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### Buchanan now GOP frontrunner

#### Avowed 'social conservative' is staunchly anti-gay

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
*Houston Voice Editor*

(WASHINGTON)—Conservative former television commentator Pat Buchanan—who this week stated he would not allow openly gay people to work in his administration if he were president and suggested "the FBI" would be responsible for ferreting them out—has emerged as the front-runner in the predictably unpredictable scramble for the Republican presidential nomination. With his close but startling victory in the New Hampshire primary over Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Buchanan may also have shaken up irreversibly the party's process and options in picking a nominee to face President Bill Clinton in November.

Already, analysts are predicting that the ultimate effect of Buchanan's victory in the nation's first primary will be to cinch Clinton's victory in November, regardless who ultimately becomes the GOP nominee. In a front page news analysis on Wednesday, *Houston Chronicle* political

reporter Cragg Hines opined that "The biggest winner in New Hampshire is, of course, Bill Clinton."

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national gay and lesbian political organization, quickly called a press conference Wednesday in Columbia, South Carolina to interject its own spin: although Buchanan won the primary, nearly three quarters of the voters in fact "rejected (his) divisive message," claimed HRC's executive director, Elizabeth Birch, who called Buchanan "a walking hate crime."

The self-described "social conservative" is staunchly and openly anti-gay. On Feb. 11, Buchanan told NBC's *Meet the Press* that he would not appoint openly gay people in his administration, adding: "I do not believe this is a valid, legitimate, moral lifestyle, period, paragraph." Monday, he reiterated those comments on CNN. Buchanan, along with fellow GOP presidential contenders Alan Keyes and Phil Gramm (who has since dropped out of the race), had also attended an anti-gay rally in Des Moines, Iowa on Feb. 10.

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Colorful, outrageous costumes were the rule at last Friday's Silk Stocking Ball. Held at Moody Gardens in Galveston, the glitzy event capped the Houston/Galveston area's gay Mardi Gras party season.



Precinct 1 Constable Jack Abercia presents a check to Marlene Beago, owner of Chances, at a recent breast cancer awareness benefit held at the bar. The show raised over \$1,200 for the Marion Panzer Breast Cancer Awareness Fund

### Oscar Contest returns!

By JAVIER TAMEZ  
*Houston Voice/Houston*

It's baaaaaaack! Absent for one year, the *Houston Voice* Oscar Contest (and every participant's chance to win up to \$100) is back. As in years past, you are not only pitting your Oscar-sense against other participants but against mine as well. If you predict more winners correctly than anyone else who enters, you will win \$50. But if you also predict more winners correctly than I do, then you win an additional \$50. (Complete rules to the contest are included on the ballot on Page

19.)

The Oscar telecast is on Monday, March 25th. You can see my picks in the issue on March 22nd. Your entries must be postmarked, delivered or faxed to the Houston Voice office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

I have again excluded the categories of Documentary Feature, Documentary Short Subject, Animated Short Film and Live Action Short Film because of their limited exposure. There is however a new category to consider. The award for Best Original Score has now been expanded to two awards, Best Original Score in a Musical or Comedy and Best Original Score in a Drama.

So for now, forget the movies, directors and actors that didn't make it off the Academy cutting room floor. The runners are set, and the Oscar race is on!

### Local volunteers needed for Quilt display

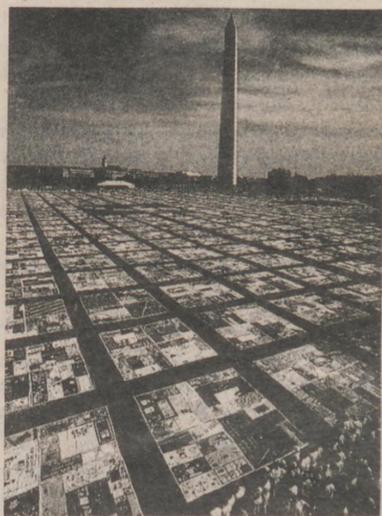
#### Organizers Call D.C. Showing 'Largest AIDS Awareness Event In History'

(HOUSTON)—On the weekend of Oct. 11-13, hundreds of thousands of people are expected to converge on the nation's capital to participate in what is expected to be the largest AIDS awareness event in history.

Just weeks before the presidential and congressional election, the NAMES Project plans the largest-ever display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt as the centerpiece of a weekend of activities designed to ensure that AIDS is made a top priority on our nation's agenda.

As 45,000 panels of the Quilt—15

city blocks of fabric—are unfolded, the names of the dead will ring out over the open expanse of the National Mall. Over the course of the weekend, volunteers will read more than 70,000 names from



the Quilt...more names than appear on the nearby Vietnam War Memorial. The effort will require the combined efforts of over 10,000 volunteers.

Locally, planning is already underway for the monumental project...and not a minute too soon, according to NAMES Project Houston. Local organizers are hoping to recruit thousands of volunteers to help with our area's participation in the display. Perrie Dolph, NAMES Project Houston's volunteer coordinator for the event, noted that the planned event differs from past displays of the Quilt in that panels will be grouped by region rather than randomly placed.

Houstonians interested in helping with the project in any way are encouraged to call Perrie Dolph at 729-9662.

### Gay journalists to meet at UH

(HOUSTON)—The Texas chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) will be holding its fourth annual statewide conference March 23 at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. Daniel Helminiak and Achy Obejas are scheduled to headline the conference, which is titled "Navigating the '90s: A Day-Long Conference for Lesbians and Gays in Journalism."

Helminiak is a Roman Catholic priest and author of "What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality." His book, which regularly tops the list of gay best-sellers, offers a counterpoint to religious fundamentalists who cite the Bible to persecute homosexuals.

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## Community Calendar

by Carolyn Roberts

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

### Friday, Feb. 23

- \* Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
- \* HIV Art classes at the Art League. Call 523-8817
- \* HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- \* 12 step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 527-1348.
- \* Free Buffet at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 p.m.
- \* The Manuscripters' Guild meets at Borders Books. 7:30 p.m. And meet thriller author William Bernhardt at 8:00 p.m. Call 782-6066.
- \* Film at MFA-Hoop Dreams at 7:30 P.M. Call 639-7300.
- \* "The Rainmaker" opens at Theater Southwest. Call 661-9505.
- \* Outrage Monthly Dinner Social at 7:00 p.m. At Baba Yega. Call 706-2508.

### Saturday, Feb. 24

- \* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 863-1860.
- \* After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.
- \* Malcolm X Speaks-interview with Malcolm X at Berkeley in 1963 airs at the JIB Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. Call 236-1313.
- \* Meet cowboy author Clayton Jennings at Borders Books. 3:00 p.m. Call 782-6066.
- \* Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus mail out party. Call 421-1000.
- \* Texas Association for Transsexual Support meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 827-5913.
- \* Slide show "Copley's Siege of Gibraltar" at the Museum of Fine Arts. 7:00 p.m. Call 639-7300.
- \* Free Symposium on new advances in HIV treatment at 1:00 p.m. Call 1-800-796-2220.

### Sunday, Feb. 25

- \* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 863-1860.
- \* Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.
- \* HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- \* Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.
- \* Out in Ft. Bend meets. Call 344-0638.
- \* Brunch at the 611 12:30 p.m. \$3
- \* Steak Night at the Brazos River Bottom. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- \* Pool Tournament at Chances. 6:00 p.m.
- \* Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:15 a.m. Call 537-1348.
- \* The Women's Group meets at 10:45 a.m. Call 529-8571.
- \* Blackout '96 party at Numbers. Benefits AFH Stone Soup. 4:00 p.m. Call 759-9606.
- \* Meet romance author Anita Bunkley at Borders Books at 2:00 p.m. And Palmist Richard Unger at 7:00 p.m. Call 782-6066.

### Monday, Feb. 26

- \* AFH Creative Writing Class. 3:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.
- \* Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6181.
- \* HeartSong open rehearsal at the Community Room in Sharpstown Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 526-9095.
- \* Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-1223.
- \* Agora meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 623-6796.

\* Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 p.m. Call 539-0037.

\* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Gay and Lesbian Readers group meets at Barnes and Noble. 3003 W. Holcombe at 7:00 p.m. Free! Call 349-0050.

\* Pool Tournament at the Brazos River Bottom. 8:00 p.m. Call 528-9192.

\* Gay and Lesbian readers group meets at Barnes and Noble. 7:00 p.m. Call 349-0050.

\* Log Cabin Republicans meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 529-9100.

\* Ministry with Sexual Minority Youth workshop at Zion Lutheran Church. 8:30 a.m. Call 869-1493.

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

\* Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.

\* Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. Call 522-8182.

\* Southern Country gives dance lesson at the Ranch. 9200 Buffalo Speedway. 8:00 p.m.

\* Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Bereaved Partners/Spouses at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 488-4492.

\* PROTECT support group meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 520-7870.

\* Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

\* Free Dance Lessons at the Brazos River Bottom. 9:30 p.m. Call 528-9192.

\* Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. Call 782-6066.

\* Names Project volunteer meeting at 7:00 p.m. Call 52-NAMES.

\* AIDS Equity League meets at noon at Charlie's. Call 871-0092.

\* HIV/AIDS Treatment mixer and open forum. 7:00 p.m. Call 527-8219.

\* Love, Lust, and Intimacy-safer sex workshop at 7:00 p.m. Call 524-2374.

\* Town Meeting, Inc. meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 526-2853.

\* Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Task Force meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 529-6979.

### Wednesday, Feb. 28

\* Shiela Lennon performs at Chances. 9:00 p.m. Call 523-7217.

\* Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. Call 524-0218.

\* GLOBAL meets at 4:00 p.m. Call 743-7539.

\* Toopee's Coffee Bar has "Activity Night" with a complimentary buffet. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00p .m. Call 522-7662.

\* HIV survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 p.m. Call 782-4050.

\* Men's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

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## Community Organizations Bulletin Board

### Boy's Life and Dating

Wondering what it takes to make that date with Mr. Right go right? Curious to know if there are more ways of getting to know him than just sex? Anxious about how to keep him interested after the first few dates? Join other young gay and bisexual men for "The Dating Game: Getting to Know Him In and Out of Bed," a stimulating conversation on dating and mating in the '90's.

Scheduled for Wednesday evening, Feb. 28 at 7 o'clock in the Suzanne Anderson Offices at 239 Westheimer, "The Dating Game" is sponsored by the new Houston group BOYS LIFE as the next conversation in its biweekly discussion series entitled Boy Talk.

Boy Talk is being created as an experiment in conversation that brings together gay and bisexual men ages 18-30 in an open forum to talk about dating, sex, relationships, AIDS and the queer community. There will be a new topic each time.

Billing itself as "the young men's group for the '90s," BOYS LIFE is a new group formed by young gay and bisexual men for young gay and bisexual men. The goal of the group is to create a space in our community where gay boys can grow into healthy gay men.

For more information please call 523-9470.

### Women's Network

The Women's Network topic for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at their 7 to 9:00 p.m. meeting is "For and About: Children of Lesbian Moms."

Bring your daughters and sons, or just come yourselves to hear a panel of children of lesbian mothers share how they have experienced their mother(s) being lesbian. The children of the audience will be especially welcomed to ask questions of the panel.

The free educational and social group for gay and bisexual women meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. For more information telephone 529-0037.

### HPMA Dinner

The Houston Professional Men's Association has planned its March dinner meeting for Friday, March 1 at Bibas Greek Restaurant, 607 West Gray from 7 until 9:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to all interested men and reservations are suggested. Please contact Steve at 520-9083 to RSVP prior to Wednesday.

A traditional Greek food buffet will be served and the cost is \$15 plus the \$5 HPMA dues. The meeting will take place in a private dining room upstairs, and parking should not be a problem.

The monthly pot-luck is planned for March 16. More information will follow.

### Rummage-A-Rama

The AIDS Housing Coalition—Houston (AHCH) will be sponsoring the "1996 Spring Rummage-A-Rama" Saturday March 2 to benefit the TLC House program, a 6-bed emergency house, reserved for males living with HIV/AIDS and facing homelessness.

Did you stop to realize your rummage items can help keep people with AIDS from living on the streets? So clean out those closets.

Anything that still works is welcome to

be donated. Odds and ends, furniture, antiques, stereos, and appliances, TV's, mirrors, chairs, lamps, blankets, clothing, household and kitchen goods, unwanted Christmas gadgets and electronics. Some items will be used at TLC House and others will be sold to raise funds for this important housing initiative.

You can drop off items now at the Montrose AHCH offices or call for a volunteer to pick-up your rummage. To donate or to register as an event volunteer please telephone 521-1613. AHCH offices are located at 117 Tuam.

### Body Positive Support

Body Positive Houston is starting a new cycle of Peer Counseling Support Groups for HIV positive individuals. This service is free of charge. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend an informational meeting to be held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Tuesday March 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Body Positive has successfully operated a Peer Counseling program for HIV/AIDS clients since 1988. Each group lasts nine weeks with weekly meetings facilitated by trained leaders who are HIV positive, under the supervision of a licensed psychotherapist. There are 10 to 12 clients in each group.

Based on a training manual developed at Body Positive/Houston, some of the topics regularly covered include: Working with your Doctor, Healing Alternatives, Relationships, Lifestyle Issues, Stress Reduction, and Relaxation. The groups ultimately decides the discussion topics.

The group sessions are closed and confidential and therefore no new members are added after a group has started. The meetings are casual and all materials necessary will be provided.

If you are interested in participating or you need further information about this program contact the body Positive/Houston office at 524-2374.

### Leather Recognition

At the annual "Leather Journal's" "Pantheon on Leather" awards ceremony, held at the Radisson Hotel in New Orleans Feb 11, local leather-community leader Dean Walradt was the recipient of a large lead-crystal award recognizing his contribution and service in the south-central region of the USA.

Walradt is the founder, past president and current secretary of the National Leather Association/Houston chapter; the current secretary of the Houston Lesbian/Gay PRIDE Week '96 committee, and has been recently elected to a two year term to the executive committee of the NLA: International's ruling body.

Other accomplishments include the position of acting assistant director of the International SM/Fetish/Leather annual conference "Living in Leather—VII" held in Houston in 1993; the Pantheon of Leather—VIII award winner as "club event of the year" as well as being appointed to the position of director for LiL—IX held in Toronto in 1994 and LiL—X held in Portland, OR.

Walradt is an associate member of Texas Leather & Lace, Texas Riders, Firedancers—Dallas, Texas Renegades, Atlanta Panthers, and Dallas' Leather Knights.

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### DOUGLASS D. PATE

Douglas D. (Doug) Pate, 40, passed away suddenly at his home on Monday, February 19, 1996. He was a native of Houston and President of Food Services Group. Those who survive him include his partner, Jim Benton; mother, Eloise C. Pate; sisters, Katheryn Pate-Byrd and husband, Andy of Nashville, Tennessee, Julie McCole and husband, Matt of Denver, Colorado; brother, Edwin Bruce Pate, III and wife, Donna of Katy; nephew, Clark Gregg and wife, Lisa; and nieces, Katheryn Gregg and Sarah Pate. Visitation was held Wednesday, February 21, 1996 at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held at the church on Thursday, February 22, 1996 with interment and graveside services held in Hillsboro, Texas on Friday, February 23, 1996. In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions may be made in Doug's name to the Bering Memorial Methodist Church Support Network.

## Queer Nation targets Ryan White inaction

(HOUSTON)—The lesbian and gay activist group Queer Nation will stage a demonstration Friday, Feb. 23 at noon at the Mickey Leland Federal Building, 1919 Smith targeting congressional inaction on the Ryan White Care Act.

Queer Nation will demand first: that Congress pass a continuing resolution that gives AIDS programs funding for the remainder of fiscal year 1996 and second that Congress reauthorize and fully fund the Ryan White Care Act.

The Care Act was designed to provide emergency funds for the cities and states hit hardest by the AIDS epidemic. Congressional authorization for the program officially expired five months ago, and a new act has not yet reauthorized the program. Furthermore, funding for the program is bogged down in a massive appropriations bill that Congress has not passed.

Under short-term spending measures called continuing resolutions passed by Congress and signed by the president, federal funds continue to flow to cities and states through the Care Act. The latest resolution extends funding through March 15.

