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## Dr. Elders Addresses NAMES Project Dedication

by Curt Morrison

Former Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders, M.D., was the guest speaker at the NAMES Project's annual Panel Dedication Ceremony last weekend. The ceremony, held at the Main Street Theater, offers anyone who wants to submit a panel to the Quilt to have it properly dedicated.

Elders' appearance was not promoted in advance. She delivered a passionate speech that can only be described as vintage Elders. It was straightforward, frank and well received.

"I think you all know that it was very hard to change HIV/AIDS from being a political football to being a medical disease," said Elders in her opening remarks. "We all know that it is a disease that all of us - every person in this country - is either affected or inflicted."

Elders pointed out that the disease doesn't care who it infects, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or any other group. She stressed the importance of education for our youngsters and encouraged everyone to get involved.

"So what do we have to celebrate today," said Elders. "We say that this is time to celebrate life. I think first of all one of the



Perry Dolph, Barry Mandel and Bert Ritvo of the NAMES Project with Dr. Jocelyn Elders.

things we have to celebrate is courage. A lot of people have had to have a lot of courage to struggle through a lot of the things they have gone through."

Elders also said we have had to learn to communicate. She said we are at a time where we are learning to have to collaborate and how to form partnership. She contends

we're being educated about things we should have learned back in the 1930's when we had syphilis.

"If we had took the lessons that we learned...but then we discovered penicillin," said Elders. "And we thought we had a shot, and we didn't need to know anymore. So, See **ELDERS** page 31

## Local Ophthalmologist to be Roasted at Montrose Clinic Benefit

by John Toups

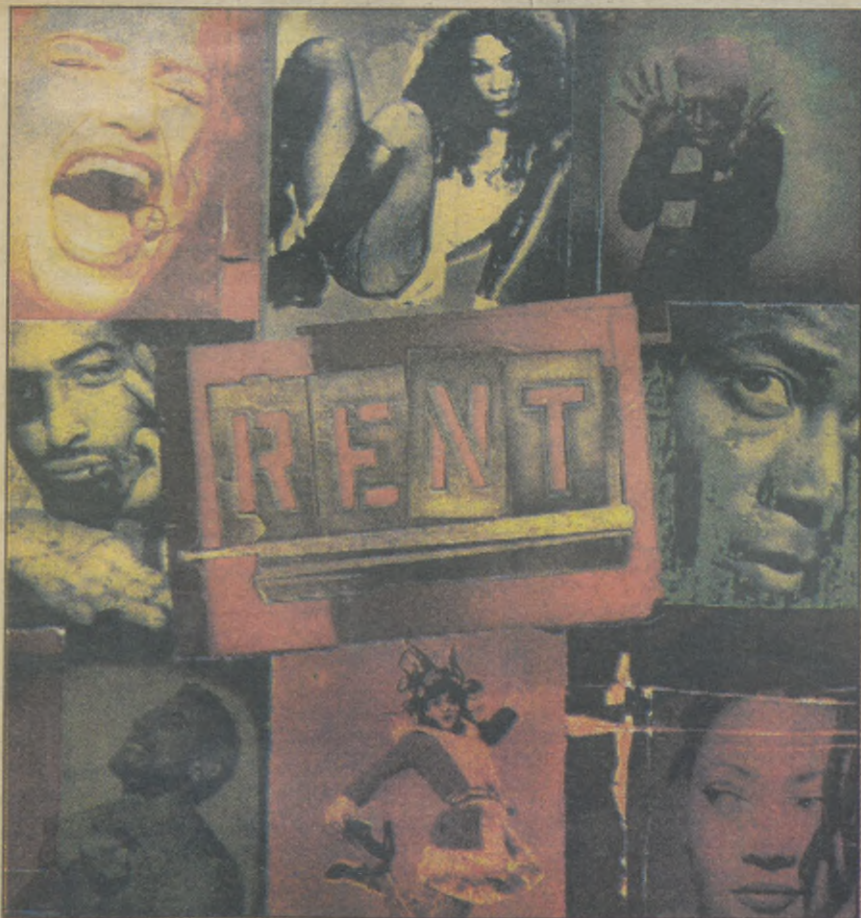
Dr. Scott Sawyer, a Houston area Ophthalmologist, will be



on the hot seat this Sunday, June 8 at the Edwin Hornberger Center in the Texas Medical Center for *A Roast of Honorary Chair, Dr. Scott Sawyer.*

Sawyer started his practice in the Bayou City back in 1991 with another physician and went solo in 1993. He has not looked back since. An undergraduate from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Sawyer obtained his medical degree and residency in his hometown of Little Rock Arkansas. During his residency, Sawyer worked at the same hospital as former Surgeon General, Dr. Jocelyn Elders.

Sawyer, who grew up as a conserva- See **SAWYER** page 31



## Rent! The Book

The smash hit musical *Rent* has single-handedly reinvigorated Broadway, thrilling sell-out audiences every night. A bona fide phenomenon, this electrifying show has swept all the major theater awards including the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for drama, spawned a hit CD soundtrack, and now makes its leap from the stage to the page in *Rent* (Rob Weisbach Books, \$38.00, Hardcover), the exclusive and absolutely complete companion volume to the musical.

Capturing the heart and spirit of the performance, *Rent*, the book, is an oral history of its fascinating creation, ascension to Broadway, and explosive success. Culled from *Village Voice's* Evelyn McDonnell's hundreds of interviews with the cast, director, producers and others, *Rent* offers the behind-the-scenes story of how the once struggling show went from downtown obscurity to the hottest ticket on Broadway.

The spirited and evolving production process is captured through this intimate narrative and never before seen rehearsal photos,

casting sheets, set design sketching, costume notes, and other show artifacts. The book also offers the complete libretto, published here for the first time.

*Rent* also includes a biographical portrait of the musical's extraordinary composer, lyricist and librettist, Jonathan Larson, whose sudden death hours after the final dress rehearsal has made *Rent's* life-affirming message all the more poignant. The passion and the philosophy of *Rent* are clear reflections of his life and the way he chose to live it.

Larson conceived *Rent* as a modern-day version of *LaBoheme* - set in the East Village, giving his bohemians AIDS where Puccini's had tuberculosis. *Rent's* powerful story involves eight major characters, four love affairs (one of them a triangle), an eviction, a performance art protest that turns into a riot, junkies, the homeless, a drag queen, anarchist pranks, daily affirmations, a song, a film, and answering machines. But ultimately *Rent* is a celebration of love, life and creation.

## Legislative Winners and Losers of 1997: Contentious Session Kills Major Bills

by Steve Labinski  
Houston Voice Austin Bureau Chief

On Memorial Day last week, Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth (R, Burleson) strode to the microphone on the House floor and, armed with a parliamentary maneuver, killed over 50 bills. The event has been called the defining moment of the 1997 legislative session, which saw a large number of bills die, despite their strong popularity. Before the "Memorial Day Massacre", 42 bills had already been killed by various points of order; twice as many as the 1995 session.

Despite the large number of killed bills, the legislature succeeded in passing 1,360 bills of the 5,727 bills introduced during the session. Noticeably, Governor Bush's major

initiative to reform the state's tax system failed near the end of the session. Bush attempted to lower the state's property taxes, while at the same time provide a more stable revenue for Texas' school system. The House and Senate passed substantially different plans, and Rep. Mark Stiles announced several weeks ago that legislators could not reconcile them in conference.

The tax proposal took substantial amounts of time in the House, keeping many other bills from moving forward. An initiative to introduce competition for electricity went nowhere, because the lawmakers who were responsible for working on it were tied up in full-day hearings on tax reform.

Advocates of tort reform attempted to build on the momentum of the 1995 session,

which passed bills making Texas less friendly to out-of-state parties wishing to initiate class-action lawsuits in the state. By the end of the 1997 session, none of the eight major tort reform bills moved beyond committee.

Several major bills did pass the legislature however. Texans will be able to vote in 1998 on a constitutional amendment to lift the ban on home-equity lending. If passed, Texas will no longer be the only state that bans second-mortgage loans. Another bill was passed that repeals the state's motorcycle helmet law. Anyone over the age of 18, who carries proper liability insurance will be able to ride motorcycles without a helmet.

Social issue bills continued to divide the legislature, and eventually fail. A bill requiring parental notification for a minor to

receive an abortion passed the Senate, but was killed by a parliamentary maneuver by Rep. Debra Danburg (D, Houston). The bill was stalled in the House State Affairs Committee, until chairman Steve Wolens (D, Dallas) placed the bill on a late-night committee calendar near the end of the session. The committee hearing began at 1 a.m. that lasted until 4 a.m. Danburg found an error on a witness card from the early morning hearing, and invoked a House rule stipulating accuracy in committee paperwork.

Last March, Sen. Jeff Wentworth (R, San Antonio), received a trial-by-fire from religious conservatives in the Texas GOP because of his vote against the parental noti- See **SESSION** page 31

## Reader Questions Motive of Gesture

by Dick L. Dace

I am so insulted by the recent actions of Walgreens. A \$5,000 gift to the Montrose Clinic is a nice jester (sic) but what about an apology for the blatant discrimination of the gay community?

And, just now (June 1997) they are "joined in an effort to educate Walgreens pharmacists on HIV consumer needs with a series of presentations from HIV specialists."

But please note, they have not apologized for their blatant discrimination. They *now* allow our publication to be distributed once again in their store, but big deal. They have exposed themselves for what they are: Hypocrites!

It was okay for them to take money for the gay community, but they could care less if their pharmacists were knowledgeable in order to "better serve the HIV community."

They are just sucking up to us for purely economical reasons. They care nothing about human dignity, and continue to insult us time and time again — right to our faces.

Walgreens will never see another dollar from my pocket. I will continue to shop at Krogers or Eckers.

## AIDS Walk Support Appreciated

by Harold Wolpert

(Chair, Southwestern Bell Houston AIDS Walk/General Manager, Alley Theater) and Ken Kelly (Director of communications, AIDS Foundation Houston)

On behalf of the fourteen partner agencies that benefited from The Southwestern Bell Houston AIDS Walk, we would like to thank [Houston Voice] for your tremendous

support and directly making a difference in the lives of our fellow Houstonians infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Walk has always been a grass-roots effort, and with your dedication and involvement, we have realized a significant increase in the Walk's visibility and its mission. Thanks to you, the Walk has reached a new level of support with participation close to 3,000 people (double from last year) and revenues reaching the \$200,000 mark.

Once again, thank you for your tremendous support and we look forward to the 1998 Houston AIDS Walk!

## Steven's House Extends Thanks to 'Bunnies'

by James Griffith, C.P.  
Executive Director

On behalf of the residents, Board, staff and volunteers of Steven's House, I want to thank Bunnies on the Bayou for choosing Steven's House as one of the beneficiaries of this year's Bunnies on the Bayou Party.

As you know Steven's House moved into a larger facility in August. This facility allowed us to double our occupancy and become gender diversified. We purchased the house in June and had very little time to do the extensive renovations necessary to make it ready for occupancy. We did meet our deadline, however, there are a number of things that were left to do as time and money became available. [Bunnies] donation will allow us to complete some of those projects. We are most appreciative.

We are also very grateful for the publicity that goes along with being named as a beneficiary. Steven's House is young compared to some service providers in Houston; however, we have worked very hard in our three years of existence to earn the respect of the community. To be associated with an organization like Bunnies on the Bayou means a great deal to us as our reputation grows in the HIV/AIDS community.

## POP CULTURE

# Liz and Cher Get 'Pumped Up on Art' With Houston Pride Committee



International Superstars Elizabeth Taylor and Cher are two of the many celebrities who have donated their 'pumps' to support the annual "Pumped Up On Art" gala sponsored by the Pride Committee of Houston. (PCOH).

The event, one of the largest taking place during Pride Week '97, features silent and live auctions of artwork which incorporates pumps/high-heeled shoes and other items from local and national celebrities. One shoe from a donated pair is autographed, while the other is used in the artwork created by one of several local artists who have offered their time and talents to benefit PCOH.

"The response from the celebrities has been amazing," said Nick Brines, Fundraising Coordinator and Chairman of this year's event. "We have participation from Oscar and Grammy award winners, Broadway stars, supermodels, and even an Olympic gold medalist. There is definitely something for everyone this year."

In addition to Taylor and Cher, other celebrities who have donated their autographed shoes and other items for the gala include Julie Andrews, Phyllis Diller, Fran Drescher, Shirley Jones, Greg Louganis, K.T. Oslin, Alanis Morissette, Julie Newmar, Susan Sarandon, Gloria Steinem, Emma Thompson and many more.

"You have a pair of psychedelic pumps from a crazy, old lady," said Phyllis Diller. "Thank you for asking me to help support this important event."

Emma Thompson was more than happy to donate one of her not so comfortable pair of shoes for the event. "I wore these shoes during my second Academy Awards show and they killed my feet," said Thompson. "I hope they are better for your event. Best of Luck!"

Several celebrities chose to send items other than pumps such as Cheryl Tiegs. "I apologize for sending you flats instead of pumps," said Tiegs. "I'm in the process of moving and this is all I had available. I hope they're put to good use for your event." Elton John donated an autographed CD and Fran Drescher (*The Nanny*) donated an autographed script of one of the show's episodes.

Proceeds from the "Pumped Up On Art" gala benefit the Pride Committee of Houston to promote activities for the local gay and lesbian community. Corporate sponsors for the event include Walgreens, Texas Commerce Bank, Neiman Marcus - Town & Country, The Response Network and Richard Hill of Swilley-Hudson Realtors. For more information concerning the gala or this year's "Glowing With Pride" parade, call the PCOH Pride Line at (713) 529-6979.

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by Lee Davis

Oh Miss Mary's!



Thumper has never looked lovelier.

Last Sunday (in sweltering heat), I had the pleasure of judging the Miss Mary's Contest. Four entries danced their way across the stage looking totally wrong! No really, that's the idea. Miss Mary's is a strictly camp title. If you saw what I did, you know what I'm talking about. The show may have been camp, but the funds

raised were quite serious. PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) was the designated beneficiary and raked in almost \$300.

Ova Ewe, Miss Mary's '96, emceed the show. Mother of Montrose, M.J. Summers was one of the guest entertainers looking flawless as Cruella Deville. Miss Montrose, ????? was also a featured entertainer and can she ever play those finger cymbals!

The four contestants were then paraded onto the stage. Felisha Flesh Eater, Thumper Knightly, Demanda Tension and Gimme Pills & Liquor displayed their wares much to the pleasure of the huge crowd on hand. In the end, Thumper Knightly won the coveted title of Miss Mary's '97. When asked why she entered the contest, she very simply replied "Because Mary's is an institution and I certainly belong in one"! Gimme Pills & Liquor was 1st Runner-Up and Felisha Flesh Eater 2nd. Thanks for a great afternoon, Mary's!

More Benefits

PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) was the recipient of two other shows this past weekend.

Mother of Montrose, M.J. Summers hosted a show at Venture-N that raised over \$125.

Mr. Gulf Coast '96 & '97, John Benavides & Ken Claude, respectively, were guest bartenders at the Venture-N & raised over \$150. Good work & keep those badly needed funds rolling in!

Saddle Up!

President Michael A. Gaitz recently announced the 3rd Annual TGRA-Houston President's Show. Armand Posas &

Company present "The Wild-Wild West" on Sunday, June 8 at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

Beginning at 8pm and benefitting the TGRA Houston Chapter, President Gaitz will present the Houston Chapter Contributions to the Bering Community Service Foundation through Soiree Aubergine, Colt 45's, Loving Arms Foundation, Omega House, Pet Patrol, Pride Committee Houston, PWA Coalition and the PWA Holiday Charities (LVL). Open seating is available, so plan to arrive early. Saddle up for a wild ride!

Best Bartender Ending

The Houston Voice & Finlandia have been busy hosting the "Houston's Best Bartender Contest" benefitting Soiree Aubergine.

The contest began at Gentry where five entries were taste tested. Yum, Yum! Jeremy, Woody, Val, Eric and Kip put their best drink forward as they each concocted a drink made with a Finlandia product. The winner was announced—Val Rodela! Congratulations..



Gentry's Jeremy, Woody, Val, Eric and Kip.

The contest continued at Heaven. Seven bartenders lined up for the contest with wild, but very tasty drinks. Matthew Reyna took top honors for Heaven. Good work, Matthew!

On we went to the Brazos River Bottom. Oh the imagination these boys had! After testing all four entrants adult refreshing beverages, David Crowson won. Things were really getting tough now!

Rolling, literally, to Rich's, we tend to forget how many contestants there were. But, we do remember Yvonne Booth's entry. Went down so smooth, but really Yvonne! Must you add the kitchen sink too?

The contest wraps up, preliminaries that is, at Chances & The New Barn. Will have to announce those winners next week. Can't seem to clear my head for any more news! Also, we'll announce when and where the finals will take place. The winner will be overwhelmed at all of the great prizes Finlandia has in store for them.

REGIONAL NEWS

Session Ends In Standoff on Gay Issues  
Same Sex Marriage Bill Flopped, All Sides Claim Successes

by Steve Labinski  
Houston Voice Austin Bureau Chief

The 1997 legislative session ended Monday with almost all bills affecting gay civil rights, both positively and negatively, from reaching the floors for a vote.

"The results were mixed for gays and lesbians. The good news is that we defeated the same sex marriage bill. The bad news is that we retreated on prior progress on the hate crimes bill," said Dale Carpenter of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, whose group lobbied the legislature this session.

Religious conservatives attempted throughout the session to move the same-sex marriage bill forward, and expressed disappointment that it never received a floor vote.

"It's disappointing," said Ashley Callahan, a spokesman for the American Family Association of Texas, a state-wide organization of religious conservatives who oppose same-sex marriage and hate crimes legislation.

The failure of Chisum's bill rests "completely on the shoulders of Pete Laney. If he had not appointed liberals to those powerful committee positions, it would have passed," said Callahan.

Dianne Hardy-Garcia said the LGRL worked extensively to defeat the same-sex marriage bill, which remained bottled-up in committees until the 11th hour of the session.

"LGRL's strategy was we did not want a vote, because it puts our friends and allies in a bad position," said Hardy-Garcia.

A bill that did escape the committee valve was an amendment from Rep. Will Hartnett (R, Dallas) to SB 1091 that changed the state's adoption laws to prohibit two people of the same gender from adopting children. Callahan said the AFA/Texas lobbied for it, and counts it as one of their group's legislative wins.

In general, the House seemed less reluctant to hold committee hearings on gay-related bills than in the past. Committee hearings give legislators the opportunity to discuss the issue and cross-examine authoritative witnesses in public. "We did get hearings on every bill we had," said Hardy-Garcia.

The hate crimes bill received hearings in both the House and the Senate committees. Unlike last session, the bill did not make it to either chamber floor for a vote. Callahan claims that AFA/Texas considered the bill

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dead in February after receiving commitments from 13 senators to vote against the bill. Senate rules allow 1/3 of the Senate of effectively kill any bill, which would have applied to the Hate Crimes Bill.

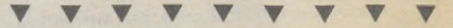
A bill prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation received its first ever hearing in a House committee. The midnight hearing featured testimony from Dale Carpenter who said that "this bill is about leveling the playing field." Carpenter later said, "That is a first step in what

will take many, many sessions of the legislature to achieve."

Another bill prohibiting discrimination by public education institutions against students on the basis of sexual orientation received a committee hearing. Dianne Hardy-Garcia and Andy Delony with the

Texas Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby testified that gay youths are more likely to commit suicide than non-gay youths, and they fielded questions about discrimination from legislators. "I think a bi-partisan group of Republicans and Democrats will be ready to work on this issue in 1999," said Ronald Bounds, a spokesman for LCR-Austin, who attended the hearing.

With the legislature adjourned, political groups are already preparing for the primary elections in 1998. Carpenter feels that more attention should be turned to the Republican tide that is sweeping Texas in its elections. "The overall lesson of this session is that we need to begin trying to influence the outcome of Republican primaries. Until now the gay civil rights movement has failed to argue for its positions in terms that appeal to Republicans. That is a fatal mistake in a majority Republican state like Texas."



**TDH Told of HIV Program Coordination Problems as Early as 1992**

Five years, two critical audits and "countless deaths" later, Mike Juhl is witnessing something he thought he'd never live to see: The state's HIV services system is finally on the right track.

"Statewide, everything is improving; slowly, but improving," said Juhl, an AIDS sufferer who's wrangled with the Texas Department of Health and local care providers for three years over misappropriated funds and questionable service.

Juhl and others recognize that the state's implementation of the 1990 Ryan White Care Act, which mandates local control of AIDS-related services, has improved. Heads still are being scratched as to why it took so long. A 1992 report by state auditors first criticized the state's oversight of such programs, which disperse federal and state funds through 26 local consortia.

"(TDH) should establish policies and procedure to determine whether programs are achieving objectives and expectations," the October 1992 report stated. Since that report, the TDH has identified serious fiscal problems in Midland-Odessa, Lubbock and Galveston, but only after thousands of dollars were lost or misappropriated in each case. The TDH has no figures tallying the losses.

Dr. Charles Bell, chief of the TDH's Bureau of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention, said that contractual language with administrative agencies served as the "policies and procedure" mentioned in the report.

"The problem with the consortia is we didn't have a contract with the consortia," he said of the community boards that allocated state and federal funds. "We have contracts with administrative agencies." Bell said that perhaps the TDH took the Ryan White law's ideals of local control too far. "To be honest with you, I think if we had it to do all over again, we may not have (given local consortia) the power of allocating funds," Bell said.

It was 1992, the same year of the critical TDH audit, that AIDS care began to sour in the Midland-Odessa area. Once the now-defunct Permian Basin AIDS Coalition folded - owing \$150,000 to creditors - Lubbock-based South Plains AIDS Resource Center stepped in. Juhl said there were "countless deaths" in the Permian Basin area that he believes didn't need to happen while SPARC was the area's AIDS care administrator from October 1994 to December 1995.

