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## Few surprises from local elections

Rep. Danburg, reelected by wide margin, predicts status quo stance from state politicians on GLBT issues

by ELLA TYLER

While the nation's presidential election Tuesday was characterized by more twists, turns, ups and downs than a ride at AstroWorld, local races held no surprises, but a few disappointments.

Congressman Ken Bentsen, a reliable vote for many gay issues, was reelected with 60 percent of the vote on Tuesday.

State Rep. Debra Danburg was reelected by the largest margin in her 20-year career and State Rep. Ken Yarbrough, who had eked out victories in his last two campaigns, beat his opponent by more than



Danburg

Bentsen

7,000 votes.

"One of the exciting things about Bentsen's reelection is that it shows that you can't buy an election," Clarence Bagby, co-chair of the HGLPC-PAC and a member of the board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task force, said. "His opponent spent \$3 million in a viscous, nasty media campaign and it did not work."

"One interesting aspect of this campaign

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### Bush lead dwindles

Final result may not come until next week

(AP)—George W. Bush's lead over Al Gore in all-or-nothing Florida slipped beneath 300 votes in a suspense-filled recount Thursday, as Democrats threw the presidential election to the courts claiming "an injustice unparalleled in our history."

The Bush campaign was considering recounts in two other close-voting states.

Chaos reigned. It may take weeks to untangle the thickening legal and political webs and determine the nation's 43rd president.

"The presidential election is ... on hold," said James A. Baker III, the secretary of state in the Bush administration

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## Parole recommended for man convicted in Broussard murder

Victim's mother protests, gay activist Ray Hill encourages parole for Attard

by MARIA MINICUCCI

The first of the 10 convicted assailants in the Paul Broussard murder was granted parole this week.

A San Antonio panel has upheld its recommendation that a man convicted in the 1991 gay-bashing death of the Houston banker be released on parole.

The three-member panel first granted parole last month to 26-year-old Derrick Attard, who has served 18 months of a 10-year prison term.

The Associated Press reported that parole board Chairman Gerald Garrett ordered the panel to review its decision after Broussard's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, complained that the panel didn't interview her first. The panel later learned about one of two probation violations that ultimately got Attard in prison.

The panel upheld its decision on Monday, drawing protests from Rodriguez, gay and lesbian rights groups and victims' rights advocates.

Rodriguez will meet next week with the panel and Andy Kahan, director of the Houston Victims Assistance Center, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Rodriguez could not be reached for her input in this story.

At least one gay activist in Houston is supporting the decision to grant Attard parole.

Ray Hill, stands firmly on perhaps the less popular notion that Broussard's attack and subsequent death should not be vindicated in an "eye for an eye" type of justice.

Hill, who was involved at the onset of the gay-bashing death of Broussard, and who has remained vigilant in the aftermath of the incident throughout the past 9 years, attended the parole hearing in San Antonio and spoke in support of granting parole to Attard.

At the risk of Hill's actions being perceived as hypocritical or a betrayal to the GLBT cause, he said he is willing to stand by his actions and to fill in the "grayish"



details in a seemingly "black and white" scenario.

Hill's account of the sequence of events that occurred July 4, 1991 begins with what he learned about the young men involved in the attack.

"These boys from the Woodlands suburbs were frequent weekend visitors in Montrose, mainly to party at Numbers and while they were here, probably to make fun of and harass a few queers," Hill said.

Hill admits that he is not a psychologist, but describes approaching and attacking Broussard the result of "a dog pack mentality."

"Any one of these young men individually would probably not have resorted to a brutal physical attack, but the combination of booze, homophobia and a 'free for all' attitude did, unfortunately, result in the death of Paul Broussard, who was a gay man, in a gay neighborhood, having been in a gay club," Hill said.

Hill remembers that his friend, Stephen Little, phoned him the night of Broussard's attack after Little and several other people found Broussard lying on the ground.

"Stephen called me because he had called 911 for help and about an hour had passed and no one arrived on the scene. He thought I could flex some of my political muscle to get some help for the injured man

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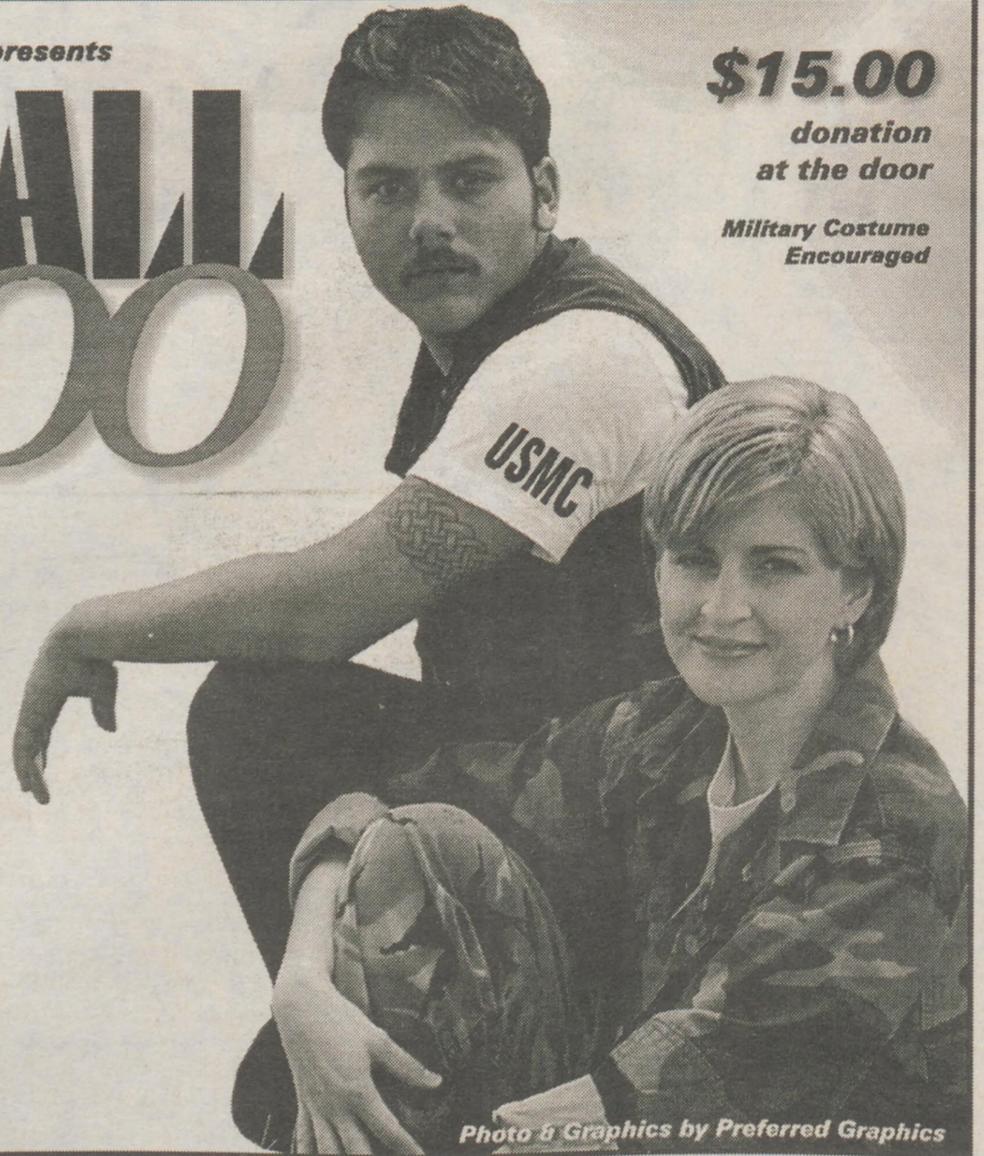


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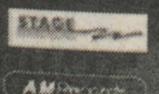
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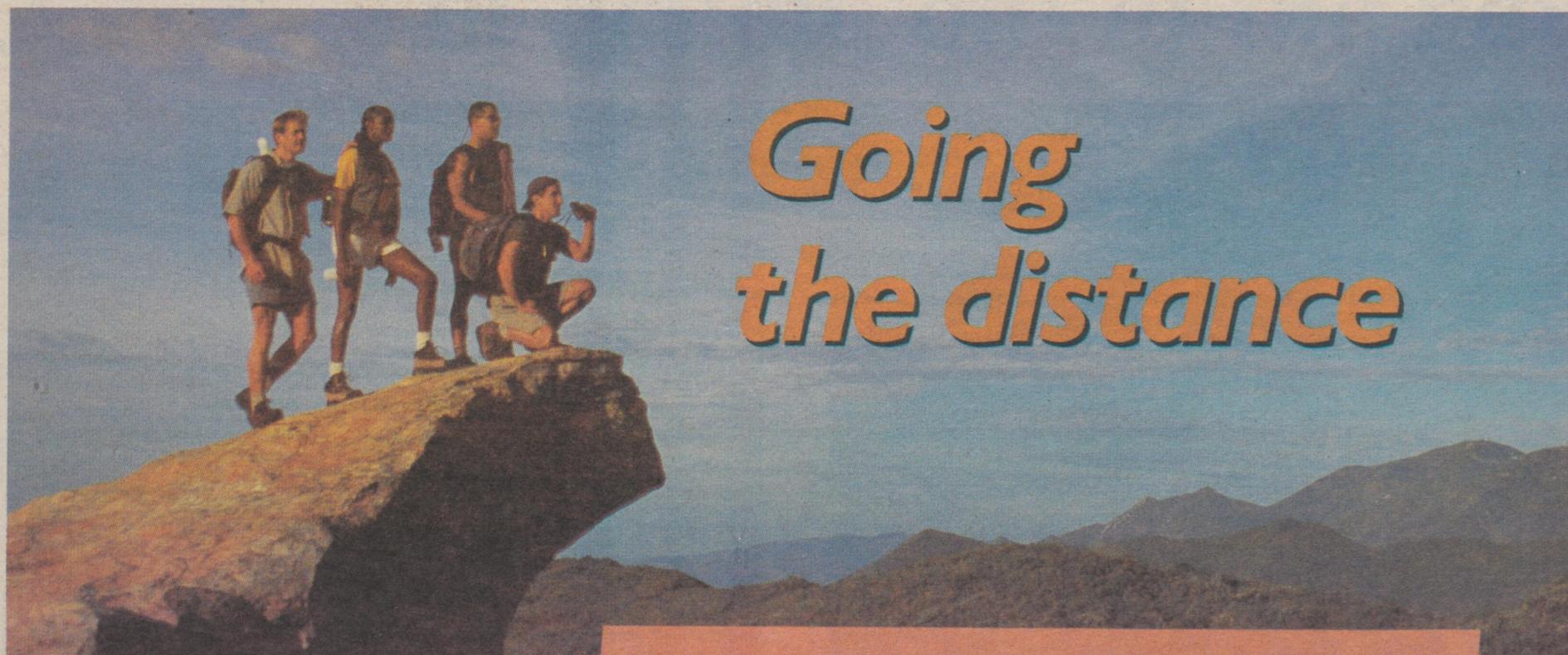
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#### ■ THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CRIXIVAN

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

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

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

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

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

### What is CRIXIVAN?

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

### How does CRIXIVAN work?

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

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

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

### How should I take CRIXIVAN?

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

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

### Does CRIXIVAN cure HIV or AIDS?

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

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

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

### Who should not take CRIXIVAN?

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

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

Talk to your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking CRIXIVAN. We do not yet know how CRIXIVAN affects pregnant women or their developing babies.
  - You are breast-feeding. You should stop breast-feeding if you are taking CRIXIVAN.
- Also talk to your doctor if you have:
- Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease caused by cirrhosis.
  - Problems with your kidneys.
  - Diabetes
  - Hemophilia
  - High cholesterol and you are taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins".

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

This medication was prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. This leaflet provides a summary of information about CRIXIVAN. If you have any questions or concerns about either CRIXIVAN or HIV, talk to your doctor.

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PROPULSID® (cisapride)	

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

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

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

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

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

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BIAXIN® (clarithromycin)	ORTHO-NOVUM 1/35® (oral contraceptive)
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RESCRIPTOR® (delavirdine) — If you take CRIXIVAN with RESCRIPTOR®, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

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

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

Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Clinical Studies

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

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

Swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow occurred rarely.

#### Marketing Experience

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

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

### How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

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# In action, out of the bars

**New group, Lesbians In Action, forms to offer young women place to meet outside club scene**

by KAY Y. DAYUS

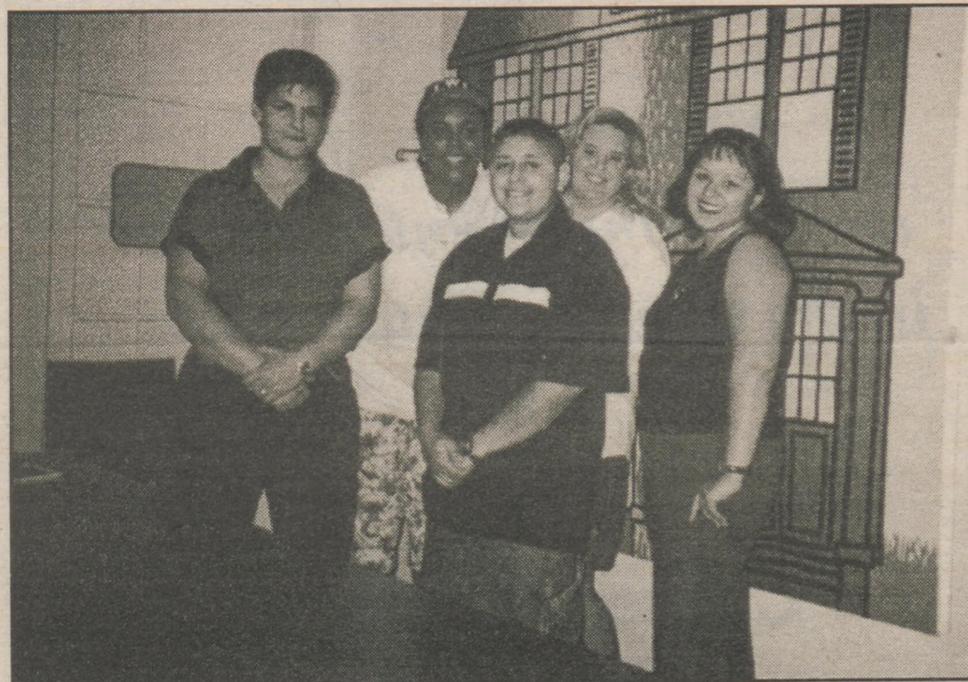
If you are twenty-something, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, and looking for a place to meet your counterparts, other than the bars, a new social group in Houston called Lesbians In Action might be just what you're searching for.

