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Montrose Community **Center Close to** Reality

It appears that following a meeting of the Montrose Activity Center on Monday, March 23, only one major obstacle remains before a Montrose community center can become reality.

According to Dwayne Wells, board chair, the owner of an 11,000-sq. ft. building at 1110 Lovett Blvd. submitted what seems by far to be the best proposal. However, the building owner is requiring a personal guarantor to ensure rental payments before drawing

"This is a major stumbling block," said Wells. He added, "The building owner will accept a single individual, small group or business to co-sign lease payment." Underwriting by an estab-lished foundation would also be acceptable according to Wells.

The personal guarantor demand seems to have arisen after the property owner turned negotiations over to his attorneys

Wells feels the requirement is "asking too much." He commented that, coupled with other community needs, "few people are willing to stake personal estate on the matter.

Ray Hill, another member of the Activity Center, said efforts will be made to convince the building owner that a problem does not exist.

"All those with an interest in this pro-ject are already good renters," Hill said.

Wells feels confident that once the rent guarantee issue is "resolved or dropped," the center could be in use by Gay Pride Week (June 19-29).

"The building recently underwent some major renovations including a new roof and painting. The only remaining modifications would be those required for each tenant," he explained.

Some 40 people representing 12-15 organizations attending the Monday meeting unanimously endorsed the board's recommendations and authorized it to proceed with negotiations

Other proposals were submitted by owners of properties at 811 Westheimer and 3217 Fannin. The Westheimer prop-osal was dismissed as being too costly, while it was felt that the Fannin property, which now houses Dignity Center, was not actually in Montrose.

It has been speculated that proposals from property management for build-ings located at 3400 Montrose (Cody's building), 3317 Montrose (Kwik Kopy building), and the old Liberty Bank building (Montrose and Westheimer) may be forthcoming. Plans for a Montrose community cen-

ter began last November and have progressed quickly. It is felt by Wells that the project "has to happen now or is not going to happen.

One of the reasons the group is progressing at such a quick pace is that one of the center's potential clients must soon find a new location.

The Montrose Clinic has to move now," said Wells. It is hoped that the clinic with the Montrose Counseling Center will form the core of the center





Art Fest Donates Funds

Accepting the first donation toward a re-roofing project at the Neartown Community Police Center is Sgt. Don Williams, officer in charge of the center. The presentation was made by John Daniel, president of the Westheimer Colony Association, from proceeds of the Fall Westheimer Colony Art Festival.

Looking on, after receiving funds to be used for two-way radios, are Guardian Angel Patrol Leader Salvodor Suarez, Assistant Chapter Leader Zeke Suarez and Chapter Leader Kit van Cleave.

Neighborhood Sports Sports News from Montrose & Community Groups

Faster Women Win Pantzer Tournament

The Marion Pantzer women's softball pre-season tournament was held March 14-15. Eight teams participated in the tournament which was won by Faster Women. Second place went to the Hollywood Bears, and third place went to Undercover. The Houston Women's Softball League regular season begins March 29, 1987 at Heights-

Lyons Field.

106 Octane Wins MSA Chili Cookoff

Doug Sutherland's "106 Octane Chili" was judged to be the best entry in the Montrose Sports Association Chili Cookoff held March 15 at E/J's. Eddie Garza with "Betty 'G' Chill" took second and "Bowl Them Over Chili" by Tom

Wiseheart captured third

Bruce Willis Double Tennis Winner

Bruce Willis was the big defender in last week's challenge ladder action of the Houston Tennis Club. First, he defended his No. 12 ranking against newcomer Gary Schwartz 6-1. 6-0. After hitting a few with another newcomer, Dawn Donaldson, he defeated Randy Lunsford for the third time in a row since May 1986, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 Andrew Morris defended against David Heiland 6-0, 6-2 to mark a solid year of holding the No. 1 rank. Rick Hadnot held his No. 7 rank against Rich Corder's challenge 6-0. 6-1. Jeff Barkman held on to No. 18 against Dimples when she retired 6-4, 3-2. No. 1 doubles team of Mike Houston and Mark McMahon came back from losing the first with se new challenger toem of Dirkk Hodnet and Rich Corder 3-6. 5-4.

set to a new challenger team of Rick Hadnot and Rich Corder 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The club will be on Memorial Tennis Center courts 11, 12 and 15-18 each Sunday. Call 524-2151 for more information.

AFH Receives Grant, Executive Director Resigns

Citing a mutual decision between the board of trustees of the AIDS Founda-tion Houston, Inc., and executive direc-tor Curtis Dickson, board chair Donald Skipwith announced Tuesday, March 24, that the board has accepted Dick son's resignation.

After a tenure of slightly over one year, Skipwith said it was the feeling of both the board and Dickson that the public health administrator's "roots lied in the public sector" and that the foundation needed a director who was strong on organizational and fundraising skills.

"He feels he will gain more satisfac tion in returning to public health," said Skipwith. He added, "He admits being weak on organizational and fundrais ing skills." Dickson was formerly head of public health in Beaumont, Texas.

Skipwith did commend Dickson for "working very hard, putting in some long hours" as chief administrator of the foundation, which has an annual budget in excess of \$300,000.

Dickson's resignation became effec-tive Monday, March 23. However, he will remain with the foundation, in a limited capacity, until the end of the month. Skipwith said Dickson will probably have other employment by the beginning of April.

The foundation expanded existing programs and began several new ones under the direction of Dickson. Among those were the development of mental health and minority education pro-grams. A food pantry, "Stone Soup," was also begun.

"Stone Soup" was recently a recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the National AIDS Network. Funds for the grant were generated from the "Stamp Out AIDS Program" and are intended solely to provide direct services to persons with AIDS. Stone Soup will use the grant to purchase a cooler so the pantry can increase the availability of perishable items.

Less than two months old, Stone Soup serves over 50 clients on a regular basis. Stone Soup coordinator Bruce Cook recently returned from Los Angeles and San Francisco where he toured similar pantries in those cities. Cook says that although those pantries have been in existence longer than Houston's, Houston's selection of foodstuffs equals if not exceeds their West Coast counterparts.



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2100 in Military Test Positive

By Richard C. Gross

WASHINGTON (UPI)-More than 2,100 active duty military personnel have tested positive for the virus linked to the deadly AIDS disease out of more than 1.2 million men and women examined, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

The rate of infection in the active duty military population worldwide is between 1 and 2 per 1,000 people, slightly higher than the steady 1.5 per 1,000 recorded among applicants for service in the armed forces, Pentagon officials said.

As of December, 2,139 men and women in uniform among 1,274,072 tested for the HIV antibody linked to the disease tested positive, Pentagon figures showed. There are 2.1 million people in the military. They included 1,116 people of the

531,430 tested in the Navy and Marine Corps, 797 of 569,158 examined in the Army and 226 of 173,484 tested in the

Air Force, the officials said.

The statistics translate into a rate of 2 per 1,000 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 1.4 per thousand for the Army and 1.3 per thousand for the Air Force, Pentagon officials said.

Including the 976 of 641,220 recruit applicants who showed exposure to the disease as of September, it brings to 3,115 the number of people examined by the military who have been infected by the disease. Recruits exposed to AIDS are barred from military service but active duty personnel are retained. It marked the first time that figures

showing the prevalence of exposure to AIDS in the active duty military have been released even though the results of tests administered to applicants are disclosed routinely.

The Pentagon made the statistics available to United Press International in response to a query following their disclosure by Dr. Joseph Mayer, the assistant defense secretary for health

Church Bonfire Protests Decadence

LINWOOD, N.J. (UPI)-Members of a fundamentalist church fed rock record covers and tapes into a bonfire last

weekend under a sign saying "Jesus is the Rock of my Salvation." Several dozen police were on hand March 21 at the Mainwood Assembly of God in Linwood, near Atlantic City, because of fears that counter-demonstrators would disrupt the ceremony. But no one showed up, although police arrested one 16-year-old boy they said refused to leave the bhyrch after making noises during the burning.

The ceremony was originally sche-duled for February but police asked for a postponement because they needed time to prepare.

About 100 teenagers and parents watched as hits by Madonna, Kiss, Tina Turner and Boy George, a collection of 1950s hits and a Jane Fonda exercise tape went into the fireplace. The group said that rock lyrics encourage home sexuality, masturbation, incest, child abuse, adultery and suicide and that rock stars like David Bowie and Tina Turner have decadent lifestyles

The Rev. Jerry Sturgeon, the church's pastor, led prayers as the tapes and covers burned.

'The end result is if we can save the life of one teenager, if we can keep one young person from going into drugs, we've accomplished something," Sturgeon said.

Gay Group Honors Films, TV

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Three episodes from the TV series "Hotel" and the PBS production of "Agony" were among 23 shows honored Saturday night by the Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists for "responsible portrayal" of the homosexual lifestyle.

Clips from the winning film and tele vision programs were shown at the eighth annual awards ceremony at the Wilshire Ebell Theater hosted by actress Patty Duke.

"Hotel," was honored for the episodes "Scapegoats," "Undercurrents" and the "Rallying Cry."

Other productions honored included the television movie, "An Early Frost"; the "Ian't It Romantic" episode of "The Golden Girls"; "My Beautiful Laun-derette", "The Normal Heart", and Lily Tomlin's "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe.

Chris Uszler, AGLA's executive director, said the organization hopes to improve the image of the gay community through the awards.

The more people know, the less likely they are to act in a bigoted or prejudiced manner when in their lives they meet someone gay or lesbian," Uzler said.

Sex Appeal Studied in Rats and Pigs

COLUMBIA, Mo. (UPI)-Female rats with sexual problems may have their brothers to blame and the same may go for pigs, university researchers say. Studies of rats show female fetuses

located between male fetuses pick up male hormones, resulting in a variety of sexual problems when they become adults, researchers at the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri said Wednesday. They believe the same thing may

happen in pigs, contributing to repro duction difficulties that can be costly for pork producers

"In rats, female fetuses located between two males have high blood levels of testosterone, the potent male sex hormone," said Frederick vom Saal, a biologist.

"These females grow faster, reach sexual maturity later, have very irregular estrous cycles and are 'ery aggressive. Also, they appear to be less attractive to males than females that develop within the uterus next to female

Vom Saal and scientist Kristie Rohde now are collaborating with a swine research team to see if the same princi-

ple applies to pigs. "If it does, producers will be making some important management deci-sions," said animal scientist Bill Day.

"For example, if a sow has a litter of seven males and only one female, producers won't want to keep the female as a replacement sow because there's a good chance she'll be infertile," Day said

affairs, at a March 18 hearing of the manpower and personnel subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee

The Pentagon, which is conducting the most extensive AIDS examination program in the world, has been reluctant to reveal the statistics because not all of the testing has been completed.

For example, the rate of incidence of 1 to 2 per 1,000 among the active duty force is based only on the 1.2 million people tested thus far, not the total force

of 2.1 million men and women. The Navy, Marine Corps and Army are expected to finish testing in six months and the Air Force in another year, officials said.

We don't know all the data," one official said. "Of what we've got, that's what the rates are. We don't know what they mean yet.

A positive test for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) means only that an individual has been exposed to AIDS, not that he or she has contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome, as the illness is known.

By comparison, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reported that as of March 16 there were 32,825 cases of full-fledged AIDS among the civilian population-19,021 of which resulted in death.

There is no known cure for AIDS, which attacks the body's ability to resist infection. Most of those afflicted with the disease are homosexuals, intravenous drug users and people who have received tainted blood transfu-

Release of the statistics came amid a Pentagon policy review about whether to retain military personnel who test positive.

"I anticipate no changes in the policy on retention," Mayer told the Senate subcommittee.

"All HIV positive service members are evaluated on their fitness for duty at their current rank and responsibilities. There is no medical reason to establish a different set of retention criteria for individuals infected with HIV."



Gays Protest Lack of AIDS Drugs in NY

NEW YORK (UPI)-About 175 protesters enraged by delays in offering experimental drugs to AIDS patients marched near Wall Street during the morning rush hour Tuesday and 17 people were arrested for disorderly conduct, police said.

"We cannot wait 10 years for an AIDS drug," shouted one protester in front of Trinity Church in the heart of city's financial district. "AIDS patients do not have enough time to live.

The Food and Drug Administration last week approved the only AIDS drug on the U.S. market-Retrovir, the trade name for azidothymidine, or AZT. The manufacturer announced Monday, however, that it may be in short supply for months and should go first to the sickest AIDS patients.

Sixteen men and one woman who broke off from the group chanting "You can die too" in front of the church staged a sit-down in the middle of Broadway, said Police Sgt. Diane Kubler. When police approached them, the protestors laid down in the roadway.

Police carried off the protestors on stretchers to be booked on disorderly conduct charges.

A Cockatiel **Saves Life** of Its Owner

BOYNE FALLS, Mich. (UPI)-A pet cockatiel named Boy George awakened his owner in time for him to flee his burning house-taking the bird with him, of course,

James Churchill, an engineer, said he was awakened on a recent Sunday morning when he heard the cockatiel, a small crested Australian parrot with a long tail, thrashing around in his cage.

Churchill calmed the bird down and went back to bed, noticing nothing amiss other than a hall light that had apparently burned out.

Ten minutes later, Boy George resumed the ruckus. This time, Church-ill said he could hear the ceiling crac kling and see the glow of fire although

there was no smoke in the house. The fire damaged 75 percent of Churchill's rented house in Hudson Township, but both Churchill and Boy George escaped unharmed. The next morning, Churchill bought Boy George several special treats. "I'd buy him a steak if he'd eat it,"

said Churchill



No 'Safe Sex' for Phyllis Schlafly

By Celia Hooper

WASHINGTON (UPI)-Phyllis Schlafly, who accused C. Everett Koop of advocating "safe sodomy," turned up the volume March 13 in her attack on the surgeon general's advocacy of sex education as a means to halt AIDS.

