**Leadership Oklahoma's "Diversity" Conference: Gays Need Not Apply**

TULSA - In a letter dated June 3, Tulsa's oldest Lesbian and Gay civil rights organization, Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights (TOHR), has made a formal protest of anti-Gay discrimination to the organizers of Leadership Oklahoma's "Together in Our Differences." A conference on "diversity" first announced to the public May 31st and held on June 5 & 6 at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel.

Although the conference topics included several of direct relevance to Oklahoma's Lesbian/Gay/Bi communities, like a panel on hate crimes and one on the role of the media in creating a greater understanding of diversity, conference organizers did not include any Gay persons to participate as speakers or panelists.

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**Lawyer Who Says Gays Are Criminals Admits To Ten Years of Adultery**

ATLANTA (AP) - A Republican gubernatorial candidate who admitted he committed adultery concedes he could now be considered a "moral hypocrite" for withdrawing a job offer to a lesbian.

Meanwhile, one of his supporters rallied behind him. "He did the only thing to do - be truthful and honest. And that's what Mike Bowers is, even to the point of pain," said William J. Steele, who was to introduce Bowers at his first public appearance since the disclosure.

His wife, Bette Rose, said Georgia voters should not rush to judge her husband. "I don't think that what has occurred should wipe out 23 years of good public service," Mrs. Bowers told reporters after appearing with her husband at the meeting.

**Presbyterian Church to Host Speaker + Shower of Stoles**

TULSA - A progressive local Presbyterian congregation, College Hill Presbyterian Church, 712 So. Columbia, has invited one of the leaders of Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (PLGC) to speak in its pulpit on Sunday, June 29 at 11am. Scott Anderson, who now is the executive director of the California Council of Churches, formerly was a Presbyterian minister, serving in several No. California churches.

Anderson, stepped down from the ministry when he came out as a Gay man since the Presbyterian Church no longer allows openly Gay persons to serve as pastors, deacons or elders.

The College Hill-Presbyterian Church of Stillwater and PLGC will host a display of the Shower of Stoles for at the Tri-Presbytery Gathering which is being held at the Chapman Activities Center at the University of Tulsa on June 27 & 28. The display is part of the Shower of Stoles project, which is a symbolic piece of cloth that pastors wear hanging from around the back of their necks down the front of their robes which came from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people see PLGC, page 10.

**President Condemns Anti-Gay Hate Crimes**

WASHINGTON - President Clinton drew praise today from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) for his weekly radio address, in which he called for an all-out fight against hate crimes - including those based on sexual orientation.

The president also announced that he has asked Attorney General Janet Reno to study and recommend legislative options for curbing the rise in bias-motivated crimes, including hate violence targeting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. Clinton also announced he will convene a White House conference Nov. 10 to study the problem. At the conference, according to the President, the White House will bring together victims of hate crimes, and their families as well as law enforcement experts and officials from Congress and the Justice Department. He also said that community and religious leaders will be invited to the conference to take a look at laws against hate crimes and consider ways to improve and to strengthen them.

**Marriage Update**

Colo. Gov. Vetoes Anti-Marriage Bill

DENVER (AP) - Gov. Roy Romer again vetoed a bill aimed at outlawing gay marriages, calling it "fundamentally negative and divisive." Romer vetoed a similar ban last year, saying it had an element of "gay bashing." Backers tried to draw up a bill he could sign, but on Thursday, he rejected their effort on technical and general grounds.

"First, experts in family law advise me that the final language in this bill could threaten the thousands of common-law marriages that currently exist in Colorado," Romer said. "Second, the bill is not only unintended, but if they are correct in this interpretation, the consequences could be very real in terms of the loss of such things as health benefits, pensions, paternity rights and child support enforcement." The governor also said a ban was unnecessary. "The only real effect of this bill is to target gay and lesbian people and to exclude and stigmatize this group in our society."

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What to do when our friends might as well be our enemies...

by Tom Neal, publisher & editor

A good newspaper, traditionally, has a number of functions. One is to disseminate information about upcoming events and to report on events that have taken place. But another function is to comment on what's happening in and to a community, with the goal of helping to develop a vision of where we want to go. Obviously this vision is, of necessity, the vision of the publisher, editor, staff and advisors and will be just one view with others possible. And as a newspaper that always has accepted and printed "letters to the editor" (even ones quibbling with our views and actions) as well as longer "viewpoint" essays, we continue to provide a forum for other views to be heard when and if those with alternate views take the effort to make their views known. 

The problem in Tulsa, though, is not that there is too much dialogue - it is that there is too little. Critical decisions that affect many, many people continue to be made in private by a handful of people. These people seem good-hearted and devoted but those qualities don't mean automatically that their decisions are right. This is the point this newspaper made several years ago in an editorial called who decides for us. 

The issue then was the wisdom of the decision of those hardworking volunteers who'd drafted an amendment to the City of Tulsa's Human Rights Ordinance. Half of the proposal was approved by the City Council. Then and now, our Council is hostile to Lesbian and Gay issues for us to have success, but the other half of the proposal involved only executive branch actions, i.e. things Mayor Susan Savage could do if she were willing. 