But temporary spending measures fund the Care Act only at last year's levels and are devastating to the AIDS community because they do not allow service providers to effectively plan for the future. Without a full year's worth of funding for the Ryan White Care Act, agencies at both the federal and local levels are uncertain how much money will be available in fiscal year 1996 which began Oct. 1, 1995, making it extremely difficult to provide much needed social and medical services for people with AIDS.

For more information contact Queer Nation at 868-9335.

## Agencies to present HIV-AIDS treatment update

### Forum Focuses On Protease Inhibitors, Other New Drugs

(HOUSTON)—Local HIV service agencies will present a community forum early next month on recent advances in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, with a special emphasis on the new class of drugs known as protease inhibitors.

Montrose Clinic's research division, the Houston Clinical Research Network (HCRN) and Research Initiative/Treatment Action! (RITA!) are co-sponsoring a community forum summarizing the highlights from the 3rd Annual Retrovirus and Infectious Disease Conference held last week in Wash-

ington, D.C. The community forum, underwritten by Glaxo Wellcome, will be held Thursday, March 7 at the Doubletree Hotel, Allen Center-400 Dallas Street at the corner of Bagby, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The forum is free and open to the public. Its purpose is to educate the community on issues of viral resistance and clinical results surrounding protease inhibitors and newly approved retrovirals, organizers said.

"Hope and treatment options for persons living with HIV have greatly increased in just the past few months. In the last quarter of 1995, two new anti-HIV drugs were approved and at the conference in Washington, D.C. there were many hopeful reports on upcoming

therapies, especially in the new class of drugs called protease inhibitors," said Joel Martinez of RITA! "There are more current and potential treatment options for persons living with HIV and some of these new options look very promising."

Speakers at the community forum include Joseph Gathe, M.D.; Martinez; Chris Jimmerson and moderator Bill Manion, R.N. Topics to be covered are results from the Merck, Agouron, and Abbott protease inhibitors; 3TC and other antiretroviral data; and a general wrap-up of the 3rd Annual Retrovirus & Infectious Disease Conference. For more information, contact the Montrose Clinic at 520-2000 or RITA! at 527-8219.

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## MT sodomy law dies

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—District Judge Jeffrey Sherlock has struck down Montana's law that makes private, consensual homosexual sex among adults a crime, ruling that it violates the Montana Constitution's guarantee of privacy.

Sherlock issued a permanent injunction with his opinion Friday forbidding the state to enforce the law in that regard.

Gay and lesbian groups around the state held news conferences Saturday to hail the decision.

"The fight is not over until the law that makes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals criminals is off the books," said Linda Gryczan of Helena, one of the plaintiffs in the case. "We need only remember the debacle last March in the Montana State Senate with the attempt to pass the so-called 'Gay Registration Bill.' The district court has now ruled 'Not in our state!'"

The Senate passed a bill to require all homosexuals to register with the state, but reversed itself in the face of a nationwide outcry.

"Montana's gays, lesbians and bisexuals have lived under constant threat of criminal prosecution and official condemnation," Sandy Hale, executive director of Montana PRIDE!, said in a news release. "This statute has rendered us second-class citizens for too long."

# Still 'dysfunctional' after all these years

## Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

That crazy, wacked-out, touched-in-the-head Smith family is back. Rob Nash, who has mastered the one-man show, brings the goofy members of his stage family back for another round of tantrums, acting-out and interventions. *12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Family, Part III* is Nash's third (bet you wouldn't have guessed that) installment in his dysfunctional series. And his irresistibly comic and unfailingly accurate depiction of the foibles of the modern family is looking better each time.

All the characters are back: Mildred the tireless matriarch, who has managed to maintain her sanity in the face of an alcoholic husband and son, both of whom died, and the rest of the off-center members of her clan; Fred the level-headed gay son, who returned to the family fold after learning he had AIDS; Margo, the daughter/sister-in-law who walks a tight rope between day-to-day functioning and

day-to-day neuroses; Miriam, a.k.a. Windsong, the lesbian daughter/sister who propounds a New Age solution to all life's problems; Matt, the disgruntled, rebellious grandson/son/nephew who thinks everything "sucks;" and Ashley, a granddaughter/daughter/niece who "hates everything," especially her own body.

In the initial production of this series, *12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You*, Nash tackled the popular self-help, coined phrases in psychological vogue and turned AA's 12-step program on its head. In part two, *12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Christmas*, Nash took a headlong dive into a holiday pool, successfully capturing the added stress and tension that springs forth aplenty right along with all the good cheer.

For the latest chapter in this dysfunctional saga, Nash has carried his family a psycho-evolutionary step forward. Mildred now realizes that she can parlay her family's story into ready cash. She waxes proudly about Phil and Oprah and Geraldo and is excited about meeting Regis and Kathi Lee.

Fred lives with Mildred (his mother) and the two of them do the best they can by the pubescent children that were left in their hands when Margo fell off the deep end. Far and away the most pragmatic of the characters, Fred's understanding and patience can at times seem too good to be true.

Margo gets by as well she can. She misses her children and would like to have charge of them again, but she exercises little control over the restless teens. Windsong has entered a seriously loopy embrace of all manner of herbal concoctions designed to improve the health, soothe the mind, and help with all those bad habits to boot—it's a kind of holistic wellness.

Matt is as foul-mouthed and undisciplined as ever. A brief foray as a musician with a local band—Bloody Screw—collapsed when he heard the band's demo and decided that they sucked (along with everything else). With no other diversions to occupy him, Matt turns his attention to his two favorite hobbies—smoking pot and beating off. Ashley converses in a valley-speak dialogue, when she doesn't



Rob Nash

have her hand down her throat to toss her latest meal (as bulimics are wont to do). Seeing a porker instead of a pretty girl when she looks into the mirror, Ashley hates herself as much as everything else.

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## Buchanan

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Even within his own party, Buchanan has a reputation for extremism, involving both his own views and the actions of his supporters. The GOP candidate is under scrutiny after two of his campaign aides stepped down after being linked to racist groups and activities.

Buchanan's attempts to distance himself from the recent charges have not been particularly successful, and for no murky reason: in explaining that minorities have a place in his vision, for example, the candidate recently noted that he "would probably rule in" the possibility of offering a key appointment in his administration to an African-American.

On the topic of homosexuals, Buchanan's positions are not quite as cryptic. "I've worked with people in the Nixon White House who were gay, not openly gay. They're good people in a lot of ways," Buchanan told CNN. "I would have no hesitation of having folks like that. But I don't think their lifestyle should...discredit the administration."

"In other words, Roberta Achtenberg—no," he added, referring to the former assistant secretary of housing, an openly gay Clinton appointee who resigned to run for mayor of San Francisco.

Asked if he would ferret out gays, Buchanan said, "Look, the FBI does those investigations. I don't do those as president."

According to HRC, Buchanan's rhetoric is geared towards "exploiting the fears" of people in a segment of American society who don't agree with homosexuality.

In fact, said Birch, most Americans are turned off by attacks on gay people. "A poll conducted for HRC the week before the New Hampshire primary found that nearly a third of GOP primary voters believe it is wrong for candidate to use gays to score political points," she said. "Another third strongly disapproved of mixing extreme religious views and politics. Only 20 percent of those polled said they were glad that Republicans are raising this issue."

The poll of 443 people who identified themselves as likely voters in the Republican primary also found that 32 percent "strongly disapproved" of the anti-gay rally in Iowa, added Birch.

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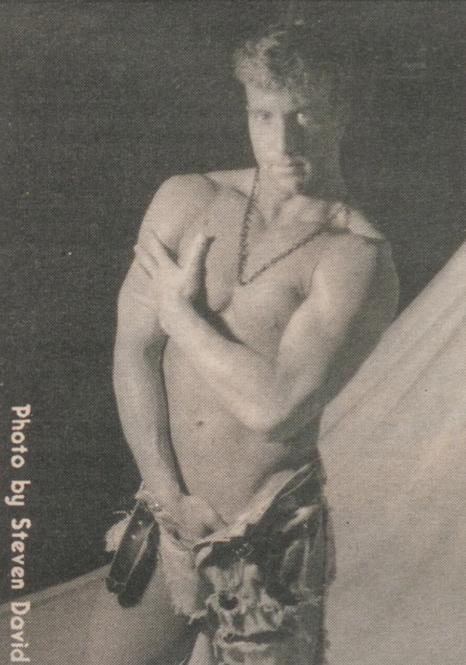


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# A beginner's guide to elections

## Part 1: Becoming an Informed Voter

By ELLA TYLER

Special to the Houston Voice

(Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series on participation in the election process, especially for those without much previous political experience who would like to become more involved).

The bluebonnets haven't yet appeared on the highways and byways, but small and medium signs saying "Elect (Name of Candidate)" are springing up like weeds. Serious-looking portraits appear on billboards in odd places. Radio ads featuring whirring helicopters interrupt *Garden Line*. It must be time for an election.

But what election? When? For what? Who can I vote for? How do I decide? And how do they get these signs in such weird places?

Tuesday, March 12, 1996 is the date that the Democrat and Republican Parties hold primaries in Texas. These elections and their runoffs make each party's nominations for the general election in November, for federal (including President), state and county offices. There will not be city or school board races on this ballot; in Texas, these are non-partisan races.

In Texas, party registration doesn't occur until and unless a registered voter does something in that election cycle to participate in a party's primary process. Usually it's voting in a

primary election, but signing a petition for a candidate to appear on a ballot is also participating in the primary. Voters may vote however they wish in the November general election (regardless of their primary vote), which is one factor in Texas' interesting politics.

If you're not seriously committed to one party or the other, or to a candidate in a contested primary, look at the candidates from both parties in the districts that you vote in before deciding which primary you'll vote in.

What district? Harris County has lots of districts with overlapping and confusing boundaries, but your voter registration certificate, on the right front, lists your specific districts: congress, state senate, state representative, justice of the peace (and constable) precinct and county commissioner precinct. If a race has a district number, only some of the voters in the county may vote in that race, except for judicial races where the district is the same size as the county. A race that doesn't have a district number is at least a county-wide race, and everyone may vote in that race if they're registered to vote in Harris County.

Once you figure out which districts you're in, it is much easier to find out about the candidates you can vote for. Do not expect the candidates to send you something in the mail. Mailing is so expensive that candidates usually mail only to people who have voted in a recent primary in the district. Even when candidates go knocking on doors, they work from lists of past primary voters.

However, if you spend a little time, and start before election day, you can make an informed voting decision. The Democrat (522-9361) and Republican (523-0491) parties both have offices in this area. Go by and pick up a sample ballot and brochures from the candidates, but call first for the address and hours. Civic groups are still having candidate nights. Go by, and even if you don't want to stay for the speeches, pick up some material. Check out the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (520-1000) office for material on the organization's endorsed candidates.

The League of Women Voters' guide should be at libraries now. The *Hous-*

*ton Chronicle* will have a voter's guide the week before the election. Even non-political groups make endorsements (Houston Board of Realtors is one) or publish voters' guides on their issues (Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Inc. is one).

If a candidate's name catches your eye, you can call the campaign (if you don't have the number, call directory assistance) and ask for material. If there's a recording, talk to it. Some good candidates do not have a staff, but unless a candidate has a listed campaign phone number and the ability to send you some information within a week, I wouldn't vote for him or her.

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## Texas primary early voting open

(HOUSTON)—Election day is March 12, but registered voters can cast their ballot now at numerous sites in the Houston area. Early voting in the Texas Democratic and Republican Primaries opened Wednesday.

The central voting location for Harris County is downtown at 1310 Prairie at Calhoun. Any registered voter in the county may vote early at that location. There is also an early voting station for each of the county's 25 state representative districts; these

sites are grouped into four zones. Voters may vote early at any site within the zone in which their district is located. In State Representative District 137, which includes Montrose, the early voting station is at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. For additional information, call 755-6965.

Remaining hours for Harris County locations: through Friday (Feb. 23) and Feb. 26-March 1, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; March 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 3, 1-6 p.m. and March 4-8, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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# Family Values

by Esperanza Lavender Jazz Paz



## Pen Pals

Best friends. It must be one of those "women's issues." All my female friends have a best friend. Most of my men friends don't get it. I have a best friend who still lives in Beaumont, where we met. I have one in Houston who is also a best friend to my kids. My Best Friend in the World is my partner Jan.

But two of the people I feel closest to and who intimately know my day to day feelings and fears are two women I have never met. They know the exuberant pride I have over our kids when they excel in their ambitions; the wrath and affinity I feel for one who seems lost to us; the heart-clutching fear I have over raising another, unexpected one. They know how close or distant I feel towards Jan, and how every one of my other best friends please or irritate me.

After I advertised in a California-based lesbian magazine for pen pals I was deluged with replies. Many respondents were also parents in lesbian relationships. Most were interesting, some were poignant and some were racy. I kept my promise to answer all, but some failed to reciprocate and some became obligations I dreaded. Over a period of several months, two correspondents seemed to be communicating riveting, vital messages to me, but in an ordinary, handwritten way.

Marva wrote from Los Angeles that she has a very difficult relationship with her mother, who "thrives on confusion and uproar." Last Thanksgiving she asked her mother not to call her anymore. Sympathetically I wrote back and revealed that I have no relationship with my family of origin for years and included that I felt closer to the maids my parents employed in my childhood than to them.

Marva's next letter arrived swiftly and crackled with tension. "My mother WAS a maid! I HATED it! All that bowing and scraping! All that talk about the Negro problem in the '50s and '60s!" Realms of correspondence were priority mailed, memories excavated and shared, old writings were dug up and exchanged and we

"discussed" race until we had educated and exhausted ourselves.

Before that, neither of us had ever communicated our disparate experiences regarding race to anyone of different race and felt understood. Maybe it would not have occurred if we had already known what color the other person was.

Maybe I would not have answered her first letter if she had told me in it that she was single because she "perpetrated violence" on her previous lover. Our free exchange of sensitivities on this topic has been very healing to me as a survivor. I hope my experiences have helped her too.

My other best friend, Mo, lives with a woman in a small town "Up Nawth." She used to be a nurse but now works in real estate, and has valuable information for me in deciding whether to change careers. She was a source of emotional support and good advice when Jan and I purchased a home last year. More than that, she is smart and loving, and generous with insights into her life. She and her friend both recently left marriages (to men) and children to "be together" and learn to be lesbians together. They drive hours to patronize the nearest gay/lesbian bar and think The Montrose sounds like Mecca.

Marva can't understand why a city the size of Houston doesn't have its own gay and lesbian center and sends me full color magazines and programs describing the activities of the one near her. She is grieving because her beautiful, successful daughter has chosen table dancing as a career.

Mo says her whole family is on Ritalin.

Both of them understand and respect my hurt over parting with a beloved dog even though neither of them keep pets.

My best friend in Beaumont tells me to "get over" stuff. My best friend in Houston says she would never keep a dog in the house anyway.

My partner Jan is relieved I have other people to commiserate with. No one wants to be the only available source.

## Guide to elections

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When you assemble several bits of information about each candidate, begin to compare them. Take all campaign materials with a grain of salt, but look for basic literacy, some signs of intelligence, and some evidence of involvement in the community. If you meet a candidate in person, expect politeness as a minimum. Some candidates are shy, but still make good elected officials.

If someone is running for a legislative office (a representative or senator) at the state or federal level, look for some information about the issues. Raising the minimum wage, protecting a woman's right to choose and banning gays and lesbians from the military are all statements about issues. Saying "Let's get tough on crime" isn't. If they're running for a judicial office, look at their legal experience. If they're running for administrative job like county attorney or sheriff, look for some management experience.

Now, about those signs...the campaign

workers or volunteers load up the pickup with signs, staple hammers and a small sledge. They leave after midnight with one driver, one or two people to put up signs and a "lookout." The truck stops, keeps the motor running, and the sign people jump out with signs and hammer. If a cop appears, everyone scoots. It's bad form to forget to come back for the sign crew, and if they're using the truck to stand on to reach a high place, it's best to turn off the motor.

Next time, we'll look at endorsements—how a candidate gets them; who has which bias; code words (what does "pro-family" mean); B.S. detecting (in brochures, newspaper stories, speeches); and mudslinging.