Formerly Lesbian Island Association, LIA was started by April Palatino a few months ago. Palatino went to high school in Houston and then was away from the city for several years.

"I had just returned from living out of town and wondered how to meet people, other than in the bars," Palatino said.

Her search led her to the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center on Hawthorne.

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KAY Y. DAYUS

April Palatino, far left, formed the group Lesbians In Action, a few months ago in an effort to give women in their twenties a place to meet other than in the bars. Other members pictured above are Juliette George, Amy Devore, Kristi Maldonado and Kim Ortiz. So far, the group has compiled a mailing list of about 40 area women.

## Gay family values: Extended families

**Queer community often steps in to care for relatives, friends**

by ELLA TYLER

"I've never know a community that takes better care of their family, friends and pets than we do," says Marion Coleman, one of Houston's senior gay activists.

Coleman, 64, says, "Every time I hear politicians talk about their wife and children and 'family values' and imply gays don't care about their families, I think 'How dare they?'"

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"Even before the AIDS crisis, I knew many people who were taking care of relatives. They would call on their circle of friends to come spend the night and fill in when they had to go out of town. Others would go home every weekend to be with their folks and do things for them.

"Annise [Parker] took wonderful care of her grandparents."

When Coleman's mother became blind and was unable to live alone, she spent six months of the year with Coleman and six months with Coleman's sister Amy.

"I'd call her every night when she lived with Amy," Coleman remembers.

Coleman's mother died in 1995, but Coleman is still close to some of her mother's good friends.

"I got a call several months ago from the hospital on Cape Cod, and mother's friend, who I call 'Aunt' Fern was there, and kept

talking about me. By the time I could get there, she had been moved to a nursing home to recover. I had never been in a nursing home, and it was a shock to me."

Coleman said she considered bringing Fern to Houston to live with her when Medicare stopped paying for the nursing home, but did not want to separate her from her home.

"A friend of hers from her church told me about a network that arranged housing in private homes. I found one for her where she is very happy, and I go home to Cape Cod for a few days every month to visit and see how she is doing."

### Finding support

Russ Robinett, a counselor at Bering Church, said caring for elderly relatives is the focus of a support group at the church.

"All of sudden, we began to hear about people talking about caring for elderly relatives, and that helped us make a decision to start a support group for people who are older than 35."

The group, called For Mature Audiences Only, began meeting nine weeks ago.

"The group will deal with a variety of issues," Robinett said. "We recently talked about grief over loss of a parent."

Robinett said that he thinks that although some GLBT people are cut off from their biological families, many are very involved.

"The horror stories about people who are cut off from their families are so attention getting it's like they carry five times their weight."

### Extending the extending family

Life partners Clarence Bagby and Ron Grose are each very involved with their extended families. Bagby and Grose lived with Bagby's mother the last year of her life.

"We were remodeling our house and mother had serious heart problems, so we were able to take care of her," Bagby said.

When Bagby's mother died, her brother, who lives alone and had never married, became very isolated.

"They were very close, and never lived more than five miles apart," Bagby said. "So Ron and I try to provide a social outlet for him, and he likes to go on trips with us."

"My sister has six children, so she doesn't have a lot of time to spend with him," Bagby explains.

Grose's father is very much a part of their lives, too, Bagby said.

"His wife died last year, and she had been ill for years, so he had already lost a social life."

Grose and his father go bowling on Friday nights.

"For a long time, they bowled in a gay league, and Ron's father was very popular with the group. He's a charming fellow with a wry wit," Bagby says. "A while ago they decided they wanted to bowl someplace else, so they made up a team with a gay friend of Ron's and two of Ron's cousins."

Grose is an only child, but Bagby shares

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### Visitation ordered for non-biological lesbian mom for first time in N.Y.

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A court-ordered visitation between a non-biological mother and the children she parented in a lesbian partnership, the first such visitation granted in New York state, had been scheduled for last Saturday, Nov. 4. During their relationship, the women—only identified as Janis and Christine in court records—had two children via artificial insemination. After their break-up, the biological mother, Christine, claimed that Janis had no parental rights because she was neither a biological nor adoptive parent. A three-judge panel of the Appellate Division in Brooklyn ruled Nov. 1 that until Christine's appeal of a Family Court visitation order is decided, Janis can begin weekly two-hour visits, which had been postponed several times. Janis has not seen the children, now 4 and 2, for more than a year. The case is the first in New York granting visitation, over a parent's objections, to a same-sex partner with no legal or biological ties to the children. Westchester Family Court Judge Joan Cooney granted weekly, supervised two-hour visits for the boy and his 2-year-old sister after finding that in helping to raise the children, Janis had won the status of a "psychological parent."

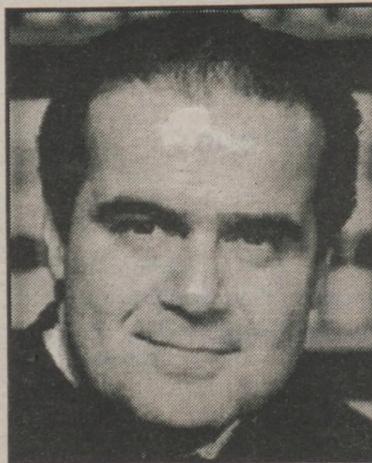
### Calif. tax board grants gay parents 'head of household' tax breaks

SACRAMENTO (AP)—Gay Californians who financially support their partner and their partner's children can file as head of household on their state income taxes, under a ruling finalized by the state's tax board. The state Board of Equalization upheld an earlier ruling Oct. 31 that a lesbian supporting her partner and the child they conceived through artificial insemination could file as head of household, although the status was previously reserved for unmarried taxpayers supporting family members. Helmi Hisserich, 37, pursued the issue for three years after she was denied the filing status by the Franchise Tax Board. "This sounds corny, but I'm really a good citizen who contributes to society, and I felt I was really being wronged by the tax system," Hisserich said. Two of the five board members dissented, charging that the ruling had no basis in tax law and would promote policies that discourage marriage and legal adoption. The ruling will save Hisserich and her partner Tori Patterson about \$1,000 a year in state taxes.

### Environmental case before high court could impact federal civil rights laws

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has filed a "friend of the court" brief in an environmental case that could have broad implications for the enforcement of federal civil rights laws. The case concerns local governments that want to build a landfill on a wetlands near Chicago. The Army Corps of Engineers said no because the land is some-

times used as a stopover for protected migratory birds. Justice Antonin Scalia said that it seems to "blink reality" to think Congress really meant what the federal government now says it did in enacting and following up on the 1972 Clean Water Act. Civil liberties groups fear the case could be a broad challenge to the way the federal government protects civil rights as well as the environment. "It clearly could have far-reaching effects," said Elliot Minberg, a People for the American Way spokesperson "What it really depends on is how aggressive and how united the five-person majority is going to be and how far they want to go."



**Conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia challenged federal authority in a case that activists say could limit the reach of federal civil rights laws.**

### U.S. Supreme Court hears arbitration case involving Calif. gay man

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on Monday in the case of a gay employee who was required to take his harassment case against the company to a mandatory arbitration board rather than to court. Saint Clair Adams signed a document agreeing to settle any potential labor grievance through binding arbitration before a Circuit City store in Santa Rosa, Calif., would hire him in 1995. A year later he quit, then filed a lawsuit alleging that co-workers harassed him because he is gay. He alleged the company did nothing when he complained. A federal District Court judge threw out the case, but an appeals court overturned that decision, citing a 1925 law that exempts workers engaged in interstate commerce from being required to submit to arbitration, rather than litigation. The case will turn on how broadly the court defines workers covered by the law. Several civil rights groups have sided with Adams. About one fifth of the national work force is covered by arbitration agreements of some kind.

### Anonymous donor gives Pittsburgh Scouts \$1.5 million, largest gift ever

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Boy Scout troops in the Pittsburgh area have received \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor, the largest single-donor gift in the chapter's history. The gift includes a \$1 million endowment fund to promote the achievement of Eagle Scout rank by Scouts in the region, and other \$500,000 to help fund capital projects. "We did not seek this gift, it sought us," said Robert Mazzuca, executive director of the Greater Pittsburgh Council. Funding groups for

scouting groups across the country has been in jeopardy since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the organization can keep in place its anti-gay ban.

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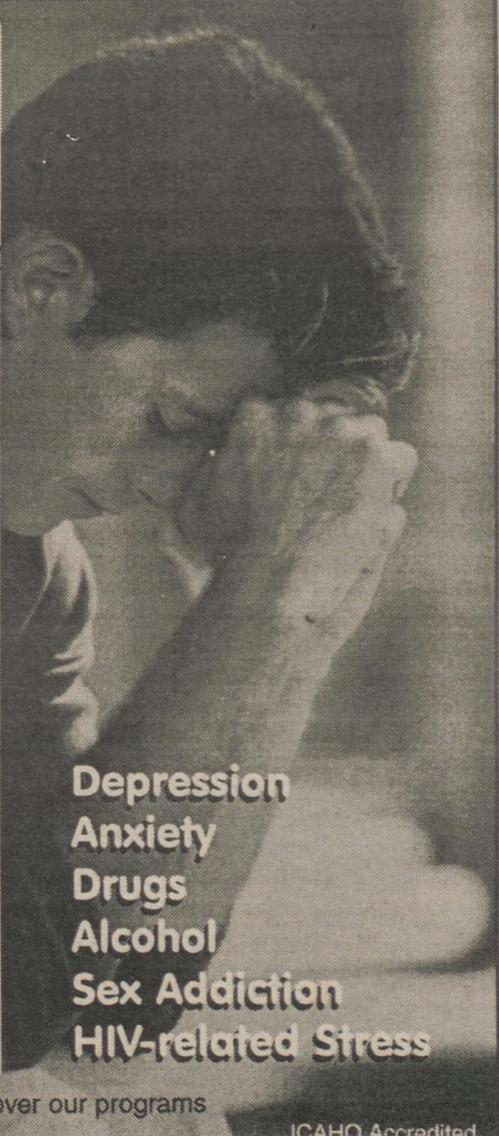
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## EDITORIAL

# Three cheers for losing the gay vote!

by CHRIS CRAIN

Election night didn't go as planned this week for Republican

George W. Bush and his supporters in Austin. Buoyed by a persistent lead in the polls, the Texas governor and his campaign staff swaggered their way through the campaign's final days, predicting a sweeping victory.

But despite a botched network projection that Bush had won Florida, and hence the White House, the election's outcome was still in doubt when thousands of Bushies gathered at the Texas statehouse ended their victory celebration Wednesday morning with no victory to celebrate.

It had hardly been a cliffhanger eight years earlier, when a somber trickle of Republicans gathered in Washington for George Bush Sr.'s "Victory Party." Even before the polls closed on the West Coast in 1992, it was clear to everyone that a fresh-faced governor from Arkansas named Bill Clinton had swept into the White House.

I found myself mingling with Bush/Quayle campaign staffers that night, sharing in the depression that filled the grand ballroom of the Hinkley Hilton—so nicknamed by locals because President Reagan took a bullet outside the hotel from a lunatic out to prove his love to Jodie Foster.

Even the occasional announcement of a state projected for then-President Bush only wrested a smattering of applause from a politically savvy crowd that already knew the final outcome.

I was fresh out of the closet, and by only baby steps at that, still flush with the Reaganite patriotism that inspired my early political activism. Proud of a renewed economy and America's Cold War victory over communism, I had only begun to reconcile my newly accepted sexual orientation with my political ideology.

At least by Election Night in 1992, I felt far more comfortable fighting within the GOP for a government that would stay out of our pocketbook and out of our bedroom,

At the Bush/Quayle 'Victory Party' in 1992, the somber gathering was interrupted only once by full-throated cheers—when the networks reported that Bill Clinton had overwhelmingly carried the gay vote.

than in casting my lot with Bill Clinton, the untested "New Democrat."

After all, I had grown up in Arkansas and neighboring Memphis, Tenn., and had adopted my family's long-held disdain for Clinton as a lying, scheming, conniving politician of the lowest order.

So I was as depressed as the rest of the ballroom at the Bush/Quayle "Victory Party" in 1992. Until, that is, a cheer went up throughout the room that lifted my spirits that maybe the electoral tide had somehow been turned.

Amid the confusion and applause, I looked up at the large-screen TV monitor to see Dan Rather reporting exit polling data from the day's contest. The room was cheering because Bill Clinton won the gay vote overwhelmingly. That was one contest that Bush supporters were proud to have lost.

"We may have lost the election," sniffed one yuppie within earshot, "but at least Clinton took the queers."

Eight years later, George W. Bush may be of a new generation, but his positions on issues important to gay voters are much more than not like father, like son. Junior seems more tolerant and comfortable with us personally, but he fumbled the gay issue during the primaries and is on the wrong side of almost every policy position.

Still, George W.'s campaign and supporters took a markedly different perspective on the gay vote this time around. In an

election where even a thousand votes here and there could mean winning or losing the election, even conservative Republicans were likely to believe, in a paraphrase of candidate Clinton in 1992, that they "don't have a vote to waste."

If the contest had been more lop-sided, I still would venture a guess that Bush campaign strategists would be pleased at the Log Cabin effort to win gay votes for the GOP ticket.

More importantly, from their perspective, George W. was able to make almost entirely symbolic gestures toward gays and other minorities, especially at the Republican Convention, to back up his "compassionate conservative" message.

