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Gay and lesbian pride, through "The Artist's Eye"
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Pride Preview: a year of 'firsts'

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

(HOUSTON)—This year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week celebration, with the theme "From Silence to Celebration" will celebrate the steps taken along the way. The 10-day, 1995 observance brings a number of 'firsts' for Houston's gay and lesbian community along with a return to the

local, annual event's roots, 17 years ago.

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, which kicks off next weekend, will include Town Meeting II, a community meeting in the spirit of the historic Town Meeting in 1978 that was the centerpiece of the city's first "official" pride week. The community planning and strategy forum is one of several events that make up Spectrum '95—an all day conference/festival that will take place on Sunday, June 18 at the AstroArena—site of the original Town Meeting, which drew over 4000 participants.

Spectrum, however, also will include Houston's first full-scale Gay and Lesbian Business Expo, as well as an all-gay Concert of the Stars with big name, national entertainers, an art exposition and a diverse roster of speakers.

The timing of Spectrum—on the opening week of the celebration—marks the first time major, "centerpiece" events will have been scheduled for both weekends of Pride. The following weekend, Houston's traditional (since 1979) Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade will climax the celebration, followed by a post-parade festival in the Montrose area, featuring a free concert.

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The Call We Missed

By STEPHEN CHRYSLER

For the Houston Voice

Religious fundamentalists defeated the first major "blue-chip" corporate entry into the gay market place while the majority of gays and lesbians had no idea whatsoever of any of the events. AT&T, one of the world's largest conglomerates, retreated from plans to follow-up on its controversial advertising campaign targeted at gays and lesbians. Burke Stinson, of AT&T National media relations gave Houston Voice alarming and fascinating information in an interview, but was EXTREMELY guarded about many specifics of the fundamentalists attack. He was friendly, but seemed almost frightened to state anything

supporting gays. After a two week investigation into the events, searching for clues in other reports, surveying, and interviewing gay activists across the country the realities and scope of the events came into focus.

AT&T made national news nine months ago when the religious right rallied against AT&T for gay friendly employment practices and marketing efforts into the gay community. AT&T also has a diversity program to educate its 300,000+ people about each other's differences so that all employees get along better. AT&T has been at an exposition of gay and lesbian businesses, and at the Gay Games in a marketing effort aimed at the gay and lesbian community. About a year ago, AT&T did a landmark event. It produced and mass-mailed a gay and lesbian targeted advertisement to gays.

Doug Lane, a gay father with two teenagers, an AT&T employee and a member of L.E.A.G.U.E., AT&T's employee association, said "If people are looking for a phone company that is gay friendly, I mean AT&T has a track record—between the Gay Games, between advertising, between wanting their employees to know that gay employees are just as important."

Extremely careful not to be misunderstood, Burke Stinson explained,

"We have had LEAGUE, which has been made up of lesbian, gay and bisexual employees since the 1980's. ... it's an employee organization of about 1000 people. We have a number of employee organizations. We also have organizations based on religious studies. Bible reading at a number of our locations is probably the most popular noon-time activity."

The religious right and at least one competitor used AT&T's progressiveness against them.

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Authors share stage at Rice U

As part of the third annual Beyond Desire: New Gay and Lesbian performance series, DiverseWorks will bring together acclaimed authors Leslie Feinberg and Minnie Bruce Pratt, reading to each other in an "intimate, intense, and sexy conversation about lesbian life and gender boundary crossing." Feinberg will read from her wildly popular novel Stone Butch Blues and Pratt from her hot-off-the-press collection of prose about gender crossing, S/HE (both published by Firebrand Press). This event is co-presented with Lesbian in Business. The duo performance is next Friday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Rice University's Hamman Hall.

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Tower Theater sold as retail space

(HOUSTON)—Ending speculation and periodic rumors that have persisted for years, Pace Entertainment of Houston announced this week that the Tower Theater, a Montrose landmark and fixture of the area's history since 1936, has been sold to owners who plan to turn the property into a retail center.

The theater's famous art deco facade will remain, though the inside of the theater will be gutted, according to the new owners, KNA Partners of Houston.

The Tower was used as a live theater venue by Pace when the company first purchased it in the mid-1970's.

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Long time Montrose landmark, the Tower Theater, will be transformed into a retail strip center; the famous facade will remain.

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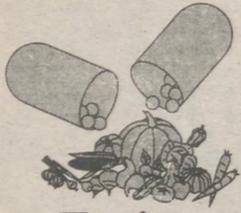
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- * HIV Art Class at the Art League. Call 225-9411.
- * Lesbian and Gay Voices on KPFT 90.1 FM 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- * Firedancers' Anniversary and Ruby Slipper Garden Party in Dallas. Call 214-528-2763 for more info.
- * HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- * Astro Rainbow Alliance For the Deaf meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 1-800-735-2988.
- * CODA meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

Saturday, June 10

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 520-1809.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.
- * Midnight showing of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" at the River Oaks 3. Call 524-2175.
- * Dignity Houston meets for liturgy and social hour. 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872.
- * Breast Cancer Prevention Day. Montrose Counseling Center. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Exploring the Fun of Safer Sensual Sex workshop by AFH. 3202 Wesleyan Call 623-6796.
- * HOG (Houston Outdoor Group) meets at 7:30 p.m. Call KAMPOUT for details.
- * 5th Anniversary party at Gentry!
- * Garage Sale at MCCR. Fellowship Hall. Call 861-9149.

Sunday, June 11

- * Fundraiser at Mary's for Children with AIDS.
- * Denim Party Sign up at the Brazos River Bottom.
- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 520-1809.
- * Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection worship services. 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.
- * Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.
- * Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services. at 10:00 a.m. New Location 3400 Montrose Suite 600. Call 528-6756.
- * Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9235.
- * Houston Mission Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.
- * MCCR Holy Eucharist Service at 8:30 a.m., Choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m., and a traditional service at 10:45 a.m. Call 861-2520.
- * Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Call 351-4217.
- * Montrose Softball League plays. Call 867-3913 for fields and locations.
- * HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- * Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.

Monday, June 12

- * Sign Language classes at the Brazos River Bottom. Free 7:00 p.m.
- * Houston Area Women's Center Volunteer training. Call 528-6798.

* Miss Camp America's monthly meeting. Call 520-STAR.

* Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents monthly support group meets at MCCR. Call 980-7995.

* TMC Lambda Network meets at 5:00 p.m. Call 523-5539.

* Handbell Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. at MCCR. Call 861-9194.

* Life...Today! TV at 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

* Mandatory Pride Week Parade Meeting for all entries. 7:00 p.m. call 529-6979.

* Financial Planning Workshop—at 1475 W. Gray. 7:00 p.m. Call 522-6330.

* Empowerment for Living meets at MCCR. Call 861-9149.

* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park near the Tennis Center. Call 522-8021.

* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.

* Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.

* CODA Support group meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m., Gloryland Singers Gospel Music Group meets at 8:00 p.m., Gospel Ensemble meets at 8:00 p.m. and Empowerment for Living support group and pot luck meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 861-9149.

Wednesday, June 14

* Annual Black Lab Fundraiser for the Pet Patrol. Call 522-1954.

* Fourth Annual Transgender Law and Policy Conference. 6780 Southwest Freeway. Call 723-8363.

* AIDS Equity League meets at Charlie's for lunch at noon. Call 529-9966.

* "The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love" sneak preview at Museum of Fine Arts. Call 639-7515.

* Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection worship service at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Alliance at the Univ. of Houston) meets at 4:00 p.m. Call 743-7539.

* Bi-Net of Houston meets at MCCR, 7:00 p.m., Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Bible Study at 7:30 p.m., Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m., and Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* Houston Pride Band meets for open rehearsals. Call 524-0218.

* Life...Today! TV on 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

* Understanding HIV/AIDS treatment and Lab Results seminar at 1475 W. Gray. Call 522-6330.

* Art Classes sponsored by AFH. At the Art League. 526-1118.

* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park near the Tennis Center. Call 622-8021.

* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsals at Grace Lutheran Church. Call 521-7464.

* Computer Nerd Sessions at 2700 Albany. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-1223.

* Community Gospel Church worship service at 7:30 p.m. Call 880-9235.

* En*Light*en Up Gay men's spirituality group meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 528-6174.

* Twenty Something meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.

* Anniversary Party at the Montrose Mining Company.

* Life...Today! TV on 12:30 a.m.

Friday, June 16

* Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week starts. For more info, call 529-6979.

LiB, DiverseWorks co-sponsor lesbian, transgender authors

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Leslie Feinberg came of age as a young butch lesbian in the factories and gay bars of Buffalo, N.Y. in the 1960s. Since that time, she has been a grass-roots activist and a journalist. In addition to being a featured speaker at the upcoming Stonewall 25 rally in New York City on June 26, Feinberg has spoken in 40 states since 1993, with stops including Yale, Princeton and Brown University. A video about Feinberg entitled *Outlaw* premiered this summer at the New York City Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. *Stone Butch Blues* has received the prestigious American Library Association's Award for Gay and Lesbian literature and a Lambda Literary award.

Minnie Bruce Pratt was born in 1946 in Selma, Alabama. Pratt's "Crime Against Nature," an account of her relationship to her two sons as a lesbian mother, was chosen as the Lamont Poetry selection by the Academy of American Poets and in 1991 was given the American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Award for literature; it was also nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

The same year, Pratt was chosen along with lesbian writers Chrystos

and Audre Lorde, to receive a Lillian Heilman-Dashiell Hammett award given by the Fund for Free Expression to writers "anywhere in the world who have been victimized by political persecution." Pratt's collection of autobiographical and political essays, *Rebellion: Essays 1980-1991* (Firebrand Books), was a 1992 finalist in non-fiction for the Lambda Literary Awards.

Tickets are \$12.00, \$10.00 for DiverseWorks and LiB members, and \$7.00 for students. For reservations and information please call 713/228-0914.

On Saturday, June 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at DiverseWorks, Leslie Feinberg and Minnie Bruce Pratt will conduct *Talking Gender*, a discussion of the exciting new sex and gender theory emerging from the intersection of feminism, the lesbian/gay/bisexual movements and transgender liberation. They will discuss Feinberg's upcoming book: "Transgender Warriors: A History of Resistance" and Pratt's new book "S/HE," followed by a facilitated discussion and questions. "Talking Gender" is \$10, \$8 for DiverseWorks and LiB members.

Pride preview: what's new this year

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While a post parade event has been a traditional part of the celebration, this year's is unique in that it takes place in Montrose and features nationally prominent entertainers. The outdoor festival will be followed by a fund raising Pride Party, also in the Montrose/Westheimer strip area at the club Numbers. (As well, many area gay clubs will be having their own post-parade parties, some with celebrity entertainers).

The Pride Committee of Houston is expecting a record number of out of town guests to attend this year's Houston pride events. So—also for the first time—the committee's pride observance has an "official" hotel, according to PCOH media chair Brian Keever. The Harvey Hotel, located on the Southwest Freeway (Hwy. 59) near Kirby, is offering a special room rate of \$45 a night for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week, Keever said.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week was founded in 1979 by a small group of Houston gay and lesbian activists to coordinate a formal program and celebration each year for the gay and lesbian community of Houston. HG/LPW currently operates as a committee of the Pride Committee of Houston, a 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events which celebrate the diversity, unity and history of the Lesbian and Gay community.

(Next week, the Houston Voice will publish its Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride '95 special issue. The issue will include detailed information on events scheduled throughout the week, a handy calendar and a map of the parade route and festival site, and essays and reflections on the theme of "Silence to Celebration." Watch for it!)

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Glenn Burke, openly gay baseball player, dies

OAKLAND, Calif., Thursday, June 1 (AP)—Glenn Burke, one of the first openly gay baseball players who later said he was blackballed from the league because of his sexual orientation, has died of AIDS-related complications. He was 42.

Burke, an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics, also was credited with giving baseball's first "high five," during the Dodgers' 1977 World Series season.

Burke, who had been homeless and in prison in recent years, died Tuesday

night at a San Leandro hospital. In recent months, he had been cared for by his sister.

Once considered to have the potential to be a great ballplayer, Burke played just four years, from 1976-80. In 1978, the Dodgers traded him to the A's, whose manager, Billy Martin, declined to sign him again in 1980.

While his sexual orientation was known within baseball, Burke did not come out publicly until 1982. In later years, he accused league officials of running him out of the game because he was gay.



