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Pride Guide

The Voice offers a complete look at Houston Pride 2002, including a schedule of events and parade route map.

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State panel: No penalties for discrimination

Funeral commission tells gay Houston man it has no power to handle alleged incident of bias

by PENNY WEAVER

State officials have told a gay Houston man that whether or not a funeral home discriminated against him and his partner, there is nothing they can do.

Bobbie Blanton died in December, and his partner, David Diehl, said that when he went to a Houston funeral home he was refused service.

Diehl, 46, said a male employee at Garden Oaks Funeral Home in southwest Houston initially told him, before Blanton died, that the business would handle Blanton's cremation.

But when Diehl called back after Blanton died, he said that same employee told him the funeral home would not take care of the service. The employee was "apologetic," Diehl told the Houston Voice in December.

"He did not agree with his employer," Diehl said. "They said they did not recognize my relationship. They did not ask me if I had paperwork in place."

A gay partnership is not recognized through Texas law as a legal relationship, which is required to establish a partner as next of kin. According to state law, funeral



Gay Houston resident David Diehl (left) mourned the loss of his partner of 10 years, Bobbie Blanton, in mid-December, and then asked state officials to investigate a funeral home that refused to cremate Blanton. Houston attorney Mitchell Katine (top right) said this week that state officials can do nothing about alleged discrimination at a local funeral home because there are no penalties provided by law.

homes must deal with next of kin or a designated representative of the deceased.

Houston attorney Mitchell Katine, who represents Diehl, said his client had legal proof that he was to take care of Blanton's services.

"The funeral home never asked them [for the paperwork]," Katine said. "They basically said, 'We can't help you because you're in a gay relationship and Texas law doesn't recognize that.'"

Officials at Garden Oaks Funeral Home



could not be reached for comment by press time. The Voice's previous calls to the business in reference to this matter were not returned. Katine filed a claim with the Texas Funeral Service Commission on behalf of Diehl. The panel investigated the case, but this month sent a letter to Katine informing him that, "The issue of discrimination does not fall within the purview of this agency," according to the letter.

"This means that there's a loophole in the law," Katine said this week. "If there's no punishment for people who fail to follow the documentation that we have obtained through the legislature to try to make our relationships [legally comparable to those] of married people...then why follow it?"

Katine, a gay attorney who also represents two Houston men in a high-profile case challenging the state's homosexual conduct law, said he was shocked by the funeral commission's response.

"We tell all our clients: 'As long as you have these documents, you'll be protected,'" Katine said. "It turns out that that's not exactly correct. It turns out that there's no penalty for discrimination."

Documents such as power of attorney, a will and designation of a guardian are some of the items that gay partners can

obtain in Texas to legalize each other's rights as a couple. But if those items are not honored, as alleged in the Blanton case, it takes time for gay partners to attempt to get the documents enforced.

"The problem with funeral arrangements is you don't have a year to argue about it," Katine said. "The legislature intended for it to be honored immediately, but there's no penalty if they don't."

"That's just outrageous," he added. "Nobody ever imagined there wouldn't be any penalties. We need some new laws to close this loophole."

Katine called on legislators to "put some teeth behind the laws."

He did note that the funeral commission did not state that it found evidence of discrimination by Garden Oaks.

"Although we believe there was discrimination, they are not saying that they found discrimination," Katine said. "They're simply saying that if there was, there's nothing [they] could do about it."

"There's nothing they can do because there's nothing that prohibits discrimination," he added. "That's the loophole that we've now uncovered."

"No one ever thought this would happen. We all thought we were protected."

The letter to Katine from the Texas Funeral Service Commission did state that O.C. "Chet" Robbins, executive director, would refer the case to the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division "for review and possible action."

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local news

Houston Pride 2002 is on a roll

As the fun leads up to an activity-packed weekend, organizers are pleased with Pride so far

For full details on this weekend's Pride 2002, see the special Pull-Out Section in today's issue.

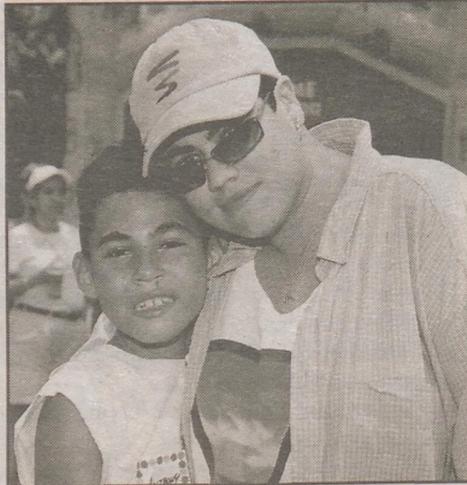
By PENNY WEAVER

A busy Pride Week for gay Houstonians continues right into this weekend and the massive annual Houston Pride Parade.

"It's been going very well. I've had the opportunity to go to a few events myself... and they've been excellent," said Troy Christensen, communications director for the Pride Committee of Houston.

The celebration began in earnest at the Pride Kick-off Party last Friday, June 21, at Sonoma restaurant. Musical and stage entertainment — along with plenty of socializing and refreshments — filled the evening.

"I think everybody had a lot of fun at



Earlier in Pride Week, families gathered in Hermann Park for the JPMorganChase-sponsored picnic as part of Pride Family & Youth Fun Day. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

that," Christensen said.

Members of the Pride Committee have bustled through events for the week officially titled the Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride 2002. Numerous volunteers and groups are assisting the committee all week with

social, cultural, educational and charitable events to celebrate Pride.

A number of people participated in Gay Day at AstroWorld last Saturday, June 22, as part of the Pride Committee's designated Health & Recreation Day.

Also that Saturday, leaders at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center hosted an art festival, featuring donated work by local artists for auction. Proceeds benefit the community center.

On Sunday, June 23, Family & Youth Day was celebrated via a picnic at Hermann Park sponsored by JPMorganChase.

Like other members of the Pride Committee, Christensen is busy organizing events all week, and can only attend a few of the activities. But he said he has had good reports on all events so far, including the picnic.

"We had a couple of people go to that and they said it was really a lot of fun and there were quite a few people there. That was pretty successful," he said.

On Monday, a reception was held for this year's Pride grand marshals. The event, hosted by the Brazos River Bottom and The Royal, Sovereign & Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. (RSICSS), turned

into a grand marshal history lesson, too.

"That was pretty neat this year because they introduced all the past grand marshals who attended," Christensen said. "There was quite an array of people, especially from about 1990 and on."

Tuesday was Commemoration Day, and the Stonewall Lawyers Association of Greater Houston (SLAGH) presented a panel of speakers to discuss the gay civil rights movement.

"It was a really good presentation," Christensen said. "They're going to re-create it at some point in the future so they can tape it and get that oral history on videotape."

Spirituality Day on Wednesday included an Interfaith Pride Worship Service and an Introduction to Buddhism. According to Christensen, each event drew a crowd.

"[For] the Buddhist event...it was a pretty packed room," he said.

Thursday was Pride Worldwide Day, and included an HRC Pride event, commemoration of National HIV Testing Day, and "Love Knows No Borders" — A GLBT Immigration Talk.

Friday, June 28, begins Pride's big week-

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Houston trustees to vote on pro-gay policy

School district may add sexual orientation protection to student conduct code

By PENNY WEAVER

Trustees for the Houston Independent School District were to vote Thursday evening on a non-discrimination policy that may include sexual orientation as a protected status.

"What our board is working toward is a stronger and more comprehensive code of student conduct that includes [a ban on] discrimination against anyone for any reason," said Laurie Bricker, school board president. "I know that we all believe in that; we're just trying to figure out the most efficient and enforceable way of putting that in the code of student conduct or board policy."

The board was to meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, and those scheduled to speak during the session included Jim Null, a parent and member of Houston's Parents, Families & Friends of Gays & Lesbians (PFLAG) chapter.

"I called and asked to be scheduled. It's an open session and each person who requests to speak gets three minutes," Null said Thursday afternoon. "I think PFLAG has a great deal of credibility with HISD administration, and I thought maybe we could make a difference at this time. I suspect they're going to get more negative feedback than positive feedback, and I thought that I could provide some positive feedback."

Null, who is chair of PFLAG's educa-



HISD Board of Education President Laurie Bricker said the district's trustees were to vote Thursday afternoon on a new non-discrimination policy for the student code of conduct.

tion and grant writing committees, offer the Houston Voice a preview of his comments to the board. They include:

"I received an e-mail last week from a middle school student in an adjacent school district who has contemplated suicide because of the persistent, daily harassment he has to cope with because of his sexual orientation," Null's statement reads. "Apart from the tremendous toll on his life, inaction by his school district will ultimately cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars. He is already gathering documentation.

"I know of a student in a second suburban district who has already contacted an attorney because of the failure of his school district to protect him from daily physical abuse and verbal harassment. It is to your credit that you have the foresight to act to forestall harassment based on sexual orientation before it reaches this boiling point."

Null's comments also praise HISD for a session earlier this year that provided training for principals and assistant principals in issues dealing with gay youth.

The suggestion to add sexual orientation as a protected status in the student code of conduct was made by trustee Esther Campos. She has said the idea wasn't in response to any specific problems with harassment.

"I just feel like we're being open and honest if we include it. It's just to protect all children," Campos told the Houston Chronicle.

Bricker said the question before the board is not whether or not a policy of tolerance will be included in the code of conduct, but how that policy will be worded. The trustees will have to decide on either a blanket statement of tolerance or a statement that includes a listing of categories of groups protected against bias.

"The absolute pride that I feel in our board is reflected in the fact that we're not struggling whether or not to include sexual orientation" as a protected category, Bricker said. The decision, she said, is simply "the most effective way to send a very clear and concise message" for tolerance.

Other board members have said that if the trustees decide to list categories of people against whom discrimination will not be tolerated, then sexual orientation should be included.

School district spokeswoman Heather Browne has said that the proposed change simply would reinforce the district's stance against discrimination.

In his prepared statement, Null also said: "These proposed changes are not about giving any groups special recognition or special rights. They are not about sex and they are not about religion. They are not about contravening First Amendment rights of free expression. They are only

about creating a safe and harassment-free environment for all your students.

"A listing of groups is necessary to emphasize the harassment nature of these comments aimed at fellow students perceived to be a member of a specific group," Null planned to tell the board. "In the Romer v. Evans case, the U.S. Supreme Court said, 'Enumeration is the essential device used to make the duty not to discriminate concrete and to provide guidance for those who must comply.'

"Should you include sexual orientation to this list? Yes, absolutely yes," Null's statement reads. "The all-purpose way of ridiculing anything in school today is, 'That's so gay.' Any boy who isn't the accuser's stereotype of the macho man is perceived to be gay. Any girl who doesn't want to have sex with all the boys is called a lesbian or dyke."

The code of conduct is distributed to every student at the beginning of the school year and lists the rights and responsibilities of students. The current HISD policy requires students to refrain from "any verbal abuse of others, including name-calling or derogatory statements."

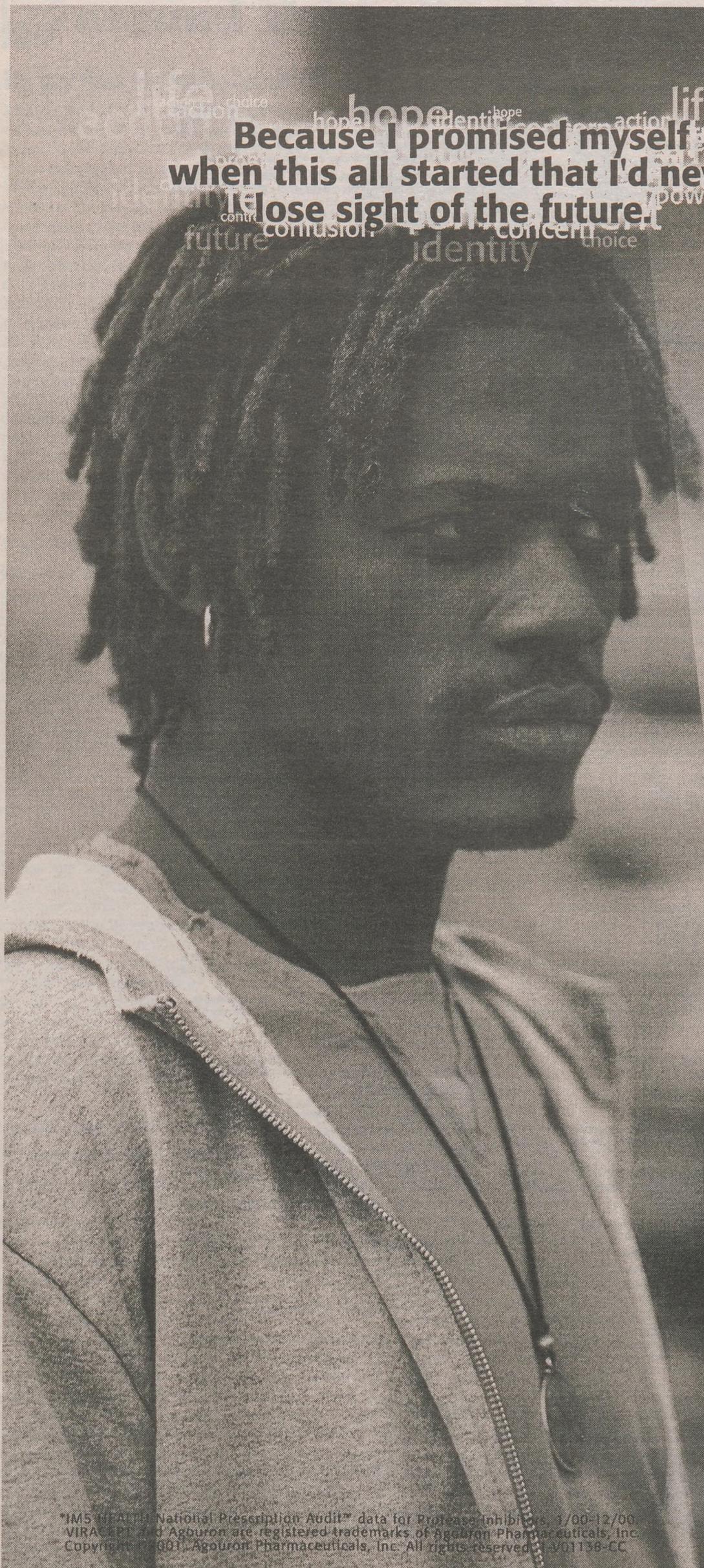
The proposal before the board of education, which was tabled at the last board meeting, was to add to that statement "...including derogatory comments to another person because of that person's race, color, religion, national origin, disability or physical/personal appearance."

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Alert: Find out about medicines that should NOT be taken with VIRACEPT. Please also read the section "MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH VIRACEPT".

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. Although VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, VIRACEPT can help reduce your risk for death and illness associated with HIV. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT should be taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), EpiVir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the face, legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

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If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

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It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zocor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

Taking St. John's wort (hypericum perforatum), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort with VIRACEPT is not recommended. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or are planning to take St. John's wort. Taking St. John's wort may decrease VIRACEPT levels and lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to VIRACEPT or cross resistance to other antiretroviral drugs.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

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When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

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Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 15-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include nausea, gas and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. VIRACEPT tablets are film-coated to help make the tablets easier to swallow.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

The recommended dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily				
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Kg	Lb	Level Scoops*	Level Teaspoons†	Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4	3

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Ky. gay dads expecting quadruplets through surrogate mother

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A gay male couple who enlisted the help of a surrogate mother is expecting to become the parents of four in August. A 23-year-old woman agreed to help Thomas Dysarz and Michael Meehan have a child through in-vitro fertilization. She became pregnant in January with quadruplets. The couple said they want to keep her identity secret, fearing that stress from publicity might hurt her, the quadruplets or her three children. Growing Generations, a California company that works with gays and surrogate mothers, says there have been triplet births among the company's 200 clients, but no quadruplets. No other quadruplets have been born to a surrogate and a gay man through in-vitro, said Shirley Zager, director of the Illinois-based Organization of Parents through Surrogacy. Meehan and Dysarz said the surrogate mother has told them she doesn't want to be involved in raising the children. But the men said they will always let her know how the babies are doing. "You can have a good family, regardless of what that family looks like, as long as you are good people," Dysarz said.



Thomas Dysarz and Michael Meehan, a gay couple in Kentucky, enlisted the help of a surrogate mother and will soon be the fathers of quadruplets. (Photo by David Stephenson)

Trans shoppers claim Toys 'R Us discriminated

NEW YORK (AP) — Donna McGrath and two other transsexuals, Tanya Jinks and Tara Lopez, are suing Toys 'R Us claiming employees at a Brooklyn store greeted them with a chorus of laughter and insults. On a second excursion a week later, they say, it got worse: Two employees threatened them with baseball bats. The experience "made me feel like I was garbage," McGrath, 28, told a jury in Brooklyn federal court. McGrath was testifying in support of a sexual discrimination lawsuit brought by herself, Jinks and Lopez seeking \$300,000 each in damages from Toys 'R Us. The toy giant denies any wrongdoing. The trial, which began June 17 in federal court in Brooklyn, was expected to last about a week. McGrath testified that in December 2000, while shopping at Toys 'R Us in the Bensonhurst section, a female employee referred to them as "faggots" and "transvestites." An attorney for the toy chain countered by citing an employee report alleging the plaintiffs "came into the store loud and boisterous... flirting with employees, giggling at employees and laughing at employees."

Former Clinton official supports gay marriage in Mass. race

BOSTON — Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, now running for governor of Massachusetts, told two Boston gay newspapers last week that he supports gay marriage. "I became convinced that it was really a matter of leadership, and that it was a civil rights issue, and that it was important to make a stand," Reich said in an interview with the Boston Globe. The four other contenders for the Democratic nomination instead support civil unions, a separate legal status for gay couples. Republican candidate Mitt Romney, leader of the organizing committee for the Salt Lake City Olympics, does not support either gay marriage or civil unions. Reich's announcement came just days after Mass. State Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham closed a state constitutional convention without allowing a vote on a ballot measure to ban gay marriage in the state, the Globe reported.

