

## A Weekly Community News Publication



The Four Seasons Military Ball entertained a jubilant crowd last Saturday at Rich's. More photos & events: see *Houston Soap*, Pages 22-23 (Photo by Steven David)

## Local stations threatened with lawsuit if P-FLAG ads air

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

*Houston Voice* Editor

(HOUSTON)—The Rev. Pat Robertson and his Christian Broadcasting Network have threatened to sue television stations in Houston and three other cities if they air anti-homophobia advertising spots created by the national Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) organization. Attorneys for CBN, in an open letter addressed to "all general managers," warned that the Network would "immediately seek judicial redress," including injunctions and monetary damages, against any station that accepts the advertisements for airplay.

The flap over the ads, which juxtapose the anti-gay remarks of conservative televangelists Robertson and Jerry Falwell and with U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) with dramatizations of a brutal gay-bash murder and a teenager preparing to commit suicide, erupted last week as P-FLAG announced its planned "Project Open Mind" campaign, of which the advertisements are a feature. The cam-

paign, according to P-FLAG officials, aims to show the potentially deadly impact of hate speech directed against lesbian and gay persons.

The letter from CBN associate general counsel Bruce Hausknecht charged that the P-FLAG ads "contain defamatory material and cast Pat Robertson and CBN in a false light, by implying that Pat advocates/promotes heinous crimes against gays or directly caused the suicide of one or more homosexual persons.

"This is outrageously false and severely damaging to the reputation of Dr. Robertson and this ministry," the letter continues.

Possibly as a result of the threat, according to Doug Upchurch, a member of the board of P-FLAG Houston, a local station that previously had agreed to accept one of the ads has put its offer on hold. However, Upchurch said, P-FLAG's intended message is still getting out, in part due to the media attention being given the controversy itself.

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## Concert for victims of violence dedicated to Michael Burzinski

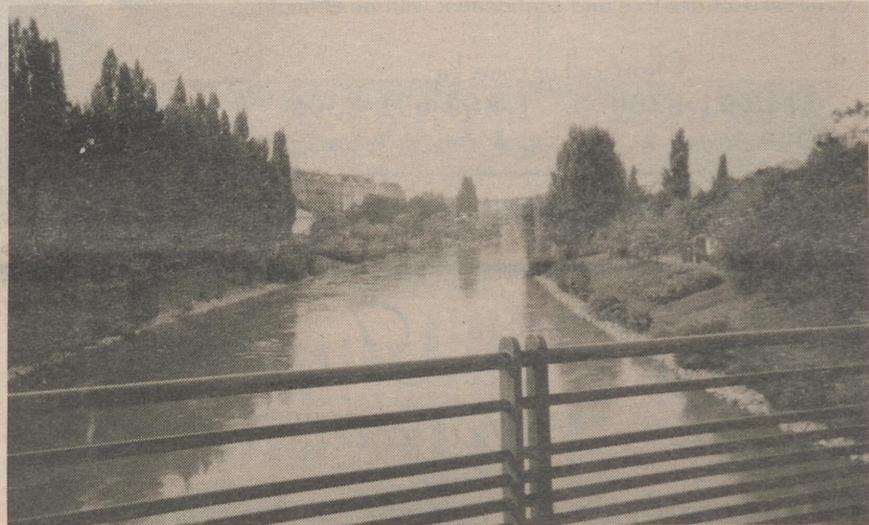
(HOUSTON)—Tennessee Tech University trumpet professor Howard Brahmstedt and his wife Pat, a pianist, have performed many times, including ten recitals in China. Still, few performances could be as meaningful or as deeply felt by the pair as the one they will give at 3:00 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 18 on the steps of Houston City Hall.

This weekend's performance is a memorial concert for victims of violence and is dedicated to the memory of the Brahmstedts' nephew, Michael Burzinski, a Houston gay man who was robbed, beaten and murdered on July 30, 1994 at the age of 29. By participating in the concert, the Brahmstedts hope to draw public attention to the upcoming trials of Michael's accused murderers—four young men, all high school football players who were well

known and popular in their schools and north Houston neighborhood at the time of the slaying—and to America's increasing rate of violent crimes. Burzinski's family members are also protesting the possible disproportionate sentences the young men involved in Michael's death may receive. Being musicians, the Brahmstedts chose to memorialize their nephew in a concert format.

Jury selection for the first trial in connection with the murder of Michael Burzinski has already started, and the trial itself could begin as early as Nov. 26. The trial—and the crime awareness concert—come at a time when both gay bashing and the rights of the families of victims of violence to conduct letter writing campaigns have re-entered the spotlight of public and media scrutiny.

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The legendary Danube River rolls gently through the center of Vienna. (Photo by Andrew Edmonson)

## Vienna: Land of civilized pleasures and interesting people

By ANDREW EDMONSON

*Houston Voice/Houston*

(Editor's Note: This is the final article in a three-part series examining gay and lesbian life in the cities of Central Europe. The first two articles focused on Berlin and Prague.)

(VIENNA, Austria)—We arrived in Vienna in early August, at the height of "Sommerloch." Translated literally, sommerloch means "summer hole." The Austrians use it to refer to the dog days at the end of summer when the theatres and concert halls are closed, and most Viennese are away on holiday.

Whatever the natives may feel about this time of year, it is wonderful season to visit Vienna. The city is bursting with things to do and interesting people to meet.

Throughout August, film versions of great operas are shown each night on a

gigantic screen in front of Vienna's town hall. Scores of people come together under the moonlit sky on a warm summer evening to enjoy a great work of music, free of charge. The city is full of such civilized pleasures.

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## Church that ordained gay deacon to forego Baptist meeting

AUSTIN, Thursday, Nov. 9 (AP)—A church ousted from the Austin Baptist Association because it ordained a gay deacon has decided not to attend the state meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Rev. Larry Bethune, pastor of University Baptist Church, said the congregation had planned to send 11 delegates to the San Antonio gathering, but backed off when it appeared the messengers would be challenged.

"The congregation doesn't want the state convention to be distracted by this issue," Bethune told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We are not hiding. And we will remain loyal mem-

bers of the Baptist General Convention of Texas."

Bethune said church members voted Oct. 29 not to send delegates to next week's convention, which is expected to draw about 7000 representatives.

The Austin Baptist Association voted 108-55 last month to remove University Baptist from the 78,000-member association because it ordained the gay deacon.

Bethune said he considers the Austin association's action to be interference with the autonomy of the local church.

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# Community Calendar by Carolyn Roberts

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## Friday, Nov. 17

- \* 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.
- \* Free Buffet at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 p.m.
- \* Marathon Poetry reading at Borders Book Shop. 7:00 p.m. Call 782-6066.
- \* Film at MFA: "Vertigo." 8:00 p.m. Call 639-7300.

## Saturday, Nov. 18

- \* 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.
- \* Texas Association for Transsexuals Support meet at 3:00 p.m. Call 827-5913.
- \* Houston Wrestling Club practices at Multi-Purpose Center. 1:00 p.m. Call 453-7406.
- \* Alpha to Omega 5K Event. 7:30 a.m. Call 524-6662.
- \* YMCA's "Representing in Asylum and Deportation Proceedings" training seminar. Call 995-4005.
- \* Film at MFA: "Lolita." 7:30 p.m. Call 639-7300.
- \* Thanksgiving Potluck Picnic sponsored by Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents. 1:00 p.m. Call 666-8260.

## Sunday, Nov. 19

- \* 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.
- \* Yeal!Buffet! at the Venture-N. 5:00 p.m. Benefits the Colt 45's.
- \* Film at MFA: "The Magnificent Ambersons." 7:30 p.m. Call 639-7300.

## Monday, Nov. 20

- \* 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.

\* Gay and Lesbian Readers Group meets at 3003 W. Holcombe. 7:00 p.m. Call 349-0050.

\* 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 caregivers 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.

\* Exxon Association of Gay and Lesbian Employees (EAGLE) meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Library. Call 916-8110.

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

- \* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- \* 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.
- \* 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.

## Wednesday, Nov. 22

- \* 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.

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## EDITORIAL

## Rage for the right reasons

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

*Houston Voice Editor*

The battles against AIDS and homophobia, and for the basic human rights of those oppressed by either or both, have lost one of their most significant local warriors.

I learned from a late night phone call on Sunday, Nov. 5 that fiery Houston activist Brian Bradley, also a cherished personal friend, had died. The call not only woke me for the rest of the night, but reawakened a tidal wave of emotion, frustration and fear that I—at least for the past several months—believed I had finally buried in a protective layering of functional fog.

After years of living and dealing daily with the news and the overwhelming presence of our community's own Holocaust, through a life-shaking loss last year and with the near decimation of my remaining circle of supportive friends in the past two years, I thought there was little left that could phase me. I was wrong. The death of Brian Bradley brought back the confusion, the irony and the urgency that I had merely suppressed, the way so many of in this community are forced to do. And the way we, scandalously, seem to have come to believe we are supposed to do.

Judging from the turnout at a spontaneously organized Celebration-of-Life affair for Brian last Wednesday at Carter and Cooley deli and the expressions on the faces of many of those in attendance, my reaction was far from atypical. Those who knew Brian mourned not only a friend whose depth of sincerity, thoughtfulness and compassion was rare indeed, but also a community leader whose courage and dedication likely will never be duplicated.

For countless Houstonians with HIV, Brian provided an inspiration: the remaining symbol of strength and hope in a maze of astounding loss and depressing contradictions. Over the past five years, he had totally immersed himself in their fight and the fight against anti-gay bigotry with unparalleled indulgence, flair and guts. Brian routinely took up the causes no one else would touch on behalf of people no one else would take seriously. He picked his targets and his battles not to curry favor or advance himself, either within or without the gay and HIV communities, but to expose and, if at all possible, correct injustices when and where he saw them. For these reasons, his actions were not always popular in all circles, even in his own communities. But even those who did not recognize or understand the role of this flashy advocate in their lives—and on occasion, those who secretly asked for his help, along with his understanding that they must publicly disassociate themselves from it—reaped the benefits.

Those who know me well know equally well that while I am likely to stammer if confronted a crowd or a camera, if asked to express what I feel in writing, I am rarely at a loss for words. But when I tried last week to compose something

that would summarize Brian's life and his many achievements, I found the words just wouldn't materialize. No loss, I decided after reading the perfect, powerful obituary that John Paul Barnich put together for our last issue.

Here at the *Houston Voice*, as probably at the offices of any gay publication which runs them, we are in the habit of scanning the obituaries for familiar names and faces long before the issue goes to press. I remember noting last week that we had several lengthy obits and secretly hoping that Brian's wouldn't get "lost in the crowd." But when I saw Page 4 of the issue laid out on our wall—a full page of relevant and significant tributes to people who were, without a doubt, the most important people in the world to some other people—the effect was overwhelming, much as the effect must be for those viewing the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt for the first time. It was like a reverse rush of rage and sadness that said: *every statistic tells a story*. And it was then I realized that could never pay tribute to a leader or honor a friend if I neglect to convey the message, unpopular though it might be.

In two weeks, Houston, along with cities throughout the U.S. and in numerous other countries, will observe the eighth annual "World AIDS Day," an event created by the World Health Organization to heighten awareness of and focus attention on HIV/AIDS issues. I remember, a few weeks back, a casual comment that NAMES Project Houston's Pete Martinez had made in our offices about the approaching observance. At this time of year, Pete noted, the Project's volunteers are usually in a frenzy. "For World AIDS Day," he said, "Everybody wants Quilt."

Also a few weeks ago, I remember reading a story that came in over the AP wire about artist (and Republican AIDS advocate) Mary Fisher's attempt to stage a multi-media AIDS awareness art exhibit in the lobby of the U.S. Senate's office building. At the last minute, Fisher's exhibition was ousted and she received notice from several senators—including her friend, moderate Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum—that, because of a single inclusion they felt it was inappropriate. The offending item in the exhibit: an ornate, elaborately decorated and inscribed casket. Without the coffin, the senators told Fisher, her art was "okay" for the building; if she didn't remove it, though, she would have to find another space. (Fisher kept the casket, moved the show).

I recall being struck by the sad irony of the fact that the only thing deemed unacceptable in this AIDS awareness exhibit was the display that posed the greatest risk of actually getting under the skin of someone who needed to be made more aware. It was the same feeling I had last year when I first heard the bizarre, foolish and insensitive greeting "Happy World AIDS Day."

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## In Loving Memory

### WILLIAM E. WHITE



William E. (Bill) White, 39, died from the complications of AIDS on November 8. Bill was born in Corpus Christie on November 5, 1956, graduated from high school in Harlingen, Texas, and attended Texas A&M University. At the time of his death

Bill was president and chair of the board of The Hollyfield Foundation, a non-profit organization established by his friend, Jay Hollyfield, to advance gay and lesbian civil rights and AIDS research. Until his recent retirement Bill was president of White Lobo, Inc., which operates the Lobo Book Shops in Houston and Austin. He was a founding board member of the AIDS Equity League and the Houston Black Tie Dinner and twice served as co-chair of that annual fund-raising event. He also served on the boards of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. Bill was a member of the Executive and Professional Association of Houston and the Federal Club of the Human Rights Campaign. However, Bill was best known as a host for an annual Christmas party and countless political fundraisers.

He is survived by his companion of eighteen years, Larry Lingle; his father, John H. White of Commerce; his beloved sister, Sandy, her husband, Mike, and his nieces, Holly and Kathleen; and a brother, John Sterling. Bill also leaves the basset hounds, Rupert, Dudley, Humphrey and Winston, and Rufus the cat. Bill also leaves many friends, especially a small group who supported him through the rigors of AIDS: Philip Jacobs of the home, Clair Koepsel, Brad Roach and the late Brian Bradley. He will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched and particularly his companion through the good years and the bad. Remembrances may be made to The Hollyfield Foundation at 2700 Albany. No

services are planned but a celebration of Bill's life will be held at the home at a later date.

### THOMAS JOHN LeMAIRE



After a long, courageous battle, Thomas John LeMaire passed from this life November 7, 1995, surround by loved ones. Tommy inspired us all with his zest for living life to the fullest, his generosity, and his overwhelming

compassion. Tom will be sorely missed by his parents, John and Margareta Le Maire; his brother & sister-in-law, Jimmy & Joan; his soulmate, Lee Haynes; roommate Al Kreger; his "kids" Samantha and D'Artagnan; and an entire army of friends. Special thanks to Drs. Stool and Gathe and the staff of the SDU at Park Plaza Hospital. Sleep well, dear and sweet friend.

### RICK BENTON



Rick Benton, known for his radiant smile and piercing blue eyes, passed away September 6th in his home town of Mineral Wells, Texas. He was in the company of friends and family. Rick was born January 16, 1957 in Mineral

Wells and spent the last 12 years bringing smiles and happiness to his many friends in Houston. Prior to Houston he called Colorado home.

Rick is survived by his mother, Juanita Benton; his sisters, Donna Hansen, Judy Dodson, Vicki Pitzer and Kelly Whitting; his brother, Jimmy Benton; and his nieces and nephews. He was a wonderful son and brother, and an uncle who was a true friend.

Rick will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

## Grandson of former Southern Baptist president dies of AIDS

DALLAS, Sunday, Nov. 12 (AP)—Matthew Allen knew he couldn't beat AIDS, but he at least wanted to make it to his 13th birthday. He died Friday, a little more than a month after he reached his goal.

"Matt was very courageous," said his grandfather, the Rev. Jimmy Allen, "He took 36 pills a day every day of his life and never complained."

Allen, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, had revealed a painful journey of faith in the book, "Burden of a Secret: A Story of Truth and Mercy in the Face of AIDS."

In 1985, Allen found out his daughter-in-law Lydia had contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion hours before Matt was born. Lydia, Matt and Bryan, a second son born before the bad blood was discovered, were infected with the virus.

Matt's father, Scott Allen, wasn't infected, but was dismissed as minister of education at First Christian Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., when he sought his pastor's consolation. Matt was kicked out of the church's day care center and the family was told to find another church.

When the family moved to Dallas and moved in with Allen and his wife, church after church refused to enroll Matt in Sunday school.

"Good churches. Great churches. Wonderful people. Churches pastored by fine men of God, many of whom I had mentored. Nobody had room for a boy with AIDS," Allen wrote.

Bryan, an infant, died in 1986 and Lydia died in 1992.

Matt went to Lakewood Elementary School until last December. From kindergarten until fourth grade, only a small number of people at the school knew of his illness.

In a recent interview, Matt said his classmates supported him once they found out he had AIDS.

"They treated me like a normal kid before

we went public, and they treated me the same after," he told The Dallas Morning News. He could recall only one taunt from a classmate directed at his illness.

Although Matt had been bedridden for about a year, his school chums gathered shortly before his Oct. 4 birthday for a small party with balloons and gifts. To the music "The Circle of Life" from the movie "The Lion King," the children paraded around Matt, surrounding him with music, banners and love.

"Even in that moment he was looking beyond his fears and pain and trying to focus us on the larger issue," said principal Karen Rogers.

"His theme was thanks to the students and a challenge to us to be sensitive to the needs of other people who are HIV positive and who have AIDS," she said.

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## Red Ribbons, Black Days

(Editorial, continued from previous page)

Despite the good intentions and hard work of everyone involved in the effort, the W.A.D. observance as a tool to reach out to the broader public with the meaning and the message of AIDS issues may be going the way of the red ribbon. Easy, pretty and user-friendly symbols, while providing a bridge for some, have been appropriated by a largely disconnected, uncaring public as an acceptable means of conveying the message that they care—even if it's only for one day, once a year. Derek Jarman, in his caustic cinematic swan song *Blue*, opined that the language and images surrounding the epidemic had been "appropriated by the well...while we go on, 'Living With AIDS.'"

