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Gay activist and Soulforce co-founder Rev. Mel White plans a busy itinerary the next few days in the Bayou City. Pages 15



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## Much at stake for gay voters

With election just days away, gay-friendly candidates work to get citizens to the polls

By PENNY WEAVER

A longtime Democratic state representative is touting her support among Republicans, and several gay Democrats are on the same side as conservative GOP'ers in opposing one gay Republican's bid for justice of the peace.

Those are just two instances of the irony brought to Houston politics in the upcoming election.

"Elections are usually interesting," said Kenneth Jones, president of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. "If you get involved, you find that they're interesting."

"The biggest problem is that most people aren't involved," he added. "The most important thing regardless of how you vote is only 1 out of 14 adults in this country will vote in this election

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Barbara Jean Walker (inset), mother of gay-friendly state Rep. Debra Danburg, combined Halloween and patriotic themes while campaigning for her daughter this week. Danburg faces Republican Martha Wong in competition for the District 134 seat in the Texas Legislature. Scores of political signs are clustered around early voting places such as the city's multipurpose center on West Gray. (Photo by Steven Ewing Alford)

## Financial woes won't cripple Gay Games, organizers say

Thousands of athletes flock to Sydney for start of cash-strapped event

By MIKE FLEMING

SYDNEY — With tens of thousands of athletes and spectators filing into Sydney for Saturday's opening ceremonies of Gay Games VI, the organization that hosts the event is facing a serious cash crunch.

But that shouldn't be the focus of the event, expected to draw some 13,000 athletes and 12,000 spectators, according to Bev Lange, co-chair for Sydney 2002, the local organizing effort.

"The media has focused almost

exclusively on the financial aspect," she said. "Even if the games don't make a penny, we will accomplish our goal of helping athletes come out, of increasing public awareness of all gay and lesbian people."

The Gay Games run Oct. 25 to Nov. 9.

But the event, overseen by the Federation of Gay Games, has narrowly evaded complete financial collapse, according to recent media reports confirmed by Lange. Only one third of the expected ticket sales had taken place as of last week and there was little operating revenue, she said.

On Oct. 25, Ticketek, the company handling ticket sales for the event, released a \$300,000 advance to organizers to aid preparations. But the funds

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Gay Games VI in Sydney is facing a cash crunch, and may scale down the opening ceremonies to save money, organizers say. (Photo by Serge Ligtenberg/AP)

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## local news

# Federal judge refuses to appoint Burdine attorney

March retrial of gay former death row inmate likely will be delayed as ACLU appeals ruling

By PENNY WEAVER

Attorneys for gay former death row inmate Calvin Burdine will appeal a Monday ruling in which a federal judge declined to force a state judge to appoint Burdine's longtime appellate attorney to defend him at retrial.

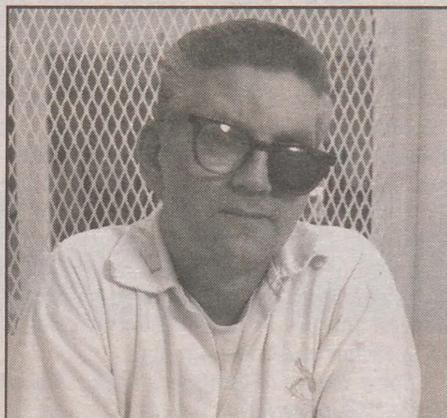
U.S. District Judge David Hittner issued his decision and dismissed a federal lawsuit against state District Judge Joan Huffman this week. He stated it would not be proper for him to intervene in an ongoing state case, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"We're going to appeal it — we're going to file [the appeal] by the end of the week," Annette Lamoreaux, East Texas regional director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said Thursday.

"It's a tough area of the law," she added. "We knew that it was a tough issue and we were delighted that Judge Hittner gave it as much attention as he did."

Legal experts say the judge's decision is expected since it is highly unusual for a federal judge to step into an ongoing state case.

Houston attorneys for Huffman and ACLU representatives for Burdine are on opposite sides in the civil suit against



A federal judge this week refused to force a state judge in the case of **Calvin Burdine**, a gay former Texas death row inmate, to appoint Burdine's longtime appellate attorney to defend him in his capital murder retrial. (Photo by AP)

Huffman that stems from the retrial of Burdine, whose murder conviction was overturned and whose new trial is set for March 3.

The ACLU appeal of Hittner's decision likely will delay that retrial, but Lamoreaux said this week that, so far, the proceedings are still set for the spring.

"At this point, the trial is still on for March," she said.

Two weeks ago, Hittner held a hearing in his courtroom at which he had ordered both Huffman and Lamoreaux to appear. The ACLU represents Burdine as he fights to keep Georgia attorney Robert McGlasson

as his defense counsel for the retrial.

Huffman had declined to appoint McGlasson as Burdine's attorney for the new proceedings, stating that he is not on the Harris County list of approved capital case lawyers. That move led to the ACLU suit against Huffman on behalf of Burdine.

At the Oct. 17 hearing, Hittner said he would consider whether or not he has the authority to order that McGlasson be appointed to represent Burdine in the new trial. In his decision this week, Hittner said that if he orders Huffman to appoint McGlasson, that move would interfere in the ongoing state case, the Chronicle reported.

Lamoreaux argued that Hittner's intervention would not halt the case. But the federal judge rejected that argument and the ACLU's assertion that Burdine will not have an effective attorney if McGlasson is not appointed, the newspaper reported.

The case reached this level after the U.S. Supreme Court in June refused to intervene in the ongoing case of Burdine, whose lawyer slept through portions of his 1984 capital murder trial.

The high court decision left Texas authorities to either retry Burdine or set him free. McGlasson has handled Burdine's death penalty appeal and appeared with him in Harris County court in mid-June for a hearing to determine Burdine's counsel for retrial.

But at that proceeding, Huffman refused to appoint McGlasson as Burdine's counsel. Her stated reason was that he is not on the

Harris County list of lawyers approved to represent defendants in capital murder cases.

Burdine had been on death row since February 1984, 10 months after his gay lover, W.T. Wise, was found fatally stabbed at the Houston trailer they shared. Burdine, then 30, confessed to police, but now denies killing Wise. He contends an accomplice killed Wise, 50, stabbing him in the back twice with a hunting knife while Burdine tried to talk him out of it.

That accomplice has already served a prison sentence for his role in the slaying.

Jurors and a court clerk described how Cannon slept for up to 10 minutes at a time during the trial and sentencing phase that followed. Cannon, who has since died, denied falling asleep.

Cannon also was found to have used anti-gay slurs during the trial. The higher courts have not addressed what McGlasson, gay rights activists and death penalty opponents have said was homophobia on the part of both the prosecutor and defense attorneys during the original trial.

In arguing for the death penalty and against life in prison for Burdine following his conviction, the prosecutor told the jury, "Sending a homosexual to the penitentiary [for life] certainly isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual, and that's what he's asking you to do."

The prosecutor also said that Burdine's 1971 Texas conviction for sodomy, a consensual offense, was evidence of his "likeliness to commit criminal violent acts in the future."

