



HOUSTON

VOICE

One Community! One Voice!®

**NYPD
Officers
Accused
of Torture
Page 6**

AUGUST 15TH 1997 • www.houstonvoice.com • ISSUE 877

Alleged Arsonist Now Says Confession Coerced

(Vidor) - A man who said he set fire to a mobile home because he thought the residents to be homosexuals insists now that his confession was coerced and he didn't ignite the blaze. A grand jury indicted William Thomas Hutson, III last week on arson and burglary charges.

In his confession, the former volunteer firefighter said he set fire to the mobile home on July 13, the day the new residents were moving in. They were not at home at the time.

The burglary charge stems from evidence police say suggests the mobile home had been broken into. If convicted, Hutson faces five to 99 years or life in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. He is free on \$15,000 bond.

Hutson resigned as a trainee with the Vidor Volunteer Fire Department soon after the arson investigation began. "They told me if I confessed to arson that they wouldn't charge me with the other," Hutson told the Beaumont Enterprise. "But they screwed me over and did both anyway."

Hutson said he did not know the victims, who live next door to his girlfriend, and had no notions about their sexual orientation. He said

he thinks they filed charges against him "because I was the one who reported the fire."

Orange County District Attorney John Kimbrough said the case won't be pursued as a hate crime because Hutson already faces the maximum punishment. State law allows any crime motivated by prejudice or bias based on race, religion or sexual orientation to be prosecuted as a hate crime, which increases the punishment range in some cases by one degree.



LGRL Executive Director, Diane Hardy-Garcia

PHOTO: CLARENCE BAGBY

"The legal definition of a hate crime ... See **CONFESSION** page 22

APA Passes Controversial Resolution Concerning Reparative Therapy

(Capitol) - The nation's largest organization of psychologists - the American Psychological Association (APA) - passed a resolution Thursday that represents a serious setback to proponents of so-called "reparative or "conversion" therapy. The resolution was aimed at discrediting the controversial practice of attempting to therapeutically convert homosexuals into heterosexuals.

"These therapies amount to nothing more than psychological terrorism and are usually performed by practitioners who harbor intense bias against gay people," said David M. Smith, senior strategist for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). "These practitioners usually are affiliated with extremist religious groups that promote the illusion that sexual orientation can be changed to further their political aims."

The resolution, which passed overwhelmingly at the APA convention in Chicago asserts that there is no sound scientific evidence on the efficacy of such

therapies. In fact, many mental health professionals agree these conversions cannot be done. Some have compared these techniques to efforts to make some left-handed people right-handed; they may learn to use their right hands but they still are innately left-handed.

The resolution strongly reaffirms that homosexuality is not a mental illness and that psychologist must not "participate in or condone discriminatory practices with "sexual minority clients." However, it stops short of declaring reparative therapy unethical.

"This resolution reaffirms the fact that since there is nothing wrong with homosexuality, there is no reason that gay, lesbian or bisexual people should try to change their orientations," said HRC spokesperson Kim Mills

The APA resolution did not go far enough according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Kerry Lobel, the groups executive director, had

See **THERAPY** page 24

The Artist Jams at The After Party at The Roxy



The Artist formerly known as Prince performed at a post concert party at The Roxy for his 2000 closest Houston friends. See page 24.

Nobel Laureate David Baltimore: There are No Known Shortcuts to Whipping AIDS

(Montana) - Drug combinations known as "cocktails" may extend the lives of people infected with the AIDS virus, but a vaccine is the only way to slow the global spread of the disease, AIDS researcher David Baltimore said last week.

"A good vaccine could eradicate HIV from the face of the Earth," the Nobel laureate said in an address at the MSU-College of Technology. More than 100 people attended a two-day seminar sponsored by the McLaughlin Research Institute, and an additional 50 to 80 attended Baltimore's

talk.

AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome - is produced by the human immunodeficiency virus. A Great Falls man who has tested positive for the virus for 11 years said he wanted to find out about new treatments. "I totally believe HIV is already curable," he said.

Baltimore said protease inhibitors have changed the landscape of AIDS research and, "It may no longer be a death sentence."

Though rates of new cases have slowed in the United States, they are exploding in

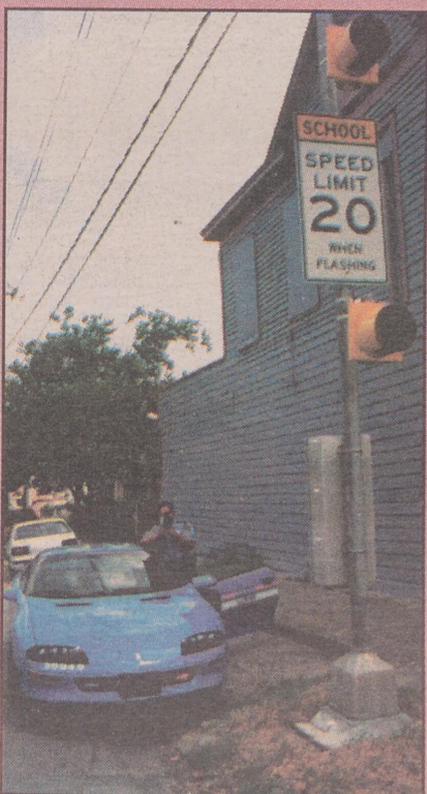
countries such as India and Russia. While there are about 1.5 million cases of AIDS in the United States, there are 30 million globally, and that number is growing rapidly.

"It's becoming equal to malaria and tuberculosis, the two worst infectious diseases in the world," Baltimore said. Baltimore also said the National Institute of Health is trying to spur new research for a vaccine, and the federal government has committed \$12.5 million this year to AIDS research.



Houston Police Department: School Speed Zones Are Back in Effect

Houston Independent School District is back in session. The Houston Police Department is out in force with their radar guns pointed at your car. Look for the flashing speed limit signs with the shiny blue car parked next to it. Consider yourself forewarned. The school zone speed limit is 20 MPH.



Hospital Employees Investigated for Looking at Versace's Medical Records

(Florida) - When fashion designer Gianni Versace was rushed to the hospital after being gunned down July 15, hospital employees rushed to their computer terminals for information, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Now at least 10 Jackson Memorial Hospital employees could lose their jobs.

Hospital spokeswoman Conchita Ruiz-Topinka said "a gamut of employees" perused Versace's preliminary medical record. She couldn't say exactly how many. No one except top hospital authorities can check a record unless they are involved in the treatment, she said.

Soon after Versace arrived at the hospital, authorities placed a "tracer" on his file to see who was checking it. "We do that routinely with high-profile cases because they attract so much attention," Ruiz-Topinka said. The hospital also does it to avoid the possibility that an employee would try to sell information to a tabloid.

Those who called up the Versace file have received a memo demanding an explanation. "Anytime there is an abuse of a patient's right to privacy it's a serious offense. It doesn't matter who the patient is," Ruiz-Topinka said. Disciplinary action is pending, she said.

Versace's Tomb Object of Attempted Violation

Milan, Italy (AP) - A prowler tried to break into the chapel where slain fashion designer Gianni Versace's ashes are kept, Italian newspapers said Wednesday.

The prowler entered the cemetery in Moltrasio, a town on Lake Como, and tried to cut the chain on the chapel door, but fled when the burglar alarm went off, the reports said. The alarm had been installed by the family several years ago after an attempt was made to violate the tomb of Versace's mother.

The attempted break-in reportedly occurred Sunday night. Town officials said they had no information on the incident.

Versace was gunned down outside his home in Miami Beach on July 15. The Versace family owns a lakeside villa in Moltrasio, a town of 1,800 people.

Man on a Mission

by: Don Gill, Chairman of the Board, PWA Holiday Charities

I am writing to you on behalf of my friend, Mr. Ken Claude. Ken is currently Mr. Prime Choice, Mr. Fiesta Unchained and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer. As a candidate for Mr. Prime Choice, Ken raised \$5,785.25 for various local charities through car washes and variety shows prior to the start of the Prime Choice weekend. This is a record for the most money ever collected before the beginning of the contest and the second most ever raised by a Mr. Prime Choice winner. The last weekend in September, Ken will represent Houston and the Gulf Coast Region (Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas) at the International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco. To do this and to carry the message that the Houston community is dedicated to raising funds for those in need is going to be very

expensive. The dates listed below are times and places where Ken's friends and well-wishers can join him for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. To wish him the best of luck in his endeavors in California and through-out the Gulf Coast Region, all friendly donations made to Ken Personally would be greatly appreciated. Any amount will help him to achieve his goals. If you cannot attend these events, contributions can be made by contacting me at the address and phone number above. Please make all checks payable to Ken Claude.

- Friday, August 22 S. Main Venture-N 2923 6:00 pm until?
- Friday, September 5 1022 Westheimer Mary's 5:30 pm until?
- Friday, September 12 715 Fairview Ripcord 5:30 pm until?
- Friday, September 19 Fairview Bricks II 617 5:30 pm until?

MONTROSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

H.A.T.C.H. Expanding

Additional volunteers, facilitators, and program personnel are needed for The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals to expand their program and outreach this Fall.

H.A.T.C.H. provides safe social environments for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and questioning youth, offers role models and peer support, and sponsors educational and community outreach opportunities to empower sexual minority youth to become positive contributors to society.

Any adult (24 years or older) wishing to work with the youth or facilitate, must attend a Facilitator's Screening to be held in the middle of August. Please call the H.A.T.C.H. Line at 713.942.7002 and leave a message to sign up or for additional information.

New Group Forming

Confidential telephone support group now forming for lesbians and gays with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. If you need help coping and would like to become a part of this group, please contact Rody at 281.725.5939. Listen carefully and leave a voice message.

Mr. Texas

Mr. Gay Texas All-American '98 held @ Koloris in Dallas. The first time a Houston-tite holder won one. Congratulations to



Mr. Texas Contestants entries

Mr. Sean Carter for being the first Houston winner for this title!

Category winners: Mr. Personality, Mr. Sean Carter; On Stage Question Mr. Sean Carter, Formal Wear,; Swimwear Robert Garza; and Talent Sean Carter. Pictured above are Laken Edwards Miss Gay Texas America; Stuart Michael Mr. Gay Texas '97; Jonathan George, Mr. Gay All-American '97, 3rd Alternate; Jason Hightower; Winner Sean Carter; 1st Alternate, Byron Norton; 2nd Alternate, Robert Garza. Sean & Byron will go on to the National Finals in Little Rock, Arkansas Sept. 17-20.

In This Issue

Regional News
pages 4, 5

National News
pages 6, 7, 10-15

Court Watch
page 15, 19

Global News
page 19, 22

Columnists
Plain Speaking - page 8
Righteous Indignation - page 9

Arts & Entertainment
page 16, 17, 24

Church Calendar
page 18

Religion
page 18

Health
page 20

Sports
pages 20, 21

**Community Calendar/
Crossword/Horoscope**
page 25

Out in Houston
page 26

Scene & Heard
page 27

Classifieds
pages 23, 24

Community Directory
page 28

Established 1974 as the Montrose Star, reestablished 1980 as the Houston Montrose Star, Changed name to The Houston Voice in 1991 incorporating the New Orleans Crescent City Star, Reestablished as the Houston Voice by Thomas Nelson in 1993
811 Westheimer, Suite 105
Houston, Texas 77006
(713) 529-8490
(800) 729-8490
Fax: (713) 529-9531
Email: editor@houstonvoice.com
feedback@houstonvoice.com
Contents copyright 1997
Office hours: 9:00am-5:30pm weekdays

Publisher
Crad Duren

Editor
J.C. Michelak

Austin Bureau
Steve Labinski

**Houston Bureau
Editorial Department**
Chris Rundquist - Entertainment Editor
Lee Davis - Sports Editor
Carolyn Roberts - Society Editor

Administrative
John Toups - Administrative Asst.

Writers
Jon Anthony, Rich Arenschieldt,
Lee Davis, Larry Garrett, Larry Lingle,
Stephanie McGhee, Curt Morrison, Leslie Ramsay,
Carolyn Roberts, Christopher Rundquist,
Vickie Shaw, John Toups,
Ella Tyler, Patricia Nell Warren

Cartoonist
Earl Storm

Photographers
Steven David

Production
CreADtive Unlimited®
Connie Marmolejo - Production Asst.

Format Metamorphosis
Vilven Design Group

Advertising Sales Department
Leslie Ramsay - Sales Manager
Account Executives
Lee Davis, John Toups

Classifieds and Personals
John Toups

National Advertising Representative
Rivendell Marketing,
P.O. Box 518, Westfield, NJ 908-232-2021

Notice to Advertisers
Advertising rate schedule fourteen was effective Sept. 1996

- Partial or complete reproduction of any advertisement, news article or feature, copy or photograph from the Houston Voice is specifically prohibited by federal statute.
- Opinions expressed by columnists or cartoonists are not necessarily those of the Houston Voice or its staff and we assume no liability for the content expressed or implied of said articles or likeness of persons living or dead, real or fictional in the cartoons.
- The Houston Voice welcomes letters to the editor and reserves the right to edit letters for length and content. Opinions expressed therein do not reflect those of the Houston Voice.
- Publication of the name or photograph of any person or organization in articles or advertising in the Houston Voice is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation of said person or organization.
- The appearance of advertisements or opinions expressed therein do not constitute an endorsement or guarantee by the Houston voice or its staff.

POSTMASTER: Send address corrections to 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006.
Subscription rate in US (by carrier or US mail): \$1.75 per week (\$45.50 per 6 months or \$91.00 per year.)
Display advertising deadline: 12:00 noon CST, Monday to reserve space, 5:00pm CST Monday to furnish ad copy for Friday publication.
Classified advertising deadline: 12:00 noon CST Tuesday for Friday publication.

Responsibility: We do not assume financial responsibility for claims by the advertisers but readers are asked to advise the newspaper of any fraudulent or deceptive advertising.
Charter Member: Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, National Gay Newspaper Guild-member, Gay and Lesbian Press Association-member, Associate member: Associated Press-associate member.

Charter Member
GLCC
Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

Coffee Catering
Whole Bean Coffee
Ground Coffee
Gift Baskets

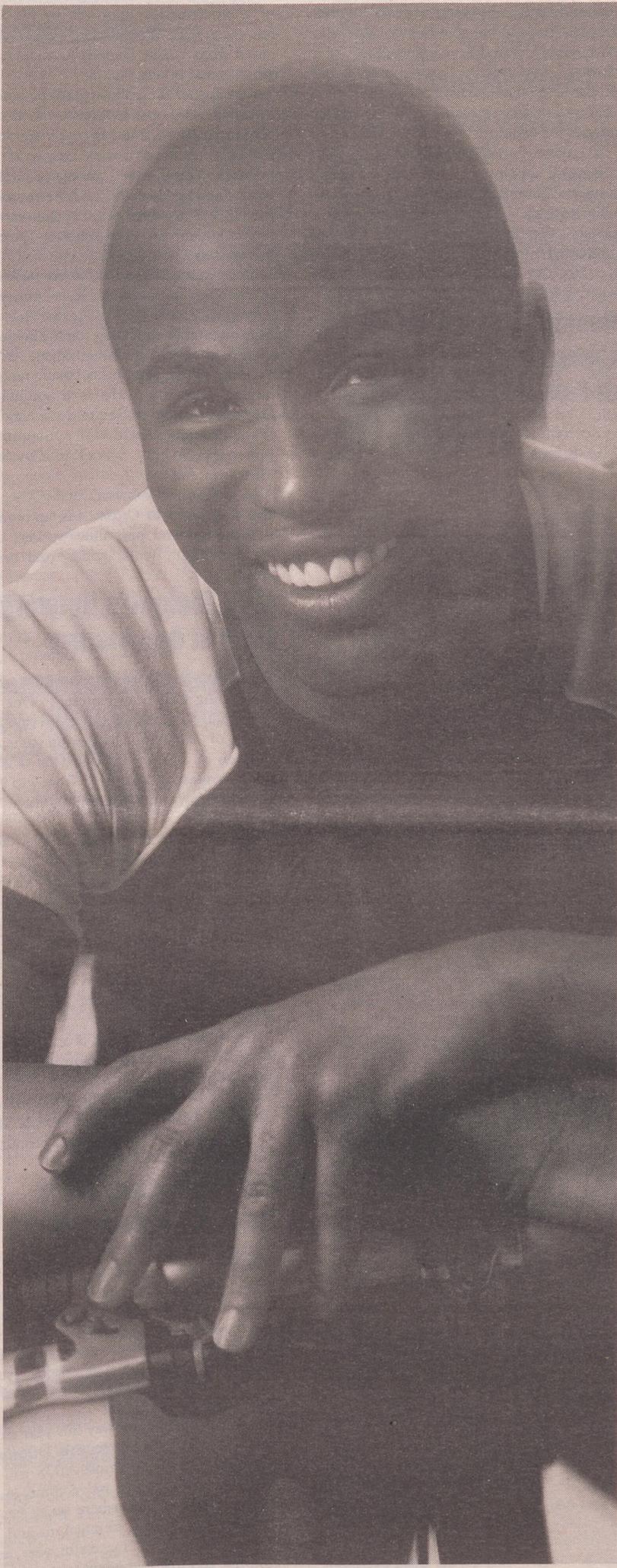
PRINCE STREET MARKET
Gourmet Coffee

To Order By Phone
713.880.2338

Cheerfully Delivered to your home or office

Our Home Online!
www.houstonvoice.com

Puzzle Solution
c.1997 GULF FEATURES, Puzzle GAY 14
Initial names: Douglas MacArthur, Sinclair Lewis, Bob Hope



PUT SOME FREEDOM INTO YOUR HIV MEDICATION SCHEDULE

It takes strong medicines to fight HIV. But your medicines also have to be easy to take. That's why many people now take ZERIT (also known as d4T) as part of their HIV therapy.

Most people tolerate ZERIT quite well. You take just one capsule twice a day, with or without food. And you can combine ZERIT with most other medicines you might be taking.

ZERIT is approved for the treatment of HIV-infected persons who have already received prolonged AZT therapy. However, there is no cure for HIV infection. People taking ZERIT may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV. Please note that all HIV drugs cause side effects. ZERIT has been shown to cause tingling or pain in the hands or feet in 13% to 24% of people.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT

ZERIT[®]
(stavudine) Capsules
ALSO KNOWN AS d4T

Please see brief summary of prescribing information on following page.
©1997, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Princeton, NJ 08543, U.S.A. F9-R002A 7/97

Annise Parker Campaign Gathers Momentum

An aggressive fund-raising effort has netted \$65,000 to date in a broad-based campaign to elect candidate Annise Parker to Houston's City Council in the race for at-large, position one. More challenging than the nine district council races, at-large candidates must be able to communicate their message to Houston's nearly 1 million registered voters. Currently, Parker leads her field in fundraising, as in name identification.

"We are continuing to add to a full schedule of campaign activities, and our goal is to raise \$200,000 which will ensure an effective television presence during the final days of the election process," reports Grant Martin, Parker's campaign manager.

Last week, the candidates camp announced that Parker had garnered the nationally covered endorsement of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The Victory Fund is America's largest gay and lesbian political action committee (PAC) which contributes to candidates in local races. In addition, Parker received the endorsement of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC). Parker is scheduled to meet with the screening committee of Log

Cabin Houston this month for endorsement.

A native Houstonian, Parker is a businesswoman with a 20 year resume of hands-on community service. She maintains an 18 year corporate career in oil and energy, an entrepreneurial life co-owner of two small businesses, a real estate partnership dedicated to renovating inner city housing stock, and an extensive list of community volunteer work. She is also a trained mediator and a Rice University graduate.

"In light of the recent indictments, voters will be taking a hard look at a candidate's personal ethics and any suggestions of professional bias concerning municipal contracts," explains Amelia Giles, owner of Giles Snyder Communication Design. "Annise's impeccable ethics are well-documented in her long career as a business woman and as a community leader."

Expanding the professional campaign staff already in place, Parker has added several well-known community leaders to key positions. Deborah Bell will serve as Field Director, Nick Brines as House Party Coordinator, Sarah dePalma as Phone Bank Coordinator, and Patrick McIlvain will handle Volunteer organization. The Parker team is working to mobilize over 2,000 volunteers.

Another key player on Parker's roster is Cynthia Miller of The Miller Group. "I'm

particularly energized by this race! Annise has the courage, ethical integrity and the qualifications to win on November 4th," said Miller. The Miller Group maintains an impressive client base of elected officials and candidates for local, state and federal positions.

One of the most significant results of Parker's leadership is the vastly improved communication between Houston Police Department and the community. Two successive mayors and four police chiefs have worked closely with Parker through the Houston Police Advisory Committee, a coalition of diverse community groups that advises the department on policy issues.

Moreover, Parker has served since 1993 as a mayoral appointee on the Police Citizen's Review Committee, which has the responsibility to review citizens' use-of-force complaints. Significantly, every cadet who has graduated from Houston Police Academy in the last five years has received diversity training from Annise Parker.

Houston Legend Ralph Lasher Honored for Decade of Community Service

Reverend Ralph Lasher was honored by MCCR for his service as a volunteer clergy

staff member for ten years without compensation. In honor of this milestone, Rev. Lasher was bestowed with gifts, letters, and proclamations from leaders throughout the city and state at MCCR's Sunday service, August 3.

Mayor Bob Lanier proclaimed the day as "Rev. Ralph Lasher Day," State Senator John Whitmire sent his regards in the form of a proclamation approved by the senate and congratulatory correspondence was procured from Debra Danbur, Constable Jack Abercia and others.

Rev. Lasher shared his past experiences as a former Episcopalian priest with the congregation. Forced to resign because of his sexual orientation, it took Lasher 28 years before he could attend another church service. The year was 1987 and the church was MCCR. Since then, Lasher has earned a reputation for his keen scholarly teachings and writings.

He is widely respected for his great depth of theology and the Bible, maturity and open-mindedness. Rev. Lasher has been instrumental in educating on the subjects of literalism and fundamentalism of the Scriptures, especially as they relate to human sexuality. He is a graduate of General Theological Seminary in New York City, Philadelphia divinity School and Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In addition to his work at MCCR, he is also co-founder of Crossroads, an organization for full and part time workers of all denominations, faiths and sexual orientation.

MCC Women's Network to Look at Gay History

The Women's Network of Montrose Counseling Center will present "Out Rage '69" and "Generation Q," two video segments of the public television series *The Question of Equality*, followed by a discussion, Wednesday, August 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Montrose Counseling Center, 710 Richmond.

Using archival footage, live action sequences and candid personal interviews, "Out Rage '69" revisits key historical moments that sparked the formation of the gay and lesbian rights movement, exploring the turbulent 1960's when political and social unrest finally burst in the Stonewall riots of 1969. "Generation Q" presents the challenges and triumphs of today's lesbian and gay youth.

The Women's Network is as a safe place for lesbian women to explore their experiences and discuss common issues. A donation of \$3 to \$5 per meeting is requested, by the group welcomes all regardless of ability to pay. For more information, contact Sue Long at (713) 529-0037.

PWA Coalition Set to Make Strikes Against AIDS

The People With AIDS Coalition of Houston (PWACH) invites you to dust off your bowling shoes and pull out your bowling ball for their eleventh anniversary "Rock 'n' Bowl-A-Rama," 8 p.m. Friday, August 22, at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Boulevard.

"We've come a long way this year alone," said Lynn Pannill, Executive Director of PWACH. "Strikes Against AIDS will be a celebration of how far we've come, but it's also a celebration of where we're headed. We continue to gain momentum and look forward to another successful year as we continue to grow and adapt to the changing needs of people with HIV/AIDS."

U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee will serve as chairperson of the hosts committee that will welcome guests as they are invited to participate in a silent-auction featuring premier retail gift certificates, dining gift certificates, pieces of art and jewelry designed by a variety of local artists and much more. Former World Heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman and Chelsi Smith, Miss Universe 1995, at the honorary chairpersons.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and available

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISPENSING WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION.

ZERIT® (stavudine)

ZERIT® (stavudine) Capsules

ZERIT® (stavudine) for Oral Solution

Brief Summary of Prescribing Information, 10/96. For complete prescribing information, please consult official package circular.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ZERIT (stavudine) is indicated for the treatment of HIV-infected patients who have received prolonged prior zidovudine therapy. The duration of clinical benefit from antiretroviral therapy may be limited. Alteration in antiretroviral therapy should be considered if disease progression occurs while receiving ZERIT.

CLINICAL STUDIES

Study A1455-019 was a multi-center, randomized, double-blind trial of ZERIT Capsules vs zidovudine for the treatment of HIV-infected adults with CD4 counts of 50 to 500 cells/mm³ who had received at least six months prior zidovudine treatment. ZERIT was administered in dosages of 40 mg BID for patients weighing ≥60 kg, and 30 mg BID for those weighing <60 kg. The zidovudine dosage was 200 mg TID. The study enrolled 824 patients with a median baseline CD4 count of 235 cells/mm³ (range: 10 to 735 cells/mm³), and a median duration of prior zidovudine treatment of 88 weeks (range 11 to 356 weeks). Fourteen percent of subjects had AIDS at baseline, 50% had HIV-related symptoms and 36% were asymptomatic.

Table 1 gives the Kaplan-Meier estimates for the time to disease progression.

	First AIDS - Defining Event or Death*	
	ZERIT	zidovudine
6 months	4.4%	5.7%
12 months	10.4%	14.1%
18 months	18.5%	23.3%
24 months	26.6%	31.8%

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

CONTRAINDICATIONS

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

WARNINGS

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

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

PRECAUTIONS

Information for Patients

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

Patients should be informed that the most common toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. Symptoms of peripheral neuropathy usually include tingling, burning, pain, or numbness in the hands or feet. Patients should be counseled that this toxicity occurs with greater frequency in patients with a history of peripheral neuropathy. They should be advised that these symptoms should be reported to their physicians and that dose changes may be necessary. They should also be cautioned about the use of other medications that may exacerbate peripheral neuropathy.

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

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

Laboratory Tests

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

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

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

[†] The parallel track program (STUDY A1455-900) treated 12,551 HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts <300/mm³ who had failed, were intolerant of, or had contraindications to other therapies.