Ector County Health Department numbers show that 36 of SPARC's 98 registered clients died of the disease in 1995. Last year, after SPARC's departure, only nine of

136 clients died under the current administrator, Clover House Assistance Services. While medical advances have slowed AIDS death rates and increased quality of life in the last two years, Juhl said that dying patients frequently were denied proper medication in the SPARC era.

Repeated phone messages left with former SPARC Director David L. Crader were not returned. The TDH fired Crader and eight staffers in the spring of 1996, alleging gross mismanagement. An internal audit last August concluded that "an inordinate number" of HIV contractors have had "financial management difficulties," including misappropriations of funds, failure to remit payroll taxes and failure to repay advances of funds.

Since then, the TDH has actively released a flurry of policies and procedures. More frequent audits of administrative agencies also have become the norm. Bell credits increased vigilance for the TDH's recent crackdown on the AIDS Foundation of Corpus Christi. He cited the foundation for improperly handling client care and, in one case, denying a patient medication.

When the state took on the job of coordinating 26 separate entities for HIV care, another TDH official said it turned out to be a daunting task. "Rhode Island has one consortium, and that's true for many smaller states," said Casey Blass, director of the HIV-STD Health Resources Division at state health department. "It produces a challenge for administering that kind of system." He added that less populated areas - like Midland-Odessa and Lubbock - had less infrastructure to competently handle Ryan White-related funds than cities like Houston and Dallas.

Three years of constant letter-writing and vigilance have earned Juhl a front-row seat on the state HIV policy. Starting this week, he'll serve a year on the TDH's policy Development and Review Team, giving him impact on the very rules and regulations he's demanded. "We'll be able to anticipate these problems because we're on the front line everyday," said Juhl, 31, who endures a daily regimen of 59 pills, ointments and suppositories that keep him alive.

A computerized system now is online at the TDH to monitor other complainants like Juhl. Other consortia-type models currently are addressing childhood immunization and diabetes from a local standpoint, Bell said. "This is for everyone currently infected and all the people who might become infected in the future," Juhl said.



**As Expected, Brown Officially Enters Mayoral Race**

As reported in last week's edition of the *Houston Voice*, former Houston Police Chief and Clinton Administration Drug Czar, Lee Brown, officially kicked off his candidacy for mayor, Sunday, June 1 at Sam Houston Park.

The focus of Brown's speech was diversity. Brown indicated that Houstonians should celebrate the diversity that encompasses Houston and city officials should be attuned to the Bayou City's diverse citizenry. In addition, he cited his past experience as a tutor to the ins and outs of managing people and resources.

"A mayor who can lead Houston into the future must be a mayor who by nature, by

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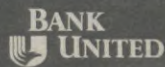
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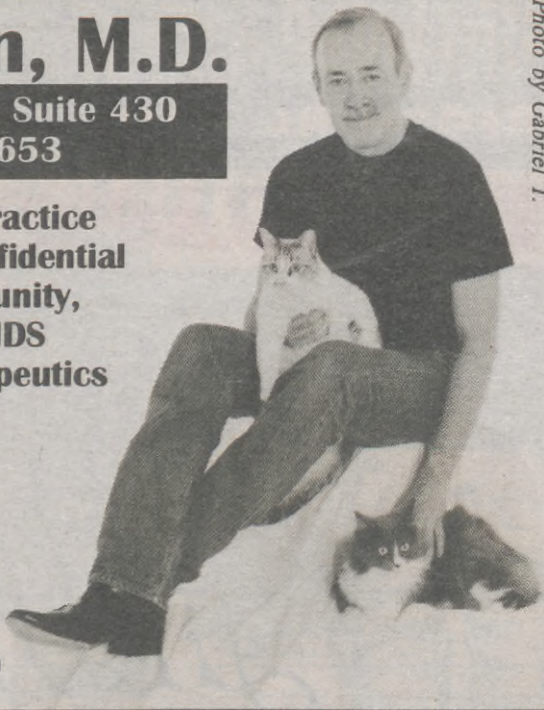


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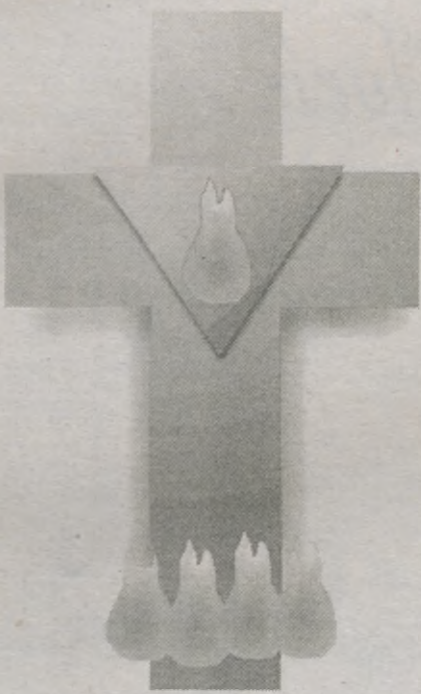


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experience, can relate to all Houstonians," said Brown. "To their problems, to their concerns, to their dreams and to their aspirations."

Brown joined a list of other mayoral candidates including George Greanias, councilmembers Gracie Saenz and Helen Huey and Rob Mosbacher.

## Celebrated Author Karla Jay Slated to Speak at June LiB Meeting

Karla Jay, a pioneering author of many books and professor of English and Director of Women's Studies at Pace University in New York, will be the keynote speaker at the June meeting of Lesbians in Business (LiB).

Jay has written and edited eight books, including the pioneering *Out of the Closet: Voices of Gay Liberation*. She is also the co-author of three anthologies on gay liberation and is working on a scholarly study of the life of Amelia Earhart.

Her speeches encompass many topics including gender studies, historical facts about feminist writers and sexuality, and *Dyke Life: Lesbians Are Really Different, A Lesbian/Feminist Tour of Paris*.

Following the meeting Jay will be signing copies of her latest tome, *Dyke Life: From Growing Up to Growing Old, A Celebration of the Lesbian Experience*. Inklings will supply the books for purchase. The meeting takes place 6p.m. Friday, June 20 at the Renaissance Houston Hotel, Greenway Plaza, 20th Floor.

## Diverse Works Presents 'Women on Women,' Lesbian Documentaries

Under the umbrella of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, DiverseWorks will present three lesbian documentaries, *Women on Women in film*, Saturday, June 7 at 8 p.m.

The three films are *Shinjuku Boys: Girls as Men*, about modern day geisha girls who live as men and have girlfriends; *Jodie Foster: An Icon*, a 1996 exploration into the lesbian iconography of actress Jodie Foster; and *Blood Sisters*, which proffers details about the S&M practices of San Francisco's leather dyke community.



Lesbian icon, Jodie Foster

Foster has been a favorite of the lesbian community for years. She is without a doubt the most talked, gossiped, and rumored about Hollywood actress in the world. The film takes a look at the phenomenon of Jodie Foster, whose icon status among lesbians has been shaped as much by her authentic and strong screen personas as by the incessant media speculation about her sexuality.

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## Houston Philanthropists to Mark Tenth Year of NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

Houston community leaders will join with the NAMES Project Foundation to

observe the tenth year of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Houston with *A Decade of Remembrance*, a lively gospel brunch to be held July 20 at JAGS from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Quilt's founder, Cleve Jones, will speak at the brunch, which will consist of screening portions of the recently released documentary, *Lest We Forget*, of the October 1996 display of the entire Quilt in Washington. Nearly 100 memorial panels of the Quilt, including panels made for Houstonians who died of AIDS, will be displayed at *A Decade of Remembrance*.

"*A Decade of Remembrance* will provide us with an occasion to honor our loved ones lost to AIDS, but it also will provide an opportunity to recommit ourselves to fight the pandemic," said NAMES Project Foundation's National Board President, Jackson Hicks. "Despite some reports in the media, AIDS is not over. WE must use the Quilt and every other tool available to prevent new HIV infections and educate the public about AIDS."

The event will raise funds for the HIV prevention education programs of the NAMES Project Foundation and its Houston Chapter. Moreover, it is being hosted by the NAMES Project Houston and co-chaired by a number of prominent Houstonians including Chree Boydston, Janine Brunjes, Alden Clark, David Greiss, David B. Jackson, Phil Lacy, Barry Mandel and Dr. Scott Sawyer, and Angela Mora. It will be underwritten by Hicks, who also owns JAGS.

## Kolbe Project To Start Women's Discussion Group

The Kolbe Project will hold an organizational meeting for a women's discussion group, Thursday, June 19, at 7 p.m. The focus of the inaugural group will be discussions on topics and books of special interest to lesbian and bisexual women. It will be facilitated by and for women.

The Kolbe Project, founded by Franciscan friars in 1989, provides ministry to individuals with HIV/AIDS as well as their families and caregivers. The organization serves men and women of all religious faiths, including those who don't have one, in Houston's gay and lesbian community.

Coffee and refreshments will be provided for the organizational meeting. For more information and/or to R.S.V.P., call (713) 522-8182.

## Blaffer Gallery To Present Works of Michael Ray Charles

Race and racial relations are paramount themes for national discussion and are being addressed in various venues and forms. Artists have been among the most articulate spokespersons about such issues, both today and throughout history.

Blaffer Gallery will present the first major museum exhibition of work by African-American artist Michael Ray Charles. His revised depiction's of stereotypical characters such as Sambo, Buckwheat and Aunt Jemima twist racial and racist stereotyping, calling attention to contemporary issues of race and prejudice.



A works by Michael Ray Charles.

In addition to the 70 paintings and works on paper, *Michael Ray Charles 1989-1997: An American Artist's Work* will be augmented with a selection of popular culture reference objects from the artist's collection.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a

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## From the Tony's to Ireland and Wales

by Larry Lingle

Being an avid viewer each year of the Tony Awards, I sensed something afoot when the curtain went up on the "lesser" awards on the first hour shown on PBS. Instead of the usual intimate Broadway house, the show was coming from Radio City Music Hall with, for the first time, a paying audience besides Tony's acting guests.

And, of course, there was Rosie, as in O'Donnell - the hottest ticket on television. With a stint in *Grease* as credentials to Broadway (aside from being an avid theater goer - we bumped into her at *Love! Valour! Compassion!*), Rosie hyped the Tony's for weeks on her talk show.

We also sensed new direction when the presenters, most of whom were picked for their added connections to film and television for wider recognition, after a brief stab at recalling their first exposure to theater, announced the awards with atypical Ed McMahon enthusiasm. Picture Rip Torn, a stalwart of the theater but now best known as the producer on *Larry Sanders*, announcing a winner as if it didn't matter that his current starring role in *Young Man from Atlanta* failed to draw a nomination. And, in fact, *Young Man* is closing after failing to receive a single Tony for the Pulitzer-Prize drama.

From Rosie's opening (the CBS portion) salute to established musicals to the star-studded presenters, this year's Tony's mustered a liveliness lacking in previous tributes to the live theater. For Tony and Rosie it paid off. Ratings were up by 48 percent, after reaching a low point last year. Like Amtrak, the Tony's win a breather, at least for awhile.

Have you ever wondered why Ireland had a potato famine in the 1840s, and why so many people died? Perhaps not, but my late better half, Bill, posed that question to me many times - I being a history student for more years than I care to recall. While my master's degree, at least, was in English history - I later switched to the study of the

American South because it was closer to home and a lot less expensive to research, I never really had an answer.

Well, the Irish on marking - some say celebrating - the 150th anniversary of that horrible event which killed a million and a half people and caused many more to migrate, mostly to the United States (giving us generations of Irish-American policemen). And the new prime minister, Tony Blair - the British Bill Clinton without the scandals, yet - has offered the Irish an apology.

And well he might. In poor, nineteenth-century Ireland, most of the farmland - and that was most of the Emerald Isle - was held by absent English landlords. And when a blight destroyed the nation's staple, the potato, much of the country's grain and cattle

were being exported for profit. And the mass of Irishmen were without. If the Irish already had cause to hate the English this was only heightened by this callous disregard for the masses. And to add salt to this open wound, at the same time the English began to expand Scottish-Protestant emigration to Northern Ireland. It was, of course, Roman Catholic Irish dying of the famine.

Naturally, some English politicians have faulted the Prime Minister for his apology. This would be comparable, perhaps, to the United States apologizing to Mexico for provoking a war in which the United States then seized half of Mexico's territory. Well, American presidents know better, and know the value of the Texas vote, and steadfastly have refused to acknowledge duplicity in that well-concerted plan to absorb the Republic of Texas and bait a Mexican tyrant into a foolish act.

Any right-thinking American would conclude that it was for the best, and, after all, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California are better off with the United States than with Mexico. Besides, think what Mexico might be today if it had kept California with its gold rush and natural harbors. And without those annexations there might not have any basis for a Civil War. And where would the United States be without *Gone With the Wind* and the glamour of all those battles.

Someone, but the name escapes me - age does that you know - once wrote a book speculating on the consequences had the South won the war. Perhaps someone should do the same with the Mexican War. Like the Civil War, the name of any war is determined by the victor. I can assure you that Mexico does not call it the Mexican War.

Actually, in fairness to Bill Clinton, during his recent visit to Mexico he did lay a wreath on the memorial to six young Mexican cadets who died defending their capitol, a shrine as sacred to Mexico as our Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Only President Harry Truman had been there before.

From the Tony's to Ireland and now to Wales. Recently, in the *New York Times*, I came across a story about Hay-on-Wye in Wales. First, only in Great Britain - or Texas - could you find such a unique town

name (I'm thinking Cut and Shoot).

It seems Hay-on-Wye with about a thousand citizens has 34 book stores. One must assume there is no television, but even then the thought of those thousand Welsh reading boggles even my mind. The Hay-on-Wyers are so taken with reading that they established a yearly book festival that now draws 30,000 visitors and over 250 writers. It is the premier book event of Britain.

I can only recall recently when my store brought a gay writer in for a signing and the handful of curious were not enough to interrupt the author's perusing another writer's work. Maybe I should check out the reading public in Cut and Shoot. Maybe we have our own Hay-on-Wye here in Texas. And then, maybe not.

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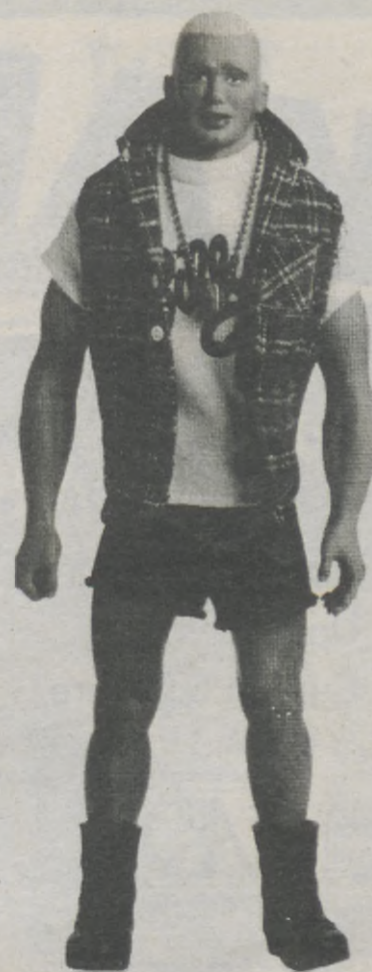
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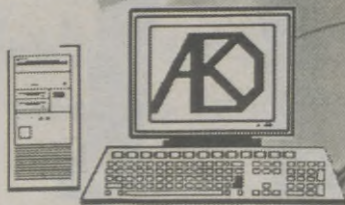
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by Vickie Shaw

My daughter wanted me to sew for her. Actually, I enjoy sewing easy, quick and cheap stuff. My mom made my clothes as I grew up and here I am sewing for my daughter. What gets to me is what I am sewing, bell bottoms and leather skirts. The "leather" is really polyurethane but ten year olds don't care. It's shiny like patent leather and it looks cool! I know, I know . . . turn in my Gay Card, I don't deserve the benefits. No gay person would touch polyurethane but we are talking about a ten year old and we are talking price. I promise she won't wear it to Gay Pride, Okay?

We went shopping for the aforementioned fabric and she picked out neon tie-dyed polyester for the bell bottoms and halter top! I told her if a gay man sees me buying polyester fabric he will fly into a nelly fit and it won't be pretty! Talk about "in the closet" . . . we were ducking and weaving, just trying to get to the cutting table without someone seeing us. It was frightening! Believe me, you see men in a fabric store, traveling in pairs, comparing polished cottons . . . Gay! The other thing is I used to wear that stuff and it made me realize my baby is growing up. She'll start dating (the sex of which is irrelevant) get into a committed relationship, have children, I'll be a grandmother, she'll get divorced, move back home, and I'll



spend my week-ends baby-sitting! Then she picked out a pink checked polyester for another pair because Barbie had an outfit just like it, thank God, my little girl returned!

I was thinking about all that stuff I used to wear back in the good old days. I had hip-hugger bell bottoms that drug the

ground so badly the hem was completely frayed. When I walked I swept up all dirt and debris in my path. With the bell bottoms I wore a body suit with the crotch so tight that it's no wonder it took me so long to realize I was gay . . . all the blood to that part of my body! I actually had a thick white belt that had fake bullets attached to it to complete the ensemble! I am so sorry for that entire visual, but you know, that body suit thing isn't a bad idea for my daughter.

By the way, the kids and I are going to Gay Pride in New York! We're excited about it but I would like to get the kids T-shirts. Wouldn't it be great if I could find some shirts that said, "My Mom's GAY and all I got was this lousy T-shirt?" If ya'll think of some great T-shirt ideas for kids to wear, let me know, here at this paper. I'll let some people know that do that kind of thing and well get some great shirts for our children to wear with pride!

Well, now it's nap-time. Sewing neon tie-dyed polyester makes your eyes cross and helps lose your religion. Amen!

## Reflections of a Personal Tragedy

by Leslie Ramsay

I wrote a column several weeks ago about marriage and family. I wrote that gay family units sometimes are comprised of pets and/or a great many houseplants instead of children. My family is no different.

Dawn and I have just experienced a tragedy in our family. On Tuesday, our little girl, Babs, was killed.

Babs was an eleven-year-old Sealyham terrier. We adopted Babs eight years ago from a professional dog breeder from the San Antonio area. The breeder was putting Babs: Baby Be Good out to pasture. Babs had spent the first three years of her life performing at dog shows across the country. She had done fairly well on the circuit and she deserved a rest.

We brought her home to the country in Montgomery, Texas. We were very proud parents. She ruled the subdivision every evening when would take our evening constitutionals. She was a little sergeant. No human being or animal dared come near her mothers during our walks through the forest and around the lake. I have seen her strike terror into many a Pit Bull, Doberman, and Chow. She would not back down in her quest to protect her family or her property.

After a job change we all moved into the city. Babs became the proud owner of a three bedroom home with a fenced backyard. She protected it with a ferociousness

rarely seen in such a small animal. In the afternoons, Babs would run around the backyard, tracking the movements of the neighborhood children. She watched them play basketball for hours.

The neighborhood turned out to be a scary place. Several homes were broken into on our block. Our next door neighbor was robbed twice. One day we came home to find our Babs in a very testy state. She was marching back and forth in the foyer by the front door. I checked the door to find that some creep had been trying to dig their way around the deadbolts with a screwdriver/crowbar. The creep had also tried to kick in the double door entryway.

I am sure that once the creep had given Babs enough reason to let loose, she scared him away with her own righteous indignation. "How dare you try to come into my house without permission!" The creep was very close to getting through the lock.

I do not want to give the impression that our baby was a vicious animal. She was quite the contrary. She was a very loving and sweet puppy. She had wonderful manners. She loved small children and other friendly animals. She never barked outside of warding off the bad guys. She took her protection job very seriously.

The loss of a family member is very devastating. When a pet is lost many people do not understand why the owner is so upset. "It was only a dog." "Go buy another one." You can not replace a loved one with a trip down to the local pet shop.

We will miss our little girl very much.

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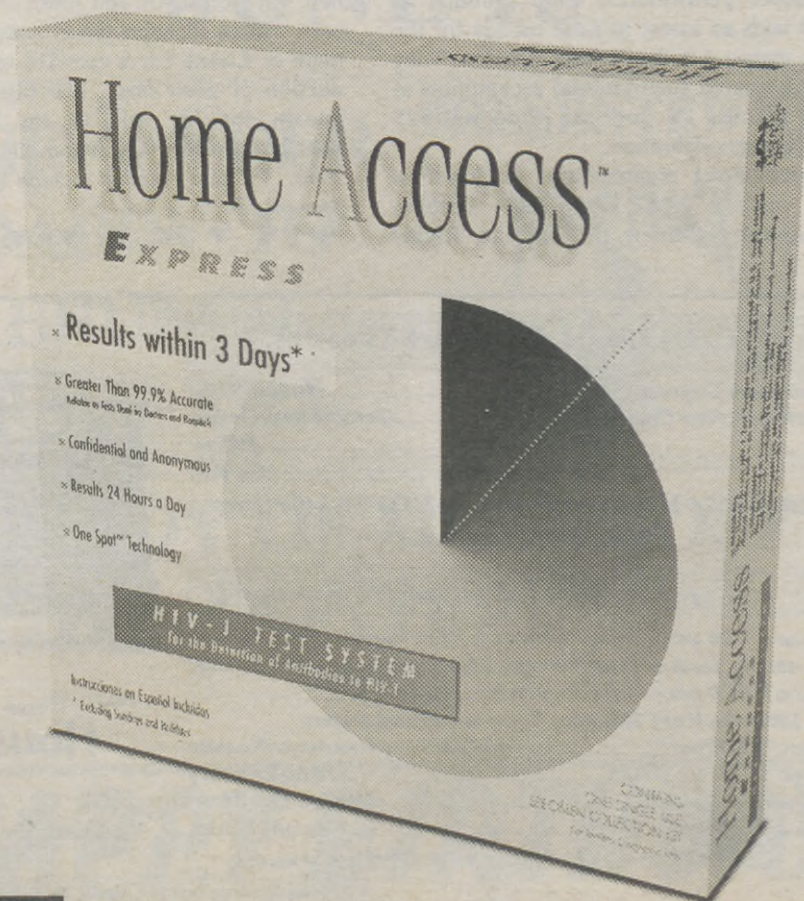
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**State Rep. Glen Maxey Featured Speaker at Corpus Christi's First Gay Pride Weekend**

Corpus Christi will hold its First Annual Gay Pride Weekend this weekend featuring state representative Glen Maxey as the Keynote Speaker. The event promises to be packed with various types of activities, beginning Friday, June 6 with a "Moonlight Cruise IV on the Bay" featuring gay and lesbian musicians and The Gay Comedy Jam, featuring some of the brightest comics performing at the harbor Playhouse Studio Theater.