But we in the gay community, in astonishing numbers, have also consumed the lie and the myth. We have swallowed it wholesale, internalized it to the point that we incorporate it in our view of ourselves and our culture. Death at thirty or forty-something is a part of our lives and our condition that the noble among us will accept and deal with, and approach with an attitude that is never bitter or questioning, and a resignation that does not challenge. The ideal to strive for is the face of smiling, firm-bodied model in a slick magazine, hawking liquid nutrients on one page and talking about his hectic-but-manageable daily schedule and

favorite celebrities on another. "Positive in Every Way."

We welcome, with the understandable receptiveness of a community spoon-fed sound bites touting miracles-just-around the corner for 15 years, the latest medical mantra: that AIDS is evolving into a "chronic, manageable disease, much like Diabetes." (In our interpretation of this, however, we overlook a few little points such as those made at the AIDS, Medicine and Miracles conference by Lark Lands, Ph.D., a person with Diabetes—for example, that Diabetes is still a deadly disease, that is still killing hundreds of thousands of people and for which there is not yet a cure).

And those in the community who accept their well-earned outrage instead of the strange ideals spawned by our collective lack of self-esteem are discouraged, avoided, and sometimes outcast. But perhaps it is those who have "made peace" with something that is so outrageously wrong who in fact need to get their priorities straight.

At any rate, for so many of us, the red ribbons have fallen on black days.

The reality is that AIDS is not a poetic and beautiful metaphor for the mortal human condition. It is not a window for limitless opportunity to explore one's self and one's potential with a new awareness of the gifts of life and love and light and art. It is not abstract lens through which to view the

virtues of this community or any other.

The reality is that AIDS is a ruthless epidemic, which has endured for half a generation and reached its tendrils across two to silence creativity, darken worlds, dismantle love and end life. It is a monster capable of breaking down and taking down the strongest among us and silencing the voices that dare to answer back, and that can never be defeated without the rallying of an army of the aforementioned. It is a casket, not a canvas.

The reality is that what progress has been made in 15 years in the struggle against this disease that currently overwhelms, and threatens, the life of an estimated 40,000 people in Houston and, as of last December, had killed 34,672 people in Texas has been only accomplished through the courage and tenacity of a scant handful of leaders who stubbornly refused to believe that one person's actions could not make a difference.

In Houston, Brian Bradley was such a leader, and he ended his life doing exactly what he had always done: confronting the enemy at its very doorstep; fighting something he knew to be wrong, with the same arrogant passion that he had put into all of his previous battles. As always, he did it because he had to do it; because somebody had to do it. Because, for far too many of us in this city, in this country and on this planet, World AIDS Day is every day.

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HOUSTON VOICE

# Most stations reject ads, but P-Flag says word getting out

(Continued from Page 1)

Last Thursday, one Houston station, KHOU Channel 11 (CBS) accepted P-FLAG's order to air one of the advertisements, dealing with gay-bashing and featured Nancy Rodriguez, mother of hate crime victim Paul Broussard, and a re-enactment of her son's brutal 1991 murder. The station said it could not accept the suicide ad. But on Monday, Upchurch said even that station was now hedging on the decision. Channel 2 and Channel 13, the local NBC and ABC affiliates, have issued statements indicating they are not considering the ads. So far, of network affiliates in the three "heartland cities" chosen by P-FLAG to launch Project Open Mind, only the FOX affiliate in Tulsa has accepted with of the ads.

The ad campaign has been rejected by eight television stations in Houston and Atlanta, and even the Cable News Network. But Upchurch said P-FLAG is succeeding in getting the word out.

"Our primary objective with this campaign was to open up a dialogue about these issues," said Upchurch. "We want the community to unite and begin the work that needs to be done to address this (hate speech) problem."

By all indications, the dialogue, at least, has begun. Locally, P-FLAG members have been interviewed on local radio stations and by National Public Radio for a spot to be aired nationally. The three major network affiliates have run news stories or commentaries about the advertisements and the Project Open Mind Campaign, and all local stations have been receiving a torrent of phone calls and faxes regarding their refusal of the material, generated by the efforts of independent activists and buzz lines on the Internet.

Much of the outraged reaction from letter writers has centered on the fact that local stations accepted and aired homophobic ads placed by anti-gay activist Dr. Steven Hotze during political campaigns in the mid-1980's. Those ads also contained clips used in a crafted context, and without permission. But a techni-

cal director at one of the Houston network affiliates pointed out that political advertisements are covered by a very different set of specific Federal Communications Commission regulations, and noted that Robertson would probably try to characterize the use of clips from his television show as infringement of the show's copyright. The director, who did not want to be named, said that gay and lesbian community members who want their letters taken seriously should ask that they be included in the stations' public files, which are reviewed periodically by the FCC and when the stations are up for a license renewal.

P-FLAG, on an official level, has distanced itself from the media zapping efforts. Early this week, the organization issued the following "official statement" regarding the Open Mind ads:

"We recognize the reluctance of local TV stations to run the Project Open Mind ads *Bashing* and *Innocence*. We disagree with the TV stations' reasoning, and we anticipate that in the future these stations will reconsider their decisions.

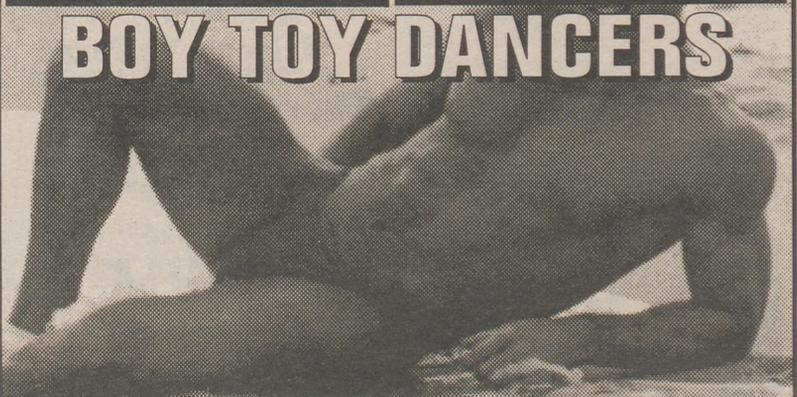
"Many of these stations have expressed concern about being sued by Pat Robertson and the Christian Broadcasting Network. PFLAG National does not believe that airing these ads is grounds for a lawsuit. PFLAG Houston's immediate goal is to open up a dialog with the Houston community about the negative environment for gays and lesbians created by hate speech. We want to open up this dialog with local media via talk shows, public interest stories, and news stories. We will do this beginning with personal introductions between PFLAG Board Reps and the local TV Station management."

Adding yet another twist to the Project Open Mind saga, Rodriguez last Friday told the New York Times that she has been dismissed from her job at an automobile maintenance shop in Warner Robbins, Ga. She told the paper she believes she lost her job at Mike Houston Auto care because of her high-profile involvement with the campaign.

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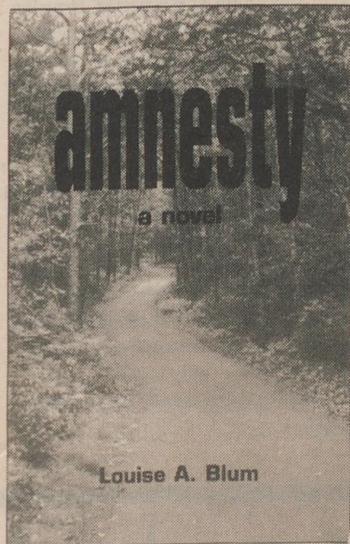
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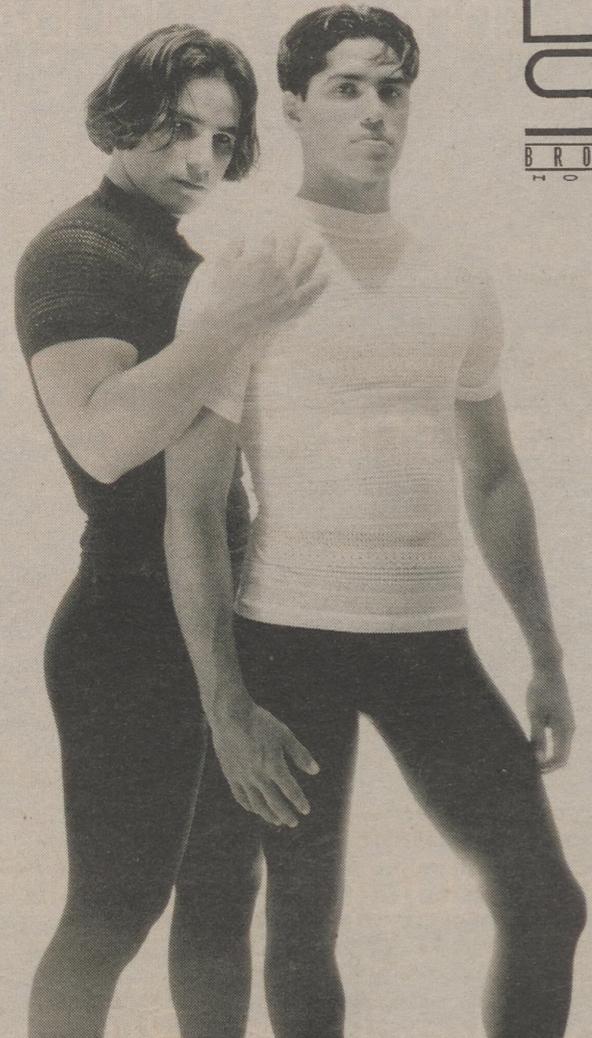
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## This and That!

Notes on entertainment, literature  
and pop culture

By JON ANTHONY

Houston Voice/Houston

Liza Minnelli and Shirley MacLaine share the small-screen in a poignant CBS-TV Movie, *The West Side Waltz*, airing Thanksgiving evening at 8 p.m. on Channel 11. Directed by Ernest Thompson (*On Golden Pond*), the movie focuses on the relationship between an uppity Manhattan widow (MacLaine) and her "mousy" middle aged neighbor (Minnelli). The legends who rarely appear on television were attracted to the enchanting script. Kathy Bates and Jennifer Grey costar. Screen Legend Katherine Hepburn celebrated her 88th birthday last week amidst little fanfare....Speaking of legends, world renowned crooner Tony Bennett, whose current CD *Here's to the Ladies* is #1 on the Jazz charts, is the latest celebrity who has been tapped to don the infamous "milk mustache" in an upcoming ad for the much heralded *American Heart Associations* campaign praising the virtue of milk....David Letterman's announcement last week indicating that he may not renew his contract when it expires provided his fledgling show with a ratings boost. The show which was taped in L.A. last week rather than its homestead, the Ed Sullivan Theater in N.Y., saw ratings increase nine percent. CBS is contemplating moving the production to L.A. on a permanent basis. In related news, last weeks cancellation of CBS's *The Bonnie Hunt Show*, a Letterman production has now been rescinded. Apparently, CBS has decided to put the show on hiatus for re-tooling and has ordered more episodes to be shown at a later date . . .

Luciano Pavarotti flubbed a high-C aria last Saturday during Act-I of *La Fille du Regiment* at the Metropolitan Opera as a result of phlegm buildup, resulting in his departure for the remainder of the performance which was completed by his understudy.... *Get Shorty's* success at the box-office has increased John Travolta's stock as a bonafide superstar. Luckily for Travolta, Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman both passed on the role. Travolta, the comeback story of the decade, can be seen with Harry Belafonte in the upcoming *White Man's Burden*. In the film, slated to be released Dec. 1., Travolta portrays a factory worker in a culture where blacks are the dominant ruling-class race and the whites are the minorities. Belafonte is cast as his boss... Jim Carrey, riding the crest of his phenomenal success with *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, has just signed a deal with Paramount Pictures to appear in *The Truman Show*, according to Daily Variety, for a reported \$12 million, paltry by Carrey standards. Carrey demands \$20 million for a comedy film. It has yet to be seen whether he can rule the box-office in a drama. Nature, the Pet Detective sequel tallied an impressive \$40.3 million in its opening weekend. That's the sixth highest weekend grosses in history and the biggest non-summer weekend opening ever. Carrey's next projects include the comedies *Cable Guy* and *Liar, Liar*.... Cher has just signed an exclusive deal with HBO to direct and star in *If These Walls Could Talk*, a cable movie about an abortion clinic doctor who is gunned down. The singer/actress will release her first single since 1992, *Walkin' in Memphis*, early next year. The song is currently a smash in Europe....Morgan Fairchild stars in the new ABC serial *City*, a high-tech revamp of *Loving*. Fairchild, in a TV Guide interview,

describes her character Sydney as "Rupert Murdoch in drag." As a consolation for starring in the daytime soap, Fairchild was promised an ABC-TV movie of the week and series pilot. City airs weekly at 11:30 a.m. on Channel 13....Mary Tyler Moore has threatened to leave CBS's struggling Thursday night drama *New York News* which co-stars Gregory Harrison and the multi-talented Madeline Kahn. Moore does not feel that there has been enough character development for Louise Felcott, whom she portrays on the series. Executive producer Ian Sander states that *News* is an ensemble drama and not a star vehicle. To bad, Moore's convincing portrayal of a steely editor is the show's only saving grace along with Kahn's whimsical portrayal of the paper's gossip columnist. Moore and Sander's will continue to discuss the matter and hope to resolve it accordingly. Meanwhile, Moore's new autobiography, *After All*, a fascinating read, has garnered favorable reviews and is scaling the charts.... Former *Cheers* alumnus and *Frasier* star Kelsey Grammer's autobiography, *So Far* hit bookstores last week and it appears to have all the elements of a best-seller: murder, drug abuse, sex and shocking revelations.... Steven Spielberg has agreed to direct the movie version of *The Lost World*, Michael Crichton's sequel to *Jurassic Park*, which remains at #1 on the fiction best-seller list....Colin Powell's, *My American Journey*, also remains atop the non-fiction list.... Stephen King latest scare-fest, *The Green Mile*, will be a series of books. The books will be released in paperback rather than hardcover. King will receive a whopping \$1 million per book....Looking for Catsby, the just released autobiography from Faye Dunaway is a revealing, yet intro- spective and fascinating read....Jackie Collins latest novel, *Hollywood Kids*, out in paperback is a campy tour-de-force pageturner sure to please her fans. She is currently working on a new book continuing the Lucky Santangelo saga....Meanwhile, sister Joan Collins, America's all-time favorite vixen, will inundate the airwaves this month. Ms. Collins will star in an all new *Annie: A Royal Adventure* based on the popular comic strip. The movie airs this Saturday on ABC-TV affiliate Channel 13 at 7 p.m....Sam Elliott returns to television in *Blue River*, based on the awardwinning book by Ethan Canin, Nov. 21 on FOX, Channel 26 at 7 p.m....E.R. was last weeks highest rated show....Diva Update: Janet Jackson's hit single, *Runaway*, currently #3 on the charts was certified gold (sales of 500,000) last week. Jackson has amassed 17 gold singles to date, more than any other female artist. Mariah Carey's *Fantasy* remains the #1 song in the nation. Her album *Daydream* which slips a notch to #2 was booted out of the top spot by The Dogg Pound's controversial new *Dogg Food* album. Madonna just released a greatest hits package, *Something to Remember*, focusing on her ballads which includes three new songs. Diana Ross and Patti Labelle will perform on *Soul Train's 25th Anniversary Special* airing on CBS, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m.... Reba McEntire, the third best-selling female recording artist in history, stars in her own CBS special, *Starting Over*, on Nov. 24 at 9 p.m. The show is a retrospective of Reba's milestones and musical performances.... Melissa Etheridge's new album *Your Little Secret* has just been released and promises to be as successful as her last one.... Quote of the Week: "There's no Absolut's in life - only in vodka." - Kellerman (Reed Diamond) on the NBC series *Homicide*.

## Another way to reach us!

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## Community Calendar

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### Wednesday, Nov. 22

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

\* 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.

\* Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

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

### Thursday, Nov. 23

NOTE: Some events today maybe canceled for Thanksgiving. Please call to make sure your event is as scheduled.

\* 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 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 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.

\* Rainbow Ranglers give 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.

\* HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 p.m. Call 796-2272.

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

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at Bering Care Center. Noon.

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at the Venture-N. 3:00 p.m.

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at the Ripcord. 2:00 p.m.

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at Chances. 3:00 p.m.

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at the Lazy J. 3:00 p.m.

\* Thanksgiving Buffet at J.R.'s Bar and Grill. 1:30 p.m.

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## Business Notes: These lesbians mean business!

### *This Lesbian Means Business*

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According to Anderson, all of these aspects of promotion are interrelated and necessary. Many of same rules apply for marketing, whether you are promoting a business, and organization or yourself, she said.

She should know: Anderson has proven herself an expert on all three levels. Since 1977, Anderson has helped hundreds of gay, lesbian and transgender people buy or lease the home of their dreams. Through her membership in many local, state and national organizations, she has shown her commitment to the empowerment of the community—and she has made her own voice heard in most of those organizations, as well as throughout the broader community. The national gay business journal *Victory* recently named Suzanne Anderson Properties as one of the 50 fastest growing lesbian and gay owned businesses in the country; the openly gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender-identified real estate office was also rated by the magazine among the top five lesbian or gay-owned businesses in gross revenue.

Anderson, owner/broker of Suzanne Anderson Properties, will cover

several topics in Friday's seminar, including where to put your marketing dollars and what to do if those resources are severely limited (not an unusual hurdle for new, women-owned enterprises), and the three things that must be done in order to market anything successfully.

