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Terrorism or Hate Crime?

by Lee Davis

Reactions are pouring in from all over the nation regarding last Friday's bombing in Atlanta. The Otherside Lounge, a gay and lesbian bar, became the latest addition to ever growing hate crime statistics as a bomb exploded on their patio, injuring five people at approximately 9:50pm. A second bomb, reportedly meant for law enforcement and emergency personnel, was detonated by a remote-controlled robot.

The "Army of God" has claimed responsibility in a letter sent to Reuters news agency. Known for their hatred towards gays, lesbians and their supporters, the "Army" publishes a manual that thoroughly teaches anti-abortion proponents how to use violence as a means of protest.

The manual instructs members on how to make and use bombs effectively through the usage of timing devices, bypassing alarms and proper procedure for the avoidance of leaving fingerprints on guns. It calls abortion clinics "abortuaries" and describes the battle over

abortion as "a war".

The 70-page underground manual written for anti-abortion radicals became widely known in 1993, when authorities found a copy buried in the backyard of Shelley Shannon, an Oregon homemaker imprisoned for shooting a Kansas abortion doctor and setting fire to several abortion clinics. Beyond that, little is known about the group or its membership.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is calling for Committee hearings to end the fear of hate crimes. The bombing in mid-January at the Atlanta abortion clinic, coupled with the Friday's bombing, is only a small part of the growing problem concerning incidents of hate crimes across the nation.

In 1995, the Justice Department conservatively reported 7,947 hate crimes affecting an estimated 10,469 victims (most experts argue the number of unreported hate crimes would probably double or triple the statistics).

"Hate crimes that are now being targeted at pro-choice individuals and our gay and lesbian population must end",

said Sheila. "The Atlanta bombings can not be ignored. We can not let these incidents of violence create an atmosphere of fear. These crimes are nothing different than the rash of church burnings we have experienced", the Congresswoman said.

"I am asking the House Judiciary Committee to invoke its oversight powers and hold hearings in order to send a clear message that hate crimes will not be tolerated. These matters deeply concern me and I want to make sure that individuals engaging in hate crimes will be identified and prosecuted," Jackson concluded.

Attorney General Janet Reno purported "The bombing this weekend at See BOMB page 11



An ATF agent searches the roof of The Otherwise nightclub in Atlanta for clues to Friday's bombing of the gay and lesbian club.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN BAZEMORE

Film Legend Faye Dunaway Hits Houston

by Jon Anthony

In 1971, world-famous opera soprano Maria Callas began teaching an historic series of seminars. In 1996, Terrence McNally's re-creation of one of those sessions, Master Class, won the Tony Award for best play. Directed by Leonard Foglia, award-winner, Faye Dunaway portrays the diva as the National Touring Company production of Master Class makes its Houston debut at Jones Hall from March 4-9, 1997 as a presentation of the 1996-1997 MasterCard Broadway Series.

Master Class presents Maria Callas as she leads young aspiring opera singers through their paces, challenging them toward excellence. The master



Faye Dunaway in a scene from Terrence McNally's Master Class.

class conjures the explosively witty Callas, the artist, and her unique genius for dramatic interpretation, while exploring the tempestuous nature and passionate heart of this extraordinary woman.

Faye Dunaway began her theatre training at Boston University School for the Arts and went on to become a charter member of New York's Lincoln Center Repertory Company with Robert Whitehead and Elia Kazan, appearing in Arthur Miller's "After the Fall". She made her Broadway debut in "A Man For All Seasons".

Her critically acclaimed starring role Off-broadway in Hogan's Goat led to a distinguished film career which encompasses over 40 feature films including

The Thomas Crown Affair, The Arrangement, Little Big Man, The Towering Inferno, Three Days of the Condor, The Eyes of Laura Mars, and Barfly for which she won a Golden Globe nomination. Dunaway received Best Actress Academy Award nominations for Bonnie and Clyde and Chinatown, winning the Oscar for Network.

In addition to numerous television credits, Ms. Dunaway captured an Emmy Award and a Golden Globe nomination for her role in the highly rated television movie Colombo: It's All In The Game. Recently she documented her life and career in her acclaimed biography Looking For Gatsby.

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Names Project Receives Monies



Perry Dolph of the NAMES Project receives a check from officers of the AIDS Memorial Book at Forest Park Lawndale.

HSO Wows Europe With Sell Out Concerts

by Jon Anthony

The Houston Symphony Orchestra's European Tour, under the musical directorship of renowned Maestro Christoph Eschenbach, is garnering enthusiastic response from audiences and critics alike. Prior to the HSO embarking overseas, the Houston Voice made arrangements with Conductor-In-Residence Stephen Stein to provide our readers with an insightful and informative synopsis of their journey.

The orchestra arrived in London on Thursday, February 20 with just enough time to prepare for a whirlwind of successful engagements last weekend that included concert performances in London, Metz and Amsterdam to sold out crowds at all venues.

According to Stein, London was a resounding success for the orchestra. "I think this orchestra was ready to take



HSO Conductor-In-Residence Stephen Stein.

the public the way it did. It was sold-out, a rarity considering they have five resident orchestras," said Stein.

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A Congressional Salute to the AIDS Memorial Book

by Sheila Jackson Lee U.S. Representative, 18th District, Texas

On behalf of myself and the entire Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I wish you tremendous success on the occasion of the "First Anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Book." It is quite gratifying to know that you are helping to honor those that have been impacted by the devastation that HIV/AIDS has caused.

We proudly salute Forest Park Lawndale for their dedication and commitment to empowering the families in the Houston Community that have been touched by the HIV/AIDS virus with the help and support they need. Never before in the history of our nation has the need for strong leadership and community activism been so vital to the future of our country. It brings me great pleasure in knowing that you are taking up your leadership role.

As the AIDS epidemic continues to sweep the nation and the world, we must stay constantly aware of the fact that death and suffering continue even as advances in treatment are made.

Please know that I will continue to join you in the fight for funding for HIV/AIDS Awareness and Treatment until we have totally conquered this disease.

Again, my congratulations to Forest Park Lawndale for finding this very special way of helping the families of AIDS victims remember their loved ones.

Publication to Publication
by Phillip O'Jibway
Cruise Magazine, Managing Editor

I just received the February 14 issue and wanted to tell you that I love the "format metamorphosis" you have exe-

cut. I hope the rest of your readers appreciate it, too. Keep up the good work!

Purported Editorial Offends Voice Reader

by N. Grant Martin

I found your editorial celebrating Chris Bell's City Council victory as an act of revenge against "black ministers" irresponsible and offensive. I am a white gay man who remembers the shameful repeal of Houston's gay rights ordinance, yet I supported Chris Bell because of his common-sense ideas for the City, his inclusive politics, and his history of working with the gay community.

Council Member Bell was disturbed, as we all should be, at the clear racial polarization of the vote. Your readers would be better-served by an in-depth news analysis of the role of racism in our community, rather than an editorial which summarily defines the vote in terms of race and praises it as "a classic testimonial, if there ever was one, to what a united community can accomplish."

If you seek to be a responsible Voice for our community, you should move our agenda forward by finding opportunities in the last election cycle to build bridges with the African American community - not backward by perpetuating a pointless feud.

(Editor's Note: The editorial to which the reader is referring was not an editorial, rather a letter to the editor. The author's name, Lee Harrington, was inadvertently omitted from the letter during production. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the author and (as stipulated in our masthead) do "not necessarily reflect the views of the Houston Voice or its staff." - Ed.)

MONTROSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

Ever-ready Floats!

Soiree Aubergine sailed again on Friday, Feb. 21 with "The Ever-ready Show". This was a unique concept in



Miss Edwards performs for Soiree.

that performances were held at various bars throughout that evening. Beginning at 8pm and every 30 minutes after that, fourteen entertainers performed one song and then traveled on to the next location, thanks to the help of volunteer chaffeurs. Starting at Venture-N, the show traveled to the Brazos River Bottom, Ripcord, Chances, Rascals, EJs and finished at Gentry. Many thanks to all of the participants and contributors to the Ever-ready show for bringing in over \$1700 to Soiree's 97 fund raising efforts. Surprise, surprise--the leather men of the Ripcord contributed over \$500 towards the evening--thanks, men!

Soiree's next endeavor is their Silent Auction, aptly named "Treasures of Atlantis" which opens at Gentry on Saturday, March 1 at 8pm. Featuring over \$16,000 in original artwork, limited edition prints, performing arts, fitness equipment, decorative accessories, professional services, memorabilia, a weekend for two in Cancun and two dinner parties for fifty people at Sausalito Seafood & Pasta Restaurant, to name a few of the goodies available! The action will be open daily through Friday, March 7 at midnight. A buffet will be served at Gentry at 6pm on Friday, March 7 to celebrate the end of the auction.

Ms. Rich's US of A

Congratulations to Lana Blake on being selected the new Ms. Rich's US of A. Lana will next participate in Ms. Texas US of A Pageant to be held at



Lana Blake, Ms. Rich's US of A.

Rich's at a later date. Emcee Victoria West announced that all three candidates will be going on to the Ms. Texas US of A. The judges had a difficult task ahead of them as competition was brisk--but finally named Lana the winner.

Night in Black Leather

Don Gill Productions and Night in Black Leather is scheduled for this weekend at Venture-N. This will be a two-night event with a special social gathering on Friday, February 28 at 10pm featuring Shan Carr and her outrageous one-woman show. Shan Carr is from San Francisco and has been touring the U.S. doing Gay comedy for 11 years. She is also the Executive Producer of *Out For Laughs*, a Gay TV Comedy Show that aired and rents in video stores internationally. People always say Shan looks just like the girl next door, but she responds, "The difference is that I also sleep with the girl next door".

Appearing on Saturday, March 1, will be special guest International Mr. Drummer Kyle Brandon and many other titleholders. This year's beneficiary is The Colt 45's, a 501(c)3 Charity. Masters of Ceremonies will be Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1990 Larry Arbo and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1995, John Benavides. Please make plans to enjoy this special evening while contributing to a most worthy cause.

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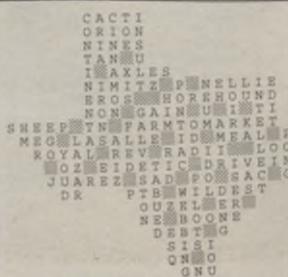
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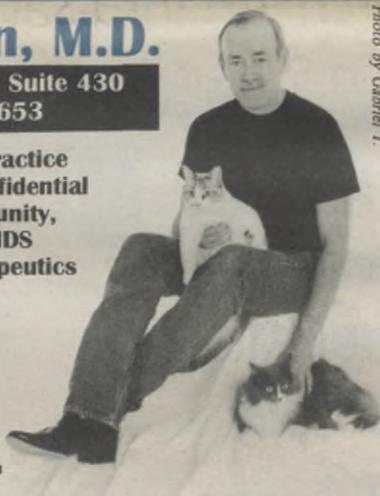


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Chamber to Host Meeting on Tax Issues

The Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GHGLCC) will present a symposium on key tax issues for the gay and lesbian community at their next meeting Monday, March 3, 1997.

The presentation will be helmed by Kathy Hubbard, a respected community supporter. Hubbard, an Enrolled Agent sanctioned by the IRS, will answer questions concerning all facets of tax law. Last summer, Congress made over 600 changes, additions and deletions to the tax code covering pensions, health plan options, expanded taxpayer rights, tax free viatical sales and adoption credits.

"Gay and lesbian tax issues are unique," said Hubbard "There is no specific domestic partnership tax code. We need to look, issue by issue, at the facts and situations."

The symposium will focus on some of the most common questions. The presentation is not limited to Chamber members. Guests are encouraged to attend this informative meeting. The cost for dinner and program is \$20.00 for members, \$25.00 for guests. All participants are encouraged to RSVP at (713) 523-7576 by February 27, 1997.

PWA Party at Cafe Artiste

Cafe Artiste is hosting the PWA (People with Aids Coalition) press party on Wednesday, March 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Located at 1601 W. Main at Mandell, Cafe Artiste features an eclectic menu with over 25 coffees and teas served daily. In addition to unique cuisine, the Cafe features beer, wine and an eclectic mix of customers.

PWA serves 1500 HIV/AIDS clients in the greater Houston area. The Press Party will be announcing events and activities for the upcoming year. For more information regarding PWA, contact 522-5248.

Community Leader Receives Recognition

The Texas Chapter Association of Black Social Workers bestowed their annual Community Service Award to Audrey Kennerson Gassama, executive director of the Loving Arms Foundation for her outstanding dedication and commitment to the Houston community.

Gassama has been involved in community affairs for more than a decade. Currently a member of the HIV Women's Caucus, Gassama has garnered an impressive array of accolades during that time. She has received the Our Choice award from Links, Inc., the Mary Eliza Mahoney Award in Atlanta, Georgia, and was one of seven recipients across the nation to be awarded the 1996 Hale Humanitarian Award from Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

"I am truly honored to receive this

award," responded Gassama. "I feel proud of my accomplishments. But I know that there is just so much more that I need to do in my community. I hope to help every HIV/AIDS infected child get the proper medical attention and loving support and care they need."

AFH Receives Monies From Magnolia Christmas Party

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) received a check of \$7,000.00 from a fundraising event held by Magnolia Christmas Party last December. More than 400 people attended the event which marked the benefits sixth year. The money was presented last week.

The organization reported that because of a generous donation of beverages from Kroger, more of the monies raised went directly to AFH. Store Director of Kroger South Post Oak, Bill Underwood, stated that the donation "came from our hearts."



Jonathan Huckaby (left) and Clay Lancon (right) of Magnolia Christmas Party present AFH Chairman of the Board Paul Sofka (center) with a \$7,000 check from monies raised at a December fundraiser.

"We know that the funds will be put to good use and help all aspects of the community," explained Jonathan Huckaby with regards to why AFH was the chosen beneficiary. Huckaby is a Host Member of Magnolia Christmas Party.

Monies raised will go to help operate the many programs and services offered by AFH.

BAHR Offers Free Seminar

The Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston, Inc. (BAHR) is sponsoring an all-day seminar called Fundamentals of Law Practice Saturday, March 22, 1997. There is no cost for the seminar, lunch or the provided written material. Attorneys from a variety of practice fields will focus on basic legal transactions and other practical information designed to assist attorney's in concentrating their practice on a specific area or setting up a small firm.

Topics for the morning session include: Practical considerations, presented by Connie Moore; Maintaining clients and obtaining court appointments, presented by Donald Skipwith; Comprehensive insight on how to handle DUI cases, presented by Greg Glass; and a thorough presentation on employment

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Group Claims Pentagon Violates Gays in the Military Policy

According to the Service Members Legal Defense Network (SLDN), all branches of the armed forces are violating the "intent and spirit" of the Clinton Administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy with respect to gays in the military.