Fla. student left out of yearbook over unisex outfit

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A teen whose rejection of a dress code kept her portrait out of her high school yearbook sued the school district in federal court June 19. Nikki Youngblood accuses Robinson High and Hillsborough County school leaders of discrimination as well as violation of her rights to free expression and equal protection under the law. School administrators refused to let her wear unisex or male clothing in her yearbook portrait, insisting that she wear a "scoop neck drape" as did other girls, according to the lawsuit. Youngblood, 17, opted to not comply and her photo was not taken. She is represented by the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "This is how I dressed in school every day," Youngblood said. School District spokesperson Mark Hart said Youngblood was offered free space in the yearbook to run her picture dressed as she liked, but her attorney said the teen was told she would have to purchase ad space.

R.I. nude show producers sue over zoning ban

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. (AP) — "Naked Boys Singing" caused a stir last year, but the risqué musical revue may have been just the curtain raiser for this summer's theatrical offering from a Provincetown hotel, which has sued to prevent the city from halting a new show. The suit by the owners of the Crown & Anchor hotel seeks to stop Provincetown, known for its large gay population, from enforcing its adult entertainment zoning bylaw. Town licensing agent Greta Holman contacted the hotel after news of its new show, "Seamen The Sailor Musical," reached town hall, according to the hotel's attorney. She warned that nudity is still prohibited in that part of town. Attorneys for the hotel say the ordinance violates the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. The case heads to court next month.

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Bush signs benefits bill named after gay priest

Gay Democrats praise enactment, but Log Cabin questions significance

By LOU CHIBBARO JR.

President Bush signed into law on Monday, June 24, a bill that allows a broader category of survivors — including same-sex domestic partners — to receive a federal death benefit payment when public safety officers die in the line of duty.

The bill, the Mychal Judge Police & Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act, was named after the late gay Catholic priest who served as chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. Judge was killed by falling debris from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. He had been administering last rites to a firefighter who also died in the World Trade Center disaster.

Sponsors of the bill noted that public safety chaplains like Judge were ineligible for a federal death benefit that had been limited under existing law to surviving spouses, children or parents.

The legislation signed by the president

allows any designated beneficiary under the public safety officer's life insurance policy to receive a one-time federal death benefit payment of \$250,000.

Congress originally created the death benefit program as part of a 1968 omnibus crime bill. The new legislation allows the beneficiary in a public safety officer's life insurance policy to receive the payment if the officer does not have a surviving spouse, child or parent. A domestic partner would be eligible to receive the benefit if he or she were the designated beneficiary.

David Smith, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay political group, said the Judge bill marks the first known time the federal government would provide a monetary benefit to a survivor in a same-sex domestic partnership.

HRC praised the president for signing the bill, saying his action — and the decision by both houses of Congress to approve the bill by voice vote — honors the memory of all public safety officers who died in the line of duty on Sept. 11.

Reps. Donald Manzullo (R-Ill.) and Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) introduced the bill in the House; Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) introduced the measure in the Senate. Both Democrats and Republicans downplayed the domestic partner angle of the

bill, stressing that the bill doesn't specifically mention domestic partners but instead allows a public safety officer to name the beneficiary of his or her choice in a life insurance policy.

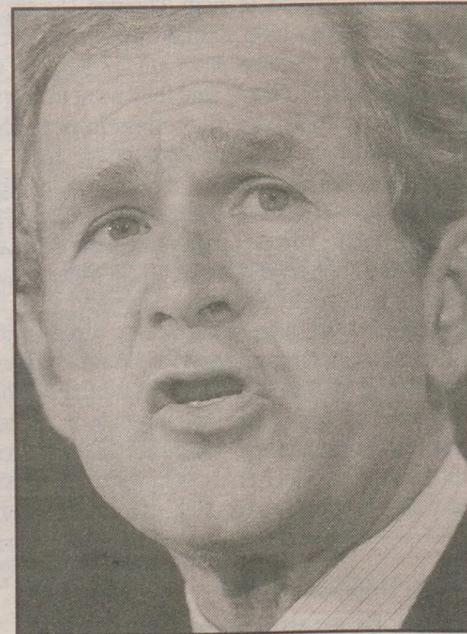
The National Stonewall Democrats, a national gay group, credited congressional Democrats, working closely with police and firefighter unions, with successfully shepherding the bill through Congress.

In a June 24 press release, Stonewall executive director Chad Johnson said Democratic leaders framed the discussion around the needs of the heroes of Sept. 11, "forcing" Republican leaders in the House to allow the bill to come up for a vote.

Kevin Ivers, a spokesperson for Log Cabin Republicans, a national gay group, disputed Johnson's assessment, saying the legislation enjoyed broad bipartisan support. Ivers praised the bill's "novel" approach for broadening coverage to include domestic partners, but said gay Democrats were "greatly exaggerating" its significance as a gay rights development.

"This was not a domestic partners bill," Ivers said. "This is a good step forward, and we're glad it happened," he said.

But to call it a gay rights bill and to credit the Democrats exclusively for its



President Bush signed into law a bill named after Father Mychal Judge, the gay Catholic priest killed on Sept. 11, but Log Cabin Republicans downplayed the measure's significance to the gay rights movement. (Photo by Ron Edmonds/AP)

passage, Ivers said, "is a stretch" and a "spin" unsupported by the facts.

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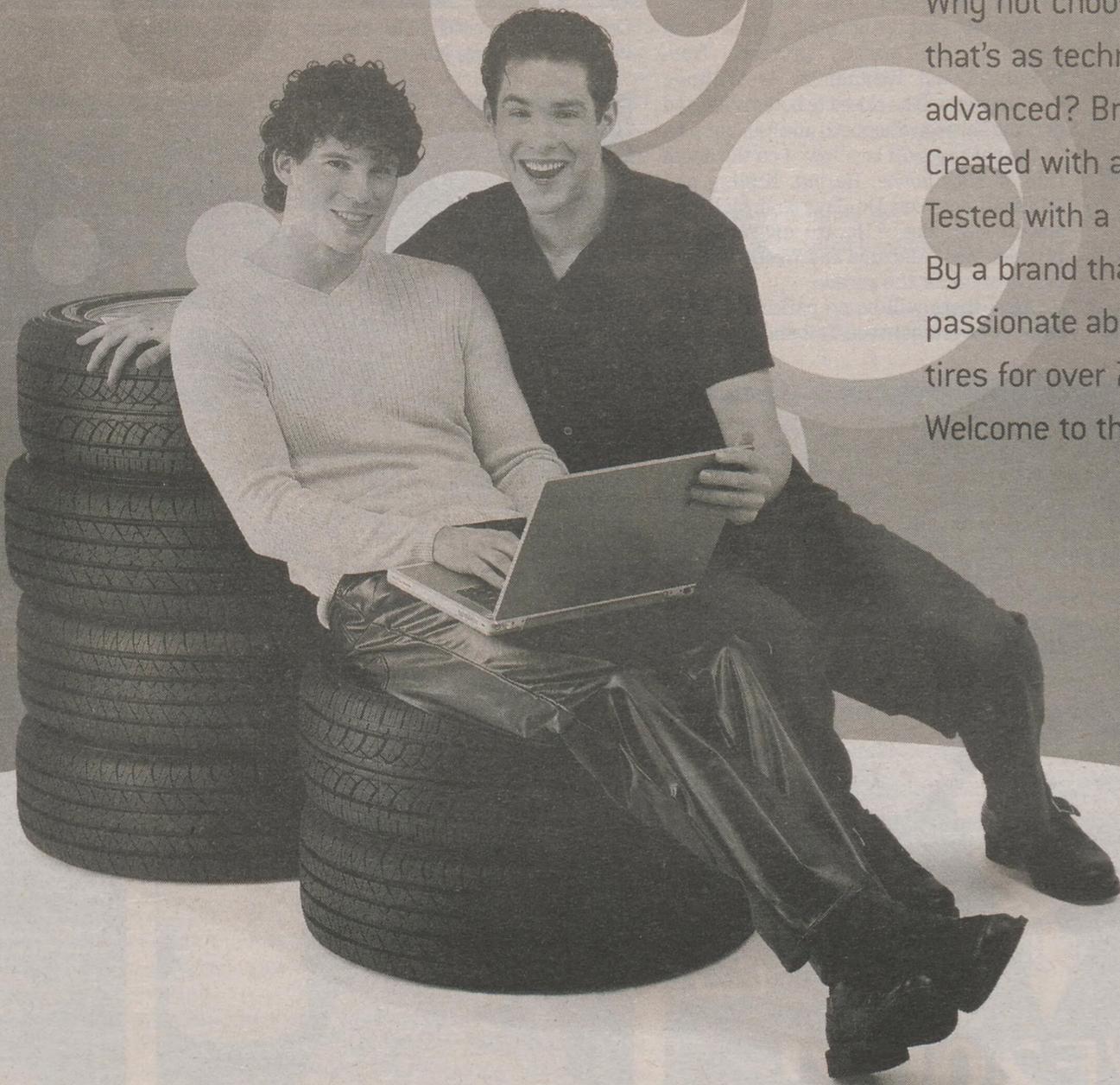
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Pride festivities continue through Sunday

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end, with concerts, the first-ever Pride cabaret and a black-tie celebration. The fun continues with Saturday's annual Houston Pride Parade, plus a number of both official and unofficial Pride parties. Sunday winds down the festivities with a parade awards event.

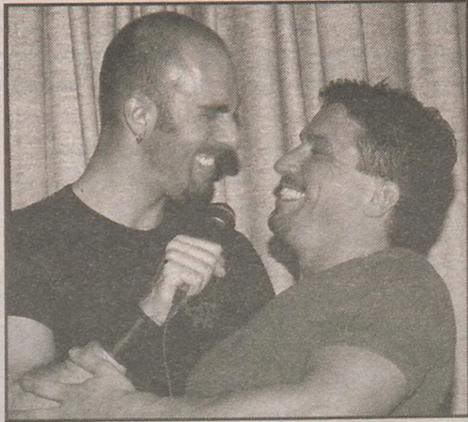
Overall, organizers are pleased so far with the strength of Pride 2002.

"It's been great," Christensen said. "It's really wonderful to see the diversity of the events, and also the people attending the events. It's been a real good cross-section of the community."

Volunteers are still welcome to assist with Saturday's parade, he noted, although response to the call for help has been solid.

"It's been pretty good. We always need more, though," Christensen said. "We'll still take volunteers. If people just want to show up on the day of [the parade], we will take them and we will put them to work."

Parking on and around the parade route

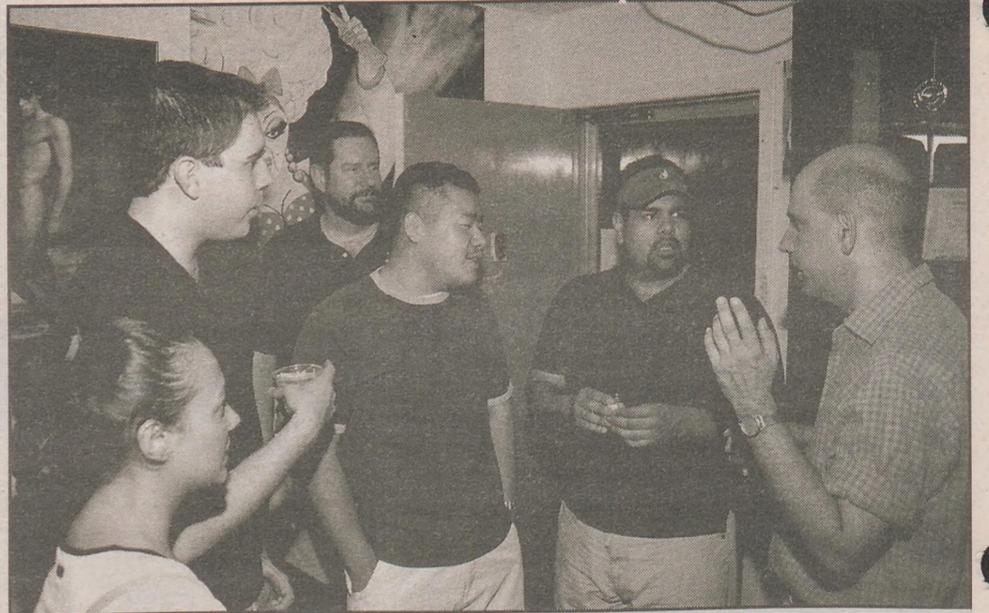


The Pride Kick-off Party, held Friday, June 21, at Sonoma restaurant, featured live entertainment on stage for the many who attended to get Pride off to a fun start. (Photos by Dalton Dehart)

will be limited all day Saturday in anticipation of the event. This area includes Westheimer, West Alabama, Dunlavy and McDuffie. The parade proceeds from Woodhead and Westheimer to Whitney. Westheimer will be closed to both traffic and parking between Shepherd and Taft at 8 p.m.

No parking will be allowed on the north side of Hawthorne, Harold, Kipling and Marshall between Dunlavy and McDuffie and on both sides of Hazard and Woodhead between West Alabama and Westheimer, in preparation for the parade.

Also, there will be no parking on both sides of Lovett between Taft and Montrose.



Cast members of 'Comfort & Joy' presented the play in a special performance during Pride Week on Wednesday at Theatre Suburbia.

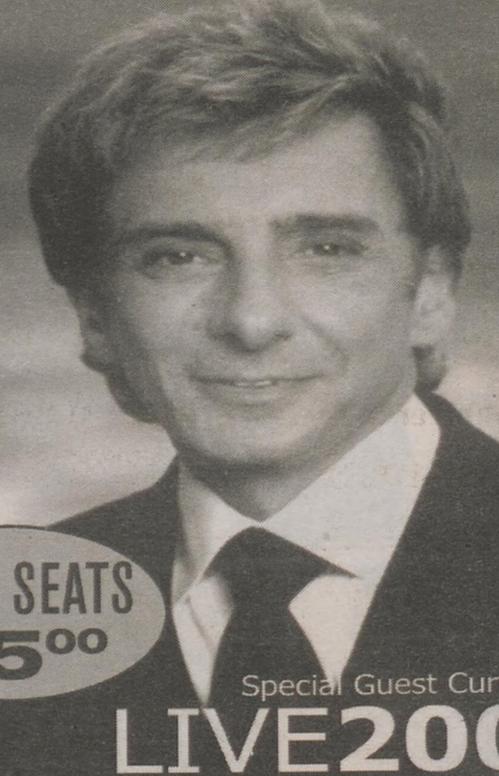


Both food and fun were served up last Sunday at the Pride family picnic (top), which emphasized activities for children, including a visit to the Houston Zoo. The Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center hosted an art festival (above) on Saturday, June 22, as a fund-raiser for the facility. Lesbian singer Kristie Stremel of Kansas City, Mo., (right) entertained the early crowd at the Pride Kick-off Party. (Photos by Dalton Dehart)

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Five plead not guilty in Calif. gay man's death



Five gang members, including **Dorian Lee Gutierrez**, **Ramin Meza Rabago** and **Viviano Cruz Marin**, pleaded innocent after being charged in the June 5 killing of a gay man in Riverside, Calif. (Photo by David Bauman/AP)

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Five gang members were charged June 21 with murder and a hate crime in connection with the stabbing death of a gay activist, authorities told the Riverside Press Enterprise. "The only motive for this attack was hatred," said Police Chief Russ Leach. All five pleaded innocent on June 25, according to the Associated Press. Only one of the five — 18-year-old Dorian Lee Gutierrez — allegedly used a knife on Jeffery Owens and his friend, who survived the attack. But the suspects can all be charged with murder, a prosecutor said. The men face 40 years to life in prison if convicted of all charges, authorities said. Owens, 40, was fatally stabbed June 5 in the parking lot of a gay bar. Hundreds attended a candlelight vigil in his honor, and the city's Human Relations Commission organized an emergency meeting.

Ohio man arrested for sending solicitous letter

BRYAN, Ohio — A Toledo man charged with importuning — or solicitation of gay sex — had to remind police himself that the law had been struck down two weeks earlier, according to the Gay People's Chronicle. Peter van Herwaarden, 63, was charged May 30 after he sent a sexual letter to a man, but the Ohio Supreme Court had voided the law May 15. The court found that the 1974 measure, which outlawed asking for gay sex but not heterosexual sex, violated the state's Constitution. Mark Z. Perez, 20, filed a complaint against van Herwaarden after receiving the letter. According to van Herwaarden, the two met on a phone dating service and had four to five telephone contacts before he wrote the letter describing sexual fantasies. Perez told police that he did not know van Herwaarden or how he got his address. Van Herwaarden said Perez called him again after the letter had been received. Perez confirmed the call, but said that his mother got the number from directory assistance, and he called to see why the letter was sent. Van Herwaarden said Perez acted differently on that call and told him that the letter had been intercepted by someone else in the home. Police have closed the case.

Man charged in Ariz. gay beating death

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A 20-year-old man is facing first-degree murder and armed robbery charges in connection with the beating death of a gay man, police said. David Higdon was arrested June 19 in the killing of Philip Walsted, 24, who was found dead by a passer-by on June 12 after an apparent beating with a baseball bat, police said. Because Walsted was gay, investigators have not ruled out the possibility that the murder was a hate crime. Authorities are also investigating the incident as a robbery because officers recovered some of Walsted's possessions at the home where they arrested Higdon, police said. Higdon is held in jail pending a hearing in the case.

Slaying of gay journalist in Guatemala remains unsolved

GUATEMALA CITY — The killing of a gay American journalist found dead in Guatemala two and a half years ago remains unsolved, according to the New York Times. Larry Lee, 41, left the U.S. in 1994, and police found him naked and slashed on the bed of his apartment in December 1999. Guatemalan investigators did not press the inquiry and overlooked abundant evidence, according to family and friends. Lee's family suggests his killing was political payback for his reporting on human rights in Guatemala or because he was gay. "They did not investigate enough to know about his life," said Janine Zerger, Lee's sister. "But the word 'gay' conjures up images in their mind, so they thought of every negative thing they could say to prove this case is not worthy of solving." Unsolved American killings are assigned to a special prosecutor, and the assistant prosecutor in Lee's case said there are as many as 10 suspects.