TED McKIE

BORN: January 11, 1946
DIED: May 19, 1995

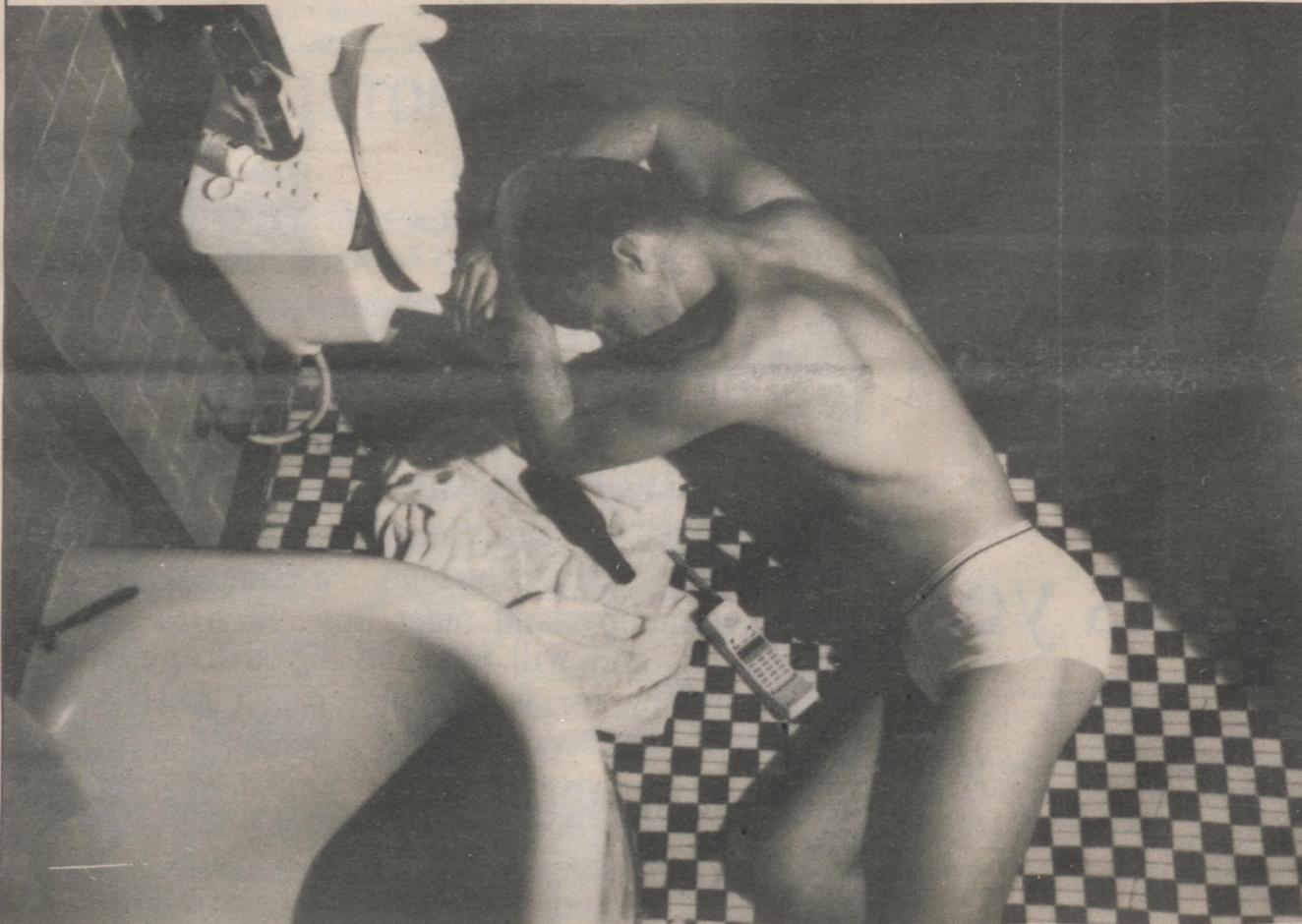
Ted McKie of Denver died May 19, 1995 in Lakewood, Colorado at the age of 49. Ted was born in Colorado Springs, the fourth child of Wayne and Florence McKie. He was a graduate of Akron High School and continued his education to acquire an associate degree in Business. He was first employed by Phillips Petroleum and later became a sales representative in Colorado, South Carolina, and Texas where he lived in Houston from 1980 to 1986 then moved to Austin until 1992 before returning to his home state of Colorado. Survivors include his parents, Wayne and Florence McKie; two brothers, Lee and Jay McKie; two sisters, Joanne Barry and Phyllis Cheski; and, his companion of 9 years, Richard Tijerina. Ted leaves behind many friends and loved ones. His memory will live in our hearts and thoughts forever. Love Always, Don Dowden



MICHAEL G. WILLIAMSON

Michael G. Williamson, age 38, of Houston, Texas passed away Tuesday, May 30, 1995. Michael was an Investigator for the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Texas Attorney Generals Office. He is survived by his parents, Gene and Mary Sue Williamson of Athens, Texas; his sister, Vicki Ann Williamson of Tyler, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael is also survived by a whole host of friends who will miss him very much. Michael was laid to rest in Athens, Texas on Thursday, June 1, 1995. A Memorial service for Michael will be held on Sunday, June 11, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection at 1919 Decatur Street, Houston, Texas, 77007. Any questions, you may call the church office at 861-9149. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at the MCCR Church at the above address. We love you and miss you very much. Your Family and Friends

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OPINION

Everyday Heroes

By **BAR WILSON**

For the *Houston Voice*

It's almost Pride Week and a lot of deserving folk are going to be getting attention and applause for the work that they do in the Community. Good for them!

Yet, there are a lot of people who do not get a share of the lime light and their lives are also examples of selfless, honorable service to this community. Lets call them Everyday Heroes.

These are the people who care for the sick, comfort the dying, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, listen to troubled minds, touch careworn hearts, open the gray blight of loneliness, lift the burdens, share the grief, teach, nurture and care.

I'd like to introduce you to two of them.

Jackie Ware

Jackie is the assistant to the coordinator of the People With AIDS Coalition Volunteer Project at Thomas Street Clinic.

Jackie was living on the West Coast when her life was disrupted to come back to Houston to care for her son, a PWA. She left her loving man, (who took a second job and is an AIDS volunteer in his stepson's name in his spare time), and although they only get to see each other about once a quarter, they would have it no other way, until there is a cure.

When she's not visiting those of us in the hospitals you can almost always find Jackie at Thomas Street, where she is Mom to more PWA's than anyone could number, and count on it, the woman would fight a buzz saw for any of her children.

An attractive, down to earth lady with a wicked sense of humor, Jackie's tools in her labor to help PWAs are: her unflappable manner, a brilliant smile, the occasional prayer, a huge amount of patience, compassion, concern and empathy, a seemingly endless supply of energy and zero tolerance for self-important bureaucrats. She also gives great hugs.

This heroine works every day in a difficult, frustrating job always finding time for others: Her enormous loving heart is solid gold.

Marvin Davis

Prior to coming to Houston, Marvin was the founder of the Gay Alliance in Arkansas.

Now employed by the City of Houston's Health Department, Marvin counsels folks receiving their HIV test results. As you can perhaps imagine, his days are an emotional roller coaster and extraordinarily stressful, but like that pink bunny, Marvin just keeps going.

Lady Victoria Lust, Marvin's alter-drag-ego, started her PWA Christmas some years ago so that cash poor PWAs could have some Holiday Cheer. So much energy has she poured into this program that it has been expanded into the PWA Holiday Fund to defeat loneliness, heartache and despair during the rest of the year's holidays. Lady Victoria Lust annually raises thousands upon thousands of dollars for PWAs.

Once when someone came up to him at Mary's and told him he was a saint, I heard Marvin reply, "Oh Honey, I'm just an old drag queen doing what she can. But tell me, what are you doing to help?" The inference being, Marvin is always more interested in others than in praise for himself and assumes that everyone else is doing what they can.

From her work in the Court to Drag Queen Mud Wrestling, this Hero is there for us every single day.

Everyday Heroes don't work for recognition, praise, or even personal satisfaction. These gentle, caring, loving, selfless people simply see a need and have the heart and the humanity to extend a hand to help.

This community is fortunate to have hundreds, even thousands, of Everyday Heroes. Perhaps, gentle reader, you are one. If you are, good for you, God bless and thanks.

Christian president fires gay play director

ABILENE, Texas, Thursday, June 1 (AP)—Robert Neblett planned to return to his alma mater Abilene Christian this summer to direct a campus production of "The Merchant of Venice."

Then school president Royce Money learned that Neblett was gay and the 1993 graduate was told he wasn't right for the job.

"Although our religious convictions preclude persons espousing a lifestyle of homosexuality from serving in a position of leadership, we care deeply for Mr. Neblett," ACU President Royce Money said.

"We appreciate his tremendous talent and find it unfortunate that his choice of lifestyle has resulted in this situation."

Neblett, a Snyder native now studying at Washington University, said he was asked whether he was gay a week before rehearsals were to begin.

"When I said yes, (the school)

informed me that I was unfit to represent the university because of its moral code," Neblett said.

Neblett, 23, said he's crushed by the incident, which has forced him to tell his family of his sexuality sooner than he had planned.

"I feel that Abilene Christian University has 'outed' me and pushed me out of the closet in a public way," he told the Abilene Reporter-News. "They have forced me into certain circumstances by doing this."

Money said that Neblett, a former student, should've known the university's stance toward homosexuality.

"They act like I made a choice and chose for this to happen. No one would choose to be treated the way gays are in this homophobic society," said Neblett, adding that he is considering legal options.

A new director has been chosen, and performances are scheduled to begin June 16.

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Gay Today

by Glen Webber



Gay Pride Notebook (part II)

Happy GAY PRIDE MONTH. It's now Week Two of our celebration of liberation. Already, events are going on all over the city to commemorate and celebrate this exciting time.

I believe the parade is necessary not only to mark a significant time in the gay movement, but just to have lots of fun. Let's all go out and party that day, and see the thousands of men and women celebrating in ways that are meaningful and personal to them. And when you see the crowd, you will see the diversity of people that make up our community.

The gay community, in all of its diversity, is so much a part of the fabric of society that our loss due to AIDS has affected every facet of society. The fact that much of straight society can't or won't recognize it is sad. But we recognize it, and in our hearts, dedicate this parade, as every parade, to our gay brothers and sisters who couldn't be here to celebrate with us. As always, our conduct in public can help or hurt our community's reputation in the eyes of the larger community. Let's show the world who we are, and let's be proud.

To celebrate, I am repeating my Gay Pledge of Allegiance in honor of this month. I wrote this so every gay man and women may recognize that the gay community is legitimate and their lifestyle is valid. Next week, I'll tell you my most meaningful gay experience.

Gay Pledge Of Allegiance

1. I am a homosexual. I am proud of who I am.

2. I will learn from the advice of the Gay Generation before me and pass on my experience and knowledge to the generation after me.

3. I will recognize that the gay community is very diverse and accept that diversity is what makes us strong.

4. I will support gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses whenever possible and expect them to treat me with respect and honesty.

5. I will vote for and support those politicians who support laws that protect my rights as a gay American.

6. I will act in a responsible manner when representing the gay community in the public arena.

7. I will defend the gay community against family, friends and and co-workers who make anti-gay comments.

8. I will speak out against those religious leaders who use GOD's name to promote anti-gay sentiment.

9. I will always be honest about my health status when getting involved in a relationship.

10. I will never discriminate against anyone HIV-positive and will never pity or judge someone who is HIV-positive.

11. I will always maintain relationships that are consensual and with those over the legal age of consent.

12. I will denounce those gay men and women who sexually abuse children or who participate in non-consensual behavior.

13. I will acknowledge the Quilt as my community's flag and my brothers' names as the stars that shine bright.

Remember, the parade is our parade. I'll see you there.

AIDS rate rising fastest among minority males in U.S.

ATLANTA, Thursday, June 1 (AP)—AIDS cases are increasing at a much faster rate among gay black or Hispanic men than gay white men in the United States, further evidence that prevention programs must target minorities, a study published Thursday said.

The study of men who acquired the human immunodeficiency virus through gay sex found that the overall rate increased by 30 percent nationwide between 1989 and 1994.

While the rate for white males 13 and older increased by 14 percent, it rose by 79 percent for blacks and 61 percent for Hispanics, the study for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Although the AIDS rate remains low in rural areas, it increased by

69 percent there during the study period, compared with 24 percent for the largest metropolitan areas.

The lack of access to AIDS education outside cities was a factor, researchers said.

In designing programs to educate people about AIDS, it's important to consider cultural differences and language barriers, said Dr. Patrick Sullivan, who conducted the study.

"In some cultures there may be a significant number of men who have sex with other men but do not regard themselves as gay," he said.

Furthermore, AIDS education programs in gay centers and in clinics in mostly white neighborhoods are not easily accessible to minorities.

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Letters to the Editor

The Issue is Homophobia

From D.J. JECKER

Owner, Watermark Distinctive Printing and Ad Specialties

The need for a Town Meeting II and support for an event the magnitude of Spectrum '95 has become more apparent now as Spectrum '95 itself has been directly affected.

I am the printing broker for Spectrum '95 handling all of the larger printing projects that were not donated. My company is Watermark Distinctive Printing Services. The printing company chosen to print the 20,000 32-page program guides for Spectrum '95 informed me two days before going to Press that after printing the CD insert for the first CD, they would not print anything else involving Spectrum '95.

The salesman, who had no problem with it, relayed that one of the owners had made the decision based on it being a gay oriented event, making it a moral decision on his part.

A phone call to that owner, Frank Jolley, resulted in him officially not even saying the word gay, but preferring to call it an "issue" that he has to consider. The same as having to consider pornography an "issue." Not that one is the same as the other, but because the laws concerning these issues are so vague, the individual businesses have to consider the entire "issue" itself, and how it may affect their business.

They hoped that I would understand, and not take it personally, and (of course) continue to bring my other business to them.

Sorry, Frankie! I have to take it personally. That's my community that is an "issue" in your mind, but friends and family in my life. And it's a moral "issue" with me too. I am a Christian

and take "issue" with your beliefs that want to deny me my Christianity as a Gay person. And yes this "issue" will affect your business after all.

Friends, the Voice has been the leader in informing you of our own "issues" perpetrated by people like this, so that you may be informed. It is up to you, the community, to decide whether or not you want to continue to support these people and their businesses. I don't "do" revenge. But I do feel it's my obligation to inform you about Jolley Printing which is among the five largest printers in Houston.

If the laws won't grant us protection as a minority, because we are supposed to already be protected with the general population, then other entities (businesses, etc) cannot single us out to discriminate against us. But they sure as hell still are. Think about it. And do something about it. Support Spectrum '95 and its purpose, support gay business, make phone calls, write letters, participate, and vote.

PS: Yes, I did award the printing to another printer the same day.

Pet Patrol Thanks V-N

From DON WELCH

Houston, Texas

I am writing this letter to publicly thank David and his hard-working staff at venture-N for all of their hard work and support of the Pet Patrol.

This past Sunday, the Venture-N had a birthday party for pets, benefiting Pet Patrol. The event was a success and both owners and pets had a fun time.

I think all pet owners agree that your pet becomes your child, and to have a chance to bring your child out to meet other friends is a wonderful experience. Again I thank the Venture-N and staff for a great time and for their continuing support of our community.