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

No evidence of impaired fertility was seen in rats with exposures (based on C₅₀) up to 216 times that observed following a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day.

Pregnancy

Pregnancy "Category C". Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits with exposures (based on C₅₀) up to 399 and 183 times, respectively, of that seen at a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. The incidence in fetuses of a common skeletal variation, unossified or incomplete ossification of sternalbra, was increased in rats at 399 times human exposure, while no effect was observed at 216 times human exposure. A slight post-implantation loss was noted at 216 times the human exposure with no effect noted at approximately 135 times the human exposure. An increase in early rat neonatal mortality (birth to 4 days of age) occurred at 399 times the human exposure, while survival of neonates was unaffected at approximately 135 times the human exposure. A study in rats showed that stavudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta. The concentration in fetal tissue was approximately one-half the concentration in maternal plasma. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, stavudine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing Mothers

Studies in lactating rats demonstrated that stavudine is excreted in milk. Although it is not known whether stavudine is excreted in human milk, there exists the potential for adverse effects from stavudine in nursing infants. Mothers should be instructed to discontinue nursing if they are receiving stavudine. This is consistent with the recommendation by the U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that HIV-infected mothers not breast-feed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV.

Pediatric Use

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

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

Following intravenous infusions (n=21), the mean ± SD volume of distribution was 13.5 ± 9.17 L/m². The distribution of stavudine into cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) was assessed in 8 pediatric patients after 12 weeks of multiple oral dosing. The concentration of stavudine in CSF samples ranged from 0.008 to 0.105 µg/mL at times ranging from 2 to 3 hours post-dose (dose ranging from 0.125 to 1 mg/kg). CSF concentrations ranged from 16% to 125% (mean ± SD of 59% ± 35%) of the concentration in simultaneous plasma samples.

The terminal elimination half-life after oral or intravenous administration of stavudine was approximately one hour. The mean ± SD total body clearance after intravenous infusion was 247 ± 94 mL/min/m². The mean ± SD apparent oral clearance was 333 ± 87 mL/min/m². The percent of the dose excreted unchanged in the urine was 34.5% after oral administration.

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

ADVERSE REACTIONS

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

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

	%			
	Study A1455-019		Parallel Track Program	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=5905)	ZERIT (20 mg BID) (n=5879)
Peripheral Neuropathy	3	20	17	17
Grade 1-2	11	3	4	2
Grade 3-4	2	1	4	2
Total	13	4	24	19

Selected adverse events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study A1455-019) are provided in Table 3.

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

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

Laboratory abnormalities reported in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study A1455-019) are shown in Table 4.

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

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

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

OVERDOSAGE

Experience with adults treated with 12 to 24 times the recommended daily dosage revealed no acute toxicity. Complications of chronic over-dosage include peripheral neuropathy and hepatic toxicity. It is not known whether stavudine is eliminated by peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis.

HOW SUPPLIED

ZERIT® (stavudine) Capsules are available in the following strengths and configurations of plastic bottles with child-resistant closures:

Product Strength	Capsule Shell Color	Markings on Capsule (in Black Ink)	Capsules per Bottle	NDC No.
15 mg	Light yellow & dark red	BMS 1964 15	60	0003-1964-01
20 mg	Light brown	BMS 1965 20	60	0003-1965-01
30 mg	Light orange & dark orange	BMS 1966 30	60	0003-1966-01
40 mg	Dark orange	BMS 1967 40	60	0003-1967-01

ZERIT for Oral Solution is a dye-free, fruit flavored powder that provides 1 mg of stavudine per mL of solution upon constitution with water. Directions for solution preparation are included on the product label. ZERIT for Oral Solution is available in child-resistant containers that provide 200 mL of solution after constitution with water (NDC No. 0003-1968-01). US Patent No.: 4,978,655

Storage: ZERIT Capsules should be stored in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C). ZERIT for Oral Solution should be protected from excessive moisture and stored in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C). After constitution, store tightly closed containers of ZERIT for Oral Solution in a refrigerator, 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Discard any unused portion after 30 days.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB
Immunology

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Princeton, NJ 08543
U.S.A.

F9-B001A-10-96

Adapted from: P4577-04
Revised October 1996

REGION/ from page 4

at Palace Lanes, Basic Brothers or by calling the PWACH offices at (713) 522-5428.

Rabbi Leonard A Schoolman Joins Episcopal Cathedral as Executive Director

In an effort to help people find new ways to think about their beliefs and reconcile spiritual frustrations, Christ Church Cathedral has made an interesting addition to its spiritual leadership. Rabbi Leonard Schoolman has joined the staff of the Episcopal Cathedral as executive director of a new project - the Center for Theological Studies

"The Cathedral has truly welcomed me," said Schoolman. "Everyone is very enthusiastic about the Center for Theological Studies, and part of my vision is that it will be a safe place for people to explore ideas. There are no hidden agendas nor will there be any efforts to convert people to any idea or religion."

The Cathedral is developed to help people share spiritual differences and similarities in their spiritual beliefs. The Center hopes to help people find or further their understanding of religious common ground. Rabbi Schoolman was the Director of Program of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in New York for 18 years.

Courses at the Center for Theological Studies vary in length from four to twelve weeks and fees range from \$45 to \$130 per course. Interested participants should call the Center at (713) 222-2593.

Montrose Clinic Expands Operating Hours, Hosts Bowl-a-thon

The Montrose Clinic's Deaf and hard of Hearing Services will host its fourth annual bowl-a-thon from Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 27 at Palace Lanes in Bellaire. The event will benefit the Clinic's interpreter fund that supports educational seminars, workshops and general HIV services for deaf/hard of hearing people living with HIV/AIDS.

"The bowl-a-thon is a fun way to raise money that this program depends upon," said Katy Caldwell, Executive Director of the clinic. "The event has grown each year and we expect a record turnout for this year's bowl-a-thon."

Beginning Monday August 18, the Clinic will expand its operating hours to make services more accessible to clients. The Clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. New Hours will also enable the Clinic to expand its HIV & STD Testing hours. STD Testing will be conducted Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. HIV Counseling & Testing will be conducted Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 to 7:45 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

For more information, call the Clinic at (713) 830-3000.

Community Center Receives Start-Up Funds, Still Seeks Site

The Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center has obtained a \$3,000 grant from the Chicago Resource Center to support the development of a community center in Houston.

"We are extremely pleased that the Chicago Resource Center, a national grant making foundation, has chosen to recognize and support our efforts," said Brian J. Tognotti, president of the Community Center's Board. "This grant will provide crucial operating funds when we first open the facility."

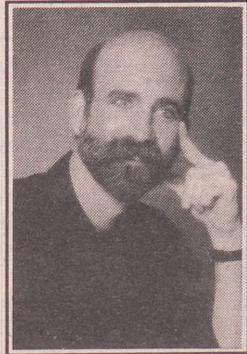
Additionally, the Center has raised \$4,000 locally through its Founder's Club, which so far includes the John Steven Kellett Foundation, Texas Commerce Bank, Texas Invitational Bowling League, the

Metropolitan Community Charities Foundation, the Montrose Activities Center and a number of individual supporters.

"These organizations, businesses and individuals have provided the seeds for this project to bear fruit," states Tognotti. "They share our vision that Houston needs a social, cultural, and educational gathering place."

Meanwhile, the Center is actively searching for a low cost space in the Montrose area as a possible site for the organization. For more information, call (713) 867-7904.

Former Houston Voice Publisher Tad Nelson Remembered



Former Houston Voice Publisher, Tad Nelson.

The second anniversary of former *Houston Voice* Editor Thomas D. (Tad) Nelson's death is Wednesday, August 20, 1997. Nelson and current publisher Crad Duren purchased the paper together in 1993. His contribution to

the gay and lesbian community was tremendous and his death created a void for many in the community.

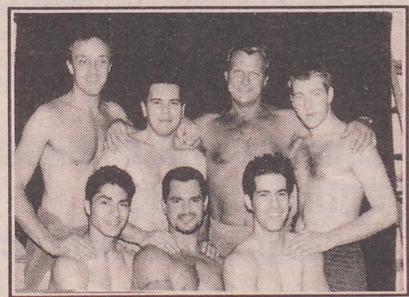
It was Tad Nelson who had the vision of providing the Bayou City with a community newspaper that would both entertain and inform. It is a vision that we at the *Houston Voice* take to heart daily. It is our intent to make sure that Tad Nelson's dream is realized to its fullest capacity.

In remembrance of this solemn, yet celebratory anniversary, the *Houston Voice* dedicates this poem in his honor:

And the Seasons go round and round
The painted ponies go up and down
They're captive on the carousel of life
you can't return
you can only look
behind from where you came
and go round and round and round in the
circle game.

Briefs...

The Group (Theatre Workshop) will debut its production of *End of the World*, Friday, August 22 at the Main Street



Theatre. The play is billed as a hilarious and heart-warming comedy about six gay friends sharing a summer house on Fire Island, and looking for love in all the wrong places. For information, call (713) 522-2204....

Finally, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion revisits the silent film era with a screening of Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights*, a 1931 classic, Friday, August 22 at 8:30 p.m. Guest conductor Donald Hunsberger, keyboard soloist Russell Schmidt and the Houston Symphony will accompany the screening with a live rendition of the film's score, an arrangement originally created by Chaplin and Alfred Newman. Guests who arrive dressed like Charlie Chaplin will be admitted to the performance free. For information, call (281) 363-3300.



Summer Sale!

It's Hot!

Entire Stock of Swimwear
Buy One-Get One Half Off!
*of equal or lesser value

All TOM of FINLAND Clothing 33% Off

Selected merchandise throughout the store 20-50% Off

BROTHERS
1232 WESTHEIMER • HOUSTON
713.522.1626
website: www.basicbrothers.com
email: Basicbro@neosoft.com
MON - SAT 10AM - 9PM • SUN 12 - 6

GHGLCC
Visit our booth @ Empower '97

YOUR OUT AND PROUD CLOTHING STORE!

Kinetic Sports Clinic

For the HIV+ Community

Exercise Programs w/ Personal Trainers

Nutritional Intervention

BIA Testing

Massage Therapy

Neuropathy Therapy

Steroid Education

Accepting Most Major Medical Insurance

CALL (713) 349-9750

"Dot by dot building up the image..."

Your Community Image Inker!

House of Coleman Fine Printing & Graphics

901 WEST ALABAMA • HOUSTON, TX 77006-4693
713.523.2521 • FAX 713.524.2643

Our Home Online!

www.houstonvoice.com

Fantastic Sams



Montrose
3939 West Alabama
713-521-0550

Medical Center
2276 West Holcombe
713-661-0668

Open 7 Days A Week

Fantastic Sams

\$5.00 Off Regular Price
Perm, Body Wave & Color
Highlights
Expires 9/15/97

HV Good at Montrose & Med Center
Locations Only

Fantastic Sams

**Shampoo, Haircut
and Blowdry**
\$9.95
Expires 9/15/97

HV Good at Montrose & Med Center
Locations Only

Quality Stylists Needed • 713.266.3758



"UNDER THE BIG TOP"

The 29th Annual Miss Camp America® Pageant
Sept. 13, 1997 • Cullen Hall • U of H

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
Bering Dental Clinic
Frost Eye Clinic
The Assistance Fund
The Colt 45's
AIDS Trouble Fund
People with AIDS
Coalition - Houston



Returning as
Master of Ceremonies
Comedian
Danny Williams

For tickets, call
(713) 940-STAR

SKYY
VODKA

The Miss Camp America®
Foundation is a registered
501(c)(3) non-profit corp.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man Charges New York Police Beat and Tortured Him

by Tom Hays

(New York) - A Haitian immigrant hospitalized with internal injuries says police officers sodomized him with the wooden handle of a toilet plunger after he was arrested in a nightclub fight.

Two officers were placed in desk jobs while prosecutors and police investigate the allegations of torture and racial slurs. Doctors confirm Abner Louima's injuries appear to have been caused by a blunt instrument.

Louima, 30, was in critical but stable condition at Coney Island Hospital this morning. He was arrested early Saturday after allegedly throwing punches at officers trying to break up a fight outside a club. In a hospital bed interview Tuesday with the *Daily News*, Louima said he was handcuffed and placed in a patrol car and was beaten twice by officers as they drove him to the 70th Precinct stationhouse.

At the station, Louima said he was stripped and assaulted in a bathroom by officers who sodomized him with the handle of a plunger and then put the handle in his mouth. "They said, 'Take this, nigger,' and stuck the stick in my rear end," Louima told the *News*. "This isn't police brutality. This is torture," said Louima's lawyer, Brian Figueroux.

Louima had emergency surgery at Coney Island Hospital to repair a puncture in his small intestine and injuries to his bladder, according to officials.

The *New York Times* reported that prosecutors and police internal affairs investigators intensified their probe on Monday, after doctors said Louima's injuries were consistent with his story. Police Commissioner Howard Safir placed two officers on modified duty Tuesday night, taking away their guns and putting them in desk jobs while the investigation continues.

The officers were identified by Louima from photographs shown to him in his hospital bed. Their names were not made public.

"Obviously, Commissioner Safir thinks the charges are horrendous, and if they're proven true, the officers will be dismissed and face criminal prosecution," Deputy Commissioner of Public Information Marilyn Mode said.

"The alleged conduct involved is reprehensible, done by anyone at any time," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Wednesday. "Allegedly done by police officers, it's even more reprehensible." Giuliani said that if the charges were substantiated, "severest penalties" should result.

Cops Close File on Miglin Murder, Blaming Cunanan for 'Random' Act

by Mike Robinson

(Illinois) - Chicago police and Cook County prosecutors closed the file last Friday on the murder of real estate millionaire Lee Miglin, calling it a random act by spree killer Andrew Cunanan and saying apparently the two men had never met beforehand.

"We've never been able to put Miglin and Cunanan together" before the killing, Lt. Nick Nickeas, commander of the Area 3 violent crimes unit, told a news conference. He said police could only speculate on the motive. "A random robbery is what we would guess," he said.

Miglin, 72, the third of five men Cunanan is believed to have killed, was found stabbed to death in his garage on Chicago's affluent Gold Coast. Police said there was ample evidence to show that the 27-year-old Cunanan was responsible for the savage stabbing death and added they were convinced that he acted alone.

Cunanan became the target of a nationwide manhunt and fatally shot himself July 23 as police closed in on a Miami Beach

houseboat where he had hidden after fashion designer Gianni Versace was killed. Cunanan was the suspect in that killing.

Nickeas and Commander Joe Griffin of Area 3 detectives said police found several Cunanan fingerprints. Some were in Miglin's townhouse and others in Miglin's Lexus, abandoned in New Jersey where Cunanan took another victim.

Matching prints were found in the Jeep Cherokee that Cunanan drove to Chicago from Minneapolis after killing two men there, police said. They quoted a witness as saying Cunanan asked directions from the "Magnificent Mile" shopping area on Michigan Avenue to the Gold Coast. Other witnesses saw Cunanan sleeping in the Cherokee before the killing, police said. A screwdriver used to stab Miglin was later found in the Lexus.

"We have enough evidence to close it and know that he was the offender," Nickeas said. He brushed aside an array of published theories that Cunanan may have known either Miglin or the victim's son, Duke, an aspiring Hollywood actor.

Gold coins - one later pawned in Florida - \$6,000 in cash and assorted clothing were taken from the Miglin townhouse, police said. Police said Cunanan most likely had been haunting the Gold Coast in search of a wealthy victim to rob and caught Miglin working alone in his garage.

At the time, Miglin's wife, Marilyn, was in Canada on a business trip. Nickeas said Cunanan may have gleaned that from listening to a voice mail message from Mrs. Miglin or simply prying it out of the victim, himself. The investigators said they had felt no pressure from the socially prominent Miglin family to declare that the crime was a random act.

The family issued a statement Friday saying: "We wish to thank the Chicago Police Department for their professionalism in helping to resolve the questions raised by this random act of violence."

State Program Paying Insurance Keeps AIDS Victims Off Medicaid

by Judy Daubenmier

(Michigan) - The pile of pills Laura takes are worth their weight in gold to her. They help her stay alive.

And the program that helps her pay for them is worth plenty to taxpayers, too. The 35-year-old Detroit woman has AIDS.

But so far, she's been able to avoid going on Medicaid by taking advantage of a state program that pays the monthly premium to keep her private insurance in force. "You never realize how important insurance is until you get sick," said Laura, who asked that her real name not be used.

Laura was diagnosed with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 1992. Doctors say she probably was infected as early as 1985 by a boyfriend. She first fell ill in 1994 when she had a case of pneumonia. By 1996, she was too ill to keep her job as a receptionist and feared she would lose the insurance provided by her employer.

Instead, Michigan's Insurance Assistance Program stepped in to pay her premiums. Program coordinator John Bain said Laura is one of 164 people participating in the program and one of a growing number of women suffering from AIDS who need state help.

Laura could have ended up on Medicaid, the health care program for the needy which is jointly financed by the state and federal governments. But if that had happened, taxpayers would be paying her entire health care tab.

"Just for some of my medicines, they're over a thousand dollars, just for ... one bottle of medicine, and I'm on several. They run pretty high, in the thousands," Laura said. "It's a good deal for the taxpayers because it helps other people and otherwise they would be entirely on the public."

Bain said the average insurance policy for the 164 people in the program runs about \$190 a month. Some patients take drug cocktails of five or more medications, cost-

See NAT'L page 7

NAT'L from page 6

ing \$15,000 or more a year, easily surpassing the monthly premium without taking into account hospitalizations, surgeries and other services.

Exact calculations of the savings are not available, but conservative estimates are that the state saves \$1 million in Medicaid costs for every 100 people in the program, Bain said.

The program, started in 1989 on a trial basis, is possible because of a federal law that allows people who leave their jobs to continue their health insurance, at their cost, for 18 months. Some employers allow extensions of up to 29 months if individuals qualify as disabled under Social Security regulations.

That's true for Laura, who relies on Supplemental Security Income payments to support herself and her 18-year-old son. When the 29 months run out, those on SSI can qualify for Medicare and the state pays the premium for a Medicare supplement policy.

Besides the savings to the taxpayers, participants get the advantage of staying with their own doctors rather than having to seek out one who accepts Medicaid patients. Bain said studies have shown patients do better when that happens.

"They know you. Time and time again they've had encounters with you, and they know your history, and that's key, as opposed to going into a system where you're getting a different doctor and a lot of times that history doesn't transfer with you," he said.

The director of adult services for the Michigan Family Independence Agency said the program also helps AIDS sufferers maintain some of their dignity. "You don't have to submit yourself to the perception that you would be eligible for public assistance," said Rob Cecil.

The program can't help those AIDS sufferers who have not been employed, such as prostitutes and some intravenous drug dealers, Bain said. Participation in the program has remained steady, although about 30 people a year in the program die. Increasingly, the newcomers are women, one of the populations in which the incidence of the disease has been increasing, Bain said.

In the past year or so, advances in drug therapy have permitted those with AIDS to live longer. Cecil said in some cases those on the program have recovered enough to go back to work.

Laura hopes eventually to return to work at least part-time. "I'm feeling better and healthy and all of that, but you ... never really forget about it," she said.

To be eligible for the Insurance Assistance Program for AIDS sufferers, one must:

- Have income less than 200 percent of the poverty level, or \$1,315 a month for one person.
- Have no more than \$10,000 in assets excluding house and car.
- Be infected with the HIV virus.
- Have been determined by a doctor to be too ill to work or to be considered too ill to work within 90 days.

Survivors of AIDS Victim Get Nearly \$600,000

(Vermont) - The widow and two children of a man allegedly infected with the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion have won a \$595,000 settlement from the Veterans' Affairs hospital in White River Junction.

The Lyndonville woman, identified only as "Jane Doe" in court papers, claimed Veterans' Affairs hospital workers lied to her husband when tainted blood they provided him during routine surgery in 1985 led to his death in 1992 after complications from AIDS.

She charged that when the blood was later discovered to have been infected, she and her husband were brought in for blood tests. Court papers said the hospital said it would notify the couple if the tests were positive but failed to do so.

When "John Doe" was readmitted for more surgery on his leg in September of 1987, signs were posted in his room warning

staff about a "body fluids and blood" precaution. But hospital staff told the couple the signs were a mistake and meant for another patient, court papers said.

John Doe was later diagnosed with AIDS and died of AIDS-related pneumonia, court papers said, adding that, without having been informed of her husband's infection, Mrs. Doe engaged in high-risk sex with him. The couple had two children between the transfusions and his death, court papers said. A court official said Jane Doe and the children did not test positive for the virus.

In her suit, Jane Doe alleged negligence and malpractice, claiming the hospital willfully and knowingly performed surgery on her husband using blood that had not been screened despite the fact that in Vermont in 1985, there were adequate screening measures available to detect contaminated blood.

In its answer to the complaint, the government denied nearly all of the allegations, admitting only that there had been a transfusion of blood that had not been screened. In

its defense, the government asserted that Doe's claims were barred by the statute of limitations, barred by the Federal Tort Claim Act, that John Doe assumed the risks associated with surgery at the time, and that the claims were barred because, among others, Jane and John Doe were not married at all times pertinent to the complaint.

Jane Doe was seeking \$21 million from the government but received, instead, an agreement in which the government assumed no liability but paid Jane Doe and her two children \$595,000. The distribution agreement has to be approved by the U.S. District Court before it takes effect.

Denver Police Checking for Any Cunanan Connection to Unsolved Gay Murders

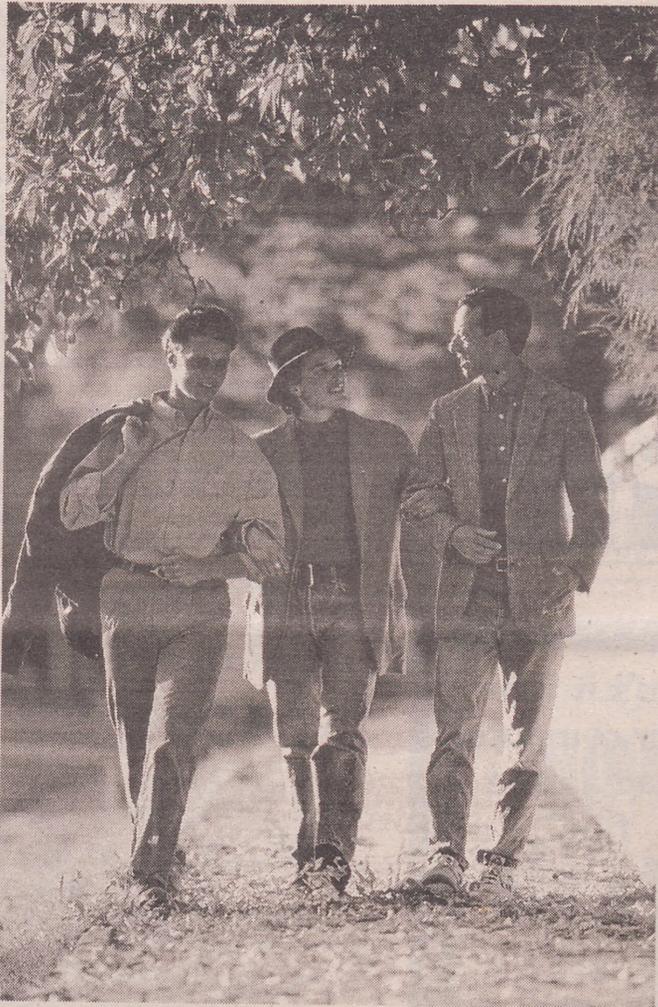
(Colorado) - Denver police say they are checking to find out whether alleged serial

killer Andrew Cunanan was involved in a series of four unsolved murders of homosexual men in the Denver area in 1992. One day after Cunanan was found dead in Miami police asked the FBI for a set of the suspect's fingerprints.

The four victims, James Holman, Benjamin Zesch, Robert Ferrel and Anthony Carr, all were found in the area of central Denver Police District 6. At the time, the four killings raised an outcry from the homosexual community, and activists raised questions over whether a single killer was loose.

Police said their files detail dozens of interviews in the cases and they believe they are chasing four killers, not one. They say witness descriptions of suspects varied widely, as did the weapons used. And significantly, none of the fingerprint, blood or hair evidence matched.

However, they are checking, just as they did two years ago when a suspect was arrested. See NAT'L page 10



THE ANSWER

Today bDNA technology is the only accurate way to detect and measure all known HIV subtypes, allowing physicians to optimize patient treatment!

WOULDN'T YOU
BE MORE LIKELY TO
CHOOSE THE RIGHT
TYPE OF TREATMENT
IF YOU CHOSE THE
RIGHT
VIRAL LOAD METHOD
?

Because critical decisions about antiviral therapy may be based primarily on the results of viral load measurements, accuracy should not be in question. With Chiron's bDNA technology, it's not. Direct quantification by bDNA technology ensures the right viral load answer every time, regardless of subtype. Recent studies^{1,2,3} show that this is something PCR cannot promise. In fact, of the assay techniques used to measure viral load in these studies, bDNA technology was the only method that demonstrated accuracy across all the subtypes. Of course, how your viral load will be monitored is best determined by you and your physician. For more information about Nucleic Acid Diagnostics and bDNA technology, and a free subscription to Signals, a publication of the Chiron Reference Testing Laboratory, call 617.551.7908 or visit us at www.chiron.com. And get the right answer.

ANSWERING LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

CHIRON | DIAGNOSTICS

NUCLEIC ACID DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS

¹Coste, J. et al. "Comparative evaluation of 3 assays for the quantification of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 RNA in plasma." *Journal of Medical Virology*, 1996; ²Dunne, A.J. and Crowe, S.M. "Comparison of branched DNA and reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction for quantifying six different HIV-1 subtypes in plasma." *AIDS*, 1997; Vol. 11:1. ³Rouzioux, C. et al. "Quantification of 'Non B' Subtype HIV-1 RNA: Underestimation is Frequent For All 'Non B' Subtypes with Monitor and NASBA-QT Tests." Abstract for the 4th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. ©1997 Chiron Diagnostics Corporation. Answering Life's Most Important Questions is a trademark of Chiron Diagnostics Corporation.