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Tulsa Organizations, Churches, & Universities

Tulsa Walks Tulsa, POB 1071, 74101-1071 579-5950
Black & White, Inc. POB 14001, Tulsa 74159 887-7314
Biss The Lord at All Times Christian Center, 2007 E. 683-7815
L/GL Alliance, Univ. of Tulsa, 3440 E. 15th 807-9780
Community of Commerce, 616 S. Boston 585-1201
Chapman Student Center, Univ. of Tulsa, 5th Pl. & Florence 746-4228
Community of Hope United Methodist, 1703 E. 2nd 580-1800
Community Uniting-Universalist Congregation 745-0595
Church of God in Christ 878-1314
Democratic Headquarters, 3903 E. 31 742-2457
Dignity/Integrity-Lebahn/Gay Catholics/Episcopal Church 519-0578
Family of TLMDCC, 2009 S. Harvard 747-7777
Free Spirit Women's Center, call for location & info: 786-4667
Friend For A Friend, POB 52344, 74152 747-6827
Friends in Unity Social Org., POB 8550, 74101 584-3112
Hope, HIV Prevention, Education, Understanding, 1307 E. 3, 2nd fl. 712-1600; HOPE Anonymous HIV Testing Site: 749-2297
MCC of Greater Tulsa, 1623 N. Maplewood 838-1715
MCI Resource Center, 4154 S. Harvard, Ste. H-1 749-4194
Millsaps Project, 4154 S. Harvard, Ste. H-1 748-3111
NOW, Nat'l Org. for Women, POB 1408, 74159 365-5658
OK Springs Club (bycicle), POB 9165, 74157 365-1916
Our House, 1114 S. Lewis 584-7960
PFLAG, POB 2808, 74102 749-4901
Planned Parenthood, 1007 S. Peoria 587-6764
The Pride Center, 1307 E. 3, 2nd floor, 74103 743-4297
R.A.I.N., Regional AIDS Information Network
Rainbow Business Guild, POB 14016, 74101 665-5174
Red Rock Mental Center, 302 S. Cheyenne #108 588-8700
Saint Jerome's Parish Church, 3841 S. Peoria, 742-6227
Shanti Hotline & HIV/AIDS Services 749-7898
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S. Cincinnati 582-1225
Tulsa Okla. for Human Rights, c/o The Pride Center 582-1225
Interfaith AIDS Ministries, 1114 S. Lewis 749-7898
Elite Books & Videos, 821 S. Sheridan 838-0307
Red Rock Mental Center, 302 S. Cheyenne #108 588-8700
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Advanced Wireless & PCS, Digital Cellular 747-1508
Affinity News, 8120 E. 21 610-8510
Allied Security Systems Co. 742-1051
Alternative Investments, 201 S. Main 582-2400
Audio Video, Inc., 744-1800
Bird's Eye View, 1209 S. Washington 596-0600
Bleakley, Davis & Donald 665-2400
Bryan & Associates, 5910 S. Peoria 587-6233
Coplans Flowers, 9720 E. 31 666-7777
Counsel of Career, 551 S. Main 582-3459
Counselling, 309 S. Peoria 743-4832
Diane's Place, 1208 S. Broadway 742-2381
Double Scoop, 749-4828
Dowzo, 2630 E. 15 749-1563
East Side Florists, 3222 S. Main 587-2611
Eaton's, 2732 E. 15th 743-3900
Elle's Florist, 9720c E. 31 584-3245
Empire Beauty Supply, 9720c E. 31 566-0856
Frank's Flowers, 3359 S. Peoria 741-2007
J's of Arkansas, 335 E. 29th 582-7748
Lola's, 2630 E. 15 749-1563
The Palate Cafe & Catering, 3324 E. 31 745-8999
St. Michael's Alley, 235 E. 31 745-8999
Samson & Delilah, 10 E. 15th 758-2221
Silver Star Salon, 1565 Sheridan 583-4244
Reneesha's Rainbow Room, 1649 S. Main 585-3405
TNT's, 2114 S. Memorex 584-1308
Tool Box, 1338 E. 3rd 582-3456
Tucci's, 1344 E. 15 583-3134
The Interurban Restaurant, 717 S. Houston 583-3134

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Bowers, the only announced candidate in next year's GOP primary, made the decision about the de-
cade-long affair on Thursday, "so that everyone in-
volved, everyone I've hurt, can heal," Bowers did not
name the woman or say what the affair entailed.
"I regret the pain that I caused," he said. "There is no
mistake that I have ever made which has caused more
pain to those to whom I regret more deeply. Further,
I have no excuse for my conduct.

Bowers was attorney general for 16 years before re-
signing last month to prepare for the campaign. He said
he will remain in the race. Bowers is still married to
his wife of nearly 34 years, but he said they were separated
for several years while he was seeing the other woman.
He said the woman was married at the beginning of the
affair, but not for most of it. It continued after she got
another job.

While adultery is a misdemeanor in Georgia, Bowers
said he was unaware of anyone ever having being pros-
cuted under that statute. Bowers, however, often raised
the ire of civil libertarians with his successful defense of
the state's anti-sodomy law before the Supreme Court in
1986. He also ruled in a decision upheld recently by a federal
appeals court in Atlanta.

Asked if it was hypocritical for him to withdraw the job
offer to Ms. Shahar, he said, "In a moral sense, yes. But
degitally, I do believe there was any other way than the
Shahar case but to do that. Did that make me a moral
hypoicrite? Yes."

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"It's never been done on this scale before, and we think
a lot of folks who have come out to the big dance parties
in the past, might give ShockWave a shot. The
admission price is low and we promise to deliver on the
entertainment end.

Newman says part of that entertainment will be pro-
vided by Matt Myers, a prominent Oklahoma City DJ.
Myers began his DJ career some 17 years ago, and has
been spinning discs and working in the music video
industry ever since. This past Memorial Day Weekend,
Myers took charge of one of Pensacola's largest "Gay
Parades" and went on to win the featured DJ at Razzle
Dazzle Dallas '97.

If good music isn't enough, ShockWave will give away
a trip for two to New Orleans for the two-day "Halloween
in New Orleans" event the weekend of 10/31/97. The trip
has been donated by Central Park Luxury Residences.

Other ShockWave sponsors include OKC's Angles, Pepsi,
and Budweiser.

ShockWave will provide security both on site and in
adjacent parking. Proof of age will be required at the door.

