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## High Court approves same-sex harassment suits

Houston harassment plaintiff 'overjoyed' at federal civil rights ruling, but is it a gay rights victory?



Joseph Oncale's victory in the Supreme Court this week means his lawsuit can go forward. (Jennifer Zdon)

by CHRIS CRAIN

A federal law that bans on-the-job sexual harassment can apply even when the harasser and victim are the same sex, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday in a case of enormous importance for American workplaces.

In a case closely watched by gay rights groups, the decision provides victims of same-sex harassment with their first-ever federal remedy, allowing suit under the federal civil rights law Title VII, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.

By a unanimous vote, the court revived the federal lawsuit of a Louisiana man who says he was sexually pursued and harassed by his male supervisor and two other men during his four months working on a Gulf of Mexico oil rig.

But the court made clear that someone claiming same-sex harassment must prove that the conduct is discrimination based on the victim's sex, not actions "merely tinged with offen-

sive sexual connotations," such as harmless flirting or horseplay. The conduct would have to be hostile or abusive, the court said.

The decision, written by conservative Justice Antonin Scalia for a unanimous court, made no specific mention of harassment based on sexual orientation, which previous decision make clear is not prohibited by federal law.

The ruling nevertheless was hailed by some gay rights advocates.

"This is a victory for all American workers. We're pleased that the court understands that sexual harassment is about power and that sexual orientations of the people involved are irrelevant," said Kim Mills of the Human Rights Campaign.

"Had the court carved out an exception for same-sex claims, that would have had a great negative implication for gay rights," said Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Here in Houston, the Supreme Court ruling left Kenneth Billups "overjoyed."

He filed suit last year against Ninfa's Restaurant after undergoing what he claimed was repeated harassment by male employees, including one who would follow him into the bathroom and try to join him in the stall, and two others who would grab him and try to remove his pants. Billups, who is gay, said his harassers are straight.

"To say it without gloating, I didn't make the change, but I voiced the change," Billups told the Voice after the Supreme Court decision was announced. "Now people can speak out without fear of being sliced and diced and totally ridiculed. It's confirmation that what I believed in was right."

Since an article about Billups case was published in the Voice, his lawsuit was settled for an undisclosed sum, and Ninfa's Restaurant went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Still, Billups expects to be paid in full.

"It's not about the money," Billups said repeatedly in an interview. "It was much more personal than monetary. A

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## Gay issues surface in primaries

Activists urge big turnout next Tuesday

by CHRIS CRAIN

Next Tuesday's statewide Republican and Democrat primaries have plenty to offer lesbian and gay Texans, but it may take looking below the surface, according to gay rights lobbyists.

The headlines may be focusing on education, health care and immigration, but gay voters and their issues are playing a role in the election, and gay rights advocates are urging the community to turn out in big numbers to prevent social conservatives from prevailing.

"Unfortunately, it's anticipated that there will be a low voter turnout, and there are certainly so few candidates who are progressive on social issues," said Clarence Bagby, president of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. "We need to remember that there are some really outstanding candidates on the ballot, too."

### Caucus PAC endorsements

The Caucus' Political Action Committee has issued endorsements in a number of races on the ballot next Tuesday (see sidebar), but Bagby emphasized in particular several contested races involv-

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## Anti-gay hate crimes on the rise

Reports of local hate crimes triple, trackers say 'Ellen' may have caused more attacks

by LAURA BROWN and CHRIS CRAIN

Roberta Kline left her Fairview Street home in the midst of a street festival in October 1996. From her front porch, she saw a group of suburban college kids were waiting in a car while their friend urinated on her front lawn.

When Kline's roommate, who is black, asked the youths to leave, they heard from the car, "Let's kick that nigger's ass!"

Six white youths, including two young women, set upon Kline and her roommate, wielding a chain, a broken beer bottle and a brick. Kline, who is a male-to-female transsexual was mocked by her attackers throughout the melee.

"What are you?" Kline said one of the girls yelled repeatedly. "Are you a man or a woman?"

Kline said she and her roommate were covered in blood by the time the police arrived. Kline received several dozen stitches to her forehead and chest; her roommate required reconstructive surgery on a wrist slashed by the broken beer bottle.

The attack on Kline and her roommate is just one example of the type of hate crimes reported to the Montrose Counseling Center, which tracks the reports as part of a National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, according to the Counseling Center's Gary Norman.

The Counseling Center, in conjunction with the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, reports crimes that appear motivated by bias against the victim's sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status. Kline believes her attack was based on both gender identity and race.

Almost 3,000 bias crimes against members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and HIV-positive community were reported to the NCAVP in 1997, the group announced in a report released March 2.

That's only a two percent increase from 1996, but the closet and fear of police mean "a very large percentage of anti-LGBTH violence remains undocumented" and "compared with the double-digit decreases in other crime nationally in both 1997 and 1996, the statistics clearly show that hate-motivated violence continues to be a very serious problem," the NCAVP report said.

More dramatic were other trends the NCAVP documented from their 14

national tracking programs:

- From 1996 to 1997, anti-gay hate crimes committed in the month of March increased 30 percent and those committed in April rose 25 percent, a "shocking surge" the NCAVP attributes to the weeks of "media frenzy" and right-wing attacks preceding the April 30 "coming out" episode of ABC's "Ellen."

- Statistics document an "extremely disturbing" 83 percent rise in violence occurring in police precincts and jails and 76 percent increase in offenders who were law enforcement officials.

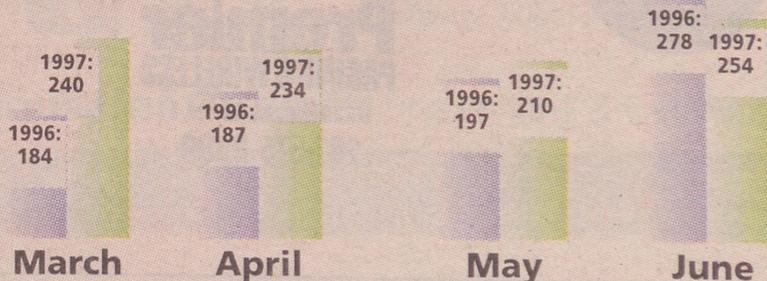
- Heterosexuals who reported being victims of anti-gay crimes rose 36 percent, which "underscored the fact that

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## Did "Ellen" increase hate crimes?

Anti-gay hate crimes usually peak in June, when gays are more visible because of Pride celebrations. This year, trackers report a "shocking surge" of attacks in March and April, which they attribute to the "media frenzy" and backlash surrounding Ellen's "coming out" episode.



\* Source: National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs



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## LOCAL

### Hall pick for City Attorney

by ELLA TYLER

Anthony Hall has been nominated to be Houston's next City Attorney by Mayor Lee Brown. While a member of Houston's City Council, Hall sponsored the amendment to the City's affirmative action program that prohibited discrimination against gays. The 1985 ordinance was later repealed by voters.

If confirmed by City Council, one of Hall's first jobs as city attorney will be to defend Mayor Brown's executive order prohibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation.

Gay rights advocate Eugene Harrington, who taught Hall at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law, said she was especially pleased by his nomination.

"I am very happy for Anthony. He is an excellent choice," she said. "He is a proven friend of the community and supports civil rights for all."

Hall was Harrington's state representative from 1972 to 1978, and was a city council member from 1979 to 1989.

"Hall has always been very good on our issues," Harrington said. "Even though the (Houston) Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus did not endorse him in several contested races, it was not because of his record," she said, remembering that Hall's opponents in several races included Mickey Leland (in a race to fill Barbara Jordan's vacant U.S. House seat) and Nikki Van Hightower (in the City Council race). "[Those two candidates] had even stronger ties to the gay and lesbian community," she said.

Caucus President Clarence Bagby described Hall as "someone who recognizes that all people should be protected and treated fairly under the law, regardless of their sexual orientation."

"Anthony Hall has a record of support for equal treatment of gay women and men that dates back to this tenure on City Council in the 1980s," Bagby said in a statement to the press. "He will be a city attorney for all the people."

Hall is currently a partner in the law firm of Jackson & Walker. In addition to his service in the Texas Legislature and on Houston's City Council, Hall served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority from 1990 to 1992 and was an Captain in the U.S. Army.

### Gay Teen Scholarships

by ELLA TYLER

Eight thousand dollars is available for scholarships for gay and lesbian high school students for the 1998-99 school year from the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals and Parents Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The deadline for applications is April 1. At least one gay and one lesbian teen will receive funds.

"The student must be out at school, and we are looking for leaders," said Sherry Stephens of PFLAG, which is reviewing the applications. "We want students who are supportive of themselves and other youth."

PFLAG has distributed applications to school counselors in the Houston Independent School District, and they are also available by writing PFLAG at P.O. Box 53796, Houston, Texas 77052-3796.

Stephens is delighted that HATCH has matched the \$4,000 that PFLAG had available for scholarships.

"It's like a gift from God," she said.

Gary Van Ooteghem, Chair of the HATCH scholarship committee, said that a program is in progress to raise \$1,000,000 to endow scholarships for gay youth.

"We are asking people to make a gift from their estate or from life insurance," he said. In addition, HATCH and PFLAG will host a joint fund-raiser this fall to raise funds for current scholarships.

HATCH, now in its 10th year, institut-

ed programs last year that involved as many as 1,000 teenagers, Van Ooteghem said. HATCH holds private meetings for gay and lesbian teens on Fridays and Sundays.

"This is a safe meeting place for teens, and the only adults allowed are trained facilitators," Van Ooteghem said. The group is also distributing pamphlets to high school counselors for gay and lesbian youth, he said.

### Lesbian Scholarship Deadline Nears

The deadline is drawing closer for student scholarships and grants earmarked for lesbians and their organizations, to be awarded by An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc. The Foundation provides the annual gifts to qualified individuals and organizations. The deadline for submitting applications is May 15.

The non-profit foundation, estab-

lished in 1990, rewards outstanding lesbian students with \$1,000 scholarships. The applicant must be undergraduate or graduate students of an accredited college or university.

"The scholarship was a tremendous boost financially in helping me through a semester of graduate work," said past recipient Carolyn Hunt. "More importantly, it was a tremendous personal boost to be honored as a lesbian—a component of my life that is rarely recognized, let alone celebrated, in my professional and academic worlds."

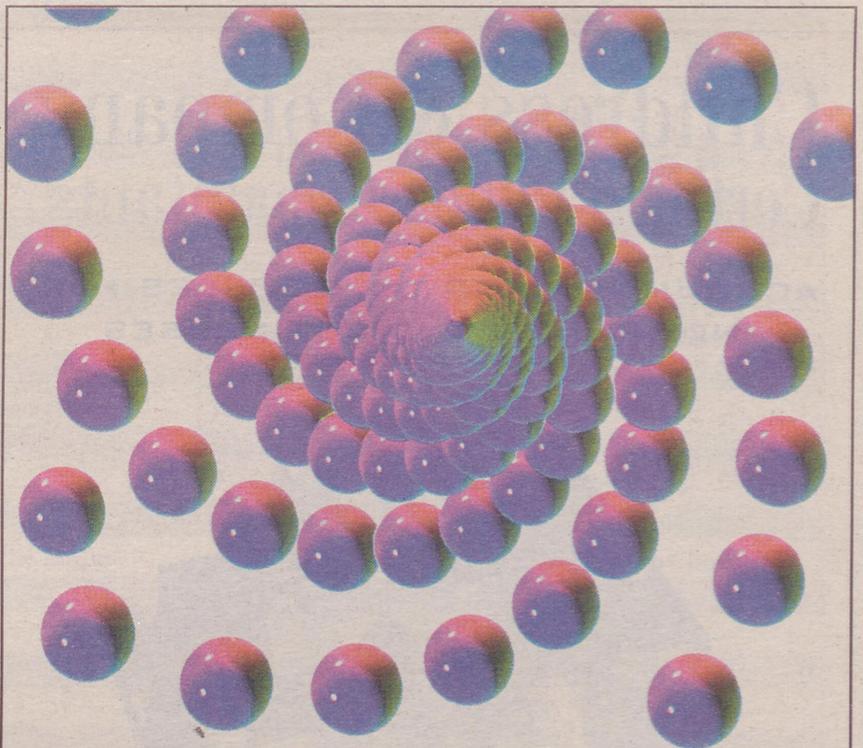
Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) organizations that address social, cultural, health and educational needs promoting the civil rights and well-being of all lesbians—today's and future generations. The grants range in amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

This year's recipients will be announced at a June 28 brunch featuring keynote speaker Margarethe Cammermeyer. For more information, contact Gail Swinney at (713) 529-4426.



**P-FLAG Houston shows how 'Love Makes a Family'**

(Foreground left to right) Stephen DuBay and Kevin Ferreira peruse the photograph of Gigi Kaeser at last week's "Love Makes A Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families" exhibit at Stages Repertory Theatre. The exhibit, sponsored by P-FLAG Houston, depicted a diverse group of 20 families featuring lesbian and gay parents, grandparents and young adults. The exhibit has been on tour since 1995.



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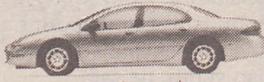
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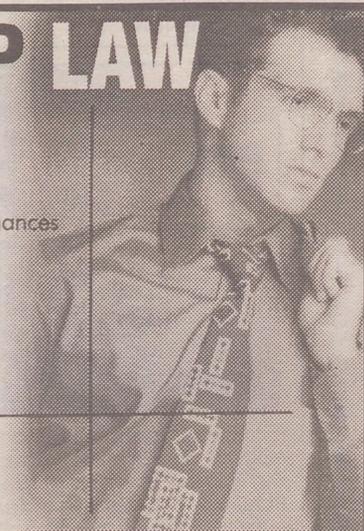
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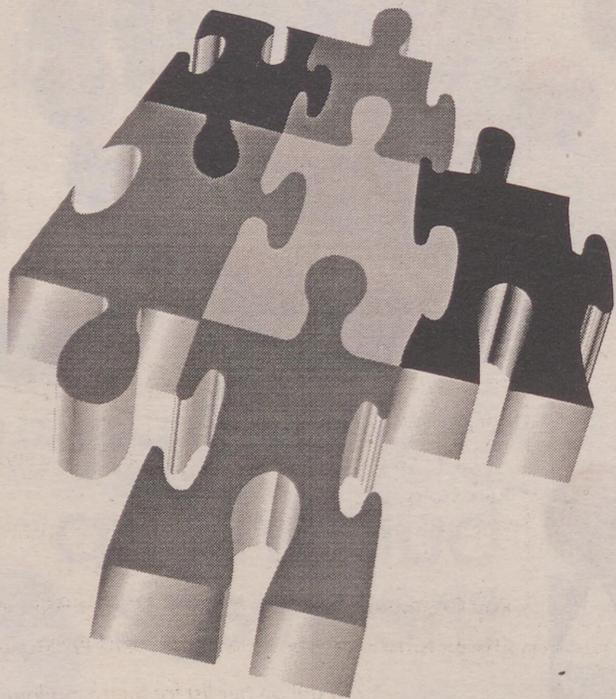
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### Texas Agency doesn't favor gay foster parents

DALLAS—A state agency's in-house investigation has found no evidence it gave gay and lesbian couples preferential treatment in becoming foster parents.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services said last Friday that caseworkers try to place neglected and abused children with relatives or at "traditional families" with a mother or father when possible.

A Child Protective Services employee last year filed a grievance with the agency, saying she was demoted from her job as a supervisor for removing a foster child from the home of a lesbian couple.

In the grievance, Rebecca Bledsoe said she told caseworkers to remove the infant boy because "homosexual conduct is against the law in Texas."

But the agency that oversees Child Protective Services said its interviews of Dallas County caseworkers and supervisors, along with reviews of "home studies," found no instance that gay or lesbian households were benefited.

"Of the 32 staff interviewed, not one person said there was preferential treatment in placing children in homosexual foster homes," the agency said in a prepared statement from Austin.

The agency also contended that Bledsoe ignored procedures for emergency removal of a child from foster care. Bledsoe, after learning of the then-3-month-old boy's placement with the lesbian couple, ordered his emergency removal on Aug. 5 and placed him with another foster mother.

### Public-private program provides AIDS drug funds

AUSTIN—State health officials announced a public-private program Tuesday that they say will help people with the virus that causes AIDS to cope with the high costs of new drug therapies.

The Texas Department of Health, which has about \$4 million to buy drugs for people with HIV and AIDS who can't afford them, said the American AIDS Foundation has pledged to raise matching funds to make certain everyone eligible gets access to treatment. New drug combinations—frequently called "cocktail therapies" are prolonging the lives of people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

"For the first time in years, people with HIV and those who love them are daring to plan for longer, happier futures. We are determined to see that anyone who needs these drugs gets them," said Jim Powell, president of the nonprofit AIDS foundation.

The drugs are expensive, officials said. Costs per patient can add up to \$9,000 to \$15,000 a year. Many people can cover the costs by insurance, personal income or by federal and state programs for the needy or desperately ill. But some patients still are left without the medicines.

"Without the private matching dollars provided by the American AIDS Foundation, the state's ability to help everyone who needs our assistance would be greatly limited," said Dr. William Archer, state health commissioner.

"The foundation's support will help us reach Texans who need our help," he said.

In Texas, about 16,000 people are living with AIDS and an estimated 50,000 are infected with the virus.

The Health Department said hundreds of Texans with HIV are, at any given time, not able to obtain the life-saving medications. Often they cannot

get these drugs therapies through disability insurance and cannot obtain private insurance, yet they aren't poor enough or sick enough to be eligible for assistance programs.

The Health Department said its new HOPE program—Health Options to Promote Employment—will bridge the gap. The eligibility has been expanded to help individuals who return to work but can't get insurance due to a pre-existing condition or don't make enough money to purchase their medications.

Because the HOPE project can provide drugs through state pricing discounts, costs per patient can be cut substantially, officials said.

### Ousted Austin church still ministers to gays

AUSTIN—Outside University Baptist Church, the sign announcing the time for Sunday worship proudly proclaims, "Our Doors Are Still Open."