Parents of slain airman want stiffer sentence for killer

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Parents of a slain U.S. Air Force airman are campaigning for a stiffer sentence for their son's convicted killer. Pattie and Charles F. Eskew of Great Falls said Damien G. Kawai, 19, should not be eligible for parole for the murder of Airman 1st Class Charles Eskew Jr. "Damien Kawai has shown absolutely no remorse to us or to his own family," Patti Eskew said. Kawai was convicted in May of premeditated murder in the strangling of fellow serviceman Eskew last year. Kawai was sentenced to life in prison with eligibility for parole after 20 years. The Eskews have launched a letter-writing campaign to Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) seeking his help in having the sentence increased. Burns has agreed to forward all letters received to Kawai's permanent file at the Pentagon. Kawai testified during his court martial that the killing took place after he walked in on Eskew with another man. Kawai, who had also been sexually intimate with the third man, said he feared his own homosexuality would be exposed.

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editorial

Adjust your Pride volume

Quietly or loudly, everyone can contribute to the movement that Gay Pride embodies.

By PENNY WEAVER

COWBOY BOOTS AND pickup trucks may not seem to go along with rainbow stickers and pink triangles, but gay Houstonians somehow make that mix work.

And never more so than at Houston Pride each summer. Gay folks may express how they feel about their sexual orientation in different ways every day, but when Pride comes around, almost everyone joins the cause with rainbow streamers in tow.

This past year offered a mixed bag of victories and defeats for Houston gays, which heightens the need for a jubilant, inspiring Pride this week, but with a healthy dose of protest. There are few higher profile ways than Pride to recognize the progress gay Texans have made, while at the same time illustrating the many battles yet to come in the fight for gay civil rights.

Houston has come a long way since the first Pride parade back in 1979, which attracted an estimated 10,000 spectators. These days, the first-of-its-kind nighttime parade and festival is viewed by some 100,000 people.

Politically, the city has progressed from an overwhelmingly anti-gay vote by citizens in 1985 to last fall's almost-too-close-to-call vote on the anti-gay City Prop. 2. Even though voters approved the measure, gay political activists still called the effort a success, thanks to the narrow margin by which our civil rights were defeated.

It seems that now, more than ever, we need Houston Pride. But what we really should look forward to is that day when there is no need for Gay Pride celebrations at all.

PEOPLE SHOW PRIDE IN DIFFERENT ways. Some put theirs in bright colors on the bumper of their car. Others wear pride on their shirts or even their skin. Many show no outward rainbow signs at all.

Showing pride — or not — is an inevitable part of the coming out process. It's hard to imagine waving a rainbow flag from behind the closet door. But as we ease out into the open, our individual pride in who we are is uplifted.

There comes that time when almost everyone is "out and proud," and up go the rainbow colors, the bold bumper stickers. It's an out-loud declaration that we are not only aware but have accepted and are at ease with our sexual orientation. Those who eschew bumper sticker thinking in the rest of their lives may still make their own statements, talking freely about same-sex loved ones among co-workers and family.

It's worth remembering, in case you forgot, that much of the world views gay pride as a defiant, in-your-face gesture to the straight world. We want everyone to know that we're gay even though many don't understand, don't approve or just don't care, whether they think it's none of their business or it just doesn't matter to them.

My dad once told me, "No one cares that you're gay." We were talking about our family, and he basically was saying that the fact that I'm gay is just another detail, like my hair color or my height. They don't think of me as their gay daughter or sister; they just think of me as Penny. The gender of the person with whom I fall in love doesn't matter.

But we all know that it does matter in everyday life: It matters at our jobs, in health care, for our partners and children. When we come out, it is often in only some aspects of our lives, and sometimes in every portion of our lives. But those personal milestones and all the rainbow stickers in the world don't mean that we're comfortable with ourselves.

Comfort is a good thing. When we're comfortable with our sexual orientation, we don't need to advertise it.

Being comfortable with being gay can simply mean living a quiet life, with no marching in the streets or rallying at city hall.

True comfort for gays doesn't need advertisement; it doesn't need to be said. We can just go about our everyday lives with our sexual orientation no more an issue than our hair or eye color.

COMFORT IS ONE THING, BUT complacency is another, and the line between the two is fine enough to get blurred often. If we become complacent, we risk losing what we've become comfortable with, and we fail on the promise to make life better for those who will follow in our footsteps.

Right now, Pride is our safeguard against complacency. The moment we relax too much, the push for gay civil rights suffers. At this point in the movement, it is too important to demand fair laws, to declare that we are ready and waiting to receive equal treatment with heterosexuals on issues of insurance benefits, marriage, adoption and more.

Not everyone is willing or ready to march in the streets for gay rights. Gay, bisexual, transgender or straight, not all of those who are in favor of equal treatment for everyone are the types to take up the torch and run with it.

But Pride is something for everyone. Put on your sequin-covered, rainbow-colored cap or gown. Drape your vehicle in streamers and glitter. Dance in the streets beneath a rainbow flag. Get a new rainbow tattoo. Wear a Pride T-shirt. Stand up high on a float and wave all through this Saturday's Pride Parade.

Or just show up to watch.

However you do it, you're making your statement — loudly or quietly — in favor of equal treatment for all. And when enough people stand up in their own way and contribute to the voice of reason, it will be heard and heeded.

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letters

It's too soon to say Pride isn't needed

To the Editor:

Well it's that time of year again: when angst-ridden columnists begin their derisive questioning of Pride. Most notably, this usually comes in national publications like the Advocate that seem to take perverse pride in finding heterosexuals — any heterosexual — to grace their cover.

I'm always bemused by these usual suspects pontificating from the safety of their East and West coast ghettos about "how unnecessary it all is" or "how meaningless Pride has become."

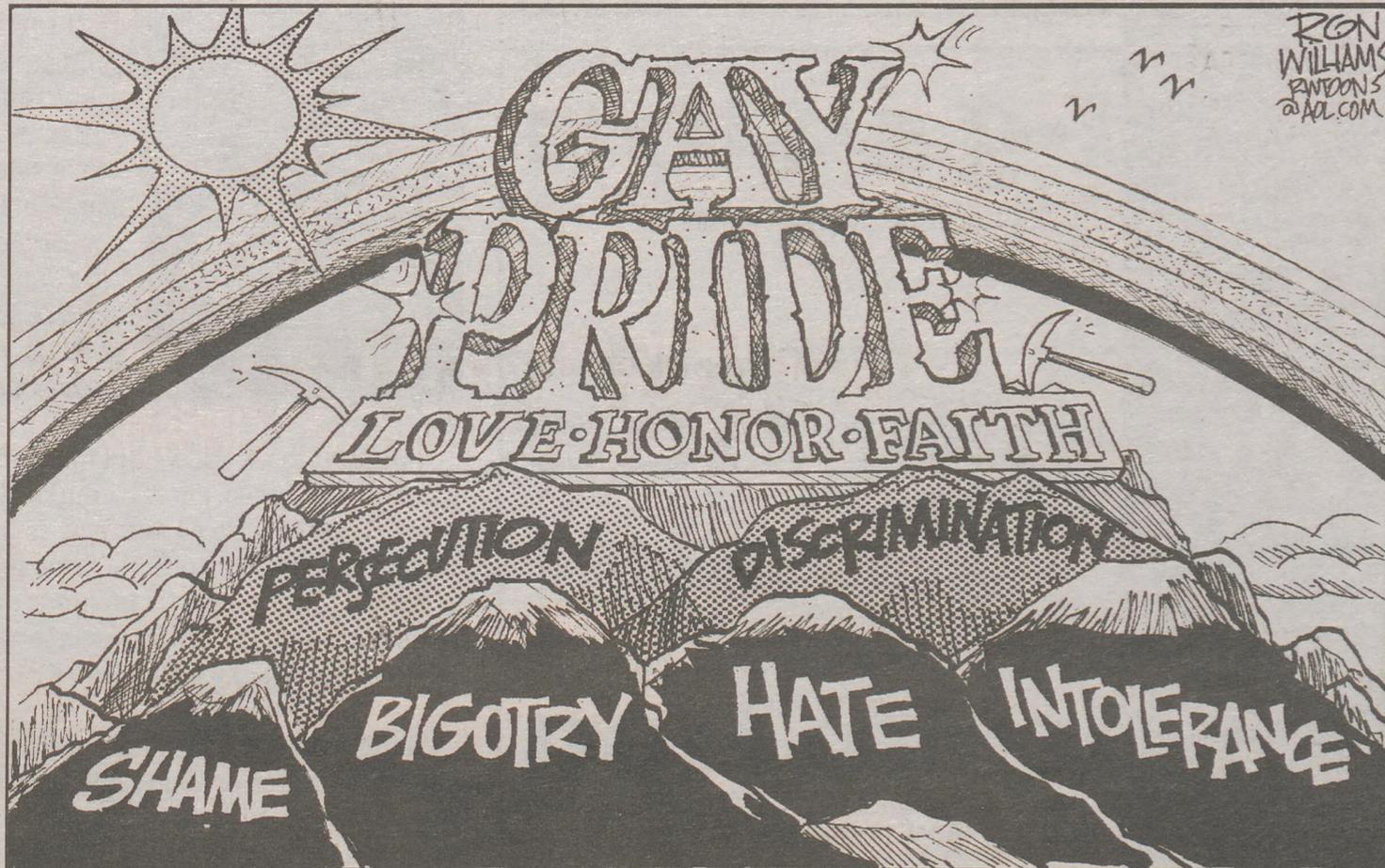
"How bored we are," goes their snide refrain — both from the right and the left wing. The left bemoans corporate sponsorships "taking over." The right complains of fetishes on parade and the left-leaning politics of most of the participants.

I suppose if I lived in San Francisco, New York or Los Angeles, where some basic civil liberties are actually on the books, I too would be a bit jaded and looking for that "post-Gay" era that was supposed to sally forth a few years back.

But I don't. I live in a state that only very recently was willing to say that beating someone up for being gay is a hate crime. Private sexual conduct between two persons of the same sex is still a crime here. And voters in my hometown blocked our city from even considering domestic partner benefits for gay and lesbian couples.

A few states further east into the old South and you're confronted by judges who think that biblical admonitions about killing homosexuals are not only OK, but more than reason enough to strip a lesbian mother of her parental rights and send her kids back to a heterosexual father who beats them.

Even with all the progress we've



seen in the last decade, areas of the country that are supposedly "safe" have seen an up-tick in anti-gay violence. The international scene is far from rosy, either — whether show trials in the Muslim world or anti-gay initiatives in the former Soviet-bloc, it's not safe out there either.

This brings me back to Pride and why it continues to be important. Yes, our celebrations are raucous, over-the-top, sometimes discomfiting and often outrageous. Our community is all that and more. Mostly, however, our celebrations are joyous and visible. And visibility is power.

It is the power to touch someone who is having a hard time hanging on because of the pressures of growing up gay. It is

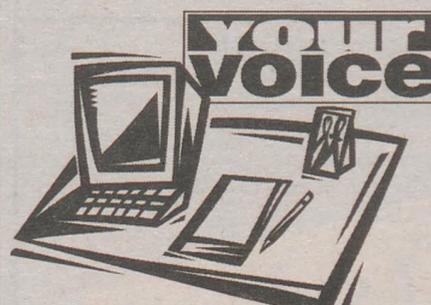
the power to help someone turn to a bully and say, "Enough! Stop it."

It is the power of numbers that even cynical politicians can't afford to ignore. It is the power to remind all those who wish us the death of invisibility that we are here.

Protest us, watch us or join us in the celebration — we're not going away.

And that is something to take Pride in; indeed, to celebrate.

MICHAEL CRAIG
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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



on the record



"I said: 'Fine. Then everyone in St. Joe is going to buy the Detroit Free Press to see what you won't print.' I called the Free Press and told them to get ready for a lot of extra sales. From then on, boy, that St. Joe paper printed every damn word I wrote."

Ann Landers (a.k.a. *Eppie Lederer*), who died June 22, on the refusal of a paper in St. Joseph, Mich., to publish a column she wrote in the 1950s in response to a letter that asked about homosexuality (*New York Times*, June 23)

"After all the work we did to stand up to the liberal mudslinging during [Attorney General John] Ashcroft's confirmation fight, this is what we get? I have to ask: Why is Mr. Ashcroft, a committed Christian, using his official capacity to celebrate sin?"

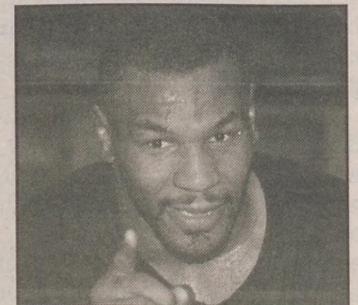
Robert Knight, *Family Institute*, on the Gay Pride celebration held at the Department of Justice, and featuring Larry Thompson, a deputy attorney general, as a speaker (*Washington Post*, June 21)

"I think it's just dumb. It's unbelievable this is happening. Why let a private organization or concern that has nothing to do with the Justice Department do something like this? ... I think this is more hurtful to the president than anything else that can be done. To have a member of his Cabinet condoning homosexuality in a public building? Don't forget where the [president's voter] base is. It's Bible-believing, law-abiding citizens."

An unnamed former U.S. attorney general, from a Republican administration, reacting to a Gay Pride event held at the Department of Justice (*Washington Times*, June 21)

"I oppose all discrimination against gay people, OK?"

Mike Tyson, when confronted by a group of gay activists outside the Memphis arena before his bout with Lennox Lewis earlier this month; both boxers have denied rumors they are gay (*London Guardian*, June 4)



"Is Piazza gay? He says no. But here's the real question: Is it any of your business? Again, no. Until you want to date him."

"Big 10: The Last Word on the Big Stories" in sports (*ESPN Magazine*, June 10)

"We fine land owners for saying they don't want to rent to homosexuals. Now, we're saying to homosexuals, 'We're not only not going to fine you for engaging in this kind of discrimination, we're going to subsidize you.'"

California state Sen. Ray Haynes (R), on the \$250,000 in public funds that went to subsidize the Rainbow Adult Housing complex near San Francisco that limits admission to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered seniors, and others the complex owner termed "our friends and family" (*Fox News*, June 8)

"The gay elite in Georgia would perhaps not consider me as strong an activist as they would like. But I don't have the seniority or colleague support to push an agenda like that. You lose political capital if you do that when you know it will fail."

Georgia House Rep. Karla Drenner (D), the South's only openly gay state legislator (*Associated Press*, June 24)



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Does KALETRA reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

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How should I take KALETRA?

- You should stay under a doctor's care when taking KALETRA. Do not change your treatment or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.
- You must take KALETRA every day exactly as your doctor prescribed it. The dose of KALETRA may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.
- Dosing in adults (including children 12 years of age and older): The usual dose for adults is 3 capsules (400/100 mg) or 5.0 mL of the oral solution twice a day (morning and night), in combination with other anti-HIV medicines.
- Dosing in children from 6 months to 12 years of age: Children from 6 months to 12 years of age can also take KALETRA. The child's doctor will decide the right dose based on the child's weight.
- Take KALETRA with food to help it work better.
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- When your KALETRA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to KALETRA and become harder to treat.
- Be sure to set up a schedule and follow it carefully.
- Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give KALETRA to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

What should I do if I miss a dose of KALETRA?

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What happens if I take too much KALETRA?

If you suspect that you took more than the prescribed dose of this medicine, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

As with all prescription medicines, KALETRA should be kept out of the reach of young children. KALETRA liquid contains a large

amount of alcohol. If a toddler or young child accidentally drinks more than the recommended dose of KALETRA, it could make him/her sick from too much alcohol. Contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately if this happens.

Who should not take KALETRA?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether KALETRA is right for you.

- Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. These could cause serious side effects that could cause death. Before you take KALETRA, you must tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking or are planning to take. These include other prescription and non-prescription medicines and herbal supplements.

For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please read the section titled "MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH KALETRA."

- Do not take KALETRA if you have an allergy to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including ritonavir or lopinavir.

Can I take KALETRA with other medications?*

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Medicines that require dosage adjustments:

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- If you are taking Mycobutin® (rifabutin), your doctor will lower the dose of Mycobutin.
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 - Phenobarbital
 - Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
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 These medicines may lower the amount of KALETRA in your blood and make it less effective.
- Other Special Considerations:** KALETRA oral solution contains alcohol. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or planning to take metronidazole or disulfiram. Severe nausea and vomiting can occur.
- If you are taking both didanosine (Videx®) and KALETRA:** Didanosine (Videx®) should be taken one hour before or two hours after KALETRA.

What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

- This list of side effects is not complete. If you have questions about side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You should report any new or continuing symptoms to your doctor right away. Your doctor may be able to help you manage these side effects.
- The most commonly reported side effects of moderate severity that

are thought to be drug related are: abnormal stools (bowel movements), diarrhea, feeling weak/tired, headache, and nausea. Children taking KALETRA may sometimes get a skin rash.

- Blood tests in patients taking KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. Liver problems including death have occurred in patients taking KALETRA. In studies, it is unclear if KALETRA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines.
- Some patients taking KALETRA can develop serious problems with their pancreas (pancreatitis), which may cause death. You have a higher chance of having pancreatitis if you have had it before. Tell your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain. These may be signs of pancreatitis.
- Some patients have large increases in triglycerides and cholesterol. The long-term chance of getting complications such as heart attacks or stroke due to increases in triglycerides and cholesterol caused by protease inhibitors is not known at this time.
- Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) occur in patients taking protease inhibitors such as KALETRA. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients need changes in their diabetes medicine. Others needed new diabetes medicine.
- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking anti-retroviral therapy. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.
- Some patients with hemophilia have increased bleeding with protease inhibitors.
- There have been other side effects in patients taking KALETRA. However, these side effects may have been due to other medicines that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Some of these side effects can be serious.

