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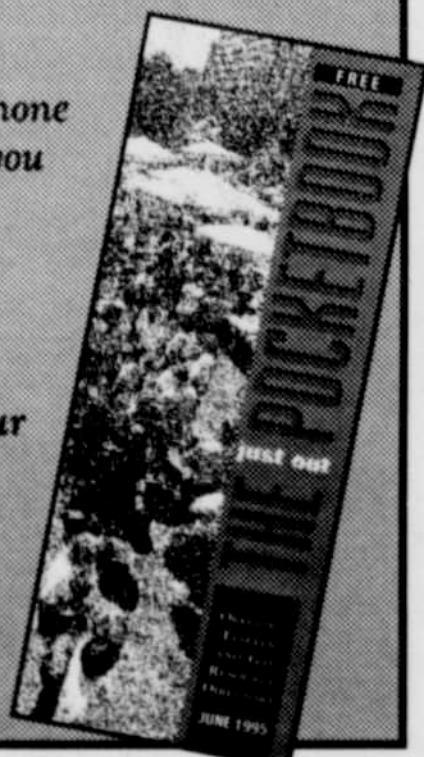
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CALIFORNIA

Tired of using the Internet as a visual medium only? A San Francisco-based gay and lesbian radio show may have solved that problem for 'Net surfers everywhere. *Hibernia Beach*, a commercial radio program broadcast on "Live 105," a Bay-area rock station in operation since October 1989, can now be heard on the Internet. The audio "netcast" is made possible by "TrueSpeech," a software program developed by DSP Group Inc., a Bay-area firm, reports *The Washington Blade*.

The new technology, is called "audio in demand." The software compresses speech over 10 times, and one can listen to the program as it is being downloaded. Users will also be able to listen to *Hibernia Beach* in the background while visiting other Internet sites. Currently, only those with an IBM compatible computer running Windows with a sound card can access all features of the program. Mac users can access the text, but not the sound.

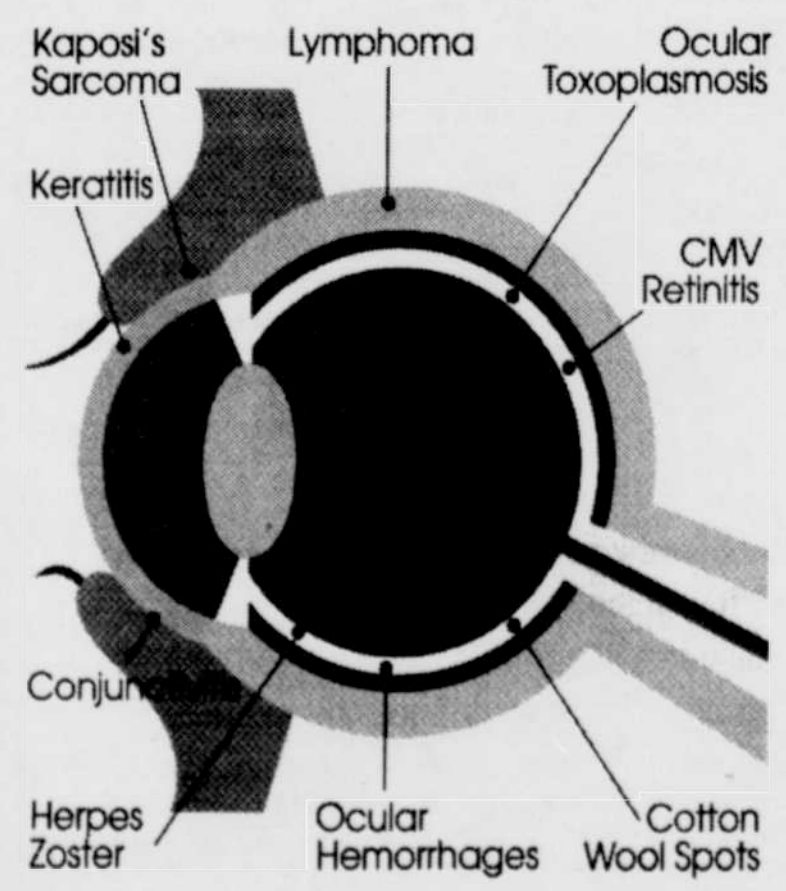
To reach *Hibernia Beach*, users should enter the 'Net through their service provider and access the *Hibernia Beach* Web site at <http://hooked.net/glean>. Download the TrueSpeech Player software from the menu, pick a file and play it.

A security guard has been arrested in San Francisco for the murder of a panhandler. Scott Fredette, 31, was off-duty at the time of the shooting, according to a story in the *Baltimore Gay Paper*. Fredette told police that Harold Cummings asked him for money, that Fredette refused to give him any money, and that Cummings then began waving his arms and shouting anti-gay remarks. Fredette stated he thought Cummings was going to attack him and his companion. He drew his gun and shot Cummings four times.

According to police, Cummings was shot in the back, apparently as he ran away. Witnesses told police that Cummings' behavior was not particularly threatening.

NEW YORK

The Jewish Guild for the Blind has released a new poster and brochure illustrating the various vision disorders that can affect people with HIV



and AIDS. The four-color poster shows a cross-section of the human eye labeled with each of nine potential vision disorders appearing in the part of the eye it affects. An accompanying brochure describes the disorders listed on the poster.

Single copies of the poster and the brochure are available free of charge by contacting the

Public Relations Department, Jewish Guild for the Blind, 15 W 65th St., New York, NY 10023, (212) 769-6237.

WASHINGTON

A Seattle businessman has made a \$450,000 bequest in memory of his late son to the Pride Foundation, a gay and lesbian foundation located in Seattle. Bill Lambert made the bequest in honor of his son, Gray Lambert, who died of AIDS in 1991. The bequest reflects Lambert's recognition of his son's involvement with the lesbian and gay community and his confidence that the Pride Foundation will continue his son's work.

The Cal Anderson House, a low-income housing project for people with AIDS, opened this July. Located in Seattle, the project is named for Rep. Cal Anderson, the state's only openly gay statewide elected official. Washington Gov. Mike Lowry, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and Anderson were present at the grand opening.

Money for the housing project came from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Washington, the City of Seattle and private donations, reports the *Seattle Gay News*. The project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

Anderson died of complications due to AIDS on Aug. 4, 1995.

Lesbian- and gay-owned businesses are skyrocketing, according to a report by Success Ventures, a Seattle research and consulting firm. A spokesman for the firm, Jonathan Crew, said that more gay and lesbian businesses have opened in the past 12 months than in the previous three years, according to a report in the *Kansas City News-Telegraph*.

Crew said the study shows many of the new businesses are started by partners. Many of the businesses provide business products and services, entertainment, computer services and travel services. According to Crew, the survey indicates that many of the newer companies have equal employment and domestic partnership policies that not only cover employees but also extend to the businesses these companies deal with. "I think it is going to have a domino effect," said Crew. "These businesses are successful, and other companies are certainly going to want their business. The trickle-down theory may work here."

WEST VIRGINIA

A West Virginia University policy granting same-sex partners of staff and students benefits similar to those given married couples went into effect in June. It lasted barely a week before University System Chancellor Charles Manning suspended the policy. That suspension was continued on July 7 by the Social Justice Committee of the board of the University System of West Virginia.

The benefits that would have been enjoyed by same-sex partners included access to recreational and library facilities, campus day care and private scholarships for their

children. Health and life insurance benefits were not included.

Those supporting the suspension said the policy appeared to conflict with state law, which does not recognize same-sex relationships.

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