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Gay Republicans prepare for rally

State GOP calls gays 'deviants, hateful extremists'

From staff and wire reports

Gay Republicans are hoping for a large turnout on Saturday in Fort Worth as a show of political might for state GOP leaders, who last month denied a booth for Log Cabin Republicans of Texas inside the state convention.

The bitter political infighting has earned a rebuke from Gov. George W. Bush and drawn national media attention.

After denying Log Cabin's request

for a booth inside the convention this weekend, state GOP spokesman Robert Black referred to gays as "deviants, pedophiles and hateful extremists."

Gay Republicans called the language inflammatory and insulting.

"The decision by these bigoted party officials to deny us a booth is a threat to the rights of every gay Texan," said Steve Labinski, Log Cabin state president. "We will not tolerate this kind of prejudice. All Americans should be

ashamed and angry that the leaders of a major political party practice it publicly."

State party leaders also rejected the request of the Texas Freedom Network, a nonpartisan group which works to counteract the political clout of the religious right.

Gay Republicans hope the hour-long Rally for Liberty attracts more than 1,000 people outside the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center.

"If party officials will not permit us to be heard inside the convention hall, we assure them they will hear us outside the convention hall. We invite the entire community to attend," Labinski said.

Gay Republicans arrived in Fort Worth See RALLY/ page 4



Labinski

Pride in Our Culture



Texas parade: Several of the approximately 100 participants in the first ever Gay Pride Parade in Corpus Christi march down Shoreline Boulevard recently, showing their pride and their colors to passerbys along the beach. Gay Pride across the country is celebrated in commemoration of the

June 27, 1969, Stonewall riots in Greenwich Village when New York City police raided the Stonewall Tavern on Christopher Street, setting off days of rioting by lesbians and gays. For a roundup from across the country, see page 19. —Photo by Delcia Lopez

AIDS agencies to merge

by MATTHEW A. HENNIE

Two of the city's leading HIV/AIDS service organizations are merging in an effort to combine resources and bolster care.

The result of the joining of Bering Community Service Foundation, which provides a variety of services from dental care to temporary in-home visits, and residential hospice Omega House will be an agency with about 50 employees and an annual budget near \$3 million.

"With the constantly changing face of AIDS and the epidemic, it is important for organizations to be able to adapt quickly," Bill Kersten, Bering's executive director, said Thursday. "This gives us the opportunity to be more adaptable to this environment."

The idea of accomplishing more with one agency helped spur negotiations between directors of both boards, ongoing since February, said Margot Morris, Omega House executive director.

"One of the things that we talked about through this whole process is that the whole is more than the sum of its parts," she said.

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Omega HOUSE



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Perfection makes misery

Comic tells Houston Voice of his 'larger than life' characters

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

Now what's the last thing a high school grad wants to remember after pomp and circumstance? Freshman year, of course.

Gay comic Rob Nash remembers freshman year so well, in fact, he's made a living out of it. And he's Houston bound to remind everybody that "Freshman Year Sucks!"

This reluctant 80s trip down memory lane written by Nash requires 26 different characterizations — all performed by him alone, crammed in an hour-long performance. That's pretty good odds for a mistake or two, but Nash said "Every time I do something, I learn to do it better the next time." Sure, OK. But that's a fairly tall order for somebody who confesses "my life is very neurotic," right?

Probably not. Yet Nash is one inclined to think that size does matter. "I like working with larger than life

characters," he said, in which "everything's just really dramatic."

Translation: he has no shame.

But Nash will do anything for a laugh, because he "can't stand a room full of grinders," he said.

Oddly enough, Nash could probably double as a pop psychologist if acting doesn't work out. For instance, take



his theory on depression:

"When a straight woman is depressed, she'll say, 'God, I'm so fat.' When a straight guy is depressed, he'll say, 'God, my girlfriend is so fat.' When a lesbian is depressed, she'll say, 'God, I'm so depressed.' When a gay man is depressed, he'll say, 'God, me and my lover are so fat.'"

Nash's take on his own legacy? "Worthy of emulation," he said — unlike President Clinton. Nash counts himself a Friend of Bill, but he's also a little disillusioned that the First Bubba is just a "regular gay." But don't count him in that herd of WASPs looking for clones of perfection.

"The notion of perfectionism keeps me procrastinating and afraid and anxious," Nash, 31, said. "It works for the people who call themselves perfectionists, but it's perfectionism that makes my life miserable."

Oh. Yeah. Maybe that's why freshman year sucks.

Who: Gay playwright Rob Nash
What: "Freshman Year Sucks!"
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LOCAL

Political activist named to volunteer advisory post

by MATTHEW A. HENNIE

Another of Houston's elected officials is making strides toward the city's gays and lesbians.

U.S. Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee last weekend announced the appointment of Houston attorney Andres Pereira as her advisor to the gay community, a volunteer position similar to one Mayor Lee Brown created for his administration last March.

Pereira, 31, secretary of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, is no stranger to politics. He campaigned for former Gov. Ann Richards in her successful 1990 effort.

"The Congresswoman saw that it was successful for the Mayor and it was a good way to enhance communication between that constituency and her office," Pereira said. "She has been very supportive of the community."

The appointment mirrors others Jackson Lee has made in communi-

ties across her district, said Chief of Staff Kathi Wilkes.

"The Congresswoman is very happy to have Andres come on and be her volunteer and liaison to the gay and lesbian community. It is a welcome addition," Wilkes said.

Pereira hopes to keep Jackson Lee abreast of current issues in the gay community and bring concerns from constituents to her, he said. And the Houston native wants to better communication between gays and African-Americans, he said.

"There is a natural coordination between minority communities. Often you confront the same problems," Pereira said.

Brown's liaison to the gay community, local attorney Matthew Eastus, offered a bit of advice after his first three months in the newly created position: develop a thick skin.

Some gay activists criticized the

appointment of Eastus, who rose from relative obscurity in the gay community to the mayor's representative without much experience in gay activism.

"He is a very bright guy and sharp lawyer," Eastus said of Pereira. "He has been involved in a very visible way in the gay political movement. He will have a great sense of the community right away and help (Jackson Lee) out right away."

Eastus hopes to work with Pereira in his new role.

"This is a great way for our two positions to work together and for the two people we work for to work together," he said.



Pereira

Gay Chamber Joins Community Center

The Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce has opened an office at the city's new community center on Hawthorne Avenue, officials said.

The chamber joins the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus inside the two-story, 3,300-square-foot building, which organizers hope will soon become the focal point of the city's gay and lesbian community.

"We see our office space as a real milestone in the growth of our organization," said Anita Renteria, president of the gay chamber. "We think it's important that the (chamber) be a cornerstone member of the center and believe that it will be a benefit to our member businesses as well."

The office space will be used to organize the Chamber's EMPOWER '98, an exposition of gay-friendly businesses held in November.

Duke Employees Donate to Stone Soup

Duke Energy ended its AIDS Awareness Week by delivering more than \$1,000 of toiletries to AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Soup food pantry recently.

The company and its volunteers gave more than \$12,000 to the Ninth Annual Southwestern Bell Houston AIDS Walk on May that drew some 2,000 people and raised more than \$250,000 for 18 AIDS/HIV service agencies. Some 45 company volunteers took part in the AIDS Walk.

"The AIDS epidemic has an impact on the entire Houston business community because it affects individuals from all walks of life," said Paul Anderson, president and chief operating officer. "Duke Energy is raising the awareness of its employees through this week's activities."

Duke Energy employs about 2,000 people in Houston.

Coalition Offers Housing Assistance, New Training

Funds for people with HIV/AIDS in Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Waller, Chambers and Liberty counties is available to assist with rent or utilities through the People With AIDS Coalition-Houston.

The assistance, up to \$500 per year, is intended for clients in emergency situations. For more informa-

tion, call 713-919-0312.

The coalition is also starting Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy and Participation (LEAP), a 24-week education program which trains people for community activism.

"We are delighted to have received funding for Project LEAP," said Lynn Pannill, the coalition's executive director. "We remember Steven Bradley and his vision for LEAP, and hope to offer a program which underscores those goals."

Bradley, who founded Project LEAP, was a principal dancer with the Houston Ballet.

The first class is set for July. Application will be available June 15.

Camp Hope Needs Counselors

Camp Hope, a project of AIDS Foundation Houston and the Texas Children's Hospital and Camp For All Foundation, is in need of counselors for its week-long program in late July.

HIV-positive children from the ages of 6 to 16 attend the camp in Burton. Counselors are needed to assist the children with activities. For more information, call 713-623-6796.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip Planned

Some of the 90 spots open for two upcoming deep sea fishing trips remain open, according to the Rainbow Fishing Club.



American cowboy: Houstonian Gene Mikulenka (right) answered questions after a screening of "American Cowboy" on June 6 as part of the Second Annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The 52-minute docudrama, directed by Kyle Henry (left), traces Mikulenka's journeys in gay and straight rodeo circuits, including the finals of the 1996 International Gay Rodeo Association. —Photo by Dalton DeHart

Want to stay healthy? Try HealthFest '98

by ELLA TYLER

More than 100 health, fitness and social service providers will be on hand for HealthFest '98 on June 20.

"(It's) where gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered people can ask questions about all their health concerns without fear of judgment," says Barry Mandel of Southhampton Medical Group, which organized the event.

"HIV gets time, but it is not the focus of the event," he said.

The day builds on the theme Glowing with Health, organizers said.

"It's easier to stay healthy than to get well, but we must rely on ourselves," said Chelette Baker of Texas Mobile Health, which will provide on-site medical testing.

Mammograms, bone density tests to screen for osteoporosis, and blood tests for cholesterol, HIV, glucose, prostate cancer and other medical problems will be available, but only by prior appointment. Some tests require doctors orders, but others do not, according to Baker. (For appointments, call 713-682-3779.)

HEB Pantry Foods on Montrose is presenting samples of healthy foods throughout the day.

Ten pharmaceutical companies and doctors with specialties such as chiropractic, dentistry, and dermatology will have booths. Representatives of University of Texas Medical Branch's AIDS Clinical Trials Unit will be on hand. Gay community service providers like Montrose Clinic and Montrose Counseling will be joined by Houston Area Women's Center, Planned Parenthood, Red Cross, and Family Service Center, which may not be as familiar to the community.

Seven seminars on current health issues will be held and Southhampton Medical Group's booth is hosting "The Doctor Is In." The group's doctors — Carlos Farinas, Roderick Frazier, Patrick McNamara, and Shannon Schrader — will be available throughout the day to answer individual questions.

There's also the Fitness Fashion Show presented by Basic Brother at 12:30 p.m. or the Body Building demonstration organized by Houston Gym at 1:30 p.m. Vendors include Lobo and Uniglobe First Choice Travel will have a booth and providing of the door prize, a round trip airline ticket to a location inside the continental U.S.

Other participants include 97 Talk Radio, Tanqueray's Texas AIDS Ride, Names Project Houston, PFLAG and Pride Committee.

Also included are seminars:

- Smoking: Put It Out For Good by Carlos Farinas and Carolyn Grace at 10:30 a.m.

- Women's Health by Julia Kovacs and Nellie Grose 11:25 a.m.

- CMV Retinitis, PRK Laser Surgery & Other New Eye Care Advancements, by Scott Sawyer at 12:10 p.m.

- HIV: Breakthroughs in Treatment Options by Shannon Schrader at 12:50 p.m.

- Understanding Migraines: What Every Sufferer Needs to Know, by Pat McNamara at 1:30 p.m.

- HIV Wasting, Nutrition, and Building Body Mass, by Shannon Schrader, Ron Cummings and Ed Kinser at 2:15 p.m.

- Diabetes: Should I Be Concerned? by Carlos Farinas and Shen Ping Liang.

"The speakers were chosen to reflect the range of ways to deal with these issues," said Julie Gold, an event organizer.

What: HealthFest '98 with 100 health, fitness, social service providers

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Convention Center



Collaborative effort: Some \$150,000 was raised through The Hollyfield Foundation and The Elliott H. Matthews Foundation to renovate and open the Hollyfield Center, a 3,000-square-foot center at 2700 Albany. U.S. Rep. Shelia Jackson Lee (left), K. Wayne Brockman of Hollyfield's board of directors, city official Sylvia Garcia and businessman Larry Lingle were some of the community dignitaries on hand for the June 7 debut. The conference facility will offer reduced rates to gay community-based organizations. —Photos by Dalton DeHart

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Baptists want gay order nullified

by KRISTEN MOULTON

SALT LAKE CITY — The Southern Baptists voted Thursday to ask Congress to nullify President Clinton's order prohibiting discrimination against civilian federal employees because of their sexual orientation.

Delegates at the denomination's annual convention rejected by 1,071 votes to 1,005 an amendment that would have asked Clinton's own Southern Baptist congregation to consider disciplining him unless the president rescinds his May 28 executive order.

Clinton's executive order added homosexuals to the list of groups protected from discrimination.

"Homosexual politics is masquerading today as civil rights, in order to exploit the moral high ground of the civil rights movement," said the resolution, which passed overwhelmingly.

"Homosexuality is immoral, contrary to the Bible and contrary to traditional Judeo-Christian moral standards, and the open affirmation of homosexuality represents a sign of God's surrendering a society to its perversion."

The resolution said government should not give special legal protection and endorsement to homosexuality, nor should it impose legal sanctions against those who believe homosexual conduct immoral.

In signing his executive order, Clinton said: "Individuals should not

be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work."

The defeated amendment was proposed by the Rev. Wiley Drake of Buena Park, Calif., who said he was "sick and tired" of explaining to prostitutes and other sinners how Clinton can remain a Southern Baptist.

"I think we need to go on record that President Clinton should be dealt with by his church," Drake said.

Clinton's home church is Immanuel Baptist church in Little Rock, Ark.

Herb Hollinger, vice president in the church's executive committee, said it would have been extremely unusual for the denomination to suggest that a local church discipline a member.

"I've never heard of it. It would be anti-Southern Baptist," he said.

Each local Southern Baptist church is autonomous.

It was Drake who proposed an amendment on Wednesday that would have cited Clinton by name in a resolution affirming that immoral behavior by public officials should not be excused. The resolution passed overwhelmingly; Drake's amendment was defeated.

Drake also was behind a resolution last year to boycott Disney for extending health insurance benefits to homosexual partners of employees and for welcoming gay groups at its amusement parks.

Methodists uphold same-sex marriage ban

LINCOLN, Neb. — Delegates to the annual Nebraska conference of the United Methodist Church have upheld a ban on same-sex union ceremonies and sought to make the prohibition more clearly binding on its pastors.

But the delegates meeting at Nebraska Wesleyan for four days last week also passed a measure encouraging churches to reach out to those trying to give up homosexual lifestyles, while not coercing them to adopt a heterosexual lifestyle.

On the final day June 5, nearly 40 resolutions and petitions were considered. The delegates voted to create a committee to work during the next year to help bridge the church's divisions over sexuality and scripture.

"We have started talking to one another again," said the Rev. Ralph Ford of York. He belongs to the Association of United Methodist Evangelicals in Nebraska, many of whose members spoke against extending the church's blessings to homo-

sexuals.

Delegates also defeated a proposal after heated discussion that would have encouraged the "conservative element" in the church. Many lay people across Nebraska have charged that the church's top leadership is more liberal on social and sexual issues than the majority of people in the pews.

"There was considerable discussion about whether the homosexual 'lifestyle' is a choice or an inborn genetic trait. If inborn, some argued, how can it be a sin?"

The Rev. R. Scott Foresman of Papillion, identifying himself as a recovering alcoholic, said he believes his tendency toward alcoholism was genetic but that doesn't make it right.

"We are all born with a number of disorders, and to call that (homosexuality) God-given is dangerous," he said. "For a church to call for the sacramentalization of something that is clearly sinful is dangerous and wrong."



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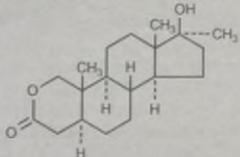
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In children, androgen therapy may accelerate bone maturation without producing compensatory gain in linear growth. This adverse effect results in compromised adult height. The younger the child, the greater the risk of compromising final mature height. The effect on bone maturation should be monitored by assessing bone age of the left wrist and hand every 6 months. (See **PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory tests**.)

Geriatric patients treated with androgenic anabolic steroids may be at an increased risk for the development of prostatic hypertrophy and prostatic carcinoma.

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PRECAUTIONS**General:**

Women should be observed for signs of virilization (deepening of the voice, hirsutism, acne, clitoromegaly). Discontinuation of drug therapy at the time of evidence of mild virilism is necessary to prevent irreversible virilization. Some virilizing changes in women are irreversible even after prompt discontinuance of therapy and are not prevented by concomitant use of estrogens. Menstrual irregularities may also occur.

Anabolic steroids may cause suppression of clotting factors II, V, VII, and X, and an increase in prothrombin time.

Information for patients:

The physician should instruct patients to report any of the following side effects of androgens:

Males: Too frequent or persistent erections of the penis, appearance or aggravation of acne.

Females: Hoarseness, acne, changes in menstrual periods, or more facial hair.

All patients: Nausea, vomiting, changes in skin color, or ankle swelling.

Laboratory tests:

Women with disseminated breast carcinoma should have frequent determination of urine and serum calcium levels during the course of therapy. (See **WARNINGS**.)

Because of the hepatotoxicity associated with the use of 17 α -alkylated androgens, liver function tests should be obtained periodically.

Periodic (every 6 months) x-ray examinations of bone age should be made during treatment of children to determine the rate of bone maturation and the effects of androgen therapy on the epiphyseal centers.

Serum lipids and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol determinations should be done periodically as androgenic anabolic steroids have been reported to increase low-density lipoproteins. Serum cholesterol levels may increase during therapy. Therefore, caution is required when administering these agents to patients with a history of myocardial infarction or coronary artery disease. Serial determinations of serum cholesterol should be made and therapy adjusted accordingly.

Hemoglobin and hematocrit should be checked periodically for polycythemia in patients who are receiving high doses of anabolic steroids.

Drug interactions**Anticoagulants:**

Anabolic steroids may increase sensitivity to oral anticoagulants. Dosage of the anticoagulant may have to be decreased in order to maintain desired prothrombin time. Patients receiving oral anticoagulant therapy require close monitoring, especially when anabolic steroids are started or stopped.

Oral hypoglycemic agents:

Anabolic steroids may inhibit the metabolism of oral hypoglycemic agents.

Adrenal steroids or ACTH:

In patients with edema, concomitant administration with adrenal cortical steroids or ACTH may increase the edema.

Drug/Laboratory test interactions:

Anabolic steroids may decrease levels of thyroxine-binding globulin, resulting in decreased total T₄ serum levels and increased resin uptake of T₄ and T₃. Free thyroid hormone levels remain unchanged. In addition, a decrease in PBI and radioactive iodine uptake may occur.

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by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

With Pride Week breaking out all over the country, public television is programming a unique array of shows targeted for gay and lesbian audiences. Here's a quick look at this month's highlights:

• "The Castro," today, 9 p.m., KUHT, Warner Channel 8: "The story of the Castro district is one of the greatest untold immigrant stories of our country," said Peter Stein, the documentary's producer. "People came to this place to reinvent themselves and find themselves. In the process, they built a whole culture here, one we still feel the impact of today."

