

*Diffusing the Radical Right's lies in our schools*

By STEVE CHRYSLER  
For the Houston Voice

A national organization of teachers and celebrities that fight homophobia in schools is organizing October's second annual gay history month observance. International tennis star Martina Navratilova, award winning actress, Susan Sarandon, and Olympic champion Greg Louganis are a few of the many celebrities backing the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network, (GLSTN), whose director, Kevin Jennings, explains: "The assaults of the Radical Right are based on defaming us as monsters and molesters. Our ability to put a human face on that bogeyman is our strongest defense."

The first annual Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month actually prospered. In 1994, a small network of teachers and community members across the country began working to create a time when attention could be focused on the contributions of lesbian, gay, and bisexual

people to America's development. Organizations like the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force endorsed them, and political leaders such as Governors William Weld (Mass.) and Lowell Weicker (Conn.) and Mayors Richard Daley (Chicago) and Thomas Menino (Boston)

issued proclamations to celebrate this inaugural event on Oct. 1, 1994. October was chosen to build on existing traditions like National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11), and to honor the first two marches on Washington organized by gay, lesbian, and bisexual activists in 1979 and 1987.

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Kevin Jennings, director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN)

## National Education Association backs gay history project

(MINNEAPOLIS)—The country's largest teachers' union has given a supportive nod to the move for a more accurate portrayal of the roles of gay men and lesbians in history. The National Education Association passed a resolution at its Representative Assembly in July supporting the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month.

The resolution was offered by a group of NEA members including Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, who is credited as the founder of Lesbian and Gay History Month. In an overwhelming 2 to 1 vote of the 9000 delegates, the Representative Assembly approved an amendment to reso-

lution B-8, Sexual Orientation Education, which was passed in July 1994. Resolution B-8 called for sexual orientation training programs for teachers; accurate portrayal of the roles and contributions of gay, lesbian and bisexual people in history; acceptance of diverse sexual orientation and awareness of sexual stereotyping; and the elimination of sexual orientation name-calling and jokes in the classroom. The recent action added paragraph "d": "Support for the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month as a means of acknowledging the contributions of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals throughout history."

The NEA has over 2 million members nationwide.

## Clinton ends U.S. security ban on gays

By KIM I. MILLS  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, Aug. 4 (AP)—President Clinton officially ended the government's assumption that homosexuals can't be trusted with national secrets by ordering an end Friday to discrimination based on sexual orientation in granting security clearances.

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Novelist Anne Rice greeted Houston fans on an appropriately dark and stormy night last week, dressed in a black bridal gown...Page 10

## Council candidates introduced at community forum

### HGLPC and AALGA Unite Efforts

The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus and the African-American Lesbian & Gay Alliance jointly hosted a public forum last Wednesday, Aug. 2, to introduce potential candidates for Houston City Council District D. Six of the eight candidates currently running for the council seat attended the meeting, which took place at Stouffer's Hotel in Greenway Plaza.

District D is one of Houston's most diverse council districts, and comprises Montrose and the Third Ward-East/Southeast neighborhoods. The district is approximately 50 percent black, and approximately 35 percent of the registered voters live in the Montrose area.

The candidates who attended the meeting were Jew Don Boney, George Dillard, Nathaniel West, May Walker, Sylvia Terry and Saundria Chase-Gray. Boney

noted to representatives of the gay organizations that their event marked the first community forum of the city election campaign season for candidates in the race. Two of the candidates, Dillard and West, also attended an informal get-together with members of the caucus and AALGA on Monday at a Montrose restaurant.

The gay and lesbian community has experienced strained relations with current District D council member Al Calloway, beginning with alleged election irregularities in Calloway's race against openly gay candidate Eugene Harrington in 1993. More recently, activists have charged Calloway with homophobia and AIDS-phobia as a result of the council member's support of Houston's removal of funding from Brentwood Church for proposed AIDS housing. Many political observers believe the gay/lesbian vote is critical in an expected crowded race this November.

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## Washington State Rep. Cal Anderson dies

By DAVID AMMONS  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 5 (AP)—Cal Anderson, the first openly gay member of the Washington Legislature, has died after a battle with AIDS.

Secretary of the Senate Marty Brown said Anderson was found dead by his partner, Eric Ishino, at their Seattle home when Ishino came home from work Friday.

A man who answered the phone at the Anderson home Friday night declined comment.

The immediate cause of death was not known. However, Anderson, a Democratic senator from Seattle's 43rd District, was absent for most of the 1995 legislative session, battling non-Hodgkins lymphoma, an AIDS-related cancer.

Anderson announced in April that vigorous chemotherapy had eradicated

the lymphoma, but he was left weakened and susceptible to further opportunistic illnesses. In June, he missed being grand marshal of Seattle's gay-pride parade due to blood clots in his legs and lungs.

"Everybody thought he was doing fine," Brown said. "He was off chemotherapy. His hair was growing back and he seemed to be getting stronger.

"People will be shocked to learn of his death."

Gov. Mike Lowry, a fellow Democrat, called Anderson "a man of integrity and courage who served the people of his district and the state with distinction."

Anderson, 47, was awarded two Bronze Stars and two Army Commendation Medals during his tour of duty in Vietnam. He was appointed to the House in Nov. 1987 to fill out an unexpired term.

He won House elections in 1988, 1990 and 1992 in the heavily Democratic,

liberal 43rd District, and won an open Senate seat in 1994 with 81 percent of the vote. He took an interest in civil rights, the environment, and legislation dealing with elections, ethics and state government.

Anderson for years waged an unsuccessful battle to have the Legislature adopt a gay-rights bill. He was a major force in fighting anti-gay rights initiatives in 1994.

"He spent too short a time with us," said Senate Majority Leader Marc Gaspard, a close friend. "He lived a life of dignity and courage and grace. His pain is gone, he's with God."

In a 1994 interview, on the day the so-called gay civil-rights bill died for the 17th year in a row, Anderson said his tenure in the Legislature put a human face on homosexuality and would pave the way for eventual passage of the legislation and equal treatment for gays and lesbians.

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# Interview with AmFAR founder Dr. Mathilde Krim

By JAVIER TAMEZ  
Houston Voice/Houston

Dr. Mathilde Krim. The American Foundation for AIDS Research. It is impossible to mention one without thinking of the other. As well it should be. For Dr. Krim, who serves as director of the board for AmFAR, as well as sitting on the organization's science advisory committee, is also one of the founders of what has become the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research.

Dr. Krim's involvement with AIDS began in the early '80s. She would later recall November, 1980 as the time when a physician friend of hers said he "was losing his touch," because he had been unable to successfully treat several patients, all of whom were gay men. Soon Dr. Krim heard of other physicians lamenting of the same situation, and she looked more closely. Initially she was interested because she recognized that the patients, most of whom had Kaposi's sarcoma, would be ideal for assessing the effectiveness of interferon because of the easily measurable advance or retreat of the lesions.

Over the next several months, however, as the malady slowly began to spread, Dr. Krim realized that there was a huge lack of coordination among the city's medical facilities and research institutions and an utter lack of support from the municipal government in fighting the incipient epidemic. So in no-nonsense fashion she made a decision to spearhead an effort to coordinate AIDS research. The result was the AIDS Medical Foundation, which at the time she envisioned as being "in existence for 5-8 years."

The early going was not easy. "We went to corporations asking for money for care institutions, but we were not successful in raising enough money to make it a worthwhile cause. So the group turned to the government, asking for compensation for cities faced with huge expenses in caring for patients. This was an obstacle because the federal government, while traditionally funding medical research, had never funded medical care, exception for the cost of kidney dialysis."

But Dr. Krim remained undaunted. Two years later the cause of AIDS research was furthered when she and Dr. Michael Gottlieb, founder of the National AIDS Research Foundation, based in Los Angeles, agreed to merge the two organizations. "It did not make sense to have competing organizations. These days most people assume the other co-founder was Elizabeth Taylor, because she had such a high profile, but really it was Dr. Gottlieb."

Thus AmFAR was born. And this organization has proven invaluable in providing funds for research (both basic biomedical research and clinical research), education for AIDS prevention and promotion of AIDS-related public policy. Since 1985 AmFAR has provided over \$77

million to more than 1600 research teams, with over \$1.6 million coming to organizations in Houston. In fiscal year 1994, 75% of the funds raised went for programs, grants and services. AmFAR mobilizes the good will, energy and generosity of caring Americans to end the AIDS epidemic. And a large part of that is the woman who started it all.

Dr. Krim is a short woman of robust energy. She is singularly captivating and has a thick European accent that seems fitting in one of the country's preeminent research scientists. She recently stopped in Houston on one of her innumerable fundraising forays to sites all across the country, and she took the time to share her thoughts and views on a variety of aspects related to the cause to which she has so selflessly dedicated herself.

On Larry Kramer: "I felt that originally there was definitely a role to be played by people who would call attention to the issues. If you cannot call attention with calm arguments, then you raise hell. And I was very supportive of that. ...but they have lost a lot of thunder. One has to get down and do the job. And a job is a job is a job."

On progress against AIDS: "A mistake many people make is to think that there is one answer or that it's going to be a breakthrough, and overnight the virus will be gone. It's not going to happen real quick, nor will things get much better sooner, but things have improved. In 1985, we'd get patients and most of them had PCP. And we couldn't help them. Now we know how to treat it and prevent it. And some patients get it a half dozen times, and they recover each time. That's one problem we defeated. Naturally there are other opportunistic infections."

On the work of the late Dr. Jonas Salk: "Dr. Salk worked on a vaccine that cannot be given to non-HIV infected people, because it's a whole virus and the dangers are too great. No one would recommend someone who is not infected to take the vaccine. But for people who are already infected, the Salk vaccine is a very reasonable approach, because the way to attenuate this virus is to make it non-disease causing. It's a method that uncovered the core protein of the virus. It removed the envelope protein to try and locate a weakness."

On fundraising efforts: "AmFAR is national, so we have to raise money everywhere although the bulk comes from NY and California. We have to try and develop a network of support in other cities, because unfortunately research is expensive. And we do mostly that—biomedical research. But we need to raise more funds. The public must understand that money comes back in the form of grants for either biomedical or educational purposes and sometimes for clinical services if they do some things that merit research. We have already invested more money in Houston than ever came from Houston to AmFAR. And this is true of most cities."

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**THE OUTsider**  
by Curt Morrison

**Waco: Transparent Politics, Necessary Process**

The U.S. House of Representatives' hearings into the Branch Davidian confrontation at Waco concluded last week with great fanfare, but no major revelations. The outcome: Attorney General Janet Reno was solely responsible for the decision to raid the compound, the President did not pressure Reno or the FBI to end the standoff prematurely, and there was no other clear choice of action. The only new details that emerged, albeit they were few, tended to support Janet Reno's course of ending the stalemate. Testimony revealed that sexual abuse of children was, indeed, a common practice at the Branch Davidian compound, as confirmed by a tearful 14 year old member. In addition, the compound had cached illegal firearms and the evidence presented clearly indicates that Koresh's followers, not federal agents, as some say, started the fires that destroyed the compound, killing 81 inside.

The general attitude concerning this entire incident in our community has been characteristically nonchalant, and it begs an answer. The congressional hearings delving into the circumstances of Waco have an indirect bearing on our interests as a community, and our indifference to the situation, quite frankly, astounds me.

This was clearly not an investigation into the handling of the Waco incident, merely an attempt by the Republican Party to embarrass the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. The Republicans must, surely, be disappointed, as this did not happen. Politics? Absolutely, but that's the name of the game in Washington. There is, however, one major point that seems to be overlooked. These hearings were, for better or worse, a benefit to the public at large, including the gay and lesbian community. Why? Simply

because they helped clear the air.

David Koresh and his Branch Davidians were religious zealots whose beliefs were not considered normal to most individuals, myself included. The siege at Waco was hyperbole at its worst and seen by millions of people from all walks of life. Conspiracy theories arose, innuendo was spewed and no one was entirely sure of what actually happened during the standoff. In fact, we will probably never know exactly what did happen, however, it was imperative that an investigation ensued, in order to discredit the rampant rhetoric.

Waco, and more recently, Oklahoma City spawned surges in extremist views and rhetoric on both sides of the political spectrum. Both extremes are disturbing. It is not a sign of patriotism to militantly resist governance. It is also not un-American to question the actions of one's government.

If the government had seized a gay religious commune, because our conduct did not coincide with mainstream views, we as a community would be outraged and demand an investigation. Although I do not share the same beliefs as the Branch Davidians, I defend their right to those beliefs. Furthermore, as a concerned gay man, I do believe our government must be accountable for its actions, regardless of the political affiliation of those in power. There may be a point in the future where the government is represented by a political entity whose views I do not share. Therefore, I believe the standards of proper conduct should be held by all fractions.

The politics of the hearings were as inevitable as they were transparent. The public can now judge the Republicans who hyped the hearings as well as the Democrats who attempted to block them. Both were wrong. Secrecy encourages suspicion. We as a community should know that better than most.

**SPORTS NOTES**

**Lambda Skaters**

The Lambda Rollerskating club will host the next Skate Night Wednesday August 16 from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. at the Dairy Ashford Skating Rink, located at 1820 Dairy Ashford.

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**Rolling Bowlers**

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League report A Quiver Runs Through It has moved back into first place while Another Ex is in second and All Major Credit Cards Accepted is third. High scratch games of 244 and high series of 647 was bowled by Chris Bennett for the men while Peri Cain rolled a single game of 234 and series of 580 to lead the ladies. Fall league begins Sept. 11. For more information call Tom at 522-9612.

The Montr6se Monday Night Men's League reports Division A standing of Lube It or Lose It in first place, Doggie Style Too is second and Four Blonde Beavers is third. Division B is headed by So, What's Your Point with Duck Sausage in second and Striking Beauties in third. High scratch game and series of 702 was bowled by Mace Adams. Fall league begins Sept. 10. For more information call Gardy at 641-5424.

The Monday Nite Women's League reports Legal Insanity is in first while Maybe, Maybe Not is second, Nine Is Fine is third and Balls R Out is fourth. Fall league begins Sept 11. For more information call Pat at 437-6218 or Marla at 862-3630.

The Wednesday Nite Mixers report first place is taken by Tongue Wrestlers, second place by Daisy Mae & Seedling and third by Some R Some RN'T. High scratch game of 255 and series of 702 was bowled by Tom O'Dell for the men while Tricia Oneal bowled scratch high game of 232 and series of 605. Fall league begins Sept. 20. for more information call Tom at 522-9612.

NOTE: No Tap Candlelight Doubles will be Saturday, August 19.

## Gay Today

by Glen Webber



### Political Efforts Need Help, Too

I use this column as a forum to discuss things I feel are important to our community. I believe that if each of you makes a commitment of three to five hours a week to some part of the gay community, you would feel more a part of it and get a lot of personal satisfaction from it. Volunteers like you with knowledge and skills could make a difference when the difference is needed.

That is why I want to compliment the Log Cabin Republicans. They want to make a difference on the political scene. This group of gay men and women believe that by working within the Republican Party, they can help publicize and elect moderate candidates, who aren't beholden to the right wing portion of the party. By working with the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, our community's most important political group, on such projects as the Precinct Initiative, they hope to present to us, the voting public, with a choice of candidates who promise to not discriminate against us and who would vote for legislation that will benefit our community. With the November elections coming up, their work is important and necessary, and I personally thank both groups for their efforts.