Proceeds from ShockWave will benefit the Planned
Parenthood's Facts of Life Line, the HIV Resource
Council, Inc. (HIVRC), and the Red Rock Mental Health
Center's Oklahoma Rainbow Young Adults Network
(ORYAN).

The Facts of Life Line is a program of Planned Paren-
thood that is 24 hours-a-day, automated, sex education
and family planning program designed to allow young people
access to a wide variety of sexual topics on a completely
anonymous and confidential basis. Teens can access over 300
professionally recorded messages written by educa-
tion staffs of Planned Parenthood affiliates around the
country. The messages are medically accurate, detailed
and reflect Planned Parenthood's support of everyone's
right to sexual self-determination.

The HIV Resource Council's mission is to provide
an effective and compassionate response to those af-
fected by HIV/AIDS through direct service and collabo-
ration assistance, $140,000 in rent/utility payments.

The Red Rock Mental Health Center's ORYAN pro-
gram provides HIV Prevention Services for Gay, Les-
bian, Bisexual and Transgendered and Questioning Ado-
lescents and Young Adults, ages 14-24. Red Rock is
based in Oklahoma City with satellite offices across the
state. The Tulsa Office of Services is offered to individu-
als affected by HIV/AIDS. The majority of these
services are provided at no cost to clients. Red Rock is
funded through grants from both private foundations and
government agencies.

Tickets to ShockWave are tax deductible to the extent
of current tax law for amounts over $50.00.

For more information, call 877-7314 or 800-458-4662 re-mall blkwhtprty@AOL.com. In addi-
tion, the kids & Black & White Charities have a web site
under construction, check out blackwhite.org for further
updates.

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"We applaud President Clinton for speaking out against the
rising tide of hate-motivated violence in this country,"
said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human
Rights Campaign Foundation. "President Clinton has set
a national tone that hate-violence will not be tolerated,
including violence directed at lesbian, gay and bisexual
people.

Kerry Lobel, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
executive director, stated, "We applaud President
Clinton for raising the level of concern regarding bias
cri-
mes. There is a persistent problem of intolerance in our
country based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orien-
tation, gender and disability. We welcome his call for a
special White House Conference on Hate Crimes and look
for-
ward to a more vigorous effort to stamp out those acts of
violence that hurt our image as a nation and only separate
us from one another."

In his speech, President mentioned several acts of
hate-related violence. He spoke about an assault in
Washington, D.C. in which three men accosted a gay man
in a park, forced him at gunpoint to go under a bridge
and beat him viciously while using anti-gay epithets. "Such
hate crimes, committed solely because the victim is a
different skin color or a different faith or are gays or
lesbians, leave deep scars not only on the victims, but on
our entire community." The President went on to say that
the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 included crimes
based on sexual orientation.

"Charging the FBI with collecting the data was an
important first step," Stachelberg said. "It is now past
time for us to move to the next level and make it possible
to prosecute these crimes adequately and effectively."

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national
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throughout the country. It lobbies Congress, provides
campaign support and educates the public to ensure that
lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe
at home, at work, and in the community.

Newman says part of that entertainment will be pro-
duced by Ken Spence. Tickets are $8 in advance, and
$10 at the door at the Liddy Doogies Theatre, Tulsa
-performing Arts Center. Tickets will be available at the
Pride Picnic, and at the Pride Store, 1307 E. 38th St., 2nd
floor. Info: 583-1248.

Many may be familiar with the film version of this
story by John Guare, "Chasing the FBI," which features
Donald Sutherland and Will Smith. This Summer-
sage play, "Prague: Our Torch," given through the
assistance of the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust,
and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Local Lesbian poet, Mary Scheper has organized an
Abysse coffeehouse to be held at the Pride Center on June
20, from 8-10pm. This event will feature the work of local
artists, poets and writers. Ms. Scheper hopes that this
event will be the beginning of a regular series, providing
both social and artistic opportunities. She notes all are
welcome - both artists and those who just appreciate
their work. For information, call 743-6740.

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ves. Community Unitarian Universalist Congreg-
ation and Metropolitan Community Church of Greater
Tulsa have offered a ser-
tice, MCCGT also honored the Reverend Nancy Horvath's last
service as interim pastor on that day. On June 8th, the Church of
the Restoration Unitarian had its Pride Service, We Shall
Walk Hand in Hand with the Reverend
Roderick McClay and TN publisher, Tom Neal. Pastor
McClay recently formally received his credentials as a
fully licensed Unitarian-Universalist pastor with the high-
mest possible credentials. Pastor McClay had already been
ordained as both a United Church of Christ and Disciples
of Christ pastor. On June 8th, Community of Hope
also added a service.

The following is a recap of Oklahoma City Pride
Events: there will be a NW 39th Pride Band on Sunday, see
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Maine Governor Asks for Tolerance

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) - Gov. Angus King will ask gay-rights opponents to back away from their plan to challenge the civil rights bill he signed May 16.

King asked if it was a good idea to meet with leaders of the Christian Civic League of Maine at their headquarters in Augusta to make his case against the group's plan to use the "people's veto" to overturn the law.

"He obviously thinks (a referendum) is unnecessary and it would be divisive," said Dennis Bailey, King's spokesman. "He would obviously like to do anything he can to avoid it." The governor will urge the civic league to drop its opposition to the law, or at least delay an attempt to repeal it for several years, to see how the law works.

The law bars discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations takes effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. State law already outlaws bias based on several other grounds, such as age, race, gender and physical handicaps.

In order to keep the law from kicking in, opponents would have to collect signatures of more than 51,000 registered Maine voters within 90 days of the Legislature's adjournment, which could be this weekend. If the signatures are certified, a referendum on the law must be held. The state attorney general has ruled that allowed same-sex marriages. However, the sponsor of SB577, Sen. Marylin Shannon, said the law is needed to ensure that Oregon is not forced to recognize a gay marriage performed in Hawaii or anywhere else.