The Vagaries of History

by Larry Lingle

At a time when gay marriage seems to obsess gay activists and anti-gay crusaders alike, I prefer to recall a gay past and present, resplendent with vibrate gay and lesbian parings.

That most of such famous paris reside in the arts should not come as a total surprise. Such couplings as H.D. (Hilda Doolittle) and Bryher (Annie Winifred, Ellerman), Jean Cocteau and Jean Marias, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas (the ultimate union where *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* was written by Stein), Natalie Clifford Barney and Romaine Brooks, and Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Bruce Douglas. Don't you just love either simple one-word names or the sound of three names rolling off the tongue.

Even our times (well, maybe more my times) offers Edward Albee and Stephen McNally (although granted long since split), John Gage and Merce Cunningham, and Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns (also long since parted). The latter pair's time together are duly chronicled in the current issue of *Vanity Fair* in John Richardson's loving portrait of Rauschenberg, equally lovingly photographed by Herb Ritts.

I have enough trouble understanding some literature, a little of business, a hint of economics and a hint of human nature: I have never comprehended modern art. Thus, I must accept the wisdom of so called experts in this arena. And, their judgment as well as the market place, decrees that Rauschenberg is a modern genius is a variety of art media.

What I do understand of Rauschenberg are his humble beginnings, in Port Arthur, Texas. Born in a shotgun house (so-called because of their straight line room design so that if one were to fire a shotgun it would clear the house from front to back) with

with homosexuality in their plays, only McNally had done so to any degree overtly. Fortunately, writers tend to be more the activist, at least in the exploration of ideas. Perhaps creative individuals are not well suited to the discipline required in manning the barricades of social change.

In the same issue of *Vanity Fair* is the long awaited (well, at least it seems like a long time) chapter in the life and death of Andrew Cunanan by Maureen Orth - character because after she was commissioned to do this story the murder of Gianni Versace brought her a book deal.

Orth has done an admirable job of interviewing those around Cunanan and does include photographs of same not before published. But somehow her article fails to capture a clear image of Cunanan despite all the interviews. Her essay comes across as a paste-up job hurried to print because of deadline requirements, and perhaps withholding something for her book.

Whatever else, this issue of *Vanity Fair* continues to make it one of the most readable publications and one never lacking interest to the gay market. The next issue of *The Advocate* has promised major stories on the Cunanan case but thanks to the UPS strike I am as yet unable to compare their coverage with *Vanity Fair*.

One writer who was, in many ways, also an artist died last week in, of all places, Lawrence Kansas. William Burroughs, along with his friends Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac, defined a generation of writers self-named the 'Beats.' Like the above mentioned artists, Burroughs was another "artist" I failed to understand. Partly because his work reflected his life with drugs but also his patchwork innovations with style left me both cold and uncomprehending.

Nonetheless, both as a writer and a gay man (albeit another married - and, in his case, accidentally killed his wife) Burroughs was an important link in our history.

"Artist do not apparently make good activists and Rauschenberg's activism had been limited to helping other artists. While Tennessee Williams and Albee have dealt with homosexuality in their plays, only McNally had done so to any degree overtly. Fortunately, writers tend to be more the activist, at least in the exploration of ideas. Perhaps creative individuals are not well suited to the discipline required in manning the barricades of social change."

blue-collar parents, he later would remember most the murky smell of the refineries and the oil derricks which would later represent Hades in his art hell.

The closeness of the family was well reflected in that when Rauschenberg returned from service in World War II he discovered that, without a word, his parents had moved 120 miles away. So he took the hint and returned to California, looking homeward later only when he befriended another refugee from Port Arthur, Janis Joplin.

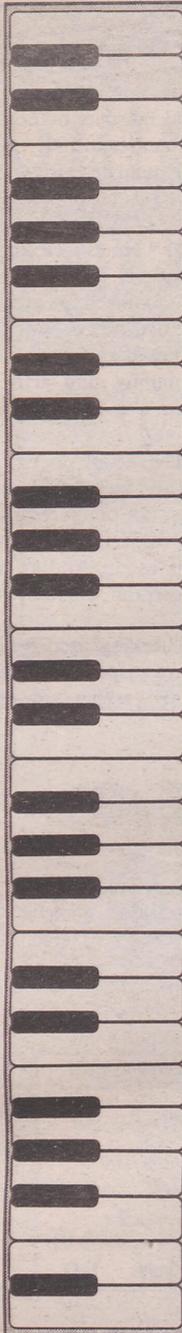
Not unlike many gay men of his generation Rauschenberg married young and had a son, now a photographer by profession. Shortly after this split he met Johns, then a bookstore clerk in New York City but also an aspiring artist. This union lasted but a few years but bridged both artists' beginning with their more mature work. While not by design, both would seek refuge by settling on islands, Johns off the coast of his native South Carolina, Rauschenberg off the Florida coast.

Artist do not apparently make good activists and Rauschenberg's activism had been limited to helping other artists. While Tennessee Williams and Albee have dealt

It is particularly interesting that both after the recent death of Ginsberg and now Burroughs the more conservative press is using the occasion to renew its assault on gay literature (although granted they never openly refer to it as such) as pornographic and subversive. Roger Kimbell, writing in the *Wall Street Journal* recently seemed to perceive a liberal conspiracy in the leftist press to "ionize" Ginsberg and Burroughs. Moreover, he concluded that a "generous person might be tempted to describe the accumulated literary value of both writers as null."

Kimbell reinforces his condemnation by contending that few of Ginsberg's poems and not a single page of Burroughs' most famous work, *Naked Lunch*, could be quoted in a single page of the *Wall Street Journal*. Well, I'm not so certain that is not a form of praise.

I feel certain that years from now students will still likely be studying Ginsberg and Burroughs long after any of them will have any recollection of *The New Criterion* or its editor, Kimbell. Such are the vagaries of history, and the lament of today's regressive critic.



"Glory Hole"
in
**'Absolutely
Glorious'**

Sunday • 8 pm
Benefiting Stone Soup
with

Clymidia Flowers - Edith Head
Bunny O'Hare - Chanella
Tommy Michaels and More



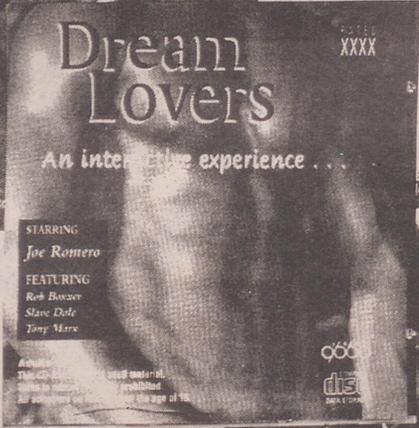
**Always Live,
Always Fun**

2294 W. Holcombe
at Greenbriar
713-665-9678



WRESTLE

Isn't it time
your computer
had a little
fun...



Dream Lovers
An interactive experience...

STARRING
Joe Romero
FEATURING
Rob Beazer
Steve Dale
Tony More

HUNG HUNKS

**CD
ROMS
AT
LOBO...**
Check 'em out!

LOBO
It's not what
you'd think and
everything you'd want!



Westheimer	Montrose Blvd
Alabama	
Sul Ross	3939 Montrose Blvd

LOBO BOOK SHOP
3939-S Montrose 713-522-5156

Not so indignant this week...

by Leslie Ramsay

Throughout this past week people have been throwing newspaper and magazine articles on my desk. They have hinted rather bluntly that this is what I should write about this week. I should be outraged at this or I should be fired up over that...I have gotten an outrageous headache just thinking about the traumas of the media's view of today's society.

Before I came to work here at the *Houston Voice*, I would write my column in the quiet comfort of my home. Ideally, I would schedule my week so that I would have a

soon to be subjected to has become.

The daily news is reason enough never to allow them out of the house. I realize that keeping them sheltered forever from the dregs of society will only cripple them. I also believe that subjecting them to evil for the sake of diversity is also a very bad idea.

I am writing this as if the decision were solely my own. My brother and sister-in-law are very excellent parents. They are very devout in their religion. They are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Protecting the children from evil outside world is a priority. I have watched them sacrifice every material thing in this world for the benefit of their boys. Their daily struggle to provide a safe and loving environment is paramount to them.

The focus in the Mormon Church is the

Throughout this past week people have been throwing newspaper and magazine articles on my desk. They have hinted rather bluntly that this is what I should write about this week. I should be outraged at this or I should be fired up over that...I have gotten an outrageous headache just thinking about the traumas of the media's view of today's society.

few hours alone to contemplate the world's events. At least that is what I would attempt to do.

What really happened was I would write my column in between visiting /playing with my nephews- ages 1 & 3. My sister in law would get some work done around the house while I entertained the boys. First, I would get them started with their train sets and I would type a line or two on the computer.

Then I would redirect them towards the Hot Wheels Collection that I have started covertly for them. (I admit that I am a closeted Hot Wheels Collector.) Then I would type a paragraph.

The youngest would cry and I would stop everything to soothe and comfort him. The three-year-old would become jealous and have to sit in the chair with me while I held the baby. We would have to find the Elmo's Preschool CD-ROM and play for awhile. Both boys love Elmo. This particular CD-ROM is very entertaining as well as educational.

The column would have to wait until they were ready for their nap or lunch.

Now I am working in an office with my trusty IBM computer on the desk. I have nothing to distract me from writing my column in the mornings before everyone else comes into the office at 9:00 AM. Each morning I set down to write with the day's newspaper, piles of magazines and on Wednesday a copy of the *Houston Press*. Seems like perfect writing conditions.

I have come to the conclusion that peace and quiet does not induce deep thought or anger for me. Silence is not a conducive environment for my particular writing style. I do not become *righteous* or *indignant* about issues unless I am visually reminded of what the future for my nephews is going to be like. When I look at them and see how innocent they are, it outrages me to think how absolutely corrupt the world they are

family. I was raised in the Church. Many of my former classmates are raising their children in the Church today. Sometimes when I pass by the ward building on Sunday mornings, I recognize a friend with their spouse walking into the chapel. They all look so happy. Their kid's are running around the mother's skirt or drooling on the father's shoulder as they make their way in from the parking lot.

I am reminded that all of that could be mine if only I wasn't gay. I could go to church with my husband and 2.3 children. I could enjoy the comfort and support from this righteous and loving group of people.

Instead I enjoy the comfort of my immediate family. I enjoy the love from my soulmate. I enjoy the love and experience of participating in the raising of my two nephews. I enjoy the friendship of some of the warmest people I have ever met. I experience life from a different viewpoint than my former classmates.

I do not consider my life to be anymore or any less important than theirs. Many gay people that I have come across in the last year or so, do pontificate at great lengths about how they are superior to the "breeders".

The same elitists also go on to criticize people of faith. The religious community as a whole is not of the same mindset as the Southern Baptist. Yet many in our community condemn them as a group. The strongest ally to the gay community has always been the religious community.

I am very fortunate to have the friendship and the love of members of both communities. I believe that forging bounds with the other communities will only further the cause for equal treatment of all people. By taking the critical and rejecting attitude the elitists within the gay community have only isolated themselves from the outside world. Believe it or not there is intelligent life on the other side of the 610Loop.

Winner Of The Filmmakers' Trophy 1997 Sundance Film Festival
OFFICIAL SELECTION 1997 Cannes Film Festival

"a tremendously gutsy first feature... an unflinching, sharply written film."
Janet Maslin, THE NEW YORK TIMES

"THIS IS A MOVIE EVENT!"
Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

in the company of men

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

LANDMARK'S
River Oaks 3
2009 W. Gray St • (713) 524-2175

EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT STARTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Visit the Sony Pictures Classics site at <http://www.spc.sony.com/Pictures/SonyClassics>

When he answered the ad for a roommate he thought that "GWM" meant...
"Guy With Money?"

kiss me guido

CAPITOL FILMS R

EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT STARTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15!

LANDMARK'S
Greenway 3
5 Greenway Plaza • (713) 626-0402

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 • 10PM

HOWARD ALEXANDER

The Black Redneck

Stand-Up Comic

USA Today calls him "The Next Charley Pride"



BOY TOY DANCERS EVERY NIGHT

MALE STRIP CONTESTS SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Gentry HOUSTON

NO COVER, EVER

2303 RICHMOND • (713) 520-1861

Visit our website at www.usgaynet.com - Click "The Guide"

Experience GOD'S Unconditional LOVE

Sunday Worship. . . 9 & 11 AM
Signed for Hearing Impaired
Handicap Accessible
Nursery Available
Tuesday Night. . . 6:30 PM
"Empowerment for Living"
HIV Support Group

Wednesday Worship. . . 7 PM
"Spiritual Uplift"
Bible Study, "Abundant Life" - 7:30 PM
Lecture Series

MCCCR
713-861-9149

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection
HOUSTON
1919 Decatur
Houston, TX 77007
(Washington @ White... between
Studemont & Houston Ave.)




NAT'L from page 7

ed in the slayings of two other homosexual men in the Denver area. "These (cases) never go away," police spokesman Jon Priest said.

Police Capture Bank Robber Who Told Tellers He Had AIDS

(New Mexico) - A man accused of robbing two banks, including one in which a bandit told tellers he had AIDS and wouldn't hesitate to kill, was arrested Tuesday, the FBI said. Richard Chiles, 54, was arrested after the robbery of a Bank of America on Tuesday, FBI supervisory agent Doug Beldon said.

The robbery was similar to a holdup Friday at a Norwest Bank in which the robber claimed to have AIDS and indicated he had a gun, Beldon said. In Tuesday's robbery, the robber handed the branch manager a note saying he had a gun and only three months to live. A gun was partially sticking out of the robber's briefcase, Beldon said.

The robber escaped on foot after cash was taken from two tellers. Two red dye packs exploded in the man's briefcase as he crossed the street and entered a library. Witnesses told police he walked through the library to a rear parking lot, got into a Porsche and drove to a nearby residence, Beldon said.

Police later arrested Chiles at his northeast Albuquerque home, he said. Chiles faces a federal court appearance next Wednesday, Beldon said.

Denver Health Officials Launch AIDS Vaccine Tests

(Colorado) - Denver is one of 14 national public health sites testing the safety and effectiveness of two new experimental vaccines against the AIDS-causing virus HIV.

"We're beginning to get back on track" in the search for vaccines against AIDS, said Dr. Frank Judson, director of Denver Public Health. The new study is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The Denver trial will last 18 months and include 30 gay or bi-sexual men who tested negative for HIV. All the Denver participants are considered healthy but high-risk males. Nationally, there are 420 people in the trial.

Denver was chosen because of its previous work reaching out to people at high risk for AIDS and previous studies on the spread of Hepatitis-B and other diseases. The thrust of this new study is combining two new vaccines.

One of the vaccines encourages the body to develop more antibodies to fight HIV if it is introduced into the body, but not yet into the cells. Judson said the antibodies help stop the virus before it gets established and acts to neutralize it.

The second vaccine works to stimulate the body's own immune system to kill the HIV that has made its way past the first line of defense and into the cells.

Researchers say that neither of the vaccines in the study can infect someone with the AIDS virus. After the study is completed, a larger national test of 3,000 to 5,000 people is planned.

Needle Exchange Founders Convicted

(New Jersey) - The founders of a needle exchange program were convicted this week of violating one of the harshest laws in the nation banning syringe distribution.

Municipal Court Judge Terrill Brenner was not swayed by the defendants' argument that handing out clean needles in exchange for used ones help stop the spread of AIDS without promoting drug use.

Brenner fined Diana McCague and Thomas Scozzare \$500 plus court costs and suspended their driver's licenses for six months, said Sarah Foster, the associate director of the New Brunswick needle exchange program. They faced a maximum penalty of \$1,000 in fines and six months in jail.

Brenner put the penalties on hold pending appeal. The case was closely watched by needle exchange advocates, who say New Jersey's anti-syringe law is among the toughest in the nation because, unlike other states, it allows no exemptions.

McCague and Scozzare were arrested in April 1996 after they gave clean needles and other drug paraphernalia including heroin cookers to an undercover officer posing as the relative of an addict.

At trial, defense experts testified that the rate of HIV transmission through needles in New Jersey is among the highest in the country and said that needle exchange programs help reduce the spread of HIV by removing contaminated syringes from circulation. But Assistant Prosecutor Ronald Kercado said the motive behind the project is irrelevant because state law prohibits possession and distribution of needles.

Pharmacy Board Tables Request for Medical Marijuana

(New Mexico) - The state Board of Pharmacy delayed making a decision this week on allowing the medicinal use of marijuana in New Mexico.

The nine-member board that oversees the use of prescription drugs and policies agreed to table a request to make a stance on the controversial subject until it reviews more data on the risks and benefits of marijuana's therapeutic use. "I think we just need time to massage the material we have now," board chairman Charles Shannon said.

A group called New Mexicans for Compassionate Use has asked the board to allow marijuana to be legally prescribed in New Mexico for patients suffering from cancer, AIDS, glaucoma and other chronic medical conditions.

The group wants to amend a 1978 state law that allowed marijuana to be only used for research in controlled studies of glaucoma and cancer patients. But the state law is essentially moot since the federal government stopped supplying states with federally grown marijuana to conduct research in 1992.

Pharmacy board member William Ritch said perhaps the time has come to look at the issue. "But we need to have enough information to make a safe decision for the public," Ritch said.

The board has the authority to remove marijuana from the state's controlled-substances list and let doctors prescribe it without legislative or voter approval.

Boy Sues School District Over Anti-Gay Slurs

(California) - A 12-year-old Pacifica boy has sued his school district and former school administrators because they allegedly failed to prevent other students from taunting him with anti-gay slurs.

The suit, filed Monday in San Mateo County Superior Court, identifies the boy only as "Student Doe" and names - in addition to the Laguna Salada Union School District - administrators and unnamed students at Ortega and Vallemar middle schools in Pacifica.

"The school district had enforced policies and procedures to prevent sexual harassment, discrimination and violence to girls, yet refused to enforce the policies with respect to Student Doe simply because (he) was perceived as gay and because they were afraid of controversy," the suit alleges.

The student, who said he isn't gay and has switched to an alternative school, has said he endured taunts of "faggot," "girl" and "gay-gay" for years by boys who thought he was gay. He said the name-calling worsened in 1995 and 1996, when he began losing weight, developing migraines and asthma, and became depressed.

Teachers and administrators knew the student was being "harassed, assaulted and battered and discriminated against," but did little to stop the abuse, even after he sought help, the suit says.

The school offered an in-class training session on sexual harassment, but the boy said

See NAT'L page 11

GAY & LESBIAN MEDIATION SERVICES

Gay & Lesbian Mediation Services provides an opportunity to resolve "family" disputes without court intervention. Mediation saves time, money and stress as involved parties maintain control of the outcome.



The Mediator, a neutral third party, facilitates a voluntary settlement between parties in a confidential environment. Resolve your own disputes through mediation instead of allowing a judge or jury to decide for you.

FREE CONSULTATION AVAILABLE

If you would like more information about services please call Nanci.
281-364-1139

NAT'L from page 10

his classmates thought it was a joke. The students were given 20 minutes to read a booklet that contained one passing reference to boys who harass other boys.

Mark Davis, an attorney for the school district, had not seen the lawsuit Monday. "I'm still hopeful that the matter can be resolved informally and without formal litigation," he said.

Gay Man Wants Jury Trial on Indecency Charge

(Colorado) - A gay man charged with indecency is demanding a jury trial, claiming he is innocent and was charged because police were targeting homosexuals. James Baca, 30, of Denver, was one of 11 men arrested July 13 in the city's Cheesman Park.

Baca claimed that he was walking through the park when he became stomach sick, and stood next to a tree after being overcome by pain. "I had my hand between my legs to hold me up and the other holding my guts," he said. "All they (police) said was that I had my hand in front of me. They said, 'You were masturbating.'"

Baca says the charge isn't true and that he was targeted because he is gay. His attorney, Julie Tolleson of the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, says police went too far. "We do not defend anyone's right to engage in public sex," she said. "But that still didn't give police the right to cast a net over the entire park. We are going to trial."

Police Lt. Jimmy Martinez, sector commander of District 6, which includes the park, said police stepped up enforcement there last month. "That was in response to complaints from the community on sex in the parks," he said.

Serra's Prescription For Legal Stress: Marijuana

(California) - To wind down from a hard day at work, noted defense attorney Tony Serra turns to his doctor's prescribed antidote: marijuana. "I highly recommend it to alleviate stress consequences for the workaholic professional," said Serra, who revealed in a news release last week that he has been smoking pot for 30 years.

Serra, known for his offbeat style and successful defenses - including one that was fictionalized in the movie *True Believers*, said he decided to go public with his habit because of California's Proposition 215. The November 1996 ballot measure legalized possession of marijuana under state law if approved by a doctor to reduce pain and side effects of treatment for cancer, AIDS and other unspecified conditions.

Serra said he has a doctor's prescription for marijuana "to alleviate symptoms of a high-stress lifestyle." Now defending a man charged with murdering a sheriff's officer in Mendocino County, Serra said he lights up only at night, sometimes while reading legal documents. "Law is so linear that sometimes you miss the forest for the trees," Serra told a reporter. "Marijuana gives you that overview, that transcendental perspective."

His physician is Sausalito psychiatrist Eugene Schoenfeld, who once wrote an advice column under the name of Dr. Hippocrates. "It seems apparent that he has a high-stress job and the stress is relieved with the use of marijuana," Schoenfeld said.

Serra said his role models as defense lawyers have been alcoholics. To stockbrokers, bankers, doctors and politicians, he said, "It is time to come off the booze and get on the cannabis."

San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan said he had no objections as long as Serra had a doctor's approval. "Mr. Serra's taste is his own business," he said. "And I'm sure it would endear him with a lot of his clients."

Lab Managers Convicted in Blood Tampering Case

(New York) - Two former medical laboratory supervisors have been convicted of tampering with tests designed to screen blood donations for the AIDS virus and other dis-

eases.

Rosa Gonzales, 48, former manager of the New York Blood Center, and former assistant manager Eleazar Maniago, 36, were found guilty Thursday of conspiracy and falsifying records following a seven-day jury trial in federal court, said Marvin Smilon, spokesman for U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White.

Maniago also was convicted of adulterating blood, he added. Gonzales faces up to 10 years in prison, and Maniago up to 26 years when they are sentenced on Nov. 20, Smilon said.

New York Blood Center officials stressed that they have no evidence "any unsuitable blood product has been released as the result of improper testing procedures." Government officials have agreed there is no evidence of a public health threat.

Prosecutors said the defendants cut corners when testing blood for viruses, then falsified records to cover their tracks. The convictions were the result of an ongoing federal investigation into lax screening at the Manhattan blood supplier, which distributes blood to 250 hospitals covering at least 20 million people.

UW Scientists Deny Knowing Research Monkeys Had Lived at Zoo

(Wisconsin) - A University of Wisconsin official has ordered an investigation into reports that scientists broke an agreement not to use monkeys housed at a local zoo in dangerous research.

Officials at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Primate Research Center made written promises in 1989 that monkeys housed at the Henry Vilas Zoo only would be used for observational research and as an educational resource for the public.

However, at least a dozen zoo monkeys, and perhaps scores more, were killed in AIDS research, the *Capital Times* newspaper of Madison first reported Saturday. The primate center owns and cares for 150 rhesus monkeys and stump-tailed macaques housed at the zoo.

Primate center officials maintain that the zoo monkeys used for invasive research were exceptions to the protection policy because they had unique genetic characteristics. The policy was clarified by the former primate center director, John Hearn, in February 1995 in a letter to Vilas Zoo director David Hall.

That letter says that "in any cases where exceptional circumstances require a different use, for example unique genetic characteristics requiring more detailed investigation for human and animal health, we will review the proposal in advance with you."

However, Hall said this week he did not receive any information about using monkeys housed at the zoo for dangerous research. Virginia Hinshaw, dean of the UW Graduate School who oversees the center, confirmed that Hearn failed to notify the zoo.

"Hearn based these exceptions on scientific needs, but they should have been followed up with written notification to the zoo," Hinshaw said. Earlier this week, Hinshaw put an end to such exceptions at least temporarily. "I feel strongly that any exceptions to this policy should have been made in writing for each specific case," Hinshaw said in a statement. "At this point, I have instructed the Primate Center that there will be no further exceptions allowed to this policy."

An inventory of all animals is being conducted, Hinshaw said. Center scientists David Pauza and Paul Kaufman said they weren't aware that monkeys in their studies were born at the zoo. The university primate center, which owns the monkey house at the zoo and pays for the care of its 158 monkeys, uses hundreds of animals each year in medical research.

The *Capital Times* newspaper of in its investigation found that at least a dozen zoo monkeys had been used for invasive or deadly research. Unidentified sources said the number may be as high as 70, the newspaper said.

The primate center is one of seven feder-

ALL BILLS PAID!

**Montrose Area
1419 Hyde Park**

**\$100 Off Move-In
With this Ad**

**Efficiencies
\$375
Cable Available
Close to Bus Line
(713) 524-9660**

INSURANCE



**PROMPT
COURTEOUS
SERVICE**

Home • Auto • Condo
Renters • Life • Health •
Commercial

JEFFREY T. BULES
Your Insurance Specialist

Immediate Quotes • Flexible Pay Plans

CALL JEFFREY AT 713-661-7700

ROB SCHMERLER INSURANCE AGENCY
6575 West Loop South • Suite 185
Bellaire, Texas 77401

Crad Duren, M.D.