The meeting and seminar will take place at Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17.

Suzanne Anderson is also scheduled to participate in two upcoming real estate seminars, one for prospective home buyers and the other for home sellers.

The Home Buyers Seminar, intended to educate buyers on buyer's presentation, closing costs how to overcome credit problems, will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7:00 p.m. The seminar for Home Sellers is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. and will cover topics including preparing a home for sale; selecting and agent; pricing to sell; pre-qualifying vs. pre-approval; and home improvements for the greatest return and closing costs to the seller. Both will be held at the offices of Suzanne Anderson Properties, 239 Westheimer and are co-sponsored by Jennifer Har-



Suzanne Anderson

ris, Mortgage Associates of Texas and Robbie Burnside, Texas American Title.

For more information on any of these seminars, call 529-8484.

### *Making a Financial Statement*

By RAYMOND TERRY

*For the Houston Voice*

Gay or straight, the need for some sort of financial planning

has become increasingly important. Most people realize the need for setting a course to provide a secure financial position for the future. But as the need has increased so has the myriad of programs and packages available. Hence, singles and couples alike have become overrun with information unclear to them.

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LaRue stated that The Acacia Group is one of the few open-minded companies

in the field that recognizes gay relationships on the same level as straights. The company provides a full range of programs to handle financial plans ranging from the modest to the very strong. She works closely with the company's legal staff and CPA's to assure clients their plans are both sound and workable. The best financial plan should also provide some room for growth and flexibility.

LaRue offers fist consultations free of charge. Often, she says, she tells clients the way their affairs are arranged is as good as possible, and no change is necessary. She can be reached at 713/888/3500.

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### Continuing Counseling

Thanks to an anonymous donation of \$33,800, the Montrose Counseling Center has funds for group counseling for chemical dependency treatment. The Center will utilize these monies to continue the Intensive Outpatient Phase of its state licensed Chemical Dependency Program, especially for persons beginning the recovery process.

Participants attend group sessions five nights per week for two hours each night for a minimum of eight weeks. Clients completing this phase of the program are encouraged to participate in the Aftercare Phase of the program. Fees are assessed on a sliding fee scale based on the client's resources, and can be as low as \$1 per week.

The donated funds will provide services for those clients who may in the past have qualified for reduced fees as a part of the grant from the Texas Commission on alcohol and Drug Abuse. Please telephone 529-0037 for more information.

### Parade Date Committee

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '96 Committee has formed a six month Task Force which will be investigating the possibilities of moving Houston's Pride Celebration from the traditional month of June.

The goals of the Task Force, chaired by Jack Valinski and Dean Walrad, is first to educate the community on the ramifications, both positive and negative, of changing the calendar date of the celebration and secondly to gather input from community members to determine if they want the celebration moved and if they do want it moved, moved to when.

Approximately ten individuals are on the Task force at this time, but the meetings are open and all interested individuals are invited to attend and participate. Meetings are scheduled for Nov. 14 and 28 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 2700 Albany, Suite 304, HGLPC offices, and are planned to last about one hour.

Individuals from the Task Force are surveying businesses, individuals and organizations throughout the Montrose area. In the next three weeks a survey card will be available for community members to fill out with drop boxes in various businesses. The cards will also be included with the next Pride Week Newsletter. The survey will also be printed in the Voice and other publications.

Many of the Task Force and Pride Committee members would like to celebrate Pride during the traditional anniversary of Stonewall, but Houston's weather and the health of our community are too important to ignore. The Task Force will listen; please take the time to fill out the survey and return it.

Additionally, if your club or organization would like to hear from the Task force, please contact the Pride Line at 529-6979 or contact Dean Walrad at 528-2850.

### Pride Week Slogan

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '96 Committee will be deciding on a 1996 slogan for the Pride celebration Nov. 21 at 2700 Albany, Suite 304.

The International Pride Committee conference held in October chose "Pride without Borders" as the international slogan. The Hous-

ton Committee will consider this as well as all other submissions.

Voting eligibility is determined by participation. To be eligible to vote on any matter before the committee an individual must attend at least two consecutive meetings. The committee will consider all slogan submissions, without consideration of voting eligibility.

Following selection of a slogan, a logo contest will be announced.

### Reading Insurance Policies

AIDS Foundation Houston will be sponsoring a free seminar entitled "How to Read an Insurance Policy" Monday Dec. 4 at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd. from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The seminar is designed for case managers, counselors, social workers, and anyone who has ever had a question, problem or concern about insurance. Presentation will be by Mitchell Katine, attorney; John C. Greco, attorney; and Williams, Birnberg & Anderson, L.L.P.

The evening will cover health, life and disability insurance and a broad range of topics including applications, pre-existing conditions, experimental exclusion, filing and appealing a claim, 'reasonable and customary' charges, Cobra continuation and conversion, and viatical settlements. Participants are encouraged to bring their own policies for discussion.

Individuals with special physical or communication needs can only be accommodated with 48 hour advance reservations. For more information or to reserve space, please telephone Mitchell Katine at 981-9595.

### Hope and Remembrance

An interfaith "Service of Hope and Remembrance" for those who have died from AIDS will be held Nov. 30 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe.

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and the Greater Houston Chorale will be performing. The remembrance is sponsored by the Foundation for InterFaith Research & Ministry (FIRM). For more information please telephone 682-5995.

### Great Sex Series

AIDS Foundation Houston has announced the expansion of its gay outreach program through a new grant from the Texas Department of Health.

The new program utilizes small workshops, where men are encouraged to sit and talk about issues that affect their sex lives. "Great SEX-pectations" consists of two different types of small workshops, covering a broad range of topics. The "Erotic Choices" class focuses on basic facts about HIV and STD transmission and explores fun and erotic options for playing safe. It is next scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray from 7:00-9:00 p.m. "Love, Lust and Intimacy" examines the quest for love and fulfillment and is next scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28 (same time and place).

The program is also looking for outreach volunteers. For more information, call Bart Loeser at AFH, 623-6796.

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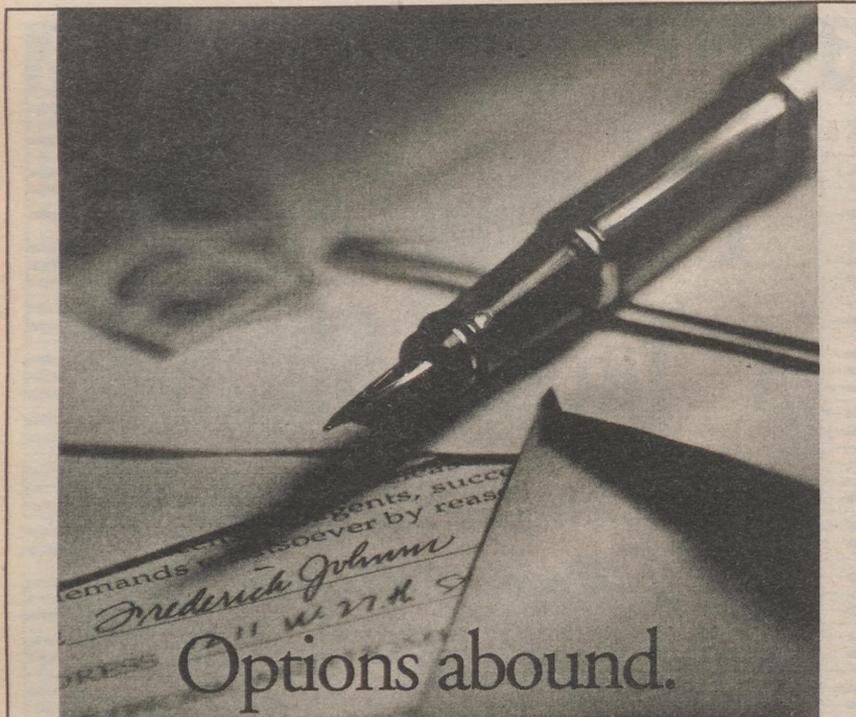
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Letters to the Editor

## Women's Festival Thanks Supporters

FROM SHIRLEY KNIGHT, NANCY ROSE AND DENISE E. CHAMBLISS  
*Producers, Houston Women's Festival*

The producers of the Houston Women's Festival would like to thank the performers, artists, publications, volunteers and V.I.P.'s who made the festival a successful event. We deeply appreciate the support of the community.

Specific thanks go out to the very talented and diverse performers (Pam Ross and 10 till 6, Niobe, Girls with Guitars, Vickie Shaw, Lori Brundrette, Mary Hall, Liviya, The Planet Earth Performers, THE FREDs!, Diana Jones, The New Gretchen Phillips Experience, and Velvet Hammer), and to the one and only Nancy Ford who entertained the crowd as the emcee.

We also want to thank the artists who exhibited their work: Elizabeth Zambrano, Jennifer Conrad, Tammy Arlington, Dran Alessi and Nancy Rose; the vendors who offered unique, creative items and services; the media who supported this endeavor, specifically *The Houston Voice*, *OutSmart*, *The WAND*, *Dimensions*, and the *Gay and Lesbian Voices Radio Show*; *Inklings Bookshop* and *Crossroads Market* for selling our t-shirts and tickets; the local businesses that let us distribute our flyers; Gina Richardson for her construction work on the stage, Robin Duncan of Robinhoods, and the many other friends and helpers who contributed their time and energy and talent.

Many good things happened through our camaraderie at the festival. We're still hearing success stories both large and small: old friends were reacquainted, new friends were made, job leads were exchanged, invitations were extended.

With the support of the community, we'd like to make the Houston Women's Festival an annual event. We feel that our community has much to celebrate and much to share. We thank everyone who participated, and we welcome your input as we plan for next year and beyond. Thanks again. (Address comments and suggestions to: Houston Women's Festival, P.O. Box 66604 Houston, TX 77266-6604).

## AFH Thanks Grey Party

FROM RICHARD M. BOLYARD  
*Chair, AIDS Foundation Houston*

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you on behalf of the clients, volunteers and staff of AIDS Foundation Houston Inc., to the organizers of Grey Party XIII. They once again outdid themselves.

On Sunday Oct. 22, the hosts of this event staged a fun filled afternoon which resulted in the donation of a large truckload of food and over \$3,500 to Stone Soup Food Assistance Program, a project of AIDS Foundation Houston.

Year after year the generous efforts of groups such as this one make it possible for AFH to continue to meet the growing demand for services to the HIV community.

## Pet Patrol Thanks Court

FROM DON WELCH

*The Pet Patrol, Houston, Texas*

I would like to thank Anita Mann and Jim Halbert for their recent fundraisers for The Pet Patrol. I cannot thank all of the members of The Royal Court enough for their constant support of all of our community, and their dedication to helping People With AIDS. I urge everyone in the community to support them in all of their efforts.

## Bering Care Center Thanksgiving

FROM ROBERT SNELGROVE,  
L.M.S.W.

*Director, Bering Care Center*

The Bering Care Center extends a warm invitation to each of you to join us for the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This event is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the holiday together, give thanks for the gifts we have in each other, and especially, offer support to those who are living with HIV. All are welcome to join the celebration. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served at noon on Thanksgiving Day in the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1440 Harold. If you would like to volunteer your assistance, please call the Bering Care Center at 520-7070.

We give thanks for the generous support that this community continuously gives to our program. You are truly making a difference in the lives of those in need. Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks.

## Outraged and Honored

FROM LYNN PANILL

*Executive Director, PWA Coalition Houston*

On behalf of the clients, board of directors and staff of the People With AIDS Coalition Inc., I would like to express our sincere thanks to those who attended the annual Outrage Party on Oct. 28, 1995.

And to the hosts and board of directors of Outrage '95: your generosity will be of great help to people with AIDS/HIV in the greater Houston area. We are extremely honored to have been chosen as a beneficiary of this event for the second year. This year, your efforts have raised more than \$5,100 for the PWA Coalition.

Thank you again!

## Title Holder's Thanks

FROM CAMERON

*'Mr. Gay Life Today,' & 'Mr. E/J's,' Houston*

This is a letter of appreciation to all of the people who assisted me with putting on a flawless birthday/benefit show, on Sunday, Nov. 12, to send me on my way to Mr. Gay Southeast Texas.

Hugs n' Kisses to E/J's for providing a place for me to have the show and more Hug n' Kisses to Tara Dion (my beautiful "wife"), Paivi, Catia & Roxanne Lee Love, Tori Savage, Jade Mykels, Katrina LaShawn, Jamie Lennox, Kourtney Van Wales & Theresa Michaels.

I also am sending a very special thanks to Ronald Dixon for providing a lavish buffet, once again, for the performers and all the guest. Everyone had a great time and left full.

I hope to make everyone proud at Mr. Gay Southeast Texas!

# HOUSTON VOICE MAIL

## Letters to the Editor

### Webber Was Wrong

FROM GARY J. VAN OOTEGHEM  
President, Log Cabin Republicans-Houston

In last week's Houston Voice (Issue #785), a Letter to the Editor was printed from the president of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, Terri Richardson. In that piece, she responded to a charge made earlier by Houston Voice writer, Glen Webber, when he raised questions about HGLPC's integrity and responsibility to the gay community after it endorsed a certain candidate in the Houston City Council District D race. Mr. Webber chided the HGLPC for endorsing their selected candidate and not the one he hoped or thought should have been endorsed. Mr. Webber raised these questions on the weekend before the Tuesday election.

Like Mr. Webber, I support an alternative candidate to the one put forth by HGLPC for District D. But I do so responsibly, not irresponsibly. Responsibly means either working within a political structure or as an individual, without title. Mr. Webber displayed an appalling disregard for the energy and hours of work put in by others. He has let his own personal prejudices and viewpoints—which frankly should have no meaning or importance to anyone other than himself—undermine the collective efforts of many.

Do we permit this torpedoing of organized community effort, or do we challenge it? I support the latter as does, obviously, Terri Richardson. Her condemnation of Webber is both warranted and justified.

There is a proper forum to debate issues of different opinions. In 1996, for example, there could be candidate endorsement conflicts should Log Cabin-Houston and HGLPC support opposite candidates in the same race. But even then, it will be through their respective group screening processes that this will occur. It will not be through some single individual who mistakenly believes his political ignorance somehow empowers him to challenge others' hard work.

Neither Glen Webber nor anyone else should interfere with this process. If he wants to have a voice in this process, then join one of the gay political organizations where it is proper to do so. Should Webber want to continue his career in journalism, then he should start acting as a responsible member of the press and this community.

Glen, it is you who needs to apologize, to HGLPC, now.

### Webber Was Right

FROM DARYL HICKMAN  
Houston, Texas

Tuesday's elections have vindicated Glen Webber's pre-election article. After reviewing the Montrose voting pattern for the District D race, it is clear that the HGLPC "missed the mark" in endorsing Jew Don Boney and no longer speaks for "the gay vote."

Seven out of the eight Montrose precincts sided with Saundria Chase Grey by almost a 2 to 1 margin (653 votes to 1147 votes). Precinct 34 was the one precinct in which Jew Don Boney narrowly escaped defeat (by only 6 votes). This says one of two things: 1) The votes cast were "gay votes" and the HGLPC is VERY out of touch with the average gay voter, or... 2) The votes cast were "straight votes" and the HGLPC

(even after spending thousands of dollars sending out their endorsement newsletter) has lost the ability to rally the "gay vote."

Either way, Glen Webber was right: The gay community can do better than Jew Don Boney and it did.

### Participation Is Education

FROM JEANA WILEY  
Houston, Texas

Regarding last week's letter from Matthew Huston, attacking the Voice and Glen Webber: Certainly, Mr. Webber was acting in good faith in his column, where he endorsed Saundria Chase Gray. Much in the same way the HGLPC acted in good faith one year ago in endorsing David Jennings Willis.

Readers of the Houston Press may recall that Willis at one point renounced his HGLPC endorsement. In fact, Willis went so far as to purchase a political ad for himself in *The Link Letter*, a homophobic newsletter.

It is true that the HGLPC is the official endorsing arm of the gay and lesbian community. However, the HGLPC does not have any exclusive endorsement powers over others who wish to endorse.

At the past HGLPC endorsement meeting, Jew Don Boney did not win the endorsement without a struggle. In fact, Boney won the endorsement because he was the only candidate aware of HGLPC's primary goal—to elect an openly gay or lesbian person to City Council. Also, Boney has the guts to stand up to bigots along the way.

Saundria Chase Gray wanted our endorsement because she lives in Montrose and has to put up with "those potholes."

Increased involvement from our community in the political process is long overdue. Voting on election day is great, however it is not enough. The best way to help ensure the right people are endorsed and eventually elected is to join organizations like then HGLPC. After taking part in the screening process you will have a better understanding of all the candidates on the ballot, not just one or two.

Our public officials will start paying attention to our issues when we gays and lesbians start paying attention to our own issues.

### Kudos For Curt

FROM GEORGE JONSTONE  
Houston, Texas

Kudos to Curt Morrison for last week's article which once again reflects on the horrible tragedy of the assassination of Yitzak Rabin. This was perhaps the best editorial on the events surrounding the assassination that I have read.