The watch dog group indicates that the armed services continue to question, pursue and harass gay and straight uniformed members. Citing documentation of continuous witch hunts, the organiza-

tion informs that the number of discharges has increased since the policy went into effect.

"The Administration's policy has actually created an environment in which gays and lesbians are worse off than before its implementation three years ago," stated SLDN in a recent press release.

The group plans to release a full report documenting specific violations.



Washington Governor Vetoes Gay Marriage Ban

Gary Locke (D-WA) vetoed a ban on same-sex marriages last week calling the initiative discriminatory, divisive and unnecessary. Undeterred, Legislative leaders said they will put the issue before the voters.

"I oppose any measure that would divide, disrespect or diminish our humanity," said the Washington governor.

The measure passed the Republican controlled House 63-35, three votes shy of the two-thirds margin necessary to

override the governor's veto.

"Our overarching principle should be to promote civility, mutual respect and unity. This legislation fails to meet this test," said Locke.

Legislative leaders plan to put the measure on the November statewide ballot. As a referendum, it bypasses the governor's desk. "The public will pass this. This bill has nothing to do with discrimination. It is about marriage, pure and simple," said House Speaker Clyde Ballard.

PLAGAL Calls for Hibernian Parade Consistency

The Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL) urged the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) to be consistent in their exclusionary policy by barring pro-choice leaders from marching in their parade. Since lesbians and gays are legally excluded from the New York St. Patrick's Day parade because their lives do not conform to Roman Catholic Church teachings, PLAGAL believes pro-choice politicians should also be excluded because they do not conform to those same standards.

The group was referring to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Hurley v. Irish-American Gay Group of Boston*, a 1995 case concerning the exclusion of gays and lesbians from the 1993 Boston Parade. In the case, the court ruled in favor of *Hurley* on First Amendment grounds.

The group argues that the presence of pro-choice activists is a double standard that discredits the parade.

"It is disappointing to see the [organizers] abandon its self-proclaimed consistency with Roman Catholic teachings only when those who cannot speak for themselves -- the unborn -- suffer the consequences," said Philip Arcidi, president of PLAGAL in an open letter to Edward J. Wallace, president of AOH.

"In years gone by, and, we would expect, in 1997, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will apply a forthright criterion for marching in the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade: It will admit only those whose public standards conform with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. I request that you apply your criterion consistently."



Clinton Names Community Liaison

President Clinton named Richard Socarides as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Public Liaison, last week.

Socarides was the liaison to the gay and lesbian communities for the White House in 1996, when he served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Political Affairs. In his new post, Socarides will serve the gay and lesbian communities as well as additional constituencies.

A native of New York, Socarides was

the White House Liaison for the Department of Labor from 1993 to 1996. Prior to his stint at Labor, he was a political advisor to Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA). His extensive background includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). In addition, Socarides was one of the principal organizers of the first ever White House conference on HIV/AIDS in 1995.

Medical Marijuana User Fired

A county worker who drives heavy construction equipment was fired for using marijuana, which he said he uses after work only to treat his glaucoma.

California approved the medical use of marijuana last fall but the federal government still considers it an illegal drug. Last week, a panel of experts indicated there is some promising evidence that smoking marijuana helps some patients suffering from cancer, AIDS or glaucoma, however, they concluded more study is needed.

The fired employee, Rob Dunaway, stated that he felt he was being discrim-

inated against solely on the basis of the medication he used. "I love my work. It's what I've done all my life," said Dunaway.

Dunaway, who claims his doctor gave him an oral recommendation for marijuana to treat his glaucoma, will seek an arbitration hearing on the matter via his union.

Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's drug czar, has said workers under federal jurisdiction cannot use marijuana for medical purposes, regardless of what a doctor recommends.

Oregon Clinic Sells Medicinal Pot

An illegal clinic in downtown Portland is dispensing marijuana to sick and dying people according to last Sunday's Oregonian. The newspaper reports that more than 120 patients have found the Alternative Health Center through word of mouth since it opened nearly two months ago.

Patients who suffer from arthritis, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other chronic diseases told the paper they can buy an eighth of an ounce of marijuana

for \$20 to \$50, depending on their income. Marijuana cookies are sold in \$2 packs and pot-filled brownies sell for \$3.

The clinic opened after California and Arizona voters in November approved the medicinal use of marijuana, much to the chagrin of the federal government. Oregon's lawmakers are considering bills to legalize marijuana for medical use. The issue has catapulted to the forefront of political debate as a result.

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PLAIN SPEAKING

by Larry Lingle

"Schindler's List", Steven Spielberg's epic of the Holocaust, was watched by an estimated 65 million Americans Sunday night, more than twice the number who viewed the movie while playing in theaters. This was the largest audience for a television show this season, except for sporting events.

The black and white film was shown without interruption under the sponsorship of the Ford Motor Corporation. This, in itself, was just another irony in the history of the Jewish plight in World War II. Henry Ford, the erstwhile founder of the company, publicly admired the work of Adolph Hitler in the 1930's. After all, Hitler was industrially friendly and his buddy, Mussolini, made the Italian trains run on time -- no mean feat.

Immediately after the war, many American Jews would not buy Ford products as a form of protest. Without anything being spoken, I imagine the coincidence of Ford sponsorship of Sunday night's program was rather intentional.

I did not watch that night. I had seen the movie during its theatrical run and also purchased the film on video, although I have not watched it again. I grew up in the midsection of the country, descended from long lines of pioneers who began the trek west in the eighteenth century and who slowly transformed their Huguenot origins into native evangelical faiths, principally Baptists.

I attended school where we were segregated not only by race but by religion. There was the black schools and the Catholic schools and no mixing allowed. However, the Jewish community of that town was small and, as it happened, the only Jew in my class became my best friend and also my debate partner. While I often visited in his home and shared meals there, I never heard a word about the Holocaust.

Whatever knowledge I had of that shattering evening came unexpectedly when I was barely ten years of age. With a working mother and an absent father my maternal grandmother was left to raise my brother and I. This included a sound grounding in her cherished Southern Baptist faith and many a night we were read to sleep, not by fairy tales, but stories from the Bible.

In the months immediately after the end of World War II, someone, I assume some part of the federal government, toured the country with film from the discovery of the concentration camps. My grandmother took my brother and I to the local high school where the black and white film was shown. My three most vivid memories of the war were the map my grandfather kept on the wall to track the advancing armies, the death of President Roosevelt, and that horrendous film I viewed on a cold winter's afternoon in the winter of 1945-46.

For those who know war from the news reports of Vietnam and the countless films, in living color, of that and other wars, as well as the all too vivid gore which is standard fare in movies and even television, it would be hard to imagine the world as seen through my eyes as a ten year old.

First, there was no television. And my view of World War II in progress was the the movie newsreel. These reports on the war were always in black and white and heavily censored, such reports avoided showing any dead Americans. Dead Germans were okay, massacred Japanese were preferable since we were encouraged to believe that they were a subhuman race.

At the age of ten I was not even allowed by my family to attend funerals, lest I see a dead body. The first close relative whose death I can remember was my great-grandmother who lived with her daughter, the same person then in charge of raising me. Yet my only recollection is that one day she was there and the next gone, only to become another tombstone to be visited on high national holidays.

So sheltered by my government and my family suddenly I was thrust into a huge (at least in my ten-year-old vision) auditorium to view a film of endless horror, of thousands of bodies, uncovered and wasted, and - still to this day - the most horrifying of all - the gas ovens, some still with bodies in them. I have no memory of crying or of anything spoken after the film ended, but those images still haunt me.

Just as family stories of being on the losing side in America's great Civil War and the later battle of the railroads led me to a fascination with Jesse James, that early film fueled a reading frenzy on Adolph Hitler and the Nazis. And, unbeknownst to me, historical revisionism quickly set in after the end of the war and the rapidly developing perception that the Communist threat was the dominant foe, and quickly a line was drawn between the evil Nazis who could kill millions and the rest of the Germans, even the German soldiers who were, after all, only fighting for their Fatherland. Of course, most Germans did not know about those awful camps.

It has taken a half century for scholarship to catch up with reality. Of course, most Germans knew of the camps, and thousands of regular German soldiers, not just the SS units, carried out mass executions. And worse, the Allies - England and the United States - knew of the camps and the exterminations long before the end of the war. One Roosevelt aide, John McCloy, even forbade the bombing of the rails leading to the camps which would have at least slowed the slaughter and during the worse killings in 1944 might have saved thousands.

Even today, we are finding that countries such as Canada allowed war criminals to hide, some of whom openly received their pensions from Germany over this same half century. Switzerland, long thought to be a haven of neutrality during the war, is under attack not only for hiding the assets of many of those killed in the Holocaust, but also for having cooperated with the Nazis in transferring stolen gold and art to safe havens in South America. As the war appeared lost in 1944, Swiss bankers even convened a meeting with Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS, and German industrialist to plot ways to preserve German assets for a Fourth Reich.

We have a vision of picturesque Swiss mountain tops and discreet banks. Yet when war broke out in 1939 Switzerland was one of the poorest countries in Europe. By the end of the war it was the second richest country in the world. Even the Nazi economic minister said after the war that Germany could not have survived three months without Swiss cooperation.

On that cold far-off day in 1945 my world was truly one of black and white. We had just won what would half a century later be referred to as the last patriotic war. We knew the good guys from the bad. What time has shown is that life even then was really not so simple, we only made it appear so. A half century later has taught us that there are no such simple answers. We have yet to learn the right questions.



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by Leslie Ramsay

Is America becoming a nation of cowards?

People settle their interpersonal conflicts with each other by keying their opponent's cars, putting sugar in their gas tanks, poisoning their dogs, and shutting their utilities off. Getting back at your opponent without having to face them, appears to be the norm.

Whatever happened to settling your differences with your words, or even fists, face to face?

Gangs are now proving their "machismo" by spraying houses and garages with bullets as they drive-by in their speeding vehicles. The current generation of gang members don't even bother to get their hands dirty when they go to war with each other.

Just this week, a gangland shoot out interrupted a little league team practice. The little leaguers were told to hit the dirt to avoid getting killed by the ricocheting bullets. Unfortunately, reports of innocent children getting hit by stray bullets from random drive-by shootings have become common occurrences here in Houston.

All of this everyday cowardice pales in comparison to the latest modus operandi of the domestic terrorist. They set bombs to go off from the safety of their home. Safely away from actually having to see the mayhem they cause.

A group calling themselves "The Army of God" has taken credit for the bombing of a Georgia abortion clinic and most recently a suburban Atlanta gay club. They informed the Reuters news service that they are at war with the US government. They stated that they are planning more actions against abortionists and gays.

According to FBI profiles of serial bombers, this group consists of disaffected men and women who believe they are fighting a holy ground war against who and what they deem to be the enemies of God. This past week, homosexuals were added to the group's hit list. Prior to this past Friday's bombing of the suburban Atlanta women's bar, they had focused on murdering abortion doctors.

"The Army of God" group has arrogantly chosen to become judges here on earth to eradicate the earth of whomever they judge to be "sinners". By the way, the bible is filled with stories of Christ coming to the aid of sinners.

There is no moral justification for what the "The Army of God" is doing.

"The Army of God" has used bombs at an abortion clinic and a gay bar to attract their real stated enemies- government agents. At each location they had planted two bombs. The first bomb was set to go off to lure the emergency workers to the location. The second bomb was to go off once they arrived on

the scene to investigate. Obviously, this group has two separate targets in mind when they set up a bomb location.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution is reporting that the possibility of scaring via terrorizing homosexuals and abortionists, back into their respective closets is a secondary goal of this group. The "sinners" are used as throwaway victims only to make a point.

The Unabomber is a classic case of cowardice. He created bombs to murder and maim individuals in order to call attention to his theories that science has gone too far. He was unable to convince the public of his scientific theory, so he sat back and killed people nation-wide from the beautiful state of Montana.

Using a bomb to get your political point across is something the Irish Republican Army has been doing for years in Northern Ireland. The people of Belfast have lived with the constant fear of a bomb going off every day for decades now. What have they gained with all of their bloodshed? How many children have been the victims of their terror? The IRA does have the common decency to call and warn the police that a bomb is about to go off. Usually, the police are able to evacuate the area.

Why is this happening here in America?

The American government should share some of the blame for the rise in domestic terrorism. The more our government encroaches on the personal freedom of its citizens, the more the individuals will react through violence.

When the freedom of speech was outlawed for the anti-abortionists crowd, the murdering of the doctors began. Abortion clinics were fire bombed when the 15' rule went into effect.

I believe that both the disastrous siege at Waco of David Koresh and the murders of an innocent mother and child by federal agents of the ATF at Ruby Ridge, directly influenced the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma.

This administrations use of excessive force has led to this sudden upsurge of anti-government violence. Some citizens feel they are justified in their anti-government violence because they see the government ignoring and trampling their constitutional rights. The first and second amendments are very closely held rights and freedoms that this administration sees no harm in abridging.

Decisive action by this administration to find and prosecute the people behind "The Army of God" is going to be very difficult. The FBI profile describes them as loners, completely anti-social and well armed. Most importantly, they feel they are doing the will of God...

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Heavy Metal Spoof Prompts Boone Cancellation

by Michael White

Los Angeles (AP) -- A Christian television network canceled Pat Boone's weekly gospel music show after thousands of viewers called in outrage over his foray into heavy metal, the singer said Wednesday.

The Trinity Broadcasting Network on Tuesday cancelled "GospelAmerica," a 30-minute program focusing on various genres of gospel music, including, ironically, rock 'n' roll and heavy metal.

Boone said the show appeared on 400 stations worldwide.

A call to Trinity's Santa Ana offices Wednesday night rang unanswered.

A Trinity official told the Los Angeles Times that Boone has been invited to appear on the network's flagship show, "Praise," to explain himself. In the meantime, "GospelAmerica" will stay off the air, said Trinity attorney Colby May.

Also, the Bethel School and Orphanage in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Boone has hosted a charity golf tournament for 20 years, is considering severing ties with him, Boone said.

Boone, 62, said he apparently offended many fundamentalist Christians, particularly in the Southeast, when he appeared in black leather and fake tattoos on the American Music Awards show on Jan. 27.

"I thought everybody saw it for what it was, sort of a parody, just a send up," Boone said from his Beverly Hills home. "... Of course, it was difficult for Christian people, who have followed me for years and years. It seemed like I had burst out in some demented way."

The album, "In a Metal Mood: No More Mr. Nice Guy," features such tunes as Van Halen's "Panama," Metallica's "Enter Sandman," Alice Cooper's "No More Mr. Nice Guy" and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven." But the sound is far from heavy metal. The music is sung in typical Boone style with an orchestra backing him up.

The album last week was listed at No. 186 on Billboard's Top 200 list after two weeks on the chart.

