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LCR kept out of GOP convention

Group excluded from convention, plan mobile protest, others to stage spoofs in Root Memorial Park through Saturday

by GIP PLASTER

While the Texas Republican Party holds its convention inside Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center this weekend, members of Log Cabin Republicans of Texas will be driving around outside it.

The gay Republican group was once again excluded from having an information booth inside the state convention, so organizers this year decided to set up a booth inside a van and drive around the convention center making their presence known to as many people as possible and stopping wherever they are allowed.

"The main point is to symbolize our exclusion," said Steve Labinski, president of Log Cabin Republicans of Texas.

Hotels are several blocks from the convention center and the summer heat is expected to be intense, so many convention attendees will be taking advantage of shuttles and other transportation to take them to



Though a demonstration area was fenced off Thursday across the street from the George R. Brown Convention Center, Log Cabin Republicans of Texas members said they would stage a mobile protest to the group's exclusion from the GOP gathering. LCR members plan to drive a van around the center during the convention, while the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Equality Rally have demonstrations planned for Saturday and Sunday.

the center, Labinski hypothesized. Since very few people will be on foot, a stationary booth outside the center does not make sense, he said.

"Since Houston is such a 'driving' city, we have a booth you can drive around," he said.

The 2000 convention marks the third time Log Cabin has been excluded from the state convention.

Labinski said the group applied for

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Brown first Houston mayor to ride in Pride

Kathy Whitmire participated in parade during election, but not once in office

by WENDY K. MOHON

For the first time in the 22-year history of Houston's Gay Pride celebration, the city's current mayor will ride in the annual parade.

Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown is scheduled to ride in the June 24, 9 p.m. parade that winds down Westheimer from Woodhead to Whitney.

Kathy Whitmire participated in the parade while running for office, but not after being elected mayor.

Elected in 1998 and currently serving his second term, Brown said scheduling conflicts have prevented him from participating in the parade.

"For the past two years I had been asked to participate by my liaison to the Houston gay community, Matthew Eastus," Brown said. "Unfortunately, in the prior two years, the parade was held during the same weekend as the National Conference of Mayors, which I attended.

"I was able, however, in 1998, to participate in the Gay Pride Kickoff Party. This year, when my liaison asked me to participate, I had no scheduling conflict and was glad to accept."


And the Pride Committee of Houston said they are glad to welcome him.

"The fun part about it is that his office actually called us," said Brian Keever,

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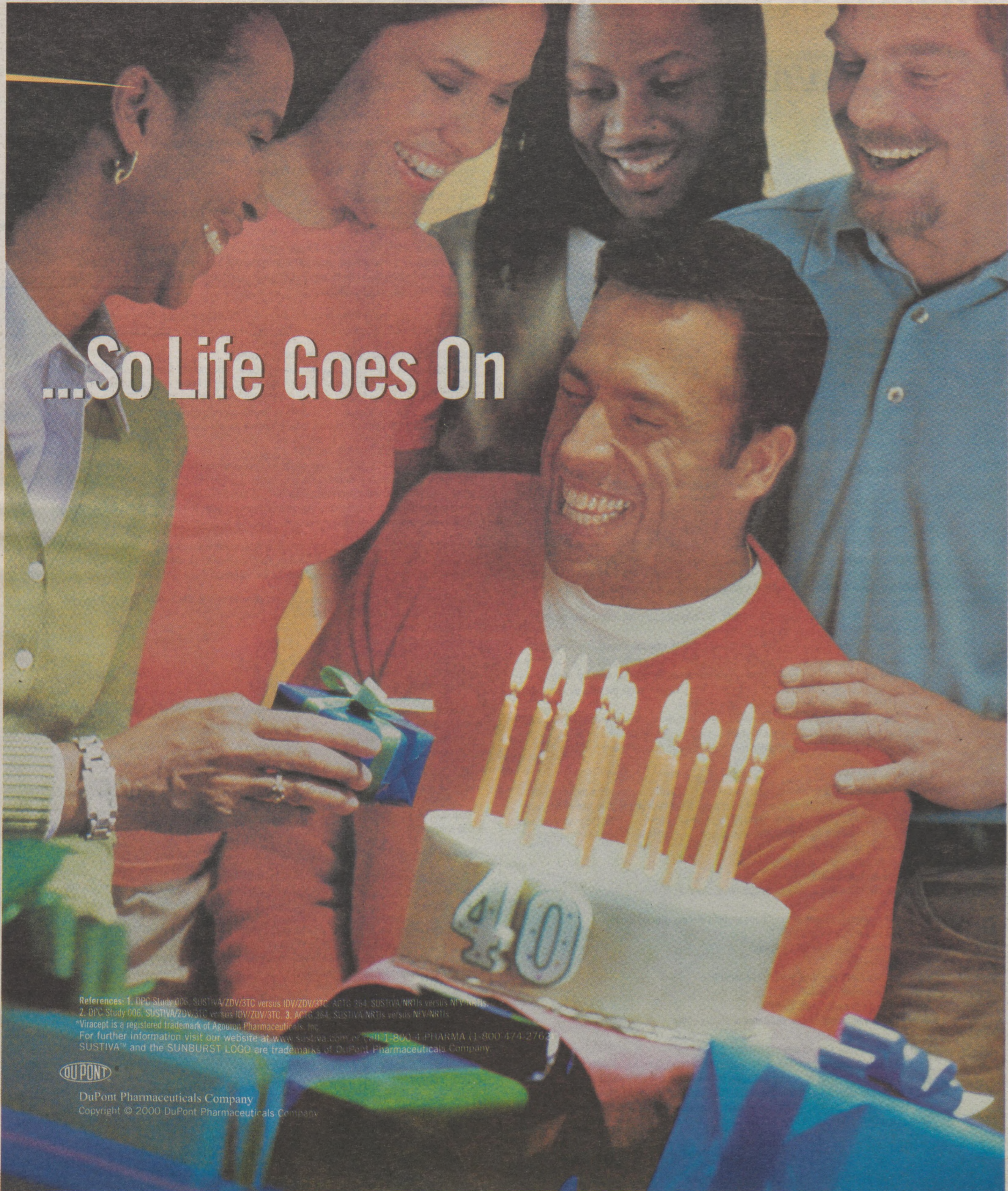
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One of the most common side effects is rash. These rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor promptly.

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SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Your doctor may change your medicines or change their doses. For this reason, it is very important to:

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- Tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your medicines when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

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Big 3 auto makers offer DP benefits

Ford, GM and Chrysler announced last week they will offer health benefits to partners of gay employees

by PAIGE PARVIN

America's Big Three auto makers will soon offer health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees, the companies announced last Thursday.

The move is a dramatic step by a traditionally conservative industry, and gay rights groups have hailed it as a landmark advance. About 466,300 employees of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Daimler Chrysler AG are covered by the decision.

Still, only about one percent of these workers—fewer than 5,000—are expected to actually ask for the benefits. The provisions will cost Ford less than \$5 million a year, of a total \$2.4 billion spent on health care.

And some are wondering aloud if decisions made at the corporate level have noticeable impact on the bulk of car manufacturers' employees, the line workers who make the cars.

Benefits a first for 'old economy' industry

In announcing their decision, the nation's three largest car manufacturers

said they resolved to extend same-sex partner benefits after the United Auto Workers pressured them to study the issue during contract negotiations last fall.

Gay employee groups within the companies, such as Ford's Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Employees (GLOBE), were the ones who in turn pushed the union to go to bat for gay auto workers, according to Kim Mills, education director for the Human Rights Campaign.

"This was a really important announcement for a number of reasons," Mills said. "A huge industry came together as one and announced these benefits, along with their number one union, so the potential number of employees covered is enormous all at once."

"This is also an industry that has not been socially progressive, which send a signal to other old economy types of businesses," Mills added, referring to industries that predate the technology boom of the last decade.

Offering the benefits is one way to draw new employees in a highly competitive labor market, according to statements by the companies.

"The benefit is saying to employees and future employees, 'Look, we are a diverse company and we do recognize not only race and gender, but sexual orientation,'"



'These benefits send a signal, but the company has to back up action with commitment.'

—Kim Mills, education director, Human Rights Campaign

said David Murphy, Ford's vice-president of human resources.

Murphy said Ford considered whether the move would create a backlash from employees or customers.

"We decided the business case for moving ahead was a strong one," he said.

Beginning August 1, gay employees can

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Houston Museum of GLBT History opens

Archive is one of a handful in the U.S. documenting gay, lesbian history

by ELLA TYLER

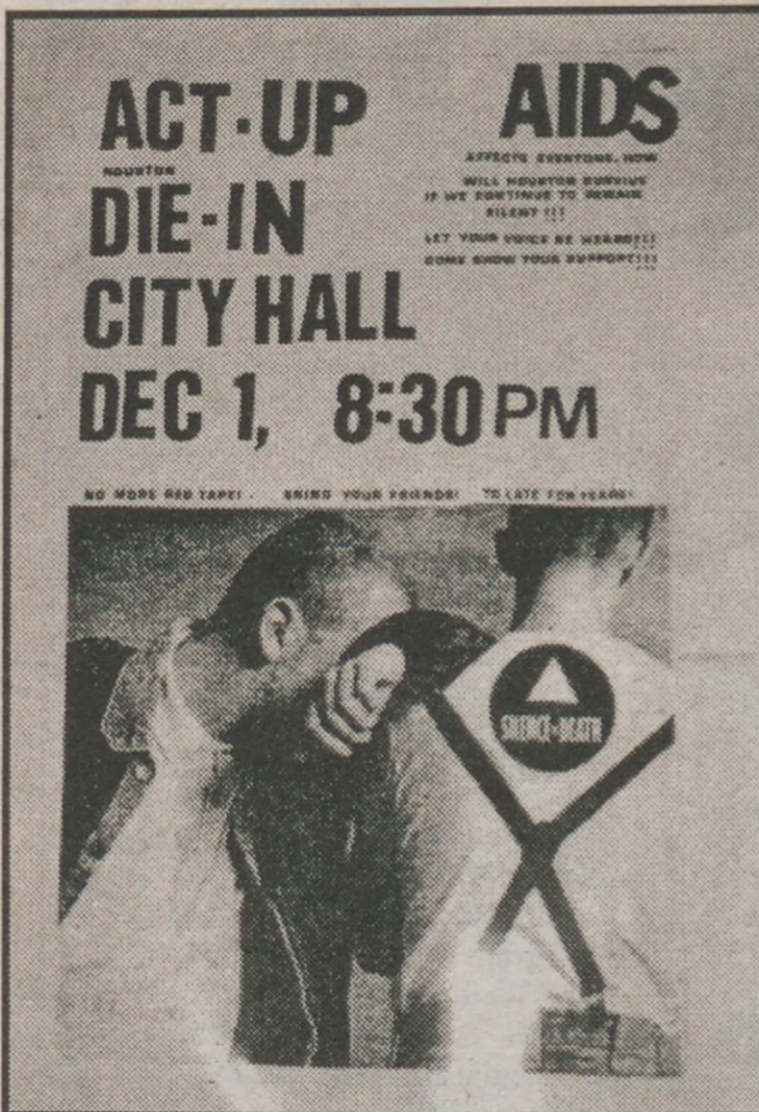
Houston's new Gulf Coast Archives and Museum of GLBT History celebrates its grand opening this weekend.

It will be open Friday evening from 7 to 9 and Saturday and Sunday from noon to six. After this weekend, it will be open by appointment only.

The first exhibition is "Gay Pride In Houston," a display of memorabilia for every Pride celebration, beginning with Town Meeting I, in 1978.

"We have put together a timeline and are using whatever we have for each year—a T-shirt, a pin, letters, photos, articles," said Judy Reeves, secretary of the museum and longtime community activist. "We also have videos of three early parades and the events around them—like a baseball game played with the Houston Police Department."

A newspaper article which appeared later explains why the police wouldn't play anymore and is part of the display, too. The videos will be shown continuously during



The poster above is among the items on display at the Gulf Coast Archives and Museum of GLBT History.

the weekend.