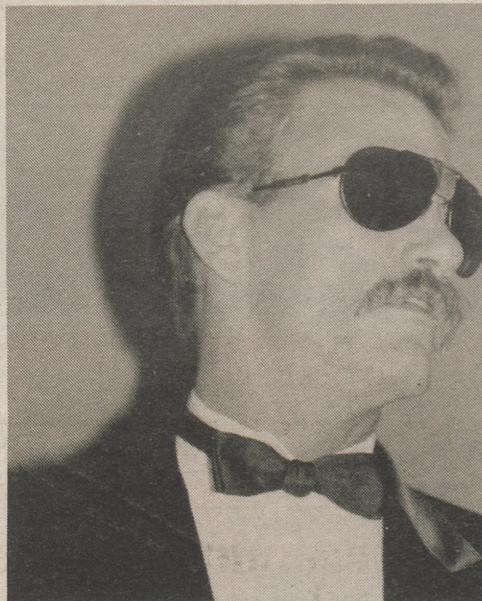
As a Jew and also gay, it is doubly incumbent upon me to never be so naive as to believe that there isn't hatred in the world. Thoughts come of a trip five years ago to London in which a Nazi-Skinhead called me a "Jew bastard" to my face. God forbid what might have taken place had I been wearing a piece of jewelry along with my Star of David that publicized the fact that I am also gay.

I thank Curt for his enlightening article. With his permission I would like to send copies to friends of mine in other cities who will react much in the same way I did. It is columnists like Curt and Glen Webber that help make *The Voice* an outstanding venue for the gay and lesbian community.

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**Gay Today**  
 by Glen Webber



*Home, Holidays and  
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For 13 years I was involved in a very close relationship with Kelse Anderson, 11 years my senior. He was very smart, practical, and had more common sense than most people. Our families knew of each other, although they never met.

Kelse's family consisted of his dad, his Uncle Lawrence and Aunt Lille. Kelse was born and raised in Georgetown Texas, and went home frequently. Georgetown is a beautiful little town that has kept almost all of its character.

Everytime I would go visit, I was treated with so much love and respect. We always stayed in Aunt Lille's beautifully restored Victorian.

Thanksgiving was always important to the family. It was almost a sacred time of year. As with many families, this was the time of year to get together and do family stuff, which I think translate to the women cooking and the men watching football.

What brought Aunt Lille and I together in a closer bond than we already had was Kelse's illness. At first he told her he had cancer. She could almost accept that, since many in the family died from it. But for some reason, Kelse decided to tell her the truth. AIDS.

I know Kelse and Aunt Lille had many long talks. Her love for him, which was stronger than a mother and son relationship, was wonderful and much more sharing. Her first and only concern was Kelse's well being, and when he would come to visit, she took care of his every need.

Then of course, the inevitable happened. He could no longer travel, and was bedridden. Kelse was in the V.A. hospital for almost five months. In that time, his condition deteriorated so much that he died in May, 1993.

His death almost killed Aunt Lille. The weekend that he passed on, I called her on that Thursday and suggested she come down. She got her neighbor to drive her on the long journey to Houston. That visit on Saturday saved Aunt Lille's life, as she got to say goodbye to her only "son."

The emotional bond between myself and Aunt Lille has never faded. I still go to visit semi-regularly. It helps her, and it helps me. When gay people's lovers and family are friends and get along well, it can be the best support group ever. But one partner dies, sometimes these families drift apart.

For the bereaved in our community, the worst part of the year is often the holidays. The emptiness is there, despite all efforts to make up for it.

If your lover has passed on, and you were close to his family, especially his mother or aunt, please take a moment and call her. Perhaps flowers may send a very meaningful message of love and support. I go to Georgetown every holiday, even if it is only for lunch. We have very nice talks. Then I head to San Antonio to see my own family.

Many of us were lucky. We not only had meaningful and satisfying relationships, but we also got some very nice family members thrown in as part of the deal.

If you are facing your first Thanksgiving alone, here is my advice. Accept any invitations you might get, even if only staying for one drink. Remember that your partner's many friends are dealing with his death as hard as you are, and are looking to your strength to help them deal with it. Your presence will be warmly welcomed, and the experience should be a meaningful one for everyone. You deserve it, and they deserve it.

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**Gay registry being eyed in two  
 Colorado cities**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

COLORADO, Friday, Nov. 10 (AP)—Gay and lesbian couples would be able to register at City Hall under proposals being considered in two Colorado cities.

The Boulder Human Relations Commission plans to review a registry proposal at its meeting Nov. 20. Denver City Councilman Ed Thomas is looking into setting up a similar registry in his city.

About 12 U.S. cities offer domestic-partner registries, some of which also allow unmarried heterosexual couples to register.

Some believe an official registry is the first step toward validating gay marriages, which are not recognized under Colorado law.

Attorney Mary Celeste of Boulder, who is gay rights activist, said a registry "is more form than substance."

"Some activists don't even think it's worthwhile, but it symbolizes the recognition of relationships that have not been recognized as legitimate before," she said.

The Boulder proposal, submitted by gay-rights activist Rick Cendo, would allow a couple to fill out a form similar to a marriage certificate at City Hall. The five-member commission will decide whether to send the matter to the City Council.

"Essentially, we're going to create a dialogue," Commission Chairperson Bill de la Cruz said. "For instance, we're not sure if a registry is legally binding or what happens in case a couple wants to split up. Those are the kind of questions we're going to pursue."

In Denver, Thomas has considered sponsoring a gay-registry ordinance for more than a year, but hasn't acted because gay members of his advisory committee are concerned about bucking the country's conservative mood.

# THE OUTsider

by Curt Morrison

## Budget Impasse Mired In Politics

The impending threat of a government shutdown, which may or may not happen (at press time, it has not) has sent alarm bells ringing throughout media circles. Ironically, the general public seems less concerned about the entire debate other than the fact that it is demonstrative of the problems with today's political climate. Newt Gingrich promised in the 'Contract with America' to balance the budget in seven years. The Republican Party, under his leadership, has presented the President of the United States with a budget that accomplishes that feat. Even the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concurs. President Clinton has threatened to veto the budget because of certain conditions he does not agree with. If Clinton does not sign the budget and Congress does not procure the monies by raising the debt-ceiling, non-essential government closes. Keep in mind, Social Security/Welfare recipients, Defense, Federal Courts, Air Traffic Controllers, the Postal Service and Law Enforcement are not affected.

The entire situation is mired in political posturing and inevitably a compromise will be reached that will allow both sides to claim some sort of winning spin out of the melee. President Clinton campaigned in 1992 on a promise to balance the budget in 5 years. Not surprisingly, three years later, the President feels we should wait an additional 10 years to balance the budget. The American people want the government to follow their mantra and live within its means. If businesses or individuals were to conduct their affairs as the government does, it would be catastrophic. The resounding message of the 1994 elections was "Less Government, Stupid," to paraphrase a slogan.

The Republican Party would be foolish to rescind on their campaign promises. The American people will not remember that the government shut down for two or three days, as it has nine times in the past, but they will certainly remember if the Republicans do not fulfill their promises. Clinton and the Democrats are banking on that premise. It worked for the Democrats against President Bush in 1990. Bush, reluctant to renege on his pledge not to raise taxes was strong-armed into compromising or face a government shutdown. Deja Vu. Only this time the Democrats were in charge of Congress and the White House was occupied by a Republican. Bush relented and saw his popularity decline in a tailspin that ultimately resulted in his failure to recapture the

presidency. Leon Pannetta, who was on the budget committee threatening a government shutdown during the 1990 budget impasse, had the audacity to appear on television this past weekend chastising the Republicans for their antics concerning this years budget. Really! Mr. Pannetta, the Republicans have not used a single tactic in their efforts to incorporate their agenda that has not been repeatedly used in the last 40 years under the rule of the Democrat Party. At the least, Presidents Reagan and Bush sat down with their congressional leaders and attempted to negotiate. Clinton wouldn't even agree to a meeting until his conditions were met. How Naive! Anyone in politics should know that you don't put your cards on the table until you've actually sat down at the table. Does the President really think that Newt Gingrich is that stupid? He did not catapult the Republican Party into majority status from ignorance.

The Democrats object to the GOP's reductions in Medicare and Medicaid. The GOP is not, I repeat, not cutting Medicare. They are simply reducing the projected increases in the next seven years. The Medicare budget will still increase every year for the next seven years, however, not by the margin that the Democrats would like it to. Furthermore, Social Security is not, I repeat, not part of the budget. It never has been. It is a separate entity whose coffers Congress, under the auspices of Democrat control for the past 40 years, has consistently raided and must pay back with interest. The social programs and government expenditure of years past has does nothing to decrease poverty, crime, or social injustices. In fact, the opposite has occurred. There is nothing wrong with asking wealthy seniors to increase their Medicare premiums, healthy individuals to enroll in education and job-training courses for their welfare stipend and encouraging individual responsibility. The Constitution says nothing about "entitlements." Indeed, it only promises a government whose sole purpose is national defense and interstate commerce. What's more, the American public is fed up with a diminishing paycheck and nothing to show for it. Perhaps if there were less crime and poverty, the public would not be so outraged. This has not been the case. If anyone seriously believes that the majority of the public wants a tax increase to solve everyone's dilemmas, then they are obviously not in touch with the pulse of society. Across the political spectrum, people are fed up with the way Washington conducts business.

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## Outsider: threatened shutdown would likely have little impact

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The Republican Party has been in control of both chambers of Congress for a mere two years. They have never had control of Congress and the White House, which the Democrats have. To expect them to ameliorate the problems that have accumulated over the last 40 years in such a short time is absurd. The status quo has to stop and the pendulum has to swing. They should stand firm and force the President's hand in ensuring that

their budget is passed intact. If their budget is as terrible as the Democrats have described it to be and if all the ramifications of its passage are as horrific as the Democrats have suggested, then the American people will have their chance to demonstrate their dismay at the polls in November of 1996. If the Democrats believed their own rhetoric, they would let this bill pass immediately and use it as a weapon in the '96 elections. Maybe that's what the Democrats are afraid of?

The Republican budget is fiscally responsible and will not result in any of the consequences the Democrats would like us to believe would occur. The Democratic Party's reasoning for their reluctance to allow passage is simple. They know it would be political suicide for their party. Why would the Democrats want to help the Republicans enact a successful budget? It is in the interest of their party to hinder its passage. After all, if enacted, the American public would receive a

reduction in taxes, an increase in pay and a smaller government. They would then demonstrate to the Republican Party their appreciation at the polls in 1996. There is one interesting scenario that could be derived from all of this. Perhaps the government does shut down long enough for the American People to realize that it has, and lo-and-behold, it becomes apparent that it didn't have that much of an impact.

## Thomas Street advisory panels seeks new members

(HOUSTON)—More than 4000 Harris county residents receive medical services through the Harris County Hospital District's Thomas Street Health Center. Early, asymptomatic HIV infection is treated at the Northwest Health Center, while persons with related infections and, generally, with T-cell counts under 500 are treated at the Thomas Street clinic, located off North Main.

In the fall of 1991, a group of AIDS activists, advocates and patients frustrated with the status quo at the health center formed an ad hoc advisory committee. Its purpose was to begin opening a dialogue with the Hospital District concerning the treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS. By year's end, open elections had been held, the hospital district's governing board legally recognized the "citizens council" election results, and elected Thomas Street council members were also appointed to seats on the Community Health Council At-Large, overseeing

the entire community health program.

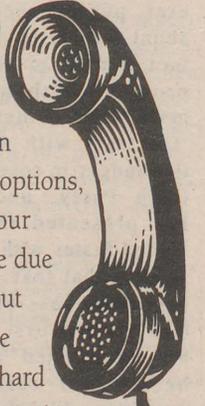
As the face of AIDS changed, so did the faces of council membership. The current advisory council, according to council chair Matt Locklin, is diverse, experienced...and stretched to the maximum. Many of the original 1992-94 council members are now deceased, notes Locklin; of 15 seats elected in 1994, six surviving members are still serving. New energy is desperately needed, stated TSHCC parliamentarian Wally Blood. "We need the public input, and (we need) concerned people to step forward and serve," he said.

The Thomas Street Health Center Citizens Council meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. (There will be no December meeting). At the January meeting, in accordance with its bylaws, the presiding council will appoint new members to fulfill the terms of those who have resigned or passed away. Council seats fall under two categories: consumer (persons with HIV who would be considered eli-

gible for services at the center, whether they use them or not); and non-consumer (persons who would not be considered eligible for hospital district services, regardless of HIV status). Other council membership requirements include: at least 18 years of age; reside or work in Harris county; not employed by the hospital district. Members must also be willing to actually put in the time necessary to attend meetings, listen to patient concerns and take action.

Persons interested in addressing the TSHCC board or in serving as council members and patient group representatives may self-declare their intentions at the January, 1996 meeting. It will be held at the Thomas Street Clinic, Main and Paschall, at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the first floor cafeteria. For additional information, call 902-2231. (Thanks to the council's past advocacy efforts, notes Locklin, Metro now provides bus service to the front door of the clinic).

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'Julie Johnson': touching story of woman who makes it despite the odds

Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ  
Houston Voice/Houston

The opening music, before the lights go up onstage, is painfully disconsolate. It is a stark and tragic melody that unmistakably indicates there is something terribly amiss in the world of *Julie Johnson*—the current production from the Gypsy Theatre Company which is being presented at Houston Skyline Theater. The Houston-area premier, though beset by shortcomings typically found in works from new playwrights—poor construction, vapid characterizations and ill-conceived plot developments—is nonetheless a decently touching affirmation of the possibility for achievement that exists within all of us.

The title character (Charlene Hudgins) is a woman forlorn and forsaken. As the play begins, Julie is crying, huddled in a ball on the floor. Her children, Lisa (Cindy Creekmore) and Frank (Andy Einhorn) watch her: Frank trying to penetrate his mother's despondency with soothing reassurances and Lisa displaying frustrated impatience with the histrionics now clearly familiar to her.

Claire (Pam Feicht), Julie's best friend, reaches her with gentle prodding and discovers that Julie "don't want to be stupid no more" (and she will, no doubt, begin her transformation by improving her insufferably bad grammar). Julie's yearning is more than just a passing lark. She has recognized that her limited education is a handicap which can be conquered. Unbeknownst to her children, her husband or Claire, Julie has become a voracious magazine reader and is now considering enrollment in an adult education class at the

local high school to receive her GED accreditation. Or at least she is considering enrollment for Claire. Claire, however, won't experiment by herself so the two enroll in a class together. And neither tells her husband.

Julie's unseen husband (Claire's is never seen either) takes a decidedly unsupportive view of her efforts to improve herself. So much so that he resorts to spousal abuse (not for the first time). But this time Julie acts, throwing her husband's belongings out the window. Not long after, Claire leaves her husband and moves in with Julie and her children.

The two women, already united by common situations and similar experiences, now move their mutual bonding to a deeper level. Sexual awakening, with all its frightening and gratifying aspects, is discovered. But for Julie it's a beautiful realization on the path toward self-fulfillment, while for Claire it's a sinful pleasure, kept quiet and hidden.

Playwright Wendy Hammond does well enough in evoking the stirring emotion



Julie (Charlene Hudgins) and her friend Claire (Pam Feicht) find love with each other on the road to self-discovery in 'Julie Johnson,' currently at Houston Skyline Theater

that would accompany such a sea change in an individual, but her characters are by and large stereotypes, and one of them, Julie's teacher, is utterly pointless, contributing nothing to the storyline that could not be accomplished in better fashion.

Where Hammond does hit pay dirt is in the development, both parallel and contrasting, of her characters. The lead character evolves from a defeated and anguished pathos to a courageous and liberated outlook—a fairy tale-like transformation. In sharp contrast to Julie, Claire hesitantly probes her limitations and her feelings only to return to the security (and emptiness) of the familiar.

The changes in the women are paralleled in the children. The boy is initially tender and gentle with his mother, while the girl is angry and frustrated at the weakness she observes. Frank supports Julie's decision to throw out her husband; for him it's his mother by whom he must stand. But Lisa greets Julie's decision with animosity; her father's absence will in her mind only exacerbate her mother's perceived failings.

When it comes to Julie's sexual awakening, however, the children switch roles. Frank is hurt and humiliated but Lisa is anxious and consoling. With Julie showing the courage to be true to her feelings, Lisa, though nervous, is understanding. Her mother is now an individual. Frank sees Julie's lesbianism as a threat. His mother is no longer weak and no longer needs his support.

There are also brilliant scenes from Hammond. The night after their first encounter, Julie and Claire sit on a park bench, longing to reach for each other, unable to touch each other. The dialogue here is fluid. Though the women have trouble finding words at times, Hammond beautifully articulates the wondrous awkwardness after a first night.

Charlene Hudgins is excellent in the title role. She does exceptionally well in capturing the evolution of her character from whimpering basket case to confident persona. Pam Feicht as Claire also does a fine job. She exudes an earthy charm that ideally suits her good-gal character.

The evening's best performance, though, comes from Cindy Creekmore as Lisa. Childish petulance, teen-age resentment and rebellious indignation are superbly drawn and delivered. Creekmore gives a truly startling performance.

Mike Hanks' directing is probably the best he's ever done. Julie's growth is never overarching under Hanks' disciplined hand, but rather maintains a sustainable, believable level. Chip Manfre's set is outstanding, particularly his use of an elevated level for the park scene.

*Julie Johnson* is a simple story of a woman who makes it despite the odds. It's an old story that's given a fine treatment.

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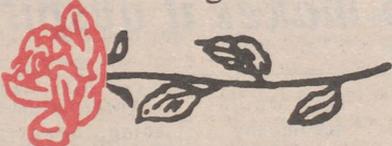
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## Vienna: things to do, people to see and places to be



The light and airy Cafe Berg, located at Bergasse 8, is one of Vienna's most popular cafes serving a gay and lesbian clientele (Photo by Andrew Edmonson)

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During late July and early August, Vienna sponsors a summer dance festival featuring the world's best contemporary troupes. We attended a dance/theater version of *Othello*, performed by the Company Ismael Ivo from Stuttgart. An anguished, impassioned work danced by seven men in a fiercely demanding choreographic style, *Othello* was shot through with moments of haunting beauty and homoeroticism.