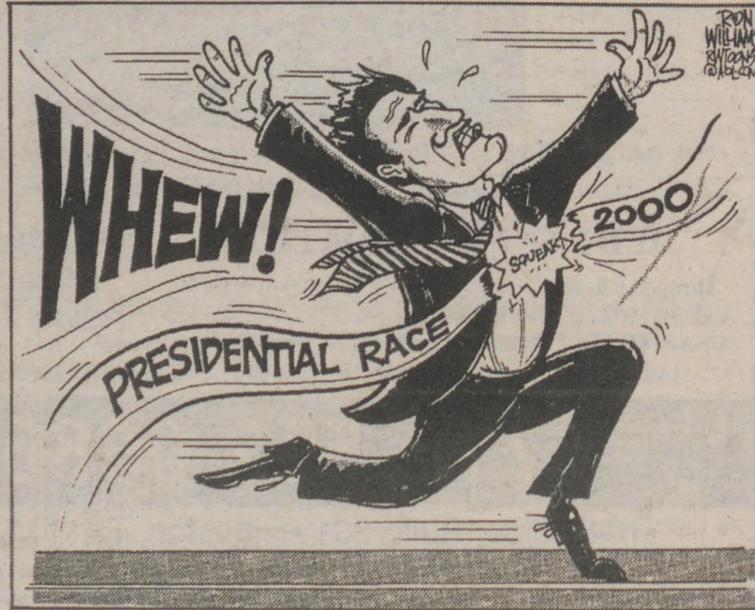
It's not the same as active competition for our votes, but it's a little less depressing than the cheer that stirred the Bush/Quayle faithful in 1992.

## Stop the presses!

The uncertain outcome of the presidential election, even into Wednesday morning, stumped newspaper headline writers and stalled printing presses across America. The *New York Times* was forced to—literally—stop the presses when Florida went for Gore, then for Bush, then for no one but a recount.

Hedging all bets in a squeaky tight election, *Houston Voice* cartoonist Ron Williams penned two different versions of his weekly dose of political satire, with directions to publish whichever one matched the results.

With the result still in doubt at press time, you can instead take your pick below, depending on whom you believe will win the White House.





VIEWPOINT

# Three little angels who made history

by MELINDA SHELTON

The timing of their tubal revival and big-screen reinvention couldn't have been better. Just as we were drowning in political rhetoric, here come the Angels to the rescue.

They're everywhere: a week-long, 24/7 "Angel Heaven" on TV Land that gave us the entire Charlie's Angels television series, circa 1976-81, and the big-screen mega-production that premiered last week.

Despite the 25-year differences—and there are many—between the two versions, the premise is timeless: Self-reliant, independent, strong women who enjoy kicking a little butt.

My friend and colleague Jennifer "Jay" Vanasco sent me a copy of her latest column, and I wasn't surprised to find her immersed in the 2000 edition of Charlie's Angels.

I too saw the flick last weekend and have to say it was sheer fun. Campy, over-the-top, action-packed, and, yes, clearly focused on the anatomies of three young, attractive, saucy women.

But there's a comment in Jay's column I've seen often in these last few weeks of Angel frenzy: "I want to be one of Charlie's Angels. Not one of the 1970s

Angels, with their winged hair and bobbing breasts (sorry, Kate Jackson fans), but one of the sleek, new Angels, played by Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu."

Jay, my 20-something friend, this 40-something woman who is a devotee of the original Angels needs to give you a little history lesson.

First off, Kate Jackson/Sabrina Duncan's breasts never jiggled. In fact, during her three-year stint on the television show, Jackson never once wore a bathing suit, low-cut gowns clearly offered her a chest-size beyond what Mother Nature provided, and she was criticized in the media for being too "tomboyish," too athletic, too assertive.

The breast issue later took on new meaning for Jackson, who is a breast cancer survivor.

The series' jiggling breasts belonged to the other two original Angels, Farrah Fawcett/Jill Munroe and Jacklyn Smith/Kelly Garrett. Today's Angels, Jay wrote, "aren't soft, pretty-girl Angels."

While the '70s Angels may be regarded as light-weights compared to today's Karate-trained versions, placed into the context of the day, they were anything but soft.

Those Angels and the TV series were revolutionary. Like it or not, they are part



The '70s Angels were strong, independent women, who showed they didn't need a man to make them whole.

of feminist pop culture.

When the 90-minute "Charlie's Angels" pilot aired in March 1976, it earned a 55 share—tremendous, for the Nielson-uninitiated.

Within weeks after the series premiered that September, conservative groups protested what they called the show's flagrant display of women's bodies and its supposed subliminal messages to girls that women didn't need husbands or children (read: lesbians).

Ironically, feminists were embroiled in the fight for the Equal Rights

Amendment and icon Gloria Steinem and other leaders castigated the show's creators for objectifying women's bodies.

Conservatives and feminists found themselves on the same side of the fence.

Those Angels empowered young women. How? They rode motorcycles and drove race cars, played sports, rumbled with the roughest roller-derby bad girls, defended themselves, carried and used guns, and killed if they had to.

The '70s Angels were strong, independent women, who showed they didn't need a man to make them whole. In fact, Sabrina Duncan was divorced, which conservatives used to bolster their claims the character and series promoted lesbianism.

Certainly by today's standards the 1970s "Charlie's Angels" series is cheesy in its portrayal of the women and their characters. Nevertheless, 25 years ago the show and its stars were trailblazers and icons for young women desperate for positive female role-models.

The 2000 "Charlie's Angels" are undoubtedly bolder, brassier, and the stunts more dramatic. But better? It's depends on your perspective, Jay.

Melinda Shelton is the New Orleans editor of Southern Voice and is the former editor of IMPACT News.

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# House still controlled by Dems

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that has been overlooked is the behind the scenes work of Mayor Brown and his campaign operatives to make the arena referendum a success," Bagby said.

Bagby also commented on the changing demographics of the Montrose area. "I went by Precinct 34, which is always the center of the GLBT vote and a lot of those voters were not GLBT. There no longer is a 'gay ghetto' where GLBT voters are concentrated. They are all over."

Incumbents, whatever their party, won, with the exception of Erik Andell, the last remaining Democrat on the two Courts of Appeals that serve Harris County. Andell did not seek the endorsement of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee, but was endorsed by many local gay leaders.

With the exception of Andell, the few Democrats who were candidates for county-wide offices, most of whom were endorsed by the HGLPC PAC, lost.

Andell carried Harris County, but lost because of votes from the 13 other counties in the district.

The most disappointing loss for GLBT voters is the loss of the Democrat Jim Dougherty in his campaign for District Attorney.

Chuck Rosenthal, the District Attorney-elect is expected to continue the policies of retiring D.A. Johnny Holmes, which include continuing to challenge the Court of Appeals decision holding the Texas sodomy statute unconstitutional.

John Buchanan, one of the only two Republicans endorsed by the HGLPC, was elected to the Harris County School Board.

The Texas House of Representatives remains controlled by Democrats and, in the Texas Senate, Republicans hold a one-vote majority.

The state's two highest courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, have no Democrats. No Democrat holds statewide office, but the majority of the Texas Congressional delegation are Democrats.

What does this all mean for the GLBT community?

Danburg predicts that there will be no change in the status quo on GLBT issues.

"Pete Laney will be reelected Speaker of the House, and the big issue will be redistricting," Danburg said. "The question will be whether Republicans and racial minorities from coalitions to eliminate seats for white liberals. If that happens, the danger is that GLBT voters will be shifted into racial minority districts where their concerns will get less attention.

"I am delighted to win by the largest margin ever, because many people thought that my district was becoming more and more Republican because of the demographic changes in the Heights and Montrose," Danburg said.

"My opponent did not publish his position on the issues, but he was the most right-wing opponent I have ever faced. In the Republican surveys he answered, he showed himself to be a gun nut who is anti-gay and anti-woman to the extreme."

Danburg said she was delighted by voter turnout in her district.

"It was huge, the biggest we have ever had."

Yarbrough's victory is a major success for Progressive Voter's In Action, the political action group started by Alex Moura and Grant Martin, that is an outgrowth of Houston City Councilwoman Annise Parker's campaign.

In February, PVA began identifying voters in Yarbrough's district who supported gay adoption, hate crimes legislation and reproductive freedom and later asked them to vote for Yarbrough.

PVA volunteers were at 25 polling places on Tuesday. In some precincts they worked to identify voters who support a nondiscrimination ordinance in the city of Houston to include GLBT people.

## Election still undecided

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brought in to protect the Texas governor's interests.

Gore wants a follow-up recount in four Florida counties and perhaps a new election in the Palm Beach area—ideas the Bush camp said amounted to "politicizing and distorting" the electoral system.

Amid a campaign-style flurry of charges and countercharges, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said his party will support legal actions by voters and supporters who say a confusing ballot may have led them to vote accidentally for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

"We're raising some very serious questions and legal actions will be taken," Daley said at a Florida session with Warren Christopher, the former secretary of state acting as Gore's recount consigliere.

The Bush campaign fired back by staking its own claim to a Florida victory and questioning Gore's motives. Still, Republicans eyed recounts elsewhere in case Gore prevails in Florida, raising the specter of a lengthy, multi-state battle.

Recount results from 66 of the state's 67 counties gave Bush a lead of 229 votes out of nearly 6 million cast, according to an unofficial tally by The Associated Press. The original "final" margin had been reported at 1,784.

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# Hill: Prison may make Attard more homophobic

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(Broussard).

"By the time, I arrived, the emergency team was on the scene, but put off actually assisting Paul by referring to certain procedures that had to be followed as a caution against AIDS infection."

Broussard was delivered to the emergency room approximately an hour to an hour-and-a-half after the attack. He was alive when he arrived at around 4 a.m. and was proceed dead at 10:50 a.m.

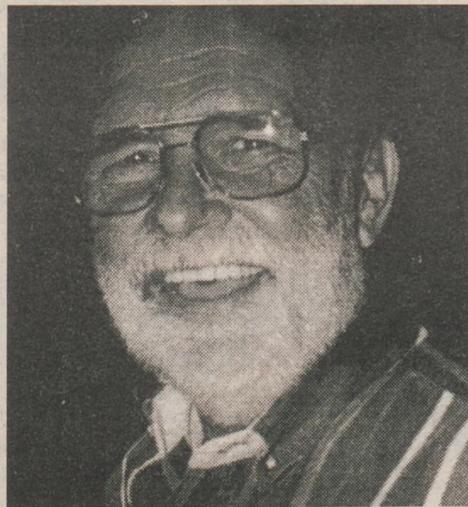
The original, nondescript mention of "a man's murder in the Montrose area" in the local paper turned into massive, widespread media attention at the insistence of grieving and outraged members of the GLBT community.

"We were not about to just let this go, so we did everything we could to crank up the media and get the story out, Hill recalls. "We even blocked the traffic around the street where the attack occurred."

This led to the identification of the first assailant, Derek Attard, and subsequently the arrest and prosecution of Attard and nine others.

According to Hill, the night of Broussard's attack, Attard was among 10 boys, driving in three cars in the Montrose area.

The group attacked Broussard, 27, and two friends as they were leaving a gay bar.



Ray Hill

One of the youths, 17-year-old Jon Christopher Buice, stabbed Broussard to death.

Buice was convicted of murder and is serving 45 years in prison. Four others also were sentenced to prison terms. Five, including Attard, were given probationary sentences and sent to boot camp.

Hill continued to stay close to and on top of the proceedings. He says, with a shrug, "the outcome of the sentences had more to do with who had more money to hire the slickest lawyer and the slickest lawyer was the one who cut the deal with the prosecutor."

Any one of these young men individually would probably not have resorted to a brutal physical attack, but the combination of booze, homophobia and a 'free for all' attitude did, unfortunately, result in the death of Paul Broussard, who was a gay man, in a gay neighborhood, having been in a gay club.

—Ray Hill

Was the LGBT community satisfied? Hill ponders the questions momentarily and replies, "yes, in as much as I don't think too many of us thought that executing teenagers was going to solve the huge and horrible repercussions of homophobia or bring Paul back."

And, what about Paul Broussard's family? "Aha," Hill responds, "the Broussards, who raised Paul in Louisiana did not

oppose the outcome. Nancy Rodriguez, Paul's biological mother, was at the courthouse and was adamantly opposed to the sentences. She believed then, and still does, that they should never be let out of prison."

In July, 1999, Rodriguez heard about a Hate Crimes Forum dedicated to the memory of Paul Broussard's death nine years prior and contacted representatives of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center where the event was being held. During that conversation, Rodriguez vehemently stated, "certain people, especially, Ray Hill, have been, for the past nine years working very hard to get those boys who murdered my son out of prison. I just want you to know that."

Wanda Dominguez, Attard's mother, refused to comment other than to say, "I really don't want to say anything right now because I don't know what's going to happen. Nancy Rodriguez wants to stop Derek from being released."

Hill, who hosts a radio talk show for prison inmates says more time in prison may make Attard more homophobic.

"Derek has spoken to me during his time in prison about how often inmates pat him on the back for beating up a faggot and how many they have beaten up and would continue to do so if they could," Hill said. "It seems to me, then, that staying in prison has more danger to reinforce homophobia."