How much of a difference can the Log Cabin Republicans make? That's hard to say. Nationally, I don't believe they will be that effective. The Republican party has been hijacked by a group of religious leaders whose views of America are very narrow-minded and dangerous. This group has taken over key leadership positions in the party, and are using threats against more moderate Republicans who don't vote the way they are told. Aided by the money of ex-politicians turned lobbyists and the money of right wing fundamentalist groups, the conservative part of the party, who I'll call Right-wingers, are out to change America, from a land of freedom and choice...to a land of no choice and no freedom.

The Right-wingers want to dismantle every environmental law on the

books. They and their corporate buddies have no interest in preserving the environment or protecting the balance of nature. It's bad enough that we don't have clean air and water now, but wait 'till they get control.

The Right-wingers want to dismantle health care assistance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid; programs that help the elderly and feed hungry children; and social programs that help shelter abused women and children. (We are lucky Ryan White bill survived this time).

And of course, with their continued victories, we can kiss good-bye the National Endowment for the Arts, Public Television, and a host of liberal-minded programs that try to give a balance to the right-wing rhetoric sweeping the nation. They also want to go into public schools and teach their biased religious doctrine as the daily curriculum. They want to use what little sex education is left to promote abstinence and anti-gay lifestyle views. Those who remember growing up gay, like myself, recall having to fight every day the stigmas of the negative views of homosexuality. I know that some of you are still fighting it today.

Everything the Right-wingers are doing is under the false guise of Patriotism. Those buzzwords they throw at the American people confuse them. The people are scared of what is happening in this country, and because they aren't questioning the Right-wingers twisted views, they are accepting as fact the misinformation and double talk that has become part of the Right-wingers campaigns.

I'm scared of all the things that affect America today. I'm more scared that the leaders who right now are gaining control of the Congress, state houses, and local governments across the country aren't offering viable solutions to our country's problems. Let's hope the Log Cabin Republicans and the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus can make a difference. They can't do it without our support, so please register to vote and support the candidates our organizations recommend. Ultimately, it will be up to all of us to make the difference when the difference is needed.

## Idaho anti-gay initiative revised, refiled

BOISE, Idaho, Wednesday, Aug. 2 (AP)—The Idaho Citizens Alliance on Wednesday eliminated restrictions on library access to information in an attempt to make its anti-gay initiative more palatable to voters.

The alliance, filing a revised initiative petition with the secretary of state late in the day, also modified the initiative's language on expenditure of public funds in connection with the homosexual debate in an attempt to ensure that it does not violate free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution.

"It was never our intent to put a muzzle on a professor or a student," alliance founder Kelly Walton said. Walton admitted there is a fine line between a public employee expressing his own opinion in a state-financed classroom and the use of public dollars to promote a position on homosexuality.

"We don't want the Department of Commerce or Travel or any other department to sanction it," Walton

said. "People have a right to disagree, even if they're state employees as long as the department doesn't have a position on it."

Walton's revised initiative will now be given a ballot title by the attorney general's office, and then the alliance can begin collecting signatures.

It needs 41,335 registered voter signatures by July 5 to put the initiative on the Nov. 1996 ballot. Walton's 1994 initiative, which included restrictions on library access, failed by less than 3100 votes in a record non-presidential year.

Walton managed to collect less than 40,000 to put that initiative on the ballot. Only 31,000 were needed, based on the formula used for that election.

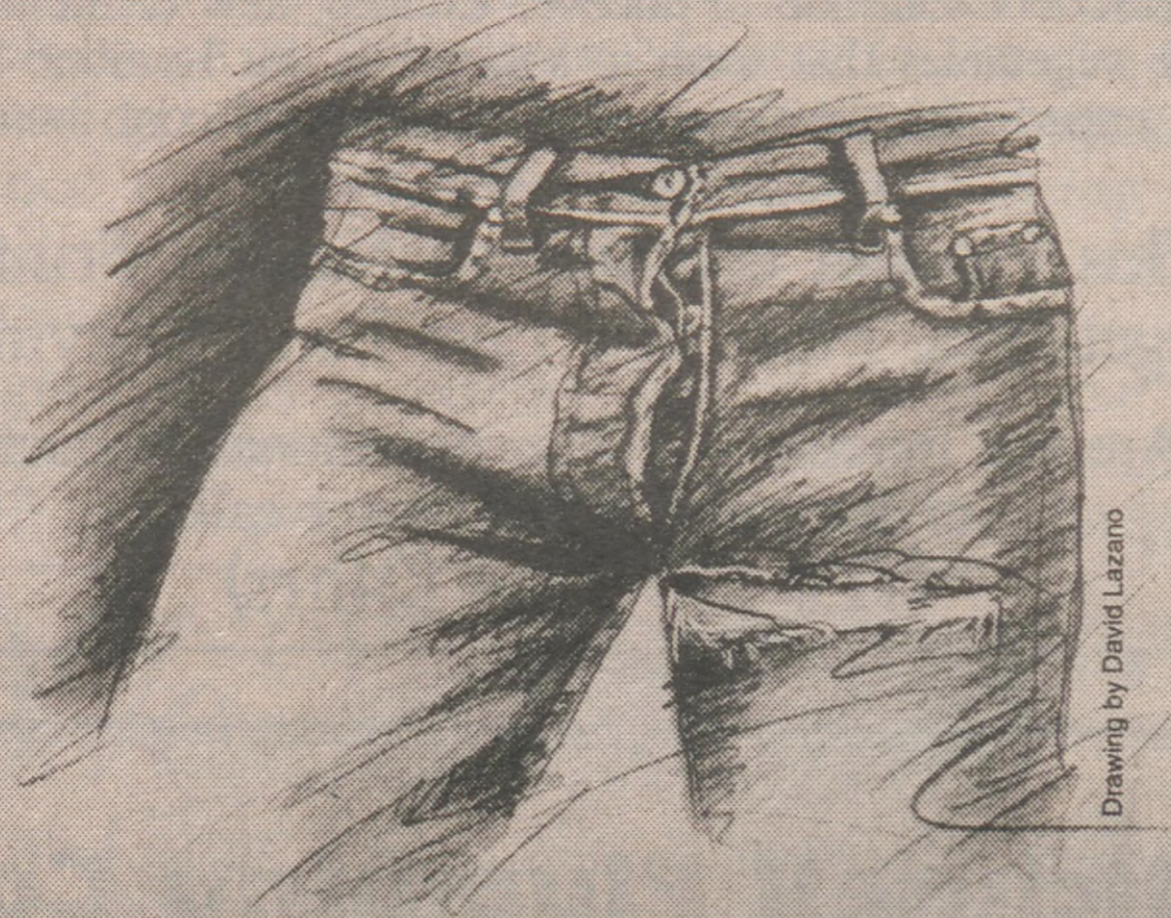
The initiative would prohibit state and local laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination.

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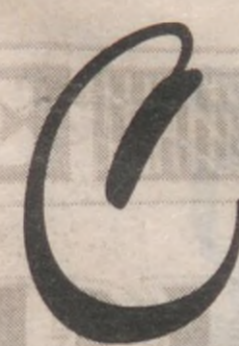
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Letters to the Editor

### MCA Thanks Community

*From Miss Camp America Foundation, Inc.*

The Miss Camp America Foundation introduced it's "Top Nine" and "Nazimova," Miss Camp America 1995 at "Rhinstones & Studs," the organizations annual pre-show party at the Texas Medical Center Ballroom. More than 500 vocal fans with support from the foundations four selected charities for 1995 (The Names Project, The PWA Coalition, The Colt 45's Trouble Fund, The Bering Dental Clinic) cheered the evenings entertainment.

A show case of local talent led by Marsha Carlton, Clay Howell, Nancy Ford and The Spectrum 95 Dancers provided much glitz before the pageant girls took center stage with a tremendous amount of glitter and feathers.

The foundation wishes to thank American Airlines, Big Ruby's and Newton Street Station Guest Houses of Key West, The Fitness Exchange, the many restaurants that provided the hors d'oeuvres and the entertainers for their contribution.

The house for "Planet Hair, A Spray In Time," the 27th edition of The Miss Camp America Pageant on Sept. 16th is two thirds sold out due to a great pre sale of tickets. Don't hesitate call 237 ARTS for your tickets and a great experience!

### Thanks To MSL from Colts

**FROM JACKIE AGUILERA**

*Vice President, Public Service, Colt 45's Inc.*

On behalf of the Colt 45's and our clients, I want to humbly thank the Montrose Softball League for the generous gift of \$1,000 that they shared with our AIDS Trouble Fund. Their thoughtfulness will allow us to continue to provide rental assistance, utility assistance, and when needed, eyeglasses for PWA's from the University of Houston Optometry School.

In this World Series battle against AIDS, team work, team spirit, and team support is the key to getting us through this crisis, and the Colt 45's are indeed fortunate and thankful to know that we are all on the same team. In the Colt 45's Charity Hall of Fame, the Montrose Softball League will forever be one of its greatest champions.

### Entertainer Says Thanks For Help

**FROM ROGER G. ("BRITTANY PAIGE")**

*Houston, Texas*

On August 2, I had the privileged opportunity to experience a group of friends and entertainers come together to offer support, time and talent to help a friend who has experienced a few sharp curves in the road. That person was me.

As Brittany Paige, I always thought I was strong and there was nothing I couldn't overcome, (but this time) I wouldn't have been able to without the help and the love pouring out from the hearts of many people. With my health in question, they seem to come running, without reservations or questions.

My first "Thank You" goes to my second dad at E/J's—Mr. Ed Moniger, who

has provided me with a second home. A very special heartfelt "Thank You" to Paivi Lee Love, whose tireless efforts provided a very successful evening. Thank You Veronica, Heather, Terry, Crystal, Jaime, Roxanne, Oscar, Steve, Catia, Tara, Denny, Rita, Jessica, Erica Lane, Chelle, Regina.

It especially took a lot of effort for Buddy Thompson, Wendy Chicago and Patsy Recline to be in attendance and performing do late, during the week. And of course, Thank you to the staff of E/J's for their donations. There were so many in attendance, I couldn't begin to thank everyone for their contributions. But I will say Thank You, Michael Antoine for your extremely generous gift. I'm glad I was able to witness such a superior group of friends come and stand by my side. God bless you all.

### KUHT Under Fire

**FROM EUGENE M. HARRINGTON AND PAT GANDY**

*Houston, Texas*

(Editor's note: The critically acclaimed documentary on gays in the military, "Out Under Fire," was carried on a majority of public television stations in the PBS network nationally last month. In Texas, however, only Dallas' KERA scheduled time to air the program. Houston's PBS affiliate, KUHT, told the Houston Voice earlier this year that the station planned to air "Out Under Fire"; however, KUHT indicated the show had not been scheduled for an air date and could not say when the documentary would be broadcast in Houston).

Once again, Channel 8 has refused local viewing of a gay/lesbian program. "Out Under Fire," an acclaimed account of discrimination against and courageous resistance by gay members of the U.S. military, was not carried by Channel 8.

Please add your voice to ours! Write: Channel 8—KUHT, Houston Public television, 4513 Cullen, Houston, TX 77004.

### Thanks Again, Glen

**FROM MIKE R. GONZALES**

*Dickinson, Texas*

(In response to "Gay Today" column by Glen Webber, Houston Voice Issue No. 770, 769, July 21, 1995):

I just wanted to write and tell you I agree with everything you said in your article "War and Metaphor." It is true, the FDA takes their own sweet time approving new drugs, at everyone's cost. What is even sadder is people that still believe AIDS is a "gay only" disease. Others believe it is okay to have HIV or AIDS if you contracted it heterosexually, like Magic Johnson. That is pathetic! Then, just when you are getting used to living with this plague, and feeling pretty good most days despite it, you hear about demons that never deserved life anyway, like Rev. Fred Phelps and his crew, picketing the funerals of AIDS victims. Things like that can make life seem so unfair; of course, no one said it was supposed to be. Maybe there is justice in the Afterlife, one can only hope. Anyway, I just wanted to say "thanks" for your great article.

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# President bans discrimination in granting security clearance

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The executive order ends nearly 50 years of discrimination under a policy assumption that homosexuals are security risks and cannot be trusted with government secrets.

Gay rights groups praised the order. Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, called it "an important step toward ending governmentally sanctioned job discrimination against gay and lesbian people."

But Rep. Bob Dornan, a long-shot candidate for the Republican nomination to challenge Clinton for president next year, called the order "something else he didn't have to do that's gotten in our face."

"I wouldn't trust them with a \$5 loan, let alone the nation's secrets," the Californian said of gays, whom he labeled "promiscuous by definition."

Clinton's 13-page order adds the words "sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination clause covering access to classified material.

The order establishes the first uniform standards for U.S. agencies in granting security clearances and requires federal agencies to recognize each other's security clearances. It also states, "No inference concerning the standards in this section may be raised solely on the basis of the sexual orientation of the employee."

An executive order has the force of law, but it can be overturned by Congress.

Democratic Rep. Barney Frank, one of three openly gay members of Congress, welcomed the order. He worked with the Bush and Clinton administrations in an effort to change policies on homosexuals.

"We all know that innumerable lesbians and gay men have served their country loyally and well throughout its history without betraying its trust or giving away its secrets," Frank said in a statement. "But, shamefully, until now, the federal government was unwilling to acknowledge this fact."

A memo dated Aug. 3 from Marsha Scott, deputy assistant to the president for political affairs, said the order would be effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register. The memo was released by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Leonard Hirsh, president of Federal GLOBE, a group of gay, lesbian and bisexual federal employees, said his organization would work with government agencies to make sure the new policy is followed.

Federal agencies have for years denied security clearances to homosexuals on the assumption that all gay people are at risk of being blackmailed or otherwise compromised.

A requirement for federal employees who handle classified information to be trustworthy grew out of a loyalty program established by President Truman in 1947, a time of growing concern over communism. Executive Order 10450 modified the loyalty program in 1953 and, for the first time, included "sexual perversion" as a basis for removal from the federal service.

Federal agencies used the sexual perversion standard to label homosexuals as security risks. It was not until 1975 that the Civil Service Commission issued guidelines prohibiting the government from denying jobs to people on the basis of sexual orientation. But policies regarding security clearances for homosexuals remained vague or restrictive until the early 1990s.

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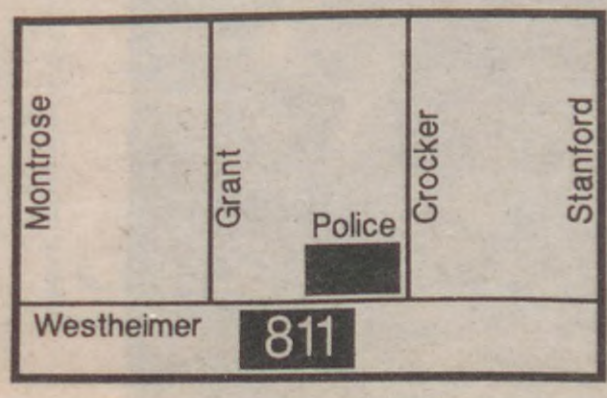
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# The Bride of the night

## Anne Rice in Houston

By K. DAVID COCHRAN

For the Houston Voice

A strange presence descended upon Houston last week. A presence that silently summoned forth its legions. A presence that brought with it a dark angel known to millions. That presence was Anne Rice.