*AFH offers safer sex outreach training**Quick Notes*

AIDS Foundation Houston will offer a free training session for individuals interested in teaching "safer sex" issues in the gay and lesbian community. The training is scheduled for Monday, June 12, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and will be taught by Bart Loeser, who has coordinated the gay/lesbian/bisexual outreach program for AFH for seven years. Loeser stated that the "crisis of HIV in our community continues to plague us. Houston in particular needs more people involved in education and support for safer sexual activities."

Loeser coordinates "bar runs," distributing condoms and safer sex messages at bars, bathhouses and gay events, but states that more is needed. "We need to find new ways to keep our friends talking about the issues. We get into situations where we make mistakes, but instead of finding out how to deal with this, we usually keep quiet about all the stress and fear," he explained. "The message that it doesn't have to be that way must get out to the community...but I can't do it alone."

Loeser said he is developing some new campaigns to try to impact current trends of new HIV infections in the Houston community, and is looking for individuals who are outgoing, enthusiastic and committed to making a difference in this area.

The training session will introduce the new awareness campaign and teach those in attendance how to successfully reach those at risk, as well as how to run a safer sex "house party."

The house party is an opportunity for friends to gather in a small group to discuss the issues of dating, mating and relationships through games and role playing. "It has been found to be one of the most successful ways to get gay and bisexual men to look at their options" for staying negative and preventing the spread of HIV, said Loeser. Similar workshops, open to the public, are offered on the third and fourth Tuesday of each month (this month, June 20 and 27) at the AFH offices, 3202 Wesleyan.

To register for the free training workshop, or if you are interested in hosting a group for a free "Dating and Mating" workshop at any time or place, contact Bart Loeser at AFH, (713) 623-6796.

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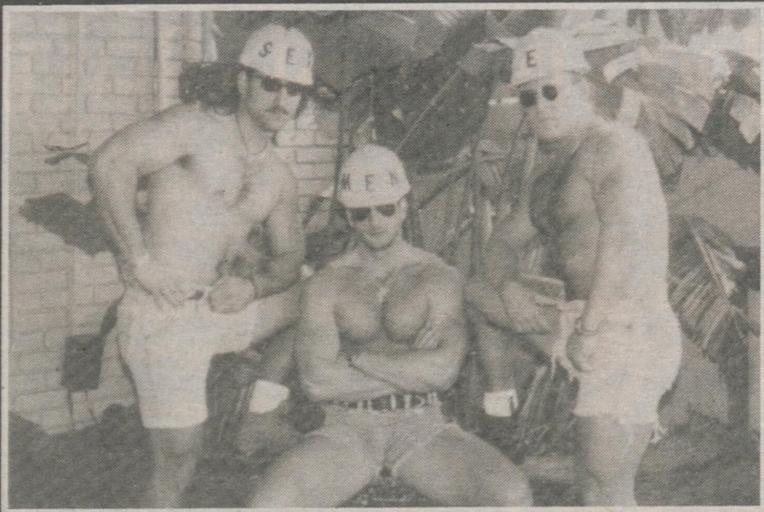
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Community Organizations Bulletin Board

Hatch Prom is June 24

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of homosexuals (HATCH) will hold its annual Prom the night before the Houston's Gay Pride Parade. The HATCH Prom will take place Saturday, June 24, at the Majestic Metro, 911 Preston on Market Square in downtown Houston, from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

The Prom was scheduled for the night before the Pride Parade primarily because HATCH youth have been selected as the organizational Honorary Grand Marshals of the '95 parade. Refreshments and snacks will be served, but no alcohol is permitted on the premises.

Tickets for the event are \$15 and may be purchased at the door. They can also be purchased in advance at Crossroads Market and Inklings Bookstore. Discounts are available to youth ages 15-21 who purchase the tickets at HATCH meetings.

HATCH provides a safe haven for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth to meet, discuss issues facing them and socialize. The organization also provides outreach and education to school administrators and counselors. For more information on the Prom or on HATCH programs, call (713) 942-7002.

HIV Financial Issues Class

Money is one of the chief concerns facing people living with HIV/AIDS, so the "Positive Choices" Wellness Program is featuring a panel of experts addressing "HIV/AIDS Financial Issues" on Tuesday, June 13, 1995. The free workshop will focus on organizing finances (including budgeting), disability concerns, entitlements, insurance, and other related issues. The program encourages people to take control of their life and health issues BEFORE situations turn into crises.

The class is open to any concerned individuals and RSVP is strongly encouraged (713) 524-2374. If the minimum attendance goals are not met the class may be subject to cancellation. It is offered bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The "Positive Choices" program offers many regularly scheduled classes providing vital information for people coping with HIV/AIDS, addressing medical and alternative treatment education, legal planning, self-esteem, substance abuse, nutrition, fitness, and many other issues. If you would like to receive the monthly events calendar, contact Scott Clark at Body Positive (see above phone number) for more information.

Transgender Law Conference

The Fourth Annual Transgender Law and Employment Policy Conference will be held Wednesday, June 14, through Sunday, June 18 at the Hilton Southwest Freeway. The conference was deliberately moved from its usual schedule in order to be a part of the upcoming Pride Week celebration, according to Phyllis Randolph Frye, a longtime "inclusive community" activist.

The conference will deal with legal strategy in the areas of jobs, insurance and health, rights and documents as those areas are applied or misapplied to the transgender community. Conference attendees will primarily fall into three categories, explained Frye: attorneys who want the 25 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit; social workers who want the equivalent in credit units from the University of Houston graduate school of Social Work; and "transgenders and others who want to network and develop progressive strategy for change."

"One of our best strategies still continues to be missed by the lesbian and gay community," Frye added. She explained that legal same-sex marriage has been going on within the transgender community for many years. "Why lesbian and gay activists don't latch onto this continues to be a mystery to me."

For registration information, contact Frye at 723-8368.

Journal Writing Class

AIDS Foundation Houston will offer a free course in journal writing to assist people living with HIV/AIDS. Facilitator Sally Hubbard will teach the journaling course as a creative outlet for exploring our personal feelings and ideas for a better understanding of our lives, which can lead to inner healing.

The course will be offered on three consecutive Sunday afternoons, beginning June 19 at the AIDS Foundation office, 3202 Wesleyan (Annex). Registration is required as class size is limited. For more information, call Sally at 783-2553 or Bart Loeser at AFH, 623-6796.

Juneteenth Pride Celebration

The African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance of Houston will host the "Juneteenth Pride Celebration" on Saturday, June 17, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at XTC, 9200 Buffalo Speedway. The event's guest of honor is Rev. Phillip Matthews and entertainment will be provided by Tommy Ross, Charles Dotson and Alicia. For more information please contact the Alliance at 864-2242.

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HOG kicks off summer camping season at Comanche Cliffs



Pennington said he was impressed with the camaraderie and spirit of the HOG group. "Everybody got along so well...it was great to see how everybody shared, there was no bickering," he said, noting that the camping group was about evenly mixed in gender and ethnically diverse. The campers also represented a range of professional back-

grounds and interests, from medical professionals to computer buffs with laptops in tow. (Costs of the camping trip were relatively low, according to Pennington).

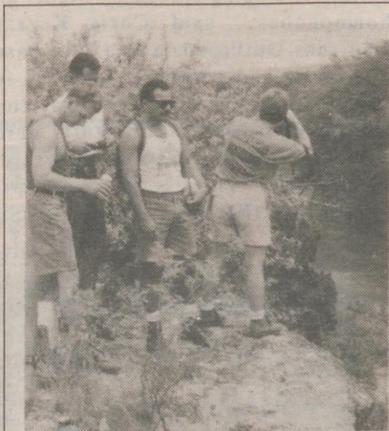
Houston Outdoor Group is a recreation and social group for gay men and lesbians who enjoy outdoor sports and activities. The group schedules a variety of activities covering different interests, and publishes a newsletter to inform members of upcoming outings. (A trip to New Braunfels is scheduled for this weekend). For more information on HOG, or to obtain a sample copy of the newsletter, dial KAMPOUT to reach the group's message hotline.

Community Highlight

An adventurous gathering of about 20 members and friends of the Houston Outdoor Group took advantage of the long Memorial weekend to commune with nature at a breathtaking Texas riverside camp. The expedition to Comanche Cliffs, about an hour's drive outside of San Antonio, gave the HOGs a chance to kick off summer with a weekend of hiking, tubing and other outdoor activities.

Highlights of the trip included hiking excursions through an animal sanctuary, where the members could view the animals in their element, and though shallow river waters past idyllic settings of waterfalls cascading over the rocky cliffs, and lush and varying vegetation displayed the versatility of the color green.

"There was some rain on Friday night, but by Saturday the skies were clear. Saturday night it was beautiful," said Matthew Pennington, Houston Voice production manager, whose partner is a HOG member. "Saturday night, when the skies were clear, we could see all the stars well enough to identify the constellations."



Tower front to remain part of planned center

(Continued from front page)

The Tower was used as a live theater venue after Pace purchased it in the mid-1970's, and for a time was a lively attraction in the heart of the heavily gay neighborhood. Later, however, the theater was leased to various nightclub operators and became an occasional magnet for controversy, particularly when parking by patrons of the club nights and promotions spilled over onto residential streets.

Since the early '90's, the Tower has been rented sporadically for community fundraisers and

other events; but mostly, the theater has sat vacant on its prime lot in the heart of Montrose. Rumors of its impending demolition have been persistent (the Voice received calls twice this year notifying us that the place would be razed in the night within a week).

An adjacent vacant building was also acquired by the new owners and will be part of the renovation. The renovation and construction phases of the project will total about nine months, at an estimated cost of \$1 million.

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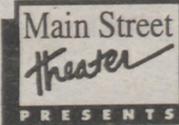


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Gay on-line leaders criticize media reports of runaway case

(SAN JOSE, Calif.)—Leaders of gay organizations and on-line services targeting the gay community are upset over media portrayals of the story of a Washington teen who ran away from home May 18. The teenager, Daniel Montgomery, went to San Francisco with the help of an older man he met through one of America Online's real-time gay chat areas. He has since returned home.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, leaders of gay organizations and gay on-line services reacted angrily to news accounts of Montgomery's case. They said media treatment of the runaway's story only serves to fuel the persistent myth that gays are sexual predators who use on-line services to victimize children.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Big Three consumer on-line services stressed that situations such as Montgomery's could be averted if parents would use the safeguards that the services provide and talk to their children about on-line interaction, the paper reported.

Gay leaders active on-line were particularly incensed by comments attributed to Bill Montgomery, the youth's father. The elder Montgomery said he believed there were organized gay efforts on-line to recruit boys like Daniel.

"That perception (that gay men actively recruit under-age boys on-line) is certainly there and I can only believe it's being spread by bigots and homophobes," said Chris Kryzan, who runs OutProud, a San Jose-based advocacy-and-referral agency for gay youth on-line. "We in the gay community know we're constantly being painted by certain factions as a threat to families. There's a strong pre-conception that a gay man is proba-

bly a pedophile. That really troubled me about this case—that everyone locked on the gay angle. I've heard many more stories on-line about 45-year-old guys and 15-year-old girls, but you don't see them getting this kind of treatment."

Kryzan, whose agency offers support to more than 200 gay youth daily, said he can think of only two or three cases in recent years where 17-year-old boys entered into what he characterized as unhealthy relationships with older men. "They were looking for love and support. And the older men typically were in their 40s and in the closet," said Kryzan. "I can tell you why I think this case struck such a chord—even though he sounds like just a typical runaway from a hard home situation: It plays into so many fears, such as parents losing control of kids, the new technology entering the home, the generalized fears of gays as predators. It hits all the buttons."

Karen Wickre, co-founder of Digital Queers, a San Francisco-based national group that equips non-profit groups with technology, said it's lamentable that gay social-service and civil rights groups are put on the defensive by a story that has little, if anything, to do with their work.

"I resent the assumption, personally, that gays are more likely to victimize children. It's interesting that the press looks to a wide variety of gay groups to comment and defend the actions of one person. No matter who the predator is and who the victim is in this case, it says nothing about gay men—or people on-line—being more likely to be predators. Frankly, the kids have much greater chance of being exposed to problems with gangs and drugs at school than on-line," said Wickre.

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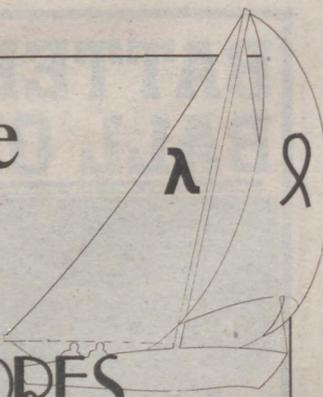
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How gays missed the opportunity to support friendly corporate giant

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Jim Nathan, board chair of the Heartland Project, and co-founder of the Uncommon Clout Visa Card, provides marketing strategy services for gay owned business, and for mainstream companies entering the gay market. The card raises money for lesbian and gay AIDS related non-profits and is a vehicle for wielding the economic clout of the gay community. Said Nathan: "In response to AT&T's direct-mail marketing piece to gays and lesbians, and AT&T's highly visible support at gay events, most notably, the New York Gay Games, some members of the religious and radical right believe that corporations should not be recognizing that the gay and lesbian community has a rightful place."

There was more than morality at stake in the decision to attack AT&T. US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT carried an extensive report in its March 13, 1995 edition which stated, "LifeLine, an Oklahoma City-based long-distance telephone carrier that markets itself to those who share its political views, is attacking AT&T. The Christian carrier isn't going after the phone giant's rates or service; instead, it is targeting a small, direct-mail campaign that AT&T used to attract gays

and lesbians last year. LifeLine executives don't mince words about what they are up to: "We are taking money from AT&T and the causes they support," says Carl Thompson, senior vice president of LifeLine, "and moving it to an organization that supports Christian causes."

