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2,000 Ascend Capitol Steps To Support Hate Crimes Bill



by John Toups

Gays and lesbians from all over Texas ascended on the steps of the state Capitol to persuade the state legislature to pass the pending Hate Crime legislation. Helmed by the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL), the March drew individuals and groups to Austin to stress the importance of the anti-crime initiative and lobby congressional representatives and state senators.

The Houston Voice caught up with the presidents of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC) and Log Cabin Republicans of Texas (LCR-T) to get their views of the March in March. The Hate Crime bill is still in criminal jurisprudence; however, many pundits believe there is a good possibility the legislation will vote on the bill during this session.

"I felt like the energy was low," opined HGLPC President Lane Lewis. "Probably from a lack of marketing, lack of definition and lack of community involvement from other cities." Lewis intoned

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Local Realtor, Ray Allison Catapults to New Heights

Find out how this local entrepreneur became the number one realtor in the Montrose area. See story page 17.



David Rousseve/REALITY — Dance With A Voice

Gay Native Son Returns to Houston

Rich Arenschieldt

Interesting things come from this sludge-filled, mosquito-ridden bayou — tremendous music, brilliant opera and intriguing, sometimes unusual art. These offerings are definable, easily categorized and usually fairly obvious to most of us. Native Houstonian choreographer/ writer/ director/ dancer/ actor David Rousseve fits nowhere within these categories, and everywhere at the same time. Society for the performing Arts, as part of its 'New Now' series presents an evening of 'multi-media dance theater' Saturday, April 5, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in Wortham Center's Cullen Theater.

David Rousseve and his company revel in breaking barriers and surprising audiences. Seven years after graduating from Princeton, magna cum laude, no less, Rousseve formed his company, REALITY. This company is ethnically and artistically diverse, exploring and dance and movement that ranges from classical ballet to hip hop. "Part of my company's agenda is to create a dialogue with as many communities and audiences as possible, both on stage and off by using African American culture to speak on universal issues of the heart," explains Rousseve.

REALITY presents its art directly from the center of our emotional existence. While conscious of the black experience, this company should not be construed as one with a



David Rousseve

specific message, like the two other predominantly black dance companies in America, but rather, one that expresses the entire range of human topics.

Part of the evenings' program will include a work that a topic that we, as a group, are acutely aware. The performance piece *Whispers of Angels* chronicles the experiences of a young man dying of AIDS. Rousseve uses this to explore not just a single topic, but as an emotional springboard for other, more complex issues. "As illuminated through this main character and his memories from birth to the last moments of his life, the piece deals with the pain of unrequited love (as it relates to son and father), the overwhelming search for compassion (as it relates to a person dying alone), and the

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Houston Bunnies Party on the Bayou



Bunnies on the Bayou throw their annual party. See story page 19

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huge 45 gun salute to Don Gill, and to all those who helped to make "Night in Black Leather" such a huge success. Rest assured that the Colts will use these moneys wisely on behalf of all those who suffer with HIV and AIDS. Therefore, on behalf of the clients of the Colt 45's, we thank him profusely and warmly.

A Big Thanks to the Krewe Of Olympus

by James Griffith, C.P.
Executive Director
Steven's House

Steven's House, an intermediate care facility for persons living with HIV/AIDS, wants to publicly express our appreciation and gratitude to the Krewe Of Olympus for choosing us as one of their beneficiaries.

Last Sunday at the Appreciation Party, we received a check for \$7,200 that will go to finish a few projects left undone during renovation of our new facility, and for the care of the residents. Steven's House offers its services free of charge, thus allowing the residents to return to independent living without debt.

For those who attended the Olympus Ball XXVII, I know I speak for Omega House as well as Steven's House, thank you for your generosity. The floor collection was the biggest ever. For those of you who did not attend the Ball this year, you missed an incredible evening; a formal, elegant, gigantic Mardi Gras Parade indoors.

An extra added attraction has been the opportunity to get to know Krewe members. They are a group of dedicated, talented, loving people, and can they throw a party! Steven's House salutes the KREWE and their dedication to the community.



MONTROSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

Fund Raisers Galore!

Closet Ball King & Queen Cora & Baby Sinclair went the unusual route of raising money last weekend. It seems that every time \$10 was raised, Cora, perched on a saddle on stage, had to down a shot of Cuervo! Shouldn't you leave that to professionals like Cuervolyn, Cora? After raising \$500 and falling off the saddle (or is that wagon) a few times, King Cora was escorted to her chariot...we call it United Cab...but whatever. Great job!

Over \$1300 was raised last Saturday at EJs for Ernie & Ralph. Patrons were treated to vast quantities of food & beverage as they listened to Chris Carter wail the tunes!

If Val Rodela of Gentry has one more 21st birthday, I think I must be eligible for Social Security! Last Sunday, Val celebrated the 10th Anniversary of his 21st birthday as a fund raiser for AVES. Over \$1000 was raised while customers listened to their favorite latin music.

Nikki Nokkers one-woman show featuring Bunny O'Hare, Bill Sansom and Edith head last Sunday at BriarPatch netted over \$1800 for the Stone Soup Kitchen. Martini City, as many call it, the BriarPatch has always been known for their fabulous shows!

Celebrate by Candlelight

1997 marks Bering Community Service Foundation's tenth year of service to the community. Founded in 1987, their Support Network, Care Center, and Dental Clinic only served a handful of people. Your commitment to Bering has seen a few grow to serving over 4,000 individuals.

To commemorate their anniversary, they are planning a candle light procession on Thursday, April 10 beginning at 7pm. The entire community is invited, including their clients, volunteers, grantors, and supporters. Participants will gather along Harold Street between Dunlavy and Mulberry and will

proceed to the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church parking lot where festival tents will be set up for people to gather.

New Chances Deity

Last Friday, Mr. Miss & Ms. Chances Emeritus proudly passed their titles on to the new reign. After a hotly contested race, the results came through! Mr. Chances is



"The lighter side" of Miss Chances.

Giovanni Lamond, Miss Chances is Renee Monroe, and Ms. Chances is Frankie Ferranto. Congratulations to all of the participants and best of luck to the new titleholders. See you at the parade!

Bayou Regatta

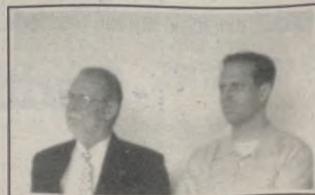
On Saturday, April 5, the 27th Annual Buffalo Bayou Regatta featuring 14.5 Canoe & Kayak Race goes afloat at 11am. "Land-lovers" are invited to bring the family to the event with live music, food, paddle boating, sculling & canoeing demonstrations.

The Anything That Floats Parade is Houston's only on-water parade and features plenty of surprises and lots of laughs. Anyone can enter their bayou-worthy float, and a small registration fee applies. Cash prizes are granted for creativity and the contest is open to anything from decorated canoes and floating bathtubs to on-water kinetic sculpture. For info call 654.8900.

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Hill and Carpenter Debated Same-Sex Marriage

Longtime gay civil rights activist Ray Hill and Log Cabin Republican State President Dale Carpenter debated the merits, or lack thereof, concerning same-sex marriage last weekend at an event sponsored by the Bar Association of Human Rights of Greater Houston (BAHR).



Ray Hill and Dale Carpenter.

Hill argued that same-sex marriage was not conducive to the best interests of the community. Hill contended that passage of

a same-sex union bill would open up a Pandora's box of ills for our community. He cited the common law provision in Texas that would be applicable to gay couples if their unions were recognized by the state.

Carpenter intoned that there were over a thousand benefits available to heterosexual married couples that gays and lesbians are not privy too. While he indicated that heterosexual marriages are not perfect, he believes that gays and lesbians should have the opportunity to engage in same-sex marriages if they so desire.

Following the debate, Carpenter and Hill answered questions from the group concerning the matter. For more information about BAHR, call the Law Offices of Moore and Hunt.

State Paper Investigates Gay Murders

According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the *Austin Chronicle* recently featured two important articles about a recent spate of killings of gay men in Texas. Written by Amy Smith,

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the first article begins with the murder of Ernest Saldaña, a mentally disabled gay man whose killers targeted his home and repeatedly shouted anti-gay epithets during the attack.

"The homophobic nature of the murder was never addressed during the trials, but his family decided to speak out in defense of their gay son and brother," Smith says. Working with the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) of Texas, the Saldaña's have sought out the inclusion of sexual orientation in hate crime legislation.

"Since the bill failed to win the needed votes two years ago, seven other gay men have been murdered across Texas," Smith noted. "All told, 22 gay men have been murdered across the state since 1988. What makes the murders of gay men difficult to generate sympathy and outrage in the heterosexual world is an age-old blame-the-victim mentality. Many of the men were killed by strangers they met at a bar, an adult video store or while cruising parks of other areas where gay men converge," Smith wrote.

The second article, by the same author, profiled Bruce Becker, a 36-year old government employee. Becker picked up his assailant in a cruising area. "Living in fear of one's sexual orientation being discovered can be a scary thing in a society that does little to accept homosexuals. While pick-up encounters exist in both straight and gay worlds, the covertness of sex with strangers can figure more prominently into a gay man's inability to fully accept his sexual orientation," explained Smith.

Black Caucus Lauds Chief Bradford

Houston Police Chief C. O. Bradford received the "Outstanding Texan" award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus Education and Research Committee last weekend in Austin. The group nominates outstanding citizens annually in categories ranging from the arts to public safety to community service.

"I hope that young people in Houston will understand that this award means that rewards come with performance," said Chief Bradford. "If you work towards your goals, you will be recognized for your accomplishments during your career."

Chief Bradford was nominated in the public safety category by Senator Rodney Ellis. "It's an award that I will always cherish and appreciate. It will be displayed prominently on my desk," enthused Bradford.

Author Dan Baker Slated to Address Gay Chamber

Noted author/speaker Dan Baker will be the keynote speaker at next month's meeting of The Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. His most recent bestseller, published by Harper Collins, is *Cracking the Corporate Closet*.

Baker has a stellar record as a gay activist that began while he attended graduate school at the University of Hawaii in the early 70's. Through the years he organized Honolulu's first Gay Pride Parade, was elected treasurer of ACT/UP New York and serves as Deputy Director of Gay Games IV.

Baker will address the current slate of domestic partners benefits and non-discrimination policies being debated in corporate circles. Currently Editor-In-Chief of *Quotient*, a newsletter promoting the marketability of targeting gay and lesbian consumers.

The group will hold their monthly meeting at The Wyndham Warwick, 5701 Main Street. There will be a social hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. prior to Dinner. Seating is limited and an RSVP is required. For more information, call (713) 523-7576.

Log Cabin Successfully Lobbies For Hate Crimes Bill

The Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, the GOP group that supports equality for gays and lesbians, lobbied hard on Monday for legislation enhancing penalties for hate crimes. According to the group, they have

confirmed the support of at least three GOP state senators, enough to pass the legislation if Democratic senators vote for it as well.

The legislation is pending in the state house and senate and must have Republican support to become law. The GOP has a majority of seats in the state senate.

"The hate crimes bill cannot pass without Republican support and we're the only gay civil rights group in Texas positioned to lobby the majority party on this issue," said Log Cabin state president Dale Carpenter. "The Republicans who have come on board to support this important anti-crime measure have shown tremendous outrage and principle in the face of pressure from the religious right," added Carpenter.

The group visited the offices of every Republican state senator and representative in the state's major urban areas earlier this week. According to Carpenter, the group received pledges of support for the hate crimes bill from San Antonio senator Jeff Wentworth and Houston senator's Mike Galloway and Jerry Paterson. The group indicated in a statement that they will continue their lobbying efforts and they hopeful of attaining support from at least one Dallas and Austin senator to back the measure as well.

Carpenter also stated that the group was impressed with the warm reception they received from the Governor's office.

Gentry Hosts Easter Parade of Starz

Gentry's will be hosting this year's Easter Parade of Starz benefiting AVES. The event presented by The Pride Gala 1997 will bring to the stage some of Houston's foremost nightclub entertainers for the purpose of charity.

Slated to appear at the event: Black Velvet, Tom Connors, Dyan Michels, Anna Harris, Stacy Grummer, Jim Halbert, Emperor X, Lindsey Love, Lori Love, Xavier Luna, Monique Johnson, Naomi Warwick, Nevada, Nina Renee, Bryon Norton, Paivi Lee Love, Armand Posas, Gerry Quinones, Gloria Silva, Tina Alexander, Shawna St. John, Shawna Roberts, Shelby St. John and The Texas Cowgirls.

The event takes place Sunday, March 30, 1997 at 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. Gentry's is located at 2303 Richmond Avenue. For more information, call (713) 520-1861.

Forest Park Lawndale Offers Easter Sunrise Service

Forest Park Lawndale will continue their tradition of an Easter Sunrise Service. This year's ceremony begins at 7 a.m. The service will be conducted on the lawn by the Lake of the Woods Chapel and will include traditional Easter music interwoven with scripture readings by pastors of Life Tabernacle. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the main chapel of the funeral home.

At the conclusion of the service, an arrangement of Easter lilies will be placed at the AIDS Memorial Book Terrace. The terrace was built after several burial plots for indigent AIDS victims were donated to the cemetery. Names of AIDS victims can be inscribed in the granite books and proceeds are donated to AIDS-related charities.

Seating is limited and worshipers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. For more information, call Forest Park Lawndale at (713) 921-6668.

Bering Church Hosts 49th Annual Spring Festival

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church will be holding the 49th annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 12. The traditional church "pancake breakfast" has grown over the years to include live entertainment, door prizes, a silent auction, garage sale and a health fair.