Opponents of SB577 said gays and lesbians often enter into committed relationships that are just as strong as any heterosexual marriage, and should be recognized in the same way. "We should be cherishing these relationships instead of denigrating them," said Sen. Kent Brown, a Portland Democrat who is bisexual. Another critic of the bill, Sen. Avel Gordly, said he thinks the Senate already is showing intolerance on this issue; the Salem Republican said, "I feel the need to understand it and to feel, more and more deeply, how Robert was struggling, both to affirm our relationship and to find and accept his own center." The Stiefels said they will separate soon and divorce by next year.

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Help for Gay Teens

CHARLOTTE (AP) - Tamara Fry felt shut out. In coming out meant telling the world she's lesbian. It meant telling her father, a Baptist minister. It meant she could lose school friends, be shunned by family members and condemned by the church. "I knew I was different from the other kids," Fry said. "I needed to tell somebody.

In Mecklenburg County, one private agency provides emotional support for homosexual teenagers. Time Out Youth. At their weekly meetings, gay teenagers are free to speak their minds, get advice and, at least for 90 minutes, be themselves. In North Carolina, individual school systems can develop their health education curriculum, as long as it meets state requirements for heterosexual based "family living" education. When the county's health education curriculum was approved by school officials in 1994-95, an advisory group recommended that homosexuality, masturbation and abortion be excluded from classroom discussions and counseling sessions.

"It's what the community wants," said Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools health specialist John Stoner. "We've been in the closet and we've taken a conservative stance. If a kid asks a question about one of those three issues, we can give a simple definition and tell them to talk to a parent. If talking to a parent doesn't help, we can refer the parent and child, if they ask, to a school nurse. The parent should be the number one resource for the child.

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United officials say they promised to review the city ordinance. In a statement issued Saturday, Chicago-based United officials said they are deciding whether to offer the benefits, separate from the San Francisco law. "The decision to offer domestic partner benefits, attorney Elizabeth Scott said, is based on what is right for our employees, customers and shareholders - not on a local ordinance," the statement said.

**Arts Funding Targeted Because of Gay Play**

GREENSBORO (AP) - Guilford County residents angry over a theater production with homosexual themes urged county commissioners to halt funding to two arts organizations. More than 200 people attended Thursday night's meeting after last week's production of "La Cage Aux Folles," a musical focused on a gay couple and attitudes toward homosexuality. The play at the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro was sponsored by the Community Theatre of Greensboro, a member agency of the city's United Arts Council. Residents were upset that county money helps fund the arts agency. The county gave $30,000 to the United Arts Council in fiscal 1996-97.

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SOUTHBORO, Massachusetts (AP) — Locked inside the Level 3 biohazard lab at Harvard’s New England Regional Primate Center are a pair of 20-pound (9-kilogram) macaque monkeys code-named 71-88 and 255-88. They should be dead by now. In November 1991, scientists gave each a big injection of simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, the monkey version of the AIDS virus.

The shot is 10,000 times more SIV than it usually takes to cause an infection. Ordinarily, this starts an insidious disease process that eventually destroys the monkeys’ immune systems and kills them. Just like its cousin, HIV, does to people — only faster, usually within two years. Yet nothing happened. By every measure, these animals, and two others that got lower doses, are entirely healthy. There is no sign of SIV in their blood or anywhere else. They simply did not catch the virus.

What saved the monkeys was an experimental vaccine. Two years earlier, scientists had given them a weakened, or attenuated, form of SIV. The virus was normal in every way except that one of its nine genes was clipped out. Lossing this gene, called nef, throttles back the virus’s ability to make new copies of itself. Crippled, it caused a low-grade infection but did not seem to hurt the monkeys at all. And somehow it primed their immune defenses to ward off real SIV.

“After seeing this protection in monkeys, I became an advocate,” said Dr. Ronald Desrosiers, a microbiologist at the primate center. Virtually everyone agrees that Desrosiers’ experiment is a landmark in AIDS research. It is the first — and still the best — proof that a vaccine to protect people from catching HIV is even possible.

This alone is a crucial discovery, since a vaccine is the only sure way to stop the AIDS epidemic. It is the same strategy that has erased smallpox from the planet and tamed many other big killers. Since SIV and HIV are so similar, an AIDS vaccine can be made with exactly the same genes missing. Many believe this should work as well for humans as it does for monkeys. Moreover, nothing else in development seems anywhere close to being this effective.

But that’s where agreement ends. Desrosiers and some colleagues would like to begin testing this kind of vaccine in people. Many others are adamantly opposed. The reason: This vaccine may well protect against AIDS, but no one knows what else it might do. And there’s no easy way to find out.

Just like ordinary HIV, the genetically truncated form used in the vaccine would cause a lifelong infection in otherwise healthy people. Could the virus somehow regain its lost genes and turn nasty, causing the very disease it was meant to stop? Could it trigger some other disease, say disease 10, 20 or maybe even 30 years after vaccination? Could it harm newborns or people with weakened immune systems — even if it is safe for everyone else? “Safety is the first, second and third issue with this,” said Dr. Norman Letvin of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, one of those opposed to trying the vaccine on humans.

Yet in a way, nature already has conducted human experiments. At the University of Massachusetts, Dr. John Sullivan has been following 183 hemophiliacs who caught HIV from contaminated clotting proteins in the early 1980s. Among them were five who still showed no signs of AIDS. Could weak viruses explain their good fortune? Desrosiers analyzed their viruses and found that one’s HIV was indeed missing part of its nef gene — just as the virus he crafted for the monkey experiment. In essence, this man had been vaccinated. Here was the first tentative evidence that it was safe.

