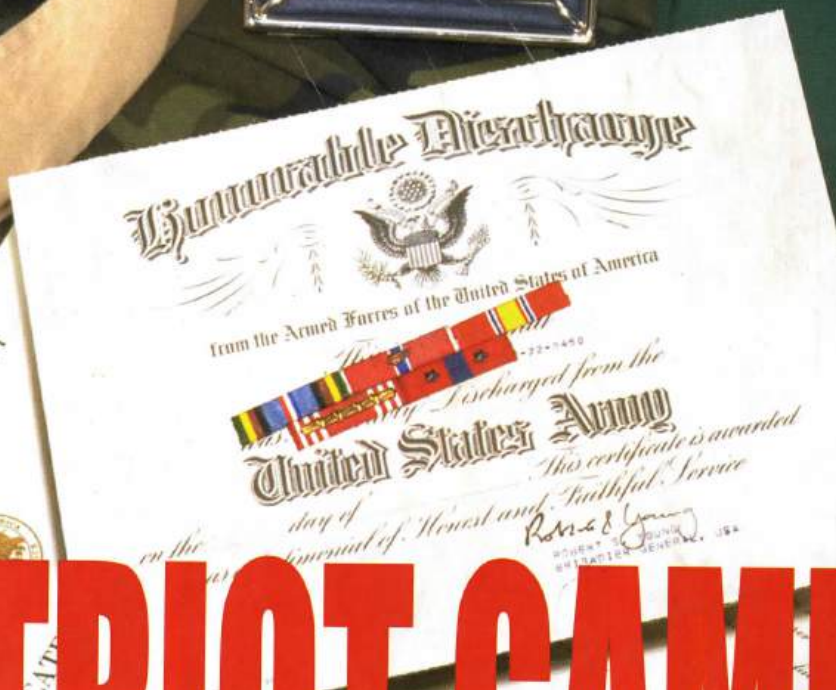


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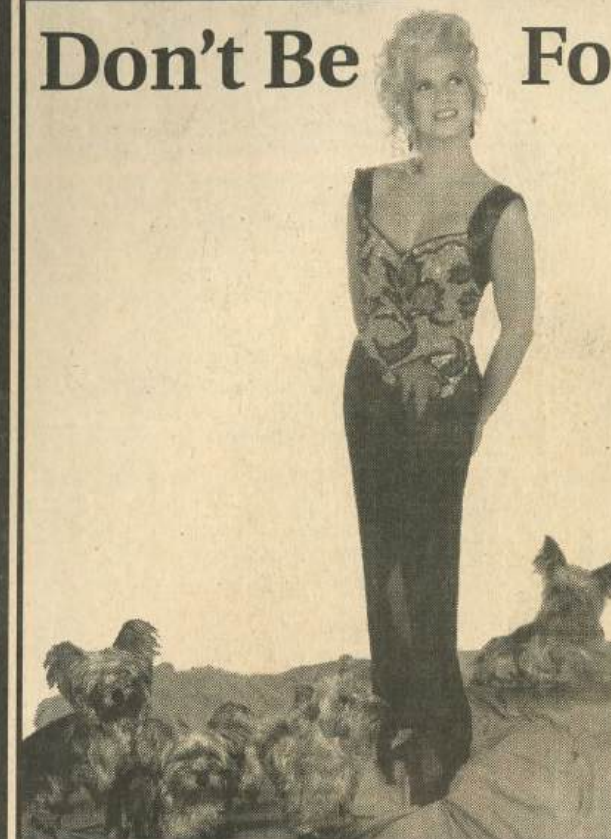


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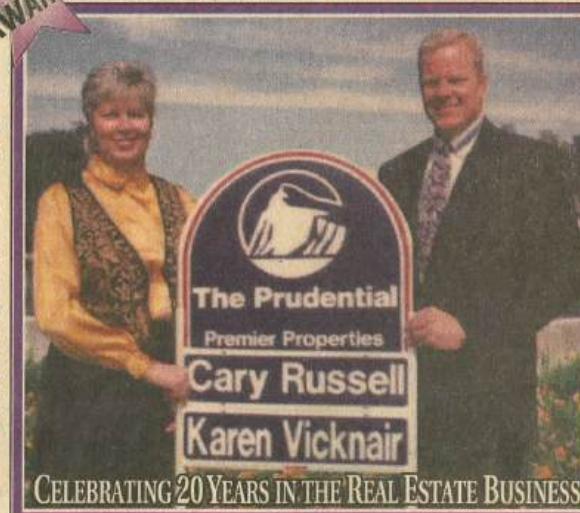
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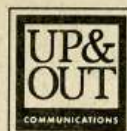
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ever writes a story about my career in the  
future, they follow your lead.

—Dayna Steele  
97 TALK, Houston

### STEELE MAGNOLIA PART II

Ed. note: This letter was sent to Dayna Steele  
via OutSmart.

My husband and I want to thank you  
from the bottom of our hearts for taking a  
stand for the gay community. It's still not easy  
for a lot of people to stand up as you are  
doing.

We have a wonderful gay daughter who  
has been in a relationship for eleven years.  
She (her partner) is our other daughter. We  
also have a wonderful "straight" daughter  
who loves both of them.

We wear our PFLAG project-open-mind  
"Stop Hate" buttons everywhere we go to  
try to remind people, and it also opens up a  
dialogue with them. We have found quite a  
positive response from most everyone we  
come in contact. There are always a few  
negative, but we are trying to inform them  
regarding the gay community.

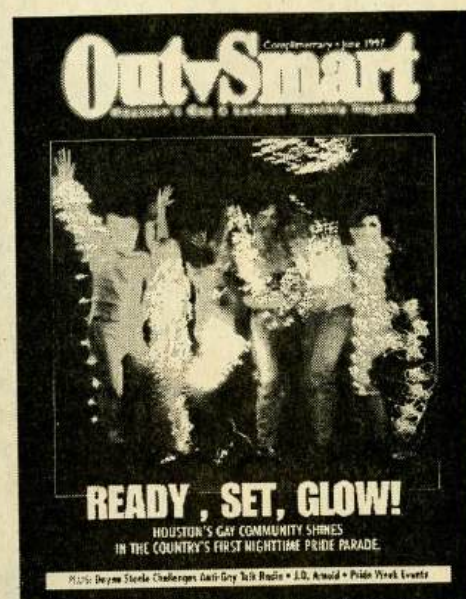
Once again, thank you.

—Rosemary Wilson  
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### WE'RE NOT ASHAMED OF YOU EITHER

Stuck in the middle of nowhere, my ex-  
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packed with things to do. Some of these  
things are gay (hitting a bar, antiquing—go  
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OTHER hip things, redeems the sin of includ-  
ing Carpenter in your otherwise flawless  
publication. But, hey, then I realize that's what  
you're kind of all about, isn't it?

—J. Mavis  
Houston

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### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WANT DISNEY BOYCOTT

DALLAS (AP) - The Southern Baptists voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to boycott all things Disney, including ABC, condemning as immoral and "gay-friendly" everything from the company's same-sex employee benefits to TV's *Ellen*.

The resolution, passed on a show of hands by the Southern Baptist Convention's 12,000 delegates, urges the 15 million members of the nation's largest Protestant denomination to take action against Disney's "anti-Christian and anti-family direction."

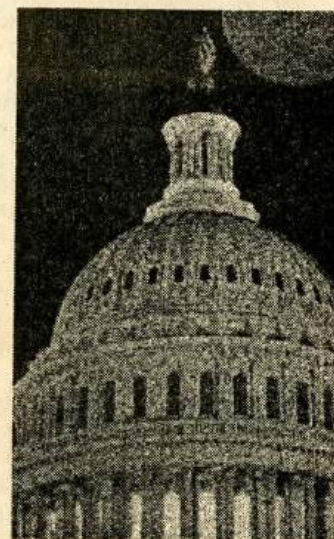
While the measure is not binding on churches, it asks members "to take the stewardship of their time, money and resources so seriously that they refrain from patronizing the Disney Co. and any of its related entities."

Many Southern Baptists object to Disney's policy of giving health benefits to same-sex partners of employees and allowing "Gay Days" at its theme parks, and the release by Disney subsidiaries of movies with violence and sex, such as *Pulp Fiction* and *Kids*.

Convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said the last straw was the episode of the ABC sitcom *Ellen* in which Ellen Degeneres' character revealed she is a lesbian.

"Walt Disney would never have approved this, and I think it's just a slap in his face and to his family that they're taking this viewpoint," said delegate Katera McMillan of Rogers, Ark. "I'm hoping that Southern Baptists stand united in this, and I believe it can make a difference."

In addition to Walt Disney World and Disneyland and the company's TV, movie and music divisions, Disney also owns a chain of Disney merchandise stores and the Mighty Ducks hockey team and has a stake in the Anaheim Angels baseball team. It has holdings in everything from cable networks to newspapers and even Broadway shows.



Some Baptists acknowledged that the entertainment conglomerate is so pervasive, it will be difficult to banish Disney from their lives.

Ms. McMillan said the boycott actually may be tougher on her kids. "They do want to see the different Disney shows and all that sort of thing. But you just have to do what's right and it's not about what's easy," she said.

Disney said in a statement: "We are proud that the Disney brand creates more family entertainment of every kind than anyone else in the world. We plan to continue our leadership role and, in fact, we will increase production of family entertainment."

In trading Wednesday on a declining New York Stock Market, Disney fell \$1.50, or almost 2 percent, to close at \$82.50 a share.

The Southern Baptists last June gave Disney a year to change its ways. Since then, church leaders said, Disney has ignored their complaints.

"Will a Southern Baptist boycott change the Disney company? I don't know. But it will change us," Lisa Kinney, a delegate from Largo, Fla., said to a standing ovation. "It will affirm to us and the world that we love Jesus more than we love our entertainment."

David M. Smith, a strategist for the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington-based gay rights organization, said the resolution puts Southern Baptists at odds with most religious Americans.

"Unlike the Southern Baptist Convention, most people of faith recognize that they can disagree over whether or not homosexuality is right and still agree that discrimination against gay people is wrong," Smith said.

### CHANGE IN AIDS RESEARCH

WASHINGTON (AP) - A consumer advocacy group renewed its push Wednesday for the government to change the way it conducts AIDS research in poor countries and stop withholding a protective drug from pregnant HIV-infected women.

The practice is unethical and questioned by even some of the researchers conducting the experiments, Public Citizen said in a letter to President Clinton.

The group urged Clinton to change the way the experiments are conducted or present the issue for review during next month's meeting of the president's National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

The experiments are intended to prevent HIV-infected women from passing the AIDS virus to their unborn babies in a method cheaper and easier than the complex AZT therapy U.S. women use.

The government defends the studies, saying they are the only way poor countries can learn about new HIV treatments they can afford. Pregnant women in developing countries do not get the AZT therapy that American patients use to protect their unborn children.

"We're trying to find economically viable treatments for women in those countries," said Victor Zonana, a spokesman for the Health and Human Services Department. "The studies have undergone rigorous ethical scrutiny, both domestically and in the host countries. The key thing is to find treatments that can be practical in those countries which cannot afford the standard of care in the United States."

Studies on American women indicate that taking the drug AZT during pregnancy—and giving it to the babies for six weeks after birth—cuts by two-thirds the chance of infants catching HIV from mothers.

The treatment, however, is too expensive for developing countries and doctors are studying potential alternatives such as shorter courses of AZT or giving malnourished pregnant women vitamin A. But nine of these U.S.-funded studies in Africa, Thailand and the Dominican Republic compare the potential new therapies with placebos instead of AZT treatment.

The government insists a placebo comparison is the only way to prove potential new therapies are better than no treatment.

The letter by Public Citizen follows a similar letter sent last April to Donna Shalala, the HHS secretary, and refers to memos and letters by private and public researchers who, despite conducting the experiments, question the ethics behind them.

### FDA WARNS OF AIDS DRUG SAFETY

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government warned doctors Wednesday that thousands of patients taking the powerful new AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors should be closely watched for an unexpected side effect: diabetes.

In letters nationwide, the Food and Drug Administration stressed that the estimated 150,000 Americans taking protease inhibitors should not stop, because the diabetes risk appears fairly small.

But the FDA, investigating after complaints from pioneering AIDS researcher Dr. Michael Gottlieb and from Japan's drug regulators, discovered 83 patients who contracted diabetes or high blood sugar—or had those diseases suddenly worsen—after they began taking protease inhibitors. Six cases were life-threatening, and 21 other patients needed hospitalization.

The FDA called the cases disturbing enough that it is relabeling all four protease inhibitors now sold in the United States to warn about the potential side effect.

And the agency urged patients Wednesday to immediately report to a doctor such symptoms as increased thirst, unexplained weight loss, increased urination, fatigue and dry, itchy skin.

As many as 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 100 patients who take protease inhibitors may be at risk, said FDA medical officer Dr. Jeff Murray. Many of those may be treated for diabetes successfully without stopping their AIDS therapy, he said.

But half of the 83 patients discovered so far had to quit taking protease inhibitors, which have revolutionized AIDS care in the last year.

"I don't take this as a cause for alarm," said Dr. Sandra Pallega of Hoffman-La Roche, maker of the nation's first protease inhibitor, Invirase. "It just says we need to be vigilant when we monitor patients."

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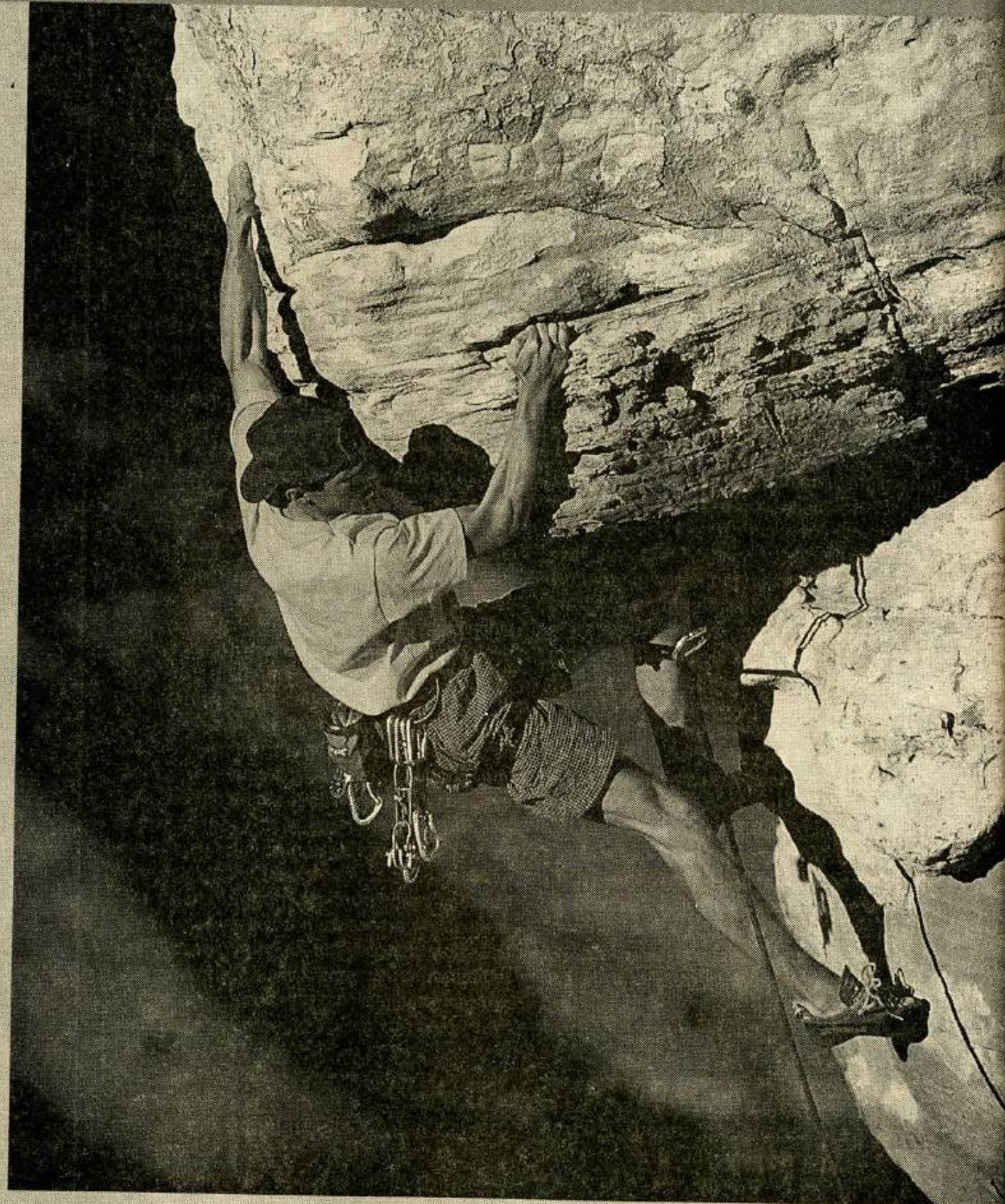
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### How should I take CRIXIVAN?

There are six important things you must do to help you benefit from CRIXIVAN:

- 1. Take CRIXIVAN capsules every day as prescribed by your doctor.** Continue taking CRIXIVAN unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of CRIXIVAN that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from CRIXIVAN, you must not skip doses or take "drug holidays." If you don't take CRIXIVAN as prescribed, the activity of CRIXIVAN may be reduced (due to resistance).
- 2. Take CRIXIVAN capsules every 8 hours around the clock, every day.** It may be easier to remember to take CRIXIVAN if you take it at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take CRIXIVAN, your doctor or health care provider can help you decide what schedule works for you.
- 3. If you miss a dose by more than 2 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time.** However, if you miss a dose by less than 2 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of CRIXIVAN at any one time.
- 4. Take CRIXIVAN with water.** You can also take CRIXIVAN with other beverages such as skim milk, juice, coffee, or tea.
- 5. Ideally, take each dose of CRIXIVAN without food but with water at least one hour before or two hours after a meal.** Or you can take CRIXIVAN with a light meal. Examples of light meals include:
  - dry toast with jelly, juice, and coffee (with skim milk and sugar if you want)
  - corn flakes with skim milk and sugar
 Do not take CRIXIVAN at the same time as any meals that are high in calories, fat, and protein (for example - a bacon and egg breakfast). When taken at the same time as CRIXIVAN, these foods can interfere with CRIXIVAN being absorbed into your bloodstream and may lessen its effect.
- 6. Drink at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquids (preferably water) throughout the day, every day.** CRIXIVAN has caused kidney stones in some patients. By having enough fluids in your body you may help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

### Can CRIXIVAN be taken with other medications?

**Drugs you should not take with CRIXIVAN:**

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Taking CRIXIVAN with the above medications could result in serious or life-threatening problems (such as irregular heartbeat or excessive sleepiness).

In addition, you should not take CRIXIVAN with rifampin, known as RIFADIN<sup>®</sup>, RIFAMATE<sup>®</sup>, RIFATER<sup>®</sup>, or RIMACTANE<sup>®</sup>.

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Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

### What are the possible side effects of CRIXIVAN?

Like all prescription drugs, CRIXIVAN can cause side effects. The following is **not** a complete list of side effects reported with CRIXIVAN when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this page alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

**Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN in clinical studies developed kidney stones; this occurred in about 4% of patients. Drinking at least 6 glasses of liquid each day may help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone.** Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Increases in bilirubin (one laboratory test of liver function) have been reported in approximately 10% of patients. Usually, this finding has not been associated with liver problems. However, on rare occasions, a person may develop yellowing of the skin and/or eyes.

In clinical studies, side effects occurring in 2% or more of patients included: abdominal pain, fatigue or weakness, flank pain, feeling unwell, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, acid regurgitation, loss of appetite, dry mouth, back pain, headache, trouble sleeping, dizziness, taste changes, rash, upper respiratory infection, dry skin, and sore throat.

Other side effects occurring in 0.5%-2% of patients in clinical studies included: sleepiness, fever, indigestion, excessive gas, muscle pain, leg pain, anxiety, depression, decreased skin sensation, itching, and painful or difficult urination.

Side effects occurring rarely, in less than 0.5% of patients in clinical studies, and also considered serious, included: gall bladder inflammation, liver cirrhosis, pneumonia, and swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow.

Other side effects reported since CRIXIVAN has been marketed include: liver problems including liver failure; kidney stones sometimes with kidney failure; rapid breakdown of red blood cells; abdominal swelling; and change in skin color.

In some patients with hemophilia, increased bleeding has been reported.

Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

### How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules in the bottle they came in and at room temperature (59°F-86°F).
- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules dry by leaving the small desiccant "pillow" in the bottle. Keep the bottle closed.

**This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.**



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## National News

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According to a draft obtained by The Associated Press, the standard of AIDS care should be one protease inhibitor—either Roche's Invirase, Merck & Co.'s market-leader Crixivan, Abbott Laboratories' Norvir or Agouron Pharmaceuticals' Viracept—taken in combination with two older AIDS medicines.

How and when to use these potent drugs has proved a mystery for many doctors, and AIDS groups were horrified recently to discover patients still taking the granddaddy AIDS drug AZT alone, which merely causes the fatal virus to resist treatment. Nor do many patients know each drug's quirks—that Crixivan, for instance, must be taken on a virtually empty stomach, with no more than a light meal such as toast.

Among the guidelines, which the government expects to publish next week:

Test the HIV in patients' blood every few months, and consider changing therapies if HIV is still detectable after six months.

When changing therapy, switch to at least two drugs the patient has never used, not just the one-drug switch doctors typically try today.

Avoid switching from Crixivan to Norvir or vice versa if therapy has failed; cross-resistance is likely.

No patient should be on single-drug therapy. Substituting the drug nevirapine in the medical cocktail or taking just two drugs instead of three "should be used only if more-potent treatment is not possible."

Advise patients that stopping drug treatment for even several weeks could render the drugs useless when therapy restarts. Protease therapy costs about \$12,000 a year per patient, and many patients struggle to afford continual treatment. Mississippi just cut over 600 poor HIV-infected patients out of a program that provided the drugs, because the state was not receiving enough federal money to keep up with demand.

Those guidelines will come just as doctors are advising patients about the FDA's diabetes warning.

The problem: It is unclear how, biologically, protease inhibitors would cause diabetes, which develops when the body cannot properly use sugar for energy and glucose builds up in the blood.

## Local Briefs

### Art of the Matter

Thanks to a very nice grant from the Cultrual Arts Council of Houston/Harris County, the HIV Art Program will offer free courses this summer to anyone interesting in expressing and exploring their artistic side. The twice-a-week course provides all instruction and materials at no cost to students. Their artistic summer agenda, which will focus on functional birdhouses, abstracted self-portraits, and ceramic vases, is open to everyone with HIV/AIDS. Call Patrick Palmer at 526-1118, or the Art League of Houston at 523-9530.



type headline "Satan is a woman, the Pope is her puppet, etc.," and subsequent article on cults, is a frightening riot.