**1213 Hermann Dr., Suite 430
(713) 520-0653**

**Internal medical practice
offering discreet confidential
care to the community,
including HIV/AIDS
diagnostics & therapeutics**

**Healthcare
from the Heart**



Anonymous Testing
& Counseling
Major Credit Cards &
Personal Checks Accepted
Insurance with Qualification
Medicare

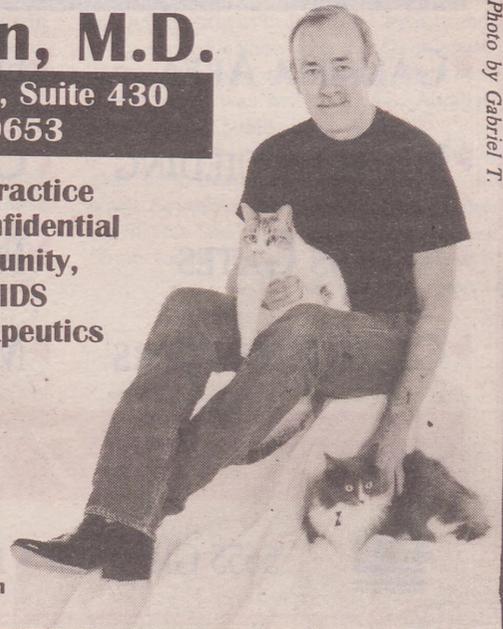


Photo by Gabriel T.

**PEOPLE LIVING WITH
HIV NEEDED FOR
IMPORTANT NEW
CLINICAL TRIALS.**

**DuPont Merck is seeking HIV+ people
to participate in two major clinical trials
using DMP 266:**

- A trial using DMP 266, indinavir, AZT and 3TC
- A trial using DMP 266 and indinavir with nucleoside analogs

To participate, patients must:

- Be HIV+ with a CD4 count \geq 50
- Be between 13-60 years of age
- Have no prior treatment with protease inhibitors

For more information about DMP 266, please contact DuPont Merck at (800) 870-8899 or <http://www.dupontmerck.com>.

See NAT'L page 12

Atrium Regency

Affordable • Mid-Rise Living



- ▶ GALLERIA AREA
- ▶ LOCKED BUILDING
- ▶ ACCESS GATES
- ▶ GLASS ELEVATORS
- ▶ FITNESS FACILITY
- ▶ COVERED PARKING
- ▶ FREE CABLE
- ▶ MICROWAVES

661-7188



5655 Glenmont • Houston



NAT'L from page 11

ally funded centers in the country that conducts medical research. It has said it no longer needs the monkeys at the zoo. That means it may close the monkey house if the zoo can't afford it and sell the animals to another zoo or research facility, officials said.

Opponents Decry Talk of Dissolving County Board of Health

(Colorado) - The El Paso County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public meeting Aug. 21 to discuss the possibility of dissolving the county health board.

The county Board of Health has been in place here for more than a century, but three of the five current county commissioners have said overruns in spending by the health department may indicate the need to turn control over to the county commissioners.

Opponents think there's more to it than finances. They believe some commissioners are trying to impose their values on public health - values that could threaten programs for gays and lesbians or AIDS patients. Different state laws dictate how counties run their health departments.

The law under which the El Paso health department is governed mandates public health nursing; vital statistics, environmental health services; air quality control; water testing; laboratory services; and control of infectious diseases. The department also provides a sexually transmitted disease clinic; drug and alcohol treatment services; Women, Infants and Children nutrition program; and a women's clinic.

If the commission takes over as the health board, the department would operate under another law that usually applies in rural counties. That law requires the department to provide only basic services: public health nursing, abatement of nuisances, and control of infectious diseases.

Whoever oversees the health department makes policies affecting thousands of people, especially the underprivileged who rely on the department for drug and alcohol counseling, inoculations for their children, or medicine for sexually transmitted diseases.

Talk of disbanding the board of health has been going on for several months. But it wasn't until a meeting June 30 that the intentions of some commissioners became clearer.

Commissioners Betty Beedy and Ed Jones favor disbanding the board, citing the need for greater fiscal oversight. Commission chairwoman Jeri Howells and commissioner Chuck Brown oppose the idea. Duncan Bremer has proposed a pact that, he says, would address commissioners' concerns but keep the health board. The current health board opposes the idea of being disbanded.

"I think our projects, our public health projects would be a political football," said board vice president Kathleen Gamblin. "I think we'd have programs sacrificed on the whim of politicians anything related to gays and lesbians and anything related to AIDS treatment. Those are the issues."

Dr. Ray Stecker, president of the health board, said he's concerned the commissioners, who oversee more than 40 advisory boards and roughly a \$200 million county budget, simply will not have time to keep up with the complexities of public health. He, too, is concerned about politics. "Public health is too important to place politicians in direct control of health policy where political pressures might compromise health programs," Stecker said.

Numerous groups have sent letters of support to the health department, including The El Paso County Medical Society, which represents 86 percent of the doctors in El Paso and Teller counties.

Glaxo Announces Expanded Access to Experimental AIDS Drug

(Capitol) - Glaxo Wellcome Inc. is opening access to its experimental AIDS drug called 1592 to 2,400 more adults with

advanced AIDS.

The drug, 1592, is a member of an older class of AIDS medicines called nucleoside analogs, but it is generating interest because of preliminary evidence that it may penetrate the central nervous system.

While the Food and Drug Administration awaits proof from strict clinical trials on whether 1592 works, it allowed Glaxo to offer 1592 for free to certain children desperate for new AIDS therapies.

On Wednesday, Glaxo announced a similar "compassionate use" program for adults with advanced AIDS who are not responding to standard HIV therapy. Physicians may obtain information for enrolling patients by calling 1-800-501-4672.

HIV-Positive Soldier Gets Six Years for Unprotected Sex with Women

(Georgia) A soldier infected with the AIDS virus was sentenced to six years in prison for having unprotected sex with three women, in violation of direct orders that he use a condom and warn sex partners about the disease. One of the women has tested positive for the virus. The others will have to be tested for two years.

Sgt. Robin Bellamy was dishonorably discharged and sentenced last week after pleading guilty to assault, sodomy and other charges. "For all the problems I caused you, the deceitfulness and betrayal, I deeply apologize," Bellamy told his three victims, who sat in the military courtroom.

One woman said she learned from an anonymous caller that Bellamy might be ill. She said he didn't tell her he was infected until two months after she confronted him about the call. Each of the women testified they had consensual sex with Bellamy for several months, even after he told them he had the virus that causes AIDS.

Bellamy, 29, tested positive for the virus in June 1996. A military physician and two commanding officers ordered him to tell prospective sex partners that he was infected and to wear a condom during intercourse.

The victims all said they still care for Bellamy. "I still love him," said one woman, who testified she learned in April that she has the virus.

Suspect Arrested in Killing of Man Who Spread HIV

(Missouri) - Police now say robbery - not revenge - was the motive in the killing of a man who infected 30 people with the AIDS virus. The case of Darnell "Boss Man" McGee drew national attention in April after health officials publicly announced an intense search for McGee's sex partners.

McGee, 28, had been shot on the street in St. Louis on Jan. 15. Police speculated it might have been for revenge. But on Thursday, Montrell Worthy, 24, was charged with first-degree murder. He told police he killed McGee during a robbery after luring him to the spot with a 15-year-old girl. The girl has not been charged.

Detectives told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in a copyright story that neither Worthy nor the girl knew anything about McGee spreading HIV. But Worthy seemed almost proud of the fact that he might be known as McGee's killer, the detectives said.

McGee preyed on scores of young girls, seducing them by telling them they were pretty, authorities said. He didn't tell them he was a carrier of HIV, though. In Illinois and Missouri, it is a felony to knowingly spread HIV.

More than 100 young women and girls, some as young as 12, have reported to health officials throughout the St. Louis area that they had unprotected sex with McGee since 1992, when he found out he was an HIV carrier. The murder remained a mystery until recently when police got a tip from an informer about the plot to rob McGee.

Investigators said the girl met McGee on the morning of Jan. 15 when he tried to impress her with his car and gave her his phone number. Later that day, she talked

The Epicenter of Graphic Art & Copywriting

VERY VILVEN



VILVEN DESIGN GROUP

713.526.3212

NAT'L from page 12

about McGee to Worthy, who has a lengthy police record. Worthy thought McGee might be carrying some cash and set up the robbery.

When McGee drove up in his car, the girl went out to meet him. A witness saw a man go up to the driver's window and shoot McGee. McGee, shot in the heart, was pulled partly out of the car, and his pockets were rifled. Police say Worthy found no money in McGee's pockets.

Man Who Exposed Another to HIV Gets Suspended Prison Sentence

(Missouri) - A man convicted of knowingly infecting another man with HIV has been given a suspended prison sentence requiring him to live under home monitoring with the parents of his companion and co-defendant.

Ronald Massey's defense attorney, Elise Branyan, argued last week that Missouri prisons are ill-equipped to handle prisoners with HIV. Greene County Circuit Judge J. Miles Sweeney sentenced Massey to two years in prison, then suspended execution of the sentence, other than seven days of shock time at the Greene County Jail.

Massey, 32, and Charles Mahan, 29, both

infected with HIV, were convicted this summer of deliberately exposing Bruce Stuebner to the virus. Mahan was sentenced in June to five years in prison for the felony charge. He is free on \$50,000 bond while appealing the conviction.

Testimony at Mahan's trial indicated the three men had a four-month sexual affair in early 1995. Stuebner, 43, later tested positive for HIV. Because they didn't tell Stuebner they were HIV-positive, Mahan and Massey were charged with creating a grave and unjustifiable risk of HIV infection by deliberately exposing him to the AIDS-causing virus.

Massey had little to say after his sentencing, which includes three years' supervised probation. "I'm gonna live my life with my family, that's what I'm gonna do," he said, gesturing toward Mahan and Mahan's parents. "We can handle this," said Mahan's father, Charles Mahan Sr., who is housing the two in Barry County. "We'll do what we have to do."

In court, Stuebner read a statement before Massey's sentencing similar to one he read at Mahan's. He likened the men's actions to "no less than murder."

Some Doctors Say HIV Drugs Out of Reach Since Managed Medicaid

(New Mexico) - Some doctors say they've

run into trouble getting HIV drugs for their patients since the state's Medicaid program was turned over to managed care organizations a month ago. Doctors at the University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Center seeing Medicaid patients under the Cimarron HMO said there have been problems.

Some of Dr. Bruce Williams' HIV-positive patients were unable to get all of their prescribed drugs for several days. Dr. Sarah Allen had to fill out 11 special drug requests for one patient because the drugs in a potent combination used to control HIV weren't included in Cimarron's approved list of prescription drugs. Garrey Carruthers, president and chief executive officer of Cimarron, said the glitches resulted from doctors who aren't used to dealing with the rules of managed care organizations.

Amy Boule, administrator of professional services for University Hospital in Albuquerque, said Cimarron could have done a better job of educating doctors and on a formulary - a list of drugs doctors can prescribe without pre-authorization from an HMO. "It got people pretty hysterical," Boule said of a flurry of drug denials this month. "I don't think it was a rotten plot to deprive somebody."

Medicaid is a state and federally funded program that pays medical bills for those with low incomes. Medicaid managed care in Albuquerque started July 1, with participants enrolling in one of three organizations

contracted to oversee their care. The formulary was unrestricted for a one-month grace period, but prescription restrictions began Aug. 1, Williams said.

Spokeswomen for Lovelace Health Systems and Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the other two managed care organizations under contract with Medicaid in the Albuquerque area, said they haven't received similar complaints regarding availability of drugs for HIV patients.

Carruthers stressed that access to the drugs was possible, but that it requires some paperwork. "Keep in mind that it's rather difficult to move an entire population from fee-for-service to managed care where there are a few modest rules," he said.

Movie to be Made About East Tennessee AIDS Doctor

(Tennessee) - A doctor's book about treating AIDS patients in Johnson City is becoming a movie for Showtime. *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS* was written by Dr. Abraham Verghese and published in 1994.

The book chronicles how the doctor struggled with treating AIDS patients in this small Southern town in the 1980s, when much less was known about the disease. Some locals felt the city was portrayed See NAT'L page 14

Strikes Against AIDS
A Rock 'n Roll Bowling

An evening of
Rock 'n Roll Bowling & Fifties Fun!

Benefiting the
PWA Coalition - Houston

Honorary Chairs
Chelsi Smith-Blair, Miss Universe 1995
and
Reverend George Foreman

Friday,
August 22, 1997
8:00 p.m.
Palace Lanes
4191 Bellaire Blvd.

Tickets \$25 Advance, \$30 Door

Tickets available at:
The PWA Coalition Office - 3400 Montrose, Suite 106 (Visa, MasterCard, cash & checks)
Cafe Artista, Basic Brothers, Lobo & Palace Lanes (cash & checks only)

For more information call the PWA Coalition Office - 522-5428

NAT'L from page 13

harshly in the book, while others said the author treated the area fairly. Verghese said he stands behind his work.

"I think the book stands as an accurate testimony of the way people reacted to AIDS at that time in a small town," said Verghese, who now lives in El Paso, Texas. He left Johnson City in 1990. "I found the town to be extremely generous and caring for its sick sons. And if someone doesn't like that portrayal, I don't believe they've read it closely enough."

The cable television movie will star Marisa Tomei and Navin Andrews, who was featured in last year's Oscar winning movie *The English Patient*. Glenn Headley and Hal Holbrook are also in the cast. It will be filmed mainly in Toronto, Canada, although some shooting will be done in Johnson City. Rehearsal began this week and production begins Aug. 18. At press time, no air date has been set. Mira Nair will direct the movie.

Andrews is visiting Verghese at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to research his role. Verghese was born to Indian parents and grew up in Ethiopia. He came to Johnson City in 1980 as a resident in medicine.

Verghese continues to write, an inspiration he says came from his patients in

Johnson City. "I think the strongest message I got from the patients is: Life is short and the moment is fleeting, and one shouldn't postpone one's dream," he said.

School Committee Votes To Keep Gay-Lesbian History Poster

(Indiana) - A classroom poster on the historical contributions of homosexuals has won approval of a school district committee, despite objections by some parents who say it celebrates homosexuality.

A review committee of the Duneland School Corporation voted unanimously last Thursday to allow the poster to remain in a high school English classroom, where it had hung without prior objections since 1991.

"I looked at it and looked at it and looked at it, and I didn't see any sexual overtones or undertones," said committee member John Corso, who directs Duneland's Instructional Materials Center. "The material does say, 'Look at people for what they've done, not who they are.'"

Teacher Bonney Leckie said she hoped to make that point when she first hung the poster in her classroom. "I was more interested in the message that sexual orientation does not determine their value," Leckie said.

The poster, commercially produced for

the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council, includes photographs of Errol Flynn, Michelangelo, Eleanor Roosevelt and others. The text reads, "Sexual orientation does not determine a person's ability to make a mark in the world, let alone history."

Cathy Podguski, the parent who filed the complaint that prompted the review, said the poster lacked educational value. "This is propaganda promoting a homosexual lifestyle," she said. "It is promoting coming out of the closet."

Ruth Woodward, one of 15 people who spoke against the poster, called it immoral. "Man and woman belong together," she said. "God made Adam and Eve, he did not make Adam and Adam."

Another district resident, Tom Davidson, said the poster has teaching value for the English studies curriculum. "A study of (poet Walt) Whitman, for example, cannot be properly made without acknowledgment of the way his bisexuality affected his poetry," he said.

Teen Sues Doctors Over Blood Transfusion

(Massachusetts) - A 15-year-old AIDS victim is suing two doctors, saying he got the virus that causes the disease as a result of a blood transfusion they gave him before it was known the virus could be spread that way.

Eliot Cohen of Sharon filed the suit in Suffolk Superior Court against Drs. Bruce Korff and James Ferrara of Children's Hospital, maintaining they were negligent in giving him the transfusion. Cohen's lawyer, Edward Berkin, said that although it was not known that blood transfusions could result in AIDS at the time his client got the blood, it was known that other illnesses, including hepatitis, could be contracted that way.

Cohen was born prematurely in February 1982 at Beth Israel Hospital and was soon transferred to Children's Hospital, where he was diagnosed with respiratory distress, Berkin said. The lawyer said the boy was given two blood transfusions, although his parents were not told. The boy was sick as a child, but doctors did not know what was wrong until he was tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 1992 when he had pneumonia. The test was positive.

Berkin said the doctors did not meet accepted standards of practice in giving the blood transfusions because it turned out Cohen did not have the respiratory syndrome. "It was a knee-jerk reaction. They didn't balance the risks with the benefits," Berkin told the *Boston Herald*. He asked the court last week to order the hospital to provide the name of the blood donor to prove Eliot got AIDS as a result of the transfusion.

The *Herald* said it could not reach Phillip Murray, the lawyer for the two doctors, for comment. Berkin said Cohen was hospitalized recently following a series of strokes and brain damage, apparently from reactions to AIDS drugs.

Cohen was praised three years ago for his courage in revealing to classmates that he had tested positive for HIV. He said he was inspired to do so after being told about Max Warburg, an 11-year-old Boston boy who died of leukemia in 1991, but whose experience led to a program asking children to write their own stories about courage.

Lawyer Continues Efforts to Legalize Same-Sex Marriages

(Colorado) - The lawyer arguing the same-sex marriage case in Hawaii believes gays and lesbians may be able to obtain civil marriage licenses alongside heterosexual couples sooner than many think.

"Some state is going to go first, most likely Hawaii, in issuing same-sex licenses, and some states will respect and honor it, while others won't, starting waves of litigation," Evan Wolfson said.

During the Colorado Bar Association's annual convention this week, Wolfson said the issue would likely carve the United States into a patchwork in which a couple could get arrested after crossing certain state borders.

But that was how it used to work with divorce, he said. People would go to Nevada to get divorced only to learn later that their divorce was not recognized in their home state. "But we're going to get to the point where everybody's citizenship and marriage is treated equally," he predicted.

Wolfson compared the same-sex marriage to other once-banned unions, including post-divorce remarriage and interracial marriage. The California Supreme Court was the first to strike down prohibitions on interracial marriages in 1928, and "it took another 20 years for interracial marriage to get to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Wolfson said homosexual couples want the legal right to marry because of the benefits, including tax breaks, spousal insurance coverage, child custody rights - even being considered family when visiting a hospitalized partner.

In 1996, Idaho lawmakers passed legislation clearly outlawing same-sex marriages, making it one of 25 states to specifically do so. Wolfson and another attorney represent three Hawaiian couples denied licenses when they tried to get married.

The couples sued, and in 1993 the state supreme court said the denial violated their constitutional guarantee of equal protection. The Hawaiian Supreme Court sent the case back to state court, saying the state must stop discriminating or show a reason why it should continue denying same-sex marriage licenses.

At trial, the state lost, and a judge ordered See NAT'L page 15

Sunday August 17th 8pm Miss TGRA 1997 Jame Roberts presents Cowboy Sweethearts benefiting The International Gay Rodeo Association

Every Sunday Nite 6 til 10pm Steak Nite 14oz. T Bone Baked Potatoe and Bread Only \$6.00

Be sure and check out some of The Best Drink Prices in Montrose Daily at the BRB

Dance Contest Cancelled due to info from Devon De Vasquez

As Always "Your Montrose Country Home" Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos • Houston • 713-528-9192

NAT'L/from page 14

the government to stop discriminating on the basis of sex when issuing marriage licenses. The case is before the state supreme court again, and Wolfson is filing the same case on behalf of several couples in Vermont.

Briefs....

Capt. Michael John, chief spokesman for Secretary of the Navy John Dalton, was arrested last weekend for allegedly soliciting an undercover male police officer to have sex according to the *Baltimore Sun*. John was charged with two misdemeanor counts of solicitation that together carry a maximum penalty of two years in jail and a \$1,000 fine....

A trial referee's decision in a lesbian adoption case was published this month in the *Connecticut Law Journal*, but was actually issued over a year ago. Superior Court Referee Hadley W. Austin ruled that the state Adoption Review Board could consider a lesbian's petition to adopt the 5-year-old son of her partner. The ruling overturned a Probate Court decision....

The houseboat caretaker who stumbled on Andrew Cunanan and apparently prompted the suspected serial killer's suicide collected \$45,000 from authorities Tuesday in the biggest windfall in his campaign to collect reward money. To date, Carreira has collected \$55,000 from various official and citizen groups that procured rewards for Cunanan's capture. Said Carreira: "I put a stop to a lot of problems - for the families, for the police, for the government. I saved them millions and millions of dollars. It was by mistake, but I did it." Carreira plans to challenge New York Mayor Giuliani for not procuring the state's award money....

Finally, The conservative Episcopal Synod of America, protesting the ordination of women and homosexuals, has voted to distance itself from the Episcopal Church USA by forming a "province." The 125 delegates who overwhelmingly approved the statement include clergy and lay leaders from around the country. Among them were the bishops from Fort Worth, Texas, Quincy, Ill., San Joaquin, Calif., and Eau Claire, Wis.

Judge Restricted Dad's Visitation Because of HIV Infection

by Sonja Barisic

(Virginia) - Before he dies of AIDS, divorced dad Tim Nichols wants his two children to get to know him better. He doesn't think that's going to happen if he has to keep traveling to Michigan, where Christine, 10, and Andrew, 13, live with their mother.

Nichols wants the children to visit him in his own home in Virginia Beach, so they can see him on his own terms. But he says a judge and his ex-wife are interfering with visitation because of his illness. That's why Nichols is fighting the judge's ruling that bars him from having his children in his home at the same time as anyone infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Nichols has lost one appeal, but has filed another. Nichols said the Michigan judge's order is based on bigotry or lack of knowledge about the disease. "How ... could this happen in this day and age after all that people have done to educate each other (about AIDS)?" Nichols said.

Nichols, a retired Navy firefighter, was divorced in 1989. His ex-wife, Denise Goyings, won custody of the children and moved to Muskegon County, Mich., where she and Nichols grew up. Last summer, Mrs. Goyings asked a judge to suspend visitation because Nichols allowed his housemate to be present overnight during a visit.

The judge found Nichols in contempt of a court order prohibiting overnight visits from third parties. Nichols had thought the order referred only to romantic involvements, said his lawyer, Joy Fossel of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Goyings contends Nichols and his male housemate are lovers. Nichols said he is not gay and that he contracted AIDS from unprotected heterosexual sex or a dalliance with intravenous drug use.

The judge also was upset that during the children's visit to Virginia in April 1996, they played with participants of a program for children who have HIV or have a family member with the virus. Nichols volunteers with the program.

"It's incredible that he would expose his children to the possibility of infection," Muskegon County Circuit Judge Michael Kobza said at a hearing on July 19, 1996. "Why risk even a small chance when it's not necessary?"

In his Nov. 13 ruling, Kobza wrote that Nichols "is not allowed to have any HIV or AIDS infected persons including children in his home during periods of visitation." Kobza also said Nichols may have supervised visits in Michigan but ordered him to post a \$2,500 bond before any visit in Virginia, to be forfeited if visitation guidelines are violated. The judge did not return phone calls seeking comment.

"This was such an egregious action by the judge based on HIV status and nothing else, or it was based on homophobia disguised as concern for HIV transmission," Ms. Fossel said. Studies have shown HIV is not transmitted by casual contact, she said. She also said the order is impossible to follow, because there is no way to prove whether everyone who comes to the home is HIV-free.

Nichols' ex-wife, who has remarried, says his HIV status is just one factor in the visitation battle. "If he would just be a decent father, it wouldn't be a problem," Mrs. Goyings said by telephone from Muskegon. She said Nichols rarely visited the children after the divorce and has missed child support payments.

The Michigan Court of Appeals rejected Nichols' appeal, saying it had no jurisdiction. The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan now has asked the Michigan Supreme Court to direct the appellate court to hear the appeal, Ms. Fossel said.

Ms. Fossel is representing Nichols at the ACLU's request because of her experience

in handling court matters involving HIV. She said there have been cases where a parent's HIV status has been used to deny custody, but she's never heard of a visitation case like this. "There are many fathers who are going to be facing visitation issues that are similar to this," she said. "If this kind of decision can stand in Michigan, then we have created a new kind of nuclear weapon in divorce."

Nichols said his ex-wife has tried to turn the kids against him, making it even more important that he have unfettered visits with the children, Nichols said. "I'm not going to stop fighting until I die," he said. Nichols said he hopes to live at least until his children are 18 and may see him at their own discretion. "My kids will realize that their dad was there; their dad never stopped fighting to spend time with them and see them."

Rev. Phelps Group Win Appeal on 'Bad-Faith' Prosecution

(Colorado) - The Rev. Fred Phelps Sr., the Topeka, Kan., Baptist minister known for his vocal anti-homosexual views, and several of his flock will get another day in federal court to argue they were victims of "bad faith prosecution."

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last Tuesday in the battle between Shawnee County District Attorney Joan Hamilton and Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church followers. Hamilton focused her 1992 election campaign on opposition to "hate speech," particularly Phelps and his followers anti-homosexual activities.

The plaintiffs' picket signs and fliers have read "God Hates Fags," "No Fags in Heaven," "Turn or Burn," "God's Hate is Great" and "Topeka, Kansas, Sodom city." After election, Hamilton brought nine prosecutions against Phelps and five of his followers for actions related to their anti-gay activities.

See COURT page 19

Saturday August 16

Celebration of Life for David Sharrock 3 pm

Sunday August 17

Miss Vacant Lot 6 pm PWA Holiday Charities guest bartending on the Patio 2pm till ???



1022 Westheimer • Houston • 713-527-9669



1307 FAIRVIEW
(3 blocks West of Montrose)
(713) 529-1414
THE TIRE PLACE INC.
• Alignment • Brakes

American Heart Association
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke
Medical miracles start with research

HOUSTON AUTO-BAKE, INC.
BAKE-O-NAML
Proudly Serving the Community
Complete Line Auto Body/Repair
(713) 524-2809
1502 Alabama at LaBranch

What does GWM stand for anyway?

by Leslie Ramsay

I am sure the word is already out around town about the Paramount Pictures release "Kiss Me, Guido". The reviews were mixed from the preview audience. I happened to think it was funny. My editor did not.

The story is Frankie, as played by Nick Scotti (The Young and the Restless), finally decides to ask the local "around the way girl" for her hand in marriage. On the night he intends to pop the question, he comes home to find his brother "boffin" his intended on the kitchen table. This was the last straw for Frankie. His brother had gone too far. It is time to move out of the Bronx and pursue his acting career.