What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

- If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant:** The effects of KALETRA on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known.
- If you are breast-feeding:** Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that HIV can be transmitted through breast-feeding.
- If you have liver problems:** If you have liver problems or are infected with Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, you should tell your doctor before taking KALETRA.
- If you have diabetes:** Some people taking protease inhibitors develop new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Tell your doctor if you have diabetes or an increase in thirst or frequent urination.
- If you have hemophilia:** Patients taking KALETRA may have increased bleeding.

How do I store KALETRA?

- Keep KALETRA and all other medicines out of the reach of children.
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- Avoid exposure to excessive heat.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

General advice about prescription medicines:

Talk to your doctor or other health care provider if you have any questions about this medicine or your condition. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information Leaflet. If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you information about this medicine that was written for health care professionals. Do not use this medicine for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not share this medicine with other people.

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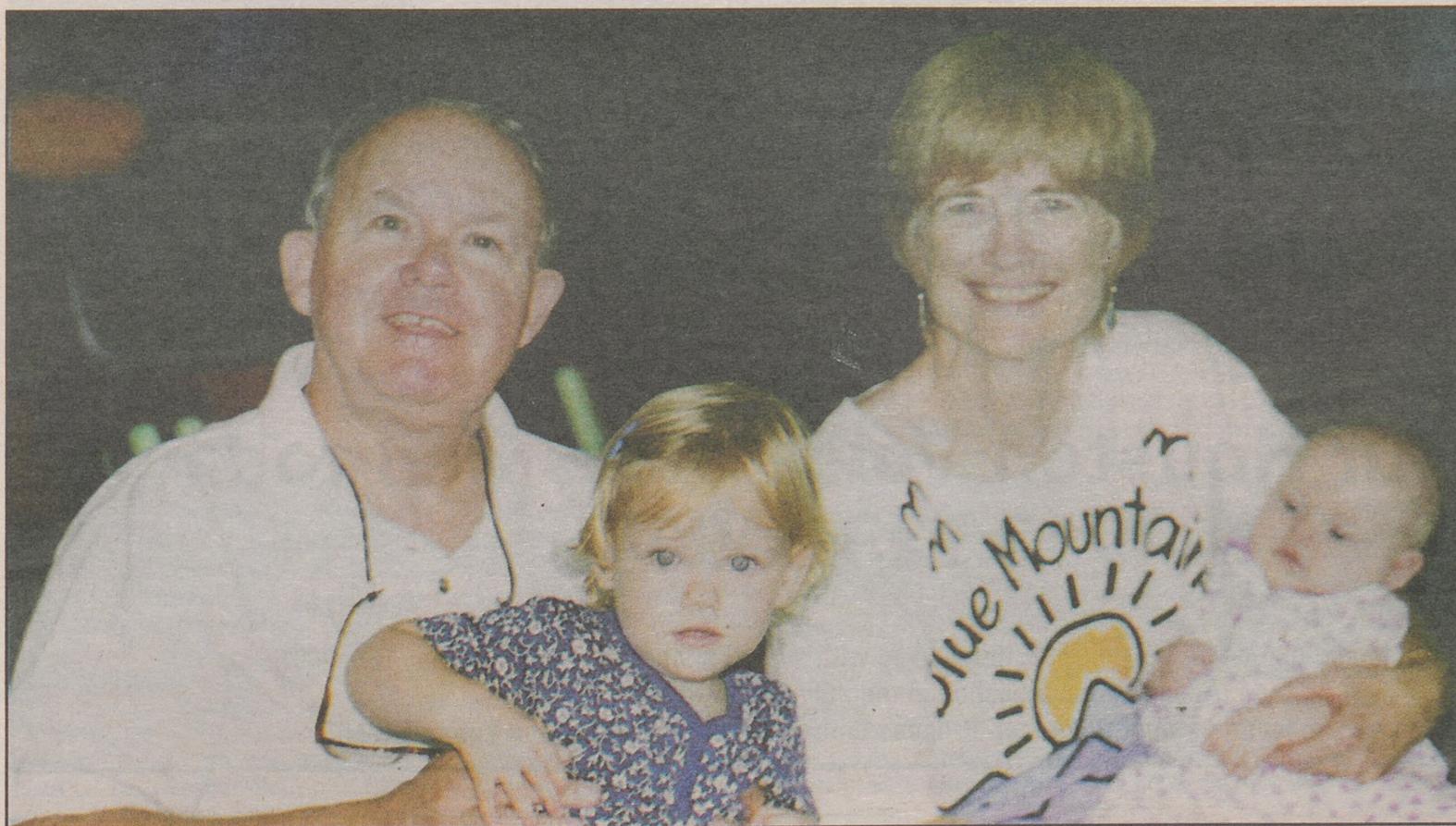


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Parents Jim and Sue Null never pass up a moment to be advocates for gay civil rights

Houstonians Jim and Sue Null, shown here with two of their grandchildren, have been active for nearly a decade in the fight for equal rights for gays.

'Our way of giving back'

By KAY Y. DAYUS

THE NULLS — SUE AND JIM — HAVE two ordinary names for two extraordinary people who have, for the past eight or so years, championed gay rights through the aid of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, simply known as PFLAG.

The couple are a shining example of supportive parents of gays, along with fellow PFLAG parents Irv and Jane Smith, who will serve as grand marshals in the Houston Pride Parade 2002.

Both the Nulls and the Smiths have made the journey from knowing little about gay life to becoming champions for gay civil rights.

In the early '90s, the Nulls knew nothing about gays, lesbians or transgenders — they had no reason to know. They were happy and content with their lot and their three grown daughters. And although they did volunteer work with the Center for Healing & Racism through their church, they could hardly have been labeled activists.

That was, until two things happened to change their quiet lives. The first was the

accidental discovery that their middle daughter, Kathie, is a lesbian. The second came shortly after the arrival of a newcomer in their home.

A soft-spoken but animated Sue relates the surprise of finding out about their daughter.

"She was home from college and brought a girlfriend to dinner. For some reason during dinner I got up from the table and saw my daughter holding hands with her girlfriend under the tablecloth. I thought, 'This isn't usual.' But no one said anything."

She later told her husband, then confronted her daughter when she was back at college. Kathie confirmed their suspicions.

"My first thought was that she was just experimenting and then I thought, 'Oh God, what did I do to cause this?'" Sue recalls.

Although these were first reactions, the discovery did not throw them for long. Neither had negative views about gays or lesbians. They just never thought about



the issue, but they were aware that the minister at their church, the First Unitarian Universalist Church, was gay. They both thoroughly liked him.

"It was a non-issue to us. It was nothing scary or strange — we had no

religious qualms about gays," says Jim.

Thinking they might need help, their daughter suggested they contact PFLAG for help in adjusting to having a lesbian daughter. But the Nulls were cool — they didn't need help.

"I was certainly not going to march in the street, and we didn't seek support and that was the end of it," says an adamant Sue.

LIFE WENT ON AS USUAL FOR THE Nulls. Sue continued to teach at Rice University. Jim was kept busy with his own computer graphics company. Then about seven years ago, they began to feel the "empty nest" syndrome. They were alone at home. It was too quiet. One

daughter married and moved to France. Another moved to South Carolina and, after college, Kathie moved to Missouri.

"I taught foreign students and we thought it would be nice to have a congenial person come to live with us," says Sue. She taught a "nice Asian young man" who they got to know and whose family lived in Asia. They asked him if he'd like to share their home, and he's been living with them since.

The Nulls refer to this young man as their "son." "He's a child of my heart, if not of my body," says a proud Sue.

This young man, not their daughter Kathie, turned out to be the driving force to get them to PFLAG. Coincidentally, this young man is gay and came out to the Nulls. She says he prefers not to use his name in the newspaper as he is not "out" to his family.

Because of his ethnicity, he was very distressed to discover his own homosexuality, and the Nulls were not sure how to deal with his unhappiness. They finally

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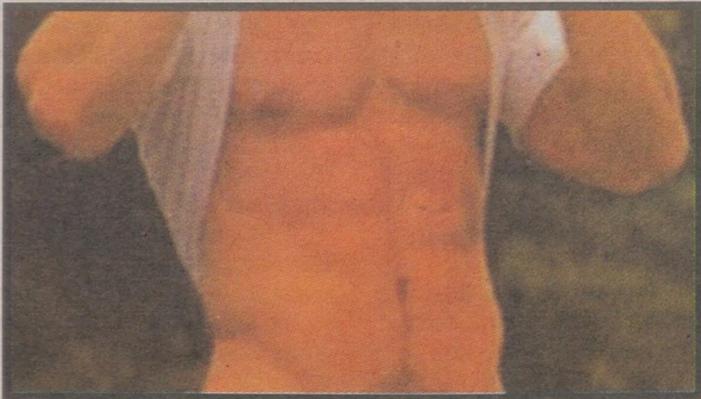
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out on the bayou

Nulls unflagging in support of gay rights

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turned to PFLAG for that help.

And so began the Nulls' road to activism — a road that seemingly has no end for this middle-aged couple. They are dedicated to erasing "the injustice committed against the ideals of gay rights." Wherever the Nulls go, they "talk up" their message to anyone who will listen.

They wear PFLAG T-shirts to conferences and people come up to them in airports, hotels and anywhere else they may happen to be to express gratitude for what they're doing. "At the March on Washington two years ago, people would come up and shake our hands when they saw our red PFLAG shirts," Sue says.

Jim thinks it's easier for the parents of gays and lesbians to carry the message of equality. "We are more accepted as parents and we can get away with a hell of a lot more than gays. And we'll continue to ride that horse," he says.

Although Sue says she is basically shy, she appears not to be when she's talking about PFLAG or anything else she cares about. It's her husband who seems to be the quiet, reserved one. And yet he's very much at home in front of Houston City Council when arguing gay rights or before the HISD School Board as he prepares this week to argue for inclusion of "sexual identity" in their policies.

He does most of the graphics for the local chapter of PFLAG, which has more than 250 members, writes grants and does just about anything else he can. He says he is kind of winding down his business and easing into retirement, so he has the time.

Sue continues to talk up PFLAG and gay rights. So much so that when she was on the plane returning from the March on Washington, she noticed Republican Sen. Phil Gramm was on the same flight that was occupied mostly by gays.

"I let no teaching opportunity go by. I create them," Sue says, and, true to her words, she approached Gramm to inform him of the plight of gays and lesbians. "He had to listen to me and I had to go and talk to him. I wanted to put a face on it. I wanted him to know that people who disagree are ordinary people. We need to let them know."

Another of her "teaching moments" led to PFLAG's entry in this year's Pride parade. The couple was in Austin attending a rally when she met a young man from Santa Fe, Texas, a conservative town south of Houston. He told her he was gay and he wanted to help his parents understand. She told him to get his folks to PFLAG.

They did and the young man's mother immediately got involved, but his father was having a difficult time finding his niche in the organization. That was until the group wanted to build a float to signify what PFLAG means to the community.

It turned out his father was a woodworker and he and his son built the house for this year's float. "It was a project that brought father and son together doing something like they'd done when their son was younger," Sue explains. "It's a wonderful float and wonderful that his father found his spot in PFLAG."

OVER THE YEARS, THE NULLS' enthusiasm has not waned — in fact, it seems to grow stronger. But it has not always been easy, especially when a person is shy like Sue. She gives an example of a Christmas party the two attended.

"We were the only straight couple out of about 300 people. I felt uncomfortable — like a fish out of water." She hastily adds that the discomfort was of their own making, not the people at the party. "It's all in my head, not how people see me. I'm shy. I have to push myself."

But nowadays, she feels comfortable walking into Lobo and walking into other gay places as a representative of PFLAG.

The Nulls walked in their first Pride parade in 1995 and liked it. "We were marching with PFLAG and our daughter, Kathie, was on the sidewalk watching. I think she's proud of us," Sue relates.

Both love the reaction from the crowd when they see PFLAG's float approaching. It's especially great when they come

around the curve on Westheimer where the biggest crowds appear. "There's such a huge hullabaloo when they see PFLAG," says Jim.

They've been in every Pride parade since, but will miss this year's because of a prior commitment. They wish they could be there this Saturday.

But one can be sure the Nulls will be talking up PFLAG at their engagement this weekend as they always do. They say they'll never let a chance to educate people go by, not as long as "the religious right continues to protest against gays. There are so many causes they could devote their time to," instead of harassing gays and lesbians, Sue says.

The Nulls can no longer imagine a life without activism for equal rights and, anyway, they are having an "absolutely fabulous time," says Sue. "We've met so many wonderful people — heard so many stories of kids coming out to their parents and being rejected by them. They won't even answer their telephone calls. It's devastating."

"It's been an eye opener and heart warming," Jim says. "We see no end to our involvement with PFLAG."

Both say they've "grown in sensitivity, grown in compassion," and grown in their understanding of the world. And they won't quit.

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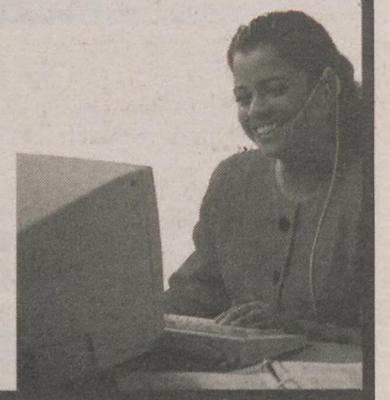
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dining KATHREEN LEE

From appetizers to entrees, Thai foods leave diners wanting even more

Original Morningside delights

SECLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES of the medical center and the residential areas of West University, the Original Morningside Thai Restaurant does not visually stand out to the casual passerby.

The old weathered sign with missing panels out front and the faded flakes of blue and white paint chipping away from the wilted planks along the building mistakenly forebode a restaurant on the wane. Upon closer inspection, however, one can see that the Original Morningside Thai is teeming with life and individuality.

From a distance, what seems like a neglected tangle of weeds haphazardly sprawling across the front lawn is actually a garden of basil, rosemary, and mint which restaurant chefs use fresh in the preparation of their dishes. This herb garden emits an aromatic scent to welcome the incoming diners through the pagoda style awning into the warm fragrances of freshly prepared cuisine.

The subdued interior is spacious and primarily accentuated by paintings and sculptures dedicated to Buddhism — the primary religion of Thailand. Kneeling statues praying to Buddha wear towering headdresses inlaid with intricate designs of gilded gold, and Impressionist style paintings depicting mountainside monasteries adorn the walls.

My friend and I devoured the appetizers and were left wishing that the sample portions on the plate were not for mere sampling, but for complete gorging.

MORNINGSIDE THAI OFFERS A WIDE variety of fares to cater to a motley of tastes. For those unsure of where to start, I would recommend the appetizer Sampler plate for two (\$10.95), which includes beef sate, fried eggrolls, vegetable spring rolls, cheese rolls, fried tofu, and skewered Thai BBQ chicken.

Except for the slight jarring of incongruent flavors of cream cheese and sweet and sour sauce in the cheese rolls, all of the appetizer selections were tantalizingly delectable. The beef skewers, marinated to satiation in curry, were flame broiled to tender and succulent perfection for a smooth rich taste. The diced vegetables and minced meat in the eggrolls mingled faultlessly with the blend of fresh herbs and spices for a crispy and savory flavor.

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there was more to come.

One of my favorite Thai specialties is the Tom-Kah-Gai or Coconut Chicken soup (\$3.50), which includes broiled chicken served in a coconut broth of green onions, cilantro, lemongrass, and red peppers. While the soup was a bit watery, the tart and sweet broth was still richly flavorful and the chicken plentiful and tender.

MORNINGSIDE THAI OFFERS A VAST assortment of beef, chicken, pork, and seafood entrees, which all can be substituted by vegetables or tofu on request. One of the restaurant's specialties is the Garlic Beef (\$9.95), which includes slices of tender beef saturated in a garlic marinade and briefly fried. The crispy exterior preserved the juicy marinade and perfectly complemented the soft and tender texture of the flavorful meat.

Four different types of curry — red, green, yellow, and dry — are also available to cater to a hungry patron's tastes in varying degrees of spiciness. The Gangh-Ka-Ri (\$8.95) is a yellow curry dish with strips of chicken simmered in coconut milk, potatoes, and onion. While a strictly meat-and-potatoes dish in a sea of yellow curry and coconut milk without any visual garnishes, the curry was incredibly rich with flavor. The tender chicken and potatoes seemed to be there solely to soak up the exquisite curry and help mediate the spicy flavors.

While I don't know of any other Morningside Thai establishments, the Original Morningside Thai Restaurant definitely deserves its distinctive recognition for well-prepared and authentic cuisine that leaves its patrons always wanting more.

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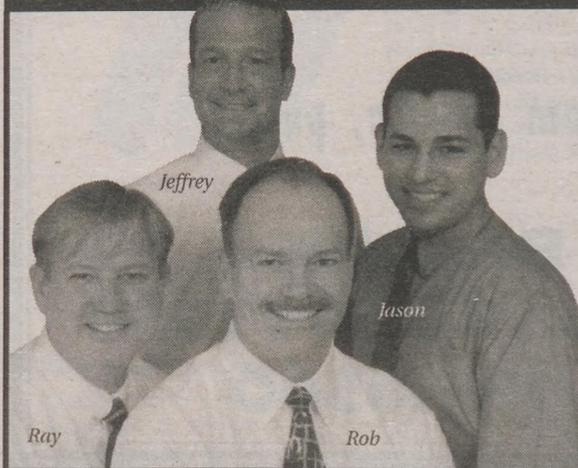
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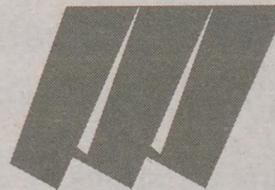
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Even 'weeds' in the garden can be viewed as pretty foliage by some, and often serve a good purpose

One person's weed...