Inside, over a chicken dinner in the downstairs fellowship hall, about 50 church members talk out their feelings after their embracing of gays and lesbians led to a vote to oust the small congregation from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

They're not happy about how they were treated. But neither are they deterred from what they believe is their ministry to spread the message of God's love for all people, from their post across the street from the University of Texas campus.

Ken Steele, chancel choir director, tells of calls of support from friends across the state and of a mother who visited him with her gay son, happy to know her son has found a church where he is valued.

"She is so proud of the fact that we are giving him a place to come worship where he knows that he will not be excluded from everything the moment that they find out his sexual orientation. I can't help but feel that God is working through what we're doing," said Steele, who isn't gay.

A majority of the statewide Baptist group's executive board voted to disassociate itself from the 90-year-old church, whose 200 active members include an estimated 10 percent who are openly gay. Board members said they supported the church's ministry to homosexuals but that its actions had moved into affirming homosexual practice.

The Rev. Larry Bethune, University Baptist's pastor, said it isn't accurate to say the church endorses homosexual behavior but that members "do embrace homosexual persons as persons beloved of God."

The difficulties they've encountered are a learning experience, he said—including for himself as "as a white male heterosexual part of the principalities and powers."

"Thank God for what we have learned by standing with a group of people who have been marginalized and shamed," he said. "That bitter experience that the rest of us have had in being marginalized and shamed for standing with them has taught us what it's like for them—in a small way—and what it's been like for others through time in our world to be excluded."

It's not the first time the church has stood with those whom others have excluded.

University Baptist began accepting black members in the 1940s, added a woman to its ministerial staff in the 1950s and voted to ordain women as deacons in the 1970s.

The church was voted out of the Austin Baptist Association after the 1994 ordination of a gay deacon, and has invited gays to participate in a ministry for gays and lesbians



# Log Cabin Houston

## Your Opportunity to Vote Against the Religious Right Twice: The Precinct Initiative

On Tuesday, March 10, you will have an opportunity to vote twice, legally. Every couple of years, on primary election day, political parties host their respective precinct conventions wherein delegates are elected at this grassroots level and begin working their way up the political party system. Next, after the conventions at the precinct level, comes the Senatorial District conventions wherein delegates are elected to go on to state political party conventions. Log Cabin Republicans of Houston asks you to join us in sending our troops up to the front lines; opposite the religious right, primarily. We cannot fight the fight, however, if you and people like you don't help us get elected in the first place.

Space not permitting, please follow these short instructions:

**(1)** First, you must have voted in the Republican Primary elections (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) in order to qualify to participate in the evening's Republican precinct conventions which begin after the polls close. Not voting—or voting in the Democratic Primary—will not qualify you to participate in the Republican precinct convention nor permit you to run as a delegate or alternate to the next level up. So you must vote during the day before you can go further.

**(2)** The precinct conventions convene at 7:30 pm this same election day. Besides electing delegates & alternates to go higher within the Republican Party, we can put forth resolutions we wish the party to consider at the next level up. **They must be presented in triplicate.** A number of pro-gay resolutions will be introduced which cannot, will not pass without your being present to support us in this venture.

**(3)** That's all there is to it. Vote 1st in the Republican Primary during the day. Then later that day, at 7:30 pm, come back to the same polling place which is where your precinct conventions will convene. Participate. These evening conventions usually only take a half hour or so to do their business. With your help, we can make differences within the majority party that are good. Without it, the religious right will rule. Which way sounds better to you?

**(4)** Get involved this year. Vote your conscience. Help us stop the religious right from controlling and dictating their negative and narrow viewpoints via the political system.

**(5)** For independents who vote with us in the Republican Primary, this does not designate you as a Republican, just that you have elected to vote in the Republican Primary this election year. Religious right fanaticism is not good for you, either.

**(6)** More complete instructions were mailed out to Log Cabin's mailing list.

# The Religious Right Will Rule

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Candidate Information for Republican Primary\*  
(Contested races only. You may take this sheet into the polls with you.)

Contested Race	Has Spoken at LCR Meeting	Endorsed by United Republicans (Moderate)	Supported by Religious Right
U.S. Rep., Dist. 7	Gene Hsiao		Bill Archer
U.S. Rep., Dist. 9			Tom Cottar
U.S. Rep., Dist. 25	John Sanchez		Beverly Clark
Governor		George Bush	George Bush
Attorney General		John Cornyn	Tom Pauken
Comm. of Land Office		Jerry Patterson	David Dewhurst
Comm. of Agriculture		Susan Combs	Susan Combs
Railroad Commissioner		Tony Garza	Steve Stockman
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 2		Harriet O'Neill	Harriet O'Neill
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 4		Deborah Hankinson	Deborah Hankinson
Judge, Crim. App., Pl. 1		Mike Keasler	Mike Keasler
Judge, Crim. App., Pl. 2		Harvey Hudson	Harvey Hudson
Judge, Crim. App., Pl. 3		Lawrence Meyers	Lawrence Meyers
State Senator, Dist. 4			Michael Galloway
State Repr., Dist. 129		John Branch	John Davis
Dist. Judge, 182nd		Jeanine Barr	Randy Ayers
Dist. Judge, 183rd		Joan Huffman	Joan Huffman
Dist. Judge, 185th	Kirk Oncken	Susan Brown	Susan Brown
Dist. Judge, 189th	Betsy Smith	Karen Lukin	Jeff Work
Dist. Judge, 232nd	Doug Petit	Mary Lou Keel	Mary Lou Keel
Dist. Judge, 245th	Leta Womack	Annette Galik	Annette Galik
Dist. Judge, 246th		David Gunn	Don Ritter
Dist. Judge, 248th		Joan Campbell	Joan Campbell
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Judge, Cnty Crim Law, No. 6		Larry Standley	Larry Standley
Judge, Cnty Crim Law, No. 7		Travis Johnson	Pam Derbyshire
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Judge, Cnty Prob. Crim, No. 3		Rory Olsen	Rory Olsen
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## N.J. court strikes down Boy Scouts' ban on gays

TRENTON, N.J.—The Boy Scouts of America says it will appeal a New Jersey court ruling that said the group's ban on homosexuals violates state anti-discrimination laws.

The state appeals court ruling Monday that a gay assistant scoutmaster should not have been expelled represents the Boy Scouts' first legal defeat over its ban on gays. The ruling was praised by gay rights groups and rebuked as "un-American" by a conservative think tank.

The court ruled that James Dale was wrongly kicked out as an assistant scoutmaster eight years ago because he is gay.

The ruling came as the Boy Scouts are fighting court challenges to its exclusion policies around the country.

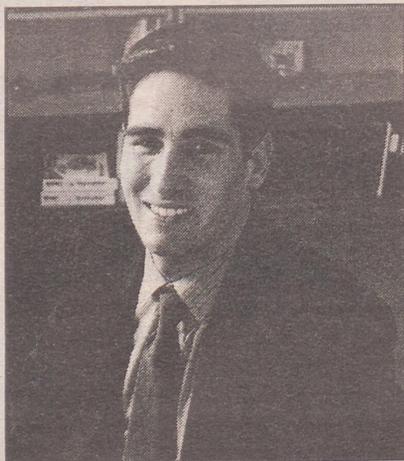
In California, for example, the state Supreme Court is expected to rule this month on two discrimination lawsuits, one filed by a man who was expelled because he is gay and the other by twin boys who were thrown out because they do not believe in God.

The New Jersey court decision was welcomed by the California attorney who is challenging the Boy Scouts' ban on homosexuals in that state.

"I think we're definitely seeing some cracks in the wall," said Jon Davidson, who represents former Eagle Scout Timothy Curran of Berkeley, Calif. "The New Jersey court clearly rejected this argument that the Boy Scouts have some federal constitutional right to engage in discrimination."

The Boy Scouts said it would appeal Monday's decision to New Jersey's Supreme Court.

Spokesman Gregg Shields said the



Former ass't scoutmaster James Dale

Scouts "have long taught traditional family values, and a homosexual is simply not a role model for those values."

"The Boy Scouts of America has a right as a voluntary association to teach youth the traditional values that it has taught since 1910, and to establish membership and leadership standards," said Shields.

Dale, now 27 and working in New York for a publishing company, said the decision made him "proud to be an American."

"This is everything that I was taught in the Boy Scouts, that justice will prevail," Dale said. "It's a wonderful victory for scouting."

After 12 years in scouting, Dale was expelled in 1990 after the group learned from a newspaper article that he was gay. He sued.

A lower court judge ruled in the Scouts' favor in 1995, calling homosexuality "a serious moral wrong" and agreeing with the Boy Scouts that the group is a private organization and has a constitutional right to decide who can belong.

The state Appellate Division overruled that decision Monday, saying the Boy Scouts and its local councils are "places of accommodation" that "emphasize open membership" and therefore must adhere to New Jersey's anti-discrimination law.

The court said "nothing before us even suggests that a male, simply because he is gay, will somehow undermine (Boy Scouts of America's) fundamental beliefs and teachings." It said Dale's "exemplary journey through the Boy Scouts of America ranks as statement enough that these stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected."

Robert H. Knight, with the Washington-based Family Research Council, a conservative think tank, called the ruling "un-American."

"It strips parents of the right to entrust their children to a group that reflects their values," he said. "It is a naked assault on the Scouts' freedom to set their moral standards without government coercion."

The ruling was not unanimous: one member of the three-judge panel said while he believes Dale should be reinstated to the Boy Scouts, the group should be allowed to ban him from leadership positions.

## Alaskan judge rules against same-sex marriage ban

JUNEAU, Alaska—A state judge hearing a challenge to Alaska's ban on same-sex marriage says choosing a partner is a fundamental right that could result in a "nontraditional" choice.

Anchorage Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski said last Friday that

the state must show why it should be able to regulate who people marry.

The ruling does not legalize same-sex unions. Even so, a state legislator who sponsored the same-sex marriage ban believes a constitutional amendment might be needed.

"If judges can't read the constitution any better than this then we will clearly state it in the constitution," Republican state Sen. Loren Leman said.

The court challenge began last year when Jay Brause and Gene Dugan of Anchorage challenged a 1996 law banning same-sex marriage.

The gay couple, who sought state recognition of their relationship of 20 years, said the marriage ban violates the Alaska Constitution.

Last Friday, Michalski threw out the state's bid to dismiss the case and ruled that choosing a partner is a fundamental right.

"It is the decision itself that is fundamental, whether the decision results in a traditional choice or the nontraditional choice Brause and Dugan seek to have recognized," Michalski wrote. "The same Constitution protects both."

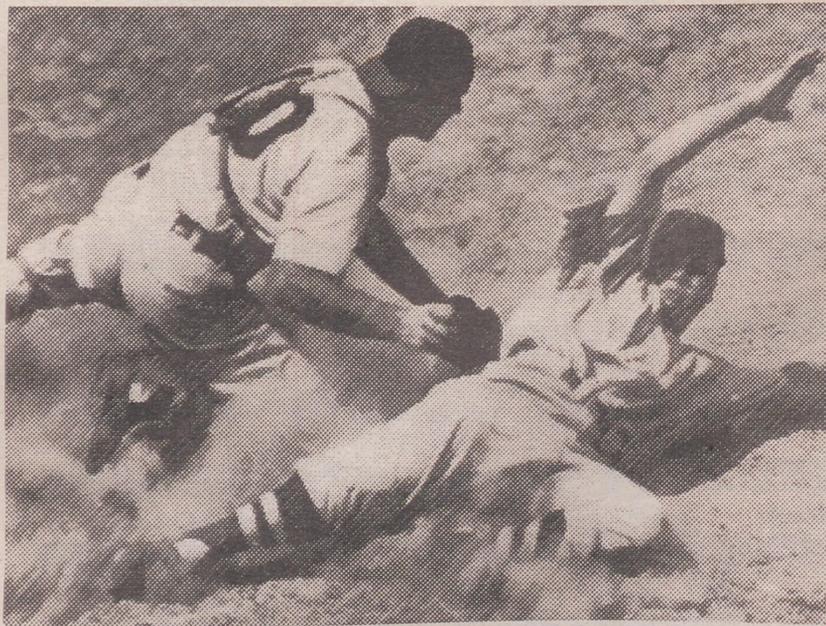
John Gaguine, the assistant attorney general who argued the case, said the state probably will ask the Alaska Supreme Court to review the decision.

The attorney for plaintiffs in Hawaii's same-sex marriage case has praised the ruling from Alaska. Dan Foley, attorney for the three couples in the Hawaii case, said the Alaska ruling is only the second in the country against bans on same-sex marriage. He said Hawaii Supreme Court justices will know that their decision has been embraced by another court.

Foley also said the decision means

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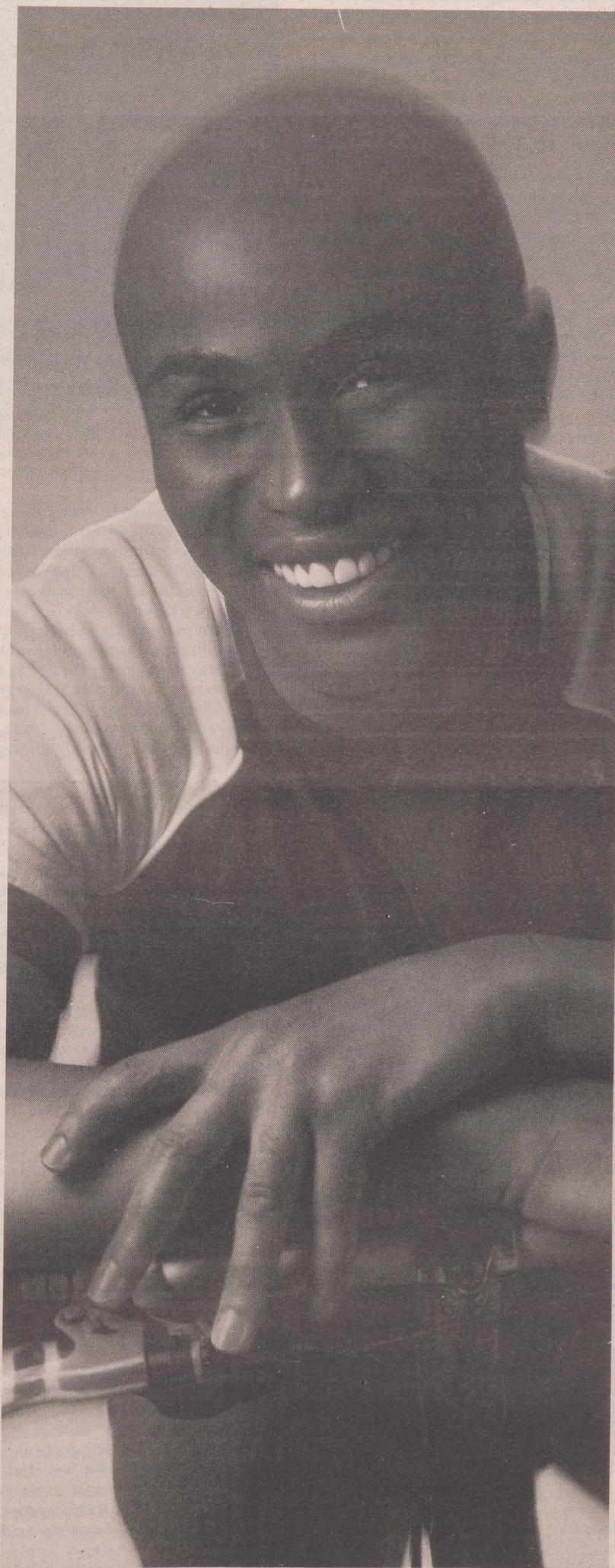
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another state is now actively competing with Hawaii to become the first state to recognize same-sex marriage and reap the economic benefits of same-sex couples traveling to the state to get married.

Gay book award goes to 'Shared Heart'

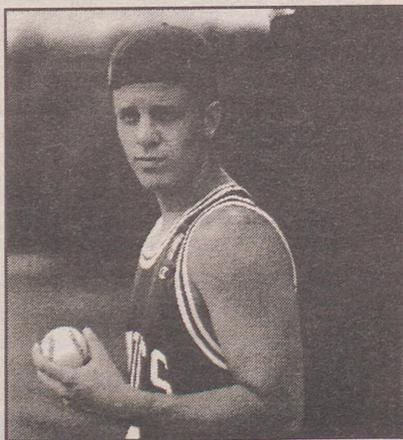
by ELLA TYLER

The national Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Awards, handed out by the American Library Association, went this year to "The Shared Heart: Portraits and Stories Celebrating Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Young People" by Adam Mastoon and "Working Parts" by Lucy Jane Bledsoe.

"The Shared Heart" was one of the Houston Voice "Best Books for 1997." It combines Mastoon's photographs of young people with their first-person accounts of their experiences coming out.

"Working Parts" is the fiction winner. Bledsoe's first novel tells the story of a lesbian who is a bicycle mechanic and cyclist undergoing the challenge of learning to read.

The awards were established in



'Shared Heart' features photos and first-person accounts by gay youth.

1971 and are chosen by a committee of 14 public, academic and special librarians. The winners were announced last week and will be presented during the ALA's Annual Conference in June.

The finalists in the fiction category were "Beyond the Pale" by Elana Dykewomon; "The Escape Artist" by Judith Katz; "In Awe" by Scott Heim; and "Prozac Highway" by Persimmon Blackbridge.

The non-fiction finalists were "Hospital Time" by Amy Hoffman;

"Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life 1948-1968" by James Sears; "Queerly Classed" edited by Susan Raffo, and "Sex and Sensibility: Stories of a Lesbian Generation" by Arlene Stein.

Anti-gay murders worry Arizona rights advocates

PHOENIX—A second man has been killed because his assailants believed he was gay, police say—a fact that has man gays and lesbians alarmed.

Police say that Robert Hernandez, 36, was shot to death in the parking lot of an apartment complex last Saturday night when a teenager pulled out a gun and fired, hitting him in the chest.