While looking for an apartment in the city he comes across an advertisement for a place in the West Village to share with a GWM. Frankie, being from the Bronx, has no clue as to what G.W.M. stands for...he assumes it means Guy With Money.

Warren (Anthony Barrile, *Hamburger Hill*) is the gay actor in need of a roommate. He is getting over a recent break-up with his cheatin' ex-lover. He is in no mood to deal with a "Guido" but his friend Terry (Craig Chester, *Swoon*) is insistent on moving Frankie in with Warren.

The best laughs, lines and performance is by Craig Chester. His "vacant lot" Marilyn Monroe drag is very funny. I hope to see his recently completed screenplay, "Save Me", made into a film soon.

For those of you who have not see this flick yet and are looking for a comedy with gay characters who are not dying, committing suicide, in prison, or committing serial killings this is your lucky weekend. "Kiss



Nick Scotti

"Me, Guido" is a fun little movie.

Narcissism, misogyny, and other fun "male" traits in living color

by Leslie Ramsay

Chad says, "Let's hurt somebody."

"In The Company of Men" from Sony Pictures Classics is being touted as the greatest thing since sliced bread. The puffed up reviews praising the writer/director Neil LaBute are prolific. They praise his courage in making this flick. They praise his "vision" into the inner workings of corporate American culture. The media spin and buzz is almost deafening...

The story is about two "corporate" type guys, Chad and Howard, who make a pack to emotionally destroy a woman while out on a six-week assignment. They decide in their twisted logic that this will in turn make them feel better about themselves. Chad is clearly the instigator behind this plan with poor Howard agreeing to participate halfheartedly through a drunken stupor.

When they arrive at their new temporary offices they seek out a girl at the office as their pawn/victim. As luck would have it, Chad (Aaron Eckhart) stumbles across a very attractive deaf woman who works in the typing pool. He convinces her that he is interested in taking her out to dinner. His good looks and charm works for Christine (Stacy Edwards) and she agrees to a dinner with him.

Meanwhile, Howard (Matt Malloy) is busy working at his new assignment as project leader. He hardly notices anything



Chad, (right, Aaron Eckhart) sexually harasses a young male intern.

around him besides his job. Chad prods him to ask Christine out in order to fulfill his end of the bargain.

Christine enjoys the attention. She is soon caught in the middle of their power struggle to win her heart. She has no idea what Chad and Howard have planned for her.

While the main story line continues, the director gives the audience a glimpse into what kind of shark Chad really is. He brings a young intern alone into his office. He basically orders him to drop his pants and show him his genitalia in order to humiliate him. Why would he do this? Chad would answer with,

"Because I can".

Do we really need to see a film about something this ugly? Is this truly a reflection of what corporate America has become? Do men really behave this badly? I am afraid that some moviegoers will come away with this opinion, justified or not.

Texas Health

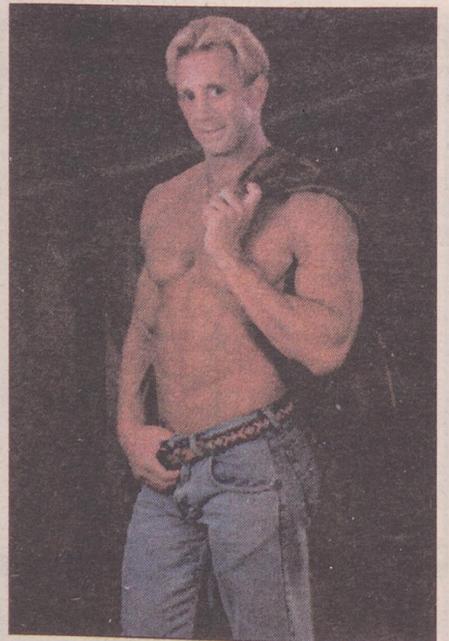
&

Wellness Clinics

Specializing in the Following
Erection Dysfunction

Weight Loss
Diet Medication
Nutrition

Body Building
Longevity/Anti-Aging



Call Now! Call Today!

Ask About Our Special Rates

Michael C. Scally, M.D.

(713) 461-0897

'Hellraiser' in Space



by Leslie Ramsay

Paramount Pictures is quietly releasing the new Laurence Fishburne film, *Event Horizon*, this weekend. This horror film disguised as a science fiction thriller will go down in film history as the biggest waste of special effects and film stock to come out of Hollywood.

The cast is great. Laurence Fishburne (*Othello*, *What's Love Got To Do With It*) plays the captain of a search and rescue spaceship in the year 2047. Sam Neill (*Restoration*, *Jurassic Park*) plays the brilliant and trouble scientist who dreams about his dead wife. Kathleen Quilan (*American Graffiti*, *Apollo 13*) is the

medical technician with the son who is confined to a wheelchair. Joely Richardson (*101 Dalmatians*, *Sister, My Sister*) is the navigator of the rescue ship. Richard T. Jones (*What's Love Got To Do With It*, *Johns*) plays the emergency technician on the same ship. Jack Noseworthy (*Breakdown*) plays the "oh so cute" first victim. Sean Pertwee (*Prick Up Your Ears*, *Swing Kids*) and Jason Isaacs (*Shopping*) are the other two shipmates. The story is non-existent. The big

question for Paramount Pictures should be "Why didn't anyone read the script before they started production?" The basic premise is that the scientist created a spaceship, The *Event Horizon*, which is capable of traveling across space through a black hole that it manufactures on demand. The *Event Horizon* disappears as soon

as they turn the black hole creation engine on. The story begins when the search and rescue spaceship goes looking for it on the other side of Neptune. What they find and how they escape are the questions that are never fully answered in the very long two hours that this film is on the screen.

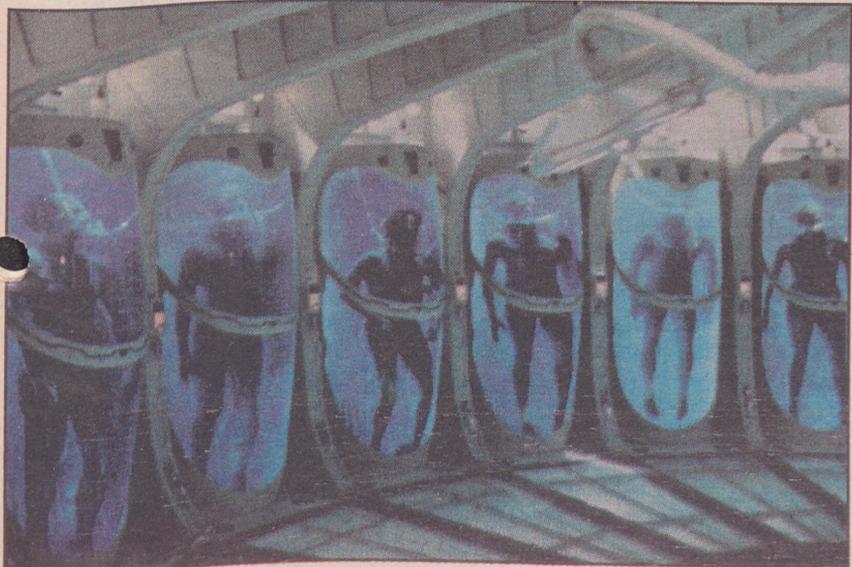
The overall film was contrived. The visuals were stolen from *Contact*, *Star Wars*, *2010*, and the *Star Trek* series. The blood and gore was stolen from the *Hellraiser* series. The torture scenes were straight out of the Clive Barker archives.

The only people that will enjoy this film will be teenagers who think torture, blood, guts, and Hell are really cool. Since the film is rated "R" I doubt that the box office numbers will be very good. Next....

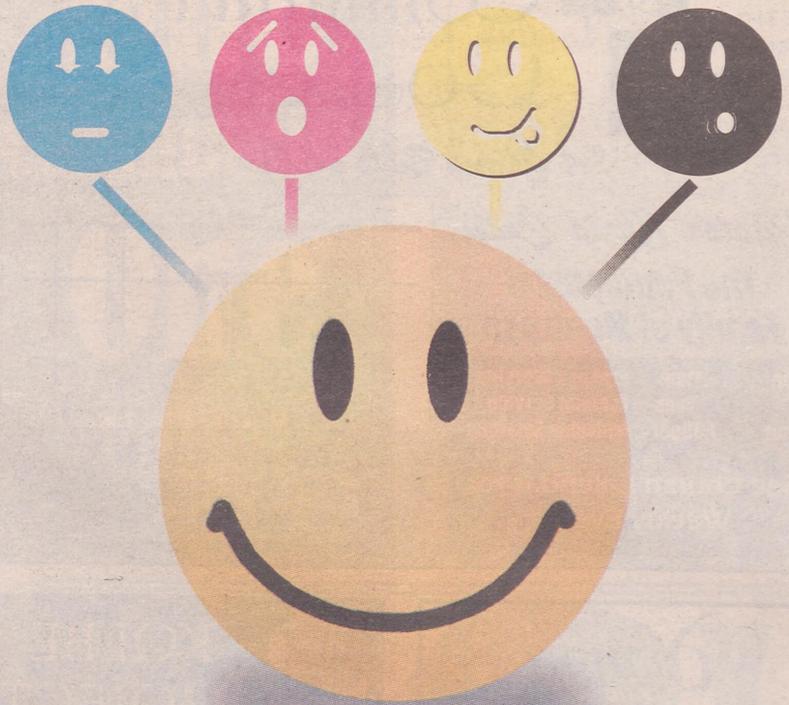


"The visuals were stolen from *Contact*, *Star Wars*, *2010*, and the *Star Trek* series. The blood and gore was stolen from the *Hellraiser* series..."

The only people that will enjoy this film will be teenagers who think torture, blood, guts, and Hell are really cool."



Bringin' it all together.



CREADTIVE

U N L I M I T E D

ad design, graphics and other way cool stuff.

2219 Richmond • 713-526-5190

Check us out at <http://members.aol.com/creADtive>
email - creADtive@aol.com

Doors will be closing at 8:00PM in preparation. Special Event pricing in effect. No passes accepted.

Saturday Night
the FOG party
23 August 7:00PM

THE CLUB
HOUSTON

2205 Fannin 713.359.4998

Complimentary Buffet, Beverages and Door Prize Giveaway
Great Men, Great Music, Great Fun
Original photo by: STEVEN DAVID artwork: DAIMCO Houston



Community Gospel

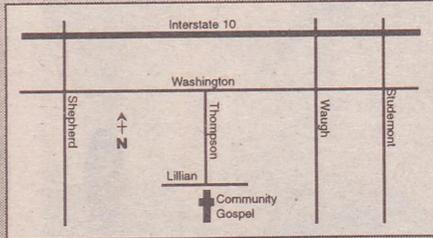
"A Church Built on Love"

Pastor Chris Chiles

The Pentecostal Family of Montrose

Sun 11am Praise & Worship
7pm Evening Service
Thur 7:30pm Midweek Services

See Church Calendar for Weekly Events



4305 Lillian, Houston, TX 77007

713-880-9235

www.communitygospel.org



God Loves YOU, so Come share the LOVING EXPERIENCE.

Serving the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual Community of Catholics & Friends. Become a part of Dignity U.S.A.

SERVICES

Saturdays 7:30 pm Traditional Mass

Inclusive liturgy celebrated. Call and press 4 for our Social Events & Schedules. Todos bienvenidos!

(Full details in '95 - '96 Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages)

In the Heights at 1307 Yale Suite H • (713) 880-2872



KOLBE PROJECT

Monday, August 18 • 7:30 pm
Community Prayer & Eucharist

Wednesday, August 20 • 8:30 am
Community Prayer & Communion

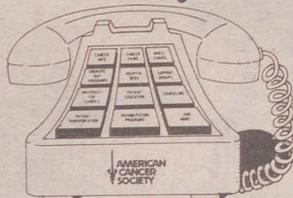
Thursday, August 21 • 7:00 pm
Women's Discussion Group

Friday, August 22 • 10:00 am
Community Prayer & Communion

1509 Fairview (Montrose) Houston, TX 77006
Additional Parking on Hyde Park cul-de-sac.

713-522-8182

We're Just a Phone Call Away*



*Please Call Us

YOUR LOCAL UNIT OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OFFERS THESE AND OTHER PROGRAMS AT NO CHARGE. PROGRAMS MAY BE LIMITED TO VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY IN SOME AREAS.



"Religion and Public Morality"

By Dr. Ronald F. Thiemann
Dean, Harvard Divinity School
Opening Lecture is **Free** and Open to the Public
Wednesday, August 27, 1997
7:30 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral
1117 Texas Avenue

Center For Theological Studies 1997 Fall Course Schedule

"Spirituality from East to West"
• "Six Saints in Five Acts" •
"The Marginal Jew" Jesus and Jewish Tradition • "World Religions" • "From Monday to Friday: Spirituality in the Workplace" • "Silence, Stillness and Simplicity" Origins and Practice of Christian Meditation
• "Readings in the Book of Genesis"

Classes begin September 9, 1997

Call 713/222-2593 Ext. 624 for a course brochure and fee schedule.

Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church

Magnify God's Grace

Fulfill God's Will

Mirror God's Love

Celebrate God's Glory

Communicate God's Word

New Sermon Series to begin August 10th through September 14th

"Claiming God's Promise"

addressing Homosexuality and the Bible, Interpretation, Tradition and God's Inclusive Message to All.

Join our Home Groups each week to discuss and give feedback from the sermons and learn God's truth about YOU!

3400 Montrose, Suite 600, Sunday Service at 11 am

713-528-6756

Weekly Home Groups on Tuesday/Wednesday

CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday-8/15

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:15 pm, 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
- Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Saturday-8/16

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Rite Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 7:30 pm at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Sunday-8/17

- Holy Rite Eucharist I 8:00 am; Holy Rite Eucharist II 9:00 am; Choral Eucharist 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor" (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.
- First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200.
- Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872.
- Community Gospel Worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. 4305 Lillian 880-9235. Catch them at www.communitygospel.org. Study Series on Heaven—or Life after Death..
- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
- Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830.

- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service 10:50 am. Seekers class 9:15 am 526-1017.
- Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182.
- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Monday-8/18

- Low impact aerobics at Community Gospel; 6:15 pm, 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.

Tuesday-8/19

- MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149.
- PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.

• Maranatha Fellowship MCC has groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.

- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Wednesday-8/20

- Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Thursday-8/21

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
- Midweek Service at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

If you want an event listed in this section, please call Lee at 529-8490 by 12 Noon Mondays.

RELIGION

Baptists Will Get Serious About Disney Boycott

Tennessee (AP) - The Southern Baptist Convention is urging members to withhold entertainment spending from the Walt Disney Co. in the next year, following through on a June resolution to boycott the company.

Richard Land, head of the convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, says the group will appeal to 91,000 pastors and church leaders. Land says he wants to energize the country's 15 million Southern Baptists and to send the message that the boycott won't die.

"We're just getting started," Land says. "I think Disney thinks the Southern Baptist Convention has been hijacked by a bunch of radicals. This came from the grassroots up. Rank-and-file Baptists are very upset and they've found a way to channel their anger."

Southern Baptists approved a sweeping boycott of Disney in June to protest the company's overtures to the gay and lesbian community, as well as its production of television shows and movies that the convention believes are violent or include themes that ridicule Christian values.

Disney has angered some by sponsoring Gay Days at its theme parks and by extending health benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees.

Pastors will get a fact sheet soon explain-

ing why the denomination is boycotting Disney and asking them to appeal to their members for support, Land says. The information will accompany the September/October issue of *Light*, a magazine that goes to about 38,000 pastors as well as youth leaders and those in other church ministries.

The sheet, designed to be inserted in church bulletins, calls on every Southern Baptist to withhold at least \$100 in entertainment spending from Disney in the next year. It also asks families to follow up with letters to Disney Chairman Michael Eisner: The form letter to Eisner accuses Disney of a "radical shift away from a wholesome, pro-family philosophy" to policies that are "in direct opposition to the moral standards that we, as Christians, hold to be absolute."

Disney spokesman John Dreyer says Disney is ready to talk to Southern Baptists. An informal meeting last month ended when both sides walked out. "We think there is room for discussion and in the meantime would hope there's a sense of tolerance and an attempt to treat each other decently," Dreyer said. Dreyer wouldn't say what toll, if any, the boycott is taking on Disney.

Although some prominent Southern Baptists have questioned the boycott, the convention says its calls are running 20-to-1 in favor and support is spreading to other religious conservatives.

clickclick+dialtone+whirbuzz&ding=
www.houstonvoice.com

COURT/from page 15

The charges include assault, battery, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, disorderly conduct and aggravated intimidation of a victim. Phelps and his followers sought to have the charges declared unconstitutional and to enjoin any future prosecution under any state law for any conduct which is protected speech, specifically the Kansas Funeral Picketing Act, the Kansas Anti-Stalking Statute and the Kansas Telephone Harassment Statute.

In March 1995, a U.S. District Court judge in Kansas granted the district attorney partial summary judgement, ruling that the state prosecutions were not brought in bad faith, and the following July lifted a stay so the state trials could go forward.

The Phelps group then appealed to 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. On Tuesday, the appeals court reversed the U.S. District Court on the plaintiffs' bad faith prosecution claim, affirmed the lower court's lifting of the stay, and dismissed or threw out plaintiffs' claims on the funeral picketing, anti-stalking and telephone harassment issues.

On the bad faith issue, the 10th Circuit instructed district court to determine whether the Kansas courts have ruled on the bad faith claims in post-July 14, 1993, cases and if so, whether that precludes plaintiffs' claims in federal court.

Secondly, the appeals court instructed the district court to determine whether additional evidence is materially different from the evidence presented and ruled upon in the earlier state cases before July 14, 1993.

In a second ruling Tuesday, the 10th Circuit also upheld denial of a preliminary injunction to stop the state prosecutions. Joining Phelps as plaintiffs in the bad-faith appeal were Jonathan B. Phelps, Karl D. Hockenbarger, Charles F. Hockenbarger,

Timothy B. Phelps and Margie J. Phelps.
Talk-Show Host Appeals Dismissal Of Discrimination Case

(Washington) - A radio talk show host who accused his former employer of firing him because he is gay has appealed a judge's decision to dismiss his case. Michael Webb, who worked at Seattle's KWRM for nearly two years before he was fired in July 1996, on Monday asked the state Court of Appeals to hear his case.

His case was dismissed July 30 by King County Superior Court Judge Philip G. Hubbard, who ruled that the station's owner didn't violate any public policy because the Legislature did not include homosexuals as a class of people protected by law. That could change in November, when Washington voters decide whether to bar employment discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Webb's attorney, LeAnn McDonald, said it's unclear whether passage of Initiative 677 would apply retroactively to Webb since the alleged discrimination in his case occurred a year ago. She said Webb's case should help the initiative's supporters demonstrate that homosexuals deserve the same protection as everyone else.

Webb, 41, who now hosts a weekend talk show for KIRO radio in Seattle, sued KWRM's previous owners, Puget Sound Broadcasting Co., and its current owners, Sandusky Newspapers Inc., alleging wrongful discharge and defamation.

Webb said he was fired a week after the station's program director asked him why 60 percent of his programming had a "gay theme." Karen Sutherland, a lawyer for Puget Sound Broadcasting, did not immediately return a telephone call Monday seeking comment.

Dutch Homosexuals Protest Ban on Gay Men as Blood Donors

Amsterdam, Netherlands (AP) - Turned away from blood banks because of fears about AIDS, Dutch gays are fighting for the right to give blood, a homosexual rights activist said last week.

Guidelines followed by all Dutch blood banks exclude homosexual men and intravenous drug users from giving blood. The ban aims at cutting the risk of receiving blood infected with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS.

"We believe the guidelines are discriminatory," said Laurette Spoelman, director of the 10,000-member Association for the Integration of Homosexuals. "You must look at whether somebody has behaved in a high-risk way ... such as having had unprotected sex, not whether he is homosexual."

The association and four gay men have filed an official complaint with the Dutch Equal Opportunities Commission in an attempt to force blood banks to accept them. The commission investigates such complaints and then makes recommendations which usually are accepted by both sides.

Spoelman said that if the commission found in favor of the gay group and the blood banks refused to modify the guidelines, the case would likely go to court. So far, the blood transfusion service has refused to water down its policy.

"Our aim is to make our blood as safe as possible to protect the people who receive it," said spokesman Cees Breederveld. "Our guidelines aim to exclude certain people who live in high-risk groups." Breederveld said that although all blood donors are checked for HIV infection before every donation, the test does not always detect HIV in its incubation period, hence the extra safety net of excluding high-risk groups.

Before giving blood, potential donors have to fill out a form asking questions about their health and lifestyle. Breederveld said the

transfusion service would cooperate with any investigation, but was not planning to change the guidelines.

The homosexual group and blood transfusion service have been discussing the guidelines since they were introduced in early 1996 but failed to reach any agreement about altering them.

Eleven New AIDS Cases in Hong Kong

Hong Kong (AP) - Eleven more people have been diagnosed with AIDS in this year's second quarter, bringing to 274 the number of AIDS cases in Hong Kong, the Health Department reported this week.

A statement said 34 people were tested positive for HIV virus in the same period, raising the number of those infected with HIV to 581. But a government AIDS consultant, Lee Shui-shan, said the total number of HIV and AIDS cases may be two to three times higher than those reported under the government's voluntary testing method.

"The anonymous system tells us the figures are two to three times higher than the current numbers," Lee said. He said testing people anonymously was good because it gave very objective data compared with the current method of testing voluntary subjects.

More AIDS Patients Registered in Vietnam

Hanoi, Vietnam (AP) - The number of people carrying the AIDS virus is rising steadily in Vietnam, with at least 120 more cases found in July, official media reported this week.

So far, Vietnam has detected 6,588 people with the virus that leads to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the newspaper New Hanoi reported. The first case was reported in 1994.

Most of the new HIV positive cases were found in northern Vietnam's coastal province of Quang Ninh, which now has the largest number of HIV/AIDS cases in the

One Community! One Voice!

Professional Position Available

Body Positive/Houston is seeking a dynamic individual with excellent communication skills for an **Executive Director** position with the Body Positive Wellness Center. A Bachelors Degree is required; masters preferred. Minimum requirements are: five years work experience in either of the following areas: business development, marketing, public relations, proposal writing, contracting and budgeting. Experience in proposal writing for local, state and federal funding sources is a must. Send resume no later than Sept. 10, to 2020 Montrose Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas, 77006.

Cuervo Shots \$2.50 Everyday, All the time!

2923 Main Houston 713-522-0000

Noon Open to 7pm 7 Days a Week ALL WELL, BEER & WINE \$2

Friday, Aug 15 • 9 pm til...

Guest Bartenders: Lancers MC

Saturday, Aug 16

2 pm IBL Awards Banquet

9 pm til ... Guest Bartenders: MISFITS

10pm Main Street Maniacs present

"Around the World in 80 Minutes"

Sunday, Aug 17 • 6 pm til...

Cookout on the Far Side

Guest Bartenders: Houston Area Bears

9pm Grin'n Bear It

A Bear Contest hosted by Anita Mann, Empress XIII

See GLOBAL page 22

Physician Chronicles Last 21 Days of Brother Who Succumbed to AIDS

by Joe Wheelan

(Colorado) Just when it seemed the AIDS epidemic had nearly run its course as a literary subject, along comes *Twenty-One Days: Another Life Lost to AIDS*. Written by Dr. Richard Krebs, a Golden, Colo., physician, it describes in often painful detail the last 21 days of his brother's life in a Denver hospice. Dave Krebs died at the Hospice of St. John on Nov. 10, 1991.

Each day his brother spent in the hospice is a chapter in Krebs' book, which shifts perspective from the care-givers to Dave Krebs' friends and relatives to the dying man's own viewpoint. The book describes his swift erosion to little more than a bundle of bones tightly wrapped in skin. When he dies, Krebs cannot see, speak, understand speech, or move.

The book is Richard Krebs' first, and he is donating the proceeds to the Hospice of St. John and the Colorado AIDS Project.

"I didn't know he was gay until near the end. After he died, I sort of struggled with the whole concept of why did this happen," Krebs said. "He was my little brother, and I was pretty close to the guy over the years. By golly, he hid this whole piece of his life from me."

While the writing is often uneven, *Twenty-One Days* manages through candor and

detail to describe Krebs' attempts to cope as the AIDS virus bores into his brain. The book also is a primer on AIDS and its devastating effects.

The 54-year-old real estate property manager, who grew up in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, contracted the HIV virus that leads to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome five or 10 years before he was admitted to the hospice in October 1991.

During his early days at the hospice, Krebs' anger at his predicament is palpable. He cannot see, move his right arm, or feed or bathe himself. He wears a diaper day and night. He compares AIDS victims to lepers. Then things get a lot worse. But even as his few remaining capabilities are wiped out by wracking brain seizures - the mental image of a horse marks their onset - he accepts his fate.

As his other senses start to fail, Krebs spends more time immersed in his memories. Through them, the reader comes to know him as more than another AIDS statistic.

The author's clinician eye - he practices internal medicine - is evident as he describes his brother's multiplying medical problems and shockingly emaciated appearance: "So wasted! The face drawn, gaunt and shrunken, almost looks like the shrunken head of the headhunters in the Philippines or Africa ..."

As his brother's life ends, Krebs notes AIDS' cruel irony: "The next victim of this heinous plan, defined to devour its every host, will be infected by an act of love."

by Lee Davis

Chronic Heartburn

Yes, chronic heartburn can now be treated with minimally invasive surgery. Surgeons at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital are using these techniques on patients with severe gastroesophageal reflux disease, the most common stomach disorder in the U.S.

The major symptom of reflux disease is the reverse flow of acid and other fluid from the stomach into the esophagus. The problem is caused by a weakened valve-like muscle at the base of the esophagus that functions as a lid on the stomach. Pressure in the stomach causes the valve to open, allowing food and acid to escape. Medication and dietary changes that reduce stomach acid can often resolve the problem. But in other cases, surgery is required.