A CUSTOMER AT THE LANDSCAPING business where I work recently presented me with a plant branch and said, "This sounds like a dumb question, but is this a weed?"

That was a hard question — not because I didn't know the plant, but because the question of whether a certain plant is a weed is so... delicate, for want of a better word. Label a beloved wildflower a weed and you are an unimaginative conformist, incapable of seeing beauty before your eyes.

Back when I sold houses, I made the mistake of describing a creeping plant with a tri-petaled blue flower as "Widows' tears, a weed." "But I like it," that client responded, sounding a little hurt.

Having learned my lesson, I explained in my most non-judgmental manner to this recent customer that this branch was from an American Beautyberry, a native of Southern woodlands which has a purple berry in the fall.

"Well, I live in Clear Lake," my customer replied, "and I just can't remember if I planted this or not." I assured her that this was not a plant that would end up in her garden by accident.

That's as good a definition as any for a weed: They end up in your garden or lawn whether you want them or not. One of my horticulture classmates said that the difference between a weed and a wildflower is a public relations man, and one of my textbooks' glossary defines weeds as "a plant whose virtue has not been discovered."

A weed in one community may be a cherished rarity in another. Violets, for example, are weeds in lawns in Washington, D.C. I carefully (and probably illegally) brought some home from one trip only to have them perish in the summer heat. Another alleged weed, crabgrass, was imported to be grown for cattle food.

Unfortunately, weeds are not amenable to human control. I have native morning glory and widow's tears mixed in one of my flowerbeds, and like the way it looks, but couldn't get that effect if I'd planned it.

ANY PLANT THAT HAS VERY EFFICIENT methods of collecting water and spreading seeds is capable of being a weed. All native plants are not weeds, and not all weeds are native plants. A native plant is simply one that originated where it is growing. It evolved to adapt to the conditions there and is an important part of its ecosystem. It provides food or shelter for indigenous wildlife and has resistance to native pests. They might affect it, but won't kill it.

There are also plants that have been brought from other places that are very happy in their new environment. They will naturalize — grow without human intervention. These are more likely to become weeds



What one gardener considers a weed might be seen as an attractive flower by another outdoor-lover.

because they have fewer natural predators.

If you want to reduce the amount of work in your garden, try adding more native plants. If you are into control in your garden, be aware that words such as "self-seeding," "vigorous," "rampant," "escaped cultivation" and "invasive" are all politically correct synonyms for a plant that some might call a weed.

The best control for weeds is mulch and constant vigilance. The reason to control them, aside from aesthetics, is that they out-compete your "good" plants for water and nutrients. Also, they can harbor or attract pests that will happily chomp away at your prized foliage.

However, before you go spraying weed killer, be sure that the weed is not serving some useful purpose. If your lawn is full of weeds, when you kill the weeds, you will have big brown spots until the grass fills in. This is not an asset just as you put your house on the market. Some weeds will decoy bugs away from your good plants or host beneficial insects.

While we're on the subject of bugs, many trees now have a thick web that looks a lot like a white support stocking on the trunk and branches. This is good. It is the home of bark lice, which are eating dead bark and odd bits of tree trash. They will move on soon, leaving a cleaner, healthier tree.

On the other hand, the webbed bags that cover leaves and hang down are bad. They are full of caterpillars, which are eating the leaves. Knock a hole in the bag with a stick, and the birds will have a good dinner. If you feel the need to do more, spray with something containing BT (bacillus thuringiensis), such as Thuricide or Dipel. I do not recommend setting the bags on fire.

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FACT: Coors money founded the Heritage Foundation, America's premier far-right think tank, and the "cultural conservative" Free Congress Foundation. The Coors family's Castle Rock Foundation still gives these groups hundreds of thousands dollars yearly.

FACT: The Castle Rock Foundation board includes William Coors (chairman of Adolph Coors Co., which runs all the family businesses), brewery chairman Peter Coors, Jeffrey Coors and Holland Coors.

FACT: Jeffrey Coors is CEO of Graphic Packaging International, a Coors spin-off that provides packaging for Coors products. He's also a board member of the Free Congress Foundation (FCF)—and was its chair when FCF argued in a "friend of the court" brief in the Hawaii marriage case that homosexuality is "repugnant to... the laws of nature and nature's God" and quoted Blackstone's description of sodomy as "an infamous crime against nature." FCF is credited with inventing the notion of a sinister "homosexual agenda" by sponsoring publication of the viciously homophobic "The Homosexual Network" and "Gays, AIDS and You."

FACT: The Heritage Foundation criticized the Supreme Court for striking down Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, slammed the Legal Services Corporation for "actions [that] advance the goals of homosexual activists," and urged Congress to keep a complete ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

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FACT: Massive Coors family funding of right-wing homophobia continues today, including Castle Rock grants to Heritage, Free Congress (run by anti-gay TV commentator Paul Weyrich), the Center for Individual Rights, the Western Journalism Center (run by homophobe Joseph Farah), the Center for the Study of Popular Culture, Promise Keepers, the Institute on Religion and Public Life and many other fiercely homophobic groups.

FACT: Jeffrey and Holland Coors and other family members have served on the board of the Council for National Policy (CNP) — a veritable Who's Who of the anti-gay right, also supported by Castle Rock money. Members include Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Phyllis Schlafly, Oliver North, Gary Bauer, Ed Meese, and Sen. Jesse Helms.

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Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.

Resurrection MCC. Noche Espiritual, Spanish language worship, 6 p.m. 713-861-9149.

Q-Patrol. Volunteers walk the streets to help prevent hate crimes. 9:30 p.m. Convene at community center. 713-528-SAFE. E-mail: qpatrolinc@aol.com

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Drop-in, noon-4 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

EVERY SUNDAY

Anarchist Black Cross Federation/Anarchist Reading Group. 1 p.m. www.houstonabc.org. 713-595-2103

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Services at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 713-526-1017.

Community Gospel. Service at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School for children 10 a.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.

Covenant Church, Ecumenical, Liberal Baptist. Service 9:30 a.m. & education hour 11 a.m. 713-668-8830.

Emerson Unitarian Church. Adult education, 10 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. Lunch at noon. www.emersonhou.org.

First Congregational Church (Memorial). Service at 10 a.m. Christian Education, 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.

First Unitarian Universalist Church. Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Brunch at 10:30 a.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 9 p.m.-midnight at Club Inergy. 713-830-3000.

Gay Catholics of St. Anne's-Houston. 5 p.m. worship service. Dinner and social. alexcam@wt.net. 713-623-0930.

GLOBAL. Gay Lesbian Or Bisexual Alliance. University of Houston GLBT student group meeting. 2 p.m. at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.uh.edu/~global. E-mail: global@bayou.uh.edu.

Grace Lutheran Church. Sunday school for all ages 9 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-528-3269.

Houston Mission Church. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-529-8225.

Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m.-noon. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church. 10 a.m. service. 3333 Fannin, Suite 106. 713-528-6756.

Rainbow Riders. A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.

Resurrection MCC. Services, 9 and 11 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School, 10 a.m. Children's service, 11 a.m. 713-861-9149.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 7:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:55 a.m.; Education hour, 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist, 11 a.m. 713-528-6665.

Sunday Brunch. For HIV-positive men. Price-fixed buffet. 11 a.m. Riva's, 1117 Missouri St. Paul, 713-880-0690. e-mail: PoznBuff@aol.com.

The Women's Group. Meeting and discussion. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.

Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Adult discussion, 9:45 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.

Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County. 502 Church St. Service, 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.

Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum, 10 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Drop-in, 2-5 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

MONDAY, JULY 1

American Veterans for Equal Rights. Monthly meeting. 7 p.m. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

EVERY MONDAY

AIDS Mastery. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m.-midnight. Keys West. 713-830-3000.

Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000. **gayDAR.** Wellness Community. Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.

Gay Fathers/Fathers First. Support group. 8-9:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church. Tom, 713-726-8736. www.geocities.com/gaydadshouston/

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsals, 7 p.m. 713-521-7464.

Grief & Divorce Support Groups. 7 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.

Kolbe Project. Eucharist 7:30 p.m. 713-861-1800.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 936-441-1614.

Queer Voices Radio Show. 8-10 p.m. KPFT 90.1. 713-529-1223.

Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Drop-in 6-9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Inc. Nonprofit organization working for lesbian health meets the first Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m., 404 Westheimer. 713-603-0023. LHHouston00@aol.com

EVERY TUESDAY

Bering Support Network. Lunch Bunch Gang, 11 a.m. 713-526-1017.

CPR Classes. 3 p.m. 713-607-7700.

For Mature Audiences Only. Support group. 7 p.m. Bering Memorial UMC. 713-526-1017.

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m.-midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.

Gay Men's Process Group. 7 p.m. 3316 Mount Vernon. 713-526-8390.

Gay youth. New program for young gay males, ages 18-29. 7 p.m. 614 Avondale. 713-533-9786.

Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous. Support group. 7 p.m. 713-524-0439.

Houston Women's Rugby Team. No experience necessary. Practice, 6:30-8:30. Westland YMCA. Kay, 713-208-1529.

HTGA. Support group. 7 p.m. 713-520-0439.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 281-633-2555.

Rainbow Ranglers. Free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. No partner needed. Beginner 2 Step, Waltz, Shuffle & Swing. 8:30 p.m. 713-528-9192.

Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Drop-in 6-9 p.m. • Lesbian Coming Out Group, 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Bering Omega Community Services. First Wednesdays lecture series on HIV-related topics. "HIV Services for Houston Parolees." 6 p.m. Reservations required. 713-520-7070, ext. 141.

Classic Chassis Car Club. Monthly meeting. Location to be announced. 713-797-8615. www.ClassicChassisCarClub.org.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. Monthly general meeting. 7:30 p.m. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Various support groups, 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.

Bible Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 2015 Thomas St. OraSure method. Call for appointment. Sharon, 713-873-4157.

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 4-8 p.m. at Mary's; 9 p.m.-midnight at Ripcord; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at EJs; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at Midtowne Spa. 713-830-3000.

Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 1307 Yale. 713-524-0218.

Houston Tennis Club. 7:30-9 p.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Meets every other Wednesday. 713-383-6738.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 936-441-1614.

Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.

Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Drop-in 6-9 p.m. • Free HIV testing, counseling, 6-9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Gay/Lesbian Jewish Study Group. Meets the first Thursday of the month. 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood Blvd. Alan: 713-523-3673 or Rabbi Glickman: 713-771-6221.

Gulf Coast Transgender Committee. Meeting. 713-780-4282.

EVERY THURSDAY

BiNet Houston. Group for bisexuals; everyone welcome. 7:30 p.m. Hobbit Café, 2240 Portsmouth. www.flash.net/~bihouse. 713-467-4380.

Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235. www.communitygospel.org.

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 4-8 p.m. at The Outpost; 8 p.m.-midnight at Brazos River Bottom and Cousins; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at Toyz Disco. 713-830-3000.

Freelance Art Classes. By Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 1-4 p.m. Lunch provided. 713-523-9530.

FrontRunners. Running club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.

Web site: <http://home.swbell.net/larathon/houfr.htm>. E-mail: larathon@swbell.net.

GLOBAL. Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston-Central Campus. Weekly meeting, 6 p.m. e-mail: nguyen0023@hotmail.com.

Hep C Recovery. Support group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.

HIV Art Therapy Program. 1-4 p.m. Kermit Eisenhut. 713-523-9530.

Houston Women's Rugby Team. No experience necessary. Practice, 6:30-8:30. Westland YMCA. Kay, 713-208-1529.

Lambda Skating Club. 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink. www.lambdaroll.org. 713-410-7215.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 281-633-2555.

Rainbow Ranglers. Free C&W dance lessons. No partner required. Brazos River Bottom. 8:30 p.m. 713-528-9192.

STD exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 713-626-2837.

Spanish Charla Conversation Group. Café Agora, 7 p.m. E-mail: charlahouston@msn.com. 713-416-7203.

Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.

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FRIDAY, JULY 5

Monthly service. Healing Eucharist for all affected by HIV/AIDS. First Friday of each month. 7 p.m. Golding Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave. 713-222-2598.

EVERY FRIDAY

Free HIV Testing. Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. at The Meatrack; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at EJs and at Midtowne Spa. 713-830-3000.

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 2015 Thomas St. OraSure method. Call for appointment. Sharon, 713-873-4157.

Freelance Art Classes. By Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Light breakfast provided. 713-523-9530.

Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.

Govinda Yoga Club. Free yoga classes at 3115 West Loop South, No. 21. 713-439-0455.

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) Meeting. 713-942-7002.

Houston Tennis Club. 7:30-9 p.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

Kolbe Project. Morning prayer, 10 a.m. 713-861-1800.

Mishpach Alizim. GLBT Jewish congregation. Sabbath services at 8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Baby Barnabys, 602 Fairview. Monthly study groups with Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood. Mishpach Alizim, P.O. Box 980136, Houston, TX 77098. 866-841-9139, ext. 1834.

Q-Patrol. Volunteers walk the streets to help prevent hate crimes. 9:30 p.m. Convene at community center. 713-528-SAFE. E-mail: qpatrolinc@aol.com

Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Drop-in 6-9 p.m. • Poetry night, 8 p.m. Poet Michael Bolin, author of "Mourning Contagious Beauty," hosts monthly event. Readings are open to the public. Writers interested in participating may contact Bolin via the Center. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

VOLUNTEER/SELF-HELP

Gay & Lesbian Help Line. For gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Staffed by volunteers of all ages. 6-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 888-340-GLBT.

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston. Volunteers offer a friendly ear to callers in need of information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services, emergency shelter and advocacy services to crime survivors who may need someone to accompany them to a hospital for medical attention or assistance in filing a police report. 713-529-3211.

Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Volunteers perform a variety of critical tasks which include staffing the information desk during drop-in hours; helping with Center programming and events; working on community-outreach efforts, fund-raising and publicity. Card players, writers and artists in particular are needed. 713-524-3818.

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SPECIAL ENDS JUNE 30

"Milestone in Miami, June 1977" is a historical exhibit presented by the Houston Public Library's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Heritage Committee. The display commemorates the 25th anniversary of the controversial election in which Anita Bryant led a group called "Save Our Children" in an effort to repeal a local ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. The exhibit includes materials, including many previously unpublished photos, from a demonstration by 4,000 gay rights supporters in Houston, when Bryant arrived to sing at the Texas State Bar Association convention. On display through the end of June. Central Library, 500 McKinney, 832-393-1313. www.houstonlibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Candidate endorsements will be made at the next Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC meeting. This is the group's most important session of the year. 7 p.m. Theatre New West, 1415 California. www.hglpc.com.

FILM SUNDAY, JUNE 30

"Following" is the debut feature from Christopher Nolan, director of "Memento." An unemployed writer likes to pick out strangers and follow them around, just to satisfy his curiosity. When a burglar blows the writer's cover, the two men become partners, and the double crosses begin. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$6. Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Caroline Wiess Law Building, corner of Main Street and Bissonnet/Binz. 713-639-7515. www.mfah.org.

THIS WEEKEND

"The Cherry Orchard" premieres in Houston and features Charlotte Rampling as the enigmatic noble woman who returns to her family's estate after a five-year absence to escape the troubling memories of her son's death. 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$6. Rice Cinema, Rice University Campus, Entrance No. 8, University Boulevard and Stockton Drive. 713-348-4853. www.ruf.rice.edu/cinema.

GALLERIES ONGOING

Photographer David Lewis will exhibit his collection of photographs at Paulie's Restaurant, 1834 Westheimer, through the end of July. This collection of photographs explores images from China and Europe, as well as close to home in Southern cities like New Orleans and Houston.

Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History Satellite Exhibition. The first exhibition from the GCAM collection presented at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center honors the NAMES Project Houston. Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

Positive Art Workshop Photography Exhibition. Artists living with HIV/AIDS created these pictures with accompanying text. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

MUSIC FRIDAY, JUNE 28

"American Masterpieces," presented by the Texas Music Festival Orchestra, will include three American classics: Leonard Bernstein's "Symphony No. 2: Age of Anxiety," Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings," and George Gershwin's "An American in Paris." The orchestra includes 100 young artists from several countries and is conducted by Carl St. Clair. 8 p.m. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. 281-364-3010. http://pavilion.woodlandscenter.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

"A Star-Spangled Salute!" features plenty of patriotic tunes via Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski and the Houston Symphony, complete with cannons and a fireworks display. Free admission. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 100 Concert Drive, Hermann Park. 713-284-8352.