Stein travels through an elaborate timeline beginning in the late 1800's and arrives in 1997. Police abuse, the election and assassination of Harvey Milk, AIDS, the crystallization of gay power and the gender divisions between gays and lesbians inculcate this retrospective.

• "Intimate Portrait: Patti LaBelle," June 14, 9 p.m., Lifetime, Warner Channel 22: This gay community icon needs no introduction. A long time favorite of Houstonians, LaBelle plays to packed houses when she visits the Bayou City. Despite the loss of her sister to lung cancer and the split up of the Bluebelles, LaBelle overcame her troubles to win a Grammy Award in 1992. With a host of celebrity interviews, join LaBelle and friends Luther Vandross, Oprah Winfrey and former Bluebelles Cindy Birdsong for this

inspiring look at a legend in her own time.

• "In The Life's Gay Pride Special: American as Apple Pie," June 21, Midnight, KUHT, Warner Channel 8: Long a series profiling everyday gay and lesbians in their homes and work places, this installment of "In The Life" follows Virginia Apuzzo, assistant to the president for management and administration, in her duties at the White House. Apuzzo is the highest-ranking openly gay public official to enjoy federal responsibilities. Also meet Gair Bridges and Ron Travis, two gay foster parents honored as Iowa's 1996 "Foster Parents of the Year," the first openly gay couple in any state to receive the award. Similarly, the trek includes more gay and lesbian success stories of gay people being people just like everybody else.

• "Intimate Portrait: Delta Burke," June 28, 9 p.m., Lifetime, Warner Channel 22: This Miss Florida went on to become a popular regular on "Designing Women." But tucked underneath the facade of fame, Burke struggled with a weight problem and recovered memories of child abuse. Burke lost her "Designing Women" contract after five years on the show, reportedly because of strained relations with co-star Dixie Carter and show producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason. Eventually, Burke gives up sitcom jobs and begins her own clothing line for "plus-sized" women.



Gay TV: Several television programs this month feature gay themes or stars that attract a gay following, including Delta Burke (above left), who along with singing-sensation Patti LaBelle (above right), is profiled in Lifetime "Intimate Portraits." The 90-minute PBS special "The Castro" chronicles how a quiet corner in San Francisco became the cornerstone of a movement and a symbol of gay liberation. The show airs today at 9 p.m.



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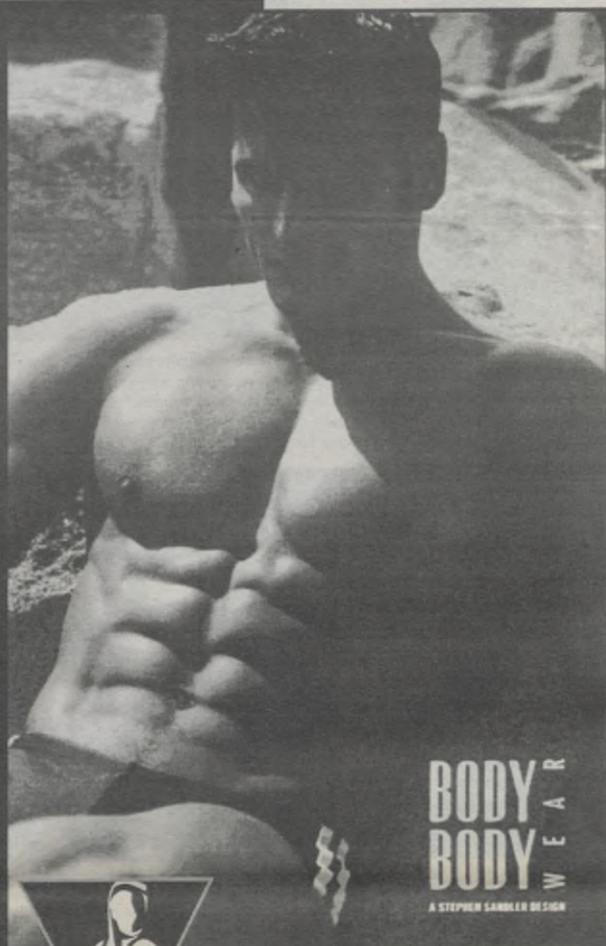
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Northwest Texas Conference opposes gay marriages

by CHRIS NEWTON

MIDLAND, Texas — Ministers should not sanction same-sex marriages, the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church said June 5 in resolutions passed at the conference's annual meeting.

One resolution passed after hours of emotional debate called for "more strict obedience to scriptural principles."

Another resolution stated that the conference "repudiates teachings that misuse principles of inclusiveness and tolerance to distort the doctrines and disciplines of the church."

The debate concerned a church jury's decision not to punish a Nebraska pastor who performed a same-sex marriage.

Pastors and voting church members on both sides of the issue gave emotional tearful testimony and called for the conference to take action.

"It's not time to not talk about this," said Andy Hearst, a pastor who preaches to students at Texas Tech University.

"We must decide that the body of the church must be radically different than the surrounding culture," Hearst said. "Love without discipline is not love. Freedom without boundaries is not freedom."

Church member Julian Nevern argued that Methodist pastors should

perform gay marriages.

"We must love as God loves," Nevern said. "Our differences make us special and we must not turn these people away."

In a church trial in March, the Rev. Jimmy Creech was acquitted of charges he disobeyed rules by performing a homosexual marriage. The case challenged the denomination's Social Principles.

Creech and his supporters consider the Methodists' Social Principles to be advisory, not church law like the Book of Discipline. The issue has split the Methodist Church's 9.5 million members, the second largest Protestant denomination in the United States after Southern Baptists.

The church's highest judicial body, the Judicial Counsel, will hold a special session in Dallas in August to consider whether its ministers should be able to perform gay marriages.

The conference also passed a resolution to call for a special session of the General Conference, the national governing body of United Methodist Church, if the Judicial Counsel rules Creech did not break the rules.

A resolution, proposing the church disassociate itself from the United Methodist Church, was ruled out of order by Bishop Alfred Norris.

"This conference clearly does not have the power as an entity to remove itself from the United Methodist



No gay marriage: Members of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church vote on a resolution before Bishop Alfred Norris, center, during an annual meeting on June 5, 1998, in Midland, Texas. During the meeting, several resolutions were passed criticizing a church jury's decision not to punish a minister who performed a gay marriage in Nebraska. —Photo by Kes Gilmore

Church," Norris said.

Norris also struck down several resolutions that proposed the church not ordain ministers that condone homosexuality.

He told members that the only the executive board of clergy has the power to alter requirements for ordination.

Church member Robert Hawkins, who proposed the resolution to disassociate from the United Methodist Church, said the church will continue to lose members if it does not take

stronger stance against gay marriages.

"We must agree that we have a problem and that these problems are serious," Hawkins told the conference. "Now is not the time to sweep this under the carpet, hoping it will go away. Some problems will go away ... they will go to the Baptist Church, and the Nazarene Church and the Lutheran Church."

The conference represents nearly 80,000 church members in Northwest Texas.



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Emotions high at controversial minister's last sermon

OMAHA, Neb. — Tears brimmed and fell Sunday as the Rev. Jimmy Creech, the controversial minister who performed a covenant ceremony to two women, gave his last sermon June 7 at First United Methodist Church in Omaha.

A total of 650 people attended three services to hear Creech's last sermon as senior pastor of the congregation.

Creech told the members that he expected them to continue with their mission of inclusion and acceptance.

"The only consolation I have in leaving is that you will continue the ministry you have begun," he said.

Creech performed the same-sex union ceremony in September, dividing the Omaha congregation and the denomination.

Many members of the First United Methodist congregation who opposed Creech left the church, meeting instead at an Omaha high school and for the first time Sunday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Guest speaker Michael McClymond did not directly address the controversy over Creech, but instead focused his sermon on bridging divisions among Christians.

"My friends, don't underestimate the reconciling power of the cross," he said. "Peacemaking among Christians lies in the cross."

Although a church jury this spring found that Creech had not violated church law, he was not reappointed to the First United Methodist pulpit. He was to remain as senior pastor of the congregation through June, but decided to step down Sunday so the congregation could move forward.

In his 10:45 a.m. service, Creech urged tolerance.

"Sometimes we confuse the creeds and rules with the real essence of loving God and each other," he said. "What really matters is not our creed and rules. In the end, what really matters is how we treat one another."

Many left the service in tears.

"It's hard to see the legacy that he started go on without him," said congregant Jackie Lawrence. Lawrence said the congregation was already better because of Creech's leadership.

"We'll rise above this," she said. "I think we'll be a stronger, closer and better congregation because of what he has done for us."

Later, a farewell program a reception was held for Creech, his family and his associate pastor, the Rev. Susan Mullins, who is taking a leave of absence in the wake of the controversy.

Whether the First United congregation can be reunited after Creech's departure remains to be seen.

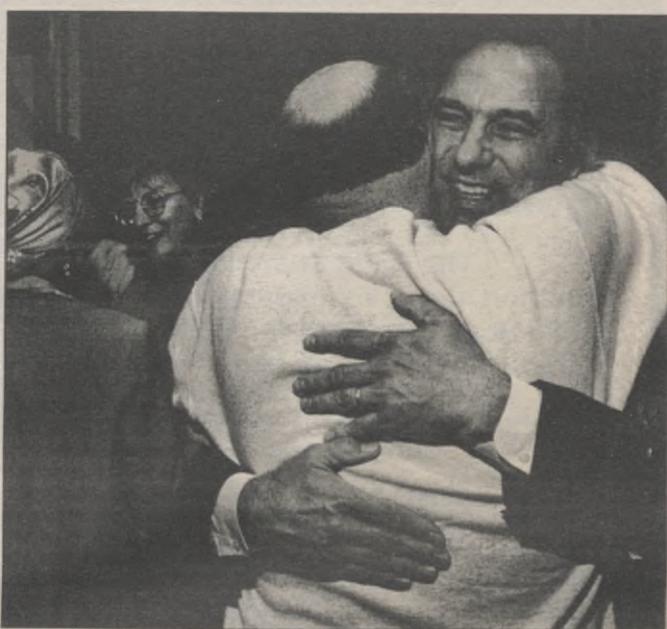
Members such as Patty Babel said they believe Creech and his supporters have abandoned biblical teachings on homosexuality, and Creech opponents resent being called bigots by some on the other side.

"We can't accept going against the Word," Babel said.

The church's newly appointed senior pastor, the Rev. Donald Bredthauer, has agreed to meet with Creech opponents on Sunday for a question-and-answer session.

The group will meet June 17 at Boys Town to discuss the direction it wants to take, said Mel Semrad, an organizer.

Creech opponents, however, will



Saying good-bye: The Rev. Jimmy Creech says good-bye after his last service at First United Methodist Church on June 7. His wife, Chris Weedy, is at left. Creech was not reappointed as Pastor at the church after he presided over a commitment ceremony between two women. —Photo by Jeff Biermann

continue to meet through June at the cathedral.

Creech will take a leave of absence from the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church and spend the summer with his family in Ocracoke, a resort island off the coast

of North Carolina.

The family will then move to Raleigh, N.C., where they lived before Creech's Omaha assignment. Bredthauer, an assistant pastor under Creech, will take over as First United Methodist's senior pastor July 1.

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Baptists say Disney boycott working

SALT LAKE CITY — The Southern Baptists' boycott of Disney is bothering the Magic Kingdom and members should keep it up, a Baptist official said last Wednesday at the faith's annual convention.

"This boycott has traction. This boycott has legs. It is bothering Disney," said Richard Land, president of the faith's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

He offered no specifics on how well the boycott was working or what damage it had done to the corporation.

Disney spokesman John Dreyer said the boycott isn't bothering the company's bottom line. Disney's revenue, earnings and amusement park attendance all set records last year, he said.

"I don't think we've seen any impact from it," Dreyer said.

Land repeatedly pointed to Disney chairman Michael Eisner's interviews with the media about the boycott as proof that Southern Baptists were making an impact.

"If we weren't bothering Mickey's Empire, Mr. Eisner wouldn't be attacking us. You keep doing what's right," Land told about 8,500 "messengers," as delegates are called, attending the Salt Lake City convention.

The Southern Baptists are protesting Disney's corporate practice of extending health insurance to homosexual partners of employees and of hosting homosexual and lesbians at its amusement parks and have called on members to boycott Disney amusement parks and movies.

Mention of the boycott comes as the Southern Baptists, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, proclaimed this week that "a wife is to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband, even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ."

The Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly adopted the first change to The Baptist Faith and Message document in 35 years, minutes after electing a new president who long has been the scourge of liberals and moderates.

While husband and wife are of equal worth before God, a husband should provide for, protect and lead the family, and a wife has "the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his 'helper' in managing their household and nurturing the next generation."

The new article on the family also defines marriage as "the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime."

Nearly 8,300 messengers, or delegates, wrapped up their annual convention on Thursday.

The statement grabbed the nation's attention. The new article added to the Baptist Faith and Message was the first change in the statement of beliefs by the nearly 16 million-member church in 35 years. It was one of the more controversial church guidelines in recent memory; two of the nation's more prominent Baptists — President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore — said they didn't exactly agree with the statement.

Maxine Hanks, a feminist author and excommunicated Mormon, said the new Baptist article on marriage shows conservative religions are moving closer together on moral and social issues, though they still differ drastically on theological matters.

"This notion of women being submissive to male authority is terribly out of balance and it prevents these churches from evolving into the enlightened Christian ideal they claim," she said.

The Southern Baptists are going the opposite direction from most other denominations, which have taken a more egalitarian stand on the relationship between husband and wife.

Frank Ruff, a Roman Catholic priest who is the liaison to the Southern Baptists from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the new article will only hurt the Baptists' evangelizing. He said the word "submit" has come to mean oppressive domination.

The convention's new president, Paige Patterson, said during a press conference last Tuesday that the 20 years of controversy were a necessary exercise in self-definition. Southern Baptists, he said, needed that time to "unify hearts and minds to carry out what Christ expects us to do."

And that is to evangelize, which Patterson said will be the preoccupation of his presidency. "That's the passion of my soul," he told reporters. Patterson said he has set a goal of 500,000 baptisms in the United States and 500,000 overseas by the year 2000.

Patterson's revolution has fostered divisions within the state conventions. 1,500 alienated "moderate" churches on the verge of seceding and the loss of a half-dozen Baptist colleges.

Also last Tuesday, the proponent of last year's Walt Disney Co. boycott proposed that Southern Baptists pull their year 2000 convention out of Orlando, Fla., and move it to New York to further hurt the Disney company. Disney World and the company's newest theme park are in Orlando.

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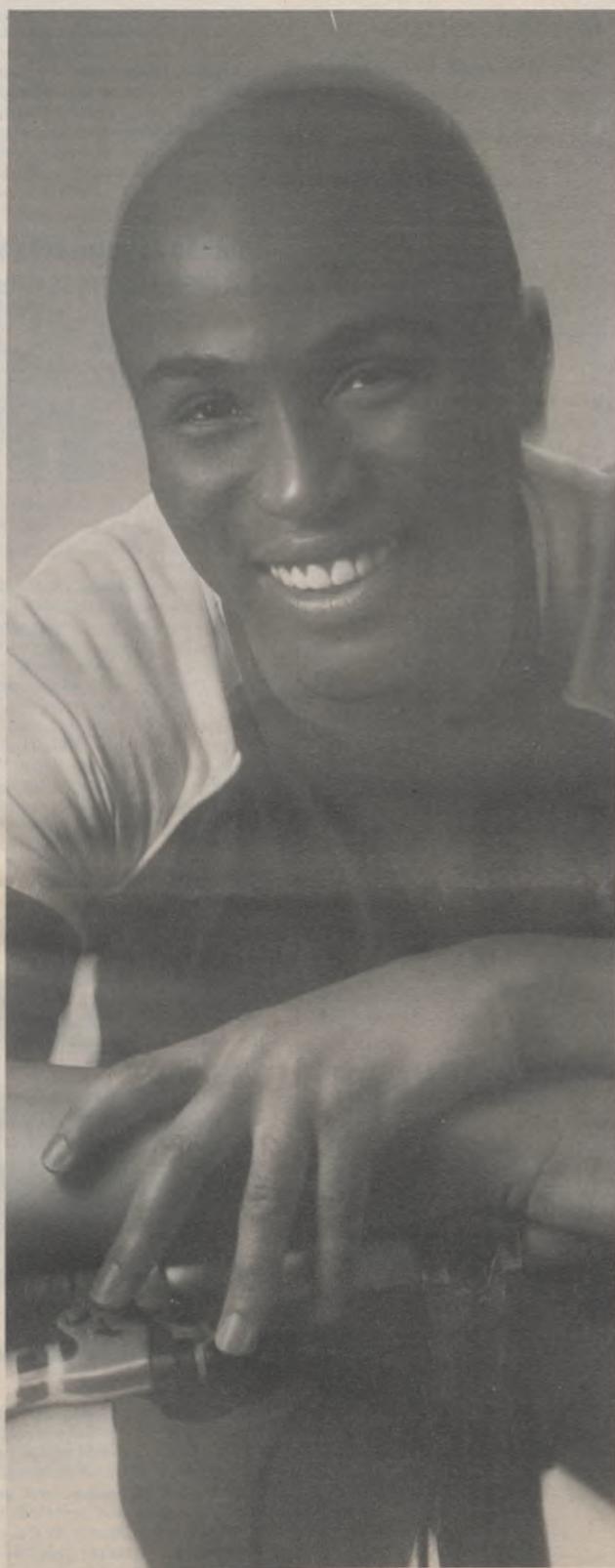
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Woman wrongly diagnosed with AIDS loses lawsuit

FORT WORTH, Texas — A woman who spent three years believing she was carrying the AIDS virus deserves no money from the doctors who treated her or the medical laboratory that tested her, a jury decided.

Jurors voted 11-1 on June 4 to reject the negligence claim 29-year-old Khristol Watson of Denton brought against doctors Muddamalle Augustine of Arlington, Steven Sotman and Daniel Barbaro of Fort Worth and National Psychopharmacology Laboratories, a now-defunct Tennessee company.

Watson, who received the HIV-positive diagnosis in 1991, sued the doctors and the lab after discovering in 1994 that she does not carry the virus. She said she underwent a hysterectomy in 1993 largely because she believed she had the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

Her attorneys had asked for damages up to \$38 million for pain and suffering, lost earnings, medical expenses and mental anguish, includ-

ing Watson's distress at knowing she can no longer can bear children. The trial lasted four weeks. Jurors deliberated three days in Judge Dana Womack's 348th District Court before reaching a verdict.

"I'm devastated," Watson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram shortly after hearing the decision. "I've lost all my faith in the judicial system. It's not the money; it's the principle."

"I expected them to say something wrong happened because something very wrong happened," she said, but suggested she won't appeal the verdict.

The doctors were pleased, their lawyers said. Henri Dussault, the lab's attorney, said it was clear jurors "took this very seriously and looked at all the evidence."

Presiding juror David Beck, 36, said panel members couldn't determine who made the error in diagnosis. Without that, he said, the jury could award no damages.