(Houston attorney and freelance writer Ella Tyler says she's been politically active since 1968, before she was old enough to vote. She managed her first campaign in 1972, and has been active with a variety of political groups and campaigns. She admits that every election day she finds someone on the ballot who is a complete surprise).

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# Main Street Theater shines with 'Pride and Prejudice'

## Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

In the promotional press release for *Pride and Prejudice*, Main Street Theater happily proclaims it's entering the "current Jane Austen sweepstakes." Well, good for them. And good for us.

*Pride and Prejudice* is easily Jane Austen's most popular novel, and it is a masterpiece of understated, elegant comedy. Austen's ingenious flair for putting pretty people together in pleasing settings, and launching them into a series of miscommunications and mishaps, which get worse before they get better, but which, joyously enough, are all resolved before all is said and done, was never in finer form than in her account of the Bennett family, its five daughters and the search, both plainly and coyly, for suitable husbands.

MST Artistic Director Rebecca Greene Udden originally presented her stage adaptation of the novel in 1988. This revival is being presented as the inaugural production at the theater's new stage in Chelsea Square, where MST will present works that would be enhanced by the use of a larger space.

In her adaptation, Udden maintains all the witty irony and perceptive commentary about people and relationships that made Austen's work so immensely pleasurable. Director Claire Hart-Palumbo brings it to life in a smart, handsome production that succeeds in exuding warmth and setting-appropriate ambience despite the minimal set.

Mr. Bennet (Steve Garfinkel) and Mrs. Bennet (Pam Feicht) and their daughters—Jane (Tricia Cox), Elizabeth (Penny Alfrey), Mary (Troy Schheid), Catherine (Elizabeth Marshall) and Lydia (Keira O'Keiff)—are a happy family. The sisters have a mutually supportive rela-

tionship, the mother is always on the lookout for possible matrimonial matches and the father remains affectionately observant.

Mrs. Bennet learns that a wealthy bachelor and his sister have taken up residence in a nearby estate, and she quickly manipulates to have appropriate introductions made, whereafter she arranges a small party to which the newest residents of Hertfordshire (the English county where they reside) are invited.

Mr. Bingley (Scott Tesh) is an affable, charming fellow, who is immediately taken by Jane. Present with him at Longbourne (the Bennets' home) are his sister, Caroline (Sandra Avila) and his best friend, Mr. Darcy (Kent Johnson). Caroline and Darcy, whom she intends to snag as her husband, are male/female versions of one another: unrepentantly vain, unrelentingly arrogant and unceasingly superior.

Both Elizabeth (called Eliza, Liza and Lizzy at various times) and her best friend Charlotte (Jean Ann Hutsell) recognize the smitten way with which Bingley and Jane are taken with one another. Caroline sees it too, and though she feigns friendship to Jane, Caroline is determined to see that her brother not marry beneath his station.

Unfortunately, Caroline must act sooner and more decisively when it comes to Darcy and Eliza. The two have an instant clash of wills and intellects, but one which is not sufficiently acrimonious for Caroline. She senses a romantic magic in the verbal repartee between Darcy and Eliza. And Caroline maneuvers to see that her position is not threatened.

In this she is unintentionally abetted by Mr. Wickham (Joel Sandel), who along with Captain Carter (Bryan Bounds), has taken a short leave from the Regiment which both of them serve. They are present at the Bennet's social, and two of the younger daughters become giggly sprites around them.

Eliza too takes note of Mr. Wickham, and she learns that there is some unpleasant history between him and Darcy, though neither is specific about what.

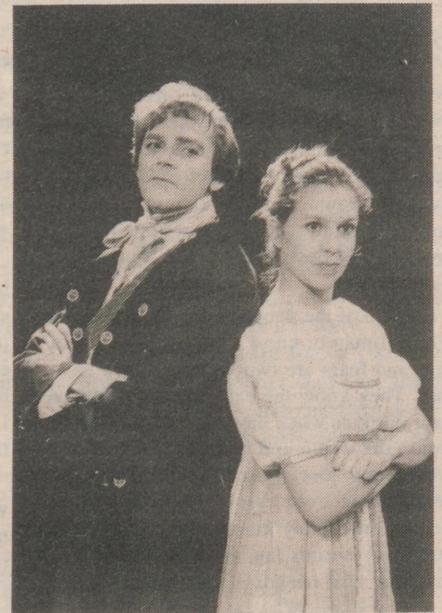
And so it goes, with one charming, effervescent predicament after another and several other characters with which to contend. Mr. Collins (Dan Flahive) for instance, who is a cousin to the Bennets, and who finds himself in control of the lease governing Longbourne, a situation he intends to use to latch onto one of the daughters as a wife. And then there's Lady Catherine DeBourgh (Che Moody), a withered, wizened matron who threatens Eliza with retribution if anything comes from her flirting with Darcy.

A script this endearing cannot easily hold up in inexperienced hands. This one is in the hands of real pros, and it shows. Almost across the board, the cast does a terrific job, but especially the women.

Penny Alfrey is outstanding. As the unflinching Eliza, Alfrey masterfully displays the salient confidence of a woman who needs no ostentation and is not bedazzled by it. Tricia Cox as Jane is a perfect gem. Her dainty, fragile beauty is captivating and her soft-spoken, gentle delivery is filled with the charm and gentle calling of another, bygone age.

Pam Feicht veritably glows as Mrs. Bennet. She has a full-bodied amiability and a infectious happy countenance that leap right off the stage. In sharp contrast is Sandra Avila, who as Caroline makes an ideally distant and calculating, deceitful and undermining bitch. Avila is a knock-out.

Among the male cast members only Joel Sandel and Dan Flahive seemed to have made any real connection with their charac-



Kent Johnson and Penny Alfrey star in Main Street Theater's adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved work, 'Pride and Prejudice'

ters. Sandel gives an easy-going, dashing charm to his performance, while Flahive gives his rough-around-the-edges character a hopeful soul (though by strict appearance he still makes you shudder).

Claire Hart-Palumbo did as fine a job directing this show as any she's ever helmed. Her production is vibrant and wonderful and a beautiful evocation of all the social proprieties that constrained early 19th century English society.

*Pride and Prejudice* is an exceptional story, and this production is a lovely time at the theater.

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# THE OUTsider

by Curt Morrison

## Searching For Identity

Tuesday's New Hampshire primary clearly showed that the Republican Party is at a critical junction with respect to their majority status as a representative party of the citizenry of the United States. The outcome will be crucial and instrumental to the future prosperity of the Republican Party. This assertion cannot be interpreted as a mere matter of semantics, as it is intuitively based more soundly on philosophical and interpretive grounds, the culmination of which will ultimately have a direct bearing on the political hegemony and long term survival of the Republican Party.

Millions of Americans are being inundated with the trials and travails of the political process, currently permeating the airwaves as we meander through the contentious accusatory rambles from the candidates. Unfortunately, they are being short-changed. The media, as well as the candidates, have completely negated their responsibility to inform the electorate and instead have chosen to utter the latest daily polling results as though the entire process was nothing more than a ratings contest.

Consider for a moment the image that most Americans are presented with from the media concerning the candidates. We are lead to believe that the field has been narrowed down to four viable or potentially viable candidates, whom are described as follows: "No Vision" Bob Dole; "Protectionist" Pat Buchanan; "Plaid Shirt Outsider" Lamar Alexander and "Flat Tax" Steve Forbes. While the above identifying "sound bites" may have an element of truth, they should not replace the novel concept of circumspectly informing the public about the candidates' ideas and goals for the future of our country. Since the majority of the populace relies on television news as their primary source of information, it is disingenuous and completely irresponsible of the media to not take their role seriously. Furthermore, the candidates should be above the fray and talk issues, rather than constantly berating their opponents.

The aforementioned candidates are all vying for the nomination to compete with Bill Clinton in the November elections; however, their views are so contradictory, with each other and in some cases even the basic "bedrock" principles that the Republican Party has long stood for, the latter of which is integral to the party's survival. As a gay conservative Republican who vehemently believes in the bedrock principles—not the religious right addendums of late—that the party was founded on, I am quite alarmed by the rhetoric that has come out of the campaign trail to date.

The Republican Party promotes the concept of less government, which I ardently support. Government cannot and should not attempt to cure all that ails society. Individual responsibility must be re-incorporated into society and competition is essential to economic and personal growth. The protectionist, anti-capitalistic, anti-free trade utterances from Pat Buchanan go against the grain of everything that my party stands for. Mr. Buchanan's views smack of "Big Government," pure and simple. In fact everything he espouses, socially or economically, resorts to government intervention—precisely the ideology that the party disagrees with and opposes in tandem. It is a contradiction in terms. Buchanan is undoubtedly the most leftist socialist candidate in the field. What's even more alarming is

that Bob Dole is starting to pander to the hyped-up notion that Republicans are in favor of such policies, as a result of Buchanan's ascension in the field.

What Dole fails to realize is that there are many Republicans who do believe that he does not have the vision to move this country forward and they are sending a loud and clear message to him that he has failed to resonate. If you take the cumulative percentages of Dole's, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes' support, it is quite evident that the majority of the Republican Party does not condone Buchanan's philosophy towards governance. Dole in all his infinite wisdom should heed the message that the primary voters are conveying or risk losing the mantle. There is more at stake, however, than Dole's dream of being president, the entire party is in dire need of a legitimate fogleman who can conquer the challenges that face this country and convince the electorate he has the undaunting ability to accomplish the task of ameliorating our country's problems. Instead of conceding the issues to Pat Buchanan, Dole should have defined the issues of this campaign a long time ago. He clearly had the opportunity to do so and demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt his political leadership and capabilities and has failed. How are we to believe he can lead the country when he can't even define the issues of a campaign?

That leaves us with the "plaid shirt" man and the "flat tax" man. The former probably has the best potential for giving Clinton a run for his money come November. Alexander has been stumping across New Hampshire with some interesting ideas concerning education and reforming welfare that bear circumspection, yet all we hear via the airwaves is that he has an affinity for plaid shirts and that he is perceived as an outsider. Forbes on the other hand has some fascinating ideas with respect to moving this country forward economically and I'm not just talking about the flat tax. For example, he believes in the "gold standard." Forbes is ultimately proposing that we restore the dollar's link to gold as we did under the Gold Standard from 1947 to 1967. The economy grew at a faster pace when currency was linked to gold as it propagated lower inflation and interest rates. These are issues that are worth debating and of far more importance than who is the most telegenic and articulate. If that's the criteria, Clinton wins hands down.

The Republican Party cannot run on the concept of a balanced budget alone. The revolution has brought swift change to this country only to be halted by President Clinton. It is now time for a true leader to be placed at the helm of the party so they can move the country in the right direction and that should be the Republican Party's ultimate litmus test for the candidate to meet in order to receive the Republican nomination for presidency. Spewing hateful rhetoric about homosexuals, making abortion a litmus test and espousing archaic policies that can only be construed as protectionism and socialism will not benefit the party or the country. This type of political posturing and nefarious pandering is demeaning, it perpetuates the general public's disgust towards politicians and consequently places them in political quagmires. I urge my party to wake up and smell the coffee because it's percolating and when it's brewed, we had better make sure that the electorate savors the taste.

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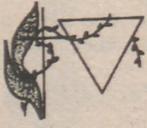
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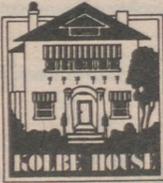
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Q: "In the second letter of John verses 10 and 11 the Scripture says, "If someone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not welcome or accept that person into your house. If you welcome such a person, you share in the evil work." I feel this statement is saying don't let anyone in your house who does not confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Is this correct? If so, how can we be Christ-like in our actions by demonstrating love, and yet avoid heresy? How can we reach out to people in our home groups if we cannot welcome anyone who may have heretical beliefs?"

A: When we look at Scripture it is important that we look at the context of the letter itself. The second letter of John was written around 85-95 A.D. At this time the Gospel was simply passed on by word of mouth. The Disciples of Jesus Christ went from town to town spreading the

Word of God through teaching and preaching. They depended on the hospitality of strangers or other believers to provide for their needs. It was the host or hostess who invested in their ministry by providing food and shelter. It was their way of promoting the Gospel. The ministry of hospitality was a critical one for survival of the Gospel. When a disciple of Jesus left someone's home, their gift of food and lodging was a way of saying, "I believe in you as a teacher of the Gospel of Christ. I am with you in spirit. I support your ministry and will gladly offer my home anytime for your needs as a way of contributing to Christ."

The Apostle John was concerned about others who were also traveling and spreading another word that was not about Jesus Christ. Gnosticism was very prevalent at this time. Gnosticism was a system of mystical religious and philosophical doctrines. It combined Christianity with Greek and Oriental philosophies. These teachings were denounced as heretical by the church. The teachers of Gnosticism also traveled about looking for lodging and hospitality much as the disciples of Jesus. The Apostle John was not opposed to general hospitality and kindness to strangers or your neighbors. He was warning them about welcoming in those who set themselves up as religious teachers. He was encouraging believers in Christ not to associate themselves with the teachers as a means of endorsing what they were teaching. Associating with people as friends is okay. Associating and supporting those who spread another gospel other than the one of Jesus Christ would be endorsing heresy. This is what the Apostle is addressing.

When most people today express endorsement of a religious group they do it through financial contributions. In the time of the early church, practical provisions were given such as food and lodging. They many times gave them provisions to take with them on their journey. This was much the same as you and I responding to someone's ministry by writing a check or giving them cash. It was a way of endorsing and promoting their ministry.

People many times get confused with what hospitality represents. Hospitality can be given without endorsing what a person represents or who they are. It is simply one of the greatest means of demonstrating love. So many gay and lesbian people have experienced rejection and inhospitality because people were incapable of separating who we are from the expression of love and care. Many who do not like who we are feel that they cannot associate with us because it would be endorsing homosexuality. This is not true, nor is this what the Apostle John is saying. What a great lesson for us to learn!

When we invite people into our homes we welcome an opportunity to show our kindness and love for them as people. Many times the kindness of God's love leads people to a place of repentance and a desire to know Christ personally. Jesus himself went into the home of sinners and ate with them. His entrance into their home was not one of endorsement of sin, but an act of love for this person. Jesus knew that His love was greater than the sin that bound that person.

For us today, hospitality is not about endorsement but about love, kindness and acceptance of that person. It is not necessarily about what they teach or believe.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PASTOR A QUESTION, WRITE: REV. JANET PARKER, MARANANTHA FELLOWSHIP MCC, P.O. BOX 667032, HOUSTON, TX. 77266-7932**

**CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY - 2/23**

\* "Your Sacred Self" - study group using the best seller by Wayne Dyer. COME learn more about your sacred self, sacred sisters & brothers, & the sacred, loving Creator God who made it so. Kingdom Community Church. 4404 Blossom. Call 862-7533.  
\* Catholic Mass at 10:00 a.m. Kolbe House. 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

**SATURDAY - 2/24**

\* Lent Services at 7:30 pm. Dignity Church, 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872

**SUNDAY - 2/25**

\* Lent Services at 5:30 pm. Dignity Church, 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872  
\* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "Looking at Relationships from a Godly Perspective" & "Homosexuality & the Bible/Spirituality & Sexuality Integration" at 10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 a.m. Maranatha Fellowship, 3400 Montrose, Suite 600, 528-6756.  
\* Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) worship services. 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.  
\* Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9235.  
\* Houston Mission Church worship service at 10:30 a.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.  
\* Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Call 862-7533. "The Celestine Prophecy, An Experiential Guide" at 10:00 a.m.  
\* Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 10:15. 1405 palm. Call 526-8095.  
\* Covenant Baptist Church. Worship service - 1:30 pm 6610 Alder. Call 668-8830.  
\* Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Seekers class 9:15 a.m. 1440 Harold. Call 526-1017.

**MONDAY - 2/26**

\* Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe House, 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182  
\* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm, 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.  
\* Sex Addicts Anonymous Support Group. Meets at MCCR. 7:00 pm Call 861-9149.

