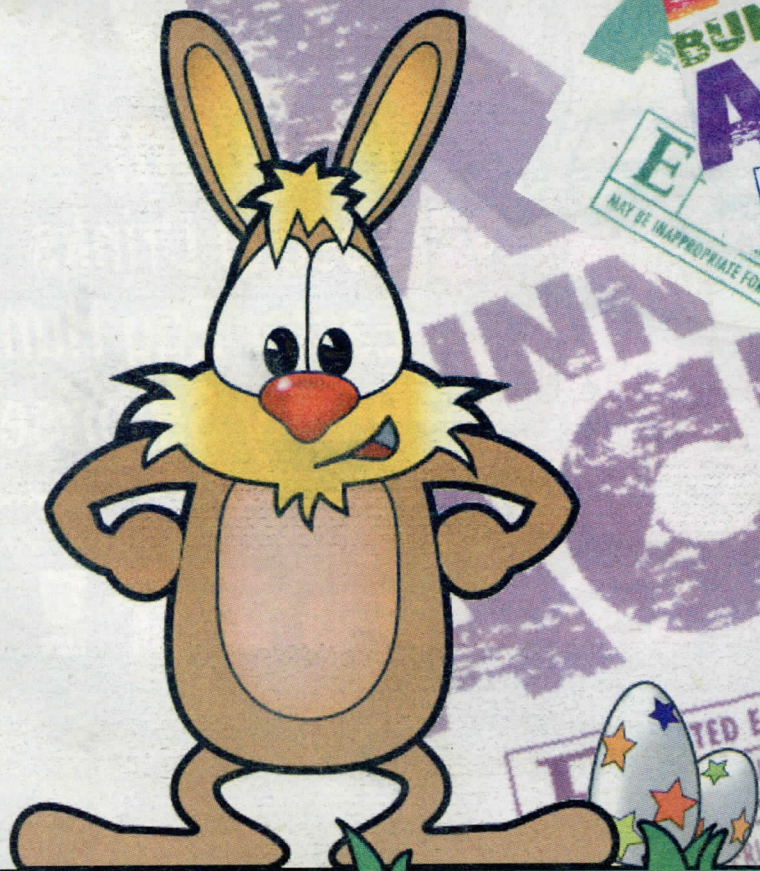


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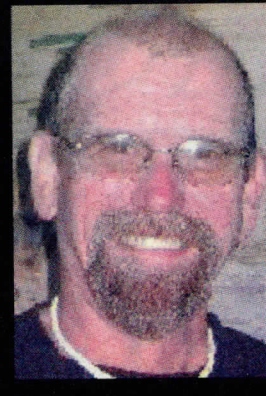
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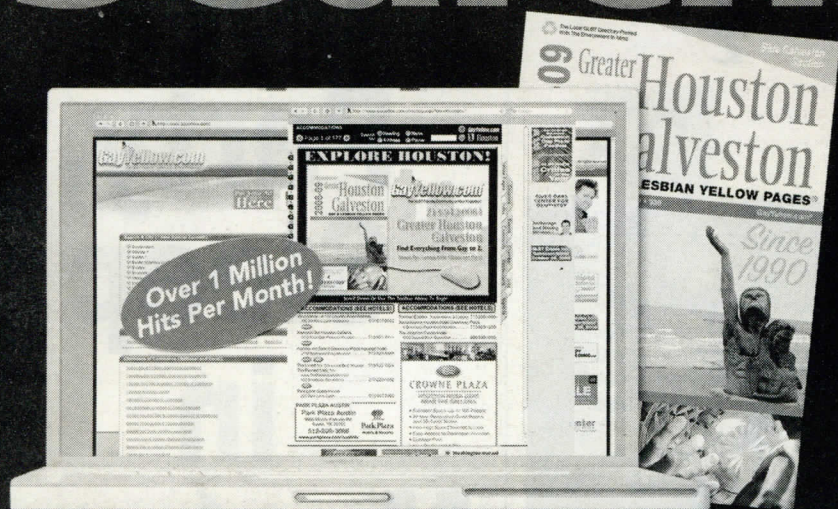
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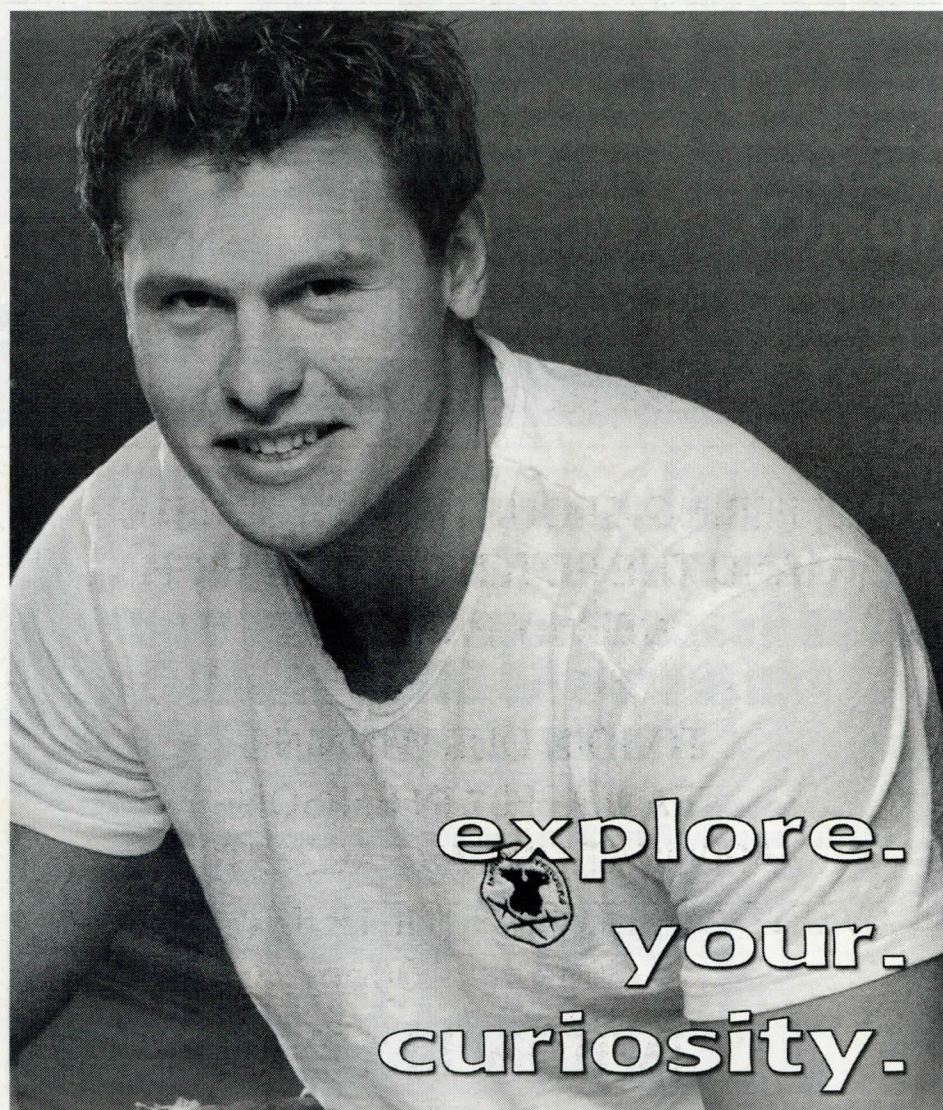
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News, Nonsense, Rants
By Henry McClurg

The Big Crash

The fire trucks collision on Westheimer at Dunlavy created a little mess in the neighborhood. And it was more than just a mess for several fire fighters and two people unlucky to be in the wrong place. Worst off is bicyclist Leigh Boone who remains in critical condition as we go to press.