### HEEL!

At press time, the biggest Pride blowouts and benefits have yet to come, but the Pride Committee's Pumped-

Up On Art was a rousing success. Hosted in the lush, gorgeous Majestic Metro, the A-list, best-dressed crowd bid on pumps worn and signed by gay faves like Susan Sarandon, Greg Louganis, Leeza Gibbons, and others. Hands-down winner of all the shoes was Kermit Eisenhower's pink-feathered lamp with Phyllis Diller's technicolor pump, which went for \$420. The sympathy factor went to the Cher shoe (which looked like it had been attacked by an army of tiny breast-like barnacles) and the poor, nice guy who guest auctioneer Annise Parker badgered into bidding \$300 for the eyesore. Rumor has it others pitched in for the bid so the thing would finally be taken out of sight. Pride Committee Treasurer Jennifer Walker says the group bagged almost \$5,000 for charity.

— S. Foster

### Oh, We Knew It All Along

Texas Monthly's latest issue has a piece on the now-everybody-knows-it's-hip Westheimer strip. TM staple and some Vanity Fair correspondent Mimi Swartz gives a rundown of what's cool and what cool costs on all the coffee bars, antique shops, and tattoo-you parlors on The Curve. Swartz doesn't skimp on the gay angle (Empire was once a "pretty rough" gay bar), nor does she mince words on who's the avenue's most overpriced and who's a steal on the strip. If that's not enough reason to pick up the pub, here's another: the all-

It is treatable with diet, oral drugs and/or daily shots of insulin, but can be deadly if people do not know the warning signs and get medical help.

The 83 patients are not proof that protease inhibitors alone actually cause diabetes, the FDA cautioned. Some of the patients were taking, in addition to the AIDS medicines, other drugs that have been associated with the disease.

On average, diabetes symptoms struck about 76 days after patients began taking protease inhibitors, although some patients had the first symptoms a mere four days into treatment.

### NEW MILITARY SEX POLICY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rep. Barney Frank said Monday he intends to introduce a bill in Congress decriminalizing sex among consent-

ing members of the military.

"I do not think that adult members of the military ought to be criminally penalized for sexual activity of a private, consenting nature," said Frank, D-Mass.

"That doesn't mean all of it would be morally approvable," he said. "It does mean that criminal prosecution is a wholly inappropriate way of dealing with these kind of consenting acts."

Frank's bill, called the Anti-Hypocrisy Act, would end criminal prosecution for consensual sex. Fraternization or sexual misconduct that undermines "good order and discipline," however, would still be subject to disciplinary action.

Frank, who is homosexual, said the bill would help gay members of the military. It would repeal sections of the Uniform Code of Military Justice "which specifically criminalize private, consenting sex described as

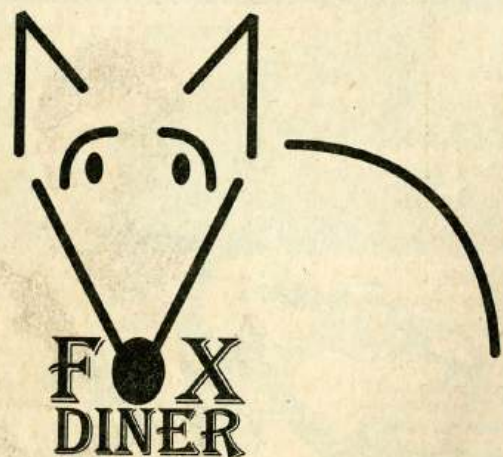
sodomy, which can be both heterosexual or homosexual," he said.

Gay service members have been threatened with criminal prosecution if they don't reveal the identities of other homosexuals despite the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.

"You wouldn't have this coercive tool that is being misused," Frank said. "That shouldn't happen. The Pentagon acknowledges to me that that's a violation of the policy. That's a witch hunt."

Frank said the bill was inspired by the cases of 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn, who resigned rather than face court-martial for adultery, disobeying an order and lying to her commander, and of Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston, who withdrew from consideration as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff because of an extramarital affair a decade ago.





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—*Fox Diner's response to the silly idea of less being more*

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**Lady Bunny**

(*Newsweek*, 6/2/97)

Why Lady Bunny didn't attend Christie's auction of Princess Diana's ball gowns and cocktail dresses: "I don't think we're the same size, dear," says Lady Bunny. "Besides, she's a mere princess. I am a queen."

**Dennis Rodman**

(*Walk on the Wild Side* by Dennis Rodman, with Michael Silver, 1997)

"When I die, I want to be stripped naked, frozen, and placed in a see-through freezer."

**Conan O'Brien on Oprah and Ellen**

(*Late Night*, Conan O'Brien, 6/97)

"Oprah Winfrey issued a statement saying that even though she appeared on Ellen's coming-out episode, she's not gay. Meanwhile, Ellen DeGeneres issued a statement saying even though she appeared on Oprah, she's not black."

**Batman & Robin**

(*Interview*, 6/97, Ingrid Sischy)

**Ingrid Sischy: Much has been made of the homoeroticism between Batman and Robin. What's your take on that?**

Joel Schumacher [*Batman & Robin*'s director]: Bruno Bettelheim wrote a book in which he analyzed well-known fairy tales. For instance, in *Snow White* he saw a deep Freudian desire to kill your mother. In *Batman and Robin* he saw virulent homoeroticism. I guess when two men share a cave together and wear rubber suits—especially the ones we created, with nipples and stunning masculine musculature—for some people that's homoerotic. But there's heteroeroticism too. I think if someone's looking for homoeroticism, it can also be found in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and in John Wayne and a bunch of cowboys out in the desert at night around the ol' campfire.



**George Clooney (left) as Batman and Chris O'Donnell as Robin in the new *Batman & Robin*. According to *Entertainment Weekly*'s David Hochman, in this film, there are "a lot more babes: Elle McPherson, Viveca A. Fox, Vendela, Uma [Thurman], and, as Batgirl, Alicia Silverstone. 'It's weird having a girl in the Batcave,' says O'Donnell. 'My God, people are going to start thinking Batman and Robin are heterosexual.'"**

**Little League**

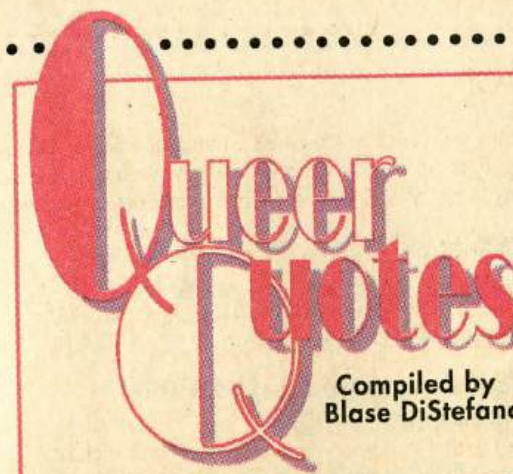
(*Entertainment Weekly*, 6/6/97, Jim Mullen)

"A girl was removed as catcher for not wearing a cup. But a woman's brain is protected by her helmet."

**Ewan McGregor** (actor in *Trainspotting*)

(*Entertainment Weekly*, 6/13/97, Nigel Parry)

"As the whole world is about to learn, McGregor, 26, has been signed to star as the young Obi-Wan Kenobi in the new *Star Wars* prequels.... 'Actually,' says the scruffily charming actor in his bristly Highland burr, 'I really want to play Princess Leia. Stick some big pastries on my head. Now, *that* would be interesting.'"



**Susan Sarandon**

(51st Tony Awards, 6/1/97)

"My mom took me to my first Broadway musical when I was two. I saw Mary Martin in *Peter Pan*. I learned three things that night which changed my life and which I hold dear even today. And that is: you can fly; healthy applause will revive a fairy; and, most importantly, a girl can play anything, even a boy who crows."



**Kristen Johnston**

Sally Solomon on  
*Third Rock From the Sun*  
(*WN/Chicago Tribune/*  
*Houston Chronicle*, 6/1/97)

"I was never really a girly girl, and I was never a butch girl either. I was sort of somewhere in between, which is really great because Sally swings both ways, too."

**Butch Girl or Girly Girl?**



**Babe Didrikson** (*Texas Monthly*, 6/97, Anne Dingus)

"Crowds loved her skill and sass. Once, playing with a men's baseball team known for its bearded members, Babe was heckled by a female fan who yelled, 'Where are your whiskers?' She retorted, 'I'm sittin' on 'em, sister, just like you are.'"



**Paul Reubens**  
**Gay or Straight?**

(*The New National Enquirer*, 5/22/97)

"The comic's nasal voice and feminine mannerisms convinced many that the star—whose real name is Paul Reubens—is gay. But he's not! The 44-year-old comic has said he dates 'lots of girls, but not too publicly, since a lot of girls would not want to be known as dating 'Pee-wee.' What's more, Pee-wee made national headlines five years ago when he was arrested and charged with indecent exposure at a Florida theater—screening *STRAIGHT* pornography."



Paul Reubens, seen here as Pee-wee Herman in 1985's *Pee-wee's Big Adventure* (inset) and as King of the Vampires in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1992).



**James Duval**

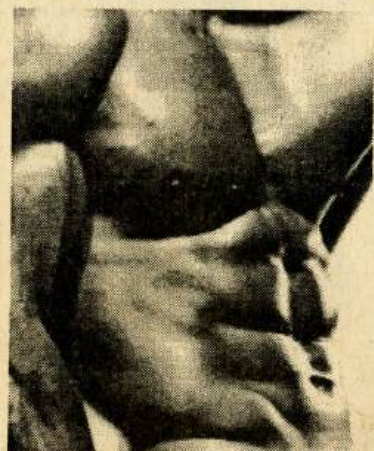
(*Us*, 6/97, Al Weisel)

"I don't have a problem with gay roles," says Duval, who is dating his co-star [in *Nowhere*] Sarah Lassez. "A lot of people are like, 'You kissed a guy?' " "Yeah," I say. "And he was goodlooking, too." " "I still don't believe I'm cute," says Duval.... "I always change the way I look." Although he lives in faded black jeans, Duval likes to add a bit of color. "Sometimes I wear nail polish—orange or mint green," he says. "And I've dyed my hair red and blue-black." Spoken like a true pro at getting noticed."

James Duval pictured here in *The Doom Generation* (1995).



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## LeftOut

*What is important is that the straight men who have been doing the policing are now being policed.*

# The Hypocrites Have No Clothes

by Daryl Moore

Recently, Barney Frank introduced a bill he has appropriately called the "Anti-Hypocrisy Act." The bill's purpose is to decriminalize sodomy and other sexual acts committed by consenting members of the military.

Because of the recent debacle involving the fall of Joseph Ralston, the heroic Air Force general gunned down when he acknowledged having an extramarital affair, Frank's bill may draw support from congressional members historically disinterested in, or vehemently opposed to, such legislation.

Why the sudden interest from conservative congressional members who have smirked and done little about the complaints of gays and lesbians who have been interrogated about their sexual orientation? After watching the 30-year career of Bronze Star recipient Margarethe Cammermeyer go down in flames for publicly acknowledging the nature of her private sex life, why did conservative congress members like Trent Lott ride valiantly to the defense of Kelly Flinn, an adulteress?

After all, for decades straight-male congressional members have demonstrated an unhealthy interest in the private lives of

gays and lesbians in the military, simultaneously demonstrating no interest in eradicating the sexual harassment and discrimination that is pervasive in the U.S. military.

Indeed, when called upon to do something to protect gays and lesbians, rather than "lift the ban," they forced a compromise "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has been steadfastly ignored. And when called upon to protect military women from sexual harassment and even rape, rather than force the offending men to behave, they offered to train and house women separately.

Ironically, while these straight-male politicians have been imposing their "moral values" on homosexuals and straight women—protecting us from ourselves and straight women from straight men—they have enjoyed a shroud of secrecy in their own private lives. A shroud that the media, until now, has been reluctant to lift.

But now the genie is out of the bottle. The media has discovered that nothing, not even the sex life of the President, is sacred. And whether General Ralston was treated fairly or unfairly, and whether his circumstances were different than Lieutenant Flinn's, is no longer important. What is important is that the straight men who have been doing the policing are now being policed.

Who has the most to lose? The Republicans.

Why? Because even though Bill Clinton promised us a lot of things, he never promised us—and we never expected—his fidelity. On the contrary, while pious

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## OutRight

*The convening of a state legislature fills the heart of every good citizen with dread. You never really know what to expect from this collection of convicts and dullards we call "representatives" and "senators." Many of them are just failed businessmen and second-rate lawyers who go to Austin to be bribed or fondled or both.*

# Legislature Blues

by Dale Carpenter

The greatest virtue of living in Texas is that the state Legislature meets only once every two years—and then only for four months. There are other virtues of living here, of course—the mild winters, Tex-Mex food, barbecue. But those pale in comparison. In a state whose climate is pervaded with the dread of homosexuals, there is no better political friend of gays than the fact that legislative sessions are biennial and short.

The convening of a state legislature fills the heart of every good citizen with dread. You never really know what to expect from this collection of convicts and dullards we call "representatives" and "senators." Many of them are just failed businessmen and second-rate lawyers who go to Austin to be bribed or fondled or both. Just this past February one of them—a particularly proud champion of "family values"—was arrested for soliciting prostitution. It was his second known episode of cavorting with the sex-for-hire community.

The Legislature's worst work is its legislation. Almost every law it passes is a step backward in some area of civil rights. The laws encroach either on the ability of business to make profit or on the rights of individuals to lead their own lives. Four years ago the Legislature re-enacted its ban on consensual sex between two persons of the same sex, popularly known as the sodomy law. Republicans, who should know better than to intrude the authority of government into individuals' lives, led the charge to support the sodomy law. The bill was ultimately

passed by a Democrat-majority House, then adopted by a Democrat-majority Senate, and then signed by a Democrat governor. When it comes to the Texas Legislature, there is no safety for gays in either party.

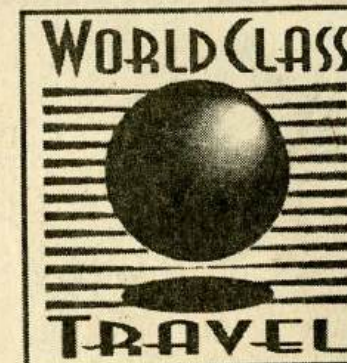
This recent session, which ended in early June, proved again the pernicious anti-gay tenor of the state Legislature as well as the saving grace of short sessions. A bill that would have enhanced penalties against criminals who commit anti-gay "hate crimes" got a hearing in committees of the Senate and House but did not get a vote on either floor. This is a retreat from the progress made on the bill in 1995, when the Senate passed the measure (with Republican support) and the House fell just two votes short of adopting it. One Republican senator from Dallas who supported the hate crimes bill in 1995 switched her vote to oppose it this year.

You would think that with the Texas Senate in Republican hands for the first time in this century, and with the Texas House almost sure to fall into GOP hands in the near future, the traditional gay civil rights organizations would be re-tooling

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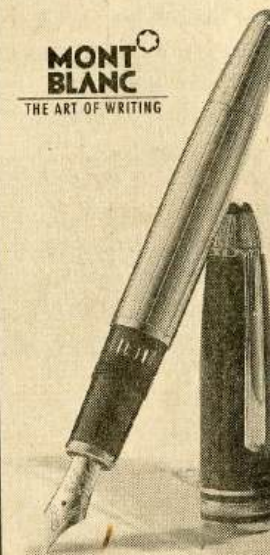
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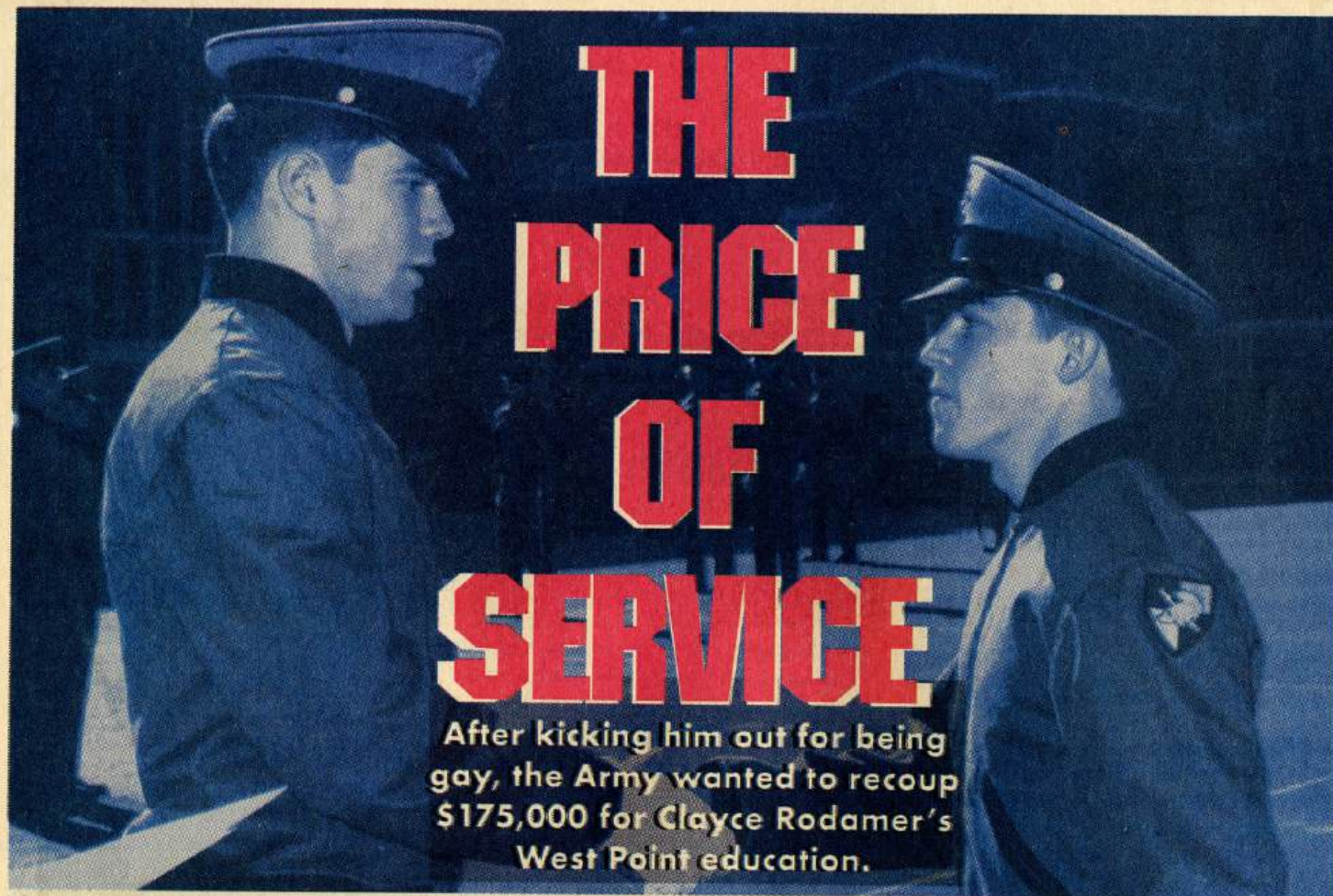
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by Kyle Young

Nine years ago, West Point graduate Clayce Rodamer was kicked out of the Army for being gay. Two years later, he received a form letter in the mail. The Army wanted him to repay \$76,000 for his college tuition because he did not serve his required five-year stint.

For years Rodamer fought the Army's efforts, making little progress. It took a media event for his luck to change.

On March 25, the 32-year-old Dallas man's story was featured on ABC's *Nightline*. Just hours before the program aired, the Army recommended to the Defense Department that collection efforts against Rodamer be dropped. With penalties and interest, Rodamer owed \$175,000 to the Army.

"A couple of hours before *Nightline* went on the air, they started getting calls [from the military]," says Rodamer. "Maybe in their mind, they thought if they did that, it might kill the whole story. Actually, I think it made it more current."

Rodamer's story is indeed a powerful one. The Midwestern young man who wanted to serve his country would end up serving in a way he never imagined.

During Rodamer's senior year of high school he decided to do something more than the typical university experience. His father and two brothers served in the military, but they were not career soldiers. Rodamer says his family was surprised when he made the decision to attend West Point.

"I had always shown some interest in some type of service," says Rodamer. "Looking back, when I was growing up, I had a well-developed sense of patriotism and desire to serve."

While he had sexual experiences with other cadets at West Point, Rodamer says they were rare. At the time, he did not accept that he was gay.

"I was always able to tell myself, well, maybe I had too much to drink or I was just experimenting or whatever," recalls Rodamer. "The great thing about West Point is that you stay so busy, it's really easy to put something like that on the back burner."

After graduating, Rodamer was stationed at Fort Bliss near El Paso. His attraction to other men continued, and he was terrified.



Today Rodamer wants to serve his country by working towards gay equality.

Dallas Voice



Clayce Rodamer says he misses the camaraderie of military life.

"I remember that it was just hell for me," says Rodamer. "In the military if you are gay, if you in any way act on it, you can be court-martialed and put in prison. I had worked for four years at West Point to learn the skills that I did. It was everything. My family was a really big concern because my parents are pretty conservative, pretty religious people, so I had all of those things going on. I was seeing a doctor because the stress was making me sick. I was physically sick all the time."

After a year-and-a-half of service, Rodamer says he realized that the issue was not going to go away for him. He accepted that he was gay.

"I started to realize that I needed to do something about it," says Rodamer. "I didn't want to live under the stress that

I was putting myself under. I did not want to be in there and to live with all the false stories I would have to tell. There's absolutely no way around it. There's not a person who can be in the military and be gay and not tell lies. You just can't."

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## THE SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK

An interview with Kirk Childress, SLDN Staff Attorney

**What is the purpose of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network?**

We're here to offer legal assistance to anyone who's hurt by the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which does end up with a lot of different kinds of cases. It also ends up with a lot of different kind of people. We also help a lot of straight people who are hurt by the policy. It is a perfect retaliatory weapon. Women who report sexual harassment, someone who is in a position who has subordinates who don't like them, whispering that somebody is gay is a perfect way to get back at somebody. Even those rumors can damage someone's career, so we do frequently have clients who are not gay.

**What kind of cases do you work with?**

The two basic kinds of cases that we have are people who are fed up—they've been harassed, they have hostile climates, and they want to leave—and we help them to do that safely because the coming-out process is risky. People who say the wrong things can even end up in jail. The other sort of basic situation is where somebody is facing investigation that they are gay, to

find out whether they've engaged in homosexual conduct. Frequently these people want to stay in, and they're facing a situation where for whatever reason—rumors or retaliatory accusations—they are now facing disciplinary action and discharge proceedings.