The news about the motivation for the shooting came Monday, just as national statistics were released showing a slight increase in the number of gay-related crimes. (See story, p. 1)

Hernandez's death comes less than two months after another man was bludgeoned to death in what is believed to be an anti-gay attack. The body of Thomas Moffatt, 71, was found sprawling partially out of his car on Jan. 10.

Moffatt, who had been in an adult

bookstore earlier in the evening, was thought to have been targeted by homophobic individuals who monitor the comings and goings at such stores. No arrests have been made in the case.

In the Hernandez slaying, police arrested 15-year-old Armen Harutiunian.

"The suspect believed that Mr. Hernandez was a homosexual and that was the reason for the attack," said Detective Mike McCullough. However, McCullough said, authorities don't know whether his death and that of Moffatt are related.

Activists were worried nonetheless. "It's very scary if gay men are being targeted, especially if gang-bangers are going after them," said Bill McDonald, a board member of the Arizona Human Rights Fund. "This is the type of thing that should put the gay and lesbian community on alert."

Conservatives block gay ambassador nomination

WASHINGTON—Despite bipartisan support, a small group of conservative Republicans is blocking the nomination of a gay San Francisco philanthropist to become ambassador to Luxembourg.

The White House is calling it a clear case of discrimination. But lawmakers who are preventing a Senate vote on James Hormel contend they object to his gay rights activism and not his sexual orientation.

"There's more at stake here than an ambassadorship to a small country," Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) said after recently meeting with Hormel to discuss his objections. "There is symbolism. He is championed as the elder statesman of the gay rights movement."

Hutchinson and Sens. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) and James Inhofe (R-Okla.) have placed "holds" on Hormel and other lawmakers have done so anonymously, said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. As a result, Hormel's name is not expected to reach the floor without a fight, if at all. If confirmed, he would become the United States' first openly gay ambassador.

"I haven't declared it dead," Lott said earlier this month. But he added that he does not see the Senate taking it up "in the near future."

Applying some pressure, President Clinton made a personal plea for his embattled nominee, telling a San Francisco fund-raising event Wednesday night that Hormel's sexuality should not be a consideration.

"I have just one question," Clinton said. "The only question the United States Senate should ask, and there is only one answer, will he or will he not be a good ambassador? ... That is all we should ever ask."

The White House acknowledges it faces an uphill battle in securing the high-profile post for Hormel, who has given more than \$200,000 to the Democratic Party since 1995, but says Hormel's rights are at stake.

"There's only one reason he's being held up and that is the fact that he's gay," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "We don't think that's right or fair. ... He deserves an up or down vote."

Heir to a meatpacking fortune, Hormel, 64, is a founding board member of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest gay rights organization in America. But he has pledged to resign and give up gay-rights activism if confirmed.

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CLINICAL STUDIES

Study AI455-019 was a multi-center, randomized, double-blind trial of ZERIT Capsules vs zidovudine for the treatment of HIV-infected adults with CD4 counts of 50 to 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> who had received at least six months prior zidovudine treatment. ZERIT was administered in dosages of 40 mg BID for patients weighing >60 kg, and 30 mg BID for those weighing <60 kg. The zidovudine dosage was 200 mg TID. The study enrolled 822 patients with a median baseline CD4 count of 235 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> (range: 10 to 735 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>), and a median duration of prior zidovudine treatment of 38 weeks (range 11 to 356 weeks). Fourteen percent of subjects had AIDS at baseline, 50% had HIV-related symptoms and 36% were asymptomatic.

Table 1 gives the Kaplan-Meier estimates for the time to disease progression.

	First AIDS - Defining Event or Death*	
	ZERIT	zidovudine
6 months	4.4%	5.7%
12 months	10.4%	14.1%
18 months	18.5%	23.3%
24 months	26.6%	31.8%

\* Kaplan-Meier estimates; the overall difference between stavudine and zidovudine was not significant.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

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

WARNINGS

The major clinical toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. This complication occurred in 19 and 24 percent of the 11,784 patients with advanced HIV disease who received the two dose levels of stavudine in the Parallel Track Program<sup>1</sup>. In patients with less advanced HIV infection in the zidovudine comparative trial, peripheral neuropathy occurred in 13 percent of ZERIT-treated patients as compared to 4 percent of zidovudine-treated patients.

Patients should be monitored for the development of neuropathy that is usually characterized by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. Stavudine-related peripheral neuropathy may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms may worsen temporarily following discontinuation of therapy. If symptoms resolve completely, resumption of treatment may be considered at a reduced dose.

Patients with a history of peripheral neuropathy are at increased risk for the development of neuropathy. If stavudine must be administered in this clinical setting, careful monitoring is essential.

PRECAUTIONS

Information for Patients

Patients should be informed that ZERIT is not a cure for HIV infection, and that they may continue to acquire illnesses associated with HIV infection, including opportunistic infections. Patients should be advised to remain under the care of a physician when using ZERIT.

Patients should be informed that the most common toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. Symptoms of peripheral neuropathy usually include tingling, burning, pain, or numbness in the hands or feet. Patients should be advised that this toxicity occurs with greater frequency in patients with a history of peripheral neuropathy. They should be advised that these symptoms should be reported to their physicians and that dose changes may be necessary. They should also be cautioned about the use of other medications that may exacerbate peripheral neuropathy.

Caregivers of young children receiving ZERIT therapy should be instructed regarding detection and reporting of peripheral neuropathy. Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of ZERIT are unknown at this time. They should be advised that ZERIT therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

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

Laboratory Tests

Mild to moderate increases in AST (SGOT) and ALT (SGPT) occurred commonly in clinical trials; these did not interfere with continued therapy.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long-term carcinogenicity studies of stavudine in animals have not been completed. Stavudine was not mutagenic in the Ames, *E. coli* reverse mutation, or the CHO/HGPRT mammalian cell forward gene mutation assays, with and without metabolic activation. Stavudine produced positive results in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte clastogenesis and mouse fibroblast assays, and in the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. In the *in vitro* assays, stavudine elevated the frequency of chromosome aberrations in human lymphocytes (concentrations of 25 to 250 µg/mL, without metabolic activation) and increased the frequency of transformed foci in mouse fibroblast cells (concentrations of 25 to 2500 µg/mL, with and without metabolic activation).

<sup>1</sup> The parallel track program (STUDY AI455-900) treated 12,551 HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts <300/mm<sup>3</sup> who had failed, were intolerant of, or had contraindications to other therapies.

In the *in vivo* micronucleus assay, stavudine was clastogenic in bone marrow cells following oral stavudine administration to mice at dosages of 600 to 2000 mg/kg/day for 3 days.

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

Pregnancy

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

Nursing Mothers

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

Pediatric Use

Use of stavudine in pediatric patients is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of stavudine in adults with additional safety data in 115 pediatric patients and pharmacokinetic data in 25 of these patients.

Stavudine pharmacokinetics have been evaluated in 25 HIV-infected pediatric patients (age range: 5 weeks to 15 years, weight range: 2 to 43 kg) after IV and oral administration of 0.125, 0.5, 1, and 2 mg/kg as single doses and as BID regimens. The mean ± SD absolute bioavailability was 76.9 ± 31.7% (n=20). Peak plasma concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) and area under the plasma concentration-time curve (AUC) increased in proportion to dose after both single and multiple doses.

Following intravenous infusions (n=21), the mean ± SD volume of distribution was 18.5 ± 9.17 L/m<sup>2</sup>. The distribution of stavudine into cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) was assessed in 8 pediatric patients after 12 weeks of multiple oral dosing. The concentration of stavudine in CSF samples ranged from 0.008 to 0.105 µg/mL at times ranging from 2 to 3 hours post-dose (dose ranging from 0.125 to 1 mg/kg). CSF concentrations ranged from 16% to 125% (mean ± SD of 58% ± 35%) of the concentration in simultaneous plasma samples.

The terminal elimination half-life after oral or intravenous administration of stavudine was approximately one hour. The mean ± SD total body clearance after intravenous infusion was 247 ± 94 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The mean ± SD apparent oral clearance was 333 ± 87 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The percent of the dose excreted unchanged in the urine was 34.5% after oral administration.

The clearance of stavudine is related to both body surface area and body weight. When dosing according to body weight, the recommended dosage for pediatric patients weighing less than 30 kg is 2 mg/kg/day in divided doses. Pediatric patients weighing 30 kg or greater should receive the recommended adult dose.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The major clinical toxicity of ZERIT (stavudine) is peripheral neuropathy (see "WARNINGS" section).

Adults: Peripheral neuropathy is dose related (see Table 2). Modest elevation of hepatic transaminases was also observed commonly in controlled trials.

Peripheral Neuropathy	Study AI455-019		Parallel Track Program	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=5905)	ZERIT (20 mg BID) (n=5879)
Grade 1-2	11	3	20	17
Grade 3-4	2	1	4	2
Total	13	4	24	19

Selected adverse events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study AI455-019) are provided in Table 3.

Adverse Events	Study AI455-019 <sup>2</sup>	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
Headache	54	49
Chills/Fever	50	51
Diarrhea	50	43
Rash	40	35
Nausea and Vomiting	38	44
Abdominal Pain	34	27
Myalgia	32	35
Insomnia	29	31
Anorexia	19	22
Allergic Reaction	9	8
Pancreatitis		

<sup>1</sup> This event was reported in fewer than 1% of patients.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes all clinical complaints.  
<sup>3</sup> Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

Laboratory abnormalities reported in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study AI455-019) are shown in Table 4.

Lab Tests (units)	Study AI455-019 <sup>b</sup>	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
AST (SGOT) (<5.0 x ULN <sup>c</sup> )	11	10
ALT (SGPT) (<5.0 x ULN)	13	11
Bilirubin (>5.0 x ULN)	2	2
Anemia (<8.0 g/dL)	-	3
Neutropenia (neutrophils <750/mm <sup>3</sup> )	5	9
Thrombocytopenia (platelets <50,000/mm <sup>3</sup> )	3	3
Amylase (>1.4 x ULN)	14	13

<sup>a</sup> This abnormality was reported in fewer than 1% of patients.  
<sup>b</sup> Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.  
<sup>c</sup> Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.  
<sup>d</sup> ULN = upper limit of normal.

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

OVERDOSAGE

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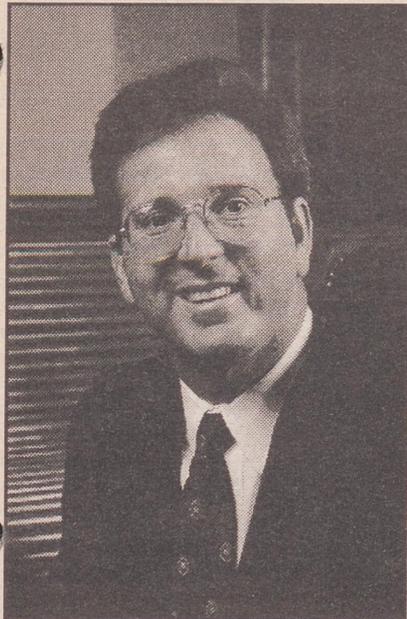
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ing gay-friendly candidates that have won Caucus support through a screening and interview process.

In the race for attorney general, the Caucus PAC has endorsed former



Tony Garza

Attorney General Jim Mattox in the Democratic primary, where he is opposed by Morris Overstreet, a former state Supreme Court justice with no record on gay issues. Like all candidates in races where the Caucus PAC issued endorsements, Overstreet was invited to participate in the screening process, but he did not do so, Bagby said.

"Jim Mattox has a long history of supporting equality for gay people, from his days as a member of Congress right through to his time as attorney general," said Bagby, citing in particular a written office policy by Mattox not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Bagby was especially pleased by the screening interview from senior legislator Ron Wilson, running for re-election in the Democratic primary for his Southeast Houston seat.

Wilson, who voted in last year's session against hate crimes legislation that would have enhanced penalties for offenders who acted on an anti-gay bias, promised Caucus screeners that he would sponsor such legislation in the next legislative session.

"He voted against that bill because he was concerned about the latitude given to the conservative district attorneys in many counties," said Bagby. "He was concerned about selective enforcement. He's never seen anything wrong with the principle of including sexual orientation."

Bagby said the endorsement for Wilson, over State Board of Education member Alma Allen, was "discussed at length by the screening committee and the members, and it received overwhelming support."

Wilson surprised Caucus interviewers when he brought up, on his own, that he wanted to sponsor legislation to "ensure that gay couples in Texas could adopt children," said Bagby.

In state House District 145, business executive Rick Noriega won the Caucus endorsement for the Democratic primary over his opponents, who include Ben Mendez, a former aide to City Council member Ben Reyes.

The East Houston district almost had an openly gay candidate in the mix, but Francisco Sanchez, a member of the state Democratic Executive Committee, decided at the last minute not to run.

"Rick Noriega's screening session indicated that he had a remarkable grasp of equality issues," said Bagby.

"He understood everything that was discussed and had formulated an opinion."

Finally, in House District 141, the Caucus endorsed incumbent Senfronia Thompson, who faces long-time civic activist Leroy Chevalier in the Democratic primary.

Chevalier did not go through the endorsement process, and Thompson "has a reputation around the state for being a strong supporter of equal rights for all peoples," said Bagby. "Whether she's advocating for HIV funding or for some other issue, she's one tough lady."

Primary endorsements from the Caucus PAC are voted on by the membership and do not carry monetary contributions, but some Caucus members will make individual contributions, according to Bagby.

## Gay tie used against Republican

The Texas Log Cabin Republicans have declined to make any endorsements in next Tuesday's Republican primaries, but a mere favorable mention of a Railroad Commission candidate in a chapter newsletter was used in "push polling" by his conservative opponent.

Railroad Commission candidate Tony Garza has complained that GOP primary opponent Steve Stockman had "pollsters" ask Garza supporters and undecideds whether they would support Garza if they knew he was endorsed by the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, a "homosexual" group.

The "pollsters" also asked whether voters knew that Garza favored "sending money to Mexico," according to a report in the *Houston Chronicle*.

In fact, Garza was not endorsed by any Log Cabin group, and won only a favorable mention in an article by a Log Cabin member, included in the newsletter for the Austin chapter, according to Texas Log Cabin President Steve Labinski.

"All the article said was that Garza is a rising star allied with moderate wing of party," Labinski said in an



Steve Stockman

interview with the *Voice*. "And it told how Stockman gained notoriety during his brief congressional career for receiving a fax warning of the Oklahoma City bombing the day before it happened."

The newsletter article referred to Stockman as hailing from the "conservative, nut wing of the party," said Labinski.

After the initial *Chronicle* report, Texas Gov. George W. Bush had political consultant Karl Rove call the Stockman campaign to complain about the hard-ball tactics.

The Stockman campaign has denied any involvement with the anti-gay push polling, and has claimed that it was actually done by Garza supporters, as a way to embarrass Stockman.

This sort of conservative "dirty pool," as Labinski called it, used against Garza in the Railroad Commission race, is the very reason that Log Cabin Republicans don't issue endorsements in primary races, and why Republican candidates don't seek support from gay rights groups

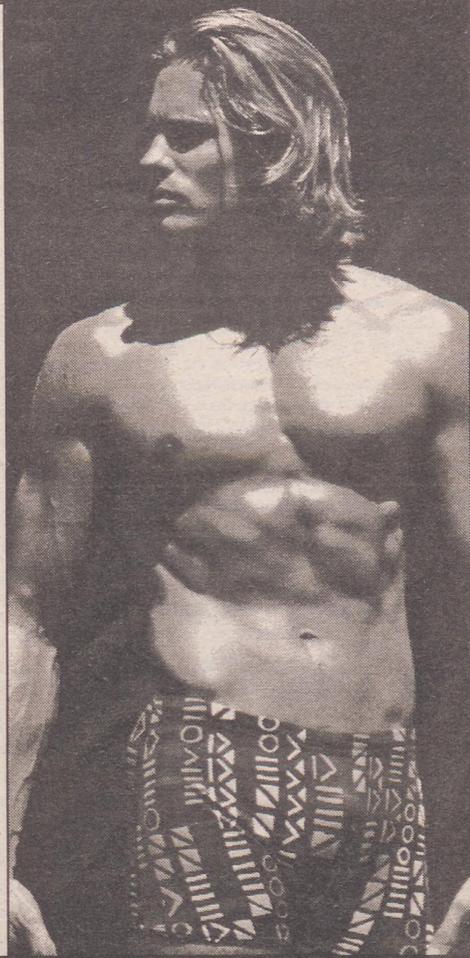
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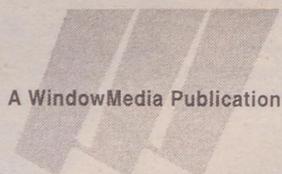
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EDITORIAL

The 'T' in L/G/B/T

The Trans Movement fights for a place in the gay rights debate

by CHRIS CRAIN

All too often, arguments about whether transgendered issues have a place in the movement for gay civil rights come off like a bad episode of the McLaughlin Report. A lot of posturing and one-liners, and only the true political junkies stay tuned in.

Many gay political leaders take the position that we are asking way too much too soon from our heterosexual allies by including transgendered issues in our movement and civil rights legislation, effectively destroying any real

about trying to persuade the heterosexual majority that sexual orientation ought to be considered morally and legally neutral—a straight person is no more deserving than a gay person of respect and equal rights under the law.

Who we love is not relevant to whether we can perform on the job, or whether we deserve legal recognition of our committed relationships, or whether we can raise our children in a nurturing environment.

For transgendered folks, on the other

**"Being gay has always been about challenging gender roles. Living openly as a man who loves another man strikes many heterosexuals as unnatural primarily because that's not what a man is supposed to do."**

chance at winning equal rights for gays—at least in this lifetime. The Human Rights Campaign has taken this approach and has included only sexual orientation—and not gender identity—in its Employment Non-Discrimination Act, for example.

To many, this attitude smacks of the same "my-civil-rights-come-first" attitude that lesbians endured in the women's movement of the '60s and '70s.

Transgendered activists, on the other hand, often resort to demanding a place at the gay rights table because gender-benders have always been "in the forefront" of "the movement." And invariably, they trot out the fact that the 1969 Stonewall riots were started by drag queens.