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- Sor Juana's middle name
- Harrison of "Queer as Folk"
- Score by Fashanu

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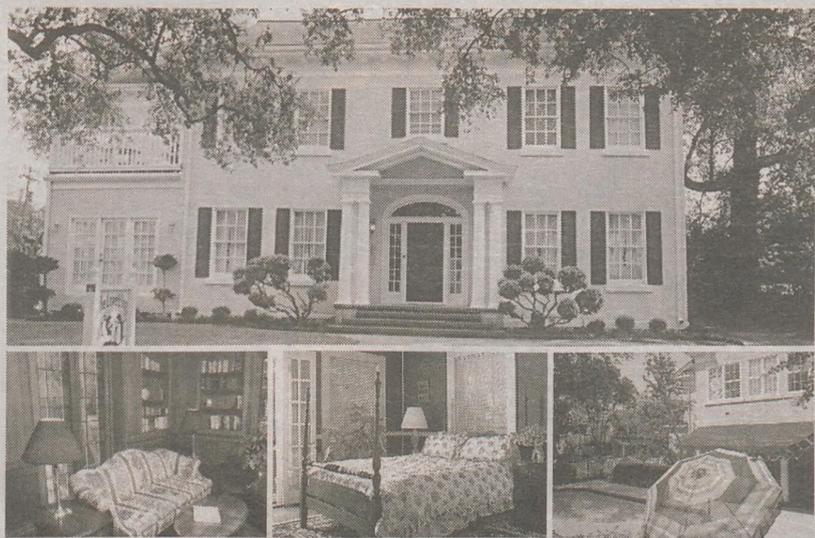
- Boston leather bar
- Noble in government
- Filmmaker Eisenstein
- Condescending cluck
- Fastener on a drag queen's pearls
- Johnny Mathis disk
- ___ Jima (site of a famous erection?)
- Tim Daly, to Tyne
- Oral attention getter
- With 54-Down, designing man
- Like music from "Aida"
- "Designing Women" network
- Lts. are made here
- Role of 71-Across on "Queer as Folk"
- Mary's little lamb, perhaps
- Opening for relief
- Jodie Foster's "Little Man ___"
- Meas. for Stephen Pyles
- Have sex a la Austin Powers
- Sal Mineo played one in "Rebel Without a Cause"
- Move the ball between your legs
- After curfew
- Edward II's lover Piers
- Use Viagra successfully
- Broadway lyricist Gershwin with a nest egg?
- Hankie, maybe
- Concern of Josh Blair on "Veronica's Closet" (abbr.)
- Dupont Circle to Capitol Hill dir.
- Ranked, like Billie Jean
- Music style at some circuit parties
- Williams' nocturnal reptile
- Gay or straight
- See 10-Down
- Wry twist
- Madonna's "Lucky ___"
- Here to Cocteau
- Suffix with pay
- Noise at the Roxy
- Nobelist Hammarkjold

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TAURUS (April 21 to May 20)

The moon in your money sector on July 7 brings you a special burst of financial brilliance. You have the ability to help yourself and others in the material world. Help yourself to a healthy helping of another Taurus, too.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

The Sun, Mars, and Jupiter all transit your money sector during the first third of July and bring you big bursts of dough and dough-making ideas. Strike while the iron is hot, and don't fall victim to your Achilles heel: distractions! Get off eBay and get on an Aquarius.



CANCER (June 22 to July 22)

The beautiful things in life are there for you to enjoy, dear Cancer. Don't hold yourself back with false guilt. This is your moment! The time for self-flagellation is over. (And if you still need a little punishment, an Aries can do this for you.)



LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You're still in need of adventures, darling. And why shouldn't you experience the excitement you crave? Another Leo wants to indulge in new forms of (emotional) ecstasy with you. You're up for it, so go for it!



VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Mercury — your ruler — goes into your friendship sector on July 7 and brings you the communication skills you need to deal with difficult and complex friends. You are able to juggle a lot of different personalities in your life. Don't get too attached to just one person. A Gemini has many different personas!



LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

This is a tough time for you to make decisions about your personal life. Set aside some time to focus on your career while several planets are transiting the powerful top of your chart. A Sag wants to be a powerful top to you.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Neptune and Pluto are both retrograde and putting you on edge. You know that your life is about to change radically, but you're not sure how. Consult mystics, healers, and your own inner voice. A Scorpio is a trustworthy friend.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You're too wound up to get a lot of work done this week. You may need extra massages and extra sleep. A little bit of luxury helps you to think clearly again. So does a luxurious night with a Sag.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

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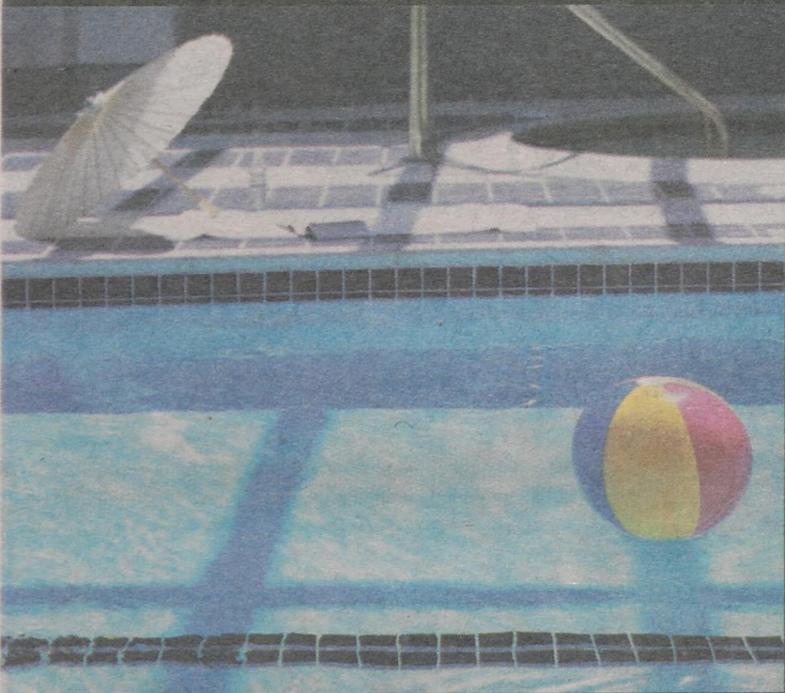
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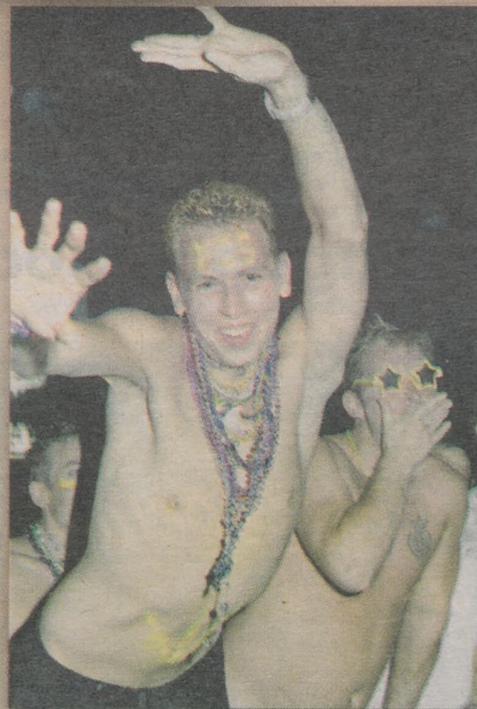
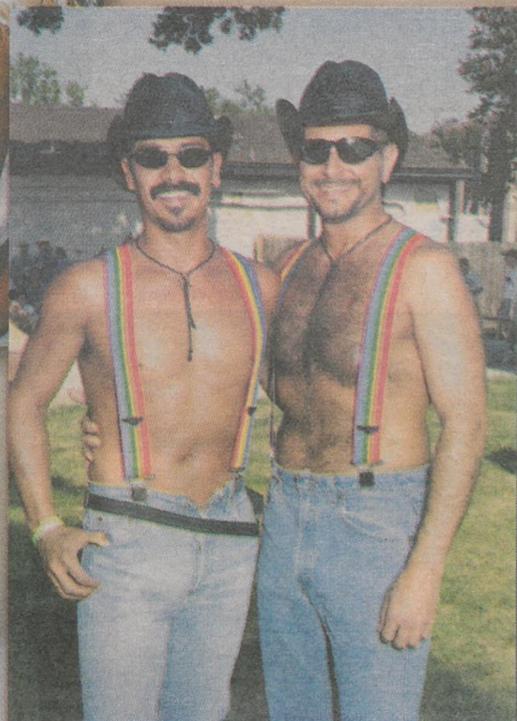
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Line up for the 2002 Houston Pride Parade

Annual parade is the highlight of the weekend to wrap up this year's Pride Week

See page 5 for a map of the 2002 Pride Parade route.

By ELLA TYLER

The 24th annual Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade begins at 8:45 Saturday night with a record number of entries.

"We had 134 applications at the cut-off time. I believe this is the largest number of applications we have ever had," said Troy Christensen, communications director for the Pride Committee of Houston.

Parade organizers are excited about what they say will be a bigger and better fest than ever.

"A new entry, which I think will be a real crowd-pleaser, is from the Houston Fire Department," Christensen said. "Fire Chief Chris Connealy and community liaison Elmo Delasbour will be in the top of the Tower Six truck. This is the one they use for high rise rescues."

A history-making parade entry from last year will not re-appear in the 2002 parade, however. The 2001 parade was the first to include an entry from the Houston Police Department, but the department will not be officially represented this year.

"We did not get an entry from the police department this year, but the library entry will be from the entire system, not just the Montrose branch, this time," Christensen said. "Montrose's new City Council member, Ada Edwards, will have an entry, and Mayor [Lee] Brown will be [in the parade for the third year in a row]."

According to Christensen, other political entries include City Council member Gordon Quan, state Rep. Garnett Coleman, the Stonewall Democrats and River Oaks Area Democratic Women, whose delegation includes gay-friendly state Rep. Debra Danburg.

"We are delighted that Larry Bagneris, a former Houston activist who is now director of New Orleans Human Rights Commission, will be at the parade," Christensen added.

The parade begins at Woodhead and Westheimer streets and continues along Westheimer to Whitney. Two announcer's stations have been added to the route. Esterio Latino of 102.9 FM will be announcing in English and Spanish at a booth near Club Rainbow, near the Westheimer curve.

As in the past, Maria Todd of KRBE 104 and Ernie Manouse of Channel 8's weekday news will be announcing from the judges' stand at Lincoln and Westheimer.

Finally, MIX 96.6 will be announcing at the end of the route.

"We wanted to spread people along the route," Christensen explained. Each of the announcer's stands will begin playing music at 6 p.m. on parade night.

Another change this year is that there



Troy Christensen, this year's communications director for the Pride Committee of Houston, sweated it out in last year's parade along with thousands of other gay Houstonians. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)



Pride 2002 in Houston wraps up this weekend with a flurry of events, highlighted by Saturday's parade, but also including musical performances, theater and — of course — hours and hours of parties. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)

will be a vendors' area in the parking lot just east of Montrose and Westheimer. Various free samples will be handed out, Christensen said. Pride merchandise will be sold at a booth near Copy.com and roving vendors will be selling items during the parade, he added.

Vendors with product giveaways include Perfect Places Travel, Green Mountain Energy, Trojan Condoms, Nair for Men, Arm & Hammer Breath Mints, Red Bull and Houston Voice and Eclipse.

The famous parade disco ball has been retired and will be replaced by what Christensen describes as a festival light wall.

"It will be a large scaffolding, 25 feet tall, with 'PRIDE' in 8-foot-tall lighted letters, near Westheimer and Montrose. People can see it all along the route," he explained.

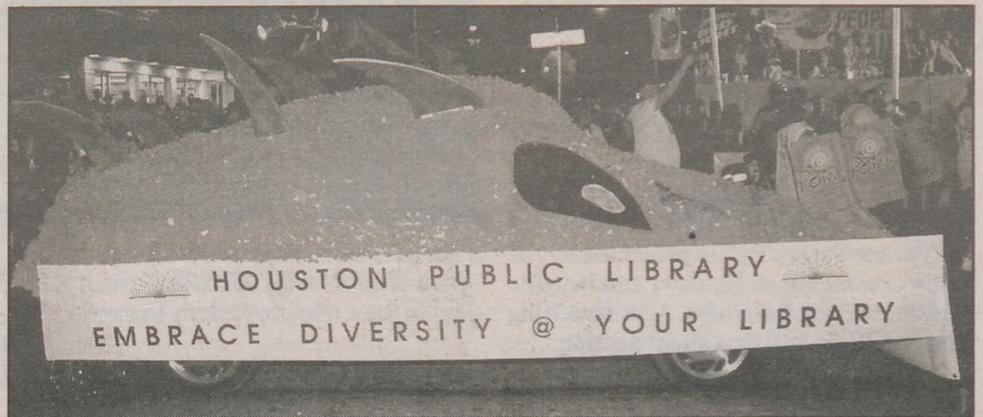
The parade really represents the diversity of the community, Christensen said.

"We have non-profits, community businesses, and social groups. One neat entry is GoGirlsMusic.com, who will also be doing a concert on Friday at Rhythm Room on Washington," he said.

The prizes recognize the diversity of the entries as well, Christensen noted. The Ruby Slipper Award goes to the best walking unit, and the Gypsy Rose Award is for the best out-



Annise Parker (right), the only openly gay member of the Houston City Council, participated in the 2001 Pride Parade with her partner, Kathy Hubbard. Parker is slated to again be part of the parade this weekend, along with a number of other politicians. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)



Last year, the Montrose branch of the city's library system was the only facility represented in the Pride parade. This year, organizers say, the library's entire network will be part of the Saturday night parade. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

of-town entry. Awards named Edison and Rainbow Lights are for lighting on non-professionally and professionally built units, respectively, and the Houston and Texas trophies go to non-professionally built and professionally built motorized units.

All entries are eligible for the Stonewall, Pride Worldwide and Spirit of Montrose prizes. Judges for the event include Kay Dayus, Jone Devlin, Rich Arenschioldt and Fred Walters, Jr.

Prizes will be awarded on Sunday afternoon at the "Pride Recovery" party at Rich's. The party begins at 4 p.m. and trophies will be presented at 6, Christensen said. Cover is \$2 with proceeds to go to the Pride Committee.

The parade is not the only entertainment this weekend. Today is officially Arts Appreciation Day. The First Annual Pride Cabaret, "Before the Parade Passes By," will be at the Alley Theatre. This all-singing, all-dancing showcase is directed by Ken Williamson, local actor and director.

Stars of the show include Lauren Anderson of the Houston Ballet and Paul Hope of the Alley, as well as other local talent. Tickets range from \$25 to 100, with \$100 and \$75 tickets allowing purchasers to attend a center stage cast reception at the end of the show.

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Houston Pride 2002 Parade Weekend Lineup

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

GoGirlsRock! Houston Pride

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9:30 p.m. Amanda's Waiting of New York, NY
10:30 p.m. Beth Puorro & members of Echoset of Austin
11:30 p.m. Carol Plunk of Memphis, Tenn.
12:30 a.m. Liviya Compean of Houston

Before the Parade Passes By

This first-ever Pride cabaret features the best in local talent all on one stage. The performance includes favorite Broadway melodies in a musical celebration of gay lives. Directed by Ken Williamson, "Before the Parade Passes By" is presented by the Pride Committee of Houston and benefits Houston's Pride festivities. Also benefiting Houston Pride will be a silent auction.

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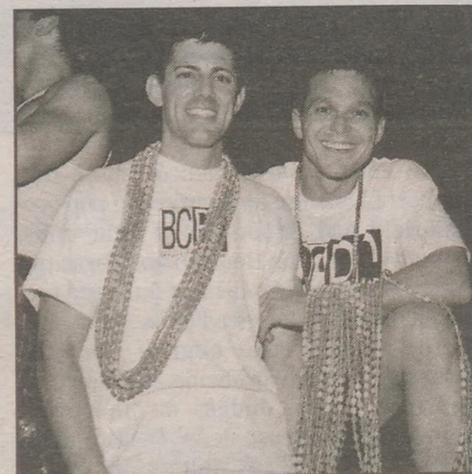
SATURDAY, JUNE 29

2002 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade

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Pride-goers will be entertained Friday night by a few girls with guitars at the GoGirlsRock! concert at the Rhythm Room. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)



Rainbow colors and togetherness (above) will abound for gays during the last weekend of Pride 2002. (Photo by Dalton Dehart) Tens of thousands of people are expected to flood Montrose on Saturday night for Houston's famous nighttime gay Pride parade (right). (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)

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Entertainment this weekend ranges from the first-ever Pride cabaret to a black-tie event and parties that go all night long. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)



Weekend Pride entertainment includes plenty of parties for gay Houstonians both before and after the annual parade. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

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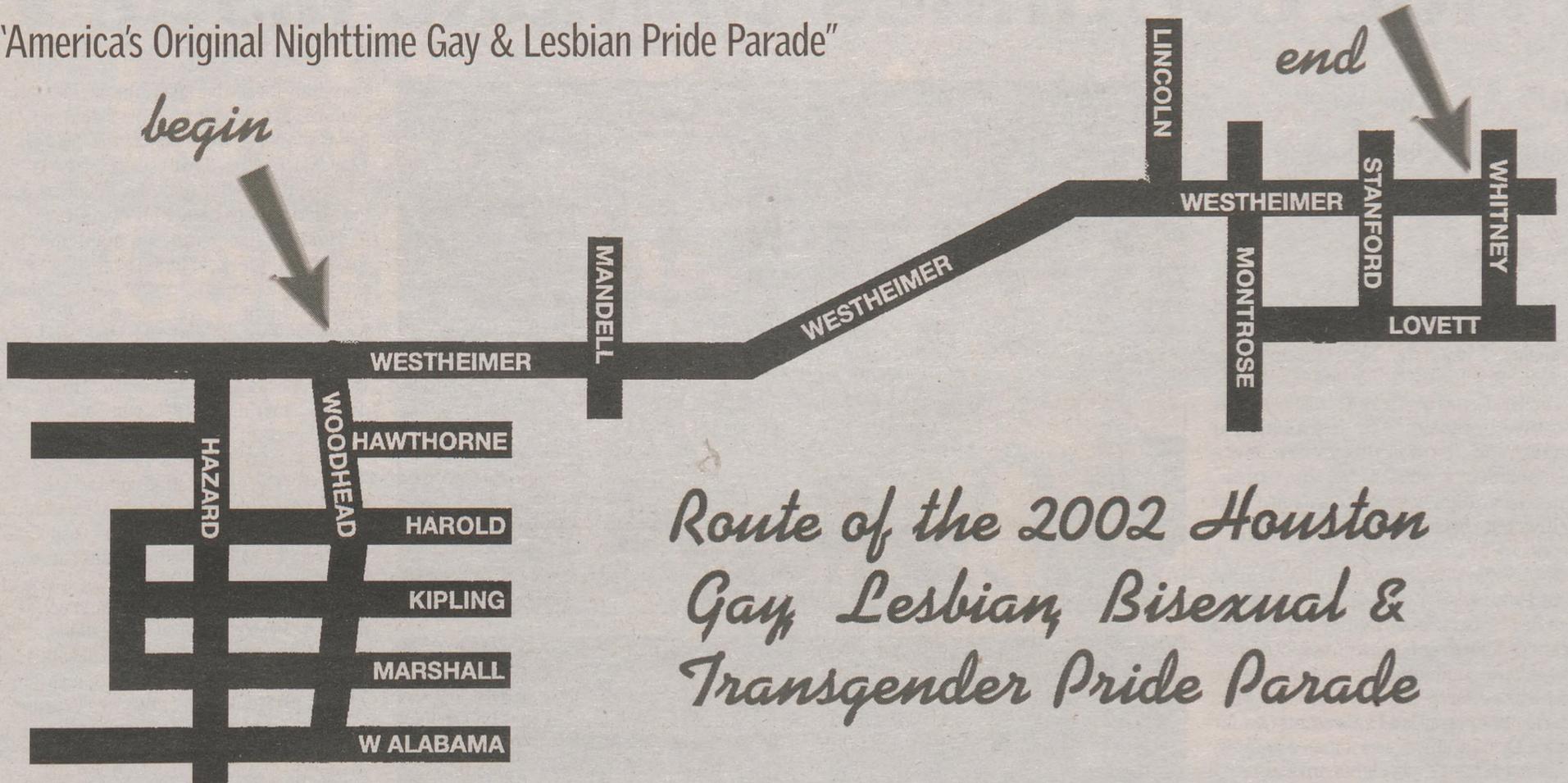
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Pride continues to make history

Every year, Pride Week brings new milestones in the battle for gay civil rights

By ELLA TYLER

Saturday's Pride Parade will be the 24th annual event of its kind, but public gatherings in support of gay rights began several years before the first formal parade in Houston.