**TUESDAY - 2/27**

\* MCCR: CODA Support group meets at 7:00 pm, Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Singers at 8:00 pm, The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 pm Call 861-9149.  
\* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.  
\* Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. Call 522-8182.  
\* Over Eaters Anonymous support group meets at MCCR - 6:00 pm. Call 861-9149.  
\* "Shepherd Group" meets at 7:30 pm for Praise, Prayer & Bible study. Call Maranatha Fellowship at 528-6756.

**WEDNESDAY - 2/28**

\* Lenten Scriptures, 7:30 pm. Kolbe House, 1509 Fairview, 522-8182.  
\* MCCR: Bi-net Support Group meets at 7:00 pm, Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 pm, Midweek uplift service at 7:00 pm, Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm 1919 Decatur. 861-9149.  
\* "A Course in Miracles"- Study Group using the book, published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, which is aimed at removing the blocks to our awareness of one's presence. Kingdom Community Church 7:30 pm Call 862-7533.  
\* Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 7:00 pm 1405 palm. Call 526-8095.  
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**THURSDAY - 2/29**

\* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 pm 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.

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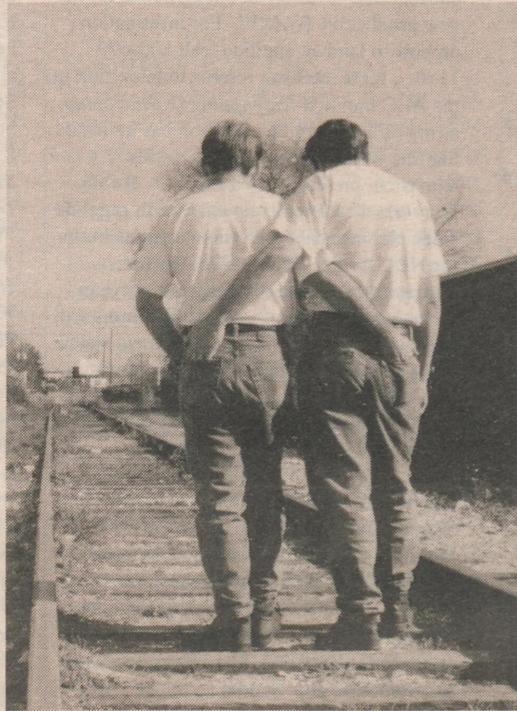
- \* Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 537-1348.
- \* Lambda Rollerskating Club skates at 8:00 p.m. Call 933-5818.
- \* Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. Call 622-7250 for more info.
- \* Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Women's Action Coalition (WAC) meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 867-9581.
- \* Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Bi-Net of Houston meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- \* Learn about the pioneer women at Borders Books. 8:00 p.m. Call 782-6066.

## Thursday, Feb. 29

- \* Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria. 8:00 P.M. Call 629-1432.
- \* Broadway Showtunes at J.R.'s. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2519.
- \* Art Classes at The Art League. 1:00 P.M. Call 523-8817
- \* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- \* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Call 521-7464.
- \* Twentysomething meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.
- \* KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 866-6505.
- \* Burger and Chili night at the Brazos River Bottom. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- \* Steak Night at the 611 Pub. 6:30 p.m.
- \* Dance lessons at the Brazos River Bottom. 9:30 p.m. Free. Call 880-0670.
- \* Safer Sex for Lesbians at Ms. B's 9:30 p.m. Call 666-3464.
- \* Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. Call 622-7250.
- \* Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 p.m. Call 528-3704.
- \* HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- \* Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 942-0923.
- \* HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 p.m. Call 796-2272.
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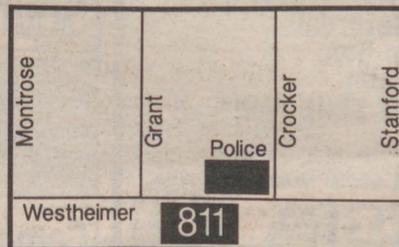


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# This & That!

by Jon Anthony

**Barbara Eden** will appear in the big screen adaptation of *I Dream of Jeannie*. Eden will portray Jeannie's mother in the upcoming film. **Tom Hanks** is being pursued to star in the film as Captain Tony Nelson, a role that catapulted **Larry Hagman** to superstardom. **Cameron Diaz** and **Alicia Silverstone** are vying for the coveted role of Jeannie.... **Ivan Reitman** will produce the Paramount Pictures film *Private Parts* based on the autobiographical book by shock jock **Howard Stern**. **Betty Thomas** (*Hill Street Blues*) directs.... Forth Worth Star-Telegram columnist **Molly Ivins**, political humorist **P.J. O'Rourke** and social critic **Stanley Crouch** will join the *60 Minutes* team as commentators. The show, which has been a staple for 28 years, will face an imminent assault this summer as NBC prepares to air its successful news magazine show, *Dateline*, opposite Minutes. Not one to rest on his laurels, Minutes producer **Don Hewitt** lured these respected intellectuals to add some spice to the aging series. In addition, Minutes will cease to air reruns and will attempt to provide breaking news stories when warranted.... *ER*'s **George Clooney** will replace **Val Kilmer** in the next installment of the popular *Batman* franchise. Kilmer had to bow out so that he could star in the big screen version of *The Saint*.... **Bruce Willis** met with New Jersey Gov. **Christine Whitman** to finalize details for his proposed \$50 million resort development in Penn's Grove, N.J. .... **Joan Collins** won her court battle with Random House last week and the jury found that the publisher was in violation of the contract, not Ms. Collins. Collins will be able to keep her advance and could receive an additional \$2.5 million. Lawyers from both sides are working out the details. As a result of the ensuing publicity that the court case has generated, Dutton Publishers will push up the release for

the tome that Ms. Collins wrote for them entitled *Infamous*. Meanwhile, Collins is in the planning stages to star in a Broadway bound revival of *Auntie Mame*.... choreographer **Twyla Tharp** is searching for dancers with a variety of backgrounds for her new production *THARP!*. For information on how to land an audition, call 800-670-1170.... **Kate Jackson** returns to television in the ABC movie *A Kidnapping in the Family*, airing on February 26. Jackson has indicated that she would like to return to series television, preferably in a sitcom.... **Robin Quivers**, the aforementioned Stern's giggling sidekick makes her television acting debut in the NBC thriller *Deadly Web*. Quivers portrays a computer company executive in the upcoming telepic.... **Cindy Williams** will guest on an episode of *Hope & Gloria* slated to air later this season.... **Neil Diamond**'s ABC special *Under A Tennessee Moon* will air this Saturday at 9 p.m. The special, taped at a concert on Feb. 12 at the Ryman Auditorium, will feature selections from Diamond's new album *Tennessee Moon*. **Waylon Jennings** and **Chet Atkins** will appear in the songfest as well.... **Kenneth Branagh**'s production of *Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing* airs on PBS this Sunday at 9 p.m.... **Ann-Margret** stars in *Seduced by Madness: The Diane Borchardt Story* on NBC this Sunday at 8 p.m. The two-part miniseries, the conclusion airs Monday, Feb 26., is based on a true life story about a teacher who manipulates several of her pupils to kill her husband through whatever means necessary. Margret's portrayal of Borchardt is compelling and riveting. **Peter Coyote** co-stars.... **Dixie Carter** and **Ed Asner** co-star in the upcoming CBS miniseries *Gone in the Night* starring **Shannen Doherty**.... **Rosie O'Donnell** will guest star on *The Nanny* on Feb. 26. O'Donnell will portray the obnoxious cab driver of the taxi that

**Elizabeth Taylor's** black-pearl necklace is lost in. Elizabeth Taylor will appear in all four of CBS's Monday night sitcoms in an effort to promote her new fragrance appropriately entitled *Black Pearl* that evening, which the network has billed as 'Liz Night.'.... **Susan Saint James** guests on the Feb. 27 episode of *The Drew Carey Show* airing on ABC at 8:30 p.m.... Daytime vixen **Susan Lucci** will chat with **Larry King** on his CNN program Feb. 27. King airs daily at 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.... **Farrar Fawcett** talks to **Jay Leno** on Feb. 28 about her new movie *Dalva* airing on ABC March 3 at 9 p.m. Fawcett, 49, portrays a woman who searches for the son she gave up 15 years earlier. The film is based on the novel *Legends of the Fall* penned by **Jim Harrison**.... **Jack Nicholson** will star in the **Tim Burton** production *Mars Attacks!* The big budget comedy from Warner Bros. was originally slated to star **Warren Beatty** in the title roll, however, studio execs were less than enthusiastic about dealing with Beatty's antics and legendary perfectionism. **Paul Newman**, also a contender, bowed out over his concern with respect to the film's violence quotient. Enter Nicholson, who will perform dual roles in the film as the President of the United States and a Las Vegas operator named Art Land. **Susan Sarandon** will co-star. **Stockard Channing**, **Meryl Streep** and **Glenn Close** are competing for the role of the First Lady. The movie, a tale of an alien invasion, is slated to be released this Christmas.... **Gregory Harrison** and **Eric Roberts** star in the film *It's My Party* about a man dying of AIDS who is trying to decide whether to reconcile with his ex-lover or not. Party hits theaters in March.... New albums from legendary stalwarts **Jackson Brown**, **Neil Young** and **Lou Reed** have hit the record racks. Upcoming releases include **Sting**, **Stone Temple Pilots**, **Lionel Richie**, **George Michael**, **Hootie and The Blowfish**,

**Dave Matthews Band**, **Spin Doctors**, **Celine Dion**, **Kiss**, **Mark Knopfler**, **The Cure**, **Def Leppard** and **The Neville Brothers**.... **The Captain and Tennille** have released a greatest hits compilation album entitled *Twenty Years of Romance* in honor of their union which has stood the test of time.... **Stephen Fry** will portray the infamous **Oscar Wilde** in an upcoming film about the gay 19th century writer.... **Don Rickles** and **Joan Rivers** will appear live at the Arena Theater on June 28 this year in what promises to be a riotous evening of fun and hilarity.... **Top of the Charts:** *One Sweet Day* is still the hottest song in the country on both the pop and adult contemporary charts. **Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill** CD knocked the *Waiting to Exhale Soundtrack* out of the top spot on the album charts. **Joe Diffie's Bigger Than the Beatles** tops the country charts and **Mary J. Blige's Not Gon' Cry** is America's favorite R&B tune. NBC's *ER* topped the Nielsen Ratings. *Primary Colors* by **Anonymous** and *It Takes A Village* by **Hillary Rodham Clinton** are the #1 fiction and non-fiction books, respectively, according to The New York Times best-seller list. **Leah Rabin** has signed with G.P. Putnam to pen a book about her life with Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin**, who was assassinated last November.... **Milestones:** **McLean Stevenson (M\*A\*S\*H)** died of a heart attack last week. **Matin Balsam**, a veteran of feature films and television died of as yet undetermined causes and **Guy Madison** died of emphysema in Palm Springs. Madison starred in the 1950's Western television series *The Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok*.... **Quote of the Week:** "What do you care, bitch?" - **Joan Rivers** to **Kathie Lee Gifford** on *Live With Regis & Kathie Lee* after Gifford told her to come in from the freezing cold during River's outdoor report segment.



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# Gay Today

by Glen Webber



## Birthday Predictions and Reflections

In celebration of my birthday this weekend, I am going to print some of my predictions for 1996. Yes, I know New Year's is long gone, but for some strange reason, my clairvoyant instincts chose to wait until now to inspire me. After long hours of meditation, I have come up with some predictions that I know will happen. Let's thank the stars for sharing these insights into the future with me...and now, with you:

1. The Los Angeles City Council will approve low cost housing for the city. They promise all the rooms will be the size of Elizabeth Taylor. 2. The cast of *Friends* will accidentally super-glue themselves together. The network will rename the show "I'm stuck on you and you and you and you and you."

3. Raquel Welch's perfectly formed breasts will win a Best Performance By A Duo in a future awards show.

4. Michael Jackson will finally discover whatever it is that he has been grabbing at for the past few years. The shock of this will put him in the hospital again.

5. Tina Turner will beat up two drag queens who are doing very bad impressions of her.

6. Richard Simmons will accidentally do something butch and damage his reputation.

7. Kathy Lee will knock out Regis on a future show. However, no charges will be filed, as the show's ratings will be positively impacted.

8. Jerry Seinfeld will start dating a 12 year old girl, but defend it by saying all his girlfriends were 12 when he started dating them.

If I get more predictions, I will let you know. As you know, the stars are strange.

This past weekend I went home to visit my parents. As I have said before, I have wonderful, supportive parents. We discussed my AIDS illness, the type of funeral I'd like, and all the legal matters we need to take care of in case I get to the point where I can't make decisions anymore. There were no "dramatics" or anything like that. But I could see the hurt on their faces. They have never made a judgment on how I got sick, and they never would. They know I'm a good person who loves the world. But this ordeal is difficult for them, too. How many parents must discuss their son's death instead of the other way around? I love them so very

much.

My sister and her husband are also very supportive. They aren't afraid of the virus like some misinformed people in the "straight" world, and I'm always welcome around the kids and in their home. My niece baked a delicious cake, and we had a little party for me. The kids know I am sick although I don't know if they know why. But they are very kind towards me and know I can't take them to the card shop or the duck pond anymore. We always had such a good time at the duck pond. I'm glad they can find things to do without me. It's nice sometimes just to watch them play and have fun.

I guess the biggest fear for many is losing their families when the news about AIDS comes out. But you know what I think? There is nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about if you have HIV, so there should be no reason to have to defend your behavior or actions to anyone because of it. Contrary to the hateful rhetoric of some, AIDS is not a "punishment from God."

Maybe I'm brave, but I tell everyone I have AIDS. And the reaction is usually one of surprise, but so far I have received no negative reaction. I think people are generally sad that this virus exists, and mournful of what it is doing to society.

Even though I've become limited in things I can do, I am keeping a positive attitude. There is no reason to not be positive and enjoy what I can. I am lucky that I can still do things, even on a limited basis. Every day that I wake up is another day to try to enjoy. Of course, the days that I sleep all day are wasted days, but I guess that is the way it is. What amazes me about sleeping or passing out is the deepness of it. I mean, I really go somewhere deep. And coming out of it is very difficult.

I do want to thank you many dear readers who continue to send me letters and cards. There is so much beautiful writing out there, and I think it is wonderful you can put your thoughts down on paper so eloquently. You have become my support group and I am grateful for that. I value your comments and feel they give me the energy to keep on writing. Writing is in my soul, and my soul is alive with life and love thanks to you. I love you all very much.

I hope everyone continues to fight the fight against AIDS. And remember, for those of you who are lucky enough to be negative, we need your support and are very grateful for it. We also want you to stay negative, and live a long happy life. And when you see us, give us a hug, and tell us you love us. That is all we can ask for.

## Outrage hosts Rush Party

(HOUSTON)—Nearly 100 interested persons attended Outrage's first annual Rush Party Feb. 9 at Baba Yega's. The organization's membership director, Diana Hunt, said, "We exceeded all expectations in acquiring new hosts for 1996." In addition to hosting "The Halloween Party," Outrage will also sponsor a Pride Week party in June and several other events throughout the year.

Outrage has primarily been structured as a social group but in 1995 incorporated into a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization raising monies for local AIDS/HIV related charities. To date, more than \$50,000 has been raised and donated to local groups.

A monthly casual dinner social is planned for Friday, Feb. 23 at Baba Yega, at 7 o'clock. All are welcome. For more information about Outrage, please contact Diana Hunt at 706-2508.



New host pledge Jeff Benevides and Outrage "Dirt Master" Eric Mealus at this year's Outrage Rush Party at Baba Yega's

## Gay and lesbian journalists to meet in Houston

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Obejas is a provocative writer who tells stories about uprooted people. She is a poet and author who writes a weekly column for the Chicago Tribune. She has written a book of short stories titled *We Came All the Way from Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?* In addition to speeches by Helminiak and Obejas, the conference will offer a number of panels, including a practical seminar on how to use the Internet and a panel of journalists who will discuss the pros and cons of "coming out" to sources, colleagues and the community.

Helminiak will speak at the luncheon, at which awards will be given out for outstanding achievement and innovative coverage of issues that affect lesbian and gay people. For the first time this year, the chapter is also scheduled to present an award for workplace advocacy. Nancy Ford, popular Houston

comic and a columnist with *OutSmart* magazine, will emcee the luncheon.