The exhibit will hit a nostalgic chord with long-time members of the community, reminding them of people and events that are fuzzy memories.

For example, there is a transcript of a Harris County Commissioners Court meeting about denying space in the Astrohall for a Pride event. For newcomers, the exhibit will introduce Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history in vivid detail.

In addition to T-shirts, protest signs and political buttons hung on rainbow-colored ribbons, the space is decorated with a colorful 'Lion King' back drop from a Krewe of Olympus Masque Ball and a 4' x 8' painting of "Divine."

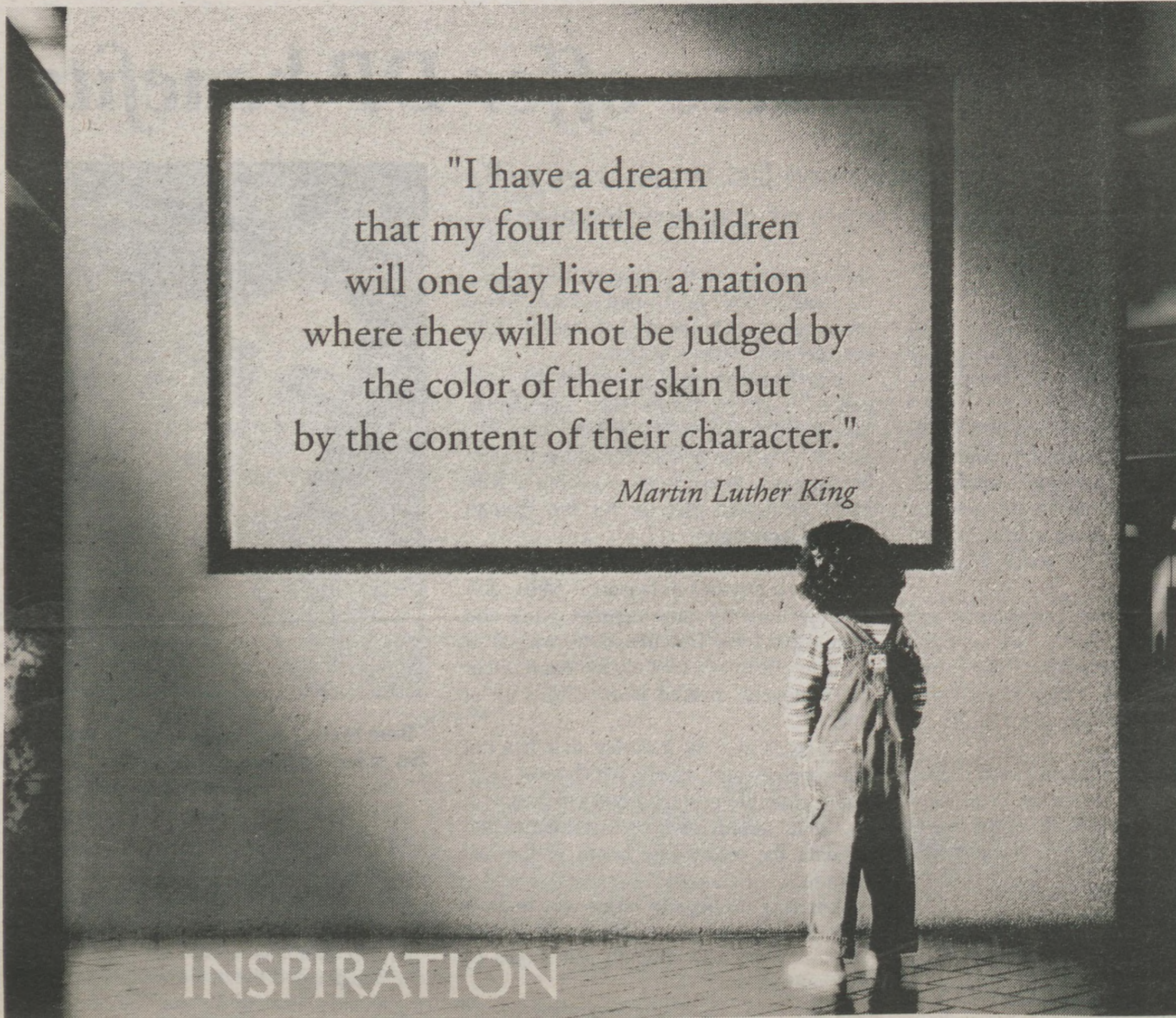
"This was done for a 'Day Without Art'. We're not sure who it represents," Judy said.

The Houston Area Bear's trophy case sits in the middle of the second room, surrounded by a display called "Do You Know Me?"

"We have been given a lot of material that we don't know anything about," Bruce Reeves, president of the museum explained. "We hope that some of our visitors can tell us what it is and where it came from," he said.

The show opened with a reception Thursday evening with remarks by Annise Parker, Phyllis Frye and others. Punch and cookies will be served to weekend guests. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

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Around the Nation

Buchanan supporter calls gay official 'dangerous biological waste'

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A Reform Party official in Delaware has attacked a gay Reform party national official, with Pat Buchanan's support. Delaware Chairman William Shields



Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan backed a supporter who called an openly gay Reform Party official 'dangerous biological waste.'

sent an e-mail to party members May 31 looking for support against openly gay national party Secretary Jim Mangia, a leader of the anti-Buchanan faction. "I am interested in a resolution at the convention to remove Jim Mangia from any leadership role in this party, and to physically eject him, along with any trash or dangerous biological waste that may have found its way onto the convention floor," Shields wrote. Buchanan, who said Mangia had called him a cheat and a liar, defended Shields as "a good man."

Meanwhile, gay Republicans are in discussions with Texas Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign on a possible alliance, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported June 6. The alliance, still in its formative stages, is an offshoot of a meeting with a group of gay Republicans in April. One supporter of the coalition is GOP strategist Mary Matalin, a well-known television commentator who worked on Bush's father's failed 1992 re-election bid, and is married to Democratic strategist James Carville. The alliance is also supported by Log Cabin Republicans president Rich Tafel, who was excluded from Bush's April meeting with gay Republicans.

CIA, National Security Agency host first gay pride celebration

WASHINGTON—The Central Intelligence Agency held a gay pride celebration on its campus in Langley, Va., June 9 and invited Rep. Barney Frank to give the keynote speech, the *New York Times* reported June 9. About 60 gay employees of the CIA were joined by a busload of intelligence workers from the National Security Agency for the event. Frank said the event at the headquarters of an agency known for its conservatism signaled how far gay government workers had come under President Clinton. In 1995, Clinton ended an Eisenhower-era executive order that automatically denied security clearances to gay people. Gay intelligence workers first organized in 1996 to form the Agency Network of Gay & Lesbian Employees, and were given formal recognition last year. CIA director George Tenet welcomed Frank to the agency and told the group that he was glad strictures against hiring gays had ended.

Mass. mayor, supe support teacher who came out to first graders

NEWTON, Mass.—A first grade teacher who came out to his classroom has received more support than criticism, the *Boston Globe* reported June 9. David Gaita, 26, a five-year teacher at Burr Elementary School in Newton, was asked by a student about his family. He told his students that if he had a partner it would be a man, and defined a partner as "someone you love the way your mom and dad love each other." He then sent a memo home to parents explaining the classroom exchange. Newton Mayor David Cohen joined School Superintendent Jeff Young at a press conference June 8 to support Gaita's handling of the situation. "Had the teacher at that point said, 'I'm married and have two kids,' no one would have blinked an eye," Young said. "There should not be a double standard for heterosexual and homosexual teachers." Brian Camenker, director of a conservative parents' group and the father of a Burr student, said that "a child's psychology isn't put together for any of this stuff."

INS calls trans woman's marriage to trans man a sham gay marriage

WASHINGTON—The Immigration & Naturalization Service is trying to deport a transgendered person who married another transgendered person in North Carolina in 1995, the *Washington Post* reported June 9. Katherine Spray, an Irish transsexual who was born Damien Niland, lived as a man until 1991. She met and fell in love with Pat Spray, who was born Patricia, and whose 1975 marriage to a man was not properly dissolved. Now, the INS has charged the Sprays with both a sham marriage and a same-sex marriage, and is trying to deport Katherine. "They are hunting us, and the only reason we can think of is that we are transgendered," said Katherine Spray, 31. "They want me gone." The Sprays acknowledge that their application contained one serious flaw: John Martin, 57, thought his divorce from Patricia Spray was valid, when in fact it was not.

Exeter announces plans to include gay couples as dorm mentors

EXETER, N.H.—Phillips Exeter Academy, the nation's oldest preparatory school, announced that it will allow gay couples to serve as dormitory mentors, the *New York Times* reported. The faculty vote on the issue was almost unanimous, and the trustees supported the new policy unanimously, and will take effect in two years, to allow the students of parents who might object to the change to graduate. Phillips Exeter joins Andover Academy and Concord Academy, both of which adopted a similar policy in 1997

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VIEWPOINT

Filling the 'dad void' when Heather has two moms

by PAULA MARTINAC

Father's Day is a good time to reflect on what the word "father" really means and how that definition affects "fatherless" lesbian families.

An argument the far right repeatedly uses against lesbian parents (and against straight single moms, too) is that raising children in families without fathers is harmful to the kids. "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger has said that allowing a lesbian couple to adopt amounts to "deliberately depriving these children of a father's love."

But isn't it reductive to define "fatherhood" solely in terms of birth sex? Of course, that's what we're all socialized to accept: Mom is a woman, Dad is a man, and that's all there is to that.

Despite more than 30 years of feminist activism, women and men still tend to fall into prescribed gender roles within families. Generally speaking, while Mom/Woman nurses and talks about feelings, Dad/Man tosses around a football and roughhouses.

Society's neatly defined gender roles are why so many people find the concept of a child having two moms or two dads baffling and hard to swallow. Who's the caretaker in a lesbian family, and who's the sports coach?

Gender role fluidity isn't something our society deals with very well. Yet, as transgendered activists have convincingly argued, birth sex is one thing, and gender expression is quite another, regardless of a person's sexual orientation.

After all, how many times have you met men with distinctly "feminine" traits who turned out to be straight as arrows? (Or, as the women on HBO's "Sex and the City" call them, "gay straight men.") And anyone who's ever been to rural parts of New England can attest to the phenomenon that's jammed the gaydar of many a dyke—the butch straight woman.

Because gender is so oversimplified in our culture, there are two common stereotypes of lesbians—either we can't tolerate men or else we're trying to be men.

As a result, some people assume, despite much evidence to the contrary, that lesbian parenting must be horribly confusing and harmful to children, because lesbians will either deviously "deprive" their kids of male companionship or pathetically try to imitate men.



What if at some point the verb 'to father' actually meant expressing masculinity with a child, instead of, as my dictionary so biblically defines it, 'to beget a child'?

One of the many points that these stereotypes miss, of course, is that lesbians are complex creatures, who, like most people, are capable of expressing femininity and masculinity at the same time.

Take, for example, the case of a lesbian colleague of mine. Several years ago, she lost her partner to ovarian cancer, when the son they'd had together was only seven.

After his parent's death, the little boy started expressing his unhappiness that he didn't have a dad. He was upset because, as he put it, "Now I'll never learn anything."

The parent who died was the one who taught him to ride a bike and throw a ball—in essence, the "dad" of the family. His surviving parent was not interested in any kind of physical play, though she prepared his lunches and made sure his clothes were clean—the quintessential "mom."

Not all kids of lesbian parents (or of straight single moms, either) experience a "dad void." But because a "dad" was important to her son, my colleague sought out athletic people, gay and straight, to be part of their extended family.

And interestingly, when she became involved with another partner, she chose a woman who had a lot of what many see as "dad" features, like being a whiz at computers and finance.

I'm not talking about butch-femme role playing, but about the masculinity and femininity in all of us, which we should be

free to express. As a kid, for example, I was by no stretch a tomboy.

I loved dainty dresses and hated anything athletic. But when my friends and I played house, I was invariably designated Dad. Apparently, I had certain "dad" characteristics, like leadership and authority, that my fellow eight-year-olds picked up on.