Because the valve cannot be strengthened, surgeons create a new "high-pressure zone" by wrapping part of the stomach around the lower esophagus. This tighter squeeze on the end of the esophagus keeps food out, said Dr. Patrick Reardon, Baylor Assistant Professor of Surgery.

With minimally invasive surgery, the procedure can be performed with miniature surgical tools through five tiny holes in the abdomen. Some of the holes are smaller than the width of a pencil, and the largest hole is less than half an inch in diameter, so patients are spared the scarring and pain associated with traditional surgery.

New Agent

An international study led by researchers at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has found a new agent that may be useful in treating patients with an aggressive brain tumor known as anaplastic astrocytoma. Each patient in the study was given temodal for five days, with the regimen of treatment being repeated every 28 days. More than 42 percent of the study participants treated with the drug experienced a reduction in tumor size. For information about cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson, call 1.800.392.1611, option 3.

AZT Structure Flaw

Reports of new research published in the August issues of *Nature Medicine* and *Nature Structural Biology* raise questions for people with HIV disease who are considering their treatment options.

The research suggests that AZT, an agent in the class of drugs called thymidine analogs, is less effective than it might be due to a fundamental flaw in its chemical structure. This flaw prevents AZT from being efficiently metabolized in the body. As a result, less AZT is converted to an active form that is able to attack HIV. Researchers suggest this structural flaw as the explanation for some of the resistance that develops with prolonged AZT use, as well as for some of the side effects associated with AZT.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a draft of "Guidelines for the use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents," which underscores the importance of including a thymidine analog in every combination antiretroviral regimen. AZT was the first thymidine analog to be made available to treat HIV disease. A

second-generation drug of this same class is d4T, which later was designed to more closely resemble the naturally occurring substance, thymidine. Because of this structural difference, d4T does not have the flaw described in this research. The result is that d4T is more actively metabolized, to a form that makes more drug available to efficiently attack the HIV virus. AZT and d4T, while not taken together, are paired with the non-thymidine analogs, ddI, ddC and 3TC, as cornerstones of combination therapies.

"It is important that physicians and patients understand and consider the similarities and differences between the available thymidine analogs when making treatment decisions," commented Calvin J. Cohen, M.D., research director, Community Research Initiative of New England. "Several small clinical trials have begun to provide important clinical information comparing AZT and d4T. Additional large-scale studies comparing these two agents in combination with other drugs will help clinicians make treatment decisions in the context of the HHS guidelines. These findings will be particularly important in light of the new research on AZT's structure and its clinical implications."

Lung Cancer

Researchers at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center have found an anti-tumor drug that may be useful in fighting lung cancer associated with smoking. In the clinical trial, topotecan produced a tumor response in 23 percent of the participants, all of whom had advanced squamous cell lung cancer. For information about cancer treatment, call 1.800.392.1611, option 3.

ERT

Estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) is being studied in more than 2,000 women who have survived cancer of the uterus.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine are among the more than 40 centers participating in the National Cancer Institute study of ERT in endometrial-cancer survivors. This is the first large national study evaluating whether ERT is safe in women who have had endometrial cancer or if estrogen will make them more likely to develop cancer again.

The most common gynecologic cancer and the fourth most common among women, endometrial cancer kills about 6,000 women each year. Nearly 35,000 new cases occur annually in the U.S.

"Because many of the tumors that arise from the uterus are estrogen-dependent, the concern has been that ERT could increase the risk of cancer recurring, although there is no data to support this view," said Dr. Alan Kaplan, principal investigator for the study at Baylor and a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Participants in the study must have undergone surgery within the last 12 weeks for uterine cancer in its early stage. They will be assigned randomly to receive pills containing estrogen or a placebo for three years.

Women in both groups will have checkups every six months for three years, and then annually for two more years. If endometrial cancer recurs or breast cancer or some other malignancy develops, the patient will leave the study and be referred for treatment.

Volunteers for the study should call 713.798.7924.

Cousins 817 Fairview at Converse
713-528-9204

Super Weekend Shows Schedules
Showtime 11 pm

Friday, August 15	Saturday, August 16	Sunday, August 17	Thursday, August 21
Miss Zack Brandi Houston Sivi Ross Kara Dion	Miss Zack Pauli Lee Love Dyan Michaels Victoria Nicole	Naomi Warwick Leah Halston Debbie Delicious Miss Zack	Michelle Naomi Warwick Victoria Nicole Tara Dion
Friday, August 22	Saturday, August 23	Sunday, August 24	Thursday, August 28
Miss Zack Nikki Collins Dyan Michaels Kara Dion	Miss Zack Pauli Lee Love Leah Halston Sivi Ross	Tara Dion Debbie Delicious Victoria Nicole Kara Dion	Naomi Warwick Leah Halston Miss Zack Kara Dion

The Lazy J
312 Tuam • Houston
713-528-9343

Happy Birthday Bill Gonzales

Saturday Super Show
Saturday, August 16 • 10:30pm
ERICA LANE, HOSTESS AND MC
TRICIA BLAKE, MISS PEACHES, FATHER AL, TAYLOR DANE
DJ BILL GONZALES

Saturday Super Show
Saturday, August 23 • 10:30pm
PATSI KLINE REVUE WITH MISS PATSI KLINE
DIANE JACKSON, MICHELLE AND SPECIAL GUEST
DJ BUZZ

8 FRIDAY NIGHT 8-BALL LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY CASH PRIZES

SPORTS CAPSULE

by Lee Davis

Vroom, Vroom?

A motorcycle club is being formed in Houston for Gays and Lesbians who own motorcycles and are interested in going on organized motorcycle rides with other family members.

Those interested in helping to organize the club or who wish to be on the club mailing list, call John Krimm at 713.528.4350.

MSL News

The Montrose Softball League recently held their Awards Banquet at Kim Son Restaurant. Congratulations to all award nominees and winners.

In the "A" Division, Ripcord won 1st with Lobo coming in a close 2nd place. Dean Theriot won Rookie of the Year, Bob Herr Most Improved Player and Bill Sansom Most Valuable Player. Marc Bell won Mr. Hustle.

In the "B" Division, Bistro Cuisine won 1st with Pacific Street 2nd. Bill Bland won Rookie of the Year, Roy Rodriguez Most Improved Player and Leo Serrata Most Valuable Player. Lloyd Haddad won Mr. Hustle.

In the "C" Division, Chances won 1st and Positively Bering 2nd place. Silva Banda won Rookie of the Year, Joe Falcon Most Improved Player and Cindy Swan Most Valuable Player. Dick Hurt won Mr. Hustle.

The Spirit Award went to Mela's Tejano Country. Stephen Haddock won Coach of



Jerry and Carol of M.S.L.

the Year. Vernon Nelson and Carol Clark won the 1997 Jerry Award.

In other news, MSL wishes good luck to the four teams participating in the Gay Softball World Series in San Diego this week. Games go under way August 12 and the tournament wraps up August 16. Teams representing Houston and the MSL include Basic Brothers, Bistro, Ripcord and Briar Patch. See you when you get back from sunny California.

Just a reminder to the general membership of the MSL that the Annual Fall Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, September 14. Time and location will be announced later so please check the Voice for updates. Please keep in mind that all by-

See SPORTS page 21

SPORTS/from page 20

law changes must be mailed to the league office or handed to any board member no later than midnight, August 19, in order for them to be discussed at the meeting. Election of officers will also take place during the fall meeting.

Icy Women!

The **Houston Harpies Women's Ice Hockey Team** is actively recruiting women of all levels interested in playing organized women's ice hockey. The Harpies practice every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8pm at the Sharpstown Ice Center, and drop-ins are welcome. For more info call 713.802.1248 or 713.864.1650.

Your Serve!

The **Houston Tennis Club** is constantly seeking new members, both male and female, of all playing levels. Meet at Memorial Park Tennis Center on Wednesdays from 7-9:30pm, Fridays from 7:30-9pm, and two sessions on Sunday mornings, from 9-10:30am and 10am to 12 Noon.

Birdie Anyone?

Get fit at **The Cossaboom Family YMCA** at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. The Adult Open Badminton League is offered every Monday & Wednesday evening from 9pm until midnight. Bring your racquet and join the fun. The fee is only \$7 per visit or free to YMCA members. For info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

Let's Skate!

The **Lambda Roller Skating Club** hosts their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, August 20 at Zenith (formerly Starlite) Skating Rink, 8075 Cook Road (corner of Cook and Beechnut). Skate time is 8-10pm with a nominal admission fee of \$5 plus \$1.50 if you need skates. You may bring your own skates or blades. Everyone and all ages are welcome! For more info call 281.933.5818 or visit their website at <http://www.neosoft.com/~lrsc>.

Bike Ride!

The **Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club** invites you to join them for a 15-mile ride through River Oaks. See where the shakers and movers live. Meet at the front of Heaven on Sunday, August 17 at 9am. For information regarding the ride, call John at 768.8793. All Chain Gang rides are free and open to all!

H.O.G. Activities

The **Houston Outdoor Group** invites all to a "Floral Paradise" Pool Social on Saturday, August 23 at 6pm. Go to 1903 Portsmouth #22 and you'll see why the name. A bathing suit and towel are suggested if you want to swim. Bring your favorite and most delicious dish and whatever you want to drink. Give Ed a call at 529.6661 to RSVP.

Love is Hard

The **Montrose Monday Night Men's League** reports in 1st We Go There Again, Love is Hard on the Knees in 2nd and Spice Boys in 3rd. Mike Figliola bowled High Scratch Game of 268 and Tom O'Dell Series of 702. David Pederson had High Handicapped Game. Fall League starts Sept. 15. For more info call 522.9612. Bowling is at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. at 9pm Monday.

Inner Loop Alternatives reports in 1st Don't Eat Him Again, in 2nd Four On The Floor and in 3rd, Let's Not and Say We Did. For the men Jody Duvivant bowled High Scratch Game of 259 Series of 658 while Jeff Armstrong had High Handicapped Series. For the women Judy Hatfield swept all categories with a High Scratch Game of 213, Series of 574 and also High Handicapped Game and Series. Call Tom at 522.9612 for further info. Bowling is at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. at 7pm Sundays.

The **Wednesday Night Mixers** reports in 1st White Trash Ready for Pick up, J.R.'s in 2nd and 3rd Big Balls & A Sissy. High Scratch Game of 237 and Series of 612 was

bowled by Tom O'Dell for the men. Rich Mayer had High Handicapped Game and Series. For the women Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game of 232 and Series of 585. Rhonda Egerton had Handicapped Series. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 6:30 on Wednesday. For more info call 522.9612.

The **Monday Night Women's League** reports Four Girls with Balls in 1st, M-Power in 2nd, Sappho Strikers in 3rd and The Bowled and the Beautiful in 4th. Bowling is at 6:30pm at AMF Southway. For more info call Pat at 281.437.6218.

The **I Luv Luci Thursday Trios** reports Having Fun in 1st, Sabrina, Kelly & Jill in 2nd, Gutter Girls in 3rd and Three's Company in 4th. Bowling is at Dynamic Lanes at 6:30 on Thursday. Call 522.9612 for info.

Golf Tourney

On September 14, Pinecrest Golf Club will host the Annise Parker for City Council Golf Tournament Fundraiser. At only \$100 per player, there is a two-person scramble with both men & women welcome. There will be lots of prizes and contests to win! For info call 713.688.3888.

Go Fish

The **Rainbow Fishing Club** will be going out on the 85-foot cataamaran, The new Buccaneer, on Sunday September 14. The club has 20 reservations and will increase reservations as needed. The total cost is \$60 with a \$20 deposit needed to reserve your fishing spot. The boat catches lots of Red Snapper as well as King Mackerel, Sharks, Amberjack and Groupers.

The New Buccaneer is the largest and finest deluxe deep sea fishing boat in Galveston. They supply all fishing tackle and bait. The 12-hour trips start at 7:30am. The boat features a large sundeck on top and they have food and drink available at reasonable costs. Their grill specializes in tasty breakfasts and snacks.

Non club members are always welcome. Call 713.523.6381 for more information or to get on the mailing list.

Volleyball Anew!

The Lone Star Volleyball Association Fall '97 season will begin on September 7th as an open play date. League play is open to all interested individuals. Individuals seeking to join a team and formed competitive teams are welcome.

Meet them at the Jerabek Center on the University of St. Thomas campus at 4:30pm. All are welcome and please note that their league consists of a variety of different (male/female) players from all walks of life. For info call 281.878.4629.

More Club Info

A Gay sky diving club called **Houston Triangle Divers** hosts outings for those brave of heart throughout the year. For info call 530.7822.

A Bicycling Club for Womyn, **Rainbow Riders** meet every Sunday morning for easy, long off-road rides. All womyn are welcome regardless of ability and experience. For info call Cookie Davenport at 869.1686 or email her at guusje@aol.com.

If you like running, then go with the **FrontRunners** who meet at 9am at the Memorial Park Tennis Center on Sundays. If Sundays are not good for you, meet them at 6:30pm on Tuesday or Thursday nights. For info call 713.522.8021.

Think dancing isn't a sport? Try to argue with these two organizations! The **Southern Country Dance Group** provides dance lessons at the Ranch, 8-10pm on Fridays. The Ranch is located at 9200 Buffalo Speedway.

The **Rainbow Ranglers** promote Texas Style couple dancing, including the beginning level. Classes are free and open to the public from 8:30-10pm on Thursdays at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. For more info call 713.880.0670.

The **Houston Force**, a local basketball team, is forming a league in Houston. If interested in joining, please call Mike or Lyle at 880.4765.

It doesn't matter
what section

Your Reservation is

in. Here, every booth is
smoking.

Reserve your booth space right now for
the biggest business event of the year.

Empower '97. The Gay Business Expo.

On October 11, the George R. Brown Convention Center will be filled with hundreds of hungry consumers (both gay and gay-friendly) and market-smart companies. If you want your business to heat up, reserve your space at Empower '97 by calling (713) 462-1354 today.

Join comedienne Judy Tenuta, Texas Commerce Bank, Merrill Lynch, and others who'll be sure to make Empower '97 the hottest business opportunity of the year.

Hurry, the deadline for booth reservations is August 31.



GREATER HOUSTON
GAY & LESBIAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Empower '97

Corporate Sponsors

Gay & Lesbian Yellow Pages • Premier Paging & Wireless • Computer Factory
Mortgage Associates of Texas • Mortgage Credit Reports, Inc.

Media Sponsors

MIX 96.5 • OutSmart Magazine • The Houston Voice
Judy Tenuta sponsored in part by Laff Stop.

Benefitting AIDS Foundation Houston

Remember
the Good Times...
Sundays at the Mine are Back

SUNDAYS

\$1.00

All Well Vodka
Cocktails

\$2.00

All Longnecks
(Domestic)

Men Hard at Play!
Hard Boys on
Display!

**MONTROSE
MINING COMPANY**

805 Pacific • Houston • 713-529-7488

THURSDAYS

\$2.25 Well Drinks • \$2.25 Domestic Longnecks
Hot Dancers All Night Long!

GLOBAL/from page 19

north. In the south, the economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City has about 2,300 cases, followed by the resort town of Nha Trang in Khanh Hoa province.

The virus has now reached 54 of Vietnam's 61 provinces. Among the registered cases, at least 882 patients have developed full-blown AIDS and 478 of those have died. In Vietnam, HIV and AIDS are transferred most widely through dirty needles used by drug addicts and unprotected sex.

German Houseboat Owner Linked to Versace Killer Surrenders

Leipzig, Germany (AP) - The former owner of the Miami Beach houseboat where suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan killed himself has surrendered to German authorities. Torsten Reineck, wanted in Germany on tax evasion and fraud charges, was arrested when he arrived in Frankfurt late Monday. He had been negotiating his surrender for about two weeks.

Leipzig prosecutor Norbert Roeger and Reineck's lawyer, Kurt-Ullrich Mayer, refused to say where Reineck had been, with Mayer saying today only that he came from the "American continent." Reineck had an apartment in Las Vegas and owned the Apollo Spa and Health Club, an establishment catering to gay men.

A manhunt for Cunanan, accused in the July 15 slaying of Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace and four earlier killings, ended at Reineck's former houseboat. Cunanan used it as a hide-out until a caretaker heard a gunshot July 23. When police arrived, they found Cunanan dead.

Reineck had been wanted by prosecutors in Europe since 1993 on fraud and tax evasion charges related to a bankrupt microbrewery. He was taken to Leipzig, in eastern Germany, after his arrest. Reineck sold the

boat in June to Frank Matthias Ruehl, who has since turned it over to an Italian documentary producer.

Clash at Rally to be Investigated

Vancouver, British Columbia (AP) - The city's new police chief has launched an internal investigation to determine whether officers properly handled a clash between anti-gay parents and pro-gay activists at a rally in June.

Chief Bruce Chambers announced the investigation at a meeting Friday organized by Bill Chu of Chinese Christians in Action, one of many parents' and religious groups that took part in the June 7 rally. The rally was organized by a group calling itself the Citizens' Research Institute to protest teaching about homosexuality.

Organizers also circulated a petition supporting the suburban Surrey school board's recent decision to ban three books dealing with same-sex couples.

Chu's organization formally complained about officers at the scene, claiming they did nothing as pro-gay protesters shouted, spat and threw sand at "the concerned parents who were there." He and the other rally participants were also pushed and shoved, Chu said.

Police at the rally believed each side was responsible for the verbal and physical altercations and there were no assaults that warranted arrests, said police spokeswoman Constable Anne Drennan. She said the downtown location of the rally made it an easy target for protest, given the large gay population of the area.

Chambers told Chu and others at the meeting that organizers of similar events should work with police to find safer locations. Chu later rejected the notion that the rally's organizers should have avoided the West End because of its gay population. "In a democratic society, we should not draw boundaries," he said.

Crusading Brazilian Sociologist Succumbs to AIDS

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (AP) - Herbert de Souza, who was nominated for the Nobel Prize for his national crusade against hunger, died August 16, 1997, family members said. He was 61.

Souza died of liver failure caused by AIDS, said Dr. Walber Vieira. A hemophiliac, Souza was contaminated by a tainted blood transfusion in 1986. His two brothers also died of AIDS contracted the same way.

Known universally as Betinho, Souza inspired Brazilians to contribute food to the poor. Newspapers included grocery bags in their Sunday editions, and the army and navy helped distribute donations. In 1994, he led an effort to raise and distribute 600 tons of food to the hungry during the Christmas season. That same year, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

After a sickly childhood, Betinho, inspired by the outreach efforts of the Roman Catholic Church, took an interest in sociology. Driven into exile by a 1964-1985 military dictatorship, he returned when amnesty was declared in 1979.

Betinho also helped to raise AIDS awareness in Brazil, and it was his work with AIDS groups that caused the one stain on his reputation. In 1990, the Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association that he headed was about to close for lack of funding. Betinho asked a lawyer friend for help, and the appeal reached the ears of racketeers.

They offered help, and Betinho accepted \$58,000. Bentinho later admitted he made a mistake. "I knew the money was from the rackets. I thought about it, pondered and accepted," he said afterward. "I'm not a saint." Many Brazilians would disagree. There was no immediate information on survivors or funeral services.



CONFESSION/from page 1

would probably fit in this case, but it really doesn't apply here because he's already facing the maximum penalty," Kimbrough said. Prosecutors would have to establish Hutson's motivation to get convictions on a hate crime charge, Kimbrough noted. "I think when you're raped, robbed or murdered, the motivation is really irrelevant," he said. "We only have to prove whether the crime was actually committed."

The leader of a state gay and lesbian group said that while she understands prosecutors are hindered by the language of the law, she believes they are obligated to establish the case as a hate crime. "Hate crimes must be reported and recorded," said Diane Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Texas Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby in Austin.

"If the prosecutors or police won't acknowledge that this is a hate crime, and it clearly is, then they are essentially sending the message that we condone violence against a person based on their sexual orientation in Vidor, Texas."

Conceding there are several loopholes in the state hate crime bill, Ms. Hardy-Garcia noted that the law clearly states the victim does not have to belong to the group the offender sought to harm.

"It's only important that it's the motivating factor," Ms. Hardy-Garcia said. "For example, if someone thinks you're Jewish and spray paints an anti-Semitic message on your house, and it turns out you're not Jewish, it's still a hate crime."

Hardy-Garcia told the *Houston Voice* she is not surprised that Hutson recanted his story. "Often times criminals will openly discuss their anti-gay bias because they believe police will be on their side," said Hardy-Garcia. "When it doesn't work, they somehow change their story's."

Hardy-Garcia said hate crimes have become LGRL's top priority. Last week two gay men were stabbed in Fort Worth after leaving a night club. "We have a moral obligation to make the state do something about hate crimes."

Thursday Night Follies!



Paivi Lee Love



Dyan Michaels



Roxanne Lee Love

also on Thursday Granny's Tacos!

**Sunday August 17th • 8pm
Fundraiser for Nikki Collins
to Miss Gay Universe
MC Lindsay Love
Raffle for CD Walkman**

Thursday, August 21
Special Guest
Naomi Warwick



2517 Ralph St. at Westheimer
(713) 527-9071

- Happy Hour 7am - 9pm Weekdays
- \$1.50 Well 4-7 Saturday
- \$1.50 Vodka 7am - 6pm
- Mug Club 7am - 10pm
- \$3.75 Pitchers & \$1.75 Mugs

FRI 8/15	MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11 pm with Paivi
SAT 8/16	TALENT NIGHT at 11 pm with Roxanne
SUN 8/17	\$1 Budweiser & Bud Light All Day and All Night
MON 8/18	MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11 pm with Paivi
TUE 8/19	Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Dyan Michaels
WED 8/20	Granny's Burgers!

CLASSIFIEDS

To advertise in the Houston Voice Classifieds call (713)529-8490 or (800)729-8490 if not in Houston. Our office hours are 9:00 am-5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Classified deadline is Monday at noon for the following Friday publication. All major credit cards and personal checks accepted.

Announcements

TRULY GIFTED PSYCHICS

Get real answers to your questions. Lovers reunited, problems dispersed. Not readings!! 1-900-329-4400 Ext. 147 \$3.95/min. 18+

IMMUNE SUPPORT

Nature's strongest immune builder. New Zealand **Shark Oil Capsules** and **Shark Squaline** for the skin. Exclusively S₂ Pathways. Voice Mail (713)642-5151.

Cleaning Services

Rainbow Maid Service

Home organizing and cleaning. Michael (713)721-5563 / (281)510-1899.

Housekeeping/cleaning services.

Dependable, Honest, perfect service. Commercial and residential. Catering and bartending staff also available. Reasonable and the best. BEYOND SERVICE. Ask for Kale 713-697-1587. pager - 913-2984.

Counseling/ Psychotherapy

Shirley Milstead LMSW-ACP psychotherapy Individual, Couples, Family. 3400 Bissonnet, Suite 165, Houston, TX 77005. 713-521-4650. FAX: 713-521-0321.

Deborah L. McLeod, M.A., L.P.C. Individual, Group, Family and Relationship Psychotherapy. (713)621-8855.

Linda J. Harris, M.Ed., L.P.C Individual, Group, Family and Relationship Psychotherapy. (713)529-7440.

Entertainment

D.J. For All Parties Home, Beach or Park. Latest Pro-Studio System. Call for Reasonable Rates. **Let us Rock Your Party!** 713-413-3652. Pager 281-810-0406. **Paradise Entertainment**

STUDIO DJ VASC

Work-out Mix Medly. Rivetting Mixes Featuring Hot Artists. 122-128 BPM's. First 200 Callers Receive Cassette **ABSOLUTELY FREE.** Your source for Current Audio Programs/DJ Bookings. 281-450-7043.

For Rent

Commercial / Retail Space 1500 SqFt. Ideal for warehouse/workshop or furniture/antique business. Great Location. 13-695-4933.

FM 1960 Area - 2 weeks free rent. 2BR/1Bath, new carpet - paint - tile, pool, private balcony/patio, only 4 units/bldg, on-site security and maintenance. \$475/mo or lease/purchase. No qual. Near the Hill. 281-876-4969.

Auto Repairs

Taft Street Auto Repair & Service

526-3723

Electrical Repair
Complete Brakes
Tune-Up
Major or Minor Repair

Carburetor and Fuel Injection

1411 Taft Houston, Texas 77019

TAFT STREET

Auto Repair & Service

526-3723

1411 Taft Houston, Texas 77019

AIDS Emergency Housing - Montrose Bed Space available at TLC House for HIV infected males. Weekly rental, no deposit, bills paid, free laundry/phone. No drugs/alcohol - Social Service vouchers welcome! AIDS Housing Coalition Houston. (713)521-1613.

Montrose - 1/1 new paint, clean carpet, small complex w/courtyard, covered parking, \$325, 1 year lease + equal deposit. Ray Allison Realtors. 713-524-SOLD.

Very nice 2+2 condo on S.W. Golfcourse. Quiet neighborhood. Lots of features. \$515. (713)774-4365.

Apartment Locating All areas. List by fax, phone, and mail. **Copenhaver Properties.** (713)880-1866.

For Lease At Westbury Gardens 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom bungalow \$600.00 * 2 bedroom, 1 bath flat; totally refurbished including new appliances \$550.00. * 1 bedroom flat \$400.00 Call 729-9316 for appointment. (agent)

For Sale

1991 FORD PROBE, auto, A/C \$5995.
1995 RANGER XLT, X-cab \$9995.
1992 ISUZU TRUCE, \$5995.
1994 SATURN, 2dr. Coupe \$8995.
1990 OLDS 98, Loaded, only 46,000 mi. \$8995.

ASK FOR KALE: 713-524-3801 OR 281-685-2374.

Condos for sale: Efficiency with good tenant - only for investor; \$9,000.00; 1 bedroom flats from \$12,000; also excellent for investor with good ROI; 2 bedroom 2 bath flat, about 1200 square feet, large fenced deck. \$26,000; 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouses, beautifully refurbished, from \$26,000; 3 bedroom 2.5 bath townhouse, about 1800 square feet, fireplace in den and master bedroom, large closets and other storage space, \$32,000. Call (713)729-9316. Agent.

