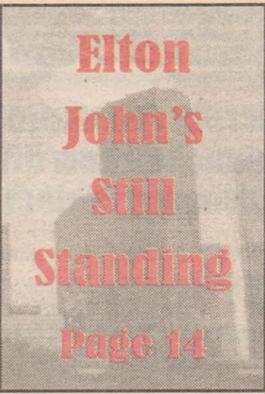




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Log Cabin Endorses Hill And Parker, Backs Ballot Initiative Barring Affirmative Action

HOUSTON - Log Cabin Republican's of Houston endorsed two prominent openly gay city council candidates, Ray Hill and Annise Parker, at their monthly meeting Monday.

The gay GOP group also voted overwhelmingly to support the Houston Civil Rights Initiative, a November ballot proposal that would end the city's program of preferential treatment for women and minorities in contracting and employment.

Log Cabin was the only gay political group to screen both candidates in the race for city council District D, Ray Hill and Jew Don Boney, which includes Montrose.

Ray Hill has fought long and hard to keep government out of the lives of its citizens," said Ed Inderwish, co-chair of Log Cabin's Screening Committee. "His message of individual liberty and limited government is perfectly consistent with Republican principles and that's why we're supporting him for city council."

The group is also backing Annise Parker in her race for city council in At-Large Position 1. "Annise Parker has a strong commitment to fiscal conservatism and also to ending discrimination against gays and lesbians," said Inderwish. "She will be a responsible, reasoned voice on city council."

Members voted overwhelmingly to support the Houston Civil Rights Initiative after listening to an impassioned debate featuring Edward Blum, chief sponsor of the measure, and city council member Boney, an opponent of the initiative. The anti-affirmative action measure, which will appear on the November ballot, forbids discrimination in city contracting and employment on the basis of race and sex. At press time, the exact wording of the initiative had yet to be determined. "We believe in equal rights for all, regardless of sex or skin color," said Inderwish. "Government should not be in the business of giving special favors to people because they are male or female, or black or white."

In other races for city office, Log Cabin endorsed Chris Bell for At-Large, Position 4; Elizabeth Spates for At-Large, Position 5; Carol Smith for Houston Community college, Position 1; and Terence O'Neill for Houston Community College, Position 8. In August, Log Cabin made local headlines by being the first gay group to endorse former city controller George Greanias for Mayor. The Houston chapter is one of the largest and fastest-growing chapters in the nation.



Speaking with Janis Ian



by Leslie Ramsay

I was all set to interview one of my all time musical heroes, Janis Ian, when I lost my voice. Sadly, I called her record company to rearrange the interview. They agreed to have her call my editor instead of me the next morning. Then I get a phone call at 6:30 PM. It's Janis Ian. She's calling me to tell me how to "fix" my laryngitis. I followed her suggestions exactly. My voice returned and I was able to do the interview. So not only is Janis Ian a genius songwriter/performer/singer/ writer, she's also pretty good at home remedies.

Janis Ian is a legend.

HV: Thank you so much for call- See IAN page 16

MCCR Plans to Bless the Animals



by Rev. Carolyn J. Mobley

HOUSTON - Back in 1989, Rev. John Gill, pastor of MCCR at the time, read an article about a church in another denomination that was doing a special service called the 'blessing of the animals.' Consequently, he thought it was a neat idea. After he thought about it more seriously, John decided to plan something similar at MCCR. "Why

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Compaq Computer to Offer Domestic Partners Benefits

by Curt Morrison

HOUSTON - The *Houston Voice* has learned that Houston-based Compaq Computer Corporation, the world's fifth largest computer firm, will be offering benefits for the 'Domestic Partners' of their employees effective at the first of the year. In a copy of the company's benefits package, BeneFLEX, obtained by this paper, there is a provision titled *Benefits for Domestic Partners*.

"Attracting and retaining talented people in a highly competitive industry is important to the

Company's continued success," reads the plan. "With this in mind, Compaq is offering domestic partners benefits to employees' same-sex partners and their eligible dependents effective January 1, 1998."

The company released an official statement when contacted by the *Houston Voice*. It reads as follows: "Compaq Computer Corporation will begin offering health care benefits to U.S. employees' same-sex domestic partners and their eligible dependents effective January 1, 1998. The decision to introduce same-sex domestic partner benefits in the

U.S. supports the company's objectives to attract and retain talented employees in an increasingly competitive market; reinforce a corporate environment in which all individuals are respected, valued and treated fairly; and address regional customer requirements."

The company's benefits for domestic partners covers medical, dental, vision, COBRA, relocation and Family Medical Leave benefits. In addition, to qualify for benefits, the eligible employee and domestic partner must submit an Affidavit of

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President Clinton speaking at a fundraising dinner in Houston last weekend.

Clinton Appoints Openly Gay Official to White House Post

WASHINGTON - The White House announced Thursday that Virginia M. Apuzzo, an openly gay woman, has been appointed as Assistant to the President for Management and Administration. Currently, Apuzzo is Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor at the United States Department of Labor. She has held this position since September, 1996. The appointment makes her the highest-ranking openly gay official ever to serve in the federal government.

"We applaud this appointment as yet another step in President Clinton's promise to make his administration look like America," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director, "and we look forward to more appointments and nominations of openly gay people in Clinton's second term."

In her position, Apuzzo will direct all the management and administration functions of the White House complex and have over-

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Gay History Month: The Last 50 Years

1940

by George Rimmey
Special to Houston Voice

For sometime now, while attending parties or various socials, the young, and even the not so young, have listened to my stories about Houston and its Gay life back in the "dark ages". So even though a writer I'm not, I'm sitting down to write a series of articles chronicling the past 50 years, as I remember it. This is the first in a series of six installments. Even though this series will list many trials and tribulations, I have always looked at life through rose colored glasses.

The year was 1945. The big war was ending. No building of houses, offices, etc. had been done for five years. None of the homes, even in River Oaks, were air-conditioned. Attic fans and open windows did the job. Burglar alarms were unheard of.

The state started cutting the right away for the Gulf Freeway. The new airport, Hobby, was on the drawing board and was to be the envy of the nation. The eastside was developed first.

I was 17 years old and lived in a small

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Groundbreaking Pastoral Letter Encourages Parents to Love Their Gay Children

by David Briggs

NEW YORK - U.S. Catholic bishops are advising parents of gay children to put love and support for their sons and daughters before church doctrine that condemns homosexual activity. In a groundbreaking pastoral letter, the bishops say homosexual orientation is not freely chosen and parents must not reject their gay children in a society full of rejection and discrimination.

"All in all, it is essential to recall one

basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique person we are," the bishops say. "God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual."

The document, titled "Always Our Children," was approved by the Administrative Board of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops early in September and released Tuesday, with an

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Bering Foundation Launches New HIV/AIDS Advocacy Project

The Bering Community Service Foundation announced plans for the inception of a new program last week designed to energize community and consumer involvement in local, state and national issues relating to HIV/AIDS. The organization named Harry Livesay, LMSW, as its new Advocacy Project Director to design and implement the comprehensive advocacy campaign.

The inspiration for the project came from local community leader, Phil Lacy. According to Bering Board President, John M. Gonzalez, "Phil introduced Bering to the importance of advocating for people with HIV/AIDS and taught us to speak out on behalf of our clients to local, state, and federal lawmakers to initiate change."

The organization began addressing the decline of community organization efforts last year when it became a member of the national policy group, AIDS Action Council. Through their association with AIDS Action, Bering has sought to expand its mission in HIV/AIDS as a voice for the concerns of all people living with HIV/AIDS and the institutions that serve them.

"Our advocacy efforts will include individuals, families, neighbors, community groups, service agencies and related organizations in the creation of responsive and compassionate public policy. Since HIV can infect anyone, advocacy efforts must involve everyone," says Livesay. "Our vision is to incorporate traditional 'grassroots' efforts with innovative community education to meet new challenges such as Medicaid managed care and expanded drug access."

MCC Men's Network to Host Hate Crimes Panel

The Men's Network will host a panel discussion on hate crimes against the gay and lesbian community, Tuesday, October 14, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Montrose Counseling Center (701 Richmond Avenue).

Members of the group Q-Patrol will speak as will Gary Norman, LMSW, Hate Crimes Specialist at MCC, who works directly with hate crimes survivors. They will discuss recent hate-motivated crimes in the Houston area, how to protect yourself, and what can be done to prevent such violence. For more information, contact Michael Migura at (713) 529-0037.

In related news, MCC's Women's Network will host an evening of coming out stories, Wednesday, October 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the same location. Attendees are encouraged to tell their own story as well as listen to others in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. Contact Sue Long, LMSW-ACP for more details at the aforementioned number.

Briefs...

Team Houston will have a general meeting, 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 15 at

811 Westheimer in the conference room on the second floor. The organization will introduce the new Board of Directors, discuss the Gay Games, sporting events, and its relationship with Team Dallas. In addition, travel information will be available and inquiries answered. The meeting is open to the general public. Call (713) 887-1191 for more details....

Toopee's Coffee will present poet Niobe Ngozi, followed by an open mike sponsored by and benefiting QuAC, the Queer Artist Collective. Back by popular demand, QuAC will again provide an open mike for poets of all persuasions immediately following Niobe Ngozi. The event will take place 7 p.m., Saturday, October 11 at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama....

The Diana Foundation will host this year's "Miss Angela's Country Dinner" benefit gala at the Houston Polo Club, 7 p.m. Saturday, October 11. The event is open to the public, tickets are \$25.00 and there will be a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Colt 45 Trouble Fund. Call the organizations hotline at (713) 639-2000 for more details....

The University of Houston School of Theatre announced this week that Gregory Boyd, Artistic Director of Houston's Alley Theatre, will teach Introduction to the Theatre in the 1998 Spring Semester. The class is open to all students and fulfills the University's cultural heritage requirements. For more information, contact the School at (713) 743-3003....

Robert Bridges appears as viola soloist with the Clear Lake Symphony in the rarely-performed Berlioz masterpiece, *Harold in Italy*, Saturday October 4 at 8 p.m. The work is a character-symphony in four movements with viola solo, based upon Berlioz' travels in the Abruzzi mountains, and inspired by Lord Byron's epic poem *Childe Harold*. For more information, call (713) 520-6039....



Robert Bridges

Finally, The Museum of fine Arts, Houston will host a special presentation of Arthur Dong's award-winning documentary *Licensed to Kill*. The director will be on hand for the Houston premiere of this highly touted film to field questions following the showing. Winner of best Documentary Director and Filmmakers Trophy Awards at this year's Sundance Film Festival, Dong interviews seven criminals, two of whom are from Texas, convicted of committing anti-gay murder in this harrowing documentary. The movie will be screened Friday, October 10, with another screening to follow October 17. For more information, call (713) 639-7300.



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Houston Police Officers Union, State Sen. John Whitmire Endorse Mayoral Candidate Lee Brown

HOUSTON - The Houston Police Officers Union (HPOU) and State Senator John Whitmire endorsed former HPD Chief Lee Brown for Mayor Thursday. Whitmire is Chairman of the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

"On behalf of the membership of HPOU, I am proud to endorse Lee Brown for Mayor," said HPOU President Han Marticiuc. "Chief Brown is a police leader recognized throughout the world as tough on crime. We watched Chief Brown every day and observed how he did his job, while we had our differences, as Chief, he was a leader who always kept his word."

Brown was police chief of HPD from 1982 to 1990. "I'm very proud of this endorsement because it represents the judgment of the police officers who worked with me and watched me closely on a daily basis," said Brown. "I'm honored the HPOU and its membership believe I am the best candidate to be Mayor ..."

HGLPC Meeting with Bradford and Boney Stirs Debate

HOUSTON - Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford engagingly addressed a capacity crowd at the monthly meeting of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, last Wednesday at the Lovett Inn. Also in attendance was District D Houston City Councilmember Jew Don Boney, who introduced the chief.



City Councilmember Jew Don Boney, HGLPC President Lane Lewis, and HPD Chief Clarence Bradford.

While member's questions were, at times, somewhat antagonistic toward both Mr. Boney and Mr. Bradford, they responded candidly, at times evoking laughter and applause.

Boney brought up the new sexually-oriented business ordinance in his introductory comments, stating that "our office has not received any complaint calls from sexually-oriented businesses that cater to the gay community." However, two attendees expressed concerns about how the ordinance will impact such enterprises.

The police chief faced several pointed questions about police harassment in and around gay bars. "The Police Department is committed to ensuring that no one is discriminated against regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation, or any other bias," responded Bradford.

Houston City Council District D Candidate Ray Hill, Boney's primary opponent, was in attendance along with about a half dozen supporters sporting Ray Hill Campaign stickers.

"While we disagree on a few issues, I have a great deal of respect for Ray Hill and his work over the years," Boney told the group. Boney was endorsed by the HGLPC Political Action Committee in September.

Mr. Hill was invited to screen with the HGLPC PAC, but had not finalized his plans to run for office at the time of the screening, according to HGLPC PAC Co-Chair Jay Seegers. Mr. Hill filed for the office on September 23, the last day of filing. Many in the group expressed pleasure

with Chief Bradford's willingness to be accessible and with his obvious comfort level with the group. "The chief's relaxed style and the fact that he stayed for our entire Caucus meeting as well as the PAC meeting is an indication of how comfortable he is with dialoguing with the gay community, no matter how tough the question," said HGLPC Board Chair Clarence Bagby.

Mr. Hill directed several questions to the chief regarding specific cases of harassment of which he has personal knowledge. The chief explained proper police procedures and urged the public to complain about inappropriate behavior to the Houston Police Citizen Review Committee and the Houston Police Advisory Committee. He renewed the commitment made several months ago to the group to end such harassment.

Caucus President Lane Lewis currently holds HGLPC's permanent seat on the Advisory Committee. Houston City Council Candidate Annise Parker was appointed by Mayor Bob Lanier to the Citizen Review Committee four years ago. Parker is a former Caucus president and board chair.

State Representative Debra Danburg to Speak at GHGLCC Meeting

HOUSTON - State Representative Debra Danburg will be the keynote speaker at the next general meeting of the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GHGLCC).

Danburg, who currently serves as the chair of the House Committee on Elections and is a member of the powerful State Affairs and Calendars committees, will speak to the group about legislative and business issues. Danburg is a native Houstonian and has served her district (137), which encompasses the Heights, Montrose, the Museum District, Greenway Plaza and Gulfton, since 1981.

The meeting will take place 6 p.m., Monday, October 6 at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main Street. Contact Kevin Davidson at (713) 661-2195 for more details.

Openly Gay Candidate Terence O'Neill Enters Race for HCC Trustee, District 8

HOUSTON - Terence O'Neill, a gay community and political organizer, has officially entered the race for Houston Community college System Trustee, District 8. O'Neill, who has an extensive history of involvement within the district, hopes to bring his experience to the HCC system.

"I am proud of what Houston Community college has been able to accomplish over the years and I want to see the system continue to grow and improve," said O'Neill, who is involved with several local and statewide organizations. He presently serves as the Finance vice President for Texas Young Democrats and was recently appointed by County Judge Robert Eckels to the Ryan White Planning Council.

O'Neill is seeking the position being vacated by Trustee Frank Medina. If elected, he would be the first openly gay person to hold that post and second Hispanic to represent the largely minority district.

"Discrimination has no place in education. Discrimination is the acting out of ignorance and what we will foster at Houston Community College is an atmosphere that is free from bias," he said. O'Neill has also promised to advocate the establishment of a non-discrimination policy if elected.

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City Councilmember Chris Bell, endorsed by the HGLPC PAC and Log Cabin Republicans, held a "Rev-Up" party

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for his campaign at Solero's last week. In attendance were several gay and lesbian



Elyse Lanier, City Council member Chris Bell, Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, and Bell Supporter Dalton DeHart.

leaders as well as Mayor Bob Lanier and his wife Elyse...

John Alexander, a longtime gay and lesbian community advocate and former Montrose Clinic Development Director, has



John Alexander, second from left, flanked by members of Body Positive.

been named the new Executive Director of Body Positive....

Annie Parker picked up another endorsement this week from the Harris

County Democrats, who her endorsed the City Council At-Large Position 1 candidate by acclamation. To date, Parker has received endorsements from the HGLPC PAC, Log Cabin Republicans, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, Houston Association of Realtors, Harris County AFL-CIO Council and the *Jewish Harold Voice*....

The HGLPC 22nd Anniversary Awards Dinner will feature Travis County Sheriff Margo Frazier, a Democrat, and the first openly gay woman to be elected as a county sheriff in Texas, and Dallas City Councilmember John Loza, a Republican, and the first person initially elected to Dallas City Council as an openly gay candidate. The event will be held on Saturday, October 4, at the Four Seasons Hotel at 6 pm. Tickets are \$65 at the door. For information call 713-521-1000.

Finally, television and film star John Davidson will star in the Houston debut of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *State Fair*,



John Davidson in the The Theatre Guild production of the 'new' Rodgers & Hammerstien's musical "State Fair."

October 14 through 19 at Jones Hall. Davidson will discuss the production and provide some personal insight into his life in next week's Houston Voice.

NATIONAL NEWS

New Painkiller for Cancer, AIDS Patients Close to FDA Approval

by Kristen Moulton

UTAH - As Dr. Theodore Stanley and Bill Moeller worked to build their young company in the 1980s, they kept a lid on the hype.

Utah science was reeling from the cold fusion debacle and deflated hopes for the artificial heart, and neither wanted the promising research of their Anesta Corp. prematurely ballyhooed. But now, with federal approval imminent, Moeller is ready to talk about Anesta's "potential blockbuster": painkiller on a stick.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee on Sept. 17 unanimously endorsed Anesta's Actiq, the first product that cancer and AIDS patients can use at home to quickly ease sudden pain. Full FDA approval is expected in November and Actiq, marketed by Abbott Laboratories, should be available by springtime.