With appearances at Crossroads Market and Brazos Bookstore, novelist Rice was in town to promote the release of her new book "Memnoch the Devil," the fifth and, some say, final book in her now infamous Vampire Chronicles.

As fans in Houston know, an Anne Rice signing party can be an event of epic proportions, and the gathering last Wednesday at Crossroads was no different. One look at the elaborately costumed fans in line would reveal this was no ordinary book signing—if only in terms of the time

required to prepare.

A master showman herself, Rice was not to be outdone. Making her appearance before the crowd in a bejeweled wedding gown—black, of course, with matching black veil—Rice said of her fans: "Why should they get to have all the fun?" She revealed that one thing these events had taught her was that she could get away with dressing up, and she loved it.

Hardly a shy woman, Rice spoke with reporters before greeting her fans. Topics ranged from her creative source ("I've been married to the same man for 34 years and love him, but I have a wild imagination") to her Sleeping Beauty books ("Pornography is neglected by most serious writers")—but it was her most famous vampire who dominated the discussion this evening.

In 1976, Rice introduced the world to her vampire anti-hero, Lestat in the novel "Interview With The Vampire." Born out of Rice's pain in deal-

ing with the death of her daughter Michelle, "Interview" began the tales that have come to be known as the Vampire Chronicles. Now, 14 years later, Lestat has survived through six incarnations, including the Warner Brothers film version of "Interview" starring Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt.

"The film rode a razor's edge between success and failure," Rice commented Wednesday. "David Geffen did a very brave thing (in sending her a copy of the finished film). Because if I hated it, I would have been the first to say so, but I loved it." As to the effectiveness of the film, Rice noted that "it has increased (the book's) audience, but to what end, I don't know."

## Devils in America

With the release of her new book, "Memnoch, The Devil," Rice has again turned to her anti-hero to help her dispel more personal demons. "Every question I have about God is in

this book," Rice stated. "I don't have the answers. No one has the answers."

"Memnoch" has been described by reviewers as a sharp departure from the other vampire tales, complex dialogue involving issues as timeless as the legends of Scripture and as current as today's religious battles.

Asked about the religious front's reaction to the book, which pits Lestat against both God and the Devil, Rice is quick to note that many have "embraced the book." She told of a priest who had told her that he found the book to be "a thrilling read." And as the postscript to "Memnoch," ("Adieu, Mon Amor"), Rice says that at that moment "Lestat turned and said 'That's enough,'" and walked away.

She left some question, however, as to whether or not he will return. "Lestat has a way of creeping up on me. He may come along (while she's writing) and say 'this book would be better if I was in it.'"

## Zimbabwe president slams gays as more organizers quit book fair

By ANGUS SHAW

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Tuesday, Aug. 1 (AP)—President Robert Mugabe delivered a stinging attack on homosexuals Tuesday at a book fair embroiled in controversy by the government's ban of a gay rights exhibit.

Mugabe, officially opening the five-day event aimed at promoting human rights, called homosexuality

a repugnant offense by "sodomists and sexual perverts" against nature.

The speech came after four organizers—three Tuesday, one earlier—pulled out of the fair to protest the government's ban on a display by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Zimbabwe.

Mugabe said he was "extremely outraged" that homosexual rights advocates live in Zimbabwe.

"If we accept homosexuality as a right ... what moral fiber shall our society ever have to deny organized drug addicts or even those given to bestiality the rights they might claim under the rubrics of individual freedom and human rights?" Mugabe said.

Some members of the crowd of a few hundred walked out. But Mugabe denied that his stance might force the fair, one of Africa's largest, to move to South Africa in future years.

"Is the book fair based on sodomy?" Mugabe said. "I don't believe they (homosexuals) have any rights at all. I hope the time never comes when we want to reverse nature and men bear children."

The vacant gay rights stand was festooned with flowers, but aides steered Mugabe away from it when he toured exhibits. An advance security detail ordered that a poster supporting the gay activists be taken down.



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## Teachers organizing second 'Gay and Lesbian History Month'

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Local coordinating councils in areas as diverse as Boston, Chicago, San Antonio, San Francisco, and St. Louis staged a myriad of events, and numerous media outlets covered the story, raising the public's awareness of this history to a higher level throughout the nation. Activists in St. Louis created a gay/lesbian history film festival, and others in Jacksonville, Florida hosted a "birthday party" reception for Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, who gave the first public speech on behalf of gay rights in Germany in 1867. In Boston, two hundred community members, teachers, and students attended a conference featuring over a dozen workshops. The Gerber/Hart Gay & Lesbian Library & Archives, in Chicago, sponsored a slide show on local gay and lesbian history.

As GLSTN plans for this year's celebration, more celebrities have joined in support of the event and local chapters of the network are forming in Houston, Atlanta and Tuscon.

Jennings, GLSTN's executive director and a former high school teacher, explained why his group exists, "Twenty-eight per cent of gay youth drop out of schools, which is almost three times the national drop out rate of eleven per cent. One out of every three gay youth attempt suicide. Gay youth are much greater risk for being physically attacked, for developing alcohol and substance abuse problems. I really think a major factor in that is the hostile climate that goes

on in schools."

Jennings continued, "There is no school in America where saying things like "nigger" or "kike" or "spic" would be tolerated anymore. Yet "faggot" is said regularly in virtually every hallway in virtually every American high school. The conditions in schools right now are such it's literally unsafe for many gay & lesbian youths to go to school. That's wrong and it needs to stop."

GLSTN's other projects include regional conferences focused on creating change in schools, retreats which offer support to gay, lesbian, and bisexual educators development of curriculum and training resources, on-site workshops for schools, and advocacy for youth, educators, and families. GLSTN developed the "Gay-Straight Alliance" student support program and helped establish such groups in schools in thirteen states across the nation. In 1993, GLSTN helped make Massachusetts the first state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation against public school students.

### Lesbian, Gay And Bisexual History Month 1995

This October, the winning entries of two national student competitions in art and in essay will be placed in mainstream and gay publications around the country. The Visual Arts Competition determines the official logo of the Second Annual Lesbian, Gay, and

Bisexual History Month which will be sold on T-shirts and posters to help fund activities. On Oct. 14, a 400 person conference will be held in Oakland California to commemorate the month and its goals. GLSTN provides resources, support, and ideas to local activists so that they can be more effective organizers in their communities. The bulk of the work for History Month is done on a local level. GLSTN is asking local organizations to:

\* Arrange book displays at local bookstores and public libraries.

\* Write columns and letters to the editor in local newspapers recognizing the month and educating the public about contributions made by local lesbian, gay, and bisexual figures.

\* Donate history books to local public and school libraries.

\* Publicize the names of local lesbian, gay, and bisexual people who made a significant contribution to the community as a way of raising media and public awareness of this history.

\* Organize a reading group that focuses on gay, lesbian, and bisexual history books.

\* Advocate with state and local school boards for inclusive curricular policies so that full, fair, and factual information about lesbian, gay, and bisexual history is included in textbooks. GLSTN also asks local activists to make sure schools know that October is Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual His-

tory Month and to help them plan appropriate activities similar to those many schools sponsor for Black and Women's History Months. Some specific ideas include establishing bulletin boards or posting flyers to educate the community about lesbian, gay, and bisexual history; inviting scholars to give lectures on their work to students; arranging for older lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of the local community to come to share their own experiences in classes or public forums, and asking college presidents or school principals to officially endorse the month and to make plans for redressing the current lack of information on lesbian, gay, and bisexual history in their curriculum or library.

Jennings said, "As confident as I am about our eventual victory, I have some serious short-term concerns about the coming months and elections. Our opponents are well-organized, well-funded, and absolutely determined to fight this fight on an all out basis. As rapidly as we have grown, I know that we must move even further and faster than we have if we to match their commitment. Now is the time to make our greatest commitment ever to saving the next generation from the bigotry with which we were all raised."

(The National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Project is seeking donations of time and money. Write to: History Month, c/o GLSTN Broadway Box 160 New York, NY 10023-1722, tel. 212-387-2098).

## Colorado For Family Values anti-gay crusade getting cool reception

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Tuesday, Aug. 1 (AP)—A statewide crusade against homosexuality, pornography and violence is getting a cool reception from officials across Colorado.

Colorado For Family Values, the driving force behind the state's 1992 anti-gay rights Amendment 2, has launched a campaign to get local governments to establish and define "community standards."

For example, the resolution it is pushing says "the rights and privileges accorded citizenship do not extend to the behavior of homosexuality" and the community should recognize only a married man and wife as the standard for family in which children should be raised.

The idea is to help cities and counties chart their futures morally and socially, said CFV executive director Kevin Tebedo.

Petitions to get the standards are now being circulated in El Paso, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo and Archuleta counties, Tebedo said.

The effort is being brushed off by some, while others are strongly opposing it.

"I won't even look at it until it becomes an issue before the board," said Elizabeth Anderson, Academy School District 20 board president.

Colorado Springs City Council

member John Hazlehurst had already made up his mind.

"We already have a community standards resolution," Hazlehurst said. "It's called the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. I prefer the wisdom of Jefferson and Adams to that of Tebedo and (CFV board chairperson Will) Perkins."

El Paso County commission chairperson Loren Whittemore conceded Tebedo's group has some "good ideas," but said "You can't legislate morality, and it's not our business to force our moral values on other people."


In Mesa County, commissioner Kathy Hall called the measure "preposterous."

Pueblo City Council President Chris Weaver said he doubts the city will adopt Tebedo's proposal.

Larimer County Commission chairperson Jim Disney reserved judgment, but he noted parts of the resolution mirror Amendment 2, which he opposed. Amendment 2 has been on hold pending a court battle. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of the amendment.

The Colorado Municipal League also has not taken a position on Tebedo's proposal, but pointed out the similarities to Amendment 2, as well. The League opposed Amendment 2.

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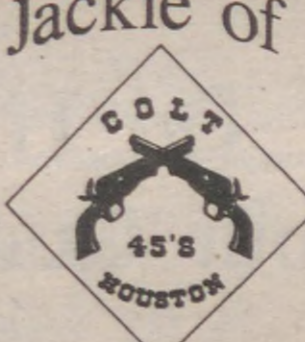
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## Krim discusses areas, progress of AIDS research

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On prevention: In the prevention area we have been interested in helping there too. But since our funds are limited, we concentrate on areas that do not receive funds from other sources. One area of success here is with drug addicts. 40% of all cases of AIDS are now drug related and the number is growing. It's not that 40% of AIDS cases are drug users; it's that heterosexual drug users infect their female sexual partners, who then infect their babies. So there is a direct and indirect relation to drug use. So if we can prevent HIV infection through shared needles we will have been providing a great service. An example was tried in Holland of providing clean needles to abusers, so we tried that in 1987. The study could not start immediately because the insurance company refused to insure the group conducting the program, and there was a lot of opposition...but finally it was tried in San Francisco and Chicago. And it was successful. The rate of exposure

was reduced by 70% and drug use was not encouraged...quite the contrary the fact that these drug abusers are encountering health care workers who are not worried about any aspect of their lives, just want to save their lives, made them want to live. We have a better record of people asking for addiction treatment than any other drug treatment facility, even though that is not the primary purpose of the group...It's a matter of establishing a trusting relationship...they want to live.

On the selection process for grant recipients: The selection is made by a group of about 200 scientists. When we have money, we issue a Request for Proposals, or RFP, to research institutions, who pass on word to scientists. So they write an abstract and if the idea seems good we request an application. Then the committee, which is all volunteers, take the applications and give each a number, 1-5, and we rank them by score. And it's all done confidentially. Each scientist ranks each RFP without

consultation or knowledge of who does what. There are also very strict conflict of interest rules. No board members can apply for a grant, and advisory committee members can but only as individuals, and they are still judged by all others and the applicant doesn't vote.

On an HIV-1/HIV-2 study comparing transmissibility: I was very angered by the misrepresenting situation. The two viruses exist side by side...but they didn't study homosexual couples. Only straight couples who were discordant, that is only one was infected with either HIV-1 or HIV-2...how often the virus was transmitted from one to the other was studied...and they discovered that HIV-1 is transmitted less often, and then concluded that HIV-2 is more easily transmissible from one partner to the other than HIV-1. But this was in a heterosexual situation. The authors never stated that this was true in a homosexual situation, because homosexuals were not studied and there is no evidence indi-

cating that HIV-1 is less transmissible than HIV-2, especially so for gay men. HIV-1 is here and HIV-2 is not here yet but the problem is already here.

On the future for AmFAR: AmFAR will continue until the job is done...I find it frustrating that the public in general still does not realize how serious the problem is. For example, the recent publicity surrounding the Ebola virus with all the commotion on the dangers posed to mankind. But the Ebola is much less dangerous because Ebola causes disease within a few days, and the presence of the disease is very clear with all its horrible symptoms so everyone else is warned. But the treachery of HIV is that it is completely silent. And the epidemic is much worse. The cases you see today were from people exposed ten years ago...and in that time there has been an enormous amount of knowledge that has been gleaned to deal with the situation...We are lucky that the virus did not appear 15 or 20 years ago, then there would have been no hope. Now there is hope.

## Flamboyant cross-dresser pilot dead at the age of 67

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Thursday, Aug. 3 (AP)—Neil H. Cargile Jr., known for his flamboyant cross-dressing and daredevil flying, is dead after a bout with malaria. He was 67.

Cargile was president of American Marine and Machinery Co., a manufacturer of dredging equipment based in Nashville.

He spent most of his time in Palm Beach, Fla., but remained a Nashville resident. He died at a hospital in Palm Beach after contracting the tropical disease while supervising a dredging project in the South American nation of Guyana.

Cargile's very public cross-dressing earned him a lengthy profile in The New Yorker in January—entitled

"High-Heel Neil."

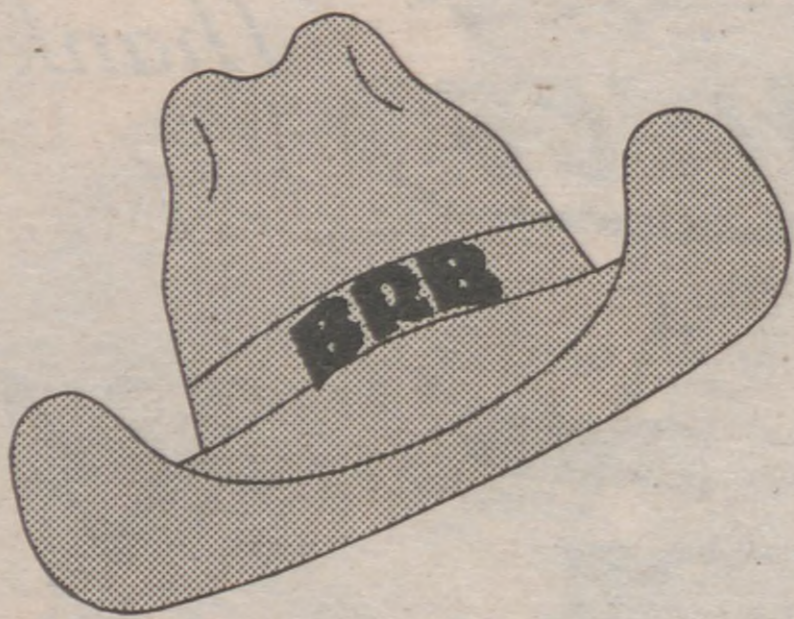
A few months later, organizers of Nashville's annual Oyster Easter benefit party nominated Cargile for both Oyster King and Oyster Queen.