The report continues with a quote from Burke Stinson, "We support a discrimination-free workplace, but they are portraying us as persecuting people who are opposed to the gay community. Unless you see things their way 100 percent, you're their enemy 100 percent."

Stinson gave an example of one of the tools of the attack, "A 30-minute program known as 'Focus and the Family'—at the end of which they give names and phone numbers of our executives for people to call and complain." Burke Stinson repeatedly refused to give numbers, or any specifics around the program's attack but did say, "It has attracted attention to be sure. There have been cards, calls, and letters to be sure. There have been calls, cards, and letters about AT&T's advertising on a television show that had been deemed to be inappropriate for family values. We've received opinions from people about our philanthropy, our marketing and

our personnel policies. That has been going on for a number of years." When asked if it was true that the fundamentalists angry calls outnumbered gay supportive calls by a 200/1 ratio, he refused to answer directly and finally said, "It's fair to say that the fundamentalists have been more mobilized. And we've heard more from them."

Later in the interview Stinson loosened up and revealed, "Our efforts have been redefined by our critics, that it is not maintenance that we are after but promotion. It's not education that we are behind, but indoctrination. So what can happen, I'm afraid is by use of emotional verbs and emotional adjectives which incorrectly define our efforts we get people who are up-in arms about the impression they get based on the misleading verbs and misleading adjectives. It's unfortunate but, that's what can happen. ... Such enterprises seem to have no second thoughts about sending out flyers and other literature that paint AT&T in a very inflammatory way. Up to and including bogus quotes. I've been the target myself. ... So, it's a strange mix of money and morality we have on our hands here."

Morality figures in also. Jim Nathan explains, "AT&T was very early in establishing a

formal gay and lesbian employee group. There are other companies certainly, who have in one way or another, reached out and been supportive of the gay and lesbian community. It appears that AT&T was targeted because it is in a highly competitive industry and has been historically in the forefront of progressive policies."

While its competitors did an outstanding job of educating and alarming fundamentalists of AT&T's gay friendliness, no one got the message to most gays. In a survey of random gays and lesbians, only 12.50% had heard, read, or seen anything about AT&T and gays in any media. When asked about their personal thoughts whether AT&T was positive, 58.33% stated they didn't know or thought it was neutral, and 16.67 percent thought AT&T did not want gay business. Only 6.25 percent of the gays surveyed received the famous AT&T gay mailer.

For all the trouble, AT&T's bottom line didn't suffer or gain much. A fog of mystery covers the entire event since AT&T has kept secret the specifics of the actual effects and magnitude of the fundamentalist's attack damage.

U.S. News and World Report found that, "(LifeLine's) marketing strategy has

helped LifeLine increase its customer base from just 11,000 subscribers 20 months ago to 200,000 today. The company's annual sales now exceed \$34 million, and 10 percent of those revenues are used to support conservative political or religious causes." Since AT&T has over 50% of the market it is safe to assume that a minimum of \$17 million came from AT&T.

For all the millions lost the damage wasn't that bad. First, an unnamed AT&T customer service agent leaked to this paper that the angry canceling fundamentalists only averaged about \$5-\$7 per month on long distance service. That low figure is about one sixth of the gay average. Further, not everyone calling was canceling. Jim Nathan revealed, "In the past year they've been able not only to stem the tide of their loss in market share but they've actually picked up a couple of points in market share which is, I believe, for the first time since AT&T was broken up some 15 years ago."

Burke Stinson admitted that the gay outreach "met objective," and when all losses and gains were considered, AT&T gained about one million customers.

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ALLEY THEATRE

Well-oiled fundies helped topple outreach effort

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Money isn't the only thing influencing a corporation the size of AT&T. It has stopped most, if not all, of its marketing efforts into the gay community.

Jim Nathan shared, "My impression has been that AT&T's major marketing efforts into the gay community has been on hold for quite a few months. There are rumors that there was a very large campaign a bridge campaign that was temporarily put on hold a couple of months ago." He went on to say he had seen the stop of AT&T's print advertising with gay business associa-

tions as well.

AT&T avoided admitting why, but when asked repeatedly if the controversy caused any changes in AT&T's marketing to gays, Burke Stinson did admit that AT&T has changed marketing to groups of buying habits instead of demographic-based groups and evasively made it sound like the decision was not influenced by the fundamentalist's backlash.

When pressured to state if AT&T would market its services to gays again or appear at the next Gay Games, which "met objectives," Stinson said, "Does Macy's tell Gimbels?"

Does Ford tell Chevrolet? We don't make a practice of saying what it is we plan to do too far into the future."

Nathan explained, "As a community we have a long way to go to becoming anywhere near the well-oiled and activist machine as the religious right. They do understand how to organize, particularly at the grassroots level, and they also understand, interestingly enough, that major corporations can be almost more responsive to the views or opinions of their customers than even those in elected office." He went on to explain how in many grassroots efforts, he has been surprised how

responsive and frightened directors can be of a small but vocal minority, and that threats of selling stock, or having large groups not buy their products will influence corporate businessmen. He also remarked that our elected officials are used to hearing from large groups of constituents, but corporate America doesn't know how to handle this input.

All is not, however. Representatives said that although the marketing plan was lost, AT&T's commitment to diversity and to the rights of its gay and lesbian employees remains intact, at least for now.

WHO: twin epidemics of AIDS and TB fueling one another's spread

By CLARE NULLIS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

GENEVA, Friday, June 2 (AP)—AIDS and tuberculosis are working together in a deadly partnership as both diseases spiral out of control, the World Health Organization said Friday in announcing efforts to tackle the double scourge.

By the end of the decade, tuberculosis will speed the deaths of a third of AIDS sufferers, the U.N. health agency said.

At the same time, the forecast explosion in AIDS cases, espe-

cially in Southeast Asia, is likely to increase the spread of TB, it said.

"As a result of past neglect, TB has already spiraled out of control," said Dr. Paul Nunn, head of research for WHO's tuberculosis program. "But, fueled by the HIV epidemic, TB represents an even larger menace."

There will be an estimated 8.5 million TB cases this year and 3 million deaths, WHO estimates. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which causes AIDS, is infecting an estimated 6000 people per day.

In the past 10 years tubercu-

losis has spread dramatically because of over-crowding and poverty, the spread of AIDS and the resurgence of TB strains resistant to drugs.

TB germs are spread through the air by coughing, sneezing and talking. It causes fever, weight loss and violent coughing. People infected with the HIV virus are at particular risk for TB because they have less resistance to disease.

Carriers of the AIDS virus often test negative for tuberculosis, even though they have the lung disease. They then pass the TB on to other people with whom they have casual

contact, worsening the vicious cycle.

By the end of the decade, an estimated 14 percent of TB cases will be due to AIDS, WHO said.

"This co-epidemic complicates efforts to care for AIDS patients and to identify and treat TB victims," said Dr. Anthony Harris, a doctor in Malawi who attended a three-day meeting at WHO's Geneva headquarters.

WHO organized the meeting of AIDS and TB experts to work out a joint strategy to fight both diseases. It agreed to increase coordination between the

two sectors; try to improve TB diagnosis; step up TB prevention efforts among AIDS sufferers; and do more to persuade people ill with TB to seek treatment.

A major problem is funding; WHO has a budget of just \$6 million a year to combat TB, compared to \$70 million for AIDS.

Also, because TB was on the decline for so many years, big drug companies lost interest in it. The last new TB drug was developed in 1962, and a new drug that fights the more resistant strains probably won't hit the market for at least 10 years, said WHO's Nunn.

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SPORTS NOTES

MSL: Two More Weeks

The Montrose Softball League (MSL) continued its season play on Sunday, June 4 with very surprising results. We only have two more weeks remaining this year with the competitive playoffs on June 17 and June 18.

In the Competitive Division, the Briar Patch defeated the Montrose Inn and the Houston Voice lost to the Montrose Mining Company, 3-1.

In Recreational Division I, Pacific Street beat The Traveler's and J.R.'s Fighting Flamingos showed no mercy in soundly defeating Rich's Prime, 7-1.

Recreational Division II had two great games on Sunday. Chez E.J.'s gained their first win of the season by defeating Positively BRB, 12-5. E.J.'s scored nine runs in the first inning to help secure their victory. Congratulations to Shaboom and the members of E.J.'s!! In the second game, the Montrose Counseling Center came from behind to defeat the Gentry GAPS, 11-8 to secure first place in the division. Way to go Auntie Depressants! Being sister teams, Del McGee and Doc Nowlin sponsored a pizza party for Gentry and MCC after the game.

The team standings are as follows: **COMPETITIVE:** Montrose Mining Company, 10-1; Houston Voice, 8-3; Briar Patch, 4-7; Montrose Inn, 0-11. **RECREATIONAL I:** Pacific Street, 8-2; J.R.'s Fighting Flamingos, 7-3; The Traveler's, 5-5; Rich's Prime, 3-7. **RECREATIONAL II:** MCC Auntie Depressants, 6-1; Gentry GAPS, 5-2; Positively BRB, 2-5; Chez E.J.'s, 1-6.

The next week of play is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, at Tim Hearn Field (corner of Memorial & Jackson Hill) with the following schedule: 11:00 Pacific Street vs. J.R.'s; 12:00 Traveler's vs. Rich's Prime; 1:00 Briar Patch vs. Houston Voice; 2:00 Montrose Inn vs. Mining Company; 3:00 E.J.'s vs. MCC; 4:00 Gentry vs. Positively BRB.

The members of Pacific Street's softball team would like to invite everyone to Pacific Street on Friday nights. As a fundraiser, they are tending bar on the patio. Go out and see these guys and help them raise funds. It costs a lot of money to attend a tournament!!

Don't forget to attend MSL's annual fundraiser, "Jocks in Dresses" on Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Heaven.

Come see your favorite jocks strut their stuff as their once a year drag vigil begins. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Last year's Miss MSL, Mitch, will be there to give away the MSL Tiara to the new reign.

Bowling League Standings

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports the following standings. Sticky Wickets is in first place, Another Ex is second and We Hate This Game is third. High Scratch game of 224 and series of 570 was bowled by Brian Elley for the men. For the women High Scratch Game of 200 was bowled by Lisa McDougald and series of 488 was bowled by Judy Hatfield. Bowling is at 7 pm at Palace Lanes. For League info, call Tom at 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division A standings of Four Blonde Beavers in first place, Lube It or Lose It is second and Doggie Style Too is third. Division B is headed by Miss Dee Dee & Do Dah in first, Party of Four in second and Team 21 is in third. High Scratch game of 220 was bowled by Bob Davidson and series of 556 was bowled by Kevin Hull. Bowling is at 9:00 p.m. at Palace Lanes. For more info call Gardy at 641-5424.

The Monday Nite Women's League reports Legal Insanity has moved into first while Can't Bowl Straight is second, Nine Is Fine is third and Maybe, Maybe Not is fourth. Bowling is at 6:15 pm at Fairlanes Southway. For info call Pat at 437-6218 or Marla at 862-3630.

The Wednesday Nite Mixers bowl at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays at Palace Lanes. For more info call Tom at 522-9612.

Congratulations to Houston bowlers Gary Shope, Randy Findlay, John Marr and John Leahey for placing 9th in the Team Event of the International Gay Bowlers Organization Tournament in Vancouver, B.C. Also traveling on to Portland Oregon the next weekend for another IGBO tournament, Houston Bowlers Pam Spayde, Andrea Black, Gardy Harvey, Tom O'Dell and former Houstonian Mark McAllister took 4th place team in the Rose Bowl Classic Tournament. Andrea Black and Tom O'Dell won the Doubles event.

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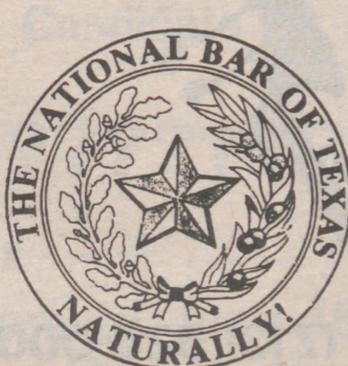
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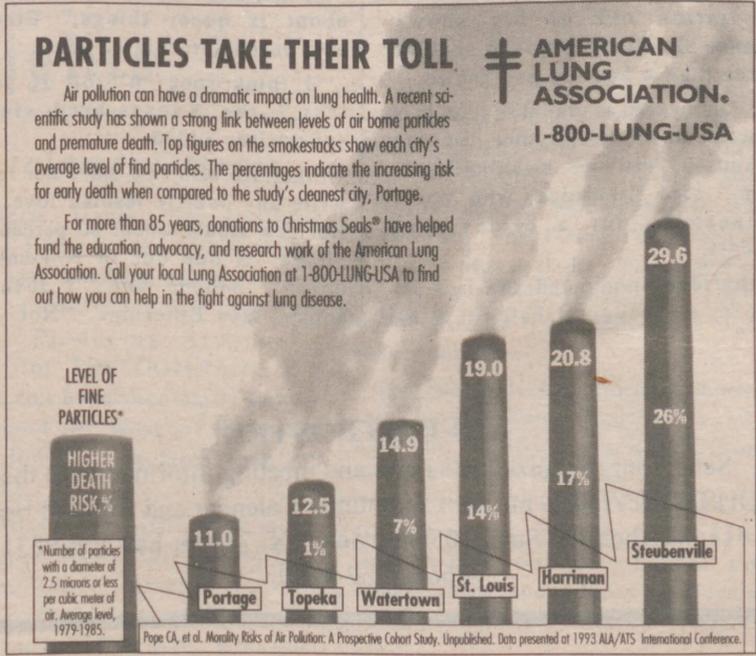


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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

'Waiting for a Kiss': a message about love

Theater Review
By JAVIER TAMEZ
Houston Voice/Houston

There are many ways to escape the pain and fear of slow death and the desperate loneliness of survival. Escaping to a fantasy world is one such way. For Bobby and Perkins, the fictional, beautiful couple of "Waiting for a Kiss," who are separated far too soon by AIDS, the fantasy land is a quaint, charming place that never really existed—the simple suburban world of Tammy (the title character from all those Debbie Reynolds movies). And with funny, silly and endearing stories, Tammyland comes to life for the young lovers when bleak reality is too overpowering.

