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New York doctor offers abortion drugs, wants FDA research status

NEW YORK (AP) — Soothing classical music wafts above a mother-and-child sculpture in the earth-toned waiting room. The setting, a Park Avenue doctor's office, belies the political and scientific upheaval within. In his book-lined inner sanctum, Dr. Richard Hausknecht can't escape the unrelenting phone. Doctors and patients around the nation have heard he performs abortions with drugs instead of surgery, and many want to try it. Hausknecht concedes he's "a little bit of a rebel." Back in the '60s, when he was a gynecology resident at Yale, he handed out diaphragms in defiance of a state ban on contraceptives that was later struck down. He has long been distressed by delays in marketing RU486, the French abortion pill. Earlier this year, he was in the shower when

the idea popped into his head: Why not offer an alternative? He pored over American and European research on two other, available drugs. One, called methotrexate, is a tissue-growth inhibitor used to treat cancer, arthritis and psoriasis. For decades, doctors also have used it to end ectopic pregnancies, which develop outside the uterus. The other is misoprostol, an ulcer medicine that also hastens labor. Hausknecht decided to use the drugs to induce abortions. He ran ads in The New York Times, offering "a new, safe and effective approach to the termination of early pregnancy utilizing FDA approved medications." Since January 1993, researchers have been trying to determine whether the two drugs, used in tandem to in-

duce abortions, are safe and effective. In the meantime, their use in a non-research setting falls into a gray area. The Food and Drug Administration says a doctor may prescribe a drug for an unorthodox use — from time to time. But it's a large number of patients, when data is being gathered systematically, it's considered research," said FDA spokesman Larry Bachorik. Hausknecht has applied for FDA research status. He insists his technique is "not research, but innovative medical care." He has provided the drugs to 126 women. Dr. David Grimes of the University of California at San Francisco, an FDA-approved researcher of the drugs, said doctors know too little about their effects to prescribe them even to a single patient.

States propose barring laws shielding homosexuals from discrimination

UNDATED (AP) — Backlash against protection for homosexuals from bigotry and bias is evident in this year's elections, with anti-gay rights measures on ballots in Oregon, Idaho and Alachua County, Fla. But there might have been more, making just the few measures a victory of sorts for gay rights advocates who spent the year keeping similar proposals off Nov. 8 ballots in seven states. Virtually identical, Oregon's Measure 13 and Idaho's Proposition 1 would bar state and local governments from enacting laws that shield gays from discrimination. They also would outlaw programs in public institutions such as schools that suggest homosexuality is acceptable. And they would require libraries to keep books on homosexuality away from minors. Oregon's measure would eradicate local gay rights ordinances in Portland, Corvallis, Ashland and Eugene and undo a 1993 state law that bars local anti-gay rights ordinances. In Alachua County, home to the University of Florida at Gainesville and 182,000 people, voters will decide two ballot measures, one to repeal a county ban on discrimination against gays and the other to forbid future ones. The Oregon measure grew out of a failed 1992 proposal to brand homosexuals "abnormal ... and perverse" in the state constitution.

The author is Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance. The Idaho Citizens Alliance is run by Halcy Walton, an old Bible school friend of Mabon. They believe it is wrong to provide any specific protection from bias in housing or employment — civil rights guarantees already on the books in eight states (18 other states have executive orders that ban discrimination in public employment). "I think a vast majority of Oregonians, including business owners, are pretty tolerant people. As long as someone keeps their sexual practices to themselves, I don't think their job is in jeopardy," Mabon said. Mabon said Measure 13 protects children: "We don't want children taught that homosexuality is OK." Polls indicate public opinion vacillates on the issue. And all but a few candidates in Oregon and Idaho, Republican or Democrat, oppose the measures. Gay activists and civil rights organizations see the measures as part of a broader agenda by some conservatives using moral and religious beliefs to raise money and gain political power. "I think that people who are concerned about human rights and the dignity of all Americans have to be concerned about the right wing's continuing effort to exploit this issue," said Arthur Kropp, president of the liberal People for the American Way in Washington, D.C.

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EXERCISE CLASSES * INFORMAL RECREATION * INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS * INTRAMURALS * SPORT CLUBS * TAMU OUTDOORS

Week At A Glance

Mon., Oct. 17

- * **Entries Open:**
 - * Field Goal Kicking
 - * Flickerball
 - * Mountain Biking Day Trip
 - * Backpacking Trip
- * **Officials' Mtg:** Flickerball-7 p.m., 164 Read

Tues., Oct. 18

- * **Entries Close:**
 - * Badminton
 - * Pickleball
 - * Punt, Pass & Kick

Fri., Oct. 21

- * **Brackets Posted:** Badminton & Pickleball, 2 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 22

- * Men's Rugby vs Rice, TBA, Zachry Field

Ski New Mexico

Dec. 16 - 20

Registration Deadline extended till Oct. 31

You are invited to join TAMU Outdoors for your preference downhill, cross-country, or both! We will downhill ski at Red River Ski Area which offers a variety of skiing ability and a top elevation of 10,350'. Cross-country skiers will enjoy the Enchanted Forest Ski Area with 1,400 acres of spectacular forests and sweeping meadows.