Cargile's reputation as a daredevil stemmed from his teen years when he built an airplane in his backyard out of spare parts. He worked as a crop-duster pilot while in college and was

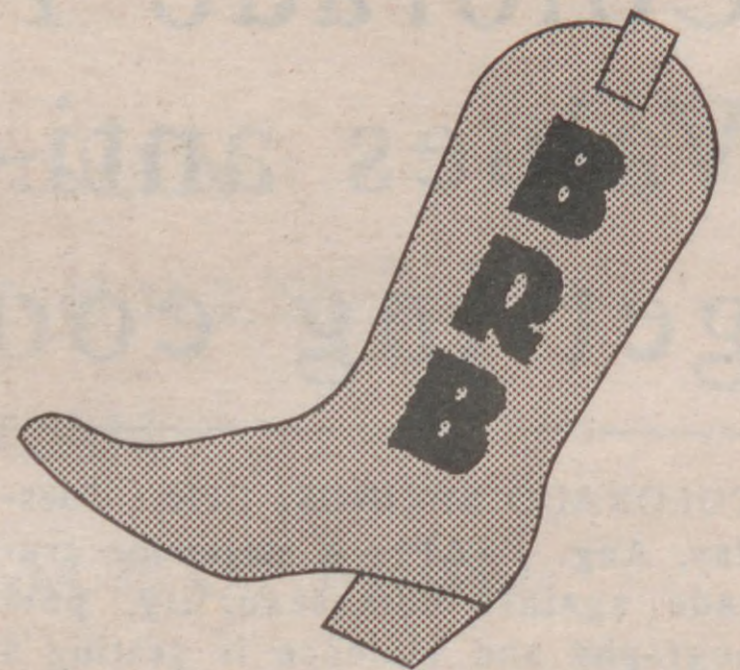
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**Adult day care and Bering Care Center's approach to holistic care**

*Guest Commentary*

By **ARDEN O'DONNELL**

*For the Houston Voice*

Since the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, treatment modes have become progressively more effective. Through the development and implementation of new and existing medications (antivirals, genetic therapy, and protease inhibitors) combined with the use of prophylactics, more people with AIDS are living longer. Although this is encouraging, it has placed even greater demands on the already over-taxed health and social service system. Combined with an ever increasing infection rate, these demands are only expected to be stressed further, requiring a search for more cost effective alternative interventions. Adult day care is one such alternative.

The Bering Care Center began in 1987 as primarily a meal and activity center. Today it has developed into an adult day care program fully licensed with the Texas Department of Human Services. Over time, services have expanded tremendously into a center which implements a comprehensive care philosophy based on the newly emerging medical field of Psychoneuroimmunology.

Psychoneuroimmunology is defined as the study of the

interactions of the mind, the immune system, and the neurological system. In the last decade medical science has discovered pathways in which the mind can influence health and healing. This research is consistent with Bering's approach to care, as well as adult day care in general. Adult day care looks at a person's total health care needs to achieve its primary objective to prevent deterioration of health or premature placement in institutions by assisting the clients to fulfill their physical, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual needs.

For example, to insure the physical health of clients, the nursing component of the program provides on-going health promotion and assessment. By working with the clients' individualized physician treatment plan, the nurse can continually encourage and promote healthy behaviors and activities such as diet, exercise, stress reduction and medication compliance. This process empowers the client to successfully continue living with HIV/AIDS by managing their infection and maintaining control of their lives. Chella Ware, RN, BSN, Bering's nurse states, "Since we see many of the clients daily, we can often identify health problems before they become a more serious com-

plication. With HIV, problems can become life threatening quickly. Early detection can literally made the difference in life and premature death."

Additionally, due to the continuing problem of wasting syndrome, nutrition is an important part of the day care treatment strategy. Malnutrition and rapid weight loss can significantly reduce life expectancy. Richard Elbein, Bering's registered dietitian, stresses the importance of lean body mass in maintaining health. "Persons living with HIV disease need to eat a high protein diet which is low in fat. A good healthy diet combined with proper exercise is essential in both prolonging and improving the quality of life for PLWA's." It is important to utilize this research when developing a total care program providing individual diet assessment, education, and exercise. Bering provides all of these services.

The elimination of stress is vitally important to those with HIV/AIDS. Adult day care programs focus beyond the physical disease and concentrate on the environment for healing and the client's well being. For example, there is clear evidence that stress is detrimental to the immune system and can contribute to disease susceptibility. To reduce

stress, activities such as art therapy, meditation, and massage are provided at many centers. Support groups and day to day client interaction provides social contact, information sharing, and isolation reduction, all of which also reduce stress. One researcher states that a supportive environment is the most important aspect of any program. "The possibility of hope and strength provided in a group setting is basic to coping with HIV disease."

As a part of the new Care Center, effective Sept. 1, clients of the Care Center will be asked to check in by 10:00 a.m. and stay until 2:00 p.m. and participate a minimum of two days per week. In the past, the Care Center program was loosely structured enough that some clients came to the Center only for the noon meal, then left shortly after. Because the new Care Center program includes nursing, exercise, and physical therapy, the services are not being effectively utilized by those who come only for lunch. State licensure requires the Care Center be open 10 hours per day with full staff and program requirements. We are licensed to care for 39 clients each day. Because of this limit, it is very important that the program is available for those who need day care services most. According to Robert Snellgrove, LMSW, Pro-

gram Director of the Care Center, "We know that there are people who are kept in the hospitals because there has not been a supportive facility during the day to discharge them. We must assure that this program is available for those individuals." The Bering Community Service Foundation is investigating the community need for a lunch-only program, separate from adult day care.

The most important aspect of Bering is not just the adult day care services that it provides, but the atmosphere and the feeling of love and acceptance that is present. The Bering Care Center provides a reason to continue fighting. We believe that through a loving atmosphere combined with the foundation of psychoneuroimmunology, adult day care can significantly increase life expectancy and quality of life. Long-term studies of adult care facilities are still in progress. However, even if life has not been lengthened, it does not mean that we have been defeated by AIDS or that healing has not taken place. Healing and improving the quality of life is what adult day care is about in general and specifically at Bering. It is about trying to keep the body healthy while healing the heart and helping people to become whole.

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## Community Organizations Bulletin Board

### LiB Announces Speakers

LiB, a women's empowerment group, has announced "Taking Care of Business" as the theme for their two speakers at it's August 18 meeting.

Hitaji Aziz, a consultant on managing diversity, a talk show host, a motivational speaker, workshop facilitator and poet, will speak on "How you business can create community change." The owners of Eagle Travel Connections, Suzanne and Glenda, will discuss the start up of their business, it's development and their future direction. They will also speak about friendly destinations currently available to the gay and lesbian community.

The meeting begins with networking at 6:00 p.m. at Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza. Member are charged \$3 and non-members, \$5.

### From Saigon, With Love

The cast members of "Miss Saigon" will be featured in a benefit for the Loving Arms Foundation, a Houston organization whose clients are children with AIDS.

Planned for Monday, August 21, the cast members, in a special "From Saigon, With Love" production will feature songs and dance ranging from Broadway to pop at Rockefeller's, 3620 Washington beginning at 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the entertainment, the evening will feature a silent auction where such items as "Let's Do Lunch" (lunch dates with cast members), and signed memorabilia from "Miss Saigon," other Broadway shows, film collectibles, and "Dinner-Theater" packages will be available to the highest bidder. All proceeds go to Loving Arms Foundation.

All seats are \$20 and may be obtained at the Jones Hall Ticket Office, Rockefeller's ticket office or by calling 869-8427.

### HGLP Activities

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents have announced their upcoming activities schedule for August and September.

The August Family Activity will be a potluck and swim party today (Aug.11) from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Please call 980-7995 for additional information, —and get September's pool party information too.

The Support Group met at the MCCR library (downstairs) Tuesday evening and plans for the September get-together were discussed. There will be a special speaker and location Thursday, Sept. 14. Legal issues for lesbian and gay parents will be hosted by Moore & Hunt at their offices, 3608 Audubon Place from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m.

And finally, Just For Us (JFU), a social and support group for youth in 6th through 12th grades who have gay or lesbian parents will be having their own activities as well as participating in family activities. If you would like to join, or get more information on JFU, please phone Ray at 666-8260.

### Crossroads Meeting

"The Sin of Sodom" will be the topic of discussion at the August 19 (11:00

a.m.) meeting of Crossroads, a group of gays and lesbians who have been in full-time church work in any capacity. Crossroads is a spiritual, educational and social support group, not limited to clergy.

Leading the discussion will be Rev. Ralph Lasher, a former Episcopal priest, who is now staff clergy at MCCR. For the past several years Ralph has done extensive scholarly research on the Scriptures often misinterpreted and misapplied by fundamentalists.

The meeting place for Crossroads is not published to protect the confidentiality of those attending who may still be serving on the staff of mainline churches. For more information contact the founder of Crossroads, Rev. Johnny Peden at 681-9082. Spouses, lovers, and friends are also welcome to attend the meetings.

### The Power of Knowledge

The National AIDS Treatment Advocates Forum is the first gathering of AIDS treatment advocates from around the country and DIFFA/Houston is offering scholarships to qualified applicants who wish to attend this forum in Los Angeles Oct. 15 to 18.

To apply please send a letter which briefly explains why you would like to become an AIDS treatment advocate to Joel Martinez, Research Initiative/Treatment Action!, PO Box 66306, Houston TX 77266-6306. Telephone information is available by calling 527-8219 or faxline, 521-3679. The deadline is Sept. 8.

### AHCH Becomes 501(c)3; Seeks Support

The AIDS Housing Coalition Houston (AHCH) has received it's 501(c)3 nonprofit status. AHCH is dedicated to preventing people with HIV/AIDS from becoming homeless.

Its mission includes short term emergency housing for low income, HIV+ men and women, and the development of low income, long term independent housing solutions. The group's executive director is Matt Locklin, himself a PWA, with policy established by a seven member board of directors.

AHCH will be opening its first 60 day community transitional house for males in October and is planning to open a women's community house before the end of 1995. Locklin and the board members are very interested in meeting with benevolent minded landlords to open dialogue for more permanent housing alternatives.

The board members include: Dick Rancier; Jeff Grieder; Pat Demaldaris—Rancier; Robin Fritz; Wally Blood; Barbara Joseph and Andrea Raspatz-Bachi.

The group is also seeking an experienced volunteer to work as an administrative assistant 20+ hours weekly at the AHCH offices. The position is not funded, but critical to accomplishing the mission.

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Patterson is a dispensing optician and has been in the optical field for over 11 years. His first store, located at 7979 N. Eldridge, opened in 1991.

The Montrose store will operate from Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is located on the Metro #82 Westheimer bus line for convenient access. For more information, contact Eye Q Optical at (713) 529-ISEE.

## Funeral Homes Sponsor Grief Seminars

The Ramada Hotel Astrodome-Medical Center will be the location for two special workshops to be held on Wednesday, August 16, 1995. Crespo Funeral Homes and SouthPark Funeral Home and Cemetery have joined with AARP's Widowed Persons Service, The Grief Center of Texas, and Memorial Mental Health Services to present "Understanding Grief.—Helping Yourself and Others Heal."

The first seminar, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., will be for professional caregivers who wish to enhance their skills in bereavement care. The second program, from 7-9 p.m., is open to the public and designed for bereaved persons and their families. Both programs are free of charge. Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a

clinical thanatologist of international reputation will be the presenter of these programs. Recipient of the Association for Death Education and Counseling's 1994 Death Educator Award, Dr. Wolfelt is director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition located in Fort Collins, Colorado and Toronto, Ontario, and author of several books on grief. For more information, call Madeleine Crespo at 485-2711.

## 'Martini Mash' Benefit At Kad's

The Absolute Martini Mash, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m., will benefit Milam House, a community home for people living with AIDS. The event will feature piano entertainment and an art show and sale by local artists.

All Houston area artists are invited to enter "The Absolute Martini Mash Art Contest." All art mediums: paintings, watercolors, sculptures, and photographs depicting the Absolute Martini, will be accepted. A celebrity committee of leading art critics and patrons will choose the winning entry, and its image will grace the invitation of the grand opening of David Lawson and Kathy Knecht's KAD's Piano Bar & Grille, the newest restaurant in the Museum District.

All entries will become the property of Milam House, and will be offered for sale during the Martini Mash. Deadline is Monday, August 21. A \$10 entry fee is required and a cash prize of \$500 will be awarded. Entry forms may be obtained at KAD'S, 1512 W. Alabama and must accompany all entries.

Tickets to the Mash are \$25, \$50 and \$100 for patrons. Corporate sponsors currently include Creatures' Comforts, Houston Artists Society, Les Marks Chevrolet-Mazda-Geo, The Michael W. Kemper Salon, Minuteman Press—Montrose, My Table: A Critics Guide to Dining in Houston and OutSmart Magazine. For more information contact David Lawson at 529-3870.

## NATION/WORLD

# Fire at Phoenix publication's office not a hate crime, police say

PHOENIX, Tuesday, Aug. 1 (AP)—A fire that destroyed the offices of the state's largest gay and lesbian publication last week probably was not a hate crime, police said.

"Usually when someone commits a crime of that nature they will make a phone call to say 'We're responsible and this is why we did it,'" said detective Ed Martinez, the department's hate-crime specialist.

He said the department has not received any such phone calls or notes.

Fire department spokesman Phil

Yeager said no hate-oriented slogans or symbols were found on the building.

Authorities still don't know what caused the blaze, which started on an exterior staircase and is listed as "suspicious."