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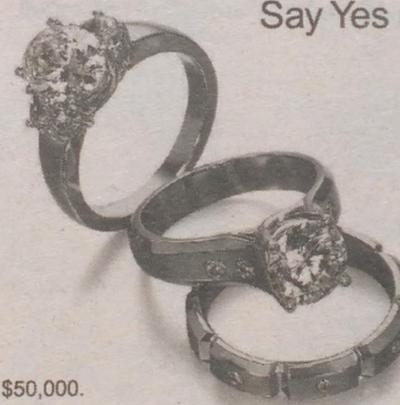
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### Authors in Bayou City to promote books about gay Jews

Lawrence Schimel and Rabbi Sue Elwell will be appearing at the Jewish Community Center's Book Fair on Thursday, Nov. 7, to discuss their new books about gay Jews. Elwell is the editor of "Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation," which collects essays by 18 lesbian rabbis. Schimel will be discussing "Found Tribe, Jewish Coming Out Stories." He is a prolific editor and author whose work includes "Kosher Meat," "The Mammoth Book of Gay Erotica," "Boy Meets Boy," "The Drag Queen of Elfland" and "PoMoSexuals." The presentation by Schimel and Elwell is cosponsored by Jewish Family Service. It begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish center, and admission is \$8 for the general public. Elwell also will speak at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Merfish Teen Center, 9000 S. Rice Ave. She is also an editor of the "Jewish Women's Studies Guide" and the "Maiyan Passover Haggadah." She will be discuss "Where Text and Art Collide." The Jewish Community Center Book Fair is an annual event which brings Jewish authors to Houston for two weeks of speeches and book signings.

For a review of Schimel's book, "Found Tribe," see page 18.

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### Victory Fund luncheon features lesbian legislator

Houston's Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund Luncheon will present keynote speaker Rep. Jennifer Veiga, the openly lesbian assistant minority leader of the Colorado House. Veiga, who has a chance to be the first lesbian to serve as the speaker of a state legislature, will stress the importance of helping to elect lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women to office, according to luncheon organizers. The post-election luncheon is part of the Victory Fund's "Victory Fund Women" initiative. The Victory Fund is a national organization that supports gay Americans running for local, state and federal offices, and Victory Fund Women is the group's effort to encourage women to run for office or to be supportive of those who decide to make a run. Because the brunch is taking place just five days after the 2002 general elections, it will also focus on celebrating

some key electoral victories, which are expected to include Veiga's re-election; Rep. Tammy Baldwin's re-election to a third term, representing Wisconsin; and many other victories. The Victory fund has endorsed candidates in 19 states and the District of Columbia. In its 11-year history, the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund has raised more than \$3 million for candidates and has helped to more than quadruple the number of gay officeholders in the country to 228 today, according to the group's leadership. Victory Fund endorsements cross party lines, organizers note.

### **i** MORE INFO

Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund Luncheon  
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### Center For AIDS to host discussion

Houston's Center for AIDS, 1407 Hawthorne, presents a discussion on "Fusion Inhibitors: The Next Step in HIV Treatment" next week as part of its "Conversations at The CFA." Leading the session will be Byron Russell, clinical science liaison for Roche Pharmaceuticals. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, and the public is welcome. Call to RSVP: 713-527-8219. Or e-mail: rich@centerforaids.org.

FROM STAFF REPORTS



State Rep. Jennifer Veiga, the openly lesbian assistant minority leader of the Colorado House, travels to Houston to serve as keynote speaker for the Nov. 10 Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund Luncheon.

## obituary

### Michael Cummings, 46, geophysicist

Michael Cummings of Houston died on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002, at Bering/Omega House. According to friends, he had been seriously ill for the last month.

Cummings was born in Iowa on March 20, 1956, and moved with his parents when he was young to Richardson, Texas. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches and worked as a geophysicist for many years with Phillips Petroleum and Haliburton. For

the last several years, he was a massage therapist and worked as a volunteer giving massages at the Bering Care Center.

He was a longtime member of Houston Outdoor Group.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Memorial Fund, Council on Special Ministries, c/o Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006.

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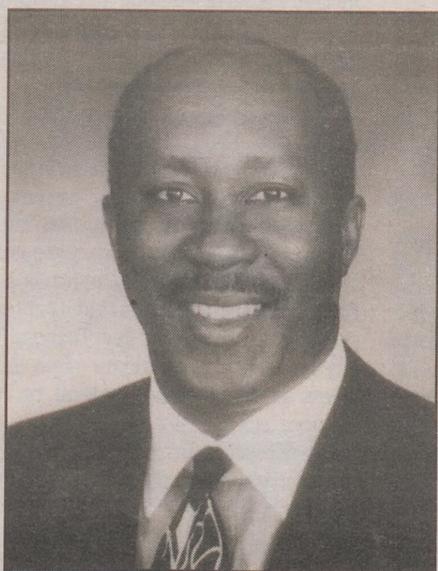
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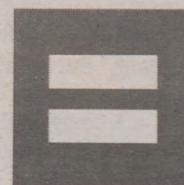
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## local news

## Danburg, Wong race one of the most-watched

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and only 1 out of 7 registered voters will vote.

"Your vote carries a lot of weight," Jones said. "Whether you vote for the Log Cabin-type people or whether you vote for what the caucus endorses — regardless of who you vote for — your vote is very important and you need to get out and vote."

Jones, who will volunteer as a poll worker on Tuesday, warned voters to allot plenty of time to cast their ballots.

"We're anticipating horrible waits," he said. "We are not getting any additional poll workers. We're anticipating it's going to be slow going."

But for gay voters in particular, the stakes are high. Activists are working to encourage people to vote. This Sunday, from 9 p.m. to midnight, Democrats plan a "Pump Up the Vote Party" at JR's, 808 Pacific. Workers hope to get hundreds of people to attend and meet more than 30 candidates who plan to stop by.

## Danburg v. Wong

For gay Houstonians, one of the key races in Tuesday's election is that between gay-friendly Rep. Debra Danburg, a Democrat, and Republican Martha Wong, a former Houston City Council member. Political observers and Danburg herself have called the race a tough one, perhaps the toughest one of her career.

Danburg is known for pro-gay stances including support of hate crimes legislation. She has represented Houstonians in the state Capitol for more than 20 years in District 137, which once included most of heavily gay Montrose and the Heights.

But Republican-controlled redistricting after Census 2000 left Danburg in a fight for District 134, which has considerably fewer gay voters. That district now includes almost none of the Heights and only half of Montrose, with other areas heavy with GOP voters added into the mix.

Her opponent, Wong, has said she is "open" to representing gay Houstonians, but has hints of anti-gay statements and support in her political record.

Notoriously anti-gay Louie Welch, former Houston mayor, is listed as a Wong supporter. In a primary questionnaire from the Link Letter, a Web site of conservative state politics, Wong answered "yes" when asked, "Is homosexuality a sin against God?"

But Eric Burns, campaign manager for Wong, said the long questionnaire was filled out by her campaign and that Wong never directly made that statement.

"She will represent her constituents effectively and equally," Burns said.

This week, Danburg supporters distributed materials including a flier touting the Democrat's support in the GOP. The literature featured a photo of Danburg with President George W. Bush and an endorsement from Don McAdams, a Republican and former Houston Independent School District board member in District 5.

"Lots of Republicans like Debra Danburg!" the flier states. It also details Danburg's votes to curb state taxes and a Houston Chronicle endorsement of Danburg.



Democrat **Debra Danburg**, known for many gay-friendly stances, faces Republican **Martha Wong** as voters on Nov. 5 choose a representative for state District 134, which includes much of Montrose.

## Patronella v. Wathen

Another Nov. 5 race that has gotten much attention from gays is the justice of the peace Precinct 1, Place 2 post sought by incumbent Judge David Patronella and challenger Alex Wathen.

Patronella, who is straight, is a Democrat supported by a number of gay activists, including gay political consultant Grant Martin, lesbian Houston City Council member Annise Parker, mayoral liaison Janine Brunjes, gay Houston attorney Mitchell Katine, and politically active gays such as Sue Lovell, Phyllis Frye and Mark Wood.

A Republican, Wathen is gay but has less support than Patronella among gay political activists. For example, the HGLPC endorsed the incumbent.