Schlafly discussed her exchange of letters with Koop at a news conference and attacked Koop for refusing to include "any criticism of the public schools ... whose disgusting, embarrassing, pornographic, offensive, descriptions of sexual activity forced on children in the classroom are a major factor in the problem of promiscuity."

Schlafty was speaking on behalf of a conservative coalition that is campaigning against Kooy's stand on the use of condoms and education as a means to prevent AIDS.

Koop has said he believes the surest protection against AIDS is monogamy or abstinence, but that for those who practice neither, he advises "every precaution to protect themselves and their partners against infection."

Koop has on numerous occasions endorsed the use of condoms as protection against acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The coalition wrote Koop asking him to repudiate "the scandalous public impression that you advocate the explicit teaching of safe sodomy with condoms in the early elementary grades."

Responding to a March 3 letter from the Coalition for Teen Health, Koop said statements from the group "reflect a misunderstanding of my position which has remained unchanged."

The group's letter, which was signed by 55 people, asked Koop "to promptly issue public statements urging everyone to practice abstinence from sexual activity until they make a commitment to a monogramous. lifetime marriage."

activity until they make a commitment to a monogramous. lifetime marriage." Koop responded: "I have made it a point of my stewardship of the office of surgeon general that I carry out my duties as the nation's chief physician in a scrupulously correct and scientific manner.

"Therefore, I must decline commenting on those matters in your letter which are judgmental in nature and which do not directly bear upon the scientific, medical and epidemiological facts of the disease of AIDS."

The group also demanded that Koop reverse his stand on the need for early sex education to combat AIDS. They said he should order public schools to advocate sexual abstinence until marriage, to refrain from teaching or discussing sexual acts or devices and to

Whatever He's Stealing, It Isn't Working

HOUSTON (UPI)—The price for vanity can run pretty high—three years in prison in one case.

Terry Lynn Smith, 32, was sentenced recently to three years in prison for stealing har care products—two bottles of activator and four bottles of moisturizer—from a supermarket in November.

Smith has stolen hair care products five times before, and went to prison last year for swiping four bottles of curling lotion, said prosecutor Donna Cameron.

"I just can't understand it," Cameron said. "His hair looked pretty bad in court. Whatever he's taking is definitely not working." forbid facilities from dispensing contraceptives.

"The American public has been subjected to a massive campaign to institutionalize and validate promiscuity...by means of false advertising in the media and false instruction in the schools, which teach that condoms make 'casual' sex behavior acceptable and safe," the group's letter said.

They also asked Koop to require "all physicians, dentists and other health personnel who are carriers of the AIDS virus to notify their patients of this fact," and asked the physician whether he plans to require blood tests for people seeking marriage licenses or plans to "call for closing the bathhouses and clubs that facilitate high-risk behavior."

Koop replied that decisions on these issues were reserved to state and local governments and any comments by him would be inappropriate.

him would be inappropriate. Signers of the letter included Schlafly, head of the Eagle Forum, a conservative organization that opposes the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion; Paul Weyrich, head of the Coalition for America; Rep. Patrick Swindall, R-Ga.; and Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who made the anti-abortion film "The Silent Scream."

The signers claimed they represented "a significant part of what might be called the Reagan coalition."

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Houston Medical School to be Site for Vaccine Testing

BALTIMORE (UPI)—Two city medical facilities in Baltimore plus Baylor College of Medicine in Houston were among six chosen nationally to test a potential AIDS vaccine on human volunteers this year, the National Institutes of Health said.

NIH officials said the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health will conduct the trials set to begin as early as this summer.

NII officials summer. NIH officials hope to select one or more of the most promising AIDS vaccines and begin testing them later this year, said Judy Murphy, a spokeswoman for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The tests will be conducted at six vaccine evaluation centers established under existing federal contracts to assess vaccines against other diseases, Murphy said. In addition to Houston and the two Baltimore facilities, the centers are located at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and the University of Rochester, in Rochester, N.Y.

No final decisions have been made on which vaccines will be tested at which medical centers or when the first subjects will be recruited, Murphy said.

The vaccine testing scheduled to begin in Baltimore will be Phase I trials that will be aimed at establishing that the vaccine is safe and causes the human subjects to produce antibodies to fight off the disease.

fight off the disease. Phase 2 trials of a vaccine are designed to ensure the antibodies produced actually protect against illness. In the case of the AIDS virus, the body produces antibodies but they often do not protect against the disease.

Murphy said during the Phase 1 trials, researchers are likely to recruit subjects who are not at high risk of infection with AIDS to avoid confusing antibodies produced by the vaccine with antibodies produced by actual exposure to the virus after enrollment in the study.

Dallas Park Director Gets Leave of Absence

DALLAS (UPI)—Members of the city of Dallas Parks and Recreation Board voted to grant a paid leave of absence to parks director Jack Robinson, who was indicted Tuesday on charges of indecent exposure and evading arrest.

Board members met for about 45 minutes Thursday before granting Robinson's request to be placed on paid leave, said board Chairman Billy Allen.

A Dallas County Grand jury named Robinson in the misdemeanor indictments stemming from an incident Feb. 8 in a restroom at North Lake Park in which he and another man, Gary Evans, 33, were discovered partially disrobed.

Evans was indicted on one count of indecent exposure.

Robinson, 55, who has been city parks director since March 1978, has described the charges as "absolutely false and totally ridiculous."



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Changes Slated for '87 Parade

The 1987 Houston Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week Parade will not include motorized vehicles, will be grand marshaled by a group instead of two individuals, and will possibly take a different route from previous years.

At a meeting of the Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week Committee held Sunday, March 22; it was agreed that instead of a "Mardi Gras-style" parade, the annual culmination of Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week will become a people parade/ march. Planners, citing the high cost of preparing elaborate motorized floats, agreed that there is not enough money currently available in the community for groups and businesses to prepare the traditional floats.

traditional floats. Jack Valinski, planning committee media coordinator, said, "Floats cost so much money when there is so much need within the community." Aside from marchers, manually operated push type units will be allowed.

As a result of the new limitations on units, parade organizers are also looking at changing the fee structure for parade units. Joe Wilson told those gathered that last year's parade cost approximately \$10,000. Valinski said the group is looking for ways to cut costs without lessening the scope and quality of the event.

It was also proposed that the parade route be switched from the Westheimer Road route to begin at Bell Park and continue along Montrose Boulevard to a site in the vicinity of Montrose and Westheimer where it would feed into a festival type activity. Ray Hill, committee co-chair, feels

Ray Hill, committee co-chair, feels this may present a logistics problem in dealing with the city.

"I will do all I can, but the city is not going to be easy to deal with on this," Hill said. He noted that the Montrose route would require blocking off heavily-travelled east-west corridors on a Sunday afternoon. Streets affected would include Richmond, West Alabama, and Hawthorne.

Mark Stevens was placed in charge of parade coordination as well as planning for a street festival. The two-and-ahalf acre parking lot of the Kwik Kopy building, 3317 Montrose, is being consadered a possible site for the festival which could possibly span two days. Since the post-parade event is partially a Gay Political Caucus activity, plans will be made in conjunction with that group.

A time for the parade has yet to be decided.

Unlike in past years, when one male and one female were chosen as grand marshals, a group of individuals will lead the parade. People with AIDS (PWAs) were unanimously selected to receive the honor.

In other Gay Pride Week business, Hill reported that T-shirts will be available for sale in time for the Westheimer Art Festival, April 25-26. An initial order of two gross has been divided between Deb's T's and TNT Shirts. Brian Keever has been placed in charge of ordering commemorative buttons.

Also during the meeting, an attempt to remove the word "Lesbian" from the official name of the activities, slated for June 19-28, was quickly voted down.

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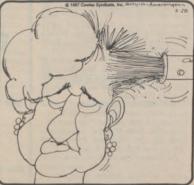


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Unlucky fishing holes



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MARCH 27, 1987 / MONTROSE VOICE 9 **Doctors Report Some Trouble with A**

By Peg Byron

NEW YORK (UPI)-The drug AZT has offered the first ray of hope for prolonging the lives of AIDS patients, but the severity of its side effects appears to be worse than originally claimed, some doctors say.

As many as half the patients taking AZT, the first AIDS drug approved for prescription sale, may suffer adverse effects that could force them to discontinue treatment or undergo blood transfusions every 10 days to every month. doctors say

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-NY, said Saturday the Food and Drug Administration should not have approved the drug for marketing last week without knowing more about who it helps and who it harms.

Weiss said he expected to hold hearings on whether the FDA "may be using AIDS to further its agenda for deregula-tion" of drugs before their effectiveness is proven.

He also questioned "unaudited" statements about the cost of AZT's development, and said free distribution of AZT for research and "compassionate use should have been continued until the drug is better understood.

FDA approval loosens restrictions on the drug's distribution, allowing the manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome, to begin charging each patient up to \$10,000 for a year's supply. Wall Street analysts have projected

that AZT will double Burroughs Wellcome's total revenues by the end of the

The FDA based its approval of the

drug on studies in which 34 percent of patients taking AZT had to reduce dos-ages and get blood transfusions or discontinue treatment, said Kathy Bartlett, spokeswoman for Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C.

But those reports were based on the first six months of clinical trials with the antiviral drug, begun last February on 282 patients. Burroughs Wellcome the National Cancer Institute, and which sponsored the trials, have not released new data since September.

In the preliminary studies at clinics around the country, a statistically significant number of patients who suffered an AIDS-related pneumonia were kept alive longer with AZT, or azidothymidine, than those who received no treatment. Scientists emphasize that AZT does not cure AIDS.

But the drug can cause headaches, nausea and most troublesome, suppress bone marrow production of white and red blood cells.

Dr. Arthur Englard of St. Luke's Roosevelt Medical Center in New York said about 50 percent of his patients were forced off the drug or required frequent blood transfusions.

"Some have required transfusions every week and a half to a month," said Englard, who now has only 14 of an original 25 patients still on AZT. Some have suffered no ill effects at

all." said the physician, who noted that in spite of possible problems, his clinic has started AZT treatment with 23 more patients.

"There is no other drug to put them

on," he said.

At San Francisco General Hospital, healthier ARC and AIDS patients were tolerating AZT better, but half of those in the primary clinical trial from last spring had to drop out, said the unit's protocol administrator

About one fourth are doing fine and another fourth are toughing it out," the administrator, who declined to be identified for publication.

Transfusion needs with AZT have been so pronounced that the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, which supplies the city of San Francisco and surrounding counties, projects a 5 percent increase in demand for blood this year, said spokes-

woman Sylvia Ramirez. Dr. Samuel Broder, who led the National Cancer Institute team that studied the drug, acknowledges that much remains unknown but passionately defended AZT as the best known treatment.

He cited better survival rates, improved weight, blood and neurologi cal functions, and lower levels of AIDS viral proteins in people on the drug.

"Even if everyone can't draw benefits, there is no question some get the benefit of (prolonged) survival" with AZT, he said

But both Broder and Burroughs Wellcome refused to comment on whether fewer patients were tolerating the drug than expected, saying that data were awaiting publication.

Dr. Michael Lange, head of St. Luke's Roosevelt's infectious disease unit and a consultant to the panel that recommended government approval of AZT,

criticized the scientific picture painted of the drug so far.

"What's being advertised has very carefully avoided what happens beyond six months of (AZT) treatment." said Lange, who has treated hundreds of AIDS patients he said can live up to 18 months with more conventional therapies

A San Francisco group that documents AIDS research criticized the focus on AZT, the only drug to undergo large-scale clinical trials to date

What we're being given is the drug with the most side effects, the most equivocal data on efficacy, and with the highest price," said Joe Brewer, chief investigator for the non-profit group Project Inform

An estimated 41,400 people may qual-ify for the drug, including those with the less severe AIDS-related complex who are eligible for AZT treatment

Over 19,000 people have died out of 32,825 people who contracted AIDS since 1981, the federal Centers for Disease Control said.

One patient toughing it out is Tom Waddell, a San Francisco physician and organizer of the Gay Games, who was diagnosed with AIDS in June and started taking AZT in December.

A former member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic Team, Waddell now finds himself periodically bedridden despite nearly four months of treatment. He also needs a blood transfusion every month

"I'll live-l-i-v-e-with that," said Waddell, 49, who treated AIDS patients before he became sick. "The bottom line is, what else is there?"

Scientists Now Ready to Test Some Possible AIDS Vaccines

By Jan Ziegler UPI Science Writer

WASHINGTON-Three teams of scientists have asked the government for permission to begin limited human testing of possible AIDS vaccines, the Food and Drug Administration said Thursday

In addition, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said he knows of several other research teams who are ready to seek testing approval from the FDA

Dr. Allan Goldstein, chairman of bio-chemistry at George Washington Uni-versity Medical Center, announced at a National Institutes of Health conference Wednesday that he and colleagues asked the Food and Drug Administra-tion for the testing go-ahead last month.

FDA spokesman Brad Stone said the regulatory agency received two additional applications from other research teams late Wednesday to begin initial human testing of AIDS vaccine candidates. The agency is not permitted to identify the applicants.

The initial tests, if approved by the FDA, would be to designed to assure that the preparations are safe. If safety is confirmed, a long series of additional tests will be needed to determine if the preparations are effective against the AIDS virus.

Goldstein said 24 volunteers who belong to high-risk groups for develop-ing AIDS but who have no evidence of AIDS virus infection have been selected to participate in tests of the vaccine he and associates have developed. Testing

can begin immediately if the FDA grants approval, he said

The initial testing will take place at the university and at the Institute for Immunological Disorders in Houston, if the FDA approves, Goldstein said.

The vaccine to be tested by Goldstein and associates differs from most other vaccine candidates in that the new one is based on protein in the core of the virus that causes AIDS. Other candidates use protein from the surface coat of the virus.

The development follows the announcement last week that a French scientist, Dr. Daniel Zagury, had tested an experimental AIDS vaccine on himself. The material used a protein from the outer coating of the AIDS virus.