**What does the military mean by "homosexual conduct"?**

Homosexual conduct is very broadly defined, and somebody could be discharged for anything as simple as hand holding. The threat of jail is usually for more clearly defined sexual acts. Under Uniform Code of Military Justice, sodomy is a criminal offense. It very clearly applies to both gay and straight acts. It's been defined basically as oral or anal sex, and gay and straight people do both of those things. However, very few straight people face criminal sodomy charges. It has, however, been used as sort of a judicial weapon. Frequently when a person is facing gay charges, the threat of criminal sanctions and jail time are used to have them accept administrative punishment or a less favorable discharge characterization.

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He decided to come out to the military. He told his battalion executive officer.

"I never asked to leave," stresses Rodamer. "I made the decision that I had to tell them, and deal with whatever happened. All I did was tell him that I'd just realized something about myself, and I didn't think it would be fair to myself or to the military to keep it a secret. He appreciated me telling him. We had a really good conversation, but he also said, 'You realize that you can't tell me this and me do nothing about it.' I said, 'I understand that.'"

An investigation pursued. The Army found no evidence of sexual misconduct.

"So they told me that I should resign or they were going to process me for a court-martial. Of course, they never would have to tell me what they thought they were going to court-martial me on. One of my reviews was really positive, except that it said that I was not promotable because I was a confessed homosexual."

Rodamer chose to resign. He received a honorable discharge and came out to his parents.

"My dad and I didn't speak for quite a few years," he says. "It was something that he had to deal with, and that's the way he dealt with it for a while. I don't fault him at all on that. I looked at it as that was something I had to do, and I knew that they were not going to be real happy about it. I was making the decision to give them the time and the space to deal with it the way that they needed to deal with it that they needed."

Two years later, when the \$76,000 bill arrived for Rodamer, he was starting a new life in Dallas. He chose to fight it.

Kirk Childress, staff lawyer with the Service Members Legal Defense Network in Washington, says a lot of gays and lesbians who have served in the military have been faced with similar circumstances.

"There are a lot of other people in the same position," says Childress. "He was in a very well-situated position to be able to challenge his case. He was somebody who stood up for himself and persevered, whereas a lot of people faced with this kind of pressure from the government will frequently just back down."

Rodamer says that his family was supportive of his appearance on *Nightline*.

"My father and I actually are talking over the past three or four years. We've started to get very close again—closer than we ever were," explains Rodamer. "When the *Nightline* thing was going on I was scared to death because I thought, Here we go again. They don't understand why I'm gay. We don't talk about it a whole lot, but they told me what the military was doing is wrong, and they stood behind what I was doing."

When his story attracted the attention of *Nightline*, Rodamer says he was not nervous about telling his story to all of America.

*"There's absolutely no way around it. There's not a person who can be in the military and be gay and not tell lies."*

*You just can't."*

—Clayce Rodamer

"Through this whole thing, this has just been my story," says Rodamer. "It's something that I've lived. It's something that is very much a part of my life, so I've never really been uncomfortable with any of it. Could I have done this and not been public and been happy with it? I didn't have to tell the whole world to be happy with myself. I didn't feel [appearing on *Nightline*] necessarily lifted the burden off. It certainly has turned out to be something that I would do all over again without question."

Since the program aired, Rodamer has received hundreds of phone calls and letters from others in the same situation he was in.

"I met people who are still in the military who quietly come to me and tell me their story. They're kind of looking for direction," says Rodamer. "I'm very careful about trying to give out any advice. Everybody's situation is so different. I would certainly hate to give anybody advice and get them into some type of a problem."

He refers those who contact him to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

"I've also gotten calls from people who are just thinking about coming out, and they're going through that whole process. It just blows you away that there are so many people out there who are looking for answers, looking for support," says Rodamer. "It's so hard. I really struggle with that, because I don't feel like I can adequately help all of these people. You can't do all the standard things. If you really want to help them, it really means knowing everything about what's going on with them."

Rodamer wants to focus his energies on service to the gay community. He has had several speaking engagements for community organizations and is exploring opportunities for supporting groups like the Human Rights Campaign and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays.

Since leaving the military, Rodamer has worked for Daisytech, a wholesale computer supply company in Plano. He says the company is accepting of its gay employees.

"Before I went to work there, I promised myself that I would never set myself up to be in a position to be where I would have to lie about who I was," says Rodamer.

He says a number of gay employees have come out in the last several years, and his office provides an environment that accepts and encourages all employees.

"Once we all came out, it didn't matter because sexual orientation wasn't about what we did at work," says Rodamer. "Our work had already proved us. If only the military could learn that."

Rodamer got official notification several weeks ago that the Army's recoupment efforts have been dropped. He is looking forward to repairing his credit and buying a house.

David Przeracki, Rodamer's lawyer, says that his client's victory may be a sign that the military will drop other reimbursement claims against gays discharged before the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was implemented four years ago.

"The one thing I found going through this process—being out there for a reason and trying to let people know what goes on—I really found a passion for it. I really enjoy making a difference," says Rodamer. "It certainly has prompted me to look for ways to help more people."

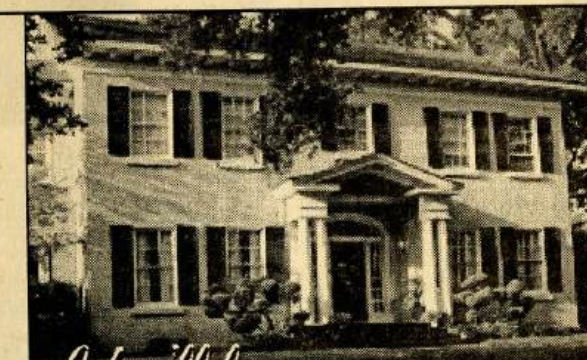
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# WORKING OUT

## Bill for Equal Rights on the Job Gets Bipartisan Boost in Congress

by Sloan C. Wiesen

**O**n June 10, a bipartisan coalition of senators and congressmen reintroduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), the landmark civil rights bill to protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In a room overflowing with ENDA advocates, the press and victims of job discrimination, the measure's five lead sponsors held a news conference on Capitol Hill to spotlight the record level of support for the legislation among lawmakers and the public.

"This bill is about equal rights in the workplace for all Americans," said Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign executive director. "The Employment Non-Discrimination Act rises above partisan, religious and regional differences—and support is growing as more people learn that job discrimination based on sexual orientation is legal in most of the country."

ENDA would prohibit discrimination, preferential treatment and quotas in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation. It would not apply to religious organizations, businesses with fewer than 15 employees or the military.

The legislation's lead sponsors are Sens. James Jeffords (R-Vt.), Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.), and Reps. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.) and Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

Passage of the bill in this 105th Congress is a top legislative priority for the Human Rights Campaign and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, whose leaders were on hand at the reintroduction press conference. HRC and LCCR have spearheaded the drive for ENDA since before its debut three years ago.

### WIDESPREAD AND LEGAL

Contrary to widely held belief, current federal law does not protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 39 states—including Texas—an employer may legally fire workers solely because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or heterosexual.

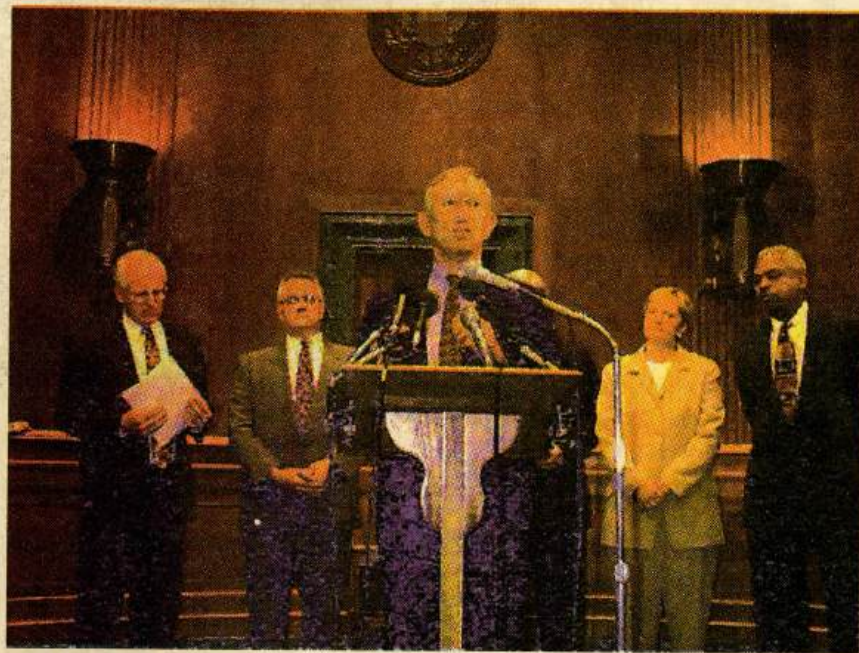
Eleven states have laws prohibiting such discrimination. California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New

Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin have had these laws on the books for a number of years; Maine and New Hampshire enacted such laws earlier this year.

Incidents of such discrimination are widespread. In nine of the 11 states where there is legal protection, more than 2,000 complaints of job discrimination based on sexual orientation have been recorded.

"ENDA is based on a fundamental principle most of us share: Americans should be judged at work based on their performance at work," said Shays, speaking at the June 10 news conference. "I know now that I had more than one teacher who happened to be gay... I also know I wouldn't be a member of Congress today had it not been for those great teachers."

"I want a teacher to be judged based on whether they can teach," he continued, tell-



L-R: Rep. Christopher Shays, Rep. Barney Frank, Senator Jim Jeffords (at mic), (Senator Joseph Lieberman, Senator Edward Kennedy—both present, but behind Senator Jeffords), HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and LCCR Executive Director Wade Henderson

ing stories of outstanding teachers who worked year after year, always knowing that they could be fired if someone found out that they were gay. "I will not give up on this legislation until it becomes law."

### FAITH AND FAIRNESS

Despite the fact that ENDA has a strong religious exemption, so that it would not apply to religious organizations, the bill's opponents remain outspoken. Robert Knight of the anti-gay Family Research Council claimed that ENDA "will outlaw Christianity, Orthodox Judaism and every belief that says homosexuality is wrong."

But Sen. Lieberman—himself a lead sponsor of ENDA and an Orthodox Jew—understands that this is not the case. "ENDA is not special interest legislation.... To me, ENDA is just another step in the promise of equality of opportunity," he said at the reintroduction news conference. "I hope and pray that this year we can take it over the top."

While anti-gay groups try to force religious Americans to choose between their faith and their commitment to fairness,

most people of faith recognize this as a false choice. With accurate information, people of faith are seeing through anti-gay rhetoric, and support for ENDA is broadening. Last November, a poll conducted for the Human

current lack of legal protection from job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

ENDA's supporters anticipated outlandish charges from the bill's opponents. "They do us the enormous favor of lying about the bill," said Frank at the news conference. "Correctly described, there is nothing that can be said against it."

Beyond the broad religious exemption, ENDA advocates point out that the bill protects lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual people equally.

"ENDA does not endorse any one particular sexual orientation—just as the 1964 Civil Rights Act does not endorse any one particular religion," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC legislative director. "Despite how its detractors bear false witness against ENDA, the truth is that ENDA protects people of all orientations equally, just as



L-R: Discrimination victims Rick Fleury, Mary Clarke and Karan Parkin with Senator Edward Kennedy

Rights Campaign by Greenberg Research Inc. found that 63 percent of Christians favor such legislation, when informed of the

laws against religious discrimination protect people of all faiths without taking the side of one religious viewpoint over another.

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## Act Now!

**N**o matter who your lawmakers are, they can always do better on issues of fairness for lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans if they hear from you—and they will certainly do worse if they hear only from anti-gay extremists. So take a moment to let them hear from you, and ask your friends to do the same.

Urge your U.S. senators and representatives to protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation by supporting and cosponsoring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Refer to the bill by its full name and number—S. 869 in the Senate, and H.R. 1858 in the House.

Call your senators and representatives through the Capitol switchboard at 202/224-3121. If you aren't sure who your members of Congress are, just ask the switchboard operator and you will be informed and then connected.

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**I**f you would like more information on ENDA, want to set up a meeting with your members of Congress, or have a true story of job discrimination based on sexual orientation that you would like HRC to consider documenting as part of its drive to show the real-life impact of discrimination, please contact the Human Rights Campaign's field team at 202/628-4160; visit HRC online at [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org) or write to the Human Rights Campaign, Field Dept., 1101 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.



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"People of faith can disagree over whether or not homosexuality is right and still agree that job discrimination is wrong. ENDA protects religious freedom while ensuring equal rights and prohibiting 'special' rights."

#### SUPPORT GROWS

First introduced in June 1994, ENDA already had more cosponsors at its reintroduction this year than it had garnered by the close of the 104th Congress last year. ENDA came within one vote of passage in the Senate last September. Senate lead sponsor Jeffords said at the June 10 news conference, "It is my hope that in the 105th Congress, we can bridge that narrow gap and pass this legislation."

President Clinton and Vice President Gore reaffirmed their strong support for ENDA at a White House meeting April 24 with HRC's Birch and other leaders from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In a statement supporting ENDA, the president referred to the vast majority of states without legal protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation. "Those who face this kind of job discrimination have no legal recourse, in either our state or federal courts. This is wrong," Clinton said.

The president, who first endorsed ENDA in October 1995, said the bill is about "ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination. I support it and I urge all Americans to do so. And I urge Congress to pass it expeditiously."

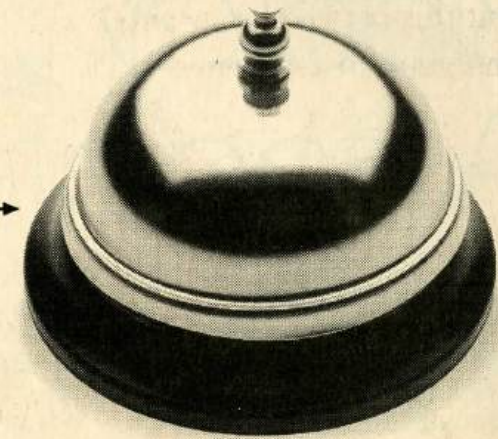
Also in April, the Human Rights Campaign released the results of a national bipartisan poll demonstrating that an unprecedented 68 percent of voters support passage of ENDA—including 59 percent of Republicans, 69 percent of independents and 79 percent of Democrats. In addition, voters in every region of the country strongly support the measure, with 77 percent of Americans favoring it in the Northeast, 71 percent in the Midwest, 68 percent in the West, and 62 percent in the South.

The national survey of 1,000 adults who indicated they are registered to vote was conducted April 8-10 by The Tarrance Group, a Republican firm, and Lake Sosin Snell & Associates, a Democratic polling company. The survey's overall margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.

"ENDA is emerging as a common-sense measure as the public learns that countless Americans still work in fear, knowing they can legally be fired from their jobs because of discrimination based on sexual orientation," said HRC's Stachelberg. "With a record level of broad-based support, we have a solid chance of passing ENDA in this 105th Congress—if we all work together to make it happen."

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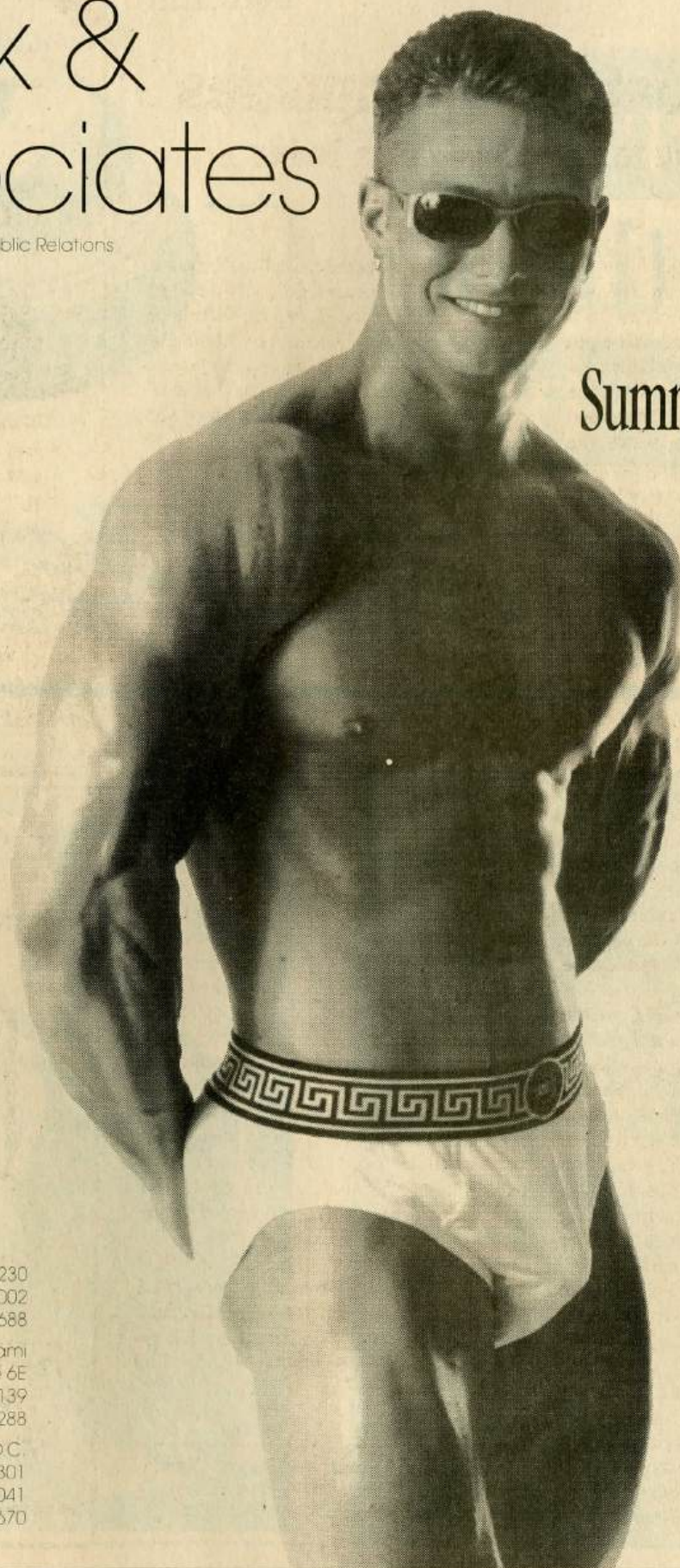
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## Limited Liability Companies

A New Way to Do Business in Texas

by Debra E. Hunt

**B**usiness owners in Texas have for many years been able to do business as either sole proprietors, as partners, or as shareholders in a corporation. In 1991, however, the Texas Legislature approved a new kind of business entity: the Limited Liability Company (LLC). Patterned after similar legislation in other states, the Texas Limited Liability Company Act provides a different way for business owners to enjoy the limited liability provided by incorporation and the tax advantages of a partnership, without having to put up with the restrictions of either an S-Corporation or a limited partnership.

An LLC is formed by having one or more organizers file articles of organization with the secretary of state. The articles are similar to articles of incorporation, but do not need to contain information about percentages of ownership. LLCs are governed by regulations, instead of bylaws, and are controlled by either the owners (called the members), or by a board of managers elected annually by the members. There is no limitation to the number of members an LLC may have, as long as it has more than one. LLCs can have different classes of members, and members do not have to be natural persons. Profits and losses can be divided as the members choose.

The distinctive features of an LLC are the limited liability afforded to members and the method of taxation to the company itself. Members of an LLC are financially liable only to the extent of their contributions, with no personal liability for company-incurred debts. This is the same type of liability protection afforded to regular and S-Corporation shareholders. Additionally, the statute creating LLCs provides that a member is not a proper party to a legal proceeding against an LLC, which may limit the ability of a creditor to "pierce the veil" and get to a particular member. However, the law in this area is still unsettled.

For federal tax purposes, the LLC is taxed as a partnership even though no one member is generally liable. This means that, unlike a corporation, an LLC does not pay tax independently on company profits before distribution. Profits are distributed directly to the

members who are taxed as personal income.

Due to these features, an LLC greatly resembles an S-Corporation, whose shareholders also enjoy limited liability without the double taxation imposed on regular corporations. Unlike an S-Corporation, which is restricted to a maximum 35 shareholders who must all be natural persons, an LLC may have any number of members, and the members can also be partnerships or corporations. Likewise, the S-Corporation can only issue one type of stock, and there are limitations on the amount of interest an S-Corporation can own in another corporation. There are no such restrictions on an LLC.

An LLC also resembles a limited partnership, which is a partnership composed of one or more general partners, who assume personal financial liability to the extent of their percentages of ownership, and one or more limited partners, whose liability is limited to the amount of their investment. In order to retain limited liability, however, the limited partners must refrain from managing the business. Members of an LLC, however, can manage the company without losing limited liability status, and there is no need for any owner to assume more responsibility than any other owner.

There are only a few known disadvantages to doing business as an LLC. First, the LLC is a new form of business across the nation, so the limited liability of a Texas LLC may not be recognized or supported in a state which has not adopted an LLC statute. Second, an LLC does have to pay state franchise taxes. Third, it is possible that an LLC would technically dissolve upon the death, dissolution or bankruptcy of a member, unless protective measures are included in the company's regulations.

As with any business decision, the type of business that prospective owners choose must be carefully considered and weighed against the needs of the company. For many business entities with multiple owners, forming a limited liability company is a good choice.

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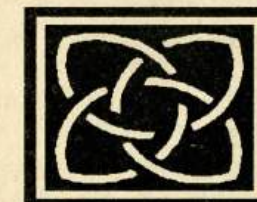
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# CASHING IN

*New Gay Expo Targets Mainstream Companies*



Debbie Phinney and Anita Renteria co-chair Empower '97, the Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Business Expo planned for October.

by Kyle Young

As co-chairs of Empower '97, Anita Renteria and her partner Debbie Phinney are working hard to resurrect the idea of a successful gay business expo in Houston. It's not an easy task, since many businesses were burned by the Spectrum '95 event. Spectrum was a business expo wrought with financial controversy and bad planning. The event lost thousands of dollars, and businesses that paid top dollar to reach the gay market were disappointed when the gay market stayed at home.

But two years is a long time when it comes to the gay community. More Fortune 500 companies are realizing the power of the gay dollar. Every day more corporations are developing nondiscrimination policies and partner benefits. Many companies are starting to market directly to the gay consumer. American Airlines, for example, has just expanded its gay and lesbian sales office. The department booked over 140 million dollars in sales last year.