A perfect place for tourists to begin an exploration of gay Vienna is the Linke Wienzeile, a main thoroughfare near the city center. Linke Wienzeile is home to two very different cafes with their own distinctive personalities and charms.

At #102 is the Cafe Willendorf, housed in the city's gay and lesbian community center, the Rosa Lilla Villa ("the red and purple house"). Cafe Willendorf feels like a student bar or a neighborhood pub: a bit run down and frayed around the edges, but warm and comfortable with plenty of interesting people to watch. Cafe Willendorf is open from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and serves a simple menu until midnight.

For a taste of the grandeur of turn-of-the-century Vienna, try the Cafe Savoy at Linke Wienzeile 36. With its huge mirrors, dark leather sofas, and ornate ceiling moulding, Cafe Savoy evokes a lost world of Austro-Hungarian luxury. Although the cafe is mixed by day, in the evenings it caters to a largely gay and lesbian clientele. By 11:00 p.m., Cafe Savoy is usually bustling with an interesting crowd of poseurs, trendies, and beautiful people.

Cafe Berg is another queer Viennese haunt that deserves a visit. Located just down the street from the office of Sigmund Freud, Cafe Berg is light and airy, with large plate glass windows that open out on warm summer afternoons. The bar staff speaks English and is friendly and helpful. The clientele is chic, polished, and pretty.

Cafe Berg shares quarters with Lowenherz, a wonderful gay and lesbian bookstore featuring a stellar collection of books and periodicals from all over the world. The bookstore alone is worth a visit, but buy a magazine and linger over the apple strudel at Cafe Berg.

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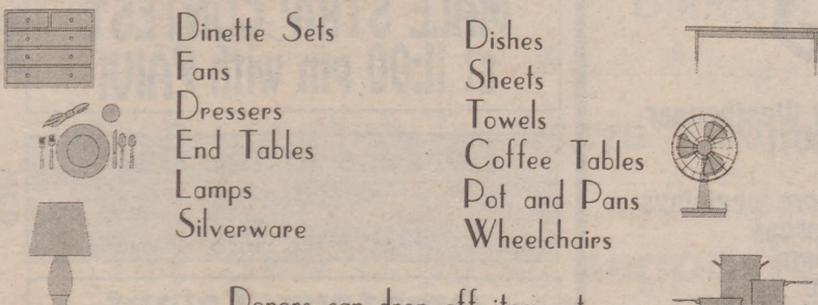

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## Austrian city, gay residents friendly, open and welcoming



The subway station "Karlsplatz" in the city center is one of the most glorious examples of the Art Nouveau architectural style in Vienna

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At Cafe Berg, we met a very perceptive American expatriate who had been living in Austria for over ten years. He had some very interesting ideas about gay life in Vienna. Although the city has a reputation for being extremely left in its politics, he feels that it is still an extremely conservative, backward-looking environment for gays and lesbians. He observed that it was enormously important for many of the city's

gays to maintain an air of bourgeois propriety, even though on weekends they may be cavorting in high heels and dresses or donning leather gear. According to him, there is an enormous tension between public and private personas in Vienna.

In the eyes of many gay and lesbian Viennese, gay life in their city is provincial and hermetic, he said. Many of its young people are fascinated by things American, and long to escape to America—or at least to some other city in Europe—to live.

As for the bar scene, he remarked that many gays are very distant and reserved. In other European cities, it is possible to see someone, make eye contact, strike up a conversation, and make a new friend in the course of an evening. But in Vienna, this process often takes weeks, even months, according to this gentleman.

What was most striking to us about Vienna was its cosmopolitanism. During our stay in the city, we met individuals from Croatia, Germany, Italy, America and Singapore. Most of the people that we encountered during our stay in Vienna were friendly and welcoming.

For a taste of Viennese decadence, try

the city's two leather bars, both within walking distance of each other. The Eagle, located at Blumelgasse 1, feels like The Ripcord with a bit of Austrian kitsch thrown in for good measure.

To gain admittance to The Eagle, you must ring a door bell, and be admitted by a rough looking bouncer. You are given a drinks card, on which the bartender keeps as a running tab of your beverages for the evening. Make sure that you hang on to this, or you'll pay a huge fee as you leave for losing your card!

The Eagle gets crowded around 11:00 pm, and everyone does a lot of standing and staring. The pitch-black backroom at the back of the bar attracted a steady stream of visitors.

Nightshift is Vienna's late bar, where revelers come for fun after exhausting themselves at other venues.

Nightshift is a bit hard to find. Look for the black door at Corneilusgasse 8, near the intersection of Corneliusgasse and Kopernikusgasse. Nightshift has an extensive series of backrooms, and business gets very brisk around 3:00 a.m.



The Secession Building, the greatest monument of fin-de-siecle Vienna, houses Gustav Klimt's "Beethoven Frieze" as well as exhibits by contemporary artists (Photos by Andrew Edmonson)

## Over a year later, HPD employee still wants an answer

### Letters Shared

(Editor's Note: In October, 1994, William M. "Buddy" Johnston Jr., an openly gay long time employee of the Houston Police Department and president of the Houston Police Support Personnel Union, fired off an indignant letter to Police Chief Sam Nuchia. Johnston, known in the gay and lesbian community primarily as the creator and former host of the KPFT radio show *After Hours*, was angry about a comment reportedly made by Nuchia during a meeting at which pay raises and step increases for the department were discussed. At the meeting, Johnston said in his response, Nuchia "...made reference to the four million dollars that Mayor Lanier had told us that he was going to use for that purpose, saying that they 'could just give it to AIDS research and...really piss off the police.'" Johnston wrote that he and other gay staff members found the comment to be offensive, uncalled for and in poor taste. Last week, Johnston sent a follow up letter to Nuchia, who he says never responded to the initial correspondence, and shared a copy with the *Houston Voice*. The text of that letter follows).

Dear Chief Nuchia:

On Oct. 7, 1994 I sent you a letter in which I referred to a statement you made during a meeting held in your office on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1994. A copy of that letter is attached.

Chief with all due respect, I am still waiting on a response.

I have been very busy this past year, Chief for you see, Roger Kinzer, who has been a part of my life for almost 12 years tested positive for HIV in January of 1994. Just around the time you were "giving 4 million dollars to AIDS research" Roger was going into Park Plaza Hospital for what would be his first of many visits to fight his HIV/AIDS diagnosis. Roger has been in and out of the hospital 6 or 7 times since that October day last year and yesterday, Oct. 31, 1995 he was placed in the care of the Hospice at the Texas Medical Center. The hospice doctors and staff are helping Roger and I prepare for his death.

Chief, I wish you could have known Roger before he became sick. He has been a part of my life for almost 12 years and is probably the most unselfish person I have ever met.

Roger has always been there for me, encouraging me to apply for my job with the Houston Police Department in June of 1984, standing with me when the Gay rights referendum was defeated in the early 80's which would have protected gay and lesbian city employee's from discrimination, working with me for almost 5 years as we produced a weekly Gay and Lesbian radio program broadcast over KPFT 90.1 FM, supporting me when HPD hired civilian supervisors and I was the only person who was denied the chance to take the test being told by Captain Vaughn that I wasn't qualified for the job. (Roger knew the truth as to why I wasn't allowed to take the promotion test)—Roger held me up after Assistant Chief Brad-

ford ordered me to remove an earring from my ear the day after I stood in front of Mayor Lanier and the City Council as President of the Houston Police Support Personnel Union asking the Mayor and Council for adequate staff for the dispatch center, better and regular training for the dispatchers along with maintenance of the equipment we work with. Roger was there when I was placed on the committee to look at the civilian dress code for HPD employees and was so proud the day I brought home the finished product where you had signed that the length of an employee's hair or whether or not his or her ears were pierced would not be an issue any longer—Roger gave me such support when I fought to help with the Gay and Lesbian Sensitivity Training at the police academy only to be told that I didn't really "fit in."

I apologize boss, but it's impossible to tell you all of the times that Roger stood next to me and told me to hold my head up high and continue to fight for what I believed was right. For you must understand, Roger knew of my work record at HPD since 1984. He knew that I have received an outstanding job performance review time after time after time. He knew of the times I had gone above and beyond the call of duty to help a citizen trying to get through the red tape or make a call back on a slip that would get my responding officer the information he needed to make an arrest. He knew that I was simply doing my job yet refusing to sit quietly at the back of the bus.

This past year has been devastating

not only to Roger's health, but also to us both financially. As you know I have been with the city since June of 1984 and we as city employees don't get things like pay raises or a cost of living raise. And since no one recognizes Roger and I as a family, and believe me Sir, we are a family, I was not able to put him on my health insurance so we have spent many of my off days at Thomas Street Clinic and dealing with the Harris County Hospital District. Even though we have lived in this same apartment for almost 9 years I will probably be forced to move simply because I can't afford the rent and utilities alone on my salary, and Chief we live in Montrose, not River Oaks. This is simply a two bedroom apartment, however, without things like pay raises and cost of living increases my salary hasn't been able to keep up with the high cost of living. And no one has thrown a barbecue for us to help with the medical bills.

Roger's biggest concern last Monday when our Doctor told us that they had done all they could do and his health had begun to decline to the point that we needed to put him into hospice was how are we going to pay for his funeral.

Chief, please review your files from last October and try and find the time to respond to my letter dated Oct. 7, 1994.

I can't let Roger just become another statistic. I can't allow him to die without standing one last time with him by my side so that the next gay or lesbian employee of this department or city will not go through the hell that Roger and I have been through this past year.

## Court allows lesbian ex-lover to prove rights to visit child

By RICHARD CARELLI  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 13 (AP)—A lesbian mother seeking to prevent her ex-lover from having a place in her 6-year-old son's life lost a U.S. Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The justices let stand a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling allowing the mother's ex-lover, whom the young boy

considers a parent, to prove she is entitled to visitation rights.

The boy's mother had argued that the state court ruling "totally ignores the biological parent's rights."

Monday's high court action, taken without comment, is not a judicial decision and sets no national precedent. But it is sure to be cited by homosexual-rights advocates as a significant victory for what Wisconsin

courts called nontraditional relationships.

Elsbeth Knott and Sandra Lynn Holtzman lived together, at first in Boston, for 10 years beginning in 1983. During that time, they declared their commitment to each other in a private ceremony in which they exchanged vows and rings.

The two decided that Knott would have a child through artificial insemina-

tion, and in 1988 she gave birth to a son.

In a dedication ceremony at the women's church, both were named as the child's parents. Holtzman's parents were recognized as his grandparents.

From Dec. 1988 until Jan. 1, 1993, Holtzman provided the primary financial support for Knott, the child and herself, and the two women shared child-care responsibilities.



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### Arts events kick off holiday season

#### Entertainment Notes

Local arts groups and entertainment venues are kicking off their winter holiday seasons this week and next with special holiday-themed events. During December and January, these groups will continue to celebrate with both their festive traditional productions and exciting, new special events. (Watch for more updates in the *Houston Voice* arts section). Here are some of the November highlights:

#### Wortham Tree Lighting

On Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m., Houston Ballet and the City of Houston Civic Center Department will officially ring in the holidays with the Eighth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Wortham Theater Center. The event, which has become a tradition for Houston families and the downtown business community, is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The highlight of the event will occur when the Sugar Plum Fairy illuminates the 8000 twinkling lights on the Wortham Center's 20 foot Christmas tree.

The festivities will include visits by costumed characters from Houston Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, including the Nutcracker, giant fuzzy mice and life-size toy soldiers. Entertainment will be provided by local community arts groups. Complimentary hot chocolate and holiday treats for the ceremony have been donated by The Lancaster Hotel.

Special guests attending the ceremony include Houston Ballet principal dancer Janie Parker, managing director Cecil C. Conner, and Gerard Tollet, Houston Civic Center director.

#### The Nutcracker

Houston Ballet brings Texas its most joyous holiday gift when the company begins its annual performances of *The Nutcracker*, set to the lush score of Tchaikovsky and featuring choreography by Ben Stevenson. The *Nutcracker* will open to the public on Friday, Nov. 24 and run through Sat-

urday, Dec. 30, playing for a total of 40 performances.

When Houston Ballet unveiled its new production of *The Nutcracker* in Dec. 1987, both critics and the public alike were enthralled by designer Desmond Heeley's enchanting setting for the classic ballet. The public's affection for this popular Houston arts tradition grows each year; over 500,000 Texans have attended the current production of *The Nutcracker*.

#### Seeking Special Santa

The Downtown District is looking for the perfect Spokes-Santa! Houstonians are invited to come down to the "Miracle on Main Street"—the first-ever outdoor ice skating rink in Houston. Enjoy the snow (yes, organizers say snow is expected at their "Calling All Santas" contest!)—and compete for the best Ho-Ho-Ho!

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, next to the rink at 1000 Main Street. Judges will evaluate contestants on their overall Santa appearance, "Ho-Ho-Ho" ability, and best all-round holiday cheer. The winner receives the title of Downtown Spokes-Santa. The title holder will visit children at St. Joseph's Hospital and the House of Tiny Treasures as well as the S.E.A.R.C.H. daycare center for the children of homeless adults. The winner will also receive a Continental Airlines round trip ticket to anywhere in the Continental U.S., a weekend night stay for two at the DoubleTree at Allen Center, dinner for two at Dover's restaurant, a \$100 shopping spree at Foley's and free admission to the ice rink (anytime Santa comes to skate in costume, that is).

The Calling All Santas contest is part of the opening weekend festivities at the Downtown District's "Miracle on Main Street." In addition to the snow and the opening of the outdoor skating rink, the event features entertainment by the Joyful Sounds Choir, merry holiday lights and more. For more information call the Downtown Events Hotline at 654-8900.

### Murder victim's family performs in memorial concert

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The Memorial Concert for Victims of Violence, sponsored by the victims' rights group Justice for All, is also intended to express the concern of the family that all individuals have a fundamental right for justice, according to representatives of the group. Music will be selected from the classical repertoire, as well as jazz, pop, rock, musical theater, patriotic and religious. The selections will reflect the wide range of

music enjoyed by Michael Burzinski, according to his family.

The Brahmstedts' son, one of their daughters and her husband are also scheduled to perform at the event. Ken Brahmstedt is a free lance musician and composer from Minneapolis; Kristin and Steve Sutherland are from St. Paul. Speakers from Justice for All, Gulf Coast Survivors and the Houston Task Force for Victims will also participate. Admission is free.

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# Many doctors would withhold care from sick babies with HIV

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 13 (AP)—Hundreds of doctors say they would recommend withholding expensive medical care from babies born to HIV-infected mothers even when they didn't know if the baby actually had the AIDS virus.

Most babies born to HIV-infected mothers do not develop the virus.

The findings, reported in Sunday's American Journal of Public Health, are "shocking," said Arthur Ammann of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

New York researchers studied 951 neonatologists nationwide to determine how they would treat newborns who had such expensive-to-treat conditions as kidney or heart disease, in addition to being born to HIV-infected mothers.

Some 700 neonatologists said they would recommend withholding certain aggressive treatments, such as cardiac surgery or kidney dialysis, from babies who definitely have HIV. And 400 of the doctors said knowing the mother was infected would alter their treatment decisions even if the baby's

own HIV tests weren't complete.

The doctors were surveyed in 1991, and there is no way of knowing whether their opinions have changed, acknowledged the study's author, Betty Wolder Levin of the City University of New York.

But some AIDS activists said doctors may be more reluctant to offer expensive therapy to infected babies today because of growing pressure to cut health costs. Ninety percent of HIV-infected children get their health care from Medicaid.

"A lot of these children live well into their teens" with proper care, said Troy Petinbrink of the National Association of People With AIDS. "That study could turn out to be even more (worrisome) now."

Added Ammann: "It really tells us we've got to get the message out that there is treatment for HIV."

About 25 percent of mothers with the HIV virus infect their babies, and women can cut the risk by two-thirds by taking the drug AZT during pregnancy. Doctors often don't know for several weeks which infants are infected, because babies are born with their mothers' immune cells.

AZT's protective effect was discovered last year, and since 1991 doctors have found new drugs to keep HIV-infected babies healthier.

"One would hope the circumstances really have changed since 1991 and that denying care to any child on this basis would be unacceptable," said Dr. Ken Schonberg of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, a member of the Academy of Pediatrics' AIDS committee.

Regardless, the study "says to pediatricians this is inappropriate, and I would expect mothers who are HIV-positive would have reason for concern and reason to be advocates for their newborns," Schonberg said.

Levin asked the neonatologists how they would treat diseases not related to AIDS in babies who either had the virus or were at risk of having it because their mothers were infected.

Between 7 percent and 47 percent of doctors, depending on the treatment, wouldn't offer certain aggressive treatments to babies at risk of HIV, Levin said. Between 7 percent and 78 percent wouldn't offer treatments to HIV-infected babies.

The most extreme example: which of the

babies to resuscitate after they had collapsed from illness. Eighty-five percent would try to revive uninfected babies, 53 percent the at-risk babies and 22 percent the infected babies, Levin reported.

The doctors' main reason for altering treatment was the perception that these babies would live short, sickly lives, she said.

The findings raise "a red flag that there's discrimination against babies labeled at risk for HIV as well as babies who actually have HIV," Levin concluded. "It was just shocking."

Also in November's Journal of Public Health, researchers at the University of California, San Francisco studied 9000 heterosexual adults between 1990 and 1992 and found they did little to reduce their risk of catching HIV over the period.

The proportion who had more sex partners actually rose 4 percent in high-risk cities during the study, and overall condom use and HIV testing stayed about the same at 22 percent and 37 percent respectively. Unmarried men who had never gone to college were at highest risk.