The Texas Chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association began organizing about five years ago to reach out to lesbian and gay journalists statewide. There are currently more than 60 members in Texas cities including Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Austin and Corpus Christi. The organization includes journalists working in both the mainstream and gay media (print and broadcast).

The conference is open to journalists and supporters of journalism throughout the state. Registration for the day-long conference is \$45 for professional journalists and supporters; \$25 for students. Admission to the luncheon only is \$20. For more information, call (713) 220-6025 or e-mail [jd1155@aol.com](mailto:jd1155@aol.com).

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# Houston Visual Art Notes

## Exhibit features photos by artist/activist Matuschka

Internationally known artist and breast cancer activist Matuschka is bringing her recent photographic works to the Houston Women's Caucus for Art's Firehouse Gallery, which is hosting her first one-woman show in Texas. Entitled "1/2 of a 1/2 of a 1/2," the exhibit coincides with Houston's FotoFest 1996 city-wide photography festival.

Matuschka—most widely recognized for her bold and controversial self-portraits (involving both nudity and post-mastectomy scars), which have graced the front covers of numerous publications including *The New York Times Magazine* and *On The Issues*—examines political and social issues through her artwork. Among the women's issues Matuschka's art has explored are body image, gender identity, societal expectations of and illusions about women, and the effects of environmental degradation on women's health (and its role in causing breast cancer).

The opening reception for this exhibit will be Friday, March 1, 6-8 p.m. at the

Firehouse Gallery, 1413 Westheimer. The artist's reception will be Saturday, March 30 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the same location, and Matuschka will give a gallery talk and sign catalogues at 7:00 p.m. The show continues through April 22 and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 12-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Houston Women's Caucus for Art, 520-7840.

### Poster Picked for Downtown Art Fest

Jeffrey Crook, a Visual Communications student at the Art Institute of Houston, designed the winning poster for the spring Westheimer Art Festival. Crook will receive \$500 for his winning design, selected by the board of directors of the Art Colony Association, which sponsors the semi-annual festival. The poster incorporates this year's festival theme of kites, featuring a dancing cityscape in festive yellow, orange and red over which bright kites sail, including

one with a red ribbon fastened to its tail.

The Art Festival (not to be confused with the Westheimer Street Festival, below) will be held March 30 and 31 at 1800 Main Street. This year's beneficiary charities are AIDS Foundation Houston, Bering Community Service Foundation, Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA), Lawndale Art and Performance Center, Art League of Houston, the Homeless Pet Placement League, the Downtown YMCA and Texas Hearing and Service Dogs.

### Street Festival Still Accepting Entries

Meanwhile, the board of directors of the Westheimer Street Festival invites one and all to enter this year's Spring Poster Competition. The winning artist will receive a cash prize of \$250 (Purchase Award); the design will be reproduced on posters and T-shirts.

This year's spring festival will be held

April 13 & 14 in the 100 through 1000 blocks of Westheimer. It will include an HPD-sponsored bike ride and a "Medieval Village" complete with crafts and performances.

Poster contest rules and regulations follow:

No entry fee is required. Entry must be the artists' original and is not to exceed 24 inches wide by 24 inches high. Entry must either be framed or shrink-wrapped and ready to be hung for display.

All entries must be camera ready. Entries must be delivered to the Hyde Park Gallery, 711 Hyde Park, by Feb. 29, no later than 5:00 p.m. The Westheimer Street Festival committee will jury the entries Friday, March 1 and the winner will be notified Saturday, March 2. All entries will be on exhibit at the Hyde Park Gallery from Feb. 29 through March 29. For more information, call Larry Crawford at the Hyde Park Gallery, 526-2744. Gallery hours are Sunday, Monday and Thursday, noon to 6:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon till 9:00 p.m.



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## Dysfunctional

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Nash knows his characters inside out, and their respective personalities have become more distinct. Mildred's soft but firm twang; Fred's unswerving I-know-best-so-this-is-what-we'll-do attitude; Margo's unpredictability; Windsong's new age nuttiness; Matt's I-hate-the-world chip-on-my-shoulder; and Ashley's perpetual crisis mode.

Nash has also honed his performance. In the first two parts, he used a brown sweater, variously tied around the waist, thrown over the shoulders, used as a head wrap or (gracious!) even worn as a sweater should be, to better differentiate the characters from one another for the audience. In the opening scenes, the familiar sweater is present again, as the characters are introduced. But following the initial appearance of the characters, the sweater is relegated to a hook.

And that's just fine. Nash has perfected the transition from one character to another. By necessity the transition can be abrupt (he is after all the only one on stage), but it is never mistaken. The voices, the mannerisms, the postures, and the dialogue all serve to identify which character is speaking. A truly exceptional display of versatility.

Nash has also sought to imbue his piece with more trenchant commentary on the general state of people and families. He identifies three things which he maintains are the root of who we are—society of origin, family of origin and self. While not exactly ground-breaking insight, it is nevertheless a legitimate observation that is easily worked into the show.

On the other hand, Nash more than once skirts the edge of platitude-ridden irrelevancy with banal declarations such as "Only I can clear away the wreckage of the past."

Fortunately these small theatrical transgressions are not numerous. As Mildred says "Life is funny." Well, so is Rob Nash and so is *12 Steps*.

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# NEWS NOTES

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## Wage Increase Lowest In 15 Years

Employee wages and benefits rose at a paltry 2.9% pace in 1995, the slowest rate of increase in at least 15 years according to the Labor Department. Experts attribute the anemic rise to employer layoffs and cost-cutting moves and predict that the trend will continue in 1996. Analysts argue that there are both pros and cons as a result of the dismal gains in wages and their affect on the economy could tilt either way. Since wages typically account for two-thirds of all business cost, the low increase in workers pay should help keep inflation in tow; however, since consumer debt is at record highs they may be less likely to be willing to spend their monies, therefore, causing the country to veer towards a recession as consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of this country's economy.

## Concealed Weapons Statistics

As of this week, 10,043 Texans have received concealed hand gun permits since the law took effect Jan. 1, 1996. Ninety-seven percent of the permits issued were given to white men and women including Hispanics. Men accounted for 8,812 permits, 150 of whom are African-American. Women hold 1,231 permits, only 13 of whom are African-American. The oldest permit holder is 92. The statistics reveal that most of the permit holders are older and more affluent, which has been attributed to the high cost of obtaining the permit. Less than 1% of the population has received the permit.

## United Airlines Gay Employee Group

Gay and Lesbian employees of United Airlines have created and formed a new employee group, a grass-roots organization called United at United. The group's mission is to obtain acknowledgement of the contributions lesbian and gay employees have made to United Airlines' success; incorporate a domestic partner benefits package including health, travel, family leave and pension benefits for significant others; create specified diversity/sensitivity training, and increased AIDS awareness education. In addition, the group would like to have an official policy implemented regarding HIV-positive employees, a monitoring system for allegations of harassment based on sexual orientation and would like to request specific recommendations for charitable contributions.

## Ban on anonymous HIV-testing

In a controversial move, the Des Moines, Iowa state health department has endorsed a plan to end anonymous HIV testing. Officials believe that they will be better able to track and prevent the disease if they are aware of who is infected. AIDS groups claim that the policy will back fire because they argue it will discourage individuals from getting tested for fear of backlash and prejudice.

## Campus Gays Reprimanded

Boston College officials have reprimanded the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community of Boston College for a drag show that has caused controversy on the campus. The drag show featured a female student dressed as a priest fondling male students who were donning schoolgirl uniforms.

## Rapist Forced To Submit To AIDS Test

A judge in Chattanooga, Tennessee ordered Gregory Duckett, who has been accused of raping five women, to undergo an HIV test to determine if he is infected with the AIDS virus and whether or not the disease may have been inflicted upon the women.

## Feds Raid K-Mart

K-Mart, the struggling retail giant, experienced a "blue light" special like none other before it. U.S. marshals raided two south Florida K-Mart stores last week in an effort to collect on a \$2 million federal bond that the corporation failed to immediately post in an age discrimination case. K-Mart officials did not respond in kind and were outraged. Spokeswomen Shawn Kahle said she thought that "federal marshals would have other activities rather than this charade" to conduct. The situation stems from a lawsuit filed in 1994 by three pharmacists in their 60's who contended that the retailer discriminated against them on the basis of their age. The three employees were terminated and replaced with younger applicants. A federal jury agreed and awarded the pharmacists \$2.17 million which was lowered by a judge to the tune of \$920,000. K-Mart, which wanted to halt payment of the monies pending appeal was granted the reprieve by a U.S. District judge under the conditions of posting the federal bond. The retailers failure to comply in a timely manner prompted the plaintiffs' attorneys to obtain a court order allowing U.S. marshals to seize assets to cover the payment. The marshals were assisted by local police and the stores remained open during the raid, but customers had to purchase their merchandise with credit cards, checks or exact cash. The marshals obtained \$45,000 and a third raid on a Miami store was canceled after K-Mart posted the bond.

## Business/Media Capsule

The top two best-selling tax preparation software packages have flaws that could cause some taxpayers to file incorrect returns, according to publisher Intuit. TurboTax and MacInTax are the programs in question. The flaws range from overstating earned income credit, incorrect contribution amounts towards retirement plans for self-employed individuals and depreciation values on assets such as real estate and vehicles. If you are using the software, call 800-224-0991 for information and assistance. ... H&R Block is considering the possibility of a spinoff of CompuServe. The company has invested heavily in the service to enhance its long term competitiveness. One option under consideration is selling approximately 20% of CompuServe to the public to create a market value on the online business and boost H&R Block stock as well. ... General Motors is contemplating leasing its new EV1 electric vehicles rather than selling them. The vehicle which will be introduced in the fall at Saturn dealerships in California and Arizona is powered by lead acid batteries that are operable for only 70-90 minutes on a single charge. GM wants to ease consumer fears that the vehicles will not retain a good resale value and feel that a lease program would be the most viable solution. ... Microsoft unveiled a collaborative deal with Visa International that will provide electronic payment processing for people who use Microsoft's Money personal finance software to pay bills via computer.

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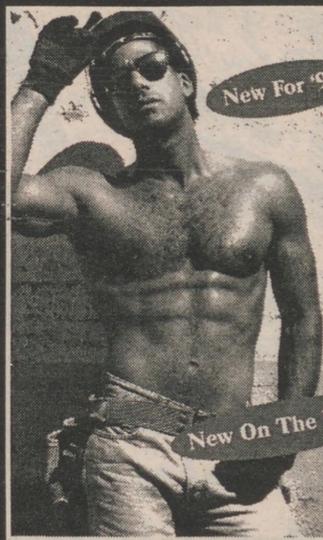


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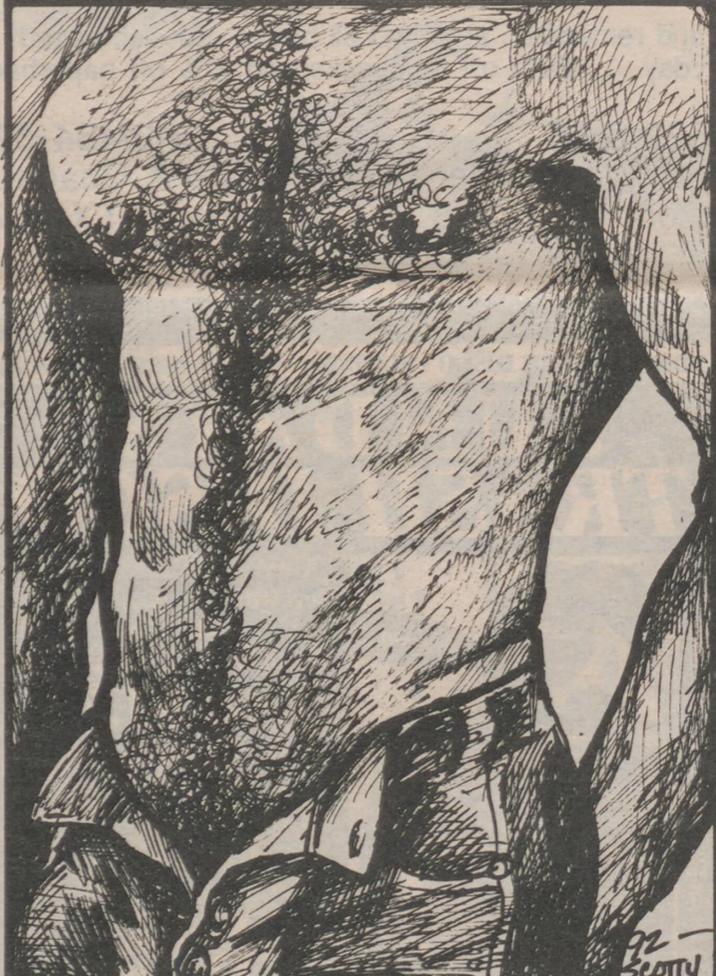
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Gay history Q & A

**How Did San Francisco Get So Gay?**

Americans who know little else about homosexuality know that San Francisco has a lot of gays. An ice cream shop where I grew up had a shake called the San Francisco—it was filled with fruits. Some of this reputation is overblown; San Francisco has plenty of straight people, of course. But the political power and unusual visibility of San Francisco's gay and lesbian community is no myth, and deserves explanation.

The Gold Rush of the late 1840s and 1850s turned a small town into an important city, and most of the newcomers to San Francisco were single men seeking their fortunes. These men lived together, drank together and even danced together. While the gender imbalance was not permanent, some variation of an all-male social world has existed in San Francisco since the mid-19th century. We also have evidence of lesbian prostitutes and women who passed as men in this period.

By the 20th century, the city had gained enough of a reputation for homosexuality and other vices that the massive 1906 earthquake was blamed by many ministers on the moral excesses of what they called "Sodom by the Sea." This reputation was not due to an open, politically active gay and lesbian community; rather, gay life in early 20th century San Francisco consisted mostly of private parties, furtive encounters and discreet relationships.

The Second World War represented a sea change in San Francisco's gay and lesbian life. Most Pacific-bound sailors and soldiers came through San Francisco, many of them eager to sow their wild oats before risking their lives against Japan. Opportunities abounded, from prostitutes to girlie bars. For soldiers seeking same-sex company, there were a growing number of bars and lounges—The Black Cat, the Silver Dollar, the Subway—in which they could meet civilians who might offer a place to spend the night.

During and after the war, the military discharged thousands of gay men and lesbians, often sending humiliated soldiers and sailors back to the mainland through San Francisco. Many of these personnel were too ashamed or uncomfortable to face their families and home towns with a "blue" (anti-gay) discharge, so they stayed in the port city which held often held fond memories of pre-war flings.

In the postwar period, San Francisco saw an increase in both gay bars and gay bards, as "Beat" poets such as Allen Ginsberg drew attention to the relative florescence of gay life in San Francisco. Equally significant was the founding of social and political organizations. In 1953, the Mattachine Society came to San Francisco, followed two years later by the founding chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, America's first lesbian social and political organization. Many of those organizing for social change were veterans who had been forced into seeing their sexuality as political by their discharge from the military. By 1960, San Francisco was one of three major nodes of gay and lesbian organizing, along with New York and Los Angeles. In the 1960s, San Francisco saw events that were unthinkable elsewhere, from a drag queen running for city supervisor in 1961 to a gay dance sponsored by heterosexual ministers in 1964. By the end of the decade, San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury had become the center of the hippie movement, and homosexuality was but one of many deviations in an atmosphere of free love.

Gay and lesbian immigration to San Francisco heavily accelerated in the 1970s, providing neighborhoods such as the Castro and Noe Valley with heavy concentrations of gay men and lesbians. The gay community's political strength could be seen in the election of Harvey Milk as a city supervisor in 1977 and a widely praised coordinated public response to the AIDS crisis beginning in the early 1980s. Today, San Francisco continues to be a pioneer—three of the city supervisors are openly gay or lesbian, and San Francisco City College is the only place in the country where a college student can major in gay and lesbian studies.