The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be sponsoring the cities First Annual Pride Festival, Saturday, June 7. The festival will feature speakers, artists, games, food and a gay/lesbian film festival. Rep. Maxey will be speaking at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The film festival will include *Jeffrey* and the 'coming out' episode of *Ellen*, among other classics.

The festivities will culminate Saturday evening with a Casino Night at the Ramada Inn Bayfront, hosted by Texas Riviera Empire, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., the Freedom Tour '97 Gay Comedy Jam with Scott Kennedy, *Houston Voice* Columnist Vicki Shaw and Kevin Maye will perform an encore at the Harbor Playhouse Studio. There will be a Pride Sunday Service, Sunday at 11 p.m. For more information, call (512) 882-8255.

**Gay Wedding Ceremony Planned for San Antonio Annual Pride Picnic**

San Antonio's largest gay event, the annual Pride picnic, will be held next Saturday, June 14, from noon to 8 p.m., at San Pedro Park. The theme for this years event is PrideFest '97. The event, organized by a coalition of groups, will benefit participating non-profit organizations for the first time.

The festivities this year will include performances by Cheer Dallas, a children's activity area, and a public gay wedding ceremony. Cheer Dallas is a professional and volunteer performance team founded in 1993 with an intent to raise money for the fight against AIDS and other diseases. They have garnered international recognition at Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 anniversary celebration.

Participating organizations in PrideFest '97 include the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, the Human Rights

Campaign, Log Cabin Republicans, MCC, AIDS Foundation, River City Living Church, the Wellness Connection and the Equal Rights Political Caucus. For more information, call Dan Castor at (210) 828-2723.

**Award-Winning Vocalist To Perform at Midtowne Spa**

Warren, one half of musical duo Hearts Afire, will perform at an upcoming event at Midtowne Spa, a health and recreational facility in Houston. Warren has received accolades from the East Coast to the Gulf Coast for his unique combination of rock and classical musical styles, which he coins as "New Renaissance Music"

Warren will perform selections from his landmark *Stranger In A Strange Land* recording, the Rothchild Society's 1990 Album of the Year. He will perform at the clubs Beach Blanket Bash, Saturday, June 14 from noon to 3 p.m. An autograph session follows.

For more information on this and other events, call Midtowne Spa at (713) 522-2379.

**Briefs...**

**The Actors Workshop** will be opening the final production of its 1996-97 season June 6, 1997. *Marvin's Room*, a play by Scott McPherson, will run through June 28. A Smash off-broadway hit, *Marvin's Room* is billed as a funny, touching drama that concerns a family coming to terms with the imminent death of a family member and a woman's commitment to loving others first. For more information, call (713) 236-1844....

**The Houston Symphony** has named Eric Halen to the position of associate concertmaster. Halen joined the symphony as assistant concertmaster in 1987, and since 1996 has been acting associate concertmaster. The accomplished violinist was awarded the position following an audition before a committee that included Christoph Eschenbach, music director of the Houston Symphony....

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**Court Watch**

**High Court Rejects HIV Infected Soldier's Case Involving Wife**

An HIV-infected and imprisoned soldier who says he wrongly is being punished for having unprotected sex with his wife lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday. The justices, without requesting a response from government lawyers, turned away Carinel Pritchard Jr.'s arguments that the Army violated his marital privacy rights.

After Pritchard tested positive for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, he was counseled about the nature of his disease and his responsibility to prevent transmission of the infection to others. Pritchard's commander issued a "safe sex" order requiring him to wear a condom while having sexual relations.

Two women - Pritchard's wife and another woman - later filed complaints with the Army, saying they had sexual encounters with him without being told about his medical condition. Pritchard was court-martialed at Fort Drum, N.Y., in September 1993 and was found guilty of willfully disobeying the safe-sex order. He also was found guilty of aggravated assault against his wife for not wearing a condom during sexual intercourse and of oral sodomy with another woman.

Pritchard was sentenced to three years in prison and given a dishonorable discharge. He currently is serving his sentence at Fort Knox, Ky. His conviction and sentence was upheld last year by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the military's highest court. In the appeal acted on Monday, lawyers for Pritchard argued that such safe-sex orders generally are a valid exercise of military authority.

"However, to the extent that such an order purports to relate to Pritchard's relations with his wife ... it invades the ... constitutionally protected zone of privacy in his marital relationship," the appeal said.

It added that ordering a soldier to wear a condom while having sex with his wife "impermissibly intrudes upon (his) right to marital privacy and right to procreate."

The marital privacy issue was not raised by Pritchard's lawyers in the military court. Pritchard's appeal was aimed at forcing the military courts to reassess his sentence.

**Supreme Court Refuses Death Penalty Challenge For Rape of Children**

The Supreme Court on Monday turned away a challenge to a Louisiana law that makes the rape of children punishable by

death. The court refused to hear the appeal of a man with AIDS who faces a capital trial on charges of raping three young girls, all under 12.

But three justices emphasized that Monday's action is not a decision on the validity of the state law, and that the case could someday return to the nation's highest court. Louisiana is the only state that makes death a possible punishment for the rape of a child. Court documents indicate that about 30 people are awaiting prosecution under the state's 1995 law.

Rape suspect Patrick Dewayne Bethley, 29, says the law violates the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Bethley, arrested and indicted last year, has not yet stood trial. A state trial judge invalidated the law but the Louisiana Supreme Court disagreed and upheld the death-penalty law last December.

The state court noted that a 1977 decision by the nation's highest court ruled out capital punishment for rape of adults but concluded that the rape of children is different. Bethley's appeal argued, however, that the 1977 decision's "logic and rational compel the conclusion that death is a disproportionate penalty for statutory rape."

The appeal quoted from a portion of the 1977 ruling, which struck down a Georgia law that punished rape by death. "Rape is without doubt deserving of serious punishment; but in terms of moral depravity and of the injury to the person and the public it does not compare with murder," the court said then.

The 1977 decision added: "We have the abiding conviction that the death penalty, which is unique in its severity and irrevocability ... is an excessive penalty for the rapist who ... does not take human life."

Louisiana prosecutors urged the justices to reject Bethley's appeal.

"Evolving needs of society mandate the protection of our children, especially in a society with sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS that can lead to death much quicker and with more certainty than any decision by a jury," they argued.

The prosecutors also noted that the Supreme Court rarely agrees to review a criminal law until someone is actually convicted under it. They said Bethley's appeal is premature. But his lawyers said waiting for a prosecution and conviction under the 1995 Louisiana law would be a waste of judicial resources.

Justice John Paul Stevens, in a brief opinion joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, indicated that the denial of review had more to do with the timing of Bethley's appeal not the pros or cons of the Louisiana law.



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## Chiles Lets Gay Marriage Ban Become Law

"Marriage in Florida will remain a bond between a man and a woman, even if other states should recognize gay marriages, under a bill Gov. Lawton Chiles will let become law.

"This issue should not be decided by the action of another state - it should be addressed by Floridians," Chiles said Thursday in a statement issued by his office. "I hope that my decision today is not the end of the debate, but the beginning of a dialogue."

Under the new law that takes effect next Thursday, Florida will not recognize same-sex marriages allowed in other states. No state allows gay marriages. But the state Supreme Court of Hawaii may approve such unions in the future. The governor had until next Wednesday to act but took action Thursday to allow the legislation to become law without his signature.

Chiles said he was letting the bill become law despite some concerns he had. He said he carefully reviewed the measure because he wanted to make sure it doesn't discriminate against any Floridian. The governor said the bill does not limit the ability of companies to give benefits to gay partners but does protect Florida's right to make its own decision about allowing gay marriages.

"I believe that, by and large, most Floridians are tolerant and will one day come to view a broader range of domestic partnerships as an acceptable part of life," Chiles wrote in a public statement about his decision. "But that is not the case today."

President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act last fall, letting states decide whether to recognize same-sex marriages allowed in other states. Four years ago, Hawaii's Supreme Court ruled that banning gay marriage violated that state's constitution. The same court is expected to follow its ruling with a decision declaring same-sex marriages legal.

In the Florida Legislature, supporters of the bill said it was needed to preserve the state's right to make its own decisions about gay marriage. Opponents said the bill discriminated against gays and would hurt tourism and the economy. The measure passed by wide margins in both the House and the Senate.

In Miami, George Annarino, a 50-year-old gay man, said he wasn't surprised by Chiles' decision. Annarino also said he personally he wasn't disappointed, since he didn't have any plans of getting married. "It's a very strong issue among gay people," Annarino said. "With me, it's not that much, because I'm alone and like it that way."

But Annarino disagreed that recognizing gay marriages would send the wrong signal to children or weaken the institution of marriage. "All gay people had straight parents and it didn't make them straight," he said. "Gay people don't make straight people gay."

## Court Sides With Georgia Attorney General in Gay Rights Case

In a key gay rights case, a federal appeals court has ruled that the Georgia attorney general did not break the law when he withdrew a job offer to a lesbian planning to marry another woman. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Mike Bowers had the right to reject any employee whose conduct he believed might be at odds with his positions and undermine his credibility with the public.

The 8-4 decision released Friday drew immediate criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union, which is considering an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Bowers, who has resigned to run for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, said he was pleased.

Bowers offered to hire Robin Shahar in 1991 as a staff attorney before he learned that she planned to marry her longtime partner, Fran Greenfield, in a Jewish ceremony. Bowers rescinded the offer, saying her employment would jeopardize the depart-

ment's ability to uphold the law.

Ms. Shahar sued, claiming Bowers was trampling her rights of free association, freedom of religion and equal protection. A three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit ruled in her favor, but the full court later decided to hear the case.

In Friday's ruling, the court said Bowers' interest in promoting the efficiency of his agency outweighed Ms. Shahar's personal interests. "We do not decide today that the attorney general did or did not do the right thing," the court said. The four dissenting judges argued Bowers was not entitled to withdraw the job offer.

The suit was considered a key homosexual rights case because Bowers successfully defended the state's anti-sodomy law before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986. Because of that case, the appeals court ruled, Bowers was entitled to believe the public might be confused if he hired someone in a same-sex marriage.

Ms. Shahar, 34, now a senior assistant attorney for the city of Atlanta, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution the decision "obviously is a loss for me, and it's also a loss for employees' rights, gay rights and equal rights in general."

The ACLU, declaring the ruling ignores key constitutional questions, said it will decide later whether to seek a Supreme Court review. "A person's job should not hinge on whether the boss approves of his or her personal relationship," said Matt Coles of ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "Lesbians and gay men ought to have the right to a job and a relationship without having to choose between the two."

## Grand Island Man Ruled Competent to Stand Trial

A Nebraska man accused of posing as a doctor and claiming he cured 500 AIDS patients is competent to stand trial, a federal magistrate ruled. Edwin Kokes, 62, of Grand Island is mentally capable of being tried on 12 counts of mail fraud and use of fictitious titles, U.S. District Magistrate Thomas Thalken said Friday. Kokes would be tried in Omaha, but no date has been set.

According to the indictment, Kokes used a fraudulent medical scheme beginning in March 1989, claiming he could diagnose patients on the basis of hair or fingernail samples. The indictment said he claimed he was able to diagnose AIDS, cancer, staph infections and allergies with a hand-held laser device. He is not licensed as a chiropractor, physician or osteopath in Nebraska.

Thalken made the ruling based on a psychiatric evaluation of Kokes by Dr. Stan L. Moore, the order said. Thalken also granted Kokes 60 days to file pretrial motions. Kokes was indicted in May 1996. He pleaded innocent in June 1996.

## Selectmen Uphold Firing of Gay Cop

Selectmen have upheld the police chief's decision to fire a gay police officer in New Hampshire, saying he was fired because he violated police policy. However, former Officer Bruce Nadeau said he was fired because of his sexuality. He is considering an appeal to Merrimack Superior Court or the state Supreme Court, according to his attorney, Roy McCandless.

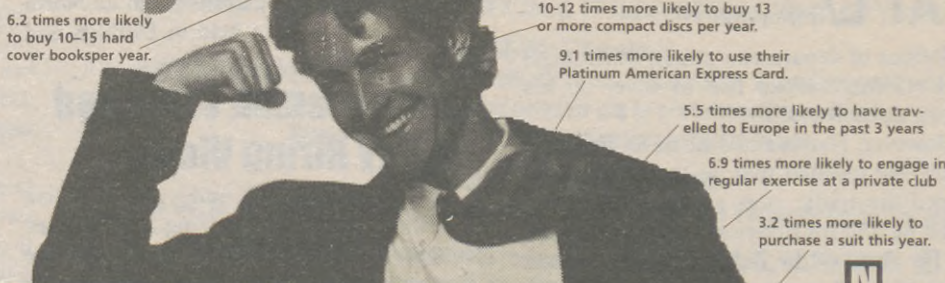
The three-member Board of Selectmen issued a 15-page decision Thursday upholding the firing by police Chief Jim McGonigle. The decision has been sealed at Nadeau's request, and neither side would discuss the details. However, the police department's lawyer, Tony Soltani, said the selectmen's decision was carefully deliberated.

"I was impressed by the amount of thought and consideration they gave to every piece of testimony," Soltani said. But: "Nobody is jumping for joy. It's never pleasant to see another police officer lose his job." The selectmen's decision came about five weeks after a public "just cause" hearing, at which McGonigle testified he fired Nadeau on Jan. 15 after an internal investigation.

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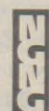
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However, Nadeau said he never intended to lie. He testified that he thought he had logged the traffic stop, so he wasn't lying when he told his superiors that he had done so. He also said he didn't know he needed permission to send a memo to another police department.

Because Nadeau was a rookie on probation, the selectmen at first denied him a hearing. However, a Merrimack County Superior Court judge ruled that he was entitled to the hearing and reinstated him as a full-time employee pending the results of the hearing. But now, Nadeau's firing is final unless he decides to appeal.

**Homosexual Activists to Gather in Orange County**

North Carolina's first openly homosexual mayor will be master of ceremonies for the North Carolina Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride 1997 celebration. NC Pride '97 will be held in Carrboro and Chapel Hill this weekend.

"An event like this gives us a chance to share our common experience," said Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson. "It's a good bonding time and it's a chance to see the diversity of the lesbian and gay community." Lesbian comic Marga Gomez will start off NC Pride '97 with two performances Friday night. Dances will be held in Durham and Chapel Hill on Friday and Saturday nights.

On Saturday, participants can choose from 27 workshop sessions to consider different problems facing homosexuals today. Topics include "Coming Out as a Christian," "Ending Homophobia in Schools" and "HIV Healthcare Issues in Rural NC." On Sunday, a march will be held in Carrboro. The annual Pride celebra-

tion rotates through cities throughout North Carolina. It has been held in Durham and Winston-Salem in recent years.

**Congressman Criticized on Gay Hiring Views**

Gay advocates and conservative Christians alike are criticizing a Milwaukee congressman for saying he would not hire someone to his office staff who openly declared he was gay. Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., expressed frustration at having to spend Monday reacting to the critics.

"The fact we are talking about the issue ... would indicate we are off-track and off-subject," Neumann told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "We are going to re-focus our attention where it belongs on solving the problems facing the country ... and this doesn't happen to be one of them."

Asked for comment on the criticism, he replied: "I don't have anything more to say about it," insisting his views have been consistent on homosexuals, and then hung up, the newspaper said. *The Journal Sentinel* had reported Monday that Neumann, in response to a question, told members of the Christian Coalition at a meeting in La Crosse on Sunday that he would not hire someone if that person declared he was gay and asked for a job in his office.

"If somebody walks in to me and says, 'I'm a gay person, I want a job in your office,' I would say that's inappropriate, and they wouldn't be hired because that would mean they are promoting their agenda," Neumann said at the time. "The gay and lesbian lifestyle (is) unacceptable, lest there be any question about that."

But he also acknowledged there are limits to the role of government in personal lives, stating he did not think it would be appropriate for an elected official "to dictate what happens in that private home." Neumann, from Janesville, has been exploring whether to challenge U.S. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-

Wis., in next year's election.

Among reaction last week:

• **The conservative Wisconsin Christians United** criticized Neumann for signing a pledge in April not to discriminate against homosexuals. The pledge was sought by the Log Cabin Republicans, a GOP gay advocacy group.

• **Richard Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans**, said Neumann seemed to be "trying to play to both sides, and people don't like that." Equating a person's homosexuality with a political agenda reveals ignorance about gay and lesbian issues, Tafel said.

• **U.S. Rep. Thomas Barrett, D-Wis.**, said Neumann's comments placed him at odds with state and federal laws.

**Helms Threatens to Thwart Weld's Appointment as Ambassador of Mexico**

After approximately 30 of the 80 members of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee signed a letter asking U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to block Gov. William F. Weld's expected nomination as ambassador to Mexico, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair indicated that he would block President Clinton's choice for the post.

"William Weld did nothing for the Republican Party in the state of Massachusetts but to attempt to weaken the structure," the letter stated, according to the *Boston Herald*. "As a leader of the party, he should have attempted to build it. We urge you to defeat his nomination," the letter continued.

"We're going after him, and we're not going to let him get away from this one," Arthur Larrivee, a member of the

Republican State Committee, told the *Herald*. "Somebody has to put Weld in his place," said Vincent McLaughlin, also a committee member.

According to *USA Today*, Weld, a moderate Republican, has drawn the ire of Helms for speaking in favor of abortion rights and the medical use of marijuana. Weld has also drawn criticism from party stalwarts who oppose his positions on gay rights. An ardent supporter of the gay and lesbian community, Weld was the first, and only, governor to publicly state that if Hawaii passed legislation honoring same-sex marriages, Massachusetts would acknowledge the union. Helms is one of the biggest anti-gay politicians in the country.

The Weld opponents said they will scrap the letter if Weld promises to veto a state budget amendment that would add about 40 members to the party's state committee. President Clinton has said he will stick with the candidate and that he plans to nominate Weld to be U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Weld has said he will accept the post.

**Bookstore To Donate Part of Sales to Help AIDS Patients**

A Jackson, Mississippi bookstore will take on the dual role of selling books and helping people with HIV and AIDS during a two-day period this month. Lemuria will donate 20 percent of sales from June 28 through June 29 to the Mississippi Episcopal AIDS Committee.

"We feel like it's something we can do for the community," said Thomas Miller, the store's general manager. "It's time for businesses and individuals to get involved in this."

Miller said he and others from the store decided to help raise funds after recent reports that the state Department of Health

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the board the board must make," he said. "It's within the purview of an elected board."

**Arizona Gay Festival Focuses on Acceptance**

Drag queens, ministers and families with children made up the crowd that attended the three-day Arizona Central Pride Festival. Organizers say the purpose of the festival was to promote acceptance, not necessarily from the straight community but within the gay community.

"There are different factions (in the gay community), but not so much this weekend," said Beth Verity, president of Arizona Central Pride, which organized the seventh annual festival. The festival is held annually to commemorate a 1969 raid on a New York gay bar called the Stonewall Inn, which was known for its shows of female impersonators, said Timothy Greeley, 31, aka Tiffany Rose.

Rose wore a navy blue blazer over a black leotard, his red hair piled atop his head and lip-synched a Bette Midler song. "Some (gay) people don't understand why we do it. Like it's a total embarrassment to them," he said. "But this was the culture that got us moving."

Several churches were also represented at the event, including Community Church of Hope in Phoenix. They were there trying to attract parishioners who felt abandoned by mainstream churches who teach that homosexuality is against God's law.

**Insurance Policy Providing Insurance To Gays Raises Ire of Louisiana Residents**

Some New Orleans residents say a new policy that provides health insurance to the domestic partners of homosexual city employees is a brazen slap in the face. Without a single public meeting, Mayor Marc Morial announced the city would provide health insurance for the domestic partners of its homosexual employees. The announcement came at a gay-rights fundraiser where it was greeted as a much appreciated party gift.

"To the extent that we can provide health coverage to more and more people, in the long run it will have a positive impact on the whole community," Morial said. But now, many disagree and have said Morial has gone too far in a city that's still 37 percent Catholic.

"It undermines everything," said Grant E. Storms, a pastor at Good New Revival Center in suburban Metairie. "It is not a message that we want to send our children. You can't separate it from endorsing the lifestyle itself."

Councilwoman Peggy Wilson said she doesn't know if it's right to demand residents to pay for something they morally oppose. In a few days, her office received more than 30 complaints about the policy that was approved earlier this month.

"Judging by the telephone calls, I would say many people don't want it." Mrs. Wilson also said many residents, herself included, were upset because there were no public meetings to express opinions. She voted against a similar measure in 1983, when the city council approved providing health insurance for gay partners. The measure was vetoed by then-mayor Sidney Barthelemy, who said it was too expensive.

The Catholic church hasn't taken an outright stand against the policy. When questioned, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of New Orleans reiterated the church's long-held stand opposing homosexuality, saying it considers marriage to be a "sacred contract between a man and a woman."

The topic has heated up callers on the Crescent City's AM-radio talk shows. Men and women alike trip over their words trying to express their disdain for the policy. Some worry about costs, other have said it will be too easy to cheat the system. Many complain that their tax dollars will support a lifestyle they oppose.

It's something that frustrates L. David Wagner, a psychotherapist and volunteer coordinator for the Lesbian and Gay Community Center. "It's really kind of sad that there is this much hatred in the world. To hide behind Jesus Christ is a much bigger sin."

Administration officials said they expect about 1 percent of the city's 6,400-member work force to use the coverage. If so, it would cost the city an estimated \$115,000 a year, based on the experience of other employers, including municipal governments, that offer health benefits to domestic partners. Same-sex domestic partners of city employees may receive health benefits if they register under a program established by City Hall in 1993.