In Australia, meanwhile, doctors were puzzled by an especially odd cluster. Seven people had caught HIV from blood donations given by one infected man in early 1980s. Yet neither the original donor nor any of those who got his blood showed any signs of AIDS. After hearing of Desrosiers’ discovery, the doctors found they all carried a strain of HIV that was missing part of nef.

While these serendipitous discoveries suggest HIV without a nef gene does not trigger AIDS, intentionally infecting people to prove the point is another matter entirely. In fact, the idea of using this as a human vaccine seemed all but dead two years ago, when Dr. Ruth Ruprecht of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston found the SIV version caused simian AIDS when given to newborn monkeys.

Desrosiers countered that no one would vaccinate a newborn with HIV. His later studies also suggested that only extremely high doses of the vaccine were harmful to the newborn monkeys, and that passing the virus from mother to child does not seem to be a hazard.

Still, talk of putting a live, mutant form of HIV into uninformed people was dismissed by the scientific establishment as simply too dangerous. But that may be changing. No absolutely safe alternative is close. And as David Gold of the American Foundation for AIDS Research notes, “The need for a vaccine is more desperate than ever.”

Around the world, about 29 million people have been infected with HIV. In some African cities, more than 10 percent of pregnant women already have it. And 80 percent of the world’s infected people live in Africa, India and Southeast Asia — places where new AIDS treatments are simply too expensive ever to be much help.

History is on the side of live, attenuated vaccines; it is a classic approach. Examples include the Sabin oral polio vaccine and shots to prevent smallpox, mumps, rubella, measles and yellow fever. Vaccines offer a kind of biological mugshot for the body’s defenses. Alerted by the harmless lookalike of what it should be on guard against, the immune system kicks into high gear as soon as it spots the real thing and immediately attacks it. Even if the virus worms its way into some cells, the quick response enables the body to fight a devastating full-blown infection.

HIV, though, is different from other invaders. Once it gets a toehold, there is probably no way to get rid of it. So an AIDS vaccine has to prevent even its first tentative infection — something the body’s own immune defense system cannot seem to do by itself. “If we want to prevent infection, that is a new criteria that has never been met in the history of vaccines,” said Dr. Robert Gallo of the University of Maryland, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus.

Vaccine researchers have tried to do this by injecting synthetic copies of fragments of the virus. They are safe. But unfortunately none seems to work very well.

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Volunteers Sought for Experimental Genital Herpes Treatment Study

Volunteers are needed to participate in a medical research study evaluating an experimental plant-derived antiviral drug that is a topical gel for the treatment of recurrent genital herpes in conjunction with a standard of care oral antiviral agent.

Interested individuals must be 18 year of age or older, have AIDS and have herpes outbreaks in the genital area.

Involvement in this study will require visits to the clinic 3 days a week, a total of 8 visits.

There is no cost to subjects accepted into the study. All study-related examinations, laboratory test and study drug will be free of charge. This study is being conducted by Dr. Stephen T. Peake and Dr. Jeffrey A. Beal at 2325 South Harvard, Suite 600, Tulsa 74114-3300.

Individuals interested in knowing more about this study are encouraged to call Dr. Peake or Dr. Beal at (918) 743-1000 for additional information.

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There was a day when summers were slow times for the arts but that can no longer really be said. From June 13 - 22, Bartlesville, Oklahoma becomes one of the best places in the country for classical music. That town’s Community Center, designed in the manner of famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, may be ugly but it has great acoustics. It is the primary site for performances of the OK Mozart International Festival at which you can hear, Mozart, of course, but many other composers presented by world-class performers. This year, Itzhak Perlman and English actress, Claire Bloom are perhaps the most famous names but all performers are worthy of your attention. For ticket and other information, call: 918-336-9800.

Later in the month, Philbrook Museum will open its show on contemporary Venezuelan art: Norte del Sur. 16 artists working in almost every medium will display some of the richness of this other American culture. A number of lectures and guided tours (in Spanish as well as in English) will be given as well. Call for details: 748-5309. Philbrook will also be continuing its summer tradition of films on the lawn. The gates open at 7pm for picnics and the films begin at 9pm ($3/ members, $5/non-members). The first in the series, “Broadway Hits That Became Hollywood Home Runs!” is Arsenic and Old Lace, directed by Frank Capra and starring the ever gay and charming Cary Grant.

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Summerstage 1997 which usually happens later in the season is being held in June because the Tulsa Performing Arts Center will be closed for badly needed renovations. Most of Summerstage is reruns: Always…Patsy Cline and Forever Plaid (again) but Six Degrees of Separation is new to Tulsa, unlike Grease brought back by the not-very-Gay-friendly Celebrity Attractions.

Last but not least, longtime Tulsa art teacher and artist, Opel Thorpe is having a retrospective show of works from 1917 to 1997 at the Oklahoma Art Workshops, 6953 So. 66th E. Ave. through June & July. The show not only honors a remarkable person but also benefits Youth Services of Tulsa which has programs to assist Lesbian, Gay, Bi and questioning youth. For information, call: 492-8863.
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Community of Hope (United Methodist), Service - 6pm, 1703 E. 2nd, 585-1800
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Service - 11am, 1703 E. 2nd, 749-0595
Family of Faith Metropolitan Community Church
Adult Sunday School, 9-11 Service, 11 am, 5451 E S. Mingo, 622-1441
Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Tulsa
Service, 10:45am, 1623 North Maplewood, Info: 838-1715
PrimeTimers
Social group for men, 1st Sun/each mo. 4-6pm, Pride Center, 1307 E. 38th
University of Tulsa Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay/Transgendered Alliance
Not active this summer. Meets at the Canterbury Ctr., 5th & Evanston, 583-9780

MONDAYS
HIV Testing Clinic, Free & anonymous testing. No appointment required.
Walk in testing: 7-8:30pm Results: 7-9pm, Info: 742-2927
PFLAG, Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
2nd Mon/each mo. 6:30pm, Fellowship Congregational Church, 2900 S. Harvard
Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group, Borders Bookstore
1st Mon/each month, 7:30pm, 2740 E 21st, 712-9595, July Book is Mercedes Lackey’s Magic’s Pawn
Womens Literature Discussion Group, Borders Bookstore
3rd Mon/each month, 7:30pm, 2740 E. 21st, 712-9595
Mixed Volleyball, 6:30pm, Helmerich Park, 71st & Riverside, 587-6557
Unity Lambda Al-anon, 7-30pm, 1307 E. 38th, 2nd fl.