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## CDC among agencies to be affected in federal shutdown

By A.J. HOSTETLER  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

ATLANTA, Saturday, Nov. 11 (AP)—The government shutdown looming over Washington would mean a halt to the federal system tracking the oncoming flu season, the nation's efforts to stop the spread of AIDS and research on cases of food poisoning.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, staffed by about 4200 scientists, administrators, clerks and maintenance workers, would be among the federal agencies to close Tuesday if the budget stalemate isn't ended.

A meeting scheduled Saturday between GOP congressional leaders and the White House broke down when President Clinton asked that Democratic leaders be included.

Only employees deemed essential to the nation will remain at the CDC's main campus—located about 16 miles from House Speaker Newt Gingrich's district—and satellite offices around the metro Atlanta area, according to spokesperson Bob Howard. Most of them will be Public Health Service employees, who work at the CDC and answer to the Surgeon General's Office, he said.

Some administrators, laboratory supervisors and maintenance workers will remain at work despite the budget battle. Others, including Howard, will come in on their own.

The CDC, which conducts the government's public health efforts, is home to some of the most dangerous and deadly germs, including the Ebola virus and smallpox. The buildings are guarded by an outside contractor, which will not

be affected by a shutdown, Howard said.

"We will see that all samples are kept safe," he said.

Among the CDC's efforts that Howard said would be halted:—A system that allows the CDC to track cases of influenza. The flu season normally runs from November through May.—AIDS educational programs run by the CDC. Projects funded but not conducted by the CDC would continue.—Most lab work, unless the research would be compromised. CDC laboratory scientists are searching for the source of the deadly Ebola virus, which struck in Zaire earlier this year.—A lab service that helps the nation's doctors identify the germ infecting their patients, such as salmonella or meningitis.

Research funded by the CDC but conducted by universities or state or local health officials will continue, Howard said.

That would include research on firearms injuries funded by the CDC's controversial National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Last month, Sen. Bob Dole, the Senate's Majority Leader, joined an effort to cut the center's \$45 million budget and abolish it because of an alleged political agenda.

Investigations of large outbreaks of disease in the United States would continue, as would health inspections of cruise ships that dock in U.S. ports. They would be conducted by Public Health Service employees at the CDC, Howard said.

## Market research firm launches major study of gay population

### GayCensus '96 Features Phone Survey

Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago based market research firm that specializes in the gay and lesbian market, is cooperating with the *Houston Voice* and other community newspapers in undertaking an extensive national study of the gay and lesbian population.

With the two-phase "GayCensus '96" project, Overlooked Opinions hopes to compile the broadest assessment ever of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities in the United States and Canada. "Nothing like GayCensus has ever been done.

We anticipate reaching in excess of one million lesbian, gay and bisexual adults in the next three months alone," explained Jeffrey J. Vitale, Overlooked's chief executive officer.

A primary component of the project is a ten-minute telephone survey (currently being advertised in the *Voice* and in gay and lesbian publications in other cities) utilizing a toll-free number, 1-800-Gay-Voice. The survey covers basic demographics as well as questions covering a wide array of topics, including discrimination, political beliefs, consumer behavior and general opinions. There is also an optional section for people who happen to be HIV-positive or have AIDS.

The GayCensus project is being heavily promoted all across North America with media buys, direct mail and through local and regional gay publications, including the *Voice*. Long distance charges have been donated in part by Lyrihn Communications, the home of Community Spirit Long Distance. The company estimates that it will take nearly a year to complete all phases of the study, which will include a printed survey in selected markets.

"When the results are tabulated," said Vitale, "a great many questions will be answered for one and all. The data promises to be fascinating. It will help the lesbian and gay community better understand itself, and it will help the political, educational

and commercial sectors develop relationships with our community." As well, the project will help publications like the *Voice* become more aware of their readership and the makeup of the communities we serve.

To participate in the survey, call 1-800 Gay Voice and listen for instructions. The caller will hear a brief description, then will be asked to respond to questions by pressing buttons on their touch-tone phone. Callers without a touch tone phone, on request, will be sent a survey by mail.

A TTY is also available for non-hearing or hearing impaired callers. It can be reached by dialing 1-800-555-0900.



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### Soul II Soul Reunion For Volume V

Soul II Soul has released its latest, *BELIEVE: VOLUME V*. For this CD, we are blessed with such veteran artists as Caron Wheeler, Penny Ford, Melissa Bell. But this CD also carries new talent, such as Stacy Francis, Nikkolai Daniel (aka Sensi), Taxman and Charlotte Kelley. What does this mean? It means that Soul II Soul was successfully able to gather people from all over Europe and combine their talents into a sound that breaks international boundaries, without having the "too many cooks in the kitchen" problem. If you like house, and/or hip-hop, and/or reggae, and/or techno, then you'll love Soul II Soul.

Within 18 months, Soul II Soul helped music to evolve into an original sound all their own. Sometimes "their own sound" is used to describe music much the same way "interesting" is used to describe a disgusting dress in a nice way. This is not the case. Soul II Soul has struck something, whether it's gold, or silver, or a metal alloy using the two, it is hot, and a great sound to have in your collection.

*Love Enuff* is the single that's out, and also the first song. It's a great sound to play, and yes, you will find yourself moving, and swaying. *Being a Man*, a slower ballad, is pretty to the ear, but also food for the brain. One thing that Soul II Soul has for them

is that their lyrics mean something, to them personally. This is, of course, brought over to those who listen.

It's hard to describe this CD, because of its diversity. At times you can listen to it, pick out the dance, and groove to the entire CD. However, at other times you can listen to the same song, and get the meaning of the words and "feel" the music. Yet, at other times, again listening to the same CD, you can just be put in a light-hearted, friendly mood. This would not be a good CD for those persons with multiple personalities.

If you get the chance, check out Soul II Soul's new CD. It's not only inventive, but enjoyable, flexible, and adaptable. It's a joy to listen to, almost like candy for your ear. Me (and my friends) give it a 6 because you have to like this type of music in order to enjoy it, but it IS versatile, so others might enjoy it if they happen to check it out.

(FYI: Soul II Soul were born within the multicultural schools and the wild warehouse parties of a constantly changing England. These formats were the basis on which Soul II Soul were able to cross the boundaries of the globe. From them there flowed a host of fresh UK ambitions and genres. Many of their vocalists soared off to solo contracts. Co-producer Nellee Hooper even took their format down new paths with Bjork.—DAWSTER)

## Music Therapy Benefit Stars Williamson, Fure

### Art & Entertainment Notes

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will be featured in a concert benefiting the National Association for Music Therapy (NAMT), Inc. Friday Nov. 17 beginning at 9:00 p.m. in the Westin Galleria Hotel.

Cris Williamson began her career at age 16 and has supported numerous causes including "Healing the Healers"—a retreat for caregivers of persons with AIDS. She has 17 albums and is considered one of the most successful independent artists in music today. Tret Fure has four albums to her credit.

General admission tickets are \$20 and VIP tickets are \$50. The VIP tickets include an artist's reception immediately following the performance. Five dollars of the general admission and \$20 of the VIP tickets is tax deductible.

Tickets are available at Inklings,

1846 Richmond, telephone 521-3369. For more information about the concert of NAMT please call 942-2212.

### Benefit Art Sale

A special one-day sale of original oil-on-canvas paintings in gold-leaf baroque frames will be held Saturday Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Tim Hamrock Interiors, 4091 Westheimer in Highland Village with a portion of the proceeds benefiting People with AIDS Coalition/Houston.

The event is being generously underwritten by Don A. Sanders and Kathy, Brett and Brad Sanders.

The PWA Coalition provides service and support to more than 1400 People with HIV/AIDS in Houston and the surrounding counties. Founded in 1986, the Coalition's major programs include New Beginnings Household Restart Program, the volunteer Program at Thomas Street Clinic, and Case Management services.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed to provide companionship for Residents of Milam House, a residential facility for Persons Living with AIDS. Plan to participate in the next Volunteer Training, **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1995, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. To sign up for further info. call 526-8470.

# THE CLUB

## H O U S T O N



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# A New Miss and Ms. Bacchus II chosen!



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Ken and Kelly party at the Military Ball.

## Houston Soap

by CAROLYN ROBERTS

### Past Events

Cameron's Birthday Bash at E/J's last Sunday netted \$120 to help send him to Mr. Gay Southeast Texas! Good luck!

Congrats to the new Miss Bacchus II-Jamie Lennox and to the new Ms. Bacchus II-Stacy Brewer!

The Four Seasons saluted at the Military Ball this past weekend! At press time the figures are not in yet, but I'll let you know just as soon as they tell me!

### Friday, Nov. 17

Start your weekend off with some skin! Paivi hosts the male strip contest at E/J's tonight at 11:00 p.m.

Have you ever been to a "Trunk Show?" Well, the J. Royce collection will be on display for sale at the BriarPatch tonight and tomorrow. Stop in and do a little holiday shopping early!

Friday Fore Play at Pacific Street starts at 7:00 p.m. No cover until 9:00 p.m.

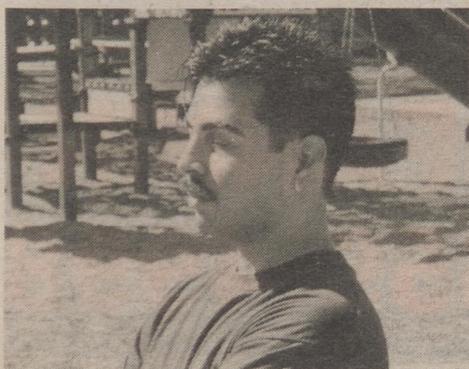
Want to watch wienies wiggle? Gentry has the "world famous" Boy Toy dancers starting at 6:00 p.m.

The Montrose Mining Company is hosting one of their famous Torn Levis party tonight. They will be having happy hour prices until 10:00 p.m. as well as some of Houston's hottest men in shreds of Levis.

Tonight at the Wortham Center, Marcel Proust's "Paris" will be on stage at 8:00 p.m. This features the music of Gabriel Faure, Claude Debussy, Reynaldo Hahn and Cesar Franck. There will also be selected readings from Proust's "In Search of Lost Time." A pre-concert discussion with poet and critic Richard Howard will be at 7:00 p.m. For more info and tickets, call 524-5050.

Fabulous Fridays at Club 403 feature the talents of Jessica Blair, Miss T.T. and is hosted by Jessica Van Shelton. Show time is 11:00 p.m.

Start your weekend off right at



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J.R's Bar and Grill. They have tasty cocktails as well as hunky dancers!

### Saturday, Nov. 18

The Alpha to Omega 5K event is today at 7:30 p.m. You can run, walk, skate, or wheelchair for this fundraising event. If you would like more info, call 524-6662.

Do you cha-cha or waltz? The "Dance of Dating" will be discussed by Joyce Gayles, Ph.D. this morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Montrose Library. This event is sponsored by Alternative Visions, Houston's only Gay/Lesbian Relationship Service. There are limited seats available, so call 526-8223 to reserve your space.

Tara Dion is searching for talent at E/J's tonight. If you dance, sing, lip-sync, juggle, or do something fun, stop in tonight at 11:00 p.m. and enter the contest.

Santa Claws will be at the Venture-N this afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Pet Patrol. For \$5 you can have your pet (whatever) pose with Santa. Ratrat and Harvey will be there, too!

Saturday nights at Gentry feature the bumping and grinding of the Boy Toy dancers starting at 10:00 p.m.

Miss T.T. and her star cabaret hit the stage at the Lazy J tonight at 10:30 p.m. Be there to see Black Velvet-Miss Gay Houston-USA, Charlie Linez and George Michaels. Stick around after the show and listen to the sounds provided by DJ Bill Gonzalez.

Author and socialite Carolyn Farb will be at the Bookstop from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. this afternoon signing her book "How to Raise Millions, Helping Others, Having a Ball." Ms. Farb has raised millions of dollars for charities during the past twenty years, and is sharing the secret of her fund raising success.

The WICS (Women in Comforta-



Miss Kever...I hope you find some hot beef!

ble Shoes) band will take the stage of Chances tonight at 9:00 p.m. If you have not heard this group of women, this is your chance at Chances.

The Brotherhood of Pain will have a demo on the patio of the Ripcord tonight at 10:00 p.m. Don't be shy. These fantasies arise in us sometimes. You can learn how to make them come true, safely and erotically. Everything from the tame to the seemingly chilling will be discussed to help you learn how to safely use some of the latest erotic fantasy paraphernalia.

Do you have a birthday in November? Club 403 has the "November Birthday Babies Bash" tonight. Join other November babies for celebrating and cake. There is a "Jukebox Jamboree" show at 11:00 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 19

"Rodeo with Ruby" tonight at the Brazos River Bottom. Ruby Stone, candidate for Empress XII of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star will be raising money for the Colt 45's. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Be sure to get there early and enjoy steak night on the patio. The ever-so-attitude slinging Miss Kever will be manning (or should that be gurling) the grill from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pay Miss Kever \$6 for a big ol' piece of meat!

The BriarPatch has free pasta and salad tonight! Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. followed by BriarPatch Bingo at 8:00 p.m.

Overload Sundays continue at Pacific Street. No shirt, no cover, no kidding! The doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Regina Dane will host the Sunday night male (raw meat) strip frenzy at Gentry tonight starting at 11:00 p.m. If you want your meat cooked, be there at 5:00 p.m. for the BBQ dinner. For only \$3.50 you get a heaping helping of BBQ, beans, cole slaw, and all the rest!

There is an auction this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Chances. This will benefit the Montrose Clinic. There are hundreds of items donated for this event. Stop in and pick up a few of those holiday gift items early!

Sunday afternoon at the Montrose Mining Company offer hot men and cheap beer! \$1 domestic long necks or you can choose the \$2 optional buy-in and get refill of Miller Lite Draft for only 25¢

Meat and wienies will be served on the patio of the

Ripcord today from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It's good, fresh, piggin' out food for real cheap. The cooking is done by the Brotherhood of Pain and friends.

Heaven opens their gates tonight at 7:00 p.m. with 50¢ well cocktails until 11:00 p.m.

The Montrose Softball League will host its first Annual Pet Show today at 1:00 p.m. at Tim Hearn Field (Jackson Hill & Memorial Drive, due west of the Waugh Dr. Exit.) MSL invites you to bring your favorite pets (no matter what kind) for an afternoon of great fun and frivolity. Awards will be given in several categories per pet including "Best Butch," "Best Bitch," "Best Fluff," "Best Look-Alike," "Best Costume," and "Worst Costume." There will be special awards for overall "Best of Show" and "Worst of Show." There is a \$5 entry fee per pet. If you would like more info, call 867-3913.

### Monday, Nov. 20

Start your week off right at the Venture-N. Stop in after that long day at the office and enjoy power hour prices from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Honky Tonk nights at Gentry are festive with \$1.50 Miller Lite products as well as free pool; and the juke box is free, too! This special is also valid on Honky Tonk Tuesdays!

Armand has hot steamy buns to stick your wienie into on the patio of E/J's.

Club 403 has a dart tournament tonight at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$4 entry fee and the bar matches the pot! Give darts a shot!

### Tuesday, Nov. 21

The Super Show tonight at E/J's features the talents of Jamie Lennox-Miss Bacchus II '96, Tori Savage-Miss Lazy J '96, Sivi Ross-Miss Life Today '96 and MC Catia Lee Love. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Learn to C&W dance for free tonight at the Brazos River Bottom. The instructors start 'structin' at 9:30 p.m.

Show your personalized business card to the doorman at Pacific Street and you will gain free admittance. Young Executive night proves to be quite a party.

The Eighth Annual Wortham Center tree lighting ceremony will be this afternoon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Foyer, Wortham Center, Texas @ Smith. The Houston Ballet Dancers in Nutcracker costumes and the City of Houston Civic Center Department will present this free event. If you would like more info, call 523-6300.

# Thanksgiving Buffets and Burnt Rodent Droppings



Out with the old, in with the new! Jamie Lennox-Miss Bacchus (l-center) & Ms. Bacchus-Stacy Brewer (r-center)



Auntie Richard in his usual pose!

## Houston Soap

by CAROLYN ROBERTS

### Wednesday, Nov. 22

Hot beef on the patio of E/J's tonight with the Burger Bitch.

Happy Hump night at the Venture-N. All longnecks are only \$1 tonight, all night!

Retro-rave Wednesdays at Heaven! 80s music and \$1 cocktails make for one hell of a party!

Dress and stuff your bird early, then head down to Gentry for the Thanksgiving Eve strip-o-rama. Catia will be undressing the contestants starting at 11:00 p.m.

### Thursday, Nov. 23

Free C&W dance lessons tonight at the Brazos River Bottom. Be there at 9:00 p.m. to learn to boogie the BRB way!

Show your Club Houston card or any other gym card to the doorman at Pacific Street and get in free! "Sexx" Thursdays are hot and horny. Be sure to check out the towel boys in the cages!

Don't want to spend your Thanksgiving day stuffing a bird? You can enjoy a full Thanksgiving Buffet for free at 2:00 p.m. at the Ripcord.

Hal and Jim are stuffing the bird day at the Venture-N. Dinner will be ready at 3:00 p.m.

The Boy Toy dancers will entertain you at Gentry tonight starting at 9:00 p.m.

J.R.'s Bar and Grill invite you to join them for a Thanksgiving Day dinner. The feast will be from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. You can stick around for Broadway Showtunes with Randy Jobe at 9:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at the Lazy J this afternoon. Feel free to stop in and join the Lazy J family for dinner!

Marlene and the staff of Chances invite you to join them for a Thanksgiving Day feast!