Whatever the moral force of that argument, it's unlikely to win many hearts and minds. Just ask the lesbians who had hoped that their commitment to AIDS causes might win over a little reciprocal support from gay men on lesbian health issues like breast cancer.

These Machiavellian political arguments leave us flat because they don't address the real underlying issues. What's called for, rather than another McLaughlin Report rerun, is a good, tear-jerker episode of Oprah, where we gays and transgendered folks have an open and honest discussion about the tensions we feel toward each other.

On the surface, the inclusion of transgendered issues in the movement for gay civil rights strikes many homosexuals as odd.

After all, the l/g/b movement is all

hand, the struggle is to convince a skeptical heterosexual majority (along with a sizable number of skeptical gay men and lesbians) that gender, for some of us, is psychological and not purely biological. Among the more radical element,

transgendered activists go a step further and argue that gender is a prison from which we all should be liberated.

Further muddying the waters, many transgendered people have their own issues with sexual orientation. Many crossdressers are heterosexual, and simply determining the sexual orientation of transsexuals is something of a treacherous exercise.

Besides these more obvious differences, many gays feel additional discomfort because much of the education process around sexual orientation issues involves debunking myths about whether gay men and lesbians are the way we are because of our own gender identity issues.

Even in the late '90s, it is not at all uncommon for a well-intentioned straight person to wonder out loud whether men are gay because they are uncomfortable being men, or for a lesbian couple to be asked which one "plays the wife" and which one "plays the husband."

Burdened with society's stereotypes, so many gay men, especially, have had their own struggles reconciling being gay with being a man. Not because their gender didn't seem a good fit, but because their sexual orientation didn't. For them, joining hands with the transgendered movement reopens those old, internal battles.

But perhaps, even at this most vulnerable level, there is some unexpected common ground.

Being gay has always been about challenging gender roles. Living openly

as a man who loves another man strikes many heterosexuals as unnatural primarily because "that's not what a man is supposed to do."

The Hawaii Supreme Court even said as much. We will win the right to marry in that state not because the Court accepted that heterosexuals and homosexuals are entitled to equal dignity under the law, but because those judges recognized that preventing a man from marrying another man is a form of sex discrimination based upon prejudices about proper gender roles.

Moreover, lesbians and gay men have always fought to expand the scope of gender roles. As many a straight woman has complained, it is gay men who have proven that emotional sensitivity and personal flair are not incompatible with masculinity. And as the history of the women's movement will attest, lesbians have long been in the forefront in challenging notions about what it means to be feminine.

Still, there is at least a difference in degree between stretching the bounds of gender and crossing the line entirely, much less liberating us all from gender as some arbitrary construct imposed by society.

Understanding these differences, and determining how they play out in the middle of a struggle for our basic civil rights, is a task of no small order.

As we homosexuals are so fond of telling our heterosexual counterparts, education is the first key to understanding our differences. Open and honest communication should follow—without fear of being a labeled an "ist" or a "phobe" of some sort.

So let's leave the partisan bickering about political realities and historical obligations to the self-appointed leaders of the gay and transgendered movements.

At least until they sort things out for the rest of us, gay people and transgendered people need to talk freely about what makes us tick, and what we can reasonably expect from each other.

**Rip Van Todd sleeps through progress**

To the Editor:

Someone should buy Council member Rob Todd a calendar. And then point out to him that we live in 1998, not 1985, or 1785, as he might long for. ("Mayor vows to fight court challenge to city job protection for gays," *Houston Voice*, Feb. 27).

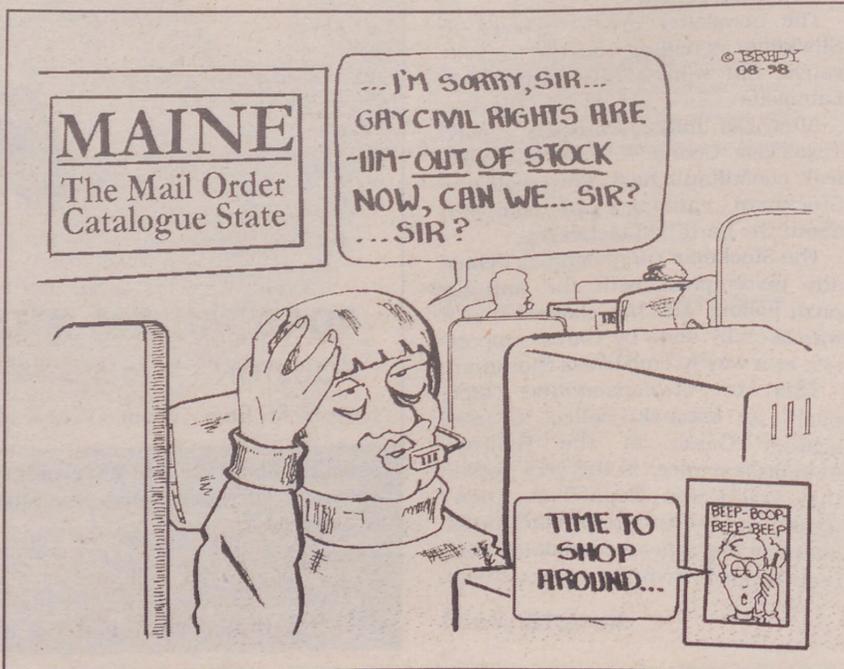
Evidently Mr. Todd thinks that votes of the past never need changing. With that attitude, we would still have his "sacred covenants" approving slavery and child labor, and saying women shouldn't be able to vote.

Why does he have this council job, anyway? We could just live with the laws we already have.

Unlike Mr. Todd, the majority of the American public agrees that everyone should have an equal right to a job, regardless of sexual orientation. My gay children deserve the same rights as my straight children.

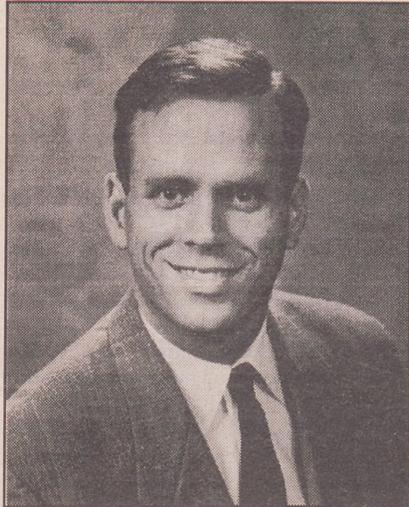
The honorable council member needs to update himself from his Rip van Todd sleep, and turn the page to 1998.

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## Stop whining and get involved

by DALE CARPENTER



Dale Carpenter, a Houston attorney, is a Republican precinct chairman and a National Regional Director of Log Cabin Republicans. The views expressed in this column are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of Log Cabin or its members.

I get tired of hearing people complain about the "religious right." My mainstream Republican friends, in particular, make it a sort of fetish to wail about how the religious zealots have taken over the GOP party machinery at the county and state levels.

Every time you hear these complaints, ask that person: What have you done about it? Chances are, not much.

The gay civil rights movement must face the fact that Republicans now control Harris County and Texas. In November 1996, Republicans won every single statewide race. The GOP now holds 20 of 29 statewide offices and is poised to take more this year, including the attorney general's office.

In 1996, the Democrats lost more ground in the state House of Representatives and now have a slim majority. The chances are at least even that Republicans will have a majority in the state house after November this year. The GOP already has a majority in the Texas Senate, the first such majority since the 1870s.

Texas has a popular Republican governor who is 50 percentage points ahead of his Democrat opponent in the polls. Both U.S. Senators are Republican for as far into the future as anyone can see.

At the county level, the voters have simply stopped electing Democrats. Since the GOP landslides of 1994 and 1996, almost all county-wide offices have been captured by Republicans, as are almost all judicial positions. There is no change on the horizon.

What this means is very simple: Next Tuesday's Republican primary (and any subsequent Republican runoff) will decide which men and women will hold office after November's gener-

al election. If you're voting in the Democratic Party primary that day, you're just selecting which lambs will go to the slaughter this fall.

For a gay community that wants to enact hate crimes legislation, protection from employment discrimination, and a repeal of the state sodomy law, among other things, this change in the political landscape is foreboding. The state and county GOP, including most candidates and almost all of the party officials, have been actively hostile to any initiatives protecting the basic civil rights of gays. No one seriously doubts anymore that Texas is a Republican state. The only question is, what do those who support civil rights for gay women and men do about it?

There are two choices. One choice is to hide our heads in the sand, continue voting in the Democratic primary, attending Democratic conventions, electing internal Democratic party officials, and generally busy ourselves re-arranging the deck chairs on the Texas Democratic Titanic. This has been the approach of most gay civil rights organizations in this state, which continue to concentrate their resources and strategies on Democrats.

The result of this strategy is that we have not passed any gay-friendly legislation at the state or county levels. We succeeded in stopping some pretty nasty anti-gay legislation in the last session of the state legislature only because a few prominent House Democrats in key positions of power acted on our behalf. But even that thin line of security will evaporate when the GOP takes the state House of Representatives.

The other option is to start engaging ourselves in a struggle for the soul

of the party now in control of our political system. If you care to have a real influence on issues affecting gays in this county and this state, here are two simple things you can do.

First, vote in the Republican primary. Most of the people who represent you as legislators or judges will be selected in the Republican primary. There are many interesting races pitting hard-right, anti-gay conservatives against more mainstream, inclusive Republicans. Educate yourself about the candidates on the GOP ballot before you go in. We must support Republican candidates who really believe in limited government and individual liberty for all of our citizens.

Second, consider it a personal responsibility to attend your Republican Party precinct convention next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.. A precinct convention is just a meeting of the people who voted in your precinct. It happens at the place where you vote. The precinct convention is where the selection of delegates to the state conventions begins. It's also the place where resolutions on the party platform are debated and adopted. Religious radicals—and very small numbers of them at that—have controlled these meetings in recent years because sensible people fail to show up. Go and make your voice heard.

If you want real representation in Austin and in Harris County, if you want to take back the dominant political party from the radicals, if you want to extend civil rights to gay Texans, if you really believe that limited government and individual liberty are the birthright of all Americans—we need you to get involved now.

If you don't, I for one don't want to hear your whining.

## Where were you when Karla Faye Tucker died?

by KITTY WHITE



I was on duty when John Kennedy died, standing post at the bike rack, my bright yellow safety patrol belt shimmering in the November sunlight. All hell broke loose just before recess as the news spread through my elementary school. I held firm in the chaos, no running on the sidewalks, no bikes looted on my watch.

Fourteen years later, I strolled home through the French Quarter heat, absent-mindedly singing "Love Me Tender" as it drifted down from the balcony overhead. It slowly dawned on me that Elvis' sweet voice was everywhere, spilling onto Royal Street from balconies, bars, the opened shuttered apartments. My companion was in a crowded elevator in Paris when a sobbing woman stepped inside. Finally, through tears, she managed to tell them, "Elves est DID." That is the only moment in our lives before we met that we can precisely synchronize.

Last August during a pre-dawn breakfast in Bermuda, our proper British waiter left our table to quiet the excited voices in the kitchen. He returned and in a solemn voice bestowed the news about Princess Diana. We watched from the windows at sunrise as two young boys from the hotel lowered the British flag to half mast.

How we love our supporting roles in the dramatic performance piece of a public death. Our small parts, where we were, how we felt, are forever stamped in our memory. We romance death from a safe distance, glory in our compassion, our shared humanity.

Where were you when Karla Faye Tucker died? I suspect that most of us can't answer that. It was not a myth-

making, memory-searing event. I was painting my bedroom when NPR announced, not that Karla Faye Tucker was dead, but that she would be dead in one hour and 50 minutes. It was showtime. I painted and tried to imagine what was taking place inside the prison. What must it be like to know the exact moment of your death, to watch the clock, as I began to do, and wait? Even the terminally ill don't know exactly when death will come, are rarely as alert as the healthy 38 year-old woman being prepared for execution.

The execution was 37 minutes behind schedule (typical civil servants!). I was dining by the time she was finally put down. I observed my fellow citizens pause over their meatloaf to glance at the bar TV. A fat Texas warden, to the wild cheers of those gathered at the prison for a tailgate death party, announced her dead. My fellow patrons showed no reaction whatsoever, quickly resuming their meal and conversation. This nonchalant dining crowd was predominantly gay.

Reporters ruminated on her composure as the poison was injected, her courage. But it seems to me that her state of mind or spiritual verve at meeting death is not the central theme of this drama. We know that she had much to atone, and that she had 14 years of waiting to ponder her soul. Isn't the more compelling issue our state of mind, the collective indifference of a public for whom this killing is performed?

Understand, Karla Faye was no King of Rock and Roll, no princess. She was a Texas hooker, the daughter of a prostitute, used, handled and

drug-numbered before puberty. Predictably, she never blossomed into a prom queen, or even a sympathetic figure. She was, however, perfect for the death chamber.

Karla Faye, after 14 years in prison, was still referred to as a prostitute. Lesbians and prostitutes have a lot in common. This I learned back in the '70s from the prostitutes that frequented my neighborhood bar. They came during off-hours, gathering like birds one at a time. They shared quiet talk, cigarettes and an occasional slow dance. It was the oldest lesbian bar in the Quarter, and it was not by chance that they gravitated to it. I think they felt relaxed and safe with their outlaw sisters. They were, like lesbians, women on the edge of the prescribed female role, uncooperative. They *did*, but demanded to be paid. Lesbians just *didn't*. Neither followed the letter of the sexual law.

Lesbians and prostitutes have something else in common. Both are our favorite female nominees for execution. Of the approximately 50 women on death row, some estimate that as many as half are lesbian and/or prostitutes.

Would Susan Smith be awaiting the chamber now if she'd been a sexual outlaw? Lucky for her, she was only a child killer. And so, Karla Faye Tucker is chosen as our sacrifice-to Justice and Revenge. I'm sorry to say her public death seemed only to bore my restaurant gathering. The killing of a lowlife hooker, even with enthralling eyewitness accounts, stirred no emotion, created no collective myths, and few will remember where they were when she died.

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hate crimes are crimes of perception" and "it is in everyone's interest to stop this epidemic of hate."

• Reports of bomb threats or bombings targeting gays rose 67 percent, not including the bombing of Atlanta's Otherside Lounge.

The national report does not "purport to document the actual, or even approximate, number of anti-LGBTH incident that occurred in the United States in 1997," the NCAVP said. "Extensive empirical evidence shows that anti-LGBTH violence is vastly under-reported even to NCAVP members.

Fears of police and fears of coming out keep many victims from reporting their crimes, advocates said, and those fears may be well-founded. The NCAVP data show an increase in crimes committed by law enforcement officers, and the national data is particularly disturbing.

For 1997, NCAVP programs document a "shocking" 83 percent rise in anti-gay crimes occurring in police precincts and jails, and an "equally startling" 76 percent increase in the number of reported offenders who were law enforcement officials. Reports of unjust arrests went up 48 percent, and victims who refused to report incidents to police rose 21 percent nationwide.

"Clearly, police training programs and disciplinary procedures need to be vastly improved to reverse these trends," the NCAVP report recommends. "If drastic steps are not taken, police officers will continue to be a part of the problem, rather than a part of the solution on hate crimes."

Roberta Kline said her experience fit the national pattern. When police arrived at her home, they harassed her about whether she is a man or a woman, and she said the investigation was repeatedly mishandled and ultimately plea-bargained over her objection.

"I felt less than human, like I had no rights," Kline said, "like anybody could do anything they wanted to me and get away with it."

**Local hate crimes triple**

In Houston, the number of reported anti-gay hate crimes almost tripled,

from 13 in 1996, to 35 last year, but those numbers shouldn't be considered an accurate reflection on the amount of anti-gay violence in the city, said Norman. The Counseling Center began tracking hate crimes in July 1996, and the missing early months of that year may account for the difference in numbers.

"I couldn't make the conclusion that hate crimes are going up," said Norman. "But I don't think the numbers are going down. They're probably maintaining or going up."

Norman said that the Counseling Center receives reports of hate crimes from those who seek treatment there, and referrals from the Houston Police Department. But he worries that victims fear talking to the police, and the police aren't trained to recognize hate crimes when they're reported.

"Victims may be very reluctant to report a hate crime because of repercussions, especially if the victim is in the closet," he said. "I also think a lot of people, particularly in the gay community, don't have a real strong feeling of trust with the police. They think the police may literally laugh at them, and not take them seriously."

Norman and HGLPC President Clarence Bagby agreed that part of the reporting problem is the hate crime law passed by the Texas legislature last year, which does not specifically include bias against sexual orientation.

"The current law is very vague and general, and refers to bias or prejudice against individuals or groups," said Bagby. "We need something more specific that delineates those groups" and includes perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.

Norman said that law enforcement authorities have a difficult job identifying hate crimes, and the vague state law doesn't make their job any easier.

"The police don't do a good job identifying hate crimes. There may be some educational opportunities there, to help the police department understand what hate crimes are," Norman said.

The FBI report on 1996 hate crimes included only 34 reports from Houston; seven hate crimes were based on the victim's sexual orientation, second only to race as the attack-

er's motivation.

Bagby said the new statistics make even more critical the work being done by the Houston Anti-Violence Project, a coalition that includes the Caucus, the Jewish Anti-Defamation League, the Houston Area Women's Center, and the National Organization of Women. The Project, which is addressing all types of hate crimes, may soon include local chapters of the NAACP and LULAC, he said.

unprecedented national attention given to the 'coming out' of actress Ellen DeGeneres and television character Ellen Morgan during this period," the NCAVP reported. "The tidal wave of publicity surrounding Ellen's coming out seems to have spurred a homophobic backlash ... Part of the responsibility for inflaming the violence belongs to leaders of the Radical Right who were widely quoted condemning Ellen and ABC ... thereby providing legitimacy to

"I felt less than human, like I had no rights, like anybody could do anything they wanted to me and get away with it," remembers Houstonian Roberta Kline, who says she was the victim of a hate crime based on her gender identity.