Growth Coaching

Personal Growth & Career Coach

Life Really is Simple
*Career Choices
*Self Determination
*Adversity
*Meditation
*Self Esteem
Contact Drew Fredric at 713-949-0062
CHANGE BEGINS WITH YOU!

Health Services

1 - 8 0 0 - H I V T E S T
Take an anonymous Home Access HIV Test. Get results in 3 business days. Just as accurate as your doctor. Test with a partner - and get the second kit for half price. Call 1 - 800 - H I V T E S T. Mention Code HA-1.

Pet Services

Claudia's Self Suds & Grooming Inc.

9527-A Westheimer (Tanglewilde Center)
Houston, TX 77063
(281) 290-5396

Houston's 1st Do-It-Yourself Dog Wash

Boarding • Grooming • Retail

Open 7 Days a Week
Mon-Sat 8am - 7pm
Sun 10am-4pm

CLAUDIA KAUFMAN-OWNER

Help Wanted

Attractive Males - Video Conferencing 18+, Earn \$17/Hour CASH, Paid Daily. Entertain Men Live. Internet Modeling. Flex Hrs. Day/Night/Weekends. 24/7. Full Nudity Req'd. Mike at 713-526-3425, or e-mail at: mike_st@adultweb.com

Now Hiring Hunks

Hot gay and straight males wanted for Entertainment Company. Nude Modeling & more. Experience preferred but not necessary. Please call Amanda at 281-895-7722.

Small Agency seeks graphic designer with at least 1 year experience in agency setting. PC & Corel based operation. Fax Resume to: 713-981-1418.

Venture-N is now accepting applications at 2923 Main. Best time = Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons.

Established Business - In Business for 30 years. Barber/Cosmetologist - Looking for a better place? More money? Barber/Cosmetologist needed in Montrose Area Salon. 713-522-2263 - Frank.

The CLUB HOUSTON now accepting applications for all positions. **Apply in person.** Mon.-Thurs., 10am - 2pm 2205 Fannin

Management Opportunities

Houston's most popular family of clubs is now accepting applications for management and management trainees. Offering Houston's best benefits package, including group health insurance, the clubs at 800 Pacific - **Heaven, JR's Bar and Grill** and the **Montrose Mining Company** - are looking for self starters who believe teamwork is essential to success. If you live in another city, we are open to assist with your relocation expenses if you are found suitable. Fax Resumes to **Charles Armstrong Investments, Inc.** at (713) 521-3926 or contact our promotions Director at (713)521-0193.

Rich's is now taking applications. If you are a fun, energetic, creative individual, apply in person at Rich's - 2401 San Jacinto. (Just south of downtown). Fridays, 2-4pm.

HOUSTON'S #1 LEVI-LEATHER CRUISE BAR - THE MONTROSE MINING COMPANY - is accepting applications for honest, hard-working team players to work as bartenders, barbacks and doorstaff. Apply Mondays 12-2 p.m. with a recent photo. No phone calls. **MONTROSE MINING COMPANY, 805 Pacific, Houston.**

Seeking energetic, honest, dependable, and hard working individuals who want the opportunity to grow with a service oriented company. Positions available include floor/desk staff and male dancers. Apply in person only. No phone calls. **MIDTOWNE SPA, 3100 Fannin.**

Photography

Steve David

photographic art

713.787.0625

email.photo@stevendavid.com

Muscle Mechanics Personal Training Studio is currently seeking energetic, motivating & friendly applicants to fill personal training positions. You must be customer oriented, professional, and certified (ACE, AFAA, ACSM, or graduate/student in health or sports related field.) For a career in the fitness industry, we're the place to be. Call (713)523-5330 for more information.

The **BRB** is accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person with recent photo. No Phone calls please. 2400 Brazos.

Insurance

DALE ENGLEFIELD AGENT

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies

- Workers Comp
- Homeowners
- Automobiles
- Restaurant
- Computers
- Mortgage
- Business
- Disability
- Renters
- Flood
- Life

Charter Member Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
In Houston: (713) 439-1700
Statewide: 1-888-439-1700

Licensed Massage

STRESSED? Body Smiles has the answer! Ask about our great special rates and discounts. Call Darin. 713-779-9950.

SERIOUS MESSAGE Package Specials 713-529-8808. 713-603-5568 (pgr). **Louis-MT #010270** Charge Cards Accepted

Is Life Stressing You Out? Treat Yourself To A Massage. Call Jody for an appointment. (MT# - 6102) at 713-952-0935 or 713-720-2227(pgr).

Are you over worked?

Stressed Out Then Call PEGASUS BODYWORKS
Experience and Understand
Total Relaxation
FULL BODY SWEDISH MASSAGE

HOT OILS, SOFT MUSIC, PRIVATE, PROFESSIONAL, & DISCREET
HOTELS/IN-OUT CALLS
AVAIL. 24 HOURS/DAY

713-525-0542
(VOICE PAGER #)
FRANK G. - RMT #76986

Tires

The Tire Man

LARGE INVENTORY OF USED TIRES

Full Auto Repair & Service on Foreign and Domestic Cars

2314 Washington • 880-4747

Men's Resources

XS, S, M, L, XL?
 Whatever your size, we'll increase it!!
 Penis Augmentation/Lengthening/
 Widening
 Board Certified Surgeon
 Call Now 1-800-853-4819
 Please also inquire about any other
 cosmetic procedures.
 Financing available and
 MC/VISA/AMEX/ DISCOVER.

PENIS-NIPPLE ENLARGEMENT

Professional vacuum pumps with instructions. Gain 1" to 3". Permanent, safe. Enhance erection. Free brochures. Dr. Joel Kaplan (312)409-5557. Latest surgical/non-surgical enlargement information: 1-900-976-PUMP (\$2.95/min).

Moving Service

When Quality Counts
Chuck French's Moving Service
 20 Years Master Craftsman
713-942-8600.

Pets

Rotweiler Rescue Has rottis for adoption. Foster parents also urgently needed. You can make a difference! Call Mary-713-645-2773.

Personals

GWM - ISO trim, GM, 30-45, to exchange shaving and massage weekly. Not looking to date. Just want to make personal grooming a gentle, nurturing, pleasurable treat. Your personal hygiene is a very important prerequisite. Dean, 2620-B S. Shepherd Drive, Houston TX, 77098-1534.

Lonely? Call Tonight!
1-900-336-8162
 EXT. 5609
 \$2.99 per min.
 Must be 18 yrs.
 Serv-U (619)645-8434

New in Houston: GWM - seeks same for attending symphony, opera, ballet and plays. Also looking for walking buddy. Also roommate for Mardi Gras. Call Tom at 713-869-0635.

Single White GM looking for play buddies. Blue & Red hankie, versatile, enjoys fantasies, long sessions. Masculine, party favors O.K. 50's, 5'11", 160#. Paul. 713-721-0091, leave message.

Curious? Meet someone new. Record and listen to ads FREE. Use code 7070. Must be 18+ years. (713)526-9393.

Houston's Newest Hottest Gay Dateline. Meet local men and women NOW. 1-900-285-0074 ext. 8850. Must be 18+ \$2.99 per minute.

ORDER IN TONIGHT!

Listen, record & respond to ads from hot LOCAL men Free on the Confidential Connection! Use FREE code 7126. (713)850-7900.

NOTORIOUSLY FUN!

Browse, Match and Chat Houston's best boys on Club VoiceMale! Try it FREE! FREE code: 7128. (713) 850-7900.

Professional Services

Photography by Steven David
 Portraits and Special Events
 (713)787-0625.

Real Estate

PROVINCETOWN GUEST HOUSE for sale. Handsome, established Victorian guest house in major gay & lesbian resort town. Quiet location steps from the Harbor, galleries, shops and nightlife. Parking, licensed for 11rms, 2 apts, good "numbers". Harborside exclusive @ \$575,000. 1-508-487-4005/1-800-838-4005.

5.5 + acres 33 miles from Austin. Panoramic view. Private Lakefront. \$4,500 per acre. Owner carry possible. 512-273-2278.

Roommates

Professional 40yo seeking mature, responsible roommate to share 4/2/2 home w/outside hot tub in Spring Area. Non-Smoker. References Req'd. Deposit Negotiable. \$350/mo + bills. Phone Boyd @ 281-297-1160 or 281-355-9542.

Heights Area- Gay male to share house w/pool. Private Bedroom & Bath. \$400/mo + 1/2 bills. Cable. Available 9/1. 713-864-1539.

Mature Male to share House. Heights Area \$300/mo includes utilities, w/d 713-862-3989.

Bedroom to rent in Timber Grove House. 3/2/2, Non-Smoker, \$425/mo + 1/2 utilities. 713-868-2750.

GHM needs responsible roommate to share beautiful 2br/2bth in Montrose. Nice 4plex, gated, walkup camera, new appliances, w/d, hardwoods, crown molding, furnished except bedroom/bath, basic cable. Across from the new Fitness Exchange. All bills @\$585 monthly. References & \$250 deposit required for September 1 move-in. Anthony (713)524-4055.

Pet Lover needed to share my spacious home near Bellair & Gessner. Furnished private room non-smoker only. Male or Female. \$500.00/month. All Bills Paid. Leave Message For Max @ 713-664-8878.

Wanted to Buy

Fast Cash. Highest Prices Paid. We buy antiques, estates, furniture, collectibles, jewelry etc. We come to you. 281-391-7515 or 713-994-5986(pgr).

Models/Escorts

If You Have to Ask...

For all your fantasies - Male or Female. There is nothing we won't do for you. Outcall Service.
 24 Hours
 281-895-7722.

Blake - Handsome, Masculine, Young All-male Services For the Affluent Man. Call 713-810-1987. 24 hrs. Code 19.

Cody - All Male Services for the Affluent Man. PGR# (713) 938-8628.

Mark - 24 hrs. (713) 697-2178.

Houston Voice Policy. Prostitution is illegal in Texas. State law prohibits the placement in this category of any such ads which might suggest solicitation. The Houston Voice will not knowingly accept any ads of this type.

**Buy it,
 Sell it,
 Find it,
 or Rent it
 in the
 Houston
 Voice
 Classifieds**

THERAPY/from page 1

urged the APA to condemn the practice in a letter.

"Attempts to change an individual's sexual orientation through conversion therapies are morally and ethically wrong," said Lobel. "Such practices are a therapeutic perpetuation of the homophobia that exists in society today. Equally repugnant are the coercive tactics employed by some psychologists who attempt to lure clients into treatment in the name of pseudo-science."

Although Lobel commended the APA's reiteration of its 1973 policy change and its efforts to ensure a fair and open therapeutic environment, she argues that "anything short of full condemnation for this repugnant practice leaves the door open for repar-

ative therapy's further escalation." The APA declassified homosexuality as a mental illness in 1973.

The resolution calls on psychologist to "respect the rights of individuals, including sexual minority clients, to privacy, confidentiality, self-determination and autonomy." And, it directs psychologists to obtain appropriate informed consent to therapy when working with sexual minority clients, including minors.

The resolution lays out principles that the APA hopes will stem the practice. Officials said the resolution was specifically designed to make sure that individuals considering such therapy do so on their own volition, rather than as a result of coercion from outside influences such as family, employers, or church members.

The Artist Rocks the Post Party

by Lujack Tyler

Following his spectacular sellout performance at the Summit last Sunday, 'The Artist' formerly known as Prince, thrilled elated fans with a special afterparty at the Roxy, a local night club in the Galleria area. Approximately 2,000 people jammed hard as the Artist rocked the Roxy to its very foundation with a rhythm and blues concert showcasing songs that may appear on his next album.

With the Artist were famed bebopper, Doug E. Fresh and latest New Power Generation addition, Miss Marva King, both who charmed the audience with old school medley's that reminded many of us with the wonderful days of high school.

The Artist, dressed in a lime green tight fit jumpsuit with Versace gold and glass walking cane in hand, dazzled the audience with his custom styled electric guitar. The Artist also captivated the audience with his mastery of conduct-

ing his band, the NPG. While Doug E. Fresh pumped up the crowd accompanying the Artist during his rendition of Kirk Franklin's *Stomp*.

As The Artist prepared to leave the stage the audience began cheering, "NPG". Mr. Royal Badness himself walked back to the microphone and posed the question to the wild audience, "If we do one more number will ya'll shut the [expletive] up?" The crowd enthusiastically cheered back, "YES". Then the Artist suprised the audience with his 1986 hit "KISS", which is from his major motion picture, *Under the Cherry Moon*.

In attendance at the afterparty where local celebrities HGLPC President Lane Lewis, *OutSmart* editor Kyle Young, and Club Paula. After the concert The Artist dropped autographs from the roof of the Roxy. The Artist also danced with many in attendance on the dance floor until 4 a.m. The Artist's next stop is Miami Beach on Friday and Tampa Bay on Saturday.

Heard the Latest?
 You must have read it in the



HOUSTON

VOICE

One Community! One Voice!

**FOCUS
 LOYALTY
 VALUE!**

Advertise Your Business!

It's more than just a presence—
 It's an Image!

713.529.8490

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call Lee at 529-8490 or fax at 529-9531 by Monday Noon.

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Support Group meets. 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Rich's 10pm-2am.
- Houston Area Bears @ Stages Theatre Benefit for Bering; 2pm.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Ice Skate. 284-4939.

- Exploring the SM Lifestyle, Ripcord, 715 Fairview 10pm.

Sunday, August 17

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- Houston Area Bears bartend at Venture-N 6pm.
- AWARE meets at The Hobbit Hole, 1715 S. Shepherd. 528-3418.
- AALGA meets. 864-2242.
- Galveston PFLAG meet 2pm. Health Merchant, 27 @ Broadway, Galveston. 409-744-7558.

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

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

- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at Randall's, 2224 FM 1960W.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Women for Sobriety Meeting; 7-8pm; 701 Richmond; 281-855-8616.

Wednesday, August 20

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

- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Area Bears Dine Out @ Yidizlar, 3419 Kirby.
- Houston Chapter of Gay, Lesbian & Straight Teachers meet @ 7:30pm; 5200 Fannin. 529-4571 or e-mail GLSTNHOU@AOL.COM.

Thursday, August 21

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Ripley House.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- NOW meets 6:30-9pm. 665-8NOW.

GALAXY GAYZER

A Houston Voice Exclusive Your Horoscope for the week of August 17 - August 23

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: This is a great period for new beginnings. Social opportunities are abundant and friends can help you with your wishes. Stay focused on speaking and thinking about positive outcomes, and everything will turn out fine.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Be flexible this week and if special plans need to be postponed, don't allow this to affect romantic interludes in the evening. There may be news from someone far away that may end up increasing your income. Your social calendar will be lively for some time.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) There may be an obstacle within your personal life which is causing havoc between you and a lover. Although you may tend to take the path of least resistance, it's time to face the problem up front and take care of it once and for all. Your self-confidence will get you everywhere.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) There may be conflict between the job and your home life, since both are demanding plenty from you. It will be a touchy situation which may require plenty of gentleness and diplomacy. Definitely take advantage of togetherness with a mate, you'll accomplish alot.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) This week will be a mixture of ups and downs, and another person seems to be controlling this emotional swing. Don't allow yourself to get overemotional. Your social agenda is quite busy, so make the effort to not overbook yourself. Love is in the air.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Taking a firm stand this week is not suggested. Instead, use your charm and diplomacy, and possibly a somewhat devious approach. Those around you may be a bit irritating and over emotional, so put on that happy face. If married, prospects look good for adding to financial resources.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) You or your partner's intuition may be a great advantage this week. Concentrate on important questions and decisions about finances. Joint money matters may need some attention and updating. Blended knowledge

may be better than solo thinking.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) It may seem like a rather bland week, but use the downtime to make new contacts that have the potential for producing longterm lucrative results. Focus on partnership, whether in the business area or marriage, each must contribute to the success of the whole.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Both solitude and creative work may be rewarding this week. Few challenges will be found in social gatherings or encounters. Even though situations may arise that may tempt you to jump right in, it will definitely be better for you to sit them out completely.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) An old, unresolved family problem may pop up this week and cast a rather depressing shadow over just about everything - facing the facts may help to ease the tensions. Try to keep a love relationship and platonic relationship separate, it's for the best.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) This is not the time for a financial gamble or risk of any kind. Although you may be taking a chance on romance. You may be feeling somewhat depleted, energy wise, but a dear friend will put a smile back on your face. Keep behind the scenes at work.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) You are in control and everyone surrounding you know it. Take advantage of your currently winning ways and apply the intensity you feel to advancing your career goals and monetary position. Any financial tangles must be dealt with immediately.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) The moral support that you've been seeking about an important decision is on it's way, and possibly from a very surprising source. It may be a wise idea to wait a few weeks to follow through on your decision though. Your affections for another are high.

Wild Oscar's Happy Puzzle

"By persistently remaining single a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation."—19th century Irish wit Oscar Wilde

ACROSS

- 1 gay ... lesbian
- 4 slender wood-wind instruments
- 9 Glen, only openly gay lawmaker in the Texas House
- 14 retraces one's steps
- 17 augured
- 19 Great Lake
- 20 belonging to Y
- 21 long poem
- 23 noun suffix for realm
- 24 Prez Clinton's state, abbr.
- 25 Gem State, abbr.
- 27 hurried

DOWN

- 28 MAO in a mirror
- 29 strict disciplinarian
- 31 breath mint brand (singular)
- 32 commercial in this publication
- 34 Atlanta's annual August gay river expo
- 36 former Spanish enclave in N.W. Africa ceded to Morocco
- 38 add
- 40 conjunction meaning not the next one either
- 41 female saint abbr.
- 42 cancel with loss

DOWN

- 1 at right angles to the keel
- 2 one who tells a story
- 3 Roman numeral 601
- 4 sports tie-breaking time period, abbr.
- 5 ex-orange juice queen Anita who led anti-gay crusade in late 70s
- 6 Organization of American States
- 7 South American country with Quito as capital, abbr.
- 8 beehive of straw
- 10 network

of Ellen

- 11 OX upside down
- 12 collection of Old Norse poems
- 13 enlisted clerical Navy person
- 15 Haring, late gay graffiti artist
- 16 relating

to a ghost

- 18 American WWII general MacArthur, initials ("Americans never quit.")
- 22 notion
- 26 device that changes AC to DC
- 27 college picked

by Chelsea Clinton

- 28 TITO in a mirror
- 30 Spanish for 'the'
- 33 group of gay & lesbian Catholics
- 35 what letter of the word .. do you not understand

37 soft felt hat

- 38 contraction of 'it were'
- 39 suspension of traffic
- 41 suffix for making a word jocular or ironic (art to art..., folk to folk...)
- 43 Oooo Baby, your rear end
- 44 19th century American abolitionist Douglass, initials ("A gentleman will not insult me, and no man not a gentleman can insult me.")
- 46 adverb suffix, 'in a specified way'
- 48 nickname for Nixon's onetime boss
- 51 not Levis but popular jean that makes our butts look pretty
- 52 necklace

of flowers

- 54 2nd & 3rd vowels of the alphabet
- 55 20th century American novelist Lewis, initials ("There are two insults no human being will endure: that he has no sense of humor, and that he has never known trouble.")
- 5790+-year-old actor Hope, initials ("If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.")

Solution elsewhere this issue
c.1997 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE GAY14

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14		15						16	17				18
19			20			21		22			23		
24		25	26			27				28			
29					30			31				32	33
			34				35			36	37		
38	39					40				41			
42			43			44		45	46		47	48	
		49				50	51			52			
53			54	55		56				57			
													58

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 11 to 11:30pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.50 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 Gold Ritas all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the

- Billboard; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; MISFITS guest bartenders on the Top 9pm till ???; 2pm IBL Awards Banquet; 10pm "Around the World in 80 Minutes".

Sunday, August 17

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fixins.
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays piano after the show; Open Pool Table; Show @ 8pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close; 10pm Comic Howard Alexander.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm; PWA Holiday Charities on the patio 2-?? w/ \$50 draft; Miss Vacant Lot @ 6pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks", doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Cookout on the "Far Side" & Houston Area Bears bartend 6pm till??; Grin 'n Bear It. Show @ 9pm.

Monday, August 18

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

- close; Free Pool Table; Hair Hopper's Hazy Hangover Day til 8pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long; doors open at 9pm. No Cover with a We'll Pleasure You Pass!
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

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

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

Thursday, August 21

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

Important Stuff

Rock n'Roll Bowling & Fifties Fun rolls down the lane on Aug. 22. This fundraiser for the PWA Coalition will be at the Palace Lane. For more info, call 713-522-5428.

One of my favorite shutterbugs will displaying his photo art at Lobo and Leather by Boots. Frank Parsley will be "hanging" at Lobo on Aug. 23 and Leather by Boots on Aug. 24. Stop in and check it out.

Ken Claude and his band of hunks will scrub-a-dub-dub your car, truck, bicycle, or any other mode of transportation on Aug. 23 10am to 4pm at the Ripcord. This will benefit Steven's House.

The Gulf Coast Boot Black contest will be at the Venture-N on Aug. 22.

Aug. 22 is the date for the "Double Nickel" benefit show at Chances. It is an all female (real) show! See you there!

Who will it be? The Miss Vacant Lot Contest is this Sunday at Mary's, naturally!



What a Hat!

Milestones

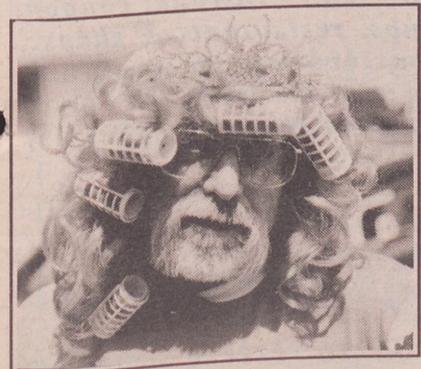
Happy big 40 to Brian Munson!
Happy belated birthdays to Dante (PS) and DJ Chris Ballard.
Happy birthdays to Don (Mr. Wonderful) Gill, Cookie, Vicci (Ranch), Ken Long, Cindy (Texas Riders), and Crush.

Stupid Stuff

Hey, don't be stupid in public! I'll probably hear about it! Don't be a stupid driver! Remember that school is in session again! HPD loves to hide around school zones just to write you a little ol' ticket! Check for the signs, check your watch!

Special Mention

Heavenly hugs to the creator of this column and a very dear friend Tad Nelson! I wonder, since your are in Heaven what color



Oh, Dog Lips, you never looked better!



Party Pals.

your mustache is now.
Very many get well hugs and prayers to Dot Thompson.

Potty Award!

I would like to personally congratulate Wayne Gray of the BriarPatch for his fabulous Ladies Room. It is clean, lit just right and the it even has a cloth towel, just in case you don't like paper towels! You go, Wayne!

Rodent Droppings

A new ferret torture! Tie a balloon to a string and suspend it from the ceiling right at ferret jumping height! The run, they jump, the balloon goes flying! It takes many tries to pop the balloon. It is way to fun to watch!

My usual disclaimer is in force. Lies, gossip, and trash! No news, well maybe a little, but certainly no truth graces this page!

Joe (hangs at PS): How many more times can you be late?

CoCo: Are you still waiting for the fountain of eternal youth? And yes, you do look like JoAnne "Whore"ly!

Ronnie (Venture-N): I hear when you get really angry, your voice drops an octave or two!



Co Co

James : I have a message from Kip (Gentry): Good luck, honey!

Jimmy (hangs at PS): I hear you went to Super Salads a few weeks ago!

Ed E. (Miss Camp America): And I quote: "Does anybody have a box that is three short?"

Carl: I got your e-mail. I love a good laugh, too!

Mary (Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages): Really, your screw is to big for your hole?

Alan (Basic Brothers): I hear you had a date with the sexiest Grandpa in Mexico! It is love? Did he bring his own toothbrush?

Lana Blake: I hear you number at Miss Texas was filthy! Oh, my god, Belgium Waffles!

Steven (hangs at the Venture-N): The flowers at the VN are always lovely.

Don (hangs at Mary's): And I quote: "I'd like to marry your t-shirt!"

Patty Duke: I hear you are looking for a

new home! And how is that sunburn?

Bob Ryan: When did you become a proctologist?

Jerry Jones (Mary's): Do you really have a twin that likes the same salad dressing you



Who says a girl can't find a stylish frock in Huntsville?

do?

Chris Ballard (DJ): Must you make women scream everytime you turn around?

Herman (Club Houston): Sorry to hear about your "highway" problem. But, think of it, now you will have a new cherry! Watch out for the speed bumps!

Twister (BRB): Can I smell your flowers?

Mavis (hangs everywhere): Do you really have root rot from deep kissing someone at the BRB last week?

Tim (Mumsy): I can't believe that a United Cab driver refused to take you home because your were "full as a tick." I've never been that way myself, yeah, right! But atleast I can always find the door.

Bear (hangs everywhere): I have never met a 2 pack smoker like you before! One regular, one menthol! Strange, you are very strange. And are you really the new "sound man" for the BriarPatch's drag shows?

Calvin (dancer at Gentry): I've never met a "weenie waiver" that did not want to have his picture taken!

Steve (BRB): Do you really bark when someone throws you a bone?



Boy George...err Jay.

A message from CoCo: To those who wanted my real name printed, your time is coming and you will pay dearly! Ha Ha!

Eric (Gentry): No underwear and every night at 1:30 am you take your pants off for all to see!

Lloyd (you know who you are): A little birdie told me to tell you that the next time

you roll around with a trick, keep one hand on your head!

Joseph Molina: You are still waiting to "who" to call?

Patrick (new at PS): Good luck. Working there you are gonna need it!

Mario (BRB): Why is your back sore? Vera again?