Boone, a pop icon in the 1950s and a leading gospel performer for three

decades, has said he chose to do the album because he wanted to try something new.

"Now that they're starting to hear the music, there's a collective sort of reaction, 'Oh, this isn't heavy metal. It's a big band collection of heavy metal songs,'" Boone said.

Boone said he understands that Trinity had to respond to viewers, and he holds no grudges. He hopes it will all blow over in time and "GospelAmerica" can return to the network.

"I hope we're all learning how quick we are to judge each other," he said. "I was harshly critical of heavy metal in the past, and the lifestyle of the singers and now that's reached up and slapped me in the face."

Boone, however, contends that he's following a good example with his new leather duds. After all, God used animal skins to clothe Adam and Eve.

"God is into leather. ... The first clothes he made for anybody on this planet, he made them out of leather," he said.

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termination procedures, presented by Mitchell Katine.

During lunch, the group will present an enlightening discussion on same-sex marriage along with an update on the Hawaii case and its probable impact in Texas. This will be complemented by a brief debate on whether same-sex marriage is a fight our community should be involved in and the pros and cons of marriage for gay couples.

After lunch, Terrance Boggott will discuss wills and power of attorney for gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered clients; David Elliot will provide guidance on helping gay clients buy a house; and Robert Rosenberg concludes the seminar with an ethics review.

For more information, contact Clyde Williams at (713) 236-0064.

Writer/Director Kevin Smith Slated to Appear at Rice University

Writer/Director Kevin Smith will introduce his new film Chasing Amy at a free premiere screening Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Produced by View Askew Productions, Chasing Amy is the third film in Smith's New Jersey trilogy, which began with the critically acclaimed Clerks and last years Mallrats.

In Amy, Smith delves into the age old question - can a man and woman just be friends? Smith will host a question and answer session after the screening of the Miramax film. For more information concerning free passes, call The Rice Thresher at (713) 527-4801.

Heights Theatre to Present Leguizamo's Acclaimed Show

New Heights Theatre has joined forces with Talento Bilingue de Houston to bring John Leguizamo's acclaimed one-man show, Spic-O-Rama, to the stage in Houston.

Winner of the 1992 Dramatists Guild Hull-Warner Award for Best Play and the 1992 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Achievement Off-Broadway, Spic-O-Rama, attracted national attention to Leguizamo, a well-known film star.

The New Heights Theatre/TBH production will preview February 28 and March 1, 1997. The play opens Wednesday March 5 and runs Fridays and Saturdays through March 29. Curtain is at 8 p.m. For more information, call the theatre at (713) 869-8927.

Briefs

Stone Soup is in dire need of toiletries for their clients. The following items are the most needed: bathroom tissue, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, adult and child diapers, deodorant, laundry detergent and dish washing detergent. The organization will provide arrangements for pick-up, if necessary. For more information, call (713) 626-6796.... CNG, a gay corporate network group, will be holding their next meeting March 1, 1997 at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at 1116 Jackson Blvd. in The Assistance Fund offices. For more information, call Glenn Levy at (713) 527-4717.

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another despicable act of domestic terrorism. The FBI and ATF, working together with other Federal and State authorities, have been exhaustively examining all evidence and pursuing all motives, including the possibility that the crime was motivated by the sexual orientation of the patrons at the club. We also are looking into the possibility that this incident is related to other bombing incidents in the Atlanta area."

"Although federal hate crime statutes do not provide for the prosecution of offenses motivated by a victim's sexual orientation, existing statutes do provide penalties of up to life imprisonment for individuals who carry out bombings," Reno added. "Under President Clinton's 1994 Crime Control Act, if the crime was motivated by the sexual orientation of the victims, federal prosecutors can seek to increase any sentence imposed on the bomber. We will not rest until the perpetrators are brought to justice."

In a letter to Ralph Reed, Executive Director of The Christian Coalition, Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch fired off some poignant questions. While Reed was quick to condemn the January 16 bombing of a women's health clinic in Atlanta and the burning of predominantly black churches in the South last year, Ms. Birch wondered why he had not issued a similar condemnation in the bombing of the gay bar.

"Leaders from President Clinton to House Speaker Newt Gingrich to Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell have denounced Friday night's bombing. President Clinton and Atlanta Mayor Campbell both stated they believe the incident was motivated by hatred," said Birch.

Earlier this week in a rally called by community activists in Atlanta, Candace Gingrich joined into the queries with "Where are the voices of condemnation? Where is our President's voice? Where is the voice of the Christian Coalition?" She also demanded that her brother, House Speaker Newt Gingrich speak out as he did after the clinic bombing. Later Sunday, Newt Gingrich issued a statement condemning the bombings as "inexcusable acts of terrorism that should outrage all Americans and cannot be tolerated."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. "As the extremist Right steps up its verbal and legislative assault, violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people is on the rise. What begins as rhetoric, can often have tragic consequences. We encourage FBI and local law enforcement officials to do everything in their power to solve these bombings. They are acts of cowardice that strike out against innocent bystanders."

The Otherside Lounge was half full with more than 150 patrons when the latest bomb went off, without warning. "Everybody just froze," exclaimed Rhonda Armstrong, a bartender. "It sounded like a cannon in a circus."

A rescue worker reported treating a woman with a nail driven into her shoulder leaving a wound as big as a nickel. One victim underwent surgery at a nearby hospital and was said to be in stable condition.

"There is no question the bombing is an example of hate crime's directed at gays and lesbians," said Dale Carpenter, president of Log Cabin Republicans of Texas. "It should compel the Texas legislature to sit up and take notice of what is happening in our country and act accordingly."

Even though the bombing occurred in Atlanta, local bar patrons have anxieties and appear to have become "tense," for fear that the same situation could conceivably happen here. Several local bar owners have placed their door personnel on "full alert" regarding backpacks, purses, etc.

Unfortunately to many in the community, the question is: "what are we to do

next?" It appears as though it has become necessary for gay business owners to be cautious. Community leaders are hopeful that the incident was isolated and will not create a rash of copycats. If not, community businesses may soon be forced to require customers to walk through a metal detector to gain entrance to any gay establishment—whether it be a bar, restaurant, book store or clothing store.

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The London concert drew an impressive array of industry luminaries. In attendance were four renowned conductors in their own right: Sir Trevor Pinnock (outgoing Music Director of the National Arts Center Orchestra in Ottawa Canada); Michael Tilson Thomas (former Music Director of the London Symphony and current Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony); Famed recording star and Conductor Sir Neville Martinson; and American conductor Michael Stern (son of Isaac).

"That is an enormous tribute, not just to Christoph, but to the relationship that exists between Christoph and the Houston Symphony. I don't remember attending a concert with so many celebrated conductors," said Stein. "It was a

real testament to the symphony."

The Amsterdam performance at the Concertgebouw was equally as successful, albeit different from the London performance. "It was packed," said Stein. "Again, another sold-out crowd. They left to their feet. The Dutch are known for being in some ways conservative people. It was a very exciting performance."

Stein attributes the difference to the Concertgebouw (translation: concert building), which he coins as one of the three great halls of the universe. The other two are: The Musikverein in Vienna and The Philharmonie in Berlin. "Those, for me, are three of just absolutely legendary concert halls in the Universe."

"Saturday was an enormous day," intoned Stein. "We began Saturday morning in London, England. We played an afternoon concert in Eastern France, and we arrived that night in Amsterdam, Netherlands. We were in three countries in one day and in the midst of the day, the orchestra played a concert. It was an enormously stressful day and they played a fantastic concert in an incredible concert hall which no one, except Christoph, really knew. To be in three countries in one day, and play in the second country a huge concert, and play it so well to a great audience is remarkable."

The concert hall, the Arsenal, is considered to be a great contemporary concert hall. Stein described the Arsenal as a contemporary hall housed in a structure, which was the Arsenal, the fort, in Metz, France for over a hundred years.

"It's a fascinating building designed by the same architect that designed Alice Pratt Brown Hall at Rice University," informed Stein.

Stein shared a bit of history he discovered while in Europe. "This is for the gay community, of which I am proudly a part of," said Stein.

"I found the etymology of the phrase 'drag,'" informed Stein. "It comes from Shakespeare. Because, in the Globe theater which they are recreating about 200 yards from its original place 400 years ago in London, England. It was through the spoken language of Shakespeare of the theater that coined this phrase."

Stein explained that in Shakespeare's time, all the roles, including the female roles, were played by men. As a result, the men who had to play the female roles wore big, long, heavy fabric gowns and dresses. Since the stage of the Globe is wood, when the men walked, their garment would 'drag' across the wooden boards of the theater. Hence, they called them 'drag artists.'

"This is where the term 'drag' came See STEIN page 12



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Barbiturates, benzodiazepines, ethanol, lithium, opioids, nitroglycerine, anticholinergics, muscle relaxants, other CNS depressants	Additive drowsiness and CNS depression
Diazepam	A reversible hypotonic reaction was reported in a 28 y/o man who smoked marijuana; confirmed by dechallenge and rechallenge
Fluoxetine	A 21 y/o female with depression and bulimia receiving 20 mg/day fluoxetine 4 x wks became hypotonic after smoking marijuana; symptoms resolved after 4 days
Antipyrene, barbiturates	Decreased clearance of these agents, presumably via competitive inhibition of metabolism
Theophylline	Increased theophylline metabolism reported with smoking of marijuana; effect similar to that following smoking tobacco

Cardiogenesis, Metagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Cardiogenesis studies have not been performed with dronabinol. Mutagenicity testing of dronabinol was negative in an Ames test. In a long-term study (77 days) in rats, oral administration of dronabinol at doses of 30 to 150 mg/m², equivalent to 0.3 to 1.5 times maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 90 mg/m²/day in cancer patients or 2 to 10 times MRHD of 15 mg/m²/day in AIDS patients, reduced ventral prostate, seminal vesicle and epididymal weights and caused a decrease in seminal fluid volume. Decreases in spermogenesis, number of developing germ cells, and number of Leydig cells in the testis were also observed. However, sperm count, mating success and testosterone levels were not affected. The significance of these animal findings in humans is not known.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C. Reproduction studies with dronabinol have been performed in mice at 15 to 450 mg/m², equivalent to 0.2 to 5 times maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 90 mg/m²/day in cancer patients or 1 to 30 times MRHD of 15 mg/m²/day in AIDS patients, and in rats at 14 to 295 mg/m², equivalent to 0.8 to 3 times MRHD of 90 mg/m² in cancer patients or 5 to 20 times MRHD of 15 mg/m²/day in AIDS patients. These studies have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity due to dronabinol. At these dosages in mice and rats, dronabinol decreased maternal weight gain and number of viable pups and increased fetal mortality and early resorptions. Such effects were dose dependent and less apparent at lower doses which produced less maternal toxicity. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Dronabinol should be used only if the potential benefits justify the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: Use of Marinol is not recommended in nursing mothers since, in addition to the secretion of HIV virus in breast milk, dronabinol is concentrated in and secreted in human breast milk and is absorbed by the nursing baby.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse experiences information summarized in the tables below was derived from well-controlled clinical trials conducted in the US and US territories involving 474 patients exposed to Marinol (dronabinol). Studies of AIDS-related weight loss included 157 patients receiving dronabinol at a dose of 2.5 mg twice daily and 67 receiving placebo. Studies of different durations were combined by considering the first occurrence of events during the first 28 days. Studies of nausea and vomiting related to cancer chemotherapy included 317 patients receiving dronabinol and 58 receiving placebo.

A cannabinoid dose-related "high" (easy laughing, elation and heightened awareness) has been reported by patients receiving Marinol in both the antiemetic (24%) and the lower dose appetite stimulant clinical trials (8%) (see CLINICAL TRIALS).

The most frequently reported adverse experiences in patients with AIDS during placebo-controlled clinical trials involved the CNS and were reported by 33% of patients receiving Marinol. About 25% of patients reported a minor CNS adverse event during the first 2 weeks and about 4% reported such an event each week for the next 6 weeks thereafter.

PROBABLY CAUSALLY RELATED: Incidence greater than 1%.
Rates derived from clinical trials in AIDS-related anorexia (N=157) and chemotherapy-related nausea (N=317). Rates were generally higher in the anti-emetic use (given in parentheses).

Body as a whole: Asthenia.
Cardiovascular: Palpitations, tachycardia, vasodilation/facial flush.
Digestive: Abdominal pain*, nausea*, vomiting*.
Musculoskeletal: Myalgia.
Nervous system: (Anxiety, anxiety/involuntariness, (ataxia), confusion, depersonalization, dizziness*, euphoria*, (hallucination), paranoid reaction*, somnolence*, thinking abnormal*.

*Incidence of events 3% to 10%.

PROBABLY CAUSALLY RELATED: Incidence less than 1%.
Event rates derived from clinical trials in AIDS-related anorexia (N=157) and chemotherapy-related nausea (N=317).

Cardiovascular: Conjunctivitis*, hypotension*.
Digestive: Diarrhea*, fecal incontinence.
Musculoskeletal: Myalgia.
Nervous system: Depression, nightmares, speech difficulties, tinnitus.
Skin and Appendages: Flushing*.
Special senses: Vision difficulties.

*Incidence of events 0.3% to 1%.

CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN: Incidence less than 1%.
The clinical significance of the association of these events with Marinol treatment is unknown, but they are reported as alerting information for the clinician.

Body as a whole: Chills, headache, malaise.
Digestive: Anorexia, hepatic enzyme elevation.
Respiratory: Cough, rhinitis, sinusitis.
Skin and Appendages: Sweating.

DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

Marinol (dronabinol) is one of the psychoactive compounds present in cannabis, and is abusable and controlled Schedule II (CII) under the Controlled Substances Act. Both psychological and physiological dependence have been noted in healthy individuals receiving dronabinol, but addiction is uncommon and has only been seen after prolonged high dose administration.

Chronic abuse of cannabis has been associated with decrements in motivation, cognition, judgement, and perception. The etiology of these impairments is unknown, but may be associated with the complex process of addiction rather than an isolated effect of the drug. No such decrements in psychological, social or neurological status have been associated with the administration of Marinol for therapeutic purposes.

In an open-label study in patients with AIDS who received Marinol for up to five months, no abuse, diversion or systematic change in personality or social functioning were observed despite the inclusion of a substantial number of patients with a past history of drug abuse.

An abstinence syndrome has been reported after the abrupt discontinuation of dronabinol in volunteers receiving an abstinence syndrome has been reported after the abrupt discontinuation of dronabinol in volunteers receiving doses of 210 mg/day for 12 to 16 consecutive days. Within 12 hours after discontinuation, these volunteers manifested symptoms such as irritability, insomnia, and restlessness. By approximately 24 hours post-dronabinol discontinuation, withdrawal symptoms intensified to include "hot flashes", sweating, rhinorrhea, loose stools, hiccups and anorexia.