To do so, a couple must submit a notarized affidavit to the clerk of the city council stating that the partners live together, have agreed to share living expenses and "have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring." About 20 other cities in the United States offer similar benefits. West Hollywood, Calif., was the first to offer the benefits, beginning in 1985, according to the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Madison, Wis. followed three years later.

Outside of New Orleans, few other cities in Louisiana plan to follow suit. Some even considered the suggestion a joke. "It would create a firestorm with the churches," said Lou G. Barnett, executive assistant to Shreveport Mayor Robert W. Williams.

Baton Rouge officials said the city providing insurance for homosexual partners was extremely improbable. Richard Raether, assistant administrator for human resources, said he believes the city would only adopt such a policy if the state took such action first.

That's highly unlikely. This legislative session, House representatives declined to include homosexuals among a class of minorities in a law that would set stiffer penalties for those convicted of hate crimes. The Christian Right criticized the Senate for including homosexuals in its bill.

Meanwhile, Storms believes Morial is shortening his own political life. "He literally slapped the church in the face."

**Gays to Bring 1998 march to Myrtle Beach**

South Carolina's annual gay pride march is coming to Myrtle Beach next spring, with City Councilman Mark McBride getting most of the credit - or blame. Local and state organizers announced Friday that Myrtle Beach would be home to the 1998 South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival.

The event annually attracts thousands of people to rally for gay rights. Organizers said they chose Myrtle Beach in part because of comments by McBride in March that a gay and lesbian bar wasn't welcome near Ocean Boulevard.

"After some of the things that transpired, the gay and lesbian community started bonding," said Linda Robertson of Pro Rights for Individuals Demanding Equality (PRIDE). "People here were looking to be joined. It's not a reaction to McBride, but he has unknowingly helped bring this community together."

The march began in 1990 in Columbia and was held there for seven years. It was moved this year to Greenville in response to a resolution by that county's council condemning the homosexual lifestyle. Some 2,000 people participated in the April 19 event.

**Stalled Gay-Rights Measure Comes Back to Life in Oregon Senate**

Softening his opposition to a gay-rights measure, Senate President Brady Adams says he will allow an alternate version of the bill to proceed through the Senate. Adams, R-Grants Pass, had steadfastly refused to allow changes to the House measure that would have increased its chances of passage in the Senate.

The bill easily was approved in the House, See NAT'L page 17

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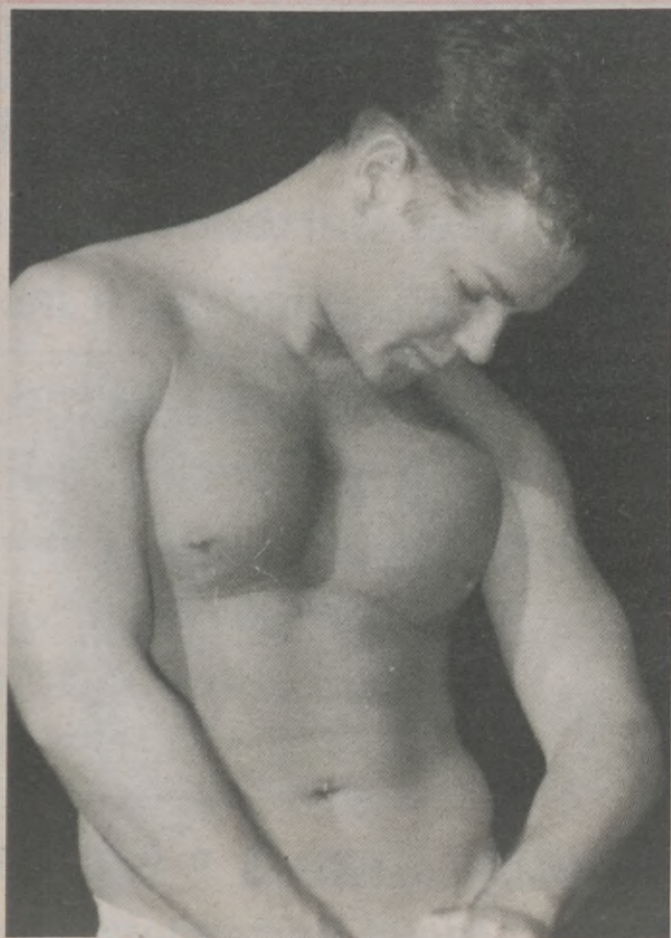
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but it has languished in the Senate Livability Committee.

The committee, like most others in the Senate, has been shut down by Adams, killing virtually all measures that haven't been sent to the floor.

But Adams told The Associated Press Friday he will allow Sen. Kate Brown, D-Portland, to introduce an amended version of the gay-rights bill. Each lawmaker is allowed to sponsor two "priority" bills at any time during the session until the gavel falls.

Brown said she still had to work out details in the new bill, but confirmed she would introduce it. "That's the plan," she said. Adams said he would likely form a special committee to consider the bill, further enhancing the likelihood that the measure will make it to the Senate floor. Adams acknowledged that many Senate Republicans wanted the measure to die in committee, but he said the issue deserves a fair discussion.

"One of the alternatives available to me was simply not to have this issue surface," he said. "But I don't think that's what the Legislature should be about. It should be about the honest debate of differences of opinion on issues."

The original bill, HB3719, bans employer discrimination against workers on the basis of sexual preference. It was introduced by Portland Rep. Chuck Carpenter, the Legislature's only openly gay Republican, who joined Democrats to maneuver the bill through the House to a resounding 40-20 victory.

Two main concerns arose from the bill: that it didn't include a "loser pays" provision to prevent frivolous lawsuits against employers; and that it was ambiguous about which religious organizations could be exempted by the law.

During debate on the House floor, Carpenter assured lawmakers the problems would be worked out in the Senate, but Adams said the bill had to remain in its original form. The unwritten rule on social-issue bills, he said, is that sponsors must prove they have a majority of votes - 16 in the Senate and 31 in the House - to pass without changes.

"If you were to allow somebody to amend a bill, then you wouldn't really be able to say what you had 16 and 31 votes on, because the amendments would change that structure," Adams said. "They have to stand on their own merits." Brown's forthcoming bill contains language addressing the two main concerns, Adams said.

That would make it almost identical to the revised bill Carpenter promised. Carpenter has said his bill, with the necessary amendments, would have enough votes to pass the Republican-controlled Senate. He said all 10 Democrats and seven Republicans are lined up in support of the measure. Adams said the new bill would comply with his "show me the votes" policy.

**Sheriff's Chaplain Quits in Flap Over Lesbian Minister**

A Novato minister who quit a ministers group after learning that a member is a lesbian has resigned his post as a Marin County sheriff's chaplain. The Rev. W. Lee Grady's resignation has been attributed to comments he made about homosexuality.

"My appeal to the ministers is, 'Don't let this split us up.' Satan is certainly an ace at doing that," Grady told the *Marin Independent Journal* last week in regard to the Novato Ministerial Association. "This lady, if she were living a clean life, my goodness, she would be welcome like all of us."

Sheriff Robert Doyle said that, if Grady had not resigned, he would have been removed from the program. "The bottom line is, he made some public comments which were contrary to our program," Doyle said. "He will be out."

Grady made the comments after he and at least two other ministers quit their group when they learned that the Rev. Marilyn Hedges-Hiller, also a Novato pastor, is a lesbian. The ministers left after a the majority

decided that Hedges-Hiller could stay. "Our action is not an action not of love. It is an action of hoping that individuals who walk in this way will see their sin and turn around," Grady said at the time.

The sheriff said the incident is unfortunate because he thinks Grady is a nice person and has been a dedicated member of the chaplain program. "He had a lot to offer," Doyle said. "I don't have control over what people think, but unfortunately he made comments that are contrary to our organization's philosophy." That philosophy prevents discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Sheriff's Lt. Dennis McQueeney said Grady resigned last Friday. At the time, Grady said he did not want to bring any controversy to the department. Grady - who will retire from Novato's Seventh Day Adventist Church this weekend - did not return a message from *The Associated Press* last week. But Pat Tibbs, executive director of Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns of Marin, said Grady's resignation is "good news."

"It is fortunate that he made this move," Tibbs said. "It was not appropriate to have any clergy with the views he holds trying to minister to people in the gay and lesbian community." Grady also serves as a chaplain for the Novato Police Department.

Officials there said they have had no complaints and had not decided if they would ask Grady to resign.

**Judge to Rule Before on Separate Trial for Halat**

Former Biloxi Mayor Pete Halat will know before Tuesday whether he will be tried separately in the 1987 contract murders of a coast judge and his wife. Without a separate trial, Halat's attorneys told U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering, Kirksey McCord Nix, a key figure in a Louisiana prison fraud scheme entwined with the slayings of Circuit Judge Vincent Sherry and his wife, Margaret, will not give testimony that could exonerate their client.

Pickering agreed Thursday to decide the separate trial before Halat and four others go to trial in federal court in Hattiesburg. The trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday. Nix, accused of masterminding a fraud scam that preyed on homosexuals from his cell at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, has refused to testify if he and Halat are tried together.

"I am saying categorically I will not testify at this trial," Nix said at Thursday's hearing. The government has charged Halat, Nix and three others with roles in a racketeering organization that, among other

things, arranged the Sherry murders. The five defendants began committing related crimes in 1980 and continued until a grand jury indicted them in October, the government charges.

Halat, who did legal work for Nix before the murders, claims he was not involved in the group's crimes. His attorneys said Halat can prove that in a separate trial. Nix has said he would testify to Halat's innocence if Halat were tried separately, Halat's attorneys said.

**King Will Ask League to Back Away From People's Veto Threat**

Maine Gov. Angus King will ask gay-rights opponents to back away from their plan to challenge the civil rights bill he signed May 16. King asked if he could meet with leaders of the Christian Civic League of Maine on June 6 at their headquarters in Augusta to make his case against the group's plan use the "people's veto" to overturn the law.

"He obviously thinks (a referendum) is unnecessary and it would be divisive," said Dennis Bailey, King's spokesman. "He obviously would like to do anything he can

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### Friday-5/30

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:15 pm, 880-9235.
- Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- AIDS Healing Service & Eucharist; Christ Church, 1117 Texas; 7:00 pm. 266-6008.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Saturday-5/31

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Right Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 7:30 pm at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Sunday-6/1

- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor" (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
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- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Monday-6/2

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:15 pm, 880-9235.

### Tuesday-6/3

- MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149.
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### Wednesday-6/4

- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 7:30 pm.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

### Thursday-6/5

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Midweek Service at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9235.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

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## RELIGION

### Episcopalian Reverend Comes Out to Congregates

Married for 27 years, the Rev. Robert Stiefel of Christ Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was known as a priest who welcomed gay men and lesbians and battled prejudice against them. So Stiefel says it was only right that he be open with his parishioners and colleagues about his own homosexuality. At a service Sunday morning, the 55-year-old priest told his church community he was gay.

"Life in the closet is profoundly debilitating," he says. "I know because I have endured it for some 50 years."

Before the service, Stiefel and his wife, Jennifer, who is the church deacon, sent a letter to the congregation saying they had built a good marriage over those 27 years. The letter also spoke of the pain and confusion they battled as they tried several methods offered by the church and modern psychiatry to "cure" Stiefel's sexual orientation.

"Before we decided to get married, I told Jennifer I was gay," Stiefel said. "But we were young - what did we know? I had been trying since early childhood to be the best 'straight' little boy in the world." The Stiefels say they will separate soon and divorce by next year.

### Milwaukee Group Opposes Presbyterian Ban on Ordaining Homosexuals

The Milwaukee Presbytery was the first regional body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to oppose the national group's recent

ban on ordaining gays, but one official said what the move means is anybody's guess.

The Presbyterian Church voted in March to make its ban on the ordination of homosexuals part of church law. The ban got the majority it needed with approvals from regional bodies in Miami, FL and Charlotte, NC. The Book of Order - the church's constitution - will change to require chastity of single ministers.

"It says to the country that Presbyterians are committed to reaffirming their biblical center for faith and practice," the Rev. Jack Haberer said at the time. He was a moderator of The Presbyterian Coalition, a group favoring the amendment.

The Milwaukee Presbytery, a regional group of 51 congregations with more than 15,000 members, approved a covenant of dissent by a 2-1 margin on the matter last week. The Rev. Carl Simon, parliamentarian for the Milwaukee Presbytery, said he does not know what the covenant of dissent will lead. The covenant clearly went against the constitution of the church, "Simply to advocate civil disobedience is not wrong."

Fred Jenkins, of the national church's office in Louisville, Ky., said the Milwaukee Presbytery is the first regional group of congregations to inform the denomination it had adopted such a dissenting covenant. The change to the Presbyterian Book of Order, adopted in March, said, in part: "Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders or ministers of the Word and Sacrament."

The Rev. John Gregg, a retired minister who is a member of the Milwaukee Presbytery's Advocacy Committee, was among those opposing the change. "We think that the amendment itself is out or

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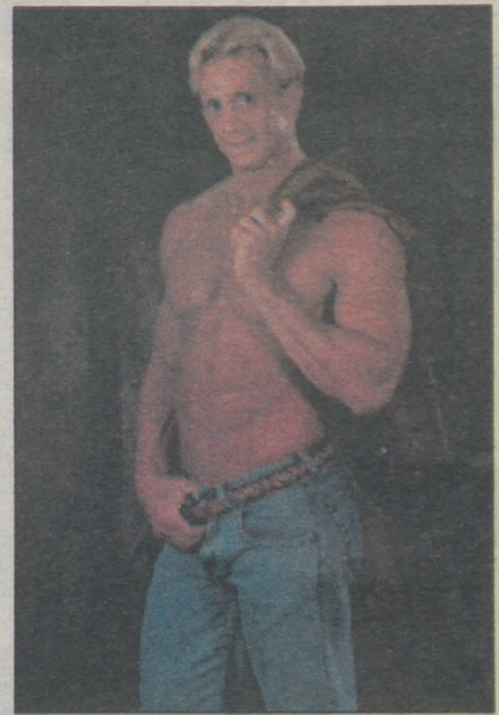
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### Prosecutor Won't Pursue Complaint That Farrah Fawcett Stole Clothes

Prosecutors won't file theft charges against actress Farrah Fawcett, who was accused of stealing nearly \$73,000 worth of clothing and photos from the home of director-producer James Orr. The district attorney's office rejected the theft claims due to insufficient evidence, police Detective Pat Anguiano said Tuesday.



Kristen Amber filed a police report May 7, claiming several items she had stored at Orr's home for was missing when she tried to retrieve them. Fawcett, a friend of Orr, was the possible culprit.

"We are not pursuing this any further unless Ms. Amber comes forward with additional evidence," the detective said.

Fawcett publicist Cindy Guagenti had

called the allegations unfounded, saying that "the whole thing is so stupid."

Fawcett denied any involvement in an interview in the June 7 edition of TV Guide. "I never saw the girl. I have never seen her clothes," Fawcett said.

Fawcett, the former star of TV's *Charlie's Angels*, earned accolades for her performances in *Extremities* and *The Burning Bed*.

### Aretha Franklin Leaves Check Behind After Drenched Concert

Add another hero to a weekend rock 'n' roll show that was drenched by heavy rain - singer Aretha Franklin. The Queen of Soul donated \$5,000 to the Salvation Army to help it with losses from the "Reunion - Weekend of Heroes."

Franklin performed Saturday night in Akron, Ohio, then wrote a check to the Christian charity. "Definitely a class act," said Bruce Brinkerhoff, administrator of the Salvation Army in Akron.

Proceeds from the weekend honoring military veterans also were to help provide scholarships for young people at Inventure Place's Camp Invention. Storms reduced attendance at the Akron Rubber Bowl, and losses were estimated at six figures.

Members of the audience Saturday night donated \$2,000 toward the loss. Franklin and her band were paid for their appearance but Salvation Army spokeswoman Julie Brandt said she did not know the amount.

Franklin, a.k.a. the 'Queen of Soul', is known for her vocal prowess on such classic versions of *Respect*, *A Natural Woman* and *Chain of Fools*.

### Tony Award Telecast Up 48 Percent From Last Year

Talk show queen Rosie O'Donnell helped

boost the ratings of the Tony Awards telecast by 48 percent over last year and to its highest point since 1987, according to tracking firm, Nielsen Media Research. Sunday night's broadcast scored a 9.6 rating and 16 share, dramatically reversing the steady decline in viewer interest for the theater awards program. Last year's show had a 6.5 rating and 11 share.

Tony Awards producers invited O'Donnell to be host of the show this year. She steadily promoted it on her syndicated talk show and helped persuade stars like Julie Andrews, Roseanne and Alec Baldwin to present awards.

The program was moved to Radio City Music Hall from smaller Broadway theaters, allowing for bigger production numbers, said David Poltrack, head of research for CBS, which broadcast the show. Tickets were also made available to the public.

Ratings were the highest since the 11.9 rating and 23 share of 1987. The turnaround is all the more remarkable with cable's continued inroads against broadcast television, he said.

"The actual size of the boost was quite extraordinary and better than we expected," Poltrack said, "and I think most of the credit must go to (O'Donnell)." A rating point represents 970,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 97 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of those televisions tuned to a given show during a specified time period.

### Lost World Falls Sharply, But Remains Top Film For Second Week

*The Lost World: Jurassic Park* devoured weak competition at the box office, even though ticket sales for the dinosaur sequel fell 62 percent in its second weekend. Despite the drop, *Lost World* recorded the fourth-best second weekend ever with a \$34.1 million take. According to Entertainment Data, Inc., it trails only *Jurassic Park*, *Twister* and *Independence Day*.

Industry projections call for *The Lost World* to gross about \$250 million at US and Canadian theaters, far less than *Jurassic Park's* \$357.1 million. The film is expected to fall from No. 1 this coming weekend, when the heavily promoted *Con Air* debuts. By contrast, *Jurassic Park*, released in 1993, was the nation's favorite film for its first three weekends.

Three new films opened in wide or limited national release, and all fared modestly. The most popular was the comedy *Gone Fishin'*, which finished third. *Trial and Error* and *Rough Magic* did poorly. The horror film *Scream* passed \$100 million, a first for that genre. The poorly reviewed *Addicted to Love* stayed in second place with a \$6.4 million weekend.

The top 10 movies in North American theaters last weekend, in descending order, are:

1. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, \$32.6 million.
2. *Addicted to Love*, \$6.4 million.
3. *Gone Fishin'*, \$5.5 million
4. *Trial and Error*, \$5 million
5. *The Fifth Element*, \$4 million.
6. *Austin Powers International Man of Mystery*, \$3.4 million.
7. *Breakdown*, \$3.2 million.
8. *Father's Day*, \$1.7 million.
9. *Liar, Liar*, \$1.5 million.
10. *Til There Was You*, \$1.3 million.

### X-Files' Actor Says This is 'The Truth'

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) - The Cigarette Smoking Man has revealed "The Truth" on the *X-Files*, or at least his version.

"It's felt that the show has been misunderstood and I've been sent out to correct the problem," said William B. Davis at the University of Georgia Tate Student Center. Davis plays the sinister character on the Golden Globe-winning cult favorite television show.

"It seems people have the impression that Mulder and Scully are the heroes, when in fact (he pauses for emphasis) it is the



Cigarette Smoking Man who is the hero," he said.

Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, played by David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, are two FBI agents desperately seeking "The Truth," which they believe Davis' character has covered up. Davis says it's all a matter of perspective.

"Think about it," he said. "If Mulder gets what he wants, 'The Truth,' what will he do with it?" Well, he'll go on *Larry King Live* and tell the world. What will happen? People will be terrified. There'll be chaos. If the (Cigarette Smoking Man) gets what he wants, if he covers up 'The Truth,' nothing will happen. Life will go on as before."

Davis deftly dodged questions about the season finale that left Mulder apparently dead and Scully dying of a brain tumor. "Is Mulder dead?" a man asked. "If I have anything to do with it," Davis promised. "But my prediction is he's not dead. After all David has signed a contract for the movie, but who knows - maybe the movie is set in the past."

### Viewers Mad About the Buchman Baby, Cool to Roseanne

More television viewers wanted to say hello to Paul and Jamie Buchmans' new baby on *Mad About You* than say good-bye to *Roseanne*. Last week an estimated audience of 25.6 million tuned in to see Jamie, played by Helen Hunt, finally end her pregnancy. It made Paul Reiser's *Mad About You* the week's highest-rated show for the first time ever, according to Nielsen Media Research.

By contrast, *Roseanne* - which aired at the same time as the *Mad About You* finale - drew an audience of 16.5 million and finished only 15th for the week. On the final episode of her series, Roseanne Conner revealed that the entire last season had been a fantasy concocted after her husband died.

Season champ NBC won the week with a 9.4 rating and 17 share. CBS came in second with an 8.4 rating and 15 share, followed by ABC's 7.9 rating and 14 share. Fox was fourth with a 6.4 rating and 12 share. Among the emerging networks, UPN had a 3.2 rating and 5 share for the week, while the WB had a 2.4 rating and 4 share.

Viewers were also nostalgic for the conclusion of *Wings*. The end of the sitcom about an airline on Nantucket finished 22nd for the week. For the season, the show was tied for 76th. Nielsen gave some ominous signs to networks as they head into rerun season.

Ratings were cut virtually in half for a repeat episode of *ER*, compared with the final episode of the season a week earlier. A repeat episode of *Seinfeld* did much better at keeping the audience.