Bobby (Rodney Walsworth) is a construction worker; Perkins (Kent Johnson) is a clerical worker. Their first meeting is passionate and touching, with Bobby sharing his inclination for a make-believe world with Perkins. And something comically, warmheartedly magical is afoot in their relationship from the onset, for during their first love-making night, Tammy (Melody Green) appears outside the bedroom window, and though Perkins does not see her, he hears the well-known song which bears her name and wonders what he is hearing.

At his work place the next morning, Perkins excitedly tells his best friend Wanda (Marcy Bannor) of his wonderful experience the night before, unsuccessfully pretending to be nonchalant about a possible phone call from his new friend and wondering aloud why in the world he can't get this Tammy—tune out of his head. Perkins is so worked-up about his encounter with Bobby, that he can hardly contain himself when the hoped-for phone call from Bobby finally arrives.

Love soon works its magic and the two seem ideal for a life of happiness together. Perkins reveals that he has begun to escape to Tammyland when-

ever he gets bored in the office, and says he spends time making up stories about the characters he encounters in Tammyland, stories which Bobby is eager to hear.

Unfortunately, as has so often been the case in our recent history, AIDS destroys their perfect life. As Bobby's illness progresses, he and Perkins rely more and more on the stories of Tammyland to help them escape, if only fleetingly, the world which crumbles around them. When Bobby does die, a distraught and crushed Perkins turns on the stove and lays down to cry himself to sleep (permanently). And outside, Tammy knocks on the bedroom window.

When the second act opens, Perkins is in Tammyland. He meets all the characters with whom he had already become familiar: Tammy; Helen (Bannor), the maid; Rhonda Sue (Jentry Brown), a friend of Tammy's; and one other with whom Perkins is not familiar—Speedo (Walsworth), a postman.

Still unable to cope with his own loss, Perkins, nonetheless, takes the time to help Tammy and Helen and Speedo. Tammy, always worried about her popularity, has difficulty with her slow path to adulthood and frets about her upcoming performance in a poetry recital. Helen explains the unending war she fights with "Mr. Jingles"—booze. Speedo, a plain and innocent character, moves forward, frightened and unsure, to acceptance of the feelings he knows he has. And from them all, Perkins learns to deal with his own loss.

"Waiting for a Kiss" is a poignant and pleasing story of a couple facing tragedy and a survivor facing life. Written by twin brothers, Tim Powers and Kim Powers (Kim completed the work several years after Tim had died of AIDS), this play is imbued with a life-affirming richness relayed through the loving strength shared by Bobby and Perkins and through metaphors, both obvious and esoteric.

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Etheridge: rock n' roll is genderless

MINNEAPOLIS, Friday, June 2 (AP)—Rocker Melissa Etheridge says she tries to keep issues of sexual orientation out of her shows because she draws a mixed audience rather than a heavily gay crowd.

"I want to keep as neutral as I can in my shows so anybody can come and enjoy it and it will be meaningful for them," said Etheridge, who was in Minneapolis for a Friday night concert.

Etheridge announced she is a lesbian at an inaugural ball for President Clinton in 1993.

"I didn't want people to think that now that I'm out, all I'm going to talk about is queer things," Etheridge said in an interview.

"I think rock 'n' roll is genderless," the Kansas-bred singer-songwriter added.

Etheridge also said she's not ready to write any overtly lesbian love songs. Her new album, about 80 percent completed, is due out in November. It doesn't include any "I love her" songs, says Etheridge. "Not yet."

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A 'Kiss' worth waiting for

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The play is first and foremost about love. From the words of the Wordsworth poem Tammy is so fearful of reciting to Helen's incisive call to "paint a kitchen blue," "Waiting for a Kiss" delivers an unmistakable message about unconditional love.

Its other elements are not so clear. Helen's recounting of her bout with alcoholism is powerful to be sure, but doesn't carry a clear correlation to the play's text unless perhaps as an example of fortitude in the face of overwhelming odds or more directly as a comparison to Wanda, Helen's counterpart in the "real" world, who struggles with her own drinking. The same could be said of a tangential story about Helen's secret desire to be a torch singer. Interesting and funny, yes, but if meant to be symbolic of the pursuit of dreams, it falters.

Other analogies work somewhat better. A serial killer which haunts and terrifies the good people of Tammyland is almost certainly AIDS, because it can strike anywhere and anyone. And then there is Tammy's grandfather (Joseph E. Hudson), a bed-ridden man who can barely communicate, but who reaches out to Tammy when she needs him, during her recital, and guides her through the poem—an indication of love reaching out over all obstacles and foreshadowing Bobby's appearance as part of the denouement.

This Houston premier production of "Waiting for a Kiss" does the work ample justice. Rodney Walsworth and Kent Johnson give first-rate portrayals. Walsworth has an unforced and understated charm that utterly glows, which is

enhanced when he plays the part of Speedo, and it contrasts starkly with his turn as a dying man. Johnson does equally well, giving Perkins a perky (tee-hee) ebullience in happy times and a disconsolate anger in plaintive times.

Melody Green has a fetching appeal as Tammy and Marcy Banner gives the evening's best performance as Wanda and Helen, playing the former as a lush worthy of sympathy and the latter as an unpretentious sage, offering counsel and compliment.



Rodney Walsworth (left) and Kent Johnson in "Waiting for a Kiss"

Director Patti Bean captures all the beautiful, touching aspects of the text, so humor engenders more appreciative smiles than outright guffaws. Maurice Tuttle's set design is completely utilitarian, which helps the smooth flow of the numerous scene changes.

"Waiting for a Kiss" is an absolute delight. You will laugh and you will smile. You will recognize it as familiar and still be touched by its magic.

- * What: Waiting for a Kiss
- * Where: Main Street Theater
- * When: June 1—July 1

'Me and Jezebel' hitting New Heights

Entertainment Notes

Even Bette Davis, the irascible queen of Hollywood, will be hard-pressed next month to call it a dump. "Far from it," declares Lee Harrington, Producing Artistic Director for THE COMPANY WE KEEP. If you have seen New Heights Theatre and the work of its director, Ron Jones, he explains, then you know why.

What Miss Davis will call it is her mid-summer home. She will be here (well, in spirit anyway) for the whole month of July as Houston's New Heights Theatre presents

Elizabeth Fuller's 'Me and Jezebel,' Harrington said. After successful runs in San Francisco and New York, the third production of Fuller's play will be the Southwest Premiere in Houston. The late, unforgettable film star is a featured character.

The July 5-31 run will be a co-production of New Heights Theatre and The Company We Keep. Community organizations can quickly raise \$500 or \$1000 for their treasuries by getting 25 couples to each bring one other couple. For group sales and advance information, call 713-523-9000 immediately.

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Visual Arts Notes

The Hyde Park Art Gallery is hosting a group showing entitled "The Artist's Eye: Silence to Celebration." The show will feature all recent works of art by well known artists in the Houston gay and lesbian community—works that

explore all aspects of gay and lesbian life, from joy to sorrow.

The group of well-known artists includes Mark Hebert, Larry Crawford, William Wong, John T., Martin, Oliver, Frank Parsley, Robert Ramos, Tad Johnson, Alfredo Oliva, Charles McDougald and others. The art exhibited will be in all forms and media: oil, acrylic, pen and line watercolor, photography and sculpture.

A special note: one of the artists, Charles McDougald, is donating all proceeds from the sales of his work to local AIDS foundations.

A reception for all of the artists in the show will be held June 16

from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hyde Park Art Gallery. All are invited to meet the artists, enjoy the art and celebrate the pride of our community, gallery representatives said.

The Hyde Park Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park, two blocks east of the intersection of Montrose and

Hyde Park. Gallery hours: Sunday, Monday and Thursday, noon to 6:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 9:00 p.m. The show will be on exhibit from June 16 through July.

New Art At Reese Gallery

At age 25, Houston artist Daniel Kimbrough breaks onto the scene with his debut exhibit at the Reese Gallery. Works by this self-taught, promising young artist bring to life a world that lives within his vivid imagination. Kimbrough's art is being featured along with that of Yvonne D. Fitch, Gerald Pennywell and Jeannette Ulrich until July 1.

The Reese Gallery is located at 1703 West Gray, across from Office Max. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Contest For HIV-Positive Artists

The Harris County Department of HIV services and the Dizinger Foundation Art Gallery are

jointly sponsoring an art contest for the cover of the 1996 HIV/AIDS Resource Directory. The contest is for artists with HIV, and the cover theme should reflect the contents of the Resource Directory, which lists local HIV/AIDS services.

With the artist's permission, an acknowledgment will be printed in the Resource Directory. The artist will be awarded a trophy, and will be recognized at a public forum, organizers said.

The art contest will be open to all art mediums and the deadline for entries is July 15. For more information about the contest, contact Clifton Hazelwood of the Dizinger Foundation Art Gallery, (713) 527-8490.



Houston artist Daniel Kimbrough at Reese Gallery

Community Forum



Understanding HIV Pathogenesis

You are invited to attend a live interactive video teleconference to learn about recent advances in understanding HIV pathogenesis from research experts and community advocates including Moises Agosto (NMAC); Bill Bahlman (ACT-UP New York); Martin Delaney (Project Inform); Gregg Gonsalves (TAG); Dr. Mark Holodniy (VA Medical Center, Palo Alto, CA); and Dr. Michael Saag (University of Alabama, Birmingham)

- DATE:** Thursday, June 29, 1995
- TIME:** 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Central Time
Refreshments will be served 1 hour before broadcast.
- LOCATION:** Westin Galleria
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- CO-MODERATORS:** Joseph C. Gathe, Jr., MD, Park Plaza Hospital
Bart Loeser, AIDS Foundation Houston
- INFORMATION:** For further information, please call the Teleconference Coordinators at 1-800-555-9587 (in New York State, 1-800-521-1177) between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM, eastern time.

This program is co-sponsored by the National Association of People with AIDS, the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, the National Minority AIDS Council, and Project Inform and is supported under an unrestricted educational grant from Burroughs Wellcome Co.

Helms threatens Ryan White filibuster

CHARLOTTE, Wednesday, May 31 (AP)—Republican Sen. Jesse Helms has renewed his opposition to an AIDS prevention and treatment program that is up for reauthorization in Congress.

Helms was one of only four senators to vote against the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Resources Act in 1990. The bill is up for a five-year reauthorization.

The program is too vague for Helms' liking, his office said Wednesday.

"It's just like writing a blank check," a source familiar with Helms' position told The Charlotte Observer.

The bill estimates that \$3.6 billion could be spent on AIDS programs from 1996 to 2000.

Helms hasn't spoken publicly about his stand on the measure named for White, an Indiana youth barred from attending public school after contracting AIDS from a blood transfusion. White died in 1990.

Helms has three objections to the new bill:—The bill makes more money

available to AIDS victims than to victims of cancer or heart disease, although fewer people die from AIDS.—Most people afflicted with AIDS—homosexuals and drug users—could have avoided it by modifying their behavior.—The bill doesn't say exactly how much money will be spent.

Helms' office provided congressional figures showing that AIDS programs are estimated to get \$2.9 billion in 1996, compared with \$2.4 billion for cancer research and \$834 million for heart disease programs.

In 1994, heart disease was the nation's leading cause of death, with 739,860 deaths, followed by cancer with 530,870 deaths. AIDS was the eighth-leading cause of death, with 38,500 deaths.

In 1990, Helms said he was against the AIDS bill because "taxpayers' money is being proposed to be used to proselytize a dangerous lifestyle. ..." He referred to homosexuals and people who use dirty needles to inject themselves with illegal

drugs.

Homosexual sex accounts for 54 percent of AIDS cases, and drug abuse accounts for another 25 percent, according to federal statistics.

One of the primary purposes of the 1990 AIDS bill was to increase the availability of out-of-hospital care for people with AIDS and HIV infection. Before the bill, AIDS sufferers were going to hospitals for emergency treatment that could have been given in less-expensive settings. The bill funded programs under which AIDS patients could be treated less expensively.

Helms' opposition to the reauthorization bill is in the form of a behind-the-scenes "hold," sources told the newspaper. A "hold" is a private notification to Senate leaders that a senator will make lengthy speeches against a bill if it's brought to the floor.

"It's mean-spirited, and Helms is using his seat in the Senate to gay-bash once again," said David Smith, spokesperson for the Human Rights

Campaign Fund, the nation's largest gay-rights lobbying group.

Senate leaders can overcome a hold by working behind the scenes to modify a bill to meet a senator's objections—or by gathering 60 votes to overcome the threatened filibuster.

This year's bill has broad bipartisan support and 58 publicly declared supporters in the Senate, including Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. It is sponsored by Kansas Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, a moderate Republican.

Patricia Fleming of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy predicted the AIDS bill eventually would pass, despite Helms' objections.

Fleming didn't directly attack any of Helms' three reasons for opposing the bill, but said there are other diseases—such as lung cancer—that could be avoided through abstaining from some products, such as tobacco.