These withdrawal symptoms gradually dissipated over the next 48 hours. Electroencephalographic changes consistent with the effects of drug withdrawal (hypocortisolism) were recorded in patients after abrupt discontinuation. Patients also complained of disturbed sleep for several weeks after discontinuing therapy with high dosages of dronabinol.

OVERDOSEAGE

Signs and symptoms following MILD Marinol (dronabinol) intoxication include drowsiness, euphoria, heightened sensory awareness, altered time perception, reddened conjunctiva, dry mouth and tachycardia; following MODERATE intoxication include memory impairment, depersonalization, mood alteration, urinary retention, and reduced bowel motility; and following SEVERE intoxication include decreased motor coordination, lethargy, slurred speech, and postural hypotension. Aggravative patients may experience panic reactions and seizures may occur in patients with existing seizure disorders.

The estimated lethal human dose of intravenous dronabinol is 30 mg/kg (2100 mg/70 kg). Significant CNS symptoms in animal studies followed oral doses of 0.4 mg/kg (28 mg/kg) of Marinol.

Management: A potentially serious oral ingestion, if recent, should be managed with gut decontamination. In unconscious patients with a secure airway, orally activated charcoal (30 to 100 g in adults, 1 to 2 g/kg in infants) via a nasogastric tube. A saline cathartic or sorbitol may be added to the first dose of activated charcoal. Patients experiencing depressive, hallucinatory or psychotic reactions should be placed in a quiet area and offered reassurance. Benzodiazepines (5 to 10 mg diazepam *qd*) may be used for treatment of extreme agitation. Hypotension usually responds to Trendelenburg position and IV fluids. Pressors are rarely required.

DOSSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Appetite stimulation: Initially, 2.5 mg Marinol (dronabinol) should be administered orally twice daily (b.i.d.), before lunch and supper. For patients unable to tolerate this 5 mg/day dosage of Marinol, the dosage can be reduced to 2.5 mg/day, administered as a single dose in the evening or at bedtime. If clinically indicated and in the absence of significant adverse effects, the dosage may be gradually increased to a maximum of 20 mg/day Marinol, administered in divided oral doses. Caution should be exercised in escalating the dosage of Marinol because of the increased frequency of dose-related adverse experiences at higher dosages (see PRECAUTIONS).

Antiemetic: Marinol is best administered at an initial dose of 5 mg/m², given 1 to 3 hours prior to the administration of chemotherapy, then every 2 to 4 hours after chemotherapy is given, for a total of 4 to 6 doses/day. Should the 5 mg/m² dose prove to be ineffective, and in the absence of significant side effects, the dose may be escalated by 2.5 mg/m² increments to a maximum of 15 mg/m² per dose. Caution should be exercised in dose escalation, however, as the incidence of disturbing psychiatric symptoms increases significantly at maximum dose (see PRECAUTIONS).

SAFETY AND HANDLING

Marinol (dronabinol) should be packaged in a well-closed container and stored in a cool environment between 8° and 15°C (46° and 59°F). Protect from freezing. No particular hazard to health care workers handling the capsules has been identified.

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from. The theater of Shakespeare, 400 years ago. As a gay man, I am very proud of that," said Stein.

"Drag" was not the only word derived from the world of Shakespeare, "window" is another according to Stein.

The origin of window stems from the Globe Theater, as well. The Globe is round by design consisting of three to four levels. People would stand on the ground floor. On the second gallery, the middle of the theater, there were "wind holes" cut in the plaster because they didn't have restrooms in the theater. Consequently, there was a horrible stench in the theater. Therefore, the most prized seats were on the first floor because it was in the back wall of the first floor, unlike any of the other floors, where there were carved wind holes. Hence, said Stein, the window.

Interestingly, the Shakespearean era may have had an impact on more than just word usage. In a fascinating discovery, Stein shared a compelling morsel of historical knowledge.

"Most of the people were illiterate in Shakespeare's time," said Stein. "They didn't know to read the newspaper four hundred years ago to see what was at the theater that night. So, they had a huge flag they flew from the top of the theater and people would walk by the theater. If you saw the flag, you knew there was a play that night. And, by the color of the flag, you would know which kind of play it was. A Red flag meant a tragedy was going to play that day. A White flag meant a comedy was going to play that day. A Blue flag meant history was going to play that day. Think of the colors Red, White and Blue four hundred years ago and what they encompass for America today."

The Houston Symphony Orchestra success in Europe can be attributed to the mastery of Maestro Eschenbach rapport with the orchestra. This is the tenth anniversary of the symphony's relationship with Eschenbach, whom Stein described as a "compelling, emotional and psychological force." The orchestra will play concerts this week in Dusseldorf, Cologne and Vienna. The performances will encompass Berg's Violin Concerto, Rouse's Phaethon, Mahler's Symphony No.1 in D Major and Bruckner's Symphony No.4 in E-flat Major, Romantic -- all of which will be covered in next week's update of the Houston Symphony Orchestra's European Tour via the orchestra's celebrated Conductor-In-Residence Stephen Stein.

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Drug Combo Effective

Against AIDS

By Paul Reecer

Washington (AP) -- AIDS patients live longer and have fewer infections with a three-drug combination that includes a new protease inhibitor drug, a federal health agency announced Monday.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said that in a drug trial of AIDS patients with advanced disease, those taking a combination of zidovudine, lamivudine and indinavir had only half the cancers, infections and deaths of patients who were taking only a two-drug combination.

Dr. Scott Hammer of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital at Harvard Medical School in Boston, the chairman of the national drug test, said all patients in the study are now being given the opportunity to switch to the three-drug combination or to other experimental regimens.

"We have moved very quickly on this," he said.

A committee determined last Tuesday that the three-drug combination was very beneficial and recommended the study stop so that all the patients in the drug trial could switch if they wanted to.

Hammer said that by last Friday letters had gone out to all of the centers and patients in the drug trials, notifying them of the findings and offering patients the chance to select a new drug combination.

He emphasized, however, that no patients should change their medication routine until they have consulted with their doctors.

Zidovudine is also known as AZT and lamivudine is known as 3TC. They are in a class of drugs known as reverse transcriptase inhibitors. The third drug, indinavir, is one of a new class of compounds called protease inhibitors. The two classes of drugs attack HIV, the AIDS virus, in different ways.

The drug trials, said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, "confirm the importance of including protease inhibitors in treatment strategies for patients with advanced HIV disease."

"Significantly, the current study provides additional evidence that combination approaches using protease inhibitors can reduce the risk of death," said Fauci, director of the NIAID, the agency that supported the drug trial.

Hammer said officials directing the national study moved swiftly after an independent data and safety panel monitoring the trials of the three-drug combination recommended early termination and closure of the trials because of the significant benefit for patients taking all three drugs.

The trial had tested a total of 1,156 HIV patients at 33 different hospitals or clinics across the nation. The patients had been enrolled in the study for up to a year, with a median participation of 38 weeks.

Patients in the study were randomly assigned to receive either all three of the drugs, or AZT, 3TC and a placebo.

"Survival and a delay in disease progression were significantly better in patients receiving the triple combination therapy," the NIAID reported.

Among patients on the triple drug combination, there were 33 instances of disease progression while there were 66 instances among patients taking only AZT, 3TC and a placebo. Eight patients on the triple drug combination died, while 18 among the other group died.

For patients with a CD4 T-cell count of fewer than 50 per cubic millimeter, a very low level, "the benefit was statistically significant," the agency said.

CD4 T-cells, the white blood cells that are a key element of the body's immune system, are the primary targets of HIV. Healthy levels are 800 to 1,200 per cubic millimeter of blood.

The Treatment Action Group, an AIDS activist organization, said the results of the triple combination drug trial "could help to revolutionize treatment for most people with AIDS."

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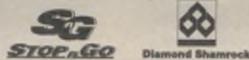
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BOOK REVIEW

by Jone Devlin

Easy Rawlins is back, and his life is as complicated as ever. Walter Mosely's newest addition to the Easy Rawlins series "A Little Yellow Dog" picks up Easy's life just a little bit beyond where he left off in *Black Betty*. It's 1963, and Easy has a different job now, as Custodial Supervisor at a local school. He likes his job, and feels that things are going smoothly until one day he comes in early and finds that one of the teachers needs him to watch her dog.

Sounds like no big deal, right? But by the end of the day the teacher has disappeared and two bodies have been discovered, one right on the school grounds. Complicating things further, the two men are, respectively, the missing teachers brother-in-law and husband. So as usual Easy's in up to his neck and figures his best bet is to find out what's going on before the police do.

As with all of Mosley's novels, "A Little Yellow Dog" contains lots of twists and turns, some of them pretty crazy. Yet Easy never steps out of character, following each lead to its ultimate conclusion and fighting murder and mayhem every step of the way. Despite all this, it's made plain throughout the novel that Easy is no stereotypical hard-boiled detective. He has a family, a son and a daughter, and is more than aware

of what his crime fighting life has done to them. Then there's the problem of his friend Raymond "Mouse" Alexander, who, because of an incident early on in the novel is considering giving up his life of crime, and has stopped carrying a gun right when Easy needs him once again.

Yet, his difficulties with the new Mouse aside, Easy eventually catches up to the runaway teacher, only to see her murdered in his car apparently over a child's croquet set. Further investigation however, reveals that this teacher, along with her husband and brother-in-law, was involved in drug smuggling, and that she was assisted by none other than some of the other teachers at Sojourner Truth.

But try telling that to detective Sanchez, a man who feels that people like Easy Rawlins are what makes it hard for minorities to succeed in 60s America, and who is determined to bring Easy down. Eventually of course, it all (sort of) works out, but not before several terrible and life changing tragedies have occurred. Easy is left drained and ready, once again to leave the life of the street despite all of its many temptations. "A Little Yellow Dog" is a tense, suspense-filled novel that you will not be able to put down. It's a great book to read if you love mysteries, and a great book to read if you don't.



IN MEMORIAM

Joel Langanke

Joel Langanke, 34, died of heart failure due to complications from meningitis and AIDS. A private funeral with family was held Saturday, Feb. 8.

Joel, a Houston native, was a certified fitness instructor and board-certified EMT, as well as a trainer in lifesaving rules for the Red Cross. He was a charter member of the Q Patrol of Houston for over 6 years, and a former Muscles in Action dancer and club dancer, a former model and TWT cover man.

Everyone will miss his off the cuff remarks on how he thought and his good humor and heart.

A candlelight memorial walk will be held this evening (Feb. 28) at 11pm starting at 239 Westheimer (Suzanne Anderson Properties). Anyone may attend and say goodbye. Donations may be made to Q Patrol; call (713)528-SAFE.



Kenyon Clayton McIntyre

Tuesday, February 18 was met with the untimely passing of Ken McIntyre, a driving factor within the Houston community. He was a visionary at creating spaces for individual expression and celebration. For those familiar with Rich's Houston and San Diego, Ken was the primary motivator behind the original concept in 1983. His intuitive nature allowed him to surround himself with like-minded people who shared his visions and dreams, helping him develop them into reality. A man of modest persona and genuine human spirit, Ken touched many lives, leaving behind a

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Liberty for All

by Patricia Nell Warren

Despite controversy -- indeed, because of it -- the 6th Annual Southeastern Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual college conference just stamped its fiery lambda on Bible-belt sensibility. Site this year: Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Big lesson of the weekend: anti-gay hate can spark a powerful reaction among fair-minded straight youth and adults.

Over 300 students came from every state in the region, for the biggest turnout yet. Co-chairs Allie Sultan and Michael Grantham titled the gathering "And Liberty For All." February 14-16 were packed with workshops, networking, resource fair, coffeehouse, on-line chats, booksignings, fund-raising reception, banquet and dance, plus an open meeting to discuss what campus will host the '98 edition. A hardworking volunteer corps from MTSU's Lambda Association supported the co-chairs throughout.

A pre-conference blast of hate email, death threats, sulphurous sermons and edged editorials had fizzled by opening day. The student organizers simply publicized threats to the media. Thanks to their cool, and last-minute efforts by moderate church groups in town, who called for a show of Christian love over a show of rage, the conference went off without incident. The Baptist Student Union, stepping over elders' protests that their action was condoning homosexuality, served a big Southern breakfast to the conference-goers, complete with grits. They still believe that traditional marriage is the only permissible place for sex, the Baptist kids explained, but they were uneasy about the frenzy of hate, and wanted to make a Jesus-like gesture.

Focus of the frenzy was a screening of "It's Elementary." This popular documentary, with its message that grade-school kids need positive info about gay issues, had been protested elsewhere in the U.S. Sultan and Grantham told me that initially the MTSU administration shrugged off their requests for tightened security. But after a look at the death threats, and a phone call from civil-rights attorney Abby Rubinfeld (who got Tennessee's sodomy law dismissed), MTSU grew concerned about possible violence. Filmgoers walked into Tucker Theater past a metal detector

and campus security. Outside, several squad cars patrolled. But only a few shivering picketers showed up. The film finished to loud applause from the packed auditorium.

Keynote speeches came from Torie Osborne, Lynn Shepodd, Paul Yandurra, and myself. David Mixner, also scheduled to speak, got caught in airline-strike snarls, and was unable to reach Murfreesboro.

Mainstream media -- local press, CBS and NBC affiliates -- gave this historic conference the notice it deserved. The campus TV station provided positive coverage. Unfortunately, major gay news media were absent. But regional community publications, including Xenogeny, did support "Liberty" with enthusiasm.

Allie Sultan told me: "I have received dozens of e-mail messages since Sunday! People have already started to become more active in the South...on Saturday I'm going to Asheville, NC, to be at a joint meeting with three college LGB groups from the area. [I've been] talking with some heterosexual people in my classes...it gives me a new, different sense of happiness to be accessible for heterosexual people as well as the gay community here at MTSU!"

Michael Grantham's comment was: "The responses from across the country are great! They really make us feel like we've done what we've aimed to do. Allie and I hope that everyone feels empowered enough to initiate a much needed social change throughout the Southeast and US."

Personally, I left Murfreesboro feeling more hopeful. There are growing signs that hate religion will be rejected by the fair-minded among Christian students and adults across the U.S. Indeed, the South is not the monolith of redneck religion that some believe it to be. The South birthed Thomas Jefferson and religious freedom. The South was where a black openly gay Quaker activist named Bayard Rustin helped Rev. Martin Luther King develop the civil-rights movement of the '60s.

Next year's Southeast conference may well be greeted with more howls of protest. But no doubt about it -- these empowering youth events are denting the Bible belt.

(Patricia Nell Warren is author of "The Front Runner" and other bestselling books, as well as a widely published commentator.)