Unlike Spectrum, Empower '97 is going beyond gay-owned businesses for exhibitors, hoping to attract major companies like American Airlines to the trade show. The free event is scheduled for National Coming Out Day, October 11, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. As an official project of the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GHGLCC), Empower '97 plans to deliver nearly 200 exhibitors thousands of gay consumers.

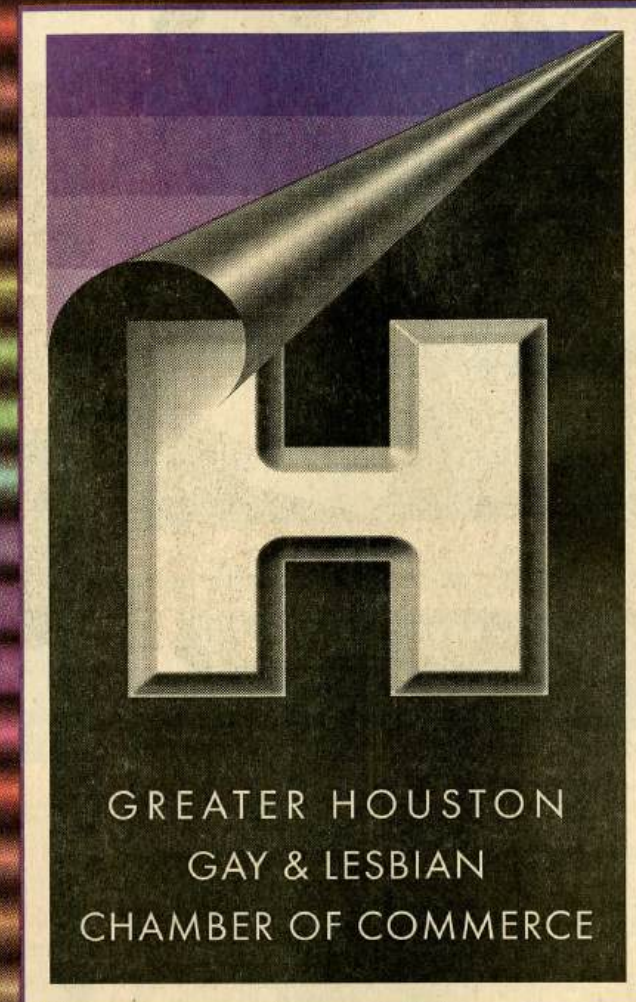
"Maybe 15 percent of everybody we've talked to has said, 'This isn't going to be a another Spectrum, is it?'" laughs Renteria. "Spectrum was a good idea. I think it was poorly executed. I think it was probably done for less than the good of the community. The other limiting factor was holding it to gay-owned businesses. We're trying to avoid that mix entirely. It's going to be a completely different type of event. My vision is that this is truly going to be a community event, for the community, by the community, of the community."

Organizers are planning for nonstop entertainment and activities during the expo. Invited guest speakers include Dan Butler from TV's *Frasier* and San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown. Organizers are also finalizing an entertainment event featuring a top national comedian.

So far, so good. Businesses are already coming on board—large companies like Texas Commerce Bank, Gallery Furniture and Continental Airlines. Renteria says the event is special because it gives businesses the opportunity to show that the gay community is important to Houston's economy.

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changing. I think this a very bold way, as strong a way to stand up and say it's important that you're gay to us."

Steven Levenberg, co-producer of the National Gay & Lesbian Business and Consumer Expo in New York, says that many Fortune 500 companies are taking interest. His first expo in 1994 drew 100 exhibitors and 6,000 people. Last April, the event had over 200 exhibitors and 15,000 visitors. Sponsors included IBM, American Express, The Prudential, Coors and nearly 40 other corporations.

"Everybody told me that no self-respecting big company would go to any event with the word gay or lesbian in front of it," says Levenberg. "Everybody was wrong."

He says corporate America sees the gay community as a key target group.

"We have been riding the wave of great interest by corporate America in the gay and lesbian consumer," he explains. "Whether it is right or wrong, they think that we are all double-income, no-kids families who spend our summers on Fire Island and winters in the Caribbean and have enormous amounts of money to spend—not only because we have very high incomes but because we have a very high disposable income."

Two out of three exhibitors at the New York event are major companies, from Paine Webber and Chase Manhattan to Mexicana Airlines and Key West. The remaining exhibitors are businesses which target the gay market exclusively, such as travel agents, greeting card companies and restaurants.

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Like Spectrum, Levenberg says, several expos around the country have failed because organizers were not experienced trade show professionals.

"Lots of gay people think they're like Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney—let's put on a show," says Levenberg. "It doesn't work that way."

Renteria says the professionalism and commitment of GHGLCC members will insure that the Empower expo will be an

important annual event for Houston's gay community.

"In Houston, we actually need something to draw the community together," says Renteria. "I'd like to have something positive that our community can center around, a lightning rod. Given all the differences we have politically, different religious backgrounds, what we like to do and where we come from—commerce is a basic thing that speaks to everybody. Everybody makes money. Everybody wants to spend money. If you own a business or you are a part of a business, you want that money to come to you. Hopefully it will be unifying."

So, can the fourth-largest city in the nation support an annual gay and lesbian business expo? Renteria says that Houston businesses understand the bottom line.

"In Houston, you have the stereotype of being Southern, and therefore conservative and maybe a little slower to accept these things, but you also have a streak of independence," she smiles. "I'm thinking that in business, the dollar speaks. When they realize they can make money, that's going to be the leverage that changes it all."

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## Left Out

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Republicans were wrapping themselves in family values, our boy Bill was telling us whether he wore boxers or briefs, and was appearing on prime time with Hillary to discuss their marital difficulties.

Because he never professed to be perfect, the American electorate may forgive Bill Clinton if he really did drop trousers in an Arkansas hotel room and revealed a "distinguishing characteristic" on his private parts. They are, however, less likely to forgive adulterers who have held the Bible in their public hand, and their girlfriend with their private one. Just ask Jimmy Swaggert, Jim Bakker or Michael Bowers.

You know, Michael Bowers, the Georgia Attorney General who so passionately

propounded that "society has a right to define moral standards" when he successfully defended Georgia's anti-sodomy law to the Supreme Court in *Hardwick v. Bowers* (the 5-4 opinion that condoned the arrest of two gay men for engaging in consensual sex in their own home).

And Michael Bowers, the same attorney general, who recently argued to the Circuit Court that a lesbian lawyer could legally be denied a job she had been offered after her prospective employer discovered that she participated in a ceremonial marriage with her lesbian partner.

And yes, the same Michael Bowers who, understandably, was the poster-boy for the religious right and the leading contender for the 1998 Georgia governor's race. That is, until Mr. Bowers revealed

that he engaged in adultery and had a 10-year extramarital affair with a married employee. And since adultery, like sodomy, is still a crime in Georgia, Mr. Bowers is—by his own moral standards—both a criminal and a hypocrite.

For too long, straight-male politicians like Michael Bowers have successfully created an illusion of moral superiority. Now, someone in the media has gotten hold of the curtains in these political glass houses, has pulled them back, and has exposed the hypocrisy of those who have passed judgment for decades but have never been judged by their own standards.

Finally, someone in the media has noticed and announced that the kings on Capitol Hill have no clothes. And although it ain't pretty, I can't help myself—I've just got to watch.



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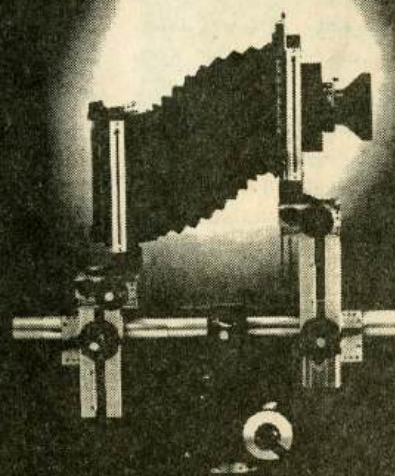
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*Legal Defense Network*  
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**Will we see an end to "don't ask, don't tell" in the next decade?**

In the next decade, perhaps, but it's a long fight. Basically, this organization was formed in 1993 when "don't ask, don't tell" was announced. We knew that there would be people who needed this kind of service, and the court challenges are not going well. It's still not impossible that a court will overturn at least portions of the policy, but that is two or three years down the road at the very earliest, and the only other solution—because Congress did enact a law—is for Congress to go back and change this law. Given the current climate of Congress, we don't expect that to happen any time soon.

What we are seeing progress in, is that we have been reporting over the last three years that the limits on investigations and the regulations that were intended to create this so-called "zone of privacy" have routinely been either ignored or violated willfully. At this point, it appears that there is some will in the Defense Department now to sit back and take a look at these violations and hopefully address the issues of at least obeying the rules as they stand.

**How many recoupment cases like Clayce Rodamer's are there?**

It happens a great deal. It's impossible to know the exact number. The Defense Department hasn't released the number of cases. We have several dozen cases where recoupment is an issue currently. They're not all necessarily analogous to Clayce's case. One of the disturbing factors that we've seen, particularly in the Air Force, is this assumption that when people say that they're gay, that they are doing so out of a motive to defraud the government. Using that as a justification, the Air Force has launched very detailed and intrusive investigations into the private lives of individuals who make coming-out statements, whereas the policy says if you say you're gay, that is sufficient for your discharge. What we have seen is the Air Force then sitting these people down, frequently going through two-, three-, four-hour interrogations where they're asking question like have you been dating anybody, how long have you known, who else knows, who have you told, what organizations are you a member of—all under the guise of shoring up evi-

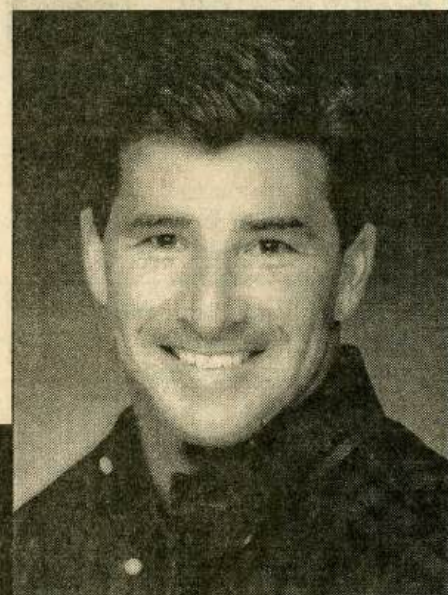
dence to back up the statement, which is not necessary under the policy. In fact, what it does is lend itself to try to dig up information—fishing expeditions—to try to find information to hurt people, either to lower their discharge characterization or even potentially allow them to face criminal charges.

**Did the Nightline feature cause the Army to drop Rodamer's case?**

It certainly moved it along faster. It's impossible to say what the intentions of the motivations were in the Department of the Army

and the Department of Defense. It is very clear that they did however react in time and sequence to the threat of the reality of media attention. The Army has subsequently cleared up several recoupment cases. We are still working to try to reach favorable results with other cases in other service branches.

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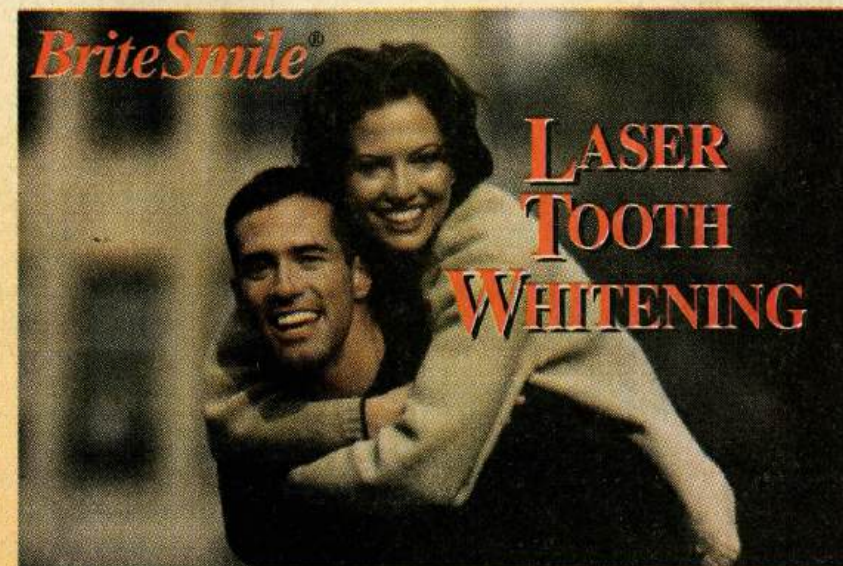
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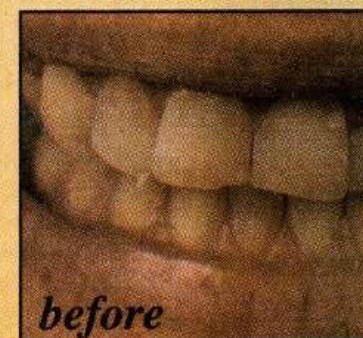
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*Stress management is not an  
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# Stop the Stress!

**Your Job May Be Killing You.**

by John Aaron

**Y**ou sleep through your alarm and get a speeding ticket while heading to work. Once there, you find that the reports you thought you had a week to finish are due "yesterday," but the computer crashes in protest of getting splashed when you accidentally spill coffee all over your desk. Meanwhile, the phone hasn't stopped ringing once since you got in, and the boss wants a meeting with you—"in private." And to top the morning off, you think you might be catching a cold. The person who said, "A little hard work never killed anyone" probably never had a real job. The truth is, if the job doesn't kill you, the stress probably will.

Although most people never visit a doctor to complain about stress itself, the American Academy of Family Practice suggests that work-related stress may account for a majority of our visits to a primary care physician. Symptoms like headaches, insomnia, heartburn, even a reluctant cold or infection may indicate stress as a major causative factor. However, learning to recognize stress and finding ways to defuse it can help you live a fuller, healthier and happier life.

### WHAT IS STRESS?

Stress can be defined as the body's non-specific response to any demand placed on it, real or imagined. Regardless of its positive or negative light, stress causes your body to respond. This response usually comes in the form of chemical changes in your system that prepare you to take action—adrenaline, for example. This "action" may cause a decrease in appetite, a rise in blood pressure and heart rate, disrupted sleep, even sluggishness and depression. These responses are mediated by the sympathetic nervous system.

The opposite of the sympathetic system is the parasympathetic nervous system, which is responsible for rest, relaxation, food digestion, injury repair, the immune system and all of the body's essential chores. Your body fluctuates between these two systems, which together compose the autonomic nervous system.

### IT'S NOT IN YOUR HEAD.

Our bodies combat stress on a daily basis from every angle. It doesn't matter if there is a real danger or not. The mere thought of a stressor can cause your body to secrete adrenaline. This is why worrying can be so destructive to your physical being.

For example: let's say that "private" meeting with your boss is to discuss company downsizing and your job termination. Fear is what most people would feel when faced with this threat because it is real. However, let's now say that the meeting is actually to discuss your raise, but you only think it's about getting fired. Here, the emotion would be anxiety because there is no actual threat of loss. There is only a perceived loss. The important thing to remember here is that both scenarios can induce harmful stress responses.

It's the constant, unrelenting stress and worry that set the stage for the health problems people have today. For the most part, stress doesn't let up and many people don't do anything to reduce the controlled reaction the sympathetic nervous system has over the body. In order to lessen the negative impact of stress on your body, you need to learn to handle stressful situations. Stress management is not an inherent trait—it must be learned.

### LEARN TO C.O.P.E.

Remember that the effect of stress on your body is cumulative throughout the day and throughout your life. If you can catch the stress early, and take a preventative approach, you can repeatedly reduce stress by small amounts so that its destructive impact is virtually nullified. You can do this by utilizing the following suggestions:

Control only what you can.

Open your communication lines and talk about the issues that effect you.

Pace yourself, don't overbook and don't project negative scenarios by worrying yourself into a frenzy.

Exercise.

You can also try setting aside a few minutes a couple of times a day to practice relaxation and breathing techniques. First, sit up straight with your shoulders back. Close your eyes and take in a deep breath. Focusing on the exhalation, imagine your shoulders are becoming heavier and allow them to sink toward the ground. Repeat this several times. Each time, give yourself mental permission to relax and surrender your body weight to gravity. Once you've practiced this procedure, you should feel alert but calm when you go about your business.

However, sometimes shifting from high stress to relaxation mode requires a bit more time. Don't let this disturb you. Research is far from conclusive in the area of stress management. For more ideas, try talking to your family physician. Ask for a referral if your doctor doesn't consult on stress. You might even try a counselor, therapist or fitness professional.

In any case, take time to step away from an extremely stressful situation. Take a brisk walk, see a comedy, or lift some weights at your local gym. If anything, seek out your friends because it's always been known that good company, a hearty laugh, or even a heartfelt hug can help release the pains of stress and replace it with a sense of well-being.

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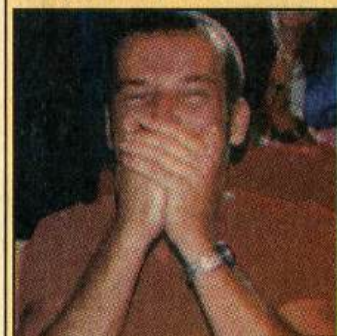
By Steven Foster  
Photos by Kyle Young

In these days when everyone's fighting for your (gay) money, *OutSmart* thought we'd help you spend it wisely. Ever your consumer skeptics, we decided to check out the board game-turned-minor-cult-hit "How to get your Pink Card." Created by a straight woman and a gay man to battle homophobia, the game, supposedly a gay Trivial Pursuit meets Life via Candyland (what, no Chutes & Ladders?), has a bit of an unrealistic goal to, say, get the Southern Baptists to change their hymn, but you and your gay-friendly friends can dig it.

So *OutSmart* thought of assembling a hypercool mix of gay and straight celebs and professionals at the trendy, fabulous downtown dining haunt, Palace Café, and asking our celebrity panel of gamers what they thought. And, on a sunny eve in late June, we did just that.

After our hostess, sexy Palace princess Cinda Ward, relaxed our guests into a comfy-cozy, gamey mood with wine and sweets, we introduced our players to each other and then hit the rules.

## THE PLAYERS



**Ken Claude, Gay**  
Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1997  
Manager, Basic Brothers  
**Best Victim:** Whether being proclaimed Biggest Nose (from Redepinning on a Dare) to hairiest (from DeBruhl on a Dare), Claude drummed up major kudos from the group.  
**Best Moment:** Morphing his title-winning butch-boy body into a nelly, candelabra-lighting, ivory-tinkling Liberace.  
**Best Quote:** Regarding his playmates, Claude confessed, "I loved them all as soon as I met them. Now I hate them."  
**Score:** 253.  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "Oh, it was great! You never knew who was going to win."



**Rhoda Morin, Gay**  
Hairdresser with Aduym,  
Avid Gambler  
**Best Move:** Chugged along, gaining respectable points, performing dares and the like, but then sneakily using a well-timed attitude card to steal 75 points from DeBruhl, giving Morin herself enough points in the right place to win the game.  
**Best Moment:** Did not know the words to The Sound of Music's "Do Re Mi," which she was forced to sing on a dare.  
**Best Quote:** "I loved the damn game!" (Guess so, she won.)  
**Score:** 555  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "A game for the '90s. The game for a '90s lesbian!"



**Ben Whittle, Gay**  
President,  
Houston Log Cabin Republicans  
**Most Promising Beginning:** Snagged every dare that came out during the game's beginning. Whittle made the most points the fastest. It also made him the most hated, and everyone at the table's goal became simultaneous: Take down the gay Republican.  
**Best Moment:** A frighteningly good Joan Crawford "wire hangers" bit done on a dare. Best Quote: "I know it will hurt, but won't it look pretty?" said on a dare, revealing his proposed ankle tattoo.  
**Score:** 280  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "A lotta fun. An 8!"



**Scott Redepinning, Straight**  
Associate Creative Director,  
Rives Cariberg  
**Most "Closeted":** Figuring being out of the closet would win him the game. Redepinning bolted bravely out. When forced to choose directions a second time, he went back in the closet to win. (He didn't.)  
**Best Moment:** Guessing Brooke Shields was the boycott-inducing Calvin model. Said DeBruhl, "Honey, Brooke Shields will never be an answer to any of the questions in this game."  
**Best Quote:** "I was very relieved. My low points reaffirmed my heterosexuality, which, up until now, I was not sure of."  
**Best Quote in Response:** "Thanks, honey," replied his wife, Alison.  
**Score:** 280  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "Really fun."



**Bettie DeBruhl, Straight**  
Public Relations Maven,  
Fogarty Klein & Partners  
**Most Attitude:** Whether she was stealing points from Whittle, punishing Claude for having more points than she, or slapping anti-attitude cards to those who tried to dish it back, DeBruhl was unanimously dubbed Honorary Queen.  
**Best Moment:** When dared to go up to the bitchiest player, DeBruhl stood up forcefully, walked around the table elegantly, and took her place square in front of the Palace Café mirror wall, delivering the line to herself.  
**Best Quote:** As the Lone Ranger, arms around Mr. Randy. "Tonto, there is something I'm meaning to tell you."  
**Score:** 400  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "Fabulous! I was very happy wielding my attitude...and very unhappy when it came back."



**Mr. Randy, Gay**  
Radio Ga-Ga, Radio Goo-Goo for 107.5 The Buzz  
**Mr. In-the-Know:** With wit and smarts, Mr. Randy owned the Question category, rarely getting any answer wrong, including missing the trick question of what 1836 is. (It's not the Brady's street address, which most queens would guess.)  
**Best Moment:** Relishing throwing attitude at DeBruhl, only to be crushed when she threw it back, vanquishing the effect he wanted.  
**Best Quote:** "The game gives people a chance to exhibit a playful spirit...so they don't have to save the drama for their mama!"  
**Score:** 420  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "A good game for a daring queen, whether they be male or female."



**Julie LaRue, Gay**  
Financial Wizard,  
The Acacia Group  
**Most Honest:** Guilted up to every truth question, until later when she switched to dares for the obvious reasons.  
**Best Moment:** "Necking" with Morin on a dare.  
**Best Quote:** "You mean the dares are more points?"  
**Score:** 205  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "It was basically a table of strangers, and we were all able to have fun with the diversity of the group. Oh, I had a real good time."



**"Capuccino," Straight**  
Black drag queen  
**Best Sport:** (see \*)  
**Best Moment:** A particularly hilarious, honest demonstration of shaving her legs.  
**Best Quote:** "Oh, Kofi's coming! Kofi's coming!"  
**Score:** 405  
**Siskel & Ebert:** "Very entertaining."  
  