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Bering Church provides its ministries and See REGIONAL page 9

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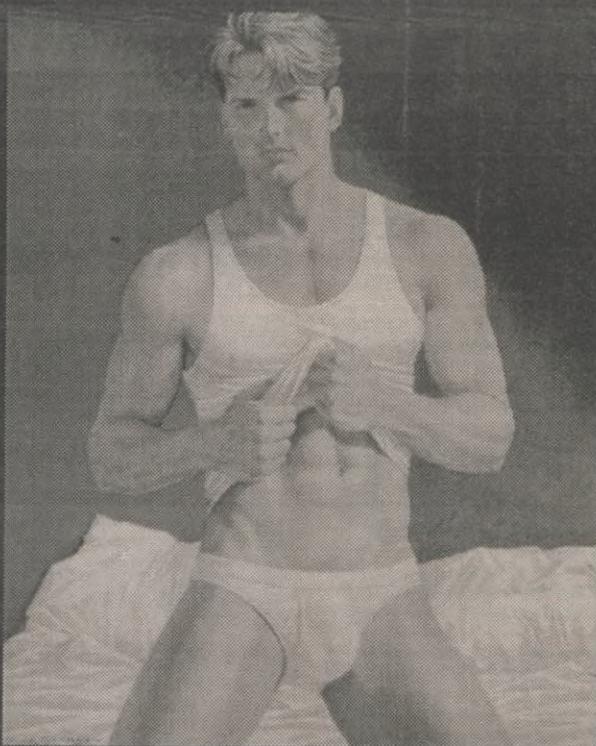
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PLAIN SPEAKING

by Larry Lingle

The Significance of Responsible Mentoring

Without judging the veracity of the charges, last week's Houston Voice story on an official with one of the resident homes caring for those with AIDS is symptomatic of society in general and gay society in particular.

What the particular official is alleged to have done - aggressively sought sex from a client of the agency to which he was responsible - is simply sexual harassment. Neither unique in a gay context nor uncommon in the general work place, sexual harassment can be far more subtle but no less insidious.

Just as straight males for so long assumed that female colleagues were open targets for their attentions and amusement, there has often been a similar assumption that in an openly gay work environment male employees were in open season.

As an owner of gay business I have always maintained a policy that management should not mix sex with business. This is not to say that I believe employees cannot be treated with respect as well as affection. My age and my attitude toward "community" and "family" on occasion places me in a position as a mentor.

One of those ubiquitous public service commercials on television urges viewers to volunteer as mentor to children as a means to save the next generation from the mistakes of the previous ones. In effect, this is what certain gay organizations attempt to achieve. HATCH, locally, has been working toward this goal for years.

This recent incident of alleged misconduct underlies the ongoing problem with any such program involving either the young or the defenseless. In the case of gay teen-agers, a closet pedophile sees an opportunity and exploits the innocent. Those with authority over others immediately enjoy an unfair and unequal opportunity for harm.

While such problems are not unique to the gay experience, they are heightened by our community's overemphasis on "sex" and the perception of sexual activity. My business, a gay bookstore, carries gay video tapes containing a variety of activities. All this means is that I feel an obligation to offer my customers material in which they are interested. It should not, and does not, reflect my interests other than as a business.

While I am not acquainted with many bar owners, one, whom I have known for a number of years, has three of the more successful establishments in Houston. And I have always observed that he is the consummate businessman and runs his bars with the same professional attitude as any other successful person - straight or gay. Frankly, as in any competitive field, the gay busi-

nessperson who neglects the essentials will likely not last very long.

Unfortunately, another characteristic of our community is that success breeds envy. If a gay person appears to be successful, those with less good fortune often attempt to bridge the gap with rumors. I was recently informed that my late partner, Bill White, and I actually sustained our business by being "the biggest dealers in crystal in Houston".

Putting aside the simple truth that anyone who knows me, or knew Bill, would put such a lie to rest. The reality that, like other business owners, I constantly sweat meeting payroll, paying suppliers and gauging the market. In more than twenty-three years of the business, we nearly went under more than once and survived Chapter 11 bankruptcy just a few short years ago.

When we attack or spread rumors about a gay business, or a gay person, or a gay organization we unravel the fabric of our community. This is not to say that we should not expose error where it exists. Hopefully, last week's Voice article will alert anyone who would abuse their authority that public censure awaits.

At the same time, we must not destroy or discourage those who would work to advance our community. We should, with certainty, encourage those organizations such as HATCH who particularly mentor to young gays and lesbians. In fact, I would urge some broader based program within our community similar to Big Brothers and Big Sisters in which older members of our community, properly screened, are placed on a one-on-one basis as mentors.

Without planning as such, I recently found myself acting in such a way with someone I had known previously and I found myself in a position to be of some help. I can recall fairly recently when a prominent lesbian couple took into their home a young man who had a troubled past and he is now not only a contributing member of our community but has taken a leadership role in more than one organization.

Given the different genders in that case it was accepted for what it was. In my current situation in which I have taken into my home someone to whom I am attempting to be of some help, I recognize the all too prevalent tendency to assume my motives are sexual. That is a risk I can assume and a canard which deserves no response.

Our community has the resources both in wealth and talent to mentor to all those troubled by coming out or AIDS or just general misfortune. It is certainly within our ability to institute such a mentoring program, and the rewards are boundless. I can speak personally of the immense satisfaction I feel with each step forward by the young man who happened to enter my life at a crucial time. He is, in a very real sense, like the son Bill and I might have wanted.

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Here We Go Again!

by Leslie Ramsay

The Houston news media is all buzzing about term limits again. Alan Bernstein and Jane Ely are both commenting on the movement of the Friends of Houston group.

The FOH group, or as I like to call them: Friends of Bob, have sent the democratic state representatives Ron Wilson and Garnet Coleman to Austin to try to overrule the will of the Houston voters. The voters seythled this issue way back in 1991.

In 1993, Mayor Bob Lanier signed a statement in support of the vote. The statement reads, "I pledge that I will not seek to serve more than six years in any one city office and will support term limitation as approved by Houston voters." Now the Chronicle is reporting that not only has the mayor changed his mind but that some of the legislation may have been drafted by his supporters at his home.

What has changed in the last four years? The Friends of "Bob" are claiming that the mayor needs more time to finish the revitalization of downtown, the neighborhoods and last but not least, the downtown baseball stadium.

State representative Ron Wilson told the media that he believed the mayor would have been "more reluctant to sign the pledge in 1993" if he would have known what the state of the city would be in today. Wilson filed the bill to help the mayor win another term to complete what he started: the rebuilding of sacred downtown.

Bringing the problems of the city to the state to solve is so unnecessary. If the Friends of "Bob" want to overturn to term limits law than they can collect the 20,000 signatures to put the issue on a special referendum election this summer. Mayor Bob is of course against this idea. Last week the mayor made statements blasting the possibility of a special election. A small voter turnout would have a negative result on the issue, he believes.

The politicians over in Austin are not too thrilled with the job of playing daddy to the spoiled children in Houston. Governor George W. Bush opposes the bills of Coleman and Wilson. Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock has suggested that Houston settle their own problems. State Senator Florence Shapiro stated that the people at the capital were too busy to tinker with the issue. Senator Jon Lindsey is sharing his problems with the Wilson bill with all that ask.

If the Friends of "Bob" believe that only Bob Lanier will be able to oversee the rebuilding of sacred downtown through to the end, why don't they start a movement to elect him king? I am confident that King Bob and Queen Elyse would rule until the final brick was in place in sacred downtown.

So who is running for mayor? Former police chief Lee P. Brown is back in town. Sylvester "the little boy from Acres Homes" Turner has recently come upon a war chest of money to finance a credible campaign. Rob Mosbacher, Jr., has recently moved into River Oaks to hopefully meet the six-month residency requirement to run. Helen Huey is making some inquiries. Gracie Saenz is testing the waters. Ray Hill has some business community support.

The longer this issue drags on the worse the mayor is going to look. The very idea of another term of Mayor Bob is not what the vocal citizens of Houston want. The radio airwaves are blasting him every morning about everything from the speed humps to the "sweetheart" real estate deals some friends of the mayor may have received. The \$600,000 band uniforms for Calvin Murphy's group was the end of the line for a good many Houston voters. The annexation of Kingwood was my personal Waterloo with him.

I am personally looking forward to a new mayor and a new city council. I have grown weary of the current grandiose rebuilding "pie in the sky" ideas of the current administration. When was the last time you went to see a baseball game anyway?

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Undiscovered Talent Contest Comes to Houston

KKRW-FM The Arrow, Castle Rock Entertainment and Landmark Theaters will sponsor an undiscovered talent contest on Friday, April 4th prior to the 9:30 p.m. showing of Christopher Guest's *Waiting For Guffman* at Landmark's Greenway Theater.

Contestants will perform their "undiscovered" talent (aka "The Gong Show") in front of a LIVE audience in under two minutes. Judging will be done by audience response at the show. The contest is limited to the first 15 people who register via phone at (713) 850-0217. All contestants who register will be given Free Passes for the film.

The talent will compete for various prizes ranging from CD's to T-shirts to the film's Director's Chair.

Montgomery and Stritch Re-Unite at Pavilion

Houstonian Sharon Montgomery and legendary musician Billy Stritch will re-unite on stage at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion April 12 and April 13. This event will mark only the second time ever that the Pavilion will transform its main stage into a cabaret setting reminiscent of such popular New York nightspots as the Algonquin Hotel, Cafe Carlyle and the Rainbow Room.

Entitled Cabaret Evening, the concert will feature the celebrated musicians, two thirds of Houston's former Montgomery, Plant and Stritch trio. Montgomery was the principal vocalist and Stritch was the male



Billy Stritch

pianist/vocalist of the popular 80's group. Their nightclub, concert and festival appearances took them throughout the US and Europe, culminating with their appearance with Mel Torme at the JVC Jazz Festival at Carnegie Hall.

In related news, Montgomery, a native Texan is currently working on a half-hour television show featuring Houston entertainment and producing a new album. Most recently, Stritch wrote arrangements for Liza Minnelli and served as musical supervisor



Sharon Montgomery

for "Liza Live from Radio City Music Hall" and associate produced Minnelli's "Gently" album.

For more information, call 363-3300.

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March 28, 1997
From Stephen Haddock
1997 Commissioner,
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On behalf of the Montrose Softball League, I'd like to welcome you to the Lone Star Classic Softball Tournament. The Lone Star Classic Committee has worked many hours to insure your enjoyment this Easter weekend and it is our hope that you leave Houston with a smile.

Our league begins its eighteenth year with the Lone Star Classic. We have accomplished many goals during this time and sometimes we forget how we got here. Obviously we survived because of dedicated members who stepped forward each year to move the league ahead. But one group of supporters, our Team Sponsors, are the **Most Valuable Players** in our league. Without their annual financial support we would not have lasted the past seventeen years. We thank them and acknowledge their support. The 1997 Team Sponsors are-

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This year we dedicate our season to *Steven's House*, an intermediate care facility for persons living with AIDS. Funds generated during the tournament and through out our season, will assist us when we make our annual community service contribution.

Once again, welcome to the Lone Star Classic Tournament. Sample the many venues of our community, our city, and the great State of Texas.

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Liberace Competition

This May, the Liberace Museum will celebrate Liberace's 78th birthday with a series of special events including the first-ever official Liberace Impersonator Competition and the presentation of a giant piano-shaped birthday cake to museum guests.

Contestants vying for the title of The World's Greatest Liberace Impersonator 1997 are invited to use the piano their presentations and/or sing one of Mr. Showmanship's well-known songs. Those who would aspire to the title, but lack the requisite musical training, may offer their best rendition of one of Liberace's trademark lies, such as the classic "Remember that bank I cried all the way to? I bought it!"

For entry forms, please contact Renee Harshmann at 702.798.5595 Ext. 20, or write to Liberace Contest, c/o The Liberace Museum, 1775 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89119-6529. Applications must be received (mailed or faxed) no later than May 9th. Good luck brother George!

Ellen House Parties!

The Human Rights Campaign has created "Ellen" house party kits to make it easy and fun for people to share the historic coming out episode on April 30. "The 'Ellen' coming out episode provides a rare opportunity to raise the visibility and awareness of lesbian and gay people and the important work of the Human Rights Campaign," HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch said, asking members to throw the parties.

"Special" advertisements were to run throughout the coming out episode, but according to Ms. Birch "29 markets across the country were to run our ads" in a conversation with The Houston Voice, but local affiliate Channel 13's Dave Ward announced on the news recently that they will not run the ads.

To host an "Ellen" house party and receive a kit, call HRC at 202.628.4160 or visit HC's online action center at <http://www.hrc.org/events/ellen>.

Watching the Right Wing

People For The American Way recently distributed the second issue of Right Wing Watch Online, an electronic newsletter that will be published periodically to better inform the public about how, and what, Religious Right groups communicate to their members. Since the first issue was distributed earlier this month, more than 1,300 subscribers have signed up to receive the newsletter online.

Online will be distributed every few weeks, and will detail the messages of such groups as the Christian Coalition, Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, Focus on the Family, the American Family Association and others. To subscribe, visit <http://www.pfaw.org/rww> or send email to MAISER@PFAW.ORG with no subject and the following text in the body: SUB RWW.

AIDS Action Lauds Clinton

AIDS Action, the nation's foremost AIDS advocacy organization, recently applauded President Clinton's creation of a much-needed, bipartisan Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry.

AIDS Action Executive Director Daniel Zingale said he is hopeful that the advisory commission, which counts among its members longtime AIDS advocate Nan D. Hunter, will address the effects of a rapidly changing health care system on consumers, including people living with HIV/AIDS.

In coalition with consumer and provider organizations nationwide, AIDS Action is calling on the advisory commission to recommend uniform national standards to protect all consumers, whether they be covered under Medicare, Medicaid, or employer benefit plans.