TUESDAYS
Lesbian Mothers Support Group, 2nd+4th Tues/each mo. 7pm, 1307 E. 38th
HIV+ Support Group, HIV Resource Consortium 1:30 pm
4154 S. Harvard, Ste. H-I, Info: Wanda @ 749-4194

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TNAAPP, Tulsa Native American AIDS Prevention Project
Gay/Bi Native American Men’s Group, 6 pm, 1703 E. 2nd, 582-7225, 584-4983
TCC Gay & Lesbian Association of Students (GLAS), Call for scheduled events.
Info: 631-7632 or Jeremy at 712-1600

THURSDAYS
Co-Dependency Support Group, 7:30 Family of Faith, 5451 ES. Mingo, 622-1441
HOPE, HIV Outreach, Prevention, Education
Anonymous HIV Testing, Testing: 7 - 8:30pm, Results: 7 - 9pm, Info: 742-2927
Oklahoma Rainbow Young Adult Network (O’RYAN)
Support/social group for 18-24’s, call Red Rock Mental Health at 663-7272
Tulsa Family Chorale, Weekly practice - 9:30pm, Lola’s, 2630 E. 15th
From Our Hearts to Our House, 11 pm, 3rd Thurs/each mo. Lola’s, 2630 E. 15th
Substance Abuse Support Group for persons with HIV/AIDS 4154 S. Harvard,
Ste. G, 3-4:30pm, Info: 749-4194

FRIDAYS
Safe Haven, Young Adults Social Group, 1st Fri/each mo. 8pm, Pride Ctr., 1307 E. 38th
Arts Coffeehouse, Poetry readings & art display, June 20th, 8-10pm, Pride Ctr.,
Call Mary for more information: 743-6740

SATURDAYS
St. Jerome’s Church, Mass - 6 pm Garden Chapel, 3841 S. Peoria, Info: 742-6227
Narcotics Anonymous, 11 pm, Community of Hope, 1703 E 2nd, Info: 585-1800
Fun Night at the Center, Board games, videos, June 28th, 6-10pm, Pride Ctr.
Call Kathy for more information: 749-2883

OTHER GROUPS
Womens Supper Club, Call for info: 584-2978
SENSES, Society for Exploring New Sensations, Educating & Socializing
Leave message for Kathy, 743-4297
OK Spoke Club, Gay & Lesbian Bike Organization. Rides: Short Ride, 6/25,
6:30pm; Long Ride, 6/28, 7am; Short Rides, 7/2 + 7/9, 6:30pm; Long Rides, 7/5 + 7/12. All rides start at Ziegler Park Recreation Center, 3903 W. 4th St.,
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TFN Food Critic

With Father's Day just around the corner, one might feel the need to do something special for oneself for the annual onslaught of dreadful tie given by gleeful toddlers (or spiteful ex-wives) and the traditional trek to Denny's for the ritual family meal. There's a popular place in Tulsa where one can comfortably provide the whole family and still get a decent meal out of the bargain. Whether it's the kids' treat or a place to take a more mature dad, everyone will be happy with the Spudder Restaurant.

Hidden away in an old, converted Sirloin Stockade on 50th Street just one block east of Sheridan, this long time Tulsa favorite St. Pappy's takes its oil field theme seriously, and a tall drilling rig is assembled outside the front entrance. The aromas of grilling meats wafting tantalizingly through the air will quickly entice the undecided to enter the unpretentious building.

Upon entering the dining room, one is immediately hit with a sensory overload of colorful oil field and gas station memorabilia. The kids will love the old gasoline station, pumps, lights, and oil company signs from around the state and the world. Walls are also filled with old photographs of the oil patch, and even the tables have photos and newspaper clippings decoupaged on their tops. And, for some unexplained reason (a great garage sale bargain perhaps?), the occasional marlin is mounted and hanging on the walls. Back by the open charcoal grill is a large refrigerated case displaying the meats soon to become dinner.

Diners are greeted by youthful and friendly waiters attired in blue overalls, with bright red shirts underneath, who efficiently provide the dinner service during the evening. On our recent visit, we appreciatively noticed several waiters tendency to tables where needed doing, regardless as to whether or not that table was that waiter's responsibility. So, while not trained in the art of elegant service, cheerful service comes from every angle, and a patron need not go long for drink refills, leaving plates removed, or other necessary tasks. Another service surprise was the pre-set flatware--two knives, two forks, and three spoons. Had they only placed them on the tables instead of wrapping them up in a napkin, we would have been orgasmic with glee!

This restaurant wants all of its diners to be well fed and go away stuffed. None of that a la carte thing here--every entrée comes with the house potato soup (a thin soup with chunks of potato and celery, a distinct chive taste, and a mild, peppery bite), house salad, and baked potato with all of the trimmings. After taking the dinner order, the waiters come back to the table bearing an old, black tin lunch pail, which serves as the bread basket throughout the meal.

A wide variety of appetizers are available for the truly hungry, from sauteed mushrooms ($3.95) and chicken livers ($3.95) to a traditional shrimp cocktail ($5.25), and even a small rack of baby back ribs ($6.95).