Augustine gave Watson the diagnosis in September 1991 based on an HIV-positive test after she checked into Willow Creek Hospital in Arlington for depression and substance abuse. Watson's suit contended her blood sample was switched or

contaminated between the time the hospital drew it and labs in Tennessee and California tested it.

Candidate refuses proclamation for rally

LINCOLN, Neb. — Republican candidate for governor Mike Johanns was criticized last Tuesday by the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union for refusing as mayor to sign a proclamation for a gay pride rally.

For the second straight year, Johanns rejected proclamations presented by Lincoln Pride Network, a local gay rights group. In a recent letter, the mayor told the group he would not grant their request because its PrideFest event conflicts with his religious belief.

"I really view them as asking me to lend the credibility of the mayor's office and my own credibility to their gay pride event," Johanns said last Tuesday. "I believe they are asking me to condone their lifestyle. I can't do that."

Johanns said he could not endorse the group's call for "special rights" for gay and lesbian people.

"His refusal to sign (the gay rally) proclamation is a clear indication that he does not favor diversity if it includes gays and lesbians," said Matt LeMieux, director of the Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Johanns came under fire last year when he refused to sign a proclamation for the gay pride rally shortly after signing a proclamation in recognition of March for Jesus Day. Johanns signed a similar proclamation for the Christian event this year.

Lesbian says attacks will not make her disappear

BUFORD, S.C. — An area woman who was beaten twice in the past six months by people she said do not like her lesbian lifestyle vows not hide or let the attacks change her sexual orientation. "People take offense that I don't hide it," Regan Wolf, 40, told The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer for a story last Monday.

"They'd like for me to be a good little queer and stay in the closet. Well, I don't do that. Never have and never will," she said.

Police are searching for the people who hit her on the head May 13. Wolf says she blacked out. Her live-in companion, Jenna Wolf, discovered Regan Wolf tied to the back porch rafters with a dozen or more slash marks on her back, police records said. "She was suspended, and her head was drooped over," Jenna Wolf, 31, said.

Gay rights groups say Regan Wolf is a symbol of persecution. They demonstrated in Columbia in support of hate-crime laws. "If ever there was a need for this type of legislation, this attack is a primary example of why," Wolf's mother, Jackie Adams, said at the rally.

Regan Wolf said that on Dec. 26 she heard someone walking on the front porch of her mobile home, and when she opened the door she saw a stocky red-haired man with a scruffy beard. She said she was hit on the back of the head and blacked out. On the steps of her porch, in red spray paint, police found the phrase, "Jesus weren't born for you, faggot."

Lancaster Sheriff Johnny Cauthen said his department has found no suspects. According to FBI statistics, 1,000 hate crimes against gays and lesbians were reported in 1996. Three of those were in South Carolina.

Gainesville, Fla. Adds Gay Protection to Anti-Discrimination Law

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Gainesville City Commission vote 3-1 on June 1 to add sexual orientation to the categories included in its anti-discrimination ordinance, alongside race, religion, marital status, and gender. The Gainesville Sun reported. It will now be a misdemeanor in the city to discriminate against gays and lesbians in the areas of housing, employment, lending and public accommodations. "This brings us a lot closer to being a justifiable community to live in," said Joe Antonelli, executive director of the North Central Florida AIDS Network. Gainesville joins more than 100 other Florida city governments, including Key West, West Palm Beach and Tampa, with similar protections for gays. A leader of the opposition to the ordinance hinted that a legal challenge to the ordinance may be coming.

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CLINICAL STUDIES

Study A4455-019 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/mm³ 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 233 cells/mm³ (range 10 to 735 cells/mm³), and a median duration of prior zidovudine treatment of 88 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%	13.1%
18 months	16.4%	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 1,764 patients with advanced HIV disease who received the two doses of stavudine in the Parallel Track Program. 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 counseled 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.

Counselors 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, C. call reversal 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 clastogenicity 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).

* The parallel track program (STUDY A1455-900) treated 12,551 HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts <300/mm³ 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 C₅₀) 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 C₅₀) 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 the ribs, was increased in rats at 399 times human exposure, while no effect was observed at 216 times human exposure. A slight post-implantation loss was noted at 216 times the human exposure with no effect noted at approximately 135 times the human exposure. An increase in early rat neonatal mortality (birth to 4 days of age) occurred at 399 times the human exposure, while survival of neonates was unaffected at approximately 135 times the human exposure. A study in rats showed that stavudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta. The concentration in fetal tissue was approximately one-half the concentration in maternal plasma. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, stavudine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

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 receive 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 23 of these patients.

Stavudine pharmacokinetics have been evaluated in 25 HIV-infected pediatric patients (age range 5 weeks to 15 years, weight range 5 to 43 kg) and oral administration of 0.25, 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_{max}) 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 18.2 ± 9.1 L/m². 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 0.000 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 120% (mean ± SD of 59% ± 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/m². The mean ± SD apparent oral clearance was 333 ± 87 mL/min/m². 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 a dose related (see Table 2). Modest elevation of hepatic transaminases was also observed commonly in controlled trials.

	Study A4455-019		Parallel Track Program	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=396)	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=3679)
Peripheral Neuropathy	3	20	17	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 A4455-019) are provided in Table 3.

Table 3 - Selected Clinical Adverse Events in the Phase 3 Controlled Clinical Trials*

Adverse Events	Study A4455-019	
	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	40	35
Abdominal Pain	34	27
Myalgia	32	35
Insomnia	29	22
Anorexia	19	22
Allergic Reaction	9	8
Pancreatitis	-	-

* This event was reported in fewer than 1% of patients. Includes all clinical complaints.

† 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 A4455-019) are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 - Controlled Clinical Trials: Incidence of Adult Laboratory Abnormalities*

Lab Tests (limits)	Study A4455-019†	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
AST (SGOT) (<5.0 x ULN)	11	10
ALT (SGPT) (<5.0 x ULN)	13	11
Bilirubin (<5.0 x ULN)	2	2
Anemia (<8.0 g/dL)	-	3
Neutropenia (neutrophils <750/mm ³)	5	9
Thrombocytopenia (platelets <50,000/mm ³)	3	3
Amylase (<1.4 x ULN)	14	13

* This abnormality was reported in fewer than 1% of patients.

† Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.

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

§ ULN = upper limit of normal.

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

OVERDOSSAGE

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Broadcaster warns of religious wrath

WASHINGTON — With Republican lawmakers under attack from social conservatives, religious broadcaster and Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson visited Capitol Hill last Wednesday to show his support for the leadership.

The visit comes just two days after Robertson warned that one of Florida's biggest cities should beware of hurricanes after allowing "Gay Days" last weekend.

Robertson and Christian Coalition director Randy Tate met with House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas.

House Whip Tom DeLay of Texas and a few other GOP lawmakers, bringing a conciliatory message.

"We believe that our strategy of engagement inside the halls of Congress ... will bear the most fruit," Christian Coalition spokesman Arne Owen said afterward.

By contrast, conservative author and broadcast James Dobson has met with the same lawmakers to threaten to bolt the party or keep conservative voters away from voting booths in November. Dobson doesn't think the leadership has done enough to appease social conservatives.

Robertson repudiated talk of forming a third party or rallying Republicans against Congress. He also pledged to try to ease the split among social conservatives, but he didn't offer specifics.

Robertson made news earlier this week by saying Orlando, Fla., should beware of hurricanes after allowing "Gay Days" last weekend.

"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you," Robertson said last Monday on "The 700 Club," the Christian Broadcasting Network talk show.

Gay organizations sponsor the annual event in Orlando, with flags of a rainbow design flying from downtown utility poles.

Robertson also said the widespread practice of homosexuality "will bring about terrorist bombs, it'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor."

Robertson said his warning "is not a message of hate. This is a message of redemption."

Robertson's warnings and trips to Washington come as a Republican organization plans to spend \$20,000 trying to persuade presidential hopefuls to moderate their tone.

The Republican Leadership Council, a moderate voice in the party, will buy advertisements in two Iowa newspapers this weekend, as more than 10 GOP presidential wannabes address several thousand state Republicans. Mark Miller, director of the group, said the idea is to "spread the RLC message of inclusion, instead of division."

He did not know how well the pitch would be received in traditionally conservative Iowa or among the field of speakers, which he called "not as diverse as the party itself."

The speaker's list includes conservative activists Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes and Oliver North.



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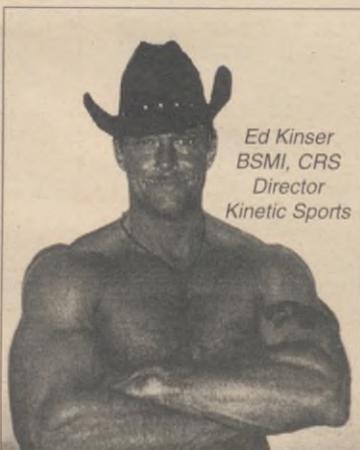


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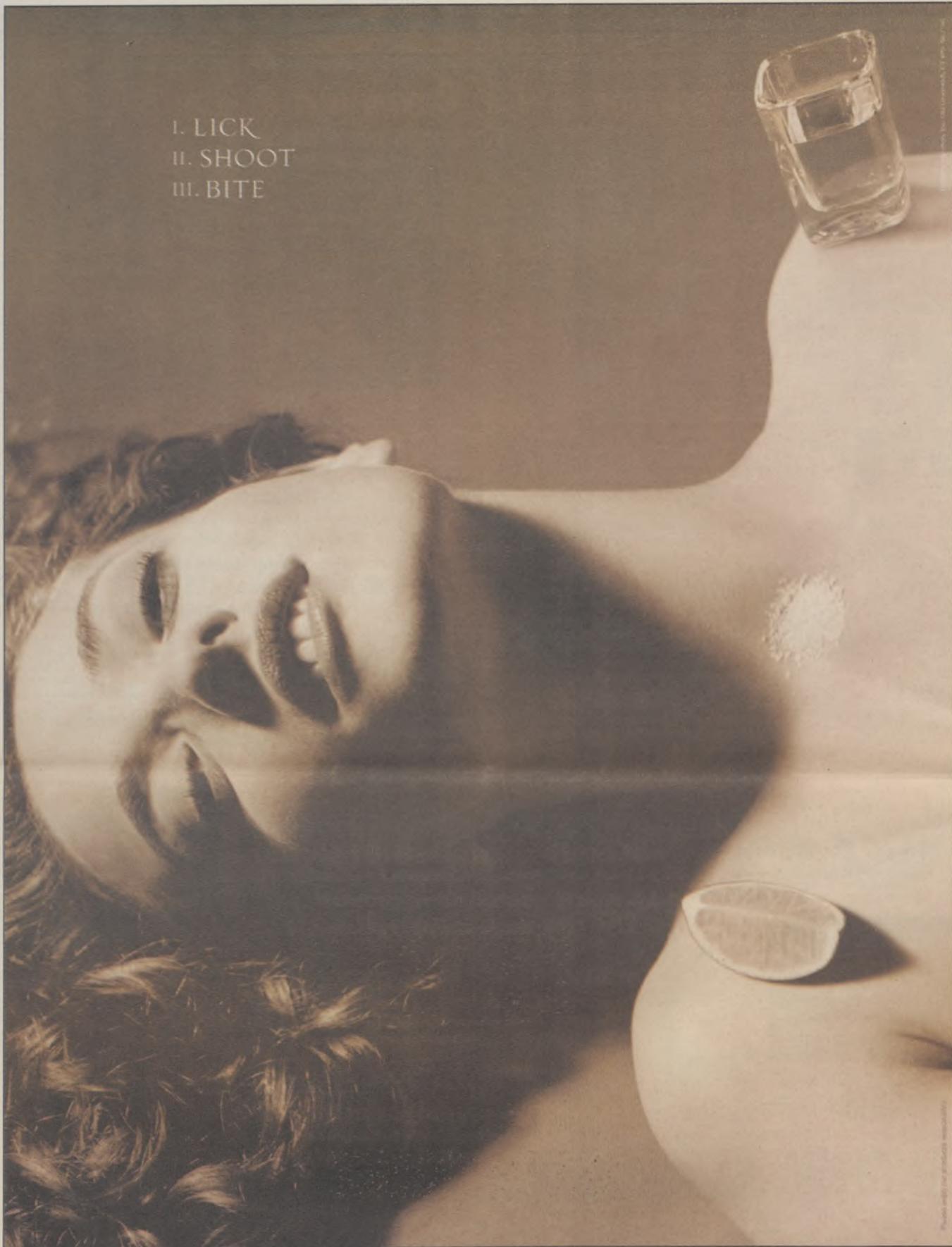
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Evangelists Protest Disney Gay Day

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — A group of Operation Rescue evangelists wearing red, white and blue "Pro-Life" shirts cut a path through a sea of red-shirted gays and lesbians on June 6 inside Disney World's Magic Kingdom for Gay Day.

They found a gay couple from Austin, Texas.

Evangelists David Lackey of Birmingham, Ala., and Bill Shanks of New Orleans opened the conversation with David Smith and Robert Pitman by asking where they were from.

The gay couple was more than a match for the evangelists. Smith, a 33-year-old Methodist seminary graduate, and Pitman, who comes from a fundamentalist Christian family, knew the Bible backward and forward.

"There are definitely different interpretations of the verses that supposedly condemn homosexuality," Smith told Lackey.

As Disney security workers and a handful of reporters looked on, the evangelists and the gay couple had a half-hour conversation that was cordial, polite and diplomatic.

"The statistics show that your lifestyle is much shorter than other people's," Lackey said. "It's not a lifestyle. It's a death-style."

"My lifestyle is exactly like yours," Smith countered. "I wake up, I pick up my paper, I say 'hi' to my neighbor, I feed the dogs, I go to work ... The only thing different is that I share a bed with a man, and I love a man."

But Disney officials, who neither



Gay Day: Operation Rescue activists, from left, Aron Noll, arms outstretched, and Melissa Cantley, at right, pray at the entrance to Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on June 6, which was "Gay Day" at the park. Operation Rescue was on hand to show its disapproval of the gay lifestyle. —Photo by Stuart Tannehill

sponsor nor endorse Gay Day, need not have worried. There were no arrests, and no one was kicked out.

Gay Pride across the country is celebrated in commemoration of the June 27, 1969, Stonewall riots in Greenwich Village when New York City police raided the Stonewall Tavern on Christopher Street, setting off days of rioting by lesbians and gays.

The riots, said historians, marked the start of modern lesbian and gay activism that since has spread nationwide.

Since Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom started eight years ago, gays and lesbians have worn red shirts to identify themselves at the theme park.

An estimated 100,000 people were in Orlando for the weekend festivities. Disney officials wouldn't say how many people were in Magic Kingdom, although unlike past Gay Days it didn't fill to capacity, said spokesman Bill Warren.

Many families were nonplussed at what they saw.

Jerry Lecker of St. Louis watched with his sons, Brendan, 9, and Zack, 6, as a group of men in red shirts with multicolored lettering lined up to spell "We're Here," and after switching a couple of letters, "We're Queer."

"Different strokes for different folks," Lecker said.

Pride Arrives in Iowa City

IOWA CITY — The first public observance of Gay Pride Month in Cedar Rapids, Iowa started Thursday as more than 20 community organizations planned to take part in the celebration, which runs through Saturday.

"Pride Fest is based on the belief that a broad commitment to tolerance strengthens our community," co-chairman F. John Herbert told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*. "Diversity is not only the right thing to do — it also means a safer city, a better business climate, a more vibrant cultural scene and a place where all visitors feel welcome."

The highlight of Gay Pride Month in Cedar Rapids will be Pride Fest on Saturday. Booths lining Greene Square Park will offer food, drinks, information, books, music and art. A stage will feature music and entertainment, as well as community leaders, who will speak in support of diversity and tolerance.

Gay Pride Month's Cedar Rapids debut comes at a time when attention is already focused on gay and lesbian issues. In May, the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission decided to study whether to modify the city's civil rights ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

More recently, the Parks and Police departments have been dealing with public concern over homosexual activity in Shaver Park. Despite the controversies, organizers are convinced the time is right for a more visible gay presence in Cedar Rapids.

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- Communion and Prayer 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, June 13

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Sunday, June 14

- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Rite Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 10:30 am at 239 Westheimer. 713/665-7903.
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- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Service "Preaching the Gospel" at 11 am. 713-528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
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- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston, Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

- Faith and Hope Fellowship Service at 11:00 am. 713-520-7847.

Monday, June 15

- Low impact aerobics done to Christian music for body, soul, and spirit at Community Gospel: 6:30 pm. \$2. Certified instructor. 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
- Catholic Mass at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 861-1800

Tuesday, June 16

- 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.
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- The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.
- Women & Spiritually Series at 7 pm. At the Kolbe Project. 713-861-1800.

Wednesday, June 17

- 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 713-520-7847
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet: <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.
- Healing Service at 8 pm: the Kolbe Project. 713-861-7212.

Thursday, June 18

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 713-520-7847.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
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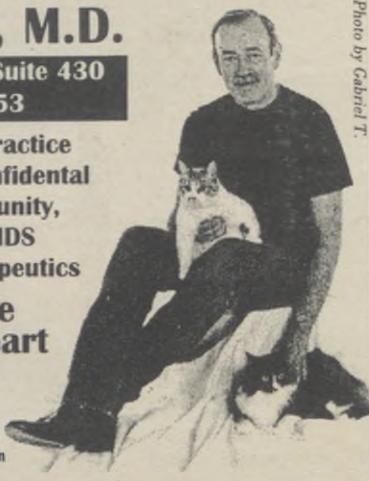


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ACT UP Holds Activist's Open-Casket Funeral Outside White House

WASHINGTON — Friends of a Washington AIDS activist marched his body along Pennsylvania Avenue on



Protest: Steve Michael asked before his death on Memorial Day that his body be brought to the White House as a protest against the Clinton administration's AIDS policies.

June 4 before coming to a stop outside the White House to accuse President Clinton of being a "murdering liar." About 100 people participated in the half-mile procession for Steve Michael, founder of the Washington chapter of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power.

Organizers said Michael, who died May 25 of AIDS, requested the "political funeral" to protest the Clinton administration's AIDS-related policies. ACT UP and other AIDS activists accuse Clinton of going back on promises they say he made in his presidency's early days to make fighting the disease a priority of his administration. They also contend Clinton

has not been sufficiently aggressive about AIDS education programs in schools or providing the poor with guaranteed health care access. And they denounced his decision against creating a federally funded needle exchange program for drug addicts. The casket was opened in front of the White House.

Gay Clubs Lawsuit Moves Toward Settlement

SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake City School District has agreed to discuss settling a lawsuit over its ban of dozens of student clubs, including one for gay students at East High School.

Attorneys on Monday said they would pursue mediation to resolve the lawsuit against the district. Jon Davidson, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said after the brief status hearing that the move toward settling doesn't mean their case couldn't win at trial.

He told U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins that both sides would pursue preparations for a possible trial if a solution could not be found.

The lawsuit was filed in March by the Utah Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and a pair of gay-rights advocacy groups — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, based in San Francisco.

The complaint alleges the Salt Lake School District's 1996 decision that school clubs must be directly linked to curriculum is being arbitrarily applied and is unconstitutional.