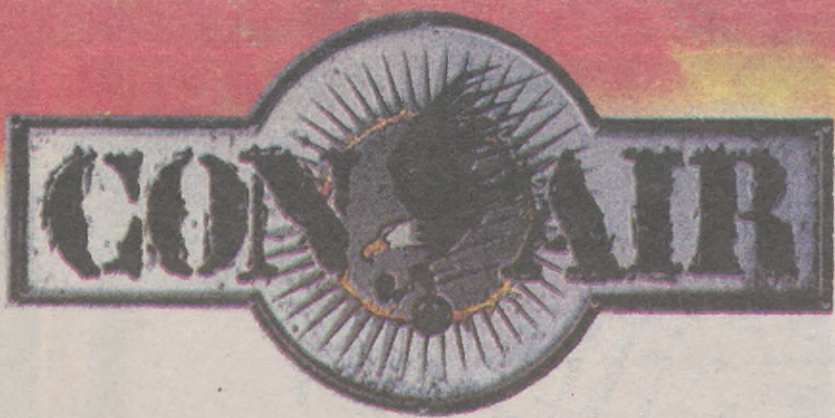
For the week, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings, were: *Mad About You* NBC, 17.6; *NBC Monday Night Movies: The Odyssey, Part 2*, NBC, 16.7; *Seinfeld*, NBC, 16.2; *Home Improvement*, ABC, 14.9; *Frasier* special, NBC, 14.1; *Frasier*, NBC, 14.1; *Men Behaving Badly* special, NBC, 13.1; *Barbara Walters Presents* ABC, 13.0; *NYPD Blue*, ABC, 12.8; *Friends*, NBC, 12.6.

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# Con Air Explodes With Action and Mayhem

*Cage Rivets as Cameron Poe*

by John Toups

After a dilatory beginning, *Con Air* takes you on a tour de force of riveting excitement that literally keeps you fastened to your seat. Produced by Jerry Bruckheimer (*The Rock*, *Crimson Tide*), this Touchstone release should cement Nicolas Cage's rise as a mega-star.

*Con Air* is the air transport division of the U.S. Marshals Service, charged each year with transporting over 150,000 criminals across the country for court appearances, medical emergencies and prison transfers.

On the ground, U.S. Marshal Vince Larkin (John Cusack) faces impossible odds as he tries to avert the takeover and, at the same time, keep his overzealous superiors from blowing the aircraft and its passengers into oblivion. Poe becomes a reluctant hero when, along with Larkin, he must fight to stop Cyrus and his bad of savage, hardened "lifers" from massacring everyone on board as the damaged plane careens toward disaster on the famed Las Vegas strip.

The film's climactic conclusion involves spectacular special effects that promises to enthrall movie-goers. This is an action-



When a group of the most dangerous and notorious prisoners in the U.S. penal system are transferred to a new super-maximum security facility, the recently paroled Cameron Poe (Cage) hitches a ride on the *Con Air* transportation flight.

Anxious to see his wife Tricia (Monica Potter) - after serving a sentence for unintentionally killing a man who had harassed her - and striving to be home for the birthday of their 8-year-old daughter whom he's never met, Poe suddenly finds himself embroiled in a meticulously planned mid-air skyjacking masterminded by Cyrus "The Virus" Grissom, meticulously portrayed by John Malkovich.

thriller that delivers the goods. Cage is uncanny in his ability to capture the depth of the character and the gamut of emotions that are involved. His performances never cease to amaze. He is an actor that is hard to pigeonhole.

Cage has recently signed with Warner Bros. to be the next Superman. If anyone can pull it off, he can. *Con Air* is a must see for any fan of this genre. Fortunately, unlike most action films, this one has an original story concept that makes the film more believable.

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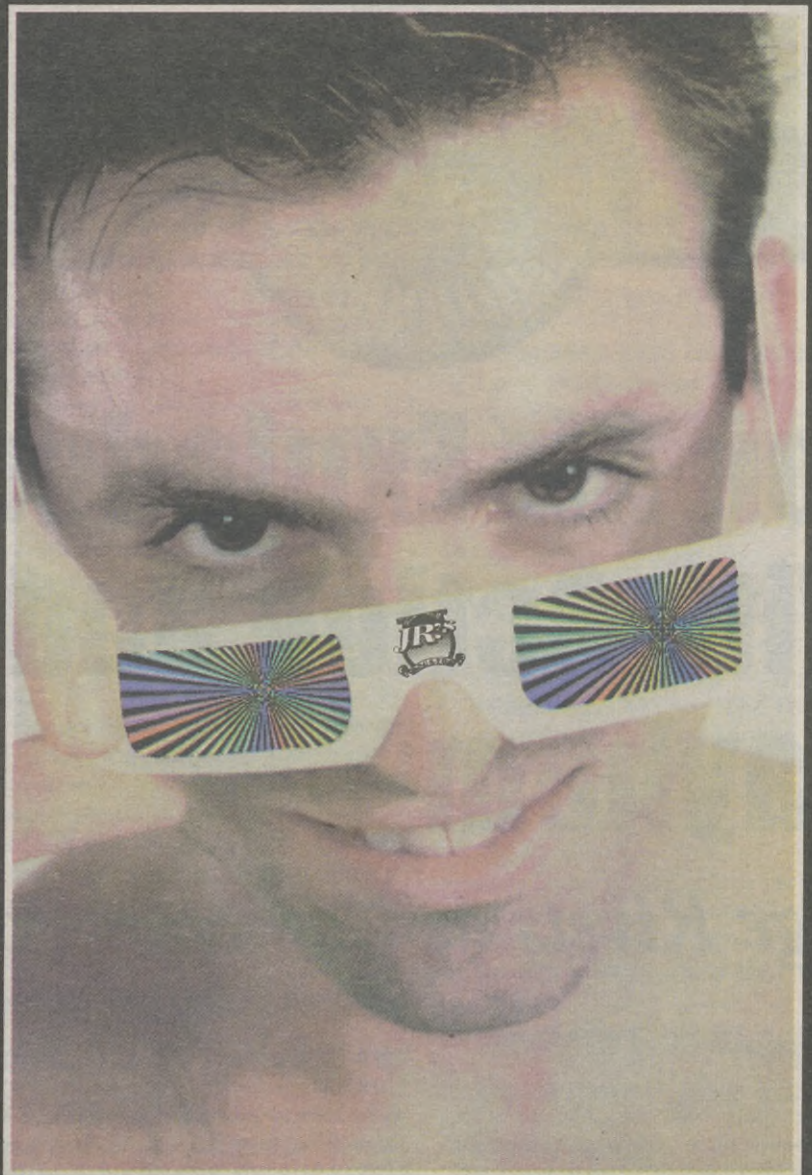
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order," he said. "There are so many things in the historical confessions that are described as sinful, including having a picture of Jesus in your home, that the amendment opens any number of doors to challenge ordination."

Jenkins said the national church body had warned dissenting congregations in a letter that the covenant might subject them to legal action in church courts. The Rev. Phil Brown, Milwaukee's Executive Presbyterian, said he had voted against the covenant and had asked that his opposition be recorded. He declined to further comment.

**Some Kansas City Clergy Criticize Extremist Promise Keepers Movement**

A group of Kansas City clergy on Friday criticized organizers of the Promise Keeper rallies as right-wing political activists, with repressive attitudes toward homosexuals and women. The Rev. Susan Helm-Davis of Hillside Christian Church said the Promise Keepers view submission of women to men as honorable. Relationships are "more like an employer-employee" or "slave-master," she said.

About 35,000 men - half as many as last year - gathered at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium last weekend for the first day of the all-male conference. The men listened intently to an evangelical message from E.K. Bailey, a Baptist pastor from Dallas.

"This is a reminder for me of what I have learned last year," said David Frey of Kansas City. "Last year compelled me to make drastic changes in my life. It helped me recognize more of my faults. This year I'm expecting to polish the stone."

Helm-Davis spoke at a news conference with three other local clergy, who said they wanted to divulge what they called the truth about the Promise Keepers. The Promise Keepers, founded six years ago by former Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, urge men to become the leaders of their families and emphasize Christian ideals in

everyday life.

"They are talking about keeping gays in the closet and women in the kitchen," said the Rev. John Swomley, pastor at United Methodist Church. Another Promise Keepers conference was scheduled in Birmingham for the weekend. The theme for this year's conference is "The Making of a Godly Man."

The group holds conferences in stadiums across the country, drawing crowds of as many as 725,000. While officially nonprofit and tax-exempt, the Promise Keepers have made \$14.7 million since 1993, tax records show.

The information the clergy presented in Kansas City is not true, Dave Townsend, a Promise Keepers representative, said in a telephone interview from Arrowhead Stadium. Promise Keepers urge men to honor their spouses just as women are urged to honor their husbands.

Townsend said the Promise Keepers don't endorse gay and lesbian relationships but do not pass judgment on gays and lesbians. While the Promise Keepers discuss racial tensions in the United States, they make no attempt to breakdown racial inequality, according to the Rev. Susan McCann of the Episcopal Church.

"They are potentially powerful sources to bring about change but I don't see any move to bring change," McCann said. "It is very problematic to write off a whole segment of our community."

Townsend said the Promise Keepers encourage racial equality, and just pledged money to minority and inner-city churches. Townsend would not disclose the amount pledged. The Promise Keepers also hold smaller meetings in churches across the nation to discuss the ideas presented during these conferences, Townsend said.

This is where the trouble begins, said McCann. The information presented at the conferences is enlightening, but in the small groups, the Promise Keepers discuss business and family affairs, she said. "What they discuss in these accountability groups is very alarming," McCann said. "They use the Bible in very dangerous ways, using only portions of the Bible that they support."

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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to avoid that."

The governor will urge the civic league to drop its opposition to the law, or at least delay an attempt to repeal it for several years, to see how the law works. The bill to bar discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations takes effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. State law already outlaws bias based on several other criteria, such as age, race, gender and physical handicaps.

In order to keep the law from kicking in, opponents would have to collect signatures of more than 51,000 registered Maine voters within 90 days of the Legislature's adjournment, which could be this weekend. If the signatures are certified, a referendum on the law must be held.

"I appreciate the fact that he is talking to us," said Michael Heath, executive director of the civic league. But he said the group is unlikely to abandon its opposition to gay rights because King asks it to do so. The league will make a final decision on whether to seek a public vote no later than June 13, he said.

**Lawyers Say Mass Gay Wedding Not Illegal**

A wedding ceremony for gay and lesbian couples planned June 8 during the Pride! weekend in Bozeman does not violate the Montana law against same-sex marriages, two lawyers say. "Anybody can have any kind of a ceremony they want," said Holly Franz of Helena, one of two lawyers who argued before the Supreme Court to overturn Montana's deviate sexual contact law. The case is pending.

However, she noted that the state will not recognize it as a valid marriage, and those participating will not have the legal rights of married couples. Assistant Attorney General Clay Smith of Helena said the ceremony is "probably protected speech under the First Amendment."

The mass wedding is planned for 11 a.m. June 8. The ceremony is part of the Pride! celebration June 6-8, when an estimated 500 gays and lesbians are expected to gather in Bozeman. The Rev. Amanda Aikman of the Evergreen Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Marysville, Wash., will officiate, along with the Rev. Gina Hartung of the Metropolitan Community Church in Great Falls.

"This event will be a symbolic ritual to bless the committed relationships between gay and lesbian couples," Aikman said. "Religion and society at large do not recognize our relationship as a sacred commitment. My personal aim for this event is to encourage everyone present to open their hearts wide to the joyful possibilities that can happen when love of all kinds is held up and celebrated."

However, a local Baptist minister said the weddings are illegal and represent a belligerent attitude on the part of the gay and lesbian community. "I feel disgusted about it," said the Rev. Richard Crow of Temple Baptist Church. "You can call it whatever you want, but it's an illegal union."

He called the ceremony part of a gay and lesbian agenda to be accepted as a family unit. Gays and lesbians are acting "against the laws of God," he said. Crow said he received two letters containing death threats early this month after he wrote a letter to the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* voicing his opposition to the gay and lesbian lifestyle.

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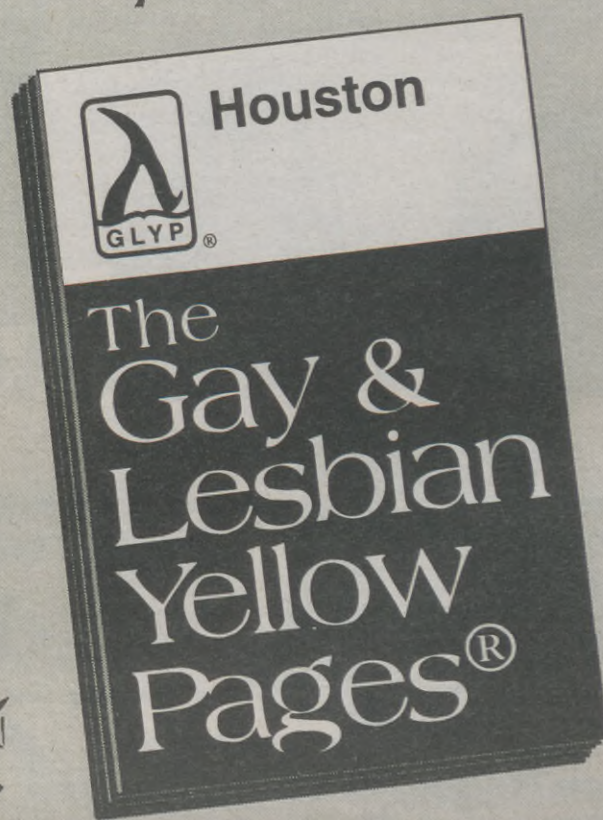
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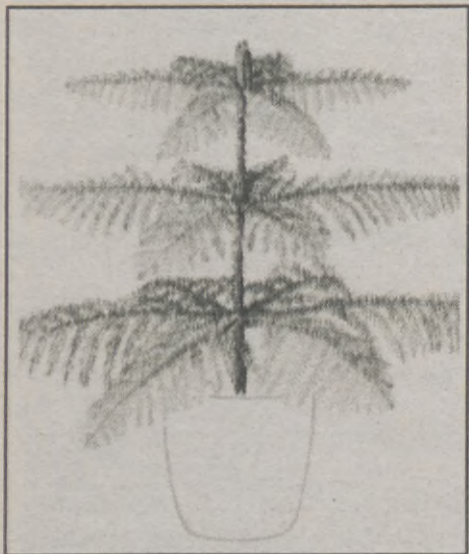
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by Ella Tyler

I am not particularly good at tree identification. When I got my Tree Badge from the Girl Scouts, we lived in Bermuda. It is a very small island, and I exhausted the island's entire repertoire of trees to find twenty species of trees to identify. I can spot a Norfolk Island Pine at 100 yards, but that is not a useful skill in the Houston landscape. In its native habitat, Norfolk Island Pine is a large tree, here it is grown as an interior plant.

I had been confident in my ability to identify trees from a distance when they are flowering, but that was before I saw a tree with yellow flowers next to the Stop & Go at



Norfolk Island Pine in captivity.

Richmond and Montrose. I've seen several others in the neighborhood, on Yoakum a block south of the Greek Orthodox Church and on Mount Vernon across from Studz, for example. It has very small green leaves (which are alternate bipinnately compound leaves, to be exact). There are several trees

that fit this description, none of which I had ever met. I managed to eliminate Acacia because the flowers are little puffballs. After checking a few references, I decided it is a Jerusalem Thorn, formally a *Parkinsonia aculeata*. I felt a little stupid about not being able to decide exactly what it is, but when I looked at Robert Vines' book "Trees of East Texas" at the library, I felt a little better. This tree is called many names, including retama, horse bean, and crown of thorns; and variations of acacia, mesquite and palo verde. Palo verde, and mesquite are members of the same family, and are superficially similar, but not the same plant. Acacia is called mimosa in other places, here it is a tree with pink flowers. Now you know why gardeners sometimes use Latin names. Using Latin all the time would be pretentious, or British, but sometimes it reduces confusion. Once I saw a good picture of the leaves, and get out of the car to check out the plant, it was easy enough to identify. The distinctive feature is the leaves, and the fact that one petal of the flower turns orange with age. These trees prefer hot dry sites, and its always confuses identification to see such a tree here.

I use the books from Simon & Schuster's Nature Guide Series, the Time/ Life series and the Audubon Society Field Guides a lot for plant identification because of the quality of the illustration in these books is so high. Good pictures really are worth a thousand words, particularly when the words are "yellow, pendulous on long, slender pedicels. Calyx glabrous" which is how Southern Plants by Odenwald & Turner describes the Jerusalem Thorn's flowers. This is a model of clarity compared to some of the text in the Vines book. What would erotic fiction be like if written by botanists?

There is a tree in bloom on lower Westheimer that is easy to identify. It has spikes of blue flowers and is called a Chaste Tree. No snickers please, this is a tree. They are also called Vitex, short for *Vitex Agnus-*

*castus*. These are becoming trendy, again. The last time they were popular was the turn of the last century. This is a small tree and ideal for small lots. It likes sandy loam (fat chance here) and full sun, but tolerates most conditions if well drained.

What other fun things did I do last week? I rehabilitated the flamingos in a friend's garden. They were turning orange with age, now they are pearly pink. Use a spray paint that says that it works on plastic. My philosophy is that if a product works on something the label will tell you. This is particularly true for insecticides and fertilizers.

I went to the Daylily flower show. Some of the flowers shown had interesting lavender colors, some had flowers that were no bigger than two inches, and some had sort of spidery shapes. My favorite is called Black Rain. It is the closest thing I have ever seen to a black flower. It is a bit too warm to plant daylilies now, but I might have made up my mind which ones to get by the time the daylily groups have plant sales in the fall.

I also went to the grand opening of Johnson's Soil Yard. If you need to buy mulch or topsoil in quantity, this is the closest one around, 290 at Bingle, just outside the Loop. Take the little pickup, it's sold by the cubic yard. Darrell Johnson, the owner, is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about his product.

Mulch helps keep weeds out of your garden and reduces the need for water. It doesn't seem like we need to worry about watering now, but we will soon. It is important to pay attention to how much water your plants are actually getting. I nearly killed everything last summer because I didn't check the rain gauge. The grass was damp in the morning because of the dew, but this is no substitute for rain. Plants under the eaves of the house or in small clay pots are particularly vulnerable. As an exceedingly general rule, things we grow here need about an inch of water per week, unless you have specifi-



Acacia

cally planted for drought resistance. Water slowly so the water has a chance to soak into the soil. If the soil is already wet do not water more.

When you go on vacation, check out some of the interesting botanical gardens and public gardens in various cities. The fresh air will do you good, and its always nice to look at plants that someone else is taking care of. When I was in Menlo Park last year, I went to see Filoli, a historic home and garden in Woodside; the gardens for Lane Publishing, which publishes Sunset Magazine and books; and the Gambel Gardens. I also went into San Francisco specifically to see the flower market and the arboretum at Golden Gate Park. I particularly enjoyed seeing the graveyard at the Mission Dolores. It is unlikely that our roses will ever be as big or beautiful as the ones in these gardens because the weather is cooler there, but it is nice to have a goal.

Next week—more mystery trees, less Latin, a plea for help from an office plant, and Father's Day thoughts...



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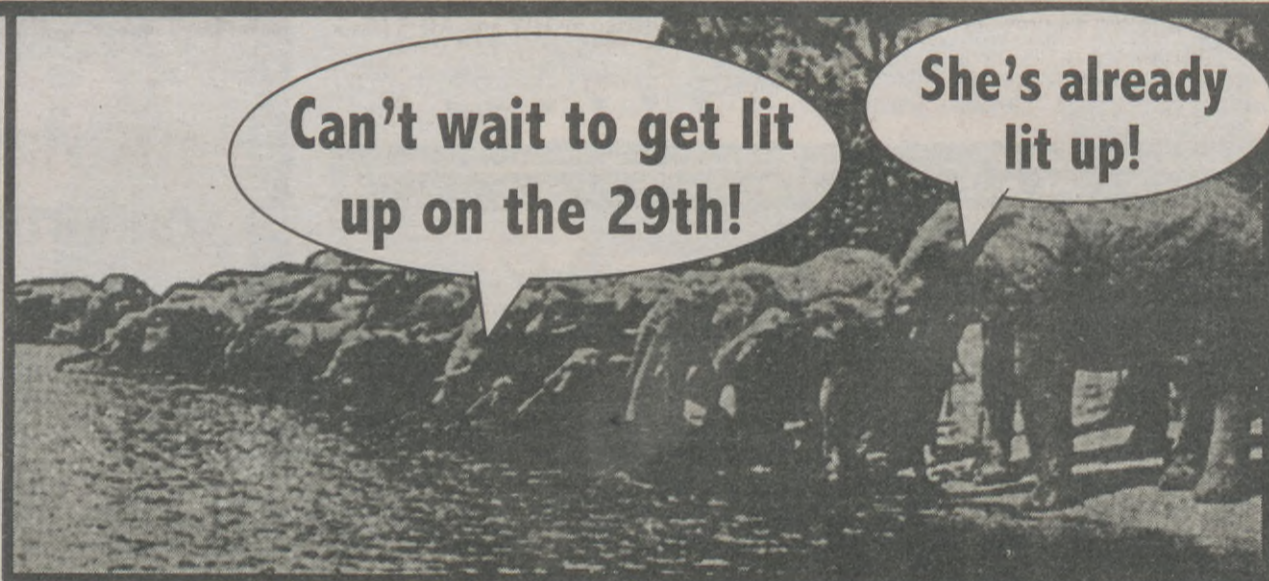


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the children, a baby who has AIDS, at no fault of their own."

Fordice and other legislators have blamed Thompson for failing to warn them about a potential funding crisis before the legislative session ended in April. Thompson said he did not have enough information to give the Legislature during the session. The total cost of treatment could reach up to \$80 million, Thompson said, adding that the agency's purpose is to suppress disease, not treat it.

Thompson said the health agency has in the past asked for money to treat some diseases when the purpose to prevent a disease's spread. But he said that is not ordinarily the department's function. "Our role is prevention," he said. "We can't just talk about one disease."

State health workers, meanwhile, are scrambling to refer HIV-positive patients to outside agencies who may help pay for treatment. They are also trying to reroute more funds earmarked for other purposes into the AIDS drug program.

Mississippi's handful of HIV/AIDS organizations have been inundated with pleas for medication money. "I've got about \$25,000 in my budget for drugs," said Harrington, of the Mississippi AIDS Task Force. "What we are hoping to do is at least be able to provide people a month or two of their medications."