"We did endorse Patronella because we felt like he was qualified. He is gay friendly," Jones said this week.

Although Patronella's court does not hear gay cases, Jones said the judge has shown pro-gay stances with regard to the issues he does hear.

"He has steered those people that were being sued for back rent to AIDS service organizations that would help them with their rent. He keeps a list [of ASOs]," Jones pointed out. "He's primarily very qualified. The Houston Bar Association rates him as the most qualified judge in the county. He's also the busiest judge in the state."

"His opponent claims that his court isn't well run, but I think the attorneys in town would choose to disagree with Alex on that," Jones added.

Wathen has accused Patronella of failing to run an effective court.

In recent weeks, the judicial race has received publicity due to an anti-gay Republican activist.

Dave Wilson, founder of Houstonians For Family Values and a major backer of last fall's anti-gay City Prop. 2, has urged his fellow Republicans not to vote a straight ballot in order to withhold their vote from one gay GOP candidate — Wathen.

Wilson has sent automated phone calls to voters to encourage them to avoid voting a straight Republican ballot.

"Whether you like it or not, there is a state law that prohibits sodomy in the state of Texas, and having a judge who professes to have a lifestyle that violates state law — whether it's pedophilia, stealing, [or sodomy] — is wrong," Wilson told the Voice last week.

The judgeship precinct includes Montrose, but the fact that Wathen is gay is not enough for him to win the endorsement of gay political leaders, some say.

Wathen and Martin clashed recently when

Wathen compared Martin to Wilson, since Martin supports Patronella's re-election and Wilson opposes Wathen's election. Martin and Wilson are more accustomed to being on opposite sides of issues, since each worked on opposite sides of the City Prop. 2 battle last fall.

"Dave Wilson and his rather few followers want the same thing as Grant Martin: They would rather have a heterosexual Democrat than a gay Republican [judge]," Wathen said last week. "It's very interesting how Dave Wilson and Grant Martin have the exact same reasons here."

Martin said he simply believes that Patronella is more qualified than Wathen for the judgeship. "I think that what's best for our community is when we elect out, qualified candidates. Both those things are important," Martin said. "If someone is gay or lesbian and they're not out or they're not qualified, they set our community back."

## Perry v. Sanchez

At the state level, more than one election battle features candidates that appear to be on opposite sides of many gay issues. For governor, incumbent Gov. Rick Perry faces challenger Tony Sanchez.

Wealthy oilman Sanchez has support that includes consultant Martin, who worked on the Sanchez campaign during the Democratic primary. According to Martin, Sanchez supports gay issues such as domestic partner benefits; hate crimes laws; and a state Employment Non-Discrimination (ENDA) law.

Perry, a Republican, signed the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act into law in May 2001, although he was noncommittal on the issue until he gave it his signature. That measure strengthens the penalties for offenses against minorities including gays.

Many political observers, however, say Perry's overall support on gay issues is lukewarm.

The race for the Texas governor's office triggered a rift this year between leading gay groups in the state. Log Cabin Republicans of Texas criticized the HGLPC and the Austin Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus after both groups endorsed Sanchez.

"According to news reports, Sanchez was responsible for spreading rumors that Henry Cuellar is gay. Is this acceptable behavior in 2002 for any politician?" said Lorri Dennis, president of the Texas LCR. "Why can a candidate who plays upon homophobia fears to succeed receive caucus endorsements?"

In spring 2001, Sanchez sent a letter of apology to Cuellar, Texas Secretary of State, in relation to the incident to which Dennis referred. Private investigators hired by Sanchez's lawyer, who was looking into the origin of a reportedly threatening letter, told Cuellar's friends and family he is gay.

That prompted Sanchez's letter of apology, but he stopped short of apologizing to Cuellar for alleging that the secretary of state wrote the threatening letter to Sanchez, the Voice reported in April 2001.

Cuellar responded by saying that Sanchez needed to also apologize to Cuellar's family and publicly admit that he did suspect Cuellar of writing the letter.

## Cornyn v. Kirk

Another key state race for gay Texans is the competition for U.S. Senate between Democrat Ron Kirk and Republican John Cornyn.

Staunch Republican conservative Sen. Phil Gramm did not seek re-election this year to his Texas seat, leaving that post up for grabs.

Kirk is considered more sympathetic to gay voters. He has made several campaign stops in Houston to speak to a number of gay and gay-friendly supporters, including city council member Parker, liaison Brunjes, and consultant Martin.

In Dallas, Kirk is known for his gay-friendly attitude. He supports domestic partner benefits but has hedged on his support for civil unions. He told the Houston Voice this spring that he would want to study that issue more carefully.

He supports federal hate crimes legislation to include sexual orientation and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would outlaw bias in the workplace against individuals for factors including sexual orientation.

Cornyn, who took office as attorney general for the state in January 1999, previously served six years as a District Court judge in San Antonio. He was elected to the Texas Supreme Court in 1990; re-elected to that post in 1996, but resigned the next year to run for attorney general.

A Houston native, Cornyn has a political record that includes little that might reflect his potential to represent gay Texans. One anti-gay move by the candidate came in late 1999 when, as state attorney general, he ruled that county clerks are not required to accept registrations of same-sex domestic partnerships.

Cornyn's views on several gay-specific issues land opposite Kirk's generally gay-friendly stances. The candidates have discussed their differences including federal hate crime legislation and ENDA. While Kirk supports both, Cornyn opposes both, the Dallas Morning News reported.

Cornyn has said he supports the state's sodomy law, the so-called "homosexual conduct" law, while Kirk has given no opinion, the newspaper reported. As a Texas Supreme Court justice, Cornyn voted to throw out lower-court decisions that declared the law unconstitutional, according to the Morning News.

But Kirk and Cornyn both agree with the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy relating to gays serving in the military, the Morning News reported.

## Bell v. Reiser

Also on the upcoming ballot, Houstonians will choose a representative for U.S. Congress in District 25. Vying for that post are Democrat Chris Bell, a former Houston City Council member, and Republican Tom Reiser, an insurance company executive.

Having served two terms on the city council, Bell is known for several pro-gay stances. He supported the city's anti-bias bill, approved last year, which prohibits discrimination based on factors including sexual orientation. He also opposed City Prop. 2, which prevents the City of Houston from offering health insurance and other benefits to same-sex domestic partners of city employees.

Reiser also supports equal rights for all citizens, including gays, a spokesman for his campaign said this week.

**national news**

**Games focus on message despite continued money trouble**

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came only after a group of gay benefactors provided guarantees on the money through their own bank loans, according to the Sydney Herald.

Lange said in an interview Wednesday that she was confident Ticketek would release another \$300,000 this week.

"There is a historic boost in ticket sales in the last week of the games as attendees show up, and we're seeing that now," she said.

But Lange would not detail the updated sales figures.

Ticket prices range from \$8 for individual sporting events to \$85 for a premium seat at the opening ceremonies. The average attendee will pay about \$300 a week for official events, not including travel, hotel and meals, according to the Sydney Herald.

Organizers are considering scaling back the opening ceremonies, which is "by far the costliest" event to stage, to help save an estimated \$300,000 of the overall \$16 million budget for the Gay Games, Lange said.

In July 2001, the Federation visited Sydney to investigate what an internal memo cited as financial troubles of a "serious nature." After the visit, federation officials said they were "optimistic" about the games' monetary future.