**What Are "Boston Marriages"?**

The term "Boston Marriage" refers to a pair of women who set up same-sex households, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th century. Some of these couplings were among teachers and students in women's schools on the East Coast—including the most celebrated example in Henry James novel *The Bostonians*. Often the women were thought of as two unlucky spinsters who were unable to find husbands (and undoubtedly this was sometimes the case), but we have plenty of evidence that many of these relationships had a romantic and a sexual component. The irony of the term, though, is that while many who used it were gently poking fun at the women involved, these women had the last laugh. They were able to live together, share expenses, sleep in the same bed, and even publicly treat one another as husband and wife...all with the tacit implication that the pair couldn't possibly be actual lesbians.

But most were actual lesbians, usually members of the middle and upper classes, and many of their stories are quite remarkable—for example, M. Carey Thomas, the president of Bryn Mawr College, lived in a Boston Marriage with one of the school's largest donors, philanthropist Mary Garrett.

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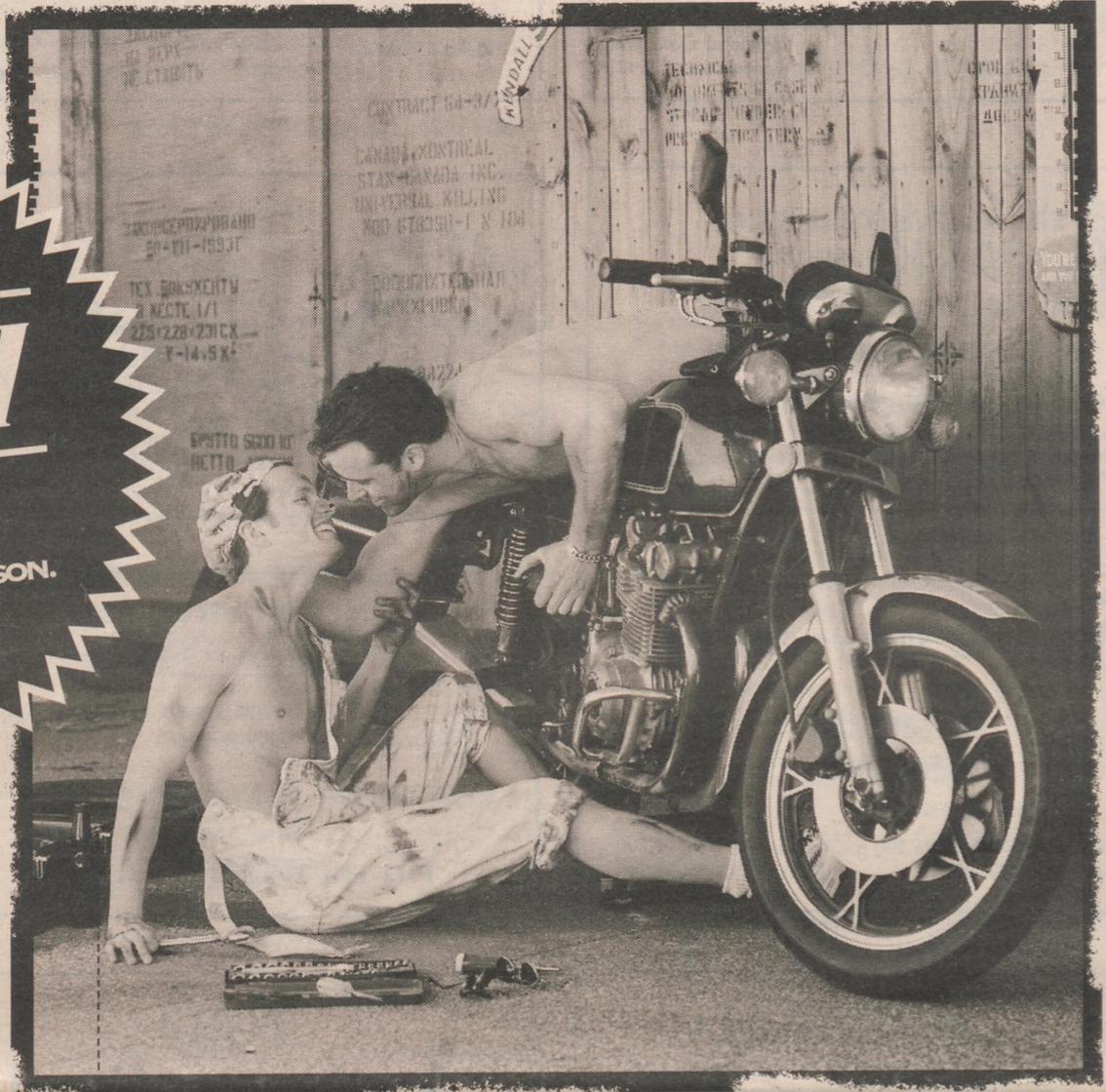
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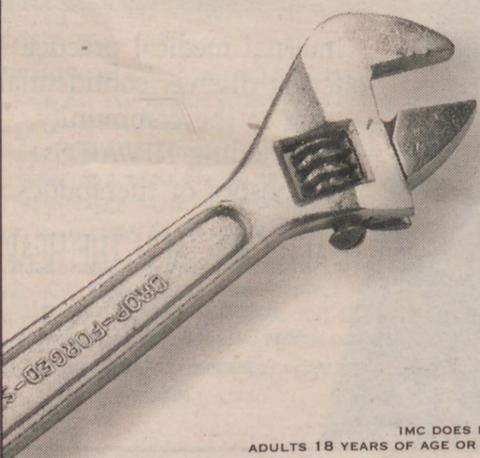
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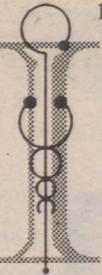
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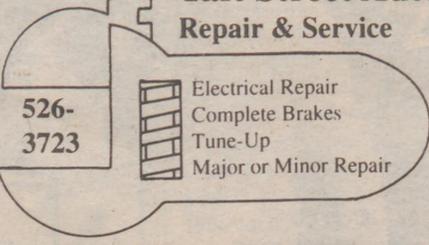
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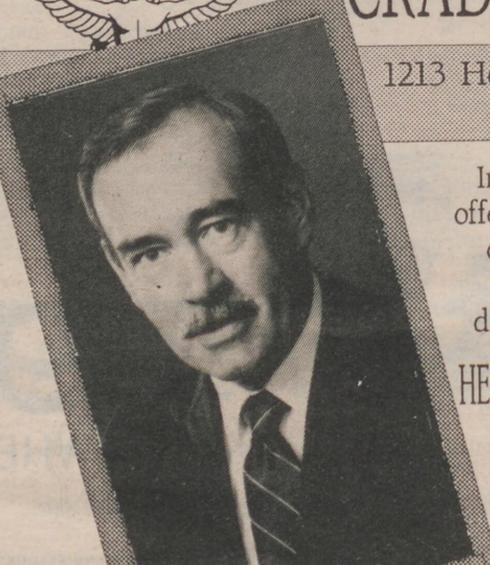
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 Emma Thompson (Sense and Sensibility)

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 Sean Penn (Dead Man Walking)  
 Massimo Troisi (The Postman)

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 "Moonlight" (Sabrina)  
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## BEST VISUAL EFFECTS

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## BEST MAKEUP

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## Houston Entertainment Notes

### Gay Men's Chorus of Houston has new artistic director

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston (GMCH) has named James Marley Winslow as its new artistic director. Winslow, a choral instructor and veteran of Houston Grand Opera productions, will now lead the chorus in future community appearances and its three yearly concerts, usually produced in December, March and June.

"Every major American city should have a good men's chorus," Winslow said. "These fellows have an amazing sound and an inclusive message. In fact, I think they're one of Houston's best-kept cultural secrets. It was easy to accept when they offered me the opportunity to direct them."

Winslow is choral instructor at the High School for the Health Professions and has been seen, this season, in the Houston Grand Opera's productions of *Romeo et Juliette* and *Four Saints in Three Acts*. Winslow and his wife, Lynn Greibling, are long-time Houston residents.

In making the announcement, GMCH president Ralph Sikes said, "James brings an exciting, fresh approach to the chorus. We're thrilled to be working with him and are looking forward to presenting new

material and new ideas to our audiences. In addition to our traditional concert schedule, we hope to appear more often at community events. I joke with our members that our motto should be, 'Have songs, will travel.'"

Currently in its 17th season, GMCH is a volunteer organization dedicated to the celebration of male choral music and to outreach to members of all Houston communities. The chorus will present its annual Spring concert, *Singin' On 42nd Street (at Last!)*, at Houston's First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin Street, Saturday, March 30, at 8:00 p.m. The concert will benefit AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Soup food pantry.

GMCH's first recording, *To Friends & To Life*, was released on compact disc and cassette in December. It is currently available by calling 521-SING, and should be available in local stores by Spring, according to chorus members.

Rehearsals for the chorus's March and June concerts began Jan. 25. All men who live music are invited to join. GMCH meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Drive.

No auditions are required.

### New Club Seeks Musicians

Mitch Burman, bass player for Gone Blind, an original alternative rock band dedicated to ethnic diversity, is the new owner of Munchies, 1617 Richmond. He bought the club Jan. 29, and currently, he is actively seeking lesbian and gay bands to play there.

"I want all sorts of people to feel comfortable here," said Burman, "and to be part of this place." The club will offer live bands, original plays, art shows and a relaxed atmosphere.

"Gays and lesbians are very welcome in this bar," said Burman. "I'm straight, but I really think that lesbians and gays support the arts better than anyone else in the community."

"I've always found it hard to put that in words, but I admire the way so many (gay people) not only have so much artistic talent but recognize and promote it in others. I want that kind of feeling, that kind of attitude in this bar."

For the time being, the bar will operate as "Munchies" but will have a grand opening

under a new name in about a month.

For booking information, call 528-3545.

### Audition Notice: Ten Percent Revue

The Group (Theatre Workshop) has announced auditions for *Ten Percent Revue*—the quintessential gay music revue by Tom Wilson Weinberg. Auditions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, from 2-4 p.m. at Ovations, 6117 Kirby Drive (in the Village, next to Main Street Theater).

*Ten Percent Revue* has been produced in major cities all over the country since 1985. The Group, which has been producing gay and lesbian theater works locally since 1983, is happy to finally bring it to Houston.

Director Joe Watts is looking for two males and two females, with an age range between 25-40 years. Those auditioning are asked to bring sheet music for one song of their choosing. An accompanist will be provided.

Call 522-2204 for an appointment.

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# VOICE MAIL

Letters to the Editor

## Dallas Does Houston, With Love

FROM DON GILL

Houston, Texas

In August, 1995, an event titled "To Dallas With Love," a Don Gill production, took place at the Dallas Eagle. A cast of title holders and entertainers from Houston raised funds for the local food pantry. That evening, with the warm hospitality of our friends in Dallas and the Eagle Bar, allowed the Houston cast to shine as stars. And, a total of \$3,921.50 was raised that evening to assist our friends in our sister city.

Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Brazos River Bottom, a Dallas cast will take to the stage at 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for Houston's Colt 45's Stone Soup Fund. This is going to be a payback from Dallas to Houston: the Eagle Bar, with Larry Arbo as show director, will present for the Houston audience Carman Delrio; Mr. Mark Frazier (Eagle owner); Mr. J.D. Buchert (Mr. International Fantasy); Matt Miller (Eagle owner) and Donna Dumac, who are contributing their talents to raise funds for our Colt 45's.

I am asking for Houston to come out and support our sister city in their efforts at helping our friends.

## MCA Announces '96 Charities

FROM GERRY CLIFTON

Vice President, Community Affairs, Miss Camp America Foundation

The Miss Camp America Foundation Inc. Board of Trustees approved the Designated Charities Committee selection of the 1996 Grant Recipients. These grant awards, which provide HIV/AIDS related assistance, will be presented at our organization's 28th Annual Pageant which will be held in September at the Music Hall. Since obtaining out non-profit status in June 1992, Miss Camp America Foundation has given over \$142,000 to AIDS related charities.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank all of the organizations that applied to be a recipient of one of our grants and for patiently awaiting our decision. Unfortunately, it was not possible to award all seventeen groups that applied this year.

After lengthy consideration, the following organizations were selected: AIDS Foundation Houston-Stone Soup, The Assistance Fund, Bering Care Center, Body Positive-Positive Friend Program and the NAMES Project-Houston.

We extend our best wishes to all the organizations that assist the Houston HIV community. We hope you will join us for our major fund raising event, the Miss Camp America Pageant, the ultimate spoof of the Miss America Pageant to be held in September at the Music Hall. The Foundation members, with their size 14 pumps and hairy legs, will once again be bringing smiles and laughter to the stage and into your life.

## Jazz Fan

FROM NANCY FORD

Houston, Texas

Just a note to commend you generally on Jazz Paz's ongoing *Family Values* column, and specifically on "One Woman's Journey Inside and Out"—the spotlight on Lydia Godfrey.

If more individuals in Houston's gay and lesbian community were as actively dedicated as Ms. Godfrey is to her convictions, we'd all be living in a much more civilized neighborhood.

## Touching Column

FROM GARY SYKES (AKA "HANS FULL")

Houston, Texas

To Glen Webber (*Gay Today*):

I have always enjoyed your columns and found this one (Issue 799, Feb. 16, 1996) especially touching, re: no romantic life, sex, no appetite, express your love, taking control, etc.

Glen, I took myself out of circulation for over three years based on my choosing to have unsafe sex with someone when I KNEW I was HIV+. The guilt and shame was more intense than I can make clear. After three years I decided to "get" what safe sex is and practice it exclusively.

I also started looking for new FRIENDS versus sex partners and that approach has opened a whole new world of opportunities.

And, yes, loving IS the best medicine for anything that ails us. I just wanted to say thank you for your sincerity.

## Business Notes

### Pharmacy Offers BIA Testing

Free Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA) testing will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 28 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Statscript Pharmacy, 4101 Greenbriar.

BIA is a non-invasive test that takes approximately five minutes to perform. It measures lean body mass (LBM), the preservation of which is considered vital to quality of life and survival in HIV patients.

Call Larry, 521-1700 for an appointment. There are 35 appointments available. Participants will receive a printed copy of the report.

There is no charge for the test or report, which are being offered as a service by Statscript Pharmacy and BTG Pharmaceuticals.

### AIDS Memorial Dedicated

As a \$25,000 monument was dedicated as a memorial to AIDS victims, a gold bell

rang out, each toll marking the death of 10,000 Americans. The bell rang 30 times during the Valentine's Day dedication last Wednesday, followed by silence.

The AIDS Memorial Terrace at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery consists of two seven-foot-wide granite books set over an orange terra cotta surface. Within the terra cotta is the symbol of the fight against AIDS: a red ribbon, carved from stone. Behind the ribbon is the inscription: "Although we have left the earthly plane, our work continues, not in vain."

Gary Pullen, general manager of the cemetery, said its officials thought to create the memorial after receiving several donated burial plots for indigent AIDS victims.

The cemetery will charge \$280 to inscribe the names of AIDS victims within the granite books, and donate almost all the proceeds to Houston-area AIDS charities. Pullen said the tablets can list 290 names, and more tablets may be erected later.



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# Let Us Entertain You Weekend hits Montrose!



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## Houston Soap

By CAROLYN ROBERTS  
Friday, Feb. 23

Let Us Entertain You (LUEY) weekend starts tonight at the Venture-N. Registration starts at 8:00 p.m. Registration for the entire weekend is \$10, which covers all the cocktail parties, buffets, brunches, dinner by Carter and Cooley, and the show! If you are from out of town it is free! Tonight a buffet will be provided by the Venture-N as well as hourly cocktail parties hosted by the Lancers, Houston Area Bears, Texas Leather and Lace, and the Texas Riders! Party till you drop, LUEY style!

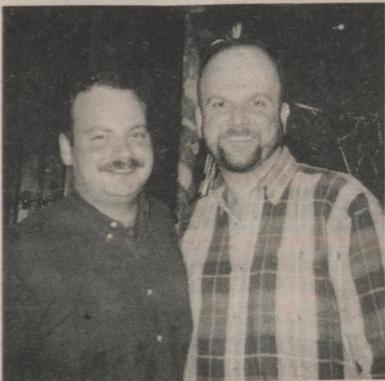
The party begins tonight at J.R.'s Bar and Grill. The All-American happy hour features \$1 off all top shelf liquor until 10:00 p.m. There are complimentary hors d'oeuvres served beginning at 6:00 p.m. and seven, yes count them seven, gorgeous male dancers to please you! Don't forget to enter the hourly drawings for gifts, t-shirts, CDs and more. The drawings begin at 9:00 p.m.