Spudder, in true Oklahoma style, is basically a steakhouse. So, the entrée choices are filled with all types and cuts of beef--steak ranging from the rib-eye at $13.95 to a 22-ounce T-bone at $22.95. For an additional $1.50, a choice of sauteed mushrooms and onions, cognac sauce, or cracked peppercorns can be added to the steak. Other animals make their way on to the menu as well, such as the pork chops, $12.95, lamp chops, $20.95, and grilled chicken, $11.95. There are also a couple of fish and shrimp selections available, but as we wandered through the dining room on the night of our visit, we did not see a single plate of seafood. Spudder's non-vegetarian patrons are there for the steak.

When our sirloin strips and rib-eyes arrived hot and sizzling at the table, we were all quite pleased with what we found. Each cut of beef was very thickly cut and glistening with juices, and, as we sliced and tasted our way into the tender meat, we were so pleased to find the taste of aged beef, simply charcoal and grilled well. No liquor, no smoke, no mecate smoke, and none of those Lebanese marinades which overpoweringly pervade the meat at so many of Tulsa's local steakhouses.

Not forgetting the kiddies in the 12 and under set, a Junior Oilman dinner for $4.95 gives the children their choice of fried shrimp, chicken fingers, ground sirloin, or a pork chop. Stuffed and happy as we were at the conclusion of our meals, we had to try out the dessert selections. At Spudder, the choices are simple and inexpensive--all $2.95, and include two types of fruit cobbler, the ubiquitous cheesecake, and a rocky road chocolate mousse cake. Our cute, dimpled waiter and his favorite dessert was the mousse cake, so we succumbed and ordered one slice to share amongst the whole table. It arrived, frosted solid, and full of marshmallows and peanuts, obviously a commercially prepared dessert. We weren't overly fond of it, but reminded ourselves that it was only $2.95, so we didn't complain. A small wine list is available, mostly consisting of the popular California labels and mostly French varietals. Imported beers seemed to be more of what the largely male clientele chose to drink.

All in all, an evening at Spudder is a pleasant experience, and is suitable for family dining all times of the year. Alas, they don't take reservations, so look for a seat on Father's Day; nevertheless, this is a place where we wouldn't mind waiting.
fight against AIDS, is accusing the medical profession of apathy toward the epidemic.

The daughter of Michigan multimillionaire Max Fisher and longtime GOP activist contracted the virus from her late ex-husband. Ms. Fisher has spent much of the past five years campaigning for AIDS awareness and the aggressive pursuit of a cure.

But in remarks delivered on her behalf Thursday to graduates of the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Ms. Fisher said her dealings with the medical profession have left her "frustrated to the point of rage."

"Mary Fisher, the girl next door, the blond Republican, the woman who produces encouraging photographs and delivers inspiring speeches — Mary Fisher is struggling to care about whether she lives or dies," she wrote in a letter read aloud to the graduates by Deborah Dingell, president of the General Motors Foundation.

Ms. Fisher, 49, attacked doctors "whose primary purpose in life is to secure enough money to perfect ... long pots and slippery chip shots." Too many physicians have refused to treat AIDS patients out of fear their practices will be harmed, and many have failed to keep tabs on new developments in AIDS research, she wrote. "I've visited far too many physicians in recent years who passed their exams but failed to keep learning," wrote Ms. Fisher, who lives in Nyack, N.Y. "As a result, I knew more about my health than they did. ... What such physicians cured was not my disease, but my confidence in doctors."

Her spokesman, James Heynen, said Ms. Fisher is not dying. "She's OK. ... She just hurts," Heynen told The Detroit News in a report published Friday. "She's sad, she's sick, she's angry."

Teenage HIv/AIDS Educators

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Christopher Blount is no stranger to the dangers of AIDS. He's known three people who died from it. He works for a program that sends a mobile home into Newark's housing projects and other communities to offer literature, condoms and free HIV testing.

He gets tested regularly. Christopher Blount is 17 years old.

That puts him in an age group increasingly at risk of contracting the disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figure that as many as half the cases each year are in people under 25. This is in spite of the fact that they are growing up in an era when AIDS prevention messages are all around them, on billboards and television and in the schools.

Part of the problem, medical experts say, is that the natural inclination of young people to believe in their own invincibility. "There are too many kids that are headstrong, nonchalant," Blount said. "They're not willing to accept what's going on."

And they say that while the message is out there it is not being taught well enough to reach the people who need to hear it. "Prevention can work, but we don't have the will fiscally and politically to do what it takes. The prevention messages we have are ineffective," said Dr. Robert Johnson, director of the division at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey that runs the mobile testing program.

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"Clearly, we are not doing a good enough job," said Dr. Marcia Sokol-Anderson, assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology at the St. Louis University Medical School. "We don't know the best way to approach this group." Although 39 states offer training to nurses, says it's easier to educate from condom use and HIV testing to sexual behavior, only 31 percent of those who teach AIDS prevention in schools were trained, the CDC said in September.

The CDC also found that more than half of AIDS-prevention programs were taught in a second priority to our embarrassment and not put the health of our young people as a second priority to our embarrassment and not put the health of our young people at risk. Parents are so reluctant to discuss it that they're throwing their kids to the wolves," Crockett said. "The disease has taken roots in our community, and we need to educate young people, but Johnson says he focuses on getting those who are at high risk tested. CDC figures show the Newark metropolitan area has the seventh-highest AIDS rate in the country, with 73.9 new cases per 100,000 people in 1996. In the state, that figure is second only to the neighboring Jersey City, Hudson County area, which had 97.7 new cases per 100,000 people last year, third in the nation. The national average is 34.1 cases per 100,000 people.