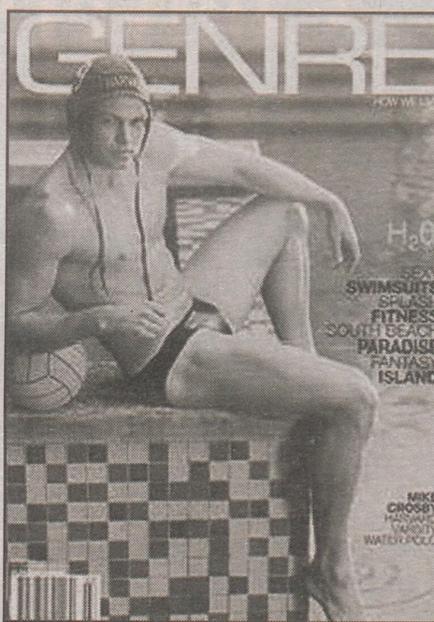


Despite money troubles, Gay Games VI attendees should expect to enjoy quality athletics, say fans. It is also not unusual for athletics to break records at the games.

In July of this year, the Sydney games' chief executive officer, Geoffrey Williams, resigned, and officials said the matter was considered "internal" and refused to offer details.

But monetary troubles aren't new to the Gay Games. As the games commenced in 1998, the director was fired for mismanagement, and host city Amsterdam swooped in with a \$2.5 million loan.

Early this month, Westpac Bank and the Sydney City Council declined to bail out the games.



Athletes to watch at Gay Games VI include Mike Crosby, the former Harvard water polo captain who is expected to lead the West Hollywood team to victory in Sydney. He was featured in a recent edition of Genre. (Photo courtesy Outsports.com/Genre)

But as organizers struggle to keep the games "message focused," sports enthusiasts have plenty of opportunities to enjoy quality athletics, said Jim Buzinski, co-founder of OutSports.com, a Web site for gay sports participants and fans.

"It's more about inclusion than being elite, and since people pay their own way, there are some terrific athletes not attending," Buzinski said.

Even so, legitimate Masters swim records fall regularly at the games, and fans should watch for men's and women's basketball to be "very competitive" as well, he said.

The U.S. offers the largest contingent of athletes from the 70 countries with registered participants.

High-profile athletes like Mike Crosby are scheduled to participate. Crosby is a former Harvard water polo captain featured on the cover of Genre magazine this summer. He is expected to lead the West Hollywood team to victory, according to Outsports.com co-founder Cyd Zigler, Jr.

Fans should also keep an eye out for the likes of tennis player Carlos Gambirazio, Mark Chambers of Long Beach Basketball, the 30-member Nadadores Swim Team from Miami, the Golden Gate Grapplers in wrestling and the Coors Light Colorado Climax in hockey.

"Every event has its share of marginal jocks for whom it is more important to show up than to win," Buzinski said. "I imagine that the gay rugby player who will march under the flag of his native Iraq will get a huge round of applause."

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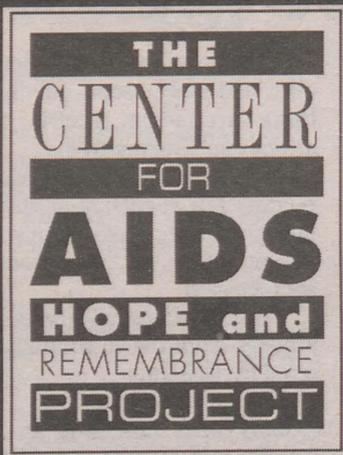
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**Ex-professional football player comes out in HBO interview**

NEW YORK — Esera Tuaolo, a defensive lineman who played in the 1998 Super Bowl with the Atlanta Falcons, came out as gay during an interview with HBO's "Real Sports" aired on Tuesday, according to the Associated Press. Tuaolo played for five NFL teams during his nine-year career. He said a major reason for his early retirement in 1999 was the difficulty and frustration inherent in keeping his sexual orientation secret. "They didn't know who Esera Tuaolo is," he said in the "Real Sports" interview. "What they saw was an actor." Tuaolo, 34, said players routinely told gay jokes in the locker room. "They made me go further and further into depression, further and further into shame. Sometimes, suicidal," he said. Sterling Sharpe, a teammate of Tuaolo with the Packers, told HBO that if Tuaolo had come out "he would have been eaten alive and he would have been hated for it." Only two other former NFL players have come out, according to the gay sports Web site Outsports.com. David Kopay acknowledged he is gay in 1975, followed by Roy Simmons in 1992. No player in the four major American sports of football, baseball, basketball and hockey has come out during his career. Tuaolo and his partner of five years, Mitchell Wherley, live in Minneapolis with their adopted twins, Outsports reported.



Esera Tuaolo, who played for the 1998 Atlanta Falcons during the team's run to the Super Bowl, publicly announced he is gay during an interview on HBO's 'Real Sports' this week. (Photo by AP)

**Mich. court reverses \$29.3 million ruling in 'Jenny Jones' case**

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Court of Appeals threw out a jury's \$29.3 million award against the "Jenny Jones Show," saying the talk show had no legal duty to protect a guest who was murdered after revealing a gay crush, according to the Associated Press. The appeals court, in a 2-1 ruling released Oct. 23, reversed the 1999 decision of an Oakland County jury that found the show's owner, Warner Bros., and its distributor, Telepictures, liable for the death of Scott Amedure. He was shot and killed by Jonathan Schmitz in 1995, three days after he revealed an attraction to Schmitz during a taping of the show. The segment never aired, and Schmitz is serving a 25- to 50-year prison sentence. Amedure's family sued the talk show, contending that Schmitz was ambushed and tricked into believing his secret admirer was a woman. The Court of Appeals said the show "may be regarded as the epitome of bad taste and sensationalism," but that wasn't enough to hold it liable for Amedure's death. Amedure's family plans to appeal.

**Calif. school apologizes for gay-inclusive 'Diversity Day'**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The principal of Goleta Valley Junior High School sent a letter to parents on Oct. 25 apologizing for not informing them in advance of the schedule of events and speakers for the school's "Diversity Day," the Santa Barbara News-Press reported. Among the speakers, which also included a Holocaust survivor and someone who is disabled, was Monica Arrambide, 30, who addressed anti-gay hate crimes. Angry parents complained to the school board on Oct. 23. "As Christians, we think it's very sad that this culture has come to a point where our dear little children have to think about these things," Evie Prohaska said. Principal Kristine Robertson sent the apology two days later, saying she did not intend "to disrespect the views of any parent or student."

**Kraft Foods sued for same-sex harassment of male workers**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The federal government sued Kraft Foods and a subsidiary on Oct. 25, alleging a male supervisor at a Birmingham distribution center sexually harassed and retaliated against other male workers, according to the Associated Press. In particular, the lawsuit alleges a male supervisor at Nabisco made sexual comments about other male workers, propositioned them for sex, touched and grabbed them, and sexually assaulted them. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed the class-action lawsuit against the food giant in U.S. District Court in Birmingham. The lawsuit names Kraft Foods North America Inc. and its recently acquired subsidiary, Nabisco Inc. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages for the workers. Company officials had no immediate comment.

**Boston City Council approves trans anti-bias law**

BOSTON — The Boston City Council voted Oct. 23 in favor of a bill adding "gender identity or expression" to the city's existing anti-discrimination laws, which already include "sexual orientation" as a protected category, the Boston Globe reported. The measure now awaits approval from Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "I don't know why we should be voting to prohibit something where there is no evidence that it exists," Councilor James Kelly said during an angry speech before the vote. Other City Council members disagreed. "If this ordinance protects just one of those people, then we've done something right," Councilor Maureen Feeney said. Some 56 local jurisdictions around the country, including Atlanta, ban gender identity discrimination, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

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# Oops! I lied about it again

Two years after being outed at a gay D.C. bar, notorious **John Paulk** returns to the Capitol City, expecting gays to believe his 'ex-gay' lies.