He reported that the vaccine induced his body to produce antibodies that neutralized one strain of the virus in the test tube. Zagury said he suffered no ill effects

In Israel, AIDS patients in a Tel Aviv suburban hospital will soon receive a drug made from egg yolks that may be effective against the virus, an Israeli doctor said Wednesday.

The drug, AL721, was developed six years ago by professors at the Weizmann Institute and was reported by the U.S. National Institutes of Health to have successfully repressed the AIDS virus activity in the test tube, said Dr. Zvi Bentwich of Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot

The protein being used by Goldstein and his associates is similar to a protein in a hormone, thymosin alpha 1, which is produced by the thymus gland, the

principle regulator of the immune sys-

The thymus is destroyed in many AIDS patients, suggesting that when the body tries to attack the AIDS virus, it instead destroys its own thymus tissue, Goldstein said.

When he and his associates announced last May they were working on the vaccine, they said that theoreti-cally a vaccine made from the protein could neutralize the virus after people become infected and thus could prevent the development of AIDS if the vaccine is given soon enough.



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Falwell Needs a 'Miracle' to Save PTL

By Sharon Perkinson

FORT MILL, S.C. (UPI)—Jerry Falwell says a miracle is needed to restore credibility to the PTL ministry—and television evangelism in general—shaken by a scandal that has preachers trading charges of adultery, blackmail, deceit and hostile takeovers.

Despite pleas for calm, both sides in the "holy war" that surfaced when PTL founder Jim Bakker resigned last week continued to exchange barbs and scrambled to back their claims. The new directors of PTL were to have

The new directors of PTL were to have their first meeting Thursday at the \$172 million Heritage Village USA complex that Bakker and his wife, Tammy, built from a television pulpit that reached 39 million homes.

Falwell, the fundamentalist founder of the Moral Majority who Bakker asked to take charge of PTL, has tried with little success to calm the firestorm sparked by Bakker's resignation. Bakker confessed last Thursday to a

Bakker confessed last Thursday to a sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn in 1980 and paying \$115,000 to hush the affair, bùt said later he resigned to halt a planned hostile takeover of PTL his lawyer said was masterminded by Louisiana evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. The Charlotte Observer reported

The Charlotte Observer reported today that in addition to the \$115,000 lump sum paid to Jessica Hahn and her representatives to assuage her distress, the PTL also set up a \$150,000 trust fund for her.

It said the 27-year-old one-time church secretary drew \$10,045 in 1985 from the fund set up in the Bank of Los Angeles. The newspaper said Hahn received only \$20,000 of the \$115,000 direct payment, with the rest going for legal and other fees.

It said the trust fund arrangement called for Hahn to get the entire \$150,000 after 20 years if she did not sue Baker or make her charges public. That agreement, however, was apparently never signed.

By mid-week, Swaggart, Oral Roberts and other Goliaths of television evange-



"THAT'S RIGHT- JIM AND TAMMY WERE EXPELLED FROM PARADISE AND LEFT ME IN CHARGE!"

lism were taking sides or, in the case of evangelist and presidential aspirant Pat Robertson, trying to avoid fallout from what commentators and participants were calling a "holy war."

University of Virginia sociology professor Jeffrey Hadden, author of "Prime Time Preachers," called the controversy swirling around Bakker "the best live soap opera in the history of television." But Hadden added, "It's got to be dev-

astating to the image of religious broadcasting."

Falwell said he agreed to take charge of PTL to protect the entire television evangelical movement, which experts say has become a \$1 billion a year business in the United States.

"If Heritage Village were to go down the tubes, it would affect every Bible teaching group in the country," Falwell said.

Falwell discounted reports of a Swaggart takeover plot, but said Bakker may "sincerely believe that" and added "a miracle of major proportions is needed" to restore the credibility of PTL, which stands for "Praise The Lord."

Bakker's attorney, Norman Roy Grutman, said he would present his evidence against Swaggart today to the PTL board. He said it includes two memos Swaggart gave The Washington Post and a third document.

While refusing to discuss the third document, Grutman said it came from a disgruntled employee of PTL and added, "When spliced together with the other documents and other evidence, (it) has persuaded me and others ... of Jimmy Swaggart's so-called hostile takeover."

Swaggart and his wife, Frances, told the Post they had no knowledge of Grutman's "documentary evidence" and denied having contact with any former employees of PTL.

The two documents given to the Post

by Swaggart were a memo from Swaggart to John Ankerberg, a Tennessee evangelist and a Swaggart ally, and a proposed letter to Bakker that was never sent. Grutman says the memos provide evidence that Swaggart attempted a PTL takeover. Swaggart says they don't prove much of anything.

Ankerberg called Bakker's takeover claim "patently false" and flew Wednesday to Springfield, Mo., to give the denomination's executive presbytery board evidence backing his view.

Assemblies of God spokesman Terry Terrell said several people were invited "to share their knowledge of events surrounding the problems Jim Bakker is experiencing," which include Tammy Bakker's acknowledged drug problem.

In California, John Stewart, host of the national radio program "The Bible Answers," said Bakker "is not being truthful" in saying the \$115,000 he paid to hush his affair with Hahn was blackmail.

Electronic Evangelism in Crisis, But Don't Count Out Oral Roberts

By Leon Daniel

UPI National Reporter

TULSA, Okla.—God told Oral Roberts, according to the television evangelist himself, that it was curtains for him if his supporters did not, meet an \$8 million fund-raising goal by April Fools' Day.

A Florida dog track owner thought he was putting the campaign over the top this week with a \$1.3 million check, but Roberts indicated more was needed in a statement that failed to make clear whether he still expected to die.

Roberts' on and off reprieve from a premature heavenly reward came just days after a sex scandal forced Jim Bakker to hand over his financially troubled evangelical empire to Jerry Falwell, whose own television ministry reportedly has some money problems.

Add up all these shenanigans and the bottom line is that some of the biggest TV preachers, already fighting credibility as well as cash-flow problems, are in deep trouble and trying hard to duck a growing nationwide backlash.

There are hints that money was the root of Bakker's sexual backsliding. Some charge he was set up by conspirators plotting to take over his PTL Network, an acronym for "Praise the Lord!" or, as his critics would have it, "Pass the Loot."

Roberts, the granddaddy of video soul-saving, devised, and perfected many of the television techniques and much of the mail-order magic that spawned his competitors. Some of them now reach more viewers and spin more money than he does.

But it was Granville Oral Roberts, born dirt poor 69 years ago in a shotgun house on the dusty Oklahoma plains, who showed them how.

A man once dismissed as an "Okie holy roller," a faith-healing tent preacher, Roberts became with his friend and booster Billy Graham one of America's most influential religious leaders of the 20th Century.

Roberts now controls a \$500 million international conglomerate. He lives in posh houses in Tulsa and in Beverly Hills and Palm Springs in California. He travels in a corporate jet and drives a Mercedes.

The poor boy from Ada, Okla., whose hands picked cotton and pulled corm before he laid them on the halt and the lame, now sits on the board of directors of the Bank of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Natural Gas.

The jewel in his earthly crown is the futuristic complex that includes Oral Roberts University and the adjoining and towering City of Faith medical facilities.

Detractors have dubbed the complex "Six er Jesus," but to Roberts' devotees, whom he calls "partners," a visit to Tulsa is comparable to a Moslem's pilgrimage to Mecca.

The partners, many of them oldsters or working people of modest means, believe the media have been unfair to Roberts. They say news reports fail to emphasize that the contributions for which he has been praying for daily in his 200-foot prayer tower are earmarked for a medical missionary program.

Suzanne Heck, a partner visiting the complex from Coconut Creek, Fla., said she never doubted that God told Roberts he would be called home to heaven if he didn't raise the cash.

"The press is blinded," she said. "Things of the spirit seem like foolishness to people who haven't been born again. Can you imagine what kind of press Noah would have got?"

Noah's Ark is just one of the exhibits in "Journey through the Bible," which is something like an admission-free theme park next to the hospital. Visitors sitting in a dark room constructed to resemble a boat are assaulted by jibes and guffaws from overhead speakers.

and guffaws from overhead speakers. "Where's the rain, Noah?" jeer unseen Noah-baiters. "How are you doing in there with all those animals, Noah? Haw, haw, Noah." Then, suddenly, there are rumbling

Then, suddenly, there are rumbling noises and the boat-like room starts to shake. The voices stop mocking and start pleading for permission to come aboard, but it's too late. So much for doubters and scoffers who mock those to whom God speaks.

Heck, a public school teacher and mother of two, and her husband Larry, a pipefitter, as charismatics share Robert's belief that the Holy Spirit can move the chosen to speak in tongues. They left a mainstream Baptist church for one that "gives the Holy Spirit freedom to move."

The Hecks embrace Roberts' gospel of health and wealth, which he calls "seedfaith" and which promises material as well as spiritual well-being to contributors.

"You don't give to get," said the teacher, "but you expect to get when you give."

Counseling Crunch Most Doctors Aren't Up to Speed in War on AIDS

Commentary by Neil Schram Pacific News Service

The U.S. Public Health Service was right to alert people who received blood transfusions between 1978 and April 1985 of their heightened risk of carrying AIDS antibodies. But encouraging these millions more Americans to have AIDS tests will put a heavy strain on what is already one of the weakest links in the battle against the deadly epidemic.

Most of the responsibility for providing the tests, including counseling before and after, will fall on primary care physicians, the majority of whom are terribly ill-equipped to meet the task. Their shortcomings must be under-

stood and overcome quickly. Counseling about AIDS virus antibody testing covers three important areas. First, patients must be told about the test's potential adverse consequences of a positive test—possible loss of employment and insurability, for example.

Secondly, a physician must evaluate a patient for past, present and future risk of AIDS virus infection, including possible risk of infecting others. This requires taking a sexual history and injectable drug use history and then counseling about low risk sexual or IV drug use behavior when appropriate.

Thirdly, there is often a need for shortterm emotional counseling for people who test positive.

On all three counts, most physicians don't measure up.

That is because we are primarily trained to diagnose and to treat. Many physicians know the AIDS symptoms, and can diagnose AIDS-related infection and treat those infections. But counseling requires far different skills.

Talking about sex is a key one. When AIDS was reported primarily in gay and bisexual men it was easy to dismiss physicians' general unwillingness to talk about sex as homophobia. However, that same reluctance exists for heterosexual sex as well. Thus we must recognize that ours is a sexophobic society--we can have sex but we cannot talk about it.

Ideally, all patients should be asked strictly confidentially if they are at risk for AIDS. This requires asking men if they are sexually active with men, women or both. It means asking women if they have multiple sexual partners. It means asking married men and women if they or their partners are or have been sexually active outside the marriage. It means asking all patients if they use IV drugs.

Then comes the harder partadvising those at risk about using condoms for all anal or vaginal intercourse; during oral sex, not allowing semen or cervical secretions in the mouth; and not sharing injectable drug equipment.

An estimated 1.5 million Americans are infected with the AIDS virus and presumed infectious. That number is likely to rise by three to four million or more over the next five years. Based on a study of gay men in San Francisco, as many as 75 percent of those infected may become ill with AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex.

Because we physicians are in the frontlines of war on AIDS, we had better learn how to fight. We must learn to encourage patients to protect them-



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selves. We must learn about high and low risk behaviors. We must overcome our reluctance to talk about sex. We must recognize and overcome our discomfort with gay male and bisexual patients—sexual orientation is innate, it is not a matter of choice. We must overcome our stereotype of IV drug users by asking all our patients if they use injectable drugs. Only physicians have the right and the opportunity to ask the personal questions that must be asked. The lives of our patients and no less than the future of our society depend on our doing so, and on our then giving the correct counsel. We must start immediately. The AIDS virus will not wait. Schram is a physician and heads the Los Angeles AIDS Task Force.



Code Number Needed to Get AZT Drug

By Gayle Young UPI Science Writer

NEW YORK—AIDS patients who want the newly approved drug AZT must have their doctors apply in writing to the manufacturer and then use a secret code to fill prescriptions, company officials said.

Burroughs Wellcome Co. spokesmen said Monday the elaborate distribution program is designed to ensure the drug, which may be in short supply for months, goes to the sickest patients first.

Retrovir, the trade name for azidothymidine, or AZT, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration March 20 and is the only AIDS drug on the U.S. market. It has been shown to ward off the infections that kill people with the deadly disease but it is not a cure. There are 14,000 victims of the deadly

There are 14,000 victims of the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome in the United States. Many more suffer from a less severe condition called AIDS-related complex, making the total number of patients who may be eligible for the drug at least 41,000.

for the drug at least 41,000. Paul Dreyer, Burroughs Wellcome product manager, said the company will be able to supply 15,000 AIDS patients with the drug immediately and hopes to have enough stock to accommodate 30,000 patients by the end of the year.

A spokesman for the national, nonprofit American Foundation For AIDS Research said the Burroughs Wellcome plan appears fair.

"Their proposal has been set up for people who need it the most to get it first," foundation officer Terry Beirn said in a telephone interview. "It's an ethical dilemma and a judgment call."

ethical dilemma and a judgment call." Burroughs Wellcome officials said that beginning Wednesday, doctors will have to apply to the company for permission to prescribe Retrovir. Those patients the company deems sickest will receive a code number that will allow their pharmacist to order the drug directly from the Burroughs Wellcome plant in Greenville, N.C. "The only thing I can think of that is

"The only thing I can think of that is similar is a kidney transplant system we keep lists and when it's ready we contact the doctor." Drever said. "Of course, we hope soon to be able to meet all the demand."

The recommended dose of Retrovir will be two capsules every four hours and new supplies of the drug will have to be reordered every 28 days.

Dreyer said the company will monitor reorders to make sure the code number system is not being abused. Burroughs Wellcome officials also

Burroughs Wellcome officials also defended the cost of the drug, expected to be between \$7,000 and \$10,000 a year, saying it reflects the high cost of making it. The drug takes seven months to manufacture, they said.