The downhill ski option is \$282*/310** and includes transportation, lodging, and a two-day lift ticket. The cross-country ski option is \$257*/283** and includes transportation, lodging, and a one-day instruction, two-day ski rental and a trail pass package.

For more information, please call Patsy, 845-3093. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover welcome.

HAVE YOU BEEN FRAMED?

Have you seen a Rec Sports photographer taking your picture at a Rec Sports event? If so, you can purchase a black & white copy in the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read. Orders take 2 weeks to process.

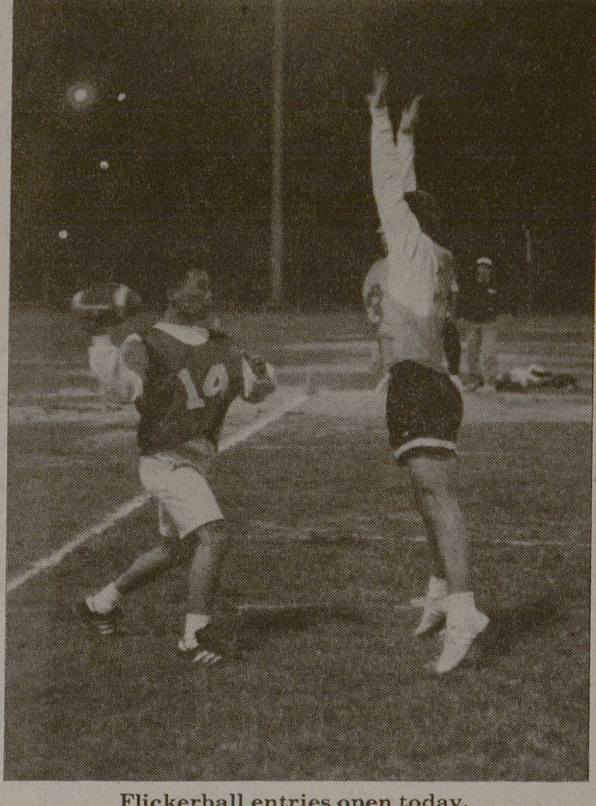
5 x 7 \$4
8 x 10 \$5

Intramurals

Listed below are the activities opening for the rest of the semester. For more information, come to the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

Sport	Open	Close	Fee
Bowling	Oct. 24	Nov. 1	\$1.50/game
Archery	Oct. 31	Nov. 8	Free!
Weightlifting	Oct. 31	Nov. 8	Free!
Cross Country Run	Nov. 7	Nov. 17	Free!
Eight-Ball Singles	Nov. 7	Nov. 15	\$2
Sport Trivia Bowl	Nov. 7	Nov. 15	Free!

...sign up soon!



Flickerball entries open today.

Sports Officials Wanted

FLICKERBALL OFFICIALS' ORIENTATION MEETING:

Tonight!
7 p.m.
164 Read

Fast Fact: Flickerball

What's Flickerball?
It's a game that combines both basketball and football skills. The game is played on a field 53 yards long and 30 yards wide. A rectangular goal on a pole with an opening in the middle is positioned at each end of the field. The object is to advance the football toward the goal by passing and then attempting to throw the ball through the goal opening.

C P R CLASS

Sun., Oct. 30
1-4 p.m.

You must pre-register before attending the class.

\$5 for non-Rec employees. Register at the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read. Deadline to register is Fri., Oct. 28.

TAMU Outdoors

Listed below are the activities opening for the rest of the semester. For more information, come to the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

Trip	Date	Open	Close	Fee
Hiking Day Trip	Oct. 30	NOW	Oct. 24	\$15*/20**
Backpacking Trip	Nov. 4-6	TODAY	Oct. 31	\$35*/40**
Mt. Biking Trip	Nov. 6	TODAY	Oct. 31	\$25*/30**
Rock Climbing Trip	Nov. 11-13	Oct. 24	Nov. 7	\$48*/55**
Sea Kayaking- Baja, Mexico	May 15-20	NOW	Apr. 14, '95	\$380*/418**
Sail/SCUBA Dive- the Bahamas	Aug. 19-25	NOW	June 15, '95	\$649

*Students and faculty/staff with rec memberships
**Faculty/staff without a rec membership and the Bryan/College Station community