\* Due to a scheduling conflict, empressaria extraordinaire Kofi was unable to attend, and Scott's wife, Alison, graciously took her place. When announced as "Kofi," Betty DeBruhl exclaimed, "She's more like capuccino." Thanks, Alison, you were a true sport!

After starting at "You Go, Girl!" players make their way around the board by rolling two pink dice in an effort to get to Nirvana (total bliss with your sexuality, whatever that may be) with 500 points. Along the way, you'll be forced to decide on a path (AC/DC sometimes helps you, sometimes hurts you—nice touch), eventually deciding whether pursuing life in or out of The Closet is best for you. A true panel of gamers, some players sacrificed true sexual orientation real quick in order to win the game. To acquire points, players draw from three cards when landing on appropriate icons on the board:



**Q-Cards** raise gay-themed questions with multiple choice answers. The best answer (read: the gayest one) gives points, while choosing the wrong can actually take your points away.



**Attitude Cards** are the game's most inspired creation. If another player has pissed you off (even if the sole reason is they have more points than you), you can "throw attitude" at them and do everything from take a few points from their score and add it to yours, all the way to switching places with them on the board. Like a bitchy "Get Out of Jail Free" Card, these babies are silently kept until you're ready to unleash some attitude. One well-timed A-card can win you the game and make you the most hated queen on the court.



When you land on the lipstick kiss, these **Truth or Dare Cards** can really help you rack up the pink points and, naturally, you decide which you want to do before the T or D is proposed. Truths are usually pretty basic, thus only carrying 10





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points. But the dares, which can range from acting like a straight mother at her son's gay wedding to showing off your underwear, can rack you up a ton. Our players figured out real quick that to win, inhibitions had to be left at the door, and that telling the truth may be noble, but it ain't the way to win.

### Our Take

The game box itself positively screams "Queen!" (all closet cases, get bag at purchase), but despite pushy, fey pink and purple graphics and instructions just begging for a rewrite, the game is a ton of fun. The questions veer from *duh* (who starred in Ab Fab) to genuinely tricky for both gays and straights (Who could "resist everything but temptation"? Marilyn Monroe, Herman Melville, or Oscar Wilde?).

For a thoughtful group, the "truth" part of the Kiss Cards could prove interesting. For any group not filled with introverts, the "dare" parts are a scream. Some dares are merely fun, some downright humiliating, but you'd be surprised just how much ego can be sacrificed in order to win a damn board game.

**Like a bitchy "Get Out of Jail Free" Card, these babies are silently kept until you're ready to unleash some attitude.**

The inner triangle where you can earn enough points to get into Nirvana has a really nasty square that can actually take half your points, just as you're *this* close to winning. The game can piss you off and we mean that in a good way.

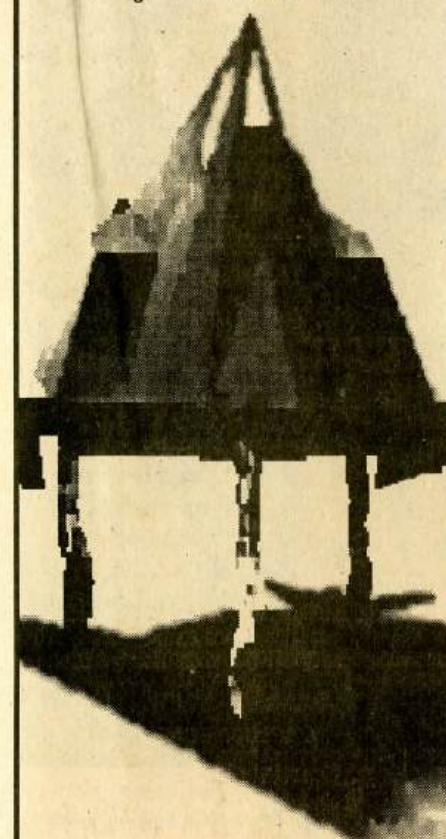
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The Attitude Cards. These little beasts are ingenious. Our panel was a group of virtual strangers, but by the time both gays and straights started throwing attitude, there was good-humored blood being shed and good old-fashioned bonding taking place. (In other words, losers were ganging up on winners.) Beware of getting close to a win—every other player in the game is just dying to take you down.

"Pink Card" is available at both Crossroads and Lobo, and if you want to get one, you better move. Every table at Palace Café got into the spirit of the game, and gays and straights alike were laughing, cheering, and wanting to know where they could get a copy of the game. Buy the board game, combine a pitcher of Mr. Freeze-worthy martinis, a cool blue pool, and some of your best friends to play with, and you'll create a delightfully bitchy, wickedly hilarious summer sport.

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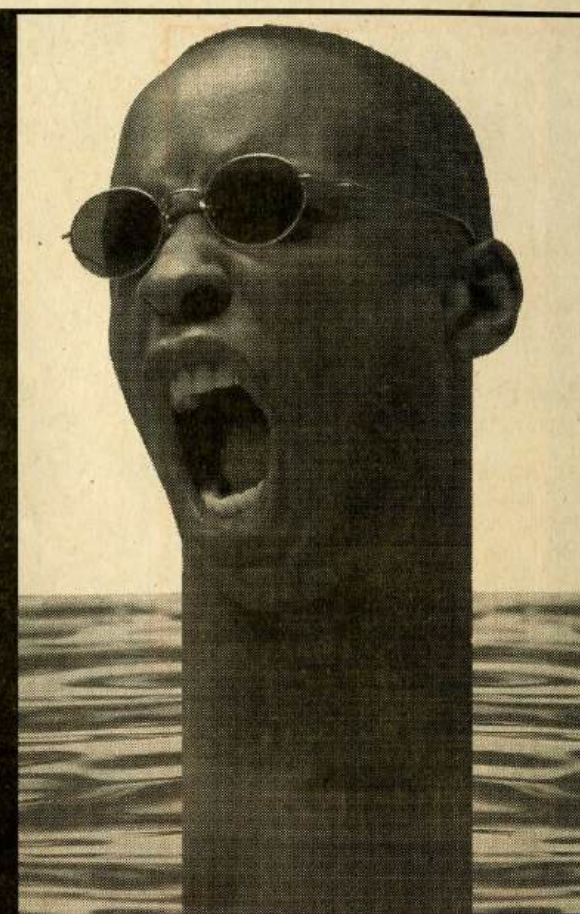
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# ACTOR DAVID ARQUETTE IS NO FISH OUT OF WATER

David Arquette was recently in Houston to promote his new film, *Dream With the Fishes*, a comedy/drama about suicide, voyeurism, LSD and nude bowling! *Fishes* is scheduled to start July 25 at Landmark's River Oaks Theatre.

**Rosanna's career?**  
*Crashed.*  
**Patricia? In the marriage Cage.**  
**Alexis? Stuck in Indie hell.**  
**After star turns in *johns*, *Scream* and the cool *Fishes*, David becomes the Arquette to watch.**

by Blase DiStefano

**F**unnyman Cliff Arquette, known as Charley Weaver and a regular (bottom row, left) on the *Hollywood Squares*, was his grandfather. Lewis Arquette, his father, is an actor whose recent film is *Waiting for Guffman*; he will also be seen in the upcoming *Life During Wartime* with his son David. His mother: "I consider her an actress," Arquette says, "but nobody's hiring her." Actress Rosanna Arquette (*Desperately Seeking Susan* and the recent *Gone Fishin'*) is his sister. Actress Patricia Arquette (*Ethan Frome* and *True Romance*; also the wife of Nicolas Cage) is another sister. Actor Alexis Arquette (*Don't Do It!* and *Grief*) is his brother. Actor Richmond Arquette (he's in both *Dream With the Fishes* and the upcoming *Life During Wartime* with David) is another brother. David Arquette, 25, is the youngest in this tribe. The Baldwin brothers and the

Barrymore clan have nothing on these guys!

Though you might expect some rivalry in such a large family of celebrities, that doesn't seem to be the case here. "We all really love each other," Arquette says. "It's a difficult business. There's enough rivalry within the business, enough rejection to go around for everybody."

Did he know his grandfather very well? "No, he passed away when I was very young." Well, does he know any good stories about him? "One time when he was crossing New York in a limo, going from *The Jack Paar Show* to another show, he had lit up a cigar for the ride. He was also in a dress. Someone pulled up next to him, he rolled down the window, and they asked how to get to the Holland Tunnel. He said, 'It's that way, big boy!'" Most of the humor of that story is watching Arquette's vampy take on the punch line.

And since he brought up the subject of dresses, has he ever worn one? "I wore one once actually. It was a weird experience for me. I don't think I'd do it again. [To himself:] Did I ever have to wear one on film? I don't think I have." Was it Halloween? "Yeah, in school. It just wasn't for me. I can't pull it off. It's like Jack Lemmon in *Some Like It Hot*—he never really made it as a woman for me."

What about a wig? "I'd put a wig on any time. It was the high heel shoes I had a problem with. If I found a cool dress, I could see that. But those high heels."

Not necessarily a natural segue from dresses to brother Alexis' rumored bisexuality, but has the rumor hurt his older brother's career? Arquette thinks not. "I know they can't stereotype him," he says. And is Arquette cool with his brother's sexuality? "Totally," he says without hesitation.

"Alexis is a complete individual, and his whole life is an open book. A little while ago, I met his girlfriend, this girl who's madly in love with him, and he loves her. They're talking about buying

inflatable furniture together," he quips. "Lex is a free spirit and the most creative person I've ever met. I talked to him about it once, and he said, 'You know, the only people I tell my sexuality to is if they wanna fuck me.'"

Well, that pretty much sums that up.

Recently seen in *johns*, in which he plays a male hustler, the tattooed Arquette is one of the new breed of straight actors who can play a gay role without caring whether people will think he's gay. "People had the opinion that *johns* could be a bad move," he says. "That's sort of ridiculous in a sense. The

world is so close-minded, and they've just started to wake up in the past 10 years. The level of ignorance has dropped so much. It's a different world now, and I'm all about confronting shit. If somebody wants to mess with me and think I'm gay, I'll wanna kiss 'em, you know what I mean?—'Okay! Okay! Now do you really wanna kill me?' Forget 'em all, it doesn't matter."

It also doesn't matter to him if people stereotype him: He played a hustler in his first film, *Where the Day Takes You*. "I guess I'll have to play a call guy soon—let's open up my clientele!" he jokes. "Or a Chippendale dancer in *Striptease II*—not just for the ladies anymore." Actually, in June he started filming *Scream II* in which he reprises his role as the deputy sheriff: "My sister's dead," Arquette deadpans, "and I'm very

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Arquette, who lives in L.A., is abound with humor and energy, the latter which he uses to play music with two of his friends in their band, Ear 2000. "It's great expression," he says. "As an actor, you always have to be other characters. On stage, you can be yourself. And it's facing my biggest fears. I'll probably have to get drunk off my ass to even go out there in front of an audience." So what kind of music do they play? He becomes very animated when he answers, "We're kinda punk rock. We're like [he screams and throws his arms around]. If it wasn't for the words, you'd think it was devil music. Not really." So it's not like Marilyn Manson? "No," Arquette says, "it's about the light, not the dark."

What about research for the dark *johns*? "I talked to so many homeless kids, hustlers, ex-homeless kids, huge Hollywood producers who *were* homeless kids. I totally researched that role, but I didn't feel like I had to get into a car with someone and endanger myself for my craft. Every kid I met, I asked, 'What was the worst thing that ever happened to you?' And just watching their faces when they tell you their stories—no matter how much of a wall they put up, they can't really hide that sort of emotion."

Too heavy for an ending to an interview laced with so much laughter? What about: If you were stranded on a desert island for one year and you could choose one celebrity to be there with you, who would it be? After discussing a few possibilities, including the wheelchair-bound yet limitless *Time* traveler Stephen Hawking, comedy triumphs: "Phyllis Diller," Arquette says, imitating her legendary laugh. "David, open me another coconut."

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**K**eith Davis and Rick Newlin have been my close friends for over 10 years, and being able to help plan their travel is always a special treat. These delightful men have been a committed couple for 22 years, and they pursue a wide range of interests and activities. Keith is a professional horticulturist who started playing in his grandma's garden as a toddler. Rick's background includes teaching history in the public schools for many years, then managing a specialty wood design company. For the past several years, Rick and Keith have together owned and operated Evergreen Plant Care.

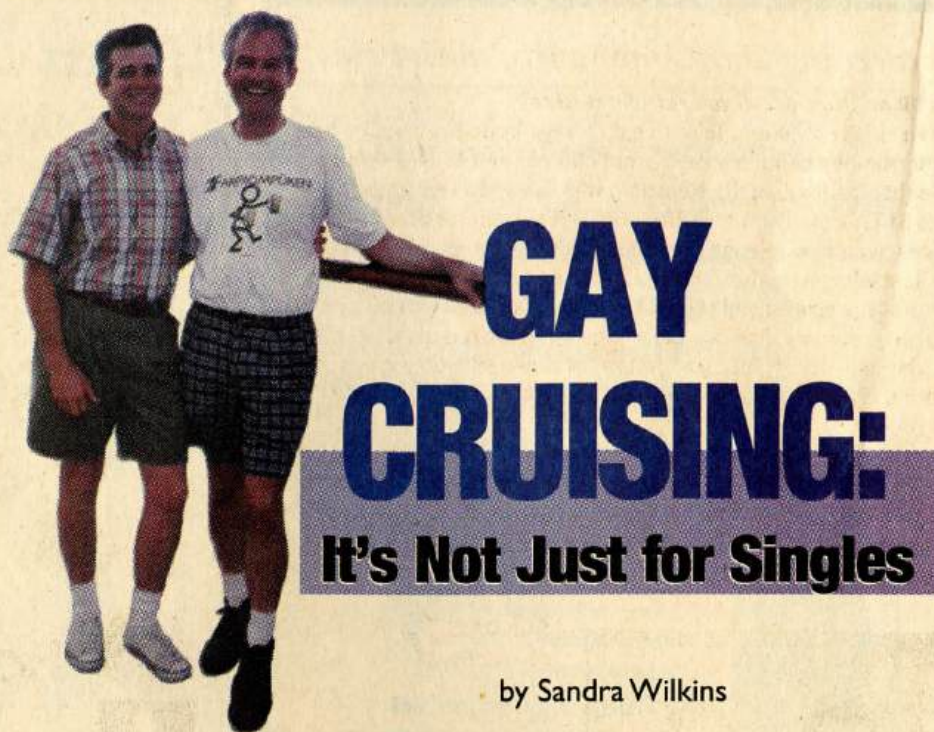
Last fall I was pleased to get a call from Rick and Keith, requesting the RSVP "Mardi Gras" Cruise for February. I was somewhat surprised by this request, because their travel taste usually tends toward a more educational ilk, like exploring Washington's Olympic National Park (the only temperate rain forest in the continental USA), or discovering the archaeological wonders of the Anasazi Indian culture in Canyon de Chelle.

This year, Rick and Keith decided to join a group of friends aboard Holland America's Noordam and sail away for a week of fun during Mardi Gras.

**SANDRA:** Had you ever considered doing a gay cruise before?

**RICK:** No. I had serious reservations about this trip because I had a feeling it might be a big gay bar on the ocean, and I just didn't want to do that. But we had several sets of friends who had been on more than one RSVP cruise, so we decided to trust them and give it a shot.

**KEITH:** Another big concern was we were wondering if couples are encouraged. We thought it might just be a big singles party, but much to our happiness when we got on the ship we found it was mostly couples, really enjoying each other's company. There were quite a few singles on the trip, and all of them had a great time too, making new friends and interacting nicely with the couples on board. We were also pleased with the wide range of ages. We saw men couples and women couples in their 70s, who had been together 50 years, long before it was as acceptable in our society as it now is. We also saw "honeymooners," young people in their 20s and 30s, obviously on their first big trip together.



by Sandra Wilkins

**RICK:** I'd say the median age was around 40, and most all of the participants were professionals, fairly well traveled and interesting people. I was so happy that none of the folks were cliquish. I'd worried everyone would form into small little groups, but that didn't happen at all, with the possible exception of a set of what we call "hunk-ras," good-looking young single men in their 20s who played together. But everyone on board was fun and friendly, and we met some super nice folks.

**KEITH:** I'll tell you one of my nicest surprises: there was an amazing lack of attitude. Everyone was there to enjoy themselves, relax and have a good time. Everyone would speak as you passed in halls or on deck, and this made for a lovely sense of camaraderie on board. There were a lot of repeat passengers on board, who knew the routine and were almost like welcome ambassadors to the newcomers.

**RICK:** Some of the repeat passengers even brought door decorations to hang outside their cabin door. Don't forget, we enjoyed two major holidays while on this cruise—

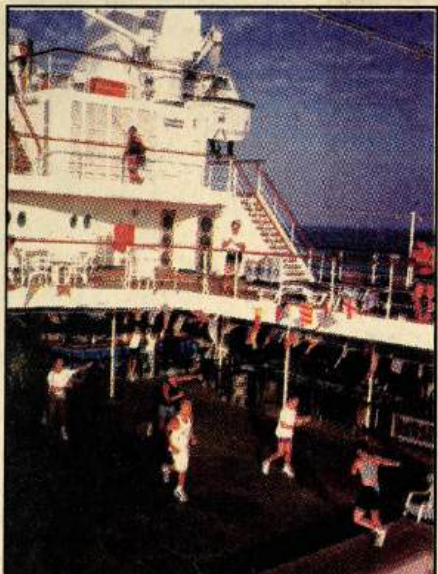
Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day. You can imagine how much fun the costume parties were. I don't know how people brought all their amazing paraphernalia with them, but they did, and really put on a show. And guess

who enjoyed all this dressing up the most—the crew members of the Noordam. This was their first all-gay cruise, and they were so enthusiastic and friendly to us. Most of the cabin and dining room staff were Asian, and the entertainment and casino staff were English. They were a hoot. I must say that the staff was incredibly professional and ran that ship like the piece of machinery it is.

**KEITH:** Speaking of staff, we highly commend the personnel on board from the RSVP

organization. Working closely with the Noordam crew, they supervised all of the organizational aspects of the cruise, from shore excursions, to arrivals and departures, entertainment, events.

**RICK:** There was so much to do, it was surprising. It seems there was something going on every minute of the day and night. Of course, some people just ate 24 hours a day.



**SANDRA:** How would you rate the cuisine?

**KEITH:** I love to cook, love to eat. I have been accused of being slightly snobby about my restaurant choices, but I say without hesitation that the food on the Noordam was as good as any good restaurant that I normally go to in Houston. I really appreciated the menu choices, which were considerate of all eating habits. They prepared excellent vegetarian meals, not just steamed rice and vegetables, but beautifully prepared and presented dishes. You always had a choice of a fish or poultry dish, for those who don't eat red meat, and there was always a delightful meat option for those who do eat red meat. Additionally, there was a spa entree, which was heart healthy, and was good.

**SANDRA:** I've always loved this ship. I was on her twice in the past, and have admired the classic touches, roomy cabins and well-decorated public areas.

**RICK:** We loved the art displays and the teak decks.



*"One of the things I enjoyed the most on this cruise was the freedom to be ourselves, as lovers, as a gay couple. There was never a moment of being uncomfortable if you wanted to reach over and give your sweetie a kiss."*

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**RICK:** We didn't experience one incident of anyone being excessive in their affections, or taking advantage of the situation. It was a very grown-up, mature and well-mannered crowd. We felt very much in the company of our peers, and that felt fabulous. It was made crystal clear that a strict no-drug policy would be enforced. Before you even board the ship, they make a stern announcement about drugs. If you get caught with drugs, you'll be put in the brig and put off at the next port, no exceptions. This was a unique environment. I felt like here we are, given an opportunity to live our lives in this safe

**SANDRA:** I would probably characterize you two as atypical cruise candidates, but you're sitting here reporting that you had the time of your life on this vacation.

**KEITH:** You know, we weren't expecting to have that much fun. One of the things I enjoyed the most on this cruise was the freedom to be ourselves, as lovers, as a gay couple. There was never a moment of being uncomfortable if you wanted to reach over and give your sweetie a kiss, or hold hands to share a romantic moment.

**RICK:** And for me, that was very liberating. It was almost like experiencing society as it could be.

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place, and I really think all the people appreciated that feeling and were happy to behave in a grown-up, respectful manner.

**KEITH:** We didn't see one bitch attack, and we didn't see one incident of a falling down drunk puking behind a sofa. It just didn't happen.

**SANDRA:** *What would your families have thought if they were flies on the wall during this week?*

**KEITH:** Both our families would have loved what they saw. They're both very supportive and accepting, and we're lucky that way. I think they would have been very happy to join us and would not have been shocked by anything they saw.

**SANDRA:** *What about any complaints?*

**KEITH:** The only grumbling we heard was that the staff didn't push drinks enough. If you can believe it, the ship ran out of gin on our first leg between Tampa and Key West. Let's face it, this was a drinking crowd. I don't think they knew what to expect with 1,200 queers on board.

**RICK:** But you know what? I'd venture that almost everyone's expectations were not only met, but exceeded. And I know the ship was happy with this crowd, because the casino took in more money on this cruise than any other previous sailing. And the bingo jackpot was the largest in the ship's 12-year history.

**KEITH:** Bingo was a blast. All the games were creative and geared toward a gay crowd. Remember, we had 1,200 passengers on this cruise, and many days there were up to 900 people playing bingo in the afternoon, buying cards at \$10 a pop. It's easy to see how the pot can get pretty fat, pretty fast. On the last day at sea, the payoff that day was upward of \$5,000.

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**SANDRA:** So, you guys were big winners in the casino and at bingo?

**KEITH:** We did well with our game playing, and came home with some pennies in our pockets.

**SANDRA:** *Tell me what a typical evening on board looked like.*

**RICK:** We commandeered the center table in the dining room for the main dinner seating each night, so our group gathered around 6:30 p.m., and we enjoyed our meal together. Afterward, you had lots of options for play. The entertainment was very good in the lounges. We had good comedians, good cabaret shows with jazz combos in a piano bar, and RSVP brought their own disco set-up, which rocked every night on deck. They set up a huge framework with speakers and lights and a great DJ. The straight crew loved the disco too, and each night we'd see the crew members wandering out to dance with the gay crowd and have a blast. Each night was a different theme. We had a country & western night, a leather night, an underwear party, a neon party, and the major costume revue to celebrate the Mardi Gras holiday. This costume party night was the main event after we'd been partying in New Orleans all day. So there we were, dragging back to the ship after prowling the French Quarter in our costumes, fluffing up and getting ready for this huge bash. I'll bet there were over 300 entries for the costume party.