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Real Life Mob Story

by Chris Rundquist

Forget the glamour of Scarface and The Godfather Trilogy, Donnie Brasco is the true life story of the gritty gutter life of mobsters. There is nothing glamorous about life at this level of the mob.

Directed by Mike Newell, the film is based on the book Donnie Brasco, My Undercover Life In The Mafia, by Joseph D. Pistone with Richard Woodley, which was the source for the screenplay by award-winning writer Paul Attanasio (Quiz Show, Disclosure). The TriStar Pictures and Mandalay Entertainment presentation was produced by Mark Johnson, Barry Levinson, Louis DiGiarmo and Gail Mutrux. Patrick McCormick and Alan Greenspan are the executive producers.

The film stars Al Pacino in an ironic, self-examining performance that puts a new spin on his classic portraits of gangland heroes. Unlike Pacino's previous mob roles, Lefty Ruggiero is not a beaten-down, two-bit criminal whose very existence exposes the hypocrisy and absurdity of the gangster mythology.

Pacino is joined by Johnny Depp, who plays Donnie, the agent trapped in the dangerous spaces between his real and undercover identities. Donnie's journey is not the usual one for Johnny Depp, taking Depp into a complex maelstrom of mind-games and conflicting emotions.

Anne Heche takes on the film's major female role as Donnie's steadfast wife, Maggie, a woman who must walk a very thin line between loving her husband and fearing his secret undercover life. The closer Donnie's mob life comes to touching their family, the farther Maggie must distance herself from him, despite her need for him.

Pacino, Depp and Heche are joined by

a cast that includes Michael Madsen, Bruno Kirby and James Russo as "Sonny Black", "Nicky" and "Paulie", the loyal wiseguys who Donnie and Lefty both despise and respect for their very different reasons.

As usual, Al Pacino just does not make bad movies. His performance is superb. Johnny Depp does an excellent job as well, depicting the dynamics of under-



With Lefty's (Al Pacino, right) help, Donnie Brasco (Johnny Depp) becomes a "connected" guy in the Mafia.

cover life. This film is a great stretch for Depp, and really exemplifies his acting abilities.

This true story of an undercover FBI agent demonstrates the great sacrifices that law enforcement officers must make in order to protect society. Unfortunately, as in the case of Donnie Brasco, the undercover life can be very destructive to the officer as well as his family.

"Donnie Brasco" a *** film, opens in theaters on Friday, February 28, 1997, and is rated "R".

Enough With The Casino Movies Already!

by Chris Rundquist

Trailing on the heels of such recent films as Leaving Las Vegas, Casino, and Get Shorty, is yet another gambler's tale of the seedy underside of casino life. The only difference is this one takes place in Reno rather than Las Vegas.

Hard Eight marks the feature film debut of newcomer Paul Thomas Anderson. Anderson's first foray into filmmaking was "Cigarettes and Coffee," a 24 minute film about five characters in a coffee shop outside of Las Vegas who play out their destiny. It premiered at the 1993 Sundance Film Festival Shorts Program, and garnered the young Anderson a great deal of attention.

Written and directed in a taut film-noir style by Anderson, "Hard Eight" is a tale of love, revenge and redemption. Professional gambler Sydney (Philip Baker Hall), a dapper man in his 50's, befriends a down-on-his-luck young man, John (John C. Reilly), outside a coffee shop. Sydney gives John a ride to Reno, where he proceeds to tutor him in the art of making a living as a gambler. As their relationship develops, John's confidence and luck in the casino's grow under Sydney's tutelage, and the two men become as close as father and son.

Two years later, a now confident well-dressed John is very comfortable in the casinos of Reno. He still admires his mentor Sydney, though he now spends much of his time with a new friend, Jimmy (Samuel L. Jackson), an obnoxious small-time crook masquerading as a security guard. Jimmy openly challenges Sydney's influence and an intense mutual dislike develops between the two men.

When Sydney takes a protective interest in another casualty of the glittery nightlife, Clementine (Gwyneth Paltrow), a cocktail waitress and part-time hooker, John is quickly drawn into an affair with her. One night

Sydney receives a desperate phone call from John, who summons him to a cheap motel. Upon arrival, he finds an unconscious man lying on the bed in a pool of blood. John explains he was a trick of Clementine's who refused to pay. He also tells Sydney they called the man's wife to demand the money Clementine was owed in payment for his release.

An angry Sydney tries to persuade John to leave town immediately with him, only to be told that he married Clementine earlier that



Picture: Gwyneth Paltrow in Hard Eight, a tale of love, revenge and redemption set against the seedy casinos of Reno.

day. Desperate to get them out of town before the police arrive, Sydney convinces the couple to drive to Niagara Falls until the episode blows over. With John and Clementine safely out of town, Jimmy sees an opportunity to get rid of the old man.

Jimmy captures Sydney and with a gun threatens to reveal a dark secret from Sydney's past that will destroy his relationship with John unless Sydney pays for Jimmy's silence. Things take a dark turn here as the old master confronts the younger gangster in an effort to save his relationship with John, whom he has come to look upon as a son.

"Hard Eight" was produced by Robert Jones and John Lyons, and directed by Michael Caton, Jones and Frank Oz. Executive Producers are Keith Samples, Hans Brockmann and Francois Duplat.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday-2/28

• Catholic Mass at 10:00 am; Movie Night "Audience Choice" at 7:00 pm at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.

Saturday-3/1

• Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.

Sunday-3/2

• 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 am & 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.

• 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.

• Church of the XII Apostles worship service at 10:30 am. Chapel of the Santana Funeral Home, 5352 Katy Freeway, 665.7903.

• 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.

Tuesday-3/4

• 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.

• HIV Affected group meets at 7:00 pm. Judy or Pam at 880-9235. At Community Gospel.

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Wednesday-3/5

• MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.

• Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.

• MCCR: Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 pm Midweek uplift service at 7:00 pm, Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm 861-9149.

• Gospel Explosion '97 at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9325.

Thursday-3/6

• Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.

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

RELIGION

by Lee Davis

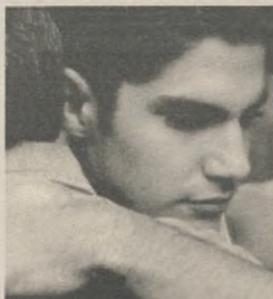
Community Gospel Church was started in 1992 by Alvis Strickland. With initial meetings at 1700 Montrose, the church has relocated to several locations culminating in their newly-purchased facility at 3405 Lillian St. The church was already in wonderful shape, however, the membership needed to make it "theirs". They have renovated several areas of the church and added the special touches that make it home. The facility includes a sanctuary which seats up to 300, a kitchen and fellowship hall, 11 classrooms, 2 offices, a nursery, and a church bookstore.

Community's main focus is the worship service, above any programs or outreaches. "We must always remember why we are in existence, to provide a place for people to worship the Lord and grow in the word", said Pastor Chris Chiles. Over the years, the membership has taken food offerings to various community outreaches as a part of their ministry of the church. With the additional room in their new building, they are starting their own food pantry to assist those in need.

Community Gospel will be celebrating and dedicating their new building March 5 through 9th. For these services entitled "Gospel Explosion '97", they will be hosting several guests from around the country who will be ministering in the word and in song.

The featured speakers include Ronnie Pigg, Pastor of Casa De Cristo Church in Phoenix, AZ; Beverly Wells, Pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Stanfield, AZ; Evelyn and Dennis Schave from Centralia, WA; Joe Wilson, Pastor of House of Love in Ontario, CA and Chris Chiles. Special music will be provided by Marvelous Light; Glenn Baker from Long Beach, CA; Revival (composed of Roseanne Lawrence, D. L. Salisbury, and Chris Chiles); David Young; and The Light Company from Ontario, CA. Put them all together and you have the makings for one of the most exciting series of meetings ever!

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U.S. tour with a live performance in Houston on May 2 at the Cynthia Woods Pavilion. Tickets for the show go on sale



this Saturday at all Ticketmaster outlets.... The much publicized 'will she or won't she' coming out episode of ABC's

sitcom Ellen is tentatively slated to air April 30. TV Guide reports that the sitcom character will indeed come out in the episode. Veteran film-star Laura Dern will most likely play Ellen's love interest and the aforementioned Winfrey is considering plying Ellen's therapist. The episode would air in time for the May sweeps.... Robert Urich, currently undergoing treatment for cancer, will be the host of the new ABC medical series Vital Signs, which will showcase real-life medical dramas.... Madonna will perform at this year's Oscar ceremony despite being overlooked for an actress nod. The pop-icon will sing You Must Love Me, which was nominated for Best Song.... Tom Hanks will produce a 13-part HBO series about the 12 manned Apollo missions. The series is slated to air in December in honor of the space programs 25th anniversary.... Country music star Tammy Wynette is suing American Media Inc., the parent company of the National Enquirer and Star magazines, for libel, defamation and invasion of privacy. The music legend was dismayed at continuous reports from the gossip rags citing she was critically ill.... Elizabeth Taylor is in great spirits and looking forward to returning home. At press time, she had not been released. Taylor underwent successful surgery this week to remove a benign brain tumor. She turned 65, February 27.... Roseanne has just signed to play the witch in a new theatrical production of The Wizard of Oz which bows at Madison Square Garden for a 48 performance run beginning May 7 through June 1. A tour is possible.... Andrew Lloyd Weber's Sunset Boulevard will close March 22. The musical, based on the Billy Wilder movie, starring Gloria Swanson, about aging Hollywood star Norma Desmond, was a disappointment. Although the show was a sellout with original star Glenn Close, it faltered after Betty Buckley and Elaine Page took over the role. The show did not recoup its \$10 million production costs. The London show, with Petula Clark, ends April 5.... TriStar Pictures is set to make a movie about the Village People. The group however is concerned

about revealing how they emerged from the gay and drug cultures in the '70's, according to Variety.... Sir Georg Solti, 84, is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a symphonic recording artists. The Hungarian-born conductor, with more Grammys than Michael Jackson or



Madonna, is best known in the U.S. for his tenure at the powerhouse Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Said Solti of his first recording in 1947 of Beethoven's Egmont Overture with Zurich's Tonhalle Orchestra: "I was bad, the orchestra was bad, everything was bad.".... The Empire Strikes Back, Special Edition won the battle of the box-office hands down. Star Wars: Special Edition was second. Empire zapped \$22 million over the weekend, while Wars accumulated \$11 million. The 'Star Wars' juggernaut is skyrocketing to new records. The first re-issue has earned \$116 million in three weeks, catapulting it to the box-office champ of all-time. The previous title holder was E.T. The last of the trilogy, Return of the Jedi, originally slated for release March 7, has been postponed to March 14.

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Currently, Ms. Dunaway can be seen as a New Orleans barmaid in the Miramax hostage drama Albino Alligator directed by Kevin Spacey and co-starring Matt Dillon and Gary Sinise, and for Showtime, Ms. Dunaway stars as Phyllis Gold, the irrepressible and loving mother who discovers that her daughter's unborn son is in all probab-

Compassion!, which is currently being made into a feature film from his screenplay. For the Kander and Ebb musical Kiss of the Spider Woman, he received the 1993 Tony Award. His plays include Lips Together, Teeth Apart, The Lisbon Traviata, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune, It's Only A Play, A Perfect Ganesha, The Rink, and The Ritz. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations including



ity gay in Twilight of the Golds opposite Garry Marshall. Ms. Dunaway is active in the development of feature films and TV projects for her own company and will be producing and starring in the film adaptation of Master Class in 1998.

With Master Class, playwright Terrence McNally won his second consecutive Best Play Tony Award, having won the 1995 prize for Love! Valour!

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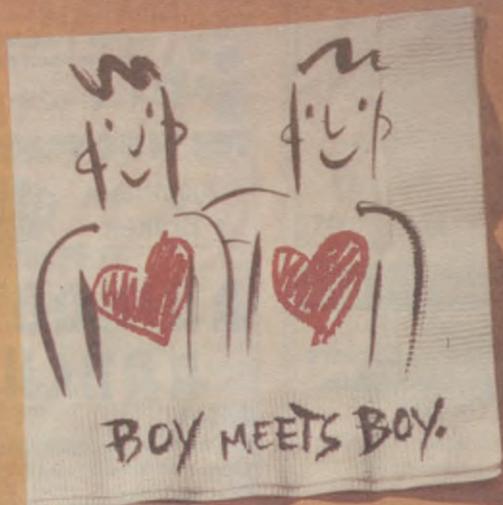
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Donor Pool Shrinking

A shrinking donor pool is delaying some sight-restoring operations, according to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine. "Increased governmental regulation and testing have reduced the supply of donor tissue," said Mary Beth Danneff, Executive Director of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Cornea donations are needed now more than ever."

During "National Eye Donor Awareness Month" in March, tours of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas will be offered. Speakers are also available to address school and civic groups.

"Donor designation is easy," said Ms. Danneff. "Get the facts, indicate your decision on a driver's license and/or donor card, and share the decision with your family." For info call 713.798.5500.

Genital Herpes

Twenty percent of Americans have genital herpes, but only two percent know they have the disease. Low awareness of genital herpes combined with a rising incidence of the disease has prompted SmithKline Beecham to initiate a broad-based, direct-to-consumer genital herpes education and awareness campaign involving thought-provoking print advertising in leading women's books and city magazines. They have also initiated a consumer 800 number, a sexual health television segment hosted by prominent physicians and a unique web site set in a fun, yet highly informative, safe environment.

To reach info concerning the disease and the latest treatment developments, dial 1-888-645-4444. To access the info online via Cafe Herpe, visit <http://www.cafeherpe.com>.

Syringe Exchange

AIDS Action Council, the nation's leading AIDS advocacy organization, recently called on President Clinton and the 105th Congress to heed the results of two federal reports released within the last week which indicate that syringe exchange programs are an effective means of curbing HIV infection among intravenous drug users and their families.

A Department of Health and Human Services report released recently reviews the compelling body of research that demonstrates that syringe exchange programs do reduce HIV transmission among intravenous drug users, their sexual partners, and their children. Additionally, the report shows there is little compelling evidence that syringe exchange programs encourage drug use. The report comes on the heels of a National Institutes of Health consensus panel conclusion last week that syringe exchange programs can and should play an important role in HIV prevention.

Prescribed Marijuana

The Texans for Medical Rights recently polled 1,002 Americans concerning physicians rights to prescribe marijuana for medicinal purposes. By a 2 to 1 margin, American voters favor allowing doc-

tors to prescribe marijuana for medicinal purposes for seriously or terminally ill patients (60 percent favor, 30 percent oppose, nine percent don't know and one percent refused to answer).

Americans believe that doctors in states like Arizona and California, which have passed medical marijuana initiatives, should be able to prescribe marijuana for medical purposes, and they don't believe the federal government should penalize those doctors for prescribing marijuana (68 percent say doctors should be able to prescribe, 24 percent say federal government should penalize those doctors, two percent don't agree with either notion, four percent are unsure, and one percent refused to answer). For info on Texans for Medical Rights, call 713.975.6270.