**Health Notes**

by Lee Davis

**Vitamin D Essential**

Adding calcium and vitamin D to the diet could help prevent osteoporosis and colorectal cancer, leading causes of disability and death in postmenopausal women. Up to half of all postmenopausal women will be affected by the disease, according to Mary Pat Bolton, a registered dietitian at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Calcium intake is crucial during childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood to help women build the densest bones possible to carry them through life," Bolton said. The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for calcium is 800 milligrams for women, which is provided by three eight-ounce glasses of milk. After menopause, the need for calcium is even greater, Bolton said. "Postmenopausal women lose estrogen," she said. "This lack of estrogen seems to increase the breakdown of bone tissue, resulting in bone fractures."

**Cancer Gene Located**

Researchers at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Myriad Genetics have identified a gene involved in the progression of numerous cancers. The mutated gene has been detected in solid tumors of the brain, breast, prostate, kidney and skin. For information about cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson, call 1-800-392-1611, option 3.

**Golf Gift Package**

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Thalidomide effectively heals severe mouth and throat ulcers in people with HIV infection, according to a study supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and reported in the May 22 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine.

"For the many patients with HIV infection who suffer from these ulcers, eating can be excruciatingly painful, which exacerbates wasting and debilitation," says Division of AIDS Director Jack Y. Killen, M.D. "Thalidomide is the first treatment shown in a scientific study to heal these ulcers, but the course should be carefully monitored and limited in its duration because of the drug's potential toxicity."

The ulcers of 55% of the patients receiving four weeks of thalidomide healed completely, compared to healing in only 7% of the patients receiving placebo. Almost all (90%) of those receiving thalidomide had at least partial healing.

**Mother Was Right!**

Your mother was right when she said,

"you are what you eat." What we eat plays an important role in reducing heart disease risk, controlling high blood pressure and diabetes, and preventing and treating obesity, say researchers in The DeBakey Heart Center at Baylor College of Medicine. Eating for good health does not require large doses of supplements. The key to healthy eating is eating a well-balanced diet that includes a variety of foods, said registered dietitian Suzanne Jaax of Baylor's Diet Modification Clinic.

"Vitamins and minerals derived from foods are much more beneficial than supplements, which can cause side effects," Jaax said.

**Fiber & Breast Cancer**

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center is investigating the benefits of fiber in reducing breast cancer risk in Hispanic women. The study is focusing on Houston-area Hispanic women ages 50 and older. There is evidence that a high-fiber diet helps reduce estrogen levels and that women with low estrogen levels have a decreased risk of breast cancer. For information about cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson, call 1-800-392-1611, option 3.

by Lee Davis

**Tennis Anyone?**

The Houston Tennis Club is constantly seeking new members, both male and female, of all playing levels. We meet at Memorial Park Tennis Center on Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm, Fridays from 7:30-9pm, and two sessions on Sunday mornings, from 9-10:30am and 10:am to 12 Noon.

**Pride Fishing**

The Rainbow Fishing Club has scheduled two deep sea fishing trips for Lesbian & Gay Pride Week on the Texus II, a 70 foot deluxe cruiser out of Galveston.

The Sunday, June 22 outing now has 44 going, 24 women and 20 men. The club has another 11 reservations available on the 65 person boat. The cost is \$60 with a \$30 deposit due now.

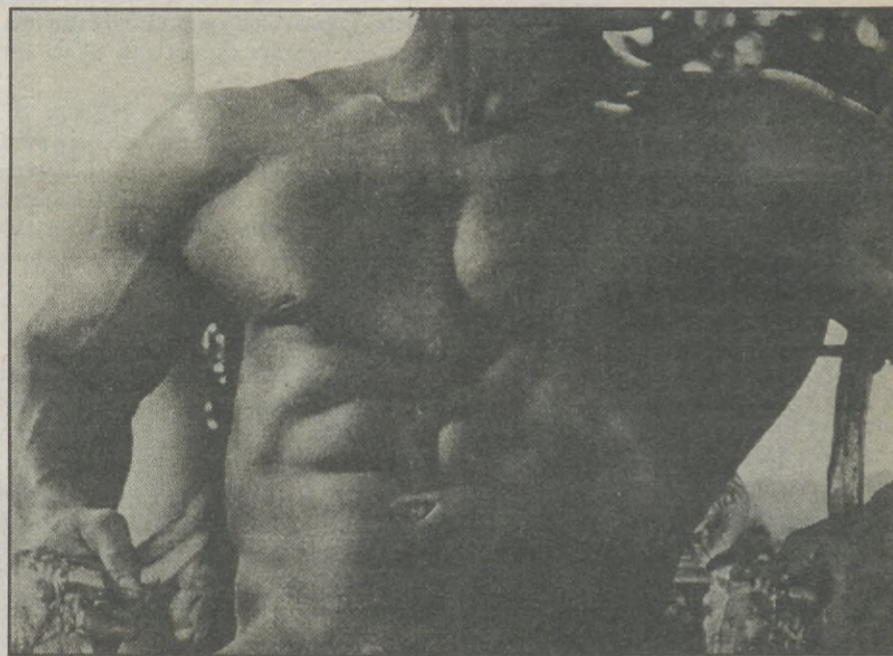
The Wednesday, June 25 trip has nine people going so far with the best 20 fishing spots in the back of the boat reserved. The club will add more reservations as needed.

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The cost is \$50 with the \$20 deposit due now. David Williamson, Trip Leader and a bartender at Mary's, urges all those who work weekends to join his Wednesday trip. You can talk to David at Mary's, naturally, Monday, Thursday and Saturday 2-8pm or Friday & Sunday 8pm-2am. He can also accept your reservations and/or deposit.



Guess it's break time!

Both 12 hour trips start at pier 19 at 7:30am and return at 7:30pm. All fishing tackle and bait are provided and food and drink are available on board at reasonable costs. No fishing license is needed.

The July 19, Saturday Night Trip has 15 going so far with another 15 spots reserved. The boat leaves Galveston at 9pm and returns at 6am Sunday. The cost is only \$40 with a \$20 deposit due now.

For more information call the club at 713.523.6381 or send payments to P.O. Box 66450, Houston, Texas 77266.

## 8-Ball

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League reports the top five teams after Week 7 were The Excavators, JR's Cue Crew, Crazy 8's, Jackson 5 and Knight Heat. The top five players were John Bowen of Chupacabra, Keith Fussell of JR's Cue Crew, Bob Cypert of Jackson 5, Richard Chew and Larry Lentz, both from The Excavators.

The 2nd monthly meeting takes place at JR's, Sunday June 8. Nominations for new officers will occur at this meeting.

## Service In!

The Lone Star Volleyball Association invites all interested in playing to meet at the University of St. Thomas' Jerabek Center to play a couple of games. Be there on Sunday, June 8 at 4:30pm. All levels of play are available. League Fees are due on May 18.

## In the Pool!

Get fit at The Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. Youth swimming instruction and swim team occurs daily. Need a place to put the kids and get some rest? For info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

## Everyone Skate!

The Lambda Roller Skating Club host their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, June 11 at Starlite Skating Rink, 8075 Cook Road (corner of Cook and Beechnut). Skate time is 8-10pm with a nominal admission fee of \$5 plus \$1.50 if you need skates. You may bring your own skates or blades. Everyone and all ages are welcome! For more info call 933.5818 or visit their website at <http://www.neosoft.com/~lrsc>.

## Side Pocket

The Independent Billiard League of Houston (IBL) reports the top five teams for Week 14 as Bad Boys (Jo's Outpost), Full Throttle (Mining Co.), High Rollers, Dynamite Sticks (Mining Co.) and Sudden

Impact (Suicide Squad). The top five individuals are Richard Chew (Full Throttle), Rick Hall (Stick It), Ronnie Rhodes (Dynamite Sticks), Mondo Morales (Bad Boys) and Joel Reyes (Bad Boys).

## They're a Gang?

The Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club extends an invitation for all to join them in their Woodlands & Picnic Ride on Saturday, June 7. Meet them at the Information Center in the Woodlands. Pack a lunch and stop half-way to enjoy the lake. To RSVP, call John at 768.8793. This is classified as an Easy Rider Ride, extending 15 miles.

## Q-Ball

The Greater Houston Pocket Billiards League is currently holding Registration for their '97 Summer Season. The first organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15, at a location to be disclosed later and for the first night of play on Wednesday, June 18th. For information, call 864.7094 or 682.1737.

## Pele Ball?

The largest gay/lesbian sponsored soccer event of 1997 is now accepting player and guest registrations. Beginning September 23 in Washington, D.C., more than 700 participants from all over the world kickoff the 1997 IGLFA World Cup. Sanctioned by the International Gay & Lesbian Football Association, World Cup '97 is being staged in the capital city for the first time after previous stops in Los Angeles, New York, Dallas and Berlin.

Running through September 27, this week long annual competition brings the gay community together to cheer on more than 22 men's and 10 women's teams. In addition, the week is filled with opening ceremonies, social events, banquet and opportunities to tour the nation's capital and all its attractions.

Individuals interested in playing, volunteering or attending should contact the DC Host Committee immediately via email, phone or the Web at [IGLFA@triad-com.com](mailto:IGLFA@triad-com.com), 1-202-965-6734, or <http://www.triad-com.com/97.igfa.worldcup>, respectively.

## More Club Info

A Gay sky diving club called Houston Triangle Divers hosts outings for those brave of heart throughout the year. For info call 530.7822.

A Bicycling Club for Womyn, Rainbow Riders meet every Sunday morning for easy, long off-road rides. All womyn are welcome regardless of ability and experience. For info call Cookie Davenport at 869.1686 or email her at [guusje@aol.com](mailto:guusje@aol.com).

If you like running, then go with the FrontRunners who meet at 9am at the Memorial Park Tennis Center on Sundays. If Sundays are not good for you, meet them at 6:30pm on Tuesday or Thursday nights. For info call 713.522.8021.

Think dancing isn't a sport? Try to argue with these two organizations! The Southern Country Dance Group provides dance lessons at the Ranch, 8-10pm on Tuesdays. The Ranch is located at 9200 Buffalo Speedway.

The Rainbow Ranglers promote Texas Style couple dancing, including the beginning level. Classes are free and open to the public from 8:30-10pm on Thursdays at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. For more info call 713.880.0670.

The Houston Force, a local basketball team, is forming a league in Houston. If interested in joining, please call Mike or Lyle at 880.4765.

## Blazing a Trail of Brilliance

Ray Hill's *The Prison Years* a One Man Tour de Force

by Jone Devlin

Hearing Ray Hill discuss his life as a convict is not surprising. It's something he's been doing every week on KPFT's *The Prison Program* for as long as anyone can remember. Seeing Ray Hill in his bright orange 'trustee' convict jumpsuit is no surprise either, as this is an outfit he's often donned for appearances at local demonstrations.

So, I guess, it should not have been a surprise that someone decided to combine the two and create *Ray Hill: The Prison Years*. A one man show performed this weekend at the Actor's Workshop by none other than the legendary citizen provocateur himself.

*Ray Hill: The Prison Years* was performed on a set as basic as the show's title. There was nothing on the floor of the Actor's Workshop performance area but a beaten chair, a worn sofa, a coffee table, a cowboy hat and a prison issue tin tray and cup. The reason for this simplicity became obvious once Ray Hill took the floor and began speaking. In a quiet, yet passionate voice, Ray described his life as a thief, his subsequent incarceration and eventual release into gay activist history with a style that didn't require elaborate props or settings.

In fact, not even one of the Gigantors from the film *The Lost World* could have pulled the audience's attention from Ray as he described his life as a cat burglar ("hours were good, pay was great, but the retirement plan sucked"), his subsequent arrest and incarceration in San Diego. As well as a grueling cross country drive with none other than Houston's own Marvin Zindler, at that time a law enforcement officer charged with transporting Ray Hill the criminal from California to Texas for trial and sentencing.

Marvin, who still had a little time left on the force before the Chicken Ranch incident that made him famous, first chained Ray up so tightly he couldn't even bend himself enough to get in the backseat of the police car, then released him and forced him to drive most of the way back to Texas (so he, Marvin, could sleep off a hangover in the back seat).

It is upon Ray's arrival in Texas that his anecdotes (which up to this point had been more amusing than anything else) begin to take on the grim and often heart wrenching dimension that makes *The Prison Years* far more than just a series of ex-con war stories.

After describing the inhuman conditions that greeted Texas prison inmates in the early 1970's, among them prison cells who's average temperature, at any given time, was 120 degrees. Ray talks about something that no stereotypical TV ex-con or 'gangsta rapper' ever does. The fear. The mind numbing, gripping terror that makes you refuse to look a warden in the eye, that allows you to callously place bets on the victimization of other inmates, that forces you, regardless of your high standards and revolutionary principles going into 'the joint' to go along to get along at any cost.

Ray Hill, who is - and will be again - a hero, makes it plain that he was no hero while in prison. To start with, his first act upon arrival was to hook up with Red Anderson, an old timer in the prison system who taught Ray the most important skill a prisoner needs: How to survive. As a result of Red's teaching, and a lot of luck (as Ray himself is quick to admit), Ray was made a bookkeeper. He was also a trustee (due to having received 160 years for his theft charges).

This combination of factors allowed him to get an air conditioned office, and a lot more freedom than most of the other convicts, the majority of whom were summarily relegated to the cotton fields. In order to keep those privileges, Ray unrepentantly did everything from make lockpicks for a guard that wanted to be able to steal Harris County property for his own use, to design a special place and cover for a warden that wanted a quiet area in which to sleep off his daily drunks.

It is not until the end of the performance that we catch a glimpse of the community activist Ray Hill we all know and love. It happened in 1973, during the tenure of a brutal warden named Wildcat Anderson, a man hired solely by the political powers that be, to stop the runaway train of the now famous Ruiz case. Ray, who was also head of the prison construction unit, was told (per the warden) to board up the open front of several cells on the Ramsey II unit.

The purpose of this was so that Wildcat and his hired goons could take those who had been declared "troublemakers" into these blockaded cells, and do whatever they wanted to them with no possibility of anyone seeing or hearing a thing. Ray, naturally, realized this but as a prisoner was powerless to refuse a direct order from the warden. So he went out and had a man on his crew "booger up" the two by fours required for this operatio. He arranged it so that it didn't matter how hard they tried, the convicts couldn't cut the wood straight.

The result was that there were large gaps in the cell barrier that continued to allow observers to see and hear what went on inside. For this gross insubordination, Ray was sentenced to spend a night in disciplinary solitary confinement, which was somewhat different than ordinary solitary. This solitary confinement consisted of a box prisoners had to enter backwards because it was too small to allow them to turn around. Also, it was so airtight that the temperatures inside it often got as high as 140 degrees.

Disciplinary solitary was just an out of the way cell, no big deal to Ray, who had an air conditioned office, and who would be released to it in the morning to continue his bookkeeping duties. As Ray himself so artfully put it: "It didn't make me any difference where I slept." That night, though, Ray didn't sleep. He watched as Wildcat Anderson's hired goons dragged a write writer in the Ruiz case, an inmate by the name of Montoya, out of the cell next to his, and beat the man unconscious in front of one Ray Hill, trustee.

The next morning, when Ray was dutifully fetched for his bookkeeping job, he had to step over the unconscious man and walk through his blood and urine to get to his air conditioned office. Ray's epiphany came shortly thereafter, and upon his release in 1974 (a release achieved only after he was forced to spend four additional months in jail on trumped up charges of sexual impropriety). He committed himself to the life of prison and civil rights activism we in Houston have all come to depend on.

Lest you think it's only the stories themselves that made *The Prison Years* fascinating, I would like to take a moment to discuss the storyteller himself. For Ray Hill, in a soft voice charged with emotion, makes you not just hear about his past, but relive it. Throughout the performance he spoke in the raw, slangy language of the prison he called home for four years; painting a vivid picture of life inside that kept his audience on an emotional rollercoaster for the entire two hours of the show.

The audience laughed, cried, clapped and vociferously shouted agreement and affirmation as Ray quoted convicts and politicians, wardens and his own family. You didn't just hear about the beating of Prisoner Montoya, you saw it. You didn't just hear the shouts and insults of the prison guards as quoted by Ray Hill, you heard the voices of guards themselves, and saw in your mind's eye the bleak institutional atmosphere of the prison.

Ray Hill's travels from trustee to community activist were not just discussed, they were felt. No matters who, or what Ray was commenting on, no matter how outrageous the story or quote, there was never a doubt in the minds of any of us that Ray did not know whereof he spoke, or that he wasn't telling the God's honest truth.

In fact, by the end of the show everyone in the audience had an all too complete understanding of exactly why Ray Hill was Ray Hill. Though *Ray Hill: The Prison Years* is no longer playing at the Actor's Workshop, but I would advise anyone who missed this inspiring tour de force to get a copy of it (audio tapes are available). It will not only change the way you think about prison and prisoners, it will change the way you think about yourself.

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Roommate needed to rent 2 bedroom apt. Own room and bath. All utilities included. \$400 per month. 713-892-5520. Dale.

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Hillcroft between Richmond and Westheimer. \$425/month. Free basic cable +1/2 bills. No Animals. Private bath. Serious inquiries only. No deposit. 281-290-7841 (CORRECTED NUMBER) Michael BE SURE TO DIAL "281" AREA CODE!!!

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**Mark** - 24 hrs. (713) 697-2178.

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we threw out all of our learning experiences and we had to learn everything all over again."

Elders said we have made a lot of progress. "I think we've ever learned so much, so fast, about any virus as we have about the HIV virus."

The dedication was a poignant experience that ran a gamut of emotions, especially as those who were dedicating panels came to center stage to show their special Quilt. Elders appearance was special to many of those in attendance.

"Today is a day of recollection, remem-

brance and commemoration. As we come together let us all think about the reason we are here today," said Jane Hakala, the Keynote Speaker. "First, let us recall the most tender memory we have of our loved one - and freeze frame this memory - next, let us remember the deepest laugh we enjoyed together and close our eyes and hear the echoes of that sound within our hearts, and finally, let us celebrate the fact that our lives were touched and enriched by having known that special person."

There were 11 panels dedicated in all. Compared to last year, that was quite a reduction. Maybe that is a sign of hope. Time will tell.

**SAWYER/**from page 1

tive Christian, came out at the age of 32. He now describes himself as a liberal. His practice includes HIV-related eye diseases. As a result half of his practice is made up of HIV patients. Consequently, Dr. Sawyer has been an ardent supporter of the community.

In addition to his work with Montrose Clinic, Dr. Sawyer was on the board of the Ditzinger Foundation and the Houston Challenge Foundation. He is also the President of the Board of The Assistance Fund, a favorite organization because they "deal with medical insurance." Dr. Sawyer also volunteers his services with Halloween Magic, which supports Bering Community Services Foundation and Body Positive, and the Bayou City Boys Club (BCBC) which hosts the annual Hurricane Party, Jungle Lust Party, and New Years Eve Party at the Warwick.

Several years ago during a workout at the gym, Dr. Sawyer met Barry Mandel who got him involved with the Ditzinger Foundation. Subsequently, sparks flew and the couple have now been together for four and a half years. Mandel is the Administrator of Southampton Medical Group, which consists of four primary care doctors, and a community activist in his own right.

Dr. Sawyer loves to travel in his spare time. Aspen is a favorite spot for the health enthusiast. In fact, he and Barry plan to spend the 4th of July in Little Rock.

Recently, the two also took a cruise to the East Caribbean with Barry's nephews, 11 and 13, respectively.

In addition to travel, Dr. Sawyer enjoys reading, watching movies, and sports. "I enjoy playing Racquetball and rollerblading," said Sawyer. Favorite authors include Michael Crichton and David Leavitt. Although he enjoys watching movies of any genre, Sawyer does not cotton to most of the fare on television today with the exception of ER, CNN's *Headline News*, *M\*A\*S\*H* reruns and Football.

"It's so butch," said Sawyer about watching Football. "My husband doesn't understand it ... It must be my Arkansas background."

Sawyer has been an inspiration to many in the community. When asked how he would describe his philosophy on life, he responded by quoting Albert Schweitzer: "I don't know what your destiny will be but one thing I do know. The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Dr. Sawyer will be roasted by eight to ten people for nearly an hour. The roast will begin at 4 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by *Hat's Off to Broadway*, a musical revue featuring some of Houston's most popular celebrities including Jerry Attwood, Keith Caldwell, Clay Howell, Keira O'Keefe, Sharon Montgomery, Terry Pierce, Juliana Wathen and Ralph Sikes. For more information, call the Montrose Clinic at (713) 520-2000.

**SESSION/**from page 1

fiction bill. His vote resulted in the religious conservative-dominated Texas Republican Party Executive Committee to officially censure the senator on the basis that the vote opposes the party's strong stand against abortion in the party platform. The censure drew strong criticism from less radical groups of the GOP, and illustrates the factions that exist the Texas Republican Party.

With the session over, political groups and parties already have their sights on the 1998 election, where the Democrats could loose their narrow majority in the House.

The American Family Association of Texas is already working to elect additional religious conservatives to the Texas House

of Representatives, so that bills such as same-sex marriage prohibition and parental notification can pass the legislature in 1999. "Our PAC will be working with candidates to elect a different majority and a new speaker. It's going to be a war to take the House," said Ashley Callahan, a spokesman with the organization.

Bill Carlon, a political consultant in Austin sees the battle for a majority in the Texas House as a strong issue in the next election. Political observers and legislators understand how Speaker of the House Pete Laney (D, Hale Center) runs the House. "If the Republicans capture the House, there will be more contention. The contention will stem more from uncertainty then from partisanship," said Carlon.



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

**Friday, June 6**

- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay /Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 786-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Harris County Animal Control.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; The New Barn 4-8pm.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm ; 522-8182.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Professional Men's Association Dinner Meeting; Jalapeno's, 2702 Kirby @ 7pm. \$20.

**Saturday, June 7**

- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Support Group meets. 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Rich's 10pm to 2am.

**Sunday, June 8**

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Sisters meets 5-8pm. 777-2999.

**Monday, June 9**

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

**Tuesday, June 10**

- Sex, Lies & Video Tapes workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8pm. 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck.