There are no firm figures for AIDS cases among Newark teens, but Johnson estimates there are between 800 and 1,000 HIV-positive teenagers in the city. "We have to find the kids who are infected and stand with them," Johnson said. "If a kid is sexually active, get him tested. That is sound from a health point of view." Mustafa Harper, a 19-year-old worker in Johnson's program, says it's easier to persuade people his own age to get tested than to preach to them. "It's hard to tell a parent about abstinence," he said. "If they've been having sex for years, they're going to stop now? But director James Anderson says the 9-month-old program has had some success in getting young people to think about safe sex, by using teen-agers to speak to teen-agers.

On a recent trip though the city's housing projects on a rainy afternoon, the dark red mobile home was surrounded by people at each stop. The workers spent as much time in everyday conversation as they did asking people to get tested, something Anderson says had led those in the community to trust them. "You're looking at someone who's like you, who's involved with the same stuff. You think, 'Maybe there's some validity to this,'" Anderson said. "You need to utilize the proper messenger with the proper message, one that's culture sensitive and reality sensitive," he said. "You need to build relationships."

The first step is being honest about young people and sexuality, said Paul Hampton Crockett, a Miami Beach, Fla., attorney who has written a book about the legal rights of HIV-positive people. "We don't want to talk about sex. Parents are so reluctant to discuss it that they're throwing their kids to the wolves," Crockett said. "The disease has taken roots in our communities, leaving our young people at risk," he said, "We need to decide we will not put the health of our young people as a second priority to our embarrassment about sex."
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THIS STOCK WILL RISE I'm a friendly, 19 year old, White male, 5’10’’, 150lbs, with brown hair and Hazel eyes. Right now I'm just looking for friends but who knows what might happen. Let's talk. Call me. (Tulsa) =31795

QUICK DRAW I'd like to get to know some other guys who like to have fun, I'm a well built, White male, 6’1’, 205lbs. I enjoy drawing and painting, especially alternative and industrial music. You should be looking, artistic and quiet nights at home. (Tulsa) =20380

NO SUBSTANCES, JUST US This drug free, stocky, free of alcohol, Gay, White male, 22, 35lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes, seeks a similar man, 21 to 30, for a little intrigue and some friendly times. I'd like to have a good time with you, give me a call. (Tulsa) =20380

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NEW FACES I'm a good looking, male, 23, 170lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I go to school during the day and wonder what's going on at night. Show me. (Tulsa) =33207

IN TRANSITION I want to build a relationship with another good looking, Gay, Male. I'm 26, 5’, with Brown hair and blue eyes. You should be clean, nice, and fun. I hope we can have a long term relationship. (Tulsa) =33207

FALCON VIDEO STAR I'm the star of several hot videos by Falcon and other studios. I'm raising relatives and am banned still. The natives want me to go fishing but I've got other things on my mind. I'm 29, 6’, 180lbs, with dirty blond hair, Green eyes, and sour face. I'm in great shape. (Tyler) =32019

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TULSA TWO STEPPER Show me around town and teach me the West Coast Swing. I'm a young looking, 30 year old, Hispanic male, 5’, 125lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. I'm pretty new to town and want to make friends. I love to dance and can two step with the best of them. I'm a big fan of country music, movies, and love people. Let's meet. (Tulsa) =32934

JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME I want to get close to someone who is able to have a relationship without letting anyone else know about it. I'm a good looking, 37 year old, Married, B, male. (Tulsa) =52935

CARESS AND Cuddle COWBOY This 24 year old, massively, Chiseled, cowboying, seeks a man who might be interested in a relationship. I'm a good looking bull rider with a nice build, 6’, with Brown hair and Brown eyes. I'm into this scene and like to kiss, career, and cuddle. (Tulsa) =38502

MAD FOR MASCULINE Men I'm looking to get to know, and have good times with, other masculine Gay, or Bi, White males, between 18 and 34, in the area. I'm a good looking, Gay, White male, 33, 6’, 160lbs, white hair. We can't wait before you call us. (Tulsa) =32669

CLEAN CUT CONSERVATIVE I'm a white male in my late teens. I'm looking for a very discreet male to get together with. You should be clean cut, conservative, no older than me, let's enjoy sex. I enjoy collecting books and traveling. Let's share our dreams and goals and see where that leads. Discretion is vital. (Tulsa) =32669

END MY WAIT This old fashioned, romantic is looking for companionship and love from you. Please call soon. (Tulsa) =41560

SERVICE IS MY BUSINESS This young looking, 42 year old white male, with well built, masculine, face. I have a good build from frequent work and daily habits. (Tulsa) =33207

MY WIFE'S IN THE DARK I want to have some fun with another guy, but my wife can't know anything about it. I'm 27 and good looking. Call if you're fun and can be discreet. (Tulsa) =32019

TRUE IN TULSA I'm a masculine, muscular, 21 year old, Single Black male, 6’, 225lbs, looking for hair, and Brown eyes, looking for new friends to hang out with. Don't be afraid to ask, but occasionally go out for drinks. I have a lot of older interests such as working out. Let's meet and see what happens. I'm a good looking, masculine, Aires, and love meeting new men. (Tulsa) =33213

TAKE OFF MY SASH I'm Mr. Tulsa Renegade, and I want to have some fun. I'm a very hot, leather. My name is up in the Mr. Oklahoma Leather contest this last year. Find out what's all about me. Call now. (Tulsa) =32161

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE I'm 28 years old Single White male, 6’, 190lbs, with Hazel eyes, masculine legs. Looking to meet someone between 20 to 30. Must be clean and Straight to help me with my first experience with a man. (Tulsa) =31999

BLUE COWBOY This 55 year old, Gay, White male, cowboying, and businessman, would like to meet a younger top man, between 35 and 55, to live with in out of state. Oklahoma. I'm 5’, 140lbs, with short, stock, Silver hair, striking Blue eyes, and a mustache. You should be well put together and douse the type of guy. (Tulsa) =32018
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