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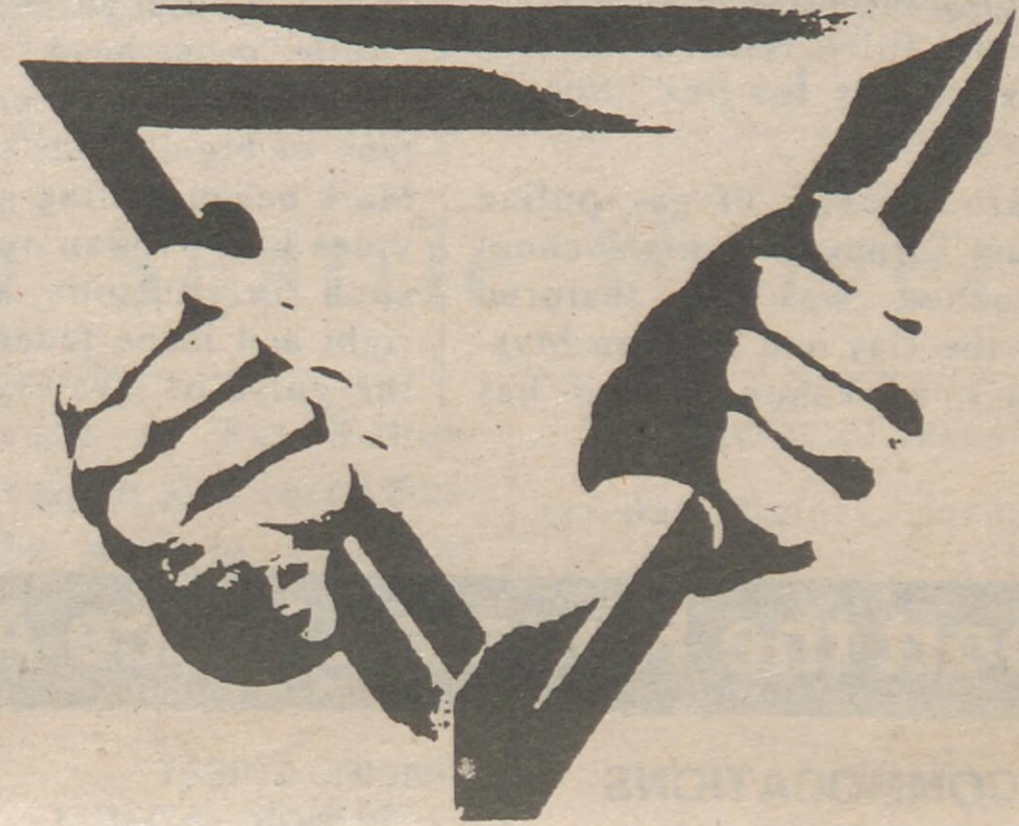
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## Gay mystery writers among 'Sisters in Crime' convening in Houston

By CURT MORRISON

For the Houston Voice

A weekend of mayhem was the agenda for all who attended the Sisters in Crime Writer's Retreat at the Double Tree Hotel last weekend. Hundreds of mystery writers, literary VIP's and fans participated in a "sinister" mock whodunit produced by Mystery Productions. The overwhelming turnout was no surprise, considering the fact that Mystery/Suspense novels comprise 20% of all national book sales.

The gathering played host to over 100 published mystery writers, along with their editors, agents, publishers, book sellers and fans of the genre. Among those attending were several noted gay and lesbian mystery writers, including Sandra Scopetone (who also writes as Jack Early), creator of the Lauren Laurano lesbian private eye series, and Ellen Hart, nominated for multiple awards for her "Sophie Greenway" series.

Mark Zubro, creator of gay police detective Paul Turner and a high school English teacher, was the featured speaker for the Gay and Lesbian Mystery Writer's workshop. Zubro has

written eight mystery novels, including his latest release "Another Dead Teenager" (St. Martins Press) and is the proud recipient of several prestigious Lambda Literary Award's. In a recent interview, Zubro spoke candidly about his experiences as a writer of gay fiction.

One of the most disturbing memories, Zubro recalls, was an assignment one of his students submitted. In the report, the student wrote that all "faggots" should be the recipients of a "bullet in the head," an idea which the student received from his father. This type of bigotry was one of the reasons Mark began writing gay fiction. It provides him with an outlet to counteract such institutions as the religious right and inane federal judges through the guise of mystery suspense.



Mark Zubro was featured speaker at workshop for gay and lesbian mystery writers

Set in Chicago, "Another Dead Teenager," features Paul Turner, the previously divorced father and gay investigator." Zubro said he particularly enjoys writing his Paul Turner series because it allows him to encompass various facets of gay life, i.e. raising a child, discrimination, etc. When asked who he envisions portraying his popular detective, Mark suggests Keanu Reeves without hesitation.

A master of self marketing, Zubro is currently embarking on a nation wide book signing tour which he is coordinating himself. He indicates that it is absolutely essential to self-promote, as it is difficult enough for a mainstream author to reap success, yet alone one who writes a genre catering to a specific segment of society. His advice to aspiring writers is "read and like." The secret to becoming a good writer, he

continues, is to "read the genre you enjoy" and "like it, as well." Dedication, commitment and self discipline are also important: Zubro says he works on his books every day from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., without fail.

In addition to the Paul Turner series, Zubro also pens the Tom and Scott series, focusing on two lovers—one a teacher, the other a professional baseball player—whose adventures are best described as action packed, with just the right amount of campy humor. As for his future plans, Zubro is already at work on his next Paul Turner mystery and is looking forward to publishing a gay romance novel set in the south during the civil war.

Mark Zubro's books are published by St. Martins Press and are available at most local bookstores.

The Houston event was the first writer's retreat hosted by Sisters in Crime International, an organization with over 2800 members in 30 chapters in the U.S., Canada and 14 other countries.

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## New CDC guidelines on preventing opportunistic infections available

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) have released guidelines on preventing opportunistic infections in people with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Opportunistic infections can cause life-threatening illnesses in people with weakened immune systems. About 80 percent of all people with HIV eventually develop one or more of these infections, according to Henry Masur, M.D., chief of the NIH Clinical Center's Critical Care Medicine Department. "The guidelines are a milestone in providing up-to-date information to help medical practitioners better treat people with HIV," explains Dr. Masur, who along with Jonathan Kaplan, M.D.,

CDC, and King Holmes, M.D., IDSA, headed the 85-member panel charged with developing the guidelines. Panel members represented a number of federal agencies, health-care organizations, research facilities, community groups, and individuals with HIV.

A major goal of the panel, Dr. Masur notes, is to make health-care providers and patients aware of advances in disease prevention so that people with HIV can benefit as soon as possible. "Considerable progress has been made over the last five years in understanding how patients acquire opportunistic infections and what drugs and vaccines can reduce the likelihood that they will progress to clinical disease," Dr. Masur adds. "But, until now, there was no comprehensive, preventive treatment resource. The guidelines put into per-

spective many new drugs and drug strategies addressed in clinical trials by NIH, CDC, and private industry. These new trends have been presented only recently at meetings or published in journals, making it difficult for many practitioners and patients to remain abreast of important findings."

According to an editorial published by the panel in the July 26, 1995, edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association, one in four people infected with HIV is severely immunosuppressed and at greater risk for contracting serious infections. The guidelines specify drug therapies to help avert or mitigate the most commonly seen infections, including Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, tuberculosis, and Mycobacterium avium complex. They establish a priority for drug

regimens and immunizations while explaining specific ways to assess and avoid environmental exposure to other infections. They also detail risks associated with work, hobbies, pets and animals, food, water, and travel.

The guidelines were published in a supplement of the August 1995 issue of IDSA's journal, Clinical Infectious Diseases. Reprint packets are available from the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse. Send requests to P.O. Box 6003, Rockville, Md. 20849-6003, or call 1-800-458-5231.

The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service can answer questions from the public and health-care providers regarding the content of these guidelines. Call 1-800-448-0440, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday.

## Gay Mormon conference set at Seattle University

SEATTLE, Thursday, Aug. 3 (AP)—Affirmation, a national organization of gay Mormons, has scheduled three days of workshops and seminars beginning

Friday at Seattle University.

The 15th annual conference is expected to draw 250 people. Among the speakers will be Mel White, a former speechwriter for

evangelists such as Pat Robertson, Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell, and the current dean of Cathedral of Hope, a Dallas church for gays and lesbians.

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C.S. Lewis, who was a professor at Cambridge University and once an agnostic, wrote: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.'"

That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on a level with a person who says they are a poached egg--or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse."

Josh McDowell thought Christians must be "out of their minds." He put them down and argued against their faith. But eventually he saw that his arguments wouldn't stand up. Jesus Christ really was God in human flesh. Josh became a speaker on college and university campuses, challenging those who were just as skeptical as he had been. Three books he has written to share his conclusion are: "More Than A Carpenter" and "Evidence That Demands A Verdict, Vol I & II."

Let's take a few weeks to look at each possibility of Jesus either being a liar, a lunatic or Lord. Let me share with you what Josh McDowell has to say about it.

Was Jesus a liar? If, when Jesus made his claims, he knew that he was not God, then he was lying and deliberately deceiving his followers. But if he was a liar, then he was also a hypocrite because he told others to be honest, whatever the cost, while he himself taught and lived a colossal lie. More than that, he was a demon, because he told others to trust him for their eternal destiny. If he couldn't back up his claims and knew it, then he was unspeakably evil. Last, he would also be a fool because it was his claims to being God that led to his crucifixion.

How could Jesus be a good moral teacher and knowingly mislead people at the most important point of his teachings--his own identity? You would have to conclude logically that he was a deliberate liar. This view of Jesus, however, doesn't coincide with what we know either of him or the results of his life and teachings. Wherever Jesus has been proclaimed, lies have been changed for the good, nations have changed for the better, thieves are made honest, alcoholics are cured, hateful individuals become channels of love, and unjust persons become just. If Jesus wanted to get people to follow him and believe in him as God, why did he go to the Jewish nation? Why go as a Nazarene carpenter to a country so small in size and population and so thoroughly adhering to the undivided unity of God? Why didn't he go to Egypt or, even more, to Greece, where they believed in various gods and various manifestations of them? Someone who lived as Jesus lived, taught as Jesus taught, and died as Jesus died could not have been a liar. What other alternatives are there? Next week: Was Jesus a lunatic?

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**Long-awaited gay and lesbian TV series to air**

*Entertainment Notes*

(Deerfield Beach, Fla.)—Worldwide Target Demographic Television, producers of the new, nationally distributed television series "Freestyles with Amanda Bearse" recently announced the official air dates of the show's initial run. "Freestyles" will premiere nationwide August 12 and 26 as paid programming on VH1 on the late night circuit (in Houston, early Saturday morning at 2:30 a.m. Central Time) standard time.

"Freestyles with Amanda Bearse" is the first commercially produced, nationally aired television show in the United States geared toward gay and lesbian consumers. The hour-long show delivers in-depth reports on everything from sports, health and fitness guidelines to the latest in entertainment, cooking and innovative trends coming out of America's most exciting gay and lesbian communities. "Freestyles" has also lined up an impressive array of corporate sponsors for its first show including A Different Light Bookstore, The Calvert Group, Pierre Cardin Fine Watches, Tanqueray AIDS Ride 2, National Gay Newspaper Guild and Individual Benefits, Inc. The show is produced by Grant Lukenbill, author of "Untold Millions: Positioning Your Business for the Gay and Lesbian Consumer Revolution" (HarperBusiness). Lukenbill comments, "The series was designed with the intention of meeting the demand for entertaining and educational programming for gay and lesbian consumers, their families and friends. 'Freestyles' promises to

make television history by delivering to gay and lesbians as well as straight viewers the very latest in American entertainment."

**Disney Resurrects Gay Movie Project**

(Hollywood)—"The Dreyfuss Affair" is coming to the plate again at Touchstone Pictures, according to the on-line entertainment magazine "Variety." The movie, about the romance between two players on a Major League baseball team, is based on Peter Lefcourt's satirical novel, was optioned three years ago by the studio but placed in turnaround. This time, a deal is in the works that will bring Lefcourt a payday in the low six figures for the book, his screenplay and producing chores. Attached to the project is director David Frankel ("Miami Rhapsody") and producers Jon Avnet and Jordan Kerner. Paradigm's Ken Gross is making the deal for Lefcourt, an Emmy-winning writer-producer of "Cagney and Lacey" and numerous TV movies.

The novel's title character is the team's star shortstop, the embodiment of the macho American male. Things get complicated after a mid-season game in Cleveland, when he jarringly discovers he might be a switch hitter after finding himself staring longingly at the second sacker in the shower.

The two become more than just a double-play combination, and a scandal ensues, with the commissioner threatening to cancel the World Series. The core of the story is the player's attempt to find out what's actually important in his life.

**A Slice of Life--Montrose Style**

*Art Notes*

The Hyde Park Art Gallery is kicking off the second half of the 1995 art season with "A Slice of Life—Montrose Style." The one-person show, featuring 20 new works on canvas by Montrose-based artist Martin, will open on Friday, Sept. 1, and will run for the month of September.

The artist has chosen this exhibit to present a series of works that features the joys, sorrow, feelings, and every day encounters of the gay lifestyle, according to representatives of the gallery. Martin brings his unique style and use of color to these images of men and women to convey to the viewer the mood, a feeling and even provoke thoughts. "Martin's style can not be classified as realistic or surrealist or even impressionistic, but rather a unique combination that is all his own," said gallery director Larry Crawford.

Among the art works in this exhibit: a series of paintings entitled "Montrose Trilogy." The trilogy is composed of "Wolf's Head," "Shadows in the Attic," and "Inklings" (all measure 48"x 48"). ("Wolf's Head," pictured, was used as the poster image to advertise this show). Each painting the trilogy is separate, yet they are



linked together. "Dichotomy," a painting on gray background with the reflection of red, is of two women who are being drawn apart yet linked together. "Abyss" is a watercolor on hand-pressed gray textured paper, painted from a dark palette, showing just the eyes of one woman and the shadowed figure of the other woman.

The Hyde Park Art Gallery invites the community to meet the artist and experience his work at an artist reception being held Friday, Sept. 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the gallery.

The Hyde Park Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park, just two (2) blocks east of the intersection of Montrose and Hyde Park. The gallery hours are: Sunday, Monday and Thursday, noon to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, noon to 9:00 p.m.

## ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

## Grace Jones headlines local fundraiser for HRCF

The woman dubbed the "Dietrich of the new decade" was born in Jamaica. While Grace Jones may be shy about her age, that's where her shyness abruptly ends. Few performers can match Jones' bold visual impact and strident sexual charisma, though many have followed in her footsteps. Jones paved the way for the androgynous and gender-bending music-video imagery that served as the springboard for performers such as Boy George, Annie Lennox, RuPaul and even Jimmy James.

Jones, recently enjoying a new spurt of popularity with another generation of gay audiences, will headline a benefit Sunday, Aug. 13 at Rich's. The show starts at 11:00 p.m. and is the second of two local fundraisers for the national gay political organization scheduled to be held at the Houston club this weekend. (The first, set for Friday, Aug. 11, features The Lady Bunny, outrageous star of "Wigstock.")

Jones moved to Syracuse, N.Y. with her family at age 12, where she studied acting before becoming a model in Manhattan and appearing in the film, "Gordon's War." She then headed for Paris, along with her twin brother, where her high cheekbones and striking, stark look landed her on the covers of Vogue and Elle. Jones vamped her way from the runways of Paris to the burgeoning disco scene in the mid 70's, first signing with a French label then landing a deal with Island Records.

The first singer to appear in a live show at New York's infamous Studio 54, Jones quickly established a following-particularly among gay men-with cover versions of "Send in the Clowns," "Tomorrow," and her discofied reinvention of Parisian chanteuse Edith Piaf's "La Vie en Rose." Jones' early records, "Muse," "Fame," and "Portfolio" solidified her take on sexual ambiguity with original tunes such as "Do or Die" and "I Need a Man."