The officials pointed to a San Francisco study that indicates the drug may cut an AIDS patient's yearly medical bills, estimated at \$55,000, by 25 percent.

The company has established a toll free number, 1-800-843-9388, for physicians interested in applying for permission to prescribe the drug.

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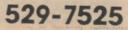
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Violence Against Gays Linked to **AIDS**

By Gayle Young UPI Science Writer

NEW YORK-The fatal disease AIDS may have sparked a backlash of violence and abuse against homosexuals in the past year, according to a psychologist who studies "homophobia

When a controversial group becomes more visible it is common for people to attack it," said Gregory M. Herek, an assistant professor of psychology at the City University of New York Graduate Center

Herek said the spread of the deadly disease may be inciting people who are already prejudiced against homosexu-als to rape, kill and beat the people they dislike or fear

AZT Gets Government Approval

By Celia Hooper

WASHINGTON (UPI)-Government health officials March 20 granted final approval for the sale of AZT, the first drug known to be effective in treating people suffering AIDS.

Assistant Secretary of Health Robert Windom said the prescription drug will be marketed by the Burroughs Wel-lcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C., under the trade name Retrovir.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended in January that AZT, or azidothymidine, be approved for marketing, and the agency followed with its final approval March

20. "Today's approval marks an impor-tant step, but by no means a final vic-tant step. and "Retrovir is not a tory," Windom said. "Retrovir is not a cure for AIDS, but it has demonstrated ability to improve the short-term survival of AIDS patients with recently diagnosed PCP (a type of pneumonia) and certain patients with advanced AIDSrelated complex.

Because supplies of the drug are limited, it will initially be reserved for AIDS patients who have had a history of PCP Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia-other AIDS related infection and for patients with severe AIDSrelated complex, a syndrome considered a precursor to AIDS.

The government began making AZT available free of charge in September to these patients, even though the drug had undergone only limited testing. Results were so good scientists felt it would be unethical to withhold AZT from other patients.

Windom said clinical data were insufficient to approve the use of Retrovir for all AIDS-associated conditions

Developed in 1964 by Dr. Jerome Horowitz of the Michigan Cancer Foundation as an anti-cancer drug, AZT was found to prevent reproduction of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus in cells

Burroughs-Wellcome said testing of the drug began in February 1986, with 137 patients receiving a dummy drug and 145 getting AZT.

There were 16 deaths among the 137 patients receiving the dummy drug and only one death among patients receiving AZT. Some symptoms, such as fungal infections, also cleared up.

Since then, new studies have begun to test the drug on patients with AIDS-related complex, patients with Kaposi's sarcoma, a soft-tissue cancer character istic of AIDS and young people with AIDS

No federal agency keeps tabs on violent acts specifically aimed at homosexuals and only a handful of cities have recently begun keeping separate records on violence against gays, Herek said in a recent interview

But some political and social gay groups that keep an unofficial tally are reporting an apparent rise in violence and abuse against homosexual men and women, he said.

Herek, who testified in October at a Congressional hearing on criminal jus-tice, said the unofficial tallies indicate more and more attacks in the past year have included slurs and remarks about AIDS.

Herek has interviewed dozens of people who have attacked homosexuals and he said he believes AIDS has given homophobics an excuse for violent acts. The disease first appeared in America

among homosexual men and quickly

spread to the heterosexual population. "They think, 'these people are pass-ing AIDS so it's okay to hurt them'," he said

But, people who are not homophobic to begin with are probably not moved to violence by the AIDS epidemic, he said.

"I would suggest AIDS is not increasing prejudice against homosexuality," he said. "It is being used as an excuse by

people who hate gays to hurt them, when perhaps they would not have hurt them physically before.

Most attacks against homosexuals

Woman Follows Government **AIDS Advice**, is Arrested

LONDON (UPI)-A female lawyer who followed the advice of a government anti-AIDS campaign said she was briefly arrested, strip-searched and given a urine test for carrying a packet of condoms.

The British government has mounted a multimillion-dollar publicity drive warning of the dangers of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and suggesting people use condoms. Its cam-paign slogan is "Don't die of ignorance.

The 30-year-old woman said she was returning from a vacation in India Feb. 22 when she was stopped by customs officers at London's Heathrow Airport.

She said that when they found the condoms in her luggage they arrested her, strip-searched her and gave her a urine test.

The woman said a customs officer told her that carrying condoms was "reasonable grounds" for arrest since drug smugglers sometimes fill them with drugs and then swallow them to avoid detection

The lawyer did not reveal her name but her story was splashed in many Sunday newspapers and a Labor Party member of Parliament said he was tak-ing her case to the Home Office.

The woman said that after the results of her urine test were negative, she was released. She said she was seeking compensation from Her Majesty's Customs and Excise department for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

A spokesman for Customs and Excise said he could not immediately confirm the case but said that any complaint would be investigated.

are committed by young men in their late teens and early 20's, Herek said. They often commit assaults in gangs, beating up lone gay men whom they don't know personally, sometimes fatally

"Young males are sensitive to peer ressure," Herek said. "By going outpressure. side of the group and attacking someone, they establish their manhood within the group. "To attack someone who is perceived

as unmasculine makes it even more so. Herek said often the attacks are very

sexual in nature and involve castration, mutilation and even male rape.

He said his studies of homophobic crimes suggest gay men are attacked with the same anger and vigor that characterized lynchings of blacks in the

"They're not just killed," he said. "They're mutilated, hung, shot and stabbed even though they are a stranger to their attackers. They bring out incredible feelings of rage

Herek said attacks against lesbians are harder to characterize.

"They may be attacked because they're gay women, or because they are women," he said. "It's very hard to differentiate '

Herek said both black and white youths attack homosexuals. Often, the attackers are "model kids," athletes and good students.

They use a common defense that the victim came on to them," Herek said. "And they don't have a lot of remorse if they're caught.



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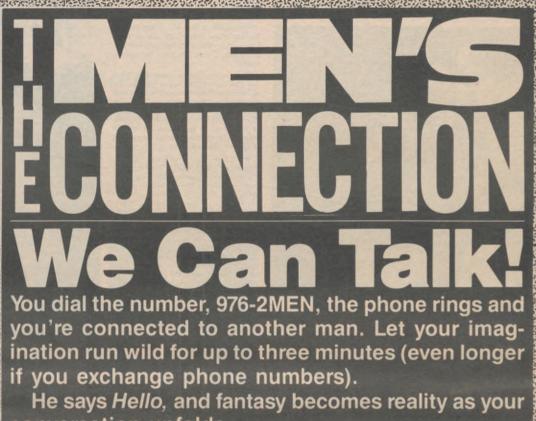
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Ensemble Doesn't 'Monkey' Around with Comedy Hit



The Ensemble Theatre presents the revival of the 1983 hit "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" March 26-May 2. Featured are (left to right) Chandra Wilson, Michael Washington, Wayne DeHart, Yvette Jones, Adorne Blye, Anthony White

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One Monkey Don't Stop No Show

One Monkey Don't Stop No Show, now playing at the Ensemble, is a very pleasant comedy, a romantic situation comedy. This show could be a mega-hit

on the dinner theater circuit. Avery Harrison (Wayne DeHart) is a successful preacher, whose congregation meets two flights up over a dry cleaners. That's apropos, because his wife Myra (Yvette Shevaron Jones) might remind you of a younger Mother Jefferson. In her hoity-toity way, she has left her lower class roots as far away from her as possible. Imagine her consternation when her

son Felix (Michael Washington) falls in love with a girl from the wrong side of the tracks (Chandra Wilson). She's trying to trap Felix by possibly being pregnant

His son's predicament rekindles flames in Avery that Myra hasn't doused in years. Can he convince her to 'do it" again?

Meanwhile, Avery's brother has died. He left behind one daughter, Beverly (Adorne Blye), and bequeathed her his half interest in a nightclub and made its other owner Caleb (Athony White) her guardian.

When Caleb agreed to the terms, he thought Beverly would be a little girl. When they meet, she's a pretty, young woman of 20 or so who's already set her bonnet on him from her father's letters. Can she catch him? And if she does, can she tame him? Or can he make her into

the kind of woman he wants her to be? This is not a show for the children. Leave them at home. The language isn't graphic, but the intentions are. All of the actors are not only very

good on their own, but have worked together for so long on various projects that they can bounce the script around between them until it comes out looking better than it is. Director George Haw kins has, as usual, coached them bril-

It's been quite some time since the Ensemble last turned their hand to a bit of fluff such as this one. I loved it. I could easily see why this play did so well for them a few years ago that their audiences asked to have it revived. It is the funniest contemporary comedy playing anywhere in town at the moment

Sometimes it feels a lot like Prairie Home Companion. Only they're talking, usually about things that happen in the city. Cooper is homey, but sophisticated.

Then again, they're sometimes more like The Goon Show, an earlier version of Firesign Theater, which was an ear-lier version of Monty Python. The Goon Show starred Peter Sellers and when Herman gets wild he might remind you of him. I mean in things like his Fu Manchu movie, not the more disciplined Inspector Clouseau bits.

When I say they read poetry (and an occasional short story), I don't mean like a sedate hippic intoning long solos. Most of their poetry, the best of it, was obviously written for the group. They act out and up. They speak in counter point to each other. The background

music is an integral part of it all. They're not afraid to take chances, either. They do some very daring things. So of course they don't all work But the vast majority of the pieces do work wonderfully! There was one long bit that didn't the night I went, but I'm sure it'll be gone soon. This show is evolving all the time.

They've got a large, loyal fan follow-ing, made up mostly of college students. So, if they're playing a small space, you might want to arrive early.

D Notes

The rumor that Randall Spangler might quit touring is untrue. His fantastic cheerful little dragons are available in Sam Houston Park during the Houston International Festival, which closes this weekend. He says he'll be back again for the Westheimer Art Festival.



JEB (right) will visit Houston to present her photo slide show on March 28

D Writers Guys in Concert

Writers Guys in Concert appear all over. They seem to usually play Munchies Coffeehosue, but I caught them at the University of St. Thomas. That night also turned out to be their first anniver-SOL

It's a tough act to describe. The bare bones is that there are these two poets, Robert Cooper and Herman, who read their poetry and one guitarist, Dowell Mudry, who plays mostly folk tunes. These three are augmented by an army of friends who help read, play, sing, etc.

Anytime during the day this Saturday, you can get a map and a list of clues for six sites along the path leading to a statue of the sacred White Buffalo. (It starts in Sam Houston Park at the map booth.) The statue is by Paul Kittelson, the creator of the Stegasaurus that lived under the freeway. The first 200 people to find it will receive free kites, specially produced for this event by Gayla Indus tries of Houston. The adventure will familiarize participants with the proposed new park system along Buffalo Bayou.

The Interdisciplinary Arts Fellow-ship Program has \$28,500 in grants to



Performance artist Kathy Rose comes to Houston for the first time with shows at Diverse Works, March 27 at 9:00 p.m.

administer. Application deadline is May 1. Call Michael Peranteau of Diverse Works at 223-9100 or Marian Luntz, Southwest Alternate Media Project) at 522-0165.

Marcia Jones is the new Houston Grand Opera Director of Development.

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ard, Marlin Perkins, Raphael. 29– Pearl Bailey, Bud Cort, Eric Idle. 30–Eric Clapton, Peter Marshall, Paul Verlaine. 31–Leo Buscaglia, Richard Chamberlain, Edward Fitzgerald. 1-Wallace Beery, Toshiro Mifune, William Mulready. 2—Marvin Gaye, Alec Gui-ness, Emmylou Harris.

Perfection is such a nuisance that I often regret having cured myself of using tobacco."—Emile Zola (born April 2)

Openings

Cartoon Esthetics (Diverse Books, 27)-works by five Houston artists who use cartoon imagery

Grandpa Hasn't Moved in Days (Radio Music Theater, 27)—The singing Fertle Family is back. Let's Murder Marsha! (Theater Sub-

urbia, 27)-comedy

Robertson, Lambert (Comix Annex, 27 & 28)

Kathy Rose, performance artist (Diverse Works, 27)—a fusion of solo dance and film. ONO!

Salome (Jones, 27)-Houston Grand Opera presents Oscar Wilde's drama about John the Baptist's beheading, translated to German with music by

Richard Strauss, then put back into

English in the surtiles, "Back to the Future" (Music Hall, 28, 10:30 a.m., pre-show at 9:30)— Toshiyuki Shimada conducts the Houston Symphony for children. ONO!

Out of Bounds: A Lesbian Journey (Treebeards, 28, 6:30 p.m.)-Hazelwitch presents a dinner show with slides by LER ONO!

Hair (Stages, 28)-the quintessential '60s musical

Lawndale Presents: Music/ Houston (Lawndale, 29)-Interarts composer collaborations. ONO!

Milt Larkin and the All-Stars (Tran-quility Park, 30, noon)—Freebies. ONO! Consortium Chamber Ensemble (University of St. Thomas' Cullen Hll,

30)-Freebies. ONO!

Extremities (Rice, 1)-Should a young woman take revenge on her would-be

American Ballroom Theater (Tower, 2 & 3

HSPVA Concert (MFA Sculpture Garden, 2, 7:00 p.m.)-Freebies. ONO! You Can't Take it With You (HSPVA,

Several Core Dancers (Theatre I, Heinen Fine Arts Complex, Houston Community College, 3, reception 7:00 p.m., performance 8:00 p.m.)-dance company does benefit for Foundation for Immunological Disorders. Recep-tion and performance \$25 donation. Reservations required. 874-4310.

Ian McKellen An Interview with Shakespeare's Lover

By Steve Warren

Special to the Montrose Voice Joan Rivers beat me to the punch, ask-ing Ian McKellen whether Shakespeare

was gay I'll tell you the same thing I told her." the English actor says later the same week. "He was certainly the father of three children, but he didn't live with his wife. He moved three or four days away . He lived in London and had plenty of opportunity for extramarital affairs. Whether these were with women, men or both we have no way of knowing.