- 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Summer Lecture Series; Grace Lutheran, 2515 Waugh Dr.; 7-8:30pm, 284-4939.
- Permanently Cure Body & Mind Using Hypnosis; 7:30-9:30pm; CenterPoint; 688-7224.
- Colt 45s meet @ BRB at 8pm.

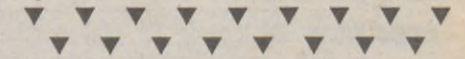
**Wednesday, June 11**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-9pm; Bricks II 9pm to 1am.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000/
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 473-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.

- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Women for Sobriety Meeting; 7-8pm; 701 Richmond; 281-855-8616.
- Chinese Medical Practices; 7:30-9:30pm CenterPoint; 688-7224.

**Thursday, June 12**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center, 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Harris County Animal Control.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.



**GALAXY GAZZER A Houston Voice Exclusive Your Horoscope for the week of June 8 - June 14**

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are naturally very practical and grounded in your thoughts and actions. Your fondness for comfort will find you in plush surroundings and sensual pleasures are very important to you. You prefer monogamous relationships, where you can put your best foot forward.

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) Pull out all stops this week and go ahead with those plans, everything you need is now in place. The idea of how things are supposed to be and reality will always be in conflict, so don't let it stop you. Matters on the homefront need to be taken care of.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21) Don't jump to conclusions about anything, if it looks to good to be true, it probably is. Look beyond appearances and check out all the facts first. Play your hunches, because your intuition is working overtime this week. Your evenings may be filled with intense romance.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) Hindsight is always 20-20. So stop feeling sorry for yourself this week and look around to see just how rich and full your life really is. A friend may be just the remedy to pull you out of the doldrums. Take a tip from their enthusiasm and childlike sense of wonder.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) There is an overlooked detail in your financial dealings which needs to be searched out and taken care of, otherwise it may cause some inconvenience. Since you love tradition and are not overly fond of change, don't be alarmed of the changes, but roll with the punches.

**LEO:** (July 24- August 23) This week may find you finishing a project with the help of a cool and calm approach. Take a moment to review your work and look for any possibly improvements for the next time. A little soul-searching is in order, so bring up old memories, however painful.

**VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) Your money matters may need a bit more juggling than usual during the week, and may be due to your dependence on someone who is not very dependable. Cut your losses and move on. Just who or what are you saving your love and affection for - put your own needs as a priority.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) A calm and cool exterior will do more for you than hysteria this week. There is a good reason to not let your feelings get the best of you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one which will be beneficial for the both of you.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22) The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders during the week. Just continue to do a good job, but don't take it with such a life and death attitude. A lover or partner may be in hysterics, so just listen compassionately and save your reply until later.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21) An opportunity this week needs to be seized now before it is snapped up by another. Things around you may have become a little slow, even to routine. Try something new to eject a little live into your every day living and let those creative juices start to flow.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) A fortress in your life may be slowly crumbling away during the week, but if you look at the situation on a positive note, it may be able to provide you with the chance to rebuild according to your own design and desire. Don't take any foolish risks with your health.

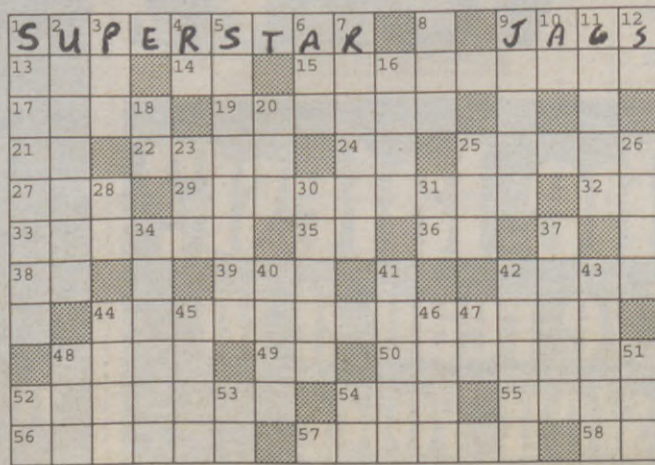
**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) Someone in your life seems to be trying to dominate your every move. This person needs to be put in their place with as much tact as possible, with no question of your intent. Things may be changing regarding your personal lifestyle, but it will work out for the best.

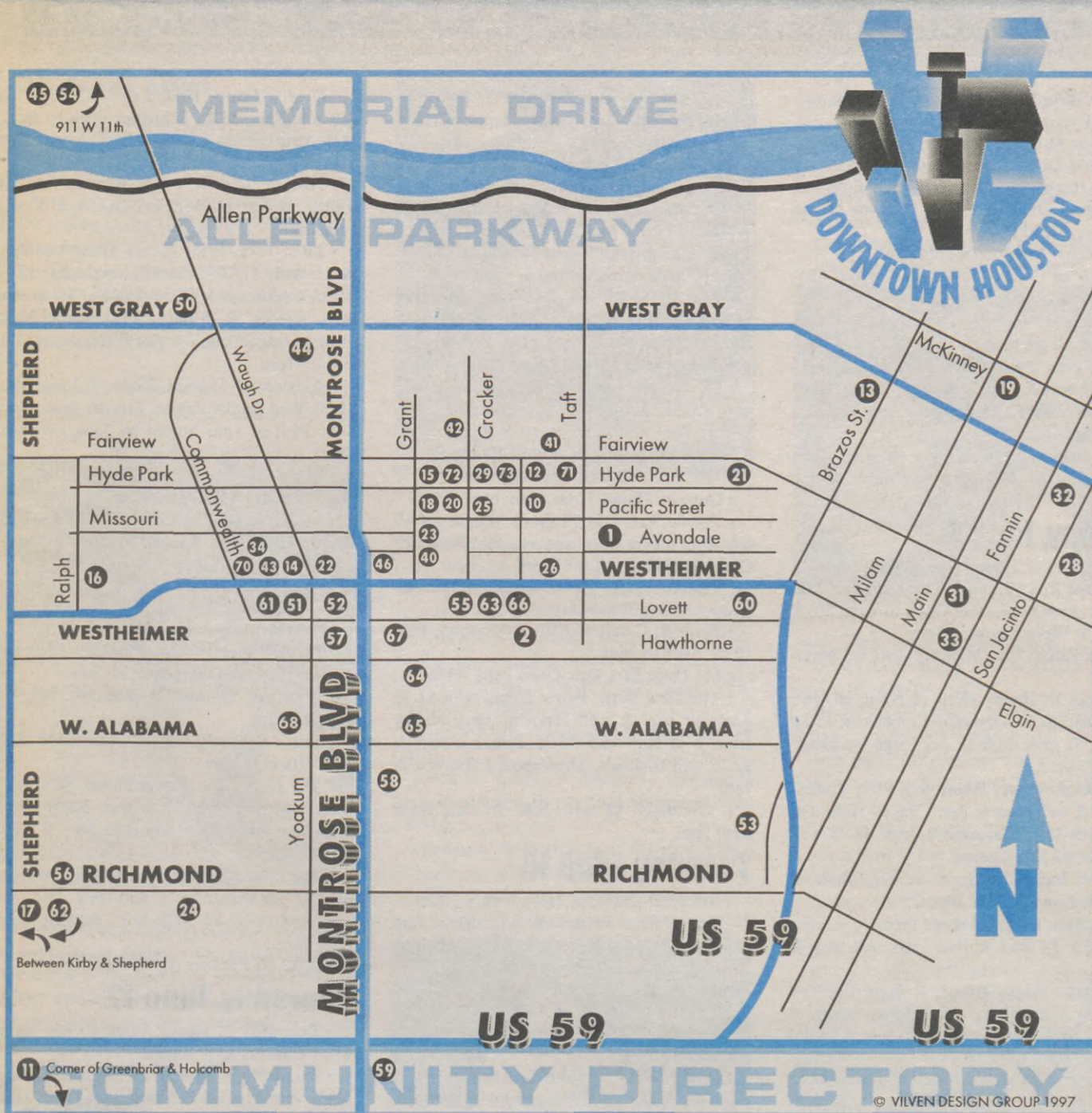
**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) The choices you make this week will depend on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what is really in your best interest. You must be able to maintain a certain level of enthusiasm if you want to accomplish everything on time.

**Wilde Oscar's Happy Puzzle**

"Ambition is the last refuge of the failure."— 19th century Irish wit Oscar Wilde

- ACROSS**
- 1 any very famous performer
  - 9 sharp projecting parts
  - 13 cable TV variety channel
  - 14 Roman numeral 40
  - 15 Spielberg's new dinosaurs movie, 2 words
  - 17 correspondingly
  - 19 tiny one-celled animals
  - 21 Cornhusker State, abbr.
  - 22 to the
- INSIDE OF**
- 24 verb suffix, cause to be
  - 25 Muslim holy war
  - 27 common Internet acronym for 'frequently asked questions'
  - 29 Atlanta gay bar bombed Feb. 97
  - 32 abbr. for Dutch and duke
  - 33 baroque
  - 35 that one
  - 36 deciliter abbr.
  - 38 registered
- NURSE ABBR.**
- 39 Postal Service abbr. for ridge
  - 42 phlegm
  - 44 New Orleans' Vieux Carre, 2 words
  - 48 short for Matthew
  - 49 Constitution State, abbr.
  - 50 ..... Ball (was married to Desi)
  - 52 Broadway musical just won 5 1997 Tonys
  - 54 terrace abbr.
  - 55 Russian rev-
- OLUTIONARY TROTSKY; SHORT FOR LEONID**
- 56 one in a subordinate position
  - 57 7-footer calls herself 'America's sweetheart drag queen'
  - 58 Flickertail State, abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Calif. college picked by Chelsea
  - 2 put out of one's memory
  - 3 points abbr.
  - 4 prescription for medicine
  - 5 untidy woman
  - 6 beerlike beverage
  - 7 ..... Kennedy, JFK's A.G.
  - 8 streets abbr.
  - 9 academy award-winning subject of brother Bud-
  - dy Foster's book 'Foster Child'
  - 10 Billary & Hillary's home state, abbr.
  - 11 Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation acronym
  - 12 Coyote State, abbr.
  - 16 without
  - 18 4th & 3rd vowels
  - 20 HOW upside down
  - 23 used to make negative (Will you go home with me? ...!)
  - 43 trade brand of acrylic textile fiber
  - 44 singer Domino
  - 45 active volcano of Sicily
  - 46 an invisible emanation
  - 47 cola soft drink
  - 48 missing in action
  - 51 limitation
  - 52 transvestite abbr.
  - 53 Land of Lincoln state, abbr.
  - 54 2nd day of the work-week, abbr.
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| 1 Montrose Inn   | 408 Avondale    | 713/520-0206 |
| 2 The Lovett Inn | 501 Lovett Blvd | 713/522-5224 |

BARS & CLUBS

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|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 10 611 Hyde Park       | 611 Hyde Park    | 713/526-7070 |
| 11 The Briar Patch     | 2294 Holcombe    | 713/665-9678 |
| 12 Bricks II           | 617 Fairview     | 713/528-8102 |
| 13 Brazos River Bottom | 2400 Brazos      | 713/528-9192 |
| 14 Chances             | 1100 Westheimer  | 713/523-7217 |
| 15 Cousins             | 817 Fairview     | 713/528-9204 |
| 16 EJs                 | 2517 Ralph       | 713/527-9071 |
| 17 Gentry              | 2303 Richmond    | 713/520-1861 |
| 18 Heaven              | 812 Pacific      | 713/521-9123 |
| 19 Incognito           | 2524 McKinney    | 713/237-9431 |
| 20 JR's                | 808 Pacific      | 713/521-2519 |
| 21 Lazy J              | 312 Tuam         | 713/528-9343 |
| 22 Mary's              | 1022 Westheimer  | 713/527-9669 |
| 23 Montrose Mining Co. | 805 Pacific      | 713/529-7488 |
| 24 Outpost             | 1419 Richmond    | 713/520-8446 |
| 25 Pacific Street      | 710 Pacific      | 713/523-0213 |
| 26 QT's                | 534 Westheimer   | 713/529-8813 |
| 28 Rich's              | 2401 San Jacinto | 713/759-9606 |
| 29 Ripcord             | 715 Fairview     | 713/521-2792 |
| 31 Venture N           | 2923 Main        | 713/522-0000 |
| 32 The Club Houston    | 2205 Fannin      | 713/659-4998 |
| 33 Midtowne Spa        | 3100 Fannin      | 713/522-2379 |
| 34 The New Barn        | 1100 Westheimer  | 713/521-9533 |

RESTAURANTS

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 40 Baba Yaga             | 2607 Grant      | 713/522-0042 |
| 41 Barnaby's Cafe        | 604 Fairview    | 713/522-0106 |
| 42 Boudreaux             | 2313 Crocker    | 713/526-0790 |
| 43 Charlie's Coffee Shop | 1100 Westheimer | 713/522-3332 |
| 44 Christy Donuts        | 1103 W Gray     | 713/524-4005 |
| 45 Java Java Cafe        | 911 W 11th      | 713/862-2683 |
| 46 Ming's Cafe           | 2703 Montrose   | 713/529-7888 |

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 50 Cineplex-Odeon             | 1450 W Gray     | 713/524-8781 |
| 51 Crossroads Market          | 1111 Westheimer | 713/942-0147 |
| 52 Eckerd Drugs               | 1007 Westheimer | 713/524-9229 |
| 53 Fitness Exchange           | 4040 Milam      | 713/524-9932 |
| 54 Heights Above Florist      | 911 W 11th      | 713/862-2683 |
| 55 Houston Voice              | 811 Westheimer  | 713/529-8490 |
| 56 Inklings Bookstore         | 1846 Richmond   | 713/521-3369 |
| 57 Kroger Grocery             | 3300 Montrose   | 713/526-7865 |
| 58 Lobo Books & Video         | 3939-5 Montrose | 713/522-5156 |
| 59 Main St. Theatre           | 4617 Montrose   | 713/524-6706 |
| 60 Montrose Clinic            | 215 Westheimer  | 713/520-2000 |
| 61 Four Star Hair Productions | 1201 Westheimer | 713/524-7785 |
| 62 CreADive Unlimited         | 2219 Richmond   | 713/526-5190 |
| 63 Preferred Graphics         | 811 Westheimer  | 713/528-7654 |
| 64 Vilven Design Group        | 807 Hawthorne   | 713/526-3212 |
| 65 House of Coleman           | 901 W Alabama   | 713/523-2521 |
| 66 Synchronized Chiropractic  | 811 Westheimer  | 713/521-7741 |
| 67 Walgreens                  | 3317 Montrose   | 713/520-8000 |
| 68 KAD Computer, Inc.         | 1437 W. Alabama | 713/522-7813 |

CLOTHING SHOPS

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|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 70 Basic Brothers   | 1232 Westheimer | 713/522-1626 |
| 71 Jewel's Boutique | 2404 Taft       | 713/523-3557 |
| 72 Leather By Boots | 807 Fairview    | 713/526-2668 |
| 73 Leather Forever  | 711 Fairview    | 713/526-6940 |

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Motel: Drive back from the gay bars and risk the cops making you walk the straight line. Or take a \$15 cab.  
Montrose Inn: Walk back from the gay bars. Or take a \$3 cab.

Motel: Pay \$39 to \$95 a night for a room.  
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Motel: Full size bed, everything else is plastic.  
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Motel: Maid knocking 8 a.m., you moan but she's coming in anyway. Checkout 11 a.m.

Montrose Inn: Handsome man next door knocking 11 a.m. to join him for breakfast. Checkout 1 p.m.

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**Friday, June 6**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; Free Buffet at 4pm; Party & Dance with your D.J. Cody from 7am-9pm; Free Pool Open to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour: Wayne Gray, Tony & Guest Stars play the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Dave open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm; \$2 Kamikazes open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Shower Dance Show 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: 75¢ Kamikazis all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rich's: Klub Kamp. a comedy drag review 9pm doors open, 11:30pm show—Retro Modern Hits by D.J. Chris Sill, \$1, \$2, \$3 drinks.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; The Court guest bartenders on the top 9pm till ??? & Blackjack w/ Jackie.

**Saturday, June 7**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; Party & Dance with your D.J. Cody from 9pm-2am; Free Pool Open to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight along with guests; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm; 2pm cocktails w/ Clint.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 11 to 11:30pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.50 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 7pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.

- 19th Hole: \$1.50 Gold Ritas all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard.; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Colt 45's guest bartenders on the Top 9pm till ???; Show at 10pm.

**Sunday, June 8**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am to 7pm; Free Pool Table Open to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm; Show @ 8pm.
- BriarPatch: 2pm Michael hosts w/ beverages.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 5:30pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: 50¢ draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm; Breakfast Tacos.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & The Court guest bartenders 5pm; 8pm show by The Court.

**Monday, June 9**

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer all day, all nite. Drink Specials & Free Pool Table 7am to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's Antics at 8pm; Open pool tables at 8pm; Clint tickles the ivories at 9:30pm; Black Jack w/ Mud Bug.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy

- Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table; Hair Hopper's Hazy Hangover Day til 8pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$1 longnecks at 8 to 11pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long; doors open at 9pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

**Tuesday, June 10**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am to 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. Live Band "Jambeaux" 8pm to Midnite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm. Free Pool Table Open to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Mama Marcie holds down the piano at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 10pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.50 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas & wine; Jockey short contest at 11pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.

**Wednesday, June 11**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite. Free Pool Table 7am to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Charlotta's martini night specials; Beverly Siscoe makes em sing standards at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Burger night.

- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser & 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace: Doors open 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden: Drink specials all day & all night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night & shower dancers with a \$100 cash prize.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: Happy hour prices all day & nite; \$4 domestic beer pitchers.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors. Doors open at 7pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Palace 5351 W. Alabama @ Rice 8pm with \$1 Bar Drinks til 11. 850-7699.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, June 12**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks 7am-11pm; \$1.75 well 7am-11pm. Free dance lessons with Scott at 8:30pm. Free Pool Table Open to 7pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head...Liza...Liz...you name it at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Cousin's: Talent contest at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Tacos on the patio; Thursday Night Follies @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3 Skyy martinis open to close.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold & Micro brewed beer: Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; 75¢ Schnapps. Open Dart Tournament Registration at 6pm, play at 7pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Nancy Ford 8:30 to 10pm, open mike & karaoke 10:30pm to 1am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 draft 8-11pm and 10¢ wings.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.



**Important Stuff**

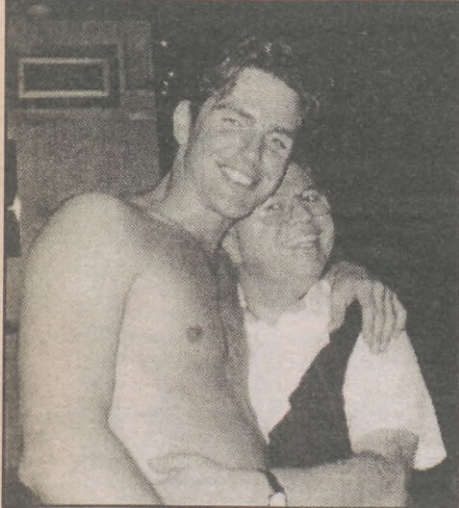
Ms. Thumper Knightly is the new Miss Mary's. I hear it was a close race between her and Gimmie Pills 'n Licher!

I hear thru the rumor mill that Pacific Street will be going 18 and up! NOT! This is a false rumor!

Gentry has a new drink special on Mondays! Check out tasty Absolut cocktails for a mere \$3.25!

This special pours from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

ResErection Wednesdays are Heavenly at 800 Pacific. 50¢ well drinks and \$1.75 Bud products all night long!



Papa Del with new Gentry dancer, Will.

There will be a Daddy/Master Auction at the Ripcord on Friday, June 13 @10:00 pm. This event is produced by the Brotherhood of Pain and benefits the Steven's House.

Kate Clinton will be at the Laff Stop on this Friday for the "Mad Vow Tour!" For ticket info, call 713-524-2333.

**Milestones**

We wish Brian Keever "Good Get Well Soon" hugs. I understand that he spent a week at the 12 Oaks Spa!

A very happy birthday to the Lazer Wizard! (The older we get, the better we become!)

Carissa is having a birthday this week! Happy birthday to Sheila Lennon of Chances!



A tasty party!

John, I have a message from Boris "Happy 10th anniversary to John from Boris! I wish I was there!"

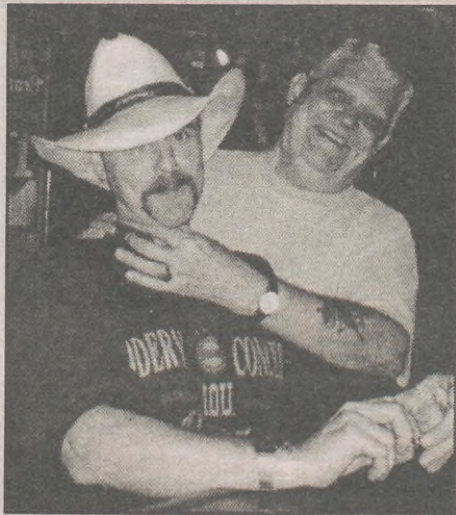
Lordy, lordy, Helen (of the Mary's fame) will be forty next week!

**Rodent Droppings**

Several weeks ago, those of us in the "media" got this great promo "thing" for the AIDS Walk. It was a Nike running shoe,



Tommie Sue Ellen



I agree!

filled with paperwork! Any way, I took this large walking shoe and put it into Rascal's cage! Rascal jumped in, head first! So, all you saw was a little ferret butt and 2 paws rocking out of the shoe! She fought and tumbled in this shoe for over an hour! She finally crawled out, dragging the insole out! Mission accomplished!

The disclaimer is in force Lies, gossip and trash!

Keith W. (Lazy J): I'm sorry I did not get back in touch with you that afternoon. But, I will call you soon!

Stephanie Foxx (hangs at QT's): I have a message for you: "Happy Anniversary from Todd," the cute and now single one, the one you left behind! You don't have a brain, do



I'm ready for a drink at EJ's.

you?