Jones' physical presence was matched by her television appearances and live shows in the mid '80s. In the United States, Jones flustered a still-brash David Letterman a number of times on his Late Show talkfest long before Madonna's four-letter tour-de-force-and had viewers wagging their tongues after sparring with popular British chat show host Rus-

sell Harty. Jones' taste for outrageous grew with her work: She toured the world in the early '80s clad in eye-popping costumes ranging from metal breastplates to gorilla costumes (when she first appeared in Houston at Number's she premiered her gorilla outfit). Her aptly titled "One Man Show" brought her even higher visibility, and Jones pushed the limits, further blurring the lines of overt sexual expression while mythologizing her own mystique. Her sleek look-marched onstage and growled her way through club-favorites from her "Warm Leatherette" and "Nightclubbing" albums.

Gay fans tapped into the provocative, cryptic messages of her songs when Jones would sing she was "feeling like a woman, looking like a man," as she did in her club hit "Walking in the Rain." And the upfront audacity of her racy, hump-and-grind single, "Pull Up to the Bumper," titillated

listeners and brought Jones cross-over success on the R&B charts. Fusing her disco-diva roots with elements of rock, reggae and new wave, Jones' music evolved further with "Living My Life" and the autobiographical album, "Slave to the Rhythm." The title track was a monster club-anthem, and young club-goers took to the Jones' message of self-acceptance and perseverance. Jones pushed her way further into the spotlight when she

broke the ice with MTV and the cable channel began airing her "Slave to the Rhythm" music video, which featured Jones climbing a ladder and being fitted into an enormous skirt which became the canvas for the late artist Keith Haring.

Over the next few years, Jones branched out into acting, playing a vampire in the film "Vamp" then appearing with Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Conan the Destroyer" and co-starring with Roger Moore in the James Bond flick "A View to a Kill." She also had a supporting role in the Eddie Murphy film "Boomerang." Jones began to open up about her private life a bit, too, when she took her romance with actor Dolph Lundgren public in a Playboy magazine nude pictorial.

Jones has re-emerged, musically speaking, in her old stomping grounds-with the steamy, techno-tinged hit "Sex Drive" and to-the-point flipside, "Typical Male."



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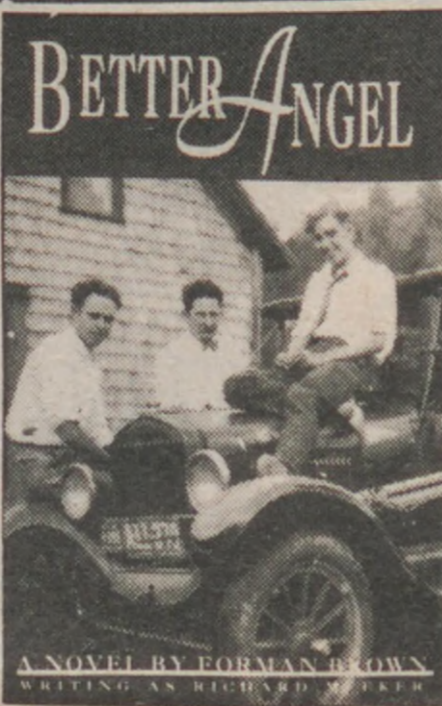
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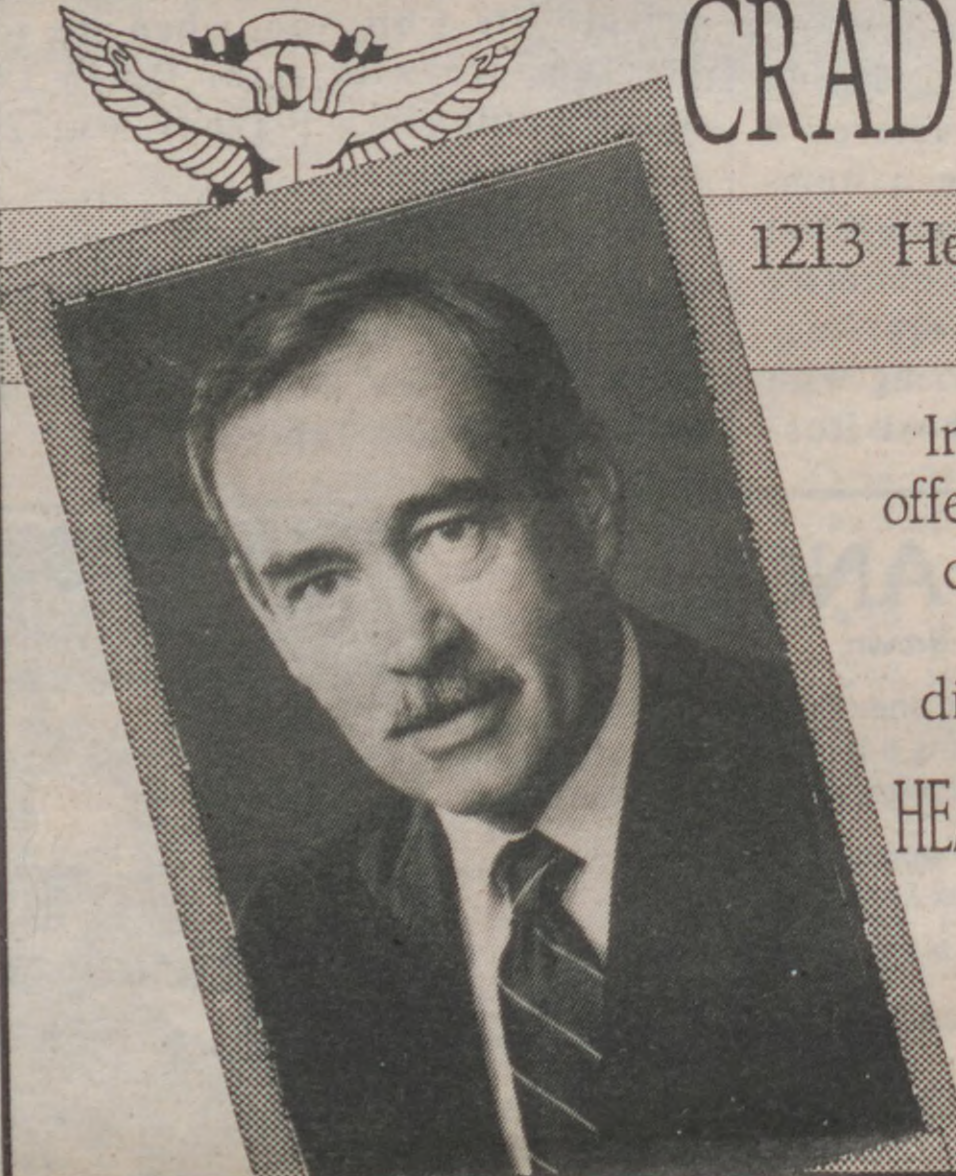
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## 'Jeffrey' Gets Shock Treatment

Of his role in the new film "Jeffrey" (which is based on the stage play about a gay man who falls in love just as he is swearing off intimacy), actor Steven Weber declares: "If anybody is uptight about this movie, I think they have a problem." Ironically, Weber took that stand on "Entertainment Tonight" ("ET"), where host John Tesh has been more than a little uptight about gays lately.

On the August 2 broadcast of "ET," Tesh introduced a segment on "Jeffrey" by noting: "Steven Weber is constantly looking for love on the NBC series 'Wings,' and he finds it in the new movie 'Jeffrey.'" Pausing gravely, Tesh then intoned: "But you're in for a shock when you see who's on the other end of Steven's big movie kiss." "ET" showed the kiss in slow-motion (though it was unclear if the effect was intended to heighten or dampen the "shock").

Only a few weeks ago, Tesh offered equally-sensationalistic commentary for a segment dispelling the "dirty rumors" about Keanu Reeves' sexual orientation. Unfortunately, these "ET" segments dance around the subject of homophobia. The "Jeffrey" segment never explored why a simple same-sex kiss is shocking stuff. Tesh could have said that "Jeffrey's" audiences will be "in for an education." And a MUCH-NEEDED education at that.

Fortunately, "ET" did allow Weber himself to celebrate "Jeffrey" as a film that "extols love and living." Viewing the chance to play a gay man as a professional opportunity, Weber said: "I'm just an average hetero idiot male, and it was an interesting excursion into trying something different." He concluded: "A kiss is really just a kiss."

\*\*\* Send constructive criticism to John Tesh, "Entertainment Tonight," 5555 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90038, tel. 213-956-4900, fax 213-956-4954; Support for "Jeffrey" should be directed to Len White, CEO, Orion Pictures, 1888 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067, tel. 310-282-0550.

## Good Advice

Newspaper advice columnists are frequently asked questions about homosexuality. For the most part, they have tended to give fairly rotten answers.

A modest exception can be found in T. Berry Brazelton's syndicated column, "Families Today." A reader wrote to say: "I recently saw an article stating that playing with dolls may be an early indication of homosexuality among young boys...I feel that (my 2-year-old son's) sweet nurturing will make him a good father, and that's what I tell busybodies who make disparaging remarks about his interest in dolls."

Brazelton replied: "I agree entirely. Learning to nurture dolls...is not sex-linked, nor is it an indication of homosexuality." Significantly, Brazelton went on to say (as the reader did not) that: "It is a

symptom of our homophobic society that we dare not encourage gentleness and nurturant behavior in young males." Such a statement is certain to raise homophobic hackles, especially since it appears in a column devoted to a subject fundamentalists think they own—"Families Today."

\*\*\* Supportive feedback can be sent to Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, c/o New York Times Syndicate, 122 East 42nd Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10168, fax 212-499-3382.

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\* WEB WATCH... "Exploiting Media Opportunities: How To Make Sure Lavender News Is Black and White and Read All Over" is an instructional pamphlet available on the World Wide Web (<http://rt66.com/summers/media.html>). The text "focuses on organizing press conferences to secure media coverage on local lesbian and gay news stories." (To notify GLAAD/SFBA of any defamatory or affirmative media coverage, or to request GLAAD membership information, please call our 24-hour Media Watch Hotline (415-861-4588) or write to Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103. Office phone: 415-861-2244. Fax: 415-861-4893. E-mail: [glaads-fba@aol.com](mailto:glaads-fba@aol.com). Web site: <http://www.gaytrek.com/gaytrek/glaad.html>.)



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# Chances Celebrates 1 Year: Cal's Genuine Respect' at the BRB



Black Velvet



Bobbi Waters performs at Gentry for TGRA

## Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN ROBERTS

Houston Voice/Houston

### Past Events

Chances celebrated its 1st anniversary this past weekend. What a party! The super sounds of the W.I.C.S. (Women in Comfortable Shoes), a band comprised of Betty McGee, Susan Masar, Raci Farris, Cherly Pullen, and Linda McKimmie rocked the house all night long! Food, flowers, and fun filled the air at Chances all weekend! Congrats to Marlene and the staff for giving us a great place to party!

The Black and White Ball this past weekend at Rich's was a quite a party! The crowd was dressed up in "formal" attire and ready to party! Leave it to Rich's to throw one heck of a party.

Congrats to the Court and the Sambvca Sisters for such a Rock-n-Gospel super show this past Sunday at the ToyBox! This was a fundraiser for Body Positive. Keep up the good work, girls!

### Friday, August 11

This weekend at the Astrodome, thousands of men's and women's fashions and accessories will be on sale at the Apparel Designer's Zone. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Cho takes the stage of the Laff Stop tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets are still available. Call 524-2333.

J.R.'s is the home of the weekend getaway! Register to win a weekend's hotel accommodations at one of many resorts, including Key West, New Orleans, and P-Town. The drawing is every Friday night at 10:30 p.m. Be sure to register to win the grand prize, a weekend for 2 in Cancun, including air fare, hotel, and \$200 in cash! This drawing is on Sept. 29th.

Celebri-Tease tonight at Club 403. The show is full of celebrity impersonators and lots of fun. Show time is 11:00 p.m.

The group "EarDrum" takes the bandstand tonight at the Avondale Pizzeria. Check this place out; they have great hand-tossed pizza as well as bands to keep you there all night long! The Avondale Pizzeria is located at 220 Avondale. Call 520-6479.

The nimble, nearly naked, natives nurture nocturnal needs naughtily tonight at Gentry. The nasty nippers nudge nuggets starting at 6:00 p.m.

Country cookin' mini-buffet

tonight at the ToyBox. The munchies start around 5:30 p.m.

Lady Bunny hops to Rich's tonight for a "Wigout" party.

The Lazer Wizard has returned to Pacific Street. He has been working on a new light show that is even better than the last! Stop in and check out the new laser grid! Pacific Street, where real men still dance.

### Saturday, August 12

The "August Birthday Babies" bash is tonight at Club 403. Stop in and join the birthday fun with cake and a show at 9:30 p.m.

Miss T.T. hosts the show at the Lazy J tonight. This week her guests are Tara Dion—Miss E/J's, Katrina LaShawn—Miss Sweetheart E/J's, Latina, and the Island Diva—Misty Valdez. The show starts at 10:00 p.m.

It's the "Super Saturday Show" tonight at E/J's. The lovely Brittany Paige takes the stage as guests Naomi Warwick, Dynasty, and Vanessa Raye entertain you! This show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Did you hear "Last Call" tonight? Are you hungry? Stop in to the Avondale Pizzeria for that late night munchies attack! They are open until at least 3:00 a.m. or longer if the crowd wants to stay!

"Marcia, Marcia, Marcia... Why is it always Marcia?" Groovy! Far Out! What a bummer! Yes, I've gotten lost in the land of the Brady Bunch! Mary's, naturally, is hosting a Brady Bunch party this afternoon on the patio beginning at 4:00 p.m. They also are having a Brady Backyard BBQ, with steaks, burgers and more! The Bradys would never serve beer, but, Mary's, naturally, will!

"Grin-N-Bear It" tonight at the Venture-N. Duke XI Jim Halbert and the Court in conjunction with the Houston Area Bears present a fundraiser for the Colt 45's Stone Soup! Please bring non-perishables or personal items as well as lots of dollar bills.

Tonight's line up (at press time): Crystal Rae Lee Love, Joe DeRosa, Susan Masar, John Benavides, Giovanni Lamond, Don Woods, Regina Dane, Shelby St. John, Kara Dion, Wilma, Lucy La Ru, Eydie Mae Sugarbaker, Billy Bailey, Jennifer Ellsworth, Ginger Snap and Darrel Nakagawa. The stage lights of the Venture-N go on at 10:00 p.m.

The Texas Renegades will be guest bartending on the patio of the Brazos River Bottom tonight starting at 9:30 p.m.

The Male line of the Royal, Sovereign & Imperial Court of the Single Star will be washing cars today at Gentry. The first bucket is filled at 10:00 a.m. and the suds are bubbly until 4:00 p.m. The price is \$5 for the exterior and \$2 for the interior. There is also a garage sale!

The long awaited national Gay and Lesbian television series is set to air this morning at 12:30 a.m. on VH-1. Set your VCR!

Ean's Cabaret is located at 112 Travis. The limber ladies of lasciviousness launch lesbian love-lust starting at 8:00 p.m. Use the coupon in this issue to get in free!

Stop in at Chances tonight! You never know who you will see there!

### Sunday, August 13

Cameron and Tara Dion host a fundraiser for the Q-Patrol tonight at E/J's. This benefit starts at 9:00 p.m. Bring dollars for this ever so worthy cause.

Heaven is having a "Customer Appreciation" party tonight! Oh, I almost forgot, it is a Toga party! If you are one of the first 100 to donate \$5 to the Q-Patrol, you will receive a custom-designed toga!