**SANDRA:** *Sounds like the day in New Orleans and the Mardi Gras party on board that night was a high point of the trip. What other day or port of call will you remember specially?*

**KEITH:** I loved going back to Playa del Carmen in Mexico. We went in 1988 to Kailuum, when Playa del Carmen was a dusty hole in the road. The ferry stop for Cozumel was its only claim to fame. Well, now it is a city in its own right, with nice hotels and a thriving tropical ambiance. From there we went to Xcaret, just south of Playa, which is a lovely cove of transparent Caribbean waters, and once served as one of the pre-Hispanic embarkation points for pilgrimages to the shrine of Ix Chel on the island of Cozumel. Xcaret is special because of its underground springs, which have been dynamited to create an underground river that links a cenote [water cave] to the large lagoon, where you can snorkel. This area has become a Mexican theme park, but a very nice one indeed. You could get on an inner tube and float for two miles through these caves on this river, and every once in a while you'd pop up and see palm trees with the sunshine streaming through. There were lots of Mexican families having a great outing. From Playa del Carmen you can take all kinds of interesting field trips, including getting into a lagoon to swim with and pet dolphins. You could do tours to the Mayan ruins at Tulum or Coba as well as from Playa, so it was wonderful to know how much that area has matured and grown.

**RICK:** And, surprisingly, Key West was our least favorite. Maybe it's because we've been there several times, but it just seemed to lack a certain snap, and was full of straight tourists gawking at all the gay and lesbian couples walking down the street, or sitting in the cafes.

**SANDRA:** *Clearly you had a most memorable vacation. Will you do it again?*

**KEITH:** I think after this successful experience at an exclusive "gay" vacation, we'll certainly be inclined to do it again. We love to ski, and I think we just might try one of the gay ski weeks next year.



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

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

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

Caregivers of young children receiving ZERIT therapy should be instructed regarding detection and reporting of peripheral neuropathy.

Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of ZERIT are unknown at this time. They should be advised that ZERIT therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

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

#### Laboratory Tests

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

#### Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

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

\* The parallel track program (STUDY AI455-900) treated 12,551 HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts <300/mm<sup>3</sup> who had failed, were intolerant of, or had contraindications to other therapies.

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

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

#### Pregnancy

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

#### Nursing Mothers

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

#### Pediatric Use

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

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

Following intravenous infusions (n=21), the mean ± SD volume of distribution was 18.5 ± 9.1 L/m<sup>2</sup>. The distribution of stavudine into cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) was assessed in 8 pediatric patients after 12 weeks of multiple oral dosing. The concentration of stavudine in CSF samples ranged from 0.008 to 0.105 µg/mL at times ranging from 2 to 3 hours post-dose (dose ranging from 0.125 to 1 mg/kg). CSF concentrations ranged from 16% to 125% (mean ± SD of 59% ± 35%) of the concentration in simultaneous plasma samples.

The terminal elimination half-life after oral or intravenous administration of stavudine was approximately one hour. The mean ± SD total body clearance after intravenous infusion was 247 ± 94 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The mean ± SD apparent oral clearance was 333 ± 87 mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>. The percent of the dose excreted unchanged in the urine was 34.5% after oral administration.

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

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

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

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

| Table 2<br>Peripheral Neuropathy Leading to Dose Modification |                                 |                                       |                                  |                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                               | Study AI455-019                 |                                       | Parallel Track Program           |                                       |
|                                                               | ZERIT<br>(40 mg BID)<br>(n=412) | zidovudine<br>(200 mg TID)<br>(n=402) | ZERIT<br>(40 mg BID)<br>(n=5905) | zidovudine<br>(20 mg BID)<br>(n=5879) |
| Peripheral Neuropathy                                         |                                 |                                       |                                  |                                       |
| Grade 1-2                                                     | 11                              | 3                                     | 20                               | 17                                    |
| Grade 3-4                                                     | 2                               | 1                                     | 4                                | 2                                     |
| Total                                                         | 13                              | 4                                     | 24                               | 19                                    |

Selected adverse events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study AI455-019) are provided in Table 3.

| Table 3<br>Selected Clinical Adverse Events in the Phase 3 Controlled Clinical Trials* |                                 |                                       |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Adverse Events                                                                         | Study AI455-019†                |                                       |  |
|                                                                                        | ZERIT<br>(40 mg BID)<br>(n=412) | zidovudine<br>(200 mg TID)<br>(n=402) |  |
| Headache                                                                               | 54                              | 49                                    |  |
| Chills/Fever                                                                           | 50                              | 51                                    |  |
| Diarrhea                                                                               | 50                              | 43                                    |  |
| Rash                                                                                   | 40                              | 35                                    |  |
| Nausea and Vomiting                                                                    | 38                              | 44                                    |  |
| Abdominal Pain                                                                         | 34                              | 27                                    |  |
| Myalgia                                                                                | 32                              | 31                                    |  |
| Insomnia                                                                               | 29                              | 35                                    |  |
| Anorexia                                                                               | 19                              | 22                                    |  |
| Allergic Reaction                                                                      | 9                               | 8                                     |  |
| Pancreatitis                                                                           | •                               | •                                     |  |

\* This event was reported in fewer than 1% of patients.

† Includes all clinical complaints.

‡ Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

Laboratory abnormalities reported in the Phase 3 controlled comparative trial (Study AI455-019) are shown in Table 4.

| Table 4<br>Controlled Clinical Trials: Incidence of Adult Laboratory Abnormalities* |                                 |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lab Tests<br>(units)                                                                | Study AI455-019†                |                                       |
|                                                                                     | ZERIT<br>(40 mg BID)<br>(n=412) | zidovudine<br>(200 mg TID)<br>(n=402) |
| AST (SGOT)<br>(≤5.0 x ULN‡)                                                         | 11                              | 10                                    |
| ALT (SGPT)<br>(≤5.0 x ULN)                                                          | 13                              | 11                                    |
| Bilirubin<br>(≤5.0 x ULN)                                                           | 2                               | 2                                     |
| Anemia<br>(<8.0 g/dL)                                                               | •                               | 3                                     |
| Neutropenia<br>(neutrophils <750/mm <sup>3</sup> )                                  | 5                               | 9                                     |
| Thrombocytopenia<br>(platelets <50,000/mm <sup>3</sup> )                            | 3                               | 3                                     |
| Amylase<br>(>1.4 x ULN)                                                             | 14                              | 13                                    |

\* This abnormality was reported in fewer than 1% of patients.

† Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.

‡ Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

§ ULN = upper limit of normal.

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

#### OVERDOSAGE

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

#### HOW SUPPLIED

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

| Table 5          |                            |                                    |                     |         |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Product Strength | Capsule Shell Color        | Markings on Capsule (in Black Ink) | Capsules per Bottle | NDC No. |
| 15 mg            | Light yellow & dark red    | BMS 1964                           | 15                  | 60      |
| 20 mg            | Light brown                | BMS 1965                           | 20                  | 60      |
| 30 mg            | Light orange & dark orange | BMS 1966                           | 30                  | 60      |
| 40 mg            | Dark orange                | BMS 1967                           | 40                  | 60      |

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

**Storage:** ZERIT Capsules should be stored in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).

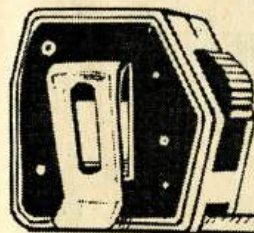
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## The Limitations of Penis Enlargements

# Measuring Up

by Simon LeVay

I recently watched—a little queasily—a Los Angeles-area surgeon performed an operation to lengthen a man's penis. As an assistant tugged on the organ, the surgeon sliced through the shaved skin of the man's pubic area, then through the moorings that held the penis to the pubic bone, allowing it to dangle further downward than it had before. The surgeon inserted a drain and sewed up the four-inch wound. All that remained was for the patient to recover from the spinal anesthesia and to pay the bill—\$7,500.

The man was instructed to begin pulling gently on the penis, a few days after the operation. Later, he will have to keep the penis in traction for several hours a day, by hanging weights from it. In a few months, he will return for a second operation (included in the same price tag). This time, the surgeon will take two strips of cutaneous and fatty tissue from his buttocks and graft them under the skin along both sides of the penis, bulking it out in the same way as a bun bulks out a hot dog. If all goes well, the man will finally have the penis he desires—both longer and thicker than the one he was endowed with.

It doesn't always go well. There has been at least one death associated with penis-enlargement surgery—that surgeon is now in jail. One man developed a serious infection of the pubic bone—that surgeon had his license revoked. Many others have ended up with penises that are lumpy, distorted, or shorter than before.

Although the surgeon I visited told me that he can add one-and-a-half inches to the length of the erect penis, until recently there have been no objective studies of the effects of penis-enlargement surgery, either on the dimensions of the penis or on the psychological well-being of the men who undergo it. Therefore, sexologist Randy

Klein set out to answer these questions as part of her Ph.D. dissertation at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco.

Klein obtained data from 65 men who had undergone penis-enlargement surgery at least a year previously. Prior to surgery, most of the men had penises of average length and thickness. The most common reason given for having surgery was the belief that the procedure would increase their self-esteem. The men paid an average of \$5,900 for the surgery.

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Most of the men reported that their penises were indeed thicker than before the operation. As to length, most of the men said that their penises were longer, but only when in the flaccid state. There was no change in the average length of the men's penises when erect. In addition, all the men had permanent, visible scars from the surgery.

When Klein asked the men about their satisfaction with the surgery, there was a wide range of responses, but on average the men were slightly dissatisfied. This was either because they were not happy with the result or because the pain, inconvenience (including time off work), and expense outweighed the cosmetic improvement. After the surgery, the men did not engage in more sex, experience more satisfaction with sex, or feel greater self-esteem.

Klein stresses that the techniques of penis-enlargement surgery are improving

and that results for men operated on in the future may be better than for the men she studied. Even among her subjects, some were very satisfied with the procedure. These were usually the men who didn't have unrealistic expectations to begin with.

To my mind, if people want to improve on their natural endowments, more power to them. But they should be aware of the drawbacks, side effects and limitations of the procedure. In particular, if it is a longer erect penis they are seeking, they may well be disappointed.

In addition, some of the men who want larger penises may have problems that could better be addressed through psychotherapy than through surgery. The man whose operation I witnessed was clearly an odd character. Even the surgeon described him to me as "schizoid." The man requested, as part of the surgical procedure, that a certain small mole be removed from his leg—a mole so indistinguishable from the hundreds of other moles on his body that the surgeon's assistant had trouble identifying it.

As I left the clinic, I wondered whether surgeons who perform these procedures have a conflict of responsibilities: on the one hand, to respect their patients' authority over their own bodies—but on the other, to find the real roots of their problems, whether in the penis or in the head.

*Simon LeVay, Ph.D., is well known for his research on the "gay brain." He is the author of The Sexual Brain, City of Friends (with Elisabeth Nonas), and Queer Science (MIT Press, 1996), and the novel Albrick's Gold (Richard Kasak Books, 1997). He is also a co-founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. He can be reached care of OutSmart or at SLeVay@aol.com.*



# Calendar of Events

## July

**3 China Adoption.** A not-for-profit agency will sponsor a FREE workshop on how to adopt children from China. Great Wall China Adoption is currently working with single men, single women, and couples from 25-60 years of age. 6:30-8:30 pm @ Jungman Library, 5830 Westheimer. For more info: Barbara at 713/249-5941 (24-hour phoneline).

**11&12 Transgender Law.** On Friday at 8 pm, the 1997 International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy will feature as its keynote speaker, Reginald E. Jones, commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Jones will speak on "Transgender Employment Discrimination." Saturday's luncheon speaker will be Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; she will speak on "Transgender Advocacy in the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay & Transgender Movement." Other panels will include discussions regarding law and employment issues of importance to all transgendered people—male-to-female, female-to-male, people of color, non-transsexual crossdressers—and family members and friends of transgendered people. The conference will take place at the Ramada Astrodome. Cost for Friday attendance (including all panels and luncheon buffet) is \$46.50; however, the Friday evening keynote address of Reginald Jones is free to all. Cost for Saturday attendance (including all panels, Kerry Lobel's speech and luncheon buffet) is \$46.50. Mail registration payment to ICTLER, P.O. Drawer 35477, Houston, TX 77235-5515. For more info: 713/777-8452 or e-mail at ICTLER@aol.com.

**12 Feed the Hogs!** The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is having a garage sale. So if you want

na help 'em out and get yourself some inexpensive stuff (including camping equipment), drop by after 8 am @ 1112 Tabor. For more info: 713/KAMPOUT.

**12 Free Day at 10 Museums.** After spending very little money at the HOG sale (see previous listing), spend no money for admission at 10 museums in the Houston Museum District from 10 am-6 pm! There's even free remote parking at the Astrodome accompanied by continuous free METRO shuttle service to the district, operating from 9 am-7 pm. Participating museums: The Children's Museum of Houston (1500 Binz, 713/522-1138); Contemporary Arts Museum (5216 Montrose, 713/284-8250); C.G. Jung Center (5200 Montrose, 713/524-8253); Holocaust Museum Houston (5401 Caroline, 713/942-8000); Houston Museum of Natural Science (One Hermann Circle Dr., 713/639-4629); The Houston Zoo (1513 N. MacGregor in Hermann Park, 713/520-3200); Lawndale Art & Performance Center (4912 Main St., 713/528-5858); The Menil Collection (1515 Sul Ross, 713/525-9400); Museum of Fine Arts (1001 Bissonnet, 713/639-7300); Museum of Health & Medical Science (1515 Hermann Dr., 713/521-1515). For more info: 713/284-1037.

**19 Fish the Night Away.** The Rainbow Fishing Club is gearing up for its first night fishing trip. At presstime they were to have reserved 30 spots at the back of the 70-foot Texsun II. The night trips are restricted to 50 people, so this outing will likely be mostly gay and lesbian and friends. It will start at 9 pm Saturday and return 6 am Sunday. Cost is \$40, with all bait and tackle provided; food and drink on board available at reasonable cost. Deposit (\$20) or full payment can be sent to the Rainbow Fishing Club, P.O. Box 66450, Houston 77266, or call 713/523-6381 for more info.

**20 A Decade of Remembrance,** a lively gospel brunch observing 10 years of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, will have project founder Cleve Jones speaking about the Quilt's ongoing role in the fight against AIDS. Portions of "Lest We Forget," the recently released documentary of the October 1996 display of the entire Quilt in Washington, will be screened. Also, some 100 memorial panels of the Quilt, including panels made for Houstonians lost to AIDS, will be displayed. 11:30 am-2 pm @ JAGS. Call 888-99-NAMES for ticket information (online at david\_lueck@aidsquilt.org).

**26 Hurricane '97.** There's a low pressure system brewing in the Gulf. Expected yield is a Category 5 High Intensity Dance Party of

monstrous proportions. This cataclysmic event will be powered by the intense heat of hundreds of beautiful men and women and driven by contributions and donations from all directions. It will sweep inward, spawning unpredictable activities and torrential benefits for Casa de Esperanza, the Center for AIDS, and the Buyer's Club. At the eye of the storm, guest DJ Julian Marsh of NYC/Fire Island will be returning to provide the hottest dance music of the season for the hottest guys and gals weathering the storm. Timely warnings greatly diminish hurricane fatalities, so get your Hurricane '97 tickets early from Lobo's (Houston & Austin), Basic Brothers, Ken Knight's in Dallas, and Custom Valet Cleaners. Tickets are \$40 in advance and include open bar (\$45 at the door if available). Prior events of this magnitude have produced devastating results. The storm will make landfall at 10 pm at the Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan near Waugh. Hurricane '97 is sponsored by the Bayou City Boys Club, Inc.

## Theater

• **42nd Street** is the exuberant tap-dancing tribute to Broadway's street of dreams and the people who perform there. The musical garnered eight Tony nominations and became Broadway's "Best Musical" in 1981. July 16-26 @ Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. Free tickets for covered amphitheater seating will be distributed (up to 4 per person) at the Miller Theatre box office from 11:30 am-1 pm for that evening's performance. Tickets are not required for the hillside, where blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. For more info: 713/520-3290.

• **Cotton Patch Gospel.** This rip-roarin' musical takes place in rural Georgia where Herod is the governor and Jesus is the town outcast. *The New York Times* hailed it as "an exuberant country western hoedown." If Billy Graham and Jeff Foxworthy were to combine their efforts and translate the Gospel of Matthew, they might come up with something almost identical to *Cotton*. (No children age five or younger.) Through July 27 @ A.D. Players' Grace Theater, 2710 W. Alabama. Tickets are \$15-\$19. Call for group rates & senior/student discount information, 713/526-2721.

• **Dirty Dealings in Dixie.** This old-fashioned meller-drammer calls for lots of fun and a love of popcorn, mellow dramatic acting, and the joy of sing-alongs. July 25-August 30 @ Theatre Suburbia, 1410 W. 43rd @ Oak Forest, 713/682-3525.

• **The King and I** is the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical based on Anna and the King of Siam, with songs including "Getting to Know You," "Hello Young Lovers" and "Shall We Dance." July 11-August 16 @ Country Playhouse, 12802 Queensbury (just south of Town and Country Mall), 281/467-4497. Tickets are \$15, students \$13.



## BETTE DAVIS & DINNER

**M**argaret and Jezebel is a poignant comedy which recounts a true incident in 1985 when the legendary film actress Bette Davis came to dinner at playwright Elizabeth Fuller's Connecticut cottage and stayed for 32 days. The plot of this engaging evening of theater might be summarized by asking: What if Margo Channing came to dinner and Baby Jane stayed for breakfast? It depicts a Bette Davis who takes over the Fuller household and speaks her mind about everything from child-rearing and spiritualism to Paul Newman and Joan Crawford. A more vulnerable Bette Davis emerges as she reacts to her daughter's scathing biography and reminisces about her beloved Hollywood. **Through August 9 @ New Heights Theatre, 339 West 19th St.** For reservations or more info: 713/869-8927.



## SPIRIT OF AMERICA

**A** musical tribute to the Fourth of July features Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait, marches by John Philip Sousa, a Texas sing-along and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, complete with cannons. The rousing patriotic concert closes with a fireworks finale! Stephen Stein conducts the Houston Symphony on **July 3 at 8:30 p.m.** at Miller Outdoor Theatre, 100 Concert Drive, Hermann Park. **Admission is free.** Tickets for the covered seating area are available at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the day of the performance. For more ticket info: 713/520-3290.

## PATTI LABELLE



**P**ossessing monumental vocal power and eternal appeal, Patti LaBelle combines rock 'n' roll and rhythm 'n' blues to create her award-winning, audience-pleasing music. Recently included on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, she has received eight Grammy nominations. Her 1993 album, *Patti LaBelle LIVE!*, yielded a nomination for the single "All Right Now," and she's currently featured on the superstar-gathering album *Rhythm, Country & Blues*. This concert marks her first appearance with the Houston Symphony. **July 12 at 8 p.m.** at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands. Tickets range from \$10-\$40 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations, or charge by phone at 713/629-3700.

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

The 1997 Athena Awards for Lesbian Excellence in Film, Video & Television are competitive awards honoring excellence in film, video and TV by and/or about lesbians and lesbian issues. Features, shorts, documentaries, experimental film, animation and all forms of television programs accepted. Must be submitted on VHS-NTSC. There is no entry fee! Prizes from film, video labs, screening rooms, etc. **Deadline is October 15, 1997**, and awards will be announced December 15, 1997. Sponsored by Northern Arts/The Naiad Press. For entry form, send SASE to: Awards Coordinator, Athena Awards, P.O. Box 201, Williamsburg, MA 01096. For more information, call 413/268-9301 or fax 413/2268-9309.



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• **The Mikado.** Set in medieval Japan, this comic opera is a cheerful spoof of British manners, morals and government. As G.K. Chesterton observed, "I doubt if there is a single joke in the whole play that fits the Japanese. But all the jokes fit the English." Presented by The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston. July 18-27 @ Wortham Center's Cullen Theater, 1600 Smith St. @ Texas Ave. Tickets are \$12-\$30. For info, call the Society @ 713/627-3570 (beginning July 14, call the G&S box office @ 713/236-8310).

• **The Rink** abounds with splashy Broadway show-stoppers, as a mother and estranged daughter fight over the old family skating rink. This Tony Award-winning musical is from the composer and lyricist who created *Cabaret*, *The Act*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and currently on Broadway, *Chicago* and *Steel Pier*. Through July 27 @ Theater LaB Houston, 1706 Alamo. Tickets are \$18. For info: 713/868-7516.

• **Show Boat.** This production, winner of the 1995 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival, is considered one of the great masterpieces of the American musical theater. It calls for an acting company of nearly 70 classically trained and Broadway singers, and it set the all-time record for the largest box office advance for a revival and repeatedly broke the record for the highest weekly Broadway box office gross in history. Stars Pat Harrington and Anita Gillette. July 6 preview, for a limited engagement through August 3 @ Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. Tickets are \$35-\$65 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call 713/629-3700.

• **The Unexpected Guest.** When a stranger comes into the Llonegert House out of a dense South Wales fog looking for help for his ditched car, he finds a woman standing over her dead husband's body. Dame Agatha Christie knows the recipe for an exciting murder mystery: a corpse, a host of shifty suspects, some misleading clues and a determined inspector. July 11-27 @ the Alley Theatre, 615 Texas Ave. Tickets are \$16 and are on sale at the Alley Theatre box office or by calling 713/228-8421.

• **Vampire Lesbians of Sodom** and **Sleeping Beauty or Coma**—two one-acts by the infamous Charles Busch. *Vampire Lesbians* begins in ancient Sodom with the sacrifice of a virgin to the dreaded vampire, the Succubus. These two vampires continue their feud through the centuries as they cross paths in unlikely places, finally realizing their true love for one another amidst the glitz of 1980s' Las Vegas. *Sleeping Beauty* probes the sordid fashion world of 1960s' London. Follow the struggles of a hot young designer, her photographer boyfriend, and the kooky office temp they elevate to supermodel status as they rise to stardom while thwarting the evil Sebastian Loré. Audience members are encouraged to dress in their best drag and participate in a post-show fashion extravaganza with the cast. Tickets are only \$5. Preview is Thursday, July 10. Friday & Saturday evenings at 9 pm, July 11-27 and August 1-2. EZ Credit Theater, 314 Main Street, between Preston & Congress. A dos chicas production. For reservations or more info: 713/862-1626.

• **Who Killed Hazel Patton?** is a murder-mystery-comedy about a tyrannical matriarch from South Texas who holds her wealth over her family's heads. This lively soap opera deals with an outlandish, steamy blend of plot complications, emotional and love entanglements. Through August 10 @ Midtown Art Center, 3414 LaBranch @ Holman. For more info, call The Ensemble Theatre @ 713/520-0055.

• **The Woman in Black.** A middle-aged English solicitor is obsessed with the belief that he is cursed by a

## FALSETTOLAND



*Falsettoland* features (back row, from left) Robin Smith, Julia Jay and Joel Sandel; (front row) Jonathan McVay, Karen Ross, Robert Ian Kislin and Matthew Jones.