Diabetes Risks

People over age 40 who are at high risk of diabetes should be tested yearly for the disease even if they don't have symptoms. "By diagnosing diabetes before symptoms develop, physicians can intervene sooner with medication and recommend life-style changes to minimize the complications of this potentially deadly disease," said Dr. Alan J. Garber, Baylor Professor of Medicine.

Risk factors include a family history of diabetes, obesity—especially being more than 30% over the standard body weight for your height, age—people over 50 being at greater risk, and ethnic background—Hispanics, African-Americans and American Indians are more likely to develop diabetes and run a greater risk of complications.

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The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division A is headed by Beat The Meat Again, We Go There and Eclectic Twits. Five Easy Pieces, Thirsty Wives Club, and Spank My Feet lead Division B. Richard Nickerson bowled High Scratch Game of 259 and High Handicapped Game. Don Burken bowled High Scratch Series of 670 and High Handicapped Series. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Call Tom at 522.9612.

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports standings as We Go There Too in 1st, Please Don't Eat The Daisy in 2nd and Titty Titty Wang Wang in 3rd. For the men Bob Roberts bowled High Scratch Game of 268, Series of 721 and High Handicap Series. Dwayne Pavelka bowled High Handicapped Game. For the women, Linda Dees bowled High Scratch Series of 536 and Terry Shannon Game of 203. Nancy Malandrino bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. For more info call Tom at 522.9612. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 7pm on Sunday.

The Wednesday Night Mixers reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Gutter Trash in 2nd and Charley's Tunas in 3rd. For the men John Laehy bowled High Scratch Game of 214 and High Handicapped Game of 277. Rich Mayer bowled High Scratch Series of 536 and Scott Allbee High Handicapped Series. For the women, Terry Shannon swept all categories with High Scratch Game of 247 and Series of 663. Call Tom at 522.9612. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls at 6:30pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. Balls R Out is in 1st with Marks-A-Lot in 2nd, Bitches in Beautiful Shirts in 3rd and TAZ Club in 4th. For more info call Pat at 281.437.6218.

The 12th Annual Miss Bowler Beehive Review will be held at Santa Fe Bar & Patio this Saturday, Mar. 1 at 7pm. The bowlers will delight you with their wit and antics, all in the name of raising money for the designated charities of the Texas Invitational Tournament. No admission, with happy hour prices and loads of entertainment.

Free Fishing Trip

The Rainbow Fishing Club is holding a drawing for a free trip on the Texsun II of Galveston worth \$60. Tickets are \$1



Bobbie & Chester of the Rainbow Fishing Club.

and are available at EJ's from Robert White and Lucy and at the 611 Club from Chester Dickerson and Bobbie Frida.

The drawing will be at the March 15 Barbecue & Shrimp Boil at EJ's, 2517 Ralph St. at 6pm. The winner does not have to be present. The barbecue will run from 2pm to 6pm and will cost \$3.50 a plate. Everyone is invited.

The next Rainbow outing on the 70-foot deluxe deep sea fishing boat will be Sunday, June 22. The cost for the 12-hour trip is \$60 with a \$30 deposit due now. The club will also be going out in April on the New Buccaneer and in May on the Cavalier, both out of Galveston.

For info and to get on the free mailing list, call 713.523.6381.

Winterfest

The National Gay & Lesbian Business Alliance will host the 4th Annual Lake Tahoe Gay & Lesbian WinterFest. This non-stop ski event circuit party will be held from Wednesday, March 12 through Sunday, March 16.

Special package rates, including discounts on American Airlines, accommodations at Lakeland Village Beach & Ski Resort, plus lift tickets and party passes are available by calling NTS Vacations at 1.800.886.2623.

Volley!

The Lone Star Volleyball Association (LSVA) invites all interested parties to play in their Winter Season '97 Leagues. They are actively seeking individuals to play in all divisions. Please call their HotLine at 713.878.4629 or go to the Univ. of St. Thomas Jerabek Center and play a couple of games with them.

LSVA meets each Sunday from 4:30-7pm (Recreational & Intermediate Leagues) and also from 7-9:30pm (Competitive & Power Leagues). All are welcome to join this diverse group (male/female). Remember, the action begins Sunday, Mar. 2 at 4:30pm.

Let's Play Ball

The 2nd Annual Genye Allen Memorial Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at Memorial Fields #4 and #5. This all-day, women's/co-ed tournament again benefits the PWA Coalition of Houston. Sponsored by Bunch-o-Posies, Java-Java, Kleinbrook Animal Clinic, MCCR, Pet Depot and The 611, the entry fees are \$100 per team. For more info, or to sponsor, contribute or participate, call 864.0871.

Strike Her Out!

The Houston Women's Softball League (HWSL) is gearing up for another season of play. They welcome all new coaches, teams and/or individual players. Games will tentatively begin March 15 & 16 with their Pre-Season tournament. For info call Trish at 713.688.9468.

Hip Hop at the "Y"

Get fit at The Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. Their Indoor Heated Pool offers the community swimming instruction year-round for all ages as well as a variety of water exercise classes. They are also currently offering Hip-Hop Dance classes for ages 12-15 years of age. For more info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

HOG Trip!

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) will be camping at Sulfur Springs Camp near Colorado Bend State Park, near Bend, Texas from March 14-16. If you need info concerning HOG or the camping trip, please call Darlene at 864.0082.

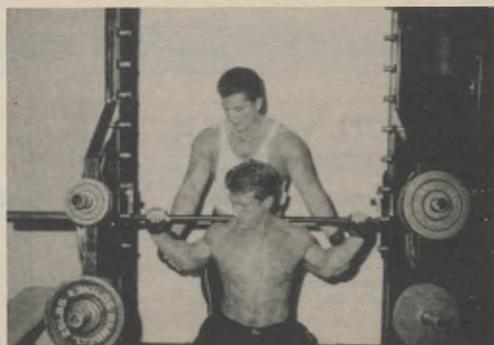
MSL Wants You!!

As the Montrose Softball League (MSL) enters its 18th season, the MSL Board of Trustees is getting the word out to all previous league members that they want you back! As the league continues to grow, we miss those former members who dropped out of the league for whatever reason and they would like to have you return.

Over the past couple of years, the softball league has greatly increased in membership and last season saw the return of many members who were instrumental in keeping the league alive in past years. MSL gets off to an early start this year with the Lone Star Classic taking place over Easter weekend and regular league play beginning the following Sunday. The final weekend of play is June 22.

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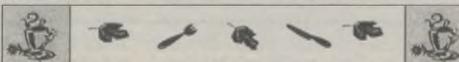
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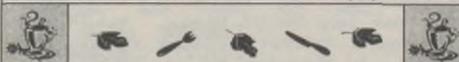
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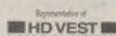
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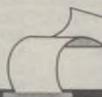
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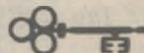


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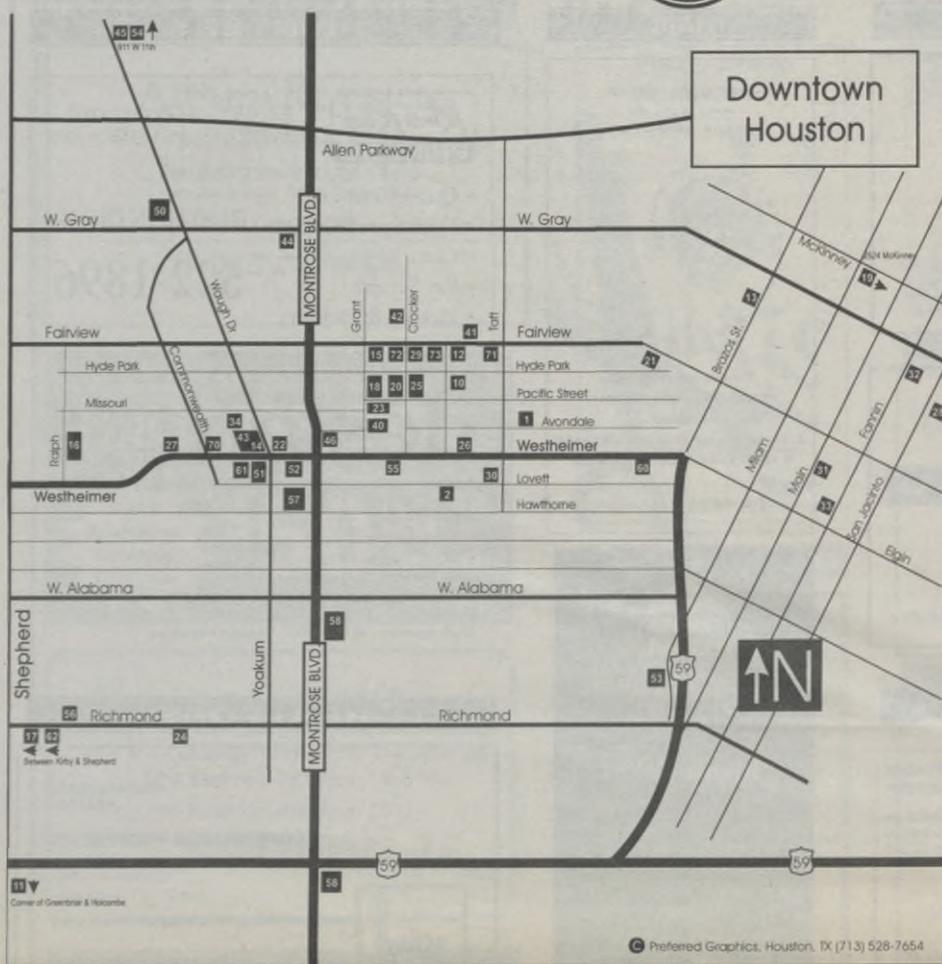


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All those interested in playing or perhaps coaching are requested to leave your name and number with the league office at 713.867.3913. They will add your name to the list of eligible players to be given to all coaches and managers. Come on back, or join anew and have a great time this summer. They really do miss you!

Volunteers for Volley?

The Lone Star Volleyball Classic IX is still looking for volunteers for their tournament to be held Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. Volunteers are needed to distribute welcome packets, register players, house players, assist at the gyms, show the city, etc. If you are interested, please leave a message on the Lone Star Volleyball Association's 24 hour voice mail at 713.878.4629.

Let's Skate!

The Lambda Roller Skating Club host their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 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 933.5818 or visit their website at <http://www.neosoft.com/~lrsc>.

Chain Smokin'!

The Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club invites you to join them on Saturday, Mar. 1 at 9am for their "Fruit Loop" ride. Meet them at the front gates of the picnic loop in Memorial Park to ride around the loop. This is a 1 mile loop so you can stop and go when you please. There will be a picnic after the ride at 12 noon so bring a sack lunch and the club will provide sodas. This is a Chain smoker, 40-mile ride. Call 713.768.8793 for more info.

More Club Info

The Montrose Ice Picks skate every

Sunday at the Galleria ice skating rink. Meet them at 5pm or call 713.629.1432 for 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.

The Movie Club is a Gay social club that meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday night of the month for dinner and a movie. What better way to enjoy friends, both new and old. Call 952.4048 for info.

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.

The Houston Tennis Club is a lesbian and gay club with members of all levels of play—beginner to advanced. Meet at 9am on Sundays at Memorial Park Tennis Center or call 713.692.2703 for info.

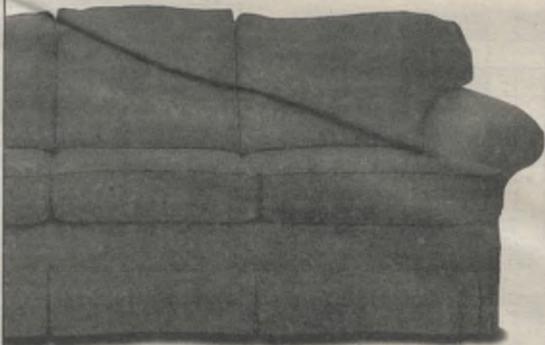
Think dancing isn't a sport? Try to argue with these two organizations! The Southern Country Dance Group provides dance lessons at the Ranch, 8-10pm on Tuesdays. The Ranch is located at 9200 Buffalo Speedway.

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.



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"The H.M.S. Queen Mary Cotillion"
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Sunday, March 9

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Music by Cowboys Nightmare

10 pm

Paris Vacation Raffle Drawing

Friday, Feb. 28

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Buffet at 5:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour; Wayne Gray tickles the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Bunny O'Hare open at 9:30 pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip Contest at 11:00 pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 6:00 pm; \$2 Kamikazes.
- Heaven: \$1 well and \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli; hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Roman Holiday Toga Party Weekend thru Mar. 2.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 8:00 pm to 2:30 am; After hours until 4:00 am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9:00 pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7:00 pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rascals: Free hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Hourly shot specials; Video Post Office at 9:00 pm.
- Rich's: 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; After Hours until 4:00am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9:00 pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2.50 Southern Comfort.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm. The Houston Area Bears guest bartender at 9:00 pm.

Saturday, Mar. 1

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Star-Studded show with Roxanne Lee Love at 11:00 pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9:00 to 9:30 pm at Santa Fe Bar and Patio, 9:30 to 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining

- Company, 10:00 to 10:30 pm at J.R.'s Bar and Grill, and 11:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 2:30 pm. Soiree Aubergine Silent Auction begins at 8pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks and premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30 p.m.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Roman Holiday Toga Party Weekend continues.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:30 am; happy hour until 10:00 pm; After hours until 4:00 am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night at 9:00 pm. No cover till 9:00 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rascals: Doors open at 2:00 pm; Happy hour until 8:00 pm. \$1 well drinks 9:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Rich's: 21 and up tonight! No cover before 10:00 pm; \$1 well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; DJ J.D. Arnold spins the beat of Billboard. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4:00 am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2.50 Southern Comfort.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.

Sunday, Mar. 2

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Steak night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Open pool tables.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 7:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from noon to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11:00 pm. No cover before 10:00 pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11:00 pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud and Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toy Dancers from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Pool tournament at 5:30 pm; 9:00 pm.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut and Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11:00 pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11:00 pm; \$2.75 Shiner Bock; SRO Karaoke at 6:00 pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11:00 pm.
- Mary's: 50¢ draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Texas Riders guest bartender at 2:00 pm on the Patio.
- Midtowne Spa: Roman Holiday Toga Party Weekend concludes.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks; \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8:00 pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7:00 pm; 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.
- Rascal's: 99¢ vodka drinks; \$1

- domestic longnecks; \$1.75 well drinks.
- Rich's: 18 and up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp...a comedy revue with Simply Divine and Lana Blake at 10:30 pm; Doors open at 8:00 pm.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from noon to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2.50 Southern Comfort.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" and LVL PWA Charities guest bartender at 5:00 pm. Show at 8pm.