The drug fentanyl, 100 times more potent than morphine, has been around for three decades. Anesta's invention is the delivery system: a plastic handle with a knob of fruit-flavored fentanyl that patients suck on just long enough to ease pain. The fentanyl dissolves quickly in the saliva and is absorbed through the mouth into the bloodstream, reducing pain within five to 10 minutes.

"The only thing comparable would be having a needle in place and giving an injection," said Mary Simmonds, a Camp Hill, Penn., oncologist who participated in clinical studies of Actiq. She's also chairwoman of the cancer pain relief subcommittee of the American Cancer Society.

Simmonds said it's the first good treatment for so-called breakthrough pain, long unrecognized as different from around-the-clock pain. Such episodes last from a half hour to about two hours and occur in an estimated 800,000 cancer patients about four times a day. Actiq, she said, "is long overdue."

Carl Dixon, executive director of the National Kidney Cancer Association, says Actiq is convenient and "low tech" and thus a lifesaver. "What it enables cancer patients to do is to go on living a life that is pain free and in their own control."

Wall Street has begun to take notice. Anesta's stock, traded on the NASDAQ market, was trading last spring at about 50,000 shares a day. The first day after the advisory committee meeting, 1.5 million shares changed hands. And on some days since, upwards of 300,000 shares have been traded.

The stock price has been around \$25 per share, up nearly \$10 from the July price. The company, which doesn't expect a profit until 1999, had sales of \$1.6 million last year. David Steinberg, an analyst at Volpe, Welty & Co. in San Francisco, said there are good reasons the company is projecting \$30 million to \$60 million in U.S. sales from Actiq when the market is fully developed.

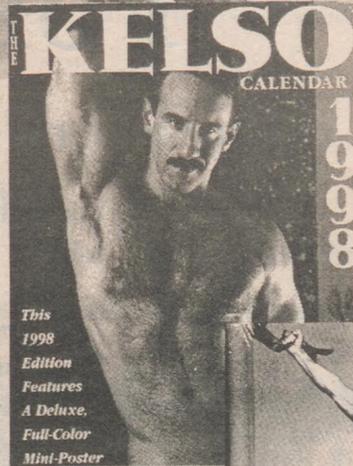
"There is significant unmet need in the marketplace the product addresses," Steinberg said. "Abbott Labs is dedicating 40 sales people just to market the product and clearly believes it will be sizable product." He also notes that Anesta has wisely enlisted the support of leaders in cancer pain medicine. When the thought leaders believe in the product, that will filter down to the physicians in the field," he said.

Analyst Donald Ellis at Robertson, Stephens & Co. in San Francisco said Anesta's success in getting its first product, Fentanyl Oralet, approved by the FDA and its likely success with the second is a good sign. "That's all really a report card on the company. It's one thing to have technology but another to have execution," Ellis said. "This is a small company in Utah that's doing everything right."

Moeller, the Anesta chief executive, said that's what he and Stanley, a professor of anesthesiology at the University of Utah, set out to do. "We promised each other we would do it right. We wouldn't overhype it until it was ready," Moeller said. "We didn't take it out and try to do a roadshow."

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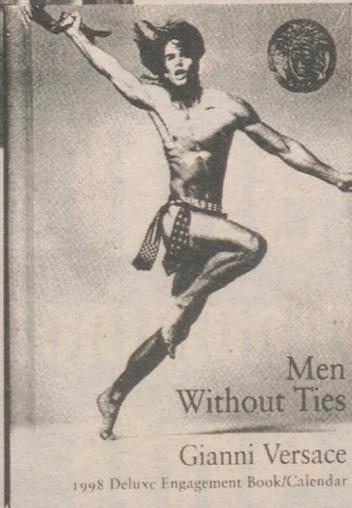
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Moeller, a Harvard MBA who'd worked for Fortune 500 companies, was recruited to Utah in 1982 to be the chief operating officer of Symbion Inc., the company that marketed the Jarvik artificial heart. It turned out to be an "incompatible situation," and in 1985 Stanley - who had pioneered the use of fentanyl as a total sedative for major surgery - told Moeller of his idea for putting the drug on a handle that would go in patients' mouths.

"I'm just a business guy, but this seemed ingenious when he told me about it," Moeller recalls. They formed Anesta, with Stanley as chairman, that year and began the research and clinical trials using their own money and some supplied by a Boston venture capital firm.

In 1989, Abbott Laboratories agreed to give Anesta \$10 million to develop three fentanyl-based products to be marketed in the United States by Abbott. The giant drug company also owns 13 percent of the company. Sales of the first of the three, Fentanyl Oralet, have been modest, but Moeller says that's because Anesta has instead focused its resources on Actiq with its much larger potential market.

Anesta has the right to market the product overseas, and plans to seek regulatory approval first in Europe, Japan, Canada and Australia. The company also will manufacture Actiq for overseas sales, which will mean a bigger work force. Anesta now employs 70.

Other products in the pipeline for FDA approval include one for treating acute pain in hospitals, another for short-term sedation in doctors' offices and others for migraine and nausea. One future Anesta product, nicotine-on-a-stick, has been shown as effective as nicotine gum and patches in clinical trials. It could even rival Actiq's sales for the company, Steinberg said. All the products are based on Anesta's patented handle.

But Moeller bristles at any characterization of Actiq as a narcotic lollipop. "We've gone to great lengths to make this look medicinal," he said. "This does not look like a treat for a kid."

Gay Cops' Group Urges Counseling for Officer Who Refused its Medal

by Karen Matthews

NEW YORK - A police officer who used vulgar language in returning a Medal of Valor from a gay cops' group should not be fired but should undergo sensitivity training, the gay group says.

"It was one of the most homophobic incidents I've ever witnessed in my career," Sgt. Edgar Rodriguez, president of the Gay Officer's Action League, said Friday.

The brouhaha happened Sept. 18 at the Police Department's Medal Day awards ceremony. Officer Lawrence Johnston of the Emergency Services Unit received a medal sponsored by GOAL - one of numerous police fraternal organizations that gave awards - and promptly returned it to Rodriguez.

"I approached Officer Johnston to congratulate him and tell him what an honor it was for us as fellow members of the service to give him the award," Rodriguez said. But Johnston first removed the medal from his chest and gave it back, then "proceeded to make a host of vulgar and highly offensive statements," Rodriguez told reporters in front of police headquarters.

The medals are sponsored by different organizations, but the Police Department decides which officer gets which award. The day after the ceremony, Police Commissioner Howard Safir suspended Johnston without pay pending an investigation.

An attempted reconciliation on Thursday failed, Rodriguez said. He said he and other GOAL members attended a meeting with Johnston, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association officials and police brass. "He stated, 'I apologize for what you may have perceived to be offensive,'" Rodriguez said. "I have a difficult time seeing that as an

apology."

Rodriguez said Johnston should not be fired - a possibility if he is found guilty of departmental charges - but should be required to receive counseling and "diversity training on lesbian and gay people." PBA President Lou Matarazzo, acting as Johnston's representative, responded, "Since when does any member of the department dictate to the department what penalty should be meted out?"

Matarazzo said the officer returned the medal because, as a devout Catholic, he opposes homosexuality. "I think it's disgraceful to have a hero suspended based on something he said, whether right or wrong, and they are violating his rights," he said in a telephone interview. "His rights have been violated because he refused a medal from an organization that goes against his religious beliefs."

"He made a request to apologize to Sgt. Rodriguez," Matarazzo added. "He came in and did so. How more humbling can you make someone?"

Johnston was given the medal for coming to the aid of fellow officers who were pinned down during a siege in Queens on Oct. 22, 1995. He was one of dozens of officers receiving the Medal of Valor, including Officer Carlos Crespo, the first openly gay officer to be so honored.

Surgeon General Nominee Defends AIDS Studies

WASHINGTON - Rejecting comparisons to the notorious Tuskegee experiment, President Clinton's nominee for surgeon general defended the ethics of Third World AIDS studies in which some infected women are being given only dummy pills.

The studies, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are intended to prevent the spread of AIDS from mother to child in some of the world's poorest countries.

The studies have come under attack in the New England Journal of Medicine and the British journal The Lancet because some patients get no medication, only placebos. Dr. David Satcher, CDC director and Clinton's nominee for surgeon general, defended the research as urgent and designed to benefit the countries where it is being done. His remarks came in a commentary in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. It was co-written by Dr. Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health.

Satcher and Varmus said the studies were designed in cooperation with researchers in the countries where they are being performed and passed rigorous ethical review both in those countries and in the United States. Varmus and Satcher, who is black, also criticized comparisons to the Tuskegee study, in which black men were denied penicillin for syphilis.

"The Tuskegee study ultimately deprived people of a known, effective, affordable intervention," they wrote. Such criticism "trivializes the suffering of the men in the Tuskegee study and shows a serious lack of understanding of today's trials."

About 1,000 children a day get AIDS from their mothers, usually in late pregnancy or during childbirth. The 16 controversial studies are trying to find cheap and practical alternatives to the proven AZT regimen, which involves 12 weeks or more of treatment. The goal is to find a treatment that will work with as little as two or three doses of AZT or other drugs.

The proven treatment costs about \$1,000 per pregnant woman - a price that many developing countries cannot pay. Most of the studies are being performed in Africa, where per capita spending on health care is less than \$10 a year.

It is standard practice in the United States to give the longer AZT regimen to all comparison groups when testing alternatives. However, the AIDS studies in the developing countries compare brief treatment to no treatment at all. Critics say that clearly violates World Health Organization guidelines

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Strange Bedfellows

by Larry Lingle

The old adage that politics makes for strange bedfellows is once again ringing true. Ray Hill, love him or hate him you cannot ignore him, is running an "unfunded" campaign for the District D City Council position against the incumbent, Jew Don Boney. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, of which Hill has twice served as president, during its endorsement meeting, ruled Hill out of order in his attempt to be considered for said endorsement.

The HGLPC, trying harder to be Number One, went with Boney, apparently on the technicality that he had at least screened with the caucus (as if any member of that august body does not know where Hill stands on every gay and lesbian issue) and apparently because he is electable, an established criterion.

Meanwhile, when the Log Cabin Republicans convened for endorsements they backed Hill - there are your strange bedfellows. But wait, what if the Log Cabiners may have been thinking sweet revenge? The point is that the result is a clearer image of our community than the aged caucus. Both groups have endorsed Annise Parker, another past president of the HGLPC, for city council Position One, and George Greanias for mayor.

Now just stop for a moment and consider the consequences. Hill and Parker, both representing our community from slightly different points of view, and Greanias, the most gay-friendly candidate for mayor, sitting together in that city council chamber. Folks, it would be a different world and better place for gay and lesbians. We would have three voices in the wilderness and would once again be the envy of our brothers and sisters in the other major cities.

Regardless of the HGLPC endorsement (and I speak as yet another past president of

the group) I would urge all gays and lesbians to give Hill your support. Even in defeat, Hill carrying Montrose would send a clear message to the ministerial powers that be in District D that the past treachery which delivered Montrose unto their dominance cannot be overlooked. And, who knows, maybe enough of us can change the outcome.

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Like as many in the community, I have had my differences with Hill, but such differences have been those expected within the family. With Ray we know what we get, with Boney - well, after his joining the anti-pornography crusade we can expect just about anything.

On another matter of a more personal or business note, I have always avoided using this space to draw attention to my business, the Lobo Book Shop. Something is now

afloat that prompts me to break that rule. First, let me note for the record I am aware that Lobo, while the oldest gay bookstore in Texas, is now playing Avis to Crossroads Market's Hertz.

I am also aware that some in the community have a problem with Lobo's carrying adult videos. I have always believed that my store should appeal to the entire interests of

to pricing (inexplicably, they tried to compete by over pricing). This was borne out in a recent article in the Adult Video News magazine, a trade publication, when one owner, identified only as "John", said the "one disappointment has been what he calls the 'alternative' section." He also indicated that the gay market would only support such an operation in a near-downtown location.

There, folks, was the clue. The next thing I know I was contacted by yet another of the owners (there are four, including two members of the same family in Dallas) to do lunch. And seated in one of my favorite restaurants - primarily for the food and quiet - Rivas, this owner offered to buy me out. And when I mentioned a price that, to me, seemed princely, he responded with "no problem".

Now that was the carrot, the ax was in the form of a statement that they intended to open a complex in or near Montrose that, like Lobo, would not require a sexually oriented business license. So if Crossroads Market has turned Lobo into Avis, Megaplexx would attempt to turn Lobo into Braniff (sorry about the mixed metaphor).

At first blush, and in my surprise, I thought, well, this would allow me to pursue my dreams of living in New York City - plays, books and lively conversation. But then reality hit home. These people would change the very nature of Lobo. First, it would no longer be truly a gay and lesbian bookstore - they aren't interested in the lesbian market and they would support community causes as long as it was "good business", just as they regularly pay fines for obscenity.

And some of the changes would not be subtle - they are convinced that they can install a "theatre" even without an SOB license. And with Lobo, they would have a near lock on gay video and their higher prices would prevail. Considering the money they have been throwing around to date in and effort to gain the gay market, that princely sum to me becomes simply the cost of doing business.

And finally, I could not rationalize in my own mind that I had worked these twenty-four years to build a gay business to allow it to become an adjunct of a purely porno business. This person I met with described himself as gay-friendly, when he meant he wanted to be more friendly with gay dollars. All gay businesses, including Lobo and Crossroads Market, want to be financially successful, but such gay-owned businesses still retain a self-image as part and parcel of that community.

When I leave Lobo, it usually to spend time in a gay or gay-friendly environments or to go home which is literally in the heart of this community. Those in the community, whether they like me or not, at least know that I am Lobo's owner, even know the car I drive and often know where my house is. For better days or worse, I shall continue to make Lobo a better part of this community which is home to me, as it is for all those who work at Lobo. And, unlike these newcomers, I work in the open for all of you to see and judge.

our customers. I have had customers complain because we carry lesbian material, because we carry material which appeals to those with an interest in younger men, because we carry skin magazines. Clearly Crossroads Market's sanitized approach, to the extent of being that only so-called gay bookstore in the country to carry an extensive selection of non-gay material, had won the approval of a large number of Houstonians.

One of the risks of the Lobo approach is that we must then compete with other, often non-gay, business. Recently a Dallas group opened a large adult complex to the north of Montrose and subsequently have vigorously advertised for gay video business. They have trooped through a steady flux of porno stars and now have erected a billboard in the heart of Montrose, above Mary's and across from Crossroads Market. However, a hint of their ineptitude is that the billboard features the picture of a woman, hardly intended to be a lesbian.

I was aware of the coming of this new store. I am also familiar with its Dallas operation which, quite frankly, has been very successful with the gay market on the North Trinity. Any businessperson must concern himself or herself with competition. I have always felt that the coming of Crossroads Market forced Lobo to become more competitive, to the advantage of both our customers.

However, we determined early on that this new Megaplexx was not serious competition, both because of location and in regard

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Hopes dashed...

by Leslie Ramsay

I find myself in a bit of quandary politically this week. I am struggling with the local elections. I have supported members of the current city council in the past and now they are, in my opinion, totally unsupportable.

"We have recently seen a local repeat of this type of racism in the news conference that Jew Don Boney held concerning the HCRI last week for African American news reporters only. I know someone personally that was told to leave by Mr. Boney, even though he writes for a black newspaper. Are the rumors of Jew Don Boney being a lieutenant of Mr. Farrakhan's true?"

The election of Chris Bell in the last city council special election was something exciting for me. Someone who was positive and supportive of gay rights issues made it onto Mayor Bob's BOD. He was a guy everyone loved. Both political clubs, Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and Log Cabin Republicans endorsed him. His election was a joyous occasion for many.

Then all of this Civil Rights Initiative

stuff came up. Chris Bell joined the now indicted John Castillo and Jew Don Boney to bring the ballot language changes to a vote on city council for the Houston Civil Right's Initiative. The changing of the ballot language may be legal but it's not very nice. The 20,000 people that signed the initiative may not even recognize it in November.

I do not believe that the BOD of Bob

can get any lower or play any dirtier than they did this week. I've watched them pass the infamous band uniform deal through with such speed that they didn't even notice that the majority of kid's in the band do not even live in the city.

The downtown stadium deal is equally as stinky. The people who rent cars when they are having their own car repaired will be paying through the nose for the privilege of having a downtown baseball

stadium that no one will get to. The tax increases that the citizens of this fair city are about to see in connection with the downtown deal are going to shock many a folk over at the local Avis Rental booth.

I am not looking forward to this election. I do not want to see what is happening happen. This Friday Louis Farrakhan is coming to Texas Southern University. His hate speech is designed to whip the black community up into an angry frenzy. The last time he came to town he caused quite a controversy over not letting whites or women into his event.

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Every year the HGLPC has backed Mr. Boney. If Mr. Boney is a lieutenant of Mr. Farrakhan does this mean that the HGLPC is supporting the Nation of Islam and their hate rhetoric against gays, whites and Jews? Surely, the HGLPC has investigated these very substantial rumors about Mr. Boney. It would be interesting to find out if the slate of Farrakhan backed city council candidates will all be in attendance at this rally at TSU. I may never find out since as a white gay woman I am not allowed to attend. Racism goes in all directions.



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on ethical research.

Dr. Peter Lurie of Public Citizen Health Research Group, a Washington-based advocacy group, said the studies should compare lengthy AZT treatment to a shorter course. However, Satcher and Varmus said that comparing experimental treatments to lengthy AZT treatment will not tell researchers whether the alternatives are better than nothing - the only option available to most women in these poor countries.

FDA Approves Combination Pill for AIDS Treatment

CAPITOL - The first combination pill for AIDS therapy could allow patients to cut six tablets a day from their complicated drug regimen. Glaxo Wellcome announced Monday that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Combivir, combining two of the most common AIDS medicines - AZT and 3TC - into one tablet.

Powerful anti-HIV drug cocktails often require patients to take as many as 20 pills a day at precise times. Combivir would let patients take two tablets a day instead of the up to eight pills required when taking AZT and 3TC separately, the FDA said.