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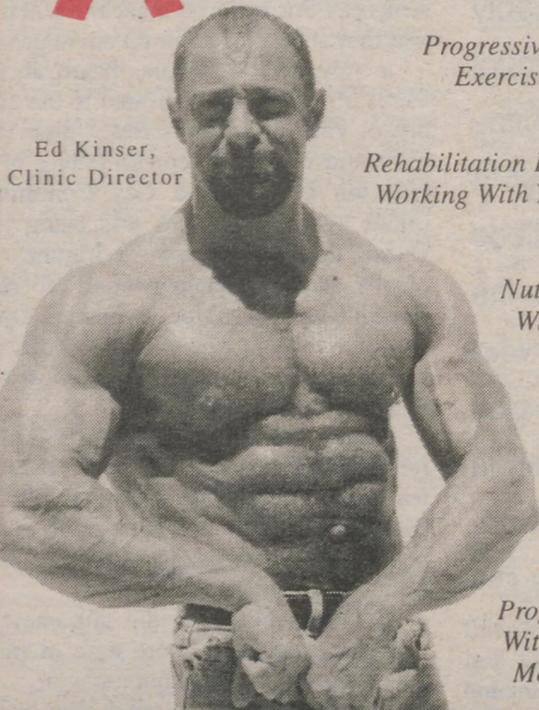
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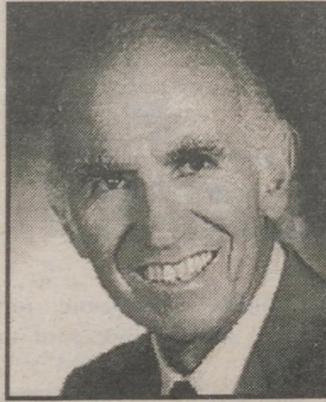
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## Company tried to block findings of AIDS vaccine study, researchers say

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP)—A company founded by the late Jonas Salk that is developing an experimental AIDS vaccine has been accused of trying to block publication of a study that found the vaccine to be ineffective. A report published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* claims the vaccine Remmune, developed by Immune Response Corp., failed to reduce the amount of HIV in the bloodstream or slow the progression of the disease. Researchers who conducted the study said the company interfered in their research, attempted to withhold information from them, and pressured scientists to interpret their findings to show that the vaccine worked. The company also filed legal papers to stop publication of the study's results, said Dr. James Kahn, the principal investigator for the article. Immune Response Corp. officials defended the vaccine and said the researchers ignored data from a smaller sample of 250 patients from a larger clinical trial conducted at 77 medical clinics across the country. "I think it's tabloid journalism," said Dr. Ronald Moss, a vice president of the company.



**Immune Response Corp., a company founded by the late Jonas Salk, disputes allegations that it tried to block results that showed its AIDS vaccine to be ineffective.**

## Children adopted into same-sex families 'thrive,' new study says

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Adopted children thrive in same-sex families, according to a psychiatrist who has reviewed more than 30 years of research on the subject, Fox News reported. "Same-sex adoption does not generally have any significant detrimental effects on a child's development and can, in fact, add to a child's emotional and financial security," says Scott V. DiBartolo, a researcher with the Yale University Child Study Center. DiBartolo's research included effects on the child's peer relations; relations with adults of both sexes; gender identity; sexual orientation; and psychological, social, and moral development. He also looked at incidence of sexual abuse among gay men and lesbians, and differences in emotional and financial security that come with being the adoptive child of one rather than two parents. "Allowing for same-sex adoption would be in the best interest of the child," DiBartolo said.

## Older adults may find it difficult to talk about safe sex, raising HIV risk

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Older people sometimes have an awkward approach to sexual issues that puts them at risk for HIV, health counselors say. "It's dangerous for any group of people to think they're immune," said Susan J. McCollum, a counselor for an Ohio chapter of Planned Parenthood. According to the CDC, the number of older people becoming infected with HIV is increasing. An estimated 10.9 percent of men with HIV and 9.4 percent of women with HIV are 50 and older. "People that age have not grown up with condoms, like people who are in their 20s," McCollum said, adding that it's an awkward adjustment for people who are newly single after having been in a long-term marriage or relationship. "Women 40 and older... are putting themselves out there, but they don't know enough, or they're not able to talk about condoms. It puts them at a real disadvantage." McCollum has had young women come for HIV testing who want her to talk to their mothers about risky sexual behavior.

## FDA approves once-a-day, easier-to-swallow AIDS drug to ease complaints

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government approved a new easier-to-use version of the AIDS drug ddI that may ease complaints that the medicine is too hard to swallow. One of the standard drugs in the multi-drug AIDS cocktails, the prior versions of ddI required the patient to chew, or dissolve in water, two large, bitter-tasting pills twice a day. Those pills also frequently were blamed for diarrhea and other gastrointestinal side effects. Swallowing the newly formulated capsule, to be sold under the brand name Videx EC, should reduce taste problems. Manufacturer Bristol-Myers Squibb said that a special coating on the new version means it may cause fewer gastrointestinal side effects, though it did no research to confirm that. Bristol-Myers did not say when Videx EC would begin selling, or if it would cost the same as the old version.

## Virginia study of female condom aims to combat AIDS worldwide

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—A condom for women that never quite caught on in the U.S. is being studied to see if reusing it can make it more economical and help fight AIDS in developing countries. The Reality Female Condom received federal approval in 1993, but sales in the U.S. never took off. Women complained that the condom, which retails for \$2 to \$3, was too expensive, difficult to use, squeaked and looked odd. But the U.N. AIDS program has been distributing the condoms to women in sub-Saharan Africa, which has been devastated by AIDS. The Female Health Company, the product's sole manufacturer, sells the condoms to international family planning agencies for as little as 70 cents apiece. Tests have shown Reality to be between 74 percent and 95 percent effective, depending on whether the condom is used correctly. In comparison, the men's condom is between 80 percent and 97 percent effective.

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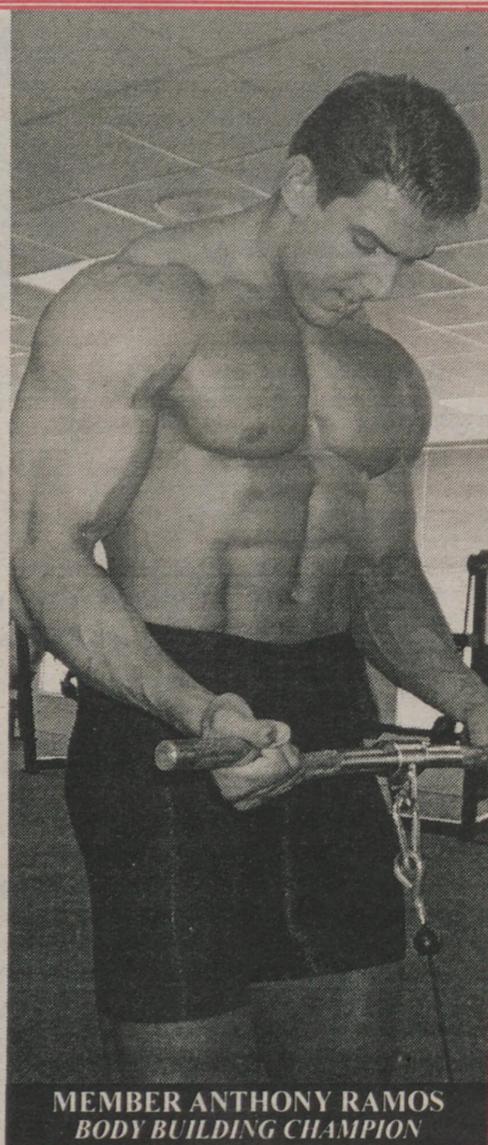
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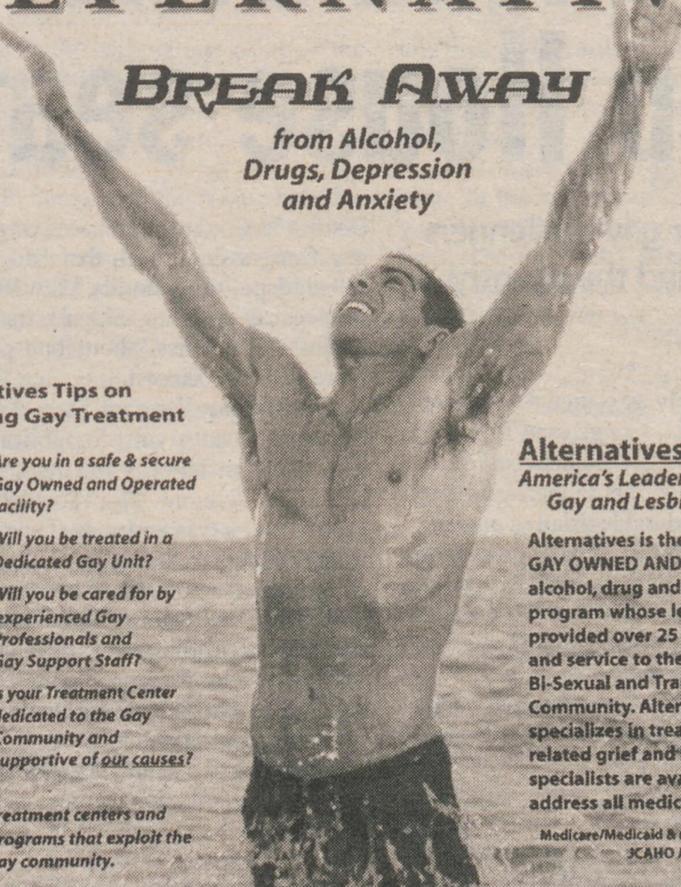


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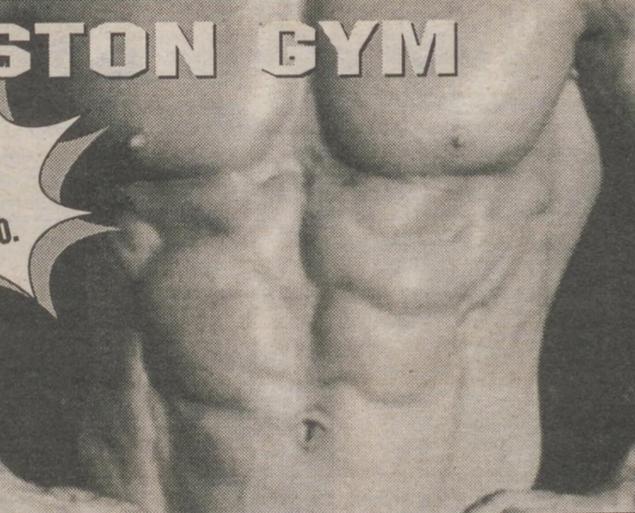
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# Vermont governor survives civil union fallout

Pro-gay incumbent governor wins re-election, as openly gay Democrat loses historic Senate bid

by MATTHEW A. HENNIE

The shadow cast over the political landscape in Vermont by the state's civil unions law, in the end, didn't cost one of the measure's biggest supporters his job.

Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat running for his fifth two-year term, escaped a tight—and decidedly ugly—race against Republican Ruth Dwyer with 51 percent of the vote.

With 97 percent of precincts reporting, Dean had 140,396 votes, or 51 percent, to Dwyer's 106,719, or 39 percent. Third party candidate, Progressive Anthony Pollina, took 10 percent, or 26,638 votes, according to CNN.

Dean narrowly avoided what could have been a contentious ending to the race for governor: Under Vermont law, if Dean hadn't won 50 percent of the vote, the newly elected Legislature that convenes in January would have picked the next governor by secret ballot.

A backlash against Vermont's civil union law has marked the campaign season. At least five GOP incumbent legislators who supported the civil union law were defeated in primaries earlier this year.

A grassroots organization called Take Back Vermont campaigned stridently to rescind the law. Conservatives inundated the state with ads claiming Vermont was about to become a gay paradise.

Dean was a key backer of the law that gives gay couples most of the same legal recognition as married heterosexual couples; Dwyer ran a campaign that opposed it.

The Democrats control the current Legislature by a narrow majority, 10 votes

in the 150-member House, and four in the 30-member Senate. But the GOP was expected to pick up some seats in balloting Tuesday.

The civil union law, which became effective in July, has galvanized the normally tolerant state, monopolizing the political agenda. It crowded out Dean's attempt to spotlight health care.

Dean, a Burlington physician, was responsible for establishing a Dr. Dinosaur program that provided health care for children not covered by private insurance.

The civil union debate took precedence over the education issue plugged by Dwyer, a farmer and former school board member from Thetford. And Pollina, a community organizer from Burlington, had sought to focus on campaign-finance reform. He was the only one to accept state funds limiting his campaign expenditures to \$300,000.

But Dean, and Republican Sen. James Jeffords, both escaped voter wrath over civil unions.

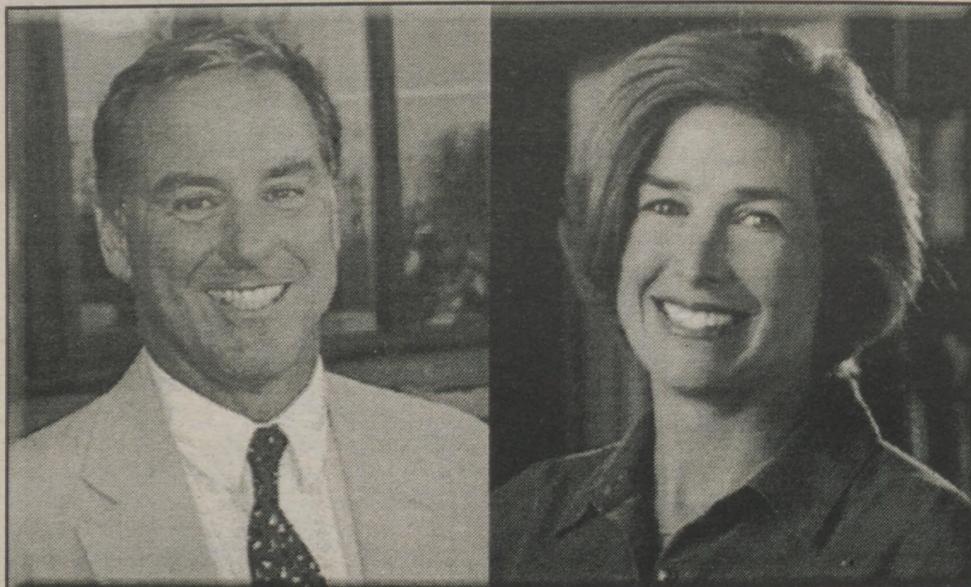
Seeking his third term, Jeffords easily defeated openly gay challenger Edward Flanagan, the Democratic state auditor. Jeffords and Flanagan supported Dean and the civil union law.

"I support the Supreme Court and their interpretation of it," Jeffords has said of the decision, which held that same-sex couples had a constitutional right to legal recognition. "And that's the end of the issue, as far as I'm concerned."

Considered an underdog, Flanagan was the only openly gay candidate for a statewide office in the U.S. this year. His sexual orientation was not an issue when he ran for state auditor five years ago, but became an issue this year because of civil unions.

"I have become a bit of a lightning rod," Flanagan said. "It's raised with me on the street, as I travel around, and campaigning."