Monday, Mar. 3

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well and domestic beer.
- BriarPatch: Wheel of Fortune and Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Clint plays topless; Open pool tables.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers from noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip 11:00 pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Crown Royal.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1 longnecks at 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Pacific Street: Mall Escape! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2.50 Southern Comfort.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, Mar. 4

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Female Dancers at 10:30 pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day and nite. C&W Dance Lessons at 8:30 pm. Burgers on the patio from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Drawing for dollars at Happy Hour; Marci holds court at the keyboard.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine noon to 7:00 pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.

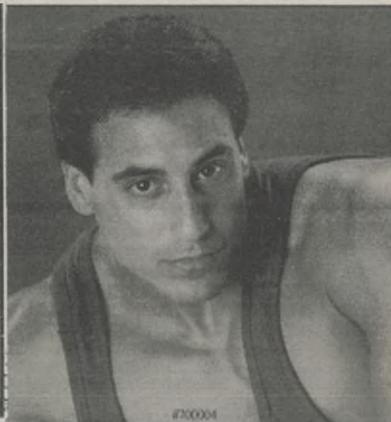
- Club Houston: Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. Amateur/Talent Night at 11:00 pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$2 Windex shots.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas and wine; Jockey short contest at 11:00 pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- 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 9:00 pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2.50 Southern Comfort.

Wednesday, Mar. 5

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Free Pool Tables.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks.
- BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Saloon singer Beverly Sisco tickles the ivories.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9:00 pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11:00 pm.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace takes you to the Edge; Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea; Joe Boxer dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1:00 pm hosted by Don Dowden; Drink specials all day and all night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night and shower dancers with a \$100 cash prize.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Pacific Street: No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors. Doors open at 7:00 pm.
- Rascals: \$1.25 domestic longnecks and well drinks; Lil' Rascals strip contest at 11:00 pm; Free happy hour buffet.

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VOICE personals



Women SEEKING Women

SF 37, butch. I have a soft, romantic streak on the inside. I'm honest, intelligent, sincere & passionate about life. Looking for a butch top who is honest, upfront & trustworthy for fun & friendship. Maybe we can get together. Call Ext. 5251

SWF 35. In search of a single White female, between 30-45, for companionship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5248

SBF 136 lbs., 5'2", light-complexioned. Looking for a single Black or White female to enjoy telephone conversations with & get to know a little better. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5321

SF 18, bisexual. Looking for other bisexual women to dominate & abuse me sexually. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5286

DF Bisexual. I need a woman. When I was married, I had a great relationship with my husband & my girlfriend. She got into drugs, so I had to let her go. I need a woman & I know how to treat one. Blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'4", 130 lbs., large breasts. I'm so sensual. I'm a stand-up comic & a poet. I want to get to know you. Call Ext. 5245

SBF 5'5", height/weight proportionate, beautiful brown eyes, 47, but I look 37. I'm very feminine. Seeking soft butch who is very honest & sincere. Seeking someone who is willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5312

SWF 5'2". I have money & live in a nice apartment complex. I enjoy staying home & cooking. Looking for someone for a relationship. Call Ext. 5305

SWF 18, 125 lbs., bisexual. I'm considered very attractive. I would like to meet an older, dominant lesbian or bisexual female to become friends with or much more. I have blonde hair & blue eyes. I'm very out. Looking to meet someone soon. Call me. Call Ext. 5276

SWF 45, 160 lbs., 5'3", professional. Seeking companionship & friendship, possibly more. I'd like to meet a non-smoker. Seeking a Hispanic or White female. I enjoy the beach, going out, traveling & dancing. I'm a non-drinker. If you're interested leave a message. Call Ext. 5256

SF 20, college student. If interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5277

SWF 42. I'm a soft butch captain looking for a single White female first mate who is feminine. Seeking someone who is interested in boating & hanging out at marinas. Call Ext. 5348

SF 23. I'm a mother who enjoys romantic walks on the beach & romantic dinners. Looking for a professional butch who is caring & sharing. She should be 27 or older. Call Ext. 5298

SWF 38, 5'2", 115 lbs. Looking for a single White female. I'm in good shape & very athletic, with a college degree. Looking for a long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5339

SF College student, mature. Looking for a professional, mature woman who knows what she wants & is not afraid to go after it. Call Ext. 5262

SF 23, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes. I'm a GQ boy. Looking for an older woman to take care of me. Call Ext. 5284

SWF Red hair, green eyes, 20. Looking for someone, 21-25, who is White or biracial. Call Ext. 5279

SWF Late 40's. Looking for a White female to help me come out. Like fishing, hunting, dancing & boating. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5257

Men SEEKING Men

SM Intelligent, attractive, self-employed, 37, 170 lbs., 5'8", dark brown hair, hazel eyes. I have a smooth, husky, muscular build. I'm HIV+. I would like to meet a man in his late 30's to early 40's who enjoys traveling, dining out, home life, entertaining & outdoor activities. If this sounds like you, leave a message. Call Ext. 5190

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 31, 5'9", 160 lbs. Looking for a top man who is well-endowed. Should be 30-40. I like to go out for an occasional drink & I also enjoy spending time at home. Give me a call if this is you. Call Ext. 5365

SM Leave a message if you are interested. Call Ext. 5364

SM Handsome, sexy, HIV+, late 30's. I would like to meet a man in his late 30's or 40's who is attractive, masculine. Seeking someone who enjoys being a top. I prefer large men who have body & facial hair. Call Ext. 5271

SM 5'11", 172 lbs., black hair, blue eyes. Seeking a man who is the same type, but taller. Preferably a White male of any age. Call Ext. 5363

SWM 46, 6', 160 lbs., handsome. I enjoy working out, movies, the theater & reading. Would like to meet a 35+ year-old, handsome, in shape, healthy, non-smoking, HIV+. Call Ext. 5362

SM 37, 5'8", 165 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. I have a smooth, husky, muscular build. I'm self-employed, HIV+ & very healthy. I would like to meet a man in his late 30's to late 40's who is tall, handsome & aggressive. Seeking someone who prefers being a top. Call Ext. 5201

SHM 32, 5'8", medium-built, bottom. I would like to meet a top male who is 40-50. Facial hair is a must & a hairy chest is a plus. I would prefer a taller man. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5361

Looking for hot action. A couple in uniforms are ready to fill your fantasies. We are height/weight proportionate looking for the same. Call Ext. 5357

Two men looking to play. A top & a bottom want a third for hot, sweaty sessions. We are height/weight proportionate. Call Ext. 5356

SWM Safe, rare. Looking for other guys into body punching. All limits respected. Call for details. Call Ext. 5292

SWM 45, 6'1", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. In search of older men, 50-55, who are in good shape both mentally & physically. I prefer distinguished gentlemen with a variety of cultures & eclectic tastes. Call Ext. 5340

SM Do you like lingerie, wigs & makeup? Panty & pajama parties? Are you seeking an understanding, big brother type to discreetly share your sassy side with? I'm a brown-haired, blue-eyed male in excellent shape. Let the fun begin. Call Ext. 5355

SWM 34, 6'2", 160 lbs., HIV+, straight-acting, masculine, healthy, fit. Like laughter, music, boxer shorts, romance & building new bridges. Looking for much of the same in someone. You are a White male, 30-45, with a positive state of mind. Should be height/weight proportionate. No games please. Life is too short. Call Ext. 5354

GWM 6', 165 lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes. I'm HIV+. I'm handsome, professional, secure & open-minded. I enjoy working out, movies, dining out, evenings at home & some travel. Looking for companionship & possibly more. Seeking a gay Hispanic male, 25-40, who is height/weight proportionate. I prefer a top who is financially & emotionally secure. Light smokers & drinkers are okay. Look forward to hearing from you. Call Ext. 5353

SWM 39, 6'1", 160 lbs., green eyes, mustache, goatee. Looking for Hispanics who are 18-30. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5297

SM 32, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, average-looking. I just moved here from Florida & I'm looking for friendship. Into Asian, Caucasian or Hispanics. Enjoy sports, the outdoors, the beach, amusement parks & more. Also into erotic wrestling. Interested in guys who are 25-35. Call Ext. 5296

SM Muscular, handsome, sexy man, HIV+, late 30's. Would like to meet a man in his late 30's or 40's. Should be attractive, masculine & enjoy being a top. Enjoy being a bottom. Call Ext. 5271

SM 46, 6', bi curious. I have one or two experiences that were not satisfactory. I would like to meet someone to help me investigate it more. Contact me. Call Ext. 5266

SM 37, 5'8", 160 lbs., muscular, handsome, dark brown hair, hazel-green eyes. I'm a healthy, HIV+ person. I take care of myself. I'd like to meet another HIV+ man who is single & living in Houston. Should be attractive & masculine. Seeking someone who prefers to be a top in bed. I enjoy being a bottom. Call Ext. 5201

SM 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, goatee, 160 lbs., 6'12". I like to be a bottom. Seeking a top man up to the age of 39. I like to be tied up. I like water sports & anything that turns you or me on. I love a lot of leather. Call Ext. 5316

GWM 47, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional. I love to dance & I love being affectionate. I love holding, cuddling & kissing. Looking for shorter men with similar characteristics, primarily for friendship & whatever else may or may not develop. Sincerity is a must. Call Ext. 5350

SWM Early 30's, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, average-looking. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Into sports, dancing, partying, the beach, amusement parks & clubbing. I have a variety of interests, including erotic wrestling. Looking for people who are 25-35. Call Ext. 5308

SWM 37, 5'8", 165 lbs., good-looking, muscular & smooth. I'm very attractive & a bottom. Looking for a dominant, aggressive top daddy who is well-built & larger than myself. Preferably someone with body & facial hair. Call Ext. 5201

SWM 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, well-built. Looking for a White or Hispanic male who likes to give blow jobs. Call Ext. 5332

SWM 29, 6'8", slender, height/weight proportionate. Looking for a butch top man who knows how to satisfy a bottom. I will answer all replies. Hope to hear from you soon. Call Ext. 5331

SM Sticky, furry bear. I'm 47, 5'7" & 200 lbs., with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm hairy all over, attractive & easygoing. I'm a romantic top & HIV-. Like entertaining & being a homebody. Looking for that special someone for friendship & a possible long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5328

SHM 34, handsome. Searching for that special guy for companionship. I am HIV+. Willing to know you & share with you. Let's be good friends. It will lead us to a very special relationship of love & respect. Race is not important. Prefer someone masculine-looking & acting. Prefer a top, 26-46, who is discreet. Will respond. Call Ext. 5294

SWM 49, young. I enjoy doing a lot of things. I'm very independent & I own my own home. I have a good job & a travel trailer. I enjoy camping. Call Ext. 5307

GWM 33, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm a hairy, soft cuddly bear-type. I'm HIV+ & very healthy. Seeking gay Black males who are non-smokers. I enjoy movies, quiet evenings at home, cooking & dining out. If you are interested in talking to me further, leave a message. Call Ext. 5347

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

SWM 34, HIV+. I'm doing pretty well & I'm still going strong. I enjoy tennis, swimming, water polo & all kinds of activities. I haven't been in a relationship in over 3 years. Call Ext. 5313

SM I have an all day sucker & I would like to watch someone suck on it. Call Ext. 5310

SWM Certified sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm 6' & 220 lbs. I have a tight end, football player's build, with strawberry-blond hair & green eyes. I have a hairy body. I'm very masculine, drug-free & disease-free. Looking for guys who have similar qualities or those who may be attracted to my qualities. Call Ext. 5149

SWM 35, 5'6", 160 lbs., clean & discreet. I am very aggressive & demanding. Looking for a submissive, older White male for a possible long-term relationship. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Call Ext. 5282

SM Looking for a good time & hot dick. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5289

SM 5'10", 200 lbs., 8". I love sex, drugs & having a good time. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5283

SWM Young-acting, young-looking, 40, 5'10", 160 lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes. I have very hairy legs, but I don't have fur going down my back. I'm average-built & well-proportioned. I'm also well-endowed. Looking for a bottom, 25-45, of any race. Swimmer's build is a plus. I hope to turn something into a long-term relationship. I enjoy dining out, eating in, movies & staring at the stars. I'm a smoker & an occasional drinker. Call Ext. 5333

SHM Black hair, brown eyes, 34, 5'7", 142 lbs. I'm considered attractive & I work out regularly. Looking for a White male who prefers to be a top man. I want him to have facial hair & be masculine. I like to be positive & healthy. Looking for fun, friendship & maybe a little more. Call Ext. 5319

SM I'm a sexy bottom boy looking for a daddy. If you are interested, call. Call Ext. 5156

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SHM 35, 5'11", 195 lbs., HIV+. Looking for a down-to-earth, attractive, muscular, straight-acting, financially secure, non-smoking, HIV+, gay White male, 35-40, who is 5'11"-6'. Looking for friendship or possibly more. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5345

SWM 6'1", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I come to Houston on the weekends & I will be moving here soon. Looking for a younger man, 21-35, who is passive/aggressive. Must be original, sexually & HIV-. I'm a top, but I can be versatile. Call Ext. 5340

SHM 32, 5'7", 135 lbs., hairy legs, smooth chest. Looking for a gay White or Hispanic male who is preferably a little older than me. I'm looking for something serious. I don't want any games. I'm very open & liberal-minded and I expect to meet someone similar. Call Ext. 5325

SHM 33, 6', slender, smooth, HIV+, very healthy & active. I love music, sports, dining in, dining out & cuddling. I'm very flexible & willing to try other things. Looking for Black males for friendship & a possible relationship. I'm honest, sincere & trustworthy. Must like to have fun. Call Ext. 5265

SM Looking to meet some interesting & uninhibited guys to get together & have some versatile fun with. I like to give, as well as receive. Although, giving is my greatest joy in life. Consider it my duty in life to give pleasure to men. Call Ext. 5259

SWM 44, 5'9", 165 lbs. I'm a bottom, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm clean-shaven, with short hair. I'm straight-acting & discreet. I enjoy giving blow jobs & receiving anal action. Looking for a White male who is a top man. Someone who is taller than me. Must be muscular, with above-average endowment. Smokers & light drinkers are okay. Call Ext. 5244

SM 5'8", 160 lbs., medium-length dark brown hair, smooth complexion. I would like to meet a masculine, aggressive guy who enjoys being a top. I'm HIV+, but very healthy. Call Ext. 5123

SM 44, Indian/Italian descent. I'm very clean-cut, with a hairy chest. I like listening to music, watching movies & having fun. I love kissing, cuddling & holding. I would like to meet a White or Hispanic male who is between the ages of 35-45. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5301

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SM I love to suck cock. Looking for a couple of hot, horny, young, good-looking guys who can be bisexual, straight or gay. Anyone who likes to get his cock sucked, I'm looking forward to meeting you as soon as I can. Call Ext. 5082

SHM 5'9", 165 lbs. Looking for another gay Hispanic male. Non-smoking, but drinking is okay. No games. Call Ext. 5295

SM 37, 5'9", 190 lbs. Seeking masculine gay or bi White or Hispanic or Black guys, 20-45, for sex, safe fun. Must be height/weight proportionate. Being tall is a plus, but not a requirement. Call Ext. 5342

SWM 37, 5'8", 165 lbs., smooth, muscular, good-looking. I'm HIV+. I would like to meet a man who is a top daddy, 35-45, who likes being dominant. I would prefer someone who is 5'11" or taller. I like body & facial hair. If you would like to talk to me further, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5190



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 26-30 years
 31-35 years
 36-40 years
 41-45 years
 over 45 years
2. What is your race/ethnic group?
 Caucasian/White
 African American/Black
 Hispanic/Latino
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Native American
 Other (specify) _____

3. Do you identify yourself as a gay man? Yes No

4. What is your HIV status? HIV+ HIV- unknown

5. Considering the degree of safety if performed without condoms, please rate the following sexual behaviors as "safer" (meaning minimal risk for transmission of HIV) or "risky" (risk of transmission of HIV).