Bagby also called on Houston Mayor Lee Brown to follow through on a campaign promise to establish an office specifically assigned to tackle hate crimes.

The mayor's Communications Director Nick Rivera said that Brown and Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford have already begun work on the hate crimes issue, and "an announcement is due soon" on efforts to fulfill the mayor's campaign promise about staffing an office and establishing a bias crimes hotline.

**National trend is worsening**

Both in Houston and around the country, statistics suggest crimes targeting gays and lesbians continue to rise, and trackers say anti-gay rhetoric, from politicians to talk radio and other media, helps create a climate of hate that actually encourages the crimes.

As evidence of their conclusion, the NCAVP report says anti-gay bias crimes are usually highest in June, when gay Pride celebrations focus media attention on the gay community and its critics. This year, however, the NCAVP noted a 30 percent rise in crimes committed in March and a 25 percent rise in April.

"We attribute this rather alarming rise in anti-LGBTH violence ... to the

perpetrators of hate crimes.

"Once again, our statistics demonstrate the strong correlation between increased visibility and the lack of moral leadership by prominent figures in society and increased levels of violence," the NCAVP said.

But despite the increased attacks that appear to follow increased visibility, the gay community shouldn't just stay in the closet, advocates said.

"We know two things that we have to say in the same breath," said NCAVP member Sharen Shaw Johnson, executive director of Washington D.C.'s Gay Men & Lesbians Opposing Violence. "One, we do know from studies over the years that there is a direct correlation between gay and lesbian visibility and violent attacks against gays and lesbians. And two, if you think for one minute that means we should be less visible, it does not.

"In fact, we should be more visible because we also know plenty of studies show if people actually know live, open gays and lesbians, they are much less likely to condemn homosexuality and then condone violent or other attacks against homosexuals," she said.

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lot of people think (the decision) was a back door to gay rights. I see it as an open door to civil rights."

Not all analysts agree. Gary Spitko, an openly gay law professor who has written on the topic, said that the decision will make many gays with management jobs targets themselves for harassment lawsuits, thereby discouraging companies from hiring lesbian or gay managers.

"I argue that we shouldn't recognize same-sex sexual harassment under Title VII because heterosexual sexual juries will find unacceptable behavior by gay managers that they would find perfectly acceptable if it were engaged in by non-gay people," said Spitko, who teaches at the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis. "Now before employers put a gay person in a position of authority, they have to consider the increased risk that the company will be subject to more sexual harassment claims than would a straight person in the same circumstances."

Steve Scarborough, staff attorney for Lambda Legal's Southern Regional Office, agreed that the court's opinion could set up a "double standard" for gay and straight defendants in sex harassment cases.

"There is a pervasive problem in everyday experience and the law, in over-sexualizing the actions and words of gay and lesbian people, as if that's everything we are and everything we do," said Scarborough. "I don't think (the opinion) is an unmixed good (for gays in the workplace)."

Spitko said the effect of the Supreme Court decision is made even worse by the absence of any federal employment protection for lesbians and gays.

"If an employer has a choice between hiring a straight person or a gay person, and it's perfectly okay under the law not to hire someone because they're gay, then this Supreme Court decision makes it acceptable to discriminate," he said.

Billups, for one, feels his harassment had nothing to do with his sex or his sexual orientation.

"I think it's just something that people do," he said. "The women were treated like that as well, by the men—anyone who was weaker was going to be harassed."

The Supreme Court made clear Wednesday that it did not intend to "transform Title VII into a general civility code for the American workplace."

"Title VII does not prohibit all verbal or physical harassment in the workplace; it is directed only at discrimination because of sex," Scalia said. The law "does not reach genuine but innocuous differences in the ways men and women routinely interact with members of the same sex and of the opposite sex."

A federal appeals court ruled that the federal law never applies to same-sex harassment, including Oncale's claims, which stemmed from his four months of work in 1991 as a roustabout assigned to a Gulf of Mexico oil rig with Sundowner Offshore Services.

His lawsuit against Sundowner and three men said he was sexually assaulted, battered, touched and threatened with rape by his direct supervisor, John Lyons, and a second supervisor, Danny Phippen. Another defendant, coworker Brandon Johnson, was accused of assisting in one of the alleged incidents.

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like the Caucus PAC.

"Unfortunately, a tiny minority in the Republican party will demagogue and exploit the issue of an endorsement from a gay Republican organization," said Labinski, who hopes that as gays gain acceptance, "hopefully we won't have to worry about that anymore."

Labinski said that the anti-gay tactic employed against Garza may actually backfire on social conservatives.

"This won't affect Garza's primary race; he is the clear front-runner in the race, and it will be a good test to see how candidates can do with what some in the party might perceive as an endorsement (from Log Cabin)," said Labinski, who was especially pleased that Governor Bush criticized Stockman for "demagoguing the endorsement."

Caucus Board Chair Jay Siegers is a member of Log Cabin Republicans, and he too is troubled by how political realities force Republicans to shy away from endorsements from either group.

"(The Caucus) usually has very few Republicans come in and screen for primaries, and the reason is that, in the primaries, for the last six years, over 50 percent of Republican voters have been social conservatives," Siegers said. "Receiving our endorsement under those circumstances ... would be too damaging politically."

Siegers and Bagby said that some Republican candidates will seek Caucus endorsements in the general election, and while they may be asked why they skipped the screening process during the primaries, it won't be counted against them.

"We're a sophisticated political orga-

nization, and we understand how the process works," said Siegers. "While we would like them to come in for the primary process, we can certainly understand why they wouldn't."

**Taking back the Party**

Faced with a party dominated by social conservatives, Log Cabin activists plan again this year to take a page out of the right-wing's handbook, and fight for control of the party, precinct by precinct.

The Log Cabin "Precinct Initiative" is fielding candidates on next Tuesday's ballot for precinct chairman in 30 Houston area precincts, and could pick up as many as 20 to 25 seats, according to Marion Coleman, vice president of Log Cabin's Houston chapter.

Under Republican Party rules, anyone who votes in the Republican primary next Tuesday can return at 7:30 p.m. to their polling location and participate in precinct conventions, where delegates will be selected for Senatorial District conventions. The Tuesday night precinct meetings will also involve votes on a number of resolutions, including some pro-gay and some anti-gay measures.

"Many years ago, this was a one-party state, and the crazies in our party now were in the Democratic Party," said Coleman. "At the time, liberals asked us moderates to cross-over into their primary to get the crazies out of their party."

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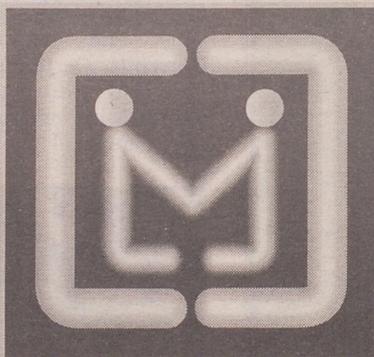
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# Take This Show and Shove It' opens for pre-New York test

Gay playwrights pen a country musical about acceptance and drag queens

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

Just as the world's largest rodeo is winding down at the Astrodome, a delightful new country musical is warming up for a test run in Houston



*"I seem to be obsessed with parental acceptance because that's the most damaging. If your parents don't accept you and create low self-esteem in you, you carry that with you (the rest of your) life."*

—Phillip Oesterman, openly gay producer of 'Take This Show'

before it debuts in New York. Co-written by the trio of esteemed gay playwrights Phillip Oesterman, Bob Durkin and Taylor Poarch, "Take This Show and Shove It" probes the challenges of self-acceptance within the context of complex family dysfunction.

The play centers on the misguided possessiveness of Mama (Lenora Nemetz), whose mid-life identity crisis wrecks havoc on the lives of her two daughters, Lurleen (Patti Rayne) and Tanqueray (Lauren Lucas).

At the heart of Mama's trailer park misery is her only son Lionel (Joe Melton) who incurs undiluted matriarchal wrath because he's a flaming, country-fried drag queen. Mama rejects Lionel—a.k.a. Truck Stop Tammy, the Texas Tornado—but his two accepting sisters encourage his cross-dressed interpretations of classic country anthems.

The self-acceptance theme, perhaps more than any other, drives Oesterman's theatrical ventures.

"I seem to be obsessed with parental acceptance because that's the most damaging," he said in an interview with the *Voice*. "If your parents don't accept you and create low self-esteem in you, you carry that with you [the rest of your] life."

Lionel's sexual orientation plays to that motif.

"We don't say in the play that Lionel is gay or not gay," says Oesterman. "It's probably assumed because he's a drag queen. But we chose not to make that an issue. It's just that he's so different in what he's chosen to do, and during the course of the play, he decides not to do [drag] anymore."

"Take This Show and Shove It" has autobiographic overtones for Oesterman, who lived a disaffected childhood in Houston. At about age 14, he ran away from home, intent on going to Broadway but at times only getting as far as Atlanta before the police whisked him home. Disillusioned, Oesterman's father relented to his son's obsessive wanderings and reluctantly agreed to fund his escape to New York.

Oesterman recalls the moment he sealed the deal.

"My dad asked, 'Are you still gonna keep doing this?' I replied, 'Absolutely!' Then dad said, 'I'll make a deal with you. If you save your money, everything you save I will match.'"

Ecstatic, Oesterman crafted secret matching deals with his grandmother and aunt and with his cash-stuffed purse in hand, he finally arrived on the Great White Way in 1955, at the tender age of 15.

Oesterman also convinced his childhood friend Tommy Tune to visit Broadway. He met the famous Houstonian at dance class in West University and the friendship engendered over 25 collaborations in Houston, Dallas, and New York, including "Will Rogers Follies," "My One and Only," and "Tommy Tune Tonight." Currently, Oesterman is scripting the Broadway extravaganza "The Easter Parade," an adaptation of the hit movie-musical which starred Fred

Astaire and Judy Garland, for Tune and Sandra Duncan.

Oesterman reflects fondly on his long-time association with Tune.

"We've been the best, best, best of friends for our whole lives," he says with his eyes twinkling at the memories. "I think it is a very unusual relationship for two males—gay, straight or whatever—to be this close for so long. We talk every morning for an hour—I don't care if he's in Japan. It's even more remarkable for people who aren't sleeping together, but that probably would have ruined it if we had."

While the predominantly out-of-town cast of "Take This Show" rehearsed on the miniature proscenium of the Great Caruso, actor and Houstonian Joe Melton talked to the *Voice* about his characterization of Lionel. Melton, a.k.a. Tara Dion, is the current reigning Miss Houston for Female Impersonators 1998.

"I'm the only Houstonian in the show," says Melton hurriedly during a break from cast rehearsal. "I'm the son who has been disowned because he's gay and a drag queen. Mama is single, and old, and bitter and she lives her dreams out through her children. The children [eventually] encourage her to start doing things for herself. The overall theme is acceptance, and you see that resolution by the end of the play."

Melton has managed a wide variety of female illusions in various Houston nightclubs, along with his twin brother Ernest, a.k.a. Kara Dion. Their parents are completely clueless about their popular drag duets, and for that reason, the role of Lionel connects powerfully with Melton's life experience.

"This is the first time my parents will come to see a show I've done drag in," says Melton nervously. "The issue of being gay is not talked about. The drag issue is something I've never told them. I just hope they will understand it's just another form of entertainment, and [I hope the show] will have a positive effect."

Oesterman also points to the panoramic parallels in the plot.

"What I set out to write is a play about acceptance; it's not necessarily a

gay play—but it is. [It's about] how children and their parent[s] come to terms with huge differences—the most blatantly obvious one is having an [only] son who is a drag queen. I think that if you're okay with yourself, you can handle society. At least [in my experience], that's what I've found to be true."

"Take This Show and Shove It" runs Tues. March 10 through Tues. March 17 at the Great Caruso, 10,001 Westheimer. Weekday shows begin at 8 p.m., with two shows on Sat. and Sun. Ticket prices are \$25 and reservations for the show can be obtained by calling 713-780-4900.



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11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Break	4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Project Inform: 1998 Update <i>Martin Delaney</i>
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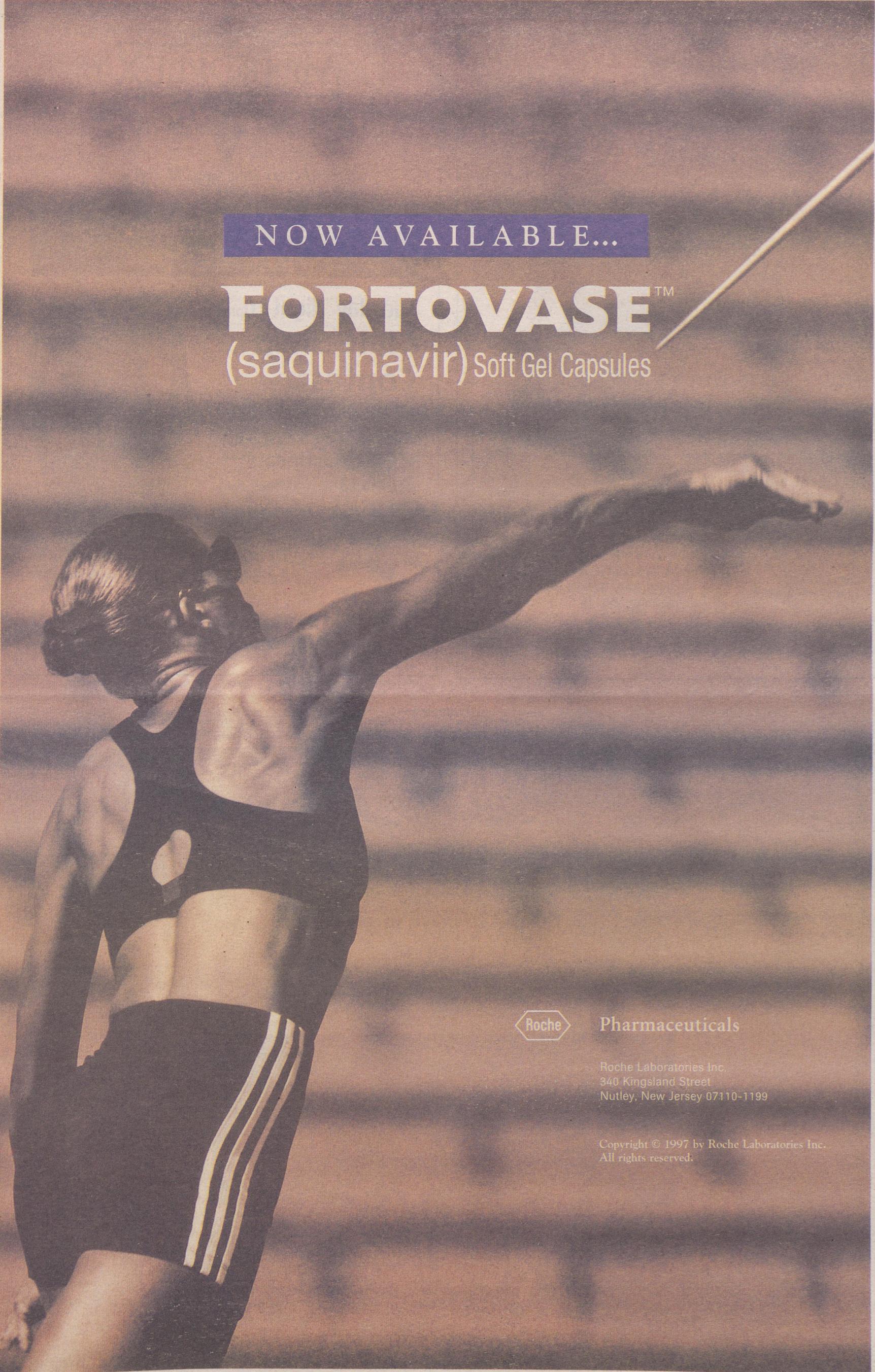
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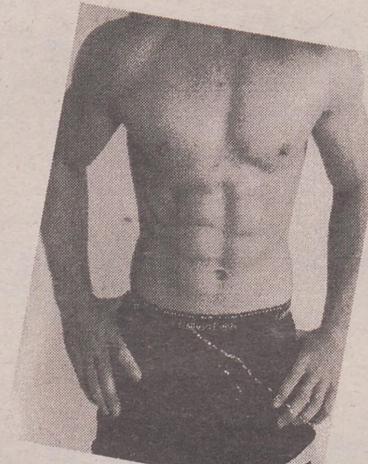


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# Lookin' For a Comeback

Jody Watley was 'Lookin' for a New Love' in 1987, and she's determined not to be a one-hit wonder

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

Chicago-born Jody Watley was a sneak from the start. The 14-year-old wanna-be diva snooped her way onto the set of "Soul Train," hoping to hook her star on the comet's tail of the popular show, only to be thrown out in disgrace by the bossy stage manager.

Not to be undone, Watley returned month after month, and her impressive persistence convinced the management to cast her as a regular dancer. That breakthrough led to her collaboration with the hit dance group Shalamar and the rest was history.

Watley hit instant success in 1987, when "Looking for a New Love," the first single off her self-titled debut album, bolted to the top of the *Billboard* charts. The bitchy opener—"Hasta la vista, baby"—made the song an immediate hit, and drag queens coast-to-coast scrambled to emulate the latest mega-pop sensation.

More than a decade later, her style has changed and the hits have been few and far between. But when Watley's new CD, "Flower," hits the record stores, old fans and new will hear the self-reliant, stand-up confidence from a single mom ready for her comeback.

Watley has always been comfortable with fame, but did she have any clue she would be such an instant solo success back in 1987?

"Yes and no," she said in an interview with the *Houston Voice* from her hotel room in San Diego. "No, because I never expected it even though I have always believed in myself. Yes, because Shalamar was extremely successful, and I left when they were real-

ly hot. I left, in part, because I wanted peace of mind from the massive differences within the group and [with] the record company."

But Watley's confidence emerged intact from the fray.

"I knew I had that underdog thing going, that no one thought it was possible. I knew that I had something different that no one was doing at the time, and MCA had high hopes for the project, which helps a lot. Then, when everything was said and done, I won the Grammy Award [for Best New Artist] in 1988."