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*



Despite a contentious campaign, in part centered on Vermont's civil unions law, Gov. Howard Dean captured a fifth term Tuesday by beating GOP challenger Ruth Dwyer.

# Gay incumbents keep House seats

Little luck for gay challengers in races around the country

by LAURA BROWN

All three openly gay incumbents kept their seats in the U.S. Congress in Tuesday's election, but openly gay challengers had little luck in their attempts to increase representation in the federal legislative branch.

Based on results available at press time, current U.S. Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) held onto their seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

If all openly gay Congressional candidates had pulled off victories Tuesday, gay representation in the U.S. House of Representatives would have doubled, going from three to six. The country would have also gained its first openly gay U.S. Senator and the first transgendered member of Congress.

But at press time early Wednesday, Democrat Gerrie Shipske's race against Republican Rep. Steve Horn for California's

District 38 Congressional seat was the only gay Congressional race that had not been called by political pundits. With 100 percent of precincts reporting, Shipske trailed Horn by just 1,616 votes, about one percent of more than 160,000 cast.

Openly gay Vermont State Auditor Ed Flanagan failed to oust Republican incumbent Sen. Jim Jeffords for the U.S. Senate seat from Vermont. The race divided gay groups and led to a rare dual endorsement from the Human Rights Campaign.

Flanagan would have become the first openly gay U.S. Senator, while Jeffords had strongly supported gay issues, including serving as a lead sponsor of ENDA, a federal bill to ban job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Openly gay Democrats Ron Oden and Ron Strouse fell short in their attempts to win seats in the U.S. House from California and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Republican Karen Kerin, who would have become the first transgendered person in Congress, lost her bid to unseat independent incumbent Bernie Sanders for Vermont's only House seat.

**✓ Rep. Barney Frank**



**Race:** U.S. House, Mass. Dist. 4  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Results:** With 80 percent of precincts reporting, Frank led Republican Martin Travis 75 percent to 23 percent.

**✗ Ed Flanagan**



**Race:** U.S. Senate, Vt.  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Results:** With 91 percent of precincts reporting, trailed Sen. Jim Jeffords (R-Vt.) 26 percent to 67 percent.

**✓ Rep. Jim Kolbe**



**Race:** U.S. House, Ariz., Dist. 5  
**Party:** Republican  
**Results:** With 95 percent of precincts reporting, led Democrat George Cunningham 60 percent to 36 percent.

**✗ Ron Oden**



**Race:** U.S. House, Calif., Dist. 48  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Results:** With 80 percent reporting, trailed Rep. Mary Bono (R-Cal.) 38 percent to 60 percent.

**✓ Rep. Tammy Baldwin**



**Race:** U.S. House, Wis., Dist. 2  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Results:** With 100 percent of precincts reporting, led Republican John Sharpless 61 percent to 49 percent.

**✗ Ron Strouse**



**Race:** U.S. House, Penn., Dist. 8  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Results:** With 88 percent reporting, trailed Rep. Jim Greenwood (R-Pa.) 39 percent to 60 percent.

**? Gerrie Shipske**



**Race:** U.S. House, Wis., Dist. 2  
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**✗ Karen Ann Kerin**



**Race:** U.S. House, Vt.  
**Party:** Republican  
**Results:** With 92 percent reporting, trailed Rep. Bernie Sanders (independent) 19 percent to 71 percent.

## Young lesbians form support, activity group

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"I went to the coming out group at the center," said Palatino. "But, they were older women. And, no offense, I wanted to meet some women of my own age."

Palatino decided to get her own group going. With the help of the center, her idea soon gathered steam and she enlisted the aid of others around her age. Before they knew it, they had a mailing list of about 40.

Kim Ortiz is now leading the group, which meets the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the center.

"LIA is a social support group for young lesbians. We have different activities and also try to do things to help the community," said Ortiz.

Ortiz said the membership recently decided to change the organization's name because people associated "island" with Galveston. She says the new name more accurately reflects their mission. And, she adds, their mission is to have fun as a group and to help the GLBT community in the process.

So far, members have volunteered at the center and recently worked at the center's booth at the Women's Festival. They also make arts and crafts to help support the group.

Ortiz stresses that LIA is a "fun" group that is not against the bar scene.

"We still go to the bars sometimes, but we go as a group. You don't have to feel alone," she said.

Members have gone on camping trips together, had a yard sale at the center, made a trip to New Orleans, and co-hosted and provided childcare for the center's Lesbian Film Night.

Ortiz urges anyone interested in LIA to come to the next meeting on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. for a "get together" and snacks and then stay for poetry night at the Center which starts at 7 p.m. Simone Cunningham and Donna Garrett will read excerpts from their poetry.

Other upcoming LIA events include a self-esteem workshop, a potluck movie night at a member's house, Thanksgiving dinner at the center and other "holiday stuff," said Ortiz.

Ortiz and her partner, Kristi Maldonado, have a six-year-old son, and they welcome others with children at LIA.

Ortiz said that LIA members want others to come and bring their ideas to the group. At a recent meeting, their easy camaraderie came through and, describing the group, Maldonado said, "It's a comfort zone."

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## Queer community redefines extended families

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his nieces and nephews with him.

"We bought Tiger and Pooh costumes for two of the children and took them trick or treating," Bagby said.

Bagby is a merit badge advisor for his brother's teenage son.

"He recently did his American Heritage badge, and put together a walking tour of the Old West End for one of the projects, Bagby said.

"Ron and I are both very involved with historic preservation and it is gratifying to be able to pass these interests on."

### The proxy parent

Many years before the current surge of interest in gay and lesbian parenting, Glenda Redworth was raising her niece and nephew.

"Their mother was my foster sister. She lived with my family when she was 15 and we stayed close. She was struggling with the children, who were five and eight, so I offered to take care of them for a year while she got a job and got off welfare," Redworth said.

"At the end of the year, we agreed to try it for another year, and by the end of that year, it was clear that they would just stay with me," she said.

Redworth did not adopt the children. "I did not want to ask their mother, and their father would never have agreed. I became their managing conservator, which, in Texas, is legally like being a parent."

Ray is now 21 and serves in the Navy. Dawn is married, and "has two kids and a nice husband," Redworth said.

"Dawn's kids are 2 and 3 and call me 'Ganma'," she adds.

The woman who was Redworth's partner when the children arrived in 1984 moved out soon after they arrived, deciding that parenting was not for her, but maintained ties with the children.

"She gave Dawn a car for her 18th birthday, without consulting me," Redworth said. The children seem to have a more diverse look on life than other children, Redworth said.

"They began picking friends who weren't racist or bigoted, and seemed to avoid all kinds of prejudice. As adults, they looked specifically for an open church."

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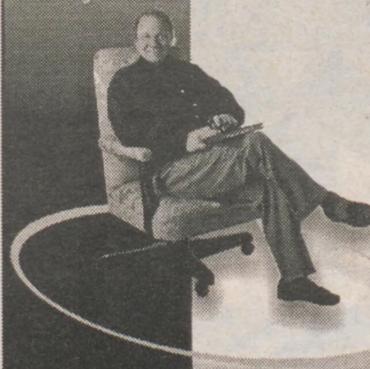
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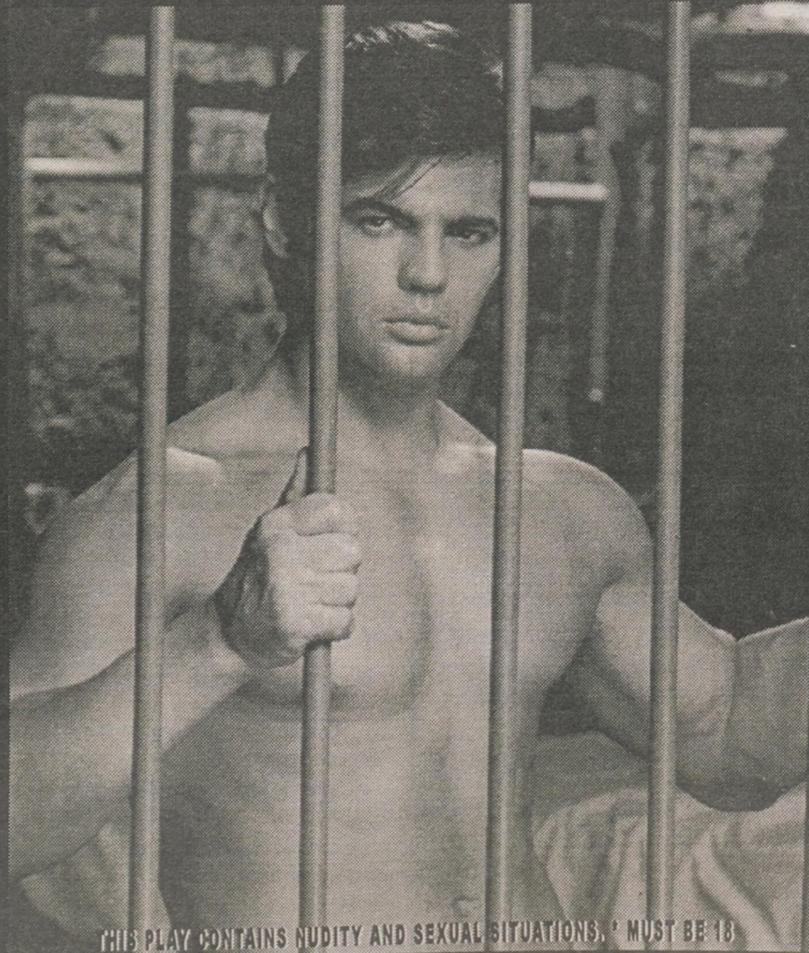
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A quiet talk with Judy Tenuta...

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Goddess of Love comes to H-town in company of 'Funny Gay Men'

by D.L. GROOVER

*You know what scares me? When you're forced to be nice to some paranoid schizophrenic just because she lives in your body.*

The press release said, "Judy Tenuta is the most famous person that ever lived. If you don't believe it, just ask her!" So I did. She's still talking.

The Goddess of Love brings her accordion, her achingly funny psychoses, her Love Slave dancers, and three gay comedians with her to Houston for the world premiere of her "Funny Gay Men Starring Judy Tenuta" tour, Nov. 18 at the Ariel Theater.

Does that title imply that the founder of the only comic religion, Judyism, has undergone an unreported sex change?

"Probably, some dumb straight guy thought of that title. Hello," she explained. "It's supposed to be called 'Judy Tenuta Presents Funny Gay Men.' The title I wanted was 'Judy Tenuta and the Screaming Queens of Comedy,' or 'Judy Tenuta and her Favorite Butt Pirates.' Which do you like the best?"

"My manager and my producer always thought that I should be doing something with gay men. I had to laugh, like I don't already. Hello. But they meant on stage, you know? One time they wanted me to do a gay men show in Lincoln, Nebraska, and I said, 'Wait a minute, excuse me, what gay man would voluntarily live in Lincoln, Nebraska? They can't be real gay men.'"

Whatever the title of this wacky extravaganza, Miss Tenuta will showcase three exceptionally funny gay men: Brian Bradley, Bob Smith and Jason Stuart.

Stuart is the successful actor in the trio, working non-stop in films and television, such as

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# On Stage

THEATER REVIEWS

## Sex in Europe, psychos in Houston

by D.L. GROOVER

The idiosyncratic Czech composer, Leos Janacek, was a late bloomer. At least two-thirds of his greatest music was written in the last dozen years of his life, all under the inspiration of his muse, Kamila Stösslová, the married woman 40 years his junior.

That the elder Czech musician was also married didn't faze them. Janacek was smitten by her beauty and joy of life, yet stung by society's condemnation of their commitment.

It's no surprise that his first work under love's influence was **KATYA KABANOVA**, a hurtling, tragic tale of a vibrant woman who discovers passion outside marriage, rousing the condemnation from both her harsh mother-in-law and the provincial village.

In a minimalist production that is passionate and saturated, Houston Grand Opera polishes this operatic jewel until it gleams.

Under the loving baton of Asher Fisch, the psychological direction of David Alden, the sparse settings by Charles Edwards, and the radiant cast led by Catherine Malfitano as Katya and Catherine Ciesinski



Catherine Malfitano portrays Katya Kabanova in the Houston Grand Opera production of Leos Janacek's opera about a forbidden affair.

as the mother-in-law from Hell, Janacek's emotional and exquisitely naturalistic score is given its full due.

There are two other joys here: Gordon Gietz as the idealistic village teacher Kudrjas, and Zheng Cao as his young lover

Varvara. They are reason enough to see Katya.

Gietz opens the opera with an apotheosis to the Volga and the beauty of nature. The force of his plangent tenor knocks the breath out of you. That he sings so effortlessly, clearly, stirringly, while reclining on the raked stage with cigarette dangling from his mouth is just that much more icing on the cake.

Youthful ardor pours out of him. It's an eye- and ear-opener of a performance. At his thunderous curtain call reception, he was genuinely surprised at the bravos raining down upon him. That's something rare in the opera house.

Singing Varvara, the impetuous foster daughter of Katya's icy mother-in-law, Cao possesses a burnished mezzō that is a beauty. It sounds like velvet: dark, lustrous, rich.

On the cusp of maturity, Varvara is the younger mirror image of Katya, but with an escape hatch. Unmarried, she can flee the suffocating village. Playful, ardent, yearning to be free, Cao's singing is a revelation.

And then, of course, there's Malfitano as Katya. If Katya is a jewel, then Malfitano is its dazzling setting. She commands the stage, even when pressed against the side proscenium to show how far outside this community she is.

Intense and physical, singing with shattering power and heat, she gives a definitive performance. I doubt if any other singer could do this role justice.

### 'Closer'

Like an ice pick through the heart, Patrick Marber's **CLOSER** kills without leaving much of a wound. The harm's all internal. While laughing, you fall over dead.



The Alley production of Patrick Marber's 'Closer' offers the bitingly funny tale of four strangers tangled in a web of love, sex and betrayal.

In this caustic, brittle comic battle of the sexes, four disparate and desperate people meet, swap partners, and swap again, all looking for that illusive panacea for life: love.

That they don't learn anything in their round-robin search is the author's nasty take on contemporary life, but the bumpy road these characters insist on traveling is consistently satisfying, usually hilarious, and full of sexy trash talk.

