298

SF College student, mature. Looking for a professional, mature woman who knows what she wants & is not afraid to go after it. Call Ext. 5262

SBF 5'5", height/weight proportionate, beautiful brown eyes, 47, but I look 37. I'm very feminine. Seeking soft butch who is very honest & sincere. Seeking someone who is willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5312

SWF 5'2". I have money & I live in a nice apartment complex. I enjoy staying home & cooking. I'm looking for someone for a relationship. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5305

DF Bisexual. When I was married, I had a great relationship with my husband & our girlfriend. She got into drugs, so I had to let her go. I need a woman & I know how to treat one. Blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'4", 130 lbs., large breasts. I'm so sensual. I'm a stand-up comic & a poet. Call Ext. 5245

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

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

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

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Men

SM 37, 5'9", 190 lbs. Seeking masculine gay or bi White or Hispanic or Black guys, 20-45, for hot, safe fun. Must be height/weight proportionate. Being tall is a plus, but not a requirement. Call Ext. 5342

SM 6'11", 160 lbs., brown hair. I come into Houston on the weekends. Looking to meet other bisexual men for conversations & more. Call Ext. 5340

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

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

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

SM Top man who is demanding, sane & safe. Looking for specially skilled bottom boys who like to serve & take what's coming to them. Should be 26-40. No training is necessary. I will take care of that myself. Call me quickly. Call Ext. 5257

SMW 37, 5'8", 165 lbs., smooth, muscular, good-looking. I'm HIV+. I would like to meet a man who is a top daddy, 35-45, who likes being dominant. I would prefer someone who is 5'11" or taller. I like body & facial hair. If you would like to talk to me further, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5190

SBM Handsome, 26, new to Texas. I hear things grow big in Texas. I'm very straight-acting & looking. In search of a 20-30-year-old who is straight-acting & appearing. Race is unimportant. Must be in shape. Call Ext. 5242

SWM 57", 140 lbs. I enjoy having a good time with other single men. I'm a well-endowed top who is looking to meet some bottoms. I enjoy pleasing bottom men. Enjoy camping, working out & sports. If you are interested in getting together & exploring the possibilities, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5324

SBM 28, 6'4", 215 lbs., good-looking. Looking for a real sexy Black or White cross dresser. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5322

SHM Black hair, brown eyes, 34, 5'7", 142 lbs. I'm considered attractive & I work out regularly. Looking for a White male who prefers to be a top man. I want him to have facial hair & be masculine. I like to be positive & healthy. Looking for fun, friendship & maybe a little more. Call Ext. 5319

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

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

SWM 57", brown hair, brown eyes, 43. I like music, arts, opera, the theater, museums & quiet dinners at home. I also enjoy kissing, cuddling & touching. I'm open to new & varied interests. I'm a laid-back, sensitive & down-to-earth person. I'd like to meet Hispanic, White or Asian males who are 25-50. Call Ext. 5240

SWM 20, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'9". Looking for someone, 30-50, who likes going out & having fun. Must get along well with others. Call Ext. 5315

SWM 34, HIV+. I'm doing pretty well & I'm still going strong. I enjoy tennis, swimming, water polo & all kinds of activities. I haven't been in a relationship in over 3 years. Call Ext. 5313

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

SHM 29, 6'11", 220 lbs., HIV+, healthy. I'm financially secure. I like going out & having quiet, romantic dinners at home. Call Ext. 5275

SM 20, 6'1", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Like to sing, dance, go out & have quiet times at home. Looking for a relationship. Call Ext. 5322

SM 5'8", 160 lbs., medium-length dark brown hair, smooth complexion. I would like to meet a masculine, aggressive guy who enjoys being a top. I'm HIV+, but very healthy. Call Ext. 5123

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

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

SWM Bisexual. I'm a cross dressing transvestite. I'm 5'10" & 160 lbs. Late 30's. Wanting to meet other transgenders. Call Ext. 5337

SM 45, HIV+, 5'11", 170 lbs., healthy. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, music, cuddling, holding & kissing. Looking for someone, 35-50, who has similar interests. Should be height/weight proportionate. Honesty is the best policy. Call Ext. 5334

SWM 29, 6'8", slender, height/weight proportionate. Looking for a butch top man who knows how to satisfy a bottom. I will answer all replies. Hope to hear from you soon. Call Ext. 5331

SM Stocky, furry bear. I'm 47, 5'7" & 200 lbs., with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm hairy all over, attractive & easygoing. I'm a romantic top & HIV-. I like entertaining & being a homebody. Looking for that special someone for friendship & a possible long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5328

SM I have an all day sucker & I would like to watch someone suck on it. Call Ext. 5310

SWM Young-acting, young-looking, 40, 5'10", 160 lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes. I have very hairy legs, but I don't have fur going down my back. I'm average-built & well-proportioned. I'm also well-endowed. Looking for a bottom, 25-45, of any race. Swimmer's build is a plus. I hope to turn something into a long-term relationship. I enjoy dining out, eating in, movies & staring at the stars. I'm a smoker & an occasional drinker. Call Ext. 5333

SWM 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, well-hung. Looking for a White or Hispanic male who likes to give blow jobs. Call Ext. 5332

SHM 32, 5'7", 135 lbs., hairy legs, smooth chest. Looking for a gay White or Hispanic male who is preferably a little older than me. I'm looking for something serious. I don't want any games. I'm very open & liberal-minded and I expect to meet someone similar. Call Ext. 5325

SM 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, goatee, 160 lbs., 6'1/2". I like to be a bottom. Seeking a top man up to the age of 39. I like to be tied up. I like water sports & anything that turns you or me on. I love a lot of leather. Call Ext. 5316

SWM Early 30's, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, average-looking. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Into sports, dancing, partying, the beach, amusement parks & clubbing. I have a variety of interests, including erotic wrestling. Looking for people who are 25-35. Call Ext. 5308

SWM 49, young. I enjoy doing a lot of things. I'm very independent & I own my own home. I have a good job & a travel trailer. I enjoy camping. Call Ext. 5307

SM All I want is a handsome, gay White boyfriend. I'm a masculine, gay White male, 38, with strawberry-blond hair. I'm 175 lbs. & 6'1". I'm HIV+ & a symptomatic. Call Ext. 5303

SM 44, Indian/Italian descent. I'm very clean-cut, with a hairy chest. I like listening to music, watching movies & having fun. I love kissing, cuddling & holding. I would like to meet a White or Hispanic male who is 35-45. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5301

SHM 5'9", 165 lbs. Looking for another gay Hispanic male. Non-smoking, but drinking is okay. No games. I would like to go out & have a good time. Call Ext. 5295

SM 37, 5'8", 160 lbs., muscular, handsome, dark brown hair, hazel-green eyes. I'm a healthy, HIV+ person. I take care of myself. I'd like to meet another HIV+ man who is single & living in Houston. Should be attractive & masculine. Seeking someone who prefers to be a top in bed. I enjoy being a bottom. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5201

SM 32, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, average-looking. I just moved here from Florida & I'm looking for friendship. Into Asian, Caucasians or Hispanics. Enjoy sports, the outdoors, the beach, amusement parks & more. Also into erotic wrestling. Interested in guys who are 25-35. Call Ext. 5296

SWM 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark hair, mustache, hazel eyes, glasses. I live in Louisiana, but I visit Houston once a month to visit family. I'm looking for guys who want to go out & have some fun. Also looking for sex partners. I'm very active & in good shape. I get to the gym 3-4 times a week. I enjoy the outdoors, camping, canoeing, hiking, water skiing & horseback riding. I like to try new adventures. Call Ext. 5300

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

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

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

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

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