Watley credits a cornucopia of musical influences for shaping her style.

"Probably the first were Diana Ross and the Supremes and the Beatles, too, because I loved their songs from the start. When I started dancing on 'Soul Train,' I got into the Carpenters, Donny Hathaway, Marvin Gaye, and James Brown. And there wasn't any kid alive that wasn't a fan of the Jackson Five."

But Watley's commercial success see-sawed as her core fan base became disillusioned with her soft, evolving textural sound. Her third album, "Affair of the Heart," was written during a difficult period in her marriage, inspiring no remixes for the dance clubs.

"As my music has changed, it's been hard for some of my fans to appreciate those changes," she said thoughtfully. "Some people have hit records but they don't have an identity. I made such an impression with the visual and video that it would be impossible to recreate that because it was perfect



her own terms. Now a single mother reinventing her career, Watley believes the best life is one that is self-reliant. "I still have that sense of independence," she mused. "[The title track] 'Flower' tells how relationships start out great and end bitter-sweet. But I think you ultimately have to have that 'it's your loss not mine' attitude, like in 'I Don't Want you Back': The guy is the one who says it's over, comes back, and I say, 'I don't know why you're here.' I can never sing a song that says, 'My life is over without you.' I've always felt like things will be fine [in real life] if I have to move on."

Gay men and drag queens have long been faithful fans for Watley. When a friend took her to a "La Cage Aux Folles"-type dinner party, the female impersonators got wind Watley was there and immediately changed their lineup to do some of her songs.

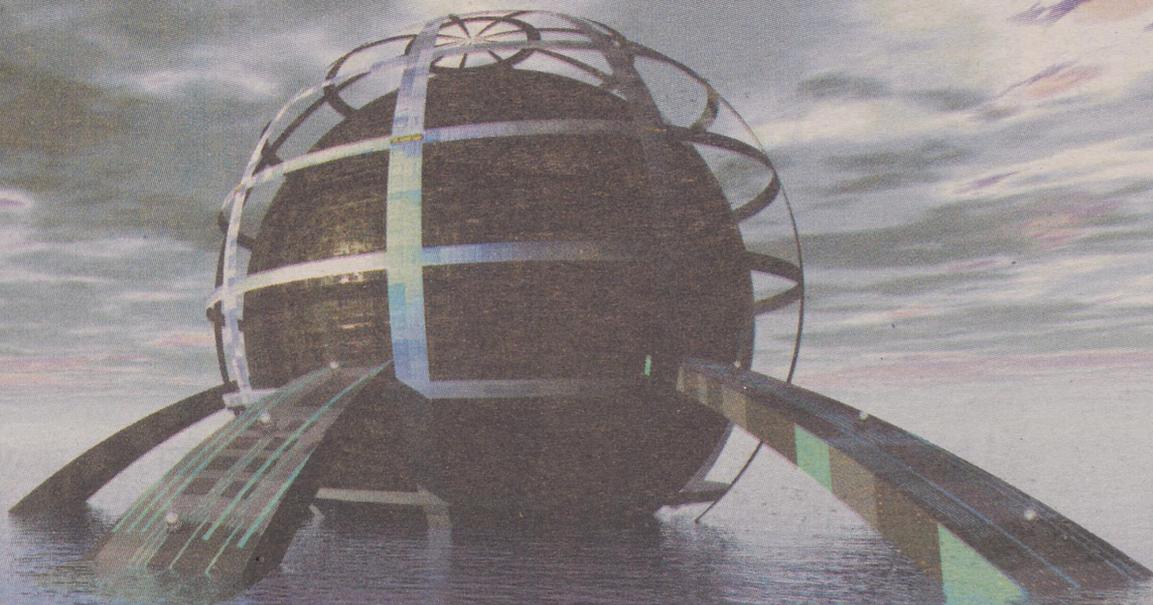
"All of my life, the gay community has been a part of me," said Watley. "I think they're great. I knew a following

for that time. My third [and fourth] album[s] were written when my marriage was falling apart. The way the music feels is where I was at. I couldn't separate the two 'cause I have difficulty doing that in the studio. It's like exposing your soul—it's very, very personal."

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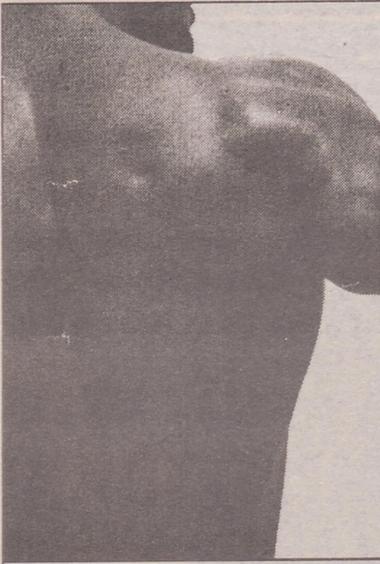
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**WATLEY/** from page 21

started when I got letters from dancing on 'Soul Train.' There's something about my persona that people latch on to. My shows attract such a mixture of people, and I know that dance remixes are important to keep

through in my music, 'cause that's part of whom I am."

How does Watley keep her music real?

"'Looking for a New Love' was how I felt about this guy I was over," she says. 'Don't You Want Me' was about a guy I liked I was unsure liked me. The songs I sing, if I don't write them, must have some type of emotion I can relate to. Sometimes I wonder if I'm too attached emotionally to my music because I always want to do the best commercially."

But don't ask Watley to sing about depending on a man.

"Someone sent me a song about something like standing by your man," she says matter-of-factly. "Then I told the producer, 'First of all, I'm single, so there's no way I'm gonna be singing about standing by a man.' So, there were problems from the start. Secondly, everything it was saying wasn't me. It's should have been from the premise that he's standing by me, too."

In 1996, Watley ventured into uncharted waters when she was cast in the unlikely role of Rizzo in the hit Broadway production of "Grease."

"When they asked me to do it, I couldn't believe it," she said. "The most terrifying scene for me was the 'Hand Jive.' It caused me more stress than anything

else. 'Grease' was such a fun show, and the cast was great. It was hard on my relationship with my kids, working six days a week. But I would love to originate a role on Broadway. 'Grease' showed me things about musical theater I never knew."

Time will tell whether "Flower" signals Watley's long-anticipated comeback. But Watley is clear above all else what her life means now.

"I want to be remembered that I was a good mother to my kids," she said. "Along the way, I hope, I'll be remembered as a great entertainer. But in the end, at least in my mind, my children are where I'm at."

Jody Watley's new release "Flower" will be available in stores March 31 on Atlantic Records.



Jody Watley

my gay fans in the clubs happy."

When club remixers approached Watley with a potentially controversial change in her song "When a Man Loves a Woman," she was all for it. In the studio, the chorus was remixed to be "When a Man Loves a Man" on one version and "When a Woman Loves a Woman" on another. The essence of love, Watley believes, is for everyone.

"Ultimately, in love and relationships, everybody's quest is the same—to be loved and appreciated," she explained. "I did a single, 'Affection,' and the chorus says 'It doesn't matter if you're young or old/ It doesn't matter if you're straight or gay/ Everybody needs to feel love.' That's the way I feel personally. Those things should come

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• Communion Service at 10:00 am; at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.  
• The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

**Saturday-March 7**

• Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.  
• The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

**Sunday-March 8**

• Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Rite Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 10:30 am at 239 Westheimer. 713/665-7903.  
• Holy Rite Eucharist I 8:00 am; Holy Rite Eucharist II 9:00 am; Choral Eucharist 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.  
• Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Service at 11 am.  
• MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.  
• Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.  
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• Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872.  
• Community Gospel Praise and Worship service at 11:00 am Sunday School for children. Evening Service at 7 pm. (A Study in the Book of Exodus.) 4305 Lillian 880-9235. Catch them at [www.communitygospel.org](http://www.communitygospel.org).  
• 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.  
• MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.  
• Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday

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**Tuesday-March 10**

• MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm. Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm Orchestra rehearsal at 7:30 pm. 861-9149.  
• PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.  
• 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.  
• The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

**Wednesday-March 11**

• Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.  
• MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.  
• Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.  
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**Thursday-March 12**

• Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.  
• Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.  
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- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at E/J's 6-10 pm and at the Midtowne Spa 10 pm to 1 am.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713/864-8468
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Yoga classes at 6 pm. 713-965-9642.
- Recovery and Beyond-relationship group meets at 8 pm. 713-333-9092.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 713-861-1800.
- HIV Art Course Program: 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club meets for dinner. 768-8793.
- SNAP (Spay and Neuter Assistance Program). 713/522-2337.
- Houston Professional Men's Association meets for dinner. 713-666-4557.
- RENT opens at Jones Hall.
- Garden and Yard Society (GAYS) meet. 713-661-6378.
- Sisters meet at 5 pm. 713-801-4254.
- PFLAG of Woodlands meets at 2pm 713-867-9020.

**Saturday, March 7**

- Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic at Brick's II 4 to 8 pm and the 611 Hyde Park Pub 8 pm to midnight.
- AIDS Housing Coalition Houston: A 90 day gay positive emergency house for PWA's in transition. 10am to 12pm, 117 Tuam Ave. @ Helena, FYI 713-521-1613.
- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Rainbow Fishing Club meets. 713-526-7070.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860.
- Houston Outdoor Group Pot Luck social. 713-721-9151
- Lesbian Health Initiative Annual Health Fair starts at 9 pm. 713-681-1309.
- Lounge Lizard Ball at DiverseWorks at 7 pm. 713-223-8346.
- Gay Alumni Group Noon Group (GANG) meets at noon. 713-665-6446.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets at 2nd Saturday. 713-780-4282.

**Sunday, March 8**

- The Women's Group meets 10:45am, FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860
- Rainbow Riders; A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
- FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am. 713-522-8021.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 am. 713-864-8468.
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria at 5:00 pm. 713-629-1432.
- Texas Gay Rodeo Association regular monthly meeting at 2 pm. 713-777-1444.
- NOW-International Women's Day at 5 pm. 713-665-6NOW

**Monday, March 9**

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 713-861-6181.
- 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.
- 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; Mary's 9 am to 1 pm; Brazos River Bottom 4 to 8pm; QT's 8pm-12am and Cousin's 8:30 pm to midnight.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation: 713-861-1800.
- AIDS Foundation Houston offers free creative writing class. 3:00 pm. 713-623-6796.
- FrontRunners meets at 6:30 pm. 713-522-8021.
- Cancer Support Group meets at 6:30 pm. 713-681-1309.
- Miss Camp America's monthly meeting. 713-940-STAR
- Houston Area Women's Center Volunteer Training at 10 am. 713-528-6798
- "How to protect your employment if you are HIV positive" seminar by Michael Katine at 6 pm. 713-961-7100.
- "Returning to Work" seminar by the Montrose Clinic at 7 pm. 713-830-3000.

**Tuesday, March 10**

- Project Caesar workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239

- Westheimer. 7pm. 495-8009.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Career Recovery/Resources Center 4 to 8 pm and Club Body Center 8pm to Midnight.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation: 713-861-1800.
- Project Caesar at AFH. 713-623-6796.
- HIV + Support group for men over 50 meets at 7:30 pm. 713/527-9106.
- HIV/AIDS Treatment Mixer at 7 pm. 713/527-8219.
- Love, Lust, and Intimacy discussion group meets at 7 pm. 713/524-2374.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents group meets. 713-284-4939
- AIDS Equity League meets at noon. 713-529-9966
- Pride Committee of Houston Board Meeting meets at 7 pm. 713-529-6979.
- HIV Support Group meets at 7:30. Center for AIDS 1407 Hawthorne.
- Astro Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf meets at 7:30 pm. 713-869-2287 or via relay at 1-800-735-2988.
- Outrage meets. 713-706-2508.
- Colt 45's monthly meeting at 8 pm. At the BRB.

**Wednesday, March 11**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Chances 6 to 10 pm, Nighthawks/Venture N 8 pm to midnight.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713/864-8468.
- GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the U of H) meets at 4:30pm. 713/791-1412.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Free Yoga classes at 7 pm. 713-965-9642.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation: 713-861-1800.
- Houston Harpies Ice Hockey Team recruits. 713-802-1248.
- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 713-902-2231.
- Rainbow Ranglers at 8 pm at the BRB.
- Lambda Rollerskating Club skates at 8 pm. 281-933-5818.
- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 902-2231.
- Healing and Happiness Through Wellness at 7 pm. 623-6796.
- HOPE (HIV Outreach Prevention and Education and Education) meets. 713-587-6914.

**Thursday, March 12**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 713-225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP).
- FrontRunners run at 6:30 pm. 713-522-8021.
- HIV Art Course Program: 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- HIV Prevention Community Planning Group meets at 9 am. 713-794-9251.
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at 8 pm. 713-629-1432.

# Galaxy Gayzer

by JOSEPH MOLINA

**March 6—March 12, 1998**

**Aries (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**

Cosmic forces begin to rain down large doses of excitement through the life of the Aries. You will find yourself wining and dining with best of them, in one social setting or another. Dressed to the nines and in your element, you won't need to say a word for everyone to know you are there. This week, you can count on strangers to become life-long friends and acquaintances to disappear into the background.

**Taurus (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

This week, those born under the sign of Taurus, will be in need of some comfort and love. Out in the cold, you may feel you are not being given all of the attention you need. Be careful not to let these moody fluctuations throw you off your path. You are prone to neglecting your responsibilities, because of fluctuations in your mood. Go find someone to give you a good rub, make you a nice dinner, and feed your insatiable need for love.

**Gemini (MAY 21 - JUNE 21)**

Time to clean out your closet, Gemini. Cut ties, break bad habits, say goodbye to those old Z. Cabarices. Girl, it's time to get some style. No more fretting over those out-of-date shoes, holy Calvins, or sporadic work-out routine. Cosmic energies encourage some healthy reorganization, at least for this week. Is it a new outfit, I see, or a change in your hair? Or could it be a really moderate shift in your healthy diet?

**Cancer (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

Throughout the menagerie of confusion engulfing your life, the strength of your willpower will come through all of your actions. The things this week that don't get done right first, you're going to do yourself. Watch out, Martha Stewart, here comes Tool Time Tim. You could find yourself under an automotive hood or in the backyard over a high-tech grill. Value comes to you through the idea of mastery and how skillfully you have mastered the game of life.

**Leo (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**

This week the strength of your stance will inadvertently boost your life in a forward motion, or bring your life to a screeching halt. Your willpower could bring about some strong opportunities or some strong opposition. A leader you could be called to be, but you may not truly desire it. You will be thrust into leadership positions where all of the responsibility will fall on your shoulders.

**Virgo (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**

This week pay particular attention to everything that comes out of your mouth, and listen to what everyone tells you. Hidden meaning will be present in the people and actions that surround you. Follow your intuition and pay attention to your heart. Take heed the greater truth may be lost in the moment.

**Libra (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**

Can't let go of bad habits, Libra? Well take a chill pill. Working out problems means facing up to them, so deal! Ignoring things will only make them worse and then what are you going to do? Taking control is the key that the universe is trying to impress upon you. Remain in your closet, fearful of your truths, or be free and aspire to the greatest of heights.

**Scorpio (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

Psychologists say in every gay man's body, there is a woman yearning to break free, and in every gay woman's body, there is a man hidden in all that flesh. A crisis in your identity is set into motion. Set no strict dates this week and don't make any major promises. The youth inside of you desires to break free, and shed restrictive ties that bind you. A new you is underway but first you must come to terms with the old.

**Sagittarius (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**

A bit of helpful advice, lay your clothes out, put your coffee pot on automatic, and try to get someone to drive you to work. Getting out of bed, tying your shoes, and making it through the day, and other routines become a chore. Give some attention to the state of your life, the joy of relationships, and the fulfillment in your career.

**Capricorn (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**

For a moment, the road ahead of you will seem clouded by indecision. You will question your goals and the authenticity of your future directions. If it's not one thing, it's the other and the whole world is going to hear about it. This week, you may find yourself becoming everyone's worst enemy. Watch your words, and remember everyone else has feelings, too.

**Aquarius (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**

"Everything always seems to go wrong to me." Sound familiar? Well, Aquarius, if you would just stop projecting negativity, you just might see a sudden turn of events. Planetary indications show you being your own worst enemy and this week-at least—holding yourself back. This week, it's better to go with the flow and learn what you can from the experiences that come to you.

**Pisces (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**

Happy birthday to Pisces born the week of March 6 to March 12. The year ahead holds great potential, limited only by your vision. A mellow mood will surround you in the midst of all your fans, celebrating the day you were born. Look to your highest ideals and smile, you have quite a year to come, if only you can imagine it.



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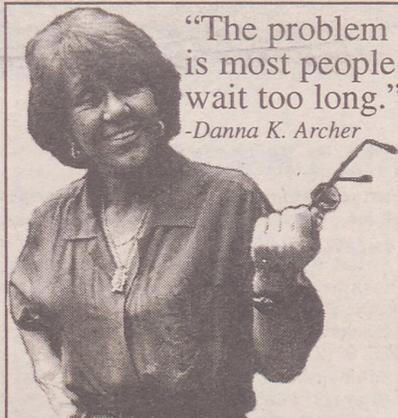
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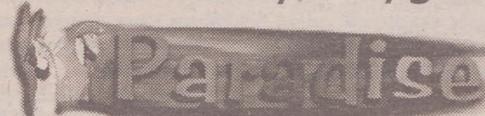
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- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from noon to 9:00 pm
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- Club Incognito: Ladies night.
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- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Lazy J: Pool tournament
- Incognito: Ladies night!
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$2.25 well \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis \$& \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Stoli and Skyy. Hard Body Male Dancers.
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- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: "Fuel" 19 and up. DJ Chris Sill and Fusion.
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- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
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**Saturday, March 7**

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- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
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- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
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- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
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- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm and close at 6 am. BYOB.
- Cousin's: Sinful Sunday Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- 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: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. 50¢ draft on the patio starting at 2:00 pm.
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- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover 7-9 pm.
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**Monday, March 9**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all night 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
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- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table.
- Incognito: Male Strip night!
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**Tuesday, March 10**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. Variety Show with Ms. Nevada at 8 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm and close at 6 am. 75¢ set ups! BYOB.
- 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; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2(x)ist Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, wine, and frozen margaritas. Male strip at 11:00 pm
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$ 1 off all call liquor.
- Mela's Tejano: Free Hot dogs and \$1.75 beer.
- Metroplex: Doors open at 4 pm. \$2 well drinks and domestic longnecks. Music by Alex C.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- 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.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- 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.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am Happy Hour 11 am to 8 pm \$1.50 well and longnecks.
- QT's : Open at 8 am. Colorado Bulldogs (Kamora) \$3.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo. Sports Tournament at 7 pm.