Now here's an idea: What if at some point in the future the verb "to father" actually meant expressing masculinity with a child, instead of, as my dictionary so biblically defines it, "to beget a child"?

Well, that would mean that feminism succeeded, and ours would be a very different world. We might have Father's Day picnics and parties within lesbian families and not just within gay male ones.

Maybe my idea isn't that far-fetched. As developmental psychologist Charlotte Patterson, herself a lesbian mom, has pointed out, "The social and biological aspects of parenting are increasingly separate in our society."

In other words, sperm and an egg are just sperm and an egg. Parenting means making a commitment to a child and carrying it through.

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FAIR GAME

Addiction to shame is real problem

by RANDY FAIR

"Ignorance of the necessity for sexual intercourse to the health and virtue of both man and woman is the most fundamental error in medical and moral philosophy." George Drysdale wrote those words 150 years ago.

Yet we still remain steeped in shame and ignorance about things sexual. Two recent articles in this very newspaper demonstrate just how wrong-headed we can be about sexuality, however much it pervades our culture.

The first story was a front page article with the bold headline, "Addicted to sex" (news, May 11).

In the story, Joe Amico, president of the National Council on Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity, asserts that "about 40 percent of our clients with alcohol and drug addiction were also sexually compulsive."

I don't doubt it. People who are compulsive in one area of their lives often carry this compulsivity into another.

But what I worry about a message like that is that lesbians and gay men who have perfectly normal sex drives will begin believing that something is wrong with them.

Although I constantly hear gay men question whether or not they are addicted to sex, I doubt seriously that very many of them are.

Even as straight men, like septuagenarian Bob Dole, tout their sexual prowess, gay men are wondering whether there's something wrong with them because they like sex.

Undoubtedly some of us have an unhealthy addiction to sex. But the more common psychological problem for gay men, especially, has more to do with shame than addiction.

You can see the shame in another *Southern Voice* article, this one on a controversy in Boston involving a safe sex seminar given to a group of gay teens by two Massachusetts public health teachers ("Frank sex talk with gay teens costs teachers jobs," news, May 25).

The workshop, "What They Didn't Tell You About Queer Sex and Sexuality in Health Class," was secretly taped by a right-wing group and has resulted in the termination of the two teachers who led the discussion.

At issue is the Q&A segment of the workshop. Particularly disturbing to some were

After all, it is not as if this presentation went on in the public school system. Participants at the workshop came to it voluntarily and could have left at any time.

Would it have been better pedagogy to answer these honest questions by saying, "I can't answer this question," or "We aren't allowed to talk about this"?

Moreover, if people are that anxious to know about fisting or rubbing female genitalia together, they deserve an honest answer. Especially in the case of fisting, it is better that the person get honest information than

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the answers given to two questions: "What is fisting?" and "Do lesbians rub their clits together?" The presenters responded frankly and honestly to both questions.

I'm not surprised conservative groups are using the secret tapes of the workshop session to challenge state funding for gay youth outreach. But I am a little disheartened at the response from Kevin Jennings, national executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network.

"Like the Parents Rights Coalition and the Department of Education, GLSEN is also troubled by some of the content that came up," Jennings told the press.

While I understand the pragmatic need to appeal to the American mainstream, I would rather see Jennings challenge the culture of shame that surrounds sexuality by defending the presenters who lost their jobs.

experiment and cause harm to himself or someone else.

By pointing out the need to distribute information about sex when it is sought out, GLSEN could be on the forefront of helping gay and straight students alike. Both groups could benefit from more direct discussions because honest answers prevent injuries from unformed experimentation, deaths due to AIDS, and unwanted pregnancies.

To make safe sex education truly effective, we have to get over our shame about sex. Lesbians and gay men could be on the forefront of pushing for more honesty to discussions of sexuality.

But first we have to realize that it isn't sex we're addicted to; it's shame.

Randy Fair is an Atlanta school teacher and past president of the Atlanta chapter of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network.

LETTER

Houston needs to send KPRC a message

To the Editor:

Just wanted to take the time to say I agree with the article by Judy Reeves in the June 9 issue ("Time for Houston to take a stand against Dr. Laura," June 9)

We need to send Mr. Wasserman and KPRC a message. Just one more gay person lost, is one more to many. Mr Wasserman's ridiculous comment that he will "monitor" the show is just not good enough.

For Mr. Wasserman it's about money. Not about human rights or the unfairly stereotyped gay community that puts up with absurd bogus lies everyday.

As a part of the gay community, we have to justify our very existence everyday in this overly pious city. All we have asked for is a little support to stop the lies and all we get is "I will monitor it".

We need to send Mr Wasserman the message he may do all the monitoring he wishes. Because the day that show goes on the air here is the day KPRC goes off my television.

We also need to send that same message to KPRC advertisers. Our leaders in the gay community need to stop the absurd amount of division and come together on this issue.

This not a time for apathy this is a time of action.

So the leaders in the gay community need to get over their big-headed selves and come together. They must make a decision and promote it to everyone and make some changes happen.

It is just an embarrassment to live in a city the size of Houston with a gay community the size it has and see how little we get done.

Stop the apathy and the division. Let's come together and send Mr Wasserman of KPRC the message his bottom line can not be met off the misery and suffering of the gay community.

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...by Eric Orner

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LCR, locals to protest at GOP convention this weekend

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booth space in April, but even before they applied, party chairwoman Susan Weddington made it clear the group would not be given space.

The exclusion was a "business decision" that was made because of a new policy, enacted by the party's executive committee, that bars groups that have filed lawsuits against the party from having booths, Weddington said in April.

Log Cabin was denied a booth at conventions in 1996 and 1998. In 1996, Log Cabin sued over the denial. Ultimately, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the party, as a private organization, could decline to rent booth space to any group it chose to exclude.

Weddington denied that the decision to bar booth occupants who had filed a lawsuit against the party was aimed at stopping Log Cabin from having a booth. She acknowledged to the Houston Chronicle, however, that only one other potential occupant—a vendor involved in a payment dispute—had filed a lawsuit against the party.

In 1998, party spokesman Robert Black referred to gays as "deviants, pedophiles and extremists" in explaining why the state party refused to allow LCR into the convention.

Black and his assistant did not return recent calls about Log Cabin's exclusion, but

Black told the Associated Press last month that the group did not request space.

"Log Cabin didn't even apply. They didn't even ask. That's why I find this whole thing somewhat bizarre," Black said.

Labinski said Log Cabin applied, but he said the party's system for booth requests is flawed.

"We applied," he said. "There is no application. You just write this letter and mail it out into space."

Local support for a booth

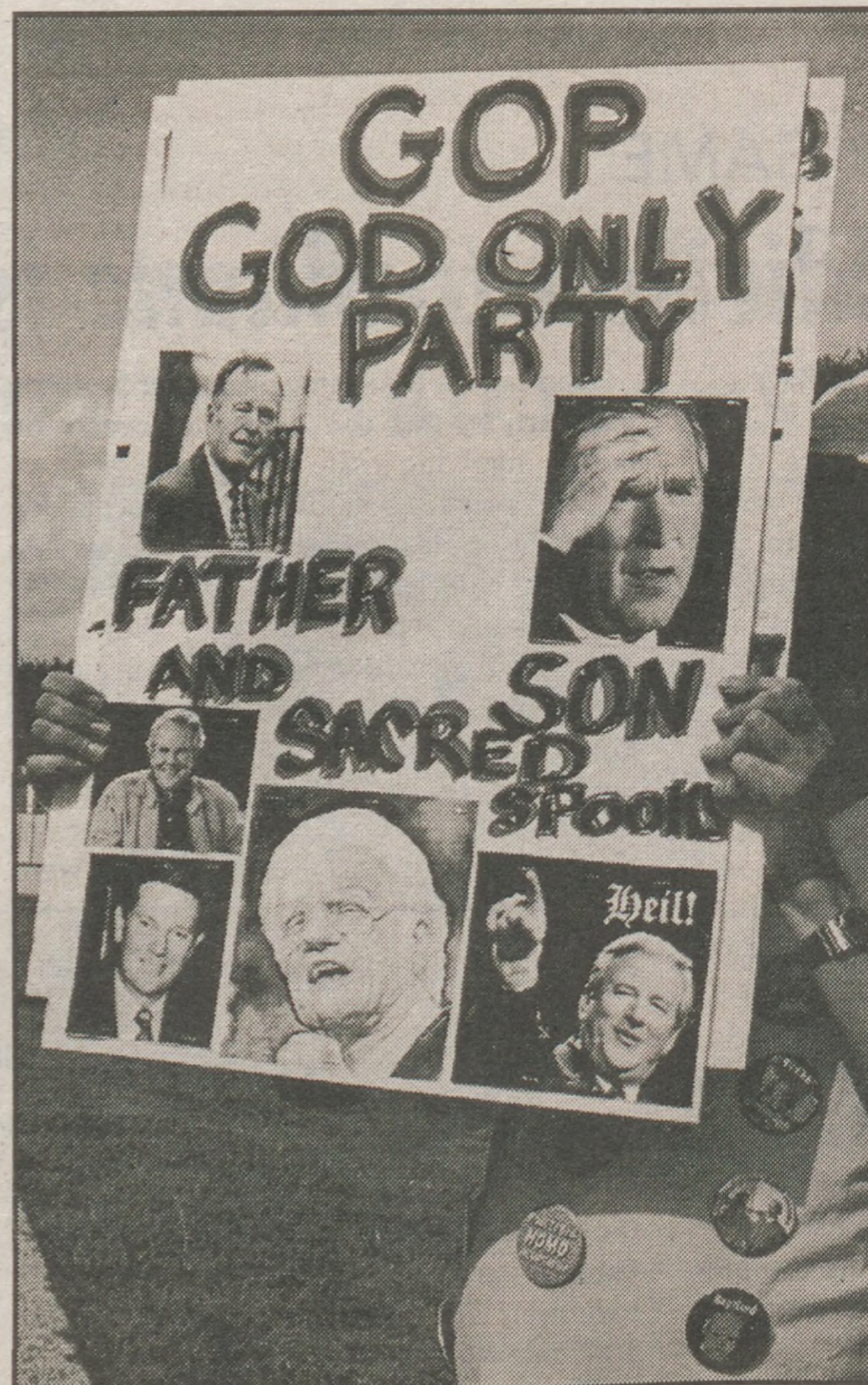
Gary Pollard, chairman of the Harris County Republican Party, said if state party officials wanted to keep people from hearing about Log Cabin Republicans, they choose the wrong tactic.

If they had allowed the group a booth at the convention, it would probably not have received as much media attention as the exclusion and the spectacle that the Log Cabin van may create, he said.

"I think if you're a Republican or a Republican-affiliated organization, you should be able to have a booth," Pollard said. "I don't have a problem with anyone having a booth."

Log Cabin tried to get a booth without creating a media event, said lawyer Alex Wathen, president of the Houston chapter of Log Cabin.

"We really tried hard to talk to the state party to resolve this," he said. "We tried to



Will Ellsworth was the first GOP convention protester to set up camp outside the George R. Brown Convention Center Thursday. Ellsworth, who is openly gay, said he takes issue with what he terms a "Christian fascist movement" within the Republican party.

do it outside the limelight of the media, and the party just wasn't interested."

The organization approached the Bush campaign for help getting a booth, but the campaign did not want to get involved, Wathen said.

While Log Cabin officials are driving their van around the center, a coalition of community groups is planning to protest the Republican Party's exclusive stance using another approach.

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Caucus and The Equality Rally, a group first formed to protest the reversal of gay and lesbian employee benefits at ExxonMobil Corp., plans rallies on two of the convention days that are scheduled to include skits mocking conservative thinking.

The Friday and Saturday events are also expected to include representatives from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, The Sierra Club and other groups.

The events are planned for Root Memorial Park, near the convention center.

A noon Friday event features longtime Houston activist Ray Hill spoofing old-fashioned tent revivals. At 6 p.m., local clergy will hold same-sex union ceremonies, followed by performances by local entertainers.