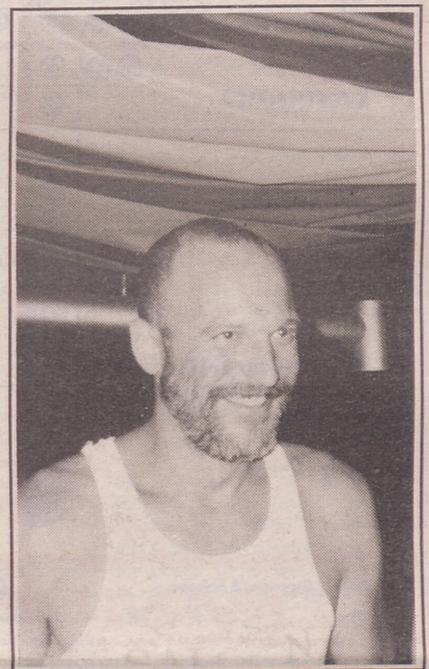
Craig (BricksII): And I quote: "If she sits on it, she is a top!"

Lane (Gentry): And I quote: "If I ever win the lottery, I'll have a double-wide with a porch all around and a full skirt!"

Larry (BRB & Bricks II): "I want to be nosy. What is in the uniform I saw you with Wednesday?" Love, Vera

Auntie Richard (BriarPatch): Love the new haircut!

Cody (BRB): Which man is bringing you flowers this week? And I hear you choose your men by what type of computer system they have!



Manly Man at the Ripcord.

Wayne G. (BriarPatch): No, honey it was iced Cuervo in my glass. Not iced tea!

Miss Alabama (BRB): Why won't you let Vera borrow your Preparation H? Trying to hog it all for yourself?

Ida Clare: So you can't stay off Harwin? Or is it the House of Glade pit stop?

Tom Z. : Don't you know to keep your hands off the pussy! Did it hurt?

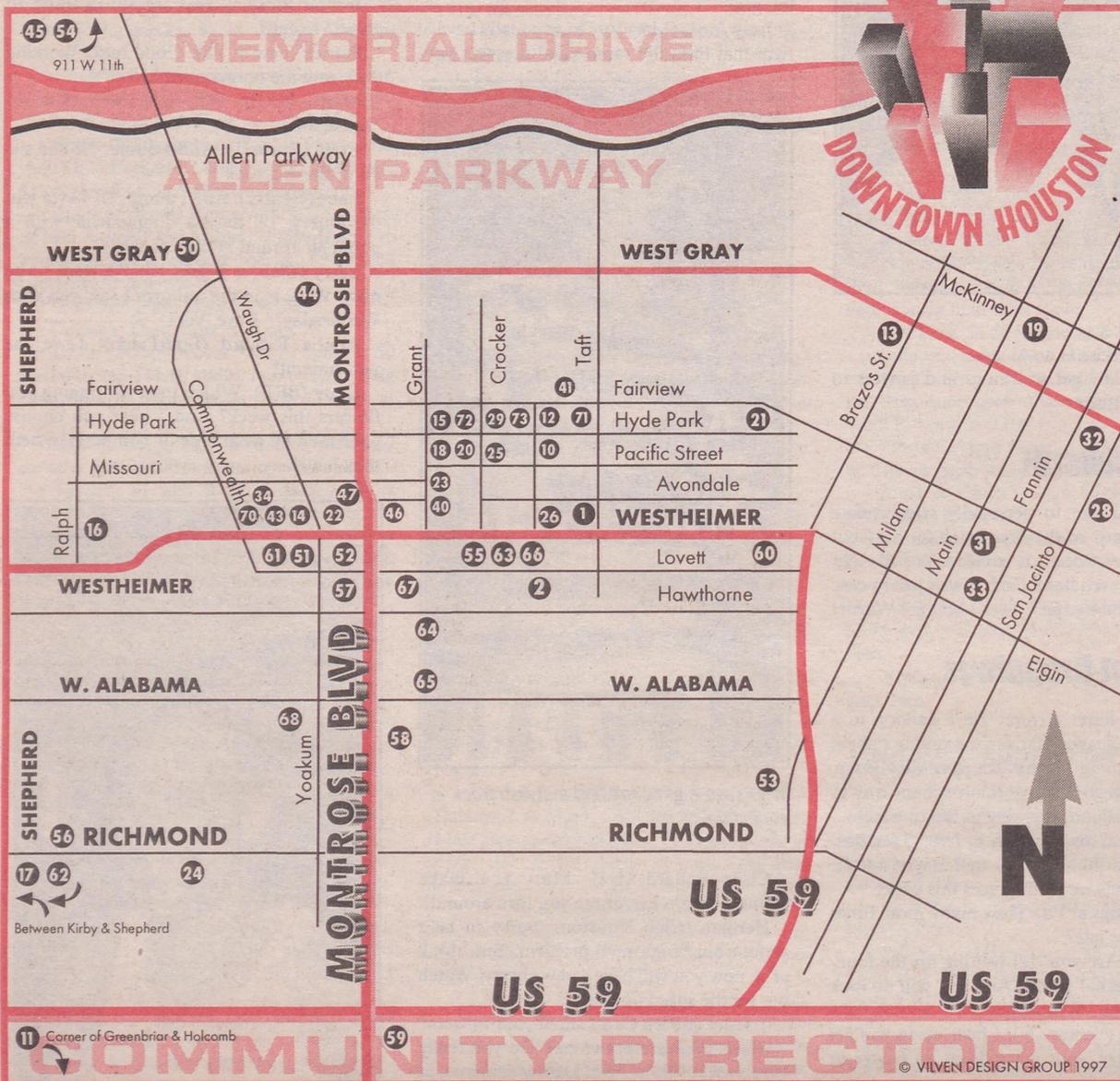
Ricky (hangs at the BRB): Are you really a construction engineer? And can you use a hammer?

Lane (PS): How many Prince concerts can you cram in a weekend?

Well, kids that's all for now.

Have a great week!
Cuenvolyn

www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com



ACCOMMODATIONS

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

BARS & CLUBS

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

RESTAURANTS

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

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

- | | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 50 | Cineplex-Odeon | 1450 W Gray | 713/524-8781 |
| 51 | Crossroads Market | 1111 Westheimer | 713/942-0147 |
| 52 | Eckerd Drugs | 1007 Westheimer | 713/524-9229 |
| 53 | Fitness Exchange | 4040 Milam | 713/524-9932 |
| 54 | Heights Above Florist | 911 W 11th | 713/862-2683 |
| 55 | Houston Voice | 811 Westheimer | 713/529-8490 |
| 56 | Inklings Bookstore | 1846 Richmond | 713/521-3369 |
| 57 | Kroger Grocery | 3300 Montrose | 713/526-7865 |
| 58 | Lobo Books & Video | 3939-S Montrose | 713/522-5156 |
| 59 | Main St. Theatre | 4617 Montrose | 713/524-6706 |
| 60 | Montrose Clinic | 215 Westheimer | 713/520-2000 |
| 61 | Four Star Hair Productions | 1201 Westheimer | 713/524-7785 |
| 62 | CreADive Unlimited | 2219 Richmond | 713/526-5190 |
| 63 | Preferred Graphics | 811 Westheimer | 713/528-7654 |
| 64 | Vilven Design Group | 807 Hawthorne | 713/526-3212 |
| 65 | House of Coleman | 901 W Alabama | 713/523-2521 |
| 66 | Synchronized Chiropractic | 811 Westheimer | 713/521-7741 |
| 67 | Walgreens | 3317 Montrose | 713/520-8000 |
| 68 | KAD Computer, Inc. | 1437 W. Alabama | 713/522-7813 |

CLOTHING SHOPS

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

On Your Next Visit to Houston...

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

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

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

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

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

Motel: Pay \$39 to \$95 a night for a room.
Montrose Inn: Pay \$41 to \$79 a night for a room.

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

Motel: Cruise the parking lot and get threatened.
Montrose Inn: Cruise the hallways. Please!

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

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

Motel: Full size bed, everything else is plastic.
Montrose Inn: Queen size bed, hardwood floors, hardly any plastic.

Motel: Maid knocking 8 a.m., you moan but she's coming in anyway. Checkout 11 a.m.
Montrose Inn: Handsome man next door knocking 11 a.m. to join him for breakfast. Checkout 1 p.m.

Reservations requested. 1-800-357-1228. The house at 408 Avondale.

The Montrose Inn is NOT a motel. We're NOT a hotel. We're a Bed & Breakfast. (And we're Basic & Butch. We're the B&B that's B&B.) We're completely different!

ANNOUNCING

Last Call
The Montrose Inn's 2nd Annual
San Francisco
Folsom Street Fair

Vacation

Sept. 25-29, 1997

8 SEATS LEFT (out of 52) —\$291 EACH

INCLUDES:

■ Non-Stop Round Trip Air Fare on Continental ■ Airport/City Transportations ■ Taxes ■ Welcoming Cocktail Party ■ "MUNI" pass for unlimited subway, streetcar, cable car & bus rides Fri.-Sat.-Sun. ■ Discount coupon package to assorted S.F. clubs, restaurants & shops. The price does NOT include the hotel, of course. But we can help you find a hotel room in your price range. But hurry! The Folsom Street Fair is S.F.'s 2nd biggest gay event of the year (after Gay Pride weekend)

Leaving Montrose 10am Thursday, Sept. 25
Returning to Montrose 6pm Monday, Sept. 29
Our group is the largest group out of Houston going. (And the one with the best price.) 52 people!
Call Henry, (713) 520-0206, to reserve your seat
WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS, CHECKS AND CASH

HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS



Women SEEKING Women

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

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

SWF 22, 5'7", 125 lbs. Interested in spending time with a cute single White or Hispanic male, who doesn't mind me working in a sexually oriented business. Should enjoy nature & intellectually stimulating conversations. Call Ext. 5559

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your ad could be here.
1-800-461-5930
Just call and place your **FREE** ad today!

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

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

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

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

Men SEEKING Men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SM Handsome, 32, muscular, 170 lbs., 5'8", intelligent and mature. Seeking males between 32-48, who is handsome. If you are interested leave me a message. Call Ext. 5524

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

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

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

SWM 61, caring, assertive 5'10", 175 lbs. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, non-drug user & HIV negative. I'm a hot top seeking a submissive bottom, any age, any race & 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, non-drug user & HIV negative. Call Ext. 5550

GWM 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., brown hair & hazel eyes. Masculine, nice body. Seeking males 35-45, HIV positive, who are fun, good-looking and enjoy being on the top. If it is you please give me a call. Call Ext. 5522

GWM 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., non-drinker, non-drug user. I'm handsome, husky, masculine, smooth, phisic & professional. I like cars, cooking, computers & going outside up in the mountains. Looking for a male 35-45, with a similar description, body & facial hair would be a plus. Call Ext. 5539

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

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

SWM 6'1", 155 lbs., bi sexual. Looking for bi sexual or gay men, race is not important. Should be in good physical shape, HIV negative. Call Ext. 5528

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

SBM 32. I like dancing, having a great time, dinnning out. Seeking Hispanic male 25-35. Should be seeking the same, mature attitudes only and looking for a long term relationship. Call Ext. 5530

SM 6', 195 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for dominant top. Call Ext. 5523

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

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

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

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

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
We'd like to hear from you with comments, personal testimonials. How are the personals working for you? Any true testimonials will be printed right here! Write to:
BureauCom Corporation ATTN: SHERI
921 14th Ave.,
Longview, WA 98632

SM 33, 5'8", brown hair and hazel eyes. Looking for someone honest, sincere and likes the outdoors. Call Ext. 5516

SM 35, 5'6", very muscular. I like movies, dancing, dinners and spending time together. Seeking friends between 30-50 who are very hairy. Call Ext. 5515

SM 5'6", 26, blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for a male between 20-40 who likes to travel and drive around. Call Ext. 5104

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

SM 5'10", 180 lbs., in really good muscular shape. Looking for a work-out partner who wrestles on a somewhat regular basis & doesn't mind a good work out. Size doesn't matter. Call Ext. 5514

SM 35, 5'6", 145 lbs., brown hair & eyes, mustache, attractive, mid-western transplant, I'm a medical professional. I'm HIV positive but in the best physical condition I've ever been. Seeking friends & possibly more, 30-50, weight proportionate to height. Long lost hopeless romantic. Call Ext. 5513

WM Very healthy, financially secure. Looking for a good-looking single White male. Seeking someone honest, sincere & financially secure who is willing to share our lives together. Call Ext. 5509

SHM 5'7", 32. If you are looking for a serious relationship, lets talk. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5497

GWM 47, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional. I love to dance & being affectionate. I love holding, cuddling & kissing. Looking for shorter men with similar characteristics, primarily for friendship and whatever else may or may not develop. Sincerity is a must. Call Ext. 5350

SM 41, 6'2", strawberry-blonde hair, hazel eyes. I would like to meet a man for a long-term relationship. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5480

SM 42, 5'5", 180 lbs. Seeking a White or Hispanic traveling companion for a trip to Niagara Falls. Should be easygoing & humorous. I would like to meet someone who enjoys sightseeing. Call Ext. 5495

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

SM Dominant, mature top Greek male. Non-smoker & disease-free. I'm 5'9" & 175 lbs. Seeks submissive bottom man, 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, drug-free & disease-free. We will have fun together. Call Ext. 5460

SM 40, 5'7", 220 lbs. I'm a very outgoing person seeking a young man who is 18-40. I'm very versatile & a cross dresser. Call Ext. 5485

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SWM 6', 190 lbs., early 40's, HIV+. I'm handsome, fit & athletic. I have brown hair & eyes. I'm a definite top and considered masculine & stable. I'm self-employed and I stay busy. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, sports & taking things one step at a time. Call Ext. 5466

SM 27, 5'7", 155 lbs., medium-built. I recently moved here from the East Coast. Looking to meet some nice guys for friends and hopefully more. I'm kind of preppy with short hair, a mustache and a goatee. Call Ext. 5465

SWM 47, 6', dark blonde hair. I'm not a top or a bottom. Just myself looking for someone 35-50 to become that special person. I love gardening, garage sales and doing special things with that special person. Call Ext. 5455

SWM Cross dresser, 35. I'm attractive. Looking for an attractive single guy, 18-35, who is open-minded and in good shape. Call Ext. 5423

SM Dominant, mature top Greek male. Non-smoker & disease-free. I'm 5'9" & 175 lbs. Seeks submissive bottom man, 5'10" or shorter. Must be a non-smoker, drug-free & disease-free. We will have fun together. Call Ext. 5460

IT'S HOT!!!



Don't get left out, call today and place your FREE ad!

Call...

1-800-461-5930

Ads with last names, phone numbers, or addresses will be deleted.

Love is on the web!

Place your free ad today and also get your ad on the Internet for FREE!

Call... 1-800-461-5930

To view ads on the WEB page, use this Internet address from your browser:

<http://www.bureaucom.com/houstonv>

HOW TO USE THIS SYSTEM - Dear Reader: Enjoy reading all the ads in the category of your choice, highlighting the ones you'd like to respond to. Then just call 1-900-772-3085 (\$1.69/min.*) and follow the instructions. Ads are kept 8 weeks, replies kept 7 days and then erased. If you need help using the system, call Customer Service at 1-360-636-9267. What you see here is only a small portion of the ads currently on our Voice Personals system, so you might wish to call and browse through the newest ads. To record your own FREE voice personal, call 1-800-461-5930. You'll automatically be assigned a voice box number. Remember, we screen our ads daily, but we are not responsible for the advertisers. We urge you to screen people yourself. Talk by phone, and meet first in a public place. Publisher reserves the right to review, revise or refuse any ads. Must be 18 or older to use this system. Touchtone phone required. *Average length of call is 3 minutes, total cost determined by caller. Have fun and good luck! (Houston Voice, Houston, TX)

Voicemail Personalists!

Dick Meets Tom

Meet Hot Local Guys Tonight!



Houston
713-892-5566

Galveston
409-741-0700

Access Code: 2331

THE CONFIDENTIAL CONNECTION record, listen & respond to ads **FREE!**

Just \$1.99-\$2.49 per minute for certain optional features.
www.confidentialconnection.com
18+ Move Media, Inc. does not prescreen callers and takes no responsibility for personal meetings. 800-825-1598

Gay Market Muscle

6.2 times more likely to buy 10-15 hard cover books per year.

10-12 times more likely to buy 13 or more compact discs per year.

9.1 times more likely to use their Platinum American Express Card.

5.5 times more likely to have travelled to Europe in the past 3 years.

6.9 times more likely to engage in regular exercise at a private club.

3.2 times more likely to purchase a suit this year.

NATIONAL GAY NEWSPAPER GUID
Gay Area Reporter
Gay Windows
Dallas Voice
Frontiers
The Gay & Lesbian Times
The Houston Voice
New York Native
Philadelphia Gay News
Washington Blade
The Weekly News
Windy City Times

According to the Simmons Market Research Bureau, our 600,000 Gay and Lesbian readers earn an annual average income of \$41,300; a 24 billion dollar market. Advertising in mainstream media is not enough to reach this loyal consumer group. Simmons discovered that 91.8% of our readers are likely to purchase a product or service advertised in our publications. For greater impact, target this dream market directly by advertising in the National Gay Newspaper Guild.

Flex Your Ad Dollars

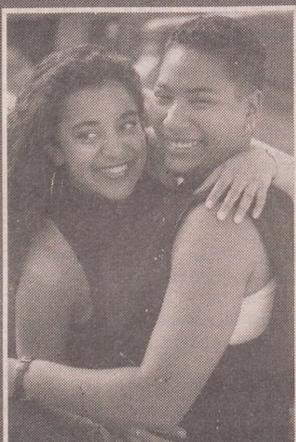
For more information contact Rivendell Marketing Company @ 212-242-6863.

FOR WOMEN ONLY



Lesbian Personalists

FOR WOMEN ONLY



There's no charge to leave a greeting:
1-800-326-MEET

To pick-up your private responses or browse:
1-900-933-4256

ADULTS ONLY. MUST BE 18+. CS 415-281-3193. STILL ONLY \$1.99/MIN.



ROUGH TRADE

1-ON-1 WITH KINKY S&M STUDS
NASTY ROUGH GROUP SEX

1-900-745-1095

MC/VISA OR AMEX: 1-800-575-4088
KINKY MILITARY TOPS: 1-900-745-4320
SHAVED SLAVEBOYS: 1-900-745-3459
HAIRY BEAR STUDS: 1-900-745-4845

18 + Yrs. • \$2.00-3.99/Min.

THE DUDE JACK

1-ON-1 WITH SLEAZY-TALKIN' DUDES
WILD GROUP JACK • DUDE TALES

1-900-745-1970

MC/VISA OR AMEX: 1-800-354-4688
UNCUT LATIN TOPS: 1-900-745-1250
HOT GAY COUPLES: 1-900-745-3120
HORNY BLACK DUDES: 1-900-745-7273

PORN VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE!

SEX ON-LINE: www.dudejack.com




Get a mammogram. You owe it to yourself.

Call 1-800-ACS-2345 for information about mammograms.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Get the Best for Less



ONLY \$4 for 2 FULL HOURS

- Hot Dates
- Phone Talk

boy crazy?

Meet hot Houston guys by phone!

record, listen & respond to personal ads **FREE!**
code: 7111

(713) 526-9393

Adults Only! Restrictions apply. Optional features \$2.49 per min. 888-604-4287

Origin Communications

1-900-820-8799

\$4 1st minute & 65¢ each additional minute • 2 hours access for first minute cost press "8"

STEAMY STUDS 1-ON-1

- "Anything Goes" Group Action
- Uncensored Voice Mail Boxes
- \$50 Monthly Subscriptions- Unlimited Access

(Visa/MC, Checks or Money Orders)

FREE INFO
(214) 761-6066
(713) 778-6666

Man-To-Man

18+ MULTI CHANNEL (214) 761-6066

JOIN THE PARTY!

Bring the club atmosphere into your home by phone!

MEET HOT DUDES!

Browse, Match, Chat...Try it FREE!

713-850-7900
use free access code:2313

Club voice MALE

www.movo.com

Just \$2.49 per minute for certain optional features. 18+. Movo Media, Inc. does not prescreen callers and takes no responsibility for personal meetings. 800-825-1598



After His Adjustment, Ron Said He Felt Better and Could Breathe Easier.

You'll feel better and breathe more easily too after Dr. McGhee adjusts you. And those are only two of the benefits you'll feel immediately after your adjustment!

Call Dr. McGhee at Synchronized Montrose Chiropractic right now to schedule the time you'd like to feel better.

The Original USA Gay Party Line

1-268-404-5462 NEW! CHEAP Phone-Action!

GROUP ACTION, BACKROOMS
ONE-ON-ONE, LOCAL DATING

LIVE GROUP MASTURBATION
011-5690-2503

LIVE! 24 Hours

THE HOTTER... THE HARDER
Night Meetings-Live
1-664-410-2071

EXXTREME HOT SAMPLES
011-683-8118

Special Live Gay Party
WILD & DIRTY
011-592-591-526

Live Gay Cruising
Cruise through 100 telephone lines for a live one-on-one chat.
1-268-404-6433

Live Psychic Advisor
011-592-563-287

International LDD Rates .74c to \$1.27 Per Minute. 18+

Dr. Stephanie Y. McGhee

mind...
body...
back...
in sync!

PHOTO BY: STEVEN DAVID



SYNCHRONIZED
MONTROSE CHIROPRACTIC

713-521-7741

811 WESTHEIMER, SUITE 101 HOUSTON, TX 77006

The Perfect Adjustment for a Balanced Body

MIDNIGHT MATINEE SPECIAL

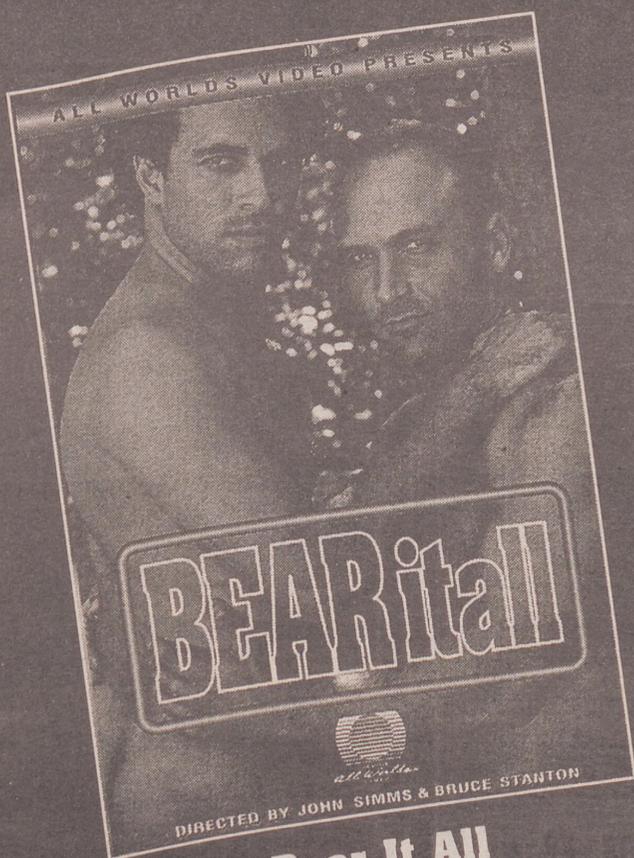
Sunday thru Thursday
Midnight til Closing
Admission \$4
with Membership

FRENCH QUARTER

713-527-0782 • 3201 Louisiana • Houston

All Male Cinema
presents

Thursday
Matinee
\$4 All Day
with
Membership



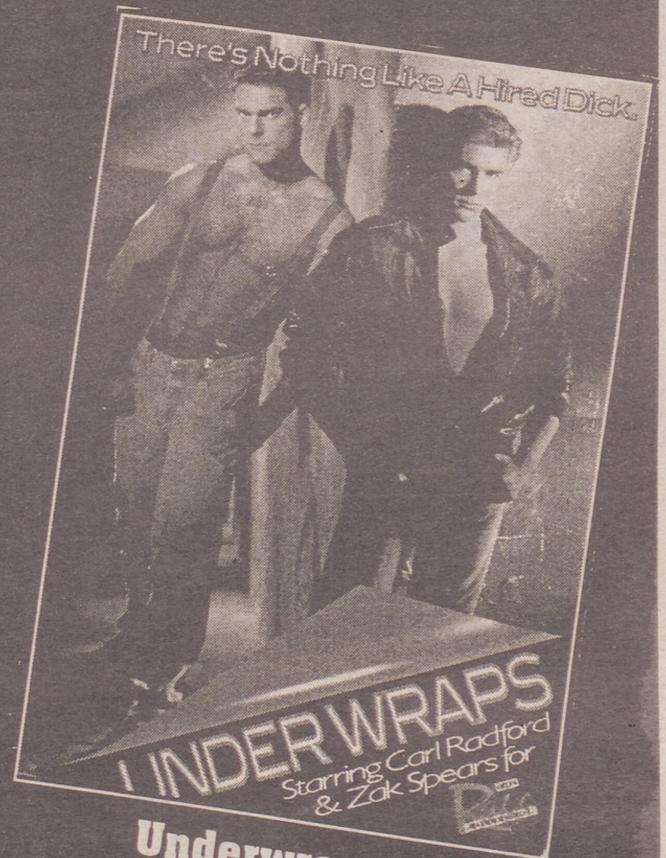
Bear It All



Friday & Saturday
11am-3am

Monday
thru Thursday
11am-1am

Sunday
1pm-1am



Underwraps

Live! Live! Live!

**\$5 Polaroids
with
Eric Hanson
to Benefit**



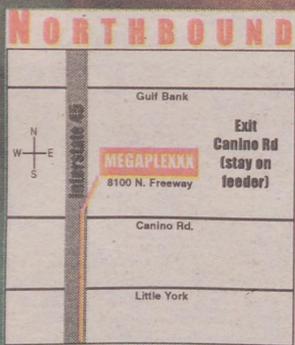
Houston Chapter

**A
Falcon
Exclusive**

**ERIC
HANSON**

**SEE HIM
FEEL HIM
TOUCH HIM**

**August 16
2-4 pm**



Alternatives of Adult Video

MEGAPLEXXX

H O U S T O N

8100 N. Freeway • 281-820-8999