This is the third and final installment of the acclaimed musical trilogy which includes *In Trousers* and *March of the Falsettos*. Prior to the action of this play, Marvin leaves his wife and young son to live with his male lover. His ex-wife marries his psychiatrist, and Marvin ends up alone. In *Falsettoland*, set in 1981, Marvin is reunited with his male lover on the eve of his son's bar mitzvah, just as AIDS is beginning its spread. Through July 19 @ Main Street Theater (at Chelsea Market), 4617 Montrose. Tickets are \$15, with discounts for students, seniors, & groups of 10 or more; for advance tickets, call 713/524-6706 or visit the box office at 2540 Times Blvd. Tickets are available at Chelsea Market one hour prior to the performance only.

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woman dressed in black, a brooding evil specter that he encountered as a young man. Hoping to exorcise the ghost, the solicitor rents a theater space and hires a professional actor to help reenact his terrifying experience. The play begins innocently enough, but as the story unfolds, the line between memory and reality blurs until the macabre sequence of events that began so many years ago culminates in a chilling twist of horror. Through July 27 @ Main Street Theater, 2540 Times Blvd. in the University Village. Tickets are \$10-\$15, with discounts for students, seniors, & groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call 713/524-6706.

## Radio/TV

- **After Hours** (Radio) Saturdays, midnight to 3 am. Featuring the QMZ (Queer Music Zone) with Jimmy Carper. KPFT 90.1 FM.
- **Lesbian & Gay Voices** (Radio) Thursdays, 7-8 pm. Features: news, music, interviews, reviews, and commentary. KPFT 90.1 FM.
- **AIDS Talk Houston** (TV) Access Houston Community Television (AHCT); showtimes are listed in local television guides under AHCT channels (Wamer—Ch. 17; TCI—Ch. 41; Phonoscope—Ch. 72; Optel—Ch. 07).
- **Montrose 77006** (TV) is a fresh mix of gay & lesbian comedy, politics, and on-the-scene reports of activities in the Montrose area. For further information or to advertise your group activity, organization, or business: 902-2231 (24-hr. voice mail). Access Houston Community Television (AHCT); showtimes are listed in local television guides under AHCT channels (Wamer: Ch. 17, TCI: Ch. 41, Phonoscope: Ch. 72, Optel: Ch. 07).

## Art/Photography

- **The Art League of Houston** is offering free art classes for people with HIV. The ongoing course meets every Thursday & Friday from 1-4 pm at the Art League, 1953 Montrose. Mixed media projects for the artist and non-artist. Constructive art-making in a relaxed atmosphere. Focus is on the healing power of art. For information, call 713/523-9530.
- **Celebrating Color** is a group exhibition of photographs. Jeffrey Becom's photographs with their delicate surface and vibrant color takes the viewer to another time and place. Charles Cramer's photographs bring to the viewer rich landscapes which stem from his fascination with the color, mood and spirit of the Southwest. John Herrin brings a freshness to traditional landscape photography and, in his abstract photographs, presents to the viewer a new way of seeing natural landscape. Through July 9 @ John Cleary Gallery, 2635 Colquitt, 713/524-5070.
- **"Introductions"** is an annual art exhibit put on by Houston Art Dealers Association. The "Introductions" artists are Danna Ruth Harvey, who works with oil and beeswax on wood, and Lena Gaylene Olson, a sculptor who specializes in portrait and figure. Through July 31 @ Archway Gallery, 2013 W. Gray, 713/522-2409.

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## Community

• **AIDS Equity League**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to insuring equitable treatment of the gay and lesbian community in local HIV/AIDS decision-making. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12 noon, Charlie's Restaurant, 1100 Westheimer, 713/524-9966.

• **Dignity Houston** is dedicated to the welfare of gay/lesbian Catholics and their friends, and meets Saturdays at 7:30 pm, 1307 Yale, Suite H, 880-2872.

• **EXXON Gay & Lesbian Employees (EGLE)** meets monthly at the Montrose Library to discuss workplace issues, empowerment, social events, etc. For more information, please call 713/522-6212.

• **Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston (GLSH)** is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization offering the community information & referrals to businesses, legal and medical professionals, and a variety of organizations. It also provides information on HIV/AIDS, coming out, etc. P.O. Box 66496, Houston, TX 77266-6469, 529-3211. GLSH also operates the Hate Crimes Hotline, 713/529-9615.

• **Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN)**. The goal of GLSTN is to make schools safe for everyone — straight and gay. All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings every 3rd Wednesday @ 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin @ Southmore. For updates or more information: write to GLSTN-Houston, P.O. Box 541871, Houston, Texas 77254; e-mail: GLSTNHou@aol.com; or call 713/529-4571.

• **Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GHGLCC)** fosters & promotes the economic development & vitality of gay, lesbian, & supportive businesses and professional organizations in the greater Houston area. The chamber facilitates the exchange of ideas, resources, information, & networking opportunities for its members. Promoting a positive change of the diversity of gay & lesbian citizens, and to further strengthen our position in society, the chamber provides opportunities for the personal, professional, & social growth of its members. Membership in this organization in no way infers sexual orientation, preference, or gender identity. Meets the first Monday of each month. For more info: 713/523-7576.

• **HIV/AIDS Treatment Mixer**, open forum for sharing information, 4th Tuesday of each month, 7-9 pm, 2700 Albany, Ste. 205, 527-8219.

• **The Homeless Pet Placement League** is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that rescues and rehabilitates stray and abandoned cats and dogs. Volunteering, foster care, or adopting: 862-PETS.

• **HOPE Project** (HIV Outreach, Prevention, and Education) provides HIV/AIDS information to the African-American community. Board meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month. Contact the HOPE line at 713/587-6914 for more information.

• **Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus**, 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm, Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd. For more info: 713/521-1000.

• **Houston Pride Band** provides musical entertainment for the lesbian and gay community. They are seeking musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Rehearsals are held at Dignity Houston, 1307 Yale on Wednesdays from 7-9 pm. Contact Russell at 713/524-0218 or e-mail HousTxBand@aol.com.

• **Kolbe Project** is an ecumenical outreach to gays, lesbians, and other sexual minorities modeled after the

ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. Potluck and community-concern programs, first Thursdays, 7 pm. Healing Service, second Thursdays, 7 pm. Spiritual Direction by appointment; HIV/AIDS hospital chaplaincy. For information, call 713/522-8182.

• **Log Cabin Republicans**, 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 pm (social), 7 pm (meeting), Renata's, 2006 Lexington, 713/529-9100.

• **OutVote**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to registering, educating, and motivating our community to vote. For more info: 713/520-VOTE or 522-9837.

• **Pride Committee of Houston**, executive meeting (7 pm, 1st Tuesday of each month) and general meeting (6:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday of each month), 2700 Albany, 713/529-6979.

• **Q-Patrol** is dedicated to the prevention of hate crimes against gays & lesbians, patrols the bar areas in Montrose, & is always looking for volunteers. If you have at least one Friday or Saturday night per month, please call 713/528-SAFE (7233).

• **Rice GALA** (Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association) seeks gay and lesbian alumni of Rice University. Contact Neal Tannahill at 713/526-6718 for more info.

• **Roundtable—The Houston Philosophy Forum** is open to anyone who is interested in civilized and open discussion on the topics of the day. 7 pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ Café Artiste, 1601 W. Main. For more info: Jackie @ 779-8620 or Beth @ 728-5590.

• **Second Chance Pets** is a nonprofit organization that helps stray, abandoned, & unwanted animals find permanent homes. We provide medical care & an adoption site for the animals. The animals live in foster homes during the week. We need foster homes (especially for cats), volunteers for adoption days, publicity & fundraising, and adoptive homes for our many wonderful animals. For more info: 286-3535.

• **Texas Human Rights Foundation**, a statewide, not-for-profit legal agency, advocates on behalf of the lesbian, gay, and HIV community and publishes the booklet *AIDS and the Law: Know Your Rights*. If you feel you have been discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or HIV status and need legal advice or attorney referral, call their toll-free number, 1-800-828-6417.

• **Women's Action Coalition (WAC)** is an alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women, Wednesdays, 7 pm at Toopees. P.O. Box 131148, Houston, TX 77219-1148, voice mail 867-9581.

## Counseling/Support

• **AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area**, support group for those infected and affected, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm, 17511 El Camino Real, #159. For more info: 488-4492.

• **AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH)** relies on volunteers to help meet the needs of its more than 3,000 clients. Choose from over 20 different volunteer programs; working days, evenings, weekdays, weekends; on the front lines or behind the scenes. You'll join a talented pool of over 600 volunteers working in art therapy, buddy program, Stone Soup garden, helper, or pantry programs, hospital visitation, information & referral, & numerous other programs. Whether you can commit to 4 hours a month or 40 hours a week, AFH needs your time & talent. Volunteer department: 623-6796. World Wide Web: <http://www.aids-help.org>.

• **Astro Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf**, general meeting every 2nd Friday of the month, 7:30 pm, Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer, 869-2287 via Texas Relay 1-800-735-2988.

• **AWARE**, the Lesbian and Gay Employees Group of Southwestern Bell, is open to both management and non-management lesbian and gay personnel to establish domestic partner benefits and equal compensation within Southwestern Bell Corp. The group is open to current and retired SBC employees and their partners—you do not have to be partnered to be involved. Meets at 6 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Call 713/235-7929 for info or location of next meeting.

• **Centergy** — Rediscover the joy, the joy of releasing the energy at your center. Reclaim your emotions. Identify & verbalize your feelings & desires. Face & release your blocks to living freely. Create the life you want. Centergy offers weekly programs for anyone willing to face additions: individuals, pairs, families, groups, organizations, business relations. Groups meet weekly: Women — Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm; Mixed — Wednesdays, 7-9:30 pm. Southwest Recovery Place, 4726 Yoakum. Call Jackalyn Rainosek, Ph.D., @ 942-7181.

• **Child Advocates** needs volunteers to help serve the nearly 3,800 children in Harris County who are in foster care because of severe, life-threatening, soul-threatening abuse. To help get these children into homes that are safe, loving, & permanent, please call 713/529-1396.

• **Crisis Intervention of Houston** needs volunteers for 24-hour crisis-intervention & suicide-prevention hotline that requires 53 hours of training & a commitment of 4 hours a week: cash contributions for hotline & counseling programs. P.O. Box 130866, Houston 77219, 713/527-9864.

• **Crossroads** is a support group for gays and lesbians who are currently in full-time church work, have been in the past, or are pursuing their calling. It is not exclusively for pastors, but is open to chaplains, administrators, musicians, or music-, youth-, and educational-directors. Meets the third Saturday of each month, and there are socials throughout the month. Call 681-9082 for dates, time, and place.

• **Empowerment for Living**, a weekly HIV-positive and -negative support program and potluck supper, Tuesdays, 6 pm, MCCR, 1919 Decatur. For more information, call 861-9149.

• **Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston (GLSH)** is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization offering the community information & referrals to businesses, legal and medical professionals, and a variety of organizations. It also provides information on HIV/AIDS, coming out, etc. P.O. Box 66496, Houston, TX 77266-6469, 529-3211. GLSH also operates the Hate Crimes Hotline, 713/529-9615.

• **Gay Fathers of Houston** is a support group of gay men who meet every Monday, 8-9:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, to discuss problems gay fathers share. More info or directions: 861-6181.

• **Gay Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse**. Montrose Counseling Center is offering a therapy group designed to provide a safe environment for men who share this type of experience to work together to resolve the impacts of the trauma on everyday life. Services are provided on a sliding scale basis, and insurance is accepted. Certain restrictions apply. For further information, call Shane Hennessey at 713/529-0037.

• **Gulf Coast Transgender Community** meets 2nd Saturday of each month (cross dressing required).



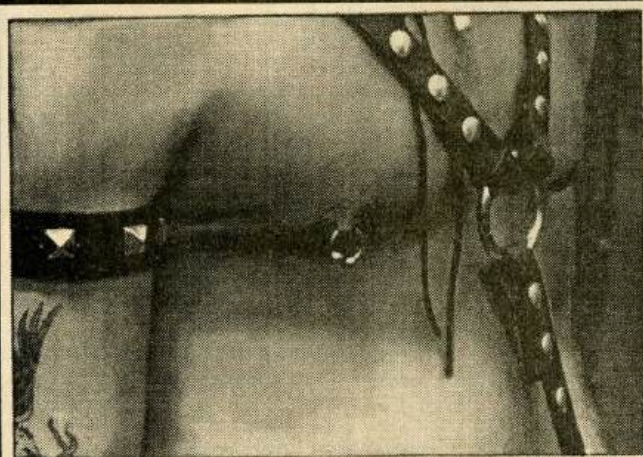
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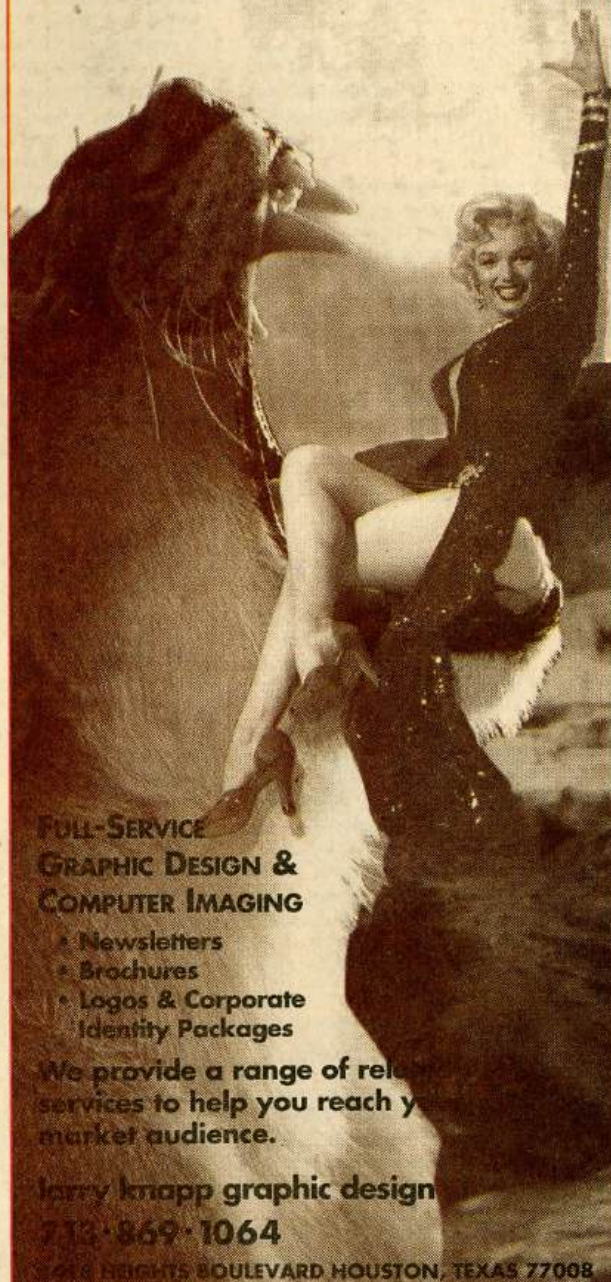
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• **Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)** is open to gays and lesbians, age 15-21. Meets Fridays from 7:30-10 pm & Sundays from 6:30-9 pm. Call 942-7002 for location and information.

• **Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents (HGLP)** support group meets to discuss issues pertaining to today's gay families. If you have children or plan to have children, this support group can help with issues like coming out, ex-spouse problems, step relationships, etc. Meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Dr., 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 pm, 284-4939.

• **Just For Us (JFU)** is a social and support group for youth in the 6th through 12th grades who have gay or lesbian parents. Sponsored by Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents, 284-4939.

• **Lambda Center A.A.**, 1201 W. Clay, Houston, TX 77019. For meeting times, call 521-1243.

• **Living in Process Groups.** Ongoing mixed group for men & women 3 Wednesday evenings per month. Ongoing gay men's group 3 Thursday evenings per month. Call Eric Mayo at Living in Process Southwest for more info: 622-7250.

• **Living With HIV Support Group.** For anyone whose life is touched by HIV. Meetings include a relaxing meditation, information about community resources, & occasional speakers. The group meets Thursdays, 7-9 pm in room 117, Unity Church of Christianity, 2929 Unity Dr. For more info: 782-4050.

• **Male Survivors of Sexual Assault** is a support group designed to provide a safe, confidential environment for men to talk about their experience and their struggles in society around the issues of male sexual assault. Call Diane Williams at the Houston Area Women's Center, 713/528-6798, ext. 246, for more info. All services are free of charge and confidential.

• **Montrose Counseling Center** offers numerous counseling groups, including groups for men & women living with HIV, people in recovery, lesbian survivors of cancer, survivors of sexual abuse, lesbian survivors of domestic violence & more. The center needs office furniture, equipment & interested citizens to serve on boards. 701 Richmond. For more info (24 hrs): 713/529-0037.

• **Muscular Dystrophy Association, Houston/Gulf Coast**, provides monthly support groups for adults with neuromuscular diseases, for people with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), for parents of MDA children, and Spanish-speaking groups. For the most current info on these ongoing groups, call the MDA office at 713/522-3941.

• **Overeaters Anonymous (OA).** For information about OA's 70 regular weekly meetings, call 973-6633.

• **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Houston** — general meeting with small group discussions, 1st Sunday of each month, 2-4:30 pm, Christ Church Cathedral (Downtown), 1117 Texas Ave. PFLAG Houston Helpline: 867-9020.

• **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Galveston County** — 3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm. @ The Health Merchant, 27th & Broadway, 409/744-3200 or janettexas@aol.com.

• **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Woodlands** — 2nd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, Northwood Unitarian Church, 1370 N. Mill Bend Dr. For more info: 713/867-9020.

• **PROTECT** (People Respecting Ourselves Through Establishing Community and Trust), an HIV-negative support group, provides a safe place to share experiences, strengths, and hopes in an effort to remain HIV negative. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm, Bering Church, 1440 Harold. For info: Marty at 713/520-7870.

• **Rape Crisis Program.** Volunteers are needed in the rape crisis program of the Houston Area Women's Center. Volunteers answer hotline calls, counsel survivors in hospitals and at the center, and help with clerical support.

The Women's Center offers extensive training for volunteers who work with survivors of sexual assault. Call 713/528-6798, ext. 273.

• **StreetWise Houston** is a drop-in/educational & support center for homeless, street, & lesbian youth, ages 13-22, located @ 202 Tuam. We provide HIV support groups, drug intervention, housing case management, & GED classes. We are seeking donations of hygiene products (deodorant, tampons, toothpaste, etc.), canned foods, furniture (beds, sofa, dining table), new socks & underwear, dishes, linens, & bus tokens. Also seeking volunteers who would like to teach life skills and/or be mentors to our young clients during afternoon or evening operating hours. For more info: Michelle @ 713/524-5757.

• **Support, Equality, and Awareness, at Shell (SEAShell)** is a Gay & Lesbian Employees Group whose mission is to provide support for members & co-workers, promote equality for employees regardless of sexual orientation, and create awareness in management of issues & concerns affecting people in a diverse workplace. For info: Robert @ 544-4246 or Rick @ 544-7098.

• **Tau Chi Chapter of Tri Ess** is a local support group for heterosexual male crossdressers and their wives or partners. For info: Brandi @ 409/856-6759.

• **Texas Association for Transsexual Support (TATS)** is a peer support group devoted to serving the emotional, social, & educational needs of transgendered persons, their partners, families, & friends. For more info, call 827-5913 or write to TATS, P.O. Box 142, Bellaire, TX 77401.

• **Texas Commerce Bank's P.R.I.D.E. Team** welcomes you to be a part of equality. P.R.I.D.E. stands for People Recognizing Individual Differences Equally and is the bank's gay & lesbian diversity team. Our mission statement reads: "To support the inclusion of all employees regardless of sexual orientation and gender identification as valued employees of Texas Commerce Bank & to encourage an environment of equality, celebrating the individuality & diversity of each person. We will work to create an awareness within the organization & community — building opportunity & self-esteem — which will lead to equality." Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Paula Andries 216-6961 or Richard Bielec 655-5423.

• **Women for Sobriety** is a self-help recovery group for women addicts & alcoholics. This is a closed meeting for women only. We meet every Wednesday night, 7-8 pm @ 701 Richmond, upstairs in the board room. For more info, call Liz at 281/855-8616.

• **Women's Network** is a support group for lesbian and bisexual women. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 713/529-0037.

## Health

• **AIDS Housing Coalition Houston** runs the non-profit TLC House program, a 90-day, gay-positive, emergency house for PWAs in transition. For more info about joining, call 713/521-1613.

• **AssistHers** tries to help women live as normally as possible while coping with a life-threatening or debilitating illness. Eligible for service are women whose emotional, social, or sexual relationships are primarily with other women who have a debilitating or life-challenging disease, illness, or condition. Assistance may extend to a woman's partner, caregiver, or family. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay, & regardless of age, race, ethnicity, or economic status. Volunteers are trained & supervised in the provision of direct care such as emotional support, meal preparation, shopping, hospital & home visits, pet care, plant & lawn maintenance, transportation, & other

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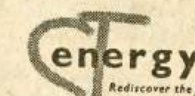
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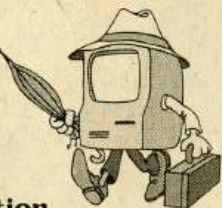

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• **Bering Community Service Foundation** provides five programs free of charge for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Dental Clinic provides comprehensive dental care (713/524-7933); the Bering Care Center is a licensed adult day care center (713/520-7070); the Bering Financial Assistance provides comprehensive budget planning, financial counseling and financial assistance (713/524-5327); the Bering Support Network provides support groups (713/526-1017); and Bering's Sentry Program for in-home care visits (713/524-9638). Please feel free to call for further details on any of Bering's programs.

• **Camp Hope**, for children living with HIV/AIDS, needs sleeping bags, snacks, suntan lotions, insect repellents, toiletries, minor medical equipment (e.g. thermometer), toilet paper, toiletry kits, camper duffel bags, bed linen, fruit juices, soft drinks, and so forth. For more info: Mecie Hardin or Mike Mizwa, 623-6796.

• **Casa de Esperanza** needs clothes, sizes birth to 14; shoes; socks & underwear; children's videos; diapers and diaper wipes; food; art supplies; and toys for the shelter that serves abused and HIV-infected children. P.O. Box 66581, Houston 77266-6581, 529-0639.