"If he wasn't gay, he certainly wasn't homophobic. I think he was bisexual, but I think gays should be cool about it

and say he's for everybody." Ian McKellen and William Shake-speare are lovers. Despite the 376-year difference in their ages, their relation ship is consummated eight times a week on stage when the actor performs Ian McKellen Acting Shakespeare. PBS viewers have seen the one-man show, which has been done all over the world but only once in London-as an AIDS benefit. A master storyteller, McKellen not only acts out scenes from several plays but also relates anecdotes from his own life and the playwright's, dem-onstrates 400 years of acting styles, reads reviews and shares showbiz gossip from a like period.

Discussing the lack of actresses in the 16th century McKellen speculates, "What boy could possibly play Cleopa-tra?" and recites Sonnet 20 (A woman's face with nature's own hand painted/ Hast though, the master-mistress of my passion ...") which he theorizes "was written to one of those boy actors."

Homosexuality was less of an issue in Shakespeare's time than it is today, McKellen says. "King James I, who succeeded Elizabeth I, was openly gay. I don't think it was until the 1890's that they bothered to pass a law against men having sex with each other."

One of McKellen's most acclaimed roles-and they are numerous in a career which has spanned almost 30 years-was of another gay king in Marlowe's Edward II, first produced in 1592. McKellen's 1969 revival shocked that year's Edinburgh Festival, helped, he believes, by publicity from religious leaders who objected to what they saw in a church building being used as a festival theater. "They were a little upset to see buggery, sodomy and violence of various sorts being committed in the middle of the church, but I think that only helped give the production some notoriety and therefore financial

The play's best known scene is the historically accurate ending, when the king is executed by the insertion of a red-hot poker where the sun, as they say, don't shine. In a 1911 production, McKellen says, this was played behind a curtain and left to the audience's imagination. It was staged rather graphically and openly in his version, as seen on PBS. "At that point," he laughs,

"all men in the audience crossed their legs and all the women leaned forward." McKellen calls Edward "one of my favorite parts ... just a man who had no love in his life, except for a beautiful boy." After that boy is murdered by his enemies, "he doesn't achieve the great warmth, love and solidity of a lasting relationship with anybody and hence



Ian McKellen, in love with Skakespeare

turns into that awful tyrant which he becomes at the end of the play

It was the nationality, not the gender of the king's lover, Piers Gaveston, that characters in the play objected to, the actor says. "No one complains about Edward knocking about with a man, but because he's French." He thinks the role should be played by a black actor to make the point for modern audiences. "The story is not a man fighting to be gay. That doesn't bother anyone, except perhaps his wife."

Yet another gay role in McKellen's repertoire is Max in the Holocaust drama *Bent*, which he played in the 1979 London premiere. They had trou-ble finding a theater, he recalls. "There were questions raised in the House of Commons of whether, if these were the sort of plays being done should there be public subsidy of the arts?"

Having gotten the script almost by accident, McKellen later learned that American playwright Martin Sherman, whom he now calls "one of my closest friends," had him in mind when he wrote the part. "But he never sent it to me, silly boy.

During the run of *Bent* the actor was called to Buckingham Palace to be named a Commander of the British

Empire. "I went with my head shaved (for the role)," he says, "and I'm sure the Queen wondered what this *convict* was doing there

to play Joe Orton's lover, Kenneth Hal-liwell, in *Prick Up Your Ears*, which opens April 17 in the U.S. but the actor says he was tired and "had vowed to take (last) summer off.

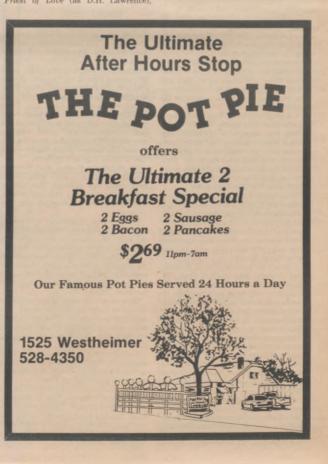
He would like to do more film work however, and dropped broad hints to that effect on a recent trip to California. That was where he did Joan Rivers' show after an aborted attempt to get on Johnny Carson, where "I was upstaged by a dog that climbed trees." Carson, he complains, wouldn't allow him to discuss anything he was comfortable with "He only wants to make jokes. He wanted to talk about football, women things I had nothing to say about.

He is grateful to Rivers "for letting me do what I do ... I did a bit of Macbeth." McKellen wishes Bent and Edward II had been filmed. Sparse American movie audiences have seen him in Priest of Love (as D.H. Lawrence),

Plenty and The Keep, while theatergoers in a few cities have been fortunate to see him in Acting Shakespeare, Wild Honey and his Tony-winning perfor-mance of Salieri in Amadeus. He claims the last role is "actor-proof," but when asked if it may not seem that way only because the best actors have played it, he admits it could be a "chicken and ' situation egg

The rest of the country knows him only from plays that have aired on PBS, and Trevor Nuns' Macbeth, shown on CBS Cable, a production he extols modestly as "nothing to do with me, but it's the best on every level.

In Montrose, Nearly Everyone Reads the Voice



Stephen Frears tried to get McKellen

18 MONTROSE VOICE / MARCH 27, 1987 Cast Steals the Show in 'Burglar'

Houston Screens by Bill O'Rourke Montrose Voice

D Burglar

When I heard that Burglar was Whoopi Goldberg playing Bernie Rhodenbarr, I blanched

In Lawrence Block's series of novels, Bernie is a white man, suave but slightly square. The kind the back cover calls "our Heifetz of Heists." The kind far back as The Maltese Falcon in this character. From Archie Goodwin, Nero Wolfe's legman and assistant, we heard the wisecracks start. There's some panache akin to the Toff and the Saint. Whoopi embraces them all and adds a little something of her own without ever denying anything.

With the exception of the sexes of some four or so of the characters being changed, this movie is very, very close



A wealthy though shady jogger (Raye Birke, left) and his associate (Scott Lincoln) get hysterical misinformation from disguised cat burglar Bernie Rhodenbarr (Whoopi Goldberg) as she tries to get them off her trail in "Burglar"

who, while leaving the caper this movie's based upon (The Burglar in the Closet), congratulates himself on show-"a little quiet class. ing

Now, Bernie's a black woman. She's got class, but it's often a kind of street class. When she's leaving a caper, she physically jumps on her semi-corrupt cop friend and rolls him around on the ground, tickling him.

I was afraid that this would be a fiasco like the movie where Chevy Chase was supposed to be Fletch. I suppose it wasn't really a bad movie, but I remember it as wretched and so would anyone who had read the books. That person up there might have been entertaining, but he certainly was not our Mr. Irwin Fletcher. Nowhere close.

That movie had been conceived as a vehicle for Chase, who is so cute when he bumbles. So he bumbled a lot. Lurking just out of sight round every bend was Wallyland, or whatever the name of that vacation site. There was no earthly way they could have gone on to film any other Fletch books.

Coming in between Fletch and Burglar, though, was Parker. That T.V. show started out as a pop fly, but worked its way back to home base. It's gotten just about as close to the feel of the books now as it can, given the different demands of the small screen. It's also found a respectable audience. That's something that owners of bookstores that specialize in mysteries could have told them all along. But it's something that's only sporadically been remembered by movie producers since Casablanca. It always seems to surprise

Also, Whoopi is a very different peron from Chevy. He's an entertainer. She is, at times, an actress. She fits herself to a role, not vice versa. She takes great delight in fitting into a role with rich traditions. There are traces from as

to the book. At the same time, it's not a slavish copy, getting every detail exact. That's good. You can now enjoy each of them for themselves as well as for their echoes of each other. I opened the book to try to find a description of the male Bernie and almost got trapped. It was all I could do to tear myself away. That wouldn't have happened if they'd been carbon copies of each other.

In the process, the filmmakers have created one of the two best films in the past several months about what a woman who lives up to her potential can be like. The other— Black Widow—was also playing cops and robbers.

Dr. Sheldrake (Lesley Ann Warren) has hired Bernie to steal some jewels back from her ex-lover. She bought them with money she had hidden from the I.R.S. So she can't simply take him to court.

Bernie hasn't made good her escape. though, when the ex comes back unex pectedly. She hides in the closet, but while she's there someone kills him.

The police figure she's the murderer. So not only must she elude them, she must also find out who really did it and prove it to them or they'll never get off her back.

This is not another of those dreary detective stories which force the audience to cheat by showing us right away who the killer is. We get to figure it out alongside Bernie and her sidekick, Carl (Bob Goldthwait).

Goldthwait's speech is sometime impossible to understand, but that is part of his humor. Otherwise he makes a maniacally marvelous Tonto

Bernie is helped and hindered by her favorite old nemesis, Ray Kirschman. He's played by G.W. Bailey, one of the most rascally charming character men working in Hollywood today. This is the most serious work he's done. You may remember him for Rustler's Rhapsody

or the Police Academy series of movies. It would be very nice if this got him nominated for the best supporting actor Oscar next year. Incidentally, he started acting at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The movie is set in San Francisco and contains one of the three best car chases across those steep hills. Although its tongue-in-cheek humor might remind you of What's Up, Doc?, it's nearly as gut wrenchingly exciting as the one in Bullitt. That's hardly surprising as the sequence was filmed by the same cinematographer, William Freaker.

The movie is based primarly on one of a series of novels. I would love to see this movie become one of a series of movies. But, with as large a star as Whoopi Goldberg in the lead, I sincerely doubt that will be allowed to happen. So gather ye rosebuds while ye may! Let's enjoy this one while we've got it.

Notes

Monologuist Spaulding Grey's new film, Swimming to Cambodia, will have its Southwest premiere April 8 at the Belair Theater. It will be a benefit (including champagne reception) for

the Alley Theatre's Endowment Fund. The monies raised (\$15 per ticket) will go to help match a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. For info or reservations, call the Alley, 228-8421

Openings

Blind Date-"Whatever you do, don't let her drink.

Ghost Fever

Return to Horror High Amici Miei (Museum of Fine Arts, 27)—My Friends. ONO!

Prairie Storm (Rice Media Center, 27)—the abortion controversy in 1981 North Dakota. ONO! Restless Natives (River Oaks, 27)—

two young Scots become modern day Robin Hoods

Robin Hoods A Cavallo Della Tigre (MFA, 28)—On the Tiger's Back. ONO! Never Turn Back: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer (Rice MC, 29)—story of a brave civil rights activist. ONO! La Vista (MFA, 29)—The Visit. ONO! La Soufriere: God's Angry Man (Goethe Institute, 2)—A volcano; a European's look at an America T.V. evangelist. Two short documentaries by evangelist. Two short documentaries by Werner Herzog, Freebies, ONO!

Weekend (Rice MC, 2)-ONO! The Wrong Box (Rice MC, 3)-ONO!



Bernie Rhodenbarr (Whoopi Goldberg) gives Carl Heffler (Bob Goldthwait) a ride through the San Francisco hills on a stolen police motorcycle as they try to find the killer responsible for the crime for which she's the number one suspect

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AIDS Programs Not High on State Budget List By Bob Lowry

UPI Capitol Reporter

AUSTIN-The chairman of the House Public Health Committee said Monday the Texas Legislature is not likely to place a high priority on assistance for AIDS programs because of budget restrictions

Rep. Brad Wright, R-Houston, said AIDS sufferers must take some responsibility for their lifestyles, but he said they should not be punished for being homosexual or drug users. "I don't think you can ignore a prob-

lem because the behavior, which may largely be the source of transmission (of AIDS), is prohibited," he said. "But I do think it's a consideration if we're talking about the amount of money we're going to commit to help intravaneous drug users versus helping the crippled children's services.

'I think that's a choice that is not a

difficult one to make." Wright made the comments after his committee heard nearly three hours of testimony from AIDS experts.

Liberace **Relatives Lose Estate Fight**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)-A judge refused to grant a portion of Liberace's multi-million dollar estate to four disin-herited relatives who sought to chal-lenge a will signed two weeks before the entertainer's AIDS-related death.

The three nephews and a niece appeared in probate court March 20 to contest the will, but Judge Thomas Foley said the famed pianist had "good reasons" for keeping them out of his will and rejected their claims.

Liberace died at his Palm Springs, Calif., home Feb. 4 of complications from AIDS. He was 67. The will, dated Jan. 22, 1987, placed

Liberace's estate in a revokable living trust with the entertainer's Los Angeles lawyer Joel Strote as trustee and long-time accountant Frank DiBella, of Whittier, Calif., named to oversee the funds. Strote also is executor of the will.

The four relatives who protested the will are Ina, Lester, Harry, and Rudolph Liberace Jr., the children of his sister-inlaw, Isabelle, and brother Rudy, who died two decades ago.

Las Vegas attorney George Rudiak told the court that the challenge was designed "to blackmail the estate" by threatening adverse publicity unless the nephews and niece were included as beneficiaries.

"Liberace didn't even like these kids. He ultimately disinherited them, Rudiak contended.

Attorney Kenneth Kahn, represent-ing the relatives, argued that Liberace was not of sound health and mind when he signed the will. But Las Vegas attorney Richard

Oshin, a specialist in probate and estate planning who said was hired by Strote in January to restructure the will, noted that the four relatives were also left out of previous wills.

"Prior to the final will there was a 1982 will and several codicils, all of the previous documents left out the child-Oshins said ren,

A tearful Ina Mae Liberace said out-side of court that she and her brothers were "very close to Uncle Lee." She said Liberace deeded his former house in North Hollywood to their mother but left nothing to them.

Wright said at one point during the hearing that AIDS victims must assume some responsibility for their illness because of the possible illegal conduct that caused the disease

But he said later his remarks were aimed mainly at intravaneous drug users

"I think intravenous drug users have to assume some of the risk for their conduct," said Wright. "I don't think homo-sexuals have been identified as the problem. I think promiscuity has been identified as the problem.