By WAYNE BESEN

**O**N NOV. 2, SHAMED "EX-gay" John Paulk will visit Washington with Focus on the Family's "Love Won Out" road show. This is Paulk's first visit to D.C. since I photographed him in a gay bar two years ago.

In an effort to spin the scandal, Focus unsuccessfully tried to place an ad in the Nov. 1 issue of *Washington Blade*, a sister newspaper to *Houston Voice*, that portrays his mishap at Mr. P's as a minor stumble on his holy path to heterosexuality.

But if Paulk were to address the GLBT community, I imagine this is how it would read:

DEAR SINNERS:

I'm back!

Sure, I can hear the skeptics doubting the attempt by Focus on the Family to repackage me as a happy heterosexual. They say it is like Ford reintroducing the Pinto.

After all, in my last rendezvous in the nation's capital, I was caught patronizing a homosexual saloon. Those mean homosexual activists didn't even let me finish my cocktail weeks before I had to abscond from Satan's Trap.

It may have appeared that I was having a gay old time that evening, but I was only in the bar to use the bathroom. OK, so that little white "John in the John" lie unraveled pretty quickly. Even the usually gullible fundamentalists knew it didn't take an hour to use the potty or require offering hunky men half-price drinks.

Actually, the real reason I was there was because at a low point in my life, I went back to a place where I felt comfortable. I know I may have once described my stint in gay life by saying, "I just felt very depressed and ... there was nothing to live for." The

Lord works in mysterious ways, I guess.

Fortunately, my little indiscretions are now in the past, and like Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, I am a born-again-born-again! Would I mislead you?

Well, there was this one time when I appeared in an "ex-gay" recruitment ad, with a large group of "ex-gays" under the headline, "Can homosexuals change? WE DID!"

Of course, I later admitted that when I appeared in this ad I was still struggling with homosexual fantasies. Oops, I did it again. But that was the last lie.

OK, I must fess up to one other tall male-tale. I was on this radio show chattering about how I left homosexuality. While bloviating, I looked up and *yummy!*, there was this lava hot guy working the board and I really wanted him, but somehow I avoided temptation.

I know that you might be wondering why I was on a show telling the world I changed my sexual orientation while cruising the male board-operator. That is kind of like a radio guest talking about the joys of vegetarianism, while munching on a hamburger from Fuddrucker's.

But oops, I did it again; I lied. Oh, Mary, I'm afraid I'm sounding like Britney Spears.

READ LEVITICUS, MY UNSAVED friends. It says a man shall not lie with a man as he does with a woman. I take the Bible literally, so I've been "lying" with my wife Anne ever since.

Remember that national "ex-gay" ad campaign in 1998? Anne appeared in a full-page ad in the *New York Times* and said, "By the time I hit my teens, ... I just wasn't attracted to men sexually."

Yet in our book she said that she once met a man and, "He appealed to me sexually. ... We were drawn together by

sheer animal magnetism." Good thing Anne isn't drawn to me with animal magnetism. We might actually have to do the yucky.

Sure, the American Psychiatric Association says that attempts to change sexual orientation can be harmful. And our "ex-gay" groups keep no statistics because most clients drop out faster than contestants on "Survivor."

But who are you going to believe, Anne and me or the experts? They might have the science on their side, but we've got Sugar Daddy Dobson buying expensive ads.

As I return to Washington, here is something for you unrepentant homosexuals to think about while dancing at Velvet Nation and sipping drinks at Mr. P's:

Nearly 20 years ago I was an acid-dropping, alcoholic prostitute. That all changed one evening when I looked up from the dance floor and saw Jesus speaking to me from a mirrored disco ball. From that moment on, I was on the path to 100-percent pure, unadulterated heterosexuality.

Oops, I lied again.

But forget about my latest tale. I'm a transformed creature in Christ. Trust me, I've changed. Honest.

In Truth,  
John Paulk

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# letters

## Wathen-Patronella race brings out the bizarre

To the Editor:

I first began to suspect that Houston had lost its collective mind when we voted to build a new \$250 million football stadium right next to the perfectly good Astrodome we already had. Now, I have proof that our city has lost its mind, and it comes from an entirely unexpected source.

Last week, a lawfully nominated Republican judicial candidate in Houston came under attack from members of his own party because he also happens to be gay ("Conservative political activist targets gay GOP candidate," Local news, Oct. 25).

Justice-of-the-Peace candidate Alex Wathen — who ran as an openly gay candidate for Houston City Council in 1999 and currently serves as president of the Houston chapter of the gay group Log Cabin Republicans — has just been "discovered" to be gay by some of the right-wing nuts in the Harris County GOP, and they are hopping mad about it.

They have taken county Republican Party leaders to task for "allowing a homosexual to remain on the ballot," and actually urged Republicans not to vote a straight-ticket. Ironically, voting a straight Republican ticket in this year's election means voting for a homosexual, and that is something Texas Republicans just can't abide. But that's not the pudding the proof is in.

Here's the GOP dilemma: If rank-and-file Republicans in Houston's Harris County — which has a population greater than that of 21 states — abandon straight-ticket voting in this election year, GOP leaders know the voters will freeze up like an armadillo in a West Texas blizzard when they get a look at the mind-boggling array of other races on the ballot. There are several dozen races between candidates most folks have never heard of running for specialized courts most folks don't know exist, and care little about.

So what are the members of the Daughters of the Confederacy's Sewing Circle and the East Texas Tobacco-Chewers' Club going to do when they go to the polls dutifully following their instructions to cast individual-race (as opposed to straight-ticket) ballots?

Well, they'll vote for governor and U.S. senator. But most of them will simply not vote at all in what are known among seasoned election-watchers as "down-ballot" races.

What's the result? Democratic straight-ticket voting could overwhelm Republican straight-ticket voting and sweep some Democrats into office from Texas' largest county even in Republican districts.

Most ironic of all, though, the Houston GOP right-wing's strategy has made some of the strangest political bedfellows since Strom Thurmond tripped on the Senate floor and fell face-first into Ted Kennedy's lap. Homophobic GOP'er Dave Wilson, who sounded the alarm that a homosexual had somehow made it onto the ballot as a Republican candidate, is now strangely on the same side as yellow-dog Democrat and gay politico Grant Martin.

Both would like to see Wathen lose, but for oddly opposite reasons. Martin, a well-known gay political activist and hero to the gay community for getting people like openly lesbian Houston City Council Member Annise Parker elected three times, somewhat disingenuously attacked Wathen for not being "out enough," citing that Wathen's Web site omits his sexual orientation. But so does Parker's, whose campaigns Martin managed, and who is about as "out" as you can get.

It is now clear that to conservative extremists, even a Democrat is better than a fag. Meanwhile, to gay extremists, even defeating one of their own is better than electing a Republican. The result is a bizzaro world in which the anti-gay Hotze contingent and the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus are now united in a single political objective.

Unification has come in the desire to defeat one relatively obscure candidate for the lowest judicial office in the entire state of Texas. However, with razor-thin margins in both houses of Congress and the Texas legislature, the fallout from this one race could potentially reach all the way to Washington.

If Dr. Zaius appears outside my cage or I see the broken right arm of the Statue of Liberty sticking up out of the surf while riding horseback on Galveston's Stewart Beach, maybe then I'll be able to figure out what happened.

Jeffrey L. Dorrell  
Houston



## Young gays in particular should vote next week

To the Editor:

I don't know of many prominent openly gay or lesbian candidates on the ballot this year. But I do know our community has a lot at stake.

As a young voter, I was amazed to learn recently that only 1 in 4 young people are actually registered to vote. In our community, that is very disconcerting. Gay men and lesbians have made a lot of progress over the past many years because of the hard work and sacrifice of others. I know things are easier for us now because of that, but we have a long way to go.