The policy was adopted after a group of students at East High School attempted to form a school-sanctioned gay-straight alliance. The move outraged some parents, school and dis-

trict officials and particularly the Legislature. Among the district's concerns that would have to be addressed in settlement talks are the supervision of noncurricular clubs and the financial burden it places on schools and students.

Activists Challenge Marriage Ban in Wash.

OLYMPIA — With the dark days of February behind them, gay rights activists have mended a rift caused by the Washington Legislature and are preparing to challenge a new law that bans an activity that already was illegal — same-sex marriage.

The ban is among 274 measures approved earlier this year that took effect Thursday, according to the secretary of state's office. Other new laws with broad public interest include the first wave of the Legislature's crackdown on drunken driving, an attempt to curb unwanted electronic mail and a ban on teen possession of tobacco products.

But the Legislature's social conservatives considered the measure outlawing gay marriage to be one of the greatest achievements of the 1998 session that ended in March. More than half of the states now have similar bans on the books. The new law, passed as House Bill 1130, defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman and says the state will refuse to recognize same-gender marriages performed elsewhere.

As the measure becomes law, leaders in the gay and lesbian community are discussing legal strategy.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington is counseling them to be patient and wait for a much-anticipated court decision in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that denying marriage licenses to same-sex couples was unconstitutional. The high court then sent the case back to a lower court to allow the state a final chance to defend its position.

The state lost again, but the lower court delayed the issuing of marriage licenses until another appeal to the Supreme Court is decided. A ruling is expected sometime this year.

Gay Candidates Win in Calif., Anti-Gay Dornan Gets Rematch

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A number of openly gay candidates are celebrating their campaign victories this week after elections and primaries held June 2. In San Diego, candidate Christine Kehoe made history as the first openly lesbian to win the Congressional endorsement of a major political party. Democrat Kehoe garnered 41 percent of the vote in the open Congressional primary for California's 49th District seat. Other newly elected openly gay officials in California include Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego Superior Court; Ken Hahn, Los Angeles County Assessor; and Kevin Dowling, Hayward City Council.

In other election news, former California Rep. Robert Dornan on June 2 earned a rematch with Democrat Loretta Sanchez, who ousted the conservative firebrand two years ago in a narrow upset. A second general election matchup of Dornan and Sanchez renews one of the most bitter and hard-fought campaigns of 1996. "She and I, Loretta Sanchez and Bob Dornan, are going right down to the wire just like we did before, but this time there is no cheating and she knows it," Dornan said. Sanchez, running unopposed for the Democratic nomination, had 8,925 votes, or 46 percent of the primary total.

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Mel White



Meet the pastor, activist and author of *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*. Winner of the ACLU's Civil Rights Award, White has organized against religious leaders whose rhetoric "leads to the suffering and death of God's lesbian and gay children."

Saturday, June 20
2:00 PM

Harvey Milk CD Release Party



Join the creators of the acclaimed opera *Harvey Milk* and the Houston Grand Opera to celebrate the newly-released CD on the life of the slain gay-rights hero. Composer Stewart Wallace and Librettist Michael Korie will be available to sign copies of the CD.

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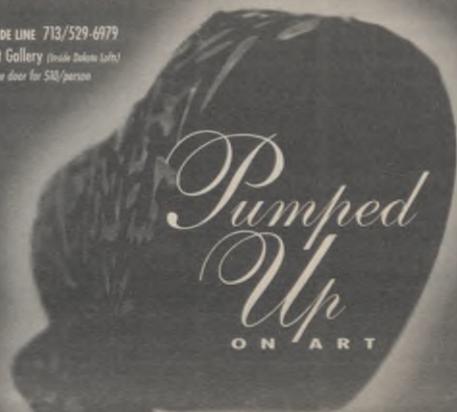


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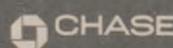
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Spokane Gay Newspaper Folds

SPOKANE — *Stonewall News Northwest*, a monthly newspaper serving the Spokane area's gay and lesbian community, is closing due to lack of financial support. Publisher John Deen, who bought the newspaper in 1995, said he no longer has the money or time to keep it afloat.

"It's been devastating," the 64-year-old said. "Stonewall did what it could to give pride to the gay community."

With help from a few volunteers, Deen wrote all the stories and took all the photos. He also sold advertising, did the office work and distributed the 3,000 copies in Spokane and nearby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, each month. During most months, costs to publish the newspaper came out of Deen's pocket.

News of Stonewall's financial problems first appeared in its April issue. In response, local businesses and readers tried to raise money to keep it going.

"Stonewall served as the glue" uniting the area's gays and lesbians, said Marvin Reguindin, president of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance, an organization of about 100 gay and gay-friendly businesses. "Once a month, they were able to find out what was going on."

Sodomy Law Repealed in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Rhode Island legislature voted June 2 to repeal the state's 102-year old sodomy law. The repeal measure now moves to the governor. "Sodomy laws are the linchpin in attacks against the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community," said Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "They are used to criminalize our behavior and are the basis for discrimination in employment, housing, health care and against families. We applaud the legislature for its vote today and also salute the tireless work of Rhode Island activists that made today's victory possible." Called the "Abominable and Detestable Crime Against Nature Law," the statute applies to both heterosexual and same-gender sexual activity and carries a sentence of 7-20 years. After the Rhode Island statute is repealed, thirty-one states and the District of Columbia will have no laws forbidding same gender sexual relations.

Salvation Army Spurns Cash Over Domestic Partners Law

SAN FRANCISCO — The Salvation Army will no longer take city money and will cut back on some programs because of the city's domestic partners law, officials of the charity announced. The announcement last Wednesday came one day after San Francisco marked the first anniversary of the law.

The ordinance states that any business that contracts with the city and provides spousal health insurance to married couples must do the same for homosexual and unmarried domestic partners of their workers. "We simply can not agree to be in compliance of the ordinance," Salvation Army Lt. Col. Richard Love said.

The army is one of the largest non-profit social service organizations in

San Francisco. It advised city officials of the decision in hand-delivered letters. Officials of the organization said the ordinance conflicts with its Christian beliefs on the importance of family. They also said that negotiations with city officials over the last 11 months failed to reach a compromise.

The charity said it would scale back three programs for senior citizens and the homeless. The \$3.5 million city contracts represent only a part of the Salvation Army's \$18 million budget for services in San Francisco, said Love.

NYC Council Hears Conflicting Views on Partnership Laws

NEW YORK — A City Council committee heard conflicting views on legislation aimed at ensuring domestic partners receive the same treatment as married couples at a hearing last Wednesday. The Archdiocese of New York submitted a statement from Cardinal John O'Connor saying the law would virtually legislate that mar-

riage doesn't matter. The bill, pushed by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, is expected to win easy passage in the Council. Paula Eitelbrick of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a gay and lesbian advocacy group, said the proposal would have "broad and meaningful impact on hundreds and thousands of families." The legislation would make accommodating policies to unmarried couples permanent by writing them into law, encompassing everything from parking permits to burial rights at a city cemetery. It would apply to heterosexual and homosexual domestic partnerships registered with the City Clerk.

Supporters Say Hormel Needs One More Vote to End Impasse

WASHINGTON — Supporters of the stalled nomination of openly gay philanthropist James Hormel to become ambassador to Luxembourg said last Thursday they have drawn to within one vote of being able to

break a conservative stranglehold. Hormel now has the support of 59 senators, picking up an additional

Republican vote, supporters said. A small band of conservatives, complaining about what they see as Hormel's gay rights activism, have been able to prevent a vote. To break such

a hold requires the votes of 60 senators. Even with 60 votes, it will require the support of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) to schedule a vote. "We continue to make the argument that he would be a fine ambassador," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "He's got a record and qualifications that suggest he would be a superior representative of our government overseas."

—From staff and wire reports



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On July 12, 1997, the 9-member HIV+ crew of *The Survivor* completed the 2,261 mile trans-Pacific Yacht Race from California to Hawaii. Their journey took 10 days, 6 hours, and 12 minutes. The hull of *The Survivor* was covered with the names of friends who had lost their battle with AIDS. These "Angels on the Hull" accompanied the crew through the long days and nights of their odyssey, inspiring them to succeed. *Roxane* applauds the efforts of "Get Challenged" and all HIV+ men and women—not just for surviving, but for achieving. For more information, call 1-800-328-4102.

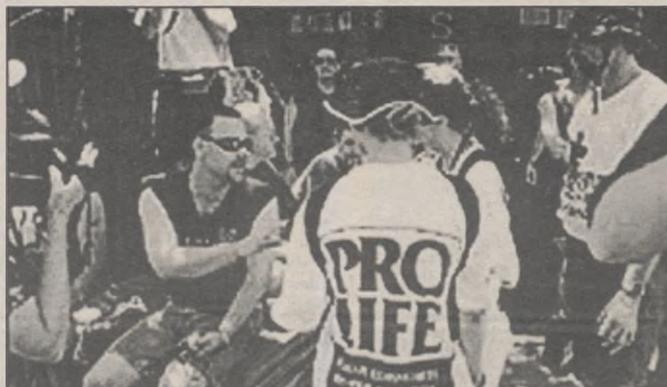
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Rainbow Aplenty in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY — Although it hadn't rained, rainbows abounded June 6 in Kansas City as hundreds turned out for Pridefest '98, the city's parade and festival promoting gay and lesbian pride.

Traveling from the Liberty Memorial to 16th and Central streets, the parade had about 100 entries from businesses, organizations and groups in the gay and lesbian community.

Sequined, shiny mermaids on the Pearl's Bar float waved from their watery, neoclassical surroundings. Some of the city's drag queens, such as Belle Starr and China Collins, smiled from shining sports cars. Other groups such as the Heartland Men's Chorus, SkillPath Seminars, KC Attitude Pride Apparel and the American Civil Liberties Union held posters high and threw out candy, flying discs and plastic bead necklaces to the cheering crowd.

"This is incredibly empowering," Lisa Rasor, 32, of Lawrence told the *Kansas City Star*. "You see partners not being afraid to hold hands or show affection. It's just a really safe place."



Polite confrontation: Dave Jones, left, of Milwaukee talks with Operation Rescue members Valyrie Parks and Jamie Ammerman at the Magic Kingdom on June 6. — Photo by Alicia J. Wagner

Weather Doesn't Stop Parade in Fresno

FRESNO, Calif. — In what has become an annual event, floats, cheerleaders, politicians, motorcycles, vintage cars and health officials paraded along Olive Avenue through the Tower

District in Fresno, California.

The crowd and the parade itself were smaller than usual, apparently because of the threatening weather, but officials still estimated that 2,000 spectators were on hand. They heartily cheered the floats and jeered the small Ku Klux Klan contingent mak-

ing its annual protest appearance.

This year, the Klan members shied away from the crowd.

"This is great, especially because they weren't going to have it because of the weather," Toni Mendicino told the *Fresno Bee*. One of Mendicino's friends carried a sign that read: "KKK go away."

The crowd hooted as parade participants danced, pranced, posed and threw them candy and condoms. Some of the loudest applause along the route went to the Fresno Gay Pride Cheerleaders, an idea and name created by Rob Langevin.

Picnic, Festival to Follow San Antonio Parade

SAN ANTONIO — Organizers of Saturday's Gay Pride parade in San Antonio and picnic are being viewed as events to help lesbian and gay groups work together to heal wounds in their community.

Volunteers eager to make the city's first Gay Pride parade a success after a long absence packed the Lesbian and Gay Community Center last week to pledge their support. "Word of mouth is our best advertising. We're citizens of San Antonio and deserve to be heard and recognized just like everyone else," Elizabeth Butler told the *San Antonio Express News*.

Parade coordinator Dan Castor said the lesbian and gay community is a microcosm of a much larger San Antonio. "We're doctors, lawyers, nurses, fathers, mothers, neighbors. We have our differences just like everyone else does," he told the *Express News*.

Last week, Corpus Christi held its first Gay Pride parade. Hours earlier, hymn-singing fundamentalist Christians participated in a "March for Jesus." No clashes between the two groups were reported.

3,000 March in N.C.

ASHEVILLE — Three-thousand gay men, lesbians and others marched through downtown Asheville June 6 as part of the North Carolina Pride '98 festival. The gay-pride event was capped by a downtown rally and a speech by activist Candace Gingrich, a lesbian and half-sister of U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

Gingrich urged the cheering crowd to become politically and personally active in fighting for equal rights for people of all sexual orientations.

"I'm often asked by people how long I'm going to be doing this," she said. "I tell them that I'm going to stand here and in other places all over this country like I've got tar on my heels, until we have the equality we're entitled to."

Pride '98 organizers say they chose Asheville for the event because they believe homosexuals are well-accepted in the region. But members of the gay community who participated in the march said intolerance remains widespread.

There was no formal protest to the gay-pride event, although some demonstrators carrying signs lined streets along the march route.

Some local church groups plan a rally next weekend in response to this weekend's event. The Community Council for Biblical Values, comprising 33 Southern Baptist churches in the Asheville area, will present a "positive, redemptive response to the gay pride march," said Larry Madden, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in west Asheville.

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New Funds Help AIDS Patients With Treatment

JACKSON, Miss. — Missisippians who were left in limbo when federal money for their AIDS treatment dried up last year are still receiving medicine with the assistance of emergency funds, health officials say.

And with the addition of \$750,000 Mississippi lawmakers put aside for AIDS medicine, more patients will soon be eligible for treatment, said Dr. Bob Hotchkiss, director of the Health Department's Office of Community Health Services. The state money will be available July 1.

"Everybody who was eligible for the program and was not on Medicaid or on private insurance when it ended are still being treated," Hotchkiss said. "Of the people who went off, the most left because they were on Medicaid."

Hotchkiss said crusades by state and federal AIDS advocates helped the state secure an additional \$860,000 from the Ryan White AIDS program when money for the federally funded AIDS Drug Assistance Program, commonly called ADAP, ran out. Hotchkiss said 192 people are still receiving medicine financed with the emergency funds, which were award-

ed earlier this year. He said the department is trying to accept as many new applications as it can.

But Debbie Konkle-Parker, chairwoman of the Mississippi HIV/AIDS Assembly, said more than 200 people are still waiting for treatment.

AIDS Deaths Down By Half in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Fewer Missourians are dying of AIDS, the state Department of Health said. AIDS deaths in Missouri dropped by more than half in 1997 compared to 1996, and two-thirds from the peak year in 1995, said health department director Dr. Maureen Dempsey.

Dempsey said there were 163 AIDS deaths in 1997. That compared to 339 deaths in 1996, and 502 in 1995.

The decline reflects a national trend, Dempsey said. From 1995 to the first half of 1997, the national AIDS death rate dropped 59 percent. During the same period in Missouri, the death rate dropped 62 percent.

Dempsey said the decreased AIDS mortality is largely the result of improvements in the treatment of HIV-infected people. Specifically, she cited the increasing use of combina-

tions of antiretroviral drugs that include protease inhibitors.

Study Says Outpatient Mastectomies Present No Extra Health Risk

WASHINGTON — Medicare breast cancer patients with no other disease who undergo mastectomies as outpatients face about the same risk of complications as women who spend a night in the hospital after the surgery, federal researchers report. Their study, published June 3 in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, supports the idea that many women will do better following mastectomy if they remain in the hospital for at least one night, but it also shows that an outpatient procedure is "a reasonable option" for elderly women who have no other type of health problem. A number of states, including Georgia have considered laws banning so-called "drive-thru mastectomies," and two bills have been proposed in Congress to require insurance companies to pay for hospitalization if that is the choice of the patient and her physician. About 11 percent of breast cancer patients on

Medicare who undergo mastectomies do so as outpatients.

Hepatitis C 'Cocktail' Combination Therapy Wins FDA Approval

MADISON, N.J. — Sparked by the apparent effectiveness of combination therapy in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, the FDA has now approved a new combination therapy for chronic Hepatitis C patients with liver disease. Schering-Plough Corporation announced June 3 that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the combination use of Rebeton capsules and Intron A Injection, to be marketed as rebeton combination therapy, for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in patients with liver disease who have relapsed following alpha interferon therapy. Prior to the combination therapy, the only drugs approved in the United States for treating hepatitis C had been alpha interferons. "Rebeton combination therapy is an exciting treatment breakthrough," said Willis C. Maddrey, M.D., professor of medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and a world-renowned hepatologist.

Viagra Maker Joins Others in Hunt for Female 'Orgasm Pill'

LONDON — The drug company that produced the male sex pill Viagra is now hoping to repeat its success with a similar one for women, the *London Sunday Times* reported June 7. It said multinational Pfizer is one of three big drug companies racing to market the first "orgasm pill" for women. The paper reported that initial results from secret clinical trials commissioned by Pfizer in Britain suggest the treatment is effective. Pfizer is said to be investigating three different formulations of sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra, in trials among more than 500 women across Europe. Those taking the drug, compared with those taking a placebo, reported an increase in the number of times they had sex with their husbands. The paper said US manufacturer Zonagen has begun trials with another drug known as Vasomax which dilates blood vessels. Abbott Laboratories in Chicago are testing another compound called apomorphine which stimulates receptors in the brain, it added. Viagra is already the subject of 100,000 prescriptions a week in the U.S.

Doctors Wary Over Heart Disease in AIDS Patients Using Protease

WASHINGTON — At least two researchers have indicated they have seen patients on protease inhibitors who are experiencing heart-related problems on the drugs, according to a report in the *Washington Blade*. Dr. Donald Abrams, an AIDS clinician at the University of California-San Francisco, said that he has seen a few patients on protease inhibitor combinations for two years who have begun to develop coronary heart disease, the gay newspaper reported. Dr. Keith Henry and a Minnesota-based team of researchers reported in the May 2 issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet* that about one-third of 124 patients they have been following on protease inhibitors have developed some heart disease. The researchers suggested that patients initiating protease therapies be tested for susceptibility to such heart disease.

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BRIEF SUMMARY

WARNING:

Viramune (nevirapine) is indicated for use in combination with nucleoside analogues for the treatment of HIV-1 infected adults who have experienced clinical or virologic failure. This indication is based on analysis of changes in surrogate endpoints in studies of up to 48 weeks duration. At present, there are no results from controlled clinical trials evaluating the effect of Viramune with nucleoside analogues on the clinical progression of HIV-1 infection, such as the incidence of opportunistic infections or survival.

The duration of benefit from antiretroviral therapy may be limited. Alteration of antiretroviral therapies should be considered if disease progression occurs while patients are receiving Viramune.

Resistant virus emerges rapidly and uniformly when Viramune is administered as monotherapy. Therefore, Viramune should always be administered in combination with at least one additional antiretroviral agent.

Viramune has been associated with severe rash, which in some cases has been life-threatening. When severe rash occurs, Viramune must be discontinued.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Viramune is contraindicated in patients with clinically significant hypersensitivity to any of the components contained in the tablet.

WARNINGS: Severe and life-threatening skin reactions have occurred in patients treated with Viramune, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS). Viramune must be discontinued in patients developing a severe rash or a rash accompanied by constitutional symptoms such as fever, blistering, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, swelling, muscle or joint aches, or general malaise. (See PRECAUTIONS, Information for Patients, ADVERSE REACTIONS.)