The drug will be on pharmacy shelves by mid-October, and the annual wholesale price of \$5,240 will be similar to AZT and 3TC taken separately. Also Monday, the government proposed new guidelines for treating HIV infection in infants and children and recommend the same three-drug cocktails for kids that adults get.

Pediatricians have been unsure of how to treat young HIV patients. The government has approved pediatric formulations for only two of the most powerful AIDS drugs, called protease inhibitors, and many pediatricians give their smallest patients just a combination of two older AIDS drugs.

The Department of Health and Human

Services' proposed guidelines say most infected infants can be diagnosed by 6 months of age, and that full therapy should start immediately because the virus worsens more rapidly in children.

The guidelines explain doses for different age groups, and suggest how to mix those drugs that don't come in liquid versions so that children can swallow them, said HHS' AIDS chief Dr. Eric Goosby. The government will accept comments on the child guidelines through Oct. 30, before taking final action.

MTA Weighs Ban on Potentially Offensive Advertisements

NEW YORK - A state assemblyman is calling for a protest against a Metropolitan Transportation Authority vote on banning offensive advertisements from New York's subways and buses.

Assemblyman Scott M. Stringer of Manhattan said the scheduled vote by the MTA board could remove AIDS-related, birth control and political advocacy advertising from the city's public transportation.

"Under these rules, because they're vague and they're not well thought out, the MTA could stop controversial advertising," Stringer told reporters at a news conference last weekend. "This is New York City and we encourage debate and controversy and the ability to get different opinions across," he added.

The MTA wants to ban sexually explicit ads, those frightening to children, and those portraying children in sexually suggestive poses. Two years ago a series of Calvin Klein advertisements sparked controversy when teen-age models were shown in suggestive poses on bus and subway ads.

MTA spokesman Tom Kelly said the MTA is eliminating ads "that we believe would be offensive to our customers" or employees. He added that the courts are on

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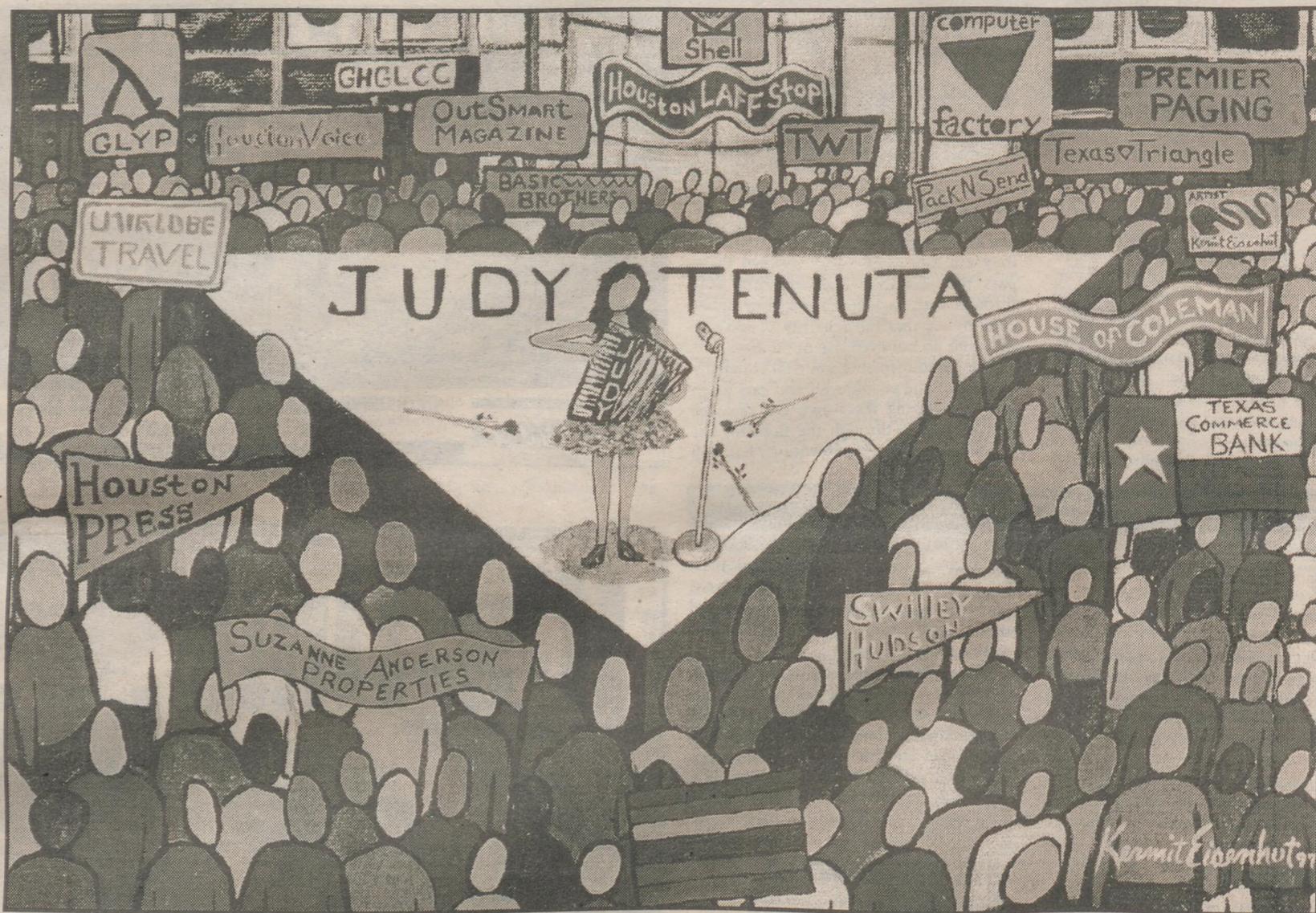
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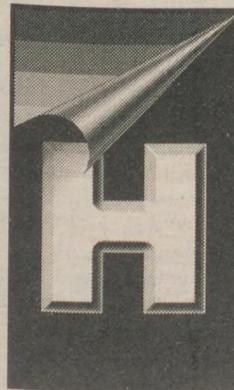


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the agency's side. But Stringer, who represents Manhattan's Upper West Side, said he would try to organize a protest outside the MTA's Madison Avenue headquarters during their next meeting.

TV Guide: 'Ellen' Star Considering Children

PENNSYLVANIA - First, she came out of the closet. Now, Ellen DeGeneres and her live-in girlfriend are talking children.

"For a long time, I wanted a baby. But right now, I'm too selfish. I just can't," the star of the ABC sitcom *Ellen* said in the Oct. 11 edition of *TV Guide*. That may be all right with her girlfriend, Anne Heche, who wants to be the one to have their child. "Yeah, Ann usually gets what she wants," DeGeneres said, laughing.

DeGeneres said she doesn't regret coming out of the closet, both in person and on her show. But she does have mixed feelings about coming back for what she hopes will be the show's last season. "I never wanted to be the poster child" for lesbianism, she said. "I just can't be the gay girl all the time. It's only part of who I am."

ABC entertainment president Jamie Tarses agreed, saying earlier this year that the show wouldn't be "the lesbian dating show." But DeGeneres took exception when Tarses said the show would take "baby steps."

"It's like they're saying, 'OK, you're gay, and we're tolerating this, but don't show us how you really would be, don't kiss a girl on the lips.'"

Student Suing Over Lesbian Relationship Drops Appeal

ALABAMA - A student who sued the University of Alabama over a lesbian relationship she had with a professor has dropped an appeal of a judge's decision to throw out the case. Dale Gray's lawyers filed a voluntary dismissal of the appeal late last week with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

U.S. District Court Judge Edwin Nelson threw out Gray's suit after a four-day trial in May. He said she had failed to prove any of her claims against UA or professor Alice Parker. The defendants didn't even present defenses. In his order dismissing the suit, Nelson wrote that Gray "was as thoroughly discredited as any witness this court can recall in some 30 years of experience."

Stan Murphy, UA's lead lawyer, said Monday that he was pleased the appeal had been dropped, but declined to comment further.

"I'm glad it's over. It's been a major waste of time and money," Ms. Parker's attorney, Edwina Miller, said. Ms. Gray showed up for court in May wearing a beard and men's clothing. She said then that she didn't intend to have a sex change, even though she has had her breasts removed, takes testosterone

and had grown the beard. She said the beard helped hide the little girl in her that had been abused all her life.

Therapists at UA's student counseling center said Gray had trouble handling romantic relationships because of a personality disorder.

Family of AIDS Victim Files Discrimination Suit Against Ambulance Company

FLORIDA - As the dying man wheezed, an argument raged between county rescuers who couldn't cross the line to take him to the hospital he wanted and private ambulance drivers who didn't want to take him anywhere.

In a lawsuit in Palm Beach County Court, the family of William Scott Behren of Boca Raton claims LifeFleet Atlantic ambulance company discriminated against him because he had AIDS. Behren, 37, died from kidney failure a day after the Jan. 22 episode.

LifeFleet did not try to administer medical attention to Behren as he sat in his niece's arms, struggling for air, his sister, Lori Khessali, charged in the lawsuit. She said she could clearly hear the argument. "The only logical reason I could come up with for them not to take him was because he had AIDS," Khessali said.

Palm Beach Fire-Rescue first responded to the call at Behren's home. But they could not go outside the county to the Pompano Beach Medical Center, where Behren wanted to go. So they called LifeFleet, which has denied any discrimination but won't explain why it did not transport Behren.

Khessali is not accusing the ambulance service of contributing to her brother's death because that would be too difficult to prove, said her attorney, David Aronberg. Instead, she's claiming discrimination.

LifeFleet attorneys on Monday asked a Palm Beach County judge to throw out the lawsuit, claiming as a private entity the company is immune to the Florida Civil Rights Act, which bars a person or entity receiving state money from discriminating against someone with AIDS.

Aronberg claims because LifeFleet is an extension of Palm Beach County services, it is not immune. Judge Edward H. Fine reserved ruling until he hears further arguments next month.

Mother Sues School for Barring HIV-Positive Daughter

MICHIGAN - The mother of a child who was temporarily barred from school because she carries the AIDS virus has filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$10,000. The woman said her daughter, 9, suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional distress. She said she also wants to punish Portage Public Schools.

The girl was barred from Woodland Elementary School, near Kalamazoo, for two days while officials decided whether she posed a risk to other students. The Kalamazoo County medical examiner eventually said it was safe. Officials declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Frederick Royce, an attorney representing the girl's mother, said one of his goals is to force the district to change its policy on students with disabilities. "There are kids in her class that will not play with her," Royce said. "It never needed to come out. The school never needed to kick her out."

Princess Diana Gown Goes for \$200,000 at Auction

MASSACHUSETTES - An anonymous buyer from Florida paid \$200,000 at a benefit auction for a black velvet gown that Princess Diana wore to the London opening of the musical *Les Miserables* in 1985.

Barbara Jordan, a philanthropist and owner of a Boston boutique, bought the gown in May for \$36,000 at an auction of Diana's dresses at Christie's in New York. Jordan donated the dress to Community Servings, a local charity that provides meals to people with AIDS.

"Diana was one of the original celebrities to commit time and effort to the fight against AIDS," said the group's executive director, Dede Ketover. "As beneficiaries, we are pleased to honor the princess's memory in the spirit in which she lived her life."

The winning bid was placed over the phone. The benefit was held Monday at the Four Seasons hotel.

Diana was killed last month in a car crash in Paris. In August, Jordan donated another of Diana's dresses that she had bought at Christie's. The burgundy velvet dress raised \$25,000 at a celebrity auction benefiting several community service groups on Martha's Vineyard, where Jordan also has a house.

Davenport Schools Denies Protection to Gay Students

IOWA - The Davenport School Board refused to add sexual orientation to its list of classes protected from harassment.

Under the proposed policy revisions, sexual orientation would have joined the list that bans discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, creed, age, marital status, veteran status and disability.

"The purpose was to let the people we employ and educate know that the Davenport School District is a safe place to learn and to work," said board member Susan Low. "They have a right to dignity. They have a right to feel safe. They have the right to not be afraid in our district."

Board members agreed that all people should be free from harassment and discrimination, but some said they could not vote for making sexual orientation a protected class before the city, state and federal governments do so.

Board member Jim Hester said homosexuality and race should not be lumped into the same protected class. "The color of a person's skin can not be hidden. You can not come out of the closet with that. You can not use that when it is an advantage and hide it when it is not," he said.

At one point, he said, "I do not want us to become known as the 'gay and lesbian district' across the state."

Hester joined the majority in a 4-3 vote Monday not to protect homosexuals from discrimination.

Miss America Visits Beloit

WISCONSIN - Newly crowned Miss America Katherine Shindle kept her See NAT'L page 12

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promise to an AIDS fundraiser, despite more national requests for her time.

"I'm thrilled to be here," she told the audience at 'Spotlight on Wisconsin,' which raises money for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the Beloit Hospice. "I've been so into HIV prevention for a couple of years. "I can't wait to get out and start speaking, because there's so much to be done," the theater and sociology student at Northwestern University added.

Shindle, 20, booked her performance months ago, when she was only known as Miss Illinois. She kept her word, performing a few musical numbers, including "Don't Rain on My Parade," Saturday at the Beloit Memorial High School theater.

After the show's final number, Shindle was off to the Beloit Country Club for a reception. She also used her visit to clear up a few misconceptions. Shindle said she doesn't have a boyfriend, carries three pieces of luggage (not ten), and considers Illinois her home. She is a New Jersey native.

"She seems really down to earth - very outgoing, very real," said Miss America 1983 Debra Maffett, one of the performers at the event that raised about \$50,000. "I can tell she's very passionate about her cause. She really wants to be doing good in the world."

AIDS Activists Tells Students Disease Can Strike Anyone

UTAH - The activist who started the AIDS Memorial Quilt told students at East High School not to let looks deceive them - that the next generation of AIDS victims will look "exactly like you."

Cleve Jones described himself as an "old, white gay guy from the big city" - exactly the stereotypical victim of the disease. "I look like AIDS cases from this decade. but the

next decade of AIDS cases looks exactly like you."

When Jones hatched the idea of a memorial quilt, he gathered just a few of the lovingly decorated and often heartbreaking quilts. Then there were a thousand names, then 8,000 and then 16,000. This year, the quilt, bearing 40,000 names, stretched 40 acres on the mall in Washington, D.C.

Federal health officials reported this month that, for the first time since the AIDS epidemic was identified 16 years ago, the number of newly diagnosed cases in adolescent and adult Americans declined.

The incidence of cases traced to heterosexual transmission last year continued to rise, jumping 11 percent among men and 7 percent among women. Back then, Jones said "We dismissed it and said, 'It's only a gay problem,'" Jones said. "Today we are paying the price for that mistake."

Jones says his goal is not to teach tolerance for homosexuality. "Even if you think I'm a sinner, I want to teach you how to prevent AIDS," he said. But the job in Utah is not easy. The state board of education's policy on AIDS education prohibits teachers, counselors and visiting speakers from discussing contraception or sexual practices. The ban ranks many students.

"It's a serious disease and it needs to be out in the open," said Chuck Kaiser, a junior. Students at East High School face another obstacle: the shadow of the gay club controversy. Last year, the Salt Lake City School Board banned most clubs in order to keep out a club for gay, lesbian and straight students.

Food Service Manager Contends He Was Fired Because He's HIV Positive

WASHINGTON - A Tukwila man is suing a Seattle long-term care center, contending he was fired from his job because he

is infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

Mark Rivard, 35, was dismissed Aug. 27, 1996, from his job as a food services manager at Laurelwood Care Center, two weeks after he says he told a supervisor he was HIV positive. Rivard, in a complaint filed last month in U.S. District Court, accuses the Laurelwood Care Center of violating the Americans with Disabilities Act and a state anti-discrimination law.

"We really don't believe there was a basis for his firing," said Rivard's lawyer, Diana Danzberger. Sunrise Healthcare, a New Mexico corporation that owns and operates Laurelwood Care Center, denied the allegations in a responding complaint filed last week.

Laurelwood's lawyer, Ralph Pond, said Rivard's supervisor didn't know he was HIV positive. "Contrary to his allegations, he never told her," Pond said. "She dismissed him for poor job performance." Rivard had worked at Laurelwood for just over three months when he was fired.

Inmate With HIV Sues County Over Solitary Confinement

UTAH - An inmate infected with the AIDS virus has sued Juab County for allegedly cruel and unusual punishment after he was locked in solitary confinement.

"It was total hell," said the man, identified in papers filed Friday in 4th District Court as L.P. "They made me feel like I was trash, like I had no reason to live."

The 29-year-old man, who was arrested on a failure-to-appear warrant, also claims in his suit that the county and its jailers denied him due process and violated his right to privacy by revealing his condition to guards, prisoners and his family. The suit also alleges that guards spread the false rumor that he had AIDS.

"That's a major invasion of his privacy, and when you're in a confinement situation, that disclosure could put him at risk," said Matthew Hilton, L.P.'s attorney. Juab County Sheriff Don Carter was out of town and unavailable for comment Friday. Carter is not named in the suit, but seven of his officers are.

"He has a health condition that required no treatment. There is absolutely no evidence that he is a threat to anyone," said Hilton.

The Utah State Prison houses its more than two dozen HIV-positive inmates together. Most jails in Utah, including Salt Lake County's, allow infected prisoners to be part of the general population, said Salt Lake County sheriff's Capt. Paul Cunningham. "Unless there is a special reason, we don't segregate those prisoners," said Cunningham, adding that "state law precludes us from revealing their condition to anyone except medical personnel."

In 1995, L.P. was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, but failed to serve a five-day sentence. He was arrested in Utah County in April and ordered to serve a 10-day sentence in Juab County, because Utah

County's jail was overcrowded.

He revealed to the booking officer that he was HIV-positive and was immediately put in an isolation cell, L.P. said. He was left there for two days without reading material, toothpaste or toilet paper. "I was totally depressed. I played with a spider in my cell," L.P. said. Inmates in the general population are generally allowed free access to a phone or TV.