Club 403 has a weekly talent search on Thursday nights! Hostess Jamie Lennox looks for talent starting at 10:30 p.m. If you would like to enter the show, be there by 10:00 p.m.

## Other Important Stuff

The Texas Riders-Houston will host Fall Round-Up VII the weekend after Thanksgiving. This is always a fun run!

Check out the Home Page for Pacific Street.

Their address is <http://www.iah.com/pacific-st>.

Stages Repertory Theater has "The Little Match Girl" on stage thru Dec. 30. Call 52-STAGE for times and tickets.

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Now and Again is a consignment shop of finer furnishings. Stop in at 1819 Waugh Drive and find out for yourself!

## Birthday Corner

A Happy (Bacardi and Coke) Birthday to Tom at J.R.'s.

A Happy (Daddy-Do) Birthday to Jes Sears!

A Happy (Leave me alone, I'm at the computer) Birthday to Buzz Davis.

A Happy (Stop in and see me for a cocktail) Birthday to Miss Dee of Cousins!

A Happy (Yes, I'm only 27 years old!) Birthday to Buddy Jackson, owner of the Lazy J!

## Rodent Droppings

I have some advice! If you don't have a fire extinguisher, now is the time to get one! This past Monday night I got home around midnight to find the apartment I live in on fire! We were spared damage, and all the pets

are ok! I'm headed out to K-Mart this weekend to buy a bigger fire extinguisher!

I have burnt rodent droppings this week! They smell even worse!

Steve (Sil-Gentry): Did we have a few cocktails at Cousin's last Sunday night?

Barry (Vanna-LBB): Did we have a few cocktails at Cousin's last Sunday night, too! I heard they poured you into a car and you kvetched all the way home!

David (Kad's): After your recent trip to San Antonio, I bet there is very little if any, booze left in that city!

Rob (VN): Why were you having trouble walking behind the bar last week? Something to do with "Calvin's?" I was told you were just like a cat in heat!

Jim Lockhart: 34 IS hard to chew!

Charlotta (The Big Butt): I hear you are off to the islands for a few days of fun in the sun; but really, girl, going with your mother! What's wrong, honey, couldn't find a "real" date?

John (VN): How did you lose your pubic hair on the patio? Or did you lose it in the DJ's booth?

Teresa Maunet: You DO have 4 hands full!

Crystal Ray Lee Love (RSICSS): 18 jello shots in one night! Do you know what jello is made out of? Not even the booze can combat the junk in gelatin. Also, I heard you are the

new entertainment at Mary's on Thursday nights! Remember that dolphins, like any other sea going mammal that goes down, must resurface for air occasionally!

Animal (BRB): Yes, you are going to be famous someday! Your art work is wonderful!

Miss BriarPatch: I hear you never take off your crown and sash... it gives you traction!

Wayne Gray (BriarPatch): I guess the next time I head to the BP, I'll phone in advance to make sure you have plenty of Cuervo on hand... 'cuz it is a well-known fact that I am able to consume a shot or twenty in an evening!

Tommie Sue (BRB): What was that, your "backing-up" alarm! Beep, beep, beep!

Larry Crawford (Hyde Park Gallery): So, you can't go anywhere without your bottle!

Devin (Mary's): Popping your buttons in the tea room again? Ask Bill, he saw!

Ron Sioux (Cousins): You lost your ass in the bargain or was that in the barn?

Regina Dane: Your bulging gypsy WHAT?

Susie & Carolyn (Houston Voice): Who's are bigger?

Michael Jones (RSICSS): Were you Rice-a-roni or Pasta-roni in Dallas?

Ken Brown: And I quote "I can suck hard when I need to!"

Al K. (Houston Voice): Since when have you had enough nuts?

Jim Roberts (VN): What is this I hear about you being part of "Sluts to Go?"

David (Hangs at Cousins): Cold hands, warm heart?

Terry Flood (611): I understand you will woller for a dollar!

Ralph (Mine): No panties in the morning? Are you a "panty dropper?"

Huggs,

Cuervolyn



I found this cutie at the Brazos River Bottom!



You want me to put this banana where?

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY - 11/17

\* CODA meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.  
 \* "Your Sacred Self" - study group using the best seller by Wayne Dyer. COME learn more about your sacred self, sacred sisters and brothers, and 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

### SUNDAY - 11/19

\* Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) worship services. 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.  
 \* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "Looking at Relationships from a Godly Perspective" at 10:00 a.m. New Location 3400 Montrose Suite 600. Call 528-6756.  
 \* Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9235.  
 \* Houston Mission Church worship service at 11:00 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.  
 \* Dignity Houston Communion Service at 5:30 p.m. 1307 H Yale. Call 880-2872.  
 \* Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 10:15. 1121 Welch. Call 526-8095.

### MONDAY - 11/20

\* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.  
 \* Catholic Mass at 7:30 p.m. Kolbe House. 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182.  
 \* Sexual Addicts Anonymous support group

meet at MCCR - 7:00p.m. Call 861-9149.

### TUESDAY - 11/21

\* MCCR: CODA Support group meets at 7:00 p.m., Empowerment for Living support group and pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m., Gloryland Singers at 8:00 p.m., The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 p.m. 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 - 6:00pm. Call 861-9149.  
 \* Advent Scriptures for Gay/Lesbian Christians: 7:30 pm at Kolbe House. 1509 Fairview 522-8182

### WEDNESDAY - 11/22

\* MCCR: Bi-net Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m., Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Midweek uplift service at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study, Lecture Series and Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 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 p.m. Call 862-7533.  
 \* Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 7:00 p.m. 1121 Welch. Call 526-8095.  
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### THURSDAY - 11/23

\* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.  
 \* Thanksgiving Dinner at Kingdom Community Church at 2:00 p.m.. Please RSVP. to 862-7533.

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## ASK THE PASTOR



Rev. Janet Parker

**Q:** "I'm confused about the relationship between someone having a 'prayer language' and having experienced the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit.' Does a person have a 'prayer language' only after you're so close to God that you have this 'baptism?' I grew up in church and have a close walk with God, but have no 'prayer language.' Does this mean I haven't truly been 'baptized in the Spirit?'"

**A:** Let me begin to answer this by giving you an illustration. I have talked to many a Christian who have relayed to me their walk of faith. Some people have had a moment in time when they invited Christ to live inside their heart. Others have shared that it was an evolution in that the relationship developed over

time. One day they just knew they belonged to Christ and that Jesus lived in their heart. We cannot "prescriptionize" how a person becomes a Christian. All we know is that they a Christian. Their story is their story and we rejoice with them.

The same applies to a person who receives a prayer language and is baptized in the Holy Spirit. For some people, the sequence of events happens in many different ways and at different times. A person may receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their life that is realized through an overwhelming sense of love and surrender to Christ. A person becomes very sensitive to the work and move of the Holy Spirit. It is true that a Christian has the Holy Spirit in their life upon receiving Christ as their Savior. Walking and growing in that relationship involves yielding to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit. The more we "let go and let God" the more we are led by the Spirit.

What happened at Pentecost was an outpouring of power, enthusiasm, boldness, love, and abandonment for the sake of Christ and what He has done. This descended upon those who were present. Today we can have our own individual Pentecost as the Holy Spirit overshadows us. This can be manifested with 'speaking in tongues.' It was an immediate evidence that is given many times in the book of Acts. I do not believe that it is the only evidence of having the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. 'Speaking in tongues' is one of the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to believers. It is used in several ways. For the individual believer it is a prayer language used to build up their faith (Jude 20; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:19; Romans 8:26-27). I have seen a person pray with their prayer language for others when they do not know the specific needs. It is here that the Spirit intercedes for those individuals. It is a way to 'stand in the gap' and pray for people when we don't always know what is going on. How this benefits the church is that when we are gathered together in worship a message can be given in tongues. The only benefit to the body is when this message is interpreted. The Apostle Paul urges believers to keep their prayers to themselves (not blurted out loud) in public unless it is for all to hear and understand.

Receiving a 'prayer language' and receiving the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' can happen at different times. It is given to enhance your prayer life, build up your faith, and give you boldness to serve Christ. It is NOT given to make you feel better than another Christian, or to create a "classist" system within the church. Like any experience, one must walk in it daily and not live on what happened 5-10 years ago. Tune in next week for more about this question.

**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**

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# SPORTS NOTES



The Orange Team, first place finishers in the MSL's fall league, wrapped up the season with a perfect 8-0

### MSL's Fall League Finishes With A Bang

The Montrose Softball League's (MSL) Fall League ended on Sunday, Nov. 12 with a few surprises and a lot of laughs!! The Orange Team wrapped up first place and ended the season with a perfect 8-0 mark. Congratulations to all of the Fall League players for making this season one of MSL's best.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the Yellow Team trounced the Blue Team 16-1, but lost to the Red Team 12-2. The Purple Team lost twice on Sunday—once to the Orange Team 13-3, and then to the Red Team 16-2. The Green Team defeated the Blue Team 23-4 and wanted to know if they could put some of their 23 runs in previous games to change the outcome of the season!! In the finale, the Orange Team rallied in the final inning to slide by the Green Team 7-6 and preserve their perfect season.

The final standings in the Fall League are: 1st, Orange, 8-0; 2nd, Red, 6-2; 3rd, Green, 3-5; 4th—Blue, Purple and Yellow, each at 2-6.

For more information on MSL or any of its activities, please call 867-3913.

### MSL Pet Show

The Montrose Softball League (MSL) will host its First Annual Pet Show on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Tim Hearn Field (Jackson Hill at Memorial Drive) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to bring their favorite pets (no matter what kind) for an afternoon of great fun and frivolity. Awards will be given in several categories per pet type, including Best Butch, Best Bitch, Best Fluff, Best Costume, Best Look-Alike and Worst Costume, to name a few. There will be special awards for overall Best and Worst of Show.

Registration for MSL's Pet Show is \$5 per pet entered. For information and/or application for the show, please call us at 867-3913 (leave your name and number). All entries must be at the field by 12:45 p.m. to be considered.

Come on out and have a great time, and expect a lot of unusual sightings.

### Bowlers score at IGBO meet

While it may have been a—2 degree chill factor outside, Houston bowlers managed to heat up the lanes inside at the mid-year International Gay Bowlers Organization tournament at Lexington, Kentucky. From a field of 352 entries, Dell Fullen placed 6th in All Events and Jim Bab 17th. Del also placed 15th in singles and with partner, Randy Lamb, placed 17th in doubles. Eighth Place in Team Event and Ninth Place in Team All Events was taken by The Hindlick Maneuver composed of Jim Babb, Randy Gooch, Tom O'Dell and Lyn Vannoy. Jim Slowinski placed 31st in singles. Gardy Harvey was a hit as MC of the annual Miss IGBABE contest.

### Bowling Standings

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening Mixed League reports that first place is taken by Screw It, second by Sticky Wickets and

third by Too Wong Fo U? High Scratch game of 246 was bowled by John Marr and series of 636 was bowled by Tom O'Dell for the men. For the women Andrea Black bowled a game of 235 and series of 572 by Diann Thomason. For more info call Tom at 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League report the first three places in Division A are taken by Dem Damn Dawgs, The Queen Sick Court and Clueless. Division B is headed by In By 9 Dirty, Tennis Anyone? and Somebody Ate My Duck Sausage. High Scratch game of 264 and series of 646 was bowled by Bob Roberts. For more info call Gardy at 641-5425.

The Monday Night Women's League reports first place is taken by In the House, second by TAZ Club, third by Lesboredos and fourth by Festive Foursome. For more info call Pat at 437-6218.

The Wednesday Night Mixers report the first place team is To Wong Foo: Thanks for Nothing, second place is Half and Half and in third is # Tops and a Bottom. High Scratch Game of 257 was bowled by Chris Bennett and series of 651 was bowled by Richard Dauchy for the men. For the women, Sandy Boyd bowled 208 and series of 543. For more info call Tom at 522-9612.

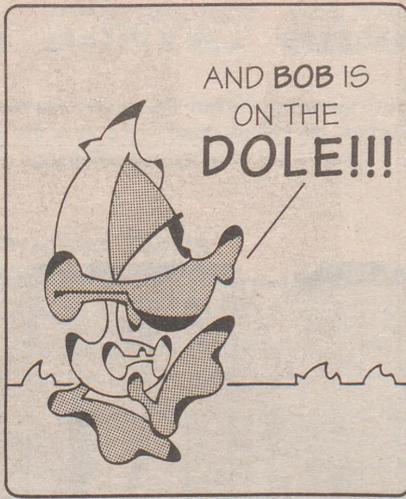
Candelight No Tap Doubles is this Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at Palace Lanes on Belaire Blvd. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.—Bring a partner or let us find you one. Info? Call 522-9612.

### Run Expands To Scotland

Organizers of the Alpha to Omega 5K Fun Run being held Sat., Nov. 18 at 7:30 a.m. on the Sabine St. Bridge off Memorial Drive, have announced the formation of a sister run to be held the same day in Glasgow, Scotland along the banks of the River Clyde. Across the ocean, 100 runners from the Scottish AIDS Monitor will raise funds for Omega House, a local nonprofit AIDS hospice, and the Glasgow-based Gay Men's Project. 100% of the proceeds of the Houston event, which will feature over 1000 runners, walkers, skaters and wheelchair athletes, will benefit Omega House.

John Malpass, initiator of the Scottish event decided to assist Omega House in memory of a friend of 17 years who recently passed away. His idea for a dual-continent event was conceived during his stay in Houston sharing his friend's final days at Omega House.

Registration forms for the Houston event are available at Run Sport, 21 Richmond, and at the event. The \$15 fee includes an official "Houston-Glasgow Alpha to Omega 5K Fun Run" T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the first place finisher in each of eight divisions. On the day of the event, wheelchair athletes and skaters will start at 7:30 a.m., runners at 7:45 a.m. and walkers at 7:50 a.m. All participants should arrive thirty minutes before start time. Upon finishing the run, participants will find a party with free refreshments and booths representing local organizations. For more information about the event, call Run Sport at 524-6662, or the RUN HOTLINE at 688-3773.



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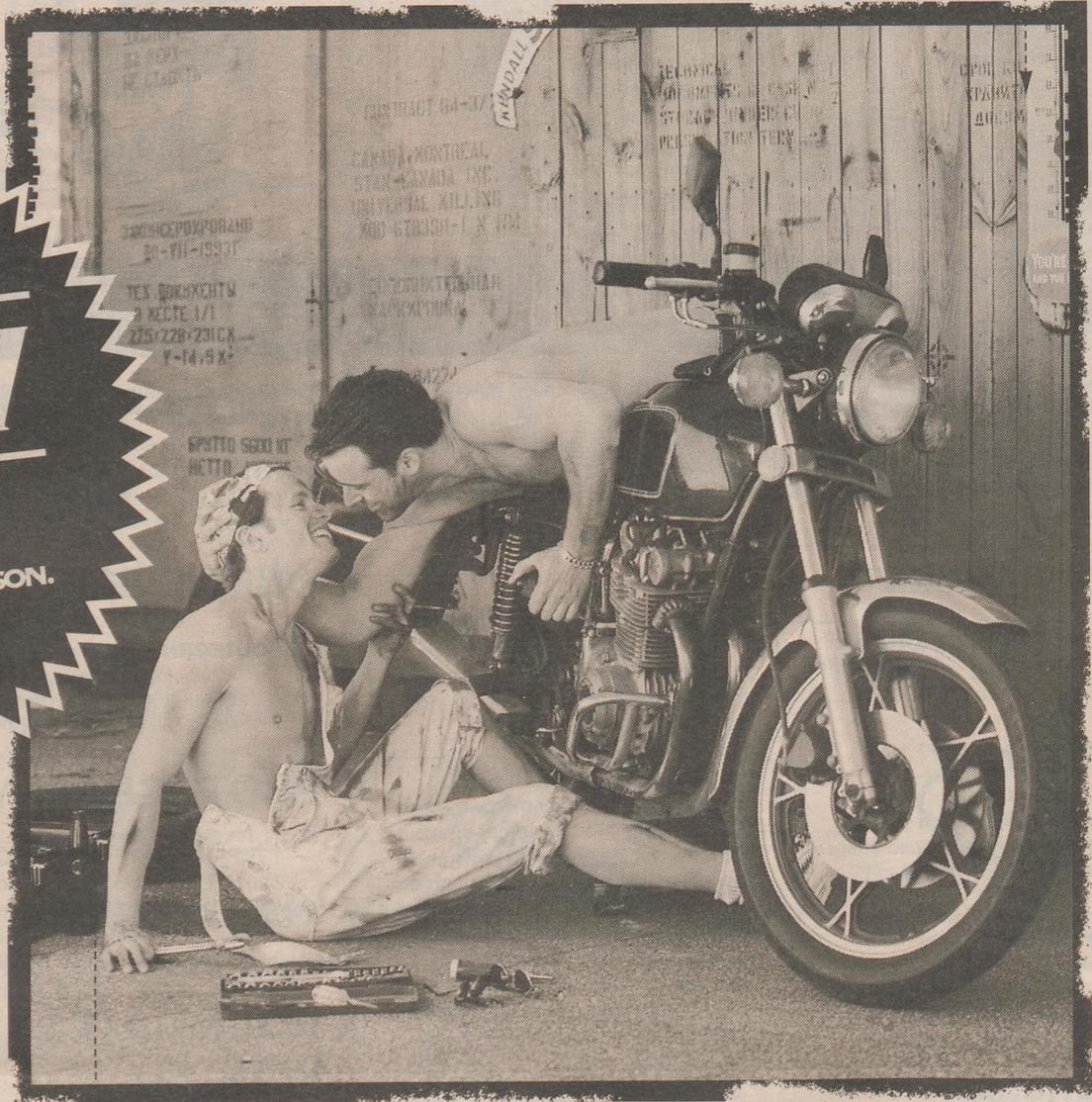
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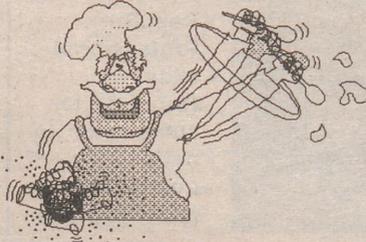
Hey y'all! Last year I thought I gave you this recipe, but going through my records I couldn't find it. So if I didn't, you are in for a real treat, and if I did, and you tried it, you know it is a recipe worth fixing again! People that don't like sweet potatoes like this recipe.