Viramune therapy must be initiated with a 14-day lead-in period of 200 mg daily, which has been shown to reduce the frequency of rash. Dose escalation should not occur if rash is observed during this lead-in period until the rash has resolved. (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.)

PRECAUTIONS: General: When administering Viramune as part of an antiretroviral treatment regimen, the complete product information for each therapeutic component should be consulted before initiation of treatment.

While nevirapine is extensively metabolized by the liver and nevirapine metabolites are extensively eliminated by the kidney, the pharmacokinetics of nevirapine have not been evaluated in patients with either hepatic or renal dysfunction. Therefore, Viramune should be used with caution in these patient populations.

Abnormal liver function tests have been reported with Viramune, some in the first few weeks of therapy, including cases of hepatitis. Viramune administration should be interrupted in patients experiencing moderate or severe liver function test abnormalities until liver function tests return to baseline values. Viramune treatment should be permanently discontinued if liver function abnormalities recur on reinitiation.

Drug Interactions: Although clinical studies have not been conducted, induction of CYP3A by nevirapine may result in lower plasma concentrations of other concurrently administered drugs that are extensively metabolized by CYP3A. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY.) Thus, if a patient has been stabilized on a dosage regimen for a drug metabolized by CYP3A, and begins treatment with Viramune, dose adjustments may be necessary.

Antipneumocystis: There are insufficient data to assess whether dose adjustments are necessary when nevirapine and trimethoprim or cotrimoxazole are coadministered. Therefore, these drugs should only be used in combination if clearly indicated and with careful monitoring.

Protease Inhibitors: Nevirapine may decrease plasma concentrations of protease inhibitors. Therefore, until clinical data are available that evaluate the need for dose adjustments, these drugs should not be administered concomitantly with Viramune.

Oral Contraceptives: There are no clinical data on the effects of nevirapine on the pharmacokinetics of oral contraceptives. Nevirapine may decrease plasma concentrations of oral contraceptives (also other hormonal contraceptives). Therefore, these drugs should not be administered concomitantly with Viramune.

Information for Patients: Patients should be informed that Viramune is not a cure for HIV-1 infection, and that they may continue to experience diseases associated with advanced HIV-1 infection, including opportunistic infections. Treatment with Viramune has not been shown to reduce the incidence or frequency of such illnesses, and patients should be advised to remain under the care of a physician when using Viramune.

Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of Viramune are unknown at this time. They should also be informed that Viramune therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV-1 to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Patients should be instructed that the major toxicity of Viramune is rash and should be advised to promptly notify their physician of any rash. The majority of rashes associated with Viramune occur within the first 6 weeks of initiation of therapy. Therefore, patients should be monitored carefully for the appearance of rash during this period. Patients should be instructed that dose escalation is not to occur if any rash occurs during the two-week lead-in dosing period, until the rash resolves. Any patient experiencing severe rash or a rash accompanied by constitutional symptoms such as fever, blistering, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, swelling, muscle or joint aches, or general malaise should discontinue medication and consult a physician.

Patients should be informed to take Viramune every day as prescribed. Patients should not alter the dose without consulting their doctor. If a dose is missed, patients should take the next dose as soon as possible. However, if a dose is skipped, the patient should not double the next dose.

Viramune may interact with some drugs, therefore, patients should be advised to report to their doctor the use of any other medications.

Patients should be instructed that oral contraceptives and other hormonal methods of birth control should not be used as a method of contraception in women taking Viramune.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term carcinogenicity studies of nevirapine in animals are currently in progress. In genetic toxicology assays, nevirapine showed no evidence of mutagenic or clastogenic activity in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays including microbial assays for gene mutation (Ames, Salmonella strains and *E. coli* mammalian cell gene mutation assays [CHO/HGPRT]), cytogenetic assays using a Chinese hamster ovary cell line and a mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay following oral administration. In reproductive toxicology studies, evidence of impaired fertility was seen in female rats at doses providing systemic exposure, based on AUC, approximately equivalent to that provided with the recommended clinical dose of Viramune.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C. No observable teratogenicity was detected in reproductive studies performed in pregnant rats and rabbits. In rats, a significant decrease in fetal body weight occurred at doses providing systemic exposure approximately 50% higher, based on AUC, than that seen at the recommended human clinical dose. The maternal and developmental no-observable effect level dosages in rats and rabbits produced systemic exposures approximately equivalent to or approximately 50% higher, respectively, than those seen at the recommended daily human dose, based on AUC. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Viramune should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: Preliminary results from an ongoing pharmacokinetic study (ACTG 250) of 10 HIV-1-infected pregnant women who were administered a single oral dose of 100 or 200 mg Viramune at a median of 5.8 hours before delivery, indicate that nevirapine readily crosses the placenta and is found in breast milk. 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 risk of postnatal transmission of HIV, mothers should discontinue nursing if they are receiving Viramune.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness of Viramune in pediatric patients have not been established. Viramune has been studied in two open-label, uncontrolled trials (N 862, N 892) in 37 HIV-1-infected pediatric patients with a median age of 0.9 years (range 0.1 to 15 years) who were treated for a median duration of 20.7 months. Seven patients developed rash, while receiving Viramune. In an ongoing, controlled trial of Viramune combination therapy in HIV-1-infected pediatric patients (ACTG 245), one of approximately 280 patients treated with Viramune experienced Stevens-Johnson syndrome. Because there are no data on multi-dose pharmacokinetics in children, no recommendation on dosing can be made. Based on single-dose pharmacokinetics in 9 HIV-1-infected pediatric patients (age 9 mos. to 14 years) who were administered nevirapine in a suspension formulation, it appears that oral clearance is approximately 2-fold greater in children when compared to adults.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: The most frequently reported adverse events related to Viramune therapy were rash, fever, nausea, headache, and abnormal liver function tests.

The major clinical toxicity of Viramune is rash, with Viramune-attributable rash occurring in 17% of patients in combination regimens in Phase III controlled studies. Thirty-seven percent of patients treated with Viramune experienced rash compared with 20% of patients treated in control groups of either ZDV+ddI or ZDV alone (Table 1). Severe or life-threatening rash occurred in 7.6% of Viramune-treated patients compared with 1.2% of patients treated in the control groups.

Rashes are usually mild to moderate, maculopapular erythematous cutaneous eruptions, with or without pruritus, located on the trunk, face and extremities. The majority of severe rashes occurred within the first 28 days of treatment. 23% of the patients with severe rashes required hospitalization, and one patient required surgical intervention. All patients recovered. Overall, 7% of patients discontinued Viramune due to rash.

Table 1. Percentage of patients with rashes in controlled trials*

	ACTG 241 ^b		BI 1037		BI 1011		COMBINED DATA	
	MVP-ZDV+ddI	ZDV+ddI	MVP-ZDV	ZDV	MVP-ZDV	ZDV	MVP	CONTROL
n	197 ^c	201	30	30	25	24	252	255
Rash events of all grades and all causes	28.6%	23.9%	26.7%	6.7%	32.0%	4.2%	37.3%	20.0%
Grade 3 or 4 rash events, all causes	6.1%	1.5%	3.3%	0%	8.0%	0%	7.6%	1.2%

* At recommended dose of one 200 mg tablet daily for the first 14 days followed by one 200 mg tablet twice daily.

^b Total ACTG 241 was designed to report Grade 3/4 (severe or life-threatening) events, except for several pre-specified events including rash for which all grades are reported.

Table 2 lists treatment-related clinical adverse events that occurred in patients receiving Viramune in ACTG 241 and in Trials BI 1037 and BI 1011.

Table 2. Comparative Incidence of Selected Drug-Related Events in Controlled Trials

	ACTG 241		Trial BI 1037		BI 1011	
	Grade 3/4 events		All severities		All severities	
	MVP-ZDV+ddI	ZDV+ddI	MVP-ZDV	ZDV	ZDV alone	ZDV alone
Number of patients	197	201	55	30	30	30
Overall incidence of related adverse events	31%	22%	42%	23%	23%	23%
Rash	8	2	20	3	3	3
Fever	3	3	11	3	3	3
Nausea	5	4	9	3	3	3
Headache	3	3	11	0	0	0
Diarrhea	2	2	0	0	0	0
Abdominal pain	1	2	2	0	0	0
Uterine tenderness	0	0	4	0	0	0
Peripheral Neuropathy	0	2	0	0	0	0
Parosmia	1	0	2	0	0	0
Myalgia	1	0	2	7	7	7
Hepatitis	1	0	4	0	0	0

Laboratory Abnormalities: Table 3 summarizes marked laboratory abnormalities occurring in three controlled studies.

Table 3. Percentage of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities

	Data combined for controlled trials	
	ACTG 241, BI 1037 & BI 1011	Control
	Viramune n=282	n=255
Hemoglobin	1.2%	2.0%
Increased Hg (<10 g/dL)	0.8	0.8
Decreased platelets (<50,000/mm ³)	1.1	16.2
Decreased neutrophils (<750/mm ³)	11.1	16.2
Blood chemistry		
Increased ALT (>250 U/L)	3.4	5.5
Increased AST (>250 U/L)	2.8	2.4
Increased GGT (>450 U/L)	2.4	1.2
Increased total bilirubin (>2.5 mg/dL)	0.4	1.2

Asymptomatic elevations in GGT levels are more frequent in Viramune recipients than in controls. Because hepatitis has occasionally been reported in Viramune-treated patients, monitoring of liver function tests should be considered.

OVERDOSAGE: There is no known antidote for Viramune overdosage. No acute toxicities or sequelae were reported for one patient who ingested 800 mg of Viramune for one day.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISPENSING WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION

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QUOTE UNQUOTE



"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you." The widespread practice of homosexuality "will bring about terrorist bombs, it'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor."
— Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson (left) on "The 700 Club" warning Orlando of impending doom for Disney's recent Gay Day.

"My lifestyle is exactly like yours," Smith countered. "I wake up, I pick up my paper, I say 'hi' to my neighbor, I feed the dogs, I go to work ... The only thing different is that I share a bed with a man, and I love a man."
— Austin, Texas resident David Smith to evangelists at Disney's Gay Day on June 6.

"You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight."
— Former Sen. Barry Goldwater (right) in a 1993 opinion piece in the *Washington Post*. Goldwater died May 29.



"It was never easy being a homosexual. Everybody knew the theater was full of homosexuals, but nobody admitted to being so. ... I was sexually very late-blooming. ... I think people tried to make passes at me, and I didn't know what they were doing."
— Broadway composer and lyricist Steven Sondheim, 68, (left) in a new biography to be published this summer. Sondheim created "West Side Story," "Company," "Sweeney Todd" and "Sunday in the Park with George."



"Flower boxes are ... a quick and easy way of letting anyone and everyone who passes by know you are a big, raving homosexual—you can take the cheap way out and hang a rainbow flag in your window, which is the gay equivalent of putting a neon Budweiser sign in your living room, or you can hang flower boxes stuffed full of pansies. For this year's selection I installed daisies, great big pink and orange ones, with some little blue flowers I don't have the slightest clue about—it looks good, and that's all that counts."
— *Windy City Times* columnist Michael Beaumier, May 21.

"It helps [my comic inspiration] to live with a conspiracy theorist. It's a show every morning when she reads *The New York Times*. So that's certainly been a gift. She is an incredible spotter of trends. She wakes up smart every day."
— Comic Kate Clinton (right) on her lover, activist Urvashi Vaid, to *Chicago's Outlines*, May 20.



"Certainly it is true that putting people into categories like 'gay' oppresses or at least limits them, but it is also true that it gives them power and political cohesion, that it strengthens their collective resolve to fight back against homophobic campaigns to strip them of their basic civil rights. The queer theorist's quixotic vision of a label-less polymorphous utopia, in which carefree hedonists 'challenge the compulsory male-female binary' and play a dizzying round of sexual musical chairs, changing partners, proclivities, and even genders at will, is a politically inexpedient pipe dream."
— Author Daniel Harris in the *Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review*, June issue.



"Let's face it, everything filters out from the gay community first. Gay people are always far more along with things than the rest of the world. ... The gay community and the dance community are the ones who really latched onto us and made us who we are. With 'Conga,' it was the gay clubs that made it a hit before anyone else and took it to the top."
— Singer Gloria Estefan (left) to *Chicago's Windy City Times*, May 21.

"I love seeing the drag queens do me. It's such a compliment. The new album is full of songs the impersonators are going to jump all over. I can't wait to see what they do with 'Real Woman.' They're going to have a field day with it."
— Estefan to *Windy City Times*.

"Gay liberation is truly a mass movement. As the world becomes more gay-friendly, more and more unremarkable people take the plunge and come out. Our ranks are now swollen with the listless and the dull. I am amazed by the sheer volume of our numbers. And I am stunned by the way a critical mass of will-to-conformity can suck the life out of the party.

"Sophisticates don't have to socialize with the bland, but it would be nice if they tried to inspire. This won't be accomplished by sneering at the dull—they have feelings, too, you know. Being boring is a learned behavior. Today's bore is tomorrow's belle of the ball. Coming out is not the end, but the beginning. Adopt a bore today, and show them the way—their future, and ours, is in your hands."
— Editorial in the May 21 issue of *Toronto's Xtra*, written by publisher David Walberg.

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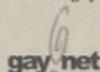
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by JOSEPH MOLINA

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Saturn working with Neptune begins breaking down structures all over the world. Cosmic forces suggest the earth rumbling or a volcano spewing. Mars and Uranus continue to tango as the ultimate goddess of love turns up the heat. It's not just hot outside, the Sun in Gemini along with all the rest, spice up social gatherings everywhere.



Gemini (MAY 21 — JUNE 21)

As your birthday season continues, powerful influences are at work. This week many barriers will have the opportunity to be broken. Emotional issues will have a chance at resolution and new relationships can now be formed. You must be careful in throwing away your resources. There is no sense in buying Gucci when you can't afford it.



Cancer (JUNE 22 — JULY 23)

This week's vibration should come as a total shock after the last two years. What a blessing the next few weeks should be, as you relive your 21st birthday for the fifth time. You won't believe it but it's true, you're unusually lucky. Buy a lottery ticket and if you win, give some to charity.



Leo (JULY 24 — AUGUST 23)

Saturn and Uranus combine forces over the next few months in shaking up your life. Throw the doors open — Miss Leo coming through. There's no time to wait; cosmic influences force your life to evolve. You will have opportunities to transcend limitation and further your goals. But are you sure you are on the right path? Are you certain you are making the right choices? Instability surrounds this week in its entirety. Be aware.



Virgo (AUGUST 24 — SEPTEMBER 23)

Universal forces paint a harsh picture. A slap in the face might hurt, but if it knocks some sense into you, more power to it. This week you will be painfully aware of users and manipulators. As Mars and Uranus spice it up with the Sun, you are challenged to evolve. You can go gracefully or you can stumble with two left feet.



Libra (SEPTEMBER 24 — OCTOBER 23)

Saturn leaving Aries lifts a fog, allowing new attitudes and ideas to gently float into your consciousness. Your mind should be noticeably clearer throughout most of this week. It is time to clarify the direction of your life. Problem solve, and prepare for doorways to open. Expect new vibrant directions.



Scorpio (OCTOBER 24 — NOVEMBER 22)

Saturn's influence stimulates events that will call for effort on your part. You will have choices to make that will require charity as this cycle begins. Think of yourself as being at a crossroads. One path will lead you forward mapping your life in a predictable way. The other will challenge you and give you the opportunity to grow. Take a deep breath and hold on.



Sagittarius (NOVEMBER 23 — DECEMBER 22)

Mars and the sun combine efforts to motivate you out of the shall you have been building. A fear of failure and some insecurity down deep could hold back movement to further your life. Shed your skin, leave the old you, and let you're refined self-shine. Yes, you are coming back to your homosexual senses.



Capricorn (DECEMBER 23 — JANUARY 20)

Astrological influences paint a pretty picture. Social settings include fine dining, laughing over a bottle of wine. Such a nice reading, wait — there's more. You will go through a crisis and be forced to set something free. A struggle with the self; get ready for a tug of war. Fulfillment is right in front of you, but you must give up something in order to receive.



Aquarius (JANUARY 21 — FEBRUARY 19)

In such a great mood, why is it that you are getting nothing done? Have you looked up the word procrastination lately? Twenty-four hours in a day and 12 are spent looking for keys. Standing in front of a mirror, you're wasting time in frivolity. You are in such a space to create, so don't waste this week.



Pisces (FEBRUARY 20 — MARCH 20)

Mars and the sun working along with Pluto put you into a funky mood. You are going to turn off, tune out and disconnect. Individuals outside of you could place you into a crisis. The loss of friendship or distress in your personal space could be at the base of this emotion. Non-communicative? Try some quiet time and tune into your higher power.



Aries (MARCH 21 — APRIL 20)

With the weight of Saturn finally lifted, an air of freedom should encompass you. Unhook the ball and chain, the universe is giving you a breather. Ask yourself what have you learned over the past two years? Do you walk with a sense of responsibility and an air of discipline? Look back and reflect. Did you take advantage of what was being offered? Over the next few years, what you learned will determine the effects of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.



Taurus (APRIL 21 — MAY 20)

A two-year cycle in which there is no turning back is set into motion. Get ready. There will be opportunities to be in your element, to be creative, and experience love. Put some effort forward on creating fine art, cooking and being Ms. Suzy Homemaker. Martha Stewart and Julia Child never had it so good.

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Party Deviants

Some Republicans just don't get it. They say they have a "big tent organization." But when it comes to gays who share some of their political views, the GOP calls them deviants and hate-mongers, comparing them to pedophiles and members of the KKK.

Log Cabin Republicans, the state's off-shoot of a national group with 50 chapters across the country, wants a booth at the GOP state convention. The organization followed party rules, submitted an application last month and a \$500 fee, but was flatly rejected without reason.

That's the second time since 1996. The state GOP's spokesman, in defending that exclusion after Log Cabins protested through a press conference in Austin on June 5, said the Republican leadership was barring a "deviant" group. Republicans also won't let the Texas Freedom Network, a non-partisan group that counters religious conservatives, to staff a booth.

Spokesman Robert Black said both organizations attack family values and people of faith. "We don't allow pedophiles, transvestites or cross-dressers, either," he said. Funny, though, that the father of modern-day conservatism, former Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, understood gays deserve an equal voice. He even argued that gays should be allowed to serve in the nation's armed forces. Log Cabin's executive director, Rich Tafel, earned a degree at Harvard Divinity School.

Even the state's highest-ranking Republican, Gov. George W. Bush, criticized the name-calling by state GOP officials. A weak rebuke by the popular governor, but a call for dignity and respect in dealing with gays nonetheless.

But some Republicans in Texas just don't get it. The state's Log Cabins don't want special rights, they are

simply asking for the same chance to be heard granted to other Republicans. Any fair-minded person understands this simple request for equality and open dialogue. The Republican version of a big tent is limited — not surprising for a political party controlled by social and religious conservatives. In denying booth space for Log Cabin, state GOP leaders are spewing the same hostility they accuse gay Republicans of displaying toward people of faith.

Log Cabin, which has more than 50 members serving as delegates or alternates to the state convention, plan to protest the party's decision with a rally in Ft. Worth. It won't do much — the state Supreme Court sided with the GOP in 1996 in a similar dispute — but a strong showing may demonstrate that fair-minded Republicans understand what a big tent approach should mean during the GOP convention.

This controversy and immature name-calling comes as Log Cabin prepares two fund-raisers to pay for a gay Republican to lobby state legislators when they return to Austin in January. It would supplement the efforts of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, which already sends a lobbyist to the state capital. Both groups have exchanged barbs over the Log Cabin effort.

Gay Republicans want a better effort in targeting gay-friendly conservative legislators; officials of the gay rights lobby said they focus on non-partisan lobbying. But both groups left the door open for working together.

With the hate the state's Republican leadership has demonstrated recently, it's important that Log Cabin and the gay rights lobby overcome differences and band together. Gays need all the help they can muster when the legislature returns. The fight for equality hangs in the balance.

'Unfortunate Tragedy'

Nearly three months after the disturbing slaying of a 28-year-old gay waiter, the facts are still in doubt. Did the Houston Police Department miss Marc Daniel Kajs' call for help? Did police overlook signs of the impending tragedy, which unfolded on March 29? And why was the department's domestic violence unit closed on the weekend?

Some 11 hours before Kajs' former boyfriend gunned him down near a trendy Montrose restaurant, he walked into the police storefront station on Westheimer and filed a complaint. His parents say their son's concerns were overlooked by officers.

Authorities say the officer filed a detailed report and warned Kajs to stay home and avoid frequenting places in which he might run into Ilhan Yilmaz, the pizza deliverer who shot Kajs and then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

The complaint was to be turned over to the police department's domestic violence unit early Monday, which would have taken immediate action, Police Chief C.O. Bradford said. Those are comforting words, but Yilmaz caught up with Kajs about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Kajs' family accuses officers on more than one occasion of ignoring their son's cry for help. Bradford said officers on the streets made judgement calls in how to best deal with the ongoing dispute between the two men.

This much is clear: there are lessons the police department needs to learn from this tragedy.

Bradford mentioned some of them during a meeting earlier this month with the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus when he announced the results of an internal review of how the department handled the dispute between Kajs and Yilmaz. The domestic and family violence unit will be decentralized into three offices around Houston and have investigators available around the clock. Officers on the streets will receive more training to know when to flag a dispute as domestic violence or stalking. Better information on where to send battered lesbians and gays for shelter will also be distributed.

Bradford, who fielded an emotional confrontation from Kajs' parents, came to the caucus meeting with something to offer. He repeatedly called the murder-suicide "a most unfortunate tragedy." That wasn't enough and the city's top cop knew it. He also arrived with plans to alter how police respond to complaints of domestic violence and stalking.

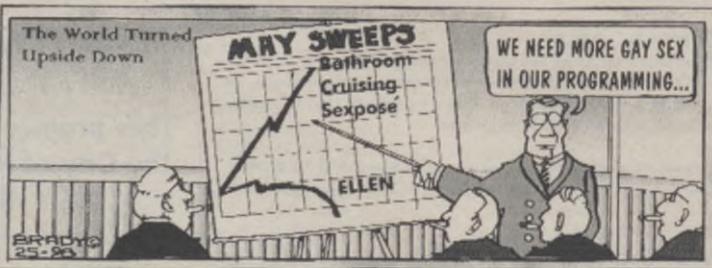
City Councilwoman Annise Parker, who has taught sensitivity classes to Houston police, said the new initiatives will make a difference and could prevent similar events from again unfolding.

Unfortunately for Marc Daniel Kajs, the changes can't come soon enough.



Bradford

GAY SIGNS OF THE MILLENNIUM



A Cleansing

With the squish of sweat, suffering can be relieved



by JAY VANASCO

The sweat lodge was stuffy when I entered, crawling clockwise around on my hands and knees. I followed the Ojibway sweat leader and 12 others followed me, the women hiking up their long skirts slightly to keep them from the mud.

By the time we were all in the circle, our bodies squished against each other, sweat was already dribbling between my breasts and under my arms. The leader, Pete, explained that the sweat would happen in four rounds: first, a prayer round calling the spirits and ancestors, then a healing round, then a third prayer round thanking the spirits and ancestors, then an intermission with the passing of the prayer pipe, and finally, a silent prayer round.

I was there for the healing. The "fireman" shoveled seven hot, glowing stones the size of cat's heads into the lodge one by one. We could hear the crackle of the fire outside. "Ho," Pete said, greeting each one and lifting it into the center stone circle with a pair of deer antlers. He placed a bit of cedar leaf on top of every stone, saying prayers for our ancestors, our health, our journey.

Then the fireman joined us, and the lodge blanket closed, sealing us in a dark, hot circle. Pete tossed some water on the stones and steam rose, hissing, to fill the spaces our bodies left open.

"This is the womb of your mother," Pete said, and it could have been. Those who were Native American took turns singing spirit-calling songs, and the heat and the steam and the closeness buzzed around my head, making their voices tremble and arch, as if I were hearing them through water, or amniotic fluid. I was comforted by the darkness.

The steam kept rising, pressing against our faces, a hot, wet towel. Some around me moaned or screamed in panic, in agony. "Offer your pain up to the Creator," Pete said. For now, I was silent. Entranced.

By the beginning of the second round, sweat was

thick as skin. A prayer for healing traveled around the circle. We could pray only for others, not for ourselves. A friend prayed for me, for the safe removal of the cyst that grows like a baby in my abdomen. She prayed for the skill of the doctors and the reduction of my anxiety. I sobbed next to her, gripping her hand.

The week before, I had been diagnosed with endometriosis, and told that a cyst the size of a 16-week-old fetus was swelled around my right ovary. I am scheduled for major abdominal surgery in late June. Probably I would be fertile when I woke from the anesthetic, my doctor said. If there isn't endometriosis on my other ovary, too. If they could leave one ovary in.

"It's better than cancer," thoughtless people told me. And of course it is, but so are most of the traumas that wrack our bodies or our minds. My panic felt like a lead bar stretched across my back, weighing down my shoulders. I couldn't eat or sleep.

I didn't want to wake up changed. For most of us, change may be exciting, but it is frightening, too. We want the new experiences without the losses. We are afraid of the unexpected, the unknown, the journey we take by ourselves. I see this in the eyes of the seniors graduating from the university where I work, the mothers I know who will be sending their children to kindergarten for the first time in the fall, the men and women who call me in whispery panic, afraid they might be gay or lesbian, afraid how that elemental fact might twist and ruin their lives.

But in the sweat lodge, huddled in the painful steam, the searing heat, something in me opened and relaxed. "We cannot sacrifice a goat to the Creator," Pete said. "We cannot offer money, our house, our car, because everything belongs to him. All we can offer is ourselves. All we can offer is our own pain and suffering." These words come from the heart of a people who have suffered much and found purpose in that suffering. They are comforting because they mean that our pain isn't meaningless, that it doesn't drop into the ocean of human ephemerality and disappear. Instead, it is transformed as something that helps the people it is directed toward. The focus turns away from our own mental

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anguish and toward the healing of others.

No matter how we as gay and lesbian individuals may feel about a Creator, about God, the fact is that we are also a suffering people. We suffer from AIDS, from homophobia, from breast cancer, from alienation and isolation. Perhaps the next time each of us feels pain, we should offer it up as a sacrifice for the good of all of our people. Perhaps we should turn away from the agony within ourselves and focus it on the healing of those we love and cherish.

By the middle of the fourth round, I had begun to swoon. The heat built up against my eyes and ears, and before the silent prayers began, before I had the chance to pray for myself, I crawled clockwise around the lodge, exiting. I lay down, stretching out on the grass beside the lodge, listening to the bubble of the river beside me, the whisper of the trees above and the murmur of prayers within. I took a deep breath, then another. The lead bar had melted. I felt cleansed.

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Welcome the Pain

How to survive being single all over again

by RANDY SIEGEL

After 14 years, I was single again. Earlier that day, I had moved from a 3,500 square foot Buckhead house into a Midtown apartment so tiny that it could barely fit my new, six-foot Storehouse couch.

Whatever the apartment's modest size, it was sacred. It was a sanctuary, and it was mine. It would become a place of introspection, healing and learning.

Within five hours of moving, I was settled, but not single. While physically separated, I still felt joined together by my marriage vows. A good Episcopalian, I knew a ritual had created those vows, and a ritual would remove them. I removed my wedding band, said a prayer and put it away in a special place. With that simple act, I became a single man. Yet, nothing could have prepared me for what was ahead.

That night, sleep did not come easy. It was hard sleeping alone, and as I snuggled closed to my body pillow, the memories, doubts and fears came rushing in. When all the activity subsided, my mind had time to think. I could not hide from myself in my dark room.

My brother called the next morning to check on me. I talked of the pain. He understood, for seven years ago he had divorced.

"There's nothing you can do about the pain," he told me. "You have to walk through it, but there is light at the end of tunnel." Over the next couple of years, I caught glimpses of that light.

For the first couple of months, I was numb. A robot at work and dull at play, life seemed devoid of pleasure. I wondered if I would ever be happy again.

Sundays were particularly hard. One Sunday, sitting on the floor of my apartment I began to cry. Tears streaming down my face, I yelled out, "Even a bad relationship is better than this."

In an effort to snap out my depression, I grabbed

a piece of paper and started listing the good things that were waiting for me as a result of being single again.

"Increased intimacy, higher creativity, self knowledge." Within minutes, the list included close to 25 items. Folding the sheet of paper, I put it away.

Months later, revisiting that list, the tears came once again. Almost all of the 25 items had come to pass.

Some days were better than others. On the off days, I learned to love and minister to myself. This was a time to be kind to myself. I would get frequent massages (it was nice to be touched). I would go to a movie on weekends. I would take long walks in the park. I treated myself like a lover, and in the process became my own best friend.

Even so, I was lonely. The worse part of being single again was the emptiness. My soul had a hole, and I wanted to fill it with a replacement relationship. A new relationship would lessen the pain, and pain — I believed at the time — was to be avoided at all costs. But, that was not to be. Try as I might — and I did try — I scared off most potential suitors, and with good reason. I was too needy. I learned I needed time to end one relationship before beginning another.

A friend told me to count on one month of grieving for every three years of the relationship. If there is one thing I learned during this time, it's that there is no set formula. Everyone is different, and everyone must handle things as best as they can, at the time.

Today, almost three years to the day after I moved out, I am almost through the tunnel. And I see the light.

A dear friend of mine is now going through a painful separation. After nine years, he is suddenly single. We often talk into the night about what he's going through, and just like how my brother was

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there for me, I am there for him.

And, while everyone is different, here is the advice I have to give:

Realize becoming single again is a process, and as a process it cannot be rushed. It will be over, but in its own time. Each relationship builds on the last. Our job is simply to learn what it is we have to learn and move on applying those lessons to the next relationship.

Take time to process what has happened. Activity may mask the pain, but it will remain and return.

Welcome the pain. It is during painful times we learn the most.

Hope is the most important thing to remember. There is light at the end of the tunnel, and wonderful things waiting on the other side.

I now know life is about growth, and sometimes relationships grow with us, and sometimes they do not. If we find ourselves single again, we will survive. And, one day soon we will walk into the light.

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Shooting Straight

Reflections of a Barry Goldwater baby

by BARRY PHELPS

The 1960's was a decade when young parents still named their kids after politicians they admired. But growing up as the only "Barry" among my post-baby boom classmates, I always wondered why my yellow-dog Democratic mom had named me after Senator and Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. Even though my home state of Alabama was one of the six he carried in 1964, hadn't he lost to LBJ in one of the biggest defeats in American electoral history?

As I grew older, I began to understand that this old politician who I knew very little about and who had been rejected so resoundingly by the electorate — my namesake — was the Republican heir to my mom's favorite President, Harry S. Truman. The simple, plain-talking, brutally honest, sometimes profane, always frank man from Missouri had just taken office when she was born at the end of World War II. As she saw more and more of Goldwater on the flickering black and white TV screen in the early 1960s, she came to appreciate Truman's legendary honesty and candid language more.

By the time I was a young adult, I had also come to appreciate and admire Goldwater as a plainspoken, "Trumanesque" champion of individual liberty and personal freedom. During the height of Reaganism, when I wasn't all that sure about my own political stripes, it was fairly easy to be proud that I shared the same name as Barry Goldwater, who, in many ways, had spawned the Gipper's rise to power in the late 1970s.

Ultimately, I became an ardent "national" Democrat rather than a yellow-dog, but that never stopped me from being an admirer of Barry Goldwater. Especially after he left the Senate in 1967, it seemed he and I agreed on a great deal more than we disagreed. On the great social issues of the day, he saw things much as we Democrats did — and of course wasn't shy about saying so.

A couple of years ago, my Delaware beach housemates learned about my namesake and christened me "Goldie." It was a nickname I wore with pride the rest of the summer. On the morning of May 29, when I first heard that Goldwater had died at the age of 89, I suddenly experienced the kind of empty sadness and sense of loss that comes when an old friend or relative who you haven't seen or spoken to in awhile passes away. And yet, I was fascinated by the old news clips and tributes that began pouring in from conservative Republicans, liberal Democrats, and everywhere in between.

When I first spoke to my mother about his death that weekend, I learned that she, like future First Lady Hillary Rodham, had been a "Goldwater Girl" in 1964. She said most of the Goldwater Girls she knew weren't

even old enough to vote at the time, but they could make phone calls, stuff envelopes, and get the word out about how he would make a good president.

I remembered an old campaign pin she had given me with a pair of thick bifocals and the message "Ask me why I'm for Barry" stamped on its face. She still sounded proud of her role in the Goldwater "landslide" in Alabama that year, mentioning the well-known bumper sticker with the chemical symbol for "Goldwater": "AuH2O for President." She said it wasn't so much his politics that attracted her. Although, like most southern Democrats, she was somewhat of a hawk on Vietnam, it was the Arizona senator's personality, his way of saying what he meant, his Truman-like ordinariness that attracted her.

Much has been said and written since his death about how Goldwater could never have been elected president in 1964. There's not much dispute about his unelectability at that time. And, as much as I came to admire him, it is no doubt a good thing for the country that he did not become president. His opposition to the 1964 Civil Rights Act alone was disqualification enough to keep him out of the Oval Office. He never was a segregationist; he ended segregation in his family's business and was a leader in ending it in Phoenix's schools and restaurants and in the Arizona National Guard. He claimed to oppose national civil rights legislation because it was unconstitutional.

But a presidential candidate who saw what was going on in Alabama and other parts of the south in the early and mid-1960s, and yet who still did not believe the federal government had an obligation to act, could not and should not have been our president.

Yet there is strong evidence that later in life, Goldwater came to understand that sometimes a strong national government might be needed to protect the cherished individual liberties that defined his conservatism. Most notably, on the gays in the military issue early in President Clinton's first term, he said: "Under our Constitution, everyone is guaranteed the right to do as he pleases as long as it does not harm someone else. You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight." He said, "If I were in the Senate today, I would rise on the Senate floor in support of our commander in chief. He may be a Democrat, but he happens to be right on this question."

One would love to have seen how Goldwater could have altered the entire debate on gays in the military had he been in the Senate in 1993. Flying was one of his great passions and he served as a major general in the Air Force Reserves while a senator. He was the key Senate architect of today's military command structure as author of the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act. How satisfying it would

have been to witness someone of his unparalleled stature, uncommon resolve, and unquestioned knowledge on military issues stand up to the likes of Senate Armed Services chairman Sam Nunn. Ironically, the very command structure which gave Joint Chiefs chairman Colin Powell the authority to defy his commander-in-chief on the issue was put in place by the Goldwater-Nichols Act.

Later, he became honorary chairman of an effort to pass federal job protections for gays and lesbians, saying that he didn't see any way that being gay was a harm to anyone else. On the issue of choice, he told the *Los Angeles Times*, as only he could have, "They think I've turned liberal because I believe a woman has the right to an abortion. That's a decision that's up to the pregnant woman, not up to the pope or some do-gooders or the religious right. It's not a conservative issue at all."

He remained true to his philosophy, but may have come to realize that oftentimes, what might be called progressive or liberal policies are necessary to protect our freedoms, regardless of personal or political ideology.

Goldwater's most famous quote came during his acceptance speech at the 1964 Republican Convention: "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice." He was roundly criticized for that remark, even among Republicans, and it only contributed to his image that year of a right-winger who lacked the temperament to be president.

But the second part of his quote is instructive: "And ... moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." The candidate later said he was paraphrasing Cicero. But his actual quote echoes Thomas Paine, who in *The Rights of Man*, Part 1, said, "A thing moderately good is not so good as it ought to be. Moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice."

Barry Goldwater taught us above all else that there is nothing more precious — even sacred — than our personal liberties and freedoms. To this "Goldwater Baby," who agreed so strongly with him on many social issues, if not on the role of a strong national government in our society, he was the very embodiment of what it means to be a free and liberated American — the quintessential "rugged individualist."

As such, he probably was not suited for the office of president, a job that demands consensus-building and compromise above all else, at least at the time he ran. But my mom could not have done much better than looking to the sage from Arizona as the inspiration for my given name.

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Flying the Flag

Roberts' 37 rules to live under the rainbow



by SHELLY ROBERTS

1. The only thing on the gay agenda is that the meeting will start 20 minutes late.
2. No good deed ever escapes offending someone you didn't think of in time.
3. It is nearly impossible for some community members to take "yes" for an answer.
4. Perversions are what other people do. You're normal.
5. Every time you move, you will have to stuff new envelopes. No exceptions.
6. The lesbians will accuse the gay men of being power mad chauvinists.
7. The gay men will accuse the lesbians of being drudges, and drones.
8. Both groups will add: "Present company excepted, of course."
9. Both groups will believe that they mean it.
10. Most of the newsletter will be boring to everyone but the newsletter editor and the board of directors.
11. Fortunately it will arrive too late for anybody to bother reading it.
12. Everyone will wait for someone else to say "thank you" first. Kind of like lesbians waiting for a date.

13. There is no such thing as not-political.
14. There is, however, such a thing as not-voting.
15. The more you do, the more they will ask you to do it again.
16. Though it will not quite be done the way they would have.
17. No one ever knows a much better printer till after the bill for the flyers comes in.
18. There is no convert like a PFLAG parent. Thank heavens.
19. Only the activists can tell the difference between a parade and a march.
20. Unless there's good music, only the activists will show up.
21. Every meeting is an opportunity to take someone home. This is a foreign concept to most lesbians.
22. There are no actual numbers on the monthly community calendar. First Tuesday. Fourth Wednesday. Third Thursday. And, oops, Last Night.
23. No one will ever convince organizations that none of your money is disposable.
24. Giving to political candidates just encourages them.
25. If you bought tickets to every fund-raiser that asks, pretty soon you'd need a fund-raiser for yourself.
26. It's easier to fly a rainbow flag than a Nazi one. And it goes better with French Provincial,

Southwestern, and Early American.

27. You can buy the book you're looking for someplace cheaper than your hometown rainbow bookstore.
 28. You will notice that your bookstore's closed only after it gone.
 29. You will wonder where you can buy rainbow paraphernalia.
 30. And accuse the owners of knowing nothing about books or business.
 31. Lesbians believe that gay men are getting too much sex.
 32. Gay men believe that lesbians aren't getting enough.
 33. Both believe that more would get done if the other would just do something to change that.
 34. Every group believes that we'd win, if every other group would just listen to reason. Their reason.
 35. Using balance, consensus, and political correctness to choose will result in a perfectly balanced board that can't agree on anything.
 36. Every mail delivery will contain at least one windowed envelope with a rainbow sign or triangle sign, and a dollar sign.
 37. There are no good old days.
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Friday, June 12

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at E/J's 6-10 pm and at the Midtowne Spa 10 pm to 1 am. Inergy at 8:30 pm to midnight.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 713-861-6453.
- HATCH meets. 713-942-7002.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713-864-8468
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 713-529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 713-830-3000
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopce's. 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 713-528-SAFE.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 713-861-1800.
- Rainbow Art Workshop 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 713-526-1118.
- Lesbian and Gay Voices on KPFT 7pm 713-526-5738.
- The Gardening and Yard Society meets. 713-661-6378.
- Astro Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf meets. 713-869-2287.
- Houston Area Bears Dine Out. 713-867-9123.
- Pride Week Party Kickoff. 713-529-6979.

Saturday, June 13

- 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. Toyz 8:30 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. 713-526-5738.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 713-528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 281-583-8408.
- Gay Men Survivors of Domestic Violence support group meets. 713-526-1017.
- Rainbow Fishing Club meets. 713-526-7070.
- The Movie Club meets. 281-835-5312.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 713-780-4282.
- Gay Alumni Noon group meets. 713-665-6446.
- Gay Pride 5K Fun Run. 713-680-9959.
- Pride Jamboree :98 at Memorial Park. 713-529-6979.
- AIDS Equity League meets. 713-529-9966.
- WIGS of FIRE at Rich's/ 713-940-STAR.
- Prom Night. 713-942-7002.

Sunday, June 14

- The Women's Group meets 10:45am. 713-529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 713-942-7002.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-802-0165
- Rainbow Riders; A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1886.
- FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am. 713-522-8021.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 am. 713-864-8468.
- Free Yoga Classes at 9 am. 713-965-9642.
- Sisters meet. 713-801-4254
- Gay Day at Astroworld. 713-529-6979.
- Texas Gay Rodeo Association's monthly meeting. 713-777-1444.
- PFLAG Woodlands meet. 713-867-9020.
- Houston area Bears go to the movies. 7130867-9123.

Monday, June 15

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 713-861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 713-529-1223.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 713-529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15pm. 713-529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 713-830-3000.
- AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6pm. 713-732-4300.
- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 1pm to 6:15 pm 713-626-2837
- HeartSong meets. 713-541-3495.
- Houston Area Women's Center's Volunteer training. 713-535-6363.
- Free Yoga Classes at 7 pm 713-965-9642.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic: Mary's 9 am to 1 pm; 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.
- TV Montrose airs on Warner Cable Channel 54 at 8 pm. 713-523-6302.
- Tuesday, June 16
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 7pm. 713-495-8009.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 713-529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 713-822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose

- Counseling Center. 6pm. 713-529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 713-488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 713-861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 713-520-7870.
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- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 713-529-0037.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 713-861-1800.
- Bering Support Network-Lunch Bunch Gang meets at 7 pm. 713-526-1017.
- HIV + Support group for men over 50 meets at 7:30 pm. 713-527-9106.
- Love, Lust, and Intimacy discussion group meets at 7 pm. 713-524-2374.
- TV Montrose airs on Warner Cable Channel 54 at 8 pm. 713-523-6302.
- Pride Committee of Houston meets. 7:3-529-6929.
- PFLAG's mid monthly meeting meets. 713-867-9020.

Wednesday, June 17

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic: Mary's 4-8pm; Chances 6 to 10 pm. Nighthawks 10 pm to midnight and the Ripcord 10 pm to 1 am.
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- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713-864-8468.
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- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 713-529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 713-622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 713-529-0037.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 713-782-4050.
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- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 713-830-3000.
- BINet of Houston meets at 7pm. 713-861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 1 to 6:15 pm. 713-626-2837.
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- Gay, Lesbian Straight Teachers Network meets. 713-942-7002.
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Thursday, June 18

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- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 713-225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 713-521-7464.
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- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 713-529-0037.
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June 12 — June 14

Today begins the final week of the Second Annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The following features show at Rice Media Center, Entrance 8, University Boulevard at Stockton St, and cost \$5 each.

"Female Closet" (USA, 1998, 60 minutes): In her fourth feature documentary, director Barbara Hammer delves into the lives of three upper-middle class lesbians spanning sequential historical eras. Beginning with the Victorian romance of Staten Island photographer Alice Austen, Hammer pieces together a passion puzzle with splendid vision and flair. June 12 at 7:30 p.m. and June 14 at 5 p.m.

"I, Worst of All" (Argentina, 1990, 105 minutes, Spanish with English subtitles): Adapted from Nobel Prize Winner Octavio Paz's book "The Traps of Faith," this film by Argentine director Maria Luisa Bemberg explores the birth of lesbian love in a Catholic convent. Entering the order to pursue her passion for writing, Juana Ines de la Cruz (the renowned 17th Century Mexican poet) becomes involved with the convent's vicereine. The intimate affair eventually blooms into a creative act of emotion and prose. June 12 at 9 p.m. and June 13 at 5 p.m.

"Peoria Babylon" (USA, 1997, 76 minutes): Gay noir is a novel device. It conjures up images of gun toting drag queens tripping over their lime green pumps, or, in a stranger vein, "Jackie Brown" drag wannabe Pam Grier admitting she's transgender. But Steven Diller's "Peoria Babylon" goes one step further. Attempting to keep a failing art gallery open by staging a heist of valued art treasures that are just fakes of stored originals, Matthew, Jon and Candy scheme to placate Peoria mobster Raul Kessler when he discovers his valued original has been destroyed. New York icon Lady Bunny co-stars. June 13 at 3 p.m.

Series of Shorts: Girl Talk (47 minutes): Girls, sometimes, just want to have fun. But as any sister of the cloth can tell you, lesbian effervescence is truly a world of wonder. Ten shorts ranging from 3 to 12 minute probe the comic expectations of gay women, and the lighter side of sexual discovery. With titles like "Dangerous When Wet" and "Fingered," you should be able to get the idea. The schedule includes a repeat of "Female Closet." June 14 at 5 p.m.

"Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End" (USA, 1996, 90 minutes): A fitting tribute to the festival's close, director Monte Bramer proffers a biopic trek into the life of gay novelist and author Paul Monette. A Massachusetts native born in 1945, Monette rocketed to fame with the biographical account of his lover's prolonged illness in the critically acclaimed "Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir." Monette was the first openly gay man to win the National Book Award in 1992 for his autobiography "Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story." The book chronicles what Monette describes as a personal journey from the "coffin world of the closet" to the freedom of gay self-acceptance. Director Monte Bramer will attend both shows, and will entertain post-screening question and answer session. June 13 at 7:30 p.m. and June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

June 13

Rich's hosts Miss Camp America's "Wigs On Fire," a Pride month fundraiser benefiting The Assistance Fund, Bering Dental Clinic and several other local charities. Don your biggest hair if you want to compete in the wig contest. Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 713-940-STAR.

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) parties down with their gay version of Prom Night '98. Now in its sixth year, organizers welcome public participation in this unique alternative to school proms that enforce opposite-sex date policies. The Lovette Inn, 501 Lovette Blvd., from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$20. 713-942-7002.

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INTERVIEW: ANTHONY LACASCIO

Toe-tapping testosterone

LoCascio tells *Houston Voice* of tough image, family atmosphere among performers



LoCascio

by RICH ARENSCHIEDT

Just when your ears stopped ringing from their last visit, "Tap Dogs" has been released from its kennel for a second romp along the Bayou. Starting June 16, Wortham Center rocks as this group of hunky guys revolutionize the tap world, tossing top hats out the windows and replacing them with Blundstone Boots.

Created in 1992 by Australian Choreographer Dein Perry, the "Dogs" have vaulted to stardom since their "down under" premiere in 1995. Perry, like many of his cast members, is a veteran

of the elegant style of soft-shoe. Originally from a small steel town north of Sydney, Perry started his career dancing in the garage of his teacher. At 17, he worked as an industrial machinist before eventually moving to Sydney to follow his dream of becoming a professional dancer.

Perry landed a role in the spectacular tap musical "42nd Street," and was subsequently invited to London to perform in the West End production of "Hot Shoe Shuffle," a performance

which earned him an Olivier Award, England's equivalent of a Tony. After establishing himself as a consummate tap dancer, Perry returned to Australia and created "Tap Dogs" with producer Nigel Triffitt.

Perry and Triffitt have pumped up the volume for this testosterone tap extravaganza, amplifying surfaces on the construction-like set that the dancers build during the 90-minute show. Wear and tear among dancers, always a common foe, is more prevalent in a show like "Tap Dogs."

"This show goes above and beyond what tap is," company member Anthony LoCascio said in a recent interview. "The audition process was grueling and when I made the cut, I had just two weeks to learn the show before it went on tour."

LoCascio, a wiry, gregarious New Yorker from Queens, gets emotional when questioned about how he came to be a tapper.

"My father was the primary motivation in See TAP/page 3B



Boot tapping: The 90-minute testosterone tap extravaganza "Tap Dogs" returns to Houston June 16 at the Wortham Center.

INTERVIEW: MONTE BRAMER

Director 'worked out fears' through gay love story

Bramer tells *Houston Voice* of difficulties in making film

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

As a sexually curious 16-year-old boy growing up in a small Iowa town, director and writer Monte Bramer searched for something, anything to teach him about gay sex.

By chance, he read a *People Magazine* book review of John Rechy's copulative novel "The Sexual Outlaw." With his curiosity tweaked, Bramer drove 40 minutes to a large town nearby to purchase a copy, and once he got it into his hands, he couldn't believe what he read.

In the book, men had sex everywhere: parks, nightclubs and the streets. It was the free wheeling sex of the 70s, and Rechy believed that promiscuous public sex defied mainstream oppression of gays like no other form of political disobedience.

The idea of gay sex was just fine with Bramer, but he thought something might be wrong with Rechy's approach.

"At the end of the book, none of these

people got together," said Bramer, 37. "And I remember going back through the book thinking I had missed something."

Bramer found that missing something in Paul Monette's book "Borrowed Time," a first-person account of the diagnosis and death of Monette's lover Roger, who died of AIDS in 1986. The book profoundly affected



Chronicle: A young Paul Monette with his father as shown in "Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End," a film by Monte Bramer which chronicles the life of the gay novelist. Bramer will introduce the film at both screenings and attend a question and answer session and the festival's closing reception on June 14.

his life because it was a gay love story, he said. Personally, Bramer had given See BRAMER/page 4B

BALLET REVIEW

Artists step into choreographic frying pan

Young Ballerina Shines in Houston Ballet's 'Manon'

by RICH ARENSCHILDT

The season finale for Houston Ballet is a solid interpretation of Sir Kenneth MacMillan's version of the classic French tragedy "Manon," continuing this weekend at the Wortham Center. The current production allows artists Courtney Harris and Julie Gumbiner to step out of the corps de ballet and into the centerstage spotlight, or, more appropriately, the choreographic frying pan.

MacMillan and Houston Ballet Artistic Director Ben Stevenson are cut from the same cloth, both working together decades ago at Sadlers Wells (now Royal Ballet), England's premier ballet company. Many of MacMillan's works are in the Houston repertory and he maintained a close relationship with the ballet company until his death in 1992.

MacMillan, like Stevenson, is a kind of balletic hybrid — classically trained and yet most productive from 1960 to the 1990s, a period of radical change for choreographers and dancers.

"Manon," premiered in 1974, is an anomaly, in spite of the predictable and well known story. The audience witnesses a metamorphosis on stage as the dance changes strikingly as the story rolls toward an expected sad conclusion. Witnessed is a girl on her way to a nunnery who takes a wrong turn and ends up getting sold by her brother into prostitution. True love,

sex for jewels deportation and rape in prison all find their way into the plot, ending in Manon's untimely death.

MacMillan's "classicism with an edge" is evident throughout the piece. The first act utilizes a fairly traditional dance vocabulary with hints of modernism. Dominick Walsh excels as the drunken brother, a seemingly mandatory part in the story ballet genre. Parts of MacMillan's pax de deux are right out of a dance textbook, making the radical changes into modernity in the third act all the more startling.

The final act shows Manon at the nadir of her life. Arrested as a prostitute, deported to New Orleans and brutalized by her prison warden, Manon is utterly spent. MacMillan presents this in stark contrast to what has come before. Where grace once was, angularity reigns. Softness and symmetry are replaced with harsh lines and harsher movements.

At the end of this ballet it is entirely plausible that this poor wretched girl could die from abuse and consumption. Seldom has an overfed operatic soprano been able to pull off the same



Striking dance: Sean Kelly as Des Gneux and Julie Gumbinner as Manon in the Houston Ballet's production of "Manon," which completes its run June 14. —Photo by Jann Whaley

the always competent Sean Kelly, and others, Gumbiner was tossed like a salad and still managed to maintain her form, landing on point without fail. Though Manon's inner turbulence is brilliantly depicted through MacMillan's choreography, Gumbiner had not a hairpin out of place.

Peter Farmer's dark sets and costumes cast a forebodingly accurate shadow through the piece. The stage, thankfully was not cluttered with all manner of props and rings of plastic flowers, allowing the audience to see the dance, unobstructed. The bedroom scene is wonderfully sparse and yet still darkly effective. Some minor technical difficulties, mostly a slow curtain, created a few awkward moments, but aesthetically this production portends all the intended sadness.

What: "Manon," Houston Ballet
When: June 12-13 at 7:30 p.m., June 14 at 2 p.m.
Where: Wortham Theater Center, 500 Texas Ave.
Tickets: \$10-\$84, 713-227-ARTS

act with equal success.

Manon, beautifully portrayed by Julie Gumbiner, spends a lot of time on stage, most of it above the stage. MacMillan has taken this petite jeune fille and dumped her in the midst of men who tear her limb from limb, throwing her, while suspended, from one cad to another. Many of MacMillan's moves might be considered graceless, however Gumbiner handles them adeptly. Partnered by

FILM REVIEW

Cute, campy 'Peoria' needs a little flair

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

Steven Diller's "Peoria Babylon" is a gay film noir encased in a cute and campy schtick, where gays and straights plot and connive against each other to hoist a collection of expensive paintings. If sold, the paintings are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. With Candy (Ann Cusack) and Jon (David Drake) down on their luck, the cash would really be handy.

Candy and Jon plot a deceptive publicity stunt for their ailing museum with Matthew (Matthew Perret), a con-artist painter. After he exchanges the pricey original paintings for fakes, Matthew, in front of all the press, throws smoke bombs in the gallery

and rips the fakes with a knife. The museum gets instant world publicity.

Meanwhile, Candy falls for a handsome gangster named Paul (Brad Kessler). When Paul's uncle (Raul Kessler) joins in on the scam, all hell breaks loose when Matthew accidentally destroys the mob boss' original. Police get word that the museum debacle was faked, and Matthew and Jon land in jail.

Affairs blossom and complicate the scheme. There's Candy and Paul's attempt to pair up. Jon becomes enthralled by Matthew after he ties him up and plays dress up. Then Matthew plans a marriage of convenience with Octavia DiMare (The "Lady" Bunny), a prostitute lesbian porn queen running

for U.S. Congress.

Taken as Diller intends, "Peoria Babylon" is a regurgitated menage of patchwork subplots. Even his attempts at deception have an "oh, gosh I knew that was gonna happen" aroma lingering throughout. Fortunately, Lady Bunny spares us the brassy camp we're so accustomed to seeing with RuPaul. It's obvious The Bunny likes to pretend and act. And unlike RuPaul, at least you know it's an act.

Still, Diller's mythic Peoria is a miniature microcosm of what's wrong with America (like religious hypocrisy and homophobia), and an even smaller one of what's right. You can't blame

the down and out for wanting to get ahead, but their deception becomes a karmic boomerang that returns to set things right. Even so, "Peoria Babylon" is a palatable homogenate in dire need of an aesthetic flair.

HOUSTON VOICE RATING: ★★
MPAA Rating: Not rated
Run Time: 76 minutes
Genre: Noir
Director/Script: Steven Diller
Cast: Ann Cusack, David Drake, The Lady Bunny, Matthew Pestorius, Paul Adelstein
Theaters: Rice Media Center, Entrance 8, University Boulevard, at Stockton. June 13 at 3 p.m.

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green

by Eric Orner



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my dance career. When I was younger, a commitment to dance was almost impossible — there was so much pressure to play sports and to do the 'macho thing.' I was constantly ridiculed about my passion for tap. I remember the 7th-grade vividly. I cried almost every day before going to school," he said.

The tap shoes have turned, so to speak. Now LoCascio laughs at his totally new perspective.

"When I see my macho buddies out on the football field patting each other on the butt, I can only compare that to what I'm doing — working in a class full of beautiful women in body suits — so who's gay here?" he asked.

Despite their tough image, the guys in the company are more like a big family filled with kids refusing to grow up. LoCascio says

"There are a lot of different types of guys in the company — black, white, straight, gay, American, and Australian — but we all love to dance and we all get along very, very well. There is a fair amount of pressure on you when you have a show that is this successful. The camaraderie that we have in the company makes touring much easier," he said.

Part of the "Tap Dogs" allure is that the guys perform in such a visceral manner — the set, the lighting, the sweat and the movement all combine to effect you in a way that is passionate. LoCascio doesn't make excuses for the sexuality involved in "Dogs," but seems a bit surprised by it.

"Everyone seems to focus on the fact that we take our shirts off during the show. Each of the dancers

has a specific role in the show and we play those parts accordingly. I happen to be one of the guys that takes my shirt off, but that is just part of the character I play in the cast.

"Sex is not the focus of this show, dance is. The fact that a few decent looking guys remove some clothing isn't something we think about — we're too busy moving our feet in the right direction," he said.

If recent performances are any indication, the "Dogs" seem to be headed for a blue ribbon at the Westminster Kennel Club. Sold out houses have spawned all kind of ideas for this troupe and the dance concept they present.

"We are different from anything else. We're not 'Riverdance,' not 'Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk' and we're not 'Blue Man Group' (one of New York's longest running alternative movement phenomena). We are respectful of all that those groups have done for dance, but we fit in our own category," LoCascio said.

Plans for a long-term Las Vegas run and a possible movie are in the works.

Society for the Performing Arts brings Tap Dogs back for eight performances. When the "Dogs" were last here in 1996 they were the surprise sensation of the season. Don't be left with an empty water bowl, you'll want to lap "Tap Dogs" up.

What: "Tap Dogs"
When: June 16-21
Where: Wortham Center,
 500 Texas Ave.
Tickets: 713-227-ARTS

BOOK REVIEW

Exploring Latin mystique

"Hollywood's Latin Lovers,"
 by Victoria Thomas; Angel City Press,
 144 pages, \$26.

by ELLA TYLER

If you like dark and handsome men, this book is for you.

The book discusses the history of "Latin Lovers" from Valentino (Rudolph) and Ramon Novarro to Jimmy Smits and Antonio Banderas, but wisely devotes much of its space to pictures — more than 130.

The text is interesting, though, both for its discussion of the durability and importance of this uniquely American icon, and for its look at the personal lives of the stars. In private, these actors often did not live up to their screen images.

Silent movie star Valentino, though disastrously heterosexual, often played androgynous or even effeminate roles without losing his appeal to women. An early death (and a canny publicist) gave him a cult following that still lingers, more than 70 years later. Women, dramatically clad in black, still place flowers on his grave, though not in the numbers they did until the fifties. The first of the "ladies in black" was a bit actress hired to appear as a heart-broken fan, but the ritual continues.

At least two of the book's famous lovers were gay. Ramon Novarro's refusal to marry — or even cooperate with the Hollywood practice some call "inning" — ended his career. On the other hand, Cesar Romero was always

willing to be photographed with beautiful women (but not to marry), and his career in film and television lasted 40 years. Romero's role as a lover was so ingrained that he was making jokes about dating younger women even when he was in his '80s, and even after he had acknowledged (and joked) about his being gay.

The chapter about Desi Arnaz is interesting. Arnaz, according to the book, literally invented the rerun when he persuaded CBS to record "I Love Lucy" in California instead of televising the show live from New York. Arnaz earned his credentials as a Latin Lover and became a sex idol in the late '30s and early '40s with his hip-swaying, conga-pounding night club act. I always thought Elvis invented pelvic thrusts.

The chapter on reincarnated "Latin Lovers" traces the portrayal of masculinity on screen from the 70's to the 90's. First there were the tough guys like Pacino and Stallone. Then, just like the stars of a earlier eras, John Travolta made the ability to dance a badge of masculinity. Finally, we have stars like Raul Julia, and Antonio Banderas. Of Banderas, the Thomas says, "(he) has often played gay men (in Spanish films and in Philadelphia) ... yet he is a powerful, conventional leading man. Simply, we believe in him as a lover — almost anyone's."

The book makes me want to rent a few videos. Certainly, high praise.



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up on the idea that two men could be in love, but Monette opened his mind to a different way of thinking.

"[Monette] really believed in the concept of boy meets boy, of gay love. He really believed gay relationships could work. That's less of an issue now, but back in the mid 70s, there was really not much out there to support the idea that gay people were capable of maintaining relationships with each other," Bramer said.

While meeting with Monette for three hours in 1992, Bramer laid out his desires to document the award-winning author's life. The documentary would become "Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End," but Bramer had to first convince Monette that the project was worth beginning.

After considering the idea for a week, Monette (an ex-screen writer magnetized with a preference for the dramatic) delivered this clever answer: "I've read your fascinating proposal," he told Bramer, "and I've decided to accept the part."

The "part" lasted for two-and-a-half years as Bramer assembled numerous interviews with Monette and his friends. At first, Monette was a tough cookie to crack, but Bramer managed to get past Monette's treasury of sound bites and "down to the real man." That wasn't easy, he said.

"When you do a documentary like this that is long form, you sort of want to peel away the layers a little bit and get past what is studied and polished. (Getting) down to what is more personal and revealing ... takes time," he said.

But time didn't prove to be a friend to Monette. His body responded unfavorably to chemotherapy and the vast array of medications intended to prolong his life. Sticking around for Monette's death wasn't part of Bramer's original plans; and Monette didn't want the end of his life filmed, either.

Yet something compelled Bramer to include Monette's death in the film. But how to could he convince Monette?

"I told him, 'Paul, someday, someday, AIDS is going to be over with. And as much as it's hard to imagine how people are going to forget, and I bet they're going to forget the depth of it in fast order,' Bramer remembered with passion.

Monette — sick, frail, and withering — asked if Bramer wanted to meet the following week.

Bramer responded, "How about tomorrow?"

Monette read through the lines.

"You don't think I'm going make it another week?" he asked.

"Paul, I don't know. I hope you live for another 10 years," Bramer told him. "But you've said yes now, and to be honest with you, I've had a crew on standby for the last three weeks."

The evolution of Monette's death is the film's most powerful element. The transition from a virile, handsome, attractive man contrasts darkly with the living skeleton we see at the film's end. As he struggles for each breath, Monette looks like death, but he doesn't sound like it. Even at the final moments of his life, Monette is a man fully conscious of his fate, yet he maintains enough sense of self to know that his life truly means something, to the world and to his friends.

Monette's life struggle touched Bramer deeply as well.

"To me, Paul was a sort of an older brother that I always wished that I had, who could teach me things about what it meant to be gay. It was wonderful to be around someone like that who was so completely out, and so completely into



Bramer

being gay that it transcended all stereotypes, and all of my own fears about being gay. So, I could see that that he was what a fully adult gay person looked like," he said.

Even so, Bramer's film gets a wide array of reactions. At one screening, a middle-aged woman asked Bramer, "Could I have my money back?" Surprised, Bramer asked why. "Oh, it's just too medical," the woman

said. "I like movies about dying people and everything, but this is just too much for me."

Bramer said that he got to "work out a lot of fears" in making the film. He feared death, feared AIDS and feared his own sexuality. But Bramer transcended those fears as he spent more time with Monette. Now that he's discovered his own sense of selfhood, Bramer said that what he feared "was far worse than the reality."

"I wanted to present a gay life in a way that I thought would reveal not only to gay people but to straight people, the depth of who we are. I wanted to show somebody deeply in love — believably and undeniably in love."

What: "Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End"

Who: Director Monte Bramer will attend both screen screenings

When: June 13 at 7:30 p.m. and June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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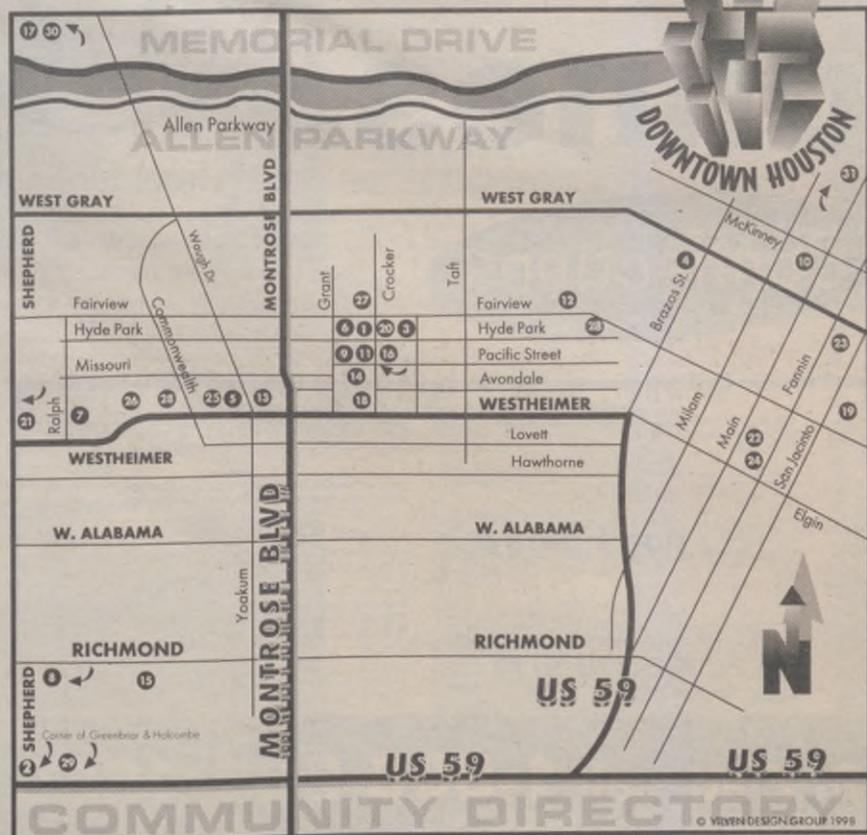
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Milestones

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Rodent Droppings

Rascal was such a rascal this week. I was giving her a treat (Ferretone - a treat that comes in a tube like toothpaste). She wrestled it out of my hands and in a flash she had the entire tube (which is longer than she is) up inside the FerretTrail. I tried to reach it, but it was way, way up inside the large running tube. Well, I guess Rascal will be hiding out inside her running tube and getting "high" on Ferretone until she drags it back out. Ferrets will be ferrets.

My usual disclaimer is in force. Lies, gossip, and trash. If you want real news, please turn to page one and read there.

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Buzz (Brick's II): It was nice to meet you.

Miguel (BRB): You have been caught tongeing with Pooh Bear, eating peanut butter fudge with Ray and now dinner with the Fruitts. Miss Thang, you need to be committed.

Creath (Black Hawks Leather): From the "Queen of the Hot Tub" to the "Queen of the Kleenex" in just one week.

Mavis (BRB): Yes, there are men prettier than you.

Dave (Ripcord): Yeah, right, you expect me to believe that you did not know "they" were brothers! And Wade wants to thank-you for the \$5 hooker.

Jackie Thorne: Why did they call you "Marilyn" while you were in Corpus?

Ricky (hangs at the BRB): Nice hanging baskets.



At Club Extreme.

Kim (Black Hawks Leather): And I quote: "Easy, but not cheap."

Tommie Sue Ellen (BRB): We haven't seen Marge Simpson lately. Did you retire her?"

Barbara Walker (Montrose Clinic): I hear there is a new "man" back in your life.

Rabbitt (Rich's) How was your "hot" week in Mexico?

Vanna (Gentry): You lucky dog. I thought the "cop running out of ink while writing a ticket" only happened in the movies.

Darlene (the one, the only): And I quote: "I'll slap the color right out of you!"

Ben (hangs on any lamp post): When did you cross the border?

Jane (hangs at Club Extreme): I received the photo. It will be several weeks before it is Maverick's turn.

Vera (BRB): I hear you know how to get out of working hard on last Wednesday. You had three different hunks bar backing for you.

Mary (Mary's): Did you really kick the ladder out from under Buffy?

Darla K. (Gentry): Cocktails at happy hour. Cocktails before dinner. Cocktails with dinner. Cocktails after dinner. Cocktails before the cocktail party. Cocktails at the cocktail party. Cocktails after the cocktail party. And only 50 milligrams of Viagra left. Better refill your prescription ASAP.

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- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4-7 p.m.; Mug club 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; \$1.50 vodka 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Super Show @11 p.m.
- Gentry: Boy Toys @9 p.m.; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open-close
- J.R.'s: Texas pride happy hour 4-7 p.m. \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
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- Paradise: Doors @ 11 a.m. Happy house 11 a.m.-8 p.m. \$1.50 well & beer.
- Rich's: Doors @ 9 p.m. 21+ no cover 9-10 p.m.; \$1.25 well 9-11 p.m. D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: Happy hour 1-8 p.m. After hours until 4 a.m.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9 p.m.
- The New Barn: Power Hours \$1.75 beer & well 12-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. with \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well.

Sunday, June 14

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 beer & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon-7 p.m.; 50¢ draft.
- BriarPatch: Happy hour 2-8 p.m. \$2 beer & \$2.25 well.
- Bricks II: Happy hour Noon-9 p.m.; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 beer.
- Chances: Power hours \$1.75 beer & well noon-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo; Beer Bust 4-8 p.m.
- Club Extreme: Doors @5 p.m. no cover until 11 p.m., free buffet, \$2 frozen, \$1 schnapps and Karaoke @ 8 p.m. Drink specials all night long.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light open-close.
- Gentry: Happy hour 2-8 p.m.; Boy Toy Dancers 7-11 p.m.; Pool tournament @ 6 p.m.; Male Strip Contest @11 p.m.; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open-close.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon-11 p.m.; \$2.75 Shiner Bock; SRO Karaoke @6 p.m.; Male Swim wear strip contest @ 11 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well & beer 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 50¢ draft on the patio @2 p.m. \$1.50 beer 7-11 p.m.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 beer; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1 vodka well drinks; Beer Bust \$2; male dancers 9 p.m.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine, noon to 7 p.m. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- OutPost: Happy hour noon-7 p.m. Crazy Hour 5-6 p.m. \$1 domestic beer & \$1.25 well.
- Pacific Street: Doors @7 p.m. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover 7-9 p.m.
- Paradise: Doors @noon; Happy hours noon-8 p.m. \$1.50 well drinks & beer; \$1.75 Bloody Mary open-close.
- Rich's: Sister's night out! No cover, 75¢ well \$1.50 beer, \$3 call, Nancy Ford's Open Mic night.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & beer open-close.
- The New Barn: Power hours \$1.75 beer & well noon-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2.50 Cuervo;

Monday, June 15

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps open-close.
- BriarPatch: Happy hour 2-8 p.m. Open Pool Table
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & beer 7 a.m.-noon, \$1.75 well & beer noon-2 a.m.
- Chances: Power hours \$1.75 beer & well 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy hour 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$1.50 well 4-7 p.m.; \$1.50 vodka 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mug Club 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Male Strip @11 p.m.
- Gentry: Happy hour 2-8 p.m.; Boy Toy Dancers @9 p.m.; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open-close; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$2.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 beer, frozen Ritas \$1.75, "Pump" contest @ 11 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1 beer 8-11 p.m. \$1.75 well & beer 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament @ 8:30 p.m. male dancers @ 9 p.m. Happy hour until 10 p.m.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Crazy Hour 5-6 p.m. \$1 domestic & \$1.25 well. Shuffelboard Tourney @ 7 p.m.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7 p.m. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- Pacific Street: Doors open @ 9 p.m. No cover with pass.
- Paradise: Doors @3 p.m. Happy hours 3 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Ripcord: Happy hour 108 p.m.; Boxer Shorts Night -Boxer Shots \$1.25.

- The New Barn: Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well \$2 Cuervo.

Tuesday, June 16

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well 7 a.m.-11 p.m., \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11 p.m.; \$1 beer open-close. Variety Show at 8 p.m.
- BriarPatch: Marcie as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & beer 7 a.m.-noon; \$1.75 well & beer noon-9:00 p.m.
- Chances: Power hour \$1.75 well & beer 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3 p.m.-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Extreme: 97.5 the Box night with \$5 cover, \$2 well & \$1 draft.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$1.50 well 4-7 p.m.; \$1.50 Vodka 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mug Club 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Burger night. Amateur/Talent Night @ 11 p.m.
- Gentry: Happy hour 2-8 p.m.; Boy Toys @9 p.m.; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 21st Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, wine, and frozen margaritas. Male strip @11 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well & beer 7 a.m.-9 p.m. \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$2 Cuervo.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 beer, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any other drink in the house! Male dancers 9 p.m.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 7 p.m. Crazy Hour 5-6 p.m. \$1 beer & \$1.25 well.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7 p.m. \$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 @9 p.m.
- Paradise: Doors @11 a.m. Happy hour 11 a.m.-8 p.m. \$1.50 well and beer
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1-8 p.m. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Martini specials. Classic Rock night
- The New Barn: Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well \$2 Cuervo.

Wednesday, June 17

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well 7 a.m.-11 p.m. & \$1 beer 7-2 a.m.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & beer 7 a.m.-to noon; \$1.75 well & beer noon-9 p.m.
- Chances: Power hours \$1.75 beer & well 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night @ 9 p.m.
- Club Extreme: \$5 cover with \$2 well & \$1 draft.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$1.50 well 4-7 p.m.; \$1.50 Vodka 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mug club 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy hour 2-8 p.m.; Boy Toys @7 p.m.; \$1.25 Schnapps open-close; Male Strip contest @11 p.m.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy hour 4-7 p.m. \$2.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$2.75 premium frozen drinks, \$2 beer all day and all night Joe Boxer dance contest @11 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well & beer, \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 beer & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers @ 9 p.m.; Happy hour until 10 p.m.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7 p.m. \$2.50 Cuervo
- OutPost: Happy hour 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Crazy Hour 5-6 p.m. \$1 beer & \$1.25 well.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Doors @9 p.m. No cover with a "Pleasure You" pass.
- Paradise: Doors @11 a.m. Happy hours open-close \$1.50 well and beer. Fajita night \$5 per plate & 1.50 Ritas.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & beer open-close Star Trek @ 8 p.m.
- The New Barn: Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.

Thursday, June 18

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 beer, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11 p.m. Free dance lessons.
- BriarPatch: Doors @2 p.m.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & beer 7 a.m.-noon; \$1.75 well & beer noon-9 p.m.
- Chances: Power hours \$1.75 beer & well 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$2.25 beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon midnight.
- Club Extreme: Talent night with \$200 cash prizes, \$5 cover \$2 well & \$1 schnapps.
- Cousin's: Show @11 p.m.
- E/J's: Happy hour 7 a.m.-9 p.m. \$1.50 well 4 p.m.-7 p.m.; \$1.50 vodka 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mug club 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Burger night; Amateur Talent contest @ 11 p.m.
- Gentry: Happy hour 2-8 p.m.; Boy Toys @9 p.m. \$3.25 Skyy open-close.
- J.R.'s: Texas pride happy hour 4-7 p.m. \$2.25 well, \$1.75 beer \$3.75 all top shelf liquor. Star Search Gold Karaoke @ 9 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well & beer 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7 a.m.-2 p.m. 75¢ schnapps.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 beer, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9 p.m.; Happy hour until 10 p.m.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7 p.m. \$2.50 Cuervo
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Crazy Hour 5-6 p.m. \$1 beer & \$1.25 well.
- Pacific Street: Sox Thursdays; No cover with current gym card.
- Paradise: Doors @11 a.m. \$3 anything in the house.
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- Ripcord: Happy hour 1 to 8 p.m.
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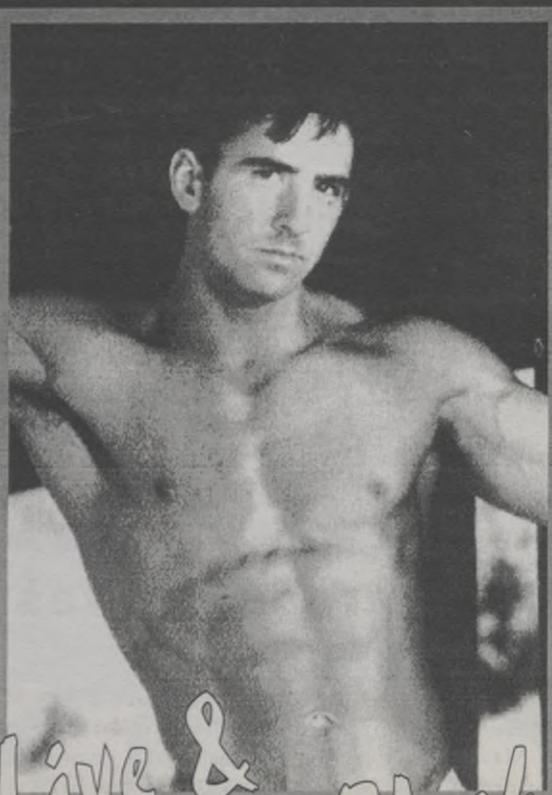


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