On the third day, he was allowed to check out a book from the library. And twice, when the jail needed the extra holding cell, L.P. said he was locked in the jail's library - once until 3 a.m. with no bedding, lights or toilet. "That sort of confinement is clearly punitive," Hilton said.

When he appeared in court after six days in jail and told 4th District Judge Lynn Davis of his confinement, the judge allowed L.P. to serve the remaining four days at home. L.P.'s suit seeks unspecified damages, a restraining order prohibiting the guards from revealing his condition, and an order requiring Juab County to change its policy.

FDA Warns Against Two Unapproved Home Medical Tests

CAPITOL - The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers not to use two at-home medical tests for the AIDS virus and hepatitis, saying they were fraudulently sold by a California company.

Neither product - the "Lei-Home Access HIV Test" and the "In-home Hepatitis A Test Kit" - has been shown to work, the FDA said. Anyone who already has used the products should consider being retested, the FDA said. In fact, the agency said it could not be sure that blood samples consumers mailed to the company were checked for the viruses.

"We have no information at this time that any units were actually tested," said FDA compliance officer Steve Masiello. "Anyone who's used a kit from an unapproved source has to question the results."

The kits were sold by Lei-Home Access Care, a division of Jin-Greene Biotechnology Inc. of Sunnyvale, Calif. They were sold largely over the Internet, on a site that claims 100,000 HIV tests were sold in eight months. But the FDA said some pharmacies also sold them, and urged all pharmacists to remove the unapproved tests from store shelves immediately.

Attempts to locate Jin-Greene were unsuccessful. The company had no listed phone number, and the toll-free number advertised on the Internet was out of service. The FDA has approved one at-home test kit for the AIDS virus, Home Access Health Corp.'s Home Access HIV-1 Test System.

Users prick a finger, smudge a blood spot on a special card identified only by a numerical code, and mail the card to a certified laboratory. The user then calls a hot line, provides the code and learns the test results from a trained counselor. There is no FDA-

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The FDA says illegal sales of unapproved HIV tests are a growing problem. In May, the agency posted a warning on its own Internet page reminding consumers that the Home Access Health HIV kit was the only legal and reliable home HIV test.

County Commissioner Accuses Colleague of 'Dirty Trick'

NORTH CAROLINA - A county commissioner is incensed over a Democratic commissioner's ploy to find out if the GOP lawmaker would favor banning some gay-related books from public libraries.

Mecklenburg County commissioner Lloyd Scher admits suggesting the masquerade against Bill James several months ago to more than 200 people. "I think it shows a decided lack of character," James said of the episode. A lack of honesty. A lack of integrity."

The incident happened at the time James led the push to cut the county's \$2.5 million annual subsidy to the Arts & Sciences Council. The pressure came after a publicly-funded theater troupe put on a performance of "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes."

Scher, who opposed the cuts, admits to suggesting to supporters to pose as James supporters to find out whether James would go after books - including the seven copies of the "Angels" script in the public library's collection.

Scher said he made the suggestion orally to "one or two people" and e-mailed it to at least 237. But Kelly Boatright, 38, said Scher asked him to urge James to "do something" about the books. Boatright, a public relations consultant, told James about Scher's conversation with him in a recent e-mail.

Boatright said Scher talked to him by phone.

"He said, 'These guys are going after the books. . . Here's what I want you to do. I want you to have people - be it family members, friends or associates - call Bill James. . . I want you to tell him you're a supporter. And I want you to tell him what a wonderful, godly thing they did, and we need more people like him. And then what I want you to do is say to him, When are you going to do something about these books?'"

Boatright said he and his wife were put off by the suggestion, and he never followed up. "We felt like two wrongs don't make a right," said Boatright. Scher said he did not ask anyone to plant the idea of censoring books, but did ask Boatright and others to pose as James supporters because James was not returning citizens' calls, a charge James denies.

"I'm incredulous about the whole thing," said James. "If I tried to run some kind of black-bag operation on some other commissioner, people would have a right to be out-

raged. I can't imagine that in 1997 Lloyd Scher is using this kind of dirty trick to try to trap a fellow commissioner."

Commissioners Chairman Parks Helms said he deplores the whole episode. "This is typical of the kind of unhealthy discourse that I think is dividing this commission," said Helms, a Democrat. "I regret that these kinds of issues keep coming up."

Womanizing Goethe a Secret Homosexual? 'Erotic Bio' Outs Literary Giant

by Paul Geitner

BERLIN (AP) - He celebrated the feminine in verse and courted some of Europe's most beautiful women. But was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, one of the giants of world literature, secretly homosexual?

A new "erotic Goethe biography" by German historian and journalist Karl Hugo Pruys posits that the poet, novelist and playwright most famous for his *Faust* drama was at heart not a ladies' man.

The *Tiger's Caresses*, which appeared in bookstores last week, has already caused something of a stir, and not just in literary circles. The country's most-read newspaper, the *Bild am Sonntag* tabloid, devoted a whole page to the question: "Was Goethe Gay?"

The answer, says Pruys, is to be found in some 2,500 letters to, from and about Goethe, who married late in life, fathered one child and died in 1832 at age 82. "I wanted to write a book about the love that Goethe felt, about love in general in Goethe's life," Pruys said in an interview. "Then I got onto a trail dominated by homosexuality."

For example, a letter written by Dr. Johann Georg Zimmerman, in which he describes his young friend: "To me, Goethe's caresses are like the caresses of a tiger. One always feels under his hugs the dagger in the pocket."

Or Goethe's own letters to philosopher Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi, who Pruys says was probably Goethe's first lover. "You felt that it was bliss for me to be the object of your love," the 25-year-old Goethe wrote to "dear Fritz" on Aug. 21, 1774. It ends with a warning - "Don't let my letter be seen!" - more proof, Pruys says, of their secret passion.

No one can say for sure if they ever slept together, "but for me, the letters show the possibility that there was a physical relationship," Pruys said. Pruys, a former spokesman for the conservative Christian Democratic Union, describes his current book, which comes out in English next year, as "a labor of love."

But his colleagues at the Goethe Society in Weimar were not impressed. "Complete nonsense," says Lothar Ehrlich, a literature professor and Goethe expert. Previous researchers have established that Goethe's celebrated courtships with the opposite sex were most likely unconsummated until he was nearly 40, Ehrlich concedes. "He shied away from intimate contact and didn't want

to be tied down," Ehrlich says.

Ehrlich and other scholars say Pruys simply misunderstands the "Sturm und Drang" (storm and stress) spirit of the times, when young, intellectual dandies expressed strong, even erotic emotion toward each other. "But these relationships were of a purely spiritual nature," Ehrlich says. "It had absolutely nothing to do with physical love."

Pruys, however, says the letters point to something more than that. The Goethe Society, he says, "simply doesn't like to see their idol as a man who persisted in this ambiguous sexual behavior."

Goethe, of course, would hardly be the first gay literary giant. Walt Whitman celebrated it, Thomas Mann suppressed it, Oscar Wilde went to jail for it. Speculation persists even about Shakespeare, who dedicated his sonnets to "Mr. W.H."

Goethe Society President Werner Keller says Goethe's sex life is irrelevant to appreciating his work, which every schoolchild here reads from an early age. "It's not greater if he's hetero(sexual), nor diminished through homosexuality," Keller says. "Those are all categories expressed today by our sex-obsessed society, and I have only contempt for such a society."

Pruys says he feels closer to Goethe after uncovering the "masquerade" of heterosexual prowess surrounding him. "An unbelievable amount has been written, but they all copy each other," he says. "I hope that, after so long a time, we can finally get to know him better."

Fire Bomb Hits Home Domestic Partners Advocate

CALIFORNIA - An apparent fire bomb was thrown at the home of a gay man who spoke in favor of domestic partner benefits at an Alameda City Council meeting.

Police are investigating the incident as a

possible hate crime, Police Chief Burny Matthews said Thursday. No one was hurt, and the bottle, which had a burning rag stuffed into it, broke on the sidewalk. "We are investigating, and we have no suspects at this time," he said. "There was no accelerant in the bottle."

Ben Felix, the apparent target, said there was a burned spot in his yard along with the smell of turpentine. Felix said he was so shaken he removed a gay pride rainbow flag from the front of his house. "My housemate has a 6-year-old son, and I thought protection of the child was more important than the flag," Felix said.

He also said the house had been egged the previous weekend while he was out of town. "With the egging and now this, I can't help but think it was aimed at me," he said. "I feel like the atmosphere in Alameda is getting darker and darker."

City Council member Tony Daysog condemned the incident. "I don't think this represents Alameda," he said. "City officials should take a firm stand on behalf of civil rights, and make sure nothing like this happens again."

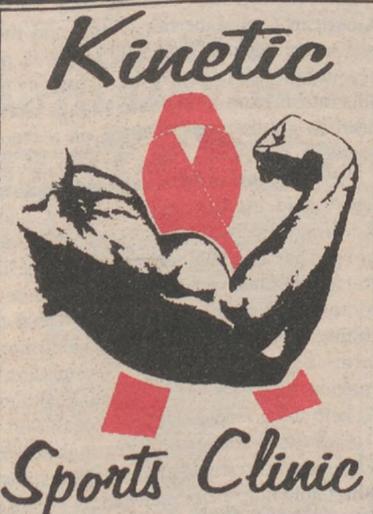
Last week the city council voted to extend dental benefits, as well as funeral and sick leave, to domestic partners of city employees. Felix spoke at the meeting, his first time addressing the council, and condemned anti-gay rhetoric by other speakers.

Needle Exchange Due to Open by Mid-November

NEW MEXICO - A needle exchange aimed at reducing the spread of AIDS and hepatitis among drug users should open in Albuquerque by mid-November, health officials say. The program was approved by the Legislature and Gov. Gary Johnson this year.

Activists and health workers have predicted hundreds of New Mexicans will be

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spared illness if intravenous drug-users have clean syringes. A 1993 state survey found 59 percent of addicts regularly shared needles, and each needle was used by at least three people per week.

The New Mexico needle exchange will be patterned on successful programs in other cities, said Don Torres, bureau chief of the Health Department's AIDS and HIV bureau. "It will either be a fixed location where people come to get the syringes or a roving one where we take the syringes to different neighborhoods," Torres said.

It's estimated that 3,000 addicts in Albuquerque will seek the free needles, Torres said. The program will cost about \$120,000 a year, he said. That money is being taken out of the Health Department's general fund because the Legislature attached no funding to the "Harm Reduction Act."

To receive a clean needle, addicts will have to turn in a used one, enroll in the program and carry program identification so police will know the needles are part of a legitimate public-health initiative. The program is aimed primarily at heroin use, which is reported to be on the rise statewide. Estimates range from 12,000 to 25,000 heroin addicts statewide, with the central activity in Albuquerque.

Despite Deaths of Diana, Versace, Elton John's Still Standing

CALIFORNIA - The relationship between Elton John and Princess Diana was closer than many people realize, the singer said.

"We were both bulimic for a start and we both had marriages that failed and we were both extremely interested in AIDS," John said. "You could talk about those and other issues with her in a way that you probably couldn't with any other member of the royal family. That's why she was such a special person."

John, a close friend of the princess, sang a rewritten version of *Candle in the Wind* at Diana's funeral in London's Westminster Abbey on Sept. 6, then recorded it hours later at a studio. John has said he will never sing the song live again, or publicly discuss the death of Diana or his friend designer Gianni Versace, who was murdered outside

his Miami Beach home in July.

John even canceled an appearance on NBC's *Today* show after the network aired promotions saying he would discuss the deaths. But the 50-year-old singer briefly touched on the subjects in an interview published Friday in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Candle in the Wind 1997, which was already certified eight times platinum its first day of release in the United States by the Recording Industry Association of America, is the top-selling single of all time in the United Kingdom, according to A&M Records. "The only way I'll ever sing it again is if the children (Princes William and Harry) ask me," John said. "Otherwise, it would be totally inappropriate."

John said he came close to breaking down in tears while performing during Diana's funeral. "When the coffin came into Westminster Abbey I cried and when it went out I cried, but the only time I came close to it during the song was at the beginning of the third verse," he said. "I just had to grit my teeth."

John also said he felt a special kinship with Versace. "He was like a soul mate, really, someone more or less the same as me. ... Completely obsessive, slightly mad, always wanting to change things, to learn things," John said.

Briefs...

Among the new laws or law changes taking effect in Montana as of last week are ones to: Permit use of chemicals to quash the sex drive of sexual offenders; Make it a crime to videotape someone in the changing rooms of stores; and Treat the virus that causes AIDS as any other sexually transmitted disease, by eliminating the need to get written consent before a person is tested and allowing public health officials to be told who has tested positive....

A record 26,000 people took part - on foot, skates or in strollers - last Sunday in the 13th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles benefiting services that help people with HIV and AIDS. Sponsored annually by AIDS Project Los Angeles, the 10 kilometer walkathon was billed as California's largest AIDS fighting fund-raising event. The event raised at least \$3 million in an early accounting. Organizers hoped the final total would surpass last year's record \$3.4 million....

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COURT WATCH

Supreme Court Says Rape Victims Can Demand AIDS Test for Offenders

by Ralph Siegel

NEW JERSEY (AP) - A rape victim can demand that the attacker be tested for AIDS and that the victim be given the results, the state Supreme Court ruled last week.

The unanimous court, in one of the first two opinions written by new Chief Justice Deborah Poritz, upheld a 1993 law designed to enhance the rights of rape victims. Poritz also wrote the unanimous opinion in a case released Thursday upholding random drug testing for police officers at NJ Transit.

The AIDS testing case involved a mentally retarded Hudson County girl who was sexually assaulted by three teen-agers in 1994, when she was 10 years old. The teens pleaded guilty and were handled in juvenile court, with all identities kept confidential.

The trial judge said the teen-agers did not have to submit to drug testing because he believed the new law, signed in 1993 by Gov. Jim Florio to take effect in 1994, was unconstitutional. Judge Jose Fuentes and lawyers for the defendants said there was no basis on which to take the defendants' blood without a search warrant certifying the blood was legitimate evidence needed to prove the crime.

However, a state appeals court in April 1996 overruled the judge, saying the law allowing victims to simply demand an AIDS test for their own peace of mind was valid. The appeals court ordered the teen-agers to be tested, and they were in June 1996.

Even though the AIDS tests already were conducted, the Supreme Court accepted the appeal anyway so it could issue a ruling to define for all New Jersey courts whether the AIDS-test law was proper and could be used in other cases.

Lawyers for the juveniles and for the American Civil Liberties Union said there was no purpose to such AIDS tests, in part because they did not give the victim any reliable information. They said all rape victims need to get themselves tested on a regular basis.

"If you want to help victims, this is useless," said ACLU staff attorney David Rocah - especially since New Jersey does not provide free HIV testing and counseling to rape victims, which he said would be far more useful. "Our argument was that this testing isn't going to accomplish anything in terms of preventing HIV transmission or making victims of sexual assault healthier or to help them recover better," Rocah said.

Lawyers in lower court hearings provided experts who testified that AIDS tests were unreliable in some circumstances because of the possible delay between infection with the virus and a test result that confirms the infection.

The experts said, therefore, it was possible
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by Ella Tyler

I often write about choosing plants that thrive in the particular conditions in your garden, and finally found a perfect example for you to go look at. Go see the periwinkles in front of 4004 Montrose (The Court at Museum's Gate). When I looked at it late Monday morning, the pattern of the sun

and shade in the bed was particularly clear. The north side of the trees was in shade, just like it's supposed to be. The periwinkles are flowering profusely only in the sun. Some references say that periwinkles are O.K. in partial shade, but that's not exactly true. They need at least half a day of full sun. I suspect that there is afternoon shade from the wall, but I should probably go sit at Deitrich's and sip latte for a while to check it out. Always sacrificing for my readers.



Periwinkles

Seriously, studying the changing patterns of sun and shade in your garden is a very constructive activity for any gardener.

You should go soon, the periwinkles may be ripped out and replaced with winter annuals any minute now. I was going to send you to look at the zinnias in the esplanade in front of 1400 Richmond, which make the same point, but they were pulled up before I could write about them. Nurseries aren't fully stocked with fall and winter bedding plants yet, but they are offering good sales on trees, bushes, and perennials. This is a good time to plant them, but remember to keep newly plants well watered.

It is not a good time to buy summer annuals even if they are very cheap. They are

nearly at the end of their life cycle. Common bedding plants like begonias, zinnias, periwinkles, and impatiens are all annuals.

I was thinking about ripping out some plants that hadn't flowered yet, by their little roots, and lo and behold, they have decided to flower, and very nicely too. One is a puny little rose bush, which, now that it's decided

to show off its flower, will get moved to a better location. The other is my six-foot-tall orange cosmos. It's an eye-catching plant. I grew it from seed from last year's plants. If you want to try collecting seed, wait until the seed pod is dry and then shake the seed gently into an envelope. Plastic bags retain moisture. Store in a cool, dry place until next year. Some plants, like the cosmos, do not have seed pods; the petal turns into a seed. Hybrids do not produce seed that is true to the

parent plant, but sometimes the plants are interesting.

Golden Rain Trees, which I wrote about last week, have a rosy-pink pod that is as interesting as the yellow flowers. One interesting vine that is blooming now is hyacinth bean. I've seen it several places in the neighborhood. It has purple flowers, and, according to Plants For Texas by Howard Garrett, a deep purple seed pod and pretty black and white seeds in the spring. It is easy to grow. Garrett doesn't say if it's edible, but Dr. Bob Randle at Urban Harvest says that he knows someone in Dallas who has eaten them. I couldn't reach that person for a critique, but at least we know they aren't poisonous. I suspect they aren't very good, if so, Dr. Randle would know.

Why Can't My Partner Be More Like Me?

by Dr. Charles C. Perroncel

Differences? What's the difference? Why do relationships have to be so difficult?

The only generalization which is true for all couples is that they will have differences. Differences in the way they manage time.