On Saturday, a noon event will mock Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

"We intend to send a strong message to the Republican Party of Texas that we have family values, too," said rally co-chair Jessica Redman. "We have fought for representation in the party moving through all the proper channels, but we have been refused. The state Republican Party offers us no other choice but to make our case, together with other excluded organizations, outside the convention."

Wathen of Houston's Log Cabin chapter said they will not be participating in the rally.

"We haven't been invited," he said. "But I think there would be some resistance to participate unless we can be assured it's not an anti-Republican but a pro-gay event."

Texas governor and likely presidential

nominee George W. Bush will not attend the Republican Party convention in his home state. Scheduling puts him in another state during the convention.

Some signs indicate that Bush is becoming more tolerant of gays and lesbians. While Bush campaign officials deny that any alliances between Bush and gays are planned, the campaign said a dialog with gays is open.

In early June, a Bush advisor met with Log Cabin Republicans. In April, Bush met with a hand-selected group of gay Republicans that were not associated with the Log Cabin national organizations.

Also this month, a San Francisco Chronicle article reported that GOP strategist Mary Matlin, who is as well-known as a Republican television commentator as she is for being married to Clinton loyalist James Carville, offered her public support to the gay Republican group that is trying to forge an alliance with Bush.

Democratic convention very different

The Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus, which is made up of members of Stonewall Democrats in Dallas and Houston, was provided a large meeting room at the Democratic Party convention in Fort Worth last weekend. They also were listed alongside other caucuses in the convention program.

And the group was allowed an information booth in the exhibit hall.

Houston delegate for Al Gore and National Stonewall Democrats treasurer Ron Ellis said he hopes people take note of the contrast in the treatment of gays and lesbians by the two parties.

Brown to be first Houston mayor to ride in Pride

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Pride Committee of Houston board member. "We're very excited and very happy to have the mayor of the fourth largest city in the country in our parade."

Brown said he thinks his participation in the parade sends a message of support to Houston's gay and lesbian community.

"I think it sends a signal that this administration values all of its citizens and that I personally value diversity and equality," Brown said. "In addition, my participation will signify that I appreciate the support I have received from the gay community."

The mayor said he won't let reproach from the city's conservatives detract from his support of the gay community.

"I would consider such criticism, if it occurred, ill-founded. As I said, I value the diversity exemplified by the gay community. I will not let critics stand in the way of my support for the hard-working, valuable gay citizens of our community, who deserve the same respect due other citizens. I promised to be a mayor for all of Houston, and will keep that promise," Brown said.

Keever said the participation of the mayor might help boost attendance. Not



that the event needs a boost. An estimated 100,000 converged on Montrose for last year's fete.

"Our attendance keeps growing year after year, but I think this is definitely a draw for political types," Keever said.

The parade, which was changed in 1997 from Sunday afternoon to Saturday evening to combat Houston heat, is the largest gay pride parade in the southwest and the second-largest parade in the city, according to PCH. More than 100 parade entries have registered.

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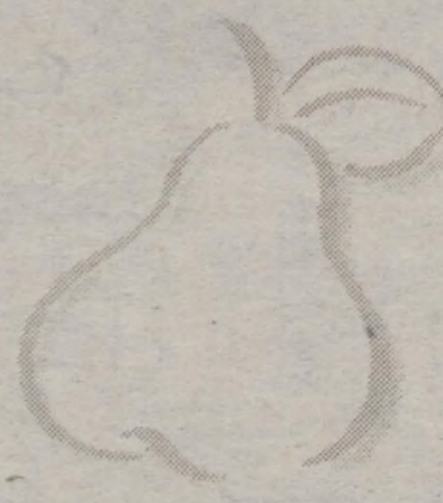
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Health News

Study traces AIDS to 1930s Africa, dormant until jet travel

WASHINGTON (AP)—AIDS evolved from a benign simian infection into a deadly human virus in the 1930s, long before it was recognized as a disease, a new study suggests. The virus remained in remote Africa until jet travel, large urban centers and the sexual revolution give it a worldwide venue, according to researchers who measured the rate of genetic change in HIV. They found that the current strain originated from a common ancestor that first evolved from a simian immunodeficiency virus called SIV in southwest Africa between 1915 and 1941, with the most likely year as 1931. "It could have evolved in humans and stayed in a very small population, such as a village," said Tammy Bhattachary, a researcher at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. "That is typically what most new diseases do. They are in an isolated population, and then something happens and it starts spreading all over." The study appears in the June 9 issue of the journal *Science*.

Aggressive campaign might have stopped gay syphilis outbreak

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles County public health officials announced June 7 that an outbreak of syphilis among gay men appears to be subsiding, the *Los Angeles Times* reported June 8. Dr. James Haughton, medical director of public health for Los Angeles County, said that despite increased surveillance and testing, only one new case of syphilis has been reported in the last six weeks. "We are hoping the outbreak has peaked and is waning now," he said. Since March, the tally of reported cases had climbed to 93, most of them among gay men. Los Angeles County typically has only about 100 cases a year, almost entirely among heterosexual men and women. The outbreak raised alarm because it suggested that the "safe sex" message was not getting through, or was being shrugged off. Syphilis is considered a good indicator of the level of risk that a population is willing to hazard in its sexual practices. In April, when the outbreak reached 52 cases, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1.5-million emergency campaign to combat the disease. Haughton said that he believes the campaign was the reason for the decrease in the number of cases.

Vanderbilt study finds popular herb won't help depression

NASHVILLE (AP)—Preliminary results of a Vanderbilt University study indicated that St. John's wort may be an ineffective treatment for depression. For the study, 201 patients were randomly assigned a standard extract of St. John's wort, or a placebo. The study found that after eight weeks, 29 percent of the patients who received St. John's wort felt better, but so did 20 percent of those on the placebo. Psychiatrist Richard C. Shelton said earlier studies that found St. John's wort to be effective are questionable because of inadequate or flawed data. He also said that the danger St. John's wort poses is that people who are taking it could be taking more effective treatment, and that five percent of those with severe, untreated depression ultimately will kill themselves. St. John's wort has been found to interfere with other drugs prescribed to treat AIDS, high cholesterol, blood clots, cancer, seizures, asthma, depression and migraines, as well as birth control pills. The Vanderbilt study was supported by a \$2 million grant from the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., which produces the standard anti-depressant drug Zoloft.



St. John's wort is no more effective in treating depression than a placebo, a new study finds.

Bipartisan support leads to Senate passage of Ryan White Act

WASHINGTON—By a voice vote, the Republican-controlled Senate voted June 6 for a five-year reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Relief Emergency Act. The omnibus measure for most federal HIV and AIDS programs includes funding for home health care, cases management, mental health services, substance abuse and drug assistance programs. "The bipartisan cooperation and quick action by the Senate shows that they understand the scope of this epidemic and that they are concerned about helping people and saving lives," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Getwell.com offers gift ideas for sick relatives and friends

NEW YORK (AP)—A new web-site—Getwell.com—hopes to take away the stress of choosing a gift for a sick friend, by helping you match a gift with the patient's age illness, and then providing you links where you can buy them on-line. Among the ideas: Play-Doh for your two-year-old-son with an ear infection; "The Ryan White Story" for your 25-year-old friend with AIDS; and an embroidered herbal pillow for your 72-year old dad with a hernia. Officials with Johnson & Johnson, the site's owner, say they hope it will help them extend the recognition of their company's Tylenol pain reliever brand, said David Storms, marketing manager for J&J's McNeil Consumer Health Care. The site also links to a "Hospital Finder," which allows users to search for hospital addresses by city and state.



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Auto makers to offer partnership benefits

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apply to receive medical, dental and prescription benefits for their partners. Dependents of partners are also eligible.

Gay retirees are not eligible, but those who retire in the future will be.

Under the benefits program, partners will still not have access to future pension benefits, bereavement leave, vehicle discounts, tuition assistance, relocation allowances, and child and elder care that legal spouses are granted.

Employees will have to show they are in a committed relationship lasting a minimum of six months.

Unmarried opposite-sex partners will not be eligible, leading a singles' advocacy group to object to the move.

"The Big Three deserve some mild praise for broadening their benefits plans," said Thomas F. Coleman, executive director of the American Association for Single People. "But they do not deserve a standing ovation since these new programs discriminate against other unmarried employees."

But company officials said they made the distinction because unlike gay couples, straight couples can choose to marry.

The move has drawn criticism from religious conservatives. "We teach family values, and when something like this happens it erodes those values," Ned McGrath, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit, told the Detroit News.

Allan Gilmour, a retired Ford vice-chairman who made headlines when he spoke out

in 1996 about being gay, said some grumbling from within the car companies should be expected.

"The old cliché is that homophobia is the last acceptable prejudice," Gilmour said. "So certainly there will be some resistance."

According to HRC, 93 Fortune 500 companies currently offer domestic partner benefits. The Big Three join some 3,400 other companies in providing this option for their gay employees.

"It is truly a historic moment," said Alice McKeage, a Ford computer programmer who co-founded Ford GLOBE, according to the Detroit News.

"We started Ford GLOBE in 1994 and for the first four years I always said we are never going to get these benefits in my career," she said. "I must confess to shock that this is happening."

All three companies waited until after their annual shareholder meetings to prevent backlash in that forum, according to the Detroit News article.

Staff and wire reports contributed to this story.

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Ford worker to sue over harassment

by PAIGE PARVIN

Even as gay rights advocates around the country congratulate the Big Three on their decision to grant DP benefits to gay employees, an Atlanta man is preparing to sue Ford for ignoring what he described as ongoing threats, taunts and abuse because he is gay.

Last summer, Ruben Camp made the claim that coworkers at Ford have repeatedly called him "faggot," "AIDS-infected" and other homophobic names, threatened, and even physically attacked him while on the job.



Ruben Camp

When the workers' union told one of his supervisors to apologize to Camp, the man asked Camp why he didn't just kill himself, Camp said.

In August, representatives from the legal and human resources departments of Ford's headquarters met with Camp and Gail Mackinson, his attorney. They promised to launch a full-scale investigation, Mackinson said.

But since then, Camp claims that little has changed. Even while the situation was being investigated, supervisors were threatening him, he said.

Ford officials acknowledged that at least some of Camp's complaints had merit, according to Mackinson, and they agreed to take steps accordingly.

But Camp is aware of no corrective or disciplinary action taken.

"People were called in and talk to, and they might have moved some people, but they have not come back and told us one thing," Mackinson said. "We are totally unaware of any action."

"We have negotiated with them in good faith, waited, and followed up," she added. "I think we have been more than patient. They have left us no choice but to go to court."

A Ford spokesperson refused to comment on the specifics of Camp's case, but said the company has taken steps to right the problem.

"I can confirm that an investigation took place, and that appropriate steps were taken," said Anne Booker, southeast regional communications director for Ford.