	"Safer"	"Risky"
Rubbing genitals together	_____	_____
Performing oral/genital sex	_____	_____
Receiving oral/genital sex	_____	_____
Masturbating together/each other	_____	_____
Performing oral anal sex	_____	_____
Receiving oral anal sex	_____	_____
Insertive anal sex	_____	_____
Receptive anal sex	_____	_____

6. The following statements refer to condom use. Please rate them according to how often they are true for you, 1 meaning always and 5 meaning never. Indicate N/A (Not Applicable) if you never participate in the activity described.

My partner(s) wear(s) a condom when I perform oral/genital sex on him/(them).
 Always(1)-----2)-----3)-----4)-----5)Never N/A

I wear a condom when I receive oral/genital sex.
 Always(1)-----2)-----3)-----4)-----5)Never N/A

I wear a condom when I am the insertive partner in anal intercourse.
 Always(1)-----2)-----3)-----4)-----5)Never N/A

My partner(s) wear(s) a condom when I am the receptive partner in anal intercourse.
 Always(1)-----2)-----3)-----4)-----5)Never N/A

If none of the above are true for you, please indicate one of the following:
 I practice only non-insertive sex (mutual masturbation, rubbing genitals together).
 I practice abstinence (choose to have no sex at all).

7. During the past year, have you had sex with...(please mark all that apply)
 one primary partner only
 one or more casual partners who are friends/acquaintances
 one or more casual partners who were strangers
 no one, you have not had sex

8. Under what conditions do you choose not to use a condom (please mark all that apply)
 don't think about it don't have one available
 partner prefers not to know partner
 don't like to use condoms when drunk or high
 does not apply - I use a condom every time.

9. During the past year have you had sex with men that you met (please mark all that apply)
 through friends at a dance club or bar
 at the baths at a health club
 in the park on the street
 at work at school
 through personal ads on-line/internet/computer bulletin boards
 on the adult erotic phone lines other (specify) _____
 you have not had sex partners you did not already know in the past year

10. How long on average do you know a man before you have sex with him?
 same day you meet him within one week
 one - two weeks two weeks - one month
 one - two months after two months
 other (specify) _____

Thank you for your participation in this survey. If you would like to include comments about safer sex practices among gay men in the Houston area, please include those comments on a separate sheet of paper.

Important Stuff!

The long awaited, much anticipated "Night in Black Leather '97" weekend kicks-off with the Houston Area Bears guest bartending "Top" side of the Venture-N starting at 9:00 pm. Also, Shan Carr will do a one woman show at 10:00 pm with a cocktail party and buffet before hand at 8:00 pm. Saturday night, the really big show features the immeasurable talents of comedian Shan Carr, International Mr. Drummer Kyle Brandon, Mr. Gulf Coast Leather Don Woods, Ms. Texas Drummer Doug Decker, and last and certainly not least, Ms. Texas Leather Pride Tiffany Swanger. Join MC's Mr. Gulf



Curtis (Cousin's) When I take the towel off, I will be beautiful

Coast Drummer 1990 Larry Arbo and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1995 John Benevides. On Sunday, the weekend concludes with the guys and gals of the LVL PWA Charities guest bartending starting at 5:00 pm and then at 8:00 pm, there is a show at 8:00 pm hosted by Jerel McNeil-Emperor XIII. This whole weekend of fun is produced by Mr. Wonderful Don Gill and benefits the Colt 45's. I'll see all of you there!

Congrats to Ken Claude and all the talented entertainers that wowed the crowd at the "Positively All That" benefit show at the BRB. Over \$900 was raised!

Congrats to the new Miss Hill, Lindsey Shea!

The hours of Bricks II have changed! They now open at 7:00 am! Did you know that the New Barn has shuffleboard?

The Mr. Prime Choice Contest will be on April 6, 1997 at the Ripcord.

Basic Brothers is having a huge clearance sale! They are getting ready for a ton of new merchandise. Also, keep a sharp eye on the windows for Basic Brothers! The wonderful and twisted talents of Bill Pierce are coming back to Basic Brothers!

Soiree Aubergine invites you to the HMS Queen Mary Cotillion on March 9, at the Brazos River Bottom. See any host memeb for an



Michael Migura

invite!

Check out the "Sex Survey" on page 32! Michael Migura is a grad



Miss A, are you opening that bottle of cactus for Vera?

student at U of H. When confronted with the requirement to propose and execute a research project, he chose safer sex practices of Gay men in Houston. He is doing this project entirely independently and it is not being done in cooperation with any agencies! This includes being responsible for all expenses! All gay male readers are encouraged to complete the survey and mail it to



Party pals at Gentry.

Michael ASAP! It is totally anonymous! Results will be available at the end of the semester! Come on, guys, put down your cocktail and pick up a pen! Your voice could help and it will only cost you the price of a stamp!

Milestones

Our deepest condolences to Bam Bam of PS. His beloved dog swam to doggie heaven this week.

Happy birthday to Jody of Chances, Steve of the Venture-N, Animal of the BRB, Song master Andrew Flores, and my FIST sister Shadow, Bill C., David S. and Steve



Party pals at the 611. S. of the Houston Area Bears

Rodent Droppings

Harvey and Rarat miss their little friend John Doe Ferret better known as Sexy Sadie. The Lazer Wizard and I have been spending extra time with the boys since Sadie left. Maybe I need to get them a new girlfriend! The boys got a bath and a manicure this week as well as hours upon hours of romp in the living room fun! I think they will be just fine.

Everyone knows that this part of the Houston Voice is not news! This is lies, gossip, and trash herd and made-up about people in our ever so funny community!

On with the droppings!

Jeff (Bricks II): If you covered the marks-a-lot the way you cover your weenie, they would not dry out! And yes, sometimes, even I can be a bitch!

Little John (hangs at the BRB): Why do they call you "little"?

Cheryl (hangs at the BRB): Vera says you need extra fanning! Do your "goodies" get that hot?

Michael (Venture-N): I think you need to get some body part pierced so you have a place to hang your keys!

Rogers (Chances/New Barn): What a butt! Or should I say a buffet!

Don P. (BRB): Does it go down like buttah? Or is that a touch of butter? And what does this mean to you: "Bus driver, bus driver, where are you? Come see me!"

Steve (Venture-N): Do you know the national anthem for Canada? And, what is this I hear about your new panty hose obsession?

Lane (PS): Maybe you should put "brakes" on your tennis shoes! And did your nephews enjoy "Star Wars"?

Mark (Venture-N): Where you really curdled (like milk) in bet with Maxamillion?

John (BRB): Is it true you were caught sitting on the curb at the BRB, pulling hair out of your chest and trying to sell "fur balls" to the customers?

Max and Robert (BRB): What is this I hear about "throat swabbing"?

Jim Roberts (Venture-N): Did you get all that "hot meat" and "warm



Vanna in her usual pose - with her mouth open!

juice" off you office floor?

Devin (New Barn): Do you really hear "Devin, Devin, Oh DEVIN" in the throes of passion? How did you get your hands to talk or did you record it from your last trick?

Mario (BRB): After 20 years with Vera, is she still going thru the change of life?

Nancy (Bite Me) Ford: I hear that we all "Better be good to you!"

Thumper (Texas Cowgurlz): Honey, do you really want to be treated like a female ferret with Endrometritis? (FYI, when female ferrets go into heat and don't get "some," they get this disease.)

Ken Claude (Basic Brothers): How was your trip to Las Vegas!

Ova Ewe: I hear that because of you there is no chicken wire left in



Pavi performs at Ms. Rich's pageant.

Houston and lots of farm animals on the loose! And did you really pick up a trick while wearing all that hair?

Rico (hangs everywhere): I have a



Tara Dion telling it like it is at E.J's.

message for you. I found it scribbled and unsigned on a bar napkin! "If you are the society of Montrose, it is time to move to higher ground!"

John Ripcord: I hear that you only drink on days that end with a "Y."

Reno (JR's): Its it true that when someone asks you "do you have any spare change?" you answer them with "Get a job, hell, get 2 jobs!"

Henry (Montrose Inn): Did you buy stock in rubber bands?

Kody (Chances/New Barn): Why did you need a soda soaked rag? Why was your elbow sticky? Is it true you would rather have a "stickie wickie?"

Bubba Jimmy Dale (DJ): I have a message for you! "Daat...iee!"

Rick New Barn: How many belly flops can you do on a dance floor?

Woody (Gentry): How is it hanging, hon?

Mario (BRB): Vera says she wishes you could drive in bed as well as you do on the road!

Lady Lee: Fried any eggs lately?

Boudreaux (Montrose Mining Co.): I have a message to you! "Don't I know you from a cutting horse com-



At Chances.

petition in Wyoming? Guess who?"

Vera (BRB): And I quote: "I've been dunked, foot-washed, and baptized and none of it took!"

Grizzly (hangs any where not barred): Lions, tigers, and bears oh my! You went camping and came home with a new set of Louis Vuitton luggage!

Rita (hangs at E.J's): "If you microwave a watermelon for 3 minutes, it is a great bed partner!"

Have a great week!

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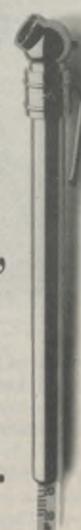


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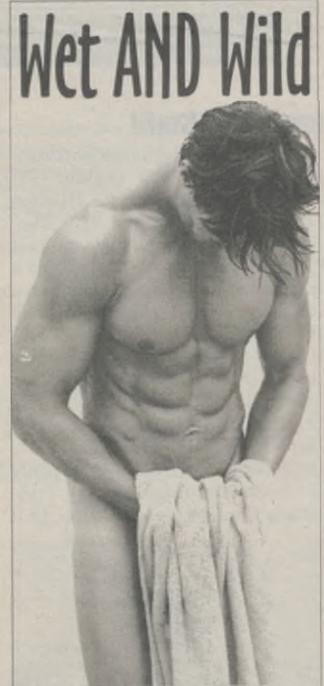
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HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 14, 1996

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: It seems as if you are working harder than ever lately. And that each task requires twice the time and effort it would normally take. There is a lot of pressure on you, both in the workplace and at home. Take the extra time to look after yourself.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Your manner is quite pleasing and others see you as being accepting - don't let them down. This week will probably showcase your determined spirit; when you have something to fight for you win. A close friend needs advice without criticism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Follow your hunches regarding money matters, especially those situations you have no real experience with. Be candid in your relationships, it looks as if the lines of communications are a bit snagged. It's time to discuss your plans for the future.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) You tend to worry about money and would be better off being careful how you spend discretionary income. Think big this week. Your charming self will open new doors for you - everyone wants you around, because everyone likes to feel good. You'll accomplish a lot.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) You need to get things done, but nobody else seems to want to go along with the program - looks like you're on your own. Pay attention to a close friend who gives you some truly constructive suggestions on how to handle your finances. Home is your refuge - you'll be spending more time there.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Your ability to be objective will help you to resolve a fairly sticky situation between two co-workers. Romance is in the air - your love life couldn't be any better. Guard against intense feelings of jealousy, there really is no cause for such strong reactions.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) Disappointments in your love life are painful, but you realize that you are not at fault for what happened. Don't drive yourself too hard at work week, because you won't receive the credit due. You are indecisive by nature, and tend to go along with plans already made.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Keep yourself busy this week and don't think about depressing things. A change is coming in the near future. Concentrate on maintaining harmonious relations with those you love - try to spend more quality time with them. Your sense of humor is infectious to others.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) However hard it may be, try to be charitable to those who give you a hard time. Your warm and understanding personality will shine through, and those around you will respond favorably. You have a flow of creative energy that needs to be channeled into a worthwhile project.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) Finish up old projects at home and in the workplace, before starting new ones - or everything will catch up with you. You'll accomplish a lot and people will be caught up in your enthusiasm. If you have been quarreling with family members, it's time to set things straight.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) There will be plenty of variety, so there's little chance of being bored. Both friendship and group endeavors will dominate your ability to cooperate comes in handy. Any goals you set will be achieved. Are your expectations in romance realistic?

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Spend time working on routine matters, and you will be surprised how well the week will go. It's possible that you may be under pressure in the workplace, but that never slows you down; continue at your own pace. Ask a close friend for financial advice.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Family issues are most on your mind. Older people depend on you for certain feedback. Your thinking maybe just a bit fuzzy, and you are inclined to go off on flights of fancy - it's okay to do so. Your jealousy of a mate is tacky, keep your cool.



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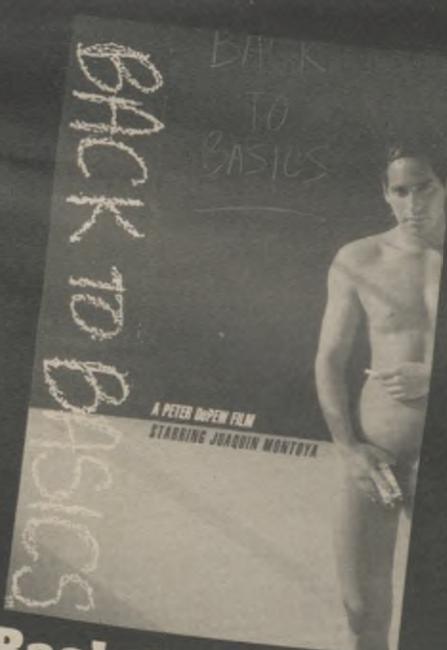


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