Directed by Stephen Rayne with ultra chic gloss and played upon a translucent chessboard-like floor, these sad sacks—wonderfully limned by all—mess up their lives in startling ways. They're pawns of their own hearts.

As soon as love comes along, they muck it up by saying just what's on their mind. Invariably it's the truth, just what their lovers don't want to hear.

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Herb (Kenny Mellman) is her autistic co-dependent pianist who bangs out the accompaniment and adds his wails to Kiki's vodka-tinged song stylings.

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After thrashing herself into a frenzy with Butt Trumpet's "You're Ugly," Kiki sprawls on the floor.

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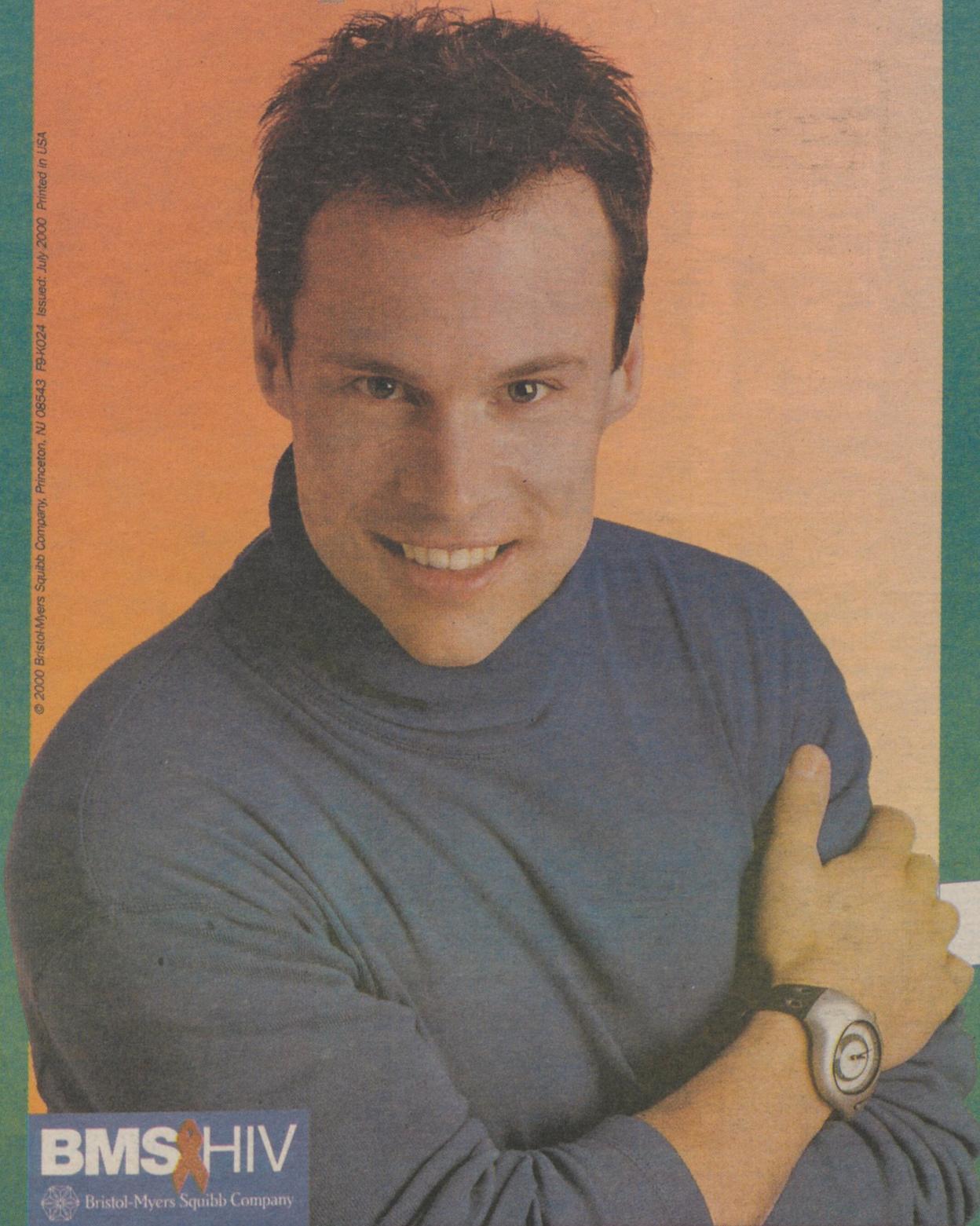
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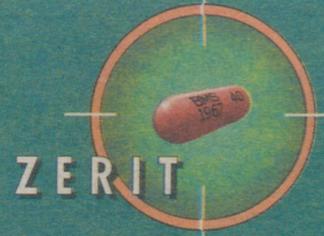
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ZERIT may cause numbness, tingling or pain in the hands or feet (neuropathy). This risk is increased in patients with advanced HIV disease or a history of neuropathy. If this occurs, your doctor may suggest lowering the dose or stopping ZERIT to improve symptoms. Patients treated with ZERIT in combination with other medicines that may cause similar side effects may have a higher chance of developing these side effects. The most frequent side effects are nausea, diarrhea, headache, rash and neuropathy. ZERIT does not cure HIV infection or prevent passing HIV to others. ZERIT, in combination with other antiretroviral agents, is indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection.

1) 83% (49/59) and 49% (49/101) of patients taking ZERIT with lamivudine and indinavir had viral load undetectable at 48 weeks in an as treated and intent to treat analysis respectively. (START 1. Data on file, Bristol-Myers Squibb).  
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**WARNING**  
**LACTIC ACIDOSIS AND SEVERE HEPATOMEGALY WITH STEATOSIS, INCLUDING FATAL CASES, HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH THE USE OF NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES ALONE OR IN COMBINATION, INCLUDING STAVUDINE AND OTHER ANTIRETROVIRALS (SEE WARNINGS).**

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**  
 ZERIT® (stavudine), in combination with other antiretroviral agents, is indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection (see CLINICAL STUDIES).

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

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

**Monotherapy:** The efficacy of ZERIT was demonstrated in a randomized, double-blind study (AI455-019, conducted 1992-1994) comparing ZERIT with zidovudine in 822 patients with a spectrum of HIV-related symptoms. The outcome in terms of progression of HIV disease and death was similar for both drugs.

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

**WARNINGS**  
**1. Lactic Acidosis/Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis:** Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogues alone or in combination, including stavudine and other antiretrovirals. A majority of these cases have been in women. Obesity and prolonged nucleoside exposure may be risk factors. Particular caution should be exercised when administering ZERIT to any patient with known risk factors for liver disease; however, cases have also been reported in patients with no known risk factors. Treatment with ZERIT should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility:** In 2-year carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats, stavudine was noncarcinogenic at doses which produced exposures (AUC) 39 and 188 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended clinical dose. Benign and malignant liver tumors in mice and rats and malignant urinary bladder tumors in male rats occurred at levels of exposure 250 (mice) and 732 (rats) times human exposure at the recommended clinical dose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Selected clinical events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in a controlled monotherapy trial (Study AI455-019) are provided in Table 1.

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

\* Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

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

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

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

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

† Duration of stavudine therapy = 48 weeks.

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

§ Selected laboratory abnormalities reported in a controlled monotherapy study (Study AI455-019) are provided in Table 3.

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

\* Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.

† Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

‡ ULN = upper limit of normal.

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

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

† ULN = upper limit of normal.

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

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

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

**Digestive Disorders:** anorexia.

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

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

**Musculoskeletal:** myalgia.

**Nervous:** insomnia.

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

**OVERDOSAGE**

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

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Method of Preparation:**

**ZERIT (stavudine) for Oral Solution**  
 Prior to dispensing, the pharmacist must constitute the dry powder with purified water to a concentration of 1 mg stavudine per mL of solution, as follows:

1. Add 202 mL of purified water to the container.

2. Shake container vigorously until the powder dissolves completely. Constitution in this way produces 200 mL (deliverable volume) of 1 mg/mL stavudine solution. The solution may appear slightly hazy.

3. Dispense solution in original container with measuring cup provided. Instruct patient to shake the container vigorously prior to measuring each dose and to store the tightly closed container in a refrigerator, 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Discard any unused portion after 30 days.

**HOW SUPPLIED**

ZERIT® (stavudine) Capsules are available in the following strengths and configurations of plastic bottles with child-resistant closures:

Product Strength	Capsule Shell Color	Markings on Capsule (in Black Ink)	Capsules per Bottle	NDC No.
15 mg	Light yellow & dark red	BMS 1964	15	0003-1964-01
20 mg	Light brown	BMS 1965	20	0003-1965-01
30 mg	Light orange & dark orange	BMS 1966	30	0003-1966-01
40 mg	Dark orange	BMS 1967	40	0003-1967-01

ZERIT® (stavudine) for Oral Solution is a dye-free, fruit-flavored powder that provides 1 mg of stavudine per mL of solution upon constitution with water. Directions for solution preparation are included on the product label and in the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section of this insert. ZERIT for Oral Solution (NDC No. 0003-1968-01) is available in child-resistant containers that provide 200 mL of solution after constitution with water.

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**Storage:** ZERIT Capsules should be stored in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).

ZERIT for Oral Solution should be protected from excessive moisture and stored in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C). After constitution, store tightly closed containers of ZERIT for Oral Solution in a refrigerator, 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Discard any unused portion after 30 days.

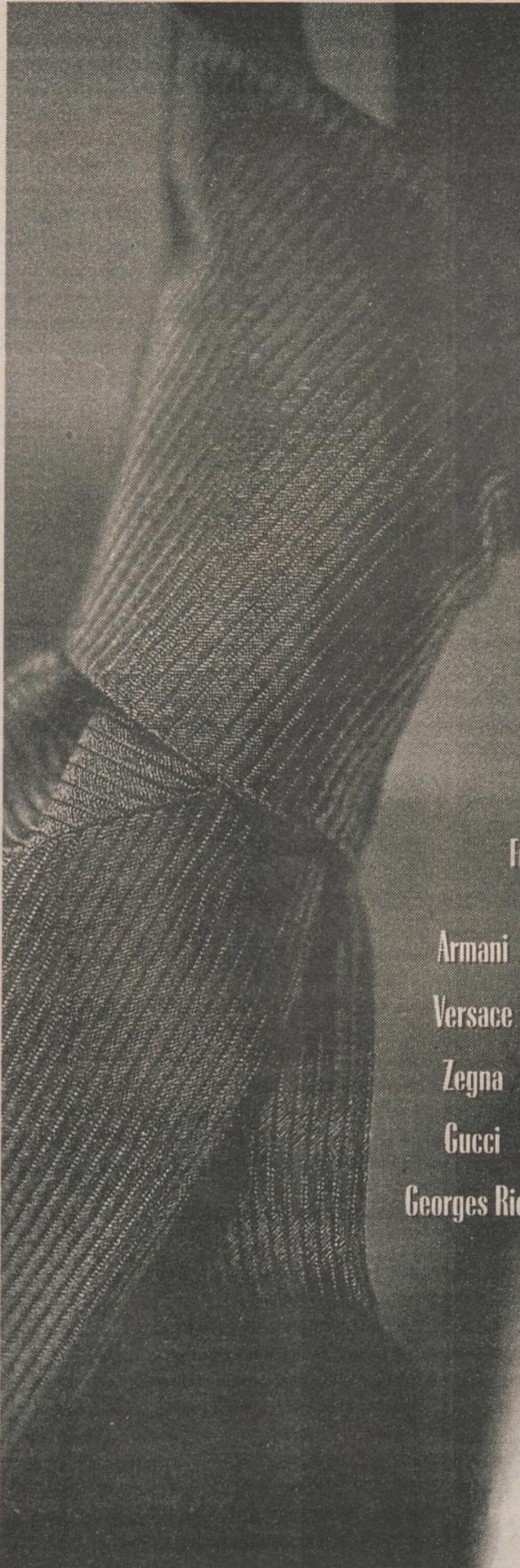
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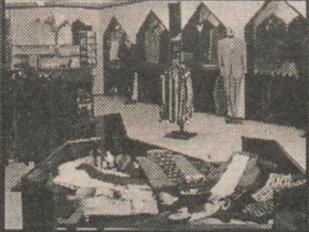
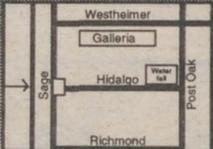
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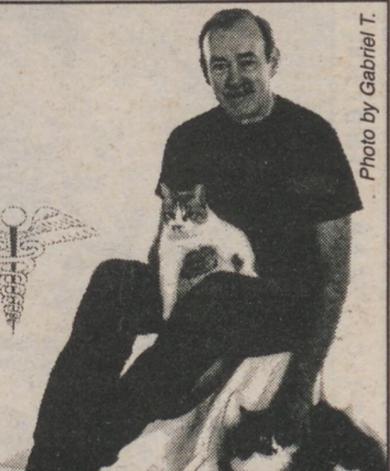


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"Kindergarten Cop," "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "The Drew Carey Show," "Murder, She Wrote," "Will & Grace," "Norm," and "Providence."

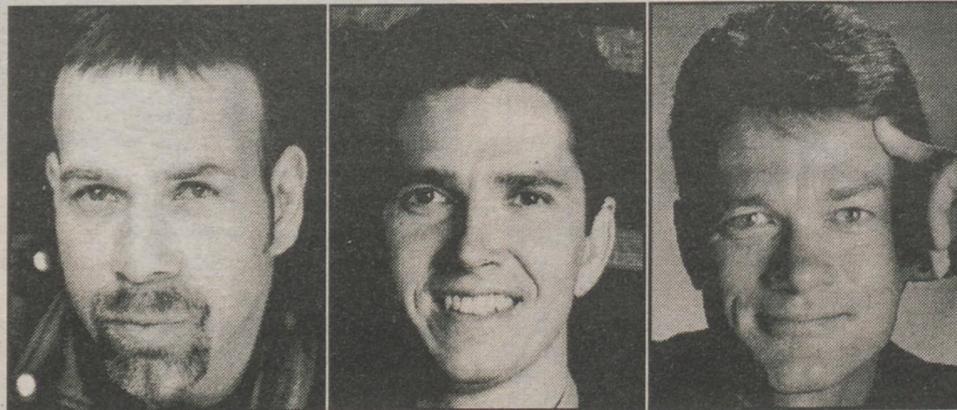
He also has the great distinction of being picketed by the troops of Rev. Fred Phelps during his Human Rights Campaign Comedy Show. Somehow he finds the time to perform his standup at colleges across the country and report for "Entertainment Tonight."