Gentry's Boy Toys delight and enthrall you tonight starting at 6:00 p.m.

Stop in Chances and show your LUEY run pin to the bartender, order a longneck or cocktail and you will receive a complimentary 151 Cherry Bomb or mini dirty Martini with each drink order!

Casey sings your favorite country songs tonight at Bacchus II. You can join her on stage for karaoke favorites, too! Show time is 9:30 p.m.

Paivi Lee Love makes 'em get naked tonight at E/J's. The male strip contest starts at 11:00 p.m.



What a cute couple!

## Saturday, Feb. 24

LUEY continues this morning at Mary's, naturally with breakfast at 10:30 a.m. followed by cocktail parties by Sundance Cattle Company, the PWA Holiday Fund, National Leather Association: Houston. Registration is also open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. the run heads to Gentry for a buffet by the Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star as well as cocktails by the



Mardi Gras, Gentry style

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, and the "TFL-Tea!" There is free time from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Carter and Cooley will be serving dinner at the Brazos River Bottom at 7:00 p.m., followed by cocktail parties by TGRA, the Misfits, and the Texas Renegades. At 11:00 p.m. the run heads to Pacific Street for cocktails provided by FIST (that's the group I belong to!) If we live thru this, the rest happens on Sunday!

Bare as You Dare night at the Ripcord! Need I say more except please be street legal!

The super Saturday show at the Lazy J features the talents of Evonne Supreme, Tuesday Holiday, Amber St. John, Mr. Buzz, and hostess and MC Patsi Kline. Show time is 10:30 p.m. Be sure to stick around after the show and listen to the sounds of DJ Bill Gonzales.

Tara Dion is looking for talent tonight at E/J's. If you have had stage fright before, tonight is the night to get over it! Show time is

11:00 p.m.

The annual Diamond and Studs party is tonight at Pacific Street. They will be enforcing their leather/Levis dress code and there will be a clothes check available! Pacific Street, where real men still dance!

Wayne serenades you tonight at the BriarPatch! Be sure to enjoy a BriarPatch sized Martini. There is plenty of room in the glass for olives!

## Sunday, Feb. 25

LUEY weekend concludes this afternoon at the Brazos River Bottom. Brunch will be served by the Brazos River Bottom followed by cocktails by the Colt 45's, the Lone Stars and the Rainbow Rangers. The finale/show starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. What a weekend of fun for a measly \$10. Stick around for steak night on the patio! The evening's entertainment will be "Dallas does Houston with Love!" This is the 2nd part of the Houston/Dallas competition on who can raise the most money for charity! This Don Gill production features



Partying at the Mine

with 50¢ offerings for well cocktails, \$1.50 domestic longnecks and frozen Margaritas, and \$3.50 Absolut Vodka Cocktails! High priest Steve Underwood plays the hymns you want to hear to take you to higher ground.

Trash! Trash! Trash! The Montrose Mine is full of trash, disco that is! Sunday's trash disco party has \$1.75 well Bloody Mary's, Screwdrivers, Cape Cods, Madras, and hand shaken Kamikazis plus domestic



Friendly faces greet you at J.R.'s, Mardi Gras style

I love Cuervo! I love Mary's! I must visit Mary's on Tuesdays for Cuervo!

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

\$1 longnecks all day and all night at the Venture-N. Be sure to check out their ad on page 7 to get a preview of one of their hunky bartenders! Yes, that is an employee of the Venture-N (Rob Miller) not a "professional model!"

Commander Catia cats on stage tonight as she hosts the male strip contest. The butts are bare starting at 11:00 p.m.

Cousin's has a dart tournament tonight at 8:30 p.m. There is an \$3 entry fee and the bar throws some money into the pot! Stop in and see if you can hit the spot!

Hump thru Wednesday at Mary's, naturally with happy hour prices all day and all night!

Sexy Shiela Lennon takes the stage of Chances tonight at 9:00 p.m.

## Thursday, Feb. 29

Marilyn "Maria" Marks takes the stage at E/J's tonight for "South of the Border" night! This week's guests are Rochelle Stevens, Cinnamon, Victoria Nicole, and James! This ole' thing starts at 11:00 p.m.

The Boy Toys will get high into the Skyy tonight! The Boy Toys start at 9:00 p.m. and the \$3 Skyy martinis are waiting at you from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Where else but Gentry!

longnecks! All day! All night! Or, you can travel out to the patio after 4:00 p.m. and join the double bust! Optional \$2 buy-in and refills of Miller Lite Draft for only 25¢ OR \$1 refills of frozen 'Ritas!

## Monday, Feb. 26

Monday mornings at Mary's start with happy hour at 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. What a Mary's of a way to start your day!

Start your week off at Chances with \$2 Cuervo all the time!

It is half-price locker night at the Club Houston! Come on in and work it off!

## Tuesday, Feb. 27

Catia Lee Love hosts the show tonight at E/J's Her guests are Chevelle Brooks, Shoelice Love, Shelby St. John, and the winner from the Saturday night talent night contest. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.



Betty failed at the Betty Ford Clinic

# 'Year of the Rat' droppings, birthdays & other stuff



Tiffany of FIST shows Ruby Stone how to wear an Oradam!

## Houston Soap

(Continued from preceding page)

### Other Important Stuff

Last week I called Mike and David at White Brook Originals to order a gift basket for my mother's birthday. They made a "Tea-Time" gift basket filled with her favorite kinds of tea, cookies, balloons, a teddy bear, and two really pretty placemats. My mom loved it! I recommend White Brooks Originals to my readers. They can make a specialty gift basket for just about any occasion. Call Mike and David at 952-8411.

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Congratulations to Tara Dion, the new Miss Galveston Sweetheart '96! Lana Blake was 1st runner-up and Crissy D 2nd runner-up in the recent pageant.

This week's features at the French Quarter are: "Island Fever" and "Sailor in Sydney"

Coming March 10th, "Hobo Night" at the Lazy J. There are tickets available at the bar.

Mary's, naturally, has new LUEY T-shirts available! Be

the trend setter on you block and get one soon! They go pretty fast!

Stop in Chances in the mornings and visit their new bartender Monte! Monte has been a long-time day bartender in Montrose!

"Daddy's Little Angel" will be on sale at the Venture-N tonight! OK, really, Rob Baker will have his "Leather Cherubs" and other erotic art clocks show and sale this weekend! PS, this benefits the Steven's House! If you would like more info, or would like to order, call Rob Baker at 349-9655.

Leather By Boots is having their 2nd annual LUEY sale. There is 10% off everything in the store except custom orders, books, magazines, and jewelry. Stop at the main store at 2424 Montrose or the Ripcord location anytime during the weekend and mention you heard about the sale in the Houston Voice to receive your 10% off!

The Garden Party guys and gals have been rehearsing their buns off for their upcoming show at the Brazos River Bottom. Watch for more details for their March 10th show!

There will be a silent auction at Gentry on March 2, at 8:00 p.m. to benefit Soiree Aubergine. Start saving now!

### Birthday Corner

A happy belated (Yes, you did flunk out of Betty Ford) birthday to Betty McGehee of Forest Park Lawndale!

A happy (I am young, handsome, and looking for love) birthday to *Houston Voice's* own columnist Glen Webber!

A Happy belated birthday to Tracey, Mary Ellen's daughter!

A Happy two year anniversary to Tracy and Becky!

A Happy (warm and fuzzy) birthday to Bill C. of the Houston Area Bears!

A Happy (I love my dog) birthday to Animal!

A Happy (Does anal retentive have a hyphen) birthday to my old friend and proofreader Clifford aka d'Artagnon.

### Year Of The Rat Rodent Droppings!

The little rats are settling in at the new house. They have their own room, complete with about 30' of "Ferret Habit Trail." The Lazer Wizard installed new (not used) sew-



Taking a Chance at Chances

age pipe that runs around, under, and over furniture! It sounds so funny, their sharp little claws hitting the plastic!

Bill Havard (BRB): I hear that you would not go into any antique shops while visiting Galveston last weekend. Is it because you were afraid the store keepers might put a price on an old antique like you and keep you for good?

Chris (hangs at Mary's): I hear you got your first phone call while at Mary's. Nothing like being paged then applauded at Mary's, naturally!

Gaye (Mary's): I hear you have been making a spectacle of yourself!

Sam (BRB): Just what did you leave under Jules pillow? How romantic!

Corrine (Bacchus II): Had any sugar lately?

Ralph (Mine): Yes, honey, I will always pick on you!

Barry/Vanna (RSICSS): I understand that you have formed a new club! The Bicycle Seat Sniffers of America! I bet you motto is "To hell with Jiff get a whiff of this!"

Byron (BRB): How did your name get in rodent droppings again? Sweethearts?

Dean

(NLA:H): Ok, so maybe you will have to build your personal trophy case instead of a sash storage room! And no way could I get you confused with the person you mentioned to me, I've slept with you, remember, or are you like me, trying to forget that part of that Chicago weekend!

Vera (BRB): I hear you got a new nose! You wore the old one out sticking it in everybody's business!

Giovanni (Mine): Who was that cute guy you threw out the other night?

Kneel (NLA:H): So, what kind of dance was that you did inside the door of the Dallas Galleria & why has Daddy barred you from Houston's Galleria?

Molly (BRB): If you could swing a mop like you swing your hiney, you could be on Broadway!

Ruby Stone (RSICSS): Just what did Crystal Rae Lee Love give you

that only a doctor could get rid of?

Jeff (Emperor XII Widow): I heard you were a pretty sight at the Coronation hospitality suite hospitable in your underwear! Were they boxers or briefs? Flies or flyless? White or colored? Clean?

JD Buchert: Who was that big hairy tongue you submitted yourself to at the Krewe of Pantheon Ball? So, you'll do anything to get your picture in the *Leather Journal*! What did you have to do to get on the



cover? YUCK!

Woody (Gentry): I have not seen your pecker lately? Has anyone else?

Aaron (Mine): Played in any tea rooms lately?

David Walker (Mr. International Drummer): I hear you and JD are both trying to explain "Texas" hospitality to your spouses concerning pinning! Don't worry, it happens in other places besides upstairs at the Phoenix!

Jim Cheek (LBB): If you loose any paperwork, make sure it is not toilet paper!

Brian Keever (No title needed, we ALL know who you are!): You lose! International titleholders are not on your menu this weekend! Love, Dean!

Mike (NLA:H): I have some advice to you! Don't wear new chaps or leather pants to the Phoenix!

Mary Todd (Soiree Aubergine): I hear it is true that you take credit cards, IOUs, and Deep In Yous!

Barbara (Bubbles): Did your doctor have fun with Agnes, Gertrude, and Gladys?

Fancy Pace Lawrence (RSICSS): Looking for a "Daddy" or just a "Blade?"

Steve (Gentry): How long will it take to thaw out?

I hope everyone has a safe and happy LUEY weekend! I know I will!

TTFN

*Cuervolyn*



What a group!



Oh, Baby, Oh!

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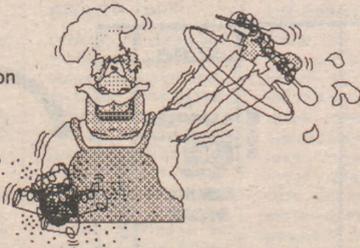
**RECYCLE**

# RECIPES BY KUNTRY KIDD

This past weekend I learned some things about myself and food that I don't think I really knew before. Sounds strange I know, but I don't think I ever paid much attention before. It's not that I don't like the food, it really just doesn't "ring my chimes" much. This week I'll give you the two recipes I did. I'm sure many of you will probably like them very much.

## Ginger Scallops

- 5 Tbs. butter or margarine
- 1/3 C. finely chopped scallions or green onion
- 1-1/2 C. julienne-cut carrots
- 1/2 C. dry white wine
- 1 Tbs. grated fresh gingerroot
- 3/4 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 lb. bay or sea scallops



In a large skillet, melt 3 Tbs. of the butter or margarine. Add the scallions or green onion; cook and stir for 1 minute. Add the carrots and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the wine and gingerroot. When the mixture is thoroughly heated, add the cream, salt and pepper.

Cook and stir the sauce over medium-high heat about 5 minutes or until it is reduced by half. Add the scallops to the sauce. Cook for 1 minute if using bay scallops or for 2 minutes if using sea scallops.

Stir in the remaining butter or margarine and serve.

## Mustard & Bread Crumbs Baked Fish

- Filets of your favorite fish (I used orange roughy)
- Regular or Dijon mustard
- Regular or Italian bread crumbs

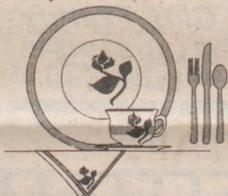
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Rinse your filets and pat dry with paper towel. Spoon mustard on the filets and spread evenly over the fish. Sprinkle on the bread crumbs and gently pat to adhere to the mustard. Turn over and repeat on the other side. Place on cookie sheet and bake until fish flakes easily with a fork (I baked mine for 25 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish). Another method is to pan fry the fish in a small amount of olive oil.

On the Ginger Scallops, I used half a pound of scallops and the other half pound I substituted shrimp. I enjoyed the shrimp, but scallops to me are rather tasteless and mushy (I did not overcook). As for fish, I guess I just need to stick to the unhealthy way and continue to eat mine fried. I enjoy fish, and I think my all time favorite is crappie or specks. Nile perch are also very similar and tasty.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD



# The Great American Puzzle

## TEXAS EDITION

By Henry McClurg  
ACROSS

- 1 celebrity, fame
- 5 beat severely
- 6 did exist
- 8 fragrant floral oil
- 10 Mexican city across from McAllen
- 13 initials President Eisenhower's first & middle names

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- 27 disturb
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- 32 conquer
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- 34 danger
- 35 besides boys, they too can now play Texas high
- 36 Spanish
- 37 in the event that
- 38 ??? off, having hit a golf ball
- 39 Houston, defending NBA champs
- 40 exist
- 41 strong wind
- 42 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound
- 43 bombs that don't explode
- 44 barely gain with effort
- 45 current dance fad that is party Harlem shuffle, part hokey-pokey, 2 words
- 46 Ocean State, abbrev.
- 47 light color
- 48 time zone of Ariz. not during daylight savings, abbrev.
- 49 Roman numeral 4

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- 68 sequence
- 69 a gliding dance
- 70 7th tone of diatonic scale
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- 72 males
- 73 DOWN
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- 75 put in a shipping container
- 76 vigorous
- 77 a human blood type
- 78 bridegroom's male attendant

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# GALAXY GAYZER

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## HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 - 29, 1996



**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You will no doubt achieve your greatest successes by listening to the comments and advice from others, formulating a long range program, and finding joy in your accomplishments and goals, no matter how small they may seem to you. You also have a tendency to speak before you think, hurting those close to you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Your financial prospects are excellent this week, especially if you join up with another to pool both your know-how and resources. It's advantageous to your monetary goals to be flexible and roll with the punches. You yearn to travel - so start planning.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) Now's the best time to start a new partnership, whether in business or romance, the results will definitely be very positive. Keep your physical energy high. Money dealings will intensify in the next few months, be very careful about the details.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Your mind may be totally on pleasure and free time during the week, it's time to think about improving your financial and job situation. Be cautious and heed others' business suggestions. You've the capabilities to tackle any challenges thrown your way, and win.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) There's a new chapter in your love life ready to be written - be patient, all the details will unfold in due time. Romance will continue to be dominant for the next several months, so enjoy it. Even if you are tempted, refrain from making any hasty decisions.