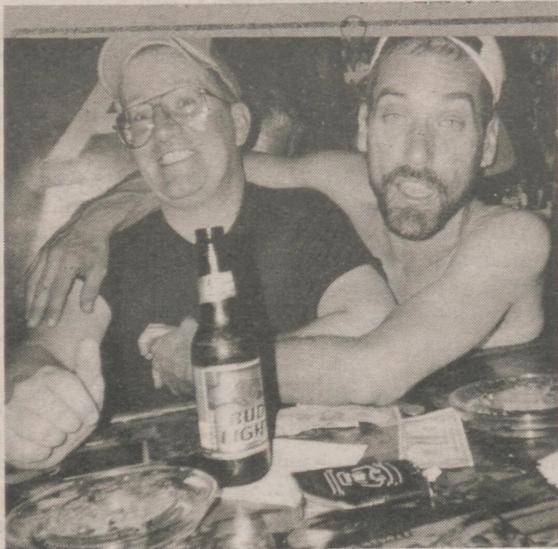
"There are many diseases caused by past behavior," she said.

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Pageants, parties, benefits everywhere; countdown to Pride begins



Did Buddy and Meg have a hard day?

Houston Soap

By CAROLYN ROBERTS

The countdown to Pride Week and the Parade has started! Pride Week starts on June 18th, and the Parade is June 25th!

Past Events

Congrats to John Benevidious for bring home the title of "Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '95-'96" this weekend in Dallas! He won this title by scoring 4517 out of a possible 5600 total points. I understand it was his heart-wrenching speech on "Safe, Sane, and Consensual" that brought the audience to their feet.

This past Sunday at the Brazos River Bottom, Miss Camp America hosted a fundraiser that brought in \$517 for the Miss Camp charities! Keep up the good work!

The Miss Galveston contest was this past Friday at the Kon Tiki. The winner is C.C. Rider, 1st runner up—Lori Love, and 2nd Runner-up—Roxanne Lee Love. I have been told that Lori's "Pride Gown" was quite spectacular! Congrats to all!

Friday, June 9

"Jocks in Dresses" take the stage at Heaven tonight at 8:00 p.m. This is the annual fundraiser for the Montrose Softball league. The gates of Heaven swing open at 7:30 p.m.

"Celebri-tease" takes the stage at Club 403 tonight at 10:30 p.m. This week's special guests are: Whitney Houston, Dionne Warwick and Tina Turner.

Saturday, June 10

Papa Del has lost his mind! Tonight at Gentry, in honor of Gentry's 5th anniversary, Papa Del is giving away well drinks and longnecks for only a nickel! Yes, a nickel! It is 5 for 5 at Gentry tonight from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Congrats to Del and the staff of Gentry for their continuing success!



I've got you Babe...Lana Blake

"June Babies Birthday Bash" party is tonight at Club 403. They ask you to come and celebrate, eat cake, and enjoy the 9:30 p.m. show.

Tonight at the Lazy J, Erica's Showcase spotlights Brandi Houston—Miss Lazy J, Thomas Rodriguez—Mr. Gay Pride All-American, Rochelle Ramone—Miss Lazy J '94, and LaWanda Jackson—formerly of LaCage and the reigning Miss Texas National. The show starts at 10:00 p.m. with the lovely Erica as your MC.

The Texas Riders are hosting their 27th anniversary tonight at the Venture-N. The party starts at 9:00 p.m.

Excel of the Armadillo Annual Garage Sale will be held today, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) at 1919 Decatur.

Sundance Cattle Company is having

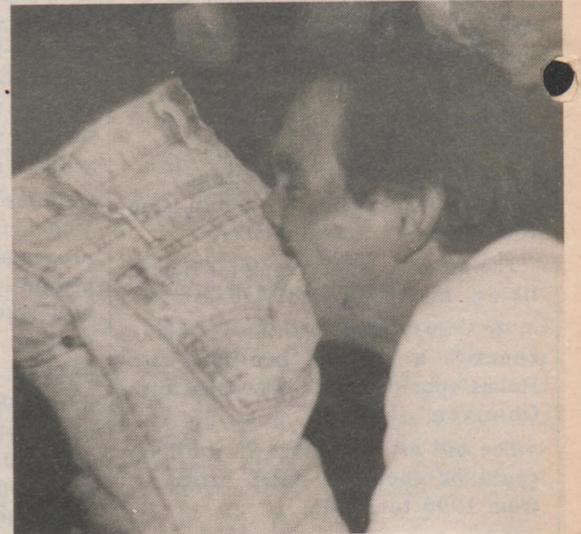
ren with AIDS and their families. Show time is 6:00 p.m.

Watch the Rockets vs. Magic at 6:30 p.m. at Gentry tonight. After the game, the Court presents "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better!", a very twisted drag show. After that show, the 6 week finals of the male strip contest start. Sounds like a full evening's entertainment tonight at Gentry.

No shirt, no cover, no kidding!! Pacific Street "Overloads" tonight. The doors open at 7:00 p.m.

J.R.'s Bar and Grill has \$1 off top shelf cocktails during the Rockets game!

The Brazos River Bottom is hosting a fundraiser tonight. Marcia Johnson, candidate for Ms. IGRA 1996 will be on stage with special guests. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Get there early for two reasons; first of all, this is your last chance to sign up to be a Denim Party host,



Bite this...baby

and so does Gentry! What's a Cuevolyn to do?

It is week # 5 in the search for talent at E/J's.

Wednesday, June 14

Today is Flag Day!

The pool tables at the Venture-N are still free tonight! It is also hump night, with \$1 domestic longnecks all day and all night!

The Pet Patrol has their annual auction this afternoon at the Black Lab restaurant. The auction tables will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Remember to bring a bag of doggie or kitty food to donate to one of my favorite organizations!

The Rockets vs. Magics at 8:00 p.m. on the screens at Gentry tonight, followed by the sizzle strip contest with Catia Lee Love at 11:00 p.m.

E/J's has hot beef on the grill tonight!

Thursday, June 15

Happy anniversary to the Montrose Mining Company! The Mine will be having one heck of a party tonight with the "customary toast" drink specials and lots of party favors. Congrats to Charles Armstrong and his staff!

Pacific Street has a great special tonight! Show your valid Club Houston card or any other gym card and get in free. Pacific has new "towel boys," and drink specials that include "Lu Shot," "Blow Job," or a "Cherry" for only \$1.25!

Other Important Stuff

John Dye of the Colt 45's stopped in to see me this morning. He tells me that the food shelves at Stone Soup are getting bare! So, my advice to the Houston Voice readers is to buy a little extra non-perishable food items (except green beans) next time you go shopping, put them in a bag and drop it off at Stone Soup or at the office at the Houston Voice. Our community needs your help!



I feel pretty...oh so pretty...

a car wash and bake sake today in the parking lot of Mary's. Wash 'em up from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The guys of the Texas Renegades guest bartend on the patio tonight at the Brazos River Bottom. Stop in and say HI!

The super Saturday show at E/J's features the talents of Naomi Warwick, Catia Lee Love and Vanessa Rae. The super sexy show hostess is Brittany Paige. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

The Montrose Mining Company has a great beer bust special this and every Sunday. The beer bust on the patio has an optional \$2 buy-in and 50¢ refills of Miller Lite Draft or you can purchase a long, cold, domestic longneck for only \$1. The choice is yours, but the price always includes hot men and loads of fun!

"This One's For The Children"—an AIDS benefit sponsored by the PWA Coalition and Mary's, naturally. Guest fundraisers are: Mr. Joe De Rosa—Mr. Prime Choice '95, Miss Ouisa—Miss Montrose '94, Miss Ree Pscycle—Miss Montrose '95, Mr. Danny Dyer, Miss Sabrina Sinclair and a bunch of other special guests. This fundraiser will be hosted by Don Gill and Don Young, and will benefit Child-

from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., second, steak night on the patio starting at 6:00 p.m. and for only \$6, you get a huge hunk of T-bone, baker all-the-way, and salad!

Free BBQ at the ToyBox tonight at 5:00 p.m. Lick smackin' good!

Monday, June 12

The pool tables at the Venture-N are free tonight!

Honky Tonk nights at Gentry with 75¢ schnapps, \$2 Cuervo Gold shots (Oh, I never drink Cuervo), open pool table, and open CD juke box! Guess what, They do it all again tomorrow, too!

The Ripcord has a pool tournament tonight! The balls are racked at 7:00 p.m.

PastTime has free pool and BBQ tonight! Be sure to lick your fingers before you pick up a pool cue, or your balls might hit the floor!

The ToyBox bar has "Talent Night" tonight, hosted by their regular (demented) cast! Feel free to stop in and try out an act!

Tuesday, June 13

The pool tables at the Venture-N are free again tonight!

Where should I go today for my Cuervo? Mary's has it for \$2. Chances has it for \$2,



Houston Voice's photo diva, Steven David, actually likes to go "fishing"

News of new (and not so new) advertisers, birthdays and gossip

Houston Soap, Continued

Aphrodite Salon and Spa has just started running advertisements in the Houston Voice. They are a full service salon. Check out the ad in this issue for a 10% discount.

J.R.'s Bar and Grill offers \$1 off top shelf liquors during all Rockets games!

Don Gill has made a challenge to the Dallas Community for fundraising. Call Don Gill at 521-0911 if you would like more information.

Baba Yega's will be opening up at the end of July! Molly and Sid have had a "conversation" and YES they will have French Fries!!!

The Club Houston has a work out pass special. Check out the ad on page 21 to get all the details! Work on those summertime show-off muscles and get a tan, with or without tan lines at the Club Houston!

Brasil has great daily breakfast specials and wonderful coffees. Check out the ad in this issue and get a free yummy muffin!

Gentry will be showing all the championship series games!

"The Destiny of Me" is showing at Theater LaB Houston. Call 868-7516 for tickets.

Birthday Corner

Gaye Yancey is getting a little wrinkling on June 9th! I wonder if she is going to get a year's supply of eye shadow again

this year!

A special happy birthday to my own Jeff (Lazer Wizard) Roberts! He is getting closer to 30 than he is to 20! Sucker!

Happy Birthday to Tom Fry!

Sick Rodent Droppings

My little Ratrat is not feeling well! I

have a feeling that he is depressed because Harvey has been getting so much attention lately! I don't know, but if he doesn't start eating more and cheer up, I'm gonna have to take him to a Ferret psychiatrist.

My usual disclaimer is in force.

Narine: Kitch said that the reason you had "sparkles" on your face is that your went down on a drag queen! Is this true?

Tierra (Toy Box): Do you remember what the flower behind the ginger on the patio was?

Maggie (Houston Voice): Haven't you learned that after you drop a soda can, you need to let it sit a while before opening it?

Chris (BRB): Played with any TWT cover models lately?

Damion (Club Houston): I can't wait to

see your new "avant garde" "Penis Picture!" Are you going to "hang it" at the Club Houston for all to see the glory of its size?

Meg (Mary's): I heard you were bouncing your "gifts" on the bar at Mary's, and after Wilma sprayed you, you fell on top of Buddy! Sounds kinda scary to me!! I bet Buddy was delighted!

Marlene (Chances): See, if you come into MY office, you don't get Cuervo, just attitude!

I found this in my incoming mail! "We just got back from a Memorial weekend trip with Sojourns Travel and had a great time. Thanks to Tim Gibson from the 16 people he took care of. New Orleans was never so fun! Signed Scott"

Linda Marshall: I hear you can throw quite a party! Your caterers even did it up right for the hot tub party! Go figure! You, having a prissy party at your house!

Bill Havard (BRB): I see your pinking sheers worked! I think that is the best hair cut I've ever seen on Tommie Sue!

Thumper (ToyBox): So it is better to give than to receive? What really happened at that pool party?

Pickles (Midtown): I hear you like the new shot Buck (Mary's) made you! But really, girl, a "spill mat" shot... and you liked it!

Larry Joe (Hangs at E/J's): So, you can't remember were you live?

Attention "K-Mart" shoppers! Tommie Sue Ellen is single and taking applications! Talk about your "blue light specials"!

Dana (Riders): So, you and Nelly Kelly slept together. He tells me it was like taking a bubble bath, minus the water and soap!

Lady Victoria Lust: Have you found any under wear in your "Brief" case? If so, do you know WHO it belonged to?

Bob (Sojourns): A little advice: you REALLY need to be a little more outspoken. I know, you are really a quit and shy kinda guy! NOT!

Ramone (611): Laying on the tracks in New Orleans? What does this mean?

Gimme Pillsen-licher (Toy Box): What are "Neasles?" and how do you get them?

Walt (OutPost): You sure have sexy legs! And, you have and a hug coming to you from Ken, one of your new customers!

I've run out of room! I have a bunch more gossip, but I'll have to do it next week! So, keep spying for me!

I'll give you a Ratrat update next week!
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Disney World goes low key about gay gathering

ORLANDO, Fla., Wednesday, May 31 (AP)—Walt Disney World, which put up notices in ticket windows when gays and lesbians held an annual celebration last year, says it won't bring the event to the public's attention during this year's gathering.

Promoters for the celebration next weekend predict that 50,000 homosexuals will visit Orlando.

Disney put up "discreet signs" last year advising visitors that the gay celebration was under way, said Disney spokesperson Bill Warren. "We decided this year not to put those up. While we didn't think those signs were in any way discriminating, we just thought we'd treat this like any normal day at the park."

Saturday's event at Disney's Magic Kingdom will be the centerpiece of Share the Vision Weekend '95, three days of dance parties, comedy and musical shows and a gay-theme shopping mall.

Those activities will take place at the Orange County Convention Center Friday, Saturday and

Sunday.

The Disney event is in its fifth year and may be the biggest ever, said its organizer, the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. Last year's day drew a crowd of 23,000, according to the organizer.

Disney is not a sponsor.

C.B. Irwin, whose firm, Genesis Group Florida, is organizing Share the Vision Weekend, cited the economic importance of the event to the community. Spending by the participants could total at least \$14 million, he said.

"What we're doing is not political, but it's still very powerful," said Irwin, a former Disney employee.