Bradley, called the King of Improv, is a favorite of the gay cruise ship crowd. Featured on A&E's "Comedy on the Road" and Showtime's "Comedy Club Network," he's recently ended a four-year stint on Broadway in the hit revival of "Grease."

Smith, a favorite of our bayou community from numerous appearances at the Laff Stop, was the first openly gay comedian to appear on "The Tonight Show" and later star in his own HBO "Half Hour Comedy Special."

He's also a best-selling author and Lambda Literary award-winner for "Openly Bob," his collection of autobiographical sketches. His new collection of reminiscences, "Way To Go, Smith," is fast becoming a cross-over hit. Currently, he writes for "Mad TV."

*How many times have you been walking down the street and you see someone coming*



Jason Stuart, Bob Smith and Brian Bradley

*toward you from the past that you don't want to talk to, but they recognize you and try to make you talk to them. 'Were you going to walk past me without saying hello?' No, mom.*

"I did a special gay show in Chicago, one of the most fun shows, called Mr. International Leather. I'm like a special guest, and they're such a great audience. All gay men with their chaps on. Six-hundred drinks and they're judging butts, you know. What could be better?"

"I come out and do my little thing. So my mom, she's like 70 years old, and my brothers and sisters, the whole family was there, and they absolutely loved it. My mother says to me, 'Honey, I went to the bathroom and there were these two men doing some-

thing to each other, and I said to them, Can't you wait until my daughter's off the stage?"

"Maybe I'm like an aphrodisiac to them; I make them do that. Do you think I make gay men want to mount each other?"

*My mom hates me. She caught me selling tickets to her nervous breakdown. I was gonna split it with her. 50, 25, 25.*

The Ultimate Goddess was born in Oak Park, Illinois, the home town of Anne Baxter, Frank Lloyd Wright, Ernest Hemmingway and comedy clubs. Bill Murray and Jack Benny are native sons.

"You can sit on uncomfortable chairs and shoot moose," the goddess says about the mid-west cultural heritage. "And Michael Flatley of Riverdance fame? Everybody

thinks he's from Ireland, but he's from Chicago. Could he be more of a diva?"

"What's amazing to me about Chicago, it's such a hot bed of really creative fertility. All of those actors from the Steppenwolf Theater Company: Joan Allen, John Malkovich, Gary Sinese. It's almost like the little Shakespeare of America up there.

"I started getting a little bit known in Chicago, but I really broke through in New York. HBO saw me at Caroline's [NYC's preeminent comedy club] and wanted me to come out to California and do a special."

She did, and the Multi-Media Bondage Goddess was born. She's been worshipped and adored ever since. As the most gay-friendly of all straight entertainers, it's no wonder that her base includes an inordinate number of GLBT fans.

"They look at me with lust," she says with a laugh. "I'm like an icon to them. Let's face it, I am a fashion plate. I think it's because I have a sassy mouth, and I'm very campy and speak up for my gay love slaves, my gay studcicles, and my gay lesbyterians.

"Although they still have to learn how to dress. Maybe we'll have a little make-over session in my show."

*Have you ever dated somebody because you were too lazy to commit suicide?*

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Ladies and gentlemen, the Contemporary Arts Museum brings you the circus! Only smaller. Okay, so these performers are mighty mites and the spangles you see are only dew drops on their sticky legs, but the ringmaster is actual-size, Colombian-born artist Maria Fernanda Cardoso. See Brutus, the strongest flea on earth as he pulls a locomotive all by himself. Gasp as Tini and Tiny walk the death-defying tightrope. Thrill at Fearless Alfredo when he high dives into the pool. Laugh with Pepita and Pepon while they juggle. If not the greatest show on earth, it's certainly the smallest. Don't bring Raid.

Through Jan. 7

Contemporary Arts Museum, 5216 Montrose Blvd.

713-284-8250

## Buber Malone

Gay Houston playwright/producer Richard Laub opened his distinctive Little Room Downstairs Theater in 1995 with his romantic, four-hanky, somewhat-true-story of Tamara Bertram and her love affair with the British fighter pilot, Buber Malone. Re-worked, i.e. re-written, the memory play returns. Memorable in the dual roles of Jim/Sara in Paula Vogel's "Mineola Twins" and as Brandon Teena in Leigh Silverman's play,

Natalie Maisel creates Tamara, while Laub plays Buber.

Nov. 10 through Dec. 9

Little Room Downstairs Theater, 2326 Bissonnet

713-522-5737

## Broken Hearts Club

Actor Dean Cain (a.k.a. television's Superman) plays gay. What a stretch! Seven gay friends (and John Mahoney as their den mother) look for, lose and find love in West Hollywood. Part "Friends," "Big Chill," and "The Women," this movie, written and directed by gay filmmaker Greg Berlanti, hopes to be the cross-over hit of the winter season. Sony execs are planning their golden parachutes with this one and don't want it pegged as a "gay" make-out movie. "This is just a really entertaining film about interesting people," says Michael Barker, a partner at Sony Pictures. Oh, really? So, no shots of a shirtless Mr. Cain?

Exclusive engagement opens Nov. 10

Angelika Film Center, 510 Texas Avenue

## Parallel Lives: The Kathy & Mo Show

In the beginning of this feminist world-view, written by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy, two girl creators opine that since women do have a natural

advantage, childbirth must be painful and men must be given overwhelming egos for counter-balance. This skewed curse carries all the way through this sketch-like comedy as the battle of the sexes is sent up, dissected and lampooned. Michelle Britton and Leslie Maness play all the characters.

Nov. 10 through Dec. 9

Theater LaB Houston, 1706 Alamo

713-868-7516

## Memory's Caretaker

Gay actor, playwright, and dancer, Paul Bonin-Rodriguez is known for his autobiographical trilogy about growing up Latino and queer. In this adult look at his current life, his monologue zeros in on the three generations in his family and how they dealt with the gay relatives who've preceded him. "All efforts of assimilation are part of what becomes gay flight: flee, find a new home, and start over," he says. "There was much left unsaid. I have the same tíos and tías as everyone else, but we didn't talk about it." The silence spurred Bonin-Rodriguez to speak out. He speaks with moving eloquence.

Nov. 10 and 11

DiverseWorks, 1117 East Freeway (N. Main @ Nadler)

713-335-3445

# Tenuta

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love...in her hectic life with her own stud puppet, Christopher. They met on a blind-date-for-comics segment on Vicky Lawrence's talk show seven years ago. She couldn't be happier, unless she had her own TV show.

"I call him Countach, because he loves Lamborghinis. He had to go to Malaysia, because he designs theme parks. I thought the little male prostitutes were the rides over there. But that's where he is. He'll be home tomorrow."

*My mom got mad at me and said, 'Hey, Judy, you will never amount to anything because you always procrastinate.' I said, 'Just wait.'*

And what's on the schedule for the busy Love Goddess after the tour?

"I'm working on a pilot for a talk show, and always digging up the scandals out here. But I still need to have my own show, honey. That's what I need: to be in rehab. Then I'll get a series. Like Charlie Sheen. Him and Calypso Floptart."

INFO

## Funny Gay Men

Nov. 18

Aerial Theater, 520 Texas Avenue  
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# Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW

## A passionate subject

Flavorful food outshines vibrant decor at Shiva's

by KATHREEN LEE

If you don't know the difference between Northern Indian food and Southern Indian food and thought that all Indian food is the same, allow me to provide you with a brief primer on their distinctions. Southern Indian food is better known for its hot curries, coconut milk, rice-flour breads and a greater degree of Hindu vegetarian fare.

While both Southern and Northern Indian food restaurants serve a wide variety of vegetarian options, Northern Indian restaurants also offer many meat options, such as lamb, which they prepare tandoori style—baked in a clay oven.

Generally, Southern Indian food is spicier than its Northern counterpart due to a greater use of chili and mustard seeds. However, richer ingredients, such as yogurt and ghee—basically, butter that has the water and milk solids removed—is usually eaten in Northern India with a salty unleavened bread called chapati.

At SHIVA NORTH INDIAN RESTAURANT in the Rice Village, one can dip chapati in either a viscous minty preserve or in a sweet and tangy serving of tamarind dressing.

Shiva literally translates to "auspicious" which is not exactly one's first impression as one enters the establishment. The interior is bedecked with a juxtaposition of kitschy beaded curtains, billowing pastel fabrics forming waves along the ceiling, numerous artworks depicting various Hindu gods and brilliant fluorescent pink painted walls. Apparently, Martha Stewart had nothing on Shiva's.

My dinner companions and I started our meal with an order of the Veggie Platter (\$5.95), which is a combination of assorted vegetable fritters, samosas and alloo chaat. The fried cauliflower and cucumber fritters were palatable, but the golden brown fried exterior was reminiscent of the thick and tasteless crusts often found on the sweet and sour chicken at cheap Chinese food buffets.

However, the samosas, which were stuffed with spiced potatoes and peas, were rich and flavorful, especially after dipping them in the tamarind sauce leftover from the chapati.

For entrees, one friend ordered the Murgh Madras (\$10.50), which are chicken pieces marinated and served saturated in a spicy curry sauce.

According to her, the chicken was tender and juicy and the taste of spicy curry lingered in her mouth well after her meal.



I ordered a combination platter called Rani Dil Pasand (\$11.95) which is a mixture of both meat and vegetarian dishes ranging from the Tandoori Murgh, spicy marinated chicken slices cooked in a clay oven; to Raita, a type of condiment that mixes grated carrots and cucumbers in plain yogurt.

Each small sample served had its own unique blend of tastes. What I appreciated most about the combination platter was the variety of flavors it offered including curry, a tomato cream sauce and cream spinach.

Shiva's boldly declares on their menu, "food has always been a passionate subject for us," and that passion is readily apparent in both their preparation and presentation of their fares.

One friend ordered the Shiva's Delight (\$10.95), which is a vegetarian combination platter, and commented that she also relished the many choices offered in her dish.

For instance, the samples on her platter ranged from potatoes stuffed with cheese, cashew nuts and raisins to spinach engulfed by melted chunks of homemade cheese.

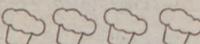
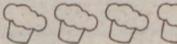
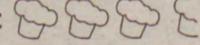
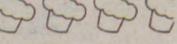
Although she praised the individual dishes for their unique and tangy flavors, the only complaint she had was that the cheese in the Saag Paneer was a bit too buttery.

Shiva's boldly declares on their menu, "food has always been a passionate subject for us," and that passion is readily apparent in both their preparation and presentation of their fares.

Although the decor may clash, the many individual dishes offered by Shiva's does nothing more than compliment each other perfectly for a wonderfully fulfilling meal.

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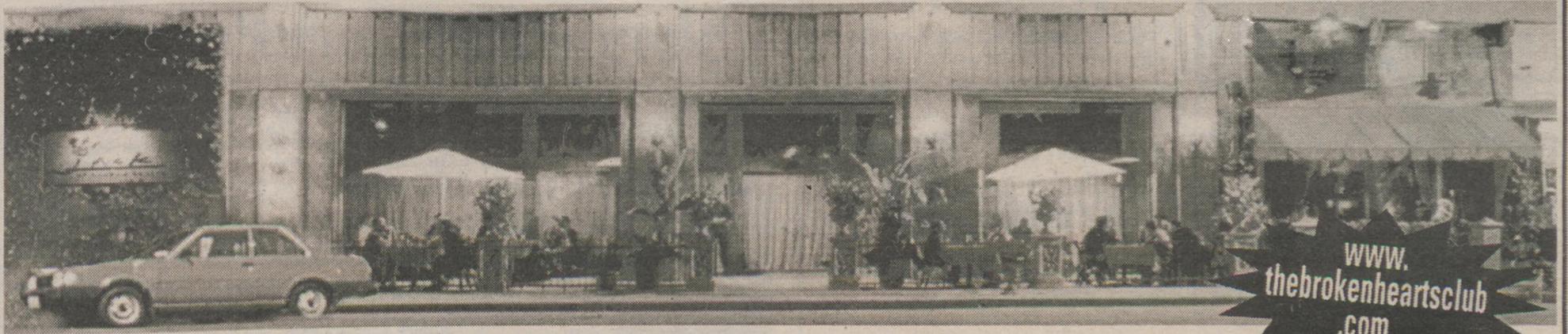
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Q-Patrol walks the streets 8:45 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.  
Dignity mass. 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.  
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Call for ride locations. 713-863-1860.  
Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.  
Rainbow Fishing Club. Meeting. 713-526-7070.  
Houston Faerie Circle. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.  
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. • Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-528-3818.  
Houston Outdoor Group. Breakfast. 9 a.m. 713-KAMPOUT.  
Houston Black Tie Dinner. 6:30 p.m. 713-523-9611.  
Kolbe Project. Breakfast. 713-861-1800.  
Gulf Coast Transgender Community. Meeting/social. 713-780-4282.  
"Celebrate Diversity." AssistHers. 10:50 a.m. 713-521-4628.

Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County. 502 Church St. Service 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.  
First Congregational Church (Memorial). Service at 11 a.m. Christian Education. 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.  
Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.  
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.  
First Unitarian Universalist Church. Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Brunch available 10:30 a.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.  
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.  
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours 2 to 4 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.  
Classic Chassis Car Club. Progressive dinner. 713-797-8615.

## monday, november 13

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

## sunday, november 12

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

## tuesday, november 14

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight, Club Houston. 713-830-3000.  
Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-524-0439.  
Bering Support Network. Lunch Bunch Gang 11 a.m. 713-526-1017.  
Gay Men's Process Group. 7 p.m. 3316 Mt. Vernon. 713-526-8390.

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Men's Network. Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual men. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.