Falwell Says "Stop!"

Dr. Jerry Falwell speaking to 1,100 delegates of the New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedom recently urged members to implore advertisers to immediately halt advertising on the Walt Disney-owned ABC television series "Ellen," due to the series' scheduled broadcast on April 30 where Ellen announces her lesbianism.

"Walt Disney must be turning over in his grave," said Falwell. "Enough is enough. We, as parents and grandparents, must insure that series advertisers understand that the majority of Americans do not want their children and grandchildren being told that 'gay is OK' from television executives and producers with an anti-family agenda."

Briefs

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) announced the release of the tenth-anniversary edition of its well-respected and widely distributed "AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory" (Volume VIII, No. 3). This directory was the first

comprehensive source of information on treatment options for people living with HIV/AIDS and their physicians. Look to your AIDS service organization for a copy...The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is pleased to announce that international Spanish talk show host and journalist Cristina Saralegui will receive the Vanguard Award, one of the organization's highest honors, at the 8th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in New York on May 31st...The 18th Annual Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) conference will be held on July 24-27 at the Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia. There will be workshops and guest speakers, activities for children, family activities - all this for only \$350. For info write to GLPCI, PO Box 50360 in Washington DC 20091 or call 202.583.8029.

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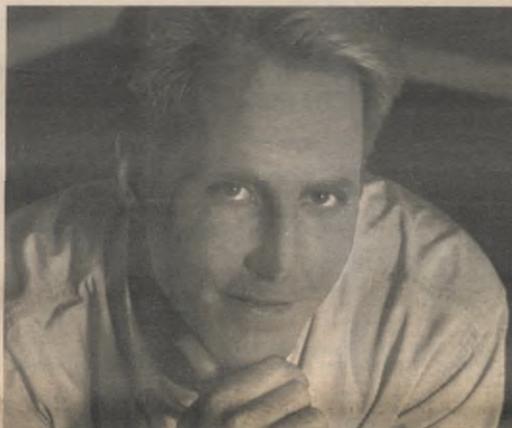
Act Up Marks 10th Anniversary With Noisy Protest, Arrests

by Michael Blood

NEW YORK (AP) - The activist group ACT UP, which once attracted thousands of people to its New York City rallies to publicize the plight of AIDS victims, held a much smaller protest on its 10th anniversary.

About 250 people marched on Monday, accusing drug manufacturers of charging too much for AIDS-fighting treatments. While some banged drums or blew whistles, others chanted, "We die - they make money."

The noisy protest was held in the heart of the city's financial district. Police said there See PROTEST page 12



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ABC Turns Down Homosexual Rights Group's Ad

by David Bauder
 NEW YORK (AP) - A gay rights group that wanted to place an anti-discrimination television ad during the "Ellen" episode where the lead character reveals her homosexuality has been turned down by ABC.

Despite the network rejection, the Human Rights Campaign said a majority of local ABC affiliates it asked then agreed to run the commercial.

The commercial depicts co-workers expressing surprise that a former colleague has been fired from a job because she is a lesbian. It is designed to build support for passage of a federal law banning job discrimination due to sexual orientation.

ABC's rejection is ironic given its hopes that the April 30 "Ellen" episode, which will feature Oprah Winfrey, Laura Dern and k.d. lang, is a big ratings grabber, said David Smith, spokesman for the campaign.

"They have determined that an actual depiction of a fact of life for gay people in this

country falls under the judgment of controversial advertising," he said. "We strongly disagree with that judgment on our part. We believe they have made an error."

ABC's decision is somewhat mitigated by its courage in permitting the "Ellen" story line and strong pro-gay corporate policies, he said.

The network has a blanket policy against issue-oriented ads and this commercial fell into that category, said Janice Gretemeyer, ABC spokeswoman.

"Topics of this nature are better discussed in news programs," she said.

Smith's group went the more expensive route of trying to convince local affiliates to run the ad. Traditionally on a prime-time show, time is set aside for ads bought through the network and through the local affiliates.

The Human Rights Campaign found that 59 of the 74 stations it asked agreed to run the ad. Seven affiliates turned it down and the rest didn't give an answer, Smith said.

Ads were purchased in 29 markets, includ-

ing Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, Seattle and Bismarck, N.D.

Cities where affiliates turned down the ad were Chicago; Houston; New York; Philadelphia; Wilmington, N.C.; and Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn.

"We basically don't take advocacy advertising," said Art Moore, spokesman for WABC-TV in New York City.

The local ad buy will cost the campaign \$175,000. A 30-second spot running nationally would have cost the same amount, Smith said.

ABC's Ms. Gretemeyer also said there was no inconsistency between turning down the ad and the network's current month-long anti-drug campaign. ABC has been pushing anti-drug messages through public service announcements, news specials and story lines in some entertainment programs.

"Public service spots are completely different from ads," she said.

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were 72 arrests, mostly for blocking traffic.

ACT UP, whose first protest took place on Wall Street in 1987, has a history of headline-grabbing exploits.

In 1989, 4,500 members of ACT UP and other groups ringed St. Patrick's Cathedral. Inside, as Cardinal John O'Connor celebrated Mass, some protesters chained themselves to pews, shouted and lay in the aisles.

Two years later, protesters broke into the studios of "The CBS Evening News," one person leaped in front of Dan Rather at the start of the newscast.

But fewer people have been participating, a fact people inside and outside the group blame on everything from the deaths of group leaders to ACT UP's own success.

"There's been 10 years of AIDS activism and a lot of what ACT UP has been fighting for has been accomplished," said Stephen LeBlanc of the group's San Francisco chapter.

Chicago OK's Benefits

CHICAGO (AP) - The City Council voted Wednesday to give health insurance benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of city workers, while protesters sang hymns and said the politicians were condoning homosexuality.

"We've allowed Sodomiters to rule too much of our government today, and we say it's enough, and from this day forward you're going to see the hand of God," the Rev. Hiram Crawford of Israel Methodist Community Church said outside the crowded council chambers.

"Bigotry and intolerance are always vile, but they are especially vile when they masquerade as religion and virtue," said gay activist Rich Garcia.

The ordinance, which had the backing of Democratic Mayor Richard M. Daley, passed 32-18 after the council tabled a substitute ordinance that would have extended the same benefits to unmarried heterosexual partners.

Supporters on the council called the ordinance a matter of fairness. But Alderman Brian Dougherty said it was bad public policy.

"This is special interest politics for a segment of society to make them feel good and let government legitimize their relationship, but it doesn't advance the public good," Dougherty said.

Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver have similar ordinances, as does the western Chicago suburb of Oak Park, according to Loralee Van Sluys of Hewitt Associates, a Lincolnshire company that consults on and administers employee benefit and compensation programs. About 75 government agencies and about 425 other employers have extended insurance benefits to domestic partners of employees, she said.

Chicago has about 40,000 employees and city officials expect 300 to 400 people to sign up for the benefits, costing about \$800,000 a year, said city Budget Director Diane Agiotti. The substitute ordinance would have cost about \$3 million, her office estimated.

Companies have found participation rates of 1 percent or less when offering such benefits only to gay employees, Ms. Van Sluys said. The figure is low largely because many eligible people already have coverage through their own employers, she said.

The Illinois Senate on Tuesday passed a measure requiring communities that extend employee benefits to same-sex domestic partners to give the same benefits to heterosexual couples who meet the same criteria. Sponsoring Sen. Walter Ducey, R-Chicago, says that's only fair, but critics say the bill was intended to make Chicago's ordinance so costly that the city would not adopt it.

The bill is awaiting action in the House, which is controlled by Democratic Speaker Michael Madigan of Chicago, a Daley ally.

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Marinol (dronabinol) is indicated for the treatment of:

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2. nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conventional antiemetic treatments.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Marinol (dronabinol) is contraindicated in any patient who has a history of hypersensitivity to any cannabinoid or sesame oil.

WARNINGS

Marinol (dronabinol) is a medication with a potential for abuse. Physicians and pharmacists should use the same care in prescribing and accounting for Marinol as they would with morphine or other drugs controlled under Schedule II (CII) of the Controlled Substances Act. Because of the risk of diversion, it is recommended that prescriptions be limited to the amount necessary for the period between clinic visits.

Patients receiving treatment with Marinol should be specifically warned not to drive, operate machinery, or engage in any hazardous activity until it is established that they are able to tolerate the drug and to perform such tasks safely.

PRECAUTIONS

General: The risk/benefit ratio of Marinol (dronabinol) use should be carefully evaluated in patients with the following medical conditions because of individual variation in response and tolerance to the effects of Marinol.

Marinol should be used with caution in patients with cardiac disorders because of occasional hypotension, possible hypertension, syncope, or tachycardia (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

Marinol should be used with caution in patients with a history of substance abuse, including alcohol abuse or dependence, because they may be more prone to abuse Marinol as well. Multiple substance abuse is common and marijuana, which contains the same active compound, is a frequently abused substance.

Marinol should be used with caution and careful psychiatric monitoring in patients with mania, depression, or schizophrenia because Marinol may exacerbate these illnesses.

Marinol should be used with caution in patients receiving concomitant therapy with sedatives, hypnotics or other psychoactive drugs because of the potential for additive or synergistic CNS effects.

Marinol should be used with caution in pregnant patients, nursing mothers, or pediatric patients because it has not been studied in these patient populations.

Marinol should be used with caution for treatment of anorexia and weight loss in elderly patients with AIDS because they may be more sensitive to the psychoactive effects and because its use in these patients has not been studied.

Information for Patients: Patients receiving treatment with Marinol (dronabinol) should be alerted to the potential for additive central nervous system depression if Marinol is used concomitantly with alcohol or other CNS depressants such as benzodiazepines and barbiturates.

Patients receiving treatment with Marinol should be specifically warned not to drive, operate machinery, or engage in any hazardous activity until it is established that they are able to tolerate the drug and to perform such tasks safely.

Patients using Marinol should be advised of possible changes in mood and other adverse behavioral effects of the drug so as to avoid panic in the event of such manifestations. Patients should remain under the supervision of a responsible adult during initial use of Marinol and following dosage adjustments.

Drug Interactions: In studies involving patients with AIDS and/or cancer, Marinol (dronabinol) has been co-administered with a variety of medications (e.g., cytotoxic agents, anti-infective agents, sedatives, or opioid analgesics) without resulting in any clinically significant drug-drug interactions. Although no drug-drug interactions were discovered during the clinical trials of Marinol, cannabinoids may interact with other medications through both metabolic and pharmacodynamic mechanisms. Dronabinol is highly protein bound to plasma proteins, and therefore, might displace other protein-bound drugs. Although this displacement has not been confirmed *in vivo*, practitioners should monitor patients for a change in dosage requirements when administering dronabinol to patients receiving other highly protein-bound drugs. Published reports of drug-drug interactions involving cannabinoids are summarized in the following table.

These withdrawal symptoms gradually subsided over the next 48 hours. Electroencephalographic changes consistent with the effects of drug withdrawal (hypersensitization) were recorded in patients after abrupt discontinuation. Patients also complained of disturbed sleep for several weeks after discontinuing therapy with high dosages of dronabinol.

OVERDOSSAGE

Signs and symptoms following MILD Marinol (dronabinol) intoxication include drowsiness, euphoria, heightened sensory awareness, altered time perception, reddened conjunctiva, dry mouth and tachycardia; following MODERATE intoxication include memory impairment, depersonalization, mood alteration, urinary retention, and reduced bowel motility; and following SEVERE intoxication include decreased motor coordination, lethargy, slurred speech, and postural hypotension. Aggressive patients may experience panic reactions and seizures may occur in patients with existing seizure disorders.

The estimated lethal human dose of intravenous dronabinol is 30 mg/kg (2100 mg/70 kg). Significant CNS symptoms in animals studies followed oral doses of 0.4 mg/kg (28 mg/70 kg) of Marinol.

Management: A potentially serious oral ingestion, if recent, should be managed with gut decontamination. In unconscious patients with a secure airway, initial activated charcoal (30 to 100 g in adults, 1 to 2 g/kg in infants) via a nasogastric tube. A saline cathartic or sorbitol may be added to the first dose of activated charcoal. Patients experiencing depression, hallucinations or psychotic reactions should be placed in a quiet area and offered reassurance. Benzodiazepines (5 to 10 mg diazepam *po*) may be used for treatment of extreme agitation. Hypotension usually responds to Trendelenburg position and IV fluids. Pressors are rarely required.

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

Appetite stimulation: Initially, 2.5 mg Marinol (dronabinol) should be administered orally twice daily (b.i.d.), before lunch and supper. For patients unable to tolerate this 5 mg/day dosage of Marinol, the dosage can be reduced to 2.5 mg/day, administered as a single dose in the evening or at bedtime. If clinically indicated and in the absence of significant adverse effects, the dosage may be gradually increased to a maximum of 30 mg/day Marinol, administered in divided oral doses. Caution should be exercised in escalating the dosage of Marinol because of the increased frequency of dose-related adverse experiences at higher dosages (see PRECAUTIONS).

Antiemetic: Marinol is best administered at an initial dose of 5 mg/m², given 1 to 3 hours prior to the administration of chemotherapy, then every 2 to 4 hours after chemotherapy is given, for a total of 4 to 6 doses/day. Should the 5 mg/m² dose prove to be ineffective, and in the absence of significant side effects, the dose may be escalated by 2.5 mg/m² increments to a maximum of 15 mg/m² per dose. Caution should be exercised in dose escalation, however, as the incidence of disturbing psychiatric symptoms increases significantly at maximum dose (see PRECAUTIONS).