Young voter apathy is both a testament to how much easier things are but, at the same time, is also a barrier to the many things we are working for now. Gay teen

suicide, the increasing cases of HIV/AIDS in young people and job discrimination are issues that affect young members of the LGBT community. We can't count on others to continue to fight those battles for us.

Regardless of whether we are young gay Democrats or Republicans, I think we can all agree that issues like that are important to us. This Nov. 5 gives us the chance to have our voice heard. If only 1 in 4 of us are registered to vote, it is even more important for us to get to the polls. If not, whose opinion will matter more?

As someone who just recently registered to vote, I urge my friends to vote on election day. Even if one of our own isn't on the ballot, some of our friends are. We owe it to them to vote, but more than that, we owe it to ourselves.

Jeff Goss  
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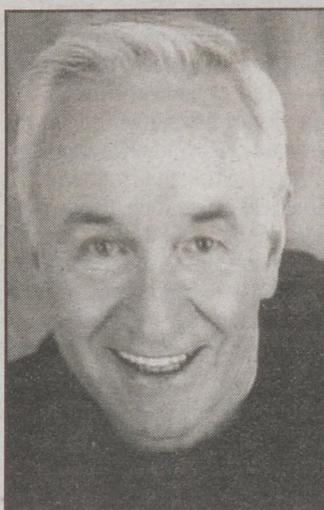
"It's like if I know someone and I found out that they voted for Bush. I associate that choice with something distasteful. I think 'oh yuck' and I want to go throw up."

*Folk singer Holly Near, who identified for years as a lesbian before entering into a long-term relationship with a man (Southern Voice, Oct. 25)*



"Why would Dave do this? I mean, I agree with him on the homosexual issue, and the party position on that is clear. But it is wrong for Republicans to send the message not to vote straight ticket."

*Harris County GOP Chairman Jared Woodfill, on efforts by Republican activist Dave Wilson to discourage votes for Alex Wathen, a GOP nominee for justice of the peace and president of the Houston Log Cabin Republicans (Houston Chronicle, Oct. 18)*



"To say [Father Mychal Judge] was gay after he was dead, and to say he said it, that's something I can't understand. There are a lot of people out there who are opportunists."

*Brian Mulheren, a retired New York City police detective who attended the autopsy of Judge, the New York Fire Department chaplain who was killed by debris from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 (New York Times, Sept. 27)*

"I said, 'Listen, Father Judge is a priest and people need to hold onto that myth.' How wonderful does it sound that he died giving the last rites to a firefighter?"

*Nancy Suhr, whose husband was given last rites by Judge minutes before Judge was killed by falling debris inside the lobby of the south tower of the World Trade Center; on requests that she correct the widely repeated story that Judge was killed while attending to her husband, a stricken firefighter (New York Times, Sept. 27)*

"The Civil Rights Team Project actually propagates prejudice and violence. The only minority group not given protection is students who have been taught to love God and honor his precepts."

*Karen Phillips, a parent in Grafton, W. Va., on an in-school anti-bullying program that teaches tolerance of gays but which conservative parents believe is anti-Christian (Associated Press, Oct. 17)*

"Most of my professors were lesbian and I felt an attraction toward them. They were strong women."

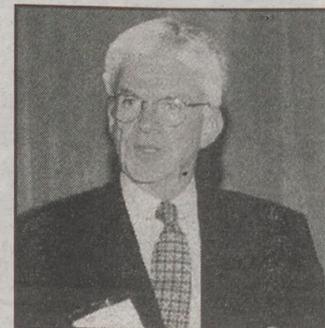
*Amy Tracy, former NOW press secretary, on the reasons she believed she came to identify as lesbian, only to later convert to Christianity and, she says, heterosexuality. She now works as a senior writer for Focus on the Family, a conservative lobby group. (Battalion, Texas A&M student newspaper, Oct. 18)*

"In the event of my death I do not want my children to be adopted by homosexuals."

*"Adoption Cards," proposed by London's conservative Christian Institute to be carried by parents, along with donor cards, to prevent the adoption of children by cohabitating gay couples (Guardian, Oct. 16)*

"I'm not a believer that an organization should reflect the population at large. There are enough dumb people at Ford as it is."

*Allan Gilmour, the vice chairman and chief financial officer of Ford Motor Co., who came out in 1994 after retiring from the company, only to be brought back in to clean up a \$5.5 billion financial mess, on efforts to promote diversity and additional employment opportunities for gays (Detroit Jewish News, Oct. 15)*



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**Does KALETRA reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?**

KALETRA does not reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Continue to practice safe sex and do not use or share dirty needles.

**How should I take KALETRA?**

- You should stay under a doctor's care when taking KALETRA. Do not change your treatment or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.
- You must take KALETRA every day exactly as your doctor prescribed it. The dose of KALETRA may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.
- Dosing in adults (including children 12 years of age and older): The usual dose for adults is 3 capsules (400/100 mg) or 5.0 mL of the oral solution twice a day (morning and night), in combination with other anti-HIV medicines.
- Dosing in children from 6 months to 12 years of age: Children from 6 months to 12 years of age can also take KALETRA. The child's doctor will decide the right dose based on the child's weight.
- Take KALETRA with food to help it work better.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking KALETRA without first talking with your doctor.
- When your KALETRA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to KALETRA and become harder to treat.
- Be sure to set up a schedule and follow it carefully.
- Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give KALETRA to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

**What should I do if I miss a dose of KALETRA?**

It is important that you do not miss any doses. If you miss a dose of KALETRA, take it as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose at its regular time. If it is almost time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Wait and take the next dose at the regular time. Do not double the next dose.

**What happens if I take too much KALETRA?**

If you suspect that you took more than the prescribed dose of this medicine, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

As with all prescription medicines, KALETRA should be kept out of the reach of young children. KALETRA liquid contains a large

amount of alcohol. If a toddler or young child accidentally drinks more than the recommended dose of KALETRA, it could make him/her sick from too much alcohol. Contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately if this happens.

**Who should not take KALETRA?**

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether KALETRA is right for you.

- Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. These could cause serious side effects that could cause death. Before you take KALETRA, you must tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking or are planning to take. These include other prescription and non-prescription medicines and herbal supplements.

For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please read the section titled "MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH KALETRA."

- Do not take KALETRA if you have an allergy to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including ritonavir or lopinavir.

**Can I take KALETRA with other medications?\***

KALETRA may interact with other medicines, including those you take without a prescription. You must tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking or planning to take before you take KALETRA.

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- Do not take KALETRA with St. John's wort (hypericum perforatum), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or planning to take St. John's wort. Taking St. John's wort may decrease KALETRA levels and lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to KALETRA or cross-resistance to other anti-HIV medicines.

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It is possible that your doctor may need to increase or decrease the dose of other medicines when you are also taking KALETRA. Remember to tell your doctor all medicines you are taking or plan to take.

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- If you are taking oral contraceptives ("the pill") to prevent pregnancy, you should use an additional or different type of contraception since KALETRA may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

- Efavirenz (Sustiva™) or nevirapine (Viramune®) may lower the amount of KALETRA in your blood. Your doctor may increase your dose of KALETRA if you are also taking efavirenz or nevirapine.

- If you are taking Mycobutin® (rifabutin), your doctor will lower the dose of Mycobutin.

**A change in therapy should be considered if you are taking KALETRA with:**

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These medicines may lower the amount of KALETRA in your blood and make it less effective.

**Other Special Considerations:**

KALETRA oral solution contains alcohol. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or planning to take metronidazole or disulfiram. Severe nausea and vomiting can occur.

- If you are taking both didanosine (Videx®) and KALETRA:** Didanosine (Videx®) should be taken one hour before or two hours after KALETRA.