The first parade, in 1976, was a march sponsored by the Gay Activists Alliance at University of Houston. It was downtown, and included a speech by Vito Russo, according to Judy Reeves of the Gulf Coast Archives & Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender History.

In 1977, gays organized a protest against Anita Bryant, who was appearing at the State Bar of Texas's convention at the Hyatt Regency. The event drew unprecedented crowds, and undoubtedly spurred future organizing efforts. Bryant, a former Miss America runner-up and representative for Florida Orange Juice, was a major organizer against Miami's gay rights ordinance.

The first Pride Week was June 16-25, 1978. It began on Friday with a prayer vigil held at the Houston Public Library plaza, in memory of the Bryant rally held there a year before, Reeves said. A week of lectures, projects and parties followed. Town Meeting I, a community-wide planning meeting on June 25 at the Astroarena, closed out the week.

Use of the Astroarena for a gay function was controversial. The GCAM archives include a copy of a transcript of a Harris County Commissioners' Court meeting of May 25, 1978, at which a Dr. Wallings, then chairman of the Community Standards Coalition of Houston, protested the event's taking place on county property. However, since the Houston Sports Authority had the exclusive rights to lease the property, Commissioners' Court decided it could not prevent the rental, although it wanted to officially go on record saying its members disapproved, Reeves said.

The first official Pride Parade was held in 1979, according to Troy Christensen, communications director for the current Pride Committee of Houston. The first Houston Pride marshal was a heterosexual woman, Thelma Hansel, a.k.a. Disco Grandma, according to activist Brandon Wolf, who has compiled a list of parade marshals. The next year, both a male and a female grand marshal were chosen.

In 1988, a position for an honorary grand marshal was created, and in 1993, a marshal spot was added for an organization, Wolf said. Marshals are now chosen by a vote, which is open to all gay Houstonians, from a list of nominees chosen by the Pride Committee.

Various politicians have had entries in the Parade, and state Rep. Debra Danburg, Congressman Craig Washington and Constable Jack Abercia have been honorary grand marshals, but no Houston



Houston's Pride traditionally offers up all kinds of entertainment (top), from music and dancing to arts and more. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson) This weekend's crowd of spectators and participants for the annual Houston Pride Parade (above) is the latest in a long tradition of gatherings supporting gay rights in this city. Mary's...Naturally is a popular spot for parade watchers each year. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

mayor had ridden in the parade until 2000. That year, Mayor Lee Brown made history as the first person holding that office to participate in the event.

Sue Null, a member of PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays), which was the organizational grand marshal in 1993 and 2001, says, "When I learned my daughter was a lesbian about 14 years ago, she mentioned PFLAG to me. I said, 'No, I don't need that; I'm okay with you...but there's no way I'm going to march in a parade.'

"Several years later, I attended PFLAG to find support for a young gay man just coming out," Null adds. "Four months after that, he and I were marching in the Pride Parade, and the next year, my husband joined me. Since then, we have marched in most of the parades."

Until 1997, the Pride Parade was held in the afternoon of the final Sunday in June, but by the early '90s the timing was creating problems.

"The parade was dying," Jack Valinski, former executive director of the Pride Committee, said in an interview with the Houston Voice last year. "People were sick and it became harder and harder to get a crowd out in the heat. We were talking about moving it to another month, but Lee Harrington kept

saying we should make it a nighttime parade.

"It finally come down to one vote, and I voted in favor of the nighttime parade, but I was worried," Valinski said. "We didn't even know if the city would let us do it like this, and there were security issues, but it has been wonderful."

To Jimmy Carper, who was a grand marshal for the first night parade in 1997, every parade is wonderful.

"I saw my first Pride Parade in 1986 and was completely overwhelmed. I saw a vibrant and very alive community that I wanted to be a part of," he said. "In 1988, I was in the parade for the first time. I couldn't believe the feeling of walking down the middle of Westheimer in Montrose with hundreds of people on either side cheering."

"I had never felt such a feeling of 'belonging' ever before," Carper added. "That feeling has been repeated each year that I've marched in the parade, and never to a lesser degree than that first time. Since 1988, I've only missed one Parade; that year I watched from the sidelines. I'll march in every future one!"

Before 1997, the parade route varied some from year to year, according to Brian Keever, a 20-year veteran of Pride Parades.

"I remember when we started at Shepherd and Westheimer, years ago," he said. "We had

a pre-rally for the parade at the old Plantation Club behind what is now the Fox Diner and the floats were lined up in the lot behind Alabama Theatre. That was in the early '80s. We even reversed it in '90 for Star Nite 90 at the Multi-Service Center on West Gray."

Holding the parade at night has presented unique problems over the years, according to organizers, but its overall success is evident.

"One problem with the new timing of the parade was that the route had to be shorter, because city law at that time said a parade starting after 8 p.m. couldn't be over a certain length," Christensen said. "With Annise Parker's help, we got that changed. The extra length makes a big difference because the line-up area is much better with a Woodhead start, especially with Lanier Middle School right there."

"The crowd has gotten bigger since the first nighttime parade in 1997, reaching a high of 150,000 in 2000," he added. "The crowd last year was slightly smaller, but still very impressive given that Tropical Storm Allison hit Houston just two weeks prior."

Dalia Stokes, female grand marshal for 2001, praised organizers of the annual Pride Week events.

"What a fabulous job the volunteers with the Pride Committee of Houston do in putting on this extravaganza that is so welcoming and so inclusive," Stokes said. "My entire family — partner of 25 years, 86-year-old mother, 29-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old granddaughter — participated in the parade and found it to be an enriching experience all the way around."

Stokes added, "[Gay Houston attorney] Mitchell Katine and I are graduates of the South Texas College of Law. The Alumni Fall quarterly magazine featured a large photo of Mitchell and myself as the male and female grand marshals of the 2001 Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade. Surely that was a memorable first."

So far, even the weather has been cooperative for Pride in Houston.

"It rains nearly every year sometime during parade day, but it never really rains on the parade itself," Christensen said. "I remember one year it rained right before the parade, but stopped before 8:45 p.m., and one year it rained just as the parade was ending."

The parade is managed by Pride Committee of Houston, a non-profit corporation.



Members of PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) participate in Pride Week activities each year. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

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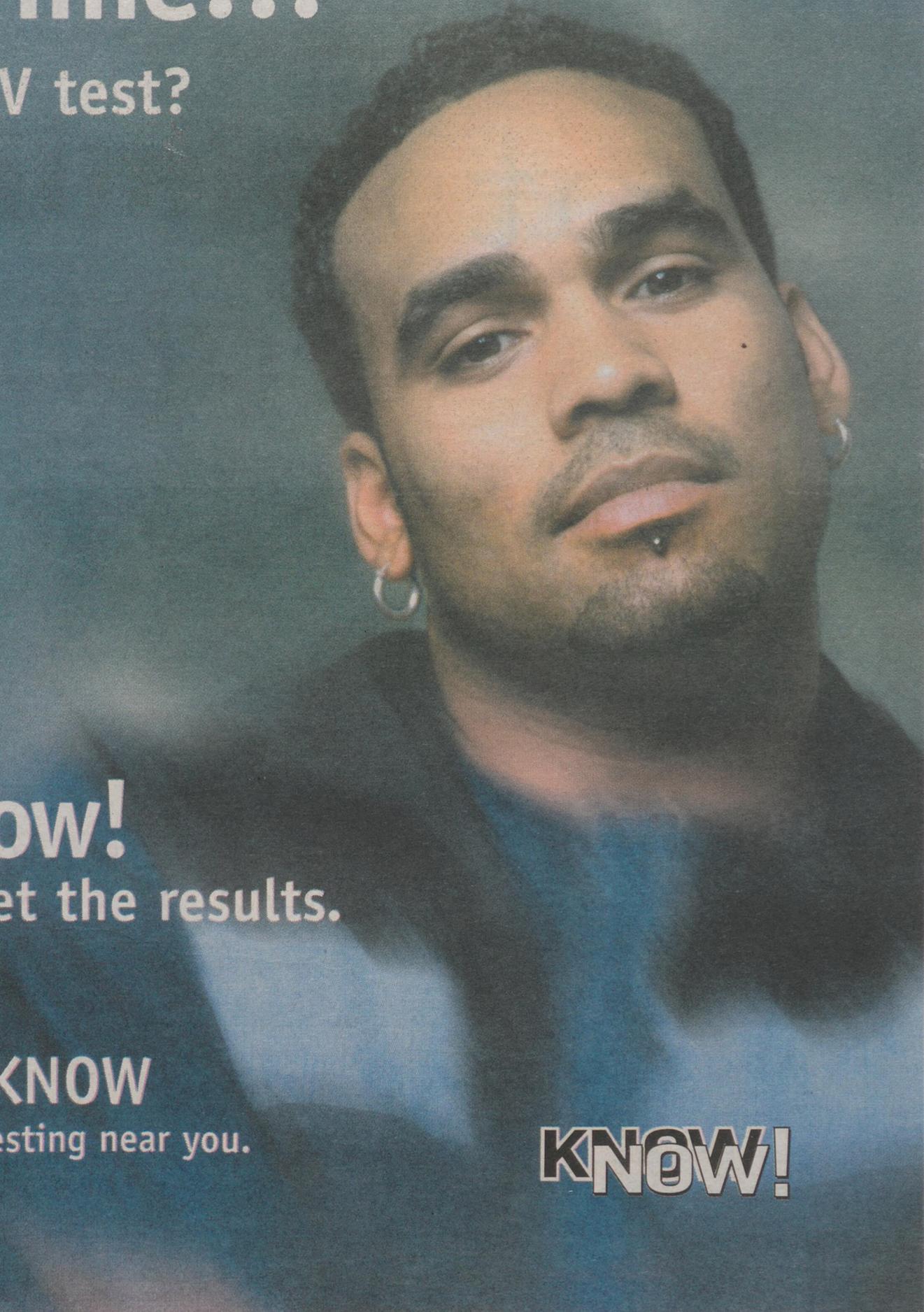
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Gay, eccentric, and proud of both

A GROUP OF US SAT AROUND THE table debating who had the most unusual family. This game of weird one-upmanship eventually had us all in stitches.

While others in the gathering vied for the familial oddity crown, I trumped them all with the story of my Grandfather Chuck, a person of whom the description "eccentric" would be a supreme understatement. This story recounted by my dad goes thus: While visiting Yellowstone National Park sometime in the early 1950s, my ever alertly inebriated Granddad noticed a plethora of Black Grizzly bears. While chugging around the park in an old Volkswagen Beetle, he thought it would be unique if he got a Brownie-Hawkeye Photo of one of these bears behind the wheel of his car. He shooed my dad and his sister out of the car onto the roadside and began to lay a pseudo-ingenuous trap.

Knowing that bears will do almost anything for food, he opened a pack of Oreos and laid a "Hansel and Gretel" cookie trail leading from the nearby forest, onto the gravel road, and into the front seat of the Beetle. Moments later his plan was put into action as a sizable bear took the bait.

The hungry beast appeared and, using its walnut-sized brain, followed the established trail, eventually parking its ample butt in the front seat, directly behind the steering wheel. Voila! The perfect "nature-

meets-man" wildlife photo op. Suddenly a brilliant idea entered Grandpop's own walnut-size brain: "If I close the car door, I can probably get several good photos of this animal 'driving' the car." With this thought, he quickly slammed the car door shut.

The substantial grizzly, suddenly scared and trapped, freaked out. He proceeded to single-pawidly destroy the interior, bodywork, windows, paint job and wiring system of this tiny car.

I don't know how the episode ended, because at about this point my dad can never stop laughing long enough to finish the story. Each time we hear it, some new and interesting detail surfaces, even after half a century.

OUR FAMILIES ARE FULL OF STRANGE people; I wonder why we're so ashamed of them. I have some very normal upright folk in my clan. I have one Southern grandma who makes biscuits that qualify as a religious experience. This ability is enhanced by the fact that liquor has never passed her lips and I know that she tithes monthly to the "700 Club." She's very sweet, loves Jesse Helms and thinks a lesbian is somebody who lives in a far off Middle Eastern country.

I love her but I'd much rather know about my great uncles who made moonshine in the hills of western North Carolina. There is also a zany trio of

"before-Prozac" aunts who lived together in a house that fell down around them, though they never seemed to notice. We visited them a few times; they gave us homemade ice cream, had no idea who we were, and enjoyed our visit very much.

This brings me to familial nomenclature regarding relatives. Before 1970, if someone was gay or lesbian in your family and not related to you, they were automatically labeled "Aunt" or "Uncle." As little kids we accepted this without question. These were people you didn't see very often and when you did they usually said nice things to you and sometimes gave you gifts. Christmas cards sometimes included a little rectangular piece of paper called a "check." You had some idea that this thing was valuable but you didn't fully comprehend why.

I remember a Great Aunt Lilia, who was always paired with another "Aunt" named Marty. (She started the tradition of one woman in a lesbian couple having a fabricated name, something that continues to this day). I didn't know her well enough to know if she was a "great" aunt or not. These two women made only cameo family appearances and we rarely saw them. As it turns out, I never really "saw" them at all.

They were both single and childless and had been friends for years. They lived in New York, wore great big coats, had funny accents and loved us. I never heard them speak of any man other than their father and yet they both seemed utterly content with their lives and each other.

They were old even when I was young; as a result, I never got to know either of them on an adult basis. Though I'm sure they were

gay, in those days they were just spinsters, two gals who were companions long before "Rosie," "Ellen" and "Melissa." They are both long gone — sometimes I wonder what it would have been like to talk with them about gay life in the middle of the last century.

I've seen "Before Stonewall," but think how great it would be to know someone who was actually there. We sometimes erroneously assume that if we ask someone over 60 about gay life they will automatically die of a heart attack. I'm sure there are some really cool gay skeletons in everyone's family closet.

An ex of mine once paid me the supreme compliment. On a plane ride years ago, I sat next to a guy wearing a golf shirt similar to the overpriced one I had stolen from my dad's closet. We started a conversation about golf and I used all the right phrases in spite of the fact that I know absolutely nothing about the sport.

Eventually, the guy got up to leave the plane and in parting said to me, "Next time I'm here I'll call your office at the pro shop and you can give me some lessons."

Lessons? The only lesson I could give this guy was about how to cook a "Duck l'orange" and still have time to do his wife's hair in time for their dinner party.

My boyfriend, who had witnessed the entire conversation, looked at me incredulously and stuttered, "You are so ...so ...eccentric!"

Now that I think of it, my parents never did allow me near a bag of Oreos.

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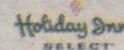
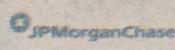
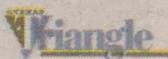
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Houston Pride Parade 2002 Grand Marshals

Female Grand Marshal: Herlinda 'Mela' Contreras

Mela knows your name

Longtime bar owner, activist honored by chance to serve as female grand marshal

By KAY Y. DAYUS

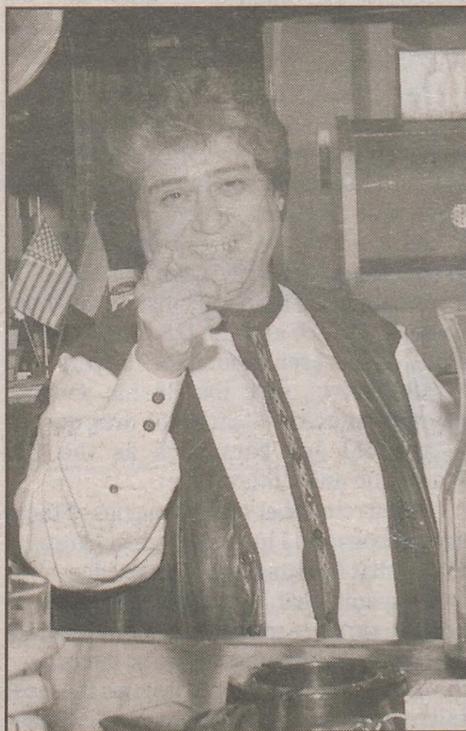
Herlinda "Mela" Contreras, better known simply as Mela, bar owner extraordinaire for the past 20 years, is this year's female Pride grand marshal and she's "very happy and honored and looking forward to the parade."

Not overtly known for her contributions to the GBLT community in Houston, she nevertheless is known by many as a tireless "behind-the-scenes" worker who has strived over the years to help the community.

She has held many fund-raisers, barbecues, voter registration drives, holy union ceremonies and receptions for the mostly Hispanic members of the gay community.

Contreras is Houston born and bred, one of 15 children.