"I don't think because somebody is breaking the law that you can say we're going to punish you by letting you be sick and die. What I'm saying is that some point after you've fully educated people, I think the state's responsibility

"It's not just a criticism of the homosexual lifestyle because I really don't think that a reason for us to discriminate against anyone with the disease, he said. "But the level of activity-you're talking about hundreds of partners in a three-year period for some

of these people. That a busy person." However, Dr. Charles Alexander, chairman of the AIDS Task Force of Texas, told the committee there is evidence homosexuals, who once had as many as 1,500 sex partners over a threeyear period, are altering their lifestyles.

Alexander said there is evidence in Texas of a "tremendous drop" in the number of oral and rectal cases of gonorrhea among homosexuals, which he called "one of the measures of homosexual male activities.

"There is some conscious effort being made by that group to change behav-ior," He said. "I think there's effort there.

Alexander said studies show homosexuals have about "half or less" as many sex partners now as before the AIDS epidemic, but he said there is "a great deal of difficulty is reaching persons in the intravenous drug-using group.

"I don't think there's been enough adjustment in lifestyle," said Alexander. "I think there's been even less adjustment in lifestyle among heterosexuals engaged in risky behavior." Dr. Sam Nixon, director of the Houston AIDS Coalition, said education is the only way to combat the fatal illness.

When it comes to sexual activity, we must do away with the stork. We must forget about the cabbage patch," he said. "We are built like we are to do what we do. If we do it properly, we'll be disease-free.

"If we continue non-physiological practices, I have great concern about the future. The only good thing about AIDS is it's easy to prevent and it's hard





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to catch. At the present time, prevention is the only answe

Nixon warned that "dangerous" sexual practices among homosexuals and heterosexuals will continue to to spread AIDS

"If we don't change our behavior . my opinion is these figures (projection of new cases) will be on the low side," he said

The Texas Health Department has projected the number of AIDS cases in the state will jump from more than 2,000 at the end of February to more than 16,000 in 1991. When Wright injected that the

financially-strapped state probably will not be able to provide much money for AIDS programs, Nixon replied, "You can pay me now or pay me later. If you invest a little now, you can save a lot

Dr. Robert Bernstein, state health commissioner, said the state must maintain its AIDS education programs.

"I believe we've probably destroyed a forest to produce the paper used for AIDS pamphlets in the last six months," he said. "Butif you're going to ask me now if every citizen knows about AIDS. I'm going to say no.

Safe Sex Has **Results** in London

LONDON (UPI)-The AIDS virus is spreading more slowly among one group of Londoners most at risk because of safer sexual practices that also have reduced the rate of conventional vene-real disease, a team of British researchers reported March 19.

Their report in the medical journal "The Lancet" was based on a study of homosexual and bisexual men attending a London clinic. They said a lower rate of deadly AIDS virus was achieved by reducing promiscuity and using condoms.

From 1982 to 1984, the report said, the rise in anti-human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) among the London subjects averaged 7.4 percent per year. But between 1984 and Dec. 1986 it fell to 1.8 percent a year.

At the same time the gonorrhea rate in the same group dropped from 15.3 percent a year to 5.1 percent. "The results of this study are encou-

raging in suggesting we may be expe-riencing a slower rate of viral spread in London than in major American cities but there are no grounds for compla-cency," the report said.

Hotline for AIDS in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (UPI)-Hungary said it is setting up a tele-phone hotline to provide information on AIDS, the official news agency MTI

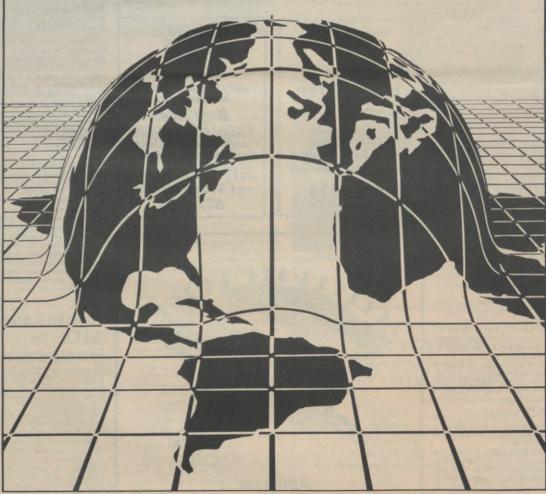
MTI said 114 people have been con-firmed infected with the AIDS virus and one had died

Groups with the greatest chance of exposure to acquired immune deficiency syndrome-homosexuals and hemo-philiacs-are subject to compulsory screening tests. Since July 1986, all blood taken from donors has been examined.

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California Here We Come

"Soap" by the Staff of the Montrose Voice

Montrose will be missing several familiar faces this weekend as two activities taking place on the West Coast have Houstonian's jetting off to La La Land—some for work, some for play. Several local health care providers

are attending the National Lesbian/ Gay Health Conference which began Wednesday. Representatives from AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. and Aid for AIDS are not only attending the five-day confab but are facilitating some of the sessions.

Our own Nate Sebastian and Richard Jimenez are among program presen-tors. Joe Porro is also joining the thou-sands from all over the country expected to take a comprehensive look at problems and possible solutions to health care needs of the nation's lesbian/ gay community.

Across town, the Houston chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo will be well represented at the Golden State Gay Rodeo, as a group of Space City urban wranglers are expected to follow the International Gay Rodeo circuit to its westernmost U.S. stop. Those planning to make the trek are Bacchus' Debbie Powell and the Voice's Jerry Mulholland.

D Bar None

The 611 Breakfast Club raised over \$260 with their bake sale last weekend. The Omega House will benefit from a job well done by Ron.

We understand that Pickles (Mary's) and Ron Bilbo are putting together this year's Easter high heel and bonnet race. Beginning at **The Venture-N**, the course will take runners to Mary's and other bars along the way to Chutes where awards will be presented. Now is the time to polish the pumps and press that veil.

Mary's entry in the Mr. International Contest, Bill Bryant, will co-emcee with Tondalaya the Ms. Vacant Lot contest

In Memoriam



WILLIAM (BILL) S. LONG

September 9, 1945-March 20, 1987 In loving memory of a beautiful friend sadly missed and lovingly remembered by those who stayed with him through the end.

Contributions may be made in his name to Hospice of VNA-Visting Nurse Association of Houston.

OUR POLICY The Montrose Voice is honored to co tives of our readers, and friends or relatives of our readers, with an announcement. Friends or relatives should provide us with informa-tion in person (not by mail or over the phone). There is no charge for and Carnival finals at 10:00 p.m., Saturday, April 4. Registration forms must be in by March 31 for this, yet another, Mary's exercise in the innocent joy of poor taste.

Peter of Exile II, 302 Tuam, declares "the tradition will continue" with a grand opening real soon.

The Camp Closet has a hot morning bartender named *Ben.* Don't believe it. Stop by and say hello.

Just Keep Rollin' Along

The Montrose Counseling Center will sponsor a skate night at Carousel Rink, 9190 Old Katy Rd., on Tuesday, April 7, 8:00-10:00 p.m. The Colt 45's/ HOG's skate night

will be April 21, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

□ Tune Up

Andy Mills is asking that previous members and those wishing to join the Montrose Symphonic Band call him at 527-9454 or come by to the 7:30 p.m. Monday rehearsals at MCCR. The band is gearing up for a May 15 concert at Rice U's Hammon Hall that will benefit AIDS Foundation and Aid for the AIDS

The band is also asking for tax-deductible donations of instruments.

□ Salute!

A happy first anniversary goes out to Curt (Puppy) Norton and Gary Ruska! No comment as to how these two have gotten along for a whole year.



Babs Monroe with Miss Texas Gay Newcomer Dina Malloy

Babs Monroe was named Miss Congeniality in last weekend's Miss Texas Gay Newcomer contest held at Vickery Station in Fort Worth. Dina Malloy of Ft. Worth walked off with top honors. Babs can been seen at The Galleon, Sunday, March 29, 8:00 p.m.

Just Couldn't Resist

There's no way to resist comment on the current "unholy" wars among the tele-vision evangelists. Could this possibly be God's way of punishing those who solicit funds to use the public airwaves to, among other things, promote a climate of homophobia to millions of American households?





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Community News from Neighborhood & Community Groups Montrose Clinic Expands Hours

The Montrose Clinic, 803 Hawthorne, has expanded its hours for routine sexually transmitted disease (STD's) clinic sessions.

ted disease (STD's) clinic sessions. Effective immediately the clinic will be open for STD sessions Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 6:00-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sunday 1:00-4:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary. The clinic continues to serve as the alternative site for the AIDS (HIV) antibody test. The program is offered anonymously and free of charge and includes pre-test and pog-test counseling. Appointments are required for HIV testing. Telephone 528-5536 for informa-tion and/ or appointment. The clinic is in page of undirectory appointment because the set of the set of

The clinic is in need of volunteers, especially physicians, nurses, lab technicians and other medical/ health professionals.

For more information on volunteering, contact Fred Irvine at 528-5536.

Community AIDS Education Program Slated

AMI Twelve Oaks Hospital, Wesleyan and the Southwest Freeway, will be sponsoring a community education program entitled "Understanding AIDS." It will be held Monday.

March 30 at 700 p.m. at Twelve Oaks. The guest speaker will be Jack Austin, M.D., a physician who specializes in the treatment of infectious diseases. He will be discussing the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of AIDS and will also be available for questions and answers.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Clarie Rowland at 623-2500.

Women's Network April Schedule

The Women's Network of the Montrose Counseling Center is a support and educational group established to serve particularly (but not exclusively) the lesbian and bisexual community of Houston women. Fees are based on a sliding scale ranging from \$3-\$10.

Community of Houston women Fees are based on a storing state ranging interview of However, no one will ever be turned away for lack of the fee. On April 1, Nancy Koretz will present "Shaking the Family Tree." This program is intended to help individuals learn more about themselves by exploring their roots. A panel discussion entitled "Black Women in Transition" will be held April 8, Four women

"On Becoming Physically Fit" is the title of a program to be presented April 15 by Carolyn Jordan, health studio manager

Family therapist Joan McKirachan will explore "Mother/ Daughter Relationships" on April 22

All programs will be held at the counseling center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203. More informa-tion on the women's network is available by calling 529-0037.

22 MONTROSE VOICE / MARCH 27, 1987 **Artists Change Directions like the Weather**

Hot Wax Music by Jeffrey Wilson Maybe it's still the newness of the year. possibly all the awards shows or the overwhelming amount of records and press to delve through-we've come to find an inordinate number of nonsingers trying to be, and groups disbanding to release solo projects en masse, and former lead singers returning to groups that shouldn't even exist by now

We can't decide whether it's mindboggling or just plain absurd, but some of the news is good so Hot Wax Music is going to share with you the good, bad and indifferent.

There was a song from the Broadway play *Chicago* in which they stated as long as you "razzle dazzled 'em" they couldn't tell if you were faking it. There's supposed to be a lot of saleability (at least for one curious project) in ctors turned singers and vice versa. Maybe it's because they play so many choruses of Motown hits on ABC-TV's "Moonlighting" that both the label and co-star Bruce Willis collaborated on an album

Willis' The Return of Bruno can best be described as extended versions of his so-called singing during the 30-second commercial clips for Seagrams Wine Coolers. The artist (dare we giggle?) clowns his way through original and cover material including a first single "Respect Yourself," which topped the charts 15 years ago for the Staple Sing-ers on Stax Records.

The musicians are jamming, the pro-duction is clean, and the background singers are carrying the vocal load. To listen to Bruce or Bruno or whatever he's calling his alter-ego, and not see him going through the outrageous endearing act is to realize he can't sing. He might call it singing or even soul, but Willis' audio without video is a no-go.

Hey Bruce, stick with Cybill and opt for some other type of second job for moonlighting. Has the infinite Motown Industries all but forgotten its roots of Hitsville USA and Motown Records?

Bunny DeBarge's press states that she's accomplished her goal and the DeBarge family tradition of musical excellence. Says Bunny, "This is a big step for me because on the previous albums with my brothers, I was solely responsible for one or two songs. This time I had to do nine and it was all on me." Perhaps nine was too many. Bunny also recalls, "Few people know

that the first DeBarge deal with Motown in the early '80s was on the strength of my demos. Motown heard the tapes and wanted to sign me. At the time, I wanted my family with me. I wasn't ready to perform solo, so DeBarge with El, Randy and Mark was formed. Later James was added.

Remember all the great female vocalists during Motown's heyday including Gladys Knight, Martha Reeves and D.R.? Of course you do! Heydey, shmey this is late 1980's (how ominous) day. and Motown has turned loose this latest DeBarge sibling to solo.

Ms. DeBarge's debut album is In Love, which seems to be the theme weaving throughout a variety of producers and arrangers as well as musicians, supporting vocalists and credit 'thank yous.' We're not sure if DeBarge is trying to emulate any of her sister vocalists, but the style is strikingly reminiscent of Columbia's Deneice Williams including those ocassional trademark shrills.

Side One opens with Bunny's first single, a Jerry Knight/ Aaron Zigman composition entitled "Save the Best for Me." This is a typical, yet pleasant r&b chart number for the dance floors. It isn't until we get to the end of this side to find a real musical treat, "Dance All Night." Although he didn't pen this track, Reggie Lucas (a Stephanie Mills attribute) arranged and produced this stronger than average dance song. 'B' is not only for Bunny, but for 'B'-

side. Ms. DeBarge has written or co-



Bruce Willis-or Bruno-or whatever he calls himself these days

"Rhythm of the Night" and "Queen of My Heart.

The so-so splits didn't work for the Miracles (only Smokey), or the Supremes (only Diana and the follow-up group as one unit!). Imagine the Tops without Levi Stubbs and Gladys without her Pips. Some groups were meant to succeed together. Which brings us to Fourth Time's The Charm?! It's been



Dennis Edwards: gone from and back to the Temptations



Trio: Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris

written all but one of the tracks. Only one of her four efforts seems to avoid the lackluster of sounding segued. The flip side's saving grace is "Let's Spend the Night" sounding very family DeBarge with a tinge of Johnny Mathis' early 80s pop style.