Differences in the way they use space. Differences in their approach to shared and individual resources. Differences in sexual tastes. Differences in relating to friends & family. Differences in expressiveness. These are the biggies, but there will be others which usually fall under these major categories.

In fact, you can measure the level of tension in a relationship by how alike a couple are, and especially, by how capable they are of resolving their differences. Couples have a smoother time the more they are alike in these key areas, but can stand a lot of differences if they are able to communicate about them respectfully and without rancor.

Try the following tests for your style of communicating about differences:

- 1) Have I made my desires and wishes clear?
- 2) Have I made sure I understand what my partner wants?
- 3) Have I made time to talk about the difference when we will both be rested and open to accommodation? (After a good meal is a good time for most)

4) Can I get what I want from my partner? ... here? ... now? Somewhere else? ... later?

5) Do I really want to give my partner what they want? ... here? ... now? ... Etc.

6) Can we swap things that one wants and the other doesn't?

7) Finally, can I do what my partner wants without resenting it even though I may not want to do it?

Try having this dialog with yourself first ... then with your mate!

Here's a hint: setting aside time to talk to your partner when tensions are not high and following these seven guides can go a long way to oiling the squeaks in your relationship. A word of warning though ... even if you're both mellow on social grease (alcohol or pot) your thinking is affected enough to make it a dangerous time to talk about anything serious. "Liquid courage" and the "peace pipe" may

make it easier to walk into the conversation, but extremely difficult to find a safe way out.

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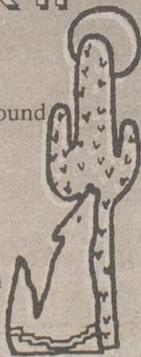
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ing last night. My voice is working much better.

J: I'm glad we could work it out.

HV: Where are you calling from?

J: We are doing laundry at a combination Laundromat tanning salon with a deli next door. What more could you ask for?

HV: I listened to your new album, *Hunger*, last night. It's fantastic. I love that blues tune you do...

J: *Welcome to Acousticville*...

HV: This album should be very successful for you.

J: From your mouth to God's ears, as my grandmother would say.

HV: Your new record label Windham Hill is a really great company to work with...

J: They are really working hard on this one. It's really nice. I was just on the verge of saying you know this isn't worth it any more. I'm too old to be doing this and since everybody seems to think so, why am I still bothering. It's pretty nice to be treated like that's (age) not an issue.

HV: I love reading your column, "Breaking Silence", in the Advocate. Where did the "Mr. Lesbian" thing come from?

J: I did the Howard Stern New Years Eve Show and I had my partner with me. Some guy was trying to suck up to me and said, "I guess this is Mr. Ian." My partner went for his throat. I pulled her back and I said, "Call her Mr. Lesbian." So when I wrote the first Advocate article, I thought it was a funny tag line. The editor wasn't so sure but the editor in chief fell in love with it. It has become a running gag. It's funny now on the road people will go, "Give my regards to Mr. L."

HV: It's always nice for people to come up to you at your concerts that know your work...

J: Yeah, it's a cool thing. I've started staying after the show signing autographs. I started doing that about a year ago. I have been doing it everywhere. Obviously, it gives us a chance to sell merchandise but it's really cool to meet people after the show. It puts a different slant on the shows I find. It's made the shows better because I get real immediate feedback.

HV: I'm sure that when you get to Houston October 5th, you'll get that at Rockefeller's, it's a great venue...

J: Yeah, I enjoy Rockefeller's. They have a great staff. They are really great there.

J: You know, Mr. Lesbian is from Texas.

HV: Really?

J: Oh yeah. My partner is from Bryan. Before it was Bryan/College Station when it was 7,000 people.

HV: It's huge now. Have you been back there?

J: Yeah, her sister is still there. Her niece is in Austin so...

HV: Your all over Texas then...

J: Yeah everywhere.

HV: I've read somewhere that now that you live in Nashville that you feel like your part of the South.

J: I find that I am now more part of the South than I am a North Easterner. It's pretty strange. I feel like I've developed a different sensibility.

HV: You do. I moved here from California and I feel the same way.

J: So you know what I'm talking about. It slows you down and gives you a different perspective.

HV: How was it working with Ani DiFranco?

J: Ani's great. I worship Ani. It was the most pleasant production experience of my life. She's totally respectful and yet she has a real vision of what's she doing with her music. It took me a year to convince her to do it. I guess this was her first outside project she did. She gave up her New Years for it. I was just real pleased at what came out. I wish she could have done the whole record.

HV: We are looking forward to your show. What should we expect at your Rockefeller's show? Old tunes, new tunes?

J: I do *Seventeen* at every show. That's just pretty fair. It would be a rip otherwise. I usually end up doing *Jesse* or *Society's Child*. The luxury of being out alone on the road is I can ask people what do you want to hear. They have no hesitation in telling me. They are a pretty vocal group. Can you hang on a second? ...*They're not semi-dry? Will you turn the dryer on again? On high please...*

HV: I can't believe you are really doing your laundry in a Laundromat?

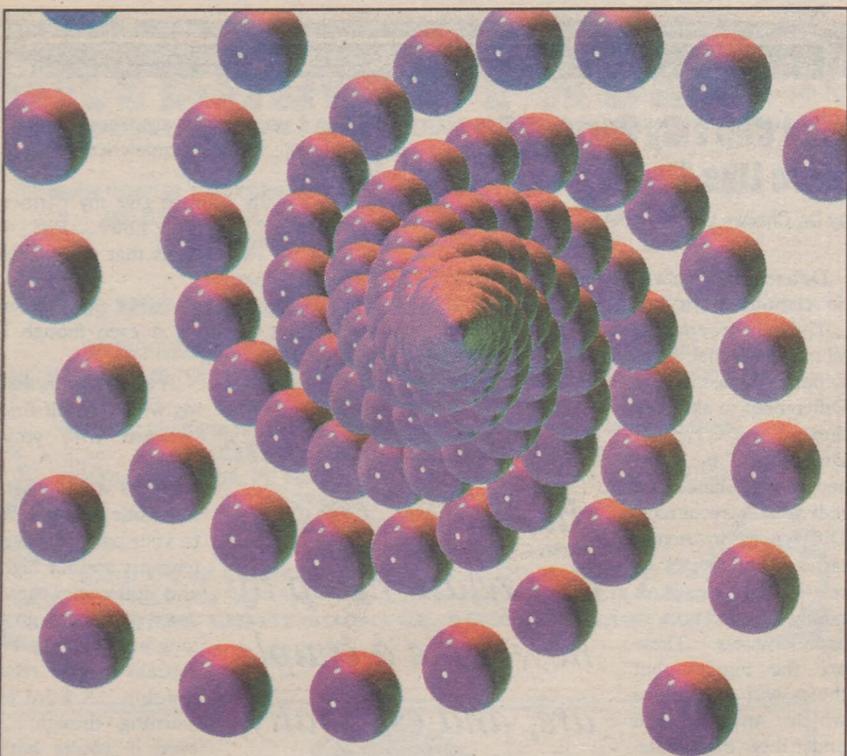
J: Well, it's either go to the laundry or rinse them out in the sink.

HV: No... You just buy more clothes.

J: (Laughs)

HV: That's my motto, don't wash just buy more clothes. We are looking forward to a great show. I wish you the best of luck with your clothes with the fluff and folding.

J: (Laughs) I'll see you in Houston.



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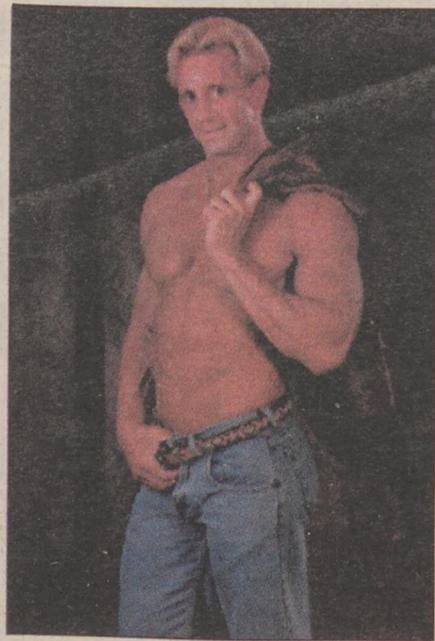
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Our Worst Fear On Film:

Arthur Dong Participates in Houston Premiere of His Gay Bashing Documentary *Licensed To Kill*

by Rich Arenschioldt

A twenty year old anger and its impact are at the heart of the filmmaker Arthur Dong's creative impetus for the vivid chronicle of hate crimes, *Licensed To Kill*, to be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts on October 10th at 7:30 p.m.

In 1977 this young, Asian man was attacked by four men seeking to brutalize homosexuals in San Francisco. He survived the attack physically, but its effects have remained etched on his mind into adulthood. These emotions are the primal force in bringing Arthur Dong's award winning *Licensed To Kill* to the screen.

This piece offers what is probably the most in depth portrayal of hate killers to date. Those expecting a tabloid 'Cunnanzed' version of violence against gays and lesbians will be disappointed. This is an uncompromising investigation into the core causes of anti-gay violence.

Licensed To Kill is not for the faint of heart — the seven killers interviewed will scare the hell out of any viewer, especially a gay one.

Probing on-camera prison interviews reveal a kaleidoscope of murderer profiles; the young man who killed as a result of his victim's sexual advances (the much discussed 'homosexual panic' defense); a self loathing, religious fundamentalist who killed as an expression of his own identification as a homosexual; a victim of child abuse who feared losing his masculinity; an army officer angered over the gays in the military debate, and a self professed predator who sought out closeted gay men as easy prey.

Licensed to Kill brings forth criminal imagery from several sources. Interviews, videotaped confessions of the perpetrators, police evidence files (some of them fairly gruesome), home films of actual gay bashings as they took place, and information from victims families are all utilized with startling results. This collage of violent information is not sensationalized in any way. The reality of these criminals is what makes them petrifying. Filmmaker Arthur Dong chose to show these men as "individuals with three dimensions." Dong actually got to know one of the killers during his trial in Tyler, Texas, speaking with him on a daily basis during court proceedings.

The information contained in *Licensed To Kill* is presented with very little commentary from the filmmaker. Soundbites from the religious and political right punctuate the action. Dong's view on the presentation of facts is clear, "I really wanted to understand why these men did what they did. While we were researching this project several people wondered why we would give these men a forum to express their views. We felt that that it was too simplistic to see these men as monsters; to lock them up and throw away the keys." Dong continues, "in order to understand and conquer this problem we needed to confront these killers."

This confrontation is unnerving at best. Many of us in the gay and lesbian community lead somewhat insular lives. We have gay friends, some of us are self employed or have gay tolerant jobs, we live in gay friendly parts of town, and we frequent primarily gay entertainment and leisure establishments. Our 'safety in numbers' mindset has removed us, to some extent, from many of the biases that exist against us. None of us in Texas, or Houston can forget crimes that have been committed against our brothers and sisters. However, many of us see these heinous events in the media from a distance. It's not that we don't have concern — we know that when one of us is harmed, we all are harmed. We just don't feel it could happen to us.

Licensed To Kill brings these murders off of the newspaper pages and into our own personal realm of being. Part of the message in this documentary is: ignorance of the ugliest parts of the world can lead to our own victimization by it.

Licensed To Kill will be shown at the MFA Friday, October 10th and 17th at 7:30 PM. Filmmaker Arthur Dong will be present at the October 10th Houston premiere. Mr. Dong will also participate in a panel discussion at DiverseWorks Artspace on Saturday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m.

For more information on the panel discussion call DiverseWorks at 713-223-8346. For info on the film screening contact the MFA at 713-639-7300.

Calling all Girls! Real and "New and Improved"

by Leslie Ramsay

The Landmark people are bringing in another wonderful, dare I say foreign film, for us to see. "Different For Girls" is a transsexual love story from First Look Pictures that will play well to all audiences gay, straight, bi or trans (18 and up of course).

The basic elements of a classic boy meets girl story are all here with a slight twist. Steven Mackintosh (*Memphis Belle*) plays the role of Kim Foyle. He plays a transsexual who accidentally runs into a man, Prentice, she knew way back when. They went to grade school together. They were "mates".

Fast-forward 16 years and Karl is now Kim and Prentice as played by Rupert Graves (*A Room with a View*) is still stuck in his rude boy punk days. Prentice is working as a motorcycle delivery boy who is behind in his rent, his bike payments and maturity. Meeting Kim after all of these years throws him completely for a loop. He finds himself very attracted to Kim and can not understand why. He tells her he is straight. She responds that she is too!

Typical of British comedy, the issue of



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being a transsexual is treated as almost a non-issue. The story line on the side has Kim dealing with family issues as the good sister, aunt and friend are also treated as life as usual. The only sensational moments of the movie are during the undressing and lovemaking scenes. The audience at large did a collective intake of breath during the

strip scene. But audiences are likely to do that, no matter who is taking off their clothes. In case you are wondering, yes they both get naked.

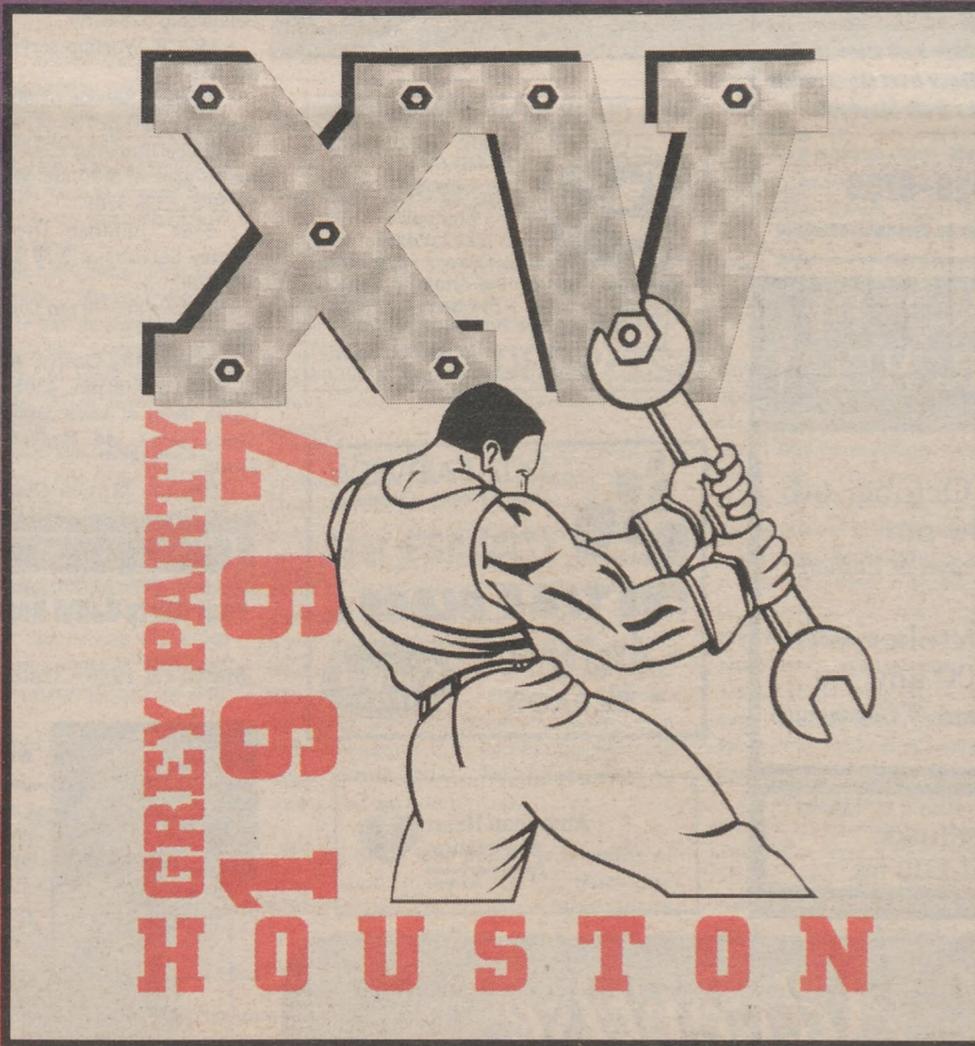
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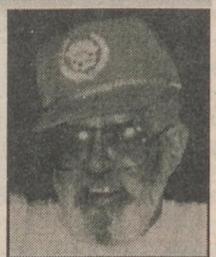
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accepting the first place prize, "Paula"
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Paul next served in the Army. Following
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for the offenders to test negative when in fact they had HIV and might have transmitted it to their victim. Likewise, it was possible for offenders to test HIV-positive without having transmitted the infection to the victim, causing needless anxiety.

But Poritz on Thursday said in cases in which the nature of the sex crime could provide for the transmission of an infection, the victim has a right to demand the test. She limited the tests only to cases in which fluid was transferred to the rape victim. Poritz said there are emerging "morning after" treatments that could retard the onset of AIDS. This might make early test results useful.

"Other medical authorities believe the psychological benefits to the victim from testing the assailant to be significant, and

confirm that the victim's desire to know the assailant's HIV status is not irrational," Poritz said. Poritz also noted the law prohibits victims or prosecutors from misusing the AIDS test information. "It is, therefore, reasonable to require assailants to submit to this intrusion upon their privacy," she wrote.

Attorney General Peter Verniero hailed the ruling. "It's important because of the medical and psychological needs of the victims, and the court addressed that," Verniero said. "It really is New Jersey leading the way on victim's rights issues."

Verniero said the reliability of the AIDS test information, and what use it might be to a victim, is not the issue. "That is up to the victim to decide what to do with the information, and what credibility to put to the information once he or she receives it," he said.



Cases of Gonorrhea in Homosexual Men Rise in Some Clinics

by Tara Meyer

ATLANTA (AP) - The government has found one speed bump in the slowing of the AIDS epidemic - Gonorrhea. The number of homosexual men diagnosed with the common sexual disease that increases the risk of contracting HIV has more than doubled at some U.S. clinics, suggesting a possible return to unsafe sex.