Lambda Skating Club skates. 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink. 713-410-7215.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Lesbian Island Association meeting. 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

RSVP Cruise open house Lovett Inn. 6 p.m. Lovettinn.com  
Thanksgiving on the Mayflower Food Drive. 713-297-6282.  
PFLAG-Houston. Meeting/social. 713-867-9020.

## wednesday, november 15

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2015 Thomas Street 713-793-4026.

STD Exams & treatment. HIV Testing. Free. AVES. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mary's, Venture-N & E's. 713-830-3000.

BiNet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Social meeting. 713-467-4380

Women's Network. Montrose Counseling Center Discussion group for social, educational development of gay and bisexual women. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.

Project: Caesar. Workshops. AFH. 3203 Wesleyan. 713-623-6796.

Out Skate Rollerskating Club. 8 to 10 p.m. 8075 Cook Road. 281-933-5818.

Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.

Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.

Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.

Freelance Art Classes by Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 1 to 4 p.m. Lunch provided. 713-523-9530.

Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.

Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. 713-523-3037.

Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 1307 Yale. 713-527-0931. www.houstonprideband.org.

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Various Support Groups 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 6 to 9 p.m. • 713-524-3818.

## thursday, november 16

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

Rainbow Ranglers free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. 7 p.m. 713-880-0670.

Hep C Recovery. Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.

STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m. to midnight. Toyz Disco. 713-830-3000.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.

FrontRunners. Running Club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.

HIV Art Course Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Kermit Eisenhut. 713-524-9530.

Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.

Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.

HIV Testing. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

"Transforming a Relationship." Workshop. 7:30 p.m. 281-623-4874.

Bi-Net Houston. Mixed gender social. 713-467-4380.

## friday, november 17

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) Meeting. 713-942-7002.

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Rich's. 713-830-3000.

STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.

Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.

Q-Patrol walks the streets. 9 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.

Kolbe Project. Morning Prayer. 10 a.m. 713-861-1800.

Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.

Positive Art Workshop. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer. 713-526-1118.

Lesbian and Gay Voices. KPFT 90.1 FM. 7 p.m. 713-526-5738.

Mishpachat Alizim Shabbat Services. 8 p.m. 713-748-7079.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • "Passion, Poetry & Politics 2." 7:30 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

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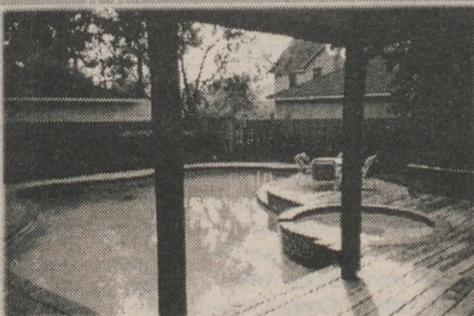
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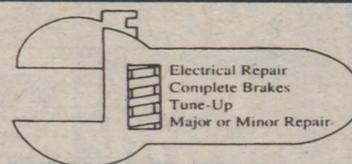


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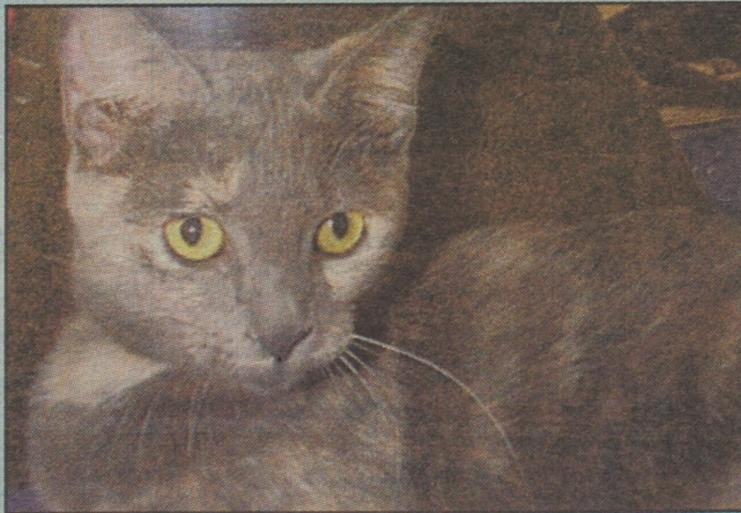
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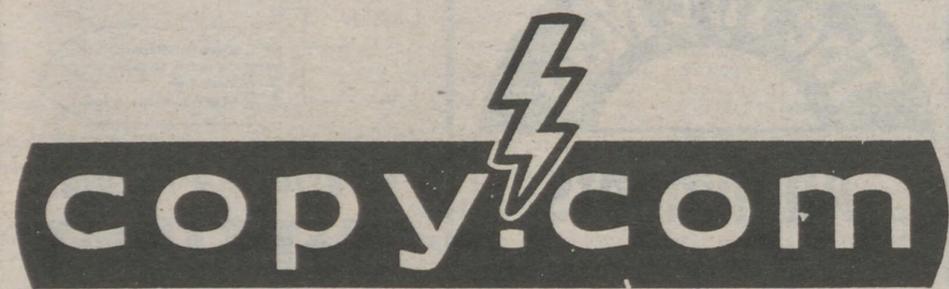
With a heart as big as her state, Miss Alabama of the Brazos River Bottom sings in another year on Nov. 12.

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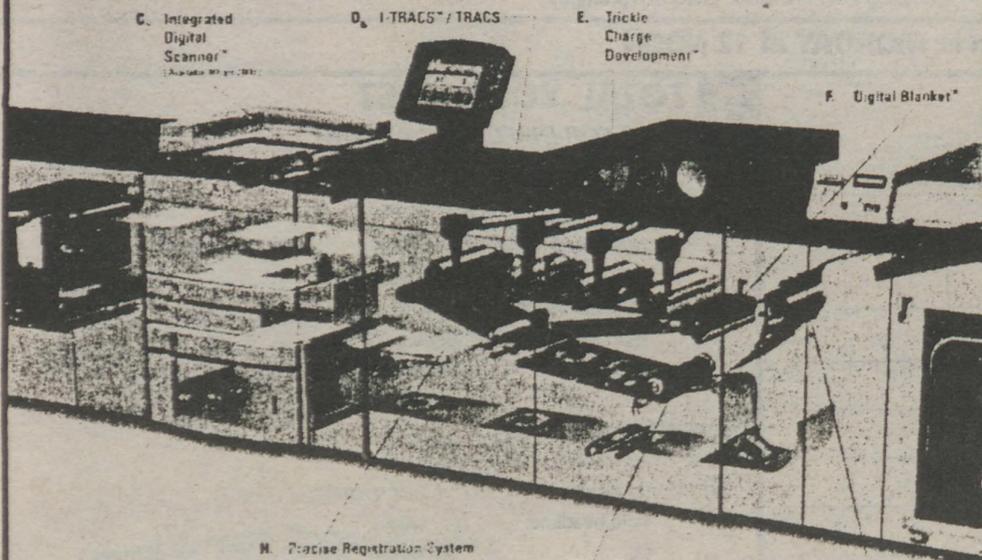
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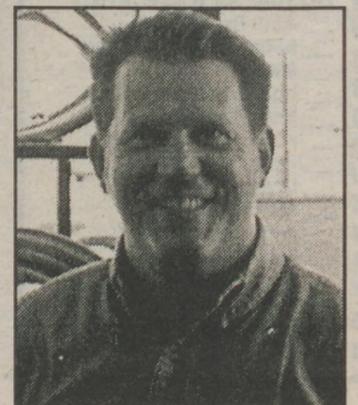
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November 10 - 16



## ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Venus moves up to the top of your chart on Nov. 13, making artistic endeavors very commercially successful for you. You may have to break away from an ex or other skeleton in your closet. This is the time for black-and-white decisions, babe. A Virgo needs to know, "What's it going to be—yes or no?"



## TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Sure this is a tense time for you, but it's also full of romance and yearning in a most beautiful way. While Mercury's in your house of love, you can flirt it up with all, but talk turkey with your favorite Leo for the best pre-Thanksgiving meal of your life.



## GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

While Mercury, your ruler, is transiting through your day-job house, you'd best stop over-analyzing and start doing the work. Luck really is on your side; it just may be coming in a bizarre form. If this is as bad as it gets, stop complaining. An Aries can help you to see the less cynical side of a situation.



## CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Mars in your home sector in November could make you yearn for a new residence. That's quite possible, but if you are not in the mood to deal with realtors, try revamping your present digs. Consider throwing a party, even if it's just for two. Invite a Gemini over and turn on the blue light.



## LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Force yourself to go after the one that you really want. If pride has gotten in your way, put it aside. Mars gives you the ability to make everybody do what you want. So, do what you do best—make yourself the center of attention. A Scorpio wants to see you in action, just like the old days.



## VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

It's time to finally listen to your own intuition instead of taking crappy advice and blaming others. You are about to hear just the words you long for from the one you've been stalking—er, dating—er—whatever—honey. It's time to let yourself be wooed. An Aquarius will really surprise you.



## LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Instead of searching desperately for your knight in shining armor, trying being that person yourself. It's easy to see into the motivations of others, but it's much harder to understand your own desires. Until you do, be careful. Alright, you can cut yourself a little slack with another Libra.



## SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

With Jupiter retrograde in the most emotionally volatile part of your chart, you may feel a little on edge. If there's a deep question plaguing you, now's the time to take a deep breath and seek out the answers. A Capricorn helps you to say everything and do almost everything you've been planning to do for years.



## SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

This is a fine time for you to seek out domestic bliss and career chaos. Pluto is finally ready to give you tools to make the home of your dreams. You can finally change yourself from the inside out in all those positive, touchy-feely, spiritual ways you've been talking about all year. A Cancer can be your coach. Now, put on your gym shorts!



## CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Feeling defensive? There's no need. While the Sun and Mercury are transiting your house of friends and organizations, you have the ability to make more allies than enemies. Unplug the phone one day during the week of the 13th and go for a sauna and swim. Put your energy into a Leo who sings your praises.



## AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

You may have to consciously make time to create the environment and intimate relationships that you secretly long for. Allow your gentle side to have a say in your decisions, doll. You need to achieve balance in your home life, and soon! A Pisces wants to make you a home-cooked meal and give you a tasty dessert to boot.



## PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Your imagination is as fertile as it's ever been. If you've got that novel, painting, performance, etc. inside you, please take steps to bring it to the world. Your passivity is really screwing you up. Be the magician you always wanted to be, and turn a trick with a Virgo.



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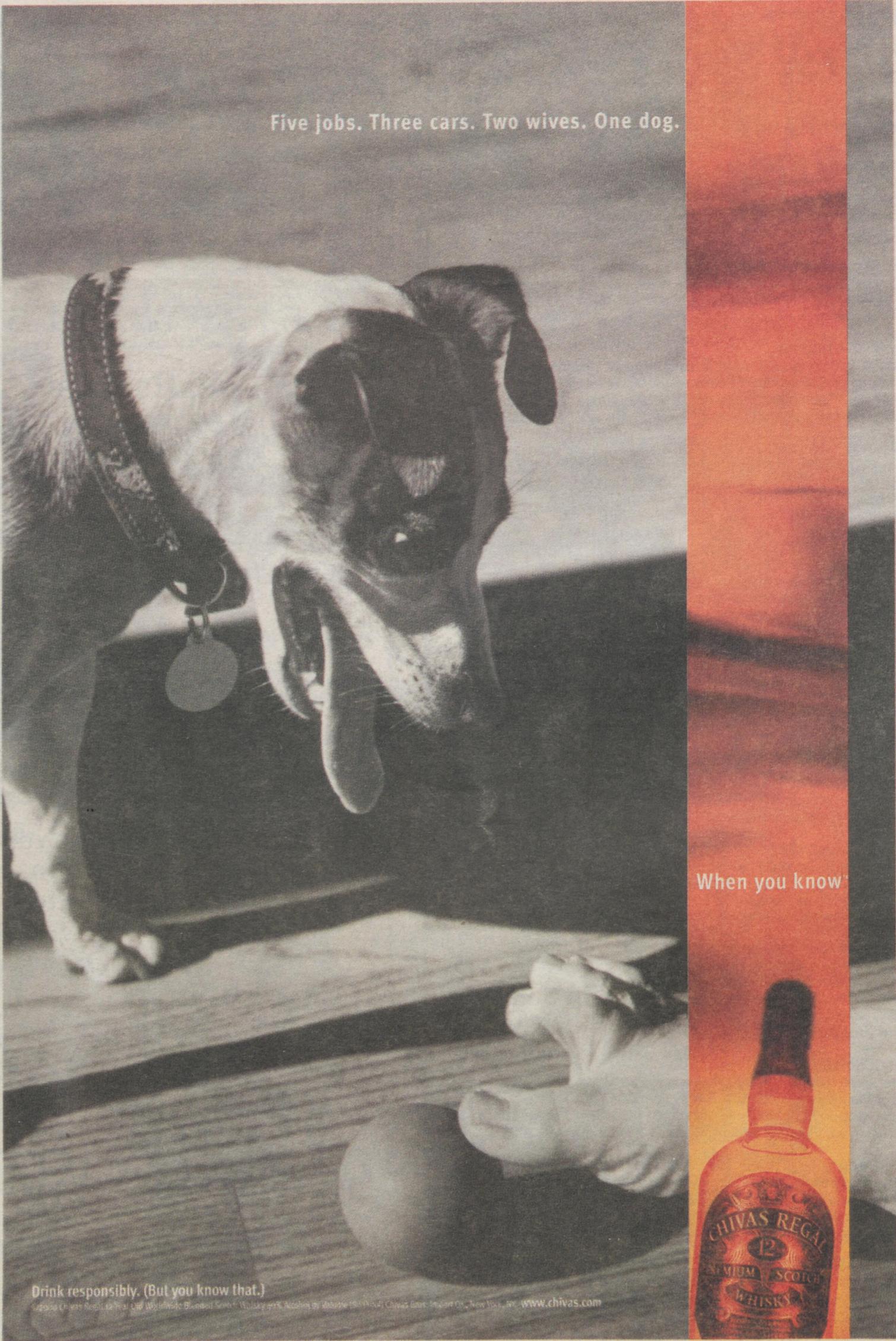
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