Beautiful Bunny lacks direction, but certainly not energy or excitement, try-ing to carry on part of the DeBarge fami-ly's successful r&b tradition. It's time for these individual DeBarges to pool their resources once again and give us flawless recountings of hits like in again, out again for the Temptations (Gordy) best lead singer, Dennis Edwards. When the Tempts temporarily left Motown in 1976 for a few unnoticed albums at Atlantic, Edwards remained behind poorly managed to record unsuccessfully as a solo. Then came the family reconciliation

with Motown boss Berry Gordy at the helm of the Tempts' return/debut LP Power, with Dennis on lead. Charting success was not instant and so a deeper reconciliation brought back original Temptations David Ruffin and Eddie Kendricks for a Reunion LP and summer tour

Although the album was carried by the historical quintet turning septet, all the power they could muster with thensensation Rick James penning their lead-off single "Standing on the Top, any real chances of success and reconci-

liation were again waning. Again Ruffin, Kendricks and Edwards departed. While David and Eddie gained some notoriety singing around with their blue-eyed soul brothers Hall & Oates; Edwards finally gained access to the r&b and dance charts as a solo for Motown's Gordy label.

Now with the departure of one of the more recent replacement Tempts, whose name you probably aren't familiar with so we won't confuse the issue, Edwards comes home to the family a fourth time. Hopefully, Edwards will breathe and pump his special rhythm back into the 1987 Temptations; along with a strong songwriting team that couldn't hurt. Production for a new album is sche-duled just around the corner. While Motown contends that

Edwards will still pursue his solo career as well, Dennis, "I went away for awhile and did what I had to do. I have always been a Temptation, and it feels great to

be back with the family." How 'bout a trio? What a lovely triad—Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris. A few years back Linda and Dolly lent participating vocals to Emmylou's remake of "Mr. Sandman" which naturally led to speculation that three of the finest voices in contemporary pop & western would

Finally these three diverse talents found cooperative schedules and the result is their first single from Trio, "To Know Him is to Love Him." It seems like several musical years ago when Phil Spector wrote this catchy love song for The Teddybears, and this is its third and best cover. Unlike a trio with one familiar lead singer, these strong yet gentle voices are truly a compliment to each other, and certainly well guided under the production of George Massenburg.

From RCA, to this guest spot on Warner Bros., Dolly Parton has recently signed on with Columbia Records. Before studio time, Ms. Parton is currently on tour downunder cheering up the Aussies with Kenny Rogers

Bowie on AIDS

By William C. Trott

United Press International

David Bowie says he and the independent Mick Jagger have another project

coming up. "Mick Jagger and I will be doing something together next year but at the moment I cannot say what," said Bowie, who teamed with the Rolling Stone on a raucous version of "Dancing in the Streets" in 1985.

Bowie held a news conference in London March 20 and touched on many sub-jects, including the six-month tour that will take him to 100 cities and four continents. Bowie, who flew in from New York, said he was amused by reports that he was retiring from music.

"When I stop enjoying it all I will stop," he said.

Asked about AIDS, Bowie said, "I cannot attend the AIDS charity show coming up in London soon but I think everyone should have an AIDS test and use condoms.

Study Claims Feminine **Traits in Boys** Leads to Homosexuality

By Delthia Ricks

UPI Science Writer

LOS ANGELES-Boys who prefer girls' games and whose fathers are inat-tentive and fail to deal with extreme feminine behavior are more likely to become homosexuals than boys who exhibit traditional masculine behavior while growing up, a pioneering 15-year study shows.

Unlike previous research into what makes some boys grow up to be homo-sexual or bisexual, the study released Tuesday also suggested that it is not a stereotypical overbearing mother who plays the major role in her son's sexual orientation.

"This is the first time that anybody has ever taken a large group of dozens of boys and looked at them directly as they were growing up," said Dr. Richard Green, professor of psychiatry at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. Green and a team of behavioral

scientists tracked the development of two groups of boys in the first investiga-tion that tried to identify the factors that lead to homosexuality in males from childhood.

The researcher also said "our study showed that therapy designed to stop later homosexual orientation is ineffective.

Green said one group in the study consisted of boys who said they preferred to be girls, dressed in girls' clothing and preferred such "dress-up" toys as Bar-bie dolls, role-played as girls, avoided rough-and-tumble sports and played primarily with girls. The other group biblic as a superior and played exhibited conventionally masculine behavior

In the first group, Green said, 34 of the boys-75 percent of them-grew up to be homosexual or bisexual.

"By contrast, all but one of the boys who showed conventional masculine behavior during boyhood are heterosexual," Green said.

As previous studies of homosexuality suggest, Green's study indicates that parents play a critical role in their child's later sexual behavior.

We did find a great deficiency in the time fathers shared with their feminine sons, particularly in the first four or five years of life," he said. "Also, the more parents were supportive of cross-gender behavior the more extensive this behavior became

He said the extent to which the boys in the study exhibited feminine behav-ior also correlated with a lack of interest in the child by the parents, especially the father.

Other factors common among the boys who grew up to be homosexual or bisexual were tendencies of being perceived as "beautiful children" by their parents and a series of chronic or serious illnesses early in life.

He also said most of these boys pre-ferred to portray "mothers" rather than 'fathers" in games of house with other playmates.

"The most important thing is that when parents see behavior like this, they should try to understand why their boy is unhappy being a boy," Green said. "It is the responsibility of parents to show the boy that he can be an aes-thetic and sensitive person and still be a boy





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Survey: Americans More Worried about AIDS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Heart disease no longer strikes more fear in the heart of Americans than AIDS and most people remain concerned they may be exposed to the deadly AIDS virus dur-

ing a blood transfusion, a survey shows. But nearly 75 percent of those who participated in the survey issued Tues day by the American Association of Blood Banks are aware they can reserve their own blood for transfusion during elective surgery.

"Americans retain high levels of assurance in the performance of the nation's blood banks ... (as) threefourths give blood banks an 'excellent' or 'good' rating for their performance in taking the necessary precautions to pro-tect the nation's blood supply from AIDS," the survey said.

The American Association of Blood Banks is an organization of more than 7,000 individuals and 2,400 community and hospital blood banks and hospital transfusion services. It collects nearly half of the nation's donated blood, with the Red Cross collecting the other half.

A thousand randomly selected adults over age 18 participated in the survey, conducted by telephone Dec. 12-16, 1986. Some of the findings were:

-AIDS has replaced heart disease as the nation's No. 2 health worry. While cancer still tops the list, mention of AIDS increased by 8 percent from a sim-ilar survey taken in 1985. The No. 3 concern is now heart disease, followed by drug abuse, smoking, obesity and diet or nutrition.

-Fear of AIDS from blood transfusion, which is possible, remained con-stant, at 55 percent this survey and 53 percent in the previous survey. But fear of contracting AIDS from donating blood declined. In this survey, 27 per-cent mistakenly believed it is possible compared with 34 percent the year before.

-Seventy-three percent of respondents indicated awareness they can reserve some of their own blood for transfusion during elective surgery, and 80 percent said they would prefer this option if faced with an operation. Only 43 percent said they would use a private frozen blood storage center; 46 percent said they would not. Others had no opinion.

Eighty-six percent said they had confidence blood collection centers were recruiting healthy donors, testing blood and handling blood properly to provide a safe blood supply

More Gays in the USSR

MOSCOW (UPI)-The number of homosexuals in the Soviet Union is growing. despite a law making homosexuality a crime punishable by up to five years in prison, a Communist Party youth newspaper reported.

Moscovsky Komsomolets, the news-paper of the Communist Party's youth group, took up the issue for the first time Tuesday, saying it broke a long silence

because of an underlying fear of AIDS. "Why in our country, where not only publicity but the very fact of homosexual contacts is persecuted by law, is the number of homosexuals growing?" the newspaper asked.

e newspaper, however, provided no specifics on the number of homosexuals in the country.

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FlamingoGate Comes Home to Roost

The Innocent Bystander by Arthur Hoppe

The question was how that covey of pink plastic flamingoes which recently graced the lawn of our neighbor, Mr. Crannich, came to roost atop our garage roof. The answer, I felt strongly, lay in the heart of our son, Mordred.

My suspicions were enforced when Mordred put on his Eagle Scout uniform, complete with garrison cap and merit badges, and took up residence in the driver's seat of the family station wagon parked at the



"What are you doing in there, Mordred?" I asked, peering through the open window

"I'm defending the United States

Constitution, Dad," said Mordred, his chin high. "On this, its 200th anniversary year, it behooves all of us citizens to defend and protect this precious document which ensures our cherished freedoms

"That's very noble of you, Mordred," I said, "and how did those pink flamingoes get on our roof?

"I'm glad you asked that question, Dad," he said. "I don't think there's another person in America that wants to tell this story more than I do."

"Good," I said. "Let's hear it." "Unfortunately," he said, "I am not only protecting and defending the Con-stitution itself, but also its amend-ments, including the fifth. Therefore I were dealing the same are the rewards must decline to answer on the grounds that anything I say may tend to incriminate or degrade me.

"Who do you think you are," I said irritably, "a Marine Corps colonel?" "Please, Dad," said Mordred, "you're

talking about a national hero who wants, above all, to see the guilty brought to justice. Of course, if you want to discuss a grant for limited immunity

"All I want to discuss is who put those flamingoes on our roof," I said firmly. "Let's start by you telling me where you were last night."

"Gosh, Dad, the human mind can't encompass everything. I'll bet you can't remember what you were doing on August 8, 1985.

"Now you've promoted yourself to president," I said. "Well, if the president can't remember what he did," said Mordred, "how can I remember what I did?'

"He's got a lot more to forget than you have," I said. "Talk." "Just a minute," he said. "you're investigating this case, right?" "I'm trying," I said.

'And in the end, you'll decide if I'm

guilty. "You bet I will," I said, "and after I decide you're guilty, I'm going to ground you for a week.

"Don't you see, Dad?" he said smugly. "This whole business violates the very heart of the Constitution-the separation of powers. You can't both investigate me and judge me. I'd rather die than desecrate our sacred Constitu-

"I'm glad to see you're only a colonel again," I said. "Now about these pink flamingoes

Mordred bowed his head. "As the Bible says, "Though youth be persecuted for pink flamingoes, the spirit of right-eousness shall prevail.' That's Matthew

"That's Mordred, '87," I said. "And you're grounded for a week.

Mordred put on a stunned look. "You mean you'd rape our priceless Constitution and thereby shatter forever our birthright of democracy

"Democracy, Mordred, has absolutely nothing to do with family relation-ships," I said. "Go to your room."

"Congress would never talk that way to Colonel North," he said sullenly. "Maybe not," I said. "But his mother

Fortunes Libra: Be Concerned, Enforce Cooperation By Mark Orion

Your Horoscope from the Voice For Friday evening, March 27, through Friday morning, April 2, 1987:

ARIES-Being the object of someone else's fantasy can be a problem. Being seen only in the way that someone chooses to see you can be changed by simply being yourself. Don't shortchange yourself by hiding emotions.

TAURUS-The changes just don't stop. You're moving at incredible speed Everything seems to happen instantly, all of a sudden. Someone unequipped for this would feel frenzied and exhausted. But admit it, you love it! Don't stop now.

GEMINI-Someone from the past comes storming into the present shout-ing words you don't want to hear. You're going to have to deal with this person. Be frank and decisive. It will help you learn who you are right now

CANCER-You'll feel a bit like the careful observer this time. Remember Peter Sellers in "Being There?" "I like to watch." You can enjoy all the incredible lightning and thunder around you and stav calm

LEO-Do you know where you're going? Know where you've been? Con-fused? I imagine you are. If you'd stop pushing yourself so damned hard, you'd find some answers to all this craziness Let up and let the spring take its course. At least try!

VIRGO-What you've been learning leads to some recognition. You're feeling proud and able and glad to be where you are. Someone who sees you as a beautiful example can learn from you what they need to know

LIBRA-Being concerned for others doesn't mean that they sit back while you do all the work. Ask for the help you need to help them. You might have to enforce some cooperation.

SCORPIO-You made a promise. You said you would or could, and now, you're not so sure. Your flair for making things a little more than they really are may have gotten you into a bit of trouble. Can you deliver? Beware of those whose interests are the same as yours.

SAGITTARIUS—Get together with your best friend. Strong currents can flow between you and the one you're close to, but some people seem erratic and unpre-dictable this time when you're trying to find answers to problems. If so, then ease off

CAPRICORN-Don't refuse any invitations. What sounds dull could turn out to be most exciting. What sounds like the same old thing could be refreshingly new. Someone's helping your life take a sudden turn.

AQUARIUS-Summertime . and the livin' is easy. Somebody's rich, and some-body's goodlookin', and you're enjoying every minute of it. Don't forget to spread some of that espirt around. All the signs of the zodiac aren't having that kind of ood luck. Show 'em how it's done-even if it isn't really summertime yet.

PISCES-All that energy should be directed into some physical activity this time. That long-put-off exercise program, or a work project that requires body as well as brain could get you off to a flying start. Love those muscles!

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Supreme Court Limits Local Rule of Cable TV

By Andrea Neal

WASHINGTON (UPI)-The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 Monday states may not censor adult oriented cable television shows unless they are legally obscene.

The justices rejected arguments from Utah officials, who were challenging a federal appeals court ruling striking down the state's 1983 Cable Television Programming Decency Act.

Although it did not issue an opinion, the court's action affirming the appeals panel is considered precedent binding on lower courts.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor voted to hear the case.