"People have to remember that the HIV epidemic is not over," said Dr. Helene Gayle of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Prevention is not a one-shot deal."

In a Portland, Ore., clinic, 74 homosexual men had gonorrhea in 1996, compared with 33 cases in 1995. The number also more than doubled in Seattle from 51 cases in 1994 to 115 cases in 1996. Homosexual men accounted for 8.7 percent of all gonorrhea cases in clinics in 26 U.S. cities in 1996, up from 5 percent three years earlier, the CDC said.

The figures are based on the first 20 men examined with gonorrhea in each clinic each month. Overall, gonorrhea has declined in the United States. The CDC said there were about 325,000 cases in 1996, down from 392,000 the year before. That makes the CDC even more concerned.

"Against the backdrop of a national decline, an increase in the actual number of cases is even more striking evidence of an increase in unsafe sexual behavior," said Dr. Michael St. Louis of the CDC. "You have to work harder to get it."

Gonorrhea is one of the most common infections in the United States, causing painful, burning urination and a puslike discharge from the urethra or vagina. But some people don't show any symptoms.

Richard Elovich, director of HIV prevention for the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, cited a couple of reasons homosexual men may not wear condoms.

"Men who are sometimes looking for intimacy, who want to trust their partner as a way of having

a kind of real sex, are not going to use condoms," Elovich said. He also said some may see prevention slogans the same way smokers see the surgeon general's warning on the side of a cigarette package. "They see it but don't think about it," he said. "People become resistant to it."

Counseling homosexual men, offering them forums to talk about sex may be a more effective way to educate them about the need for safe sex, he said. "The more we can help them about talking about sex, the more they are going to be conscious of what they are doing and the possible problems."

Doctors Find New AIDS Drugs Fail in About Half of Patients

by Daniel Q. Haney
AP Medical Editor

TORONTO (AP) - Widely heralded new AIDS treatments that seemed to stop the virus' advance and revive patients from near death are now beginning to fail in about half of all those treated, doctors said Monday. The disappointing reports suggest the tough virus is coming back after being knocked briefly into submission, just as many experts feared it would.

"Over the past year, we had a honeymoon period," said Dr. Steven Deeks. "The epidemic will likely split in two, and for half the people we will need new therapeutic options." Deeks presented data from the University of California at San Francisco's large public AIDS clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

Prescriptions of so-called three-drug cocktails - two older AIDS drugs plus one of the new class of medicines called protease inhibitors - have clearly revolutionized AIDS care. In many places, more than 90 percent of AIDS patients are taking these combinations, and typically people start on them as soon as they learn they are infected, even before they get sick. Patients whose disease-fighting T cells were ravaged by HIV have gotten out of bed, regained normal lives and even gone back to work.

However, many worried from the start that the

virus would eventually grow resistant to the protease inhibitors and resume its insidious destruction. The latest data, presented Monday at an infectious disease conference sponsored by the American Society of Microbiology, suggests this is indeed happening regularly.

Deeks and colleagues reviewed the records of 136 HIV-infected people who started on protease inhibitors in March 1996, when Crixivan and Norvir, the first two powerful protease inhibitors, came on the market. Most patients responded dramatically. Their virus levels dropped so low they could not be found on standard tests. But since then, the virus has returned to detectable levels in 53 percent.

Although this is ominous, no one knows exactly what it means. "All of our 'failures' are clinically feeling very well," said Deeks. "It's very important to understand we have no idea of the prognosis of people who have resistant virus." Deeks said other large AIDS clinics are having similar experiences, although his is the first to present the data publicly.

There is a whole mixture of explanations for the failures, said Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City. Ho said that for people who had relatively low virus levels when they started taking the drugs and had not used other AIDS medicines,

failure almost always means they did not take their pills on schedule. Even missing a few doses can ruin the treatment.

"Compliance is absolutely critical," Deeks said. "When we say compliance, we mean rigid adherence to over 20 pills a day." Also at high risk of failure are those who were on other AIDS drugs before starting protease inhibitors or whose T cell counts were very low.

Deeks said his data are far different from the carefully controlled drug experiments sponsored by pharmaceutical companies to demonstrate the medicines' potential. These studies show far more encouraging results.

Among the longest-running of these is a study of 28 patients who have been taking Crixivan, AZT and 3TC. Dr. Roy Gulick of New York University said Monday that after almost two years, the virus is still undetectable in 22 of them, or 79 percent.

Deeks said real-world experience is not as promising as the trials because patients in the studies are less sick to start with and more highly motivated to scrupulously follow their drug regimens. Also presented Monday was the first large study of the use of protease inhibitors in children. Just over half appeared to be responding well after three months of therapy.



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subdivision called "Idlewood" which was bounded by Wayside and Lawndale. The Houston Country Club was across the street. A neighbor said they were moving to the country, a new subdivision called West University.

The University of Houston had three buildings and was referred to as Cougar High. The medical center was a park where many evening hayrides were enjoyed.

The word "gay" was relatively unknown and certainly not by the General Public. Homosexuality was never discussed in polite society and only in whispers if one did. Oh, we were out there in multitudes. Some of us thought we were one of a kind. There was no closet to come out of. It was a well-protected and hidden secret. There was not such thing as gay bashing. Blackmailers were always a threat. Ironically, the most common blackmailers were other gays. First names only were the usual introduction. Taking strangers to your home was dangerous.

Those of us who knew the meaning of "gay" used it as a secret password. Whenever we met someone by a chance encounter that we liked, and if one of us during the conversation used the word gay and the other picked up on it - a contact was made.

We were in spite of this situation a very happy group - we survived the depression, which included block long food lines on Main Street and the War. We were young and started to party together that continued on. The only gay bar in Houston was the "Pink Elephant". It, of course was a beer hall, mixed drinks did not come for another twenty some odd years. It never lacked patrons and laughter was always present.

Another successful spot during the 40's was "The Country" in Von Armie, Texas just outside of San Antonio. While attending the University of Texas, we would go there often dancing, beer drinking, and

making a lot of contacts.

During this time segregation was in full bloom. It was twenty years before the civil rights movement. The blacks on Galveston Beach were segregated. There were several large wooden Dance Halls in their area. On Sunday afternoons, gays were welcomed and embraced by them. We danced together and everyone seemed to be happy we had a place to enjoy ourselves. We smiled, shook hands, and the children giggled; we laughed together, not at each other. They appeared to understand our persecution, like theirs, and we were one. This was a courtesy that was shown us decades before society welcomed them into our establishments. I will always appreciate their kindness and friendship.

The 40's were a decade of elegance for us. Ladies still wore hats, gloves, and matching handbags and shoes. The gay male never wore western clothes. We did wear saddle oxfords, white Palm Beach suits or fine gabardine slacks, with tie, sport coat, and often a sweater - preferably cashmere.

As an example of the lack of western wear I recall a time while seating at the counter at Simpson's Diner on Main Street around 2:00 AM. A little queen, probably smashed to the gills, opened the door to leave. There standing before him was a 6'3" cowboy complete with boots, cowboy pants, shirt, and hat. He looked at the fellow, up and down, several times and then shouted, for all to hear, "My God, if it isn't Miss Dale Evans."

Clever repartee was the call of the day. Wit was everyone's goal and those who had it ruled the social scene. An example might be, "I'd like to answer you but I don't know how to be bitchy". There was no television, so classical music coupled with opera was standard fair. Gay people were very into the arts and theatre. In many instances controlled both. It was not unusual for a person to buy Cross's book on Grand Opera so he could discuss all aspects of a certain opera without the benefit of even attending a single performance. No one was dull. We all talked since con-

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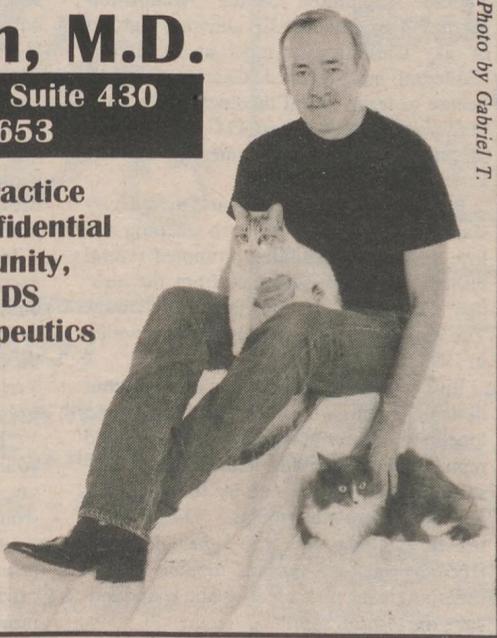


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Deborah Cox: Understanding The Way We Feel

by Steve Underwood

If Clive Davis, President of Arista Records, is on an odyssey to take over the world, he most surely intends to do so with his arsenal of black female vocalists. Enter Whitney Houston, enter Aretha Franklin, enter Toni Braxton, and now enter **Deborah Cox**, whose chart-topping dance single *Things Just Ain't The Same* mercifully conquered dance floors and hearts late this summer. Thanks to DJ remixer Hex Hector, dance club patrons have another anthem to memorize.

Born in Toronto of Guyanese heritage, Deborah's talent matured with the help of a mother and father who sang. By the time she was twelve, she was singing jingles professionally, performing with a wide range of local bands and preparing for her education at one of Canada's most prestigious performing arts schools.

"I think I was probably one of the busiest students in school," says Deborah. "I'd finish performing at a club around 1 am . . . and have to get up early for exams the next day! It was very hectic, but I loved it because I had the chance to constantly perform and I think that really prepared me for a career in music."

But one can only wonder if Deborah is prepared to be the gay community's newest *diva*, that point in a vocalist's career where every note, every word, and every look is revered as if it were an incarnation of Athena.

Worshipping divas is nothing new for a community centered on entertainment. Deborah memorized the New York community when she performed *Things Just Ain't The Same* at Junior Vasquez's Arena Birthday Bash last August. Her voice makes her a goddess, entrancing the hearts and souls of her worshippers. Deborah, it seems, is gifted by the Cosmos for the expression of excellence.

And excellence is what her self-titled album is all about. From the smooth groove of tunes like *Sentimental* and *Who Do U Love*, to the lilting feel of *Sound of My Tears*, Deborah's vocal delivery is versatile and emotional. *Where Do We Go From Here*, another heart-felt ballad is special to



Deborah because "it's the first song I ever wrote with my writing partner Lascelles Stephens and it was also on the original demo that Clive

Davis heard before I signed with Arista." When that demo found its way to his desk, Davis responded immediately.

"I was ecstatic at the thought of working with Clive, considering his track record," says Deborah. "I knew I was in great company just being on the same label as Whitney Houston, Toni Braxton and Aretha Franklin, because they've been such influences on my own musical development."

With a wide range of musical influences that included Gladys Knight, Billie Holiday and Bob Marley, Deborah never stops challenging herself. Word of mouth landed Deborah a five-month stint singing background vocals for Celine Dion.

And in 1990, she won the lead role in the off-Broadway musical "Mama, I Want To Sing." Even though she'd never sung gospel before, she was soon garnering rave reviews for the emotional intensity she brought to the highly successful, gospel-based musical.

"I studied everyone," explains Deborah. "Yolanda Adams, BeBe & CeCe Winans, as much gospel as I could find." In the process, she discovered her own soulfulness.

With an established record of developing new, raw talent, we can be hopeful with confidence that Clive Davis will keep Deborah Cox in the limelight of society's soul. Understanding the way we feel, no else could ever be Deborah Cox. Besides, life just ain't the same without her!

Deborah's self-titled CD Deborah Cox is available in stores now. Visit Deborah online at www.deborahcox.com. Steve Underwood, a DJ at Heaven and JR's, is the Music Editor for the Houston Voice.



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early copy provided to The Associated Press.

In the last two decades, with almost every other church struggling over gay ordination or efforts to ease condemnatory church doctrine, the Roman Catholic Church has stood firm, teaching that homosexual activity is morally wrong.

In two high profile cases in the 1980s, the Vatican disciplined Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen for allowing a group of gay Catholics to meet at St. James Cathedral and revoked Charles Curran's license to teach moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Curran had said homosexual acts are sometimes morally acceptable.

But the mounting turmoil and pain felt by Catholics torn between church teaching and love for their gay children prompted several bishops to request guidance from the bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family. The committee began studying the conflict in 1992.

Five years later, the bishops in their letter describe parents who suffer guilt, shame and loneliness because their children are gay and report that "a shocking number" of homosexual youth are rejected by their families and end up on the streets. The parental rejection, along with the other pressures faced by young gays and lesbians, place them at greater risk of drug abuse and suicide, the bishops said.

Why the form of a pastoral letter from the

church's spiritual leaders? "Primarily to get them to accept the fact that their son or daughter is gay or lesbian, and that their child was not damned forever," Bishop Joseph Imesch of Joliet, Ill., chairman of the Committee on Pastoral Practices, said in an interview.

The Vatican, in the new Catholic Catechism and in the pronouncements of Pope John Paul II, has staunchly held that sex is morally acceptable only within the bounds of heterosexual marriage. And the U.S. bishops' letter in no way abandons Catholic doctrine. It states clearly that genital sexual activity between same-sex partners is immoral and that the letter is not to be understood "as an endorsement of what some would call a 'homosexual lifestyle.'" It draws a distinction, however, between homosexual orientation and sexual activity.

In the letter, the bishops urge parents to encourage their children to lead a chaste life and, at times, to challenge aspects of their children's lives they find objectionable. But the bishops also tell parents that maintaining a relationship with their child should be their primary goal.

"First, don't break off contact; don't reject your child," the bishops say. Instead, they say, create an atmosphere in which a child would be willing to discuss his or her sexual orientation. "This child, who has always been God's gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful and supportive," the

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"While we've had some initial conversations with some Compaq employees and the Human Rights Campaign about strategy for getting them to offer domestic partnership benefits to their gay employees, we're thrilled that Compaq has recognized the need to treat all of their employees fairly and equally," said HGLPC Board Chair Clarence Bagby.

"This is a courageous decision in an atmosphere where companies are being threatened with boy-

cotts for simply treating their employees fairly," said Houston attorney and Log Cabin State President Dale Carpenter. "This is another break in the ice of homophobia in the workplace. Houston companies are now in the forefront in Texas in offering these benefits to their employees. Much of this progress is due to the fact that individual employees at these companies have come out of the closet and stood up for the concept of equal pay for equal work."

Compaq is the third Houston-based company to extend such benefits in the past year. Vinson and Elkins, a law firm; and Shell Oil, also extended benefits to domestic partners or plan to do so beginning in 1998.

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sight responsibilities for all agencies of the executive office of the president. These include White House intern programs, the photography office, the telephone service and the travel office.

Prior to joining the administration, Apuzzo was president of the new York State Civil Service Commission and commissioner of the New York State Department of Civil Service, positions for which she was nominated by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

From 1985 to 1991, Apuzzo served as deputy executive director of the new York State consumer Protection Board. for part

of that time, from 1986 to 1989, she served concurrently as the governor's liaison to the gay and lesbian community. Earlier in her career, she was executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

"This is historic," said current NGLTF executive director in response to the announcement. "She has impeccable professional credentials - that she's an activist is icing on the cake. Her tenure with NGLTF brought impressive visibility to the movement. Her solid perspective on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues will be a tremendous asset to the Administration."

Appuzzo will begin her new job effective immediately.

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versations were at a premium. Close relationships were so important.

The first gay Books written by still living Houstonian, Tex Miller, were written. One was named "Maybe Tomorrow" and the other "Somewhere in Between the Two". Both books are classics.

There was a big meat scandal where horsemeat was being sold to some of the best restaurants in town. This was so common that letters addressed to a person in Horsemeat, Texas that it reached its desig-

nation. The *New Yorker Magazine* referred to our city as "an overgrown cow town, criss-crossed by railroad tracks where overpasses were as scarce as hen's teeth."

My next installment will be "The 50's, the Gay Explosion and the Dreaded Raid."

(George Rimmey, a longtime community advocate, has written an article about each decade during the past 50 years in honor of the Gay History Month. Subsequent installments will run weekly until complete.)

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not?,' he pondered.

In our community people's pets are often more like our children - we are very close to our animals and feel great loss and grief when a pet dies. Besides, what a great way to reach out to people who love animals but do not attend church. So, Rev. John Gill helped us start a tradition, which we continue to value.

Many churches now plan their Blessing of the animals as an outreach event. It may even be held in a local park or other community gathering place. This special service demonstrates the church's love for animals and its conviction that they are apart of God's good creation. It is also a good way to show appreciation for the added joy and companionship that animals bring into people's lives.

This event is most often held on or near

the day set aside to remember St. Francis of Assisi, born in the late twelfth century and canonized two years after his death. His life and spirituality were most noted for how closely he mirrored the life of Jesus, his kinship with all people and oneness with nature, the way he embraced poverty and accepted suffering, his child-like joy and love of companionship, and his commitment to peacemaking.

This year MCCR will celebrate its own Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 4, at noon in the parking lot adjacent to the church building. The big parking lot down Decatur Street will be open for the cars so that there will be plenty of room for the animals and their people families in the small parking lot. The celebration will feature a new (and brief) worship component that will culminate with the individual blessing of each animal present.

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bishops said.

Among their recommendations, the bishops urge parents to "do everything possible to continue demonstrating love for your child." That includes remaining open to the possibility that even after counseling, a child may still be "struggling to ... accept a basic homosexual orientation."

The document also encourages priests to welcome homosexuals into parishes, to help establish or promote support groups for parents of gay children and to let people know from the pulpit and elsewhere that they are willing to talk about homosexual issues. When they lead chaste lives, homosexuals should be given leadership opportunities in the church, the bishops said.

"Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen," the bishops said. "By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes

the freedom to choose."

"The basic hope here," said Bishop Thomas O'Brien of Phoenix, chairman of the Committee on Marriage and Family Life, "is that parents will accept their children, regardless of their sexual orientation."