**Wednesday, March 11**

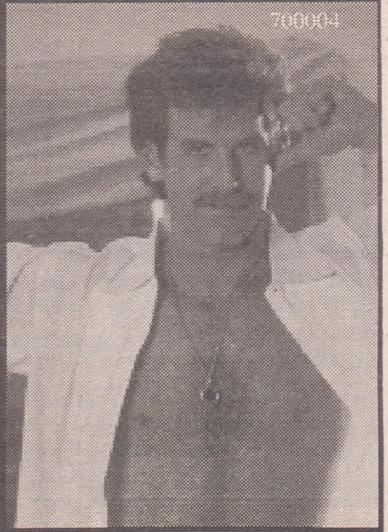
- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm and close at 6 am. Strip contest at 3 am. BYOB.
- 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; Burger night.

- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 premium frozen drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & nite; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Mela's Tejano: Amatur Talent Night.
- Metroplex: Doors open at 4 pm; Male Strip contest at 10:00 pm. \$2 well and domestic beer all night long.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular, and video) Noon to Midnight: Amatur Strip at 10 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am Happy Hours all day and all night \$1.75 well and longnecks.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Honey Dew Me \$2.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Rich's doors open at 9 pm. 18 and up.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Vintage Bar has nightly wine tasting. 355-3093.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, March 12**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11pm.
- BriarPatch: Doors open at 2 pm.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm and close at 6 am. \$ 3 cover! BYOB.
- Cousin's: Show 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; Amatur Talent contest @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks \$3.75 all top shelf liquor. \$2.25 Imports and Micro Brews. Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$3 all call vodka.
- Mela's Tejano: Happy hour all day and all night
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm, Linda Lou with open mike 9-10:30 pm, 10:30 pm to 1 am Karokee
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo
- 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.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am, \$3 anything in the house.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Classic Martini (Tanqueray or Absolut) \$3.75
- Ranch: Open at 7 pm, Pool tournament.
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's Club Hedo.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Vintage Bar nightly wine tasting. 355-3093

# HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS



## Women SEEKING Women

SF Black hair, hazel eyes, 5'1", 36, a little overweight. I like to go out, socialize, go to parties, camping, motorcycles, the beach and going out to quiet dinners. I'm looking for someone who is interested in the same thing for friendship or possible relationship. I am a Pisces and cute. Call Ext. 5546



SWF Attractive, professional. Seeking someone who is between the ages of 38-45, to explore a discreet relationship. Must be feminine. Call Ext. 5672

GWF 42, non-smoker. I'm sensitive, thoughtful & considerate. I like dining out, traveling, movies, learning how to dance Country Western. You should have similar interests, be fun-loving, spontaneous, enjoy trying new adventures & have a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 5654

GHF Medium build, attractive, short black hair. I work & live alone. Looking for somebody for a possible relationship. Friendship at first. Someone to talk to, listen to music with, going out & to the beaches. Call Ext. 5666

SBF Attractive. Seeking someone to spend time with. This is my first time that I have gone within this area. If interested in meeting me, give me a call. Call Ext. 5682

## Men SEEKING Men

GHM 29, 5'8", 175 lbs., sexy brown eyes, sensuous luscious lips, very attractive. I like to do a variety of things such as movies, walks in the park, romantic dinners, quiet times at home & dancing. Seeking a gay, Hispanic or White male between ages 25-35, who is masculine, very attractive, romantic at heart, sincere, honest & fun to be with for friendship or more. Call Ext. 5705

SM 18, 5'8", 165 lbs. Looking for a biracial person, who is mostly Black mixed with White or Black mixed with Hispanic or Black mixed with Asian. They have to be more masculine & versatile. I'm a very easy going person & fun loving. Looking for the same. Call soon. Call Ext. 5691

SAM 37. Looking for a person who is searching for a monogamous relationship. You should be top, dominate & financially stable. Age is unlimited. Call Ext. 5701

SWM 45, 6'1", 150 lbs. I drink & smoke. My 26 year old White female friend wants to see more than I can just kiss & tell. If you are interested in a little bit of adventure, give us a call. Call Ext. 5355

SWM Tall, slim, 46, brown hair, blue eyes. In search of bi or gay dominate cross dressing men. Call Ext. 5647

GWM 5'11", 150 lbs., grey hair, 50, HIV+, very healthy. Looking for a long term relationship with someone over 40. I'm sensitive, thoughtful & considerate. I enjoy the beach, movies, traveling, entertaining friends at home & quiet evenings at home. Call Ext. 5681

SWM 45, bi. In search of dominate & versatile cross dressers, transvestite or transsexuals. I'm not into pain. I'm willing to serve you in any intimate way. Call Ext. 5528

SM 37, 129 lbs., 5'6", slender. I love sex, but who doesn't. I'm also into music, movies, computers & especially hot, hairy hunks, booze & partying. Let me show you what I'm educated in. Call Ext. 5698

SWM Bi, nice looking, trim, tan. I'm interested in meeting men & even women who love lingerie, frilly things, cross dressing & great indoor fun. I'm looking for you. Call Ext. 5697

SM 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy, uncut. I like to go to the movies, live theater, dancing & the outdoors. Looking for someone who is hairy & has the same interests as me. Should be fun-loving & versatile. Call Ext. 5663

GWM 47, sandy blonde hair, 6', 205 lbs., hairy, non-smoker. Looking for that special, gay White male 35-50, who is a non-smoker, caring, sincere & likes garage sales, junking, auctions & having friends over for cookouts or just to visit. Someone who likes going to the show or the beach. I'm not into the bar scenes. Call Ext. 5695

GBM HIV+, 150 lbs., healthy. I enjoy walks on the beach, watching basketball & listening to soft music. I would meet other Black guys for friendship & fun. Call soon. Call Ext. 5692

GHM 35, 150 lbs., dark eyes, dark hair. I have a 29 inch waist. I love working out. Looking for someone 25-40, who is a non-smoker, likes to go out to dinner & the movies. Call Ext. 5686

SM I would like to get in touch with guys preferably with blonde hair, blue eyes, or dark hair, blue eyes, any race is welcome. Call soon. Call Ext. 5684

SM 6'1", 33, Anglo, big guy, 275 lbs., medium brown wavy hair, blue eyes, mustache, goatee, pretty smiles. Most people tell me that I'm pleasant to be around & that I'm cute. I'm masculine, down to earth, grounded & laid back. I would like to meet quality people in the Houston area. I prefer Hispanic or White between the ages of 25-35. Call Ext. 5690

SM 36, Latin/European, 6', 195 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, very attractive. I want to meet someone for dating, friendship & possibly more. Someone to go out & have a good time with. I like anything that has to do with water, road trips, good bottles of wine & fine dining. Looking for someone who is single, height/weight proportionate & well hung. Call soon. Call Ext. 5689

SM 55, HIV+, healthy, brown eyes, gray hair, 5'4", 165 lbs. I work out to improve my body. I'm a non-smoker & a non-drinker. Looking for a top, who is well endowed. Call Ext. 5688

SWM 37, 170 lbs., height/weight proportionate, moderately hairy, clean shaven. I'm interested in meeting other hairy, White males late 30's-50, from the woodlands are please. You must be height/weight proportionate as well. I'm easy going with average looks. I don't smoke, but if you do that is OK. Call Ext. 5687

SWM 20, bisexual. I'm looking for a first time experience. Looking for guys that maybe it's their first time or looking for their first time. Looking to get to know some people & let it go from there. Call Ext. 5670

SM I'm a top Greek man. I am a non-smoker, no drugs, HIV-. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeking a submissive bottom for dating and maybe more. Any age, any race. You must be a non-smoker, no drugs, HIV-, 5'10" or shorter preferred, no mustache. Call Ext. 5685

GWM 38, HIV-, 5'11", 170 lbs., green eyes, hairy chest & masculine. I'm deeply spiritual, cherishing honor above all, loyalty, duty & civility. Seeking a petite, gentle, HIV-, bottom, for walks in the parks, conversations in coffee shop's, movies & trips to the museums. Let's court each other & take it slow. Asian, Eurasian, Pakistanis is a plus. Call Ext. 5660



SWM Bi, tall & slender. In search of a passive, feminine, White males 30-45, who are into cross-dressing, role playing & pleasing both men or women. Call Ext. 5366

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GBM 35, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair. I'm a competitive body builder. I'm looking for very muscular men, gym rats or athletes, who are interested in extra-curricular activities. I do have a partner & I'm looking to hook up with guys for fun. You have to be very muscular, body builder or a major gym rat. I'm only interested in guys like that. Call Ext. 5679

GWM 43, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy, HIV-. I like the theater, movies, dining out & good conversations over drinks. Looking for White men, who wants to go out & party. Should have a hairy chest, but not necessary. Call Ext. 5665

SWM 39, 6'1", 170 lbs., HIV-, mustache, hairy body. I live in the country. I enjoy the simple things in life. I'm honest, trustworthy, considerate, understanding, loving & hardworking. I enjoy country dancing & can either lead or follow. I drink in moderation. Looking for a mature, masculine, romantic bottom with the same characteristics I have. Call Ext. 5677

SWM 40, masculine, 5'10", 185 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, nice looking. I'm seeking a girl 21-45, who is really a guy & healthy like myself. I want someone to share both nights out on the town & quiet times at home. You should be a pre-op transsexual or a feminine looking transvestite or cross dresser. A transgender guy that looks like a girl. Call Ext. 5675

SHM 35, 5'7", 150 lbs. Looking for another Hispanic or White male between the ages of 23-33 years old, who is a top for friendship & possible dating. Someone masculine & straight acting. I have a lot of interests that I want to share with the right person. Call Ext. 5674

SHM 23, 5'10", 200 lbs., dark brown eyes, black hair, mustache, goatee, earrings, sideburns, hairy bottom. In search of tops, for friendship, dating, sex & possibly more. Age, race, looks are unimportant. Cowboy types & body hair are a plus. I've never had any complaints. Call Ext. 5673

SM 5'6", 170 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair, good looking. Looking for a couple of guys who would be interested in hanging around with a chubby guy. Must have buff bodies, be good looking & interested in giving pleasures as well as receiving. Call Ext. 5493

SM 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, 155 lbs. Hi guys, please no fems or fatties. I'm a bottom looking for a top. I'm very oral & I wish for you to be the same way. I like to dine out, go to movies, take long walks or staying at home having good conversations. Looking for someone 32-40 years old. I'm HIV+, so those that are, need to apply only to my ad. Call soon. Call Ext. 5669

GWM Mid-40's, 5'9", 145 lbs., blue eyes, light brown hair, smooth skin, mustache, HIV+. I'm very good looking & athletic. I like fishing, mechanics, outdoors & manly work. I'm honest & lonely. Looking for someone 35-55, who has manly type actions, honest maybe for lifetime. No queens, hairy or overweight people. Call Ext. 5664

GWM 5'10", 190 lbs., 34, dark hair, green eyes, professional. Looking for someone who is older & taller than I am. Should be mature, have a good personality, good disposition & comfortable with yourself. Interested in a good friendship or more. Call Ext. 5651

SBM HIV+, 6'3", 180 lbs., masculine, athletic build, mustache, goatee. I enjoy sports, riding motorcycles, horse back riding & quiet, romantic evenings. I would like to meet masculine, physically active man 28-48, for friendship & possible long term relationship. Call Ext. 5662

GHM 33, 155 lbs., handsome, spiritual, honest, creative, friendly. In search of a Hispanic, masculine top, who is HIV+ or HIV- for quality friendship. I love the company of a younger guy, who is willing to be himself & let me be myself. Race is unimportant, but Hispanic is a plus. Call Ext. 5661

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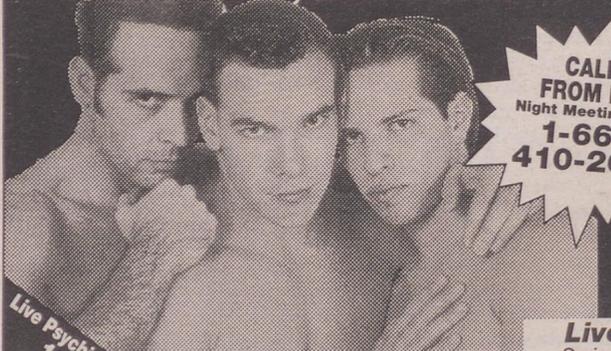
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<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11 pm with Paivi</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/7</b>	<b>SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER at 11 pm</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>\$1 Budweiser &amp; Bud Light All Day and All Night</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>3/9</b>	<b>MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11 pm with Paivi</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Dyan Michaels</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/11</b>	<b>Granny's Burgers!</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Roxanne Lee Love &amp; Granny's Tacos</b>