Media law expert Floyd Abrams, who represented the Home Box Office cable network, said the court's decision is "a major step toward assuring the Ameri-can public will be able to decide for itself what to watch and what not to watch on cable

James Mooney, president of the National Cable Television Association, said the case "underscores the futility of the legislatures trying to use so-called indecency statutes to prevent people from watching in their own homes what they can see in their neighborhood movie theaters."

'What's involved here is not obscenity," Mooney said, "it's mainstream movies for grownups who want to make their own judgments about what they can watch.

The 1983 obscenity law was Utah's second attempt to limit the sexual content of cable programming.

In 1981, the legislature passed a law

making it a misdemeanor to "knowingly distribute by wire or cable any pornographic or indecent material.

A federal court struck down that law as "constitutionally overbroad, prompting the legislature to enact a second statute

The new law enabled the attorney general or any city or county attorney to bring nuisance charges against anyone who "as a continuing course of conduct knowingly distributes indecent material within this state or over any cable television system or pay-for-viewing television programming.

A first offense was punishable by up to \$1,000, a second offense by \$10,000. The act defined "indecent material"

as a display of sexual activity or organs

that the average persor would consider patently offensive taking into account the time and manner in which it is pres ented

Following passage of the act, a group of cable subscribers and programmers, including HBO, filed suit alleging the law was unconstitutional.

A federal district court and the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, ruling the law was "unconstitutionally overbroad and vague" because it was not limited to obscenity.

Under Supreme Court precedents, a work may be deemed obscene and there fore not protected by the First Amendment if it appeals to the prurient interest, is patently offensive and lacks literary, artistic, political or scientific

value. Seeking high court review, the state of Utah said states have a right "to alleviate the assault of cablecast indecency upon unwilling adult viewers and to limit its widespread availability to impressionable children.

The state said the Cable Communications Policy Act, passed by Congress in 1984, preserves the right of states to reg-"not only obscene speech," ulate but other speech which may be objectionable to the community

Lawyers for the cable channels and

"Choice is what cable is all about," they said, adding that the law would force cable programmers "to guess" whether movies they show might be considered indecent.

AIDS Hospital Cutting Staff

HOUSTON (UPI)-A staff reduction of nearly 15 percent will save the nation's first AIDS hospital nearly \$100,000 a month and reduce its substantial operating losses, the interim executive director said Wednesday.

An analysis of patient care needs indicated a need for 26 fewer full- and part-time positions than those repres ented by the 175 employees at the Insti-tute for Immunological Disorders. interim executive director Paul K. Crafts said.

The positions to be eliminated are

management or support service jobs and the nursing department is not effected by the cuts, he added. Some personnel to be laid off were told

Wednesday and the rest to be laid off

will be told by Friday, Crafts said. "Every effort will be made to assist these employees in relocating to other AMI hospitals or in finding new jobs," Crafts said. The American Medical International operates the institute.

On March 13, the hospital said no new indigent patients could be accepted because the \$2 million provided in care to impoverished patients since September far exceeded the \$250,000 the corporation had committed in an affiliation agreement with the University of Texas System.

Crafts said the institute was "remarkably effective" in enabling acquired immune deficiency syndrome patients to stay out of the hospital. He said it averaged only 12 inpatients per day while treating 50 patients daily on an outpatient basis.

Even with the new savings, Crafts said the hospital will continue to have substantial operating losses each month



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cerns.... This classic novel, first published in 1950, remains a romantic and suspense-ful read, an intelligently-written love story-that gives a vivid picture of our recent but often-forgotten past.

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SECOND CHANCES, by Florine de Veer, \$7.00. Is it always harder to accept what is offered freely? Jeremy, young and still naive about the gay world, could easily have the love of his devoted friend Roy, yet instead he finds himself pursu-ing the handsome and unpredictable Mark



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ACT WELL YOUR PART, by Don Sakers, \$5.00. When Keith Graff moves with his mother to a new town, he feels like the new kid who doesn't fit in. Then he joins his high school's drama club and meets the boyishly cute Bran Daven-

REFLECTIONS OF A ROCK LOBSTER: A story about growing up gay, by Aaron Fricke, \$5.00. The moving auto-biography of Aaron Fricke, who made national news when he took a gay date to his high school prom

SEX POSITIVE, by Larry Uhrig, \$7.00. Many religious leaders have distorted Biblical passages to condemn homosexuality. Here Uhrig fights back, discussing positive Biblical views of same-sex relationships, and arguing that sexuality and spirituality are closely linked.

THE SPARTAN, by Don Harrison, \$6.00. In the days of the first Olympics, 50.00. In the days of the hist Orympics, gay relationships were a common and valued part of life. *The Spartan* tells the story of a young athlete and his adven-tures in love and war, providing a vivid picture of classical Greece, the early Olympics, and an important part of our history



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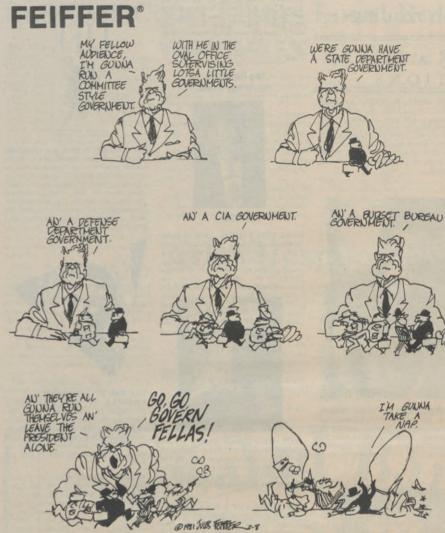
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'Olympic' Case Heard in High Court

By Andrea Neal

WASHINGTON (UPI)-The U.S. Olympic Committee discriminated against homosexuals when it filed suit to prevent a San Francisco group from calling a sports event the "Gay Olympics," the Supreme Court was told Tuesday.

During hour-long arguments, the justices heard a gay rights lawyer and an attorney for the U.S. Olympic Commit-tee clash over whether the word "Olym-pic" can legally be used to describe other similar athletic events.

"The word is ancient. It was first used in 776 B.C. and it was used to describe a quadrennial athletic competition." said Mary Dunlap, representing San Fran-cisco Arts & Athletics. The group sponsors a sports competition for people of all sexual orientations every four years.

John Kester, a Washington lawyer representing the U.S. Olympic Committee, said Congress intentionally placed prohibitions on use of the word "Olympic" in the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 to protect amateur athletics.

"There's only one thing called the Olympic games and everybody knows

what the Olympic games are and it's the modern Olympic games," Kester said. The case arose in 1982 when San

Francisco Arts & Athletics held an international sports competition to demonstrate the gay community's "non-commercial involvement in healthy endeavor."

The competition was to be called "Gay Olympic Games I," but the planners were barred from using the word Olympic after a lawsuit was filed by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Instead, the competition was titled Gay Games I.

On appeal, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled use of the word "Olym-pic" to advertise a sporting event and the sale of products containing the term violated the trademark held by the U.S. and International Olympic Committees, which sponsor the international Olympic games every four years.

Dunlap said the word Olympic has been used in conjunction with many sports events without objection from the Olympic committee, such as the Special Olympics, Junior Olympics and Inter-

national Police Olympics.

She said the only reason the USOC objected to the use of the title "Gay Olympics" was because of the association with homosexuals.

But Kester called the charge "a bum rap," noting the committee had written letters and filed other lawsuits against groups that infringed upon its trade-

"USOC doesn't litigate against eve-rybody but this is the biggest infringement that's ever happened," he said.

Following the arguments. Thomas Waddell, the founder of the Gay Games and a party to the case, held a news conference on the steps of the Supreme Court to criticize the Olympic Committee

"It's the conjunction of the two words (Gay Olympics) that created the problem," he said.

"Our games in no way resemble the Olympic games," said Waddell, who placed sixth in the decathlon during the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City. "Theirs is a very racist, very sexist, supernationalistic event. Ours is not.

'Zipdog' Will **Do** Almost Anything

AMARILLO, Texas (UPI)-From delivering messages to high-powered executives to helping little old ladies with their shopping, Zipdog is ready to help. "Zipdog will do almost anything for anyone," said owner Gary Riley.

A radio-dispatched crew moves furniture, buys groceries, walks dogs, jump-starts cars, changes kitty litter, waters plants, checks on shut-ins, stands in line for hot concert tickets, performs birthday and holiday gags and picks up and delivers almost anything, said Riley, 37.

Before he conceived Zipdog, Riley was a Vietnam veteran who couldn't hold a job.

"I was really mentally disoriented," Riley said. "I'd start one job, last two or three weeks, and then I'd quit. "But then all these ideas started com-

ing into my head, and I put them all in one basket and started a company I called Zipdog," he said. However, Zipdog didn't catch on

immediately.

"My first week's paycheck from this company was \$12," Riley said, "but I started calling on different companies,

and pretty soon they started using us." Southwestern Bell discovered it was cheaper to use Zipdog instead of their own employees to move telephone equipment around town, Riley said

Other large companies in Amarillo, including T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership and Owens-Corning, also started using Zipdog to pick up packages at the airport and deliver mail.

Hospitals needed Zipdog for delivernospitals needed Zipdog for deliver-ing medical supplies and specimens, and before long a wide variety of small businesses required Riley's services. In its first year, Zipdog did \$19,000 worth of errands. Today, with seven

employees, Zipdog does about \$250,000 worth of errands a year. Business is going so well that Riley

says he is working on plans that may result in Zipdog franchises nationwide. He has already started Zipdog errand services in Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and Abilene, all of which have been sold

But Riley says it is the people, not the money, who keep him zipping around town. He says the best part of his job is just being able to lend a hand. Senior citizens get a discount and pay only if they can, he said. Zipdog crews

move their furniture, pick up groceries or medicine, and often, when time permits, just visit for awhile. He also donates his services to Meals

on Wheels, the Kidney Foundation and other charities.

Zipdog's personalized gag services are also in demand. Riley and his crew get requests to dress up as "winos" to harangue police officers on their birthdays. Sometimes they dress up as G-Men and doctors and demand urine samples.

As soon as their victims become fighting mad, they shower them with con-fetti and tell them about the gag. In a whole universe of gags and

errands, Riley says there are only two things he won't do. "I won't throw a pie in somebody's face and I won't scoop. A lot of people

want me to scoop their cat boxes to save on litter. No way. I'll change the cat litter, but I won't scoop.

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Texans Favor AIDS Education

DALLAS (UPI)—Nearly three-quarters of the 1,004 people questioned in a recent telephone poll favored sex education in grade school as a means of combating the spread of the deadly AIDS disease, a recent Texas Poll found.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, destroys the body's ability to fight off disease, opening the way for life-threatening infections. It can be spread by intimate sexual encounters with infected partners, to drug users by contaminated needles and to blood recipients who receive tainted transfusions.

Seventy-four percent of those surveyed from Feb. 7 to Feb. 21 said they would like to see grade school students taught more about sex, including sexually transmitted diseases and the use of condoms.

Twenty one percent of those polled believed sex education does more harm than good. Five percent had no opinion. The poll conducted by Texas A&M

The poll conducted by Texas A&M University's Public Policy Research Center for a number of Texas newspapers also found Texans increasingly concerned that AIDS may become a fatal nationwide epidemic.

Eighty-five percent responded they were "somewhat likely" or "very likely" to agree that AIDS will become a national epidemic. The same question asked in 1985, one year ago, won similar responses from only 65 percent of those polled.

More than 2,000 Texans, primarily homosexual or bisexual men, have been diagnosed as having AIDS. However, many public health officials believe the number of those having the disease who have yet manifested no symptoms to be much, much higher, and that sexuallyactive teenagers may become the nation's next group at highest risk for developing AIDS.

The Rev. Jimmy Draper of Euless, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said teaching sex edu-

Australian Bishops Against Condoms

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI)—Roman Catholic bishops stepped up their attack Tuesday on anti-AIDS educational campaigns that recommend the use of condoms to stop the spread of the disease.

The Central Commission of the Australian Catholic Bishops said in a statement any response to the AIDS epidemic must recognize the disease is a "deeply moral issue" and not simply a matter of public health.

 The federal government plans to begin a television campaign on AIDS starting April 5 recommending the use of condoms.

"We challenge any encouragement of promiscuity or creation of a false sense of security," the bishops said, adding AIDS is one of many disastrous consequences of promiscuous behavior and morally irresponsible lifestyles.

"A moral reawakening and a radical change in standards of behavior should be the fundamental aim of any program of information and education," the bishops said.

"It would be tragic if the response to this major threat were to be reduced to a debate about the availability of condoms or the exchange of needles." cation in a moral vaccum without teaching values is dangerous.

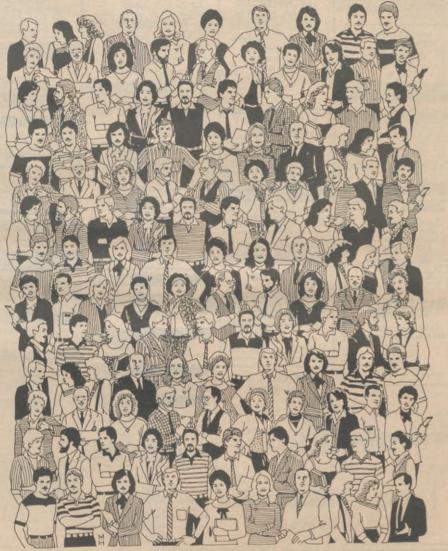
"This unrestrained, unprincipled, neutral approach to sex education is to ignore tremendous dangers," Draper said. "You are just imparting facts without imparting the wisdom."

Draper said the home and the church

are the proper settings for sex education, though he conceded both have failed to a degree in meeting that task.

Marilyn Eigsti, chairman of family studies at Texas Christian University, said it is because of the failure of the home that she supports sex education for younger children. "The consequences of getting AIDS are a lot more damaging than AIDS education," Eigsti said.

The latest Texas Poll findings parallel results of a national poll conducted for Newsweek magazine in November. Seventy percent of those surveyed in that poll said sex education was good, while 25 percent felt it was harmful.



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