## Brandied Candied Yams

- 1 40-oz can small whole yams or sweet potatoes, drained, or 5-6 (about 2-1/2 pounds fresh yams or sweet potatoes, cooked)
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 1/4 C. butter or margarine, melted
- 3 Tbs. brandy
- 2 Tbs. frozen orange juice concentrate
- 2 Tbs. water
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten

### TOPPING:

- 1/2 c. packed brown sugar
- 2 Tbs. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. ground cardamom or ground cinnamon
- 2 Tbs. cold butter or margarine
- 1/4 C. chopped pecans

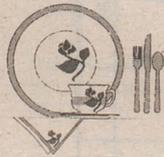


Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- In a large mixing bowl, beat the yams or sweet potatoes with an electric mixer on medium speed about 4 minutes or until they are well mashed.
- Add the 1/2 C. brown sugar, the melted butter or margarine, brandy, orange juice concentrate, water, vanilla and salt. Beat until combined. Add the slightly beaten eggs and beat until smooth.
- Transfer the mixture to a 2-quart rectangular baking dish.
- To make the topping: In a small bowl, combine the 1/2 C. brown sugar, flour and cardamom or cinnamon. Using a pastry blender, cut in the cold butter or margarine until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the pecans.
- Sprinkle the topping over the yam or sweet potato mixture. Bake in the 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until the yams or sweet potatoes are heated through and the topping is crisp.
- The casserole can be assembled, covered and refrigerated up to 48 hours before baking, when taken directly from the refrigerator, bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until the yams or sweet potatoes are heated through.

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# The Great American Puzzle

## TEXAS EDITION

By Henry McClurg

### ACROSS

- 1 George W. Jr., our governor
- 4 limitation
- 6 initials of a cigar named after a king
- 7 touched
- 9 800,000 acre national park in Texas on Mexican border, 2 words
- 11 prescription for medicine
- 12 a younger person, abbrev.
- 13 Hoosier State, abbrev.
- 16 early 20th century American bot-

41 San Antonio's old town, 2 words, located in middle of downtown, it's major tourist attraction after the Alamo

former spouse  
64 2000 pounds  
65 cash on delivery  
66 southern Japanese islands where U.S. has had bases for 50 years

7 make right  
8 1st 2 initials of American actors Robinson & Marshall  
9 Texas' largest county in physical size  
10 couple  
13 Internal Revenue Service  
14 Ruth's mother-in-law in the Bible  
15 actor Niven, died in 1983, initials  
16 coagulate

33 Roosevelt organized the famous Rough Riders here, 2 words  
35 space man Shepard  
40 3rd month of the year with 30 days, abbrev.  
42 Green Mountain State, abbrev.  
43 filled the eyes with tears  
45 complete  
46 previously

to Beaumont, abbrev.  
29 profited  
30 excessively  
32 small plot of ground

- 27 touched
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- 44
- 50
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- 58
- 34 type of computer
- 36 freezing point abbrev.
- 37 exists
- 38 small social insect
- 39 noun suffix, one that does

- 44 testimony or proof in court
- 47 poison
- 48 abbrev. quart, question & quarter
- 50 accustom to accept something undesirable
- 51 at the tip of Mustang Island, once known as Ropesville, 2 words
- 55 snakelike fish
- 56 consume food
- 57 metric units of weight
- 58 what's left of 'die' if the suffix is dropped from the present participle form 'dying'
- 59 NBA conference of the Mavericks, Rockets & Spurs
- 63 one's

- 69 thing that slices
- 70 carry
- 71 what's left of 'eke' if the suffix is dropped from the present participle form 'eking'
- 72 advertisements
- DOWN
- 1 sleeping place
- 2 prefix for 'not'
- 3 Sunshine State, abbrev.
- 5 tending to deter
- 6 Austin radio station with presidential call letters

- 17 Houston computer company with Hakeem Olajuwon as spokesman
- 18 like a cone
- 20 Gem State, abbrev.
- 21 Roman numeral 701
- 23 missing letters in f??d, g??d, w??l
- 26 astern
- 27 fe ?? fo fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman
- 28 direction Abilene

- 47 Scottish for hillside
- 49 United Parcel Service
- 52 at-
- 53 American film mogul Goldwyn, initials ("No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life.")
- 54 Bill Clinton's musical instrument
- 59 pronoun used to establish an identity
- 60 poles for walking
- 61 made into law
- 62 Tarheel State, abbrev.
- 67 Sunflower State, abbrev.
- 68 periods of 7 days
- Solution elsewhere this issue c.1995 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE TX152



# GALAXY GAYZER

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## HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17 - 23, 1995



**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Love guides your life, and you don't feel like your best self until you find your mate. You feel as if your lover is the other half of you. You need to guard against becoming dependent on others. You have an active and analytical mind, with a keen sense of fair play.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) You'll be in tune with all those around you and everything will run surprisingly smooth. Use as much tact as possible if you have criticism of someone

close to you - their feelings are hurt very easily. Bring out the charm to get through tough spots.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) It's a high energy week and there will be quick answers floating around you - make sure to look below the surface. Let those more knowledgeable than you have the last word - you aren't as well informed as you think you are. It's time to get little chores done.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) The tendency is high to put your foot in your mouth, so stick close to what you know and think before you speak. There's pressure on the job, keep your temper in check. Make it a point of being kind and considerate to those you love, making someone close feel special.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) A bit of discretion will go a long way. Co-workers may be a bit taken back by your direct approach to a rather sticky situation... but it must be done. Let someone else make important decisions, you're not in the mood for any pressure. Romance is in the air.

**LEO** (July 24- August 23) The more energy you put into your work, the more response you get from those around you - and this could lead to something big. Be sure to keep the radical ideas you have at work to yourself. Make it a point of doing what you please, don't try to fit into others' plans.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23) You'll have a better week if you get out, instead of hanging around the house. Visit old friends. Your close friends will look to you for guidance and leadership, don't let them down. Your advice is sound. Be more understanding with a loved one, try to see their point of view.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23) You long to be outdoors. Make plans to take a long ride or walk. Due to an innocent misunderstanding, there's trouble at work - it's up to you to help fix things up. In order to make peace in the family, you may be accused of meddling in things which aren't your business.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22) Take no financial risks even little ones. What looks like a bargain may turn out to be a real mistake. You are very enthusiastic about an idea that you've been working on. It is not time to share this with others though. Temptation is everywhere, self discipline is needed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21) Put energy into maintaining harmony with people around you, but try not to overdo it. You are more interested in play than in work, but sometimes you have no choice. Pay attention on the job. Your plans may not work out this week, but try them again anyway.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20) It's time to re-evaluate close personal relationships with an eye on how they can be improved. It might be best to say little and let others make the decisions. Their judgment is better than yours. People may jump to conclusions about your motives.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19) Choose your words carefully around your friends. Otherwise, you may find yourself in an argument. You have an opportunity to get closer to people at work - use this to your advantage. Don't get depressed because someone doesn't understand what you're getting at, it'll work out.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20) People are likely to understand you, so go ahead and present some of your new ideas. Give careful thought to money matters, but take no action until you are absolutely sure. You may be in a mood to be by yourself- solitude will help to recharge your energies.

## Personal Instructions

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### TO RECEIVE RESPONSES TO YOUR AD:

A toll-free 800 number will let you know if you have recorded telephone responses. You can then listen to these responses on a 900 number using your personal code and pin (personal identification number). Responses can also be received by mail, see below.

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Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the instructions. You will then actually be listening to the advertisers recorded message and can leave a voice message with your name and number. You can respond to more than one personal during the phone call. As individuals check their messages, they can respond to yours. OR you can pre-pay a special 800 account, listen and respond without the cost appearing on your phone bill. Call 529-8490 for more information.

**TO ANSWER AN AD BY MAIL:** Each ad has a five digit code. Write your response and

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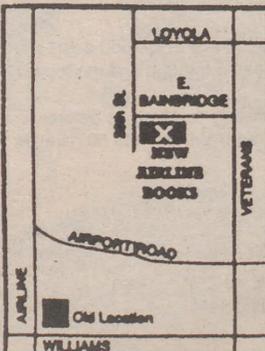
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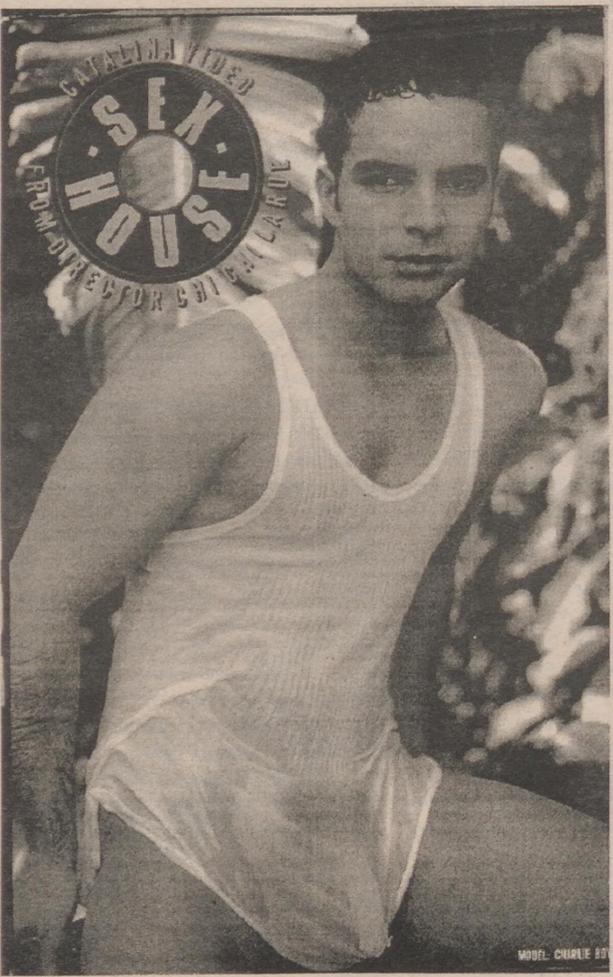
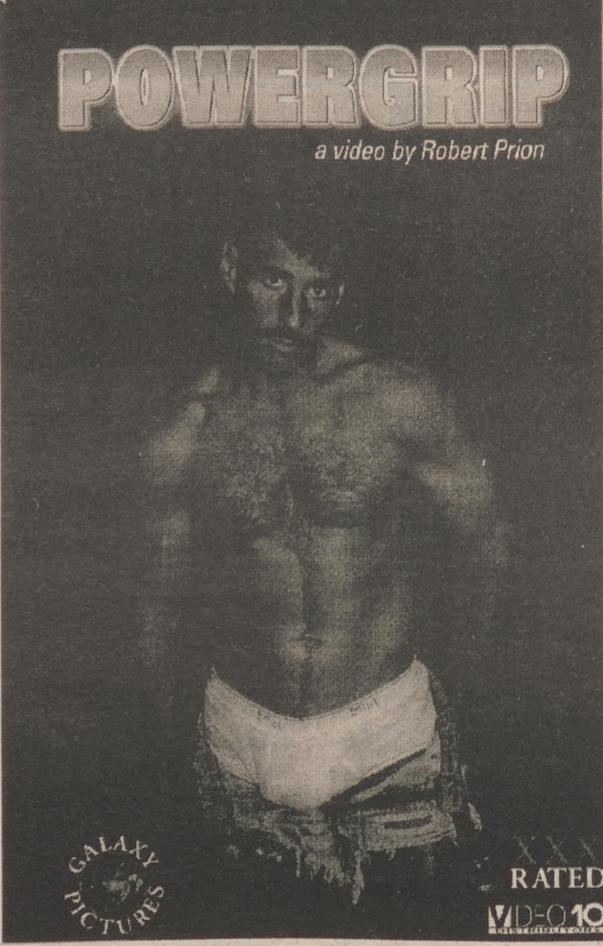
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## SOUL/LIFE MATE WANTED

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

## 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

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Sincere, mature, responsible, stable, attractive, professional GWM desires to be apart of the parenting process. Lesbian couple, or lesbian single preferred to participate in one of life's greatest treasures. Joint-custody or custody to the couple with visitation for male frequently. With so much to give to a child, why waste it when gay couples and singles have proven that we are unbeatable as parents with more depth and love to give. Ad 25723

## 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

## 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.

## 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

## 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

## SNOW SKIER WANTED

GWF seeks GF, 35 to 55. Due to the discriminating nature of the travel industry towards singles. I need someone to do the "Double Occupancy" thing to Santa Fe or Lake Tahoe in February. Can you keep up with me on the slopes? Ad 25734

## 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

## SERIOUS & SINCERE ONLY

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

## BOTTOM SEEKS TOP

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

## SEEKING 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 BUD-DIES

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

## MATURE MASCULINE TOP

Seeking meaningful relationship with masculine bottom. Me: GWM; good looks; lean, firm body; professional; HIV-. You: sensual; good shape; employed; no addictions. Latin, Mediterranean a plus. I want what I can deliver: honesty, trust, respect, love, monogamy, intimacy, commitment. Letters preferred; include phone. Photo optional. I'll respond. Ad 25694

## 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

## 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

## 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.

## FEMALES IN SEARCH OF TROUBLE ...

are searching for you. All female SM/BD/Fetish social group. We might have the answers to your questions. Ad 25736

## GEOVANNY V. WHERE ARE YOU?

Contact David K. in S.F. Ad 25726

## SEARCHING FOR KEN!

Met you in Club Dallas Texas O-U weekend. Cannot get you off of my mind. You expressed interest in seeing each other again. Call & leave a message. Bruce. Ad 25728

## 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

## TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

Top needs to satisfy/eliminate basic urges and seeks bottom to use for this purpose. I'm HWP, mature, good looking, HIV+, generally nice and I enjoy doing it especially when the bottom gets happy. Mail responses, please. Ad 25706.

## WHO KNOWS...

Seeking conversationally stimulating, visually appealing, physically active, socially acceptable person to first take a walk with, then whatever comes next. I'm mature, the aforementioned and HIV+. Mail responses, please. Ad 25710

## LOOKING FOR MASCULINE MALES

I'm a W.M., single, clean cut, 59 y.o., 205 lbs. I'm a loving, caring, trusting, person. My interests are movies, good food & cozy home life. I'm looking for single W.M., that's masculine, clean cut, loving, caring, trusting, 30-50, for friendships & long term relationships. If interested contact me so we can meet and get to know each other. No dope/smoking/alcohol. Prefer mail responses. Ad 25725

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

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

## IMPOTENT?

Me too, but with Prostag Landin E1 I'm ready to go again! I'm open, loving, monogamous. Seeking another impotent GM or potent top who needs love. Personal growth important. What's inside more important than outside. Hairy a plus. I have a lot to give. Let's find love! Ad 25707

## SPECIAL BOTTOMS WITH SPECIAL SKILLS

Submit! Provide service and do it right! Take instructions and behave exactly! You're a boy/slave in need of bindings and discipline! Take it all and say thank you! Know your place with a demanding top! If GM, 25-40, fit, clean, easy going, nice guy, then call now! Ad 25653

## LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON

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

## 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

## 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

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

## LAST RESORT

SWM, 42, masculine, muscular, handsome, athletic, college educated, isolated, sexually inexperienced, unknown in the gay community, seeking affluent man, any age but prefer older. I desperately need help with my mom's medical bills and urgency for hospitalization. I'm offering a relationship of ANY type (contractual?). I'm desperate and completely sincere. Ad 25742

## LOOKING FOR DEAN

Met you at the Phoenix in New Orleans Friday, Sept. 29. Lost your number. Gave you my Knights d'Orleans card. Call me collect eves, or 5-8 a.m. Got a Nawlins place for you -IN MY HEART. Take the chance. Joe. Ad 25743

## HOMEBODY

GHM, 41, 5'9", 145, looking for a younger man that's always wanted to be that devoted "housewife" type. Someone a little happy go lucky to offset my seriousness. Looking for that man that wants to make a long-lasting home life together. Bedroom eyes a plus. Ad 25709

## GENTLE LEATHER "DAD" SEEKS NOVICE "BOY"

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

## 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

## 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

## BLACK MALE SEEKS WHITE MALE

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

## 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

## 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

## GWF COUPLE LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS

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

## SUBMISSIVE MEN

I seek submissive men 21-45 years old, HWP, any race. While I am interested primarily in Houston-area men, I travel on business frequently, and men outside of Houston and Texas are also welcome to respond. I am 45, 5'9", 190, hairy, aggressive and demanding. Ad 25673

## 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

## 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

## WANTED: BOY

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

## LOOKING FOR BILL:

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

## 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

## 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

## EAT WELL

Cute Asian chef, educated, 25, 5'7", 130#, desires hamburger, tortilla, or egg rolls in my cooking pot with cooking time up to 40. Likes cooking, movies, and wild dessert for two. Will eat more if one has the right ingredients and well-flavored. Would you mold my dough? Mail responses preferred. Ad 25746

## "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 getaways, 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

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