**What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?**

- This list of side effects is not complete. If you have questions about side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You should report any new or continuing symptoms to your doctor right away. Your doctor may be able to help you manage these side effects.

- The most commonly reported side effects of moderate severity that

are thought to be drug related are: abnormal stools (bowel movements), diarrhea, feeling weak/tired, headache, and nausea. Children taking KALETRA may sometimes get a skin rash.

- Blood tests in patients taking KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. Liver problems including death have occurred in patients taking KALETRA. In studies, it is unclear if KALETRA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines.

- Some patients taking KALETRA can develop serious problems with their pancreas (pancreatitis), which may cause death. You have a higher chance of having pancreatitis if you have had it before. Tell your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain. These may be signs of pancreatitis.

- Some patients have large increases in triglycerides and cholesterol. The long-term chance of getting complications such as heart attacks or stroke due to increases in triglycerides and cholesterol caused by protease inhibitors is not known at this time.

- Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) occur in patients taking protease inhibitors such as KALETRA. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients need changes in their diabetes medicine. Others needed new diabetes medicine.

- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking anti-retroviral therapy. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

- Some patients with hemophilia have increased bleeding with protease inhibitors.

- There have been other side effects in patients taking KALETRA. However, these side effects may have been due to other medicines that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Some of these side effects can be serious.

**What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?**

- If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant:** The effects of KALETRA on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known.

- If you are breast-feeding:** Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that HIV can be transmitted through breast-feeding.

- If you have liver problems:** If you have liver problems or are infected with Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, you should tell your doctor before taking KALETRA.

- If you have diabetes:** Some people taking protease inhibitors develop new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Tell your doctor if you have diabetes or an increase in thirst or frequent urination.

- If you have hemophilia:** Patients taking KALETRA may have increased bleeding.

**How do I store KALETRA?**

- Keep KALETRA and all other medicines out of the reach of children.
- Refrigerated KALETRA capsules and oral solution remain stable until the expiration date printed on the label. If stored at room temperature up to 77°F (25°C), KALETRA capsules and oral solution should be used within 2 months.
- Avoid exposure to excessive heat.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

**General advice about prescription medicines:**

Talk to your doctor or other health care provider if you have any questions about this medicine or your condition. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information Leaflet. If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you information about this medicine that was written for health care professionals. Do not use this medicine for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not share this medicine with other people.

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# Out on the Bayou

## Gay crusader

Soulforce co-founder Rev. Mel White brings his message of nonviolent action to Houston

By ERIC ERVIN

**T**HE REV. MEL WHITE, CO-FOUNDER and executive director of Soulforce, will be in Houston from Nov. 1-4 for a weekend in which he will deliver sermons, speeches and presentations geared toward the acceptance of gays.

Soulforce, a non-profit organization, has its headquarters in Laguna Beach, Calif. White founded the group with his more than 20-year life partner Gary Nixon in 1998.

The group is named for Gandhi's teachings of satyagraha, or soul force, which is defined as "a plan of action that develops inner lives while working to transform society," according to the organization's Web site.

Soulforce operates as an ecumenical network of volunteers who are committed to teaching and applying the principles of nonviolence promoted by Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. on behalf of sexual minorities.

White, who is a Christian minister, author and filmmaker, believes he was called to work directly with religious leaders and others to bring the truth to them about homosexuality.

"We must continue fighting the anti-gay political actions. We must continue helping those who suffer," White says.

"But we must also work to cut off suffering at its source," he adds. "That's why we launched Soulforce."

White cites misinformation as one of the reasons behind prejudice toward gay men and lesbians.

"The toxic rhetoric flows unabated, primarily from sincere but misinformed religious leaders," White explains. "It is poisoning the national discourse, dividing homes and churches, ruining families and wasting lives."

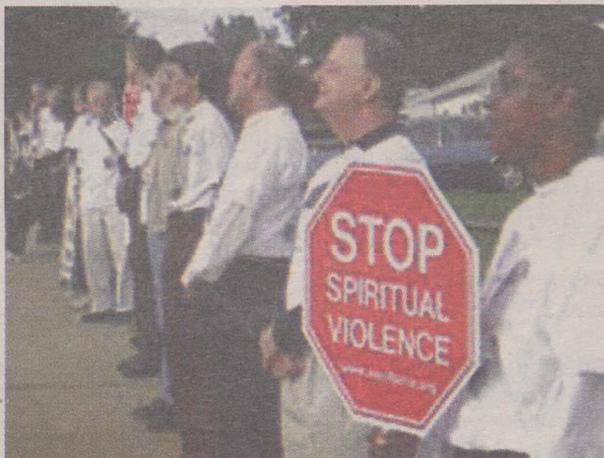
"We must do our best to stop that flow of poison at its source, and the 'soul force' rules of nonviolent resistance show us how," he says.

Soulforce plans to approach individuals, including ministers, about changing their views on gay men and lesbians.

### White vs. Falwell

One of the most notable ministers the group has approached is conservative minister and televangelist Rev. Jerry Falwell. Notorious for his condemnation of gays, Falwell once alleged that Tinky Winky of the popular Teletubbies children's show was gay.

"When we met with Falwell and his supporters in 1999, he promised us that he would tone down his



Above: White led members of Soulforce last weekend in a pride festival and protests near anti-gay Rev. Jerry Falwell's church in Lynchburg, Va. Right: Gay activist Rev. Mel White, pictured here with his partner, Gary Nixon, is in Houston this week for a flurry of public engagements.

rhetoric against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people," White says. "We have been carefully monitoring his untruths, and it has only gotten worse. We cannot let this misinformation go unanswered."

In September, White and Nixon leased a home directly across the street from Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

"Is this [move to Lynchburg] a publicity stunt?" White asks. "Yes! It's getting publicity for the fact that Jerry Falwell has made gays and lesbians suffer by saying that gays are sinners."

The couple has been attending services at the church every Sunday. Falwell has refused to meet with members of Soulforce again, but has said in interviews that all are welcomed to his church.

"Falwell is the caricature of far-right, anti-gay venom," White says. "But even the mainstream churches exclude GLBT people. They're 'Jerry lite.'"

Falwell did not reply to interview requests by press time, but in the Sept. 19 edition of "The Falwell Confidential," he wrote about White's move to his neighborhood.

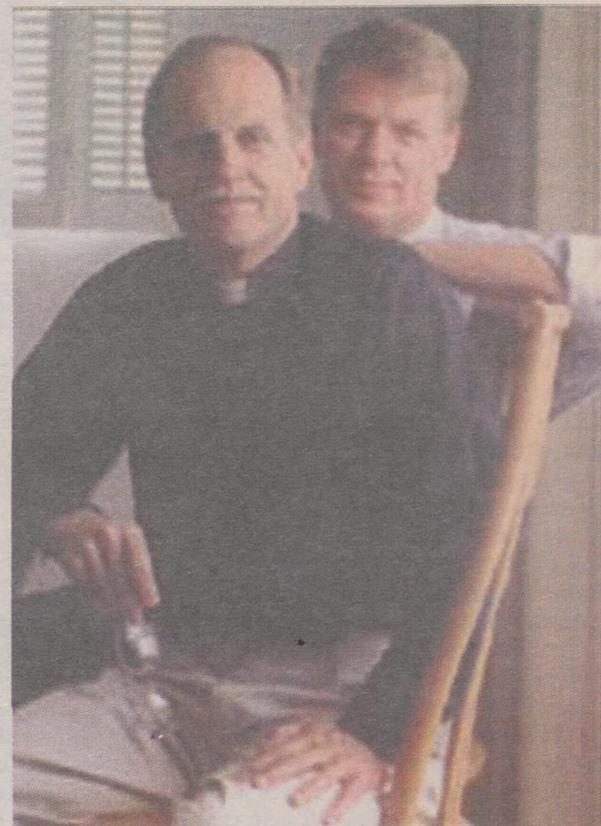
"Their quest is to compel our church members and me to alter our biblical stance that homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle," Falwell wrote. "I wonder if they honestly believe that TRBC [Thomas Road Baptist Church] members will suddenly reject unambiguous biblical teachings simply because they see Mel and his boyfriend out walking their dog."