Life on Mars

Although on deadline, I took an hour off Wednesday to watch the final episode of Life on Mars on channel 13. The ending was a shocker! And perfectly sensible, now that we know.

The whole series was about "Sam" who got knocked back to 1973 in an auto/pedestrian mishap. You remember 1973 in Montrose? I had just moved here. The nightlife revolved around the two discos: Gene Howle's Farmhouse, just opened off Westheimer near Highland Village, and Dennis Sisk's Bayou Landing, just off Shepherd. It later became the Old Plantation.

There were a dozen or so smaller gay clubs already beginning to move in and closer to Montrose, including the Round Table and La Caja. The Exile and Pink Elephant downtown were among the most popular watering holes at the time. Montrose had not yet become the "gay ghetto" that it was destined to be.

Montrose was eclectic back then with mostly remnants of hippies and other free souls. It was a little run down and begging for gay people to move in and do our natural thing. And we did.

Sue Lovell Newsletter

The GEM is on her Email list and we always are able to pick some interesting tidbits from it for our readers. The Houston City Council person sends spring greetings.

"What an incredible time to be living in Houston. The trees are leafing out, wildflowers line our streets and highways, the azaleas are in full bloom, and so are my sinuses. I'm sure many of yours are too. But isn't it great to be in Houston?"

"I have nests of baby birds outside my window that are better than an alarm clock. I have mad momma squirrels running through the limbs in the trees, chattering on a regular basis, reminding my dogs not to come anywhere near the trees.

"Little League and softball have started. My youngest son, the baseball player, has once again vetoed my resuming my coaching career. But I will be in the booth as an announcer again this year. This actually works out better because there is air conditioning in the announcer's/scorekeeper's booth.

"I am so grateful and proud to be living in Houston. On March 23 and 24, I hope many of you saw ABC World News Tonight, which was broadcast from Houston. Over two evenings, ABC News showcased the beauty of our city, what

a fun time the Rodeo can be, and best of all, interviews with new residents talking about how happy they were that they had moved to Houston, where they were able to find jobs, affordable housing, and a wonderful place to raise their family. They even spoke of how great the weather is. When one person was asked how she would rate on a scale of 1 to 10 her decision to move to Houston, she said a 15. I agree.

"At a time when many American cities are struggling, it seems to me that Houston is the place where people want to be. I feel really smart that I discovered this 39 years ago."

Misty Valdez in Galveston

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When I Met Eudora Welty

Many of you know, from my writings and rants here in your little fine gay newspaper, that I grew up in Jackson, Miss. And you know that a few issues

back I mentioned I had met Pulitzer Prize winner and the Literary Pride of Jackson Eudora Welty.

Only I was about eight years old and had no idea where I was or who she was. Our second grade school teacher picked out about six of us one day and herded us across the street and down the block to this house where this woman greeted us and gave us some little treats.

It took me until about 20 years ago to realize just who I had met back

then. Her house today is a museum. After viewing pictures of it (inside and outside) on the web, it confirmed to me: I was there!

Since then I have learned that during the Freedom Rides in the 1960's that Welty not only supported the civil rights activists but put several of them up at her home as a slap in the face to the segregationists that controlled state government.

For most of her 92 years Welty lived in Jackson creating (as a travel article in the San Francisco Chronicle reported last month) "a gorgeous legacy of short stories and novels that examined human relationships and the hidden dreams and tensions of a sheltered life."

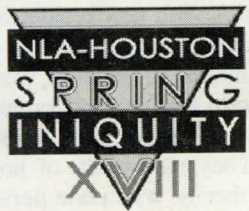
"She once wrote that her 'continuing passion' was 'not to point the finger of judgment, but to part a curtain, that invisible shadow that falls between people.' A Welty story was remarkable for her ability to enter a character's mind and capture their voice, their world, their apprehensions."