• **The Center for AIDS** (CFA) is an information & advocacy organization working to accumulate knowledge and to share information regarding the latest medical treatments & scientific advances in the field of HIV/AIDS. The CFA advocates both locally & nationally for better treatments & better access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and strives to keep the Houston medical & affected community informed, updated, & involved in the search for a cure. The CFA holds monthly, informal meetings for persons with HIV/AIDS & other interested persons to discuss treatment options. For more info: 713/527-8219.

• **Family Hospice** is dedicated to serving people experiencing the final phases of life & those who care for them. We provide comprehensive services through our commitment to the highest standards of care. Volunteers can assist in a variety of tasks: patient care, nursing home volunteer; respite or relief visit for the caregiver, bereavement phone calls/visits, office work, assist during training seminars, delivery person, crafts volunteer or a number of other activities. To inquire about volunteering: Kevin Phillips @ 290-1746.

• **Lesbian Health Initiative** (LHI) is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health of lesbians and bisexual women in the Houston area. 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Volunteers needed to help with computer work, fundraising, direct healthcare services, organizing projects, phone trees, & publicity/advertising. Call Pokey Anderson @ 526-7828 for more info, or write LHI, P.O. Box 130158, Houston, TX 77219.

• **Milam House**, a residential center for people living with HIV/AIDS, is in need of sincere individuals to offer friendship and support. In the safe, comfortable setting of Milam House, volunteers and staff strive to address residents' physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. As a home for people who are moderately ill and no longer able to provide housing for themselves, Milam House provides a safety net of assistance when needed. Most of our volunteers prefer one-on-one

work with the residents—like lending a helping hand, a listening ear, and a companionship to count on. However, some volunteers provide clerical and general office assistance as well as planning and execution of fundraising events. For more info, call 713/520-9248 or e-mail [ahhvltr@neosoft.com](mailto:ahhvltr@neosoft.com). You can also visit at <http://www.neosoft.com/~ahhstaff/MilamHouse/>.

• **Montrose Clinic/Houston Clinical Research Network** is a community-based, nonprofit agency that provides low- or no-cost health, social, educational, and research services; specializes in treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS care. Needed: cash gifts for indigent-patient care and capital campaign; volunteer time from general and specialty physicians or lay persons interested in HIV counseling/office support. 215 Westheimer, 713/520-2000.

• **Next Step** is a free confidential program of information and medical testing for persons who are HIV positive. Provided by Montrose Clinic. Call 713/520-2000 for schedule and to register.

• **Omega House** provides a homelike environment

for persons with AIDS needing hospice care. We do not charge a fee for our services, thus we serve persons primarily who do not have traditional medical resources. Omega House is always in need of volunteers in all areas of our program. Also: donations of soda, bleach, laundry detergent, kitchen serving utensils, universal remote controls, talented musicians to share their talent with our residents, general office supplies. Financial gifts are also always welcome. Joanne at 713/523-7110.

• **Steven's House** provides intermediate care in a homelike environment for people living with HIV/AIDS. Needed: soft drinks, laundry detergent, baking pans, bed pillows (new), basic cleaning supplies, office supplies, a new bicycle, an extension ladder able to reach 2nd story, outdoor furniture & a new umbrella for table, a chest of drawers, small desk & chair, 2 comfortable reading chairs, lamps (table & floor), VCR, cable-ready TV for resident room, bedside tables, steam cleaning service for rugs & furniture, 2 large room rugs, wall hangings, apartment in Montrose area for office/resident's family lodging; volunteers for tasks & services. More info: 713/522-5757.

• **Tobacco-Free Greater Houston** will provide a list of smoke-free restaurants in the Houston area. The group works to promote health through the reduction of youth access to tobacco & the promotion of a smoke-free environment. For a free guide, send a SASE to Tobacco-Free Greater Houston, P.O. Box 890769, Houston, TX 77289-0769.

• **That Dam Debate: Safer Sex for Lesbians**, a seminar presented by Nancy Ford, sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, last Thurs. of each month, 9:30 pm, Plaza 9200, 9200 Buffalo Speedway, 666-3464.

• **Thomas Street Health Center Council** is an elected advocacy group that advise the hospital district

on matters concerning Thomas Street AIDS Clinic. Meetings open to public comment & participation, 2nd Wednesday each month, 2 pm, 3rd floor conference room, 2015 Thomas St. @ Paschall, 793-4000.

• **Women's Clinic Montrose Clinic** is now offering a women's health clinic. Visits include complete examination by gynecologist, lab work, medication, & referral if needed. Fee is \$40; but no one will be turned away. Every Wednesday, 5-8 pm, by appointment only, 713/520-2000.

## Social

• **20 Something** is a caring, informative, social community for les-bi-gay persons & their friends coming together in a safe & positive atmosphere to share, learn, & build friendships. For more info, call 315-6786.

• **BiNet Houston** is a social/support/educational group which is open to bisexuals and bi-friendly individuals.

For more information: 467-4380. It is best to call from 6-10 pm most evenings; otherwise, leave a message, & a representative will return your call utilizing utmost discretion.

• **Bluebonnet Young Democrats**. As a member of this lesbian/gay/friendly group of young Democrats in Texas, you will have a chance to make a great impact. Possible projects in the future include trips to Austin, community forums, and other fun activities. Voice mail is 632-9974 and pager is 786-0493.

• **The Chain Gang Cycling Club** provides friendly cycling opportunities for members & friends of the gay & lesbian communities in metropolitan Houston. To join or for more information, please call 863-1860.

• **Females in Search of Trouble** (FIST) is a social group of women who explore the S/M, B/D, and fetish lifestyle. Monthly meetings and socials. We are not a sex club!! Call 772-5826, noon to 9 pm. No men, please!

• **Garden And Yard Society** (G.A.Y.S.) is a newly formed gay gardening club for women and men. Bring your gardening friends and supporting partners. Meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. For more info: 713/661-6378, 713/520-1066, or 713/869-8245.

• **Gay Alumni Noon Group** (G.A.N.G.). Gay men & women who are 40 or older and their friends and other persons who might be interested in addressing the concerns and exploring the interests of older gays are invited to attend the organizational meeting of G.A.N.G. Saturday, July 12, 1 pm-2 pm @ the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. For more info: Jim @ 713/622-6918 or Robert @ 713/665-6446.

• **Gay & Lesbian Health Professionals** meets monthly, providing socials, speakers, networking, and practitioner referral line. For information or a referral, call 713/523-4700.

## Montrose Clinic Continues Outreach in Community

Montrose Clinic is scheduled to continue its HIV testing and counseling outreach program, in which people will have access to free HIV counseling and testing in the following establishments.

### July

- 1 CBC - 8 pm-12 am
- 2 Mary's - 4-9pm; Midtowne Spa - 9pm-1am
- 3 Venture-N - 4-8pm
- 7 BRB - 4-8pm; QT's - 8pm-12am
- 8 CBC - 8pm-12am
- 9 Mary's - 4-9pm; Brick's 2 - 8pm-12am
- 10 Venture-N - 4-8pm
- 11 The Barn - 4-8pm
- 12 Rich's - 10pm-2am
- 14 BRB - 4-8pm; QT's - 8pm-12am
- 15 CBC - 8pm-12am
- 16 Mary's - 4-9pm; Midtowne Spa - 9pm-1am
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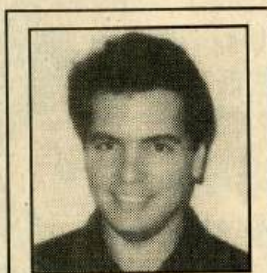


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• **Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston (GLOBAL)** is a social, political, and support group for the university GLB population and its supporters. Everyone is welcome. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 4 pm in the University Center. For more information, call Brandy Merritt at 808-0752.

• **Gay Men's Chorus of Houston** rehearses Thursdays, 7-10 pm @ Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh. Formal music training is not required, and singing & non-singing members are welcome. For info, leave message @ 713/521-SING.

• **Heartsong Women's Chorus** rehearses monthly at varying locations. New and former members welcome! Call 947-1488 for information.

• **Houston Area Bears** is a social organization for "bears" (hirsute men) of all sizes and their admirers. Their monthly social is held on the second Saturday of each month at the Venture-N, 2923 S. Main, 8 pm. For further info: The Grower Line, 867-9123.

• **Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)** is a social group for gay men and lesbians who enjoy the outdoors. Activities include camping, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, etc. Day trips, weekend trips (typically a two- to four-hour drive from Houston) and extended trips to places such as Wyoming, Canada, and the Cayman Islands. The general HOG monthly meeting is held the 4th Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm, at the Assistance Fund Bldg., 1116 Jackson Blvd., one block north of Fairview, west of Montrose. Call 713/526-7688 (KAMP OUT) or write to P.O. Box 980893, Houston, TX 77098.

• **Lambda Rollerskating Club** invites all ages to join in the fun every Wednesday, 8-10 pm, @ Starlite Skating Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. @ Beechnut. Admission is \$5 (+ \$1.50 for skates). For information, please call 933-5818.

• **Lesbian & Gay Potluck.** The Lesbian & Gay Unitarian Universalists (LGUU) cordially invite you to bring a dish and join them every 4th Friday of the month, 7 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Crane Fireside Room, 5200 Fannin. For more information, please call 713/526-5200.

• **Lesbians in Business (LiB)**, a lesbian empowerment group, promotes lesbians, jobs and businesses. 3rd Friday of each month, 6:30 pm, Innova Bldg., 20 Greenway Plaza, 713/529-0077.

• **Lone Star Nudist Group.** For gay or bisexual men who wish to share nude experiences. Singles and lovers welcome. Monthly meetings. Nude social events, massage group, and out-of-town gatherings. Call 866-8847 for more information.

• **Minority & White Men Together (MWMt)** is a social club made up of black, brown, red, yellow, and white men. We are committed to tearing down the walls of racial misconceptions and stereotypes. Our goal is to reach a better mutual understanding by forging new interracial relationships and friendships through social and political activities. For more information and an invitation to the next Sunday mixer, please call Michael at 867-9511.

• **Prime Timers Houston** promotes social activities for the older gay and bisexual male. Some of the activities they participate in are theater, dining out, movies, potluck dinners, card games, and weekend daytrips. For more information, call 867-3903.

• **Rainbow Fishing Club.** To get on the free mailing list for the new fishing club for gays and lesbians, call John @ 713/523-6381.

• **Rainbow Ranglers**, a gay country & western dance club, teaches beginning level dance every Thursday at 8:30 pm & advanced level dance every Wednesday at 8 pm at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. Dance classes are free & open to the public. For more information, call 880-0670.

• **Rainbow Riders** is a bicycling club for womyn which meets every Sunday morning. All womyn are

welcome regardless of ability and experience. For further information, call Cookie Davenport, 869-1686.

• **Scriptwriters/Houston** is a stage and screenwriter's support and networking group. Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month, 7:30 pm @ Jones Theatre at the University of St. Thomas, Yoakum @ Alabama. Free. For info: 707-5194 or 523-9291.

• **Sisters** is a social/support group for African American lesbians & friends. Meets 2nd Sunday of the month, 5-8 pm. Call 713/777-2999 for meeting location.

• **Southern Country Houston** provides country and western dance lessons, exhibitions, and charity events to benefit service organizations. Free dance lessons are offered every Tuesday, 8-10pm, at The Ranch, Plaza 9200, 9200 Buffalo Speedway. Call 648-9340 or write to P.O. Box 1502, Houston, TX 77252-1502.

• **Texas Medical Center Lambda** is an association of bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgendered, & gay-friendly faculty, staff, & students at the Texas Medical Center. One community service or social event per month plus meetings the second Monday of each month, 7:30 pm @ Toopees, 1830 W. Alabama. Page for more information: 284-7206.

## Sports

• **Houston Tennis Club**, an affiliate member of the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Association, welcomes men and women of all ages and skill levels. They meet Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:30-9 pm & Sundays from 9 am-12 noon at Memorial Park Tennis Center. To join, call 713/692-2703.

• **Houston Women's Flag Football League (HWFFL)** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for women to play football. We are looking for players, coaches, referees, cheerleaders, & league/team sponsors for the next season. For more information: 315-9368.

• **Houston Women's Softball League** is a nonprofit organization for women who enjoy the sport of softball. For more info, write to P.O. Box 70666, Houston, TX 77270 or call 721-6854.

• **Team Houston for the Games, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization to educate & inform all people about gay/lesbian sports competitions & to encourage participation in the Gay Games and Cultural Festival. The next Gay Games will take place in Amsterdam, Aug. 1-8, 1998. For more information, write to Team Houston, P.O. Box 66405, Houston, TX 77266-6405 or call 935-1060.

• **Texas Gay Rodeo Association** is a nonprofit organization, with chapters in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston, that promotes and stages an annual rodeo event as well as engaging in fundraising activities throughout the year. For more information on the Houston chapter, write to P.O. Box 130585, Houston, TX 77219-0585 or call 777-1444.

## CHANGES?

If your organization has any changes or corrections for your listing in **The Source**, please call 713/520-7237. The deadline is July 15.

## LEGISLATURE BLUES

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their lobby efforts to make their message more appealing to Republicans. You would be wrong. There was not a single Republican-identified speaker at the hate crimes rally in Austin sponsored by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL), despite the presence of numerous Democrat officials. And the message of the hate crimes rally, and of subsequent lobby efforts, pitched the bill as a way to combat homophobia rather than as a way to fight crime, a message much more pleasing to Republican ears. Perhaps these glaring errors are not surprising. LGRL, which purports to represent the interests of gays in Austin, does not have a single Republican (gay or otherwise) on its 20-member board.

The other bill of major significance to gays was the effort to bar state recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. Never mind that there are no same-sex marriages being performed in other states. This bill was overwhelmingly supported by Democrats and Republicans in the state Legislature but failed to pass because it was held up in a House committee. There is one unquestioned hero on this one: openly gay state representative Glenn Maxey (D-Austin). Maxey threatened to "shut down this popsicle stand" by proposing some 500 amendments to the same-sex marriage bill if it reached the floor for a vote. Thus was defeated the number one legislative priority of the feverishly anti-gay American Family Association of Texas. It is hard to imagine even a sympathetic straight legislator going after such a popular measure with as much verve as Maxey showed.

But let's not celebrate too much. The defeat of the same-sex marriage bill owes much to the peculiar rules of the state House of Representatives, which permit a single committee to bottle up popular legislation. The defeat of the bill also owes much to the fact that our state legislators have only four months to get all their business done. If they met perpetually, as legislatures in some states do, the anti-gay marriage bill would eventually pass as surely as the sun rises in the east. Those peculiarities of Texas law benefit us when we want to stop anti-gay legislation, but they can also be used against us when we want to pass gay-friendly laws.

There was a small bright spot in the session. A bill that would prohibit employment discrimination against gays, sponsored by Debra Danburg (D-Houston), got a respectful

hearing for the first time. One Republican on the committee hearing the bill directed critical questions at opponents of the bill, ridiculing their arguments. Another Republican indicated that he supported the bill's purpose of outlawing discrimination but was concerned about lawsuit abuse costing businesses money. This suggests that the bill could be re-drafted in the next session to address the problem of frivolous claims. One way to do so would be to require the loser in a suit brought for anti-gay discrimination to pay the legal bills of the winner. But such a "fee-shifting" provision would run afoul of the interests of plaintiffs' lawyers, a key Democrat constituency. In the area of employment discrimination, too, the gay civil rights movement will need to learn how to focus its efforts in ways that appeal to the emerging Republican majority in Texas. If that means offending some cherished Democrat shibboleths, so be it.

So breathe a sigh of relief. The Texas Legislature will not inflict itself upon us again until 1999. In the meantime, we might try to learn a few lessons from the session just ended.

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## Your Horoscope For July



URANUS is the first transcendental planet of strange and truthful uniqueness. It represents the freedom urge, depicts individualism, originality, awakening and breaking tradition. It takes 84 years for the planet to complete its evolution. Uranus rules Aquarius and depicts individuals who have a let-live attitude until someone expects them to follow rules. Then the fixed air sign reels into another orbit and looks to high-tech quick solutions to mask their resistance. Aquarius and Uranus are aloof, detached, mental, intuitive and disruptive. You can count on an Aquarian to fight for human rights, unity and fairness for all mankind. Uranus moved into Aquarius in January 1996 and will remain until January 2004. None of the signs will be able to cheat, steal or run away from their destiny.

**CANCER** (June 21 - July 22), Uranus in Aquarius is like the police sub-station too close to home. You don't like to be pushed or made to face reality, yet you hate far-reaching stories. Make up your mind. Eat a lot of plums, apples and pears. You need the roughage to keep hidden areas of life clean. Crabs are off-season to Aquarians.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22) is the opposite of Aquarius; therefore, Uranus can drive Leo into a red-hot whirling air of energy. Look for sudden changes in all your structures and be ready to challenge your ego. Your great appearance and lion-like actions will force you to take more responsibility for your life. It's now "I'm OK if you're OK." Cut the fat, pay attention to oral consumption and use special powder to soften any blows below the belt.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22), you're always crying "why me?" The other signs have tagged you the P.M.S. Queen. Uranus in Aquarius says, "Get over it." This is a moment in time to look, with your natural microscope, at the bits and pieces you continue to rearrange instead of throwing out. "But I'm always the one to hold others up," you say. Not! Martyr, discard your negativity.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22), now's the time to become the pop-up tart on your block. Uranus in Aquarius gives you the opportunity to have a new group of relationships worthy of bearing fruit. The purpose of this influence is to tell others who you are, and any partnering at this time will lead to long-term freedom. Discard your false eyelashes because the glue can no longer be concealed.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22), it's easy to get the highest score when you are the only one playing the pinball game. Now you must perform your tasks in the throes of outside pressures and play Dr. Strangelove to the tune of psychological forces within yourself. How well you're willing to do sets a standard for the next several years. Careful who you sting, because the marks on others will continue to come around and haunt you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - DEC. 20), you're always looking for stimulus. Uranus in Aquarius will unleash all the beasts your mind is craving. Control yourself. These feelings are right on. If you want to rearrange body

parts or get your hips sucked, now's the time. You have seven years of grace before you have to work this transit, and then it will vanish from your lifetime. Let all the world know it's your turn by serving flying saucers at the next event.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 21 - Jan 19), how many times have you said over and over, "I want my life to change"? Well, now with Uranus in Aquarius, you have very little choice but to move on. The year 2004 will be a much better place for all of us if you follow through. You will have the right lover, job, home and experiences if you work your ankles as much as your mouth. In the words of the Rolling Stones: "You can't always get what you want, but you get what you need."

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18), uh, uh, uh, don't hang up. Wake up instead to that different drummer and all the other musicians who pull your strings. This is the biggest time in an Aquarian's life, and Uranus is riding your rear. If you're going to make a mark or change the world, viva la time. People may think you're a bit strange—so, what else is new. You've always been driven. Take control of the wheel and keep your windshield clean. Love, ambition, tenacity and prosperity can be yours if you don't lie on your pillow.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 20), you've never been pushed quite like this. Uranus in Aquarius serves oats and flaxseed oil to you on a daily basis, so the tidy bowl surfer gets a workout. You can't procrastinate, feel victimized or wait for the knight in shining armor. Get rid of that stuff, and life will be one great expectation after another. You will feel complete when all the bills have a zero balance.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19), Uranus in Aquarius will help you recognize when you've reached the top of the hill. You could easily slide backward or down the other side—or life could be a rich ice-cream sundae with exotic toppings. You will be honored by your loved ones. Keep the dust rags close to your heart.

**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20), it's a no-bull time. Relax and coast for the next 60 days, so your romantic bed of roses can move up to a new level. Uranus in Aquarius is likened to fortified milk—only you can add the right ingredient. Perfect is relative, and you've given right of passage to those who care. Steady and honest communication will pay off. Quit bitching. No one wants old rags laying around.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 20) is perfect for Uranus in Aquarius, because you have great timing and you're ready to change jobs, let go of old shoes and buy new frocks. Stay away from scales and weigh only what benefits yourself and those closest to your heart. You always give a fair deal to immediate opportunities.

**Questions and Answers:** This month is a good time with a Leo Sun to send in a question, and I will choose two or three to answer in the next month's article.



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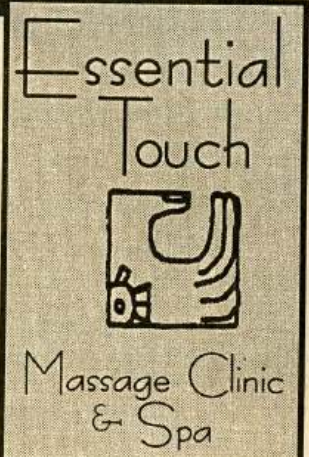
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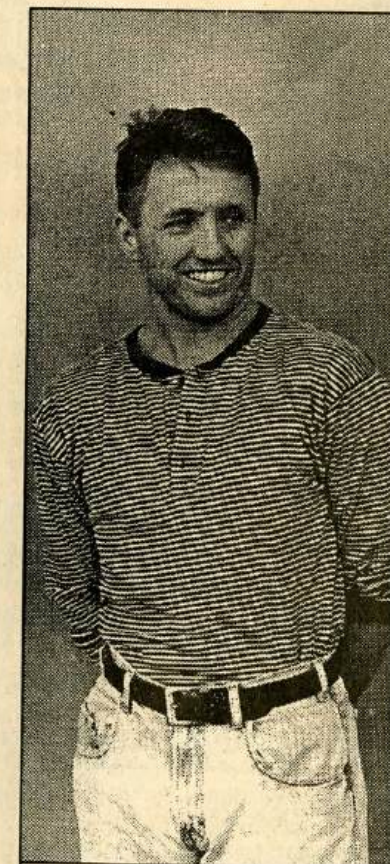
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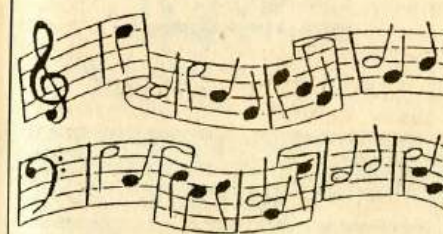
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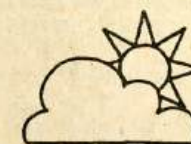
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2 Local artist **Patty Kovacic** is shown with her portrait of Greg Louganis created for Pumped Up On Art.



3 Members of the Pride Committee (l-r) **Silvester Martinez, Darren Armstrong, James Rodriguez** and **Nick Brines** at the Pumped Up On Art preview party.



4 **Thumper Knightly**, winner of the Miss Mary's 1997 contest held June 1, 1997, at Mary's, of course.

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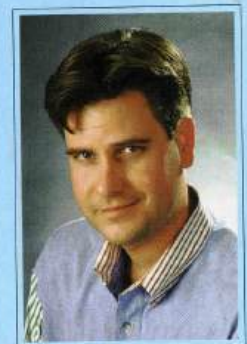
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