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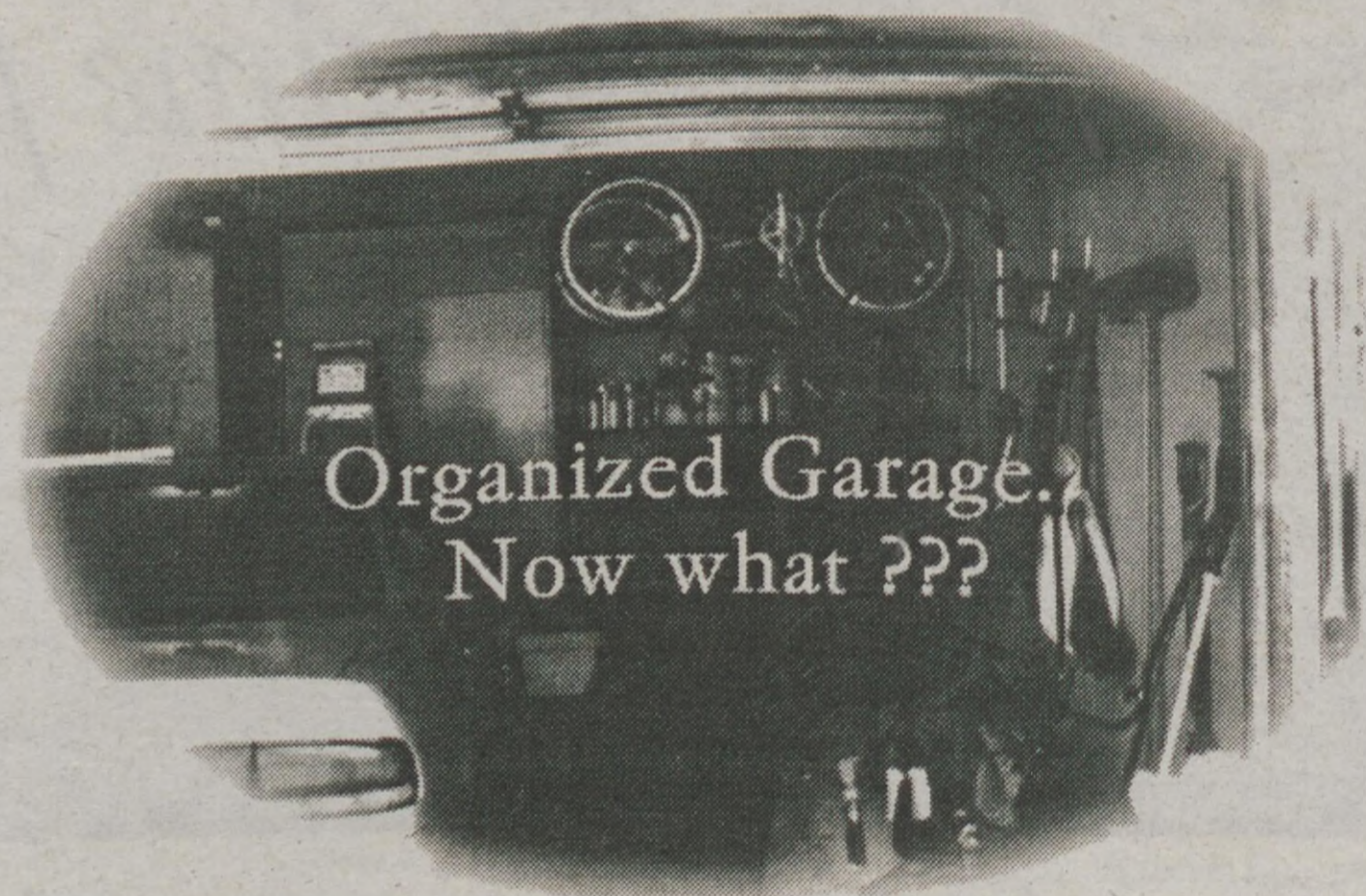
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Clockwise from top, Bruce Reeves, Jimmy Carper and Judy Reeves display some of the gay-oriented buttons and ribbons that have circulated around Houston over the years.



TERRY SULLIVAN

New archive documents gay, lesbian life in Houston

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The museum's temporary home is two rooms at the front of a warehouse at 2507 Capitol, a few blocks east of Enron Field. A beacon in the form of a pink triangle identifies the entrance. The group is looking for a permanent home.

"We do not want to move this material too often. Moves are destructive to fragile material," Bruce Reeves said.

The building is near an important scene in Houston's gay history but the location is inadvertent.

"I didn't know until me this week, when Ray Hill told me, that it about a block from where Fred Paez was shot," Judy Reeves said. The unarmed Paez, the volunteer office manager of the (then) Gay Political Caucus, was killed by two policemen in 1980. The event was one of the catalysts in the formation of the Police Advisory Committee.

The exhibit is just part of the material collected by the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History. The group was organized last October to collect, preserve and provide access to historical items from the community. "So much of our past has been treated as worthless or obscene trash, to be carted away when someone dies," Bruce Reeves said.

The collection includes everything from scraps of Dear Abbey columns from the late 1970's to handmade, beaded dresses worn by popular drag queens.

The archives are accepting material donations. The archive also needs volunteers who can catalogue and mark acquisitions, maintain the paperwork for donations and clean and dust the museum.

"Most importantly", Judy Reeves said, "we need people who are willing to staff the museum so we can get into a schedule of regular hours."

"There is never a dull moment," she promises.

The group is also looking for volunteers to do outreach in the community

The archive is a 501c 3 organization, so contributions are tax deductible. Memberships are available for \$25 per year. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Hollyfield Foundation, 2700 Albany. Visitors are welcome

Other officers are Rick Hurt, vice-chair and Jim Carper, treasurer. Annise Parker and Phyllis Frye sit on the board of directors and the officers are recruiting additional directors. Historian James Sears and archivists Dennis Klappersach and Steven Strom are members of the advisory committee.

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


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A GUIDE FOR YOUR LEISURE TIME

GAYBC

All gay, all the time

New station broadcasts gay and lesbian music, news and talk shows via the internet

by DL GROOVER

Though many may have thought they'd never hear it in this lifetime, there's a radio station that has exclusive gay and lesbian programming, seven days a week.

But don't touch that radio dial, GAYBC Radio Network is heard only on the world wide web at www.gaybc.com.

Recently, within two hours of programming, web surfers could hear selections from the musical "Falsettos," an interview with two Canadian lesbians who've applied for a marriage license, a live report from the Gay Days celebration at Disney World Orlando, breaking news on the self-outing of Massachusetts Sen. Cheryl Jaques and the London nail-bomber trial, plus commercials for such heavy-hitters as IBM, Barnes & Noble, Saturn and McDonalds.

Also on the schedule are talk shows hosted by Grethe Cammermeyer, Michelangelo Signorile, and Nancy Nangeroni ("Gender Talk"), or Michael Ford's "My Queer Life," and Don Romesburg's gay history minute, "Times of Our Lives."

Billing itself as "the world's No. 1 on-line broadcast," GAYBC surpasses its own hype.

Even though the station is the epitome of cutting-edge, next-wave communication, it's much more important for its significance to the gay and lesbian community.

Listening to the diverse, entertaining, and free-wheeling programming—from health to finance to love problems to political comment—it's transcendent, and all queer.

From studios located, where else, on Queen Anne's Hill in that cyber-explosion city of Seattle, home to Bill Gates and that little company he built, GAYBC broadcasts 16 hours of original programming each day, with 12 hours of original shows on Saturday.



The wizard behind all this gay Flash Gordon technology is John McMullen, a webcast pioneer, who with his partner, Charlie Dyer, founded the GAYBC Radio Network, using their prior Progressive Networks webcast shows "Hangin'OUT" and "The Daily Dose" as the anchors for the new venture.

"I've spend about 20 years in radio," said McMullen, president and chief programming director, "and kind of burned out on it, and eventually got involved in high technology.

"One of the things I wanted to do on my own time was to utilize the technology and my background in radio, put the two together, and be able to do something real-

ly progressive, like offer gay-and-lesbian-focused radio over the internet to a worldwide audience without the barriers of having to have affiliate radio stations."

He is immensely proud of the variety of gay and lesbian content that his station broadcasts.

"For me and my colleagues, it's a culmination of our desire to work in the industry that we have loved for so long, and at the same time be able to do a real great community service to reach people.

"We touch people in 66 countries, with 75-80 percent of that audience here in the US. It's great."



McMullen noted that the internet offers a medium that is more accessible than gay and lesbian publications.

"We're in places that are really hard for more traditional gay media like newspapers and magazines to reach the rural areas of America," McMullen said. "You don't just walk into the corner grocery and pick up a copy of the *Advocate* or the *Houston Voice*. People are able to tune in and not

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A Single Man

Novelist Edmund White returns to form with 'The Married Man'

by ANDREW ALEXANDER

Edmund White's new novel "The Married Man" tells the story of a gay American scholar living in Paris who falls in love with a younger, married French architect: The book details the clashes between ages and cultures, and also the more difficult challenges of love in the time of AIDS.

The novel is White's first after com-

pleting his autobiographical trilogy, which ended with "The Farewell Symphony."

"I wanted to end the trilogy because I didn't want it to drag on forever and be coterminous with my life," he says. "One of the things about the trilogy was that it tried to show the life of somebody who, if he wasn't typical, at least he was representative of a certain generation in America, the generation that came of age

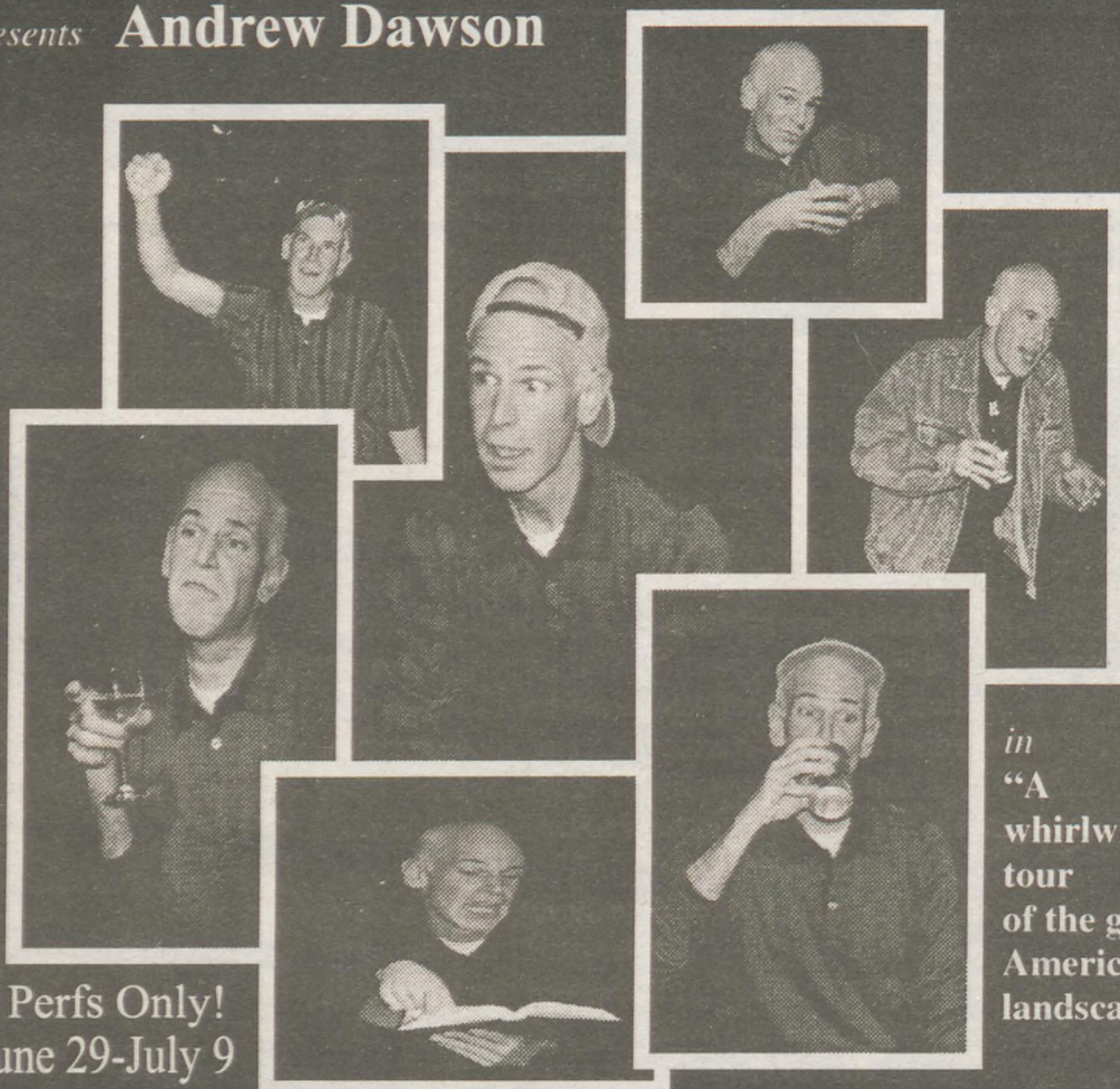
with Stonewall. Having shown before Stonewall, and Stonewall, and after in the trilogy, I felt like I'd done my duty in writing something representative, and I wanted to write something more private and eccentric... The more I worked on it the more I drifted away from it being autobiographical and it became someone different and distinct from me."