Her house is in Jackson's Belhaven/Millsaps college area, no doubt the most liberal enclave in the Magnolia State. We lived in that area too. After I had grown up and had my own apartment, I would come back to that neighborhood to shop at the Jitney Jungle Supermarket. I did not realize it at the time but later read that she was a regular at that store.

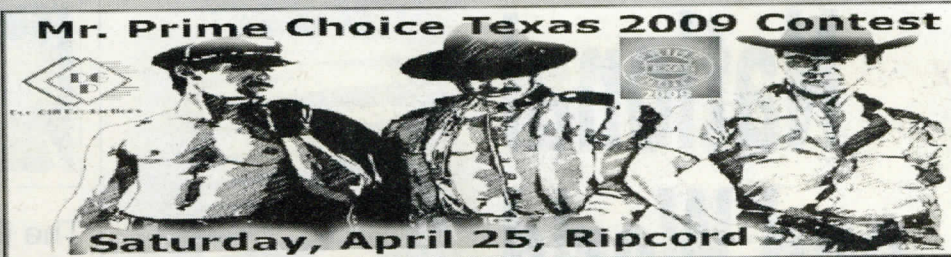
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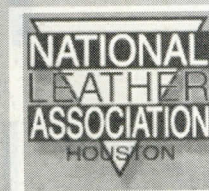
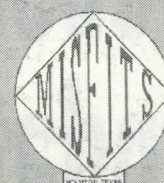
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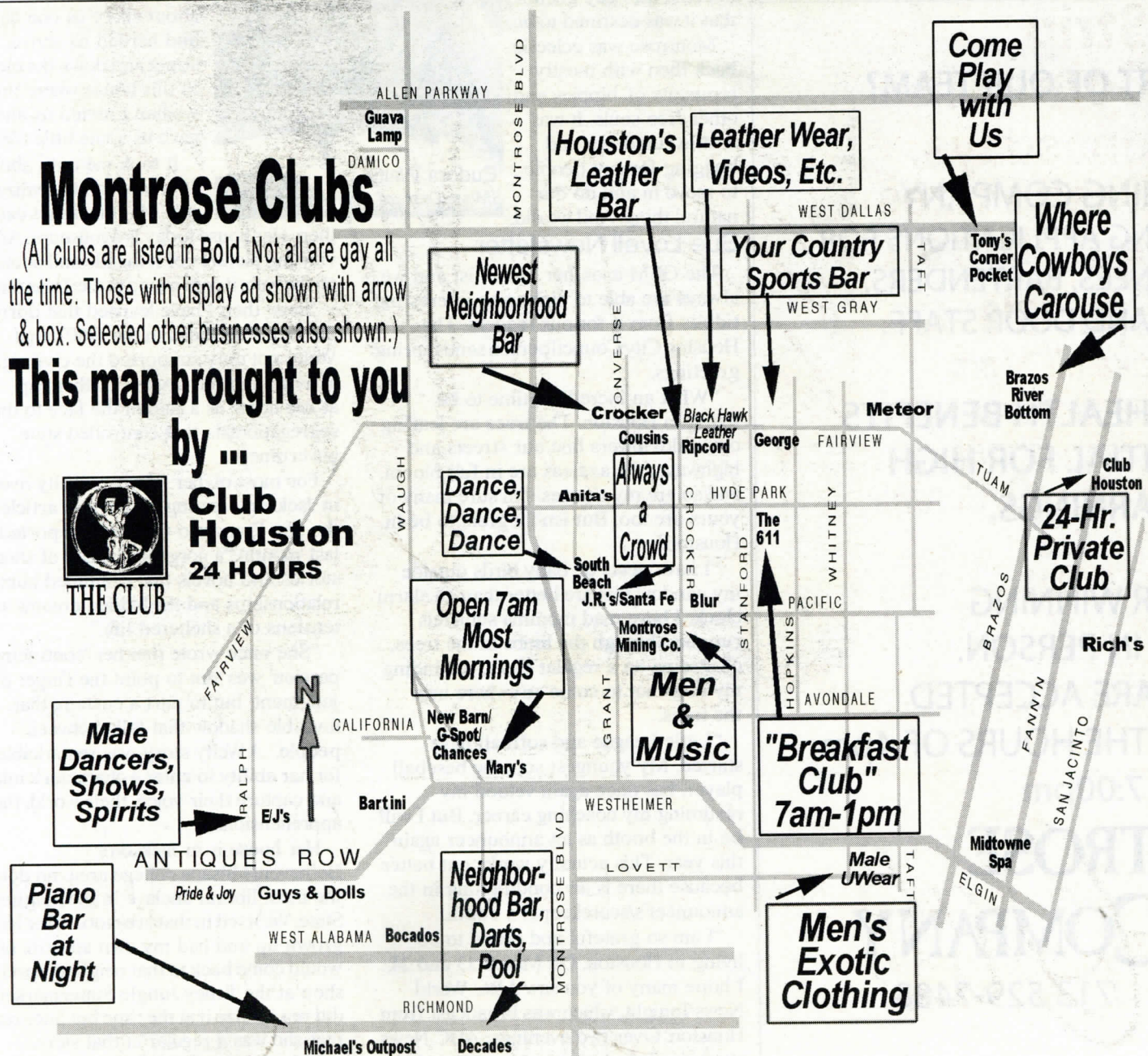
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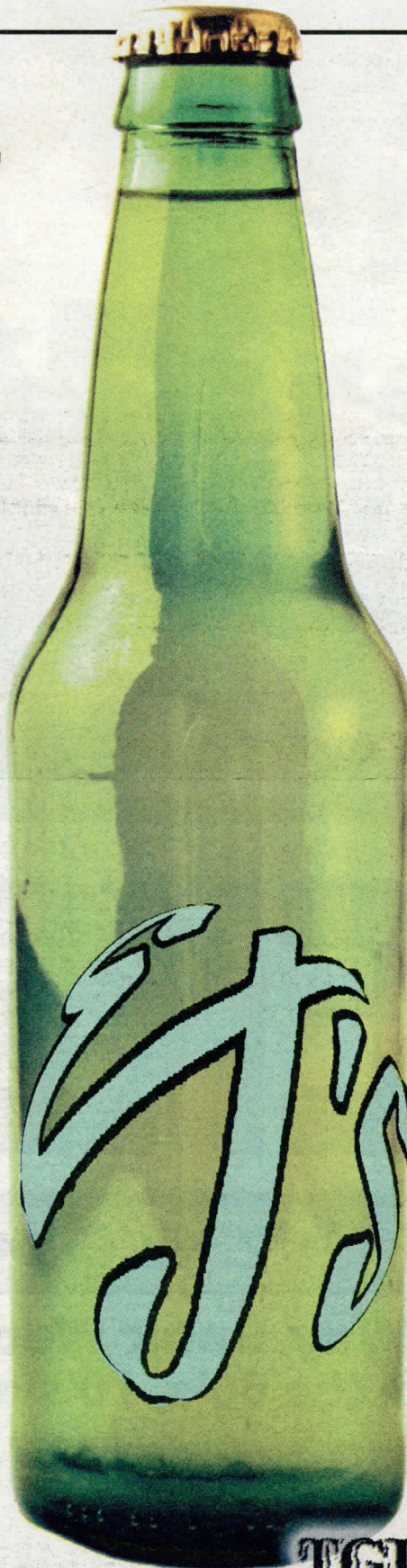