"I think I was number eight. It's hard to



Mela Contreras looks forward to the 2002 Houston Pride Parade and serving as female grand marshal, plus hosting a post-parade party at her business. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)

remember with so many," she says. "My mom also raised two of her sister's children. So it was 17 really."

They all grew up in Clayton Homes, a public housing complex in Houston's



Second Ward. It was at a young age that Contreras felt she stood out from the crowd.

"When I was 6 years old, I knew I was different," she says, referring to being a lesbian. "My mum knew too, but never talked about it."

"My family doesn't like it simply because they don't understand," Contreras adds. "But they accept it because I'm family."

Contreras has owned a bar for more than 20 years. Her first, One on One, was on West Gray. She later had a bar on Fairview where Bricks is now located. "It was a regular building and I had it converted to a bar," she recalls.

Next, she moved to 19th Street and Shepherd, where she opened her first Mela's Bar.

Later, she closed that one and, a few years ago, opened Mela's Tejano Bar on Fairview near Bagby Street. That's where she and her partner, Eileen Ledgerwood, can be found most of the time nowadays.

And although it is mainly a Tejano bar, she says everyone is welcome and they play all kinds of music. She plays host to gays, lesbians and heterosexuals, Hispanic and otherwise.

At one time, she wanted a strictly lesbian bar, but it never paid off.

"Mainly women don't go out as much as men — only on the weekends usually — so now Mela's is an every person's bar," Contreras says, and she adds that she likes it that way.

Owning and operating a bar is hard work, Contreras admits. But she says she'll continue to do it.

"I guess it's in my blood, but it gets harder and harder," she relates.

Contreras also is a trained dental technician and, for a change in pace, she occasionally goes to help in her sister's dental clinic and laboratory in the Heights.

But then it's back to Mela's, where she enjoys her customers, who, she says, seem to find her wherever she moves to. She wants to remind all those customers and any new ones that she is having a big after-parade party with hot dogs and more.

"So they can sober up a bit and keep 'em in line," she says with a laugh.

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Houston Pride Parade 2002 Grand Marshals

Male Grand Marshal: Rusty Mueller, a.k.a. Crystal Rae Lee Love

The two faces of one grand marshal

Rusty Mueller, a.k.a. Crystal Rae Lee Love, rides in this year's parade as the male grand marshal

By KAY Y. DAYUS and PENNY WEAVER

In or out of drag, this year's Pride Parade male grand marshal is well known to gay Houstonians.

So it probably doesn't matter if Rusty Mueller appears in Saturday's parade as Crystal Rae Lee Love — gays packing the streets of Montrose will recognize him all the same.

Mueller frequently performs as his female alter ego, the blonde bombshell who struts her stuff as a drag artist for the RSICSS, a.k.a. the Royal, Sovereign & Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, or "The Court."

With that kind of name, it's no surprise that this group is often seen as having an air of mystery, but Mueller says The Court is simply a fun organization.

"There's nothing secretive. Some people think you have to be invited into The Court; it's not true," he says. "We embrace anybody who wants to play our game, and



This year's Houston Pride Parade male grand marshal is **Rusty Mueller**, perhaps just as well or better known as **Crystal Rae Lee Love**. (Photos by Kimberly Thompson)

The Court is one big game."

Mueller notes that Court membership is open to anyone, not just gay men.

"We also have lesbians and transgenders, and this year we even have a married heterosexual couple in The Court," he says.

Court members are, by and large, flamboyant fun-lovers. They do strive to impress with titles like "Empress" and "Emperor," or "Prince" and "Princess," accompanied by plenty of pomp and circumstance.

"The men wear white gloves and we bow and curtsy. We really think we're

emperors and empresses, but when we wake up in the morning, we know we're not," Mueller says with a laugh.

As Crystal, Mueller was elected empress several years ago and was regaled for a year as royalty in The Court. More recently, he was elected to serve on the International Court Council of the 35-year-old organization.

As a matter of fact, this just-for-fun group has a seriously wide membership. There are more than 65 courts throughout Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The Court in Houston has been around for 18 years.

Mueller, 45, says that in his younger days, he enjoyed watching the drag queens at the old gay bars such as the Old Plantation and Outlaw Bar.

"I still remember the first names of those drag queens and I just knew when I grew up that's what I wanted to be," he recalls.

He admits that he got into drag about 15 years ago to make some money for himself, not for charity. At least, that's what he thought.

"I was neither the prettiest nor the most talented to earn a living that way," Mueller says with a self-deprecating laugh.

So to preserve his drag career, he turned to The Court.

"Now I don't have to be the prettiest. I can still make a lot of money if I have to, but for others, not myself," Mueller says.

It is quite a transformation for this quiet, thoughtful, soft-spoken man to become the lively Crystal. But once he puts on the dress, makeup, blonde wig and

three-inch heels, his personality changes.

"As Crystal, I'm more outgoing. Rusty is shy. At least that's how it was in the beginning. Now, through Crystal, I am more outgoing as Rusty. But I am Rusty, a man who puts on a dress to make money," Mueller explains.

Mueller's "real job" is in the admittedly routine world of insurance. He is now single, but his dating history includes two long-term relationships, and he notes that he is still friends with both of his former partners.

Mueller's other fund-raising activities have been with the Colt 45's and the now-defunct Soiree Aubergine.

It's hard to tell just which part of Mueller — the reserved Rusty or the in-your-face Crystal — is most excited about the parade.

"This is the first time a drag artist who has been chosen grand marshal has been given the option to be either persona in the parade," Mueller notes. "Before, they had to go as a man. It was gender specific."

Gay Houstonians will have to wait for Saturday night to see either Rusty or Crystal parading on Westheimer. But either way, Mueller is sure to continue his in-drag escapades, at least as long as he can still get his feet in those three-inch heels.

"My feet hurt like hell when I'm in them," he admits. "I'll never get tired of The Court, but there will come a time when Crystal will have to retire and take a back seat."

He smiles.

"We're not ready yet. I am the empress who won't step down."

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Honorary Grand Marshals Irv and Jane Smith

Smiths become Pride parents

Couple makes journey from not knowing their son was gay to being active in PFLAG, other groups

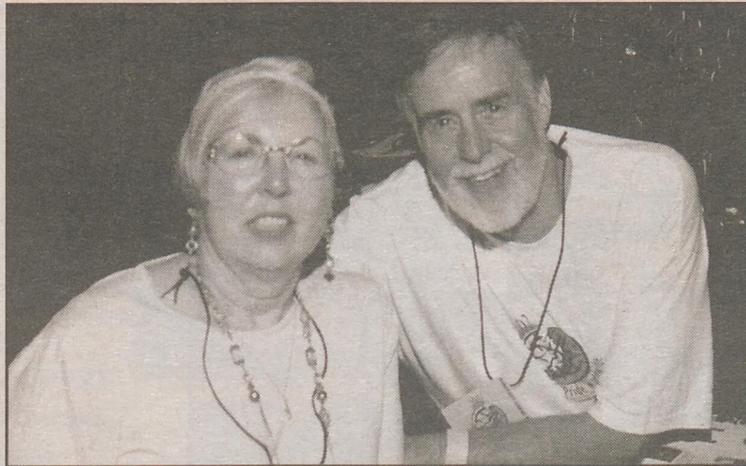
By KAY Y. DAYUS

In the last 10 years, Irv and Jane Smith have come a long way. They have gone from knowing nothing whatsoever about gay people to becoming ardent members of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) and now to serving as honorary grand marshals in this year's Houston Pride Parade.

Not so long ago, they knew nothing of gay life, nor did they want to. They thought they had no reason to know. That was until their son, Paul, revealed that he was gay and was moving in with his partner.

"He told us in a letter," says Irv Smith of his son, who was living in Austin. "Somehow I was not surprised. I had my suspicions in the past. It was my wife who was more surprised."

"Surprised," was not quite the word to explain Jane Smith's reaction to the news she received a decade ago, she recalls. "I



PFLAG parents Irv and Jane Smith are this year's honorary grand marshals. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

was absolutely broken-hearted. I was convinced it must be something environmental — something I had done," she says.

She thought her son would die of AIDS, lose his job, or be the victim of a hate crime. "It was at the time when Paul Broussard had been killed and I imagined it would happen to my son," she admits. Broussard, a Houston attorney, was attacked and murdered after coming out of a gay bar in 1991.

The Smiths traveled from Houston to Austin to see their son and told him that although they didn't understand his orientation, he was their son and they loved him.

They also found out that their daughter Amy, four years younger than her brother and straight, had known for some time. "She had no problem with it — she adores

her brother. And in fact, she would never date a man who was not supportive of her brother," Jane explains.

Both parents thought they would not have to deal with Paul's partner, Gary, but that was not what they expected either. "He became a very important part of our lives," says Irv. Gary's parents did not accept his sexuality, and the Smiths became his surrogate family. Sadly, Gary died three years ago of AIDS-related pneumonia.

After learning of their son's homosexuality, the Smiths searched for understanding, and about six months later they found PFLAG. They say that began their journey from despair and shame — they were afraid to tell family and friends — to enlightenment: a new awareness of the

plight that gays face as they struggle to be accepted by the straight world.

"We went in the closet. I am retired now, but at the time was a petroleum engineer — a very macho job. We didn't tell anybody," says Irv.

"We joined PFLAG in 1992," says Jane. "I went to the national convention the next year. My husband was not ready for that and my daughter went with me."

But Irv did "come out" to his elderly parents, both in their 90s. He says his father, an ex-attorney, is 97, and "as sharp as a tack," and even uses e-mail, an unusual hobby for his generation.

"He said he was proud of us," Irv explains. His mother is not so alert, he says, and he is not sure that she understands.

In addition to working with PFLAG, Jane has been on the board for the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston for a year and is having a great time.

"Every time they perform, we get four tickets and take two of our straight friends — a different couple each time — to expose them to gay people. Their reaction is always positive," she says happily.

The couple never thought they'd be in the gay Pride Parade, but by now they have walked several times with PFLAG. "It is a great feeling to see how the crowds react to PFLAG," says Jane.

Now, both look forward to riding in the parade as grand marshals, with their son by their side.



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Volunteers are on the line at the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston

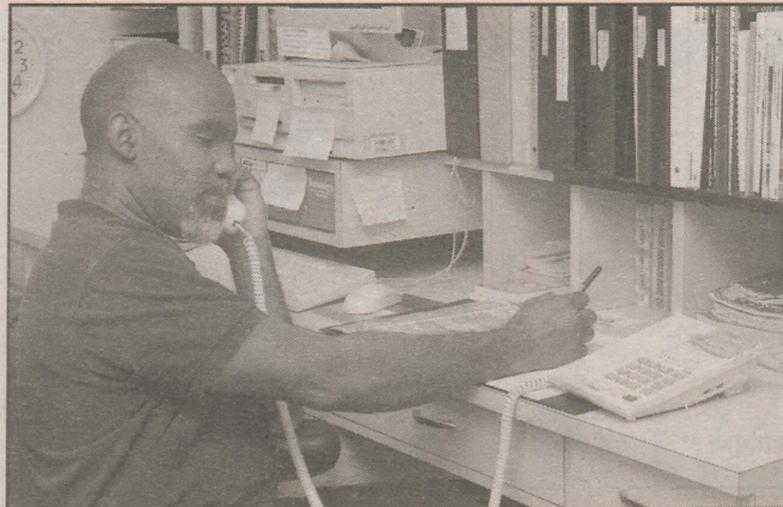
By KAY Y. DAYUS

"For 20 years we've been answering calls with no hang-ups," says the mission statement of Houston's Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, named the organization grand marshal for this year's Pride parade.

And as the group's members celebrate 20 years of service to gay Houstonians, they are busy making — what else? — a telephone as their entry in the parade.

"A huge, shiny green and pink telephone," explains Sally Huffer, development and marketing manager with Montrose Counseling Center. Huffer says the switchboard's first entry in the parade 20 years ago was also a huge telephone.

And they are not missing an opportunity to make themselves known to anyone in the crowd who needs their services, she says. They'll be riding through the parade and tossing out magnets shaped as telephones with the switchboard's number on them.



Switchboard manager Steven Jerome is among those who are just a phone call away from gay Houstonians in need of information and help. (Photo by Kimberly Thompson)

The switchboard became part of MCC more than a year ago but has kept its office located in the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne, where volunteers can be found working the phones every day between 6 p.m. and midnight.

After midnight, an answering service takes all calls and takes messages unless the caller is in some kind of crisis. In those cases, the calls are referred for help right away.

So far this year, the switchboard has handled more than 900 calls with the aid of about 15 active volunteers. The group has new volunteers all the time, according to Huffer.

Prospective volunteers have 20 to 40 hours of training, she notes.

"It's very intensive, including crisis intervention and role playing, and we ask for a one-year commitment from volunteers after training," says Huffer.

The switchboard has only one paid employee: a part-time manager of the volunteers, Steven Jerome.

In the beginning, the switchboard was called the Gay Switchboard and focused on gay men and HIV, but by 1985 expanded its current title and work with lesbians.

The majority of calls are "out-of-towners," wanting to know, for example, where to find gay bars, where to find a gay realtor, or other businesses that are gay friendly, Huffer says.

"We also get calls from people who are

just coming out and transgenders who are looking for organizations they can call. They feel so isolated and alone," she adds.

They also get calls from parents whose children have come out to them. "The No. 1 referral [we give] is PFLAG," Huffer notes.

Other calls relate to domestic violence and hate crimes against gays and lesbians, and sometimes even suicide.

"I know our volunteers stopped at least one person from committing suicide. Of course, we don't know what happened later," says Huffer.

Recently, the switchboard spread its message over several billboards located inside the 610 Loop, thanks to the generosity of Clear Channel Outdoor. The huge green and pink boards — the switchboard's colors — clearly show the name, number and Web site of the organization.

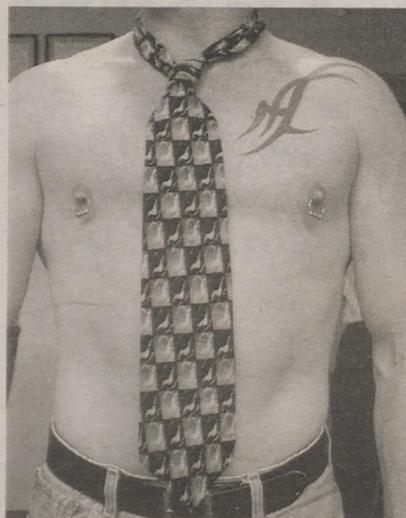
Leaders of the group had hopes that the signs would capture the attention of some gays, lesbians and transgenders who are in need of a helping hand. So far, the plan has worked: as the billboards have gone up, so has the volume of calls increased, Huffer notes.

And people need not be afraid to call. One of the advantages of the switchboard, says Huffer, is the "complete anonymity. We don't have caller ID. It's a first good step."

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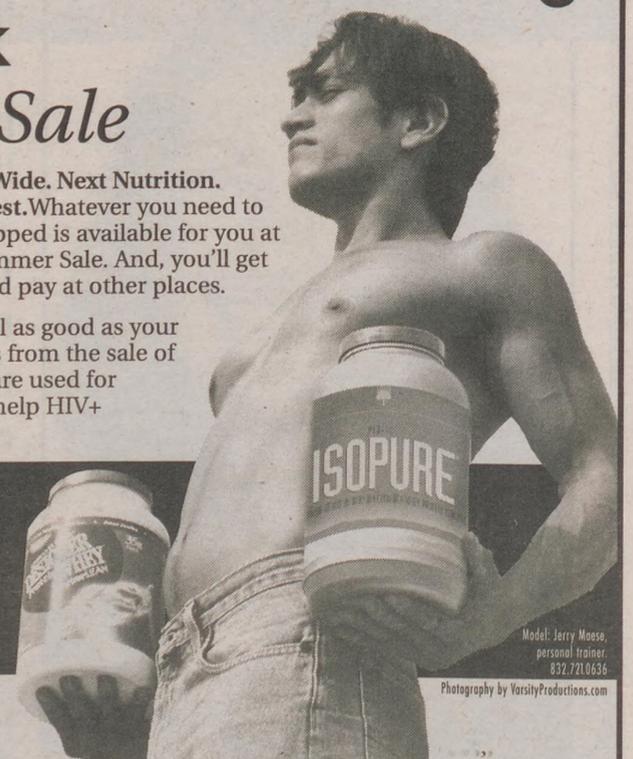
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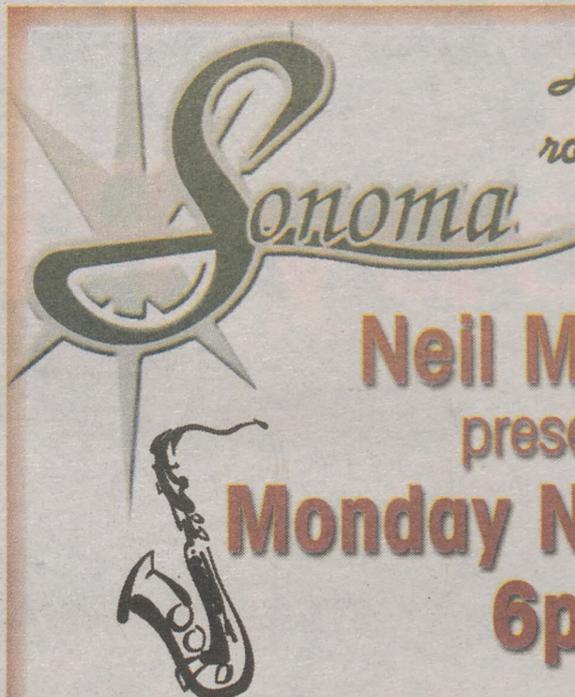
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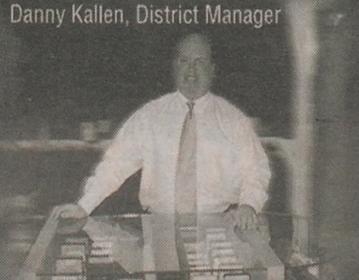
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