Grace Jones will be at Rich's tonight. This is a fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign fund. Tickets are \$20. This should be a power-packed show.

I'm sure that just about everyone knows that the Brazos River Bottom has steak night tonight, but just in case, I'll remind you that the grill goes from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. They also have a show

every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. This week's is rather special to me and a lot of other people. "Cal's Genuine Respect" is a different kind of a fundraiser. In Cal Moran's memory, Don Dowden and Don Gill are hosting a show, where the entertainers actually get to keep their tips! A lot of fund raising is done here in Montrose by drag queens and other performers who donate their tips to the cause of the day, and, well, it is time that they got to keep at least some of it for themselves! Bring lots of dollars and come out and enjoy one hell of a show!

The "Pajama Game" snuggles the stage at Gentry tonight starting at 8:00 p.m. This is presented by the Royal, Sovereign & Imperial Court of the Single Star. After the show, stick around for the Sunday strip contest at 10:00 p.m.

Wake up hungry and hung-over? Head to the 611 and partake in their brunch. Made to order omelets and a bunch of other yummy stuff are ready to be devoured!

### Monday, August 14

Honky Tonk nights hit Richmond! Gentry offers \$1 Miller Lite, a free juke box, free pool and all the hot nuts you can eat! This special runs on both Monday and Tuesday nights.

Play at the ToyBox tonight! Stop in and find out what is happening, 'cuz, well, you just never know what toys you will find at the ToyBox.

The Ripcord has a pool tournament tonight at 8:00 p.m. Chalk up your cue and bring \$3 to join in this game of balls, holes, a big stick and a rack!

### Tuesday, August 15

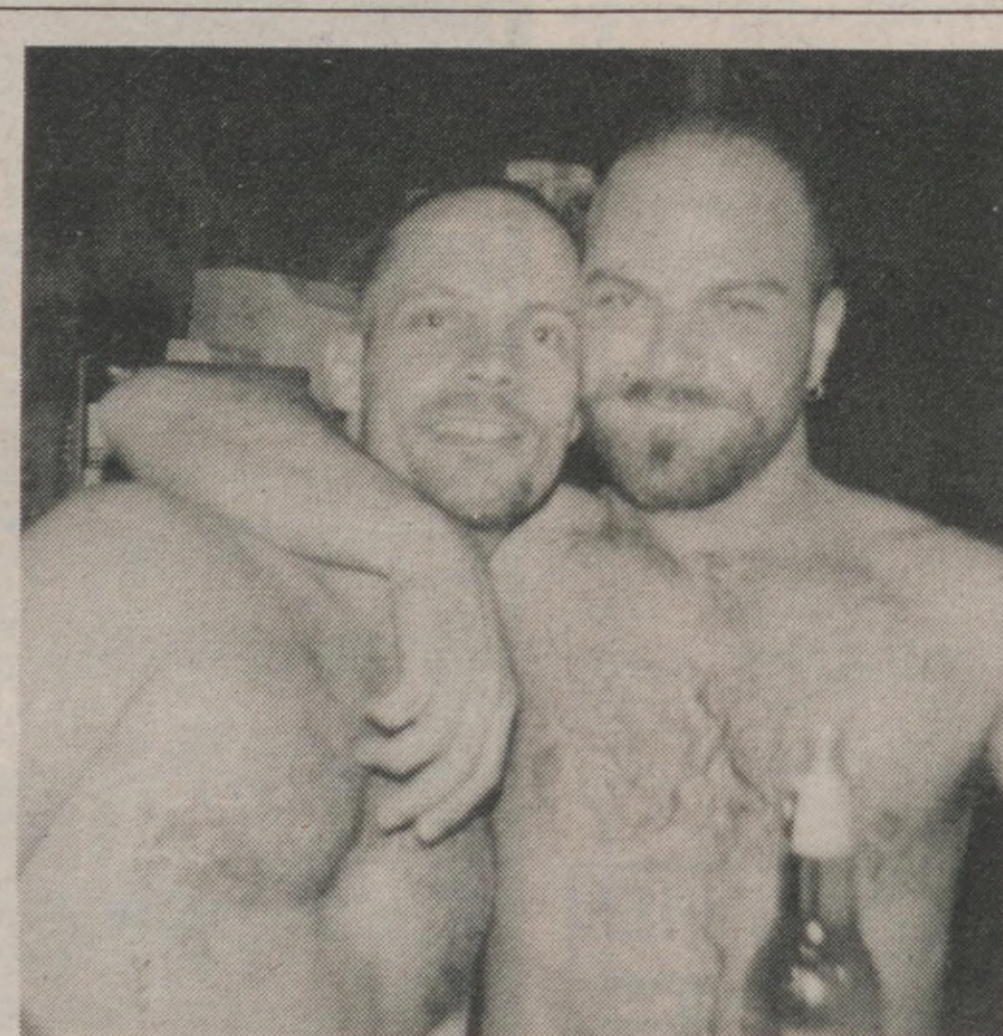
Kofi and Lindsay Love host the Amateur strip contest tonight at J.R.'s. The clothes hit the floor starting at 11:00 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of the \$1 domestic longnecks!

Looking for some laughs tonight? Andy Higgins will keep you giggling all through dinner tonight at the Avondale Pizzeria.

The Brazos River Bottom is having a preview white sale tonight! \$1 on all white well liquors all night as well as \$1 domestic longnecks! Kiss your horse and ride your cowboy down to the River Bottom for a hoot-n-dollar of a great time!

There once was a sweet girl named Cuervolyn. She liked to occasionally nip on Tequila. She likes the gold kind. I think I have seen her at Mary's on Tuesdays, with an IV in her arm from a bottle of Jose Cuervo!

The Skyy Lounge is the place to be on Tuesdays. But you never know if you will be served by Dr. Johnny Pink, or direct from NY, the Carnarsie Kid, Maury Isless? Head to the top of the Pacific Street Towers and find out what I'm talking about!



WOOF!!!!



What a group!!

# Other Important Stuff and RODENT Droppings



Kip's back from vacation



Oh, PLEASE take my picture!

## Houston Soap, Part 2 Wednesday, August 16

The men of the Mine "bear" it tonight for \$1 domestic longnecks from all day and all night! The Montrose Mining Company also plays the hottest Retro music around!

E/J's has hot beef tonight! Steak night! Need I say more?

Catia cats cautiously on stage tonight at Gentry for the weekly strip contest, starting at 11:00 p.m.

Midtowne Spa offers half-price on everything in the Spa tonight! They also have a free dinner buffet!

Check out the live sounds at the Briar-Patch tonight. They has super Texas sized martinis and some of the best entertainers in town!

## Thursday, August 17

The Montrose Mining Company offers all Budweiser products for a mere \$1.75 all day and all night tonight! Stop in and see where some of the hottest men in Montrose hang out!

Kofi and Lindsay Love, the dueling divas deliver demanding dick dancers in the weekly strip contest at Heaven. There is \$200 in cash prizes as well as 75¢ well drinks all night long. The strip contest starts at 11:00 p.m.

Roxanne Lee Love is hosting this week's amateur search for talent. This is week # 1 in the 8 week long search! Show time is 10:30 p.m.

Free pizza tonight at Gentry! 7:00 p.m.

Damion and the staff of Club Houston invite you to enjoy all the facilities of the Club Houston tonight for half-price!

The Texas Riders will be guest bartending at the Venture-N tonight. Head over to the "Far Side" starting at 6:30 p.m. and say Hi!

It is steak night at the 611. For a mere \$5 you get a steak, baker and a salad. The grill is lit from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The grill at the Brazos River Bottom is lit starting at 6:30 p.m. Your hostess, chief cook and bottle washer, Miss Brian (Damita Jo) Kever serves burgers and attitude until 9:30 p.m.

Show your Club Houston card and get in free tonight at Pacific Street. The towel boys will get you hot while the hunky bartenders cool you down! Pacific Street, where real men still dance.

## Other Important Stuff

El Palacio boasts the finest selection of tequila in the Montrose and Museum district. Stop in and enjoy \$1

Margaritas for lunch, or use the coupon in this issue for dinner! El Palacio is located at 3512 Main. Call 522-5041 for reservations.

LiB (Lesbians in Business) are sponsoring a night at Theater LaB on August 24 to see "Catholic School Girls," Houston's feeling groovy hit comedy about Catholic school life in the 1960s... Kennedy, The Supremes, Nuns, Twisting and girls chasing boys...! These four girls will have you "Holy Rollin'" in the aisles. Tickets are available at Inklings or by calling 529-0077.

Homophobic Company of the week! Deco Glass at 1641 Westheimer. The owner, Gary, has been seen many times in the parking lot next door to his shop (owned by very gay friendly Timeless Taffeta) screaming slurs and name calling. The police have been called several times!

Press release of the week! Matt Locklin is the new Executive Director of the AIDS Housing Coalition Houston. They will be opening both a house for men in the fall and a women's house shortly thereafter! We need help!! They need bar fundraisers in the next 60 days to help meet their financial goal. There are no salaried positions, so anyone donating time, talent or money would directly help clients with HIV/AIDS from becoming homeless. They are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and are located in Montrose. In addition, they are planning an upcoming rummage sale and need saleable items for donations. They need dedicated folks to build a volunteer team to help clients in transition. They are especially looking for people from our community who have experience in minor household remodeling and maintenance. And of course they are looking for \$\$\$\$\$. Please, if you are interested, call Matt Locklin at 902-2231.

## Birthday Corner

Special Birthday spans to John Parrish

A birthday cheese hug to LaMarr at Kroger.

A belated "Bite Me" birthday to funny lady Nancy Ford!

## Rodent Droppings

I had a dream last week! (Go Fig!) I was on a boat with a bunch of my friends. Ratrat was

with me. There was an alligator chasing Ratrat. He jumped into my arms (like I could protect him from an alligator). The alligator jumped into the lake, and Ratrat turned into a prince. He was telling me he was sorry for being so mischievous, but

when he is a ferret that is the only thing he knows. I explained that I only spank him when he is doing something that would put him into danger. He also told me that he did not like playing with the brute Harvey. Ratrat told me that Harvey was a big mean bully! SO, I guess I better listen to my dream!

JT (PS): So, that little black dress is worth 2 bottles of Dom Perignon!

Daniel (Club Houston): I understand that you came back from a weekend retreat in the woods hairless and full of hickeys! That is what happens when you pack 2 cases of beer and lots of razor blades! Did you ever find out who did this to you?

Ruby Stone (RSICSS): I understand that you are expecting! And the daddy is JD LaRue?

Tom Sawyer (Ripcord): You sure did look decorated with all those lipstick prints on you face!

Renee Monroe (RSICSS): Just what do those letters stand for? The Royal... ummm...

Tommie Sue (BRB): I understand that there were several unclaimed pumps left over from the Denim party! Cinderella, if you are reading, stop in and see if it fits! Also, what is this about you "farting dust?"

JT (Rich's): Why are people getting you confused that you are really a she?

Crystal Rae Lee Love (RSICSS): Stick, slide and suck? Was that your trick or your beer bottle? Or are they the same?

Don Dowden (BRB): Forget your keys again? Or was it a trick before that pool game? Also, just what have you been doing off your balcony?

Trixie Truxstop (RSICSS): How did

you get pregnant in the bathroom at E/J's?

Damion (Club Houston): Mary Tyler Manson?

Balance de Debris : White Trash!

Miss Alabama (BRB): Your girdle slid down your legs and hit the floor at the BRB! The funny part is that you thought no one saw it! It was kinda hard to miss, especially when you picked it up and tried to get Joann to quietly throw it away!

Thumper (ToyBox): I understand you went diving face first into a mud puddle to recover one of your pumps! Gee, the things girls do to save a pair of heels!

Barbara (Chances): Butch Bitch bouncing bald men!

Nelly Kelly (VN): A message from your roommates: Please wash the tub after you use the hose, the brown spots are hard to clean!

Miss Eddie (Hangs at the BRB): Your epidermis is showing!

Which Houston Area Bear has a new love? Kentucky or Seattle?

Marlene (Chances): Blown up any crock pots lately?

Bobby O'Brien: Advanced Westheimers again?

Don Hughs (Hangs at Mary's) Cribbage this!

Linda (Hangs at Chances): Pussy Galore? Tully? Just how many nicknames do you have?

Rabbit (611): I understand that you caught Lang and Bart late for school, but since they had "car trouble," they got detention instead of "pops!"

Keith (Baby @ Charlie's): I know who you are... I know where you live! Don't think you can ever do something "bad" and I won't either see it or hear about it!

John (Hangs at PastTime): Drink your slobber or you won't get another beer!

Ty One On (Maleman Funzine Gossip Diva): So, how does it feel to have a "Cuervolyn?"

Kip (PS): What a nice long vacation! Welcome back to work!

Rumor has it that after 11 years of wedded bliss, Dr. Bob and Richard are on the rocks! Not True! In fact, the boys will be enjoying yet another honeymoon this November in Puerto Vallarta... And no, Richard doesn't have a "hide behind" tree across from the BRB.

Have a great week

Huggs,

Cuervolyn



Rainbo de Klown always dresses for the seasons



Jennifer Ellsworth at the Roek-n-Gospel Show

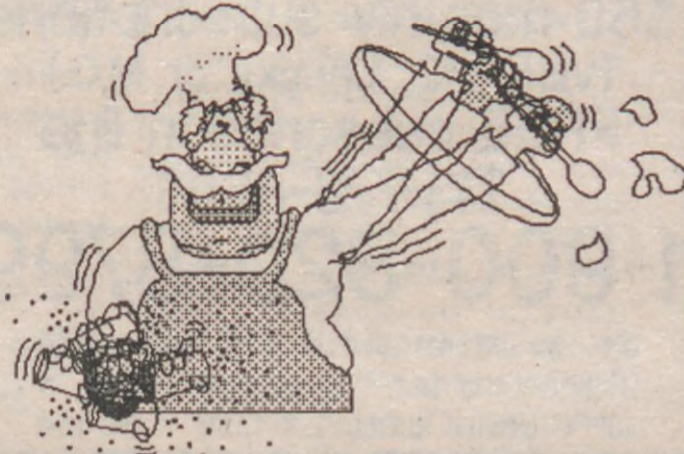


## RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD

Hey ya'll! It's time for a recipe that's a little more sophisticated, but is still relatively easy. I prepared this dish last weekend, and we both enjoyed it a lot. There are a couple of hang-ups probably for some of you, and that is some of the ingredients that are used, a lot of you may not have on hand. I keep them around, but my significant other always shakes his head when he opens the pantry door in fear the entire contents may come tumbling down on him. You see, I love going to the grocer almost as much as the nursery. Also, the dish can be a little pricey.

### Veal Scaloppini with Lemon, Capers & Artichokes

- 12 veal scaloppini, 1-1/2 ounces ea. pounded 1/8 inch thick
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- flour for dredging
- 3 Tbs. olive oil (approximately)
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 4 Tbs. capers
- 16 cooked artichoke quarters -  
(I used the non-marinated in the can)
- 2/3 c. dry white wine
- 4 tsp. lemon juice
- 4 Tbs. butter (room temperature)



Season the scaloppini lightly with salt and pepper. Dredge them in flour and shake off the excess.