In the semi-autobiographical novel,

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On Stage

Going out on top

by D.L. GROOVER

All season long, the culinary wizards at Houston Ballet have consistently turned out gourmet meals.

From the bracing cocktails of "Bound" and "In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated" to the four-star fare of "Cleopatra" and the desserts of "Les Patineurs" and Merry Widow," their 1999/2000 season has been mighty delicious.



Their final production, **ROMEO AND JULIET** is just more icing on the cake, the perfect ending to a perfect meal.

One of Ben Stevenson's finest works, full of passion, alive and fiery, this is Shakespeare's immortal musical poetry set dancing.

The panoply of Renaissance Verona with its dueling families, elegantly rendered in David Walker's atmospheric sets and costumes, is contrasted and interwoven, as in Shakespeare, with the unbearable tragedy of the children.

Set to the tumultuous and haunting Prokofiev music, the twentieth century's greatest score for a full-length ballet, conducted full-out by an impassioned Ermanno Florio leading the nimble fingers of the Houston Ballet Orchestra, this version of Shakespeare's story stands just as high as Cranko's for Stuttgart or MacMillan's for London's Royal Ballet.

Mercifully, as in much of Stevenson, most of the mime has been excised and replaced by dance.

From searing duets, building from adolescent glance to adult emotion; to the cacophony of street life; to the Botticelli-like graciousness of the group dances for Juliet's friends; the "tale of woe" is made visible through ballet.

Romeo's impetuous ardor and hot-headed vengeance are delineated with bounding jetes and sharp turns; Juliet's rapid maturation and horrible dilemma by falls to the floor on one knee or swirling arabesques with arms wrapped around her by her young lover.

In stirring pas de deux, the depth of their love is charted with increasing passion and vibrantly colored choreography.

In one of the high points in this ballet of high points, their final duet is an eerie, shocking dance of death wherein Romeo partners a "lifeless" Juliet, as if dancing will

revive her.

In this work, it just might; it certainly revives us.

Romeo with his two friends, Mercutio and Benvolio, high-spirited swains, are mirrored by the Three Harlots, who animate an already brisk Verona marketplace by the flirting wares they offer.

The everyday outbreak of street violence between Capulet and Montague is drawn with macho swordplay, while the daily life is painted by swirling gonfalons, a stilt walker, and a pet bear.

With thrilling theatrical sense, Stevenson has the haughty Capulets dance en masse toward us, a juggernaut of pride and arrogance.

As the young lovers, Dominic Walsh and Dawn Scannell powerfully embody all the traits inherent in the drama, and then some.

Assaying these characters for the first time in their careers, they're electrically charged.

Their solo work is superb, and when they dance together they're even better, if that's possible.

Youth, passion, heartbreak, grief: it's all here in their dancing with clean pure line, beautiful technique (Walsh's turns, Scannell's pliant balances), and genuine feeling for their characters.

This is ballet dancing of the highest caliber.

Shakespeare supplies Mercutio with dazzling wordplay and wit to spare. Stevenson's inventive choreography for him is equally glittering, and Parren Ballard's interpretation was sumptuous in breathtaking bravura. He practically blurs in his whiplash pirouettes and stag leaps as he taunts Tybalt or plays with the whores, or, defiant to the end, dies holding a smiling mask.

The rest of the cast is equally amazing.

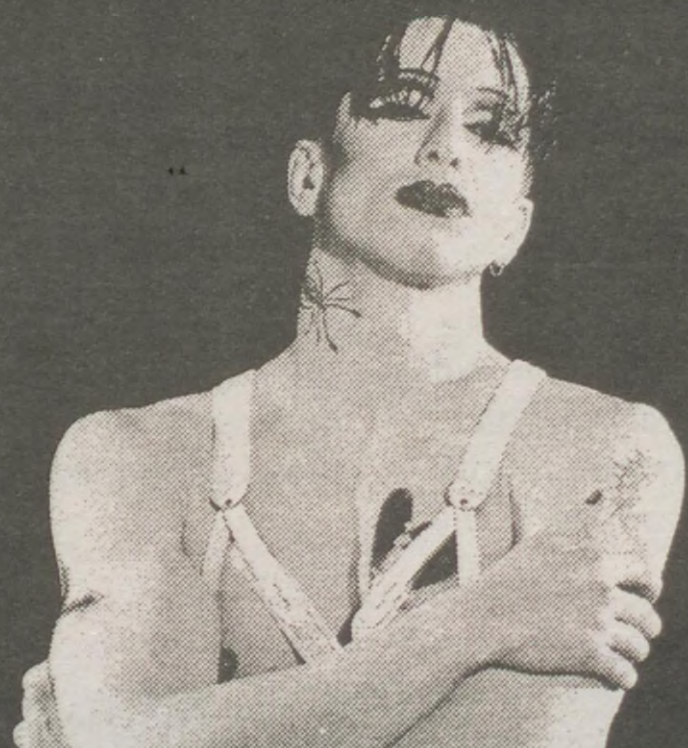
Timothy O'Keefe (Tybalt) unyielding and censorious; Jose Herrera (Benvolio) all hail-fellow-well-met, but don't-mess-with-me attitude; Martin Harley (Nurse) both Juliet's confidant and severest critic; the Three Harlots (Lauren Anderson, Kathryn Warakomsky, Sally Rojas) survive by their skills and man's weakness; Lord and Lady Capulet (Sean Kelly and Carmen Mathe) unforgiving and proud as statues.

Justly famous for its ensemble work, the Houston Ballet proves once again what a world-class company we have here on the bayou.

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Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Latina Cafe: Hidden gem

by TRACYE DISKIN

Driving through upper Montrose lately, one is compelled to count the few bungalows and duplexes still standing—most often, an activity that can be done on one hand. However, among the looming townhouses and freshly painted garages lurks a tiny neighborhood gem, announced only by an unassuming, misleading grocery store sign: Latina Food Market.

If you're looking for ambient decor—say, mood lighting, painted walls—or for that matter any rustle of color or texture, you may find the atmosphere inside a little bland. However, this kind of simplicity is what **LATINA CAFE** does best—serve up unfrilly and hearty Cuban cuisine at unbelievable prices.

The three or four times we visited, the only other patrons, besides one or two neighborhood regulars, seem to be family nestled around the bar. Latina is the kind of establishment, however, where anyone feels at home—even the mail carrier who sat at the barstool one afternoon for platanos and hot coffee before handing over a stack of bills. The staff is always welcoming and friendly, and quick to recognize returning customers. Our servers were always happy to explain menu items, substitute side dishes and refill drinks.

And how about those bananas? Latina Cafe offers some of the thickest and heartiest I've found. With only a trace of butter, and a mild, glazed sweetness, the Sweet Platanos (\$3.50) go as beautifully with the Avocado Salad (\$4.95) as they do with coffee and dessert.

The Fried Platanos (\$3.50), the non-sweet variety, are less impressive, as the coating is more deep-fried batter than fruit—in fact, whereas the sweet platanos at least seem light and greaseless, you can feel the fried ones clog up your arteries with every bite.

Although the sweet variety is worth eating twice, remember that all main dishes come with your choice of platanos as a side. One should also try the Fried Yucca (\$3.50)—although a little starchy, the light golden brown coating mingles well with the garlic dipping sauce.

Instead of tortilla chips, Latina Cafe offers banana chips—more like a basket of potato chips from the bag than anything else, these come with a chunkier, milder garlic sauce with traces of mint and cilantro. As for the salad, it's fresh and basic—with iceberg lettuce, cherry or plum tomatoes and plenty of ripe, chunky avocado.

This freshness carries over, especially, to the fish.

The Pescada Asado (\$7.95) has featured grilled talapia each time I visited, and it is marvelous. Flaky, fresh, tender and simple. Although once I found this dish to be too salty, on my second try it was perfect—grilled with pepper, olive oil and lemon, nothing to interfere with the black beans, rice and platanos (yes, more!) that accompanied the fish.

The Fish and Shrimp in Cream Sauce (\$8.95) is a bit of a misnomer, considering the sauce is more of a vegetable base than cream. With sautéed onions, yucca, garlic and what may be a little white wine, the sauce tastes something like a sweet and sour sauce from a Chinese restaurant. Whatever the secret ingredients, it's a piquant alternative to the plainer dishes.

The Cuban Sandwich (\$4.95) hardly strays far from the American sub, with white cheese and deli slices of ham and turkey. However, its richness and evenly spread melted cheese is worth savoring. The Enchiladas de Pollo (\$7.95) are substantial with pieces of tender, juicy chicken and a spicy brown sauce.

This is not stylish, trendy food full of innovatively fused flavors. Instead, its stick-to-your-bones dinners and lunches from your Cuban mother's kitchen will cost you almost as little as chowing down at a family member's house.

In a neighborhood replete with snazzy menus and some serious quality restaurants, Latina Cafe is a solid meal and a truly welcome addition.

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BOOK REVIEWS

A comedy of manners

by BOB FINDLE

Craig Curtis has little love to squander on gay men and the community they inhabit, or so it seems in his first novel, **FABULOUS HELL**.

Curtis says the title comes from the nickname he and his friends have given to Los Angeles—that city which is so easy to love, hate, poke fun at, abandon or return to.

"Fabulous Hell" is a quick read, each chapter being no more than four pages. Curtis writes it sparse, but with an eye for observation, providing word pictures to fill in the space.

The style is self-containing and the chapters can stand on their own, each as a short story or vignette. Few characters appear in more than one or two chapters, but it's not important to have a lot of continuity. Reading "Fabulous Hell" is something like channel surfing the tube: You pop into the storyline, you get it, you pop out.

Curtis is a bitchy boy, but in a good way, a gay way. With a poison pen, the quill dipped in vodka, he tells the story of a nameless HIV-positive lout whose main interests in life are drugs, alcohol and sex, often all enjoyed at the same time. His life is spent partying hearty, looking for love connections in bars and baths, and skipping around between one low-level

job and another.

That life is not pretty. Empty-headed circuit boys, read this and weep. Curtis says he culled material from his own fast-lane life, from hearing the stories of others while he attended support and rehab groups, and by listening to the stories of friends about their escapades. What comes out is a gay "Trainspotting" of sorts, the story of a loser who cannot stay clean, cannot keep a relationship or a job, and who we don't feel much sympathy for most of the time.

But our protagonist can be amusing, as is this book.

We all can find experiences we had somewhere in at least one or two of these chapters. Describing an interview for a mindless hotel job at the Hyton (Hyatt/Hilton—get it?), Curtis writes of Georgie, the manager:

"Throughout the interview I am dazzled by Georgie's brazen display of bad taste. Rhinestone hearts dangle from golden bows at each ear. Strand upon strand of metal and plastic beads hang from a thick neck. A low-cut, machine-washable polyester blouse is printed with an array of jewels and belts. That imitation Hermes thing. On sale for \$19.95 at an off-color retail outlet... Georgie moves the tip of her tongue about her



molars, vainly seeking out that last bit of roast beef left over from lunch."

Haven't we all had to deal with a Georgie? Readers will also recognize other people in the book. The protagonist gets involved briefly with a man on the gay "A-list."

"On Friday nights we gather at La Fabula. The room, crowded with upwardly mobile gay professionals, is dressed uniformly in chambray and khaki. Polo ponies gallop on Nautilus-sculpted chests. We are 'straight-acting.' It is acceptable to be homosexual as long as we conform to the narrow dictates of Corporate America."

Through the protagonist, Curtis also skewers dysfunctional suburban families, nightmarish high school experiences, coming out, being out, prostitution and dealing with ever-declining T-cell counts. The humor often hangs from the gallows, with the prevailing attitude being that he may be dying, but he sure is not going to do anything to prevent further decline or let it spoil his fun.