SAFETY AND HANDLING

Marinol (dronabinol) should be packaged in a well-closed container and stored in a cool environment between 8° and 15°C (46° and 59°F). Protect from freezing. No particular hazard to health care workers handling the capsules has been identified.

Access to abusable drugs such as Marinol presents an occupational hazard for addiction in the health care industry. Routine procedures for handling controlled substances developed to protect the public may not be adequate to protect health care workers. Implementation of more effective accounting procedures and measures to appropriately restrict access to drugs of this class may minimize the risk of self-administration by health care providers.

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A cannabinoid dose-related "high" (easy laughing, elation and heightened awareness) has been reported by patients receiving Marinol in both the antiemetic (24%) and the lower dose appetite stimulant clinical trials (8%) (see CLINICAL TRIALS).

The most frequently reported adverse experiences in patients with AIDS during placebo-controlled clinical trials involved the CNS and were reported by 33% of patients receiving Marinol. About 25% of patients reported a minor CNS adverse experience during the first 2 weeks and about 4% reported such an event each week for the next 6 weeks thereafter.

PROBABLY CAUSALLY RELATED: Incidence greater than 1%. Rates derived from clinical trials in AIDS-related anorexia (N=157) and chemotherapy-related nausea (N=317). Rates were generally higher in the anti-emetic use (given in parenthesis).

Body as a whole: Asthenia. Cardiovascular: Palpitations, tachycardia, vasodilation/facial flush. Digestive: Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting. Musculoskeletal: Myalgias. Nervous system: Depression, nightmares, speech difficulties, tenitis. Skin and Appendages: Flushing. Special senses: Vision difficulties.

Incidence of events 3% to 10%. PROBABLY CAUSALLY RELATED: Incidence less than 1%. Event rates derived from clinical trials in AIDS-related anorexia (N=157) and chemotherapy-related nausea (N=317).

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Incidence of events 0.3% to 1%. CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN: Incidence less than 1%. The clinical significance of the association of these events with Marinol treatment is unknown, but they are reported as alerting information for the clinician.

Body as a whole: Chills, headache, malaise. Digestive: Anorexia, hepatic enzyme elevation. Respiratory: Cough, rhinitis, sinusitis. Skin and Appendages: Sweating.

DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

Marinol (dronabinol) is one of the psychoactive compounds present in cannabis, and is abusable and controlled Schedule II (CII) under the Controlled Substances Act. Both psychological and physiological dependence have been noted in healthy individuals receiving dronabinol, but addiction is uncommon and has only been seen after prolonged high dose administration.

Chronic abuse of cannabis has been associated with decrements in motivation, cognition, judgment, and perception. The etiology of these impairments is unknown, but may be associated with the complex process of addiction rather than an isolated effect of the drug. No such decrements in psychological, social or neurological status have been associated with the administration of Marinol for therapeutic purposes.

In an open-label study in patients with AIDS who received Marinol for up to five months, no abuse, diversion or systematic change in personality or social functioning were observed despite the inclusion of a substantial number of patients with a past history of drug abuse.

An abstinence syndrome has been reported after the abrupt discontinuation of dronabinol in volunteers receiving dosages of 210 mg/day for 12 to 16 consecutive days. Within 12 hours after discontinuation, these volunteers manifested symptoms such as irritability, anorexia, and restlessness. By approximately 24 hours post-dronabinol discontinuation, withdrawal symptoms intensified to include "hot flashes", sweating, rhinorrhea, loose stools, hiccups and anorexia.

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that he believed the March was an important event, however, he indicated that the March will have a greater impact on individuals who participated in a march for the first time compared to those who have been involved in other marches.

"Typically marches like that do less to contribute to the reason that we're having it," said Lewis. "We had the March to get the Hate Crimes bill passed. The impact on that is less than it is on the individual that participated. I've never participated in any event and suddenly I show up to the March on Washington or a Stonewall or a March on Austin and there are several thousand people there, I get pumped up and when I get home, I become active. The ramifications of a march are usually heavier on that end than actual persuasion of a legislature looking out the window and seeing a couple of thousand people. That's true on a national level as well."

So, we inquired as to what would have been done differently to increase the energy level? "I'm never one to criticize publicly in writing or in speech about other organizations. We all do the best we can and I don't believe in it," said Lewis.

"If I had been doing it, I would have said I think we should have this March for this reason," explained Lewis. "I would have called the political organizations of the four major cities and asked them to meet with me. I'd go to their city and meet them one on one, get a collective opinion and if they think it should happen as well, I would have formed a steering committee made up of a representative of each of those cities. And, I would have started eight months in advance - at least. I would have advertised six months ahead of time. I would have put the charge on the different organizations in the various cities to go back and rally the troops. That's how I would have done it. I don't know how they did it, I don't know their process. Perhaps they did the best they could."

Lewis contends that it is difficult to coordinate a March or major rallying event without heavy participation. He believes it is too much of a daunting task for one organization. "Again, I don't know how they did it," stressed Lewis. "When I do stuff like that, I operate in the least amount of a vacuum as I can. You can't put on an event of that scale in a vacuum because people don't typically participate in something that's happening if there not involved in the process."

"The only time the politicians come and ask us for our opinion is when their asking for our vote."

According to Lewis, HGLPC Treasurer Kevin Davidson and PAC Co-Chair Clarence Bagby stayed in Austin and assisted him with the groups lobbying efforts. Lewis was unable to provide our readers with an update of the groups lobbying efforts. "I've not had a chance to talk to them."

"Personally I feel strongly for myself that my focus is so focused on the Caucus right now that my thinking is that I want to be able in two years to let the politicians come and lobby us," enthused Lewis. "The only time the politicians come and ask us for our opinion is when their asking for our vote."

We asked Lewis how the organization plans to lure the legislatures to lobby them. "When you've got a large membership and a strong voting block and a politician is about to make a decision that is going to affect his constituents, they call who they think are going to give them the most support and I have no doubt on the local level there are people they call and say what do you think about this before they ever open their mouth."

During the interim, wouldn't it be prudent to lobby? "I'm not against lobbying but I wonder how many people that were lobbied did not know about the Hate Crimes bill. I think when a politician says 'I represent my constituents and the majority of people that I heard from were against ENDA, therefore

I voted against ENDA,' they know its not right. Whether they think ENDA is good or bad, they know that people should be protected against employment discrimination," said Lewis.

Lewis concurred that you could possibly persuade them to change their mind provided you give them proper perspective "That's true and that is the strongest purpose of lobbying. They know right from wrong and they want to do right, but they just don't know what points to argue."

"I think in general it is a good idea to have Marches to highlight the interest and support in the community," stated LCR-T state President Dale Carpenter.

Carpenter said that the March was disappointing on several fronts. First he cited that attendance was lower than it was two years ago by about a third. Secondly, he pointed out that there were no Republican identified speakers addressing the audience at the end of the March.

"I think it is short cited for our movement in Texas to ignore the Republican side of the issue because we must have Republican votes to pass any legislation in this state," said Carpenter. "The GOP controls the state senate as well as the Governors mansion. I think it is something a non-partisan organization could and should have done. I don't know why, but the absence of a Republican identified speaker was noteworthy and disappointing and it was very short sided of us to ignore the majority political party in this state."

Carpenter contends that the it is extremely important for gays and lesbians to make inroads in the Republican party if we are going to have any successes in Texas. "It's fortunate that we have Log Cabin to work on the GOP on these issues. Otherwise the other gay groups in the state would be virtually ignored by the party."

He believes, as does Lewis, that there should have been more involvement from all organizations. "We were not contacted to help plan the March. We were not contacted about possible speakers. We could have found speakers to speak. Everyone simply went to Austin willy nilly. We had success, but I think it could have been better. This is a growing and disturbing trend in gay civil rights organizations in this state," said Carpenter.

Carpenter indicated that it is in the best interest of our community to work together in harmony on both sides of the issue. He cited an incident that occurred at the beginning of the March, when a member with the National Organization of Women (NOW) verbally attacked the group, as a prime example of community detriment.

"Deborah Bell shouted to me and a friend that we were Republican slime while we were waiting to begin the March," Carpenter informed. "And, all we were there to do is support the Hate Crimes bill and to work within the party that has control over whether the Hate Crimes bill is even going to get to the floor in the house and the senate. I have not heard such epithets directed at me in a political arena since the Republican state convention when I and others with Log Cabin were called gay slime. We have got to learn to work together with understanding, patience and without name calling."

Carpenter stressed that despite any opposition, the group was going to work with all of the Republican state senators and representatives and the Governor's office in an effort to convert more Republicans to the bill.

And, how would Carpenter have made the event less disappointing? "I think there should be more publicity further in advance of the March so that people can plan ahead and attend. And, there should be more cooperation so that our efforts can have the maximum affect. I'm afraid that opportunity has been missed this year."

Interestingly, both Lewis and Carpenter seemed to share similar sentiments concerning their overviews of the March in March. Both Carpenter and Lewis stressed the importance of community involvement and the significance of Hate Crimes legislation. They vehemently encouraged all of our community to address the issue with their elected officials.

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Toward A More Perfect Union

by Elizabeth Birch

On this long journey that is our quest for equal rights, no goal will be more symbolic, have a more tangible effect on our lives or be more difficult to achieve than securing the right to marry. As a cultural institution, marriage is so highly revered that it is assumed each of us will experience it. From the moment we are born, we are socialized to dream about the day we will wed, and to look forward to that as one of life's pinnacles.

Those of us who grew up knowing we might be gay faced a conundrum: How were we to reconcile our expectations of marriage with the fundamental desire for a partner of the same sex? Most of us resolved this dilemma by forgoing any dreams of legal marriage, or by creating our own marriage-like ceremonies and institutions.

That situation may be about to change, which is really quite miraculous to those of us who never conceived of the possibility in our lifetimes. Given that lesbian and gay Americans have been fighting for equal rights for only about 30 years, the fact that we stand at the brink of winning equal marriage rights in Hawaii in 1997 is breathtaking to ponder.

Our community started on this path almost by accident—three gay couples, strangers to each other, decided to file what looked like a pie-in-the-sky lawsuit in 1991. Yet at each level, they won, thanks to hard work, thick skin, legal brilliance and coordination. We all owe a great deal to the courage and dedication of Dan Foley, the attorney in Hawaii who continues to champion the case, co-counsel Evan Wolfson from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the leaders of the Marriage Project Hawaii and many others in the wonderful Aloha State whose faith is an inspiration.

The Human Rights Campaign is committed to the fight for equal marriage rights. And, as a graduate of the University of Hawaii, I feel a personal commitment not only to the issue but to the magnificent state from which it emanates. Through at least five major waves of immigration and other struggles, Hawaii has a rich history of fairness and nondiscrimination. HRC has purposely not engaged in the court case because it is in very able hands, and because litigation is not part of HRC's mandate. But now that the issue is moving beyond the courts and onto political ground in Hawaii, the value HRC can add has come into focus. We must treat the situation in Hawaii with the same investment and commitment that we applied to defeating the anti-gay ballot initiatives in Maine, Oregon and elsewhere.

The skills we honed in those confrontations will be directly applicable to Hawaii, which is why we are poised to conduct cutting-edge polling in Hawaii, and to work one-on-one with those leaders in Hawaii who have brought us to the current crossroads.

HRC recently sent two staffers—National Field Director Donna Red Wing and Senior Policy Advocate Nancy Buermeyer—to Hawaii to meet with the activists on the front lines. The information they brought home is sobering. The issue is moving along several tracks. The state Legislature is working furiously to pass a constitutional amendment, which could go to the people for a vote as early as November in 1998, a second possible avenue to alter the constitutional convention will be convened in 1998, a second possible avenue to alter the constitutional provisions on which the remarkable court case is based. The latter approach would not only provide an opportunity to change Hawaii's equal rights amendment but to alter other progressive aspects of the state's constitution.

Assuming that the state Supreme Court again affirms the right of same-sex couples to marry in Hawaii, our mission is to hold onto that gain. To that end, HRC is planning to conduct much deeper polling and research to determine how to reach the hearts and minds of all Hawaii residents. We know we are correct in our conviction that lesbian and gay Americans deserve equal marriage rights, but how do we convince those who fear we are threatening this sacred institution?

HRC conducted research two years ago to come up with methods to frame our messages around gay marriage. We published a manual based on that polling, which has been used by activists across the country who are warring against anti-gay marriage bills in their state legislatures. And we never wavered in our efforts to defeat the hideous Defense of Marriage Act, knowing full well that it was a carefully engineered election-year ploy.

In the meantime, we have a long way to go to convince our heterosexual fellow citizens that gay marriage is no threat to them, or to the underpinnings of society. Our research shows that if we break marriage down into many of its basic components, most Americans agree that we deserve the same rights and responsibilities—which is a very positive sign. Winning equal marriage rights is a crusade that sprang from the deepest grass roots of our community, and from our shared desire to be full, responsible, valued citizens. Indeed, it is our birthright as Americans and we will, ultimately, claim it.

Elizabeth Birch is executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, based in Washington, D.C.



MOVIE REVIEW

Timeless Film Classic Returns To The Big Screen

by Chris Rundquist

In honor of its 25th anniversary, Paramount Pictures is re-releasing *The Godfather*. This cutting edge crime-drama was first released in 1972, and launched the film careers of Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton, Talia Shire and others. It was also the highest grossing movie in history, up to that time, earning over \$100 million in its initial release.

The Godfather was based on the best selling novel of the same name, written by Mario Puzo. The book sold over 10 million copies making it one of the most widely read novels in history. Mario Puzo collaborated with Francis Ford Coppola to write the screenplay, earning them an Oscar for Best Screenplay Adaptation.

In all the film earned 10 Academy Award Nominations, and won three: Best Picture

and Best Actor (Marlon Brando), as well as Best Screenplay. In 1990, the film was further honored by being selected by the Library of Congress to be included in the National Film Registry.