Mary Ellen Lopata, co-founder of the Catholic Gay and Lesbian Ministry in the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y., said many parents struggle with the conflict between loving their child and their understanding that church teaching condemns that child. "For them to hear the bishops say to love their child first is very important and can go a long way to help them resolve those conflicts and begin some healing," she said.

Imesch, head of the Pastoral Practices committee, said the church is nowhere near even discussing whether it could ever consider homosexual acts morally acceptable. In the meantime, however, gay men and lesbians "still need to be accepted as people," he said. "The judgment part is left to the Lord."

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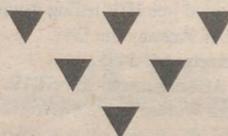
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Friday, October 3

- The Gardening and Yard Society: Lesbian and Gay Gardening Club, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, 2415 McClendon, Houston, FYI 713-661-6378.
- Astro Rainbow alliance for the Deaf: general meeting, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer, FYI 713-869-2287.
- Movie Time: Free Les/bi/gay film showing at Kolbe House, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, 1509 Fairview, FYI 713-522-8182.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop, 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay /Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 786-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Acres Home Multi Service Center.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

Saturday, October 4

- Gulf Coast Transgender community: is a non-sexual support group for all transgendered individuals and their partners. Montly socials are held, FYI 713-780-4282.
- AIDS Housing Coalition Houston: A 90 day gay positive emergency house for PWA's in transition, 10am to 12pm, 117 Tuam Ave. @ Helena, FYI 713-

- 521-1613.
- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- 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.

Sunday, October 5

- Rainbow Fishing Club: New Buccaneer 12 Hour Trip, \$60, 7:30am to 7:30pm, 611 Hyde Park Pub, 611 Hyde Park, FYI 713-5232-6381.
- Golf Tourney Fundraiser for Annise Parker. Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Annise Parker, \$100, 8am to 5pm, Pinecrest Golf Club, Houston, TX, FYI 713-688-3888.
- The Women's Group: The Women's Group is a feminist groups for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience, 10:45am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin, FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
- Houston Area Bears: General Meeting, 2pm to 4pm, varies, FYI 713-867-9123.
- Texas Gay Rodeo Association: Regular monthly meeting of the TGRA, 2pm to 5pm, The New Barn
- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.

Monday, October 6

- 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 train-

- ing. 535-6363.
- Texas Medical Center Lambda Group meets. 523-5539.

Tuesday, October 7

- 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, October 8

- 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, October 9

- 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.
- 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.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

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Your Horoscope for the week of October 5 - October 11

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You should be smiling a lot in the months ahead. Your cup runneth over in the love department. Impulsiveness may look like you aren't thinking clearly, but the real truth is that once you make such a decision, you stick with it.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Your intentions and thoughts are focused on your relationships, whether romantic, business-related or marriage. Any partnership desires you presently have will flourish and remain stable for quite some time. Any new business opportunity will flourish.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) A new love, or perhaps an ongoing relationship will finally turn in the direction you want it to. The need to be part of a couple is strong right now. You would be wise to tone down any urges to overdo or overindulge. Be cautious concerning transportation and travel.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) You find it very easy to attract or pursue romance this week. But do avoid any showdowns with loved ones, you can't expect to have everything go exactly the way you would like it to. All money making activities are successful and you should see an increase in your earnings.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) The assertive and dynamic qualities of your personality will shine this week, along with any romantic notions. It is a volatile time for you with emotions running in every different direction, so proceed with extra caution. Job advancement is almost certain.

LEO: (July 24- August 23) A bit of upbeat financial news will keep you going strong for at least the rest of the year. Behind the scenes influences may be able to ease your way up the success ladder. There seems to be a certain amount of stress and strain in an important relationship.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) A fairly conservative type of investment will prove worth it's while this week. Don't take too much for granted, even though your social life is an absolute whirlwind. Your approach to work and achievement is effort, attention to detail, patience and good luck.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Now is a time for opportunity and expansion for you. Just remember that good fortune is not going to come knocking at your door, you have to make yourself accessible, and be aware of the potential all around you. Don't overdo, overindulge or overspend!

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) You are due for a good time this week, so enjoy what you deserve. Your love life is moving along nicely at this time, don't let your active imagination ruin it for you. A nice financial bonanza is possible. There seems to be an influential person helping you out behind the scenes.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) Finding yourself in a social whirlwind will make you available for any possible romantic interests. Try to avoid immediate entanglement with a romantic prospect. Your health prospects are excellent this week. Take extra precautions when traveling or in transportation.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) It's a lively week for your social agenda and you will have a fair share of the popularity. Challenges may occur in a business relationship, so be prepared to cope diplomatically. Don't be too quick to act on rumors or too slow to get a move on when needed.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) You have a lot of positive energy that can be put to good use in building up your physical resources or work-related activities. Be especially careful to avoid accidents whether at home or in the workplace. Be cautious of any romantic involvements with strangers.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) There seems to be a few minor hazards connected with a much too rambunctious social agenda. It may be time to redo your looks in some way. Avoid clashing with your mate or partner, your temper may cloud a relatively simple issue.

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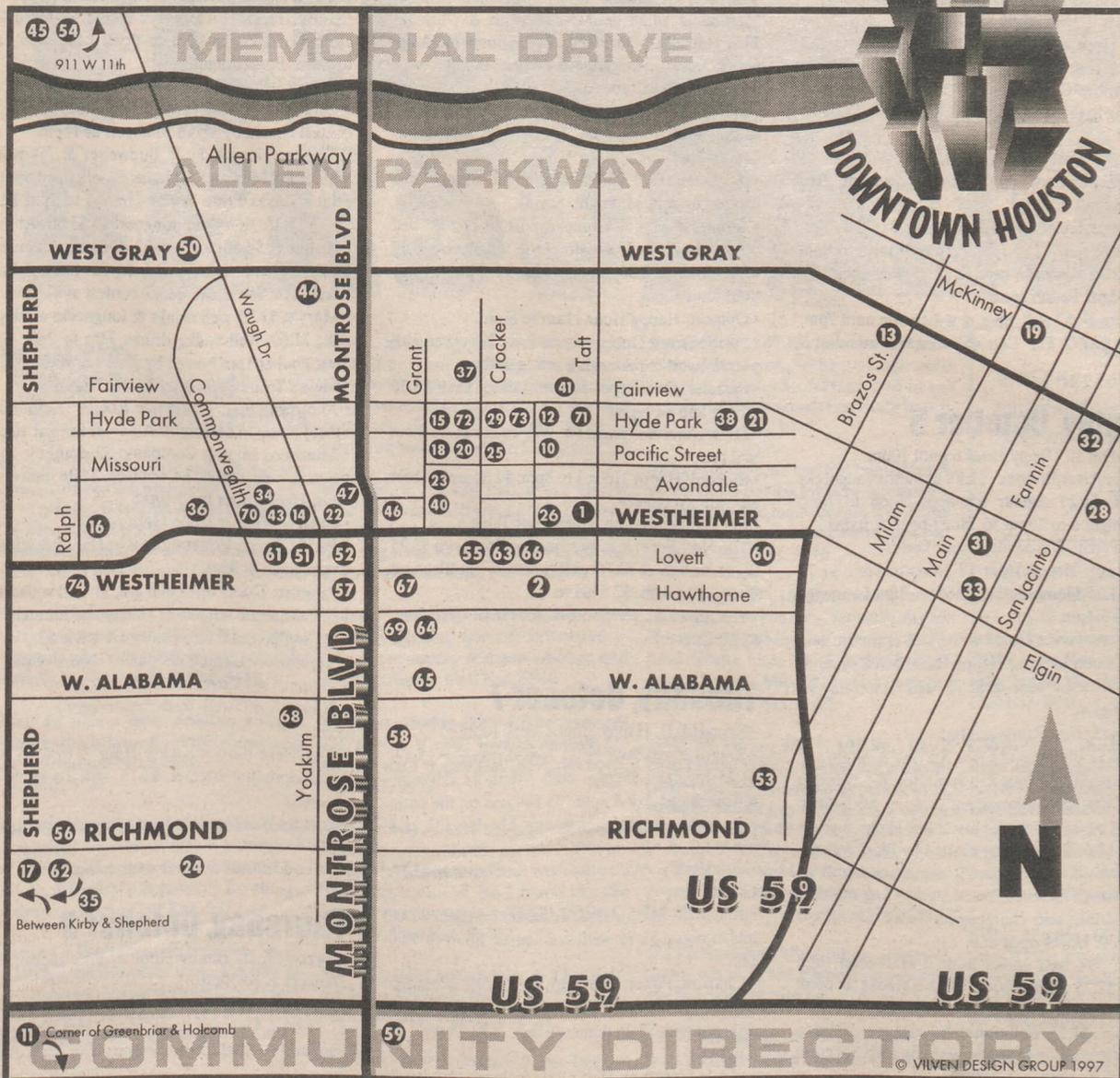
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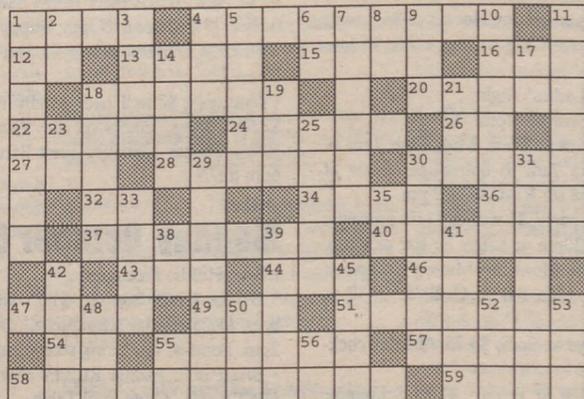
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- 15 pulls
- 16 female sheep
- 18 Charlton 'Moses', elected 1st vice president of NRA
- 20 Asian peninsula containing Seoul
- 22 take wrongfully
- 24 slang for boldness (He's got)
- 26 early 20th century American author & actor Rogers, initials ('I never met a man I didn't like.')
- 27 Nelson Mandela's group, abbr.
- 28 followed the commands
- 30 in a state of complete confusion
- 32 interjection to express surprise,

- as in 'land ...'
- 34 common Internet acronym for 'As Soon As Possible'
- 36 head covering
- 37 19th century American poet Ralph Waldo
- once wrote to school friend Martin Gay 'Why do you look after me? I cannot help looking out

- 49 wide sash worn by Japanese women
- 51 First Daughter now enrolled at Stanford
- 54 interjection for attention
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- 57 you shall, contraction
- 58 Mae West's character in 'My Little Chickadee' (1940)

- 6 official abbr. for Canada's Yukon area
- 7 associations of persons of same trade
- 8 sounds like 'are gee'
- 9 "Don't don't tell." Bull!
- 10 porch
- 11 cups for hot tea
- 14 capital of Norway

- former GOP National Committee chairman and mastermind behind the \$50 billion tax break for tobacco companies in the tobacco settlement
- 30 Kevin
- on the cover of Esquire as 'I hear he's ...'
- 31 right-wing preacher who referred to Ellen DeGeneres as Ellen Degenerate
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- 47 Judy Garland's daughter

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- gunned down in Miami in 1997
- 2 commercial in this gay publication
- 3 excuse
- 4 in cartoons, a dog's nemesis
- 5 sun-dried brick

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- 18 Anne
- Ellen DeGeneres real life lover, star of 'Volcano'
- 19 no
- 21 belonging to oneself
- 23 Volunteer State, abbr.
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Friday, October 3

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm Buffet at 4:00 pm. "Ring of Fire" benefit show at 8:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray plays tonight! Blackjack tables with Bunny open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from noon to 9:00 pm
- 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: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm; \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Lazy J: Pool tournament
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Ladies night!
- 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 & Stol: 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- 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.
- Paradise: Open 8 am; \$3.75 Call Martinis, \$2.25 well Martini All day all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Jello Shots \$1 all day and all night! Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2.
- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover before 11pm.
- 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.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails, \$2 Cuervo. 9:00
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; The RSICSS Guest Bartenders and Blackjack with Jackie 9:00 pm. The "Dating Game" at 10 pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

Saturday, October 4

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm. Joanne in the afternoons!
- 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.
- 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. Super Show at 11pm. Benefit show for RSICSS at 9 pm.
- 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; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Alternative night. The Orbit Room!
- 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: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night

- 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Paradise: Doors open at 8 am.
- QT's: Open at 8 am.; Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2. \$1 jello shots all day and all night!
- Rascals: "Everybody Dance Night". No Cover before 11pm.
- 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.
- 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. DJ Bridgett Tucker spins.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. Cuervo \$2.50! The Colt 45's Guest Bartend at 9 pm.

Sunday, October 5

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fixins..
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays your favorites.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; 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.
- 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; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- Heaven: \$1 well drinks \$2. domestic longnecks; \$3.00 Anything in the house; (excluding multiple liquor drinks and champagne) Video Classifieds 9:30-1:30. Doors open at 8.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. 50¢ draft on the patio with the RSICSS guest bartending starting at 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Bring your own BBQ.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$1.75 well drinks, \$1 vodka well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1:30pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No shirt, no cover, no kidding!
- Paradise: Doors open at noon; \$1.50 Mimosas, Bloody Bulls, Bull Shots, Belinis; \$1 well Vodka juice drinks all day and all night.
- QT's: Doors open at noon.
- Rascals: Super Sunday Show, 11:00pm "Rascal's Untouchables". No Cover Before 11pm.
- 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.
- 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. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; \$2.50 Cuervo; snacks on the "Far Side" & The PWA Holiday Charities guest Bartenders bartend 6pm till???

Monday, October 6

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite 7am-2pm. Football on the big screen; snacks.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- 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; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close;

- Free Pool Table.
- Incognito: Male Strip night!
- 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.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover with pass. Lowest regular drink prices in town.
- Paradise: Doors open at 8 am. All top shelf \$3.50 all day and all night!
- QT's: Killer Bee Shots \$2. Well vodka \$1.50 8 am to 2 pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Table.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

Tuesday, October 7

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm; Variety Show with Ms. Nevada at 8 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Free Hot dogs and \$1.75 beer.
- 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.
- 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.
- Paradise: Doors open at 8 am; \$1.50 well and \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am. Colorado Bulldogs (Kamora) \$3.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- VooDoo Lounge: Doors open 9:00 pm. No cover with ad from the Houston Voice. \$2 well, domestic, and special drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Send off show for Miss Texas US of A.

Wednesday, October 8

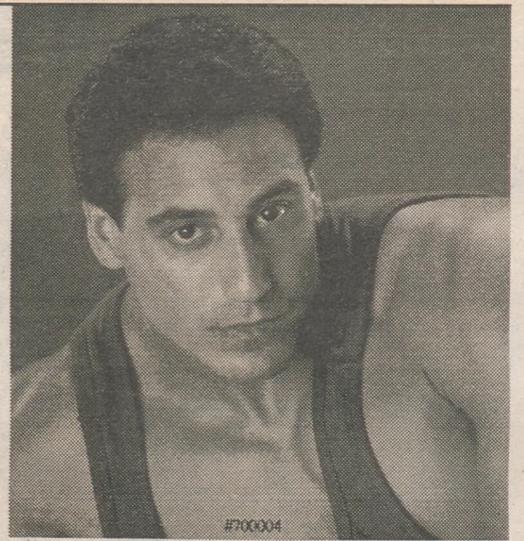
- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.

- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Amateur Talent Night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular and video) Noon to Midnight: Amateur Strip at 10 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at 8 am; \$1 well vodka & \$1.50 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Honey Dew Me \$2.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

Thursday, October 9

- 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 until 11pm. Party with Sam and Animal. Dance lessons with Scott at 8:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head plays in a number of disguises.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- 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; Amateur Talent contest @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- Heaven: \$1.25 Frozen 'Ritas, \$1.00 well drinks. Amateur Strip Contest at 11pm hosted by Kofi. \$200 in Cash Prizes.
- 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Happy hour all day and all night
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- Paradise: Doors open at 8am; \$1.50 well and \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Classic Martini (Tanquerai or Absolut) \$3.75
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS



Women SEEKING Women

SF 5'4", 125 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, professional, non-smoker. I like to go to movies, dancing, music & feeding the birds at the park. I'm looking for a friend, companion & a lover who is honest & won't play games. Call Ext. 5621

SF I am looking for a woman. I am bi-curious. I am looking for a friendship, someone who can go slow and possibly more in the future. Call Ext. 5615

SWF 45, nice person. Seeking a single female who is honest, sincere and willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5517

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

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. Very interested in having a lover. Call Ext. 5498

SF 27, Professional, Adventurous. I enjoy the outdoors and just about anything with a good company. Seeking a positive friend to enjoy life. I'm down-to-earth. Call Ext. 5556

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

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

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

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 possibly more. Call Ext. 5535

I'm an attractive SBF, 38, 5'6", professional. Seeking an attractive bisexual SBF, 30-39 to explore the possibility of a discreet friendship. She must be professional, financially independent, healthy, light smoker OK, in good shape, weight and height proportionate. Call Ext. 5609

SBF Professional, gay, 40, 5'4" with an athletic build. I enjoy sports, running & working out. New to Houston. Looking to date a single gay female, who is a non-smoker, non-drinker & a non-drug user. Should be soft butched or butched, professional & preferably around ages 37-50. Call Ext. 5602

SBF Looking for an attractive single Black female, someone who I can spend my time with. Should be very caring, loving & willing to share different things with. Call Ext. 5579

SBF 5'10", attractive. I love the outdoors, sports & exercise. Would like to get know someone who is pretty much the same as me. Should be height/weight proportionate & seeking a deep, loving, caring friendship. Call Ext. 5578

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

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 31, 5", 110 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, athletic. Seeking females interested in sports, swimming and non-smoker, and a light drinker. Call Ext. 5566

SF Tired of being alone. I'll be your special friend, if your woman enough for me call me I'll give you what you need. Call Ext. 5529

SF blue eyes. I love life and females. I have 42 years of life experience. I'm intelligent, professional and articulate. I have a quick mind. Do I sound like the type of person you would like to meet? Call me. Call Ext. 5526

SF 5'7", light brown hair & 18. Looking for a feminine female 18-22. Leave me a message. Call Ext. 5603

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

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

SWM Way beyond bi curious, 6'1", 150 lbs. Experienced bi White male in search of same. Experiences in variety, bottoms, submissive, TV's, tops, domination. Discretion is assured & preferred. Married men are welcomed if uninhibited. Call Ext. 5355

GWC My partner is a gay White male, 5'9", 49, 173 lbs., blue eyes, salt 'n' pepper hair & very healthy, but HIV+. I'm 5'11", 189 lbs., blue eyes, blonde with graying hair, 56 & very healthy, but also HIV+. We are looking for friends who are gay White males, 45 or older. Should enjoy swimming, long walks, cooking out, dining out, animals & country living. Please be height/weight proportionate & masculine. Call Ext. 5620

SM 180 lbs., 5'10", height/weight proportionate. Interested in meeting mature, gray haired men, 40's & above. Would like to meet someone who is fairly wealthy, I don't want to take care of anybody else. Call Ext. 5586

SWM 45, 5'7", 147 lbs., handsome, masculine & hairy chest. Seeking a single gay male, 25-45, who is interested in friendship. Body hair is a plus. Call Ext. 5616

SM 33, 5'10", 185 lbs., black hair, black eyes, very hairy & muscular. I'm bottom & HIV positive. I'm looking for top White, Hispanic or Black men for a good time. Call Ext. 5617

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 45, 5'7", 147 lbs., handsome, masculine, hairy chest. Seeking a single male between 30-45 who is interested in casual satisfying encounters. Body hair is a plus. Call Ext. 5616

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

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', height/weight proportionate. Looking for a non-smoker & someone who doesn't mind being a bottom. Looking for friendship or more. Call Ext. 5345

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

SWM 61, caring, assertive 5'10", 175 lbs. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, non-drug user & HIV negative. I'm a hot top seeking a submissive bottom, any age, any race & 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, non-drug user & HIV negative. Call Ext. 5556

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

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

GHM 21, 5'6", light complexion & hazel eyes. I like to go out a lot. I'm outgoing & a nice person. Looking for anybody, any race & 18-30. Call Ext. 5613

GHM 33, HIV-, 5'7", 135 lbs. Looking for a gay White or Hispanic male, preferably 33 years old +. Call Ext. 5604
SWM 6'1", 165 lbs., slender build, 39, salt 'n' pepper hair, green eyes, mustache & goatee. I'm down-to-earth. Looking for a Latin or a Latino male, 25-45 & I'll respond to anybody. Call Ext. 5612

SM Responding to ad #5417, you are a bottom and non-drinker. I'm very much interested in you. Please call again and leave your number. Call Ext. 5557

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GWM 41, 5'7", 147 lbs., hairy chest & masculine. I'm versatile, good looking, nice guy & a nice body. Searching for other gay White or gay Hispanic males 30-45, who are interested enjoying a safe, fun & affectionate time together. Call Ext. 5611

GWM 5'10", 185 lbs., 44, HIV+. Have dark hair, blue eyes, a mustache. Looking for a tall, husky or muscular cowboy, Levis, leather top man, age 35-45, who is financially stable and interested in home repair and improvement, landscaping, movies, long weekends at home and Sundays by the pool. Call Ext. 5596

SWM 190 lbs., 6'. Seeking a top black man HIV+. Like the outdoors, movies, sports. Just looking to get together. Seeking a friend or a relationship. Let's see what happens. Call Ext. 5600

GWM 26, 6', black hair, green eyes. Seeking a GBM 20 and older, 6' or more. Wanting a dominant, masculine guy who's HIV+. I enjoy the outdoors, sports, movies, getting together with friends and having a good time. If interested, leave me a number. Call Ext. 5601

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

SM 36, 6'2", masculine with a muscular build. I'm sincere, down-to-earth & if my life would have been different, I would have been a cowboy in a different life. Looking to meet men for a possibly long term relationship if we hit it off well. I'm a non-drug user & you should be to. Must be able to carry on a good conversation. Call Ext. 5591

SWM Mature, 5'10", 175 lbs. I'm greek active, french passive, well-endowed, a non-smoker, non-drug user & HIV-. If you are HIV-, a non-smoker, 5'10" or shorter, call me. Call Ext. 5610

GHM 33, 167 lbs., 30". Looking for a good time & someone to spend some time with. Call Ext. 5607

Professional White male looking for male Hispanic top. If you're out there, give me a call. Call Ext. 5598

GBM 29, 5'4", 128 lbs., brown eyes, mustache & well endowed. Looking for friendship, you must be height/weight proportion, open-minded, uninhibited, with a healthy appetite for giving and receiving cream, from both ends. Call Ext. 5592

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

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

GWM 45, HIV+, A symptomatic for 11 years, 5'7", 145 lbs. I'm attractive & affectionate. My interests are classic autos, theater & board games. Looking for other HIV+, gay males, 30-45 young, for friendship. Call Ext. 5590

GWC Handsome, versatile, HIV+. In search of another gay third man 25-45, for long term relationship. We take pride in being very down-to-earth, open-minded, open hearted & honest. We are romantic and extremely passionate. We have a wide variety of interests indoors and outdoors. Should be versatile, financially, emotionally secure & handsome. One stands 6', 190 lbs., 34" waist, short brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache and goatee. The other stands 5'10", 175 lbs., 33" waist, short blonde hair, blue eyes, mustache & goatee. Call Ext. 5555

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

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

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 Bi sexual. In search of feminine bi men, into transvestites and cross-dressing. Discretion is assured. Must be height/weight proportionate, almost pacifiable and versatile. Call Ext. 5528

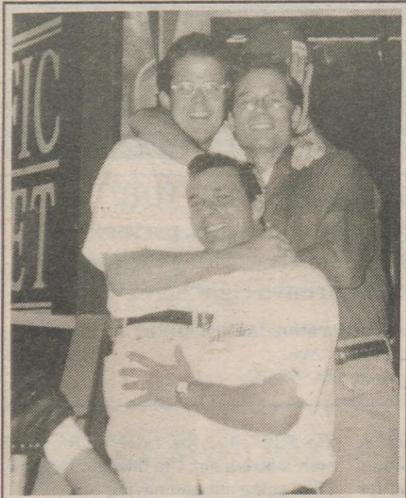
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Important Stuff

Grey Party is closer than you think! This year, you do NOT need an invitation to get in, just a donation! For all the info, check out the ad in this issue! The Post Grey Party is at the Ripcord this year! See ya there!



At Pacific Street.

The Lean on Me Foundation presents "Ring of Fire" this Sunday at the Brazos River Bottom! This benefit for the Bering Care Center starts at 8:00 pm.

It is Turn-about time again! Join Emperor Jerel as the men become girls and the women become men! A fun night of fundraising! Show time is 9 pm.

Soiree Aubergine kick's off next Friday, October 10. Be at Gentry from 6 to 8 pm for this "rush" party!

Milestones

Happy belated anniversary to Salvador and Ted!

Happy birthday to the wonderful, talented, ever-so-thin with chicken legs and a great smile Miss Ouisa!

Happy birthday to Don Shaw!

Nibblet, Happy belated birthday "you settin' 40 up you witch!"

Happy birthday to my old, old, old friend Pec!

Belated birthday to David S. of MCA!

Happy birthday to Liz Vilven!



Dancing at Chances.

Stupid Stuff

I overheard some woman ask a bar manager, "Excuse me, but where do you keep the outside?"

Rodent Droppings

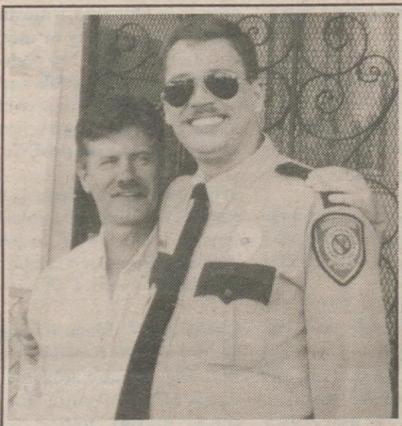
I went to the TGRA fundraiser at Midtowne Spa this past Friday. Don't that stand for Texas Gay Rodent Association? Well, Harvey was the hit of the night! He had never been to the



Cuervolyn's family...the male side.

tubs before and all the different "smells" drove him crazy. Then, we went to the Venture-N. Harvey had a blast. Later, we ferreted our way to Pacific Street. Harvey was picked-up, stroked, kissed, and petted all night! Don't you wish you got that much attention when you went to a bar! By the end of the night, I put "baby" to bed in his cage. He slept the entire next day!

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Henry gets arrested at the Folsom Street Fair.

What is the definition of a "sling?" The tortilla for a human burrito where you provide the ultimate filling!

Larry Crawford (Hyde Park Gallery): How much fruit can you get with "your looks" at the Farmer's Market? And what is this I hear about a 3 hour fire-works show in your truck?

Robert (from Lubbock): I hope you had a grand time!

Herman (Club Houston): I'm glad your butt is better!

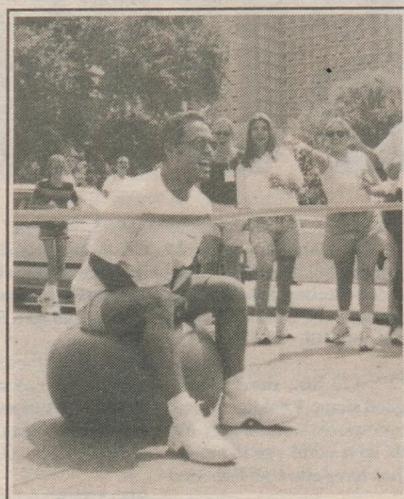
Houston Area Bears (Yes, all of you!): The only thing that lasts longer than Coronation is the awards ceremony for the Houston Area Bears!



At Midtowne Spa.

Jeff (ex-Bricks II now BRB again!) Did you give your new work phone number to all the kids, or is that number still on your speed dial?

Robert (ex-BRB now Bricks II): Did you remember to pack your cowboy hat?



Randy (PS) crosses the finish line 1st.

Barbara Velour (Midtowne Spa): Honey, you looked like a picnic table! Are you a self-serve all you can eat buffet?

Jan (hangs at the BRB): What are you going to do with your new box?



Only at Paradise!

Don Dowden: AARP is the only group that you can join that has two "a's" in their name! And how did you get that fungus? And I guess you are as young as you feel... having not one but two tricks on Sunday! Keep the nitro pills handy!



A TV Janet sandwich.

Chris B. (lives at the Ripcord): Your truck was at the Ripcord while you were in SF! Why? To prevent withdrawal symptoms!



Is it a Prince Albert or a navel ring?

Jimmy A. (hangs at Mary's): A penis implant? Why is the bandage on your knee?

Lee (BRB's doorman): What are all the bubbles at the front door?

Meg (Mary's): Your little pussy got left outside?

Thumper (Venture-N): Quit following me!



Only at QT's.

Miss Alabama (BRB): Jet set now? Don't get used to it! If you can't bring back any cute house boys-you can't go!

Clara Bell (hangs at QT's): Where did you get the flowers?

Pooh Bear: Sorry to hear about your mom.



Yes, I need a new hairdo!

Miguel (Venture-N): Did I spell your name right this time?

Tom and Doug (The Bubbas): I just love your license plates on that big bubba truck "DV8."

Barbara Walker (Montrose Clinic): Love the new "do."

Bart (611): You are not Donald Trump-lay off the fruit machines!

Donnie (QT's): Why do they call you BIC? Bi*ch in Charge?

John L. (hangs at E/J's): E/J's is not a titty bar! Quit wearing those tank tops!

Randall (JR's): Lemon gravy on the lips, lemon gravy on the hips!

Ralph (Paradise): Afternoons with you are just like a little slice of heaven!

SCENE AND HEARD

Leon (611): I hear that you are paying all the bills now!

Chester (611): You better work on that dismount "missy" if you want to win a gold medal!

Mark (Midtowne): Making the rounds!

Zack (Cousin's): How are you and your little "Bootie" getting along?

Pec and Greg: I'm glad you finally found your puppy!

Byron Norton: You are supposed to stop and smell the roses, not fall in face first! And what is this I hear about you passing out while talking to Christy



Hi, I'm Lee.

Norton?

Neil (Outpost): Do you always carry a bottle of scotch, Crown, and vodka with you? And I thought I drank a lot!

Lulu (E/J's): It was not the Motrin!

Byron (hangs at QT's): Did he really leave you because you like to sleep in?

Connie (Houston Voice): And I quote: "I really like smelling like a baby's bottom!"

Bill Havard: I hear you are pretty handy in the kitchen!

Morgan (JR's): Did you find what you were looking for at Some on Sunday?



Woof! Woof!

Leo (Heaven): I hear you have a "weed wacker" that greets you at the gate of your apartment!

Glenwood (Montrose Legend): I hope you get it back!

Jimmy S. (a wanna be): Bad bad boy! Are you Robin Hood or the poor he is donating to?

Michael W. (Heaven): Have you found the dart board at E/J's yet?



Sexy Shiela Lennon.

John, Todd, and Michael: The more the merrier?

Yolanda (Rich's): New tires! And How does Scott's living room look at 6 am?

Joanne (BRB): How fast can you spend \$66 at the BRB?

Barry (New Barn): What have you been doing in the bathroom at the Ripcord?



Party Pals

Raci (Chances): Raci, line one, pick up line one!

Zilla: You make a good Vampire! See you at the House!

Damion (Club Houston): Take it easy!

Well, the litter box was full this week!

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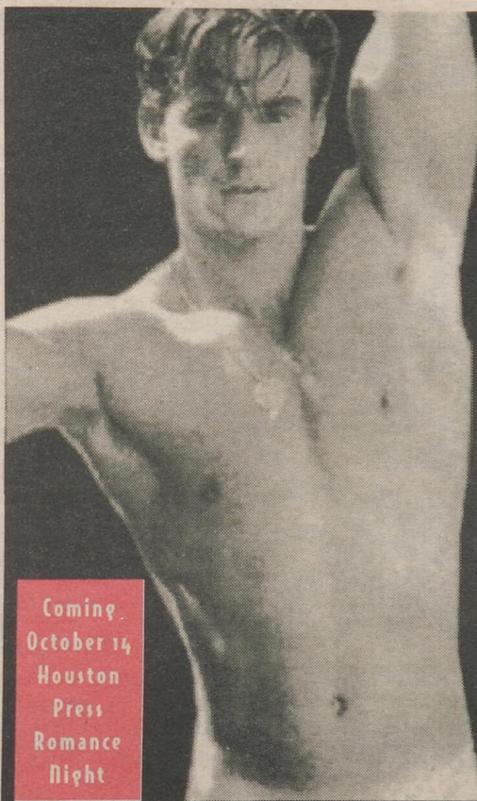
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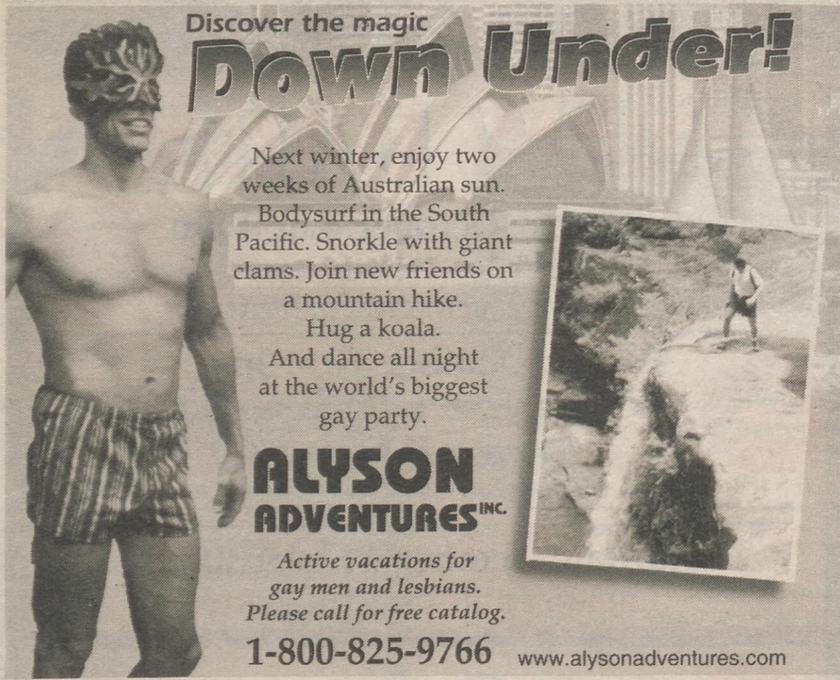
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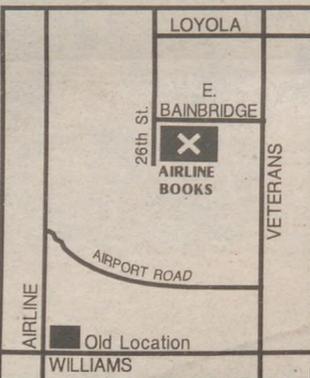
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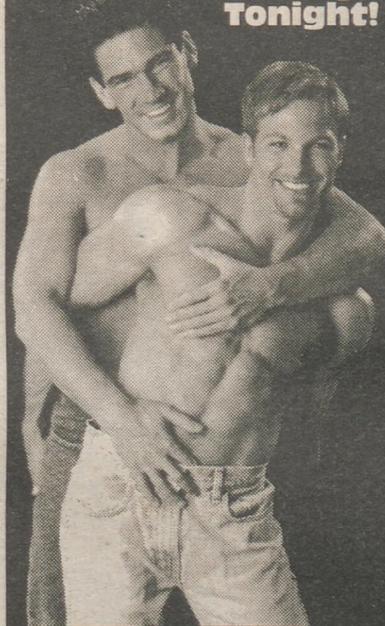
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