Read "Fabulous Hell" if you are not easily offended and if you can take and accept gay men being written about as they truly sometimes can be—selfish, childish, irresponsible, shallow—or, as Curtis says, 40-year-old teenagers. But, in fairness, Curtis does let the human side of this character come through.

Not for too long, though. This is after all a comedy of manners. Bad manners.

Edmund White

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GAYBC is the only source that covered the national vigil in Washington for Matthew Shepard, various Human Rights Campaign dinners, the ninth

On issues that are both
gay and mainstream,
our point of view has a
place at the table.
— John McMullen,
GAYBC co-founder

annual GLAAD media award show and Amsterdam's Gay Games V.

McMullen said, "GAYBC has continually scooped the mainstream media with exclusive news coverage, such as Andrew Cunanan's murder of Gianni

Versace in Miami and the unlawful dismissal of Navy officer Timothy McVeigh."

Currently, the news ticker on the GAYBC home page is scrolling the latest poll from England that says there are too many gay ministers.

"GAYBC Radio is the only thing that's really out there," said McMullen with pride.

"It takes talk radio and makes it that much more interactive. It gives people a real dynamic multi-media experience to come in and connect with other people and share a perspective on everything."

Not only is the web-site user-friendly, but during live programming, GAYBC makes it extremely easy to contact the host and interact with guests and listeners.

There's a chat room; or listeners may use AOL or ICQ instant messaging to connect. Listeners can send an e-mail; or, the computer-challenged, can actually pick up the telephone and call toll-free.

"I never intended for GAYBC simply to be talking about gay issues," explained McMullen.

"While this is THE place to do that, I also thought that it was important that GLBT people had a place to come together, to congregate, to talk about all the other issues that affect us as human beings.

"On issues that are both gay and mainstream, our point of view has a place at the table."

White returns to form

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Austin, the older American, is HIV-positive, but has no symptoms of AIDS, while Julien, the younger Frenchman, becomes HIV-positive and develops illness very quickly.



The tragedy of AIDS has led to a cultural breakdown among gays, according to author Edmund White, who comes to Houston later this month.

"Having AIDS in 2000 is different from having had AIDS in 1990," White says. "People who had AIDS in 1990 really felt it was a death sentence and one that would fall due very quickly. There was an awful lot of AIDS restlessness, people traveling way beyond their means because there was so much experience they wanted to cram in. Austin and Julien are sort of typical of that AIDS restlessness of that period."

Like the main character in "The Married Man," White has been HIV-positive for many years but has had few symptoms of AIDS.

"There are two questions: why did it happen and how do I feel about it? I think the reason it happened is pretty mysteri-

ous... I did become HIV-positive and my counts do go down slightly every year, but so slowly so as to be unnoticeable. I've never taken any medication for it," he said.

"I feel terribly lucky. It's one reason I've been writing so much in recent years. I feel that I've been given a chance that was denied an awful lot of writers which was to go on and express myself, to bear witness to this tremendous event."

White returned to the U.S. in 1998 after living in France for 15 years in order to find a steady income and some job security, eventually accepting a teaching position at Princeton University.

Teaching at Princeton puts him in the company of other literary writers, like Joyce Carol Oates, Toni Morrison, C.K. Williams and Paul Muldoon.

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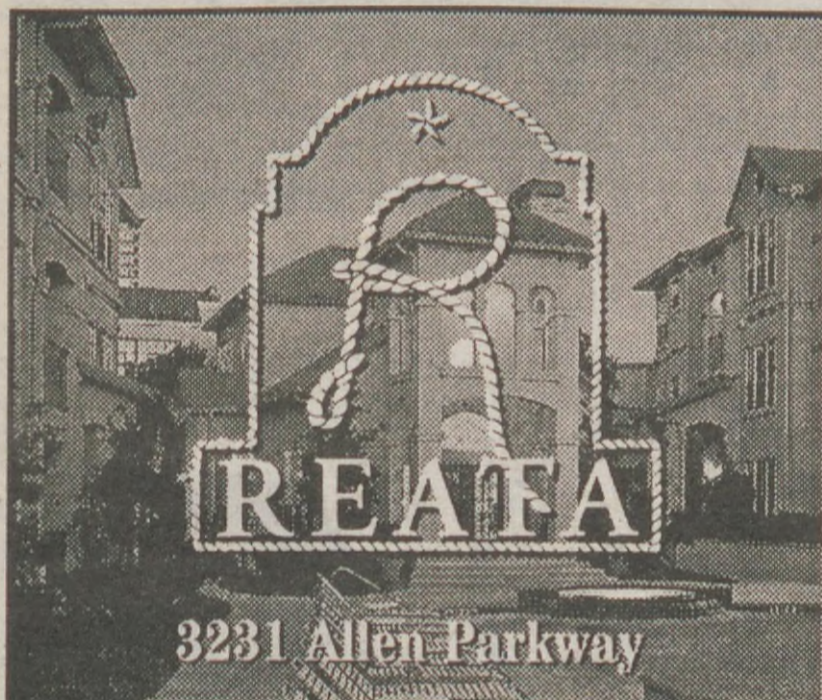
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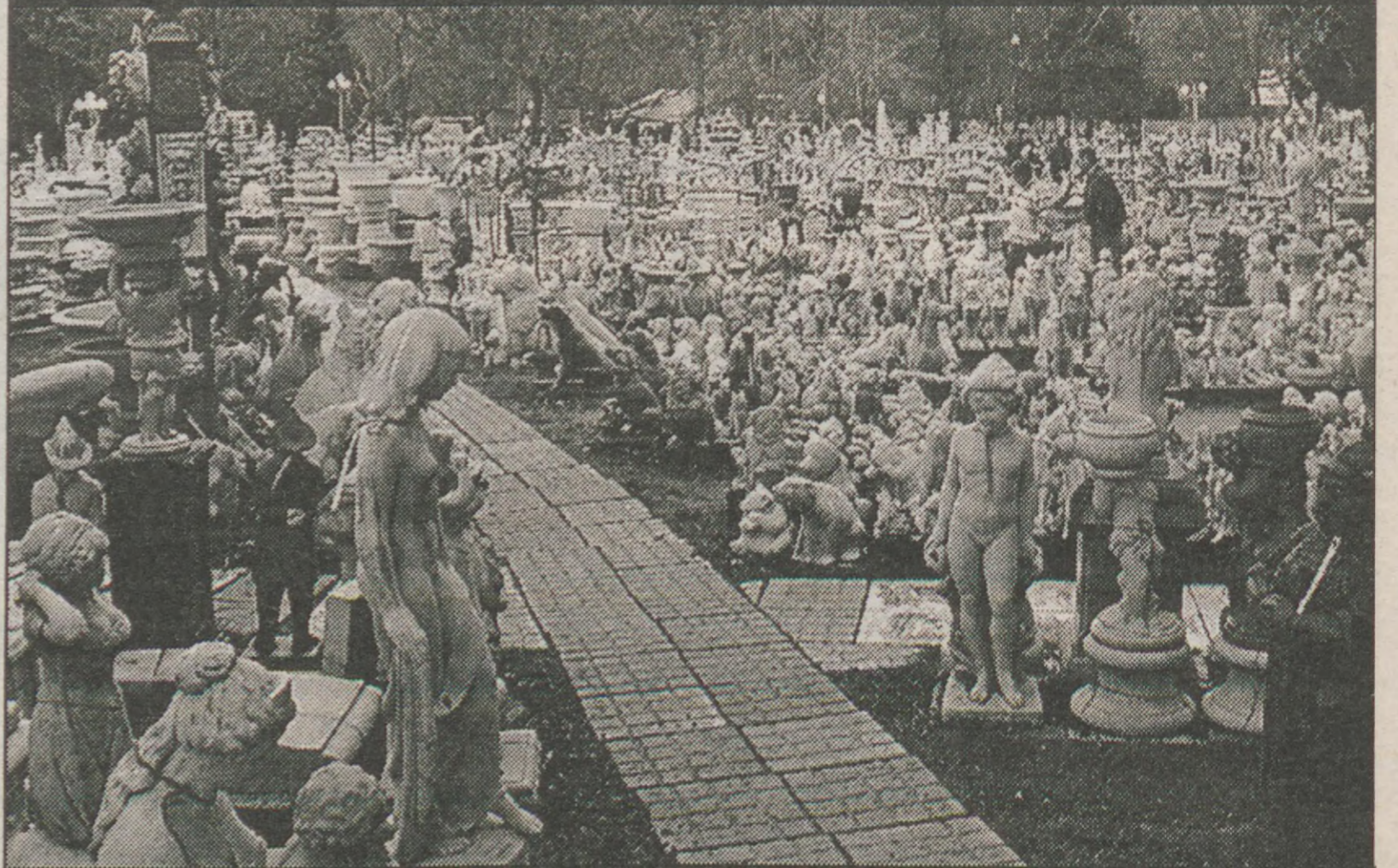
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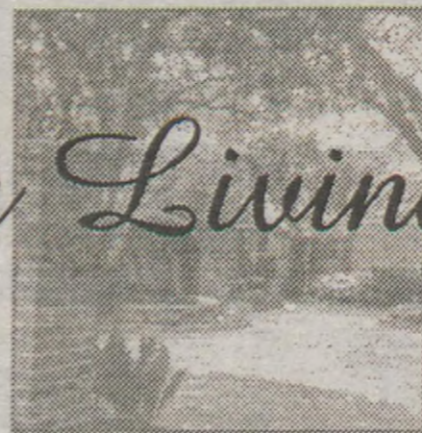
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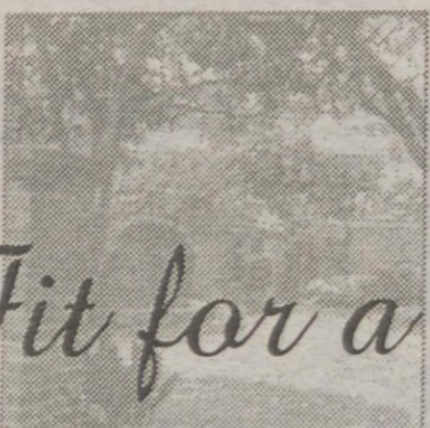


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Every deal may not be a steal

by STEPHEN CALVERT

"I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it any more." This is a great line from the 1991 motion picture "Network."

It's time that someone came clean about the fraud and corruption so prevalent in the auction business. Let me say from the beginning that there are a number reputable dealers and galleries. But unscrupulous elements within this industry have preyed on the public's lack of education and experience to pass off reproductions as authentic pieces, to disguise damages, and to falsify historical information before or during a sale. And it's done in an effort to increase their profit.

Even as an experienced dealer, I find over and over that I get "taken" by my fellow dealers too often to be explained as an accident. I recently visited a well-known auction house in Atlanta. I examined carefully a wonderful Nippon vase with beautiful moriage decoration. The piece was in perfect condition and would retail for \$300 to \$350.

The auctioneer claimed that it was valued at more than \$1,000, so I asked to see it again. I joined the bidding and eventually purchased the piece for \$330. I only bid up to the retail value, because I collect Nippon and wanted to add this fine piece to my personal collection.

The next day, I picked up the purchase, which had been wrapped and boxed by an employee of the auction house. When I got it home, I discovered to my horror, that it had a large and obvious crack, which came during the 12 hours between the bidding and the pick up time.

How could this happen? The hours of the auction are confusing and fast paced. The assistants who display and move the pieces are doing so at warp speed. The house encourages this hustle and bustle, requiring buyers to make quick decisions, sometimes to their detriment.

Many times I have witnessed a piece, just purchased, sustain damage at the hands of auction house employees. They throw them around, slide them aside, pile them on top of each other, and toss them into the packing room. Little wonder they have signs posted that all purchases are final. They warn you in writing and verbally during each auction, that all items are purchased "as is."

My problem is that when I purchase an item "as is," I am doing so after careful exam-

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ination. I decide how much to bid in consideration of its condition when I am purchasing it. It seems only fair and reasonable that if a piece that I have bid on is damaged by an auction house employee before I can take reasonable possession of it, then they should give me the choice of whether or not to accept the piece.