Steven (New Barn/Chances): So, you left QT's! It is so nice to see you behind the bar at Chances/New Barn! And I won't tell anybody about who you saw blowing you now who in the back room of where! This secret is safe with me!

Cary (hangs at the Venture-N): Have you been dancing with any dart boards lately?

Steve M. (hangs at the 611): The lights are too bright for you at PS! Next time wear sunglasses!

Byron (BricksII) It is all about the yellow blouse? Did Sylvester swallow Tweety last night?

Glen (PS): Don't take instructions so literally! Also, are you a "cookie puss?"

Marlene (New Barn/Chances): Kody made you a "what" that makes your pants fall down!

Racy (Chances): How do you like your chicken? Fingerlicking good?

Nick (Charlie's): You and your wife were



Smoochin'

doing "what" behind Heaven? And do you wear briefs or boxers? Should I check the dumpster of Heaven to find out?

Kody (New Barn/Chances): Someone told me I should act like Kody, and be a princess!

John F.: Let sleeping dogs alone!

Cindy (Diesel Dyke): How's that big ol' rig you drive?

Denisa (hangs at PS): You did find

"Pebbles"?

Big Gary (Ripcord): I heard you had sex in April, but not May! Also, I found a 7-11 that will card you for ciggies! Please phone me for the address!

Hazel (Rich's): So, you finally got laid! And by a god no less!

Grandma (hangs at PS): Great shirt!

Cat Strickland: I hear your teeth are like



Party with us at the Ripcord!

stars! They come out every night!

Papa Del (Gentry): And I quote: "Easy to get in, hard to get out!"

Papa Del & Mike (Gentry): Many QT's found in cuties last Monday?

Lee (Houston Voice): So, what is this I hear about you swallowing "Baby Seeds" at the Outpost!

Robert (hangs at the BRB): I hear you got a new chair! It has 5 positions, stirrups, and a towel rack!

Mikey (BricksII): Is there a correlation between you, Snow White and Apple Schnapps?

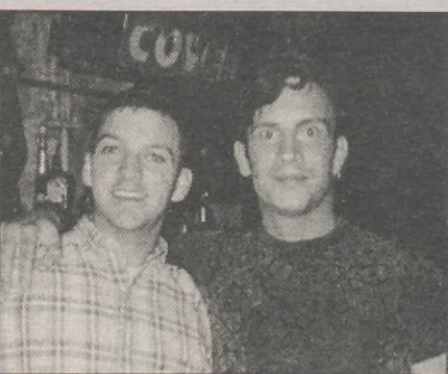
Craig & Mike: I hear you went out to get fruit and Craig came back with a big box!

Andy (hangs at Bricks II): Good thing you are out of town, oh the droppings I have on you!

Zack (hangs at the Venture-N): Why rent ski boots when you carry your own pontoons? I've seen trailers smaller than those feet, honey! And my wedding dress misses you!

Donna (hangs at the Outpost): And I quote: "If I ever got off my hands and knees, the dogs wouldn't love me any more!"

Melvin (hangs at the Venture-N): Why haven't you grown since 1987? And next



Heavenly hosts!

time you enter a Bear Contest, make sure "Melvina" stays home!

Steve (hangs at Mary's) and Steve (hangs at Bricks II): So you both used the ladies room?

Pearl (hangs at the BRB): Miss Marble Falls retains title, loses fish, finds the big dipper! Congrats!

Rob (hangs at the Venture-N): Rule #1! Never page your husband from a bar, especially when Thumper is on duty!

Dee (Cousin's): And I quote: "The glory holes are too low for a big girl!"



Come see me at Rich's every Friday!

Jennifer (RSICSS): Bricks II has requested



The Big Hair Gals!

that in the future you change in the dressing room, please!

Jan (hangs at BRB): So you're down to stroking Vodka bottles? Are they rechargeable?

Debbie (Outpost): Bar breakage is supposed to be when the bottle's empty! Two in one day! Please spell Sambuca!

Ken Claude (Mr. Gulf Coast Leather): I thought Basic Brothers only had wine and beer! Exactly how do you and Thumper (VN) do "Dial a Shot!"

Dirty Sally (hangs where ever she pleases): And I quote: "It is a "pee call," I'll be gone 3 minutes or however long it takes to peel a shrimp!

Meg (Mary's): We heard your "cute" photos are yellowed and crumbling!



Come meet me at Heaven.

Ova Ewe: O2 only blows up so many times! Can you spell "Dirigible?"

Sam (BRB): Quit slapping the monkey! Your hands are bruised!

Tamin (hangs at E/J's): Lulu's shirt looked very tight on you. Is the sequel called "Snug for a Thug?"

Jerry (Mary's): Yes, there is a difference between Bourbon and Scotch! Has "Westheimer's" set in?

John (E/J's): And I quote: "You can give it but not take it?" What happened to the EEOC?

Baby (hangs at Chances): And I quote:



Visit me Mondays at Gentry.

"My box will do lots of tricks, but it can't play music!" And why are you the "nelliest" butch in the bar?

Barbara (hangs at Gentry): Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.

John (E/J's): And I quote: "I saw him out of the side of my eye and he was suckin' him down." Is this chapter II of husband da jour?

Lonnie (Rich's): What or who were you doing in Barnaby's parking lot! And in broad daylight!

Janie (Chances): Welcome to the family!

Have a great week!

Cuervolyn

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**SWF** 24, 175 lbs., butch. I'm intelligent. I enjoy horseback riding, poetry, playing softball & karate. I'm an all-around nice person & I get along with everyone. Looking for a feminine woman who wants to be friends or go further. Call Ext. 5385

**SF** Poet, actress. I like candlelit dinners, horseback riding & walks on the beach. If you are interested, please leave a message. Call Ext. 5439

## Men SEEKING Men

**GWM** 47, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional. I love to dance & being affectionated. I love holding, cuddling & kissing. Looking for shorter men with similar characteristics, primarily for friendship and whatever else may or may not develop. Sincerity is a must. Call Ext. 5350

**SM** 42, 5'5", 180 lbs. Seeking a White or Hispanic traveling companion for a trip to Niagara Falls. Should be easygoing & humorous. I would like to meet someone who enjoys sightseeing. Call Ext. 5495

**SWM** 42, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'6", I'm a little overweight, but everyone says I'm cute & cuddly. I'm looking for someone as a lifetime partner and I have been having a hard time meeting people. Looking for someone younger, good-looking & in shape. Call Ext. 5496

**SM** Smooth, tan bottom boy seeks tall, aggressive top man. Call me. Call Ext. 5123

**SHM** Very sexy, Latin, 20's, 150 lbs., HIV+. Looking for a top man who is mature & a little on the chunky side. Looking for a serious relationship. Let's go out sometime. Call Ext. 5459

**SM** 40, 5'7", 220 lbs. I'm a very outgoing person seeking a young man who is 18-40, I'm very versatile & a cross dresser. Call Ext. 5485

**SM** 42, 5'11", 185 lbs., salt 'n pepper hair, green eyes. Seeking someone older. I like guys around my height, on the heavy side. Looking for masculine men. No femmes please. Call Ext. 5487

**SWM** 35, 5'9", height/weight proportionate, large endowment. Looking for an oral expert. Call and tell me why you are the expert. Let's see if we can make each other happy. Call Ext. 5488

**SWM** 61. I'm a loving & caring person. I like home life, movies & good food. I would like to meet a White masculine male, 40-60, for friendship. Seeking guys who are loving & caring, with similar interests. Call Ext. 5492

**SHM** 35, 5'11", dark hair, dark eyes, 195 lbs. I work out regularly and I'm considered attractive. Looking to meet someone. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5491

**SWM** Mid-40's. Looking for an affectionate guy in his 30's. If this is you, give me a call. Call Ext. 5482

**SM** 35, 5'10", 175 lbs., handsome, black hair & eyes. I'm hairy, masculine & muscular. I'm a bottom who can be versatile. Looking for a 25-50-year-old White, Hispanic or Black top man. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5481

**SM** 41, 6'2", strawberry-blonde hair, hazel eyes. I would like to meet a man for a long-term relationship. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5480

**SWM** 44, 6'2", 170 lbs., dark blue eyes, dark brown hair, HIV-. Looking to meet a special guy who is interested in becoming a friend and spending time with me. I like to share interests & time together. Hopefully a long-term companionship can grow out of this. I would describe myself as attractive, goal-oriented & professional. Call Ext. 5451

**SM** HIV+, middle-aged, 5'8", 155 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. I'm a chef by profession and a Scorpio by sign. I enjoy meeting new people, going out and dinners at home. I love cooking for other people and playing tennis. I would enjoy hearing from you. Call Ext. 5447

**SHM** Very sexy, Latin, 20's, 150 lbs., HIV+. Looking for a top man who is mature & a little on the chunky side. Looking for a serious relationship. Let's go out sometime. Call Ext. 5459

**SWM** HIV+, healthy. I would like to meet another White male who is also HIV+ and good-looking. I have my own place and I try to do as much as I can for others who are HIV+. I'm financially secure and looking for the same. Seeking someone to join life with me. Call Ext. 5464

**SM** Looking for a young male, 18-25, who wants to be a top. Must have at least 8". Looking for a master who will make me do what he wants. Call Ext. 5456

**SWM** 6', 190 lbs., early 40's, HIV+. I'm handsome, fit & athletic. I have brown hair & eyes. I'm a definite top and considered masculine & stable. I'm self-employed and I stay busy. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, sports & taking things one step at a time. Call Ext. 5466

**SM** Handsome, smooth, muscular, 37, 5'8", 170 lbs. I'm HIV+ & very healthy. I'm a bottom who enjoys traveling, working out, cars, landscaping, house projects & most guy things. I would like to meet a rugged, good-looking top man, 35-50, with similar interests who is relationship-oriented. Call Ext. 5201

**SM** I'm a homebound, disabled guy who needs phone buddies for stimulating fun & frolic over the phone. Call Ext. 5442

**SM** I'm new to the area and looking to make some friends. I'm in my late 40's. I enjoy dining out, dining in, good music, dancing and walks in the park. If you are looking to make a good friend, leave a message. Call Ext. 5441

**SM** Very young, 40, 5'11", 160 lbs., good shape, green eyes, blonde hair. Seeking someone younger who enjoys fun & can keep up with me. Age is just a number to me. I'm a hopeless romantic who enjoys nice things. Call Ext. 5478

**SWM** HIV-, 40's, tall, slender, in good shape. I'm funny, sexy & hairy. Looking for versatile men, 5'10"-6'2", who are 135-170 lbs. Should be 25-35. Looking for a man who wants to bring out the top in me. I have been a bit shy about it, but not any longer. Call Ext. 5366

**SM** 25, 5'4", 135 lbs., blue eyes, blonde hair. I'm looking for a man, 18-35, who is serious about becoming friends and possibly more. Let me know what you think. Call Ext. 5420

**SHM** 40, Virgo. Seeking other revolutionary guys. I enjoy all kinds of music, full moons, sports, arts & political activism. Call Ext. 5411

**DM** 33, 6'3", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm in business for myself & I have two kids. I'm looking to meet someone for a possible relationship. Call Ext. 5400

**SM** 27, 5'7", 155 lbs., medium-built. I recently moved here from the East Coast. Looking to meet some nice guys for friends and hopefully more. I'm kind of preppy with short hair, a mustache and a goatee. Call Ext. 5465

**SWM** I'm waiting for you. I'm a masculine professional in my 40's. I'm muscular, 5'8" & 160 lbs., with brown hair & blue eyes. Seeking a Latin man to date & hopefully it will develop into a long-term relationship. Friends call me honest, sensitive, faithful and a good catch. Call Ext. 5454

**SM** Dominant, mature top Greek male. Non-smoker & disease-free. I'm 5'9" & 175 lbs. Seeks submissive bottom man, 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, drug-free & disease-free. We will have fun together. Call Ext. 5460

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**SWM** 47, 6', dark blonde hair. I'm not a top or a bottom. Just myself looking for someone 35-50 to become that special person. I love gardening, garage sales and doing special things with that special person. Call Ext. 5455

**SM** Dominant daddy-type in his 40's seeking a younger, significant other guy who is feminine-looking, submissive, height/weight proportionate & 21-45. Seeking a guy who may have TV or TS tendencies. Let me take charge of you & be your guy. Call Ext. 5407

**SWM** 42. Looking for submissive bottom boys, 25-40, who are obedient & worth training. I don't mind doing the training and good service is expected. I'm a dominant top. Call Ext. 5453

**SM** Looking for a gay Black male. I will be coming to the Houston area for a vacation. I'm 6'3", with blonde hair & blue eyes. I have a swimmer's build. I enjoy dining out, movies, dinner, taking long walks, doing the club scene, dancing & more. Call Ext. 5405

**SM** 42, 6', 190 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm very handsome & masculine. Looking to share my life with a cute, relationship-oriented guy, between the ages of 30-40, who enjoys romance, cuddling, dinners out & quiet evenings at home. Call Ext. 5461

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**SHM** 35, HIV+, 5'10", 180 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Looking for a White male top who is also HIV+. I like horseback riding, swimming and tennis. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5437

**SM** 23, Jewish, 5'11", 145 lbs., attractive. I'm in search of another Jewish male, 22 or older, who has a good head on his shoulders. Must be able to speak the English language properly. If this sounds like you and you are looking for a friend or relationship, leave a message. Call Ext. 5229

**SWM** 6'1", 145 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I'm considered attractive. Looking for other guys who are slender like myself. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5448

**SM** 42, 5'7", 150 lbs. I'm a very feminine guy who loves masculine men. I like wearing women's clothing. If you are a hot top, give me a call. Call Ext. 5450

**SWM** Cross dresser, 35. I'm attractive. Looking for an attractive single guy, 18-35, who is open-minded and in good shape. Call Ext. 5423

**SWM** 38, brown hair, blue eyes, 160 lbs., lean. I'm active & in shape. I have my own company & I own my own home. I'm looking for a good-looking bottom. I hope to meet someone who is honest, active & dependable. Call me soon. Call Ext. 5402

**SM** 33, 5'8", 170 lbs., muscular, sexy, smooth. Interested in meeting tall, bear-type men who are hairy & large. Must be very well-endowed and strictly a top man. Call Ext. 5430

**SM** 39, 6'2", 175 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm romantic & from Europe. I enjoy the outdoors, the park, the beach, walking & spending time at home. I'm a professional in the hospitality business looking for someone, 30-40, who is slim & height/weight proportionate. Call Ext. 5399

**SWM** 6'3", 215 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, HIV+. I'm a down-to-earth man seeking someone sincere & honest for a relationship. I like to do the simple things that people can do together. Call Ext. 5427

**SWM** 47, 6', 225 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. I'm versatile & looking for men who find extensive foreplay exciting. All replies will be responded to. Call Ext. 5426

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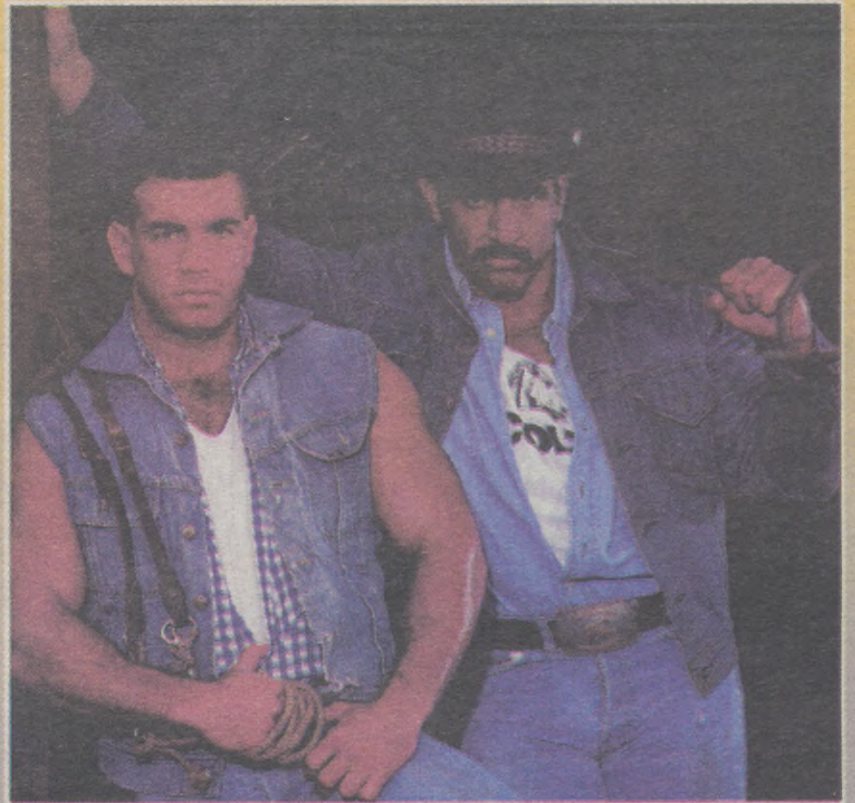
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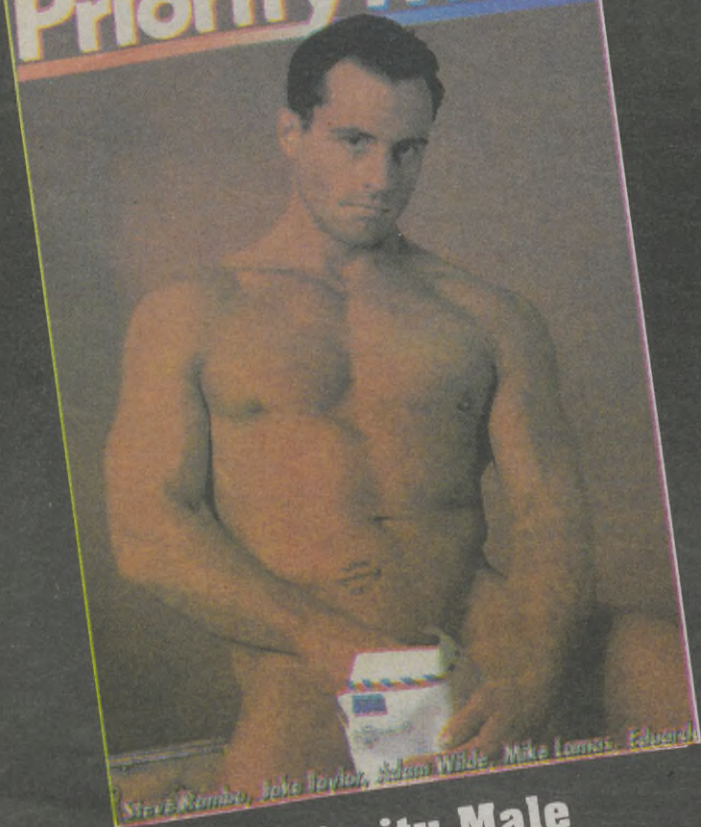
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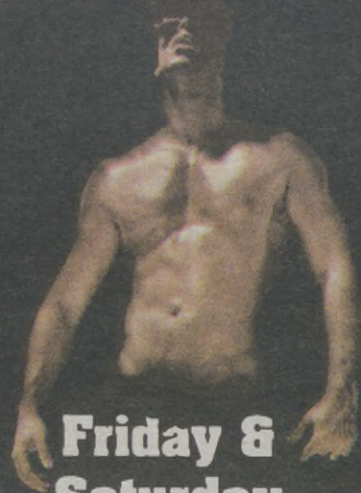
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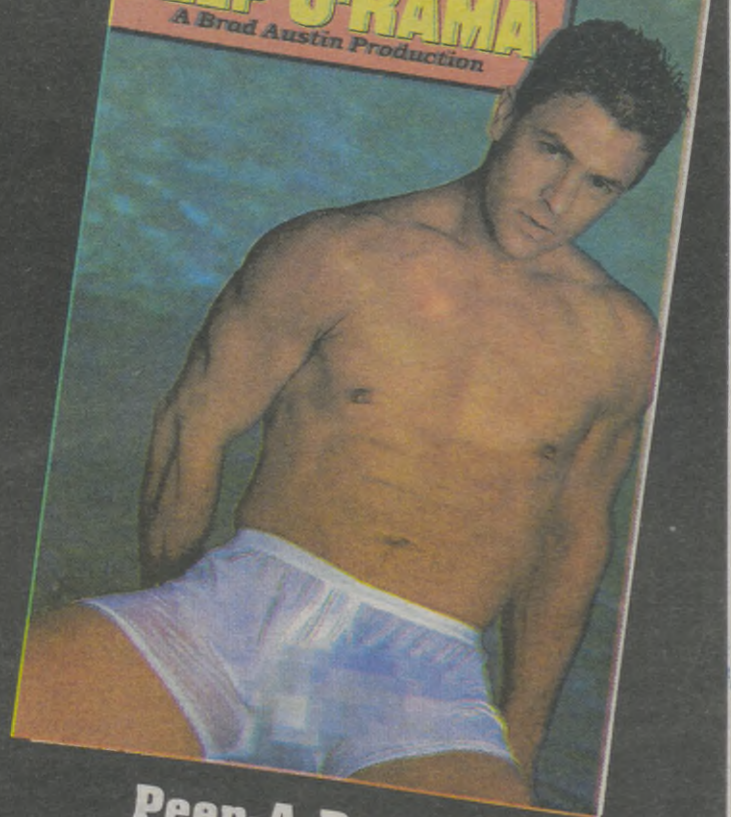


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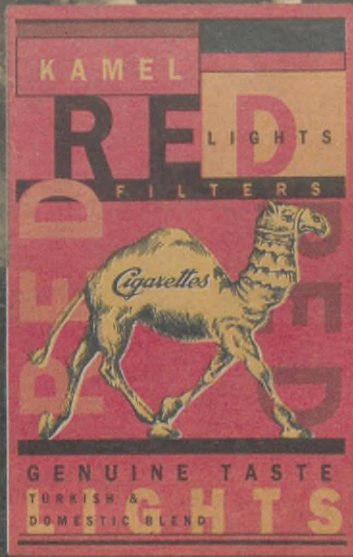
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