Most of the churches and clergy in Lynchburg don't welcome gays, but the town's liberals have been hospitable to White and Nixon, White says.

"My name's in the phone book. I haven't had one hostile call," White notes. "A Jewish couple brought us a lemon cake and an African-American woman shouted out of her car, 'You go boys! God loves you.'"

White used his media acumen to gather publicity for his spiritual encounter with Falwell. Media outlets from the Lynchburg local press to "The Economist" in London have written about his move to Falwell country.

"Jerry paints us as a threat to the world," White



says. "Sure, I'm putting myself in harm's way with my face in the paper. Gays will think I'm crazy. Straights will think I'm sinful."

"But it's worth it," he adds. "People will see us as a loving couple. We put our flag up everyday. They'll see we're Americans, too."

Falwell and White weren't always adversaries. Before coming out as gay in 1993, White was a ghostwriter for

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Rev. Mel White

#### Saturday, Nov. 2

9 a.m.-noon  
"Soulforce Nonviolence & Creating Positive Change"  
Free workshop • Bering Memorial United Methodist Church • 1440 Harold St.

#### Sunday, Nov. 3

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
"On Being Liberal in a Conservative World" • Free sermons  
First Unitarian Universalist Church • 5200 Fannin  
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Christ Church Cathedral  
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#### Monday, Nov. 4

11:30 a.m.  
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Interfaith Alliance for Inclusiveness  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
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## out on the bayou

# White combats 'toxic rhetoric' against gays

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Falwell. But despite the alliance, White was not a right-wing conservative in his closeted days.

"I was raised by liberal Democrats," White recalls. "I'd written books and worked in film. My agent Irving [Swiftly] Lazar asked me to ghostwrite Jerry's books. Because I'd studied religion, he thought I'd understand Falwell."

But while he was a liberal when he wrote for Falwell, White admits he was still ashamed of his sexual orientation.

Civil rights were the buzzwords of the day, but "everyone, Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal, thought homosexuality was sick," White says.

Soulforce often engages in civil disobedience to end homophobia in churches, White admits. "We hold up signs, block entrances to churches," he says. "But this makes people scared of us. It plays into Falwell's hand."

Living across the street from Falwell may prove a better way to change the church, White notes.

"Through the press, it's created a dialogue," White says. "[Falwell is] very political. When segregation became politically incorrect, Falwell's church welcomed African-Americans. His church has women in leadership positions."

If enough of Falwell's flock begins to



Rev. Mel White (right), the founder of a gay religious movement, recently moved next door to the Virginia church of Rev. Jerry Falwell, the anti-gay minister who once said Teletubby Tinky Winky is gay. The two are pictured during a 1999 press conference. (Photo by AP)

accept gays, "Jerry's church will welcome gays and lesbians," White says.

### First pride event in Lynchburg, Va.

Last weekend, White led the first-ever gay pride festival in Falwell's hometown.

"Rev. Falwell is a prime nationwide source of untruth about homosexuals, and this week went a long way toward presenting the truth that God, who created us, loves us just the way we are," says Diane G. Westbrook, co-chair of last weekend's events.

Hundreds of people converged on Riverside Park in Lynchburg for "OUT and ABOUT in Lynchburg." Activists stood in prayerful vigil for four hours outside Falwell's church. Vigilers also stood with signs and banners that read "Stop Spiritual Violence," "Southern Baptist Teachings are Killing God's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Children," and several others, including quotes from Gandhi.

"The purpose of the weekend events was to alert, educate, and begin to mobilize the residents of Lynchburg to stand up and speak out against the toxic rhetoric spoken by Christian fundamentalists like Rev. Jerry Falwell," White says. "The pride event celebrated who we are and who God created us to be. The vigils called attention to the fact that fundamentalist rhetoric leads to violence and suffering for God's GLBT children."

Thousands of pamphlets written by White, titled "What the Bible Says — and Doesn't Say — About Homosexuality," were distributed throughout Lynchburg during the pride event, passed out in front of Falwell's church and handed to individuals in a door-to-door campaign earlier in the week.

### Years leading to activism

In 1993, White came out publicly as dean at the Dallas Cathedral of Hope of

the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

He proclaimed in a sermon, "I am gay. I am proud and God loves me without reservation."

He was awarded the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award for his work to apply soul force principles.

White has done graduate work in communications and film at the University of Southern California. He was a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary for over a decade. During that time he also worked as an evangelical pastor.

White has produced, written and directed 53 documentary films and television specials. He has written 16 books, of which nine have been best sellers.

Before he came out, White ghost-wrote for evangelicals including Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jim Bakker, in addition to Falwell.

Kathi Wolfe contributed to this story.

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Although set in Revolutionary times, this look at Benedict Arnold reflects political issues today

### 'General' topics resonate

THE QUESTION ASKED BY PLAYWRIGHT Richard Nelson in his well-constructed and engaging play, "The General From America," now playing at the Alley Theatre, seems simple: How did Benedict Arnold become revolutionary America's most infamous soldier?

The exploration of possible answers to this fundamental inquiry sheds some light for those concerned with the present-day imperfections in American politics.

Arnold was, for a period of time after his heroics at the Battle of Saratoga, one of the most celebrated soldiers in the nation. Even commander-in-chief George Washington held him in high regard as a great patriot of the rebel cause.

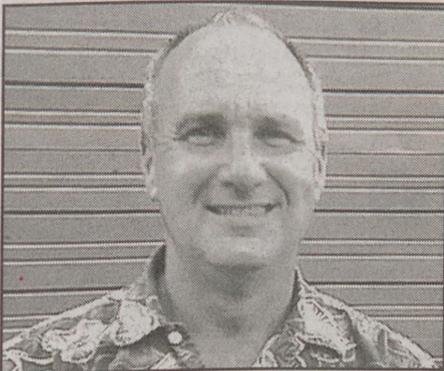
Married to a beautiful young society woman and military governor of Philadelphia, Arnold seemed to have it all going for him. But the politics of those times, especially the issue of loyalty to the cause, was chaotic and merciless. One could fall out of favor for having merely danced with the British years prior to the revolution. And with the currency free-falling in value daily, the commitment to defend the new country was tested severely.

Finally, for Arnold, the loss of his leg in the war only served as conclusive evidence of his personal sacrifice, and his ultimate right to untarnished honor.

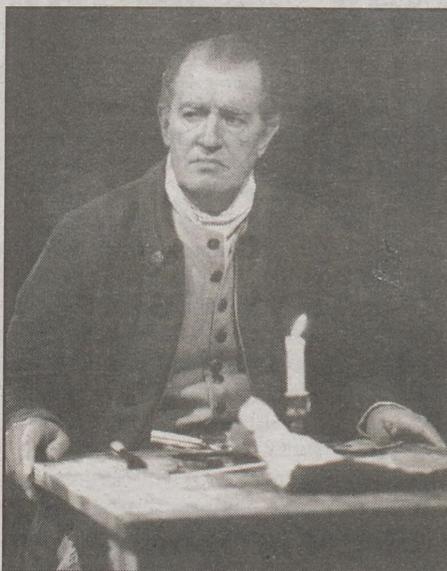
But, for whatever reason — