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## Financial Problems Beset LGRL

The *Houston Voice* has learned that the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL) has been beset by financial problems stemming from a combination of inadequate fundraising and past Internal Revenue Service debt during the past year.

According to an anonymous source, the group received a letter from the IRS regarding the organizations failure to meet regular payments on their delinquent payments to the IRS earlier this summer. The letter indicated that if the matter was not taken care of, property could be seized or levied, said the source. The *Houston Voice* was unable to obtain a copy of the letter, albeit, a request was made to LGRL executive director Dianne Hardy-Garcia, who would not relinquish its contents.

The *Houston Voice* has learned that the organization purportedly owed \$4,000 in back taxes and was apparently behind on their payroll taxes during the beginning of the year. Several fund-raisers were held, however, they failed to raise enough money, as expenses were high due to the legislative session, hence, payments to the IRS lagged.

"It's very hard to be a fund-raiser and executive director at the same time," said Hardy-Garcia. "So, I couldn't raise funds and somewhere along the line my board members and people who were suppose to be fundraising for LGRL didn't pick up the ball. So, we got into some debt and the board is pulling together and trying to get us out of that debt."

Hardy-Garcia said she was unable to host one fund-raiser during the legislative session because she was so busy. She maintains that the groups efforts at lobbying go largely unnoticed, when in fact, she claims, they were pivotal at stopping major anti-gay legislation from becoming the law of Texas.

"There is something wrong with that picture," said Hardy-Garcia. "There is something wrong with the picture that I have to work that hard to do this work. And, so we were basically asking the board members to understand the situation and please step up to bat and help. Instead of that, what we got was the letter was shared with a lot of people. But I guess that's the nature of the gay community." Hardy-Garcia said she is not

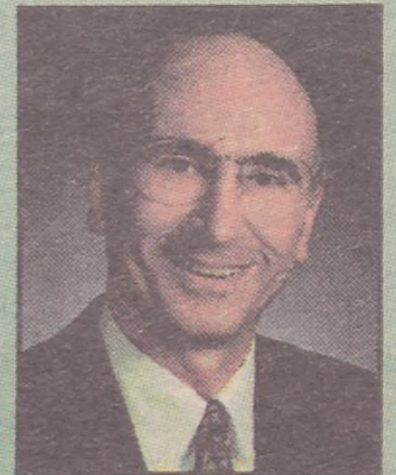
ashamed of what happened and says she is really proud of the work LGRL has done.

The group, however, has apparently raised more money since the IRS threat and was able to make necessary payments. Currently, there are no taxes in arrears more than 30 days, said the source. During our investigation, we discovered that the LGRL has not been entirely to blame for the fiscal chaos. According to LGRL, they have not received assessment payments from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus for 3 years.

"We are in desperate need to raise funds overall in general," said Hardy-Garcia. "We have a huge problem out of Houston. We haven't had one fund-raiser in Houston in over three years. It's not fair for us to be doing this amount of work and not receive any support from Houston."

Hardy-Garcia said she is not pleased that the organization is in debt but feels somewhat stymied because the group does not receive recognition for its tireless efforts. She also informed the *Houston Voice* that the IRS debt has been paid in full. Moreover, she  
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## Log Cabin Backs Greanias for Mayor



The Log Cabin Republicans of Houston became the first gay organization to endorse a candidate in Houston's mayoral race by backing former city controller George Greanias at a meeting on August 25. Greanias won the endorsement after he assured the gay GOP group of his fiscal conservatism and pledged support for a range of initiatives related to civil rights for gays.

"I talk the Republican talk and walk the Republican walk," Greanias told cheering Log Cabin members at the endorsement meeting. "And I'm also a social moderate who wants to see everyone included in the life of the city," he added.

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## HGLPC & MCCR to Host Mayoral Forum Sunday

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus will co-host a Mayoral Forum with the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection this Sunday at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary, according to HGLPC officials.

"This forum will give the community another opportunity to hear from the mayoral candidates before the HGLPC Political Action Committee endorsement meeting next Wednesday," said Caucus President Lane Lewis.

The forum is to include George Greanias, Lee Brown, Helen Huey and possibly Gracie Saenz and Rob Mosbacher, according to Caucus officials.

"MCCR is pleased to provide an opportunity to help educate and motivate participation in the political process," said MCCR Pastor Dwayne Johnson. "While I believe in the separation of church and state, I believe we all have a spiritual directive to be involved in the functioning of our government."

MCCR will provide nursery facilities and

staff for the children of attendees. MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur at White in the Old Sixth Ward Historic District. The church is one block south of Washington Avenue.

The HGLPC PAC Mayoral and City Council endorsement meeting will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 3 at the Holiday Inn Select at 2712 Southwest Freeway at Kirby Drive.

The HGLPC is the South's oldest gay civil rights organization and is the sister organization to the HGLPC PAC. The HGLPC PAC

is a non-partisan organization that endorses candidates based upon their level of support for equal rights for gay Americans and provides campaign support.

In addition to its social welfare activities, the HGLPC lobbies local, state and federal officials in its efforts to educate the public to ensure that gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. For more information call 713-521-1000 or visit the HGLPC website at www.hglpc.org.



## A Consummate Songstress

### A Conversation with Melissa Manchester

by Leslie Ramsay

Legendary singer Melissa Manchester will be performing with the Houston Symphony-Exxon Pops at Jones Hall, August 29-31. Recently, the *Houston Voice* had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Manchester about her upcoming performance. Manchester is world renowned for her vocal prowess. Her smash hits have spanned decades.

Known for her extraordinary delivery, the songstress has amassed a stellar record of memorable songs, among them such classics as *Midnight Blue*, *Don't Cry Out Loud*,

*Whenever I Call You Friend*, and numerous others. A recording institution, Manchester's career spans nearly three decades.

During our conversation, Manchester was forthright, extremely cordial and excited about her Houston performances.

HV: I blew the speakers out in my car when *Don't Cry Out Loud* came out. It's an incredible song. I still turn it up when the local radio stations play it on the radio.

MM: Thank you.

HV: In your bio, I read that your father was a bassoonist with the Metropolitan  
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## Texas Civil Rights Project Files Class Action Suit in Sexual Assault Case

(Austin) - The Texas Civil Rights Project filed a class action suit this week against the Williamson County Jail in the United States District Court for Austin.

The lawsuit, brought by "John Doe" (to protect his privacy), claims that the county jail does not provide proper medical care for detainees who are HIV positive or have AIDS. Specifically, jail personnel routinely refuse to transport detainees to AIDS clinics or dentists, that they routinely refuse to provide prescribed medication and treatment in the jail, and that they refuse to allow HIV positive inmates the same recreational opportunities as they allow all other inmates.

The suit also alleges that jail personnel routinely, publicly, and unlawfully disclose the HIV status of detainees to others. The suit is brought under the federal constitution and the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, the plaintiff alleges he was sexually assaulted by a jail medical officer, who took him to a private area of the jail under the pretext of assisting him. The total damages sought are \$165,000.

The case is being handled by the Texas Civil Rights Project. It was referred to TCRP by the Texas Human Rights Foundation, which provides assistance to people with HIV or AIDS. Julie Balovich,

spokesperson for THRF, said she hopes the suit will be "a wake up call" for counties around the state that they have to make sure their prisoners who have AIDS or a positive HIV status get proper medical treatment.

TCRP Legal Director Jim Harrington said that HIV medical treatment is a "severe problem throughout Texas county jails. We've been concerned about it for a number of years, and finally we have to resort to the courts to deal with the problem."

The suit seeks \$75,000 in actual damages against the County and Sheriff Ed Richards for the denial of medication and treatment to the plaintiff, as well as \$20,000 in punitive damages against Jail Administrator William Bosquet.

The suit also asks for \$20,000 for four separate public disclosures of the plaintiff's HIV-positive status within the jail by jail officers. The suit further seeks \$50,000 damages against the jail officer who sexually assaulted the plaintiff.

Finally, the class action suit seeks an injunction to assure that all current and future HIV-positive detainees at the jail will receive proper medical treatment for HIV and that jail officials will not unlawfully disclose their HIV status to others.

## Growing Support For BCBC

by Tony Yarbrough  
Vice President, BCBC

On behalf of the entire membership of Bayou City Boys Club, Inc., I would like to express our collective gratitude to the members of the gay and lesbian communities of Houston and the surrounding areas who generously supported "Hurricane '97" on July 26, 1997 in Houston.

Due to the generosity and enthusiasm of the individuals who attended and contributed both underwriting dollars and in-kind donations, "Hurricane '97" raised over \$25,000 for Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos, Buyers Club-Houston and the Center for AIDS.

The event, now in its 5th year, was the most successful ever. Over 900 people attended and enjoyed the open-air dance party with DJ Julian Marsh (NYC and Fire Island) returning by popular demand.

"The community's support for BCBC's events just keeps growing and growing each year" stated event co-chairs Matt Krol and Jameson Gray. They continued, "We are awed by the generosity of our friends who have supported BCBC's efforts to raise funds over the years."

BCBC also wishes to acknowledge the support and volunteer efforts of this year's beneficiary organizations, who provided man power to assist with set-up, clean-up and event staffing. In-kind sponsors for "Hurricane '97" included Bud Light / Silver Eagle Distributors, House of Seagrams, Captain Morgan's Rum and Texas Triangle. Additionally, BCBC's 30 volunteer members were critical to the event's tremendous success.

BCBC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to raise funds for HIV/AIDS education, research and care in Houston and has donated over \$330,000 in its five-year history. Annual events include Jungle Lust (spring), Hurricane (summer) and New Year's Eve at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel.

BCBC also wishes to announce the upcoming kick-off party for the New Year's Eve benefit to be held on October 5, 1997. Beneficiaries will be announced once a selection process by BCBC members takes

place. If you know of an organization who should be considered as a benefactor, please forward a request and Proposal to: BCBC at P.O.Box 131284, Houston, TX 77219-1284.

As the demand for HIV/AIDS services continues to rise, the members of BCBC pledge to maintain a high level of dedication toward supporting those who provide research, education and care for our HIV+ loved ones. Until there's a cure...

## Another Religious Perspective

by John Kellett

I believe Frank Parsley's letter "An Anti-Religious Catharsis" (*Houston Voice*, 8/22/97) fails to recognize that there are several religious denominations of proud history and stature that are indeed supportive of the gay/lesbian community.

Since 1970, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), as a denomination, has successively enacted a total of 10 resolutions in support and welcome of lesbian, gay and bisexual persons and their particular needs, including equal rights in the denomination and in society; an end to sodomy statutes; ordination of gay and lesbian clergy; church services of union for lesbian and gay couples, and in 1986, gay/lesbian marriage.

Members and friends of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston (5200 Fannin at Southmore) really believe and practice the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, particularly the first: "The inherent worth and dignity of every person." At the 9:30 and 11:30 AM services on Sunday mornings, many of them wear a rainbow flag on or near their nametag, showing they want to help newcomers by answering questions about supportive Church activities. Or look for the "Lesbian/Gay UU's" Bulletin Board opposite the Church Office, or their Table in the main hall which has a big rainbow flag, UUA brochures welcoming gay, lesbian and bisexual people, and announcements of activities of interest.

First UU Church has special programs on the first Sunday of each month particularly tailored to welcome new people, with a special Activities Fair between the two services on Sept. 7.

## MONTROSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

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### Sing A Song!

The beginning of a new season is very exciting for performing arts groups and the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston is no exception. They will begin their 19th season of "a little traveling music" and are proud to announce the appointment of a new Artistic Director, Dr. J. David Faber, to conduct them. Dr. Faber approaches his new responsibility with a Ph.D. in music education and voice from West Virginia University. He has taught and directed choirs in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, and Georgia before coming to Houston. He currently is an associate professor of music at North Harris College, where he directs the choirs, teaches voice, music theory, and music appreciation. Dr. Faber is active in Frontrunners Track Club, Presbyterians for Lesbians and Gay concerns, PFLAG, and has been a member of the Houston Symphony Chorus.

Gay Men's Chorus would like to invite singers and non-singers to join them in a family atmosphere free of bigotry and prejudice, while preparing for their holiday concert celebrating traditions and cultures from around the world. Non-singing members participation is needed for productions and administrative functions. Activities in the chorus are volunteer and designed to give members a sense of satisfaction from accomplishment. The first rehearsal is September 4, 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Drive @ Missouri in Houston or call 521-SING for more information. Interested people can also learn about the chorus from their web page <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/1349/> or e-mail them at GMC-

### H.E.E.L.

Jeffrey Bays, Mr. Texas Drummer 97-98 held his first fundraising event at Mary's on August 24, 1997. The proceeds of the event will cover the start-up expenses for H.E.E.L. Nearly \$220 was raised at this unusual event.

Don Gill offered his characteristic handsome and masculine short styled cuts. Also present was Stan Harrell, Mr. Gulf Coast Boot Black, who was also quite busy. Even a few braved the ultimate style change and went under the blade of Mr. Texas Drummer for a complete head shave.

H.E.E.L. will begin monthly education seminars on Sept. 21 from 3-5pm at Pacific Street. A donation will be made to the LVL Holiday Charities equal to 10% of the net profit of this event. All unopened supplies are to be donated to Stone Soup. For info, contact Jeffrey at 281.484.4585.

### HWCA

The Houston Women's Caucus for Art presents "Personal Alchemy: Burnishing the Spirit" Saturday, September 6 through Saturday, October 11, 1997. The Opening Reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at The Firehouse Gallery, 1413 Westheimer.

Alchemy is an ancient pseudoscience concerned with the transmutation of base metals into gold. HWCA members use the organization's twentieth birthday to comment on self-improvement efforts and the nature of change in their lives. To sample past and current projects, visit <http://www.fine-art.com/~canary>.

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## Brown Dropped from New York Lawsuit

(New York) - Former New York Mayor David Dinkins and former Police Commissioner Lee P. Brown acted reasonably during violent clashes between blacks and Hasidic Jews in 1991, a judge ruled last week when he dropped them as defendants in a lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Block said both should be free from personal liability in



Lee Brown

a lawsuit that accused them and the city of withholding police protection from Hasidic Jews during the unrest.

Block allowed the lawsuit seeking unspecified monetary damages to proceed against the city saying Hasidic Jews who filed the case in 1992 had adequately argued that their equal protection rights were violated.

Block said Dinkins and Brown, who was police chief in Houston before taking the police commissioner job in New York and is now a mayoral candidate in Houston, should be protected against personal liability because they "confronted chaotic conditions in Crown Heights and acted reasonably under the circumstances."

The disturbances in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn broke out in August 1991 after a car driven by a Hasidic Jew accidentally struck and killed a 7-year-old black child. Hours later a young Hasidic Jew was chased by a mob and stabbed to death.

## Big Spring Prison Guard Charged with Sexual Abuse

(Big Spring) - An officer at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution has been charged with the aggravated sexual abuse of an inmate.

Darren Humphries, arrested last week and free on \$5,000 bond, is waiting for a federal grand jury to examine his case next month. Until then, he is on paid leave, prison officials said. The arrest followed an investigation into an alleged forced sodomy incident last October, federal prosecutor Tanya Pierce said Tuesday.

In a conversation recorded by authorities on Aug. 20, Humphries admitted to raping a male prisoner, according to an affidavit signed by Ronald Holland, a special agent for the Office of the Inspector General. Big Spring is about 30 miles northeast of Midland, Texas.

## Local AIDS Activist's Death is Iowa Family's Eighth Member to Die of Aids

(Houston) - Like his four brothers, wife, sister-in-law and infant nephew before him, hemophiliac Loras Goedken has died of an AIDS-related illness. He was 52. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said no other family in America is known to have lost more people to AIDS than the Goedkens, a northeast Iowa farm family from the town of Monticello.

Goedken died Sunday night at his home in Houston. He had learned in June that he had developed a type of lymphoma that is often contracted by people with AIDS. He started chemotherapy treatments, but doctors told him a few weeks ago that the treatments were not helping.

Goedken was a well respected activist for people with AIDS. According to Goedken's constant companion, Marilyn Reth, Goedken spent much of his time on the local lecture circuit and worked with area AIDS groups in Houston. "He spoke all over, visiting schools, churches and organizations," Reth told the *Houston Chronicle* Wednesday. "He told his story. He would tell the audience that they were the cure, that abstinence and safe sex were the answers and that it could be cured that way. He wanted to take that message to those kids."

Den Kelly, director of communications of the AIDS Foundation Houston, told the *Chronicle* that Goedken was locally well known and respected as an activist for AIDS victims. "He did tons of things around the community. He will be really missed," said Kelly.

"I'm going to miss him terribly," his brother, Steven Goedken, said. "We all knew it was coming, but it doesn't make it any easier. This is a very, very hard time." Steven Goedken, who lives in Dubuque, is the only one of Vince and Mary Goedken's seven sons who was not born with hemophilia, a painful disease that prevents blood from clotting properly.

The youngest Goedken son, Tommy, died in 1971 of complications of surgery. The other four - Ernie, Carl, Dennis and J.J. - died of AIDS between 1987 and 1991. Dennis' wife, Karen, and their infant son, Clayton, also died of AIDS-related illnesses. Loras' wife, Jan, died of AIDS in 1990.

The Goedken brothers contracted the AIDS virus through the use of a commercially manufactured blood clotting agent known as Factor 8. The product was made from large quantities of donated blood that, unbeknownst to the manufacturers or recipients, had been contaminated with HIV, virus that causes AIDS. By the time the contamination was discovered, some 10,000 Americans had been infected.

"I am angry at HIV, but I want you to be compassionate," Goedken said at an AIDS awareness rally in Wyoming in April 1995.

Loras Goedken testified before congressional committees in support of legislation calling for cash settlements for hemophiliacs with AIDS and their families. In addition to his brother, Goedken is survived by his mother, four sisters and his son, Eric.

## Scout Executive Charged with Indecency with Child

(Quanah) - A Boy Scout district executive charged with indecency with a child has been suspended from his job and scouting membership, a scout executive says. Andrew McElhannon, 24, posted \$30,000 bond after his arraignment Monday, Hardeman County Sheriff Randy Akers said.

Quanah Police Chief Guy Smith said McElhannon surrendered to state troopers and spent the weekend in the Hardeman County Jail. McElhannon, himself an

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Eagle Scout, worked with boys in 10 counties south and west of Wichita Falls.

Smith wouldn't say if any Boy Scouts were involved in the suspected molestation, which allegedly occurred over a long period of time and was reported to Quanah police Aug. 9. Smith didn't rule out the possibility of additional charges.

Ron Boller, an executive with the Northwest Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said the council is cooperating with the investigation, which so far is limited to Hardeman County. The council automatically suspended McElhannon's employment and scout membership upon learning of the charges, Boller said. He may not be able to regain his employment and membership even if cleared, said Boller, adding scouting officials performed a standard security check before hiring McElhannon in April 1996.

McElhannon's job involved working with chartering organizations such as churches and civic groups to establish scout troops and didn't entail much direct contact with scouts, Boller said. McElhannon worked with troops in Archer, Baylor, Childress, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, King, Knox, Throckmorton and Wilbarger counties.

Quanah Boy Scout leaders Billy Smith and Larry Castleberry said that, to their knowledge, McElhannon had no private contact with any of the city's 22 registered Cub Scouts or members of its newly formed Boy Scout troop.

McElhannon attended a summer camp with several troops from around the North Texas area earlier this year, though McElhannon never came to the campsite where the Quanah scouts and their leaders stayed, Castleberry said. Quanah is about 60 miles northwest of Wichita Falls.

**HGLPC Dinner to host Frazier and Loza as Keynote Speakers**

Travis County Sheriff, Margo Frazier, a Democrat and the first open lesbian to be elected County Sheriff, and Dallas city Council member John Loza, a Republican and the first person elected to the Dallas City Council as an openly gay candidate, have been selected as the Keynote Speakers at the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus' (HGLPC) 1997 Awards Dinner, Saturday, October 4, 1997.

The dinner will be held either at the Four Seasons Hotel downtown or the Wyndham Warwick Hotel. At press time, a decision had not been rendered by the group. Dinner Committee Chair Clarence Bagby said that the caliber of speakers demonstrates the groups commitment to its goal of "making Annise Parker Houston's first openly gay elected official."

According to Bagby, the group has already garnered eight underwriters. The cost of underwriting the event is \$150.00. Dinner tickets are \$65.00 and tables of eight are \$500.00. Those interested in becoming an underwriter or volunteering their services should contact Bagby at (713) 521-1000 ext. 5.



Montrose Blockbuster

**Montrose Blockbuster Video Plans Major Video, Laser Disc Sale**

The Montrose location Blockbuster Video, located at the corner of Westheimer and Montrose, will be having a large Tent Sale this weekend selling hundreds of previously viewed video tapes and laser discs.

The large outdoor event will take place over Labor Day Weekend.

The Montrose store has the largest selection of alternative lifestyle film fare in the city. According to store manager Wally Prather, the store has been inundated with shipments of videos and laser discs from other locations for display at the outdoor sale.

The company indicated that their will be thousands of titles available at prices ranging from \$1.99 and up. Titles will range from recent releases to classics. For further information, call the store at (713) 528-3724.

**DIFFA Pink Umbrellas: An Absolut Remembrance Descends on Dallas**

Imagine waking up one morning to find a public space in your community - a park, a thoroughfare, an atrium - populated by 500 bright pink 6-foot umbrellas. For the city of Dallas, this image will become a reality from September 4 to 7, when the city hosts the fourth installation of the national tour of Pink Umbrellas: An Absolut Remembrance, a compelling art installation and tribute to lives lost to AIDS.

Enhanced by local artists who will each create their own signature Absolut Pink Umbrellas, the installation will take place along Turtle Creek Boulevard between Hall and Blackburn, culminating at Lee Park where hundreds of pink umbrellas will take root. Umbrellas from previous installations in Miami and Boston will also be featured in the installation.

Conceived and installed by DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, Pink Umbrella, is a poetic and poignant, powerful yet silent tribute honoring the many thousands of lives lost to AIDS. Officially launched in New York, Dallas is the fourth stop on a seven city national tour supported by Absolut Vodka. Absolut Vodka and DIFFA will host an opening party and special preview for the installation at Ultimo at Highland Park Village from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"Pink Umbrellas: An Absolut Remembrance is a project close to Absolut's heart," said Bob Bernstein, Senior Marketing Director for Absolut Vodka. "We have been involved with the project since its inception, and we've worked closely with DIFFA to create an event that not only raises funds for a worthy cause, but uses art to raise the emotional consciousness of the community as well."

To experience Dallas in Pink or for more information, call (214) 748-8580.

**MCC Hosts Tori Williams to Speak at Women's Network, Debuts Men's Network**

The Montrose Counseling Center will debut the opening program for the Men's Network, a brand new discussion/support group for gay and bisexual men, September 9 at 7:15 p.m.

Entitled "Survival in the 90's - The Trials and Tribulations of Being a Gay Man and What We Can Do to Survive (or Cope)," it will include a lively group discussion in which participants share their own survival skills and pick up new ones.

The Men's Network is open to all gay or bisexual men and each session will have a special topic or speaker of interest to gay and bisexual men, providing a safe and supportive environment to meet others, learn and share about issues. The group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. For more information, contact Michael Migura at (713) 529-0037.

Meanwhile, Tori Williams, MSW, will be the featured speaker at the organizations Women's network meeting, September 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Williams is the co-founder of AssistHers and the former Houston Chapter Director of the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA).

Williams will talk about the difficulties lesbian women have in dealing with health

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problems, why lesbians need to take care of themselves and other lesbians, and the unique program AssistHers, which provides in-home support to lesbian women with chronic or debilitating illnesses. For more information, contact Sue Long, LMSW-ACP, at (713) 529-0037.

### Thomas Street Clinic Citizen's Advisory Council Seeks Candidates

The Thomas Street Clinic Citizen's Advisory Council has three un-expired positions open on the council for the term ending Fall 1998.

One council seat for a HIV/AIDS person and two alternate positions are open to any

interested parties living in Harris County.

The Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the third floor conference room at the Thomas Street Clinic. The meetings, which are open to the public, cover issues pertaining to organizations pharmaceutical, medical and educational needs.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Council Co-Chair Perrie Dolph. For additional information, call (713) 729-9662.

### Houston Ballet Slated to Launch 1997-98 Season with a Program of Modern Works

The Houston Ballet is set to launch its 1997-98 season with a dynamic program of

works by some of the world's most acclaimed modern choreographers. The company will give six performances of this program from September 4-14, 1997 in the Brown Theater of The Wortham Theater Center.

The highlight of the evening will be the world premiere of *Eclipse*, a new work by Houston Ballet Artistic Director Ben Stevenson set to music by the great Polish composer Frederic Chopin. The company will revive George Balanchine's seminal 1946 masterwork, *The Four Temperaments*, not seen in Houston since it first entered the company's repertoire in 1988. Rounding out the evening is Jirí Kylian's exhilarating *Sinfonietta*, a powerful, deeply spiritual work set to the stirring score by Leos Janacek.

"This is a program that will stretch our dancers in new and different directions," observed Stevenson. "You've got three totally different choreographers, each with their own particular style of movement. Jirí Kylian is one of the greatest choreographers working in the world today. Doing *Sinfonietta*, a contemporary work, is a challenge for a classically based company like Houston Ballet. And *The Four Temperaments* is very demanding technically; it's a piece in which the dancers are off balance, a bit off-kilter. I love *The Four Temperaments* because it shows a more contemporary side of Balanchine. It was choreographed 13 years after he first arrived in the United States, and you can really see the influence American dance had on him at that point."

Set to Frederic Chopin's poignant Second Piano Concerto, *Eclipse*, Stevenson indicated he was inspired to create the work by two sources: the recent television reports of the exploration of the planet Mars; and the sculptures of Texas artist John Kerr Smither. An abstract work for 14 dancer, *Eclipse*, will showcase principals Tiekka Schofield and Phillip Broomhead.

"Sometimes, when you've focused on a dark full-length work like *Dracula*, which I created for the company in March, you then want to explore something different, to go in another direction. It helps to fire your imagination," remarked Stevenson.

The opening night performance will be Thursday, September 4. For ticket information, call (713) 227-ARTS.

### Briefs....

The Menil Collection will hold a sale of vintage posters in the museum's library, Sunday August 31, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than forty exhibition posters dating from the 1970's to the present will be available for purchase. All posters cost \$1 each (tax included). The proceeds from the sale will benefit The Menil Collection Library....

Veteran candidate Bernard Calkins, 84, entered the highly coveted mayoral race this week. Calkin, whose previous attempts at the office in 1967 and 1969 were unsuccessful, declared himself "the dark-horse candidate with a new face." Calkin owned a company that provided air-conditioned bus service before the era of Metro....

The 11th annual House Beautiful Show descends upon Houston next weekend at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The show, the largest of its kind in the Southwest, is one of the five largest in the nation. The show will display the latest in technical and design advancements for every aspect of home and garden including remodeling, additions, decorating, maintenance, new furniture and landscaping. The event takes place Thursday, September 4 and Friday, September 5 from 3 to 9 p.m.;

Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Emmy Award-winner Michael E. Knight, Tad on *All My Children*, will also appear....

William Albright, former drama critic of the now-defunct *Houston Post*, will speak on "Playwrights, Plays and Theater" at the September 8 meeting of Scriptwriters/Houston, 7:30 p.m. in the Jones auditorium on the campus of the University of St. Thomas. A question-and-answer session will follow Albright's address. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (713) 707-5194....

Theatre Southwest is presenting a female version of Neil Simon's classic stage play *The Odd Couple*. The show runs from September 5 to 27 at 8 p.m. and a Sunday Matinee performance will be held September 14 at 3 p.m. For more information, call the Box Office at (713) 661-9505....

Prominent Houston choreographer and dance teacher, Leanna Sparacino, announced the date for her dance company's first fund-raising Gala. The company, Leanna Sparacino and Company Dancers, performs all styles of dance - Jazz, Ballet, Tap and Musical Theater. Their mission is to educate children and adults about the positive effects that dance and other cultural arts can have on the quality of their lives. The gala, *Starsteps*, is slated to take place October 3 and will include a buffet dinner and silent auction. For more information, call (713) 520-9070....

The Little Room Downstairs opens its third season with a Houston premiere, *Behind a Masquerade of Rhymes*, by P.S. Lorio. *Masquerade*, a lesbian love story, explores the romance and the heartache that make our life's poetry. The shows premise consists of a lonely writer who teaches a continuing education course, and mentors a married mother of two. For more information, call (713) 523-0791....

The Glassell School of Art located at 5101 Montrose Blvd., will be offering a complimentary art workshops to individuals with HIV/AIDS. The workshops, helmed by Patrick Palmer, will include painting, drawing, and many craft-based projects. No prior artistic experience is needed. The sessions, part of a seven year tradition, will be held every Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning September 5 and going through December 12, 1997....

The AIDS Action Foundation will present their leadership awards at a dinner September 4 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Phil Lacy, longtime champion HIV/AIDS services and advocacy, and The Methodist Hospital of Houston, the largest private donor to HIV/AIDS patient services in the Bayou City are this years recipients....

Want to be a comic? Here's your chance! The Houston Comedy Arts Open will be held September 18 at the Laff Stop, 1952-A West Gray. The event, presented by HBO and the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, will permit the first 100 sketch, improvisation and stand-up artists who show up two minutes of stage time. Semifinalists will be selected to perform a longer set later that evening at the Laff Stop. For additional information, call (713) 524-2333....

Finally, The Houston Symphony Chorus will be holding auditions for new members, Saturday, September 6. The all volunteer chorus rehearsed every Tuesday. Interested parties should request an audition information packet from Chorus Manager Marilyn Dyess at (281) 980-9842.



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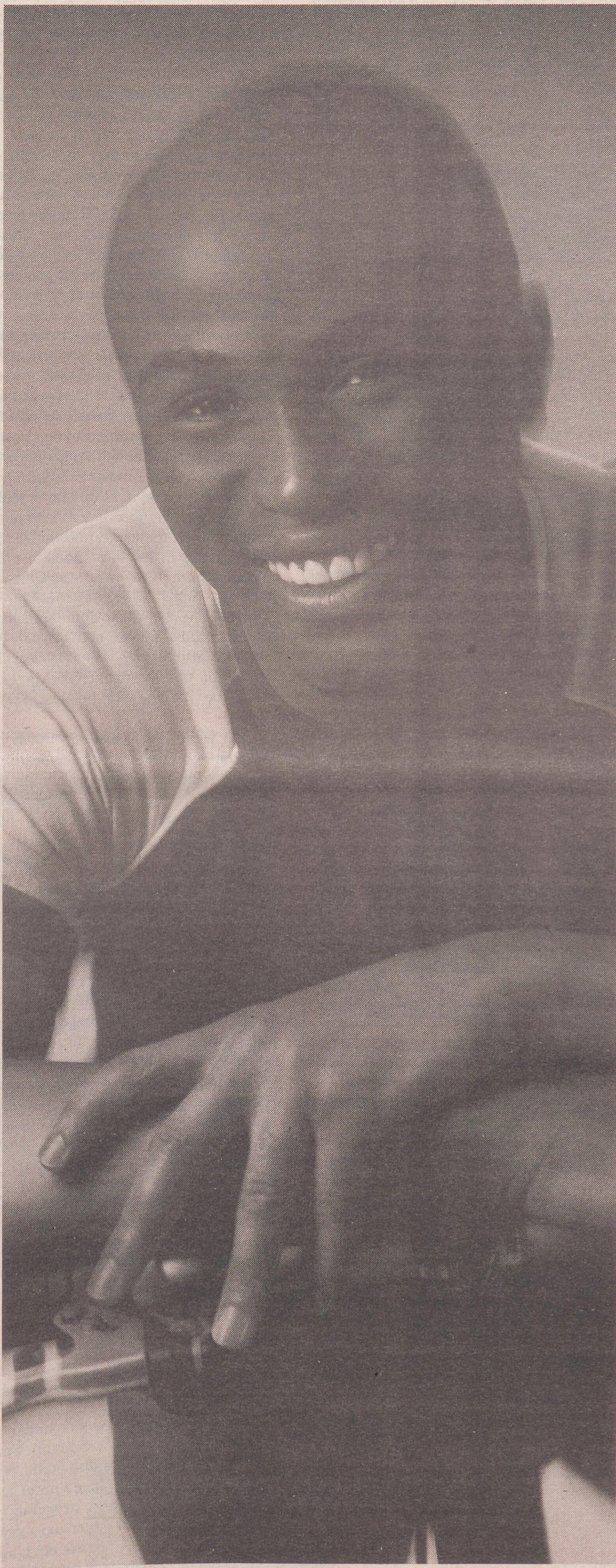
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# The Farewell Symphony

by Larry Lingle

Larry Kramer took the occasion of the recent Gay Pride Week to once again invoke his plea for gay liberation on a higher plain. And in the process he singled out the forthcoming novel, *The Farewell Symphony* by Edmund White. Now Kramer is perhaps our community's most outspoken critic and White debatably our brightest literary light.

Yet Kramer was appalled with the amount of sex described in White's latest novel (although a not-so-well disguised third volume of memoirs) when Kramer suggested gay writers should concentrate on projecting a more positive - i.e. straight-friendly - image. Kramer suggested that the time was past for pornography and gay writers should aspire for literary greatness.

White's response, without citing Kramer by name, appears in the current issue of *Out* magazine, "The Joy of Gay Lit" (apropos considering White co-authored *The Joy of Gay Sex*). The closest White comes to pointing fingers is in referring to "one of our prominent gay prudes." Otherwise White develops his case with a brief review of gay literature, commencing (a shock of recall reserved for us elderly - "commence" was a favorite word of my grandfather's, never "begin" or "start" but "commence") with

novels aimed at a straight audience wherein the gay protagonist conveniently commits suicide or the opposite end, the one-handed

Stonewall uprising took place in 1969 the traditional coat-and-tie homosexual activists from the Mattachine Society still favored the

to draw the blood, and a response.

When the next generation confronted the AIDS epidemic, once again this seemingly buried issue arose as activists zapped federal offices and the more conservative cried for restraint. As activism withered with its early successes, the conservative bent once again rose to the surface. Writers such as Bruce Bawer began preaching that the old coat-and-tie approach was more suited (no pun intended) for progress. On all levels a minority within our minority cried for attention in its effort to present us as normal except bent.

Log Cabineers protested that many of us were really fiscally conservative and socially moderate. A small gathering of such Log Cabineers (25) garnered prominent local news coverage when they endorsed a mayoral candidate this week. A local business achieved the dubious title of "hetero-friendly gay bookstore" from an award-winning state - and straight - magazine. This only reinforces this image that we must not do anything to offend, even to the extent that a gay bookstore should not appear to offend the eyes of heterosexuals.

While White's new novel is not yet out, I did read a "booksellers preview edition" during a recent trip. Frankly, while not appalled by the sex, I was amazed by White's rather active sexual life. Perhaps I should also add surprised by his proclivity for the bottom, although sympathetic to his all-too-often habit of loving the wrong man, i.e. one who could not love him in return.

Those who know White as I do not, will better connect the names substituted for the real persons in his life. Some are rather obvious, from "Fox" who was Christopher Cox to "Eddie" who was the late James Merrill. The rest will no doubt someday justify a decoder article, perhaps only when White is also history. What is clear is that White did travel in the literary circle of his time, the 70s and 80s in New York and Paris.

And while *The Farewell Symphony* jumps off from the mid-90s with the death of his French lover the action dwells in the earlier two decades. What permeates his writing is White's present-day awareness of his age and appearance which are injected from time to time and disconcertingly detract from his earlier years when he must have been reasonably personable, judging by the array of sex and sex partners he recounts. And, like most gay men, he laments his lack of more sex and the ongoing fear that the next man was getting more than he.

White uses his *Out* article to place his own work in perspective. Noting the coming-out novel ala apology as in Paul Russell's "Salt Point" and Paul Monette's "Halfway Home" exemplifying the AIDS novel which rejects the "pornographic" novel when he alleges that "serial sex" created the epidemic. White rejects the apologetic stance and rightly points out that the early judgment that AIDS only befell those experiencing numerous sex partners is, itself, is disrepute.

Ultimately, White argues, gay literature must be judged for its honesty and relevancy. For those who charge that he promotes too much sex in his novel he counters that such sex is literary and not pornographic - it would not register, as he puts it, on "the Peter Meter". *The Farewell Symphony* is memoir in the guise of novel - it is real life and real individuals as they are, not as some might wish they were.

And great literature, gay or straight, does not live in a non-sexual vacuum. Some of the greatest literature is also erotic, without being pornographic. White's novel successfully recreates his early struggling years, both in terms of a gay writer and a gay man.

His life and times in an era not long gone but, thanks to AIDS, now seemingly so distant, vividly recounts the figurative and literally dying of a gay generation. His well-crafted vessel plays a final "farewell symphony" to that time and those men in a manner that only those of us from that generation can perhaps fully appreciate. We shall not see its like again, and - with a nod to AIDS - we likely will not see the likes of Edmund White again. I am only thankful that his parting (the age, not his life) is not apology for the lives so lived.

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novels which had but one goal and the climax was yours.

First, considering Kramer's criticism, we must ask what is our purpose? When the

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### CLINICAL STUDIES

Study AI455-019 was a multi-center, randomized, double-blind trial of ZERIT Capsules vs zidovudine for the treatment of HIV-infected adults with CD4 counts of 50 to 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> who had received at least six months prior zidovudine treatment. ZERIT was administered in dosages of 40 mg BID for patients weighing ≥60 kg, and 30 mg BID for those weighing <60 kg. The zidovudine dosage was 200 mg TID. The study enrolled 822 patients with a median baseline CD4 count of 235 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> (range: 10 to 735 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>), and a median duration of prior zidovudine treatment of 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%	14.1%
18 months	18.5%	23.3%
24 months	26.6%	31.8%

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

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

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

### WARNINGS

The major clinical toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. This complication occurred in 19 and 24 percent of the 11,784 patients with advanced HIV disease who received the two dose levels of stavudine in the Parallel Track Program<sup>1</sup>. In patients with less advanced HIV infection in the zidovudine comparative trial, peripheral neuropathy occurred in 13 percent of ZERIT-treated patients as compared to 4 percent of zidovudine-treated patients. Patients should be monitored for the development of neuropathy that is usually characterized by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. Stavudine-related peripheral neuropathy may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms may worsen temporarily following discontinuation of therapy. If symptoms resolve completely, resumption of treatment may be considered at a reduced dose.

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

### PRECAUTIONS

#### Information for Patients

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

Patients should be informed that the most common toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. Symptoms of peripheral neuropathy usually include tingling, burning, pain, or numbness in the hands or feet. Patients should be 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.

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

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

#### Laboratory Tests

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

#### Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

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

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

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

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

### Pregnancy

Pregnancy "Category C". Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits with exposures (based on C<sub>max</sub>) up to 399 and 183 times, respectively, of that seen at a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. The incidence in fetuses of a common skeletal variation, unossified or incomplete ossification of sternebra, 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 are receiving stavudine. This is consistent with the recommendation by the U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that HIV-infected mothers not breast-feed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV.

### Pediatric Use

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

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

Following intravenous infusions (n=21), the mean ± SD volume of distribution was 18.5 ± 9.17 L/m<sup>2</sup>. The distribution of stavudine into cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) was assessed in 8 pediatric patients after 12 weeks of multiple oral dosing. The concentration of stavudine in CSF samples ranged from 0.008 to 0.105 µg/mL at times ranging from 2 to 3 hours post-dose (dose ranging from 0.125 to 1 mg/kg). CSF concentrations ranged from 16% to 125% (mean ± SD of 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 ± 84 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The mean ± SD apparent oral clearance was 333 ± 97 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The percent of the dose excreted unchanged in the urine was 34.5% after oral administration.

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

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

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

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

	%			
	Study AI455-019		Parallel Track Program	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=5905)	ZERIT (20 mg BID) (n=5879)
Peripheral Neuropathy	11	3	20	17
Grade 1-2	2	1	4	2
Grade 3-4	9	2	16	15
Total	13	4	24	19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### OVERDOSAGE

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## Another One Bites the Dust

by Leslie Ramsay

News of the thirty-nine count indictments against former Clinton appointed Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy, should be filtering through the major media outlets by now. Espy resigned in 1994 from his cabinet position because the rumors of alleged questionable behavior was getting out of hand. Now with this multi-count indictment, one may assume that at least a federal grand jury found enough evidence to substantiate the rumors.

Espy now joins the odious company of the former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros and the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown as former colleagues of the Clinton/Gore Team to find themselves and their every flaw in the public eye. This is nothing new for the cabinet that "reflects the American population".

What is Espy accused of? The federal grand jury indictments accuse Espy of changing his financial reports to hide the thousands of dollars worth of gifts, trips, and cash that he and his girlfriend apparently received from lobbyists. They also found reason to question the \$35,458 in gifts, cash, limousine rentals, sporting event tickets, crystal, luggage, and travel from the Tyson Foods and other Agriculture Department regulated businesses.

If found guilty on all thirty-nine counts Espy could be in prison for the rest of his natural life. Spending a "hundred years" in jail for accepting tickets to the Super Bowl and a set of luggage from the almond growers, Sun-Diamond, seems a little extreme. His career has definitely taken a turn for the worse.

Some of the companies that gave Espy all of these "expensive" gifts have been fined or are involved in civil suits surrounding the gifts. Tyson admits to \$15 million in expenses dealing with the Espy affair. Sun-Diamond received a \$1.5 million fine. Smith Barney Incorporated settled out of court for \$1.05 million dollars.

Espy's brother, Henry, and his campaign manager, Alvarez Ferrouillet, are also in some hot water over this. Ferrouillet was convicted last year on ten counts of money laundering. His sentence was one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Henry Espy was just cleared of charges of making false statements to a bank. Allegedly, the money Ferrouillet was convicted of laundering was illegally donated to the failed Henry Espy for Congress campaign.

What Clinton/Gore Team member hasn't had problems?

Al Gore is now facing new accusations over the campaign-financing phone calls he admits to have made from his White House office. In some of the newly released documents concerning the fundraising activities of the Democratic National Committee, a memo instructing Al Gore to call the president of Interscope Records and ask for a \$50,000 donation has turned up.

Why is this a big deal? Besides the obvious making an illegal solicitation from a government building, Interscope Records is one of the largest gangster rap music labels in the country. Tipper and Al Gore are the champions of protecting our children from the vile gangster rap music. Apparently during a re-election campaign- morals, ethics, and principals go out the window in favor of the almighty dollar.

Surely the vice-president does not support the anti-woman, dope dealing, and gang banging message of Interscope Records. Al Gore's anti-smoking campaign to protect the children must be a ruse. How can he support hate crimes by gang bangers and deny taxpaying citizens the right to smoke a cigarette? I wonder how much the tobacco industry donated to the DNC? Did the gangster rap people outbid the tobacco industry for the soul of Al Gore?

Where is the president on all of this? Team Clinton is on vacation in Martha's Vineyard. I am sure his three-week vacation will relax him and prepare him for the next round of scandal du jour. The president will be facing Ms. Paula Jones in court very soon. Maybe that is why he is spending so much time with celebrities and actors during his holiday. He could use the acting tips for the witness stand...

## That Charmed Third Time 'Round

by Charles C. Perroncel, D. Min.

Are you on your **third relationship with the same person in different skin?** Starting to wonder why Mr. Right keeps turning left at the same corner? Question how such a strong person could become weak and needy the moment you make a commitment to each other? Welcome to a very large club! Relational therapy research shows that it takes most people the magic three times before they start asking if THEY might be doing something wrong.

Our "tapes" for intimacy are recorded in the first few years of our lives. They preserve two themes: How our mom (primary caregiver) related to us; and how we saw our parents relate to each other. From adolescence on, we look for the familiar (family-er) when we seek intimacy.

When *Bells Ring* and *Rockets Go Off* we can bet those early tapes are playing. Two things begin to happen:

1. We begin to try to round off our mate's rough edges to make them even more familiar. 'Just little changes... nothing big.' Our partner does the same. Instead of smoothing things out, tensions rise;

2. we fall into patterns we used in relating to our parents or they used on us. We become quite different from our suave, sophisticated courtship selves. Company manners give way to family manners as each of us tries to feel at home... even if we hated home.

When the aggravation gets too great we break up and start looking for someone completely different. By the third round of finding the same person in dif-

ferent skin, we may get the idea that we are making some mistake in -who we pick. That's hopeful.

Now we can go hunting with our eyes open and some guidelines in hand:

1. *Bells and rockets* are a warning sign. They feel good, but may be deadly.

2. Couples who stay together usually 'date' for a year or more before signing on for a committed relationship. That gives plenty of time to wear off rough edges and get a closer fit, or to break up with fewer complications.

3. Happy relationships are made by people who are more alike than *different*. Similar values, interests, education, financial background; just enough difference to keep things interesting, not so much as to clash frequently.

4. Both members of the couple know or are willing to learn how to compromise their differences.

Easy? Not! But forewarned is forearmed and we can learn new ways of doing relationship building and maintenance. Workshops or classes on communications skills help many people. Self help books on assertiveness and intimacy are often useful. Relational therapy has proved to be effective for many couples or individuals in the process of the search. Don't give up ... try something and someone completely different.

(Dr. Charles C. Perroncel, author of *Making Loving Better: A Guide to Intimate Communication is a pastoral counselor. He is a Connecticut licensed marriage and family therapist. He provides service for individuals, couples and families in Houston through A Group for Human Development.*)

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## Suit Alleging LAPD Violence at Gay Rally Settled for \$325,000

by Robert Jablon

(California) - The city has agreed to settle a lawsuit by a group of protesters who claimed officers beat them during a 1991 demonstration outside a GOP fund-raiser.

The Police Department did not admit any wrongdoing in the \$325,000 settlement, which was finalized about two weeks ago, said Taylor Flynn, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. The settlement, Flynn said, sends a message that "discrimination is costly."

She called on police Chief Bernard Parks to take action against homophobic officers. "I want to make sure that there's a no-tolerance policy," she said during a news conference Monday at the ACLU's office.

The department has "a zero tolerance policy for discrimination of any kind" and officers who violate that will be "severely dealt with," said Cmdr. Bruce Hagerty, head of the LAPD's Community Affairs Group. Flynn contended that the LAPD and other government agencies have targeted gay bars, and the LAPD continues to harass gays despite the settlement.

An LAPD study earlier this year found that vice inspections of gay bars occurred at "a slightly greater rate" than their representation of total bars. Bar investigations are based on complaints, and "our policy is we do not indiscriminately target any particular bar or busi-

ness based on the clientele," Hagerty said.

The department includes sexual orientation in its diversity training programs, actively recruits gays and has two officers liaisons between the community and the chief, he said. "Change is difficult and takes time," Hagerty said, but "we believe that we have a stronger, much more open relationship with the gay and lesbian community today than we had in 1991."

The settlement involves 28 people who accused the LAPD of false arrest and civil rights violations during a confrontation outside the Century Plaza Hotel on Oct. 23, 1991. Demonstrators were protesting Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of a bill that would have barred employers from discriminating against workers based on sexual orientation.

More than 100 officers, some on horseback, charged the crowd, the suit contended. Officers struck protesters, used slurs, trampled people with horses and dragged off demonstrators without provocation, the suit claimed.

Sandra Miller, 38, of Playa del Rey, recalled seeing horses moving in on protesters who were seated and had locked hands on a median strip on Avenue of the Stars. "I stood up and I put my hands up because this horse was in my face," Miller said. "And the officer on the horses took his (baton) and started whacking me," bruising her arm and breaking her watch. "There were officers coming in from three different directions," she said.

Varsin Marmillion, a Los Angeles restaurant owner who said he was shoved in the side by a baton, said the settlement should encourage other gays

to "stand up for what is right" and it also sends a message to the LAPD. "I think it should say that the 'Protect and to Serve' motto extends to all minorities," Marmillion said.

In February, the city agreed to pay \$87,000 to settle another suit brought by a West Hollywood man who claimed he was beaten at a similar protest on a different night. The city attorney's office would not discuss its reason for the latest settlement.

## Parolee Says Prison Rapes Led to AIDS, Sues State

by Michael Perason

(Illinois) - A paroled inmate who says authorities ignored his pleas for help has filed a federal lawsuit, saying he contracted the AIDS virus during repeated prison rapes. In his suit, Michael Blucker says he didn't expect a death sentence when he was sent to prison for burglary and auto theft in 1992 but that is what he got. The trial began this week.

Blucker, 28, who is seeking unspecified damages, contends a prison gang forced him into sexual slavery and authorities did nothing to help him. He was escorted from cell to cell, where he was forced to have sex in exchange for valuables - sometimes just a pack of cigarettes that later went to a gang leader, the lawsuit says.

Blucker, who now lives with his wife in suburban Chicago, said he repeatedly told prison officials at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester of the

alleged rapes, to no avail. And he argues the state policy allowing HIV-positive inmates to live in the general population put him at risk.

While declining to give specifics, Corrections spokesman Nic Howell said prison officials doubt Blucker's rape story and think he contracted the virus during consensual sex, perhaps before he entered prison. They also say prison workers educate inmates on the threat of HIV.

Blucker entered Menard on May 5, 1993. The lawsuit said his HIV test at Menard on June 10, 1993, was negative but one taken March 29, 1994, was positive.

Jenni Gainsborough, a spokeswoman for the National Prison Project run by the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, said she is unaware of any other case in which an inmate tried to prove he contracted HIV in prison.

State Rep. Cal Skinner has tried unsuccessfully to pass legislation requiring segregation of HIV-positive inmates and greater protection for victims of prison sex assault. "He is not a winner," Skinner said of Blucker. "But there's nothing he has done that merits a death sentence, and yet that's what he's received."

## Petition to Stop Gay-Rights Law Trying to Gather Steam

by Frank Fisher

(Maine) - With less than a month left, organizers of a petition drive to stop a

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gay-rights bill from becoming law in Maine have gathered only a fraction of the signatures they need. Leaders of the drive to force a statewide election on the bill said Friday they aren't giving up and will continue working until the Sept. 18 deadline set by the secretary of state's office.

The petition filers were given 90 days to gather a minimum of 51,131 signatures. "We're concerned, anybody would be, but we've got three weeks to go," said Michael Heath, executive director of the Christian Civic League of Maine. "A lot can happen in three weeks."

The bill, approved last spring by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Angus King, prohibits discrimination against homosexuals and lesbians in housing, public accommodations, credit and employment. The league had established its own first deadline of Aug. 22 for turning in petitions. On Friday, Heath said his office had petitions with about 12,000 to 13,000 signatures certified by town clerks, and he estimated at least that many signatures were still to be delivered.

Heath said organizers had hoped for a stronger showing by Friday, but he emphasized "the reason we set the Aug. 22 deadline was so we could deal with this if it came to this." The league and its partner, the Christian Coalition of Maine, are now going to work on getting more staff into the field to organize and motivate petition collectors, Heath said.

Supporters of the gay rights bill didn't give Heath much of a chance. "I mean, they've had quite a bit of time to do it, not a lot. But when you're not even 20 percent there at this point, I would say it's an uphill battle," said state Sen. Joel Abromson, R-Portland, the bill's prime sponsor.

Just slightly more than half the people who promised to circulate petitions have followed through, Heath said. Besides a 60-second radio commercial produced by Focus on the Family and some advice, national organizations have given little support, he said.

Signature gatherers - who are all volunteers - have had to confront several obstacles, including near-perfect summer weather, no elections where they could gather signatures at polls and the lack of a vocal opposition to keep the issue in the news.

"Frankly, our goal was not to provide Mr. Heath with free publicity," said

Patricia Peard, chair of the executive committee of Maine Won't Discriminate.

Heath, insisting "thousands of signatures are on their way to our office," remained undeterred. "Hundreds of people have made tremendous sacrifices over the summer to get us to where we are," he said.

**Focus on the Family President Backs Disney Boycott**

(Colorado) - The head of the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family is asking millions of radio listeners to join a boycott of Disney products. Focus on the Family President James Dobson said Tuesday that he would ask the 3 million to 5 million people who follow his ministry's radio programs to complain about Walt Disney Co. products the group finds offensive.

The Southern Baptist Convention started the boycott June 18 to express its objection to Disney policies, including health benefits for same-sex partners of its employees. It also objected to films such as *Pulp Fiction* produced by its subsidiaries, and to the TV show *Ellen*, which features a lesbian character and is broadcast on its ABC network.

The boycott "won't bankrupt Disney, given their enormous resources, and we may not even damage them financially," Dobson said. "But we can certainly let our constituency know that Disney is no longer friendly to the family and call attention to the immoral material they are now producing."

Disney spokesman Tom Deegan said it respects the groups' right to protest what they feel is in conflict with their beliefs. "We also feel strongly that their attacks on us are unwarranted, unfair and inappropriate," Deegan said.

The Disney conglomerate includes book publishing, records and major league sports teams as well as television, including ABC-TV and ESPN. Deegan said the boycott doesn't appear to have had much impact so far.

**University Official Orders Southey Painting Moved**

(Utah) - A University of Utah official ordered an art exhibit rearranged so a nude painting by Trevor Southey would be less conspicuous.

Students Kevin Haasch and Deidre Hughes say the action was tantamount to censorship. "This is not Brigham

Young University," Haasch said. "This is the University of Utah, which is a public institution, and things like that cannot happen here."

"The university is well within its right to say that there is a time, place and manner for all things," said Union manager Peter Richards, who ordered the painting *Prodigal Son* be moved. "I had received a couple of complaints that the artwork was offensive."

This is not the first time public officials have felt the need to relocate Southey's work. In the 1980s, the mural *Flight Aspirations*, hanging at Salt Lake City International Airport, provoked debate over art, nudity, appropriateness and censorship. Officials considered moving it to a less conspicuous site and in 1985 the work was finally moved out of the airport altogether.

Richards stressed that *Prodigal Son* remained in the Union exhibit, although it was moved around a corner. That way, people passing through the Union lobby would be less likely to see the large triptych of two nude men.

The art exhibit, which featured a dozen works by five artists, was held in conjunction with last week's Affirmation conference at the University and is already being taken down. The students say they will not drop their protest.

Haasch, a member of the student government assembly, will seek passage of a resolution condemning the administrators' action and calling for student input in such matters in the future. Dean of Students Stayner Landward said he supported Richards' action even though he is not personally offended by the painting.

The gallery is in a multiple-use area of the building and "we have to be sensitive to those for whom the painting may be offensive." He called the relocation a "middle-of-the-road approach," not censorship.

Duane Jennings, an organizer of the Affirmation conference and curator of the exhibit, said placement of Southey's painting in the exhibit was intentional and necessary. Because the work is so big, the original location was the only one that afforded enough space for viewers to see it properly.

Southey attended the Affirmation conference, a gathering of gay and lesbian Mormons, last weekend and was upset by the relocation of his painting, Jennings said. Southey, a former BYU art professor, now lives and works in San Francisco. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

**Mayor Gives Support of Same-Sex Benefits**

(Wisconsin) - An alderman who recommends extending medical insurance to city employees' same-sex partners has "the support of the mayor in principle," a spokesman for Mayor John O. Norquist says. The mayor, however, "does have a number of questions," including what it would cost the taxpayers and whether it is something that should be negotiated with the employees' union, spokesman Jeff Fleming said Tuesday.

Alderman Paul Henningsen has received criticism from Christian organizations since suggesting the city extend the health benefits. He got at See NAT'L page 12

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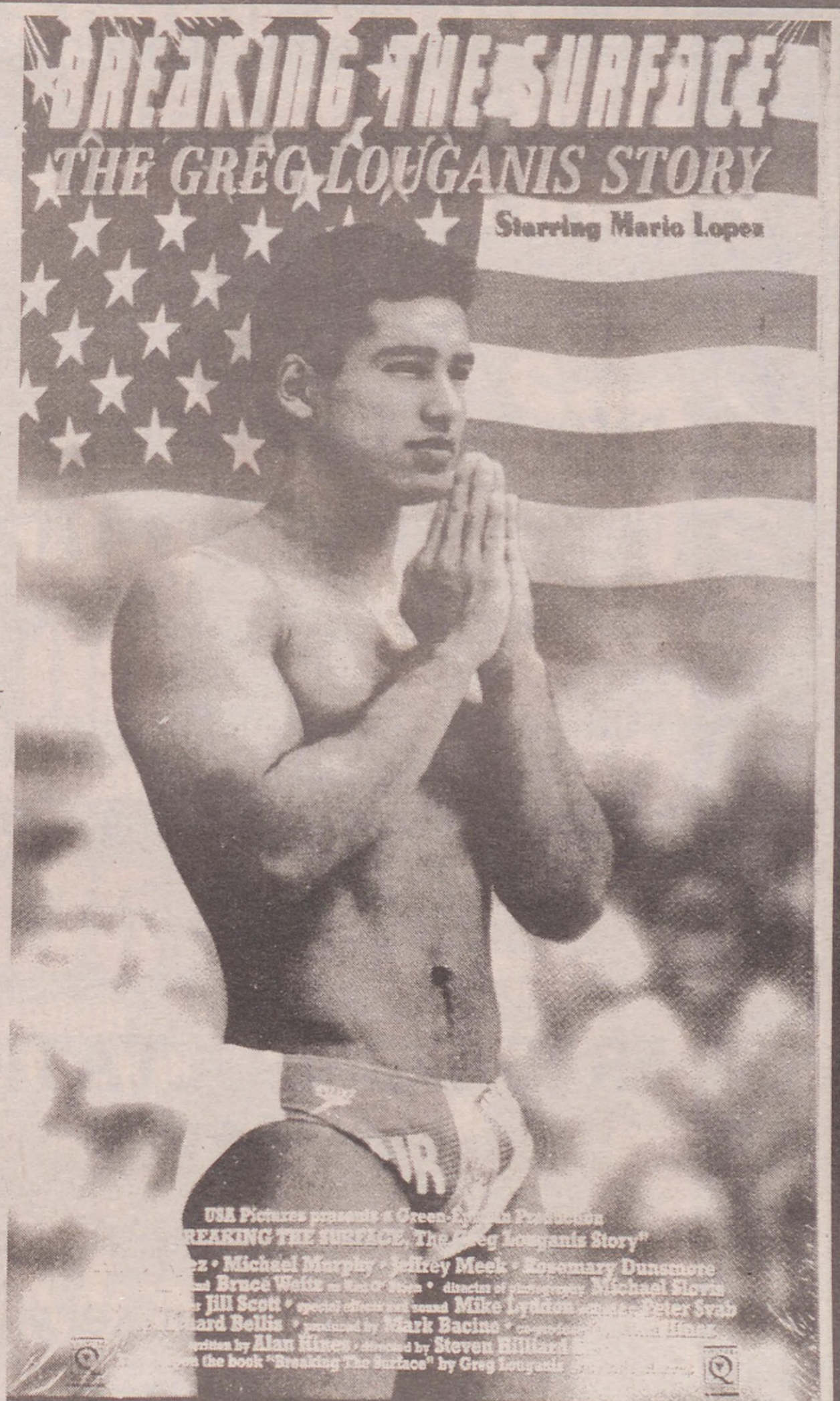
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least 100 telephone calls at home and at work in about two days, he said. People representing Wisconsin Christians United of Monroe have delivered literature door to door against the proposal.

The Rev. Wayne Rhode, pastor of a church in suburban Franklin, also is among Henningsen's critics on radio talk shows. "Number one, it is forcing taxpayers to support a lifestyle they do not agree with. It is a violation of the word of God," he told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Sodomy was illegal in Wisconsin until 1983 and ought to be outlawed again, he said.

Mark Street, a chairman of the Domestic Partnership Task Force, said "people need to consider that the people who would get coverage under this ordinance are taxpayers like everybody else." The American Civil Liberties of Wisconsin on Wednesday endorsed the Henningsen's proposal.

### Report: Blood Donor Didn't Know He Had HIV-Tainted Blood

(Wisconsin) - A man who donated HIV-tainted blood that infected a Milwaukee hospital patient did not know he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS, a report says. The report from a panel of experts who investigated the 1996 incident was released Monday by the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin at the request of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

But, despite the panel's findings, Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann said he was continuing an investigation that could lead to charges against the donor. "This case is not closed," he said. The panel said it found no evidence of faulty or improper procedures, and no evidence the blood center's staff failed to follow procedures or lacked adequate training.

The panel, convened by the Blood Center, interviewed the donor and "found that there were significant issues surrounding the donor's capacity to understand and comprehend HIV risk behaviors and their consequences in relation to blood donation."

The man likely was in denial that his risky behaviors could lead to HIV infection, said Jeffery McCullough, a professor of pathology at the University of Minnesota Medical School who is a panel member and its spokesman.

Based on that finding, the panel recommended that the Blood Center and all blood donation agencies nationwide be more explicit in their written instructions to potential donors. "It should say very bluntly, right between your eyes, that if you engage in risky behaviors you can infect others; and (it should say) do not become a donor," McCullough said.

Despite the finding of no wrongdoing, the seven-member panel made two dozen recommendations to improve, tighten or expand practices to make it even more unlikely that a similar incident could occur. One of the recommendations was that "the descriptions and explanations of AIDS risk behaviors should be more explicit and detailed. The center should strengthen the link between high risk behaviors and not donating blood," the report said. "All participants must know that it is OK not to donate."

The panel's recommendations also included:

- Enhancing privacy at some donor sites so donors will be

more comfortable in acknowledging risky behaviors, or in backing out of donations with out others knowing.

- Strengthening the procedure for checking arms for a suitable vein, to also look for evidence of needle use.

- Fostering an atmosphere in which HIV risk behaviors are regarded in non-judgmental terms.

William V. Miller, president of the blood center, said it had already implemented some of the steps and was preparing to implement the others.

The incident in which a donor with HIV-tainted blood made it through the screening process was disclosed last December by the center. The donor's blood subsequently was transfused into a middle-aged man at a Milwaukee hospital Jan. 10, 1996. The man later tested positive for HIV infection. The man, who had a long medical history involving two organ transplantations, died last January from complications of his primary illness.

In disclosing the incident, the blood center said the donor had lied about risky sexual behaviors when replying to written questions on a donor screening questionnaire. The center said donor apparently had given blood during the "window period" of HIV infection, the five to eight weeks after infection when there are not enough antibodies to be detected in routine HIV testing.

The center subsequently began using a new HIV antigen test that can detect HIV infection in a matter of a few weeks after infection. McCann said charges of endangering safety by conduct regardless of life were possible in the case. "This is serious business," he said of lying during the screening process.

### Domestic Dispute Leaves Two Women Dead

(North Carolina) - A woman fatally shot her female partner then turned the gun on herself after an argument over a breakup, police said.

Police believe Linda Gale Holliday, 40, shot Tracie Lee Wade, 31, in the head Sunday, then shot herself in the temple.

There were no signs of forced entry into the house and Holliday's wound appeared to be self-inflicted, investigators said. Both women were found dead in the upstairs bedroom.

The women had lived together for about five years. Friends told police that the couple was breaking up.

Neighbors say there was no indication the two women were having problems.

### Bail Set at \$2 Million in Child-Molestation Case

(Washington) - Bail has been set at \$2 million for a 50-year-old Lakewood man accused of sexually molesting three boys he befriended.

Howard Smith Bennett Jr. pleaded innocent Monday in Pierce County Superior Court to three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor and six counts of first-degree child rape. Authorities said Bennett is a registered sex offender with a 1989 conviction for another sex crime.

According to court documents,

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Bennett befriended the boys and lured them into his mobile home by fixing their bicycles and giving them candy. On several occasions, the man had oral sex with the boys and videotaped their sexual activities, court documents say.

The alleged crimes came to light when two boys told their mothers Bennett would take off their clothes and then videotape them performing sex acts at his request. In addition to videotapes showing the three boys and a fourth, unidentified boy, a search of Bennett's mobile home uncovered sticks, ropes, paddles, a box containing a sexual device, boys' T-shirts and briefs, and nudist magazines.

Deputy prosecutor Claire Sussman said additional charges might be brought after the videotapes are reviewed and the fourth boy is identified.

**IRS Grants Tax-Exempt Status to Gay Support Group**

(North Carolina) - The Internal Revenue Service has granted tax-exempt status to a gay youth support group after the federal agency agreed to review the request a second time.

The Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Support System received tax-exempt status Monday, said David Buckel, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which has been representing the gay group. "It's wonderful news for parents of gay teens...because this is a federal agency," Buckel said.

The gay civil rights organization sent an angry letter to the IRS in July on behalf of the youth group, charging an agent reviewing the request denied the tax-exempt status because he was biased against homosexuals.

The September 1996 IRS letter to GLASS stated that the group would not be given tax-exempt status until it proved, among other things, that it does not encourage homosexual attitudes or activities. The IRS agreed to reopen the case at no additional charge and assign a new agent to it. The state of North Carolina had already granted non-profit status to the group, Buckel said.

**Irving Cooperberg, Founder of Gay and Lesbian Center, Dies at 65**

(New York) - Irving Cooperberg, who founded Greenwich Village's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and later served as its president, has died. He was 65. Cooperberg died of AIDS-related cancer on Wednesday at his home in Manhattan, said Richard Burns, the center's director.

He helped found the center in the early 1980s, and it soon became a hub of lesbian and gay life in the city, holding meetings, counseling sessions, conferences, dances and performances.

"Many, many people said our community could not create or sustain an institution in which we could take care of our own," Burns said. "Irving was able to instill confidence and belief in a hopeful vision."

Cooperberg was president of the center from 1983 to 1987, and also headed one of the world's largest gay and lesbian synagogues. After attending a service at Greenwich Village's Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in 1973, he volunteered to serve on its board, and in 1980 became chairman,

serving until 1984. He held the position again from 1992 to 1993.

Cooperberg, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, is survived by his companion, Lou Rittmaster, a sister and a brother.

**Provincetown Goes After Bias in Curriculum**

(Massachusetts) - A proposed anti-bias curriculum in the Provincetown schools has sparked national controversy from critics who say it promotes homosexuality. But school officials say the curriculum is merely an attempt to stamp out prejudice.

"We've decided we're going to take the rainbow perspective," Provincetown School Superintendent Susan N. Fleming told the *Boston Herald*. "We're going to look at color, we're going to look at race, we're going to look at gender and sexual orientation is one of those things."

The school committee voted to review the curriculum from kindergarten through grade 12 to eliminate bias, and to encourage teachers to be open to all lifestyles in classroom discussions. Provincetown has a large gay community, and signs of affection between same-sex couples are a common sight.

Town Manager Keith Bergman was among those who pushed for the changes. He said the change was needed because Provincetown is more diverse than most towns in Massachusetts. "Not all of our students are white, not all of our students are straight," said Bergman, who is married and has two daughters in the public schools. "In this community it's not going to come as a revelation that we have gay and lesbian parents."

Bergman said there have been many inquiries from the media since an article appeared in the *Washington Times*. "Unfortunately the media has zeroed in on issues dealing with sexual orientation, when the anti-bias program is about equipping the community with tools to fight racism, sexism, classism, bias against people with disabilities and homophobia," he told *The Boston Globe*.

The school committee will hold a public hearing Wednesday so residents could discuss the proposed changes.

**Former Sheriff's Employee Alleges Sexual Harassment by Co-Workers**

(Minnesota) - A former male employee of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department has filed a federal lawsuit alleging he was the victim of physical and psychological abuse and sexual harassment.

Reynold Klein, now of Verndale in north-central Minnesota, alleges his supervisors and co-workers thought he was homosexual and subjected him to vulgar names, ridicule, hazing, degrading comments and gestures. Klein said he is not gay.

"The effects on Mr. Klein of this unremitting campaign of abuse, harassment and intolerance were severe," said the lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis. Klein, 58, cited nearly 80 examples of the abuse, including pranks and practical jokes that occurred during a 10-year period. He resigned in 1996 because working conditions were intolerable and is now working in a grocery store, his attorney, Ross Plaetzer said.

One incident cited by the lawsuit: a 6-inch bell with a large clapper was

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TABLETS and ORAL POWDER

BRIEF SUMMARY: For complete prescribing information, see package insert.

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## CONTRAINDICATIONS

VIRACEPT is contraindicated in patients with clinically significant hypersensitivity to any of its components.

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**VIRACEPT should not be administered concurrently with terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride, triazolam or midazolam, because competition for CYP3A by nelfinavir could result in inhibition of the metabolism of these drugs and create the potential for serious and/or life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias or prolonged sedation.**

## PRECAUTIONS

### General

Nelfinavir is principally metabolized by the liver. Therefore, caution should be exercised when administering this drug to patients with hepatic impairment.

**Resistance/Cross Resistance:** Because the potential for HIV cross resistance between protease inhibitors has not been fully explored, it is unknown what effect nelfinavir therapy will have on the activity of subsequently administered protease inhibitors. (See MICROBIOLOGY in complete prescribing information.)

### Hemophilia

There have been reports of increased bleeding, including spontaneous skin hematomas and hemarthrosis, in patients with hemophilia type A and B treated with protease inhibitors. In some patients, additional factor VIII was given. In more than half of the reported cases, treatment with protease inhibitors was continued or reintroduced. A causal relationship has not been established.

### Information For Patients

For optimal absorption, patients should be advised to take VIRACEPT with food. (See Pharmacokinetics and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

Patients should be informed that VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection and that they may continue to acquire illnesses associated with advanced HIV infection, including opportunistic infections.

Patients should be told that the long-term effects of VIRACEPT are unknown at this time. They should be told that there is currently no data demonstrating that VIRACEPT therapy can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Patients should be advised to take VIRACEPT every day as prescribed. Patients should not alter the dose or discontinue therapy without consulting with their doctor. If a dose is missed, patients should take the dose as soon as possible and then return to their normal schedule. However, if a dose is skipped, the patient should not double the next dose.

The most frequent adverse event associated with VIRACEPT is diarrhea, which can usually be controlled with non-prescription drugs, such as loperamide, which slow gastrointestinal motility.

VIRACEPT may interact with some drugs, therefore, patients should be advised to report to their doctor the use of any other prescription or non-prescription medication.

Patients receiving oral contraceptives should be instructed that alternate or additional contraceptive measures should be used during therapy with VIRACEPT.

### Drug Interactions

Nelfinavir is an inhibitor of CYP3A (cytochrome P450 3A). Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs primarily metabolized by CYP3A may result in increased plasma concentrations of the other drug that could increase or prolong both its therapeutic and adverse effects. Nelfinavir is metabolized in part by CYP3A. Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs that induce CYP3A may decrease nelfinavir plasma concentrations and reduce its therapeutic effect. Coadministration of VIRACEPT and drugs that inhibit CYP3A may increase nelfinavir plasma concentrations.

Based on known metabolic profiles, clinically significant drug interactions are not expected between VIRACEPT and dapsone, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, clarithromycin, azithromycin, erythromycin, itraconazole or fluconazole.

### Antihistamines

**Terfenadine:** Administration of terfenadine with VIRACEPT resulted in the appearance of unchanged terfenadine in plasma; therefore, VIRACEPT should not be administered concurrently with terfenadine because of the potential for serious and/or life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. Because a similar interaction is likely, VIRACEPT should also not be administered concurrently with *astemizole*.

### Anti-HIV protease inhibitors

**Indinavir:** Coadministration of indinavir with VIRACEPT resulted in an 83% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 51% increase in indinavir plasma AUC. The safety of this combination has not been established.

**Ritonavir:** Coadministration of ritonavir with VIRACEPT resulted in a 152% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and very little change in ritonavir plasma AUC. The safety of this combination has not been established.

**Saquinavir:** Coadministration of saquinavir with VIRACEPT resulted in an 18% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 392% increase in saquinavir plasma AUC. If used in combination, no dose adjustments are needed.

### Antifungal agents

**Ketoconazole:** Coadministration of ketoconazole with VIRACEPT resulted in a 35% increase in nelfinavir plasma AUC. This change was not considered clinically significant and no dose adjustment is needed when ketoconazole and VIRACEPT are coadministered.

### Anti-HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors

**Didanosine:** It is recommended that didanosine be administered on an empty stomach; therefore, nelfinavir should be administered (with food) one hour after or more than two hours before didanosine.

**Zidovudine:** Coadministration of zidovudine and lamivudine with VIRACEPT resulted in a 35% decrease in zidovudine plasma AUC. A dose adjustment is not needed when zidovudine is administered with VIRACEPT.

Little or no change in the pharmacokinetics of either drug was observed when VIRACEPT was coadministered with lamivudine or stavudine.

### Antimycobacterial agents

**Rifabutin:** Coadministration of rifabutin and VIRACEPT resulted in a 32% decrease in nelfinavir plasma AUC and a 207% increase in rifabutin plasma AUC. It is recommended that the dose of rifabutin be reduced to one-half the usual dose when administered with VIRACEPT.

**Rifampin:** Coadministration of rifampin and VIRACEPT resulted in an 82% decrease in nelfinavir plasma AUC. VIRACEPT and rifampin should not be coadministered.

### Oral Contraceptives

**Ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone:** Coadministration of VIRACEPT with OVCON-35 resulted in a 47% decrease in ethinyl estradiol and an 18% decrease in norethindrone plasma concentrations. Alternate or additional contraceptive measures should be used during therapy with VIRACEPT.

### Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis

Carcinogenicity studies in animals have not yet been completed. Nelfinavir was not, however, mutagenic or clastogenic in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests including microbial mutagenesis (Ames), mouse lymphoma, chromosome aberrations in human lymphocytes, and an *in vivo* rat micronucleus assay.

### Pregnancy, Fertility and Reproduction – Pregnancy Category B

Comparisons of systemic exposure are based on the steady-state area under the plasma concentration time curve (AUC) observed in humans receiving the recommended therapeutic dose. Nelfinavir produced no effects on either male or female mating and fertility or embryo survival in rat studies at exposures comparable to human therapeutic exposure. There were also no effects on fetal development or maternal toxicity when nelfinavir was administered to pregnant rats at systemic exposures comparable to human exposure. Administration of nelfinavir to pregnant rabbits resulted in no fetal development effects up to a dose at which a slight decrease in maternal body weight was observed; however, even at the highest dose evaluated, systemic exposure in rabbits was significantly lower than human exposure. Additional studies in rats indicated that exposure to nelfinavir in females from mid-pregnancy through lactation had no effect on the survival, growth, and development of the offspring to weaning. Subsequent reproductive performance of these offspring was also not affected by maternal exposure to nelfinavir. However, there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, VIRACEPT should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

## Nursing Mothers

The US Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises HIV-infected women not to breast-feed to avoid postnatal transmission of HIV to a child who may not yet be infected. Studies in lactating rats have demonstrated that nelfinavir is excreted in milk. It is not known whether nelfinavir is excreted in human milk.

## Pediatric Use

Nelfinavir was studied in one open-label, uncontrolled trial in 38 pediatric patients ranging in age from 2 to 13 years. In order to achieve plasma concentrations in pediatric patients which approximate those observed in adults, the recommended pediatric dose is 20-30 mg/kg given three times daily, not to exceed 750 mg three times a day. (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

A similar adverse event profile was seen during the pediatric clinical trial as in adult patients. The evaluation of the antiviral activity of nelfinavir in pediatric patients is ongoing.

The safety, effectiveness and pharmacokinetics of nelfinavir have not been evaluated in pediatric patients below the age of 2 years.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

The safety of VIRACEPT was studied in over 1500 patients who received drug either alone or in combination with nucleoside analogues (d4T or ZDV/3TC). The majority of adverse events were of mild intensity. The most frequently reported adverse event among patients receiving VIRACEPT was diarrhea, which was generally of mild to moderate intensity.

Drug-related clinical adverse experiences of moderate or severe intensity in  $\geq 2\%$  of patients treated with VIRACEPT coadministered with ZDV plus 3TC (Study 511) or in combination with d4T (Study 506) for up to 24 weeks are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1—Percentage of Patients with Treatment-Emergent<sup>1</sup> Adverse Events of Moderate or Severe Intensity Reported in  $\geq 2\%$  of Patients**

Adverse Events	Study 511 Naive Patients			Study 506 Experienced Patients		
	Placebo + ZDV/3TC (n=101)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=97)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=100)	Placebo + d4T (n=109)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=98)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=101)
Body as a Whole						
Abdominal Pain	1%	0	0	3%	2%	4%
Asthenia	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%
Digestive System						
Diarrhea	3%	14%	20%	10%	28%	32%
Nausea	4%	3%	7%	1%	3%	2%
Flatulence	0	5%	2%	4%	8%	3%
Skin/Appendages						
Rash	1%	1%	3%	0	4%	3%

<sup>1</sup> Includes those adverse events at least possibly related to study drug or of unknown relationship and excludes concurrent HIV conditions

Adverse events occurring in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT in all phase II/III clinical trials and considered at least possibly related or of unknown relationship to treatment and of at least moderate severity are listed below.

**Body as a Whole:** accidental injury, allergic reaction, back pain, fever, headache, malaise, and pain.

**Digestive System:** anorexia, dyspepsia, epigastric pain, gastrointestinal bleeding, hepatitis, mouth ulceration, pancreatitis and vomiting.

**Hemic/Lymphatic System:** anemia, leukopenia and thrombocytopenia.

**Metabolic/Nutritional System:** increases in alkaline phosphate, amylase, creatine phosphokinase, lactic dehydrogenase, SGOT, SGPT and gamma glutamyl transpeptidase; hyperlipidemia, hyperuricemia, hypoglycemia, dehydration, and liver function tests abnormal.

**Musculoskeletal System:** arthralgia, arthritis, cramps, myalgia, myasthenia and myopathy.

**Nervous System:** anxiety, depression, dizziness, emotional lability, hyperkinesia, insomnia, migraine, paresthesia, seizures, sleep disorder, somnolence and suicide ideation.

**Respiratory System:** dyspnea, pharyngitis, rhinitis, and sinusitis.

**Skin/Appendages:** dermatitis, folliculitis, fungal dermatitis, maculopapular rash, pruritus, sweating, and urticaria.

**Special Senses:** acute iritis and eye disorder.

**Urogenital System:** kidney calculus, sexual dysfunction and urine abnormality.

## Laboratory Abnormalities

Few patients experienced significant laboratory abnormalities while receiving VIRACEPT. The percentage of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities in Studies 511 and 506 are presented in Table 2. Marked laboratory abnormalities are defined as a Grade 3 or 4 abnormality in a patient with a normal baseline value or a Grade 4 abnormality in a patient with a Grade 1 abnormality at baseline.

**Table 2—Percentage of Patients by Treatment Group With Marked Laboratory Abnormalities<sup>1</sup> in  $\geq 2\%$  of Patients**

	Study 511 Naive Patients			Study 506 Experienced Patients		
	Placebo + ZDV/3TC (n=101)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=97)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +ZDV/3TC (n=100)	Placebo + d4T (n=109)	500 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=98)	750 mg TID VIRACEPT +d4T (n=101)
Hematology						
Hemoglobin	6%	3%	2%	0	0	0
Neutrophils	4%	3%	5%	1%	1%	4%
Lymphocytes	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	0
Chemistry						
ALT (SGPT)	6%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
AST (SGOT)	4%	1%	0	0	3%	3%
Creatine Kinase	7%	2%	2%	4%	5%	6%

<sup>1</sup> Marked laboratory abnormalities are defined as a shift from Grade 0 at baseline to at least Grade 3 or from Grade 1 to Grade 4

## OVERDOSAGE

Human experience of acute overdose with VIRACEPT is limited. There is no specific antidote for overdose with VIRACEPT. If indicated, elimination of unabsorbed drug should be achieved by emesis or gastric lavage. Administration of activated charcoal may also be used to aid removal of unabsorbed drug. Since nelfinavir is highly protein bound, dialysis is unlikely to significantly remove drug from blood.

## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

**Adults:** The recommended dose is 750 mg (three 250 mg tablets) three times daily. VIRACEPT should be taken with a meal or light snack. Antiviral activity of VIRACEPT is enhanced when VIRACEPT is administered in combination with nucleoside analogues. Therefore, it is recommended that VIRACEPT be used in combination with nucleoside analogues.

**Pediatric Patients (2-13 years):** The recommended oral dose of VIRACEPT for pediatric patients 2 to 13 years of age is 20-30 mg/kg per dose, three times daily with a meal or a light snack. (See complete prescribing information for dosage table.) For children unable to take tablets, VIRACEPT Oral Powder may be administered. VIRACEPT Oral Powder should not be reconstituted with water in its original container.

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installed about 5 feet from where he worked and was rung by employees and co-workers just to upset him. Klein, who worked in the department's radio division as a technician aide, alleges he was summoned by his supervisor over the public address system, "Josh, Josh (the name Klein was known by), front and center - to the office now."

He was the only employee treated that way. Co-workers and supervisors called him derogatory names, including "queer" and "homo," he said. Klein is seeking an unspecified amount for compensatory and punitive damages. Rosanne Campagnoli, spokeswoman for the sheriff's department, said the county would not comment on the suit until officials had seen the lawsuit.

**Coretta Scott King to receive NGLTF Award for Human Rights Work**

Human Rights activist Coretta Scott King will be honored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) for her efforts on behalf of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered persons in the struggle for civil and human rights, according to the group.

King, founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta has been a strong advocate for peace and justice through nonviolent action across the nation and throughout the world. She has been outspoken on lesbian and gay issues for years and has appeared at press conferences and pride rallies throughout the country. King is an outspoken advocate of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).

"Mrs. King has been a tremendous ally in the effort to achieve fairness for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people," said Kerry Lobel, NGLTF executive director. "She truly embodies what this award is about and we're very honored that she will be here with us as we celebrate her thirty-plus year commitment to the principles of equality for

all people. The vision of she and Dr. King in the civil rights movement has set the standard for fighting back with dignity. They demanded that this nation examine its core principles and their struggle has created the handbook for human rights movements that followed."

The group will also honor John J. Sweeny, president of the AFL-CIO for his efforts to further include lesbians and gays in the labor movement.

In related news, Lobel set a letter to Robert L. Crandall, CEO of American Airlines expressing her distress over the airline's insensitivity to the Latino community in allowing the circulation of a pilot manual titled *Surviving in Latin America*. According to reports, the irreverent manual perpetuates blatant and derogatory stereotypes of Latin Americans.

**Versace Probably Looked Into the Face of His Killer**

(Florida) - Only one of two bullets fired into Gianni Versace entered from the back of his head, meaning the famed fashion designer very possibly saw his killer as he was shot last month, the *Sun-Sentinel* of Fort Lauderdale reported.

The newspaper said that the information was detailed in the Dade County Medical Examiner's Office report. Police believe alleged spree killer Andrew Cunanan, 27, is suspected of murdering Versace, who was 50.

One of the two 40-caliber bullets that killed Versace entered through his left cheek and not through the back of his head as first thought. The bullet was likely fired from a gun pressed against Versace's cheek. Doctors and police had thought the face wound was a point of exit, not entry.

Jeffrey Trail, alleged to be Cunanan's first victim, was bludgeoned to death with a hammer and left unrecognizable. His second possible victim, former lover David Madson, was shot three times, once in the eye. Chicago businessman Lee Miglin had his head taped up like

that of a mummy. Versace was gunned down at the gate of his palatial South Beach mansion July 15.

**William Mitchell College May Allow Military Recruiters Back on Camp**

(Minnesota) - The administration at the William Mitchell College of Law is considering lifting a ban on military recruiting on campus after federal officials threatened to pull more than \$400,000 in financial aid.

Hamline University has already lifted its ban.

The colleges had joined hundreds across the country banning recruiting to protest the military's policy on homosexuals. The colleges wanted to show disapproval for discrimination of any kind. But a new federal law prohibits the U.S. Education Department and other agencies from giving grants to colleges that ban military recruiters, a policy that is especially problematic for law schools because of their association with national groups with strict antidiscrimination policies.

Officials at Hamline quietly agreed to lift their ban in June. Marilyn Deppe, dean of students, said she plans to inform its students and faculty of the decision within the next week. "It's a big issue for us," she said. "We want to communicate clearly (to them) that we intend to comply with federal law and at the same time acknowledge and affirm our nondiscrimination policy while doing everything we can to support our gay and lesbian students."

William Mitchell and Hamline were

among seven schools across the country that the Defense Department identified in July as ineligible for funding because they had denied recruitment requests. William Mitchell's Board of Trustees is not likely to take up the matter until at least mid-September, said Harry Haynsworth, president and dean. William Mitchell expected to receive a total of \$419,529 in work-study and loan funds during the 1997-98 school year.

**Cunanan's Siblings Wonder About Brother, Worry About Mother**

(Illinois) - Andrew Cunanan's brother and sister say they still don't understand what turned a bright, happy boy into a killer, but right now they worry more about how their mother is handling his death. In a television interview Monday, Mary Cunanan suggested that the Mafia was behind the death of designer Gianni Versace and that her son was killed to cover the crime.

"My mother is not well. She takes medication," said Christopher Cunanan. "She's vulnerable. She can be talked into anything right now. I wish I could protect her." But his mother lives in San Diego, while Christopher Cunanan and sister Elena Cunanan Johnson make their lives in central Illinois. He is a machine shop supervisor from Washburn. She is a dance instructor in Peoria.

They have turned down requests to do interviews for pay, but the two told the *Journal Star* of Peoria that they hope

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# From West End Girls To West Side Story: British Icons Enthuse Its Worldwide Following

by Steve Underwood

When the **Pet Shop Boys** burst upon the dance scene in 1986 with the smash worldwide hit *West End Girls*, a loyal, almost cultic following developed around the globe which remains unrivaled more than a decade later. Just last June, the Boys energized their devoted fans with a phenomenal dance version of *Somewhere*, the famous Broadway theme from *West Side Story*.

Atlantic Records will release the CD single in stores this September.

In the United States, gay Americans, perhaps, are the Boys most devoted North American fans, feverently submerging themselves in the gorgeous ballads and pounding techno-house rhythms over-laid with Neil Tennant's dreamy vocals.

Tennant, since publicly declaring he is gay, wonders if an enigmatic attribute of the two-some has been lost: "I can't help feeling that I am slightly less interesting as a person," says Neil in a June 1997 interview in *Gay Times Magazine*. "Mind you, having said that, it's a bit pathetic when you're a certain age and you're not being honest about what you're about."

But what the Pet Shop Boys are really about is incredible music—fantastic, lyrical, story-oriented journeys. With world-wide album sales approaching 25 million, Tennant and Lowe sustain their success by appealing to just about anyone. From sophisticated underground club patrons to in-crowd venues haunted by Generation Xers, the Boys write and sing songs which are both trendy and elegant, an elegance born from the synthesis of leading-edge

technology and classically-oriented chord progressions.

"We have the tendency to mix dance grooves with a classical approach to music," explains Neil. "It brings out the melody and lyrical content of the song, which works very well for us."

Another difference to the Boys' approach is their use of rich, poetic verse.

"I think our melodies are very strong and I think the subject matter is very different from run-of-the-mill pop song," says Neil.

"The subject matter of the average pop song has probably gone back in the direction of songs from the 1950s. So Boyz II Men sing nothing now that Doris Day couldn't sing in the early 1950s. I think it's nice to stretch pop music a bit and try to take it into new areas. We try to make it a reflection of real life; that's what makes us different."



Lyrical, the Boys affirm the confusion amidst western hyper-diversity: sexuality, hypocrisy, love, and hedonism. Interwoven within the lyrics is a pop-psychologist's prescription of tolerance and acceptance, a predictable anecdote for a world still seeking social justice. Their message is political and subliminal—and danceable.

Does Tennant think Utopia may be possible?

"No, I don't, because people are violent, greedy, stupid, badly educated, as well as having good aspirations and wanting the best for themselves," claims Neil. "That's a problem that just gets worse. It's a pity, because Utopia is theoretically possible if only people didn't screw it up. If man wasn't on the Earth, Utopia would have happened."

With Utopia left for a future age, the journey from *West End Girls* to *West Side Story* leaves the world a remarkably richer place.

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## End of The World Partya Worldly, Amusing Theater Evening

by Rich Arenschioldt

The Group Theater Workshop's offering of *End of The World Party* is theatrical proof that Terrance McNally does not have the monopoly on gay theater in the universe. Playwright Chuck Ranberg provides surprisingly fresh and funny commentary in this work, presented by Joe Watts' troupe.

Most of us are still reeling from the somewhat stinging, excessively bitchy stage and screen version of *Love! Valour! Compassion!*. As a result, we may be somewhat reluctant to enter the prissy proscenium any time in the near future — get into recovery and discover a kinder, gentler version of gay vacation life.

I was hoping for a gay work that didn't rely on little nasty bits dangling in the wind to draw a crowd and *End of the World Party* fit the (play)bill perfectly. The drama takes place in a Fire

Island vacation rental home occupied by six gay men. These guys are obsessed (actually one is un-obsessed) with love, life and the pursuit of sex. Woven in between various endeavors we find out quite a lot about these men and what motivates them. Even though the flesh fetish is de-emphasized in this production, the guys certainly qualify as an attractive ensemble — however, this is not the springboard from which all other events take place. Even fully clothed in *Lane Bryant* apparel, these gents could be carried through the show solely on the merits of Chris Ranberg's cleverly crafted script.

While there is the occasional man-inspired catfight, this show doesn't require a vituperative, vitriolic vocabulary to survive — there are some hysterical lines, many of which are intensified by Joe Watts' directing. Some of the writing is very insightful and hence, challenging to deliver in a dramatically believable way. Throughout the

show, each character is blessed (or burdened) with a soliloquy, which helps to define individual personae to the audience. This is the one trap door over which each actor must jump. All of them manage to get across it, but not without some difficulty. Fortunately the show is wisely paced with humor and seriousness in equal amounts. This keeps things from getting too heavy handed. Worthy of special mention is the manner in which this playwright deals with HIV. He has realized that AIDS has an established, but not overbearing place within our 'normal gay expression' Thankfully, the disease is not singled

out as the tearjerking element of the work. Ironically, the HIV positive character is played by an HIV positive actor — perhaps this accounts for the understated realism that is given to the entire subject. One of his best lines is, "Once the worst thing happened I could stop worrying about it."

*End of the World Party* has a cast comprised of little bits of all of our friends and ourselves — the mature maternal, the whiner, the stud, the sex addict, the sexual neophyte, and the wise, alcohol-anesthetized pouf. They represent each of the phases we encounter in our gay germination process. Each actor has a different perspective, but with an eye on a common goal — living a life, a gay life without letting the gay get in the way.

This production is worth the ticket price and it's not a 'boys only' show. As one of my favorite gay girlfriends says, "If I don't have to look at any pieces of 'gristle', I'll go!" I think she'll have a good time.

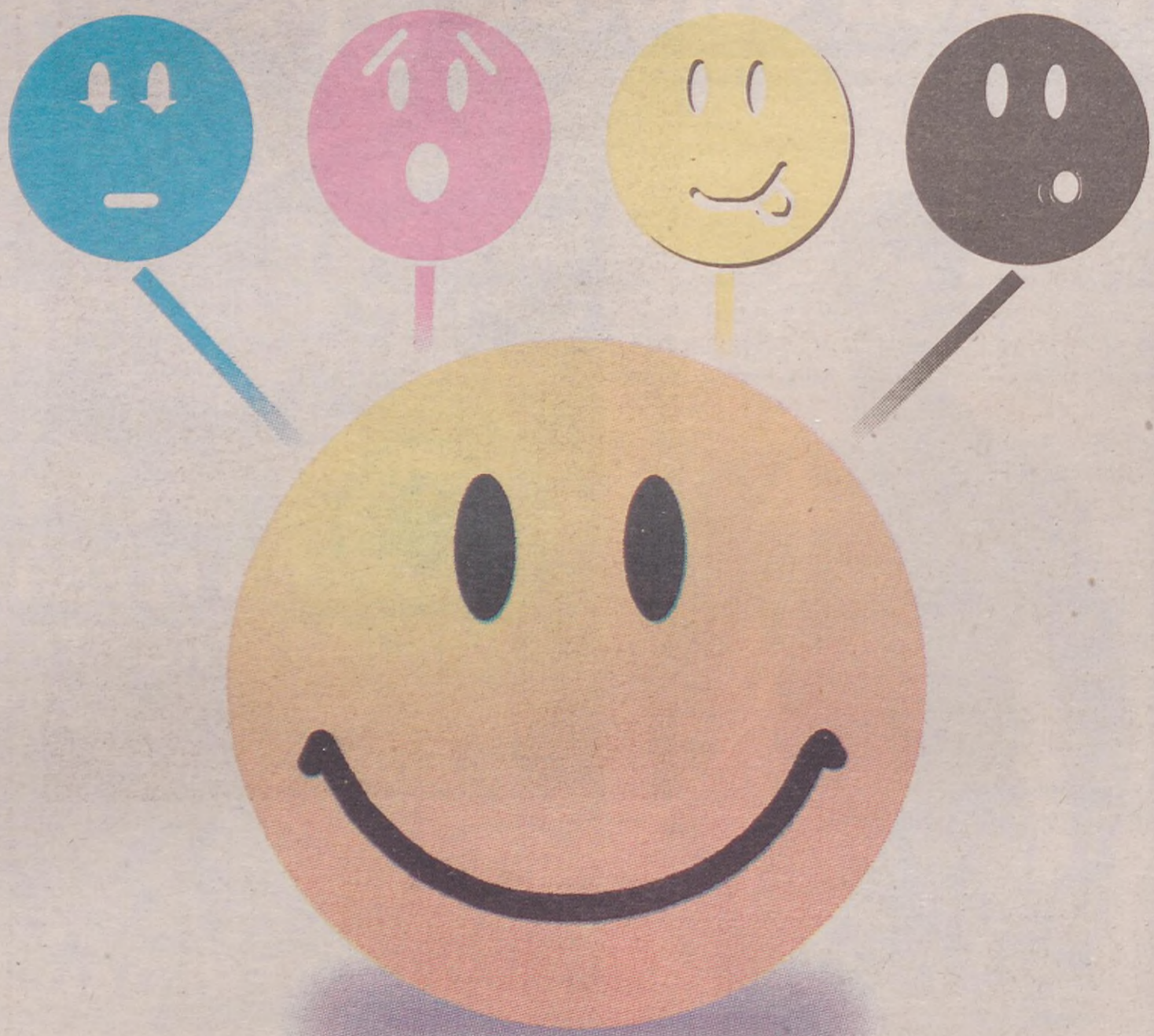
*End of the World Party* runs at Main Street Theater (Times Boulevard location) weekends through September 20th. Please call 713-522-2204 for tickets and information.



Fred Walters, Jr., David W. Lewis and Richard Aslanian. Bottom row left to right: Steven Lawrence Knott, Dan DeLeon, Christian DeVries and German Ibarra.

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# Excess Baggage is an Excessive Waste of Time

by Leslie Ramsay

The Columbia Pictures release, *Excess Baggage*, opens this weekend in Houston. Alicia Silverstone gets to behave badly on the big screen once again for all of us to see. *Excess Baggage* is the first film to be released by Silverstone's production company, First Kiss Productions. As a first time producer, she was heavily involved in all aspects of the film. It has her fingerprints and bigotry all over it.

Alicia Silverstone (*Clueless*, *The Crush*, *Batman and Robin*) plays the poor little rich

girl, Emily T. Hope, that goes to drastic measures to attract her international businessman father's attention. The film opens with her staging her own kidnapping. Emily calls her father from her cellular phone with a voice scrambling attachment to let him know where to pick-up her up after he delivers the "ransom" money. She wraps herself in cellophane tape and climbs into the trunk of her own car to wait for her father to rescue her. Unfortunately for Emily, Vincent, the car thief gets to the BMW first.

Benicio Del Toro (*The Fan*, *Basquiat*) plays Vincent, the kidnapper/car thief, who acci-



dently ends up with Emily in the trunk of the BMW he steals from a parking garage. The character Benicio plays is a little quirky. By the end of the film you start to find his idiosyncrasies amusing.

Christopher Walken (*The Deer Hunter*, *Nick of Time*) phones in his performance of Emily's "Uncle Ray". He tracks her down when the hapless police/FBI guy types foul up to recover Emily. You really don't know how the characters, Emily and Uncle Ray, are related but you are to assume that since he is so quick to pull out a gun that he is some sort of wiseguy.

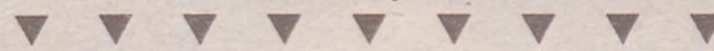
Australian actor, Jack Thompson (*The Sum of Us*, *Wind*) is the international businessman father that is ignoring poor Emily. His cameo role doesn't really allow him the screen time to charm us the way he did in the Australian film, *The Sum of Us*. He walks on, says his lines and walks off...maybe we will see him again in some-

thing more substantial.

Harry Connick Jr. (*Copycat*), Nicholas Turturro (*Metropolitan*, *N.Y.P.D. Blue*), and Michael Bowen (*Less Than Zero*, *True Crime*) play the various bad guys that work with Vincent in the car theft ring. They are appropriately scary and pseudo tough enough to move the plot along.

The character, Emily, smokes too much, drinks too much and calls people "faggot". The Uncle Ray character uses the excuse of saving Emily from being "gang raped by psychopathic lesbians from hell" that she would encounter if she were sent to jail for staging the fake kidnapping. The plot did not require the slurs against homosexuals from either character.

Maybe I'm too sensitive, but I choose not to support this type of bigotry from First Kiss Productions and Ms. Silverstone. Stay home or rent *The Sum of Us* this weekend.



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Ella Tyler

It is not easy to write a weekly gardening column this time of the year. After you've talked about watering and mulch and Crepe Myrtles, what then? Is there any gardening activity that can be done in air conditioning?

Fortunately, the Museum of Fine Arts has just opened the show "Mark Catesby's Natural History of America: The Watercolors from the Royal Library, Windsor Castle". These watercolors are the preparatory studies for Catesby's series of hand colored etchings, "Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands" which were issued between 1731 and 1747. King George III acquired the watercolors in bound volumes in 1768 and the books were recently unbound for conservation and exhibition. Catesby (which is pronounced with a hard A like Kate), a horticulturist by profession, was also an extraordinary talented artist. Watercolor is a difficult medium to obtain the quality of detail shown in these



The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands (1731-43) Magnolia tree

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works. Catesby was the first to present animals in their environments, a practice that later artists such as John James Audubon would adopt.

Many of the plants depicted in the watercolors are also native to Texas. A lecture by Jane Anderson Curtis, Associate Curator of Bayou Bend's gardens, showed specimens of plants depicted in the watercolors that grow at Bayou Bend. The eye-catching White Billed Woodpecker is shown in a Willow Oak, a tree that is common in the River Oaks area. It has finely textured leaves like a willow, hence the name, and although deciduous, the leaves are so fine they are not a serious maintenance problem like some other oaks. The acorns are important wildlife food. It is an excellent, long lived tree for shade or for street plantings and is worth searching out.

The Passenger Pigeon, now extinct, is set against the leaves of a Red Oak. The Shumard Red Oak is one of the few trees growing in Houston that has fall color. It becomes a 50 to 60 foot tall shade tree. The Sweet Gum tree, shown as the home for a small green lizard, is also appreciated for its clear red leaves in the fall, even if not for its spiny seed hulls. However, the pods are important wildlife food.

There is a beautiful picture of a Sweet Bay Magnolia. This tree, *Magnolia virginiana*, appears in several of Catesby's illustrations although only one is shown here. This magnolia is smaller than the well-known and often-used Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia Grandiflora*, but has similar fragrant white flowers. The underside of its leaves are a striking silvery grey. This tree is suitable for smaller gardens and tolerates wetter soils than the Southern Magnolia.

Bayou Bend has a ravine area along Buffalo Bayou that houses some plants not often seen in gardens, for example the Common Paw Paw. It grows throughout the South along stream beds in dense shade. This is also called a "custard apple" and

reputedly tastes like a banana. My friend J.E. McNeil, with whom I stayed in Washington D.C., grew up in Houston near Sims Bayou and was horrified that I'd never eaten a Paw Paw. I think she saw that as evidence of a deprived childhood, or latent Yankee tendencies. I think she felt a bit better when I said I had heard the children's song about "picking up paw paws" but fortunately she didn't ask me to sing it. That is all I can remember.

One of the most animated pictures in the exhibit is that of a Blue Jay perched on Bay-leaved Smilax. The Jay has his mouth open like the talky bird he is. Smilax grows wild in East Texas and the ravine at Bayou Bend. It is an evergreen vine with dark shiny leaves. It is often collected from the wild and sold to florists for making greenery arches. It climbs by tendrils and is suitable for use in a garden because it is easily controlled. It tolerates shade.

You may notice other plants that grow here in the among the paintings. I have not listed all of them.

One of the most satisfying things about gardening with native plants is their historical connections. Catesby collected plants and seeds to send back to England and an important part of his studies were the com-



The Largest White-bill Wood-Pecker and the Willow-Oak.

mercial possibilities and uses for these plants. King George, who collected these watercolors, was the King at the time of the American Revolution.

Native plants are an important part of maintaining wildlife habitat. The animals in an area are adapted to the food sources and breeding places that are there. As we plant non-native species, we deprive our local animals of their food and shelter.

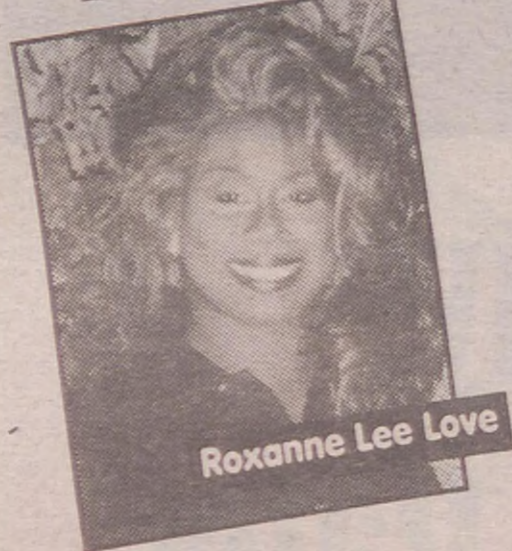
Finally, plants that have survived for hundreds of years without care in an area, will not

require elaborate watering, soil preparation and pesticide treatments to live. Many natives will be prettier with some care, but it is much easier to care for a native plant. Imported and hybridized plants have their place in our gardens, but so do native plants.

This show will hang until November 9, 1997 and will then be sent to Colonial Williamsburg, where Catesby began his first set of tours in the Colonies, except it wasn't called Colonial Williamsburg then, and then to Savannah. The Museum is located at 1001 Bissonnet in Houston and is open from 10 to 5 Tuesday to Saturday and from 12:15 to 6 on Sunday. Admission, for non-museum members, is \$3.00 adults and \$1.50 for children, students and senior citizens. On Thursdays, admission is free and the museum is open until 9 p.m.

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to write their own book. They say details they learned from going through their brother's belongings might shed new light on his crimes.

The Cunanan name was burned into the public consciousness when Versace was shot down outside his Miami Beach mansion. Within hours, authorities said their only suspect in the case was Andrew Cunanan, already the suspect in a string of killings from Minnesota to New Jersey.

Soon people were hearing details about the five killings, about Cunanan's life as a gigolo in California's gay party scene, about what might have turned him into a killer who eventually turned a gun on himself. While hedging on whether they believe their brother was responsible for the deaths, the brother and the sister say he must have changed after he left their lives.

"It was something that happened in his adult life, definitely," his sister said. "A person's sexuality is a personal part

of life," said his brother. "And Andrew chose not to share that part with us, and that closed off a large part of his life. The gay community became his second family."

Cunanan was coddled by his family and considered a near-genius who would certainly be a success, the siblings said Tuesday from the office of their Peoria lawyer, Jim Shadid. His parents sacrificed so much that only he, and not the three other children, could attend private school, the siblings said. They even gave him the master bedroom of their home.

"If they could, they gave him everything he wanted," Johnson told the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. "They just wanted the best for him. They tried to give him good values and morals." The siblings said Cunanan, who grew up in San Diego County and would have turned 28 this month, memorized encyclopedias as a boy, dressed in suits and talked about becoming a priest.

"He was the white sheep of the family," Johnson said.

**Arkansas Agency Closing its Doors After 10 Years**

(Arkansas) - People suffering from AIDS in Washington County soon won't be able to go to the AIDS Resource Center here for help. But AIDS sufferers won't be left without assistance, as other agencies now offer AIDS services.

That's a big change from when the resource center - formerly known as the Washington County AIDS Task Force - opened up in 1987. "When we started, we were the only show in town," said Judie Frick of Fayetteville, secretary of the resource center's board. "Now, a lot of what we were doing has been taken over by other agencies."

The center's board voted earlier this month to shut down the center on Aug. 31. Ms. Frick cited financial considerations and the overlap of services with other agencies as big factors in the decision. The center, she said, was "having a hard time generating money to support the whole thing."

Laura Patterson, director of the

AIDS Resource Center, said she and an assistant hoped to get on with another non-profit organization so they can continue to work in the area to provide emergency housing assistance for HIV-positive patients.

Ms. Patterson said she was surprised to learn the center would close. "We'd just gotten this big grant," she said. "We thought things were looking up." The grant to which she referred, from the federal Housing and Urban Development Department, was funneled through another agency.

The AIDS Resource Center currently pays for housing and some utilities for 45 homeless HIV-positive patients. Ms. Patterson said a decision would be made in the upcoming week about whether she will be taken on by another agency.

**AIDS Hospice Closes for Lack of Patients**

(Oregon) - Acorn House, Lane County's only hospice for people dying

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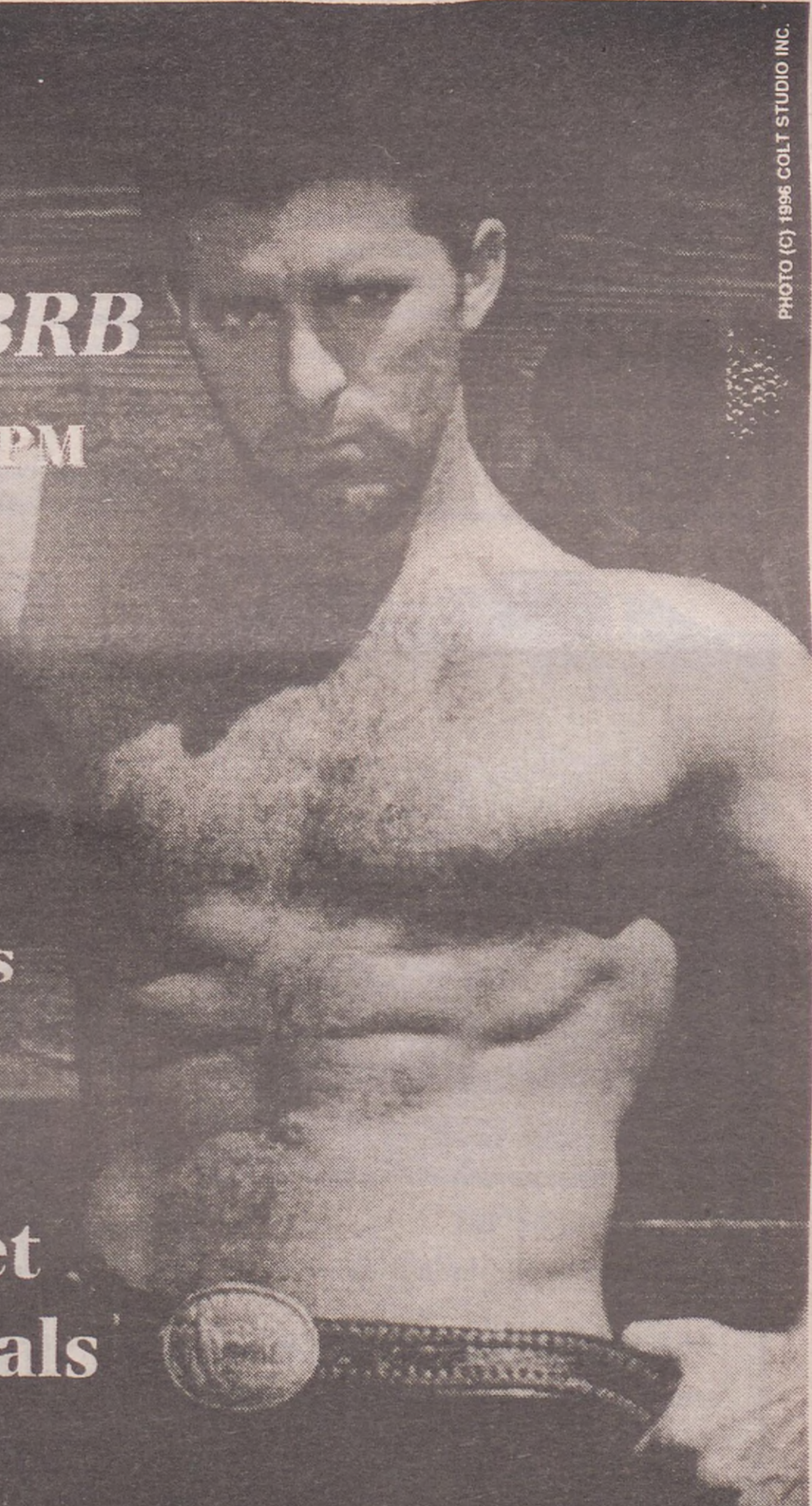
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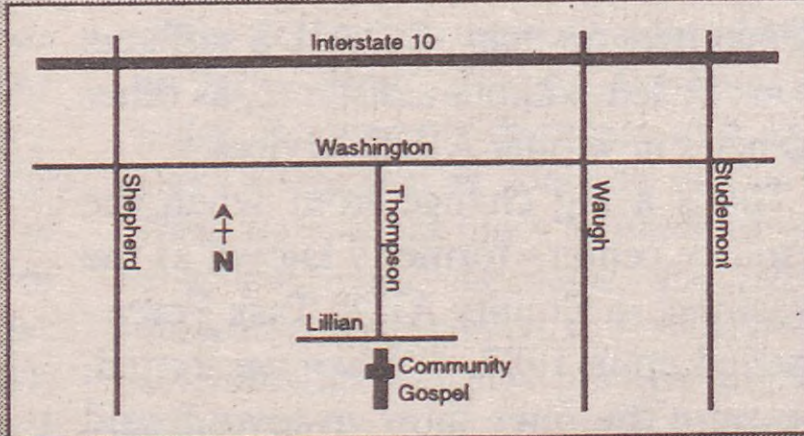
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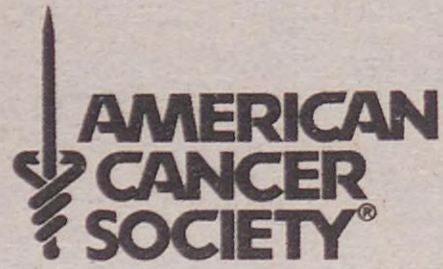
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- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
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- Holy Rite Eucharist I 8:00 am; Holy Rite Eucharist II 9:00 am; Choral Eucharist 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor" (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756.
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### Monday-9/1

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### Tuesday-9/2

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

### Jury Awards \$750,000 to Milwaukee Man in Priest Misconduct Case

by Denise Lavoie

Conneticut (AP) - A federal jury Tuesday awarded \$750,000 to a Milwaukee man who said he was molested by a Stamford priest in the 1960s. The jury found that the Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocese breached a duty to Frank Martinelli when it covered up sexual misconduct by The Rev. Laurence Brett and failed to investigate whether there were other victims.

But the jury said Martinelli had failed to prove that the diocese negligently inflicted emotional distress. Martinelli smiled and shook his lawyer's hand after the clerk announced the verdict, which came after about nine hours of deliberations over two days. "Justice has been delivered. We knew that there had been a cover-up. This was never a case just about me," Martinelli said.

The award was for compensatory damages. The jury also found Martinelli was entitled to punitive damages, which are limited to legal fees and associated costs. U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton will hold a hearing at a later date to decide that amount.

Diocesan officials said they were disappointed but still hopeful the judge would set aside the jury verdict. Last week, Judge Arterton said she would wait until after the jury returned a verdict to rule on the diocese's motion to find in its favor on both counts in the lawsuit.

During the trial, the diocese did not dispute Martinelli's claim that he was molested by Brett. But diocesan officials said they did not know about the abuse until Martinelli filed his lawsuit in 1993 and argued that the diocese could not be held responsible for the priest's actions.

"There is a substantial difference between Father Brett and the diocese. They are worlds apart," said diocesan spokesman Tom Drohan. "The diocese has condemned those actions on the part of Father Brett ... Condemning that kind of action implicitly apologizes to anyone hurt by it," he said.

In his lawsuit, the 50-year-old Martinelli claimed that he was sexually abused by Brett three times while he was a teen-age parishioner at St. Cecilia's Church in Stamford in the early 1960s. During emotional testimony, Martinelli told the jury that Brett once coerced him into performing oral sex on him by saying it was another way of receiving Holy Communion.

Martinelli said the abuse took place when he was 15 and 16. At the time, he was a devout Catholic who wanted to be a priest. Brett was a newly ordained priest assigned to his first parish. Martinelli and a half dozen other teen-age boys became part of a group the priest dubbed "Brett's Mavericks," which met to discuss religion.

Brett, now 60, was not in the courtroom to hear the testimony during the civil trial.

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of AIDS, has gone out of business for lack of patients. But nobody is mourning the loss of the hospice because the closure is a sign of a turning point in the AIDS struggle: Death rates have plunged so dramatically over the past year that the nonprofit organization HIV Alliance could no longer justify running a dedicated AIDS hospice.

By October, Acorn House will be reborn as a place to prepare for living, not dying. HIV Alliance is converting the hospice into a transitional home to help people with AIDS stabilize their health and their lives.

Since 1992, Acorn House has helped hundreds of dying patients through their last months. Starting last year, however, some half dozen patients who took advantage of new treatments started recovering enough to check out.

"I was ecstatic when I realized that maybe a hospice might no longer be needed," said Valerie Haynes, longtime nursing director of Acorn House. The last patient at the hospice died July 19, and no new patients had sought admission for the previous six months.

Facing the expense of maintaining 24-hour staffing capability, declining fee reimbursements from the state and a questionable need, HIV Alliance decided to find a new mission for Acorn House. Executive Director Sharlene Simon said she and others agonized

about what to do.

"The disease is changing so much, so quickly for many people and we want to be responsive to that. But at the same time we don't want to let go of something we may need in the future," she said.

Haynes' main concern is that the organization maintain its focus. "There's still lots of work to do," she said. "I have a lot of people who have a long-term chronic illness that need to follow an extremely complicated medical regimen to stay healthy. I'm really concerned that people are going to start thinking the epidemic is over."

Nationwide, AIDS deaths fell for the first time last year, after rising steadily every year through 1994, and leveling off in 1995. The federal Centers for Disease Control says that people infected with HIV are living longer because of refinements in treatment, especially "combination therapy" with several antiviral agents at once, wider use of drugs that prevent secondary infections, and most recently, the introduction of so-called protease inhibitors, approved by the government in 1996.

HIV infection remains, however, the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. The rate of new AIDS cases remains unchanged. And with so many previously infected people living longer, the prevalence of the disease continues to increase nationally. It shot up 65 percent from 1993 to

1996.

The shifting nature of the epidemic is forcing HIV Alliance and similar agencies across the country to grapple with a new set of problems. People who fully expected to die now need help adjusting to the fact that they will live for years. "In many ways it's more complicated to help people live," Haynes said.

Many of the people who seek help from HIV Alliance have lost their jobs, their homes and all of their assets, including life insurance policies. But because of the effectiveness of the new treatments, they often won't qualify for Social Security benefits for the disabled. "You're taking three or four medications in a complicated rotation, some with severe side effects, and you have to come up with a self-supporting income," Haynes said.

In the new program, residents will be able to live at the house for three to four months. They will get help finding their own apartments and rental assistance, sticking with elaborate medication schedules and keeping a healthy diet.

Haynes has taken on the new job of health care director helping to coordinate these and other services for people with HIV. "A few years ago, we set up a place for people to die. It was hand-holding," Haynes said. "Now people come to us and we can say it's not time to die yet. We're going to help you live."

*(Compiled by Staff and Wire Reports)*

**Report: Police Should Be Able to Issue Warnings About Pedophiles**

by Peter James Spielmann

Sydney, Australia (AP) - Police should be able to warn schools, government agencies and community groups about those convicted or suspected of pedophilia, an independent inquiry said Tuesday. The recommendation - contained in a 1,300 page report from the Wood Commission on police corruption - follows more than a year of public uproar over pedophilia in Australia.

In the report, Justice James Wood also said the age of consent for males should be lowered from 18 to 16, the same as for girls. The report said a gender-neutral approach should be taken to introducing laws with the age of consent set at 16, except for child prostitutes and those in relationships with adults, where it would be 18. Homosexual activists had lobbied in favor of an equal, lower age of consent.

The report also called for a Children's Commission to be set up with three divisions - a center for child protection, an employment information center and an investigation unit. The commission would monitor the sexual records of any person seeking work that would bring them into contact with children.

New controls on child sex offenders also were recommended, including establishing a police register of convicted pedophiles. In the most controversial recommendation, police would be able to warn government officials and community groups about the presence of a convicted or seriously suspected pedophile.

Wood said this action should only be undertaken "where reasonable grounds exist

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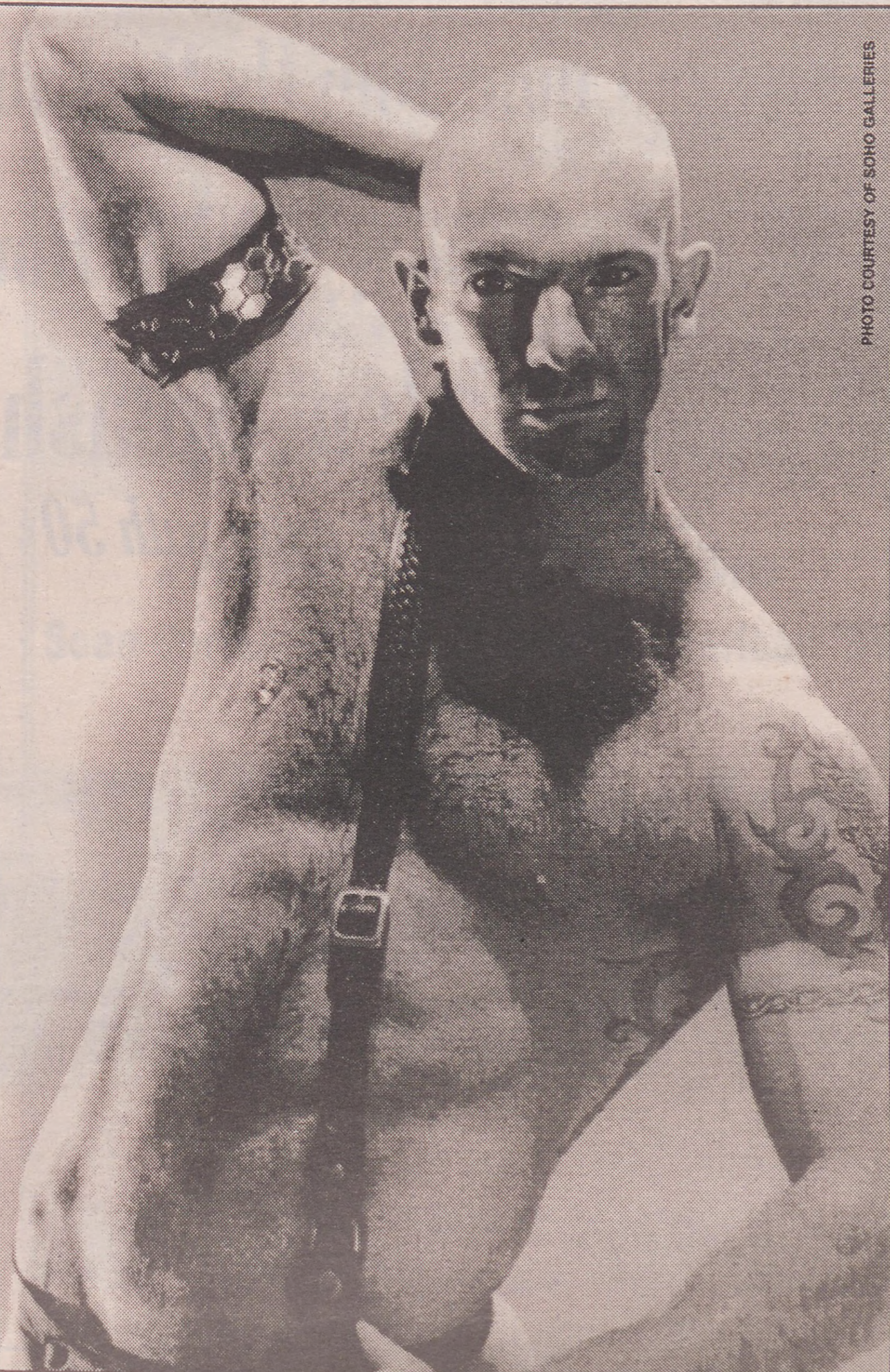


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for the fear that such person may place a child or children in the immediate neighborhood of the offender in serious risk of sexual abuse."

The recommendation is based on a British model, not on New Jersey's "Megan's Law" and similar statutes adopted elsewhere in the United States.

**Ten More Jamaican Prisoners Charged with Deaths of Other Inmates**

by Lloyd Williams

Kingston, Jamaica (AP) - Another 10 Jamaican inmates were charged with murder after a spate of killings sparked by a commissioner's proposal that guards and inmates be issued condoms. The charges, handed down late Monday at the St. Catherine District Prison outside Kingston, bring the number of inmates accused of murder to 16.

Earlier Monday, six inmates were charged at the General Penitentiary in east Kingston, where 14 prisoners were slain in four days of violence. Two more were slain at St. Catherine's. As many as 30 were injured at both prisons.

Those charged are accused of being involved in attacks on other prisoners they believed to be homosexuals, police said. They were charged with non-capital murder, punishable by life imprisonment, and were due to appear before a judge sometime this week. Police could not provide details on what charges the inmates were originally convicted.

The violence began when prison guards walked off the job last Wednesday to protest Corrections Commissioner John Prescod's suggestion that guards and inmates be issued condoms. They said Prescod implied they were having sex with inmates. Prescod, who said he was trying to prevent the spread of AIDS, withdrew the suggestion. But seven

inmates were killed before guards returned to work on Friday.

On Saturday, hundreds of prisoners overwhelmed guards in the General Penitentiary prison yard and attacked another group of inmates. Nine bodies were discovered after riot police and troops stormed the prison to restore order.

Police and soldiers were keeping watch Tuesday at the prisons. Prime Minister P.J. Patterson planned to meet with prison officials after returning from meetings in Antigua on Wednesday.

**Police Raid Gay Disco in Havana**

Mexico City (AP) - Cuban police raided a gay discotheque in Havana last weekend, detaining large numbers of people, according to reporters and news reports from Cuba released Tuesday. The Mexican government's Notimex news agency reported from Havana that more than 800 people were detained at the El Periquito discotheque late Friday or early Saturday.

Other journalists in Havana, contacted by telephone, said they had confirmed that the raid occurred but did not have details about the number of people detained. There was no official comment on the report. Notimex said that more than two dozen foreigners were among those detained. It said Cubans were being released after paying a small fine and that foreigners were being released after their documents were checked.

Cuban Communists long derided homosexuality as an illness of the island's capitalist past, and gays and lesbians were once arrested and sent to work camps because of their sexual orientation. But the government has become increasingly tolerant in recent years, and gays have become more visible in Cuban society. Several gay bars and dance areas have operated openly in Havana in recent years.

The famed 1994 Cuban film "Strawberries and Chocolate" by the late director Tomas

Gutierrez Alea did much to educate people about homosexuals on the island. It is a story about the improbable friendship between Diego, an educated homosexual in love with his country but at odds with the regime, and David, a naive young Communist.

**American Prisoner Sodomized in Mexican Jail**

Acapulco, Mexico (AP) - An American man arrested in a pacific resort on charges of robbery was attacked in a Mexican jail and sodomized, officials and attending doctors said. It was unclear who attacked him.

The 32-year-old San Diego resident was arrested on July 12 on charges of stealing a watch while on vacation in Acapulco, 170 miles southwest of Mexico City. The attack occurred Saturday. Francisco Bautista and Miguel Figueroa, the two attending doctors at Acapulco's General Hospital, said Monday that the man was sodomized with a sharpened piece of wood. Julie Mendez, the U.S. consul in Acapulco, said the assailants used a bottle.

Judicial authorities said they had no record of the victim being in jail there. The doctors said the man initially didn't want medical attention, and throughout the treatment refused to discuss the attack. Mendez said the victim signed a statement absolving the jail of responsibility.

The case occurred less than three weeks after the Aug. 9 attack in New York in which police officers allegedly used a toilet plunger to sodomize a Haitian immigrant they had arrested during a scuffle outside a nightclub.

But it was unclear in the latest case whether the attack was committed by guards or other prisoners.

**Pedophile Priest Secretly Buried at Ireland Abbey**

Ireland (AP) - A pedophile priest whose case forced the church hierarchy in Ireland to

confront sex abuse among Roman Catholic clergy, was buried in pre-dawn darkness Tuesday in the grounds of a rural monastery.

Brendan Smyth, who generated a controversy that also brought down an Irish government, was buried by priests from his Norbertine Order at Kilnacrott Abbey, in County Cavan, 55 miles northwest of Dublin. The 70-year-old priest died of a heart attack in prison last Friday, soon after starting his 12-year sentence.

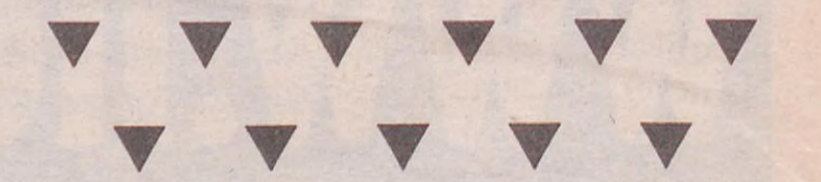
He pleaded guilty in a Dublin court last month to 74 counts of sexually abusing 20 boys and girls between 1958 and 1993. The order apparently timed the burial to avoid publicity and was largely successful. Reporters and photographers turned up about 30 minutes after the funeral had ended.

Young Communications, publicists hired by the abbey, confirmed that Smyth was buried following a Mass in the abbey's chapel. News reports, which the publicists refused to confirm or deny, said a dozen people - seven priests and rest grave diggers and police - were present.

The Norbertines had banned Smyth from celebrating Mass or administering the sacraments, but reserved a burial plot for him at the abbey. Smyth fled to the abbey, headquarters of the order, in 1993 after child abuse accusations surfaced.

The Irish Republic's seven-month delay in extraditing him to Northern Ireland brought down the coalition government of Prime Minister Albert Reynolds in November 1994. He eventually served a four-year sentence in the British-ruled province of Northern Ireland for child abuse offenses there, then started his 12-year sentence.

The case also prompted an apology by Irish bishops for the church's insufficient attention to pedophiles in the priesthood. Smyth served as a priest in Langdon, N.D., during the 1980s.



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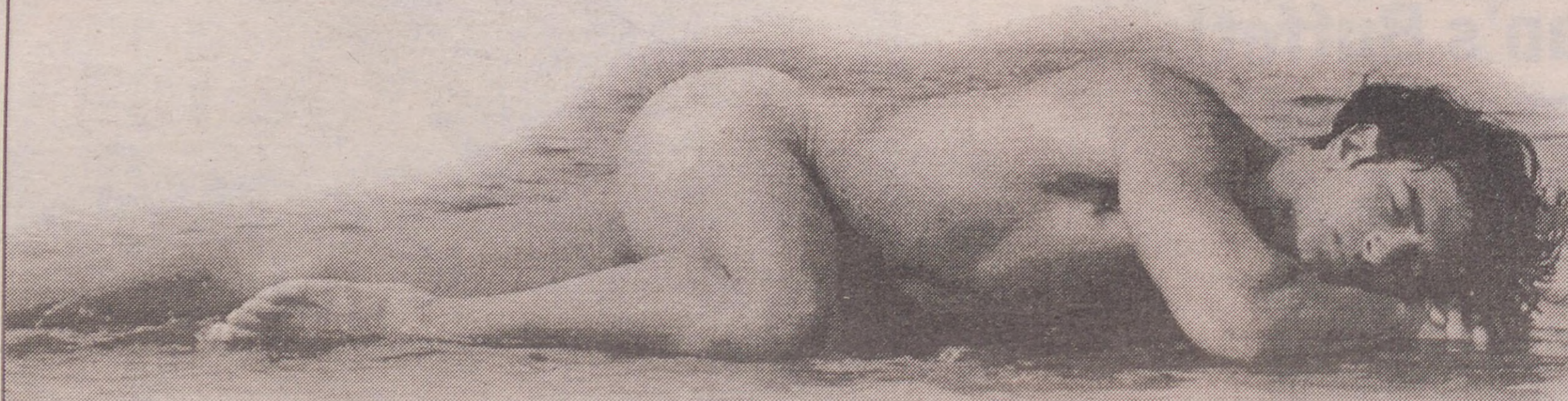


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# Margaret Cho: America's Most Outed Straight Woman

by Scott Lewis

Born and raised in San Francisco, Margaret Cho would later derive a great deal of her material from her upbringing as a second-generation Korean-American raised in a somewhat liberal, yet religious household. "It's funny, my parents have always been very open minded. I was taught that education is what validates a person. My parents owned a bookstore on Polk Street so I was exposed to the Lesbian and Gay community at a very early age. Armistead Maupin signed "Tales Of The City" at our store. The bookstore employees practically raised me. I was raised by Lesbians and drag queens and the first Pierced people in America." Her parents encouraged her to learn voice, dance and piano, but stopped short of endorsing her foray into children's theater at age thirteen. Undaunted, Cho pursued the theatrical life and armed with an Ophelia soliloquy from Hamlet, auditioned and gained admission to San Francisco's arduous High School of the Performing Arts. Although Cho perceived little overt racism at the institution, "I was never the star of any productions. I was always the Danny Aiello type."

That stereotyping became more defined for Cho after her matriculation into San Francisco State University's theater program in 1988, where she soon found roles limited for Asian performers. She had hoped to continue her acting studies at Julliard or Yale, but instead the frustration led Cho to be talked into exploring an area she had never before considered: Comedy. Cho developed her act at the Rose & Thistle, a comedy club built, coincidentally, on top of her parents' bookstore where Cho worked part-time. "On my break I would go upstairs and do a set," she recalls, "My parents were less than thrilled."

After honing her act at such San Francisco comedy houses as the Improv, The Punchline and Holy City Zoo, Cho made history as the first Korean-American to star in her own sitcom. ABC's "All American Girl" focused on the generational

and cultural conflicts between Margaret and her traditional family but was canceled after only one season. Many felt that what was put on the screen was too much of a departure from the character we had come to know on the comedy club stage. "We were dealing with a lot of different people with a lot of different ideas. Unfortunately, the show didn't have time to grow. You can look at the most popular sitcoms and they weren't the best their first season. The show had great potential but it wasn't realized. Cho will stick to film for now. She says, "I find it a labor of love, like the recent gay themed film "It's My Party." "It's My Party" was a true story and the movie was a tribute to the man who was known to everyone in the movie but me. Everyone in the movie was at the actual party and I was really honored to be brought in to this tribute when I was the only person who didn't know him. I have though, lost so many to AIDS and we all share the common pain of



losing someone to AIDS."

Cho is quick to answer when asked about her influences "Sandra Bernhard! She's extraordinary. I saw her last night. She's preparing a new show for Broadway and she exudes such glamour. She is really exciting to watch. I want to capture that glamour, charisma, watchability."

With her first taste of stardom, Cho is now living out a few of her best-kept childhood fantasies. "Everyone in High School was so outgoing and precocious. I was the quiet kid who never fit in any cliques," recalls Cho who recently joined the Camelot of comic orders The Friars Club, where she takes great pride in smoking a stogie and sometimes splitting a rubeen sandwich with such comedy legends as Milton Berle, who is a fan of her work. Margaret's work can now be heard on her newly released CD entitled "Drunk With Power" or you can see her in person this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at The Laff Stop in the River Oaks Shopping Center. Shows are at 8:30 and 10:30 pm nightly and will meet and greet and sign autographs after each show.

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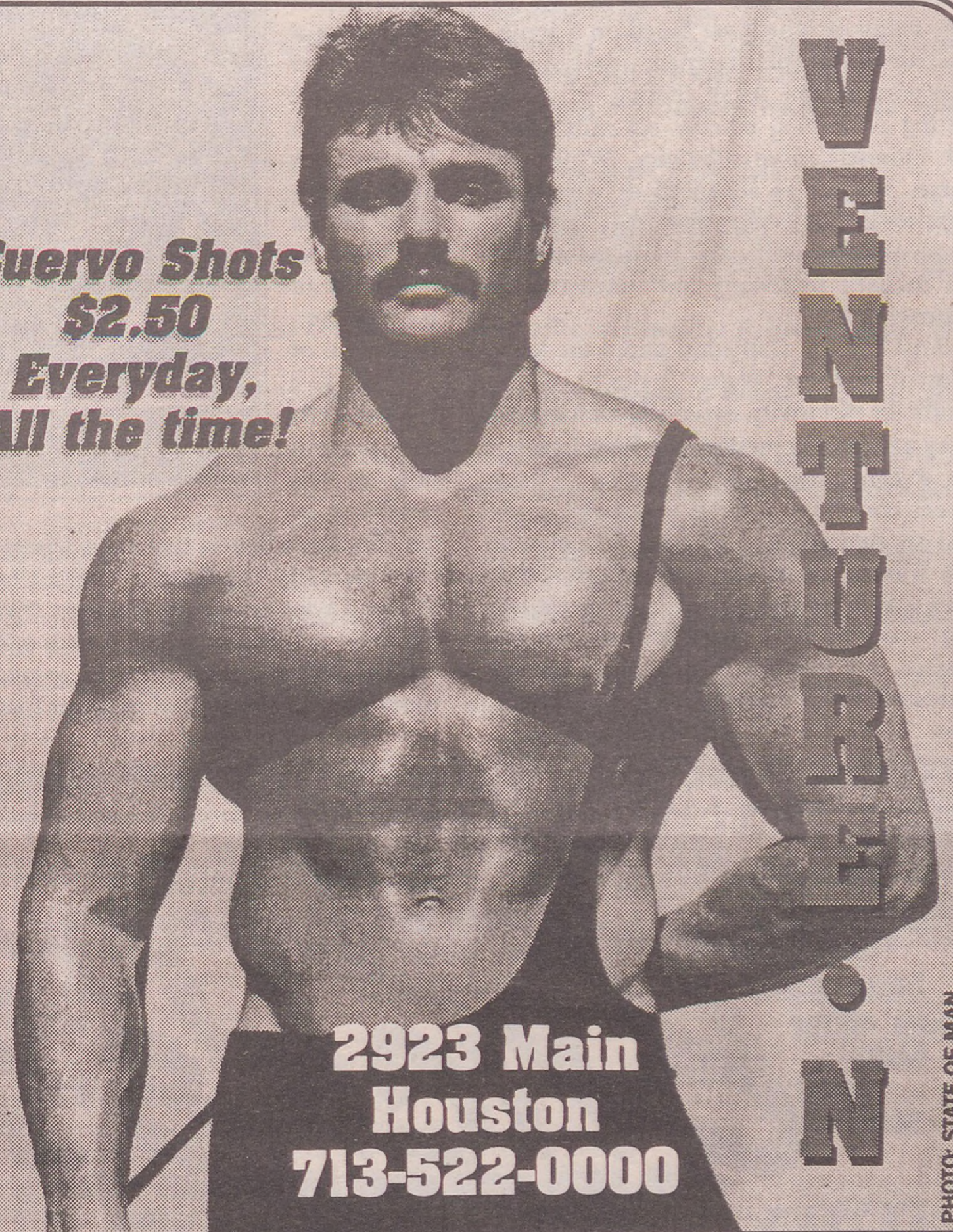


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Opera Orchestra?

MM: Yeah, he performed with them for thirty years...

HV: I played bassoon very badly in high school....

MM: (laughs) That's fabulous! My father didn't start playing until he was 17.

HV: You and Carole Bayer Sager have made a lot of beautiful and powerful music together. What's the story?

MM: We parted for awhile, we each had our own life's adventure to carry out...after awhile you start to miss the original. We have just finished a song. Hopefully, the person we wrote it for will record it.

HV: And that person is?

MM: A closely guarded secret.

HV: I will continue to wait patiently...What about TV? I would search the TV Guide every week to see if you were going to be on Blossom.

MM: Ah, yes...the dysfunctional mother...it was a lot of fun and a great experience. I have just finished taping a PBS special. It's a tribute to Johnny Mercer. It turned out really nice.

HV: Your Tribute album was great.

MM: Thank you. I will be performing a couple of songs from Tribute at the Pops event.

HV: Tell me about *The Essence of Melissa Manchester* just released this past May.

MM: The experience of putting a greatest hit package together was really sort of bitter-sweet...

HV: What should we expect to see at your Houston Symphony Pops performance?

MM: All the hits, some new stuff, and some very old stuff...I love performing with the symphony. Symphonies are really cozy affairs to me.

HV: Growing up listening to your father perform all of that beautiful music surely acclimated you to that type of setting.

MM: I feel right at home in front of the full orchestra. And I love Houston. I learned how to drink Tequila there. Someplace called *Theodore's*.

HV: Do you plan on looking it up when you get into town?

MM: (laughs) Oh that was years ago. I doubt that they are still in business.

HV: Tell me about your upcoming holiday album.

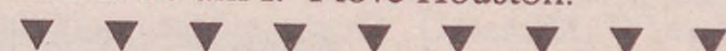
MM: The album is called *Joy*. It's a collection of classic songs, six "stalwarts", two originals, and two songs about winter.

HV: No Chanukah songs?

MM: (laughs) Maybe next time.

HV: I'm looking forward to your show.

MM: So am I. I love Houston.



# Religion for the Thinking Man and Woman

## Christ Church Cathedral Initiates Diverse Lecture Series

by Rich Arenschioldt

If the last time you were at church was when you were still in nappies, listen up — The Center for Theological Studies might be just the thing to get you back in the building. If you're weary of the tacky televangelist and his 'nave full of knaves,' Christ Church Cathedral may be the alternative you've been looking for.

This lecture series offers a set of curricula aimed toward people who desire more information regarding spiritual matters. According to the Director of the Center, Rabbi (yes, *Rabbi*) Leonard Schoolman, "The Cathedral has started this set of programs for people who are seeking more than a garden variety spiritual 'skim-through' of facts, many of which are based on a somewhat superficial entertainment-oriented religious presentation. As an alternative, we are offering something equally accessible, but with infinitely more substance. While our courses are not as advanced as what you might see at a university level, they certainly comprise information that participants will find thought provoking and intellectually challenging."

Christ Church Cathedral under the leadership of its Dean, Walter Taylor has a reputation for inclusivity, especially with regard to gay and lesbian individuals. With lectures like *Religion and Public Morality*, Christ Church confronts political and social issues head on. According to Director Schoolman, "We wanted to set the tone of what this series was to be about right from the beginning — our primary objective is to send the message that this is a forum where we are interested in a marketplace of different ideas. There is a real concern among many

Houstonians that the religious tone of this community is set by those who possess the loudest voices. It's our contention that just because they are the most vocal, it does not mean they are necessarily the right voice, and certainly not a voice that everyone is comfortable with."

The Episcopal Church as a whole, and its Cathedral here in Houston have historically been a religious haven for all persons, regardless of their lifestyle, their orientation, or their penchant to visit Southern Baptist boycotted Disneyland for a vacation. The Dean of Christ Church, Walter Taylor amusingly recounts, "We are the only cathedral in America with a Rabbi on staff." This 'clerical peculiar' speaks volumes about a sincere commitment to diversity. The aim of these institutes is to pro-

mote the exchange of information and viewpoints. A strict non-denominational bias has been included on purpose — religious conversion is not the objective for The Center. Even if it was, given the disparate faiths and lifestyles of the potential participants, who would convert whom and to what?

Presenters for the talks encompass serious thinkers from several realms of life. There are, as expected the requisite number of theologians — two of whom are especially

notable: Canon John Logan from the Diocese of Texas and the 'walking-encyclopedia-of-modern-reformed-Judaism,' Rabbi Sam Karf from Temple Beth Israel. Other participants are drawn from healthcare, business, and academia. There are eight course offerings ranging from *Silence,*

*Stillness, and Simplicity* focusing on the world's spiritual movements, to *Six Saints in Five Acts* which illuminates the lives of saints from the anglican tradition. These seminars will provide historical information with a decidedly contemporary perspective — not at all reminiscent of the dry, dismal lectures you often associate with the presentation of spiritual ideas.

While members of our community have not been specifically targeted by Rabbi Schoolman, he is unusually insightful as to what our needs and concerns are. "We at the Center felt it necessary to approach those in the gay lifestyle. Our feeling is that this community extends far beyond what most of us are aware of through the media and out in the clubs. I am certain that there are many gays and lesbians who I would venture to say are 'seekers' — not just from a religious perspective, but in a much broader sense with regard to many types of spiritual issues. I wouldn't be surprised if they exist in greater numbers, proportionally, than in the general population."

If, ever since you saw Jodie Foster in *Contact* you've been wondering whether there's more to the world than what meets the eye, the Center for Theological Studies is worth investigating. Perhaps you'll hear the gory tale of St. Dennis who carried his own severed head all the way back home. However, it's probably going to be something slightly less visceral, like how to make some sense of the universe we live in, and our fragile island home.

For more information on the offerings for the Fall series, starting September 9th, call Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue, at 713-222-2593.

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My last words to you were that I have loved you always, and will love you always, in this world and the next. As your music touched my heart, your presence touches my soul. I love you always. Ich liebe dich mein liebsten. — Jessica Wicks.

Mr. Wood was survived by his wife Jessica and his sister Kathy.

Steven David Sherman, 48, died June 1, 1997, in Galveston. He was born May 22, 1949, in Houston, to Mary Virginia Sherman and Carl B. Sherman.

Steve attended St. Thomas Episcopal School and was graduated from Bellaire High School.

Houston and received his B.B.A. from Bellaire High School. He attended the University of Houston and received his B.B.A. degree from Houston Baptist University. He was an Eagle Scout and an Explorer Scout.

Steve was a lifelong, devoted member of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Houston. In Galveston, he attended Grace Episcopal Church. He was also a member of Integrity.

After serving as an officer of First City National Bank and its affiliates for some years, Steve operated his own construction business in Houston. He owned and operated a real estate inspection service in Galveston at the time of his death.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Virginia Sherman, of Houston, brothers, Kirk B. Sherman of San Antonio and Jonathan S. Sherman of Houston; and a host of friends.

Interment was in the family cemetery in Rusk, Texas, on June 6. on June 13, a memorial service was celebrated in Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.

Gene K. Webb, of Dallas, TX born on January 26, 1961 in Houston, died on August 18, after a long courageous battle with Aids. He graduated from Westbury High School in 1979 and was awarded the Bums Award for outstanding achievement in Theatrical Studies. Until recent years, Gene served as manager of Costume World in Dallas and continued to work as a costume consultant and coordinator. He studied Theater and Costume Design at Lon Morris College and the University of Houston. Gene worked long dedicated hours in theaters such as The Alley and the JCC in Houston. His passion for the theater, musicals, and the fine arts often took him to New York and Europe. He was a charter member of the "BriarPatch Follies" in Houston, which is a leader in raising money for fighting Aids. Gene shared his constant humor about life and was a source of constant laughter and joy to those who knew him. He will be dearly missed, however remembered with love. He is survived by his life-long partner, Tom Wolf and Gene's adopted family in Dallas; sister, Leslie Overton of Houston and two nieces, Brittany and Chelsea, his extended family, especially Kim, Darla, Allison, Joanna, Melanie, Aunt Richard, Wayne G., Michael Q., Charlie and the rest of the Briar Patch crew. Memorial and Life Celebration will be at the Westchase Hilton and Tower at 999 Westheimer on Saturday, September 6 from 6 to 9pm.



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**Friday, August 29**

- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay /Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 786-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Tootie's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Acres Home Multi Service Center.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm. 522-8182.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; The New Barn 4-8pm.

**Saturday, August 30**

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

**Sunday, August 31**

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.

**Monday, September 1**

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

**Tuesday, September 2**

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

- 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Women for Sobriety Meeting; 7-8pm; 701 Richmond; 281-855-8616.
- Lesbian Health Initiatives meet at 7pm. 526-7828.

**Wednesday, September 3**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Bricks II 8pm - 12am.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 473-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Tooties at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.

- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at 5th Ward Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus monthly meeting, 7pm, 501 Lovett Blvd.

**Thursday, September 4**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center, 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

**GALAXY GAYZER**

**A Houston Voice Exclusive**  
Your Horoscope for the week of August 30 - September 6

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK:** It's time to work on improving at least one important relationship. You are now learning to demonstrate your interest and affections. It's also time to face any problems which may be hiding in the closet, probably regarding a family member.

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) This week is no time for excessive independent behavior. Try to tone down any possible conflicts between work and home. By the week's end, you will seem more like yourself - looking for change, variety and adventure. Feelings run high for your lover or mate.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21) Any career efforts should be put on hold this week, and extra time should be spent with loved ones... you won't be sorry at the results. The next month will definitely favor marriage or other close ties. Don't rely on a friend for support, you'll be disappointed.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) You have a number of positive trends going for you this week, starting with romance - there are also excellent job and career indications. Your upbeat feelings are real and contagious to those around you. Adopt a low profile near the week's end, making no decisions.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) Domestic troubles seem to be highlighted this week and may jar you into reality. Get to the heart of the matter as soon as possible, and don't defeat yourself by talking in circles. Draw on your intelligence and common sense, and project your charm.

**LEO:** (July 24- August 23) Your financial picture looks quite rosy this week. Make sure to save a few dollars for a rainy day. It's time to stop bottling up your feelings, express your anger in a constructive way. Make sure to speak clearly to avoid any misunderstandings among cohorts.

**VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) Although expectations are high this week, it may be best to lay low, don't make waves, and wait for a better day - for you are bound to meet with opposition everywhere you turn. Avoid any overindul-

gence or overdoing; in all ways guard your health and mindset.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) A rather dullish mood will give away to a real sense of being alive, and an interesting job idea promises to send more income your way, if you are more than willing to learn a new skill. Home is where the heart is, and home is where you will find happiness.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22) This week seems to be mostly pleasant, even though a bit ho-hum. Zero in on chores both at work and in the home which need to get done, and you will feel like you've accomplished something. Some home members may not be quite in sync with you, causing friction.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21) The week seems to revolve around money and social interests - and they may integrally relate to each other. Resist any urges to speculate or take risks concerning financial rewards. Try to avoid making any firm commitments, or breaking any close alliances.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) Your creativity is strong during the week, whether in a solo project or group situation. Romance may also put stars in your eyes, as you and a loved one see heart-to-heart on an important issue. Delay any important decisions until all the facts are clear.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) During the next few weeks you are likely to make a major decision regarding your highest ambitions; a big job or career change is completely possible, but don't do anything unless it's been researched from all ends. It's time to get involved in ongoing education.

**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) This week may seem just like a struggle for survival - primarily on the job, but also in other people's various problems. Everything seems to be intense, and you should tread lightly, especially when involved in other's emotions. Everyone seems to be overreacting.

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**The actors in Wizard of Oz ACROSS**

- 1 terrace abbr.
- 4 last 2 letters of the alphabet backwards
- 6 Wiz: Margaret ....., Wicked Witch of the West
- 12 person of rank
- 15 the gay ... lesbian community
- 17 powdery starch used in Asia as a food thickener
- 18 purifies
- 20 period of time
- 22 Wiz: Billie

- ....., Good Witch of the North
- 25 'It's .... dance, .... dance-to-o-o-ni-i-i-ight'
- 27 because
- 28 connected to a communications network
- 31 official abbr. for Canada's Yukon area
- 33 chess piece sometimes called a castle
- 35 fools
- 37 broadcast network of Jay Leno
- 39 Wiz: Bert ....., the Cowardly Lion

- 41 the letter M phonetically
- 42 Wiz: dog
- 44 swindling scheme
- 45 attenuated
- 49 fictional TV newspaper ... Grant
- 51 on the shore
- 52 Wiz: Judy ....., Dorothy
- 56 dissolved substance
- 58 in law, intermediate or intervening
- 59 one who is not a member of the clergy

- 60 Wiz: Frank ....., Wizard
- 61 Equality State, abbr.
- DOWN**
- 2 Environmental Protection Agency
- 3 abbr. for regiment
- 4 last letter of the alphabet plural
- 5 nu way of saying hello
- 6 Wiz: Jack ....., Tin Woodsman
- 7 length of time
- 8 dinner, breakfast or lunch
- 9 rope to

- catch cows
- 10 Volunteer State, abbr.
- 11 solemn lyric poem
- 13 Batman's young boyfriend
- 14 neck (as a postal address) abbr.
- 16 an S.F. gay area
- 17 N.Y.C. gay bar where 1969 riot sparked modern gay rights movement
- 19 law officer
- policing narcotic trafficking
- 21 symbol for chemical element radium
- 23 the cosmos as we know it
- 24 female

- ruff (European freshwater fish)
- 26 short for tolu balsam (South American tree)
- 29 southern French city of Roman ruins
- 30 lane abbr.
- 32 cable TV variety channel
- 34 Wiz: Dorothy's state
- 36 sainte (female saint) abbr.
- 38 Wiz: Ray ....., Scarecrow
- 40 1800's American statesman Clay, initials ('Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character.')
- 43 merited loathing

- 44 ..... Shave
- 46 sailor-talk for 'hello there'
- 47 boxing conclusion
- 48 rare gas used in TV tubes
- 50 4th & 1st vowels of the alphabet
- 53 name that sounds the same as Lynn
- 54 direction Tucson to Phoenix, abbr.
- 55 title of governor of Algiers before French conquest (sounds like DAY)
- 57 in a direction toward Solution elsewhere this issue c.1997 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE GAY16

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## LGRL/

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 claims she is owed a considerable amount of money for her salary as she hasn't been paid substantially in sometime.

"We are really in desperate need of general overall operating costs," said Hardy-Garcia. "Part of the problem has been that, sadly enough, as vital as our work is, we have other groups who claim our work, like Log Cabin Republicans, who never even mentioned that we did all the work that we did."

"Log Cabin is hardly responsible for LGRL's financial woes," responded Dale Carpenter, president of LCR-TX. "This is a slap in the face of the hard work we have been doing in this state."

"We have the fact that HGLPC hasn't kept its membership dues in over three years." In fact, says Hardy-Garcia, LGRL wouldn't have been in debt to the IRS if the Caucus had made their payments.

Hardy-Garcia said she thinks the reasoning for HGLPC's delinquency also stems from financial problems. "I think that there struggling financially as well and we are in real need of board members in Houston that are going to support the organization. It's a problem and we're working on it." She said the group is working on ways to increase the

## GREANIAS/

from page 1  
 Calling himself a fiscal conservative, Greanias cited his well-publicized battles as city controller to make the city council and the mayor more financially accountable to taxpayers. Greanias, who voted in the 1996 Republican primary, also told the group that he would hold the line on taxes and cut back waste in city government.

"Unlike the other candidates in the race for mayor, Greanias has a proven record of conservatism on city budgetary and financial matters," said Ed Inderwish, co-chair of Log Cabin's screening committee, which interviewed candidates for mayor. "He's the real Republican in this race," Inderwish said, although he added that elections for city office are officially non-partisan.

In his screening session with Log Cabin, Greanias pledged that he would work to build

organizations visibility in Houston.

"I think the appropriate person to ask about our 1995 payments is Terry Richardson, who was president of the Caucus at that time," said HGLPC Board Chair Clarence Bagby when asked why the Caucus had not made the payments. "And, as president was responsible ... in naming the board member from the Caucus as one of the founding Caucuses of LGRL."

"In 1996, I was on the board, and our president Pat Gandy was repeatedly asked about this. It is my understanding that her appointee attended few, if any, of the meetings last year and we never were able - despite the fact that Ms. Gandy is a past board member of LGRL - to get a definitive answer on how much we owed or what our commitment was," said Bagby. "As far as the 1997 commitment, we do have funds set aside for that and they will be forwarded shortly to the [LGRL] ... so we are going to meet our 1997 commitment."

Bagby said the HGLPC is in discussion with LGRL about ameliorating past monies owed to the organization. "I am committed as chair of the board to working with this very important essential statewide lobby group to ensure that the Caucus meets its financial responsibility."

support for a non-discrimination ordinance protecting gays from bias on the job and an ordinance extending health benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of city employees.

Log Cabin chose Greanias over two other mayoral candidates who sought the group's endorsement, former police chief Lee Brown and businessman Jean Claude Lanau. Other declared candidates, including businessman Rob Mosbacher and city council member Helen Huey, did not appear before the group. Of the mayoral candidates who screened with Log Cabin, Greanias received the highest score from the committee, an 84 out of a possible 100.

Log Cabin supports equality for gays and lesbians within the Republican Party. The Houston chapter of Log Cabin is one of the largest and fastest-growing of the fifty-plus chapters in the nation.

## RELIGION/

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 He was dropped as a defendant in the lawsuit after both sides said they were unable to locate him. The trial featured some embarrassing moments for the diocese. High-ranking officials were asked repeatedly about a 1964 memo in which they made up a phony recurrence of hepatitis to explain Brett's absence when he was sent to New Mexico after he admitted having a sexual encounter with a 19-year-old Sacred Heart University student.

The first issue the jury of six men and two women was asked to decide was whether Martinelli's lawsuit was barred by the state's statute of limitations. People who suffer sexual abuse as minors are allowed to sue until they reach the age of 35, but the time period can be extended if the abuse was fraudulently concealed, as Martinelli claimed.

Martinelli did not file his lawsuit until July 1993, just before his 46th birthday. He said he did not remember the abuse until 1991, when he recovered long-repressed memories. Martinelli said the diocese should have investigated Brett and warned other potential victims - including himself - while they were still minors and could have received early treatment and counseling.

The jury found that the diocese had breached its fiduciary relationship with Martinelli, which was defined as a relationship characterized by special trust and confidence. But the jury found that Martinelli had not proven all four of the elements

required to prove the diocese negligently inflicted emotional distress. Although the jury said it found that the diocese engaged in negligent conduct, Martinelli had not actually shown that his emotional distress was caused by the diocese's conduct.

The trial was the first in Connecticut in which a jury was asked to decide whether a diocese should be held responsible for a priest's sexual abuse. It began just two weeks after a Dallas jury found the diocese grossly negligent in preventing the abuse of 11 children and awarded \$119.6 million to victims.

The jury was asked to decide whether Martinelli deserved compensation not for the abuse itself, but for the harm caused by not knowing about it for so many years, which he said included depression, insecurity and a loss of religious faith.

Martinelli did not ask for a specific amount in damages, but his lawyer gave the jury a suggested range of \$490,000 to \$1.96 million, using anywhere from \$50 to \$200 per day for the pain and suffering for each of the 9,799 days Martinelli did not know about the abuse.

After the diocese sent Brett away for treatment in 1964, he worked for two parishes in New Mexico, moved to Sacramento, Calif., then went to Baltimore in the late 1960s, where he taught for several years at Calvert Hall, a Christian Brothers high school. The diocese said it lost contact with him in 1993, when he was working for a Catholic publication in Baltimore.

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**Friday, August 29**

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

**Saturday, August 30**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 10:30 to 11pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.50 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: Sundance Cattle Company Anniversary Party 8pm to Midnight.
- Midtowne Spa: The Garage w/ private bunkhouse keys for rental @ 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 Gold Ritas all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.

- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard.; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

**Sunday, August 31**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fixins; "We Have Arrived" @ 8pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays piano after the show; Open Pool Table; Show @ 8pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close; "Show Me The Booty II" 9pm.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1:30pm.
- Pacific Street: 9pm Afterglow! No cover with a Glow Pass! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Cookout on the "Far Side" & Colt 45's bartend 6pm till???, Colt 45's Show @ 8pm.

**Monday, September 1**

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite; Buffet 2pm til ???
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am! Buffet @ 3pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy

- Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table; Hair Hopper's Hazy Hangover Day til 8pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long; doors open at 9pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

**Tuesday, September 2**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am to 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.50 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas & wine; Jockey short contest at 11pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.

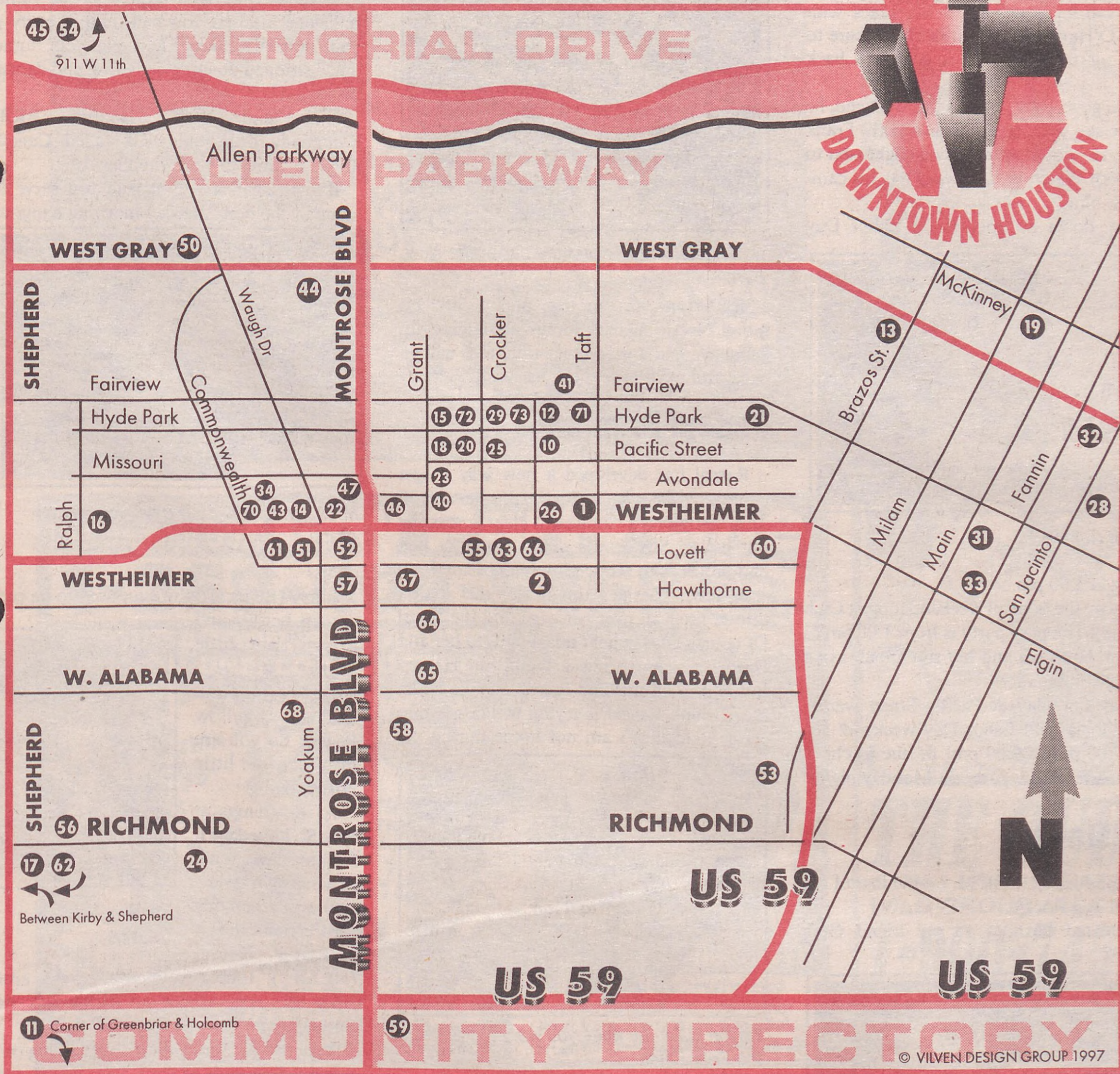
**Wednesday, September 3**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.25 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Burger night.

- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser & 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace: Doors open 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & nite; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Midtowne Spa: Dragstrip '97 amateur strip contest w/ Barbara Velour & Hyron Hall @ 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: Happy hour prices all day & nite; \$4 domestic beer pitchers.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Palace 5351 W. Alabama @ Rice 8pm with \$1 Bar Drinks til 11. 850-7699.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, September 4**

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



**ACCOMMODATIONS**

1	Montrose Inn	408 Avondale	713/520-0206
2	The Lovett Inn	501 Lovett Blvd	713/522-5224

**BARS & CLUBS**

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

**RESTAURANTS**

40	Baba Yega	2607 Grant	713/522-0042
41	Barnaby's Cafe	604 Fairview	713/522-0106
43	Charlie's Coffee Shop	1100 Westheimer	713/522-3332
44	Christy Donuts	1103 W Gray	713/524-4005
45	Java Java Cafe	911 W 11th	713/862-2683
46	Ming's Cafe	2703 Montrose	713/529-7888
47	Riva's Italian Restaurant	1117 Missouri St.	713/529-3450

**BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

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

**CLOTHING SHOPS**

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

**On Your Next Visit to Houston...**

*What you get at the motel on the highway & what you get at the Montrose Inn*

Motel: Heterosexuals with kids fighting next door.  
Montrose Inn: Gay men next door. Only gay men. Nothing but gay men.

Motel: Several miles to the gay bars.  
Montrose Inn: 5 tiny blocks to the gay bars.

Motel: Drive to the gay bars & pay \$5 to park. Or take a \$15 cab.  
Montrose Inn: Walk to the gay bars. Or take a \$3 cab.

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

Motel: Rooms start at around \$50.  
Montrose Inn: Rooms start at around \$50.

Motel: Eat in their restaurant. Food for the masses. Pay plenty. \$1 soft drink machine.  
Montrose Inn: Complimentary late night sandwiches & full breakfast the next day. Free soft drinks, juices, coffee 24 hours.

Motel: Cruise the parking lot? Whoa! You're taking chances.  
Montrose Inn: Meet our other guests. Please!

Motel: The receptionist sneers at you.  
Montrose Inn: The receptionist winks at you.

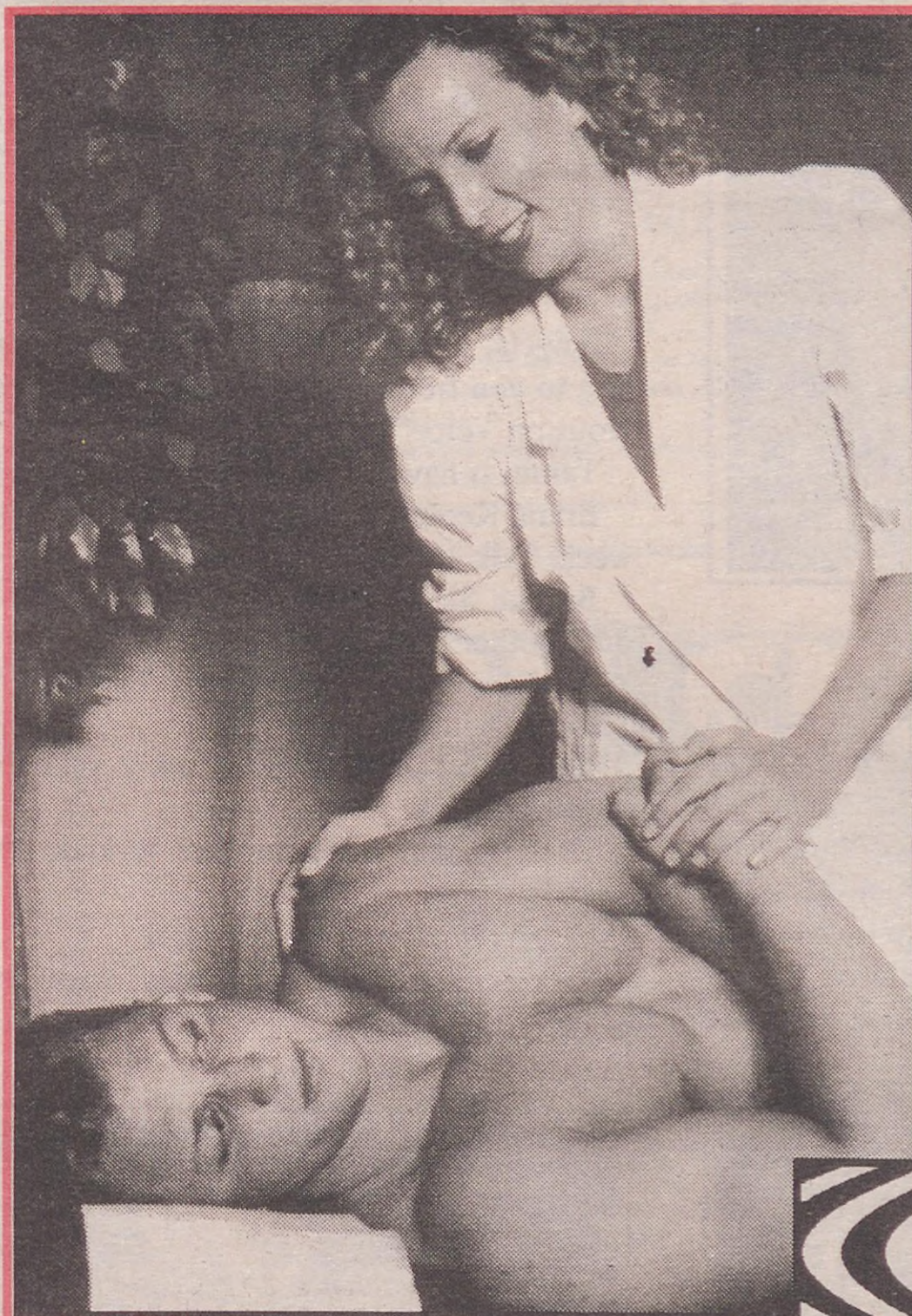
Motel: Washing machine? Ironing board? Hair dryer? Refrigerator? Stove? Microwave? VCR & gay movies? Are you kidding?  
Montrose Inn: All of the above. Free to use.

Motel: Full size bed, plastic flowers.  
Montrose Inn: Queen size bed, fresh flowers.

Motel: Maid knocking 8 a.m., you moan but she's coming in anyway. Checkout 11 a.m.  
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**Important Stuff**

Top of the important stuff list this week is the fact that I am once, again working full time for the Houston Voice! It is not that I did not like the Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages, I did enjoy working with Laura,



Southern Decadence Party Goers! Photo by Frank Parsely

Christina and the gang. I missed the newspaper business! The demanding weekly deadlines, late production nights, and well, all the stuff. So, if I can do anything for you or your business, give me a call at 528-8490!



I'll dance for you at Gentry!

It is Southern Decadence weekend in New Orleans! In honor of this, NLA:H is hosting a "Decadent Splash Party" on the patio of Mary's this Sunday starting at 2:00 pm.

It is always decadent at the Ripcord! This Sunday night is "Bare as You Dare" and Monday there will be a "Working Man's Buffet" at 3:00 pm!

Friday night at the Venture-N, Sean Carter is hosting "Taking it to the Top" at 10:00 pm. On Sunday, the Colt 45's will be guest bartending at 5:00 pm as well as a cook-out at 6:00 pm and a show by the Colt's at 8:00 pm.



Crystal Rae and ed party at EJ's

Congrats to Stan (Venture-N) on being a shoe-in for the Mr. Gulf Coast Boot Black contest held at the Venture-N last weekend! After the contest a very strange thing happened! Tiffany (NLA:H) and Ken (Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer) were called to the stage as two attendants entered as a cauldron was lit! A third attendant entered, dressed in a long cloak and told them to kneel. The attendant pulled out a small knife and lowered it to their heads. A crown of flowers was placed on each of their heads. Congrats to Tiffany the goddess of "Pleasure in Pain," and Ken in the god of "Masculinity In Carnate."



Lovely at the Lazy J.

There is a drag show every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night at Cousin's! Check out their ad for the list of talent each night!

The Men of the Mine will start celebrating Labor Day blowout with \$1 vodka drinks and \$3.75 vodka cocktails all Friday night long!

Chances has JJ and the LongShots Band on their stage Saturday night at 9:00 pm. Chances and the New Barn are both having

a Labor Day buffet blowout!

You can try your luck at BlackJack with Bunny O'Hare at the BriarPatch. Be sure to wear your underwear as it gets wild back there!

If you go to New Orleans this weekend, be sure to say HI! to Houston's own Frank Parsley. He will be at Alternatives (right next to LaFitte's)! Watch it, he always has his camera with him!

Chow down at BricksII on Labor Day



Chad at Gentry

starting at 3:00 pm.

Party by the pool all weekend long at Club Houston!! The pool party is from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Hot men and hot sun are always a winning combination!

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**Milestones**

Sympathies to Mark M. on the loss of his beloved dog Rocky.

A belated birthday to my friend Greg Killips!



Smiling ladies at Chances.

Angela, I have a special belated birthday hug to you from you know who here at the Houston Voice!

Tamin is having a birthday, too this week! Brian Keever is having a birthday this week! Talk about an OLD queen!

Brooke St. James of the RSICSS blows out another birthday candle.

Birthday hugs to Victoria Nicole and Debbie Delicious.

Don (CatPack) meows another year this week.

Devin (EJ's) adds another wrinkle this week.

Ted Ayers downs another year.

Betty Meyer has a birthday wish this week!



How many times have these two been at Mary's

**Stupid Stuff**

If you are doing a "spur of the day" thing and heading to Louisiana to gamble, I suggest you call and get a room reservation before you leave Houston! LW and I headed to gamble and it took us quite a while and lots of frustration to find a hotel room! I should have called first! But, on the "not stupid" side, we made enough at the Blackjack



Gene gets crazy behind the bar of the New Barn.

tables to pay for our trip, plus a little bit more! Not to shabby for us amateur gamblers! We had a marvelous time and will go back. But, next time, I'll CALL FIRST!!

**Rodent Droppings**

Rascal has developed a new way to get attention when I am not in the her room. This is so noisy I can hear it clear across the our house! She crawls under her litter box and proceeds to scratch it while tossing it up and down. Besides the noise, this action throws litter all over her cage and the floor! Of course when I hear this, I go into her and Harvey's room to check them out. Harvey sleeps thru all this and Rascal begs to be let out! I think Rascal is trying to tell me that she is mad that I am not home during the



Wayne plays the ones you want to hear at the Briar Patch.

day anymore! What a spoiled brat!

I'm sorry about the short column last week, but our newly recovered sofa and love seat look great! I bet you did not know just how domestic I can be!

My usual disclaimer is in force! Lies, gossip, and just a little bit of trash! No news here, well maybe a little.

Scott Lewis (Heaven): Is it true that you can throw up just like a fog machine?

Meg (Mary's): Really, it is simple! Unplug the phone before you go to work and by the time the "old dog" sobers up, she won't remember what she wanted to bitch about anyway!

Twister (BRB): We know it's not white! Is the true wedding color Ecu? And why did you move your keys to the other side?

Marlene & Lisa (Chances): I hear you two make some pretty convincing "bag ladies!" It is true that your own employees started to call the cops to get you two hobos out of the bar?

Gene (New Barn): I hear that if you drink behind the bar, you start removing clothing piece by piece. The lower your pants go the lower the drink prices get! What does

Marlene think about this?

Mike K. (the party animal): The rumor mill tells me that you had quite a party at your house last week! Is it true your "other half" stripped down to a g-string and danced on the table?

John and Miss Alabama (BRB): Somebody from the BRB called Cancun ahead of time to warn the illegals!

Boots (Chances): Is it true you serve up some of the best Monday morning hangover



Mrs. Schminkman 30 days sober? congrats!

cures?

Larry (BRB): You're supposed to be picking up bottles and glasses, not little boys!

Kinley (Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages): So you are just like a little horny toad?

Al K. (hangs at PS): So how does it feel to have some of your own testosterone in your body for the first time?

Brian Keever (NLA:H): I hear you emptied the entire stock of Skyy vodka at Rich's this past Sunday night!

Vera (BRB): What strap do you hang on to when riding with Mario? Your living girdle died!

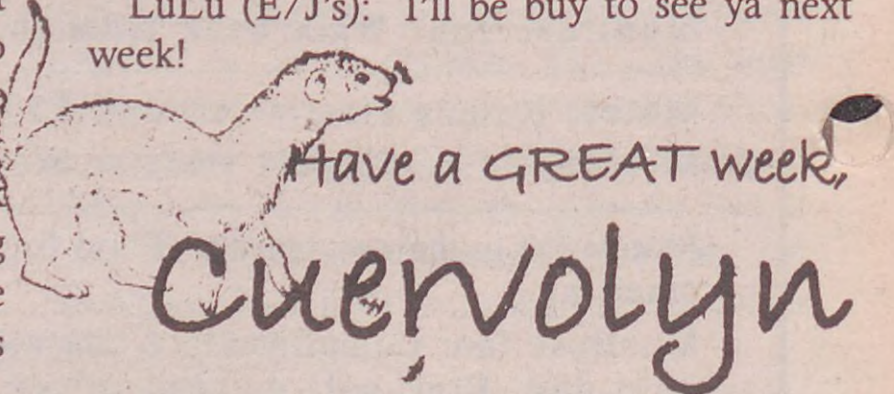
BamBam (PS): Did the chicken really say to you while its head was spinning like Linda Blair's "Pluck me, pluck me!"

Honeysuckle (MAP): Well my dear pay backs are hell, but revenge is a dish best served cold and often! Be afraid, be very afraid! Love ya!

Victor (CreADtive): You think of your new truck as you penis extender? Is that why you have named you truck "Russell the LOVE Muscle?"

Nancy (Bite Me )Ford: With your "Love" away all week, just dream about all the good sex you will get on the weekends! And remember, if you need one, I have an extra vibrator you can borrow!

LuLu (E/J's): I'll be buy to see ya next week!



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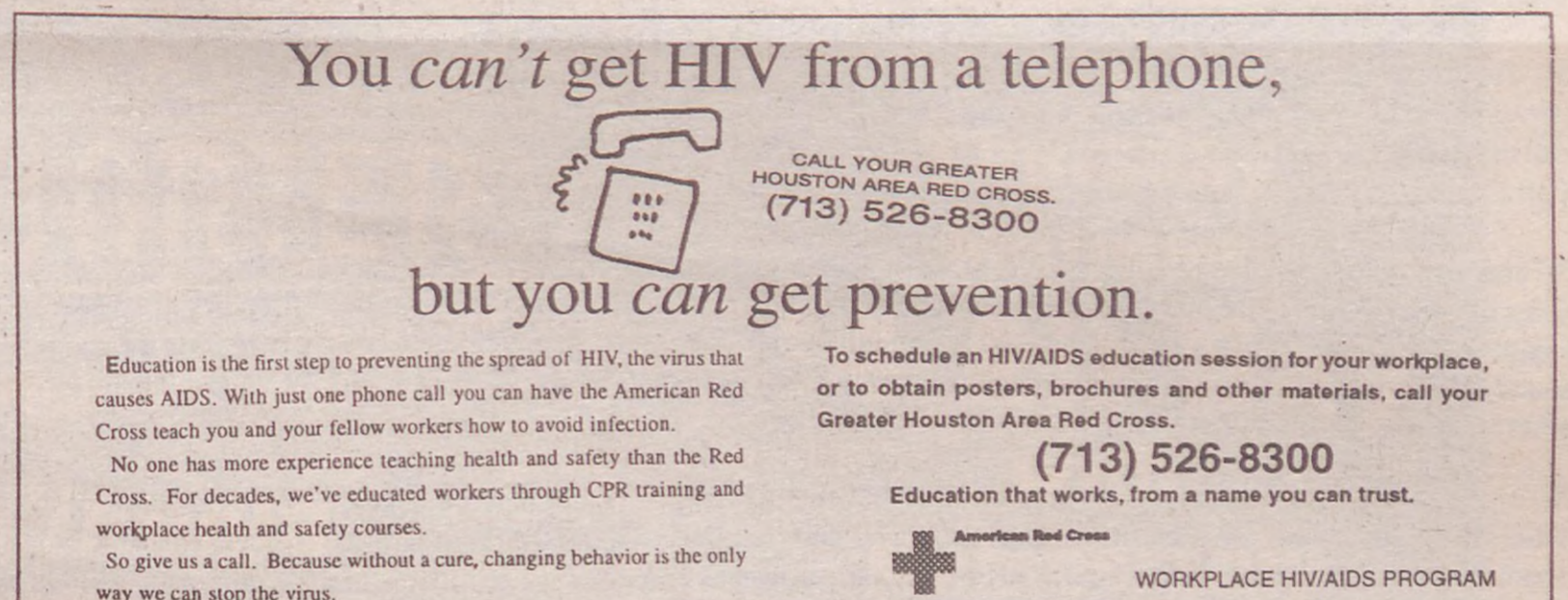
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SBF Tall, height/weight proportionate, attractive, mysterious & a lot of fun. Interested in a bi sexual or gay female, should be tall, for friendship & possibly for things to develop later. Call Ext. 5577

SF 23, 5'7", full figured & reddish hair, Bi sexual or gay females that is in the Southwest part of Houston, who is open-minded and outgoing. Must not be in a relationship at this time. Call Ext. 5574

SF 47, brown eye & shoulder length black hair. I enjoy dining out, going to the movies, staying home and watching TV. Interested in meeting someone that is honest, caring, very stable & know what you want out of life. Call Ext. 5312

SBF 5'7", 162 lbs., big breast. Looking for a female with similar qualities for a night of fun. Call Ext. 5105

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SHF 5'2", bisexual. Looking for a bi woman, White or Hispanic. Give me a call if you are interested. Call Ext. 5476

SBF 36, very attractive, professional, I love life and god. I'm fun loving and intelligent. Interested in meeting other Black females for friendship and passably more. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5535

SF 31, 5', brown hair, 115 lbs. I enjoy sports, outdoors and having fun. Looking for a friendship with a female between 28-35 with similar interests. Call Ext. 5525

SWF 24, 5'2", 120 lbs., short blonde hair. I'm in good shape. Looking to meet educated, professional woman to go out dancing with, have coffee, go to movies & basically just hang out. Call Ext. 5569

SF 5'9", brown eyes. I'm down-to-earth, easy going & a great sense of humor. Looking for friendship first & possibly a relationship down the road. Call Ext. 5560

SBF Gay, sincere, love God. Interested in meeting other gay Black females for friendship & possibly more. Should enjoy life and have the same qualities. Please call & leave a message. Call Ext. 5536

Seeking a White female between 35-45 to have a relationship with. I'd like to have an involvement with someone right away. I don't have a car. I'm very interested in having a lover. Call Ext. 5498

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GWM 38, short dark brown hair & hazel-green eyes. I have a muscular, smooth body & I'm HIV+. Looking for a man who is 5'8" or taller, who enjoys being on the top, has a rugged look with body and facial hair. Should be mature, 32-45 & good looking. Call Ext. 5524

SM I like gray haired men, in their late 40's & up. I like to go to movies, dining out & go to comedy clubs. Interested in meeting mature, wealthy gay White men. Should be willing to show me the finer points of gay life in Houston. Call Ext. 5586

SM Would like to meet other masculine guys, for friendship or more. Should be handsome, over 22, height/weight proportionate & med. - dark brown a plus. Must enjoy reading, writing, music & dancing. Call Ext. 5584

GHM 35, 5'11", 195 lbs. & financially stable. In search of a gay White male 30-45, country boy, that likes the beach, movies or just hanging out. Call Ext. 5581

GHM 35, 5'11", 190 lbs., financially stable & in good shape. In search of a gay White male 30-45, country boy, that likes the beach, movies or just hanging out with each other. Must be HIV+. Call Ext. 5580

SAM Mid-30's, attractive, intelligent & successful. Looking for very submissive, 60-older, White male for fun, friendship and more. Must be very clean, discreet & HIV-. Call Ext. 5576

SWM 37, 5'10", 160 lbs., brown hair & blue eyes. I'm country, versatile & love to cuddle. Looking for a hairy, handsome White male 35-45, height/weight proportionate. Should have no personal baggage. Call Ext. 5589

GWM 44, HIV+, 5'7", 147 lbs., dark beard & mustache. I'm handsome, masculine, educated & considerate of others. Seeking other males who are also HIV+, who are in need of attention, affection & romance in their lives. Call Ext. 5575

SWM 50, HIV+, 5'11", 160 lbs. & I'm extremely healthy. Leave your number & we can get together. Call Ext. 5573

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

SM 42, good looking, little bit of money. Looking for a couple of young guys, maybe one live in to have a good time. Call Ext. 5551

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

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

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

SM Professional. Working on getting in better shape. Looking for a tennis player who can be out there with me. Call Ext. 5521

SHM 22. Looking for someone to talk and go out with. I like going to the movies and having a good time. I prefer a Hispanic or White male. Willing to go all the way. Call Ext. 5519

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

SWM 47, 6', dark blonde hair, hazel eyes & very hairy. Looking for a White or Hispanic male, 35-50, to go to garage sales, movies & out to eat. Must be clean, honest, outgoing & height/weight proportionate. Call Ext. 5568

SM Responsible Oriental male, aggressive, demanding. Seeking a male for a friendship or possibly more. Should be healthy and very clean. Call Ext. 5502

GWM HIV positive, attractive, financially independent. I love doing mostly anything, especially visiting my friends around the world. Looking for a special person who is integrity, fun loving & I can share the rest of my life with. Call Ext. 5538

SWM Gray and brown hair, 6'1", 150 lbs. I'm in good shape & average-sized. In search of Black, Hispanic or Native American male who is dominant. I can be versatile. Call Ext. 5340

SM 5'10", 175 lbs. Looking for a tall male who is a top. I'm financially stable. I like going out and having fun. Call Ext. 5563

SHM 43, HIV positive, healthy, attractive. Seeking a male race is not important. Call Ext. 5562

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

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

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SWM 36, HIV positive, 6'3", 190 lbs. Interested in meeting other good looking guys who are more than just looks, to do the town, dinner and outdoor activities. Call Ext. 5534

SWM HIV+, 190 lbs., 6'2", healthy. I would like to meet another White male who is also HIV+ and good-looking. I'm financially secure and looking for the same. Seeking someone to join life with me. Call Ext. 5464

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

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SWM HIV positive seeking the same. I'm good looking and very healthy. Would like to meet a single White male HIV+, who is willing to share life with me and live it to the fullest. Must be honest, sincere, considerate and deserving person. Call Ext. 5554

GWM Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'8", 140 lbs. Loving and caring relationship oriented. I enjoy outdoor activities, tennis and traveling. Seeking GM 35-50 for friendship and possibly more. Must be healthy and responsible. Call Ext. 5553

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

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

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

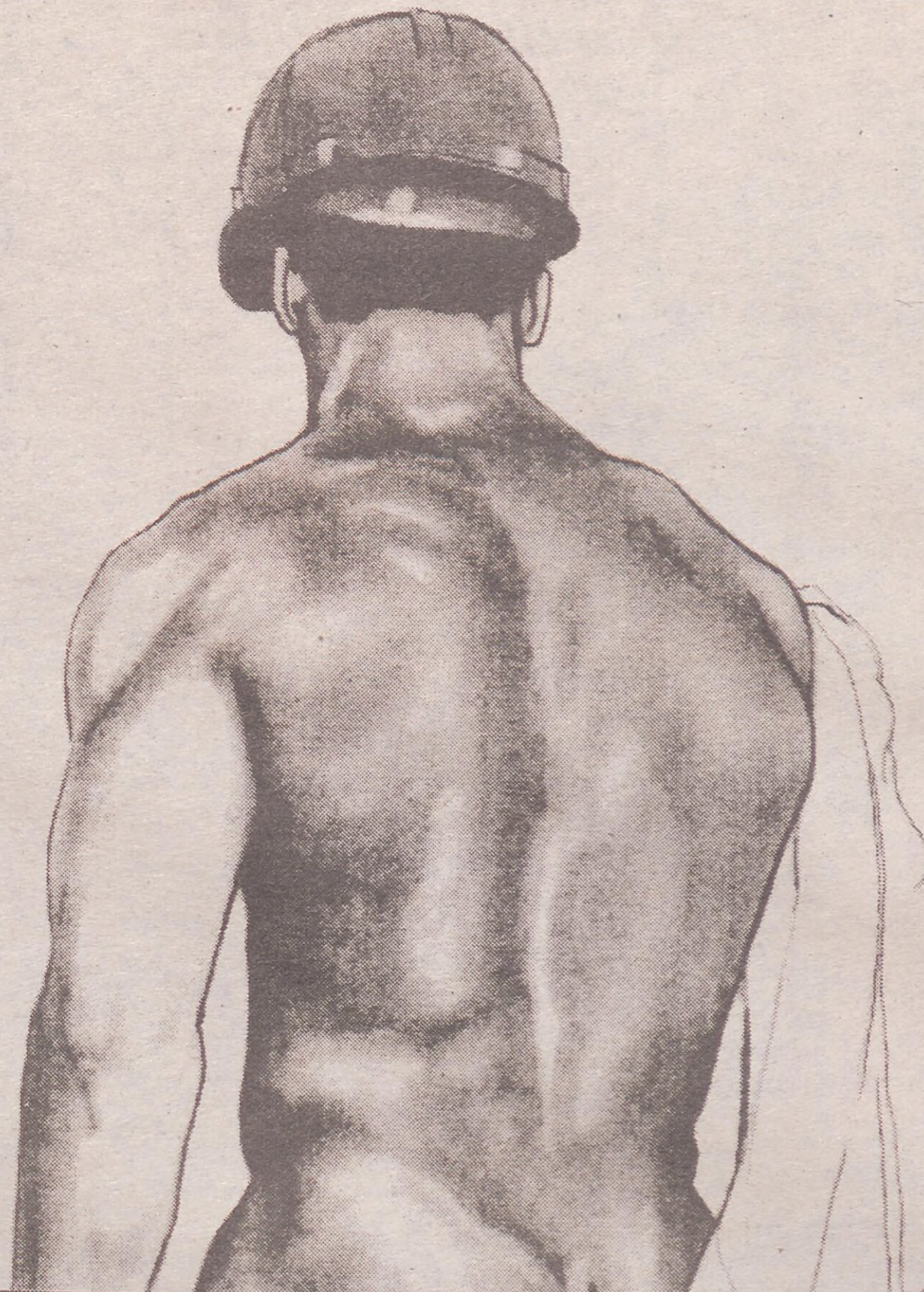
SM Very young, 40, 5'11", 160 lbs., good shape, green eyes, blonde hair. Seeking someone younger who enjoys fun & can keep up with me. Age is just a number to me. I'm a hopeless romantic who enjoys nice things. Call Ext. 5478

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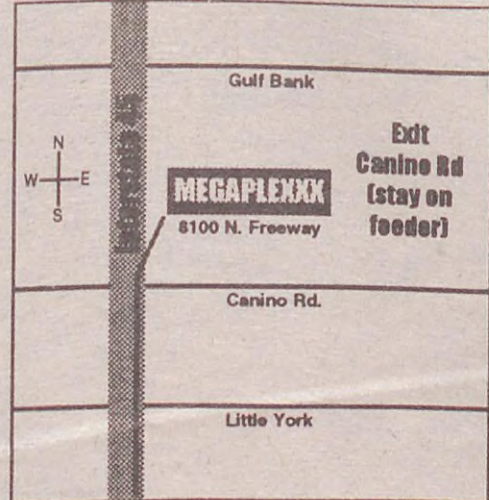
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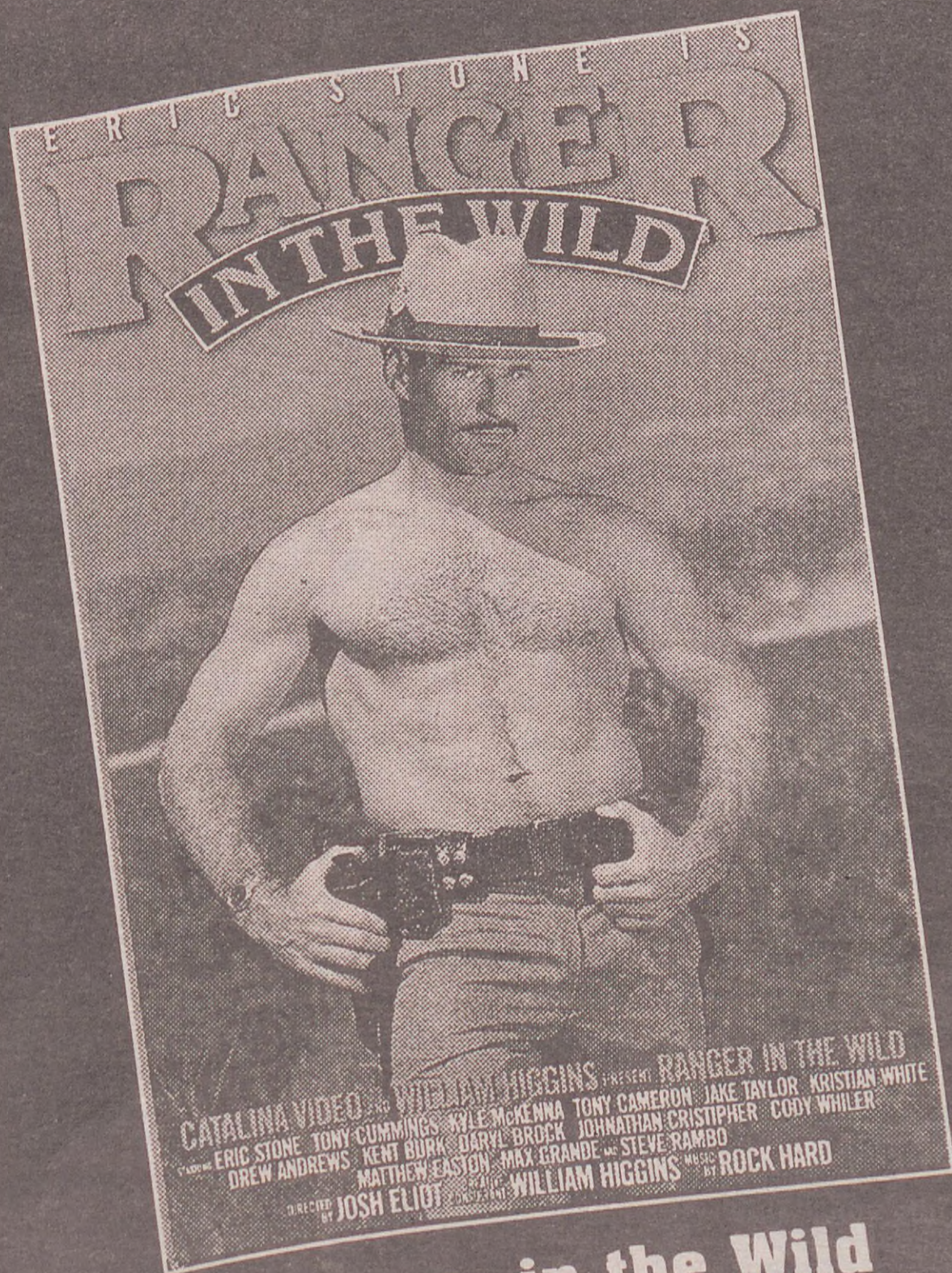
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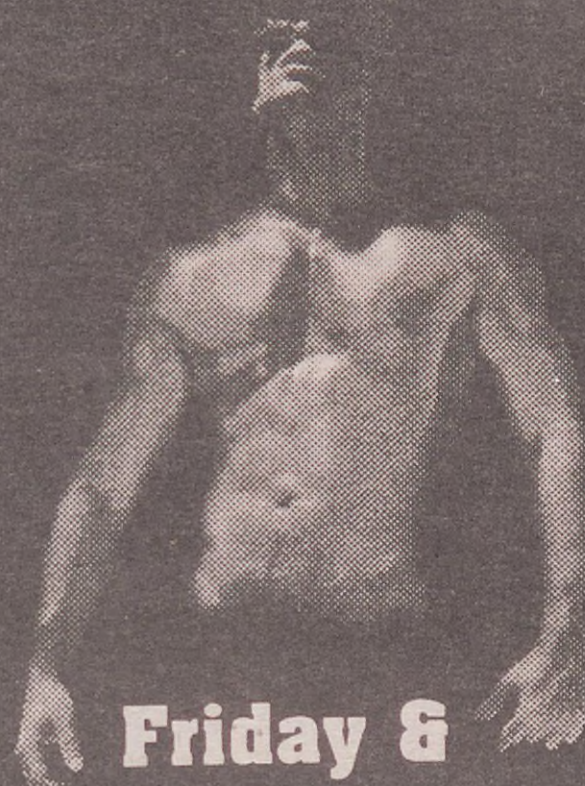
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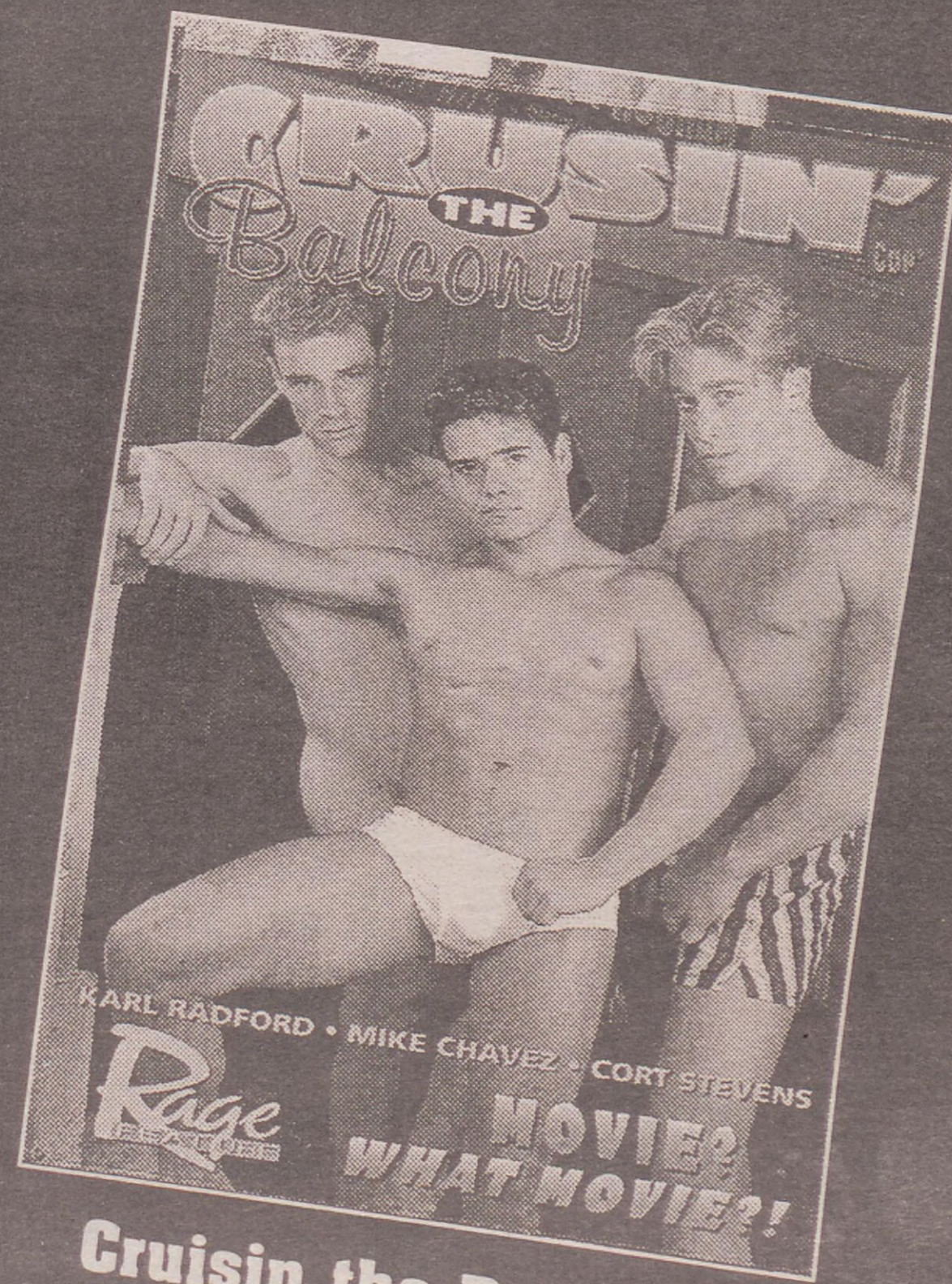
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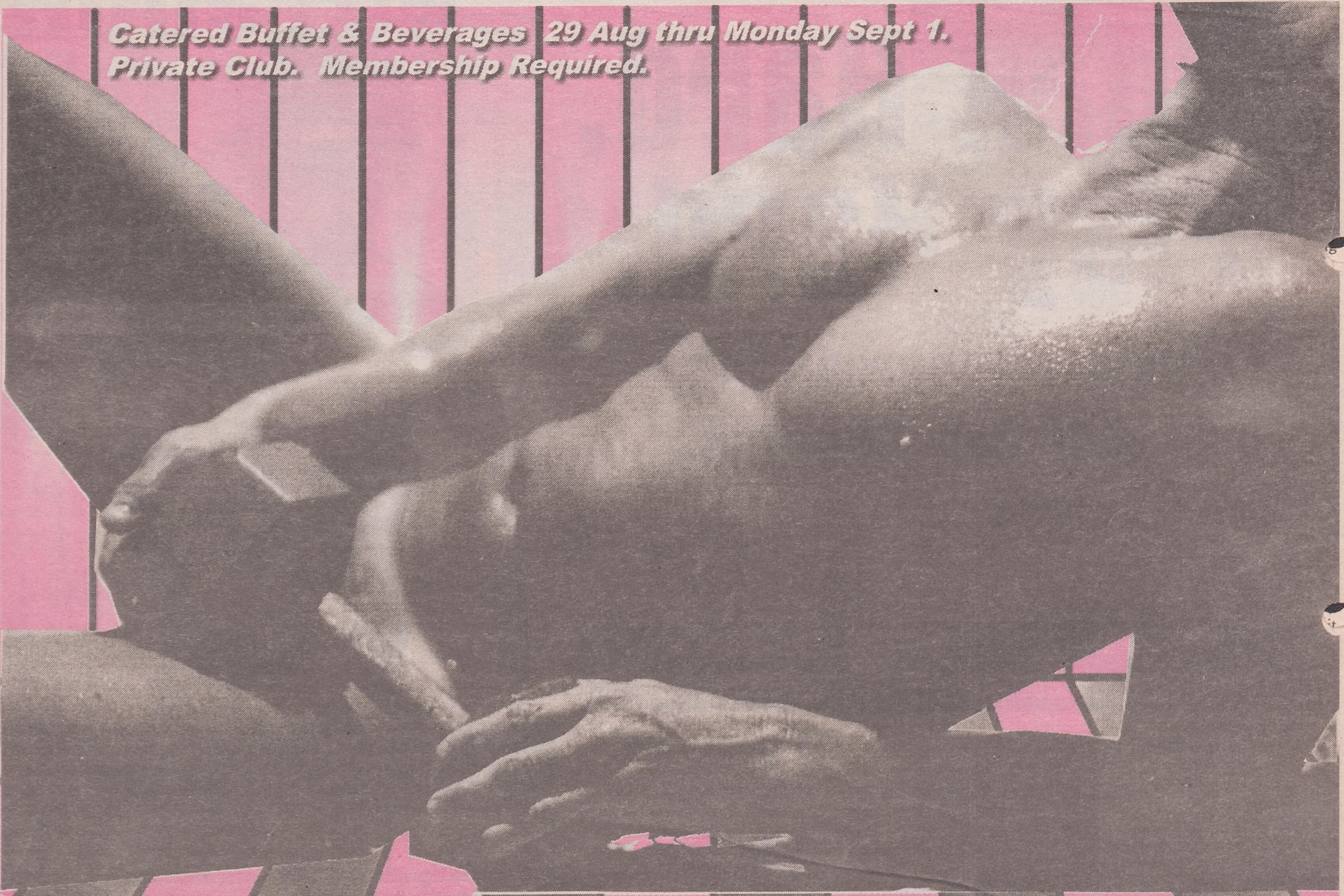
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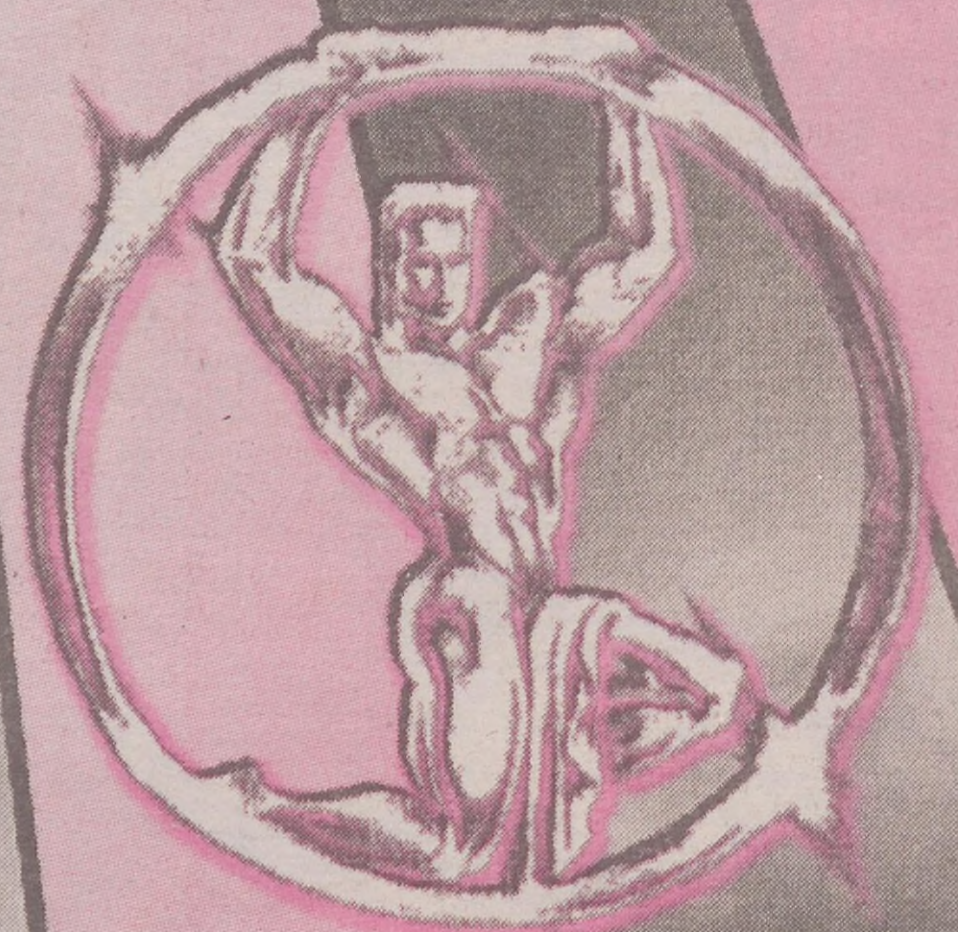
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