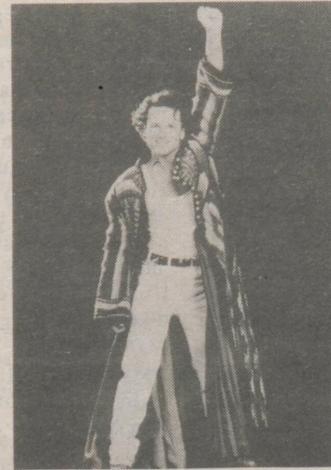
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The Rev. Fred Phelps, a Baptist minister in Topeka, Kan., and anti-gay crusader, said he would travel to Orlando with three vanloads of parishioners to protest.

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' makes Houston premier

Entertainment Notes

Andrew Lloyd Webber's new production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," starring top recording artist, Sam Harris, will make its Houston premier at Jones Hall for a limited one-week engagement, June 13-18, as a presentation of the 1994-95 NationsBank Houston Broadway Series.



Sam Harris in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was written over a quarter of a century ago as a 15-minute "pop cantata" for the Easter concert at St. Paul's Junior School at Colet Court, where Lloyd Webber's younger brother was a student. This cantata was the seed for what became "Joseph" and later opened on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre in Nov. 1993.

The current, spectacular presentation is a joyous musical re-telling of the Biblical story of Joseph and his eleven brothers during the days of the Pharaoh. The score blends popular song with varied styles such as country & western, Calypso, French chanson, and 50's and 60's rock 'n' roll.

Sam Harris, direct from his Broadway debut in "Grease," now dons the coat of many colors in the National Tour of

"Joseph." Harris first garnered national attention in the premier season of "Star Search" with his captivating rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" (a true drag anthem).

"Joseph," which is a creation of the phenomenally successful team of Andrew Lloyd Webber (music) and Tim Rice (lyrics), was originally written as a one-act piece in 1968 and then extended in 1972. Although "Joseph" has been performed

by professional and amateur companies and by schools all over the world, this new production is the first to incorporate local children's choirs as an integral part of the show. Through the Dreamcoat Choir Challenge, fifty children from two local children's choirs of aspiring young singers have been selected to perform in the Houston engagement of "Joseph."

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is being staged by the team that created the current worldwide smash production, including director Steven Pimlott, choreographer Anthony Van Laast, set and costume designer Mark Thompson, lighting designer Andrew Bridge, sound designer Martin Levan, musical supervisor Michael Reed and orchestrator John Cameron.

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TAKE ONE
(Movie Reviews)
by Tad Nelson



'Braveheart'

Paramount Pictures

Following his directorial debut, "The Man Without A Face," Mel Gibson is at the helm of BRAVEHEART, directing, producing and starring in a film combining action, intrigue and romance to tell the story of legendary Scottish knight Sir William Wallace and the love that inspired him to fight for his country's freedom.

Was it last week that I said that Bruce Willis' new Die Hard adventure was the bloodiest movie I had ever seen? Well, I take that back now. Braveheart is by far the most bloody, but what do you expect considering the film is basically a three hour combination of multiple battles. But really—heads roll in every direction; up, down, in two, off with one blow. Whew! Blood and guts along with Gibson's glory. But that's not all one sees in this film spectacle. Although they are shot from some distance, I have never seen so many bare butts on one screen. In order to make the British army charge, the Scottish army led by Wallace (Gibson) takes great pleasure in lifting their kilts and baring all, front and back.

Again, not a great movie for children and the three hour length may eliminate a few of the adults too. But the movie is beautifully filmed with wonderful shots of the Scottish and Irish country sides. Wallace's home as a child, the rounded pod-like dwellings of Lanark were modeled after similar dwellings found during a helicopter ride to

the tiny Isle of St. Kilda off the coast of Scotland, and the historical interest of such details could easily inspire one to retreat to the public library to research Scottish history in further detail.

Also starring in BRAVEHEART with Gibson are SOPHIE MARCEAU a French actress in her first English language role as the Princess of Wales, Isabelle, who became so infatuated with the legend of William Wallace that she informed and supported him behind the King's back. Her ultimate revenge to the evil king and her homosexual husband was to bare the child of Sir William who would one day rule England. PATRICK MC GOOHAN as King Edward I "Longshanks" has appeared in numerous films such as "Escape From Alcatraz" "The Man In The Iron Mask" as well as the classic TV series "The Prisoner." CATHERINE MC CORMACK played Gibson's love interest Murrin who wed Wallace in secret but was later murdered to lure Wallace back to Lanark to his doom.

As I said, the film is bloody but beautiful and if you have the time to kill and are interested in either Mel Gibson's bare hiney or Scottish history, this may be a film for you. Give it some thought as to whether to take children or not—wouldn't you love to get a call from school because your young one dropped his drawers on the playground because his idol, Mr. Mel had done it to the delight of a laughing audience. Now showing at numerous theaters in the area. Check your local newspaper for times and locations.



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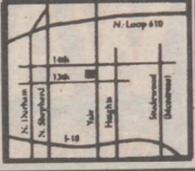
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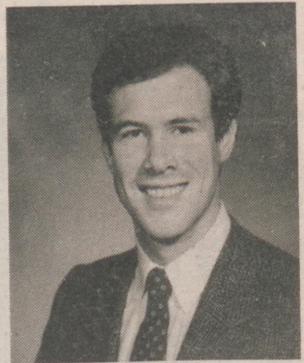
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MCCR selects interim pastor

The board of directors of Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) has announced the selection of Rev. James Burns as the church's interim pastor.



Rev. James Burns

Rev. Burns comes to Houston from West Haven, Connecticut, where he was the pastor of MCC New Haven from May 1984 to Dec. 1994. He received his education at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio and his Master of Arts in Religion at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut.

"I am blessed to have the opportunity to be here," Rev. Burns stated. MCCR is a very strong and healthy church, with a wonderful staff and great board." He went on to say, "There is an advantage in coming to MCCR in that they have a Vision Plan worked out. One of my primary tasks to help keep the church on track with their plan."

While pastor at MCC New Haven, Rev. Burns was an imaginative and innovative educator who has helped others deepen their spirituality by designing and presenting programs such as support/affinity groups for women, men, people of color, the hearing impaired, youth, people with HIV and singles and couples. Rev. Burns was the co-founder of AIDS Interfaith Network and the developer of "Mustardseed," MCC-NH's service program for people with AIDS. He was a popular public speaker at colleges, churches and community events and was a monthly op/ed columnist for the "New Haven Register." He was a member of the Domestic Partnership Task Force, consultant to the New Haven Police Department for sensitivity training/recruitment. He was the recipient of Southern New England Lesbian and Gay Service Award.

"The interim can provoke anxiety as no one likes change," he said, "But change sometimes is good. The church can grow, members become active or even more active." When asked about his first impression of Houston, he stated, "Its a fun place, big and friendly. An adventurous place...a real city."

Rev. Burns will preach at MCCR on Sunday, June 11.

Excel Garage Sale

In other news from MCCR:

Excel of the Armadillo Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) AT 1919 Decatur Street off Washington Ave. between Houston

Ave. and Montrose/Studemont Blvd.

Funds from this annual fundraiser are used for operating expenses and for scholarships to send first time participants to Excel's Weekend Retreat. The next weekend retreat will be held at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, Texas on Oct. 6-8, 1995.

Excel of the Armadillo is affiliated with Excel International and is an outreach program of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). The Excel movement has teams worldwide and offers a short course on Christian Community Living and is patterned after the Cursillo Movement.

Donations for the Garage Sale are being sought; please contact David Pettitt for more information on drop-off sites or pick-up dates at 863-0501. All are invited to come join the fun for exciting "basement" prices on great items in air conditioned comfort. Free refreshments will be provided.

Empowerment for Living

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) and its HIV Support Group—Empowerment for Living (EFL) announced that on Tuesday, June 13, Dr. Patricia Salvato will be the special speaker at their weekly meeting. Dr. Salvato has conducted extensive research on HIV/AIDS. After a short presentation by Dr. Salvato, there will be an informal question and answer session.

The Empowerment for Living Group is a spiritually based support group and is open to all individuals who have been affected by HIV/AIDS regardless of their health status. A pot luck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Salvato speaking at 7:15 p.m.

For more information on Empowerment for Living, other programs at MCCR, or directions to MCCR, please call the church office at 861-9149.

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Rev. Janet Parker

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throughout the history of the Bible.

I would like to make a few suggestions. Before you begin reading the Bible, stop to pray and ask God to reveal what it is you need to understand. Ask God to show you the truth about who God is. For a non-Christian, this can open up an entirely new way of seeing God. I believe that God can reveal to you who God is by reading the Word of God.

For the Christian, you have been given the Holy Spirit who Jesus calls the "Spirit of Truth" to teach and instruct you in the ways of God. It is like reading the Bible with a personal interpreter sitting beside you.

To begin reading and understanding the Bible it is very helpful to first get an overview of what the Bible is all about. A good Bible Survey Class would be very helpful. This would cover the Bible based on "themes." For instance, you would look at Creation, The Fall of Humanity, God's Redemptive Plan through the Flood, The Promise to Abraham and Sarah and the Plan of God for a people, Israel. If you like history, there are 12 historical books that give the historical life of the children of Israel. If you like poetry, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon are wonderful. The prophets tell us of God's plan for the Messiah in the books of the major and minor prophets (16 in all). We then get to the unfolding of God's Divine Plan when we get to the New Testament. The Gospels tell us about the Life of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. After Christ's death, burial and resurrection, the Church is born in the book of Acts. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given and poured out into the lives of the believers in Christ. The books to follow involve the comparison of the Church no longer under the law, but God's grace (Romans). We then have several letters by the Apostle Paul to address problems in the first Church (Corinthians). Paul then goes on to write letters to specific churches to address different issues that each of them were having. Paul addresses the importance of good leadership in the churches by writing the Pastoral Epistles (letters). We have books that deal with the practical living of a Christian life (James), and of course the book of Revelation (end of the world).

An excellent book that I recommend to begin a study of the Bible is a paperback by Henrietta Mears, "What the Bible is All About." It is simple, but thematic in its approach. Take your time in studying and don't expect to understand it all in a short time. We have a lifetime to read and digest the Word of God.

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Zion Lutheran starts HIV care team

Quick Notes

On Saturday, June 24, 1995 Zion Lutheran Church will host a training program for an HIV/AIDS Care Team. The training will be held in Memorial Hall from 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon. The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM) will be leading this meeting. FIRM trains and coordinates most of the AIDS and Alzheimer's teams in Houston: FIRM has long told of the need for an AIDS care team in the Heights/NW Loop area.

The AIDS Care Team will provide support and assistance for the families of people who are suffering from AIDS. Care Team members are non-proselytizing, non-evangelistic and non-judgmental. They provide emotional support, companionship and compassion.

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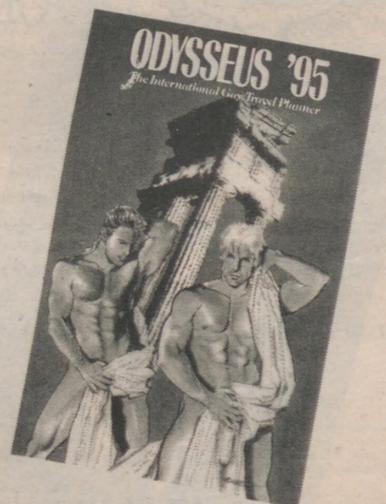
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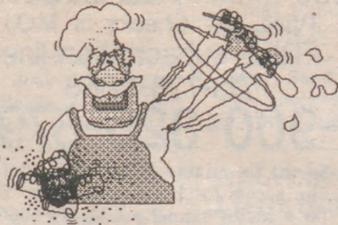
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Baked Beans Medley

- 1 pound sliced bacon
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 green sweet pepper, chopped (bell pepper)
- 1 c packed brown sugar
- 1/4 c white vinegar
- 1/4 c water
- 1 21-ounce can pork and beans in tomato sauce
- 1 16-ounce can lima beans, drained
- 1 16-ounce can red kidney beans, drained
- 1 16-ounce can butter beans, drained



In a large skillet, cook the bacon until crisp. Transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain, then crumble the bacon. Remove the bacon drippings from the skillet; reserve 2 to 3 Tbsp., depending upon taste.

Return the reserved drippings to the skillet. Cook and stir the onion and green sweet pepper in the drippings until tender. Add the brown sugar, white vinegar and water. Simmer, uncovered, about 10 minutes or until the mixture thickens, stirring occasionally.

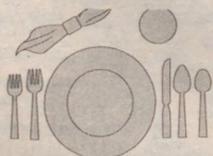
Stir the pork and beans, lima beans, red kidney beans, butter beans and crumbled bacon into the brown sugar-vinegar mixture in the skillet. Pour the bean mixture into a 2-quart casserole dish.

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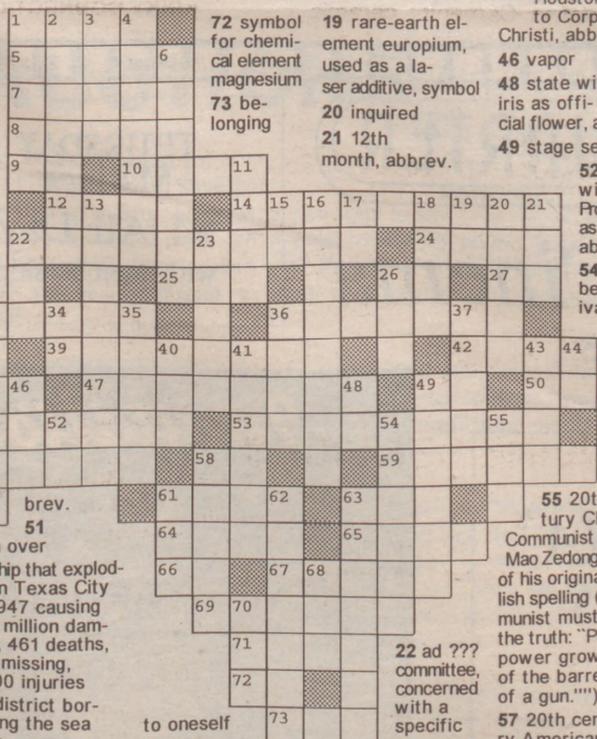
- 42 equalizing allowance

- 45 remove the peg

- 47 most spicy

- 49 American film mogul Goldwyn, initials ("No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life.")