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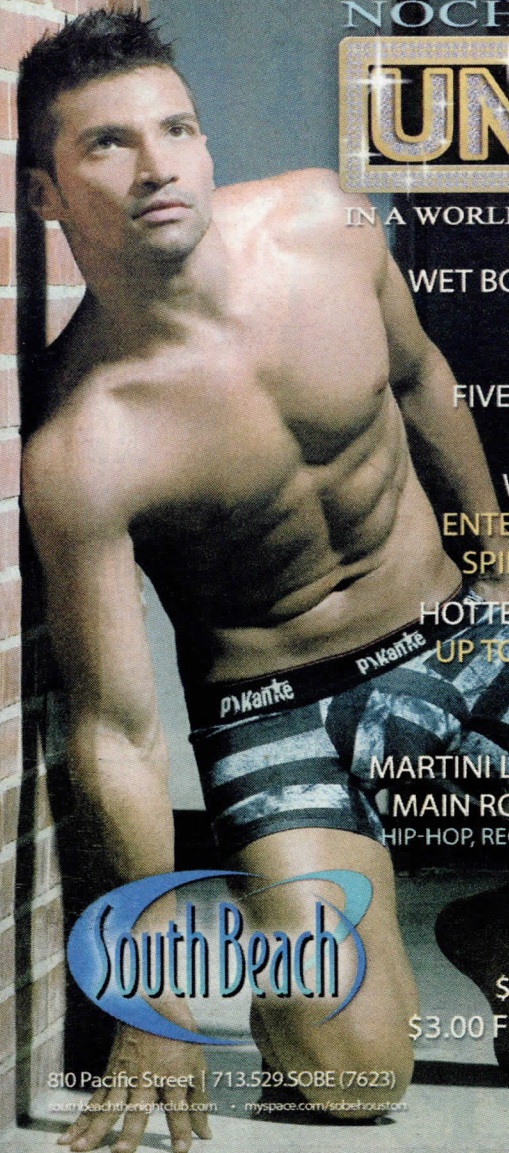
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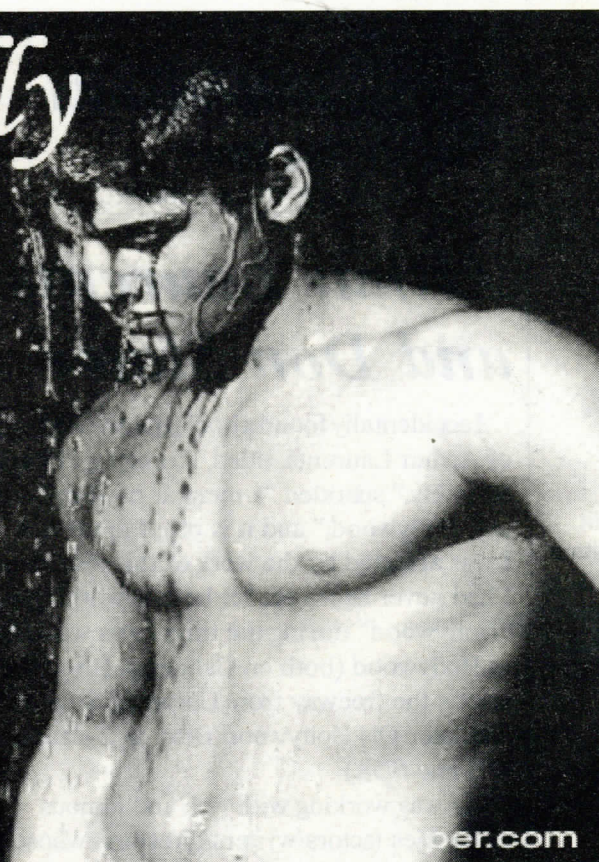
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WHY: Get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS! There is no cure for this disease and individuals continue to contract HIV at alarming rates. In Houston there is one new infection every eight hours, with teens and young adults (13-29 years of age) accounting for 35% of those new infections. All proceeds from this event will directly support Aids Foundation Houston's local programs in HIV/AIDS prevention, education and testing, food assistance, housing and youth programs.