Heat a large skillet over high heat and add enough oil to generously coat the bottom. Add half the scaloppini (or as many as will fit in a single layer) and cook until lightly browned, about 45 seconds per side. Remove the first batch when browned on both sides and set aside on a warm plate. Add a little more oil and add the rest of the scaloppini. Immediately after turning, add the garlic, capers, artichokes, wine and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, return the rest of the scaloppini to the pan, and reduce the sauce slightly. Just before serving, add a pinch of salt and the butter and swirl until butter is melted. Serve immediately.

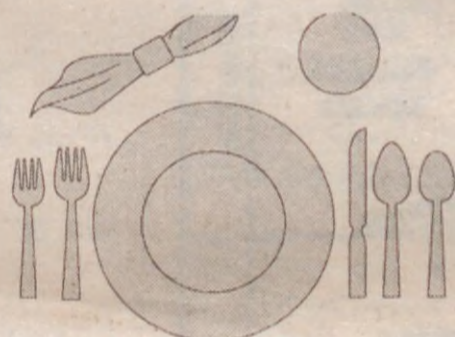
I did not add the salt at the end because the capers added plenty of a salted taste for us. For the side dish, I fixed a four cheese, tomato and herb linguine to go with this.

For a variation, omit the capers and artichokes in step 2, adding instead 1/3 cup reconstituted sun-dried tomatoes and 1 Tbs. each of chopped fresh sage and parsley.

Also, I only prepared this for the two of us, so that you don't thin we are a couple of pigs, I did cut the recipe in half!

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD



## The Great American Puzzle

TEXAS EDITION

By Henry McClurg

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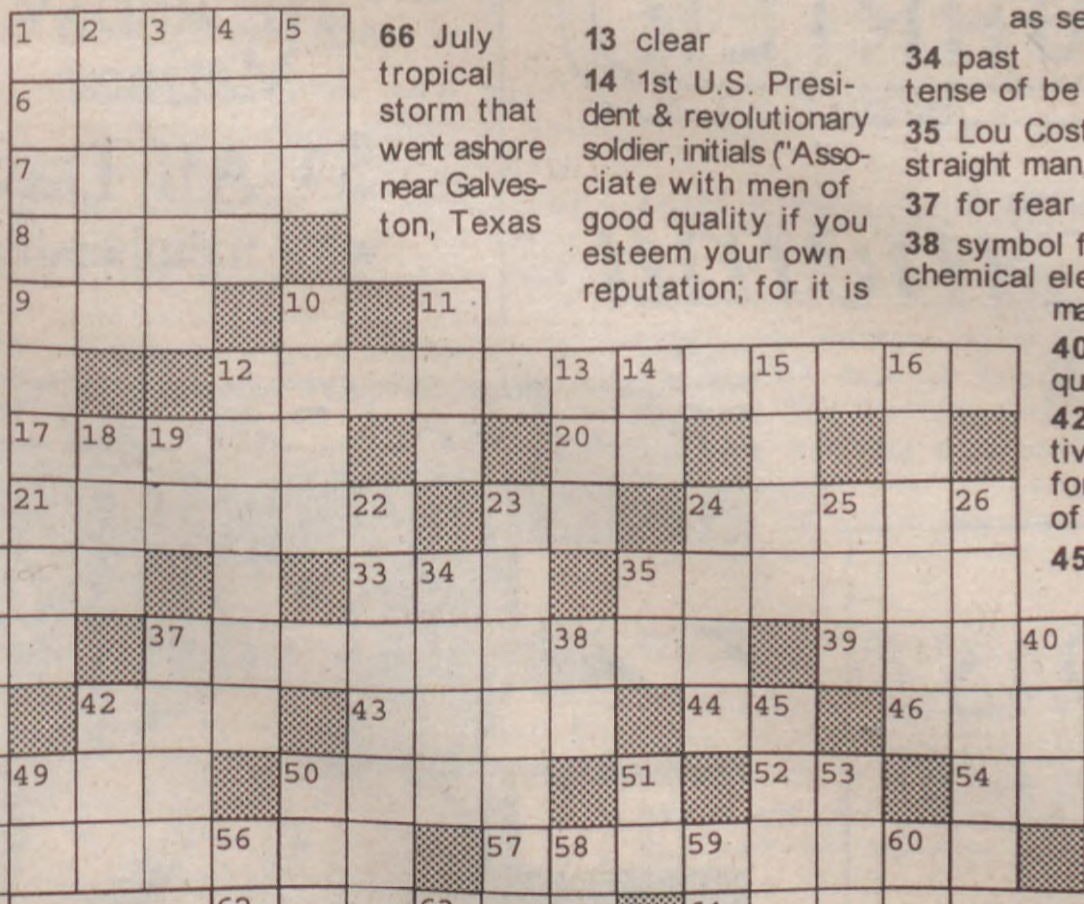
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## GALAXY GAYZER

A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE



### HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11 - 17, 1995

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** It's time to work on improving at least one important relationship. You are now learning to demonstrate your interest and affections. It's also time to face any problems which may be hiding in the closet, probably regarding a family member.

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 20) This week is no time for excessive independent behavior. Try to tone down any possible conflicts between work and home. By the week's end, you will seem more like yourself - looking for change, variety and adventure. Feelings run high for your lover or mate.

**TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21) Any career efforts should be put on hold this week, and extra time should be spent with loved ones... you won't be sorry at the results. The next month will definitely favor marriage or other close ties. Don't rely on a friend for support, you'll be disappointed.

**GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21) You have a number of positive trends going for you this week, starting with romance - there are also excellent job and career indications. Your upbeat feelings are real and contagious to those around you. Adopt a low profile near the week's end, making no decisions.

**CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23) Domestic troubles seem to be highlighted this week and may jar you into reality. Get to the heart of the matter as soon as possible, and don't defeat yourself by talking in circles. Draw on your intelligence and common sense, and project your charm.

**LEO:** (July 24- August 23) Your financial picture looks quite rosy this week. Make sure to save a few dollars for a rainy day. It's time to stop bottling up your feelings, express your anger in a constructive way. Make sure to speak clearly to avoid any misunderstandings among cohorts.

**VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23) Although expectations are high this week, it may be best to lay low, don't make waves, and wait for a better day - for you are bound to meet with opposition everywhere you turn. Avoid any overindulgence or overdoing; in all ways guard your health and mindset.

**LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23) A rather dullish mood will give away to a real sense of being alive, and an interesting job idea promises to send more income your way, if you are more than willing to learn a new skill. Home is where the heart is, and home is where you will find happiness.

**SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22) This week seems to be mostly pleasant, even though a bit ho-hum. Zero in on chores both at work and in the home which need to get done, and you will feel like you've accomplished something. Some home members may not be quite in sync with you, causing friction.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21) The week seems to revolve around money and social interests and they may integrally relate to each other. Resist any urges to speculate or take risks concerning financial rewards. Try to avoid making any firm commitments, or breaking any close alliances.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20) Your creativity is strong during the week, whether in a solo project or group situation. Romance may also put stars in your eyes, as you and a loved one see heart-to-heart on an important issue. Delay any important decisions until all the facts are clear.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19) During the next few weeks you are likely to make a major decision regarding your highest ambitions; a big job or career change is completely possible, but don't do anything unless it's been researched from all ends. It's time to get involved in ongoing education.

**PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20) This week may seem just like a struggle for survival primarily on the job, but also in other people's various problems. Everything seems to be intense, and you should tread lightly, especially when involved in other's emotions. Everyone seems to be overreacting.

## READERS POLL

Here are the results to the question, "If chronically ill, should we have a right to assisted suicide?" published in the past two issues of the VOICE.

**Houston Results**  
310 voted "Yes"  
102 voted "No"

Total responses: 412

**Nationwide Results**  
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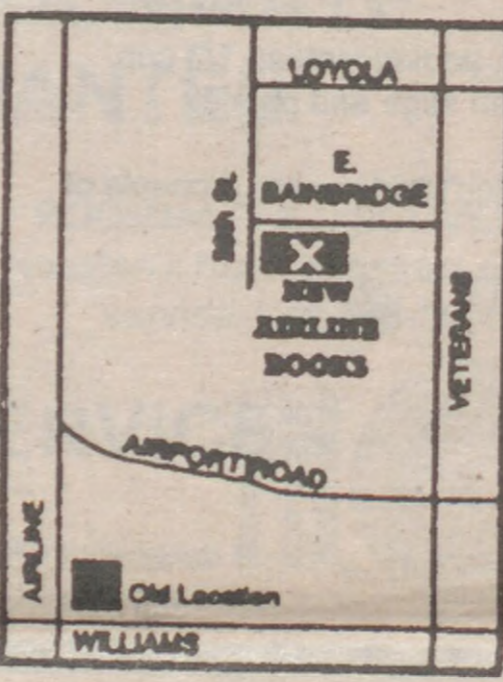


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# Houston VOICE Personals

## HAIRY DADDY SEEKS BOY

Boy should be 21-40, weight proportionate to height, open-minded. Daddy is 50, 5'9", 180, bearded. Let's discuss possibilities. Photo exchange will be required eventually. Ad 25673

## GOOD LOOKING & FIT

Inexperienced 24 yr. old male looking for a straight acting college student or young professional, between the ages of 18-24, for discrete friendship and maybe more. Ad 25716

## FIRST TIME

5'6" medium build middle aged straight black male beginning to find myself attracted to other straight appearing males, black or white, small to medium build. Not macho. Wish to talk or meet with others experiencing or those who have experienced the same. Never had an affair. Would like to hear from you. Ad 25714

## BOTTOM SEEKS TOP

I.S.O.: Masculine, hairy, H.W.P., HIV-, well endowed GWM for safe fun. No strings. Pure indulgence. ME: 40 yr., HIV-, 5'7", 160 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, w/S & P beard. Average guy. No hang-ups. Photo w/letter for response. Ad 25724

## SEEKING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

New to the gay scene. Recently divorced. Looking to make new friends/acquaintances. I am a WM early 50's but people say I look 40, DDF, non-smoker, permanently employed. I am average looking, tall and slim, hazel eyes, blond hair. I like quiet evenings, enjoy cooking, gardening, country and western music, the beach, and the outdoors. If interested, respond to Ad 25674.

All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions.

## REWARD OFFERED

Interesting GWM looking for a special gentleman. I'm 37, 6'1", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, career oriented professional, healthy, happy, financially and emotionally stable. Enjoy travel, nautilus, family & friends. Similar/compatible gentlemen, 30s to 40s, are encouraged to respond today for what may be a very rewarding experience! Ad 25720

## BLACK MALE SEEKS WHITE MALE

37 year old black male, HIV+, 30 waist, 6', 155, healthy and active. Seeking GWM HIV+ age 25-40 for monogamous relationship. Must be sincere. No one nighters please. Ad 25681

## CHRISTIAN SEEKS LIFEMATE

GWM, 33, 6'1", 285, christian, professional with big heart. I'm nice looking, short brown hair and mustache. Seeking that special someone with lots of love to give for monogamous relationship. Interests include movies, intimate evenings, helping people in need, yard sales, flea markets, and my church. Ad 25708

## VERY WELL ENDOWED

Attractive GWM, 39, 6'1", 175 and HIV-. Dominant top/daddy type. Seeking the intimacy lacking in a world of casual encounters. I.S.O. younger masculine bottom "boy" that's muscular and attractive. Interests include movies, clubs, intimate evenings, and camping. Respond by letters only; with phone and photo please. Ad 25700

## GWF COUPLE LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS

Lesbian couple in our mid-30's looking for a single person, or couple, for a non-sexual friendship. We enjoy movies, music, the Rockets, Reba and Melissa. Ad 25641

Attractive male, 5'9", 145#, sincere professional. Seeking monogamous relationship with someone who is attractive, HWP, honest and willing to make a commitment. Interests include museums, dining out, the outdoors, travel and good conversation. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25722

## ENJOY HOUSTON

Good-looking, rich (well comfortable), successful, socially connected, seeks conversationally stimulating, visually appealing person to laugh with and go places with. I'm 50, HWP, healthy HIV+. Mail responses only, please. Ad 25710

## FRIENDLY YOUNG MAN WANTED

Affectionate older GWM seeks a young man for discreet and safe fun. I like to please young men, especially if they are slender, boyish and smooth. DDF please. Ad 25693

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## LOOKING FOR BILL:

Your name is Bill, a GBM I met in the Ripcord. You said you were taking a friend home, but you were late in returning to the bar. I would like to get in touch with you. Ron Ad 25134

## SPECIAL SPECIFIC SERIOUS BOTTOMS

Need to submit? Need to service and do it right? Good at taking instructions? Need discipline? Naughty lately? Need bound? Know your place with a demanding top? Your call. If GM, 25-40, fit, clean, healthy, easy going, bright, nice guy, then I am expecting your call. Ad 25653

## PASADENA: 3 CAN BE GOOD COMPANY

And lot's of fun! GWC, barely 30's, one's versatile, one's top only. Both well endowed, HWP, DDF, tired of bars. You: GWM, 18-30, HWP, DDF, versatile or bottom. For: Safe 3-Way Fun, Friendship and Companionship. Ad 25695

## ATTENTION -NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

## LOOKING FOR LIKE/ PROF. FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a fellow professional with a strong work ethic. Interested in a long term relationship with someone who enjoys nice quiet weekday nights, followed by busy weekends. I'm 36, 6'1" and 175lbs., DDF. You should be between 28 and 38, established in your career, DDF and proportionately built. Life is good and I would like it to get better with the right man. Ad 25656

## SERIOUS & SINCERE ONLY

Tall/Handsome/GWM. Loves to look, dance, & shop. Former LSU student turned paraprofessional. I.S.O. spontaneous, intellectual, politically incorrect friends. You must keep up w/ fashion, latest dance music, and me! HWP & DDF. Ad 25702

## AFTERNOON DELIGHT

Professional GWM, 49, blonde-blue, clean shaven, 6', 165, swimmers body. I.S.O. part-time play buddy. You are good-looking, 30 to 50, HWP, drug free, without hangups. CALLS ONLY. Ad 25704

## TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

Top seeks bottom for workouts. Nice guy, nice looking, no strings, do-it first, then talk. HIV+. Mail responses only. Ad 25706.

## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

## HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good sense of humor. Seeking HIV+ men for friendship but I'm primarily interested in entering a serious relationship with an honest, caring and loving man. Ad 25632

## GO FOR IT!

GWM seeks man of color to make my dreams come true. Looking for love. Tired of games and one night stands. You can't lose what you don't have. Ad 25692

## FREE TO LOVE

Professional, mature, masculine, successful, fun loving gay white male, 40, 5'11", 180#, well built and very attractive, dark hair and deep grey blue eyes, and interested in a very long term monogamous relationship based on loyalty, honesty and most importantly, passion. True love runs deep, and there is nothing else quite like it... to be devoted and committed to that one special person who is as equally into you as you are into him. Ad 25718

## SEEKING HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

I am in my early 30's, healthy, HWP and am interested in developing a relationship with a sincere, honest and caring man. You must be professional/business-like, able to speak spanish and have proper documents to travel out of the country. Ad 25712

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