- 50 underwriter, ab-



- 51 lean over
- 53 ship that exploded in Texas City in 1947 causing \$67 million damage, 461 deaths, 115 missing, 4,000 injuries
- 56 district bordering the sea
- 58 "word" that a lady might use when giggling
- 59 leased
- 60 American comedian Fields 1st 2 initials ("Half my lifetime I have earned my living by selling words, and I hope thoughts.")
- 61 George W. Jr., our governor
- 63 gained victory
- 64 prefix for the opposite in kind
- 65 dug with a hoe
- 66 U.S. Army enlisted man
- 67 clock faces
- 69 seats for humans
- 71 dismounted a horse

DOWN

- 1 rapidity of motion
- 2 not secretly
- 3 V.P. AI
- 4 a billion bits in computerese
- 6 attuned out of tune
- 11 slender
- 13 maligned
- 15 17th century English military, political & religious leader Cromwell, initials ("He who stops being better stops being good.")
- 16 Virginia city, site of Battles of Bull Run
- 17 Spanish for 'the'
- 18 work hard & long

- 72 symbol for chemical element europium, used as a laser additive, symbol
- 73 belonging
- 19 rare-earth element europium, used as a laser additive, symbol
- 20 inquired
- 21 12th month, abbrev.

- 43 one easily deceived
- 44 direction Houston to Corpus Christi, abbrev.
- 46 vapor
- 48 state with iris as official flower, abbrev.
- 49 stage settings

- 52 state with Providence as capital, abbrev.
- 54 slobbers, salivates

- 55 20th century Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong, initials of his original English spelling ("Communist must grasp the truth: 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.'")
- 57 20th century American jurist Warren, chief justice of U.S. Supreme Court, initials ("It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive.")
- 58 ancient kneeling garment
- 61 pouch
- 62 city with \$18,500 giant statue of a killer bee
- 63 newsman Dan Rather's 1931 Texas birthplace
- 68 Roman numeral for 3
- 70 amateur radio operator Solution elsewhere this issue c.1995 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE TXS129

- 22 ad ??? committee, concerned with a specific purpose
- 23 something that has survived
- 26 hack
- 29 exists
- 30 large African antelope
- 31 grasping device
- 32 bunny movement
- 33 South American low-growing shrub
- 34 in the Army, potato peeling duty, abbrev.
- 35 conical tent
- 36 sneer
- 37 WWI training camp in Houston, located in what is now Memorial Park
- 40 evil
- 41 compendium, condensed material

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A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9 - JUNE 15, 1994



Houston Voice readers born this week share with the Norwegian Composer, Edvard Grieg, born 1843, the sense of excellence in their lives—striving for that wonderful blend of harmony, simplicity and honesty.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Voice readers share this week with The Trucker's Birthday, and more than likely than not enjoy the spontaneous, highly, erotic and often off beat type of sexual activity than he does. Gemini's born this week have difficulty reconciling with what is desired and what is reasonable or practical. Their high energy drive usually fares them well to be high achievers, but every once in a while it causes them to become overly stressed out.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Moving into a two week period of energy, all of the Pride Week activities come at the correct moment for you to re-affirm your good feelings about yourself, and to help others who are not as up mood as you are. Seek someone out that you know, and help her/him to enjoy an evening with you, a casual dinner, or just dessert would be fine. There are many lonesome people in our Community waiting for you smile and encouragement.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) If you are looking for a new friend in your life, be directed to someone who has their 'act together', and not an unstable, insecure person. Leo's in particular need to be connected to women and men who are out-going, and non users. You really try to please close friends and tends to get you into trouble by over doing things for others, and being taken advantage of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) You continue to be in a stylish way, and are able to blend a wonderful array of color and patterns together. I wish that I could take you shopping with me to help choose my next article of clothing. Experiment with items that you already have your closet to be the brightest and most colorful person for services on Friday or Sunday. Be aware of a very good opportunity that may come your way this week to advance your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) This is a perfect week to clean your office/home and get some order to these two spaces. You tend to let housekeeping details slide, and while you are comfortable living in a casual manner, your next trick or current friend will not be as tolerant. Nothing like the good first impressions of bringing someone special home to quarters that are neat and clean. Watch out for getting too much sun light and a burn this weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Continue to boost your stronger image of yourself in wearing the bolder colors and patterns. If into black leather while out cruising, this is the perfect week to wear those articles of clothing and attract the special person you are looking for. Some Boots at L.B.B. for assistance. As with your Leo friends above, seek out a person who seems to have their 'act together', and stay away from someone who wants a free ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) This week of Pride Activities will help to boost your personal sense of confidence and worth whileness. You are a very good person, and even though someone may make a negative comment toward you, or you do not succeed in scoring the last time you were out cruising, know that the next six weeks will be wonderful days and nights for you, but only if you project a confident and take charge attitude. Believe me.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Be careful about spending money on items that are really worthless. You tend to be far too impulsive in your shopping habits. This week is especially difficult for you, and I strongly suggest that you leave your credit cards at home, and carry no more than ten dollars with you when you are window shopping. Ask yourself, "will I use or need this new item six months from now"? Medium red and blue colors look especially good on you this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Happiness for you this week is to drop you stress levels, by spending more time alone by yourself, avoiding mind altering drugs, and dropping you processed sugar intake below fifty grams per twenty four hours. The high adrenaline days to the past month can not continue. No damage to yourself at this point, but your immune system will thank you for backing down a bit.

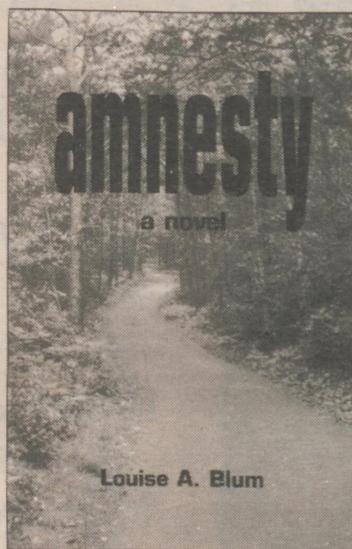
PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Continue to explore your sexual fantasies in a way to boost you sexual fun safely. One of the reasons that you have not always enjoyed sex is that you tend to choose dull people to have sex with, and have not admitted to yourself that you are not really a missionary type of person, at least most of the time. Variations are in order.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Be careful about supposedly close friends wanting to borrow money from you, as more likely than not, they are out for only bucks. You tend to want acceptance and approval from more people than is reasonable, and are willing to spend money to buy this acceptance. Do not expect to have everyone that you meet necessarily like you. This is ideal but does not happen to any of us.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) Taking more control over your life is paying dividends for you. Do not expect others continue accepting patterns of behavior that maybe out of line. This is a time for performance, predictability, and persistence; the 3 P's. The future is wonderful if you maintain a steady course for the next six months, knowing where you want to head and then staying on the direct pathway.

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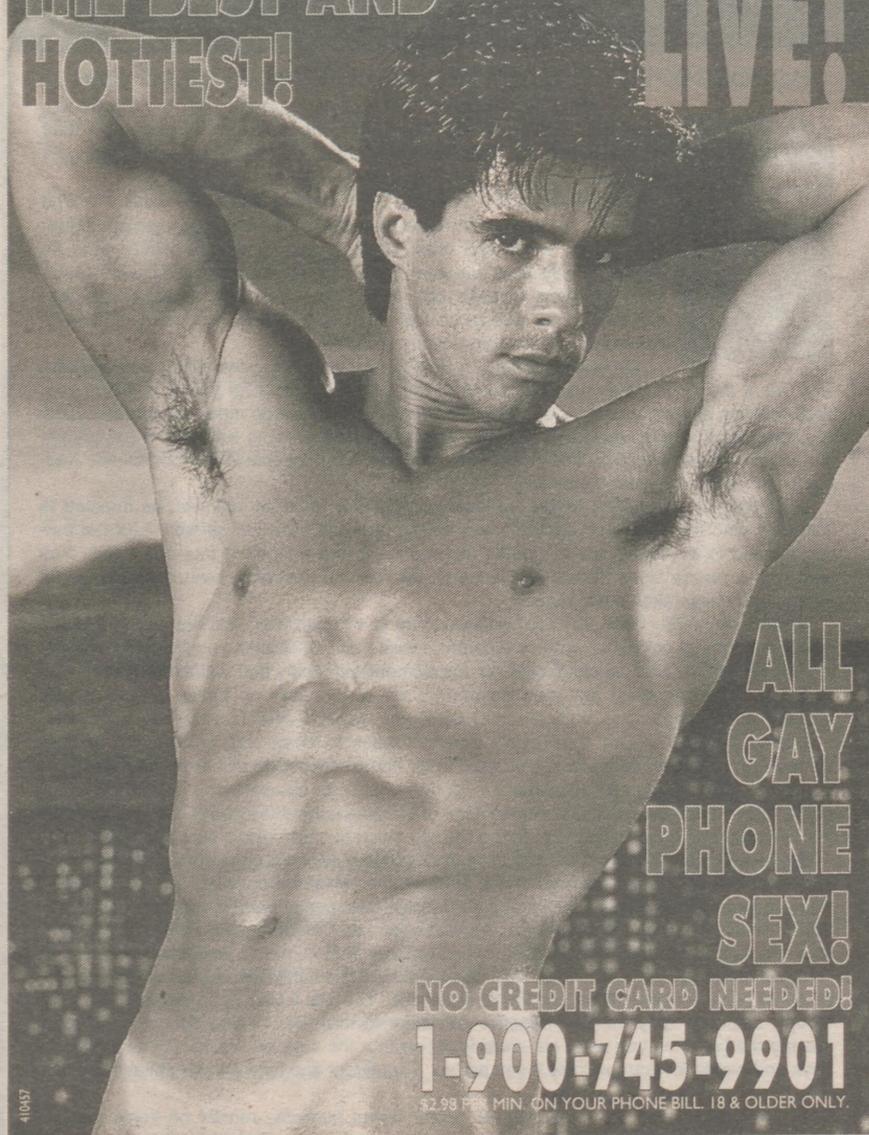
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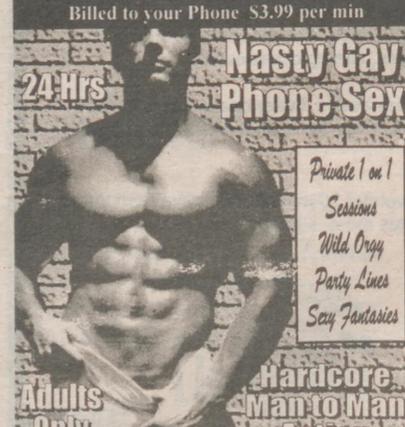
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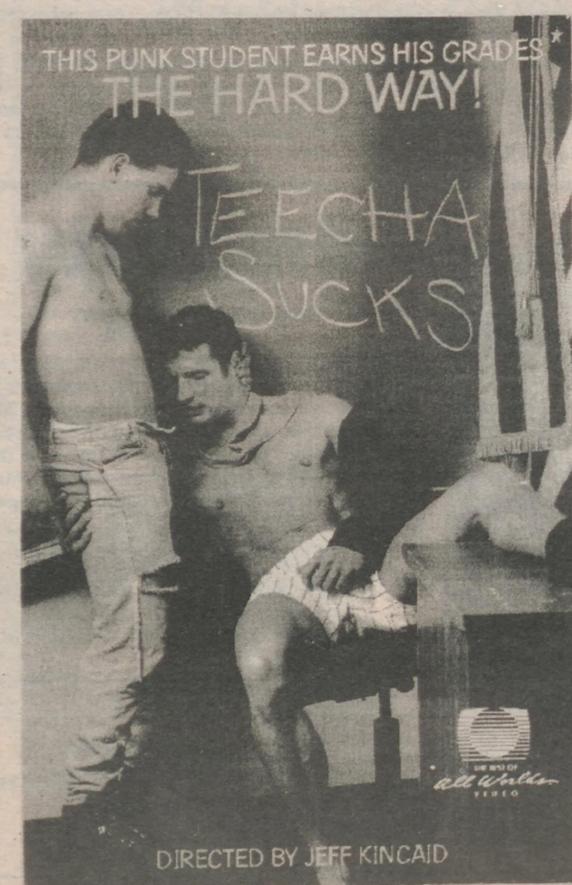
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Houston VOICE Personals

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Professional GWM, 49, blonde-blue, clean shaven. 6', 165, swimmers body. I.S.O. part-time play buddy. You are good-looking, 30 to 50, HWP, drug free, without hangups. CALLS ONLY. Ad 25704

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20, WM, 6', smooth body, brn/blu, looking for a younger guy who wants to play a little ... (nothing greek or unsafe). No pressure. I'm straight acting. Send me a letter with picture if possible. Ad 25697.

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HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

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SEEKING BOTTOM WITH ENDURANCE

Top seeks bottom for use in aerobic workout. Top is 6' tall, HWP, ok looks, not notably large but not small. Seeking someone HWP to be used, not abused. Mail response only. Ad 25706

BROWN BOYS BEWARE!

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BLACK MALE SEEKS WHITE MALE

37 year old black male, HIV+, 30 waist, 6', 155, healthy and active. Seeking GWM HIV+ age 25-40 for monogamous relationship. Must be sincere. No one nighters please. Ad 25681

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ATTENTION -NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

HAIRY DADDY SEEKS BOY

Boy should be 21-40, weight proportionate to height, open-minded. Daddy is 50, 5'9", 180, bearded. Let's discuss possibilities. Photo exchange will be required eventually. Ad 25673

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