WHEN: Breakfast, lunch and dinner at participating restaurants on Thursday, April 30, for the entire operating hours of each restaurant

WHERE: Riva's restaurant (donating 100% in conjunction with Mandela's and HEB), Little Bitty Burger Barn (donating 50%), t'afia, Bocado's Restaurant and Bar, Bohemio's, The Boom Boom Room, the breakfast klub, Carter & Cooley Co., Cascadas Restaurante y Cantina, Daily Review Cafe, Dragon Bowl Asian Bistro, Firkin & Phoenix Pub, Hungry's Cafe & Bistro, Inversion Coffee, Isla Coqui Restaurant & Bar, Julia's Bistro, Just Dinner, Las Givral's Kahve, Mary's Lebanese Cuisine, The Path of Tea, Reggae Hut, Riva's, Tacos A Go-Go, Tart Cafe, Tila's Restaurante & Bar
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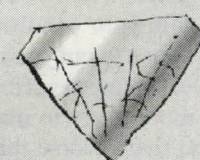
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COMMENTARY

By Trevor Kacedon

Anyone Heard About AIDS Lately?

By the way the news media treats it, you would think that HIV/AIDS doesn't exist, that there's been a cure and it's something of a distant worry like polio or smallpox. But it's not. In fact, the United States is the only country currently working on HIV/AIDS research that doesn't have an AIDS strategy. However we do demand that other countries develop one.

The real outrage is that there is NO outrage! There isn't even any discussion, and that has created a great stunting in our growth as a society around those affected by HIV/AIDS.

While an estimated 270,000 individuals in the United States are HIV positive and unaware of it what about the 800,000 others who are wisely and courageously facing the battle head on? Our discussion around HIV/AIDS has been so stunted by the assumption that it is a manageable disease and the lack of comprehensive education that only focuses on prevention and the physical and completely ignores the psychological. We all know the ways of prevention, but what about the ways of living with individuals that have HIV/AIDS in our society. The 1990's gave us so much information and so much education on not just the disease, but the people affected by it, perhaps creating the pinnacle of AIDS acceptance in our society.

As of late this acceptance has turned into straight-out denial. How many among us could honestly say that we would date somebody with HIV/AIDS?

It is heartbreaking to hear the real plight of individuals with HIV/AIDS. A common theme is the need to constantly hide their HIV status or risk being treated like a pariah. Why? It's disgusting. If instead of AIDS someone had cancer what then? They would be a hero, an unjust victim of their circumstances offered countless amounts of support. What is it that creates this trigger of fear when, in reality, HIV/AIDS is not that easy to catch. Without an identification of the trigger we have no hope of quashing this unjust stigma.

I asked a young man who is HIV positive if he could give me a better perspective on the situation:

"The amount of stigmatization I feel and have throw at me, in most cases, is much worse than my battle with HIV. Gay or straight. You go ask gay men how many are really willing to date a positive person, then divide that number by ten. The painful things I hear from the general public are much more harmful to my quality of life than any treatment I get. By the way, could you please not include my name in this, it'll just make the witch hunt easier."

"Ya know, when you're ill, the last thing you need is to have to protect yourself from the world around you. It seems as if the doctors, the researchers doing their amazing work, that they're the only ones that actually look at us as people."

"The bottom line is, if I had cancer or diabetes my teachers/employers and even my friends would understand. When you're in constant fear you can't explain your condition due to the way people always have to put you into little boxes and categorize you. Having to suffer all of this fear and ignorance is more likely to make me feel sick or depressed and that's worse than any side effect from any antiretroviral or lack of a cure."

COMMENTARY

By Billy Glover

LONG-TIME ACTIVIST, B. BOSSIER CITY, LA.

Arthur Laurents and Don Slater

I accidentally found a book, the autobiography of Arthur Laurents, titled, strangely, "Original Story By," subtitled "a memoir of Broadway and Hollywood," and it is proof to me that I was affected by the work of this man that I had never heard of. Yet he was working in "Hollywood" during the time I was working in Hollywood (both on Cahuenga Blvd West across the freeway from Universal Studios, and later ON Hollywood Blvd, in 2 places, 6715 and 6758.)