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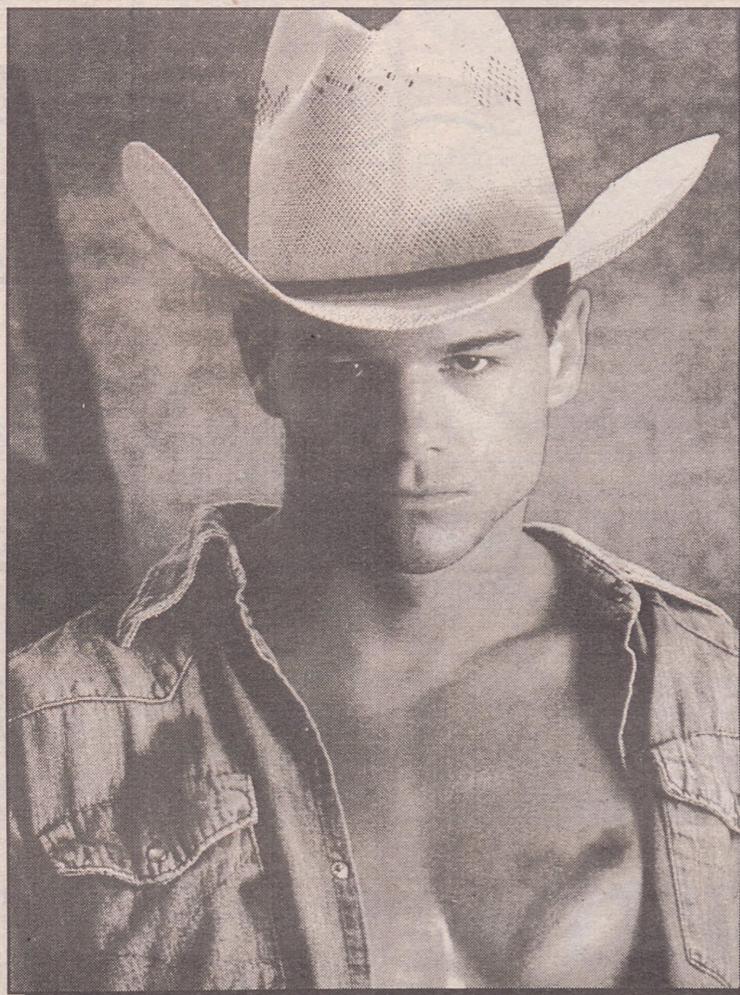
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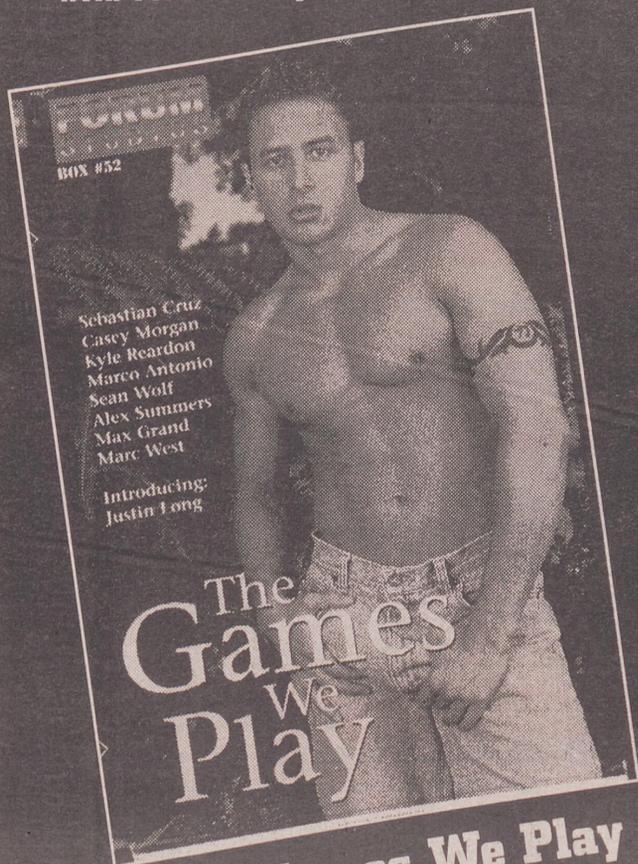
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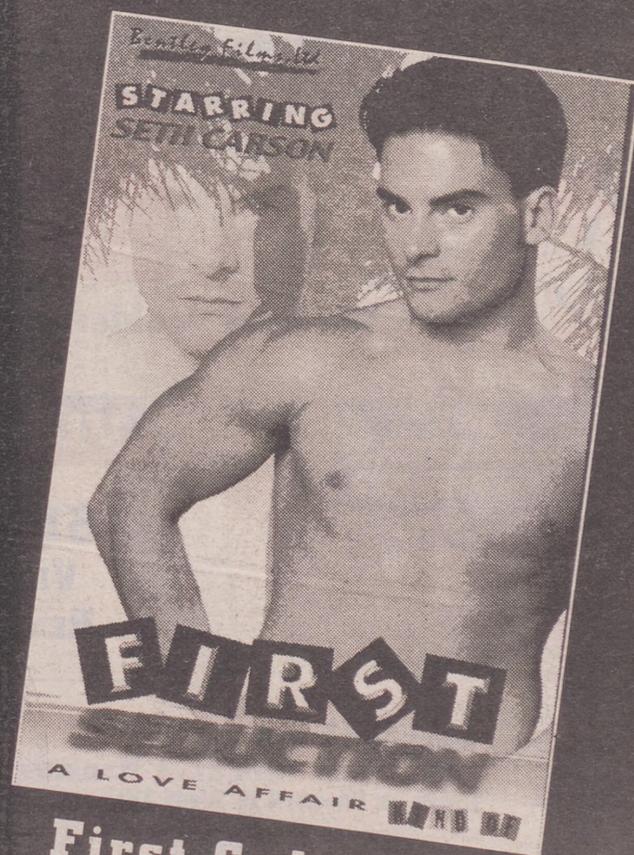
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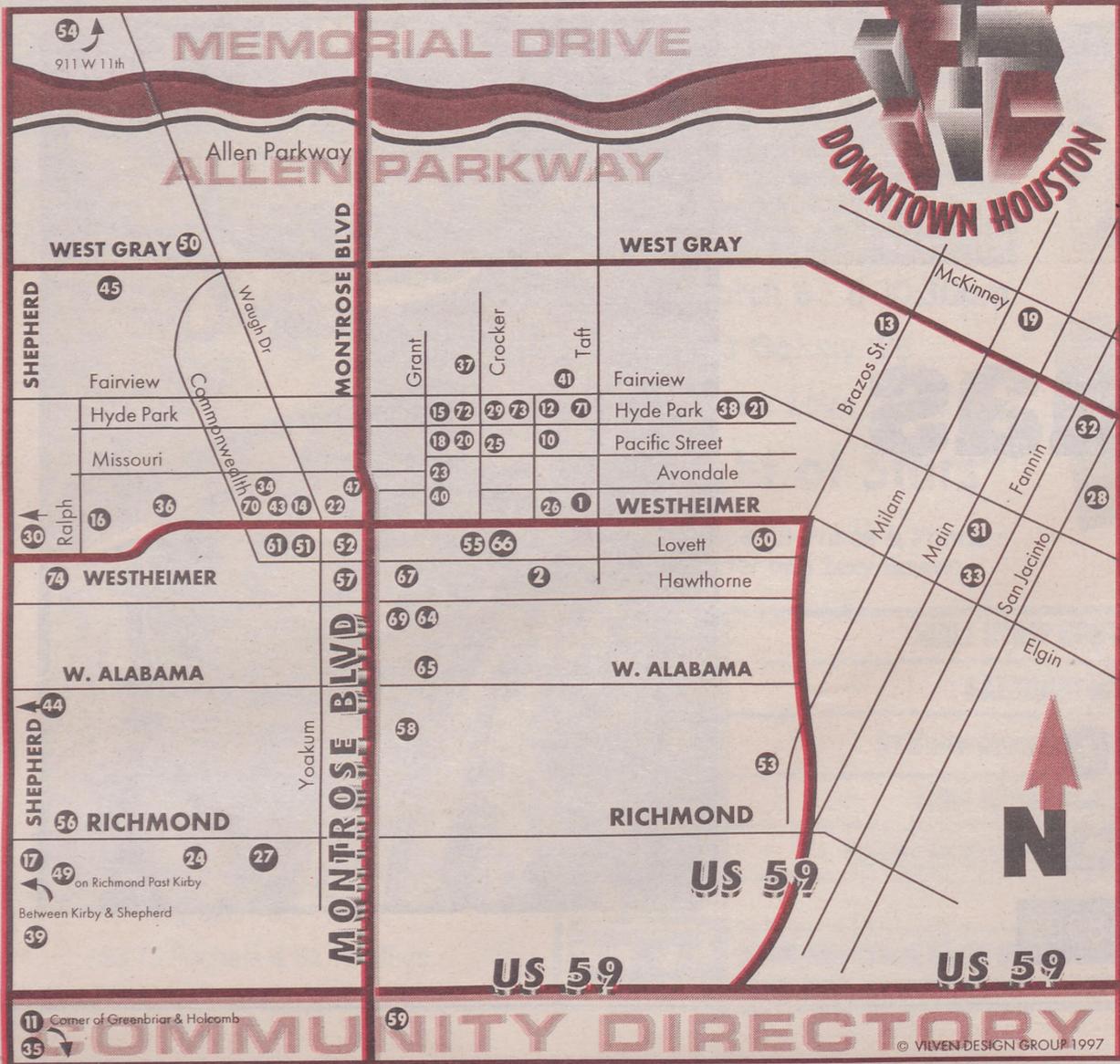
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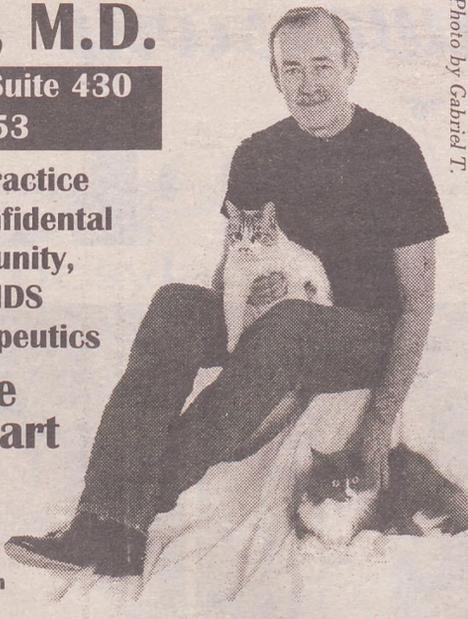


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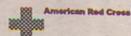
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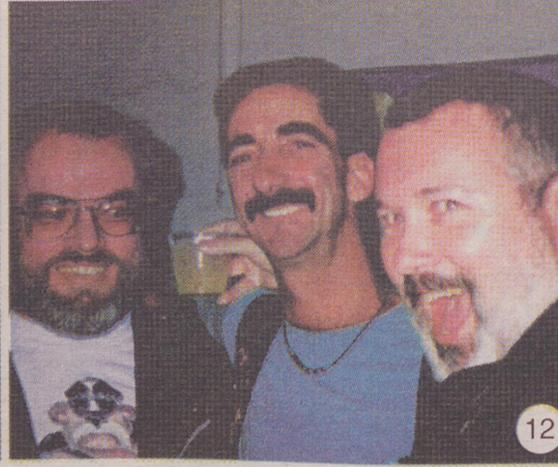
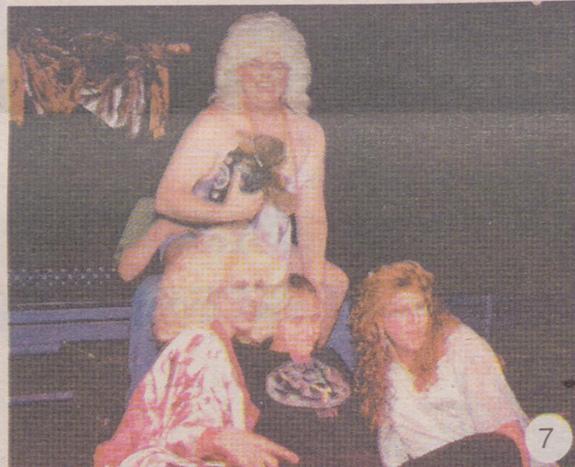
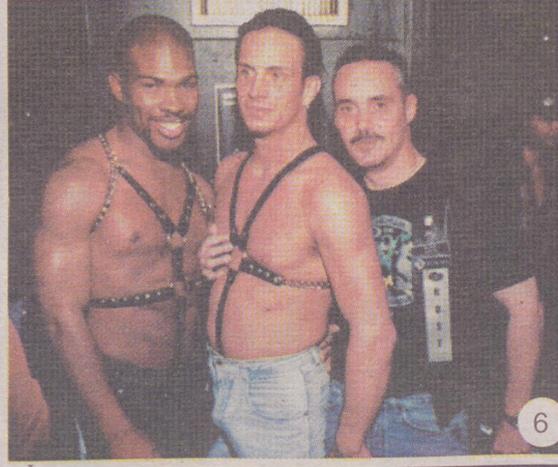
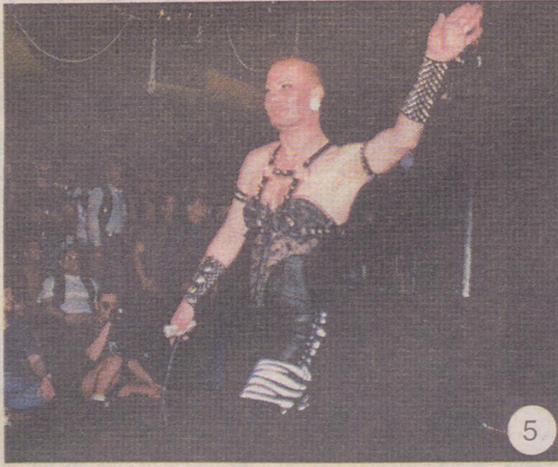
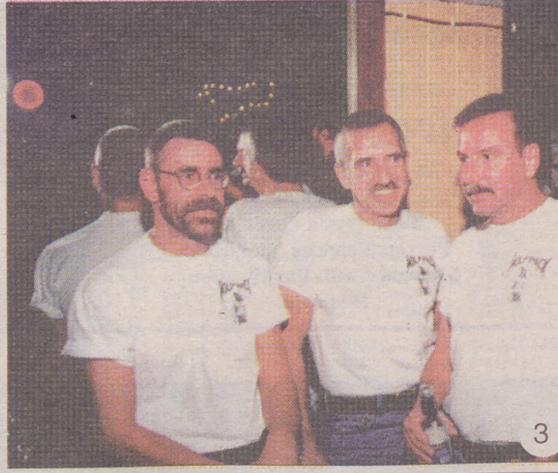
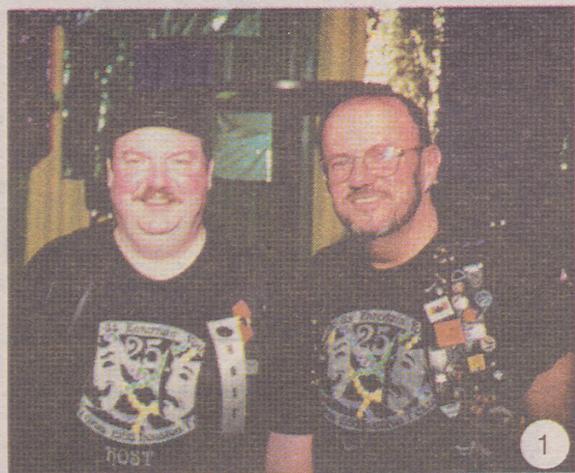
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# 25th Anniversary LUEY Weekend



The 25th anniversary of LUEY Weekend attracted a record 792 registered party-goers from 23 states and five foreign countries, all in Houston for a little post-Mardi Gras fun. Let Us Entertain You, sponsored by the Houston Council of Clubs, still attracts mostly leather and Levi groups, as well as bears, lesbian clubs and a variety of others, but it has moved beyond its roots. "Now it's one big party—Texas' biggest party," boasts Bob Bouton, who chaired the event for the fifth consecutive year.

Houston Voice photographers Dalton DeHart and Cuervolyn caught a number of party-goers in the midst of LUEY revelry. (1) HCC Chair Bob Bouton and National Leather Association member Houston's Brian Kever; (2) Texas Gay Rodeo Association serves up tasty cocktails; (3) WolfPack pow-wow; (4) a big LUEY welcome at the Brazos River Bottom; (5) Creath of the Misfits "whips it good"; (6) C.J., Rob and Allen; (7) The Court on stage; (8) Chain of Command member; (9) Thomas and Mark; (10) out-of-towners party with local men; (11) local LUEY lesbians and partiers; (12) local LUEY party animals.

Credits: photos 1-9 (Dalton DeHart); photos 10-12 (Cuervolyn).

# VIRACEPT<sup>®</sup>

## nelfinavir mesylate

### Information for Patients About VIRACEPT<sup>®</sup> (VI-ra-cept) Generic Name: nelfinavir (nel-FIN-na-veer) mesylate

#### For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

#### WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in their CD4 cell count.

**VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs** such as Retrovir<sup>®</sup> (zidovudine, AZT), Epivir<sup>®</sup> (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit<sup>®</sup> (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

#### DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

#### WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

**Allergies:** If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

**If you are pregnant:** The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

**If you are breast-feeding:** You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

**Children:** VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

**If you have liver disease:** VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

**Other medical problems:** Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

#### CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

#### Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Seldane<sup>®</sup> (terfenadine, for allergies)
  - Hismanal<sup>®</sup> (astemizole, for allergies)
  - Propulsid<sup>®</sup> (cisapride, for heartburn)
  - Cordarone<sup>®</sup> (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
  - Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute<sup>®</sup>, Cardioquin<sup>®</sup>, Quinidex<sup>®</sup>, and others
  - Ergot derivatives (Cafergot<sup>®</sup> and others, for migraine headache)
  - Halcion<sup>®</sup> (triazolam)
  - Versed<sup>®</sup> (midazolam)
- Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.
- Rifampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane<sup>®</sup>, Rifadin<sup>®</sup>, Rifater<sup>®</sup>, or Rifamate<sup>®</sup>
- This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

#### Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

Mycobutin<sup>®</sup> (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

#### A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
  - Phenytoin (Dilantin<sup>®</sup> and others)
  - Carbamazepine (Tegretol<sup>®</sup> and others)
- These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.
- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")
- If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

#### HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

**Nucleoside analogues:** No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
- Epivir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx<sup>®</sup> (didanosine, ddl)

**If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT:** Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

#### Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

- When VIRACEPT is taken together with:
- Viramune<sup>®</sup> (nevirapine)
- The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.
- Other NNRTIs
- VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

#### Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Crixivan<sup>®</sup> (indinavir)
- The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.
- Norvir<sup>™</sup> (ritonavir)
- The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.
- Invirase<sup>®</sup> (saquinavir)
- The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

#### WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium<sup>®</sup> A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

#### HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do **not** have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

**Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor.** Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

#### Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

#### Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

#### Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weight		Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
Kg	Lb			
7 to < 8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1¼	-
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1½	-
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1¾	-
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	-
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2¼	-
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2½	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3¾	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

\* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: **A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder.** Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

#### How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

**Do not** mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. **Do not** heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

**Do not** add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

#### HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

**Do not** keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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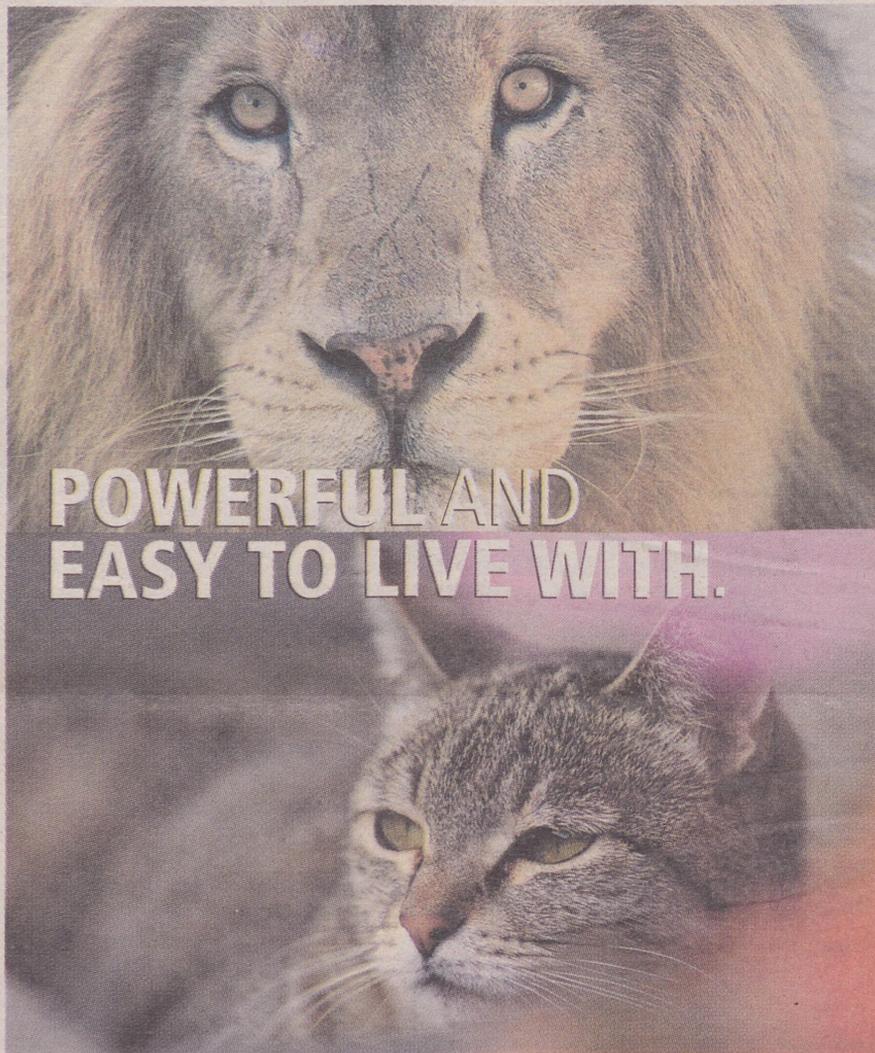
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## WHAT YOUR PROTEASE INHIBITOR CAN BE:

**VIRACEPT WORKS** It's indicated for the treatment of HIV infection when anti-HIV drug therapy is warranted. It is not yet known whether taking VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that can occur with HIV. Some common

medications and some HIV related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, and with increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. Ask your doctor. For more information, call toll free **1-888-VIRACEPT** or visit

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