The re-release differs from the original only in the soundtrack, which has been digitally remastered from its original monaural sound into THX stereo. Also, the original negatives were remastered to retain the original visual feel of the film. However, by today's standards, the film has more of a grainy picture than we have become accustomed to.

Make no mistake, *The Godfather* was, and still is, an excellent film that should not be missed. However, as nice as it is to see the film on the big screen, the video version is just as compelling and forceful. Unless you are a film purist, don't rush out to the theater in fear that you will miss something new.

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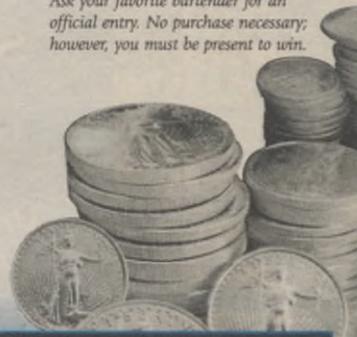
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LIFE WITH AIDS

by Larry Garrett

The last few weeks I have been fighting a difficult battle with depression. They think being depressed is when there are more bills than or depression is not having an extra \$40.00 to hit the bars on a Saturday night. It's true that these are extremely minor forms of depression, however, the kind of depression I've been experiencing lately is much more severe and deeply rooted.

You know how you feel when the alarm clock first goes off in the early morning and you reach over and hit the snooze bar for an extra fifteen minutes of sleep. It may sound simplistic but I think it is an effective enough metaphor to relay what it feels like to be depressed and unable to pull yourself out of its grasp. Unless you have personally experienced this kind of depression you'll never really understand it. All you want to do is "exist" and get through the day. Doing even the most simple tasks become monumental problems.

My doctor at OnCol Medical Associates put me on Prozac to help battle my problems with depression. This is a somewhat popular anti-depressant drug that has helped me a great deal. It takes about two or three weeks before the drug actually starts to work in the body, but once it starts to work, look out! My tendency to be lazy, ineffective, and uncommunicative, etc. quickly faded. Coupled with my Ritalin therapy I found the desire to get up out of the bed in the morning and find something to accomplish. Many people may think that living with serious medical problems like HIV and being on Disability is fun. They do not know how wrong they are.

Disability is like a trap for almost everybody I know that is on it. Sure, the first thoughts include endless days of shopping, going to movies, plenty of time to "do lunch" with friends, etc. What those NOT on disability do not realize is just how quickly this routine gets very old. You can only shop so many days, you can only go to so many movies, and you can only lunch so often before you are in another kind of trap.

And, for those who think that you can actually "live" on disability income from Social Security...think again...a person can exist on this income, but they cannot live. In my case, I have added financial security of a partner who is well paid by his employer along with a family that is very supportive. I cannot imagine how difficult it must be to actually have to live on the \$500-\$800 a month that these government programs pay. There are those individuals who have said to me how "nice" it must be to "live" on disability and not have to get up in the mornings and go to work. They are so very wrong.

In my case I lost my motivation, my will, and most of my passions about life. I found it was easier to sit in my chair and watch the daily talk shows than face the real world. The real world to me was a very painful proposition with all the medical procedures I had to endure on a seemingly never ending cycle. I do a lot of volunteer work and you'd think that would help - and it does in a way - but there is something about being able to work in your chosen profession and making a success of yourself that cannot be replaced by any government program.

Many people on Medical Disability would gladly give up their small monthly checks from the United States Government if they could be allowed to work in some part time capacity and retain their Medicare benefits (we'd have to retain Medicare, no other insurance company would touch us with our medical records). If we were allowed to hold some kind of position of employment we could at least retain our sense of purpose and be productive in our daily lives.

Those of us with Advanced HIV concerns had to learn to accept having to die from our disease. Now, with new hoped and new advances in medical treatment, we are having to re-think and re-learn about ourselves and actually think about our futures. Issues of this type will keep many therapists' time clocks humming along for years to come. We had to learn to accept our dying - now we are going to have to learn to accept the prospect of living.

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Recently, the Houston Voice contacted Mr. Allison to discuss his meteoric rise in the competitive real estate market.

Allison grew up in Beaumont, Texas. He moved to Houston and went to work for an Engineering firm, a job he despised. After working part-time purchasing and selling property, he realized how much he enjoyed the real estate business. He has been in the business since 1982 and got his license in the late 80's figuring if he could have success in the business as a hobby, he should be able to achieve success professionally as well. He went to work for Acker - Blum.

Three years ago, he formed his company and with hard work he has managed to become the Realtor with the most listings in the Montrose area. He credits his newfound success to the Vilven Design firm who re-designed his marketing package, as well as his dedication to his work. As a result, his company now employs 14 agents, and increased his phone lines tenfold. Indeed, business has increased three hundred percent within the

past year.

"The real estate market is very complicated now. There are several aspects that all have to be taken into account at the same time," advised Allison. He counsels his clients to establish how much money they want to spend per month and the location they want to live-in. If the two do not mesh, he advises his clients to work on the location. Allison believes that an honest approach with clients heads the best results.

The company encompasses sales, leasing, residential and commercial. "About 70% of what this firm does is residential, 30% is commercial," said Allison. He contends leasing is not lucrative, yet he offers it to clients because he believes that potentially leasing clients could become customers. Allison stressed the importance of customer service.

Allison stated that his brand of service related real estate has earned him repeat customers. "We have a very large loyal following," enthused Allison "I sell people a house, two years later they sell it and want me to help them find another one. Now, its beginning to happen with all of my agents here."

Allison is 36 years old and his enthusiasm is contagious. He is a testament to the old adage of hard work and subsequent rewards. One thing is certain, he is ambitious, intelligent and entrepreneurial. And, benevolent. With those traits, it's highly probable that you have not heard the last of Ray Allison.



BOOK REVIEW

Sexpert Proffers Opinions on State of the Union

by Mary McGregor-Dunne

Susie Bright, the self proclaimed "Sexpert", has just released another book about guess what? SEX. Her latest release is a Simon and Schuster effort none the less, called "The Sexual State of the Union". Her past efforts Sexwise - Susie Bright's Sexual Reality, Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World and Nothing But the Girl: The Blatant Lesbian Image - have all graced the shelves at the local gay book stores as well as more recently, the mainstream book stores.

Since the demise of her very controversial lesbian pornography magazine, On Our Backs, the writer/sexpert has had a lot of time on her hands. In between her lectures at universities, mini-seminars, speaking engagements, and editing short stories, she has found the time to compile this mishmash of essays and call it a book.

The marketing department at Simon and Schuster has outdone themselves gathering quotes for the dust cover from Erica Jong to Armistead Maupin praising the contents of this book as the work of a "visionary" and "a leading thinker of our time". The cover also is marketing department's dream - a naked "Sexpert" wrapped in an American flag. The image will surely guarantee every monkey gland teenybopper will take a look or two at it and snicker.

Ms. Bright gives her opinion on a vast variety of subjects. At the back of the book you will find a very detailed twelve-page index cataloging each topical reference and the pertinent page numbers. Not only will you find a reference for sex with 34 sub-references but also separate references for intercourse (6 sub-references), orgasms (19 sub-references), sadomasochism (3 sub-references), sexual fantasies (10 sub-references), and pornography (27 sub-references). Basically, if you want to know what Susie Bright has to say about anything at all you can flip to the back of the book and locate the multiple page numbers for easy location of the topic of your choice.

Ms. Bright does not limit her rather skewed opinions to the various topics of sex.

She also comments on politics, religion, abortion, the Mormon Church, racism, the sixties, drugs, the Internet, the Catholic Church, AIDS, and children. I did not find her musings totally disagreeable. I found that some of her observations were moderately amusing. However, I found her sense of morality to be pretty much debased and disgusting.

In the introduction, the author attempts to wrap up the collection of random essays that are to follow. I can just imagine the Simon and Schuster editor sitting with the chapter titles on 3' x 5' cards and a story board trying to put all of this in some logical order. Obviously, the editor has had some experience with the everyday life journeys of sadomasochists and porn stars. In this case, the editor and author choose to play out the bad to worse sequence.

Religion is the first victim of Ms. Bright's obvious disdain. She states, "...I do feel superior to deeply religious people...that kind of faith genuinely seems backward to me, a sign of ignorance and fear." Her comments about God appear to be blasphemous.

The rationalizing of her obvious horrendous life choices are all cataloged here in this book for the entire world to see. She rationalizes her abortion, her promiscuity, and her obsession with pornography and on and on...She discusses her daughter and how she is raising her in this environment. The more the child knows the better choices she will make, seem to be the guidance plan for her little girl.

For the truly voyeuristic, the author includes questions she has collected from college students that attend her lecture series and campus tours. She also includes the averaged results of a sex survey. She writes that 29% of the men she surveyed are attracted to both men and women and that 43% of the women are attracted to both. According to Susie, the campus coeds are much more open-minded these days.

Susie Bright's Sexual State of the Union is 251 pages in length including 2 pages of sources, a 12-page index, 2 pages of Content, 9 pages of introduction and 226 pages of light reading. The book retails for \$23.00 U.S. That price averages out to be around eleven cents per page.



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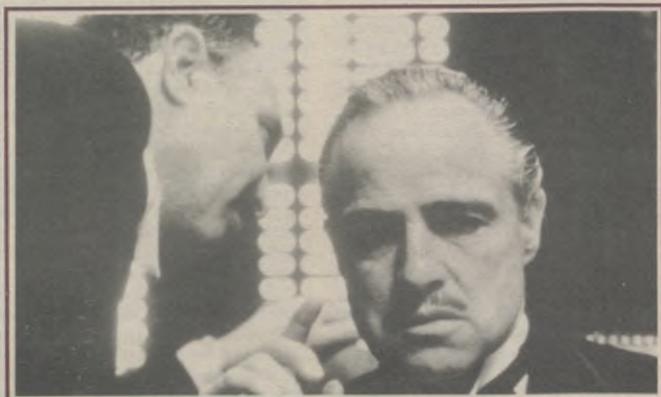
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MOVIE REVIEW

Timeless Film Classic Returns To The Big Screen



by Chris Rundquist

In honor of its 25th anniversary, Paramount Pictures is re-releasing *The Godfather*. This cutting edge crime-drama was first released in 1972, and launched the film careers of Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton, Talia Shire and others. It was also the highest grossing movie in history, up to that time, earning over \$100 million in its initial release.

The Godfather was based on the best selling novel of the same name, written by Mario Puzo. The book sold over 10 million copies making it one of the most widely read novels in history. Mario Puzo collaborated with Francis Ford Coppola to write the screenplay, earning them an Oscar for Best Screenplay Adaptation.

In all the film earned 10 Academy Award Nominations, and won three: Best Picture and Best Actor (Marlon Brando), as well as Best Screenplay. In 1990, the film was further honored by being selected by the Library of Congress to be included in the National Film Registry.

The re-release differs from the original only in the soundtrack, which has been digitally remastered from its original monaural sound into THX stereo. Also, the original negatives were remastered to retain the original visual feel of the film. However, by

today's standards, the film has more of a grainy picture than we have become accustomed to.

Make no mistake, *The Godfather* was, and still is, an excellent film that should not be missed. However, as nice as it is to see the film on the big screen, the video version is just as compelling and forceful. Unless you are a film purist, don't rush out to the theater in fear that you will miss something new.



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by Lee Davis

Body Positive Volunteers

Body Positive Wellness Center is searching for volunteers. People are living longer with HIV now because of concerns of taking care of themselves, getting stronger, building and replenishing lost lean body mass and getting back to or starting a wellness/fitness program that could be overwhelming or a luxury. That is why Body Positive-Houston, a non-profit agency serving the HIV+ community for the past 12 years, is creating a "one-stop" center where an HIV+ person can obtain free or subsidized supervised weight training sessions, massage therapy, nutritional counseling and assessment, peer counseling, information on HIV therapies via seminars and a library, and purchase nutritional products at wholesale costs. The center will be funded by an aggressive corporate and private donation campaign.

Body Positive is now looking for volunteer personal trainers, massage therapists, nutritionists and any other therapist who would be interested in helping this important project. These volunteers will be compensated in a later phase after the program has been optimized. For more info, call Nelson Vergel at 713.529.5303 or e-mail powertx@aol.com.

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Couch or Ouch Potatoes?

Couch potatoes may trade the couch for "ouch" if they pursue an exercise program too aggressively. "It's not uncommon at this time of year for patients to complain of chest-wall pain near the rib cage," said Dr. Wayne Riley, a General Internist and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

If chest-wall pains do persist, rest at least a week before exercising again to allow time for the muscle to recover. "When you resume exercising, start at a lower level of intensity and pace yourself to avoid re-injuring the muscle," Riley said. His recommendations included 1) instead of doing 50 abdominal crunches at the start, begin with 10 and increase the number by five each day until you reach your goal; 2) Start weight-lifting routines with a moderate load and perform repetitions several times a week. Increase the volume by five to 10 percent as you become comfortable with the weight load; and 3) Limit tennis, basketball and other sports that require strenuous shoulder-arm movements to an hour of play the first few times, and build up to more strenuous workouts.

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WELCOME FROM THE REVEREND GEORGE FOREMAN

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of the participants of the Ninth Annual Houston Conference on AIDS in America a most warm welcome and my encouragement and support to all of those who are involved in the fight against this epidemic. Our most important asset is hope, and together we will conquer AIDS. One of the most important activities we can engage in the fight against AIDS is education, and this conference can be a good start!!!

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 The Reverend George Foreman

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was founded in 1987. Today, 9 years later, the Quilt is a powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic. Almost 40,000 individual 3 x 6 foot memorial panels, each panel commemorating the life of someone who has died from the complications related to AIDS, have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members.