He was working with rich and famous celebrities (actors/writers/directors) whose work reached millions in books and movies, and would today on the TV celebrity shows. We were reaching hundreds with a message that he personally needed. He wrote, and we wrote.

He reached millions, most of whom did not know who he was, but saw his work, on Broadway and in the movies. He seemed to know every famous person, and had sex with most, such as of course Farley Granger.

We did a lot of talking about homosexuality (we were educational, not entertaining) but had little sex. The media did not find the work of the early people working for civil rights for homosexuals of interest, even that of the cute, sexy ones.

So no one heard of Don Slater, even though his work appeared not only in ONE/Tangents Magazine, but in the pages of the Los Angeles Times, the Herald Examiner and our work was written up by Peter Bart in The New York Times, and his military work was covered briefly in Randy Shilts' book, "Conduct Unbecoming, gay and lesbian people and the military," and later in the book of short biographies of pioneers edited by Vern Bullough, "Before Stonewall," plus TV and radio talk shows (Joe Pyne, for instance, that day's Rush Limbaugh?) and at college and church discussions.

I was on Regis Philbin's show, treated shabbily, and Louis Lomax's, treated well, and a few others. As were Harry Hay and John Burnside. And so were people on the East Coast, making news, which Laurents doesn't seem to have known about, as he dealt with his "issues." But Judd Marmor was one of his consultants, and he worked with our movement too.

So I personally got much pleasure out of The Way We Were, and I did so then and now regardless of any "issues" Laurents had with the others who got the movie made. My overall feeling was and is that it is both a love story and how politics, etc., affect even those who love, and how things turn out. That was what I wondered then, and now at the age when I KNOW how things turned out. And the issues covered by the movie, the black list, HUAC, applied not only to Laurents and his friends, but to our movement's main co-founder, Harry Hay, so this all is the same even if the players never knew each other.

I feel America is better for the work of Laurents, even if we don't know it, and that is true of the work of Don Slater.



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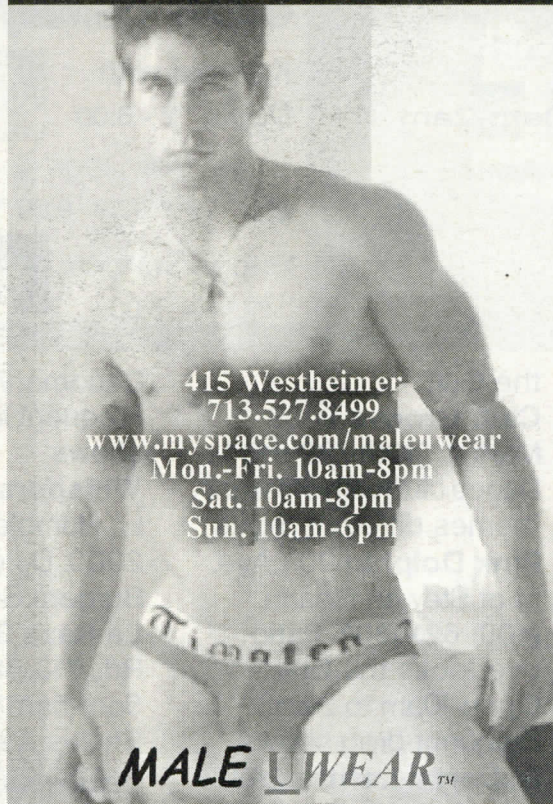
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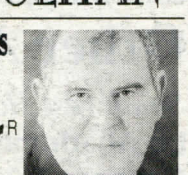
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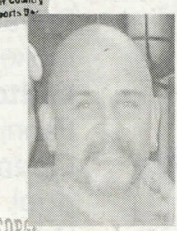
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