**LEO** (July 24- August 23) The thought of work doesn't do much for you, but it will be surprising just how much you will accomplish if you just put your nose to the grindstone. Keep in mind in the future that you will benefit from a more intellectual approach to moneymaking ideas and finances.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) Hard work is the key throughout this week. There is friction on the job which can be avoided with diplomacy. The chance to enhance your working skills is good, look for opportunities, however small they may seem. The solution to a nagging problem is evident.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) This week will be a lot more active and rewarding than the past couple of weeks. Real estate could be a profitable area now. Your financial bandwagon rolls along, producing profits which will be more evident in the next few weeks. Concentrate on doing things yourself.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) Try to look at things with a fresh perspective. If you go about accomplishing things differently, you may be amazed at how much you'll get done. The next few weeks will favor financial planning, so work closely with someone who knows the business well.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21) The prevailing theme is tranquility. Evenings may be filled with enjoyable social events and romantic interludes. You have attracted the attention of a VIP at work, someone who can help you advance your career and personal goals. Keep your attitude upbeat.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20) Your friends are very supportive, and if you are working on a personal goal, they will be able to give some good advice. A lucky opportunity may enable you to climb up a few additional rungs on the ladder of success. Trim down your expectations to parallel with reality.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19) You will meet a whole new circle of people who can be stimulating on an intellectual level. These new friends will help clarify any important objectives which have been fuzzy. Steer clear of any known troublemakers in the workplace, they may hamper your progress.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) Distant friends or family will dominate your thoughts and actions. Start working on that special project which may have to do with a home matter. Beware of being overly optimistic concerning finances - remember to not count your chickens before they're hatched.

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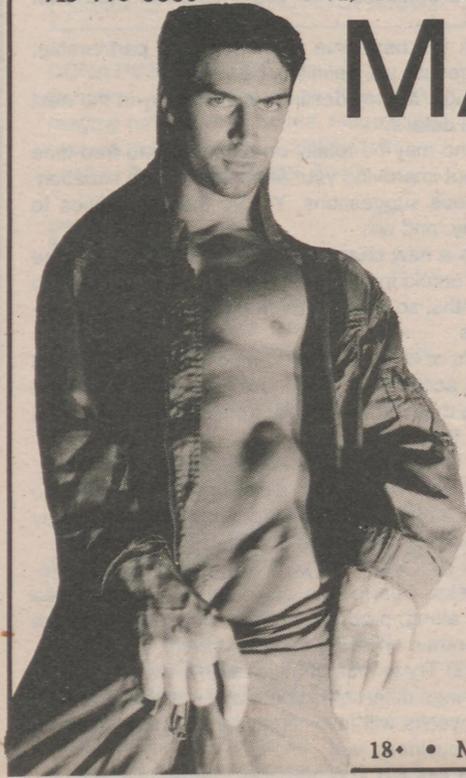
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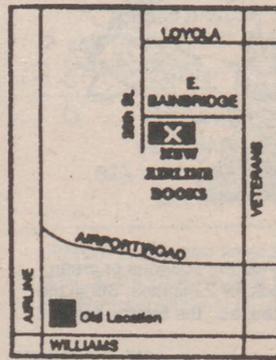
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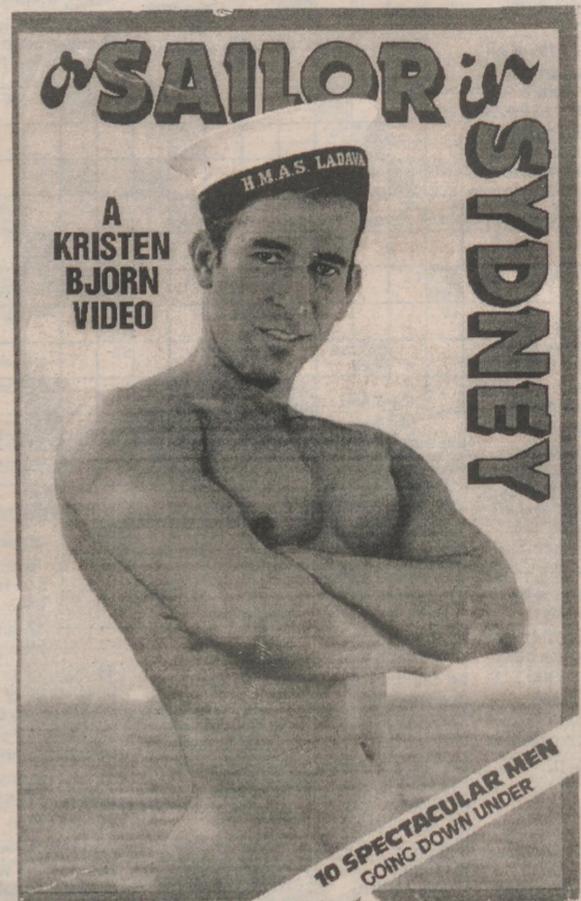
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# HOUSTON VOICE *Personals*

## HAIRY MAN WANTED

Attractive GWM, 30, h.brown/blue, 6'1", 155 lbs. smooth chested with facial hair, healthy, HIV+, top/bottom. Seeking attractive, clean cut GWM or GHM, 28-40, in Houston area. I like hairy chested, stocky men with facial hair, also top/bottom. If you enjoy friends, movies and night-clubs as well as quiet romantic evenings at home, lets get to know each other better. Prefer mail response with photo. Ad 25753

## EXTRATERRESTRIAL FEMME GWF READY FOR ROMANCE

Intelligent, young, attractive HWP little lady with bright future ISO traditional type woman who's intelligent, in shape, expressive, stable who doesn't like bar hopping, gangs of x-lovers, or game players. Mature, honest, compassionate yet fun/relaxed qualities are my own and what I look for. Looking for just friends, too. Call or write. Ad 25735

## 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

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## TWICE THE FUN!

Two good looking masculine guys, 25 & 30, interested in meeting business professional (25-45) for occasional hot, safe, discreet fun. Must be successful, masculine and in shape. Prefer mail responses, letter/photo. Ad 25721

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## D ... D ...

GWM, 6', 150#, beard, mustache, very healthy HIV+, non-smoker-drinker-drugs, straight appearance seeks same in bottom. For a great time anytime let's get together. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25729

## TURNED-ON BY INDIGENOUS CULTURES

Middle-aged GWM, intelligent, well-endowed, comfortably situated, seeking GM warrior/prince, 7 years, descended from a culture native to the Americas. Photos appreciated; native attire a plus. Ittibaapisilli, ayok-puli, poloama; apax-onado se por, entusiasmada; en amor y compania. Ad 25733

## 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.

Attractive male, 32, 5'9", 145#, sincere professional. Seeking monogamous relationship with someone who is sincere, HWP, non-smoker, and values family life. Interests: museums, traveling, dining out, and quiet conversation. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25722

## ABANDONED EXPECTING FEMALE SEEKS LIFE PARTNER

I am an attractive, feminine, 25 y.o., GWF w/long hair. I am 4 months pregnant, 5'7", normal weight of 135#. Taking time off from erotic dancing and college to have baby. I am ready for a long term love. Prefer mail responses w/photo. Ad 25738

## I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED EXCEPT YOU!!!

GWM executive, 40, 5'10", 170, attractive, seeks special guy for serious dating relationship. Enjoy movies, theater, travel, dining out, quiet romantic evenings. Prefer mature younger guy, 24-30, who needs that special person to make their life complete. If you think you deserve the best, call. Humble/Kingwood area a plus! Ad 25741

## EAST SIDE GWM SEEKS FRIENDS/POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP

I am 35, 5'8", 145, brown hair, blue eyes, healthy, HIV-, happy, well built, attractive, masculine, and successful with strong work ethic. Interested in movies, music, plants, pets, dance, intimate evenings, versatile "top." Seeking HIV-honest, sincere, attractive, healthy, financially stable GM with strong work ethic for friendships and possibly loyal, long term monogamous relationship. Not looking for someone well endowed, just intelligent with a kind heart. Send photo -mail responses preferred. Ad 25750

## IF YOU KNOW...

how to follow orders, contact me. I am 46, 5'9", 190, hairy, aggressive and demanding. Ad 25673

## 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

## SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE

Looking for someone to share life with me. A home, pets and comfortable closeness. Would like monogamous, almost platonic relationship. Tired of dinner alone? Respond. Maybe we can both finally "exhale." Please be over 30 years. Photo will get mine. Ad 25757

## 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

## KIDNAP ME

Take me to your playroom. Bind me, use me, then release me in a couple of days. My captor(s): attractive, HWP, HIV-, serious master(s) and/or mistress(es). I am a successful intelligent WBIM, handsome, nice body & highly sensual, HIV-, HWP, with a weakness for the smell of leather who desires to be totally dominated. Ad 25711

## EUROPEAN GUY

I am 27 years old, 5'7", 132, brown hair and brown eyes, healthy (HIV-), warm and caring. I enjoy movies (foreign), music, animals, cars, etc. I'm looking for a compatible, masculine, professional man who is single, smart, funny and charming. Ad 25715

## HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good sense of humor. Seeking other 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

## WANTED: BOY

For long-term monogamous relationship with "gifted" GWM in early 40s. I am 6', 170#, auburn/hazel, w/ mustache. A true "daddy". I am healthy and HIV-. You should be younger, attractive, masculine and DDF. Letter only w/photo and phone #. Ad 25719

## SOUL/LIFE MATE WANTED

GWM, 51, 5'10", 205 lbs. stocky weightlifter, HIV-, professional demeanor, active Christian, conservative straight lifestyle, seeks brawny, bear, linebacker, beefy hunk/chunk with similar attributes. Physically challenged encouraged to reply. Thanks! Ad 25727

## 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

## GWM PROFESSIONAL

40's, 5'11", 165 lbs, good looks, nice tanned body (HIV-). Enjoy movies, sports, cars, the beach, music & dining in & out. ISO younger HWP hispanic for dating. Desire monogamous relationship. Be DDF. I've a lot to offer. You will be pleased you answered. Ad 25705

## LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

WM, 40, 5-5, 150. DDF. ISO someone that knows what love is. No games or liars or clubs. I'm honest and trustworthy, loving and kind. Smoker ok. I'm just a fun loving guy looking for someone special to come into my life. Write for more details. You won't be sorry. Ad 25758

## INDIAN SEEKS COWBOY

Attractive, intelligent, Indian male, 30, brown hair/eyes, 5'4", DDF, not into active gay lifestyle. Interests include long walks, fishing, hiking, the beach and quiet evenings at home. Seeking stable GWM "Cowboy." 35-40, HWP, DDF, with similar interests for long-term monogamous relationship. Looks not important. All letters answered. Photo requested. Ad 25752

## AFFECTIONATE TEDDY BEAR WANTS CUDDLY CUB

GWM, 56, 6'2", 285, big bear, professional, clean cut seeks loving cub for companion, fun, and a devoted monogamous relationship. I want what I am: sincere, loyal, sense of humor, honest, masculine, caring, sensitive, trusting, lots of T.L.C., respect, genuine and unlimited passion. Interests: Movies, art galleries/museums, dining out, quiet evenings at home, and lots of candlelight conversation and sharing. Discreet, NS, and DDF. U B 2. If you can relate, please respond. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25745

## FF BOTTOM HANDSOME & VERSATILE

Looking to meet dominant men into FF/Bondage/TT & other kink for red hanky action. Ad 25751

## SWEET AND SPICY LOOKING FOR YOU!

SBF seeking healthy happy woman. I am looking for a loving friendship. Enjoy dancing, candlelight, music, laughing and a Southern Lady. Put a little spice in your life! I do want truth in all correspondence. Ad 25731

## 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.

## 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

## TOPS LOOKING FOR SEX TOY

Two GWM lovers, both tops, one 42, one 26, trim, HWP, seeking a rear end submissive bottom for three way - just plain trashy fun. Mail responses preferred or phone. Ad 25709

## CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY

December 23, 1995 Randy, sign instructor, br. hair/eyes, goatee. Rm. 20-something M.T. Spa. Me: Br. hair/eyes, beard, hairstylist. Brief encounter was short, but not forgotten, nor is your beautiful smile. Would like to know you better under different circumstances, or meet again at M.T. Spa. Contact me and make the arrangements. Charles. Ad 25749

## "NOT ONLY ON WEEKENDS"

Single, black, female romantic seeks friend for possible relationship. Seeks woman who is certain of herself, her wants and desires. Interests include: movies, parks, special get-aways, moonlit nights. Quality time very important; also hand-holding, good conversation, and a sense of humor. Must be stable, sincere and spiritually motivated. Ad 25740

## PARENTING, ANYONE?

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## 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

## LET ME MAKE YOUR HEART SMILE

I'm 5'10", 165 lbs, extra nice legs, warm smile, big heart with lots of love to offer if our chemistry is right. I'm open to all inquiries, but prefer 25-35 bottom with smooth skin as I have a hairy chest. Now please note I'm also HIV+, but very healthy, active & loving. Please give me a chance & I promise you won't be disappointed. Prefer mail response. Ad 25754

## SIR, ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Sir, you are aggressive, demanding, roughly 35-50 and rough. You train, order, command, and expect excellent service. At your whim and pleasure, you discipline, humiliate, restrain, bind, and abuse. I can trust you and submit. All 5'8", 165, GWM fit parts safe in your hands. Call, write, your desire. Ad 25653

## THE FOREVER MAN

Professional, mature, masculine, successful, fun-loving GWM, youthful, 40, 5'11", 180#, well built and very attractive w/ dark hair and blue eyes. Interested in a long term monogamous relationship based on loyalty, trust, and most importantly, passion. True love runs deep, and there is nothing quite like it. Ad 25717

## LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON

GWF, early 30's, non-smoker, looking for GWF, 30-45. I enjoy movies, intimate dinners & the outdoors. Ad 25730

## LONELY GHM

31, 5'7", 135#, seeks GW or GHM for life-mate, monogamous relationship. Must be honest, sincere, 32+ year of age. I'm HIV-, short black hair. Enjoy traveling, being adventurous. You must be the same and versatile. No games. Photo please. Physical must be terrific. Ad 25739

## 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

## GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm 43, married, 5'10", 160lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598.

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Attractive GWM physician, 35, 5'10", 160, new in town, seeks boy 18-24 with interest in light S/M, B/D. Very understanding and patient. If you ever thought of getting into "leather" with a gentle but firm master, give me a call. Ad 25744

## FURTHER INVESTIGATION NECESSARY

I can't be defined in a personal ad. It's merely an introduction. You must listen to my voice, look into my eyes, feel the gentle touch of my hand to truly get to know me. I am a man who enjoys being with a man. I'm 31 GBM who sports goatee and short hair. I'm employed, have several other interests and there's a bit more to me than meets the eye. Want to find out how much more, drop me a detailed letter. My only request is that you are attractive, sexy, intelligent and compassionate. I have a slight preference to fuzzy navels and goatees. C'mon, cross over. Ad 25755

## SEEK SUBMISSIVE OLDER WHITE MEN

Oriental male looking for submissive older white men. Possible long term. I'm 34, 5'6", 160#, clean, discreet and HIV-, aggressive and demanding. Letters preferred. Phone and photos a plus. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Ad 25737

## 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

## POSITIVE MIND, BODY & SOUL

Extremely handsome Gay Latin Male, 34, 5'6", 165#, bk/bw, mustache is currently seeking special friend. Me: Financially stable, very healthy, swimmers build, smooth body, versatile bottom, romantic, honest, passionate with high pos. attitude & self esteem, easy going man with great sense of humor & sensitivity. You: GWM 28-45, 5'8" plus, HWP, good looking, financially stable & healthy versatile top. If you've been searching for a man above average, with similar values & sincerity, here's your chance! No feds or druggies. Letters preferred, photo requested. Ad 25748

## READY FOR A STEADY

Interesting GWM looking for a special gentleman. I'm 38, 6'2", 175, brown/blue, professionally employed, healthy, happy, emotionally & financially stable, warm, caring & relationship oriented. I enjoy travel, Nautilus, family, friends & more. I'm seeking a compatible GWM, 30s to 40s, height/weight proportional, who is single, smart, funny, charming, HIV-, clean-cut & happy. Respond today -I'm ready! Ad 25720

## 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 weekend 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

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## GIVING MY HEART

GHM attractive, spiritual, realistic, looking for new contacts for friendship and future romance. Discover within this loving heart the great chances of meeting, talking, and sharing with me the magnificent gift of all times LOVE. Respond soon, letters are greatly appreciated. Ad 25756

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