The NAMES Project Foundation coordinates displays of portions of the Quilt worldwide. There are 41 NAMES Project Chapters worldwide and 32 independent Quilt initiatives from around the world. Since 1987, over 7 million people have visited the Quilt in thousands of displays worldwide. Through such displays, the NAMES Project Foundation has raised significant amounts of money, which has been donated to AIDS service organizations throughout North America.

Nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, the Quilt has become a critical symbol of the hope for a better future without AIDS and the commitment not to forget those who have died of the disease.

In Houston, the NAMES Project Houston was founded in September 1988 and is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization who is responsible for the displays of the Quilt, as well as facilitating the creation of new quilts to all of those whom want to leave an enduring memory of a loved one that has died of AIDS. The NAMES Project of Houston is well deserving of the honor of the Ninth Community Annual Humanitarian Award.

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Ninth Annual Houston Conference on AIDS in America, we extend our congratulations and our love to all the members of this Organization for having been there for the AIDS community of Houston throughout all these years. Congratulations for the well deserved honor.



PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:30 Understanding the Dynamics of HIV Infection
 Alan Perelson, Ph.D.

8:30-9:15 The Use of Anti-HIV Therapies
 Donna Mildvan, M.D.

9:15-9:30 Break

9:30-10:00 The Prophylaxis of Opportunistic Infections in Patients with HIV Infection.
 Joseph Gathe, M.D.

10:00-10:30 HIV Disease in Children
 William Shearer, M.D.

10:30-11:00 Management and Treatment of AIDS Related Kaposi's Sarcoma
 Prakash Gill, M.D.

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-11:45 Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Disorders: An Update
 Gordon Crofoot, M.D.

11:45-12:30 p.m. Questions & Answers

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 2:30 Complementary Therapies and the Management of Patients with HIV Infection
 Patricia Salvato, M.D.

2:30 - 3:00 HIV Disease and Pregnancy
 Hunter Hammill, M.D.

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 3:45 HIV and Pregnancy: A Real Life Story
 Ms. Rebecca Dennison

3:45 - 4:00 Break

4:00 - 5:00 Keynote Lecture: Overcoming drug resistance in the treatment of HIV disease.
 Mark Wainberg, M.D.

5:00 - 5:30 Questions & Answers

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1997

7:30-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:30 New Potential Approaches to Drug Discovery and the Treatment of Kaposi's Sarcoma
 Paul Schmidt, Ph.D.

8:30-9:15 Understanding the Use of Genotyping Assays in the Management of HIV Disease
 Terry Robins, Ph.D.

9:15-9:30 BREAK

9:30-10:00 Management and Treatment of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma HIV-Related
 Jorge Quesada, M.D.

10:00-10:30 The Patient-Physician Relationship
 Gary Brewton, M.D.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 Project Inform Update: 1996

11:30 - 12:00 Questions & Answers

12:00 noon Closure of Conference

The organizing committee gives special thanks to Sandy Hendricks, R.N. for her past services to the conference.

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by Lee Davis

New Hoops League!

The Houston Force, a local basketball team, recently traveled to Chicago for the Hoops Classic. Having to play six games in two days, the Force only lost one game and defeated the top seed team, San Francisco Fan Asylum, awarding them 2nd Place in the tourney. The next tournament is scheduled in Boston in September. If you are interested in joining the Houston league, please contact Mike or Lyle at 880.4765.

Dog Days of Summer

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Final Standings for the Rolloffs are in Division A We Go There, Beat the Meat Again, 3 Dukes & A Duchess and Four Tops. Spank My Feet, Five Easy Pieces, Not So Easy Pickups and Intelligent Wifeforms lead Division B. Don Burken bowled High Scratch Game of 251 and Series of 660. Ruben Martinez bowled High Handicapped Series. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Summer League starts April 28. Call Tom at 522.9612.

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports standings as Please Don't Eat the Daisy in 1st, Sleeping with the Enemy in 2nd and We Go There Too in 3rd. For the men Jody Duvivant bowled High Scratch Game of 239 and Rodney Seilers Series of 674. Gene Gregg bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. For the women, Peri Cain bowled High Scratch Game of 236 and Terry Shannon Series of 611. Marla Aizenshtat bowled High Handicapped Game and Michelle Flora Series. For more info call Tom at 522.9612. Summer League starts April 20. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 7pm on Sunday.

The Wednesday Night Mixers reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Gutter Trash in 2nd and Charley's Tunas in 3rd. For the men Tom O'dell bowled High Scratch Game of 235 and Series of 625. Dan Foreman bowled High Handicapped Game and Roger Crowder Series. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Series of 542 and Pat DeCarlo High Scratch Game of 214, plus Handicapped Game and Series. Summer League starts on April 23. Call Tom at 522.9612. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls at 6:30pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. Balls R Out is in 1st with Marks-A-Lot in 2nd, TAZ Club in 3rd and Bitches in Beautiful Shirts in 4th. For more info call Pat at 281.437.6218. Summer League starts April 28.

Anyone interested in the Summer Leagues should phone 713.522.9612 and leave your name and address for an informational flyer.

Softball Anyone?

The Montrose Softball League (MSL) invites everyone out to the Lone Star Classic Softball Tournament that will be taking place this Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30. All games will be played at Memorial Park Fields #2, 3, 4 and 5. Games begin both days at 9am and will last all day. Player registration will take place Friday, March 28, at the Montrose Mining Company from 6-11pm and a tournament kick-off party will take place Friday night at Rich's beginning at 9pm until closing. A team awards and appreciation night will take place Saturday night at Heaven from 7-9pm.

Tournament entrants include teams from MSL as well as participants from Dallas, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Tampa. MSL would like to extend a warm welcome to their out of town guests and encourage everyone in the community to come out to the games and cheer on your favorite team. Concessions will be available at each field.

Hoop It Up At The "Y"

Get fit at The Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. The Adult Men's Basketball League begins on April 3. Games will be played on Thursday evenings with a tournament at the end of the league. Also, they offer Adult Co-Ed Volleyball each and every Friday

evening from 7-9pm. For info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

Free Fishing Trip

The Rainbow Fishing Club plans their next outing on the 70-foot deluxe deep sea fishing boat on Sunday, June 22. The cost for the 12-hour trip is \$60 with a \$30 deposit due now. The club will also be going out in



Tim, Jeff & Alex of the Fishing Club.

April on the New Buccaneer and in May on the Cavalier, both out of Galveston. For info and to get on the free mailing list, call 713.523.6381.

Everybody Skate!

The Lambda Roller Skating Club host their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, April 2 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>.

"HOG" Wild

The Houston Outdoor Group invites all to join them for a weekend of camping fun at Enchanted Rock State Park. Occurring April 25-27 this year, plan on going Friday afternoon or evening for a great weekend. The Park is north of Fredericksburg about 1-1/2 hours west of Austin in the Hill Country. The park has huge granite outcroppings with great hiking, streams, caves, wildflowers and spectacular sunsets. Space is limited to 24 campers. Call Howard Kanelakos at 528.6174 for details.

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.

The Movie Club is a Gay social club that meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday night of the month for dinner and a movie. What better way to enjoy friends, both new and old. Call 952.4048 for info.

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.

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.

The Houston Tennis Club is a lesbian and gay club with members of all levels of play—beginner to advanced. Meet at 9am on Sundays at Memorial Park Tennis Center or call 713.692.2703 for info.

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.

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Ukrainian Port City Sobers Up To Reality of AIDS

by Angela Charlton

ODESSA, Ukraine (AP) - An air of shame clings to the desolate, walled-in compound, a former leper colony now housing AIDS patients. Out of habit, nurses still lock patients behind iron gates, and neighbors steer far clear of its overgrown entrance.

"People in this country think AIDS is the plague," said soft-spoken Nadya Stetskova, a recovering drug addict who was propped up on her hospital bed. "Everyone's getting it, but no one's talking about it."

Until recently, Ukraine and other former Soviet republics had relatively few cases of AIDS or people with the AIDS virus, and they did very little to help those who did. For the most part, cash-strapped Ukraine simply dismissed AIDS as a rare "foreigners" disease.

But with the numbers rising, particularly in the free-living port city of Odessa, the first AIDS clinic has been established, part of a slowly growing network of related programs.

Last year alone, the number of people with HIV, the AIDS-causing virus, jumped from just over 1,000 to 5,500 in Odessa. The city now accounts for more than one-third of the country's 14,000 people with the HIV. Nationwide, 230 people in Ukraine have contracted full-blown AIDS.

In recent months Odessa has pioneered a needle exchange program, an AIDS awareness

campaign for prostitutes and mobile testing clinics, with funding help from the United Nations commission on AIDS.

Odessa's historic harbors still teem with people and drugs and diseases from around the world.

"This city has every kind of reputation but a clean one," said Dr. Georgy Pavsky, an Odessa epidemiologist and head of the United Nations AIDS office in Odessa.

Pavsky estimates that the official figures are only a fraction of the actual number of HIV cases. Ignorance, fear and social stigmas still run too deep to encourage widespread testing, he said.

The biggest increase, here and across the country, has been among drug users. They made up just 10 percent of HIV cases in Odessa at the start of last year and more than 40 percent by the end.

Stetskova and her two roommates at the clinic, Yulya and Valya, were once addicted to shots of "makovaya solomka," a cheap and readily available opium derivative.

Police call it the drug of choice in the former Soviet Union. It's often sold in individual doses already in a needle, which is then refilled and resold to the next customer.

"Most addicts don't realize that AIDS is a threat. They're more afraid of the police," said Stetskova, who was diagnosed with HIV last

fall.

While she spoke, Valya's 9-year-old son ran by, dragging a broken plastic car tied to a length of medical twine.

"It's not much of a life for him here," said Valya. Her son doesn't have the virus, but she has nowhere else to leave him while she undergoes treatment.

Talking to himself, Vova played among the weeds on the grounds of the compound on the edge of town, home to 50 people with AIDS or the AIDS virus.

But the women praise the clinic, glad to be around people who understand their disease.

"At other hospitals, they hide the AIDS people in a forgotten corridor and everyone looks at you like you have the plague," Stetskova said.

AIDS officials in the capital Kiev initially resisted the Odessa clinic as a renegade project, but are now encouraging other regions to follow suit.

The problem, everyone laments, is money. The Ukrainian government is broke. Ukraine's beleaguered hospitals say they can't afford anesthetics or bandages, much less costly AIDS medication or prevention programs.

"AIDS is just one of a thousand headaches for our leaders," said Volodymyr Tarasenko of the government's commission on AIDS.



GALAXY GAUZER

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IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: You tend to be overly optimistic or overly negative. Start seeing your partners and cohorts as they really are, not only as you want to see them. Both friends and close associates are going to be particularly important to you for the next several months. Choose your companions carefully, for they will either help or hinder your dreams.

ARES: (March 21-April 20) You are in a very practical frame of mind and unusually sharp in all your money matters. In your can-do anything mood, no matter how busy, you will be more than able to take care of everything. Speak softly and avoid disagreements with a loved one.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Family is highlighted for now. Heart-to-heart talks with children will prove advantageous. The financial goals you've had in mind are going to be realized in the very near future. Strive for fairness in all your decision-making.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Any problems in family or home life will finally be resolved. Keep your cool in the workplace, co-workers may be overly sensitive. There are changes, from a distance, which will stir things up at work for the next few weeks. Unreasonable demands may be made.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) You'll start the week in a dream world of your own. It may be best to take time alone and treat yourself better. A short trip may be the ticket to fun and adventure. Work runs smoothly for a change, but there are tensions in the home. Remember your mate.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Listen to a friend's advice regarding financial planning. Once you have your plan in order, take time to discuss it with your beneficiary. Others may accuse you of living with unrealistic expectations - don't let it bother you, your best ideas come to you this way.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) This week will bring passion and intimacy with your love. Business and household projects are favored, and you'll be surprised at how much you get done. There may be a bonus for your recent efforts. Take time for laughter, and make plans to further your education.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) The more you depend on your inner reserves, the stronger you are. Your actions inspire family members to strive for their best. There are some self doubts you have been wrestling with which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Spend time with close friends and have some fun. Both your friendships and love relationships are very fulfilling. Keep your cool; someone is trying to undermine your position with flattery or outright bribery. There is a lucrative job possibility in the future.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) It's a pretty effortless and pleasurable week. You have the power to make changes for the better. Personal achievements and romance will be highlighted for the next few months. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) This week will start on a very upbeat note. Wherever you are, you are surrounded by luck and friendship. Unexpected money is most likely to come your way. Your work and family responsibilities are heavy, you have people relying on you from all sides, take things one at a time.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) There are many things that need your attention right now. Try to prioritize, and do the most important things first. Verbal clashes are unavoidable - both your kids and co-workers will challenge your authority. Check out any opportunities to increase your income.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Spend some time with your mate and family. You are both assertive and charming. It feels good to succeed at work and know your family's happy too. The week will be full of heavy mental stimulation and many challenges. Innovative and unconventional approaches may work well.

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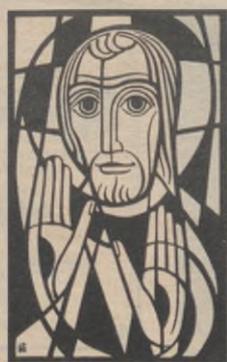
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Friday-3/28

- 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.

Saturday-3/29

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.

Sunday-3/30

- Zion Lutheran Easter Sunday Heritage Service 8:30am, Good News Service 11am. 869-1493.
- 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 6:30am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.
- First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200.
- Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872.
- Community Gospel Worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. 4305 Lillian 880-9235.
- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
- Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830.
- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service 10:50 am. Seekers class 9:15 am 526-1017.
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vice at 10:30 am. Chapel of the Santana Funeral Home, 5352 Katy Freeway, 665-7903.

- Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182.
- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.

Monday-3/31

- Catholic Mass at 7:30pm at the Kolbe Project - 522.8182.

Tuesday-4/1

- MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149.
- PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.
- HIV Affected group meets at 7:00 pm. Judy or Pam at 880-9235. At Community Gospel.
- Maranatha Fellowship MCC has groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.

Wednesday-4/2

- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Catholic Mass at 8:30am at the Kolbe Project - 522.8182.

Thursday-4/3

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Midweek Service at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9235.

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Friday, Mar. 28

- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- 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 Tootpee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay and Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.
- 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 Project's Park Plaza Hospital Visitation; 522.8182.

Saturday, Mar. 29

- 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.
- Autumn's Seasons Bondage Club discussion group at 10:30am. 788-5593.
- Five Star Junk; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #1135.
- Great Sculptures of Houston; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #1902.
- Women & Money; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #9305.
- Cleo's Comedy presents Olivier 8pm; 3722 Washington Ave; 782-4453.

Sunday, Mar. 30

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45am. 529-8571.

• HATCH meets. 942-7002.

Monday, Mar. 31

- 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.
- Dining Etiquette & More; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3050.
- Encourage Commitment from a Man; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #5002.
- Gay & Lesbian Readers Group, Barnes & Noble; 7pm; 349.0050.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522.8182.

Tuesday, Apr. 1

- Sex, Toys and 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 the 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 and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center. 522-2337.
- Let's Go to the Opera; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #7130.
- Accelerated Spanish for Beginners; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #4015.
- Precious Stones; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #1630.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522.8182.

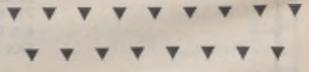
Wednesday, Apr. 2

- Russian Healing & Acupressure Methods; CenterPoint Project; 7:30pm 688.7224.
- Learn Ayurvedic Medicine through April 2, 5:30-7:30pm. 718.5303.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Bricks II 8pm to Midnite.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 743-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Tootpees 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 and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at 5th Ward Multi Service Center. 522-2337.
- Great French Literature; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #4040.
- Passover Cooking; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #3531.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation;

522.8182.

Thursday, Apr. 3

- 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 and Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 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. 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 Magnolia Multi Service Center. 522-2337.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- Intro to Feng Shui; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #1125.
- Quilting Class; HCC Central thru April 24; 718-5303.
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Important Stuff!

The Nearly Naked Car Wash III will be at the Ripcord this Saturday! Stop in and get washed!

There will be a fund-raiser at the Venture-N on April 6, called "Leather Lather." For more info, call Jackie at 780-3737.

The Texas Lesbian Conference is May 16-18. For more info, call 867-3934.

Milestones!



Ken does the trash at Pacific Street.

A happy birthday to Bobby H. Happy birthdays to Houston Area Bears Mitch f., James O., David L., Brad B., Jim H., and Ken L. Happy birthday to Larry Crawford! A special happy birthday to Al (whose last name I never can spell right!)

Rodent Droppings!

This space is reserved for my personal thoughts, lies, gossip and trash heard in and around the Gay and Lesbian community. There is NO truth to any of this, well maybe some truth!

Ratrat has mastered a new trick! He lures Harvey into a vulnerable position, attacks him and hangs on for dear life! Talk about an ear biter! That is my Ratrat!

On with the gossip!

Vanna & Rogers (Chances): So, Vanna, you always wanted to be with Rogers, and now you are!

Kevin (San Diego Stud): What do you, a set a lovers and a blue pick-up truck have in common? Also was that your evil twin sister at Mary's 2 Saturdays ago?

Darlene (Outpost): And I quote: "Everything is a little better with a whack of booze!"

Dirk (Pacific Street): What a nice shopping cart you have! Fruity Pebbles, 5 cans of instant muffins, and 5 pounds of ground beef! What were you serving for dinner? Fruity buns with beef? AND I quote: "The last time I drank Cuervo, I woke up 2 states away!"

Lily (hangs at the Outpost): So, you know Greek?



Leathermen or Yuppies?



Playing Pals?

Gary (Ripcord): How was "Food Server's Managers class?" I hear you fell asleep at you desk and moaned, and moaned and treated the entire class to "I'm Coming, I'm coming!" Is this true?

Cody (BRB): You just wish you had a truck to get detailed at the Ripcord. And by the way, who is your husband today, or this week?

Vernon W.: Why is it that when then did a chest x-ray of you they thought it was a female? Was it because of the extra large nipples?



Partying at Bricks II.

Butt Boy: We still love you! Call me some time!

Tiffany (Ms. Gulf Coast Leather/FIST): And I quote: "I don't have a penis, but you should serve me anyway!"

Members of the BCLA: Have you been acquiring other club's cocktail time?

Jeff, Stanley, & Lyle (Houston Area Bears): Congrats on your new titles!



Rodney and Clifford.

Lee L. (BRB): I heard you were giving FREE head on the BRB's patio last Saturday! This must be a lie! No one ever does a sexual act in a bar, that would be against the law!

Bobby (New Barn): I know all about you and HPD! Should I share?

Byron (Bricks): I hear you look as good on the camera at Spec's Liquors as you do on the Post office wall!

Who is the new "Miss Suspension" of

Houston? Call me, I want to know, too!

Cecil (hangs at the BRB): I hear you can't handle the big city... moving back to Austin?

Charles (I met at Pacific Street): Someone told this to me about you! "Since you divorced your wife, you have been around the gay block over 150 times!" Care to comment? Call me at 529-8490, 942-0084 or page me at 761-9361!



Everyone smile!

Don P. (BRB): I hear you were mugged in New Orleans and all they took was your panties!

Ed (new in Houston and has been to Mary's): Why were you, a pair of boots, a pair on knees and moaning in the lady's room at Mary's this past Saturday?

Brian (New bartender at Bricks II): Good luck at Bricks II! You will have loads of fun, but watch out for Jeff!



Party men!

Vera (BRB): Is it true you are working the streets to sell cookies, again? And, I am sooooo glad you got your "sh*t stirrer" back!

Rick (Barn): I hear you need to get an alarm clock! Harry's hands are tired of waking you up!

Miss Alabama (BRB): What is this I hear about you spanking your monkey?

Linda (hangs at Chances): You are hot, hot, hot!

Lane (Pacific Street): I hear you like to get it "on" with an "Oil Can Harry's"



Pauline? Is that you? My eyes are all blurry!



T.R. flashes tits...again!

kinda guy!

Mark (Lancer's): And I quote: "We are looking forward to a long and happy time at Mary's."

Chris (Hangs at the Ripcord): I hear you will be appearing as "Mimi" Can't wait to see this!



Courtney Brooks and her estranged husband!!!!?

Tom (hangs at Bricks II): I'm sorry I singed your hair on your nuts!

Felicia (Houston Voice): You and Reba? I think Nashville just turned!

Meg (Mary's): And I quote: "I can make pool sticks do tricks!"

Don Gill (Mr. Wonderful): What is this I hear about you, Spook (Colt 45s), Mike (NLA:H), and Jim (RSICSS)? Did you really trick them out of a date?

Rodent Rooter: Hugs and big red lipstick kisses to you!

Clint (hangs at the BRB): Green is not a good color for you! And do you really have room to talk about someone else being "too nelly?"

Tuna Melt: Where or where were you 2 Thursdays night's ago? Why did you leave your secretary all alone?

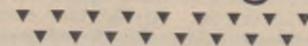
Rhonda Kelly: Is your version of boy drag wearing boxers?

Crystal Rae Lee Love: Even Castle has a dental plan for you!

Sean Carter (Barn): Yes, it is surely a cute butt!

Ruby Stone: Did it explode? I have had a very (work) busy week! More trash next time!

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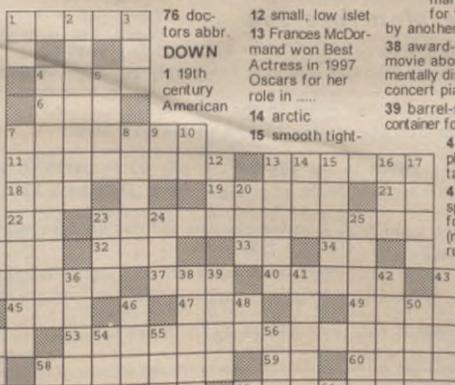
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- 1 very small
- 4 expel
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- 18 Roman numeral 59



76 doctors abbr.
DOWN
1 19th century American

- 12 small, low islet
- 13 Frances McDormand won Best Actress in 1997 Oscars for her role in
- 14 arctic
- 15 smooth tight-

- 31 informal British for 'thank you,' usually said twice
- 36 animal taken for food
- by another
- 38 award-winning movie about mentally disturbed concert pianist
- 39 barrel-shaped container for liquids
- 41 shrimp-like crustacean
- 42 alt. spelling for emir (native ruler)

19 math machines using rows of beads

- 21 in the manner indicated
- 22 SO upside down
- 23 hosted 69th Academy Awards, 2 words
- 26 musical compositions for the organ
- 32 abate
- 33 symbol for chemical element mercury
- 34 French masculine pronoun
- 35 Texas river running near New Braunfels, Gonzales, Victoria
- 37 acronym for the NASA space center near Houston
- 40 musical drama
- 44 in favor
- 45 Postal Service abbr. for terrace
- 47 interjection for surprise
- 49 Roman numeral 2501
- 51 Italian river

- 53 won Best Picture & Director in 1997 Oscars, 2 words
- 57 drink made from cured leaves
- 58 an instant
- 59 legendary country singer Williams, initials
- 60 orderly
- 61 Postal Service abbr. for address called divide
- 62 '... hee hee,' a laugh
- 63 biggest Oscar winner ever, 1959, with 11
- 65 senior abbr.
- 67 objective case form of 'we'
- 68 abhorred
- 72 state has the oldest flag in the nation
- 73 sounds like 'you double you'
- 74 department abbr.

- poet Whitman, initials
- 2 time when day & night are equal
- 3 TOY in a mirror
- 4 exceeding prescribed limits
- 5 filthy film on liquid
- 7 battlefield near Brownsville where 1st shots of the Mexican War were fired, 2 words
- 8 American Indians from Venezuela to Brazil
- 9 33rd U.S. President Truman, initials
- 10 Roman numeral 2

- 1966 this Texas tax was abolished
- 20 Postal Service abbr. for beach
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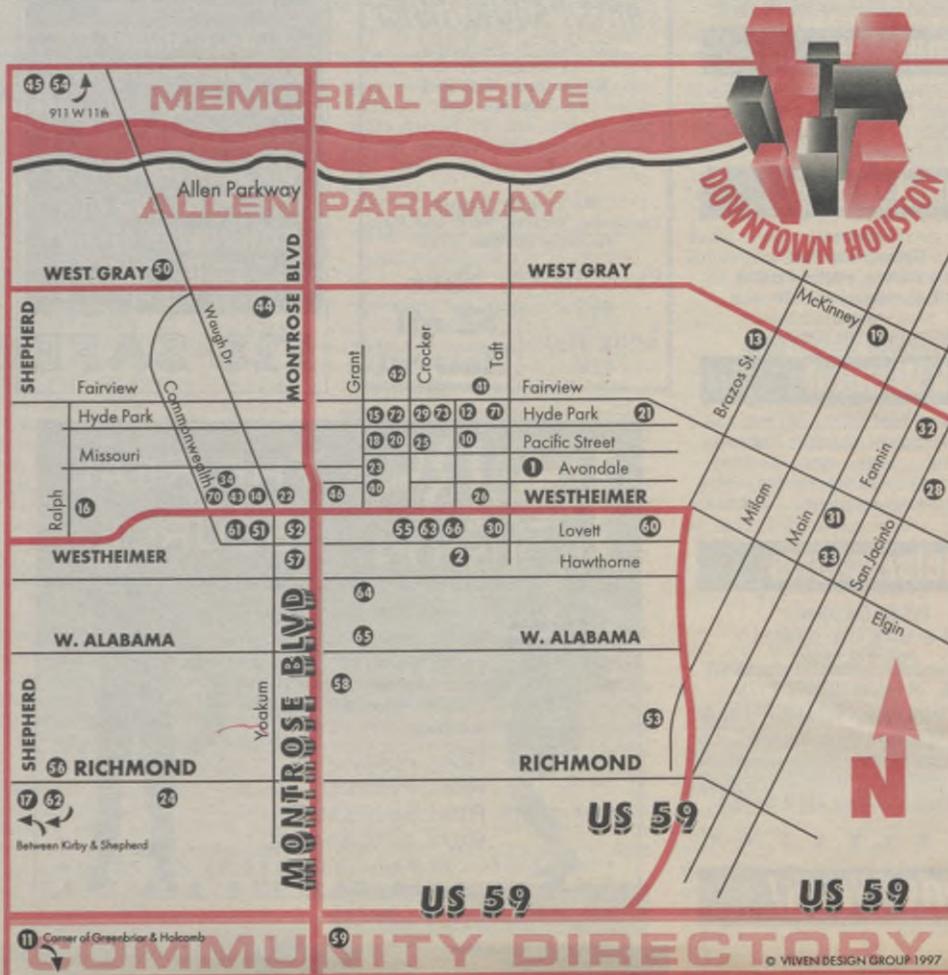
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- 19th Hole: 75¢ Kamikazis all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors! Lone Star Classic Softball Patio Party!
- Rich's: 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call; Doors open at 9pm; MSL Lone Star Classic Kickoff Party at 9pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm; Houston Area Bears guest bartender at 9pm.