Not so. They make the disclaimer of all sales being final, with the full knowledge that their pieces may suffer damage before the auction is over. In addition, and even worse, they frequently misrepresent the style, age and condition of pieces being offered. But my concern is that more and more, the general public attends these auctions and is "ripped off" by unscrupulous auction houses.

Unless you are an expert, don't bid more than you are willing to lose. If you bid on pieces that sell for small amounts, you will not be out a lot of money if the buy turns out to be a bust. But if you risk bidding large sums on pieces that you hope are valuable, you could end up disappointed.

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The lesson here? Buyer beware. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. You get what you pay for. All these phrases may not have been coined with the auction business in mind, but they sometimes certainly apply.

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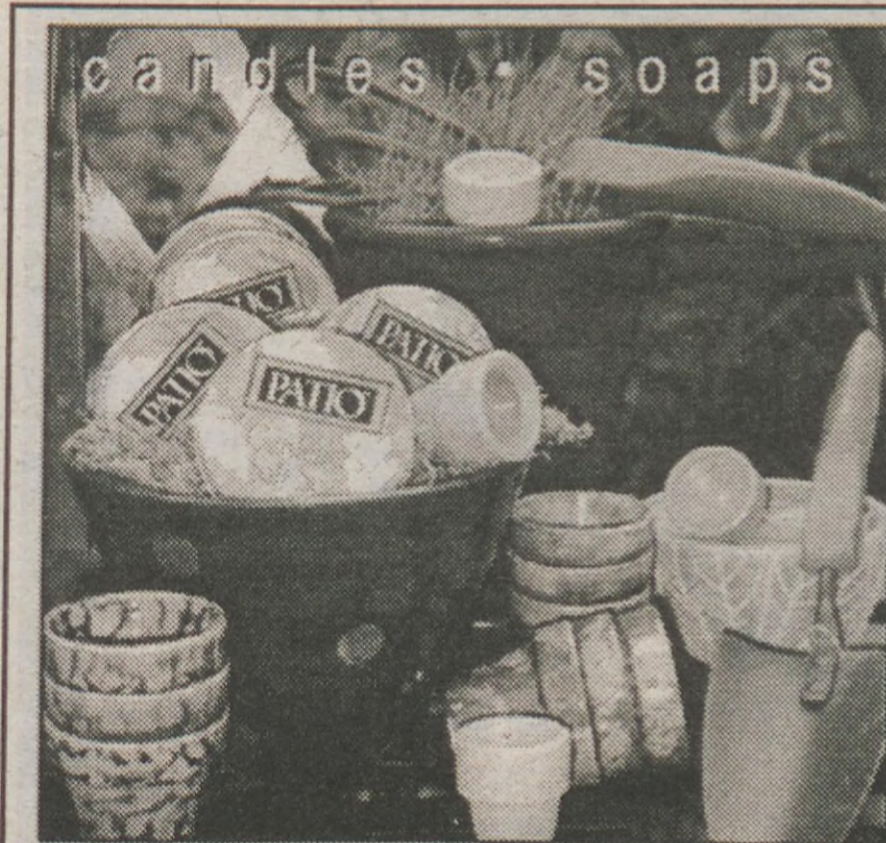
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Dignity mass. 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. 713-863-1860.
Houston Wrestling Club. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.
Rainbow Fishing Club. 713-526-7070.
Houston Faerie Circle. 2 p.m. 713-533-0150.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Southwest Center 281-633-2555 & Conroe 936-441-1614. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. 713-528-3818.
Montrose Writer's Project. 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Lesbian Island Association Young Women's Group Fund-raiser. 803 Hawthorne. 713-956-1866.
Houston Area Bear's Social. 10 p.m. Ripcord. 713-867-9123.
Open House. First Unitarian Universalist Church. 6 to 9 p.m. 713-526-5200.
Houston Outdoor Group Breakfast. 832-251-6063.

sunday, june 18

New Hope Christian Center Worship Service. 11 a.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) 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 Baptist Church. 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. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.
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.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
FrontRunners. 9 a.m. 713-522-8021.
Houston POZ Singles. Sunday Brunch. 11 a.m. 713-807-7304.
PFLAG-Woodlands. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-867-9020.
AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas. Meeting. 2 p.m. 713-861-9020.

monday, june 19

Gay Fathers/Fathers First. 8 p.m. www.GayFathers-Houston.org or 281-505-1788.
Bering Support Network. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.
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. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017 X211.
Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours from 6 to 9 p.m. Black Lesbian & Gay Coalition weekly meeting. 7 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

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 Lambda Skating Club skates. 8 p.m. "RollerBall 2000."
 Tradewinds. Skating Rink. 713-410-7215.
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 The Center for AIDS. Men's Mixer. 7 p.m. 713-527-8210.

wednesday, june 21

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 Houston Crossdressing Anonymous. 7 p.m. 239 Westheimer.
 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.
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 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.
 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. 7 p.m. 713-524-0218.
 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. Houston Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

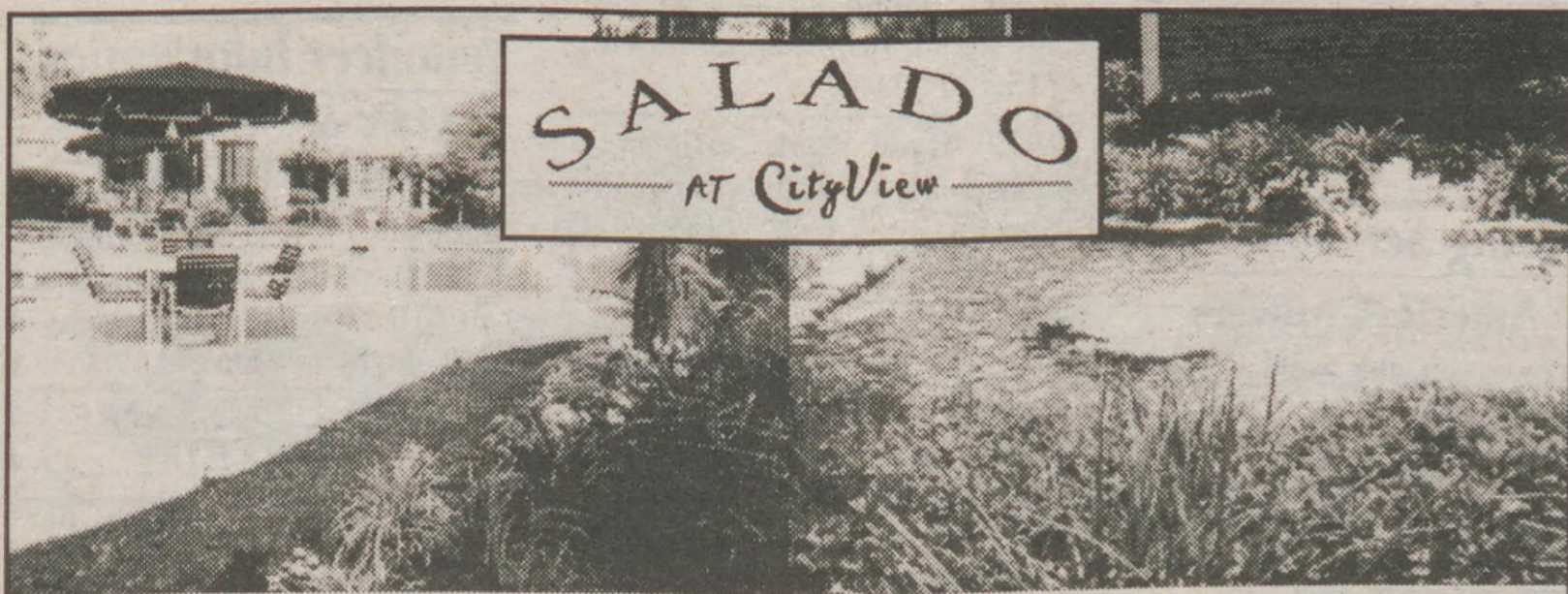
thursday, june 22

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. 713-526-1017X211.
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 Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 281-633-2555.
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 Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.
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 Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston (GLOBAL) meets at 4 p.m. 713-743-7539.
 Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9 p.m. HIV Community forum sponsored by Annise Parker's office at 6:30 p.m. 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

friday, june 23

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 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.
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Occasions

Birthdays

- Sundance Cattle Company alumni Helen is having a moo of a birthday on June 15.
- Sponge lover and all-around great guy Davis Northcutt toasts his birthday on June 16.
- Mixologist Richard of EJ's toasts in his birthday on June 16.
- Debbie Phinney's computer calculates her birthday on June 17.

• Classy Chassis Car Club member Bernard S. puts his petal to the metal for his birthday on June 22.

Graduation

Hats off to Texas Gay Rodeo Association new chapter member Donnie Z. on his Bachelor of Science Degree for the University of Houston this past May.

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YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

June 16 - 22



ARIES (MARCH 21—APRIL 20)

Summer officially arrives and the Sun moves into your house of home and family. Suddenly life gets a lot cozier. Explore the real meaning of the word intimacy. Focus it on the person who really deserves you, you whore! If you're on the make, make a beeline for a stable and sensual Taurus.



TAURUS (APRIL 21—MAY 21)

The Sun moves into the more socially arousing sector of your chart June 21. Plan some Gay Pride soirees. You are able to charm your way into the hearts of many. You have the right vibe about a new relationship—follow it, and allow a bizarre but sexy dream to come true. A Cancer plays an important role.



GEMINI (MAY 22—JUNE 21)

As Venus moves through your money house, pay extra attention to presentation. Your ideas are as fab as always, but present them without your usual acerbic wit. Build up a reputation as the person that everybody needs for something. An Aquarius can't fulfill all your needs, but can supply one amazing night of kinky thrills!



CANCER (JUNE 22—JULY 23)

The Sun moves into your sign June 21 and puts you in the spotlight, baby. Take charge and let your fans know you've arrived. A wish could come true, but only if you get goal-oriented. A leisurely approach will not win the heart of an oblivious Virgo. Come on strong!



LEO (JULY 24—AUG. 23)

You need to calm down and reserve your energy for the things that are most important to you. If ever there was a perfect time to do yoga, it would be now. You really can learn a lot about your past and present by concentrating on and listening to your body. A Sag has a few poses to teach you.



VIRGO (AUG. 24—SEPT. 23)

The Sun moves into your house of friends June 21, so you should do well if you travel in packs. You are able to see into the hearts of many but are a little oblivious to your own motivations during this cycle. A pal really helps your love life by introducing you to a sassy Scorpio, but may want in on the action.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24—OCT. 23)

Pluto retrograde in your house of socializing may make you feel insecure about how others see you. Screw that! Your career could take a radical turn in an upward direction, if you follow up on a project you started over a year ago. A Leo wants to get into a very exhibitionist scene with you.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24—NOV. 22)

The Sun enters the travel sector of your chart June 21, so consider a trip to a faraway land. Learn another language. Speak in tongues with a Taurus who you always thought had the upper hand over you. Discover just how wrong you've been!



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23—DEC. 22)

Venus conjuncts Mars in your house of other people's money, suggesting that a business collaboration could be lucrative for you. In relationships, forget the petty stuff and ask for what you really need. Your worst fears lead you to the greatest sense of closeness, particularly if your baby is an Aries.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23—JAN. 20)

You may not understand what exactly is going on with your love life, and you're not supposed to! So many people want to dirty dance with you, you may want to change your name to Patrick Swayze. Save the most soulful spin around the floor for another Capricorn.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21—FEB. 19)

The moon in your sign on June 21 brings you an emotional revelation. You may be moved to ask two different close comrades: "What's really going on?" Your body holds the secrets to your low-level, darling. Do some heavy duty working out or running around the block. A Leo moves you to a deeper place.



PISCES (FEB. 20—MARCH 20)

The Sun enters your house of creativity June 21, so I hope you have some work lined up. If not, create your own buzz. You need to push yourself through a wild but draining period in your life. A Gemini eggs you on to do all the things you've been afraid to succeed at.

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