Saturday, Mar. 29

- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight along with guests; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm; 2pm cocktails w/ Clint.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 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; Star-Studded show with Roxanne Lee Love at 11pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 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; MSL Lone Star Classic awards night at 7pm.
- 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; Lancers M.C. Color Hanging at 2pm.

- 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: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night at 9pm. No cover for men in Erotic Leather. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rich's: 21 & up tonight! No cover before 10pm; \$1 well drinks 9 to 11pm; DJ J.D. Arnold spins the beat of Billboard. Doors open at 9pm.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am; Nearly Naked Car Wash III @ 10am benefiting Colt 45s.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm; Dart Tournament.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm.

Sunday, Mar. 30

- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 12 pm until 7pm; Steak night from 5 to 9pm.
- 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 from 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 & Nite.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys Dancers from 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 5:30pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close; BBQ Buffet 5 to 8pm \$5; Easter Show benefiting AVES at 9pm.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bacardi 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 from 10am to 2pm. Texas Riders guest bartender at 2pm on the Patio; Easter Bonnet Contest @ 6pm.
- 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: Dallas Taylor performs live! 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; The Boxer Bash!
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp...a comedy revue with Simply Divine & Lana Blake at 10:30pm; Doors open at 8pm.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & Texas Renegades guest bartender at 5pm; show at 8pm benefiting Steven's House.

Monday, Mar. 31

- Berry Hill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer all day, all nite.
- 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 10am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila

- Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers from 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; a 2nd Talent Nite.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.50 Crown cocktails 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; 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 from 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 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: Balloon Drop with 100s of lottery tickets; \$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.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm.

Tuesday, Apr. 1

- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am to 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. C&W Dance Lessons at 8:30pm. Burgers on the patio from 6 to 10pm.
- BriarPatch: Mama Marcie holds down the piano at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms from noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 10pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$2 Windex shots.
- 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 from 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 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.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.

Wednesday, Apr. 2

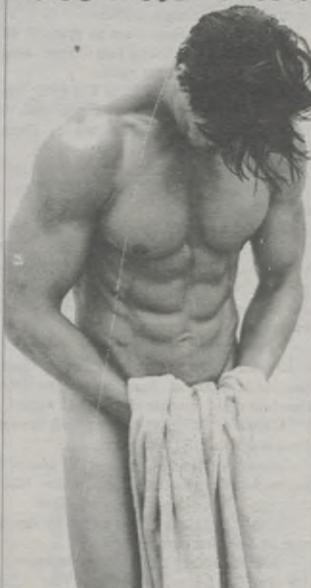
- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7 am until 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite.
- BriarPatch: Charlotta's martini night specials; Beverly Siscoe makes em sing standards at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 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 from 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 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 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 from 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.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 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.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

Thursday, Apr. 3

- Berry Hill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 11pm. Dance lessons at 9pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head...Liza...Liz...you name it at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 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 from 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; Follies @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 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 from 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks from 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 at 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.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well from 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Pig: Happy Hour 4-7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine from noon until 7pm.

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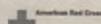
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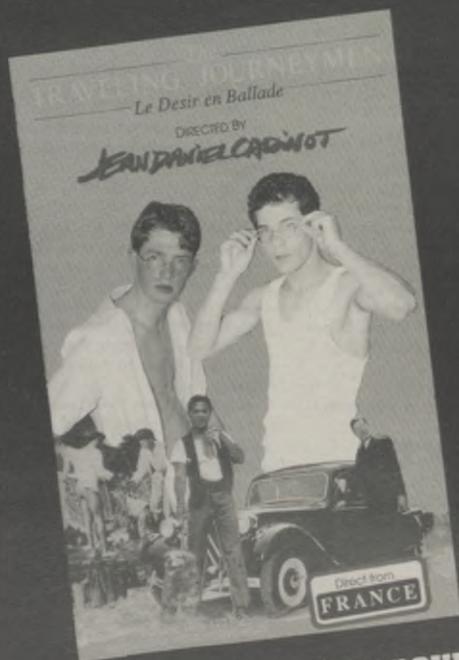
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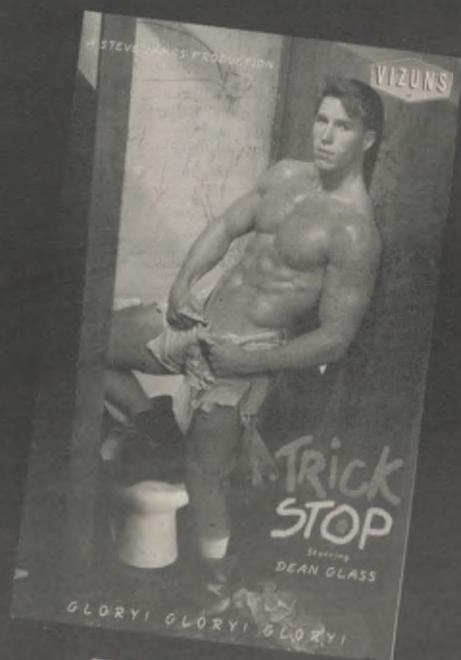


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Women SEEKING Women

SFW 37, 5'8", medium-built. I like cooking, movies, dancing & animals. Seeking someone for companionship & a possible relationship. I'm not too much. Call Ext. 5398

SF Blue eyes, blonde hair. I enjoy shooting pool & cooking. Looking for a serious relationship. Call Ext. 5397

SFW Looking to make new friends or possibly even a relationship. I'm a soft butt, 5'3" & height/weight proportionate. I'm a smoker & a non-drinker. I'm a professional who loves kids, animals & the outdoors. If you would like a new friend who is honest, leave a message. Call Ext. 5394

SFH 4'10", green eyes, professional, late 20's. In search of someone to get to know. I'm all woman & enjoy being treated like a true lady. I enjoy the simple things in life. Call Ext. 5389

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

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

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

SBF 5'9", height/weight proportionate, beautiful brown eyes, 47, but I look 37. I'm very feminine. Seeking soft butch who is very honest & sincere. Seeking someone who is willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5312

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

SBF 5'3", 135 lbs. I'm a dominant female. Give me a call if you are interested. Call Ext. 5370

SF 20, college student. If interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5277

SWF 38, 5'2", 115 lbs. Looking for a single White female. I'm in good shape & very athletic, with a college degree. I'm looking for a long-term relationship. If you are interested, please give me a call. Call Ext. 5339

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

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

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

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

SWF 42, I'm a soft butch captain looking for a single White female first mate who is feminine. Seeking someone who is interested in boating & hanging out at marinas. Call Ext. 5348

Men SEEKING Men

SM Looking for a submissive, older White male for a long-term relationship. I'm a young Oriental male, 35, 5'6" & 155 lbs. I'm very clean & discreet. I'm aggressive & demanding. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Call Ext. 5401

SM 39, 6'2", 175 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm romantic & fun 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

DM 33, 6'3", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm in business for myself & I have two kids. I'm looking for a dominant female seeking me. Call Ext. 5400

SHM 5'10", dark brown eyes, black hair, beard, bottom. I have an earring in my right ear & a 36" waist. I'm sincere & honest. I love men. Size is not important, as long as he is a man. I'm a bottom. Call Ext. 5403

SWM 38, 160 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. I'm considered very attractive, with a nice smile. I enjoy movies, theaters & biking. I would like to meet someone. I don't go out. I'm a top looking for an ambitious, good-looking bottom. I'm a French-active, Greek-passive guy. Call Ext. 5402

SM Good-looking, well-built, 32, 5'8", 175 lbs. I have a smooth, round butt. Looking for an aggressive, well-endowed top man. Should be 35-year-old or older & good-looking. Call Ext. 5201

SWM 170 lbs. Looking for tall, slender Black or Hispanic males who are HIV+ & very versatile. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5340

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

SWM 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., mustache, brown eyes, light body hair, HIV+. I'm tired of bar games & dead end streets. I like holding, cuddling, kissing, music, movies & the arts. Looking for a serious relationship with a male, 35-50-something, who is height/weight proportionate with similar interests. Honesty & sincerity are a must. Call Ext. 5393

SWM 33, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, movies, dining out & cooking for that special person. I'm seeking Black men, 28-40, who are definite top men. I'm looking forward to talking to you. Call Ext. 5395

SM Very handsome, muscular, smooth, beefy, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs. I'm a total bottom looking for an aggressive, tall, big, well-endowed top who enjoys a super smooth bottom. Call Ext. 5123

SWM 34, 5'8", 175 lbs., attractive, healthy, HIV+. I'm a smooth, clean-cut professional. I want to meet a hot man who is dominant, passionate & caring. Should be 30-40, intelligent & in good shape. Tall guys are a plus. I place a lot of emphasis on sex, but I'm open-minded & willing to explore other avenues. Call Ext. 5387

SM Looking for an athletic-minded female who enjoys pumping up & skinning. I'm 5'10" & 160 lbs. In search of a masculine man who is comfortable in gym shorts & ski pants. Must want to explore all kinds of dark corners & rocky mountains. Leather is a plus. Call Ext. 5386

SWM 40's, 6', blue eyes. I'm financially secure & a non-smoker, with my head screwed on right. I'm HIV- & versatile. Seeking a wonderful guy in my life. I'm looking for a slender gay White or Asian male, under 37. I ask only that you are HIV- & drug-free. Call Ext. 5388

SWM 35, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a top man who is in control & is demanding. Someone who wants to be in charge. I'm a bottom. I like wearing girly panties. Looking for a dominant man. Call Ext. 5384

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

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

SWM 39, 6'1", 160 lbs., green eyes, mustache, goatee. Looking for Hispanics who are 18-30. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5297

SHM 35, HIV+, 5'11", 195 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Looking for a down-to-earth, good-looking, muscular, straight-acting gay White male who is also HIV+ & 35-40. He should be 5'9"-6' and height/weight proportionate. Looking for a non-smoker & someone who doesn't mind being a bottom. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5345

SM I love to suck cock. Looking for a couple of hot, horny, young, good-looking guys who can be bisexual, straight or gay. Anyone who likes to get his cock sucked, I'm looking forward to meeting you as soon as I can. Call Ext. 5082

SM Interested in meeting a single Black male, 6', 33, slender, positive. Call Ext. 5375

SM Very attractive, smooth, beefy bottom boy seeks well-endowed big daddy for mutually gratifying encounters. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5190

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

SM I'm a cross dresser & I would like to meet other cross dressers. I enjoy get-togethers & going out. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5377

SM 5'11", 172 lbs., black hair, blue eyes. Seeking a man who is the same type, but taller. Preferably a White male of any age. Call Ext. 5363

SM 34, 6'2", 160 lbs., HIV+, straight-acting, attractive, healthy & fit. I like laughter, music, boxer shorts, romance & building new bridges. Looking for the same in someone else. You are a White male, 30-45, with a positive mind. You should be height/weight proportionate. No games. Call Ext. 5354

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

SM 33, brown hair, brown eyes. I'm an HIV+ husky bear looking for well-hung, slender-built top men, 30-40, of any race. Looking for someone who enjoys quiet evenings at home. Call Ext. 5369

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

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

SWM 46, 6', 210 lbs., dark blonde hair. Searching for that special person. A White or Hispanic male, 30-50, who likes to give simple things that people can do together. Call Ext. 5281

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

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

SWM 45, 6'1", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. In search of older men, 50-55, who are in good shape both mentally & physically. I prefer distinguished gentleman with a variety of cultures & eclectic tastes. Call Ext. 5340

SM Do you like lingerie, wigs & makeup? Party & pajama parties? Are you seeking an understanding, big brother type to discreetly share your sassy side with? I'm a brown-haired, blue-eyed male in excellent shape. Let the fun begin. Call Ext. 5355

SM 33, 5'5", brownish-blond hair, brown eyes, dark-complexioned. I'm a college student & a part-time dancer. I'm HIV+ & real cute. I like to have a lot of fun & I'm always entertaining. I like to laugh & I'm always positive. Looking for someone I can fall madly in love & share my life with. Call Ext. 5373

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

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

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

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SWM Safe, sane. Looking for other guys into body punting. All limits respected. Call for details. Call Ext. 5292

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

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

SM 30. I want to get to know a person & start off as friends. Leave a message & I will call you. Call Ext. 5372

SWM I'm a cross dresser & a Cher look-alike. I have been told I'm attractive & I like to wear feminine things. I like to priss around & act like a woman. I'm available to travel. I would like to meet guys, 18-30, with smooth bodies. Call Ext. 5374

SWM 31, 5'9", 160 lbs. Looking for a top man who is well-endowed. Should be 30-40. I like to go out & have fun. Give me a call if you are interested. Call Ext. 5285

SM Leave a message if you are interested. Call Ext. 5364

SM Handsome, sexy, HIV+, late 30's. I would like to meet a man in his late 30's or 40's who is attractive, masculine. Seeking someone who enjoys being a top. I prefer larger men who have body & facial hair. Call Ext. 5271

SWM 46, 6', 160 lbs., handsome. I enjoy working out, movies, the theater & reading. Would like to meet a 35-year-old, handsome, in shape, healthy, non-smoking, HIV+ man. Call Ext. 5362

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

SHM 32, 5'8", medium-built, bottom. I would like to meet a top male who is 40-50. Facial hair is a must & a hairy chest is a plus. I would prefer a taller man. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5361

SHM 29, 6'1", 220 lbs., HIV+, healthy. I'm financially secure. Like going out & having quiet, romantic dinners at home. Call Ext. 5275

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

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

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

GWM 33, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm a hairy, soft caddy bear-type. I'm HIV+ & very healthy. Seeking gay Black males who are non-smokers. I enjoy movies, quiet evenings at home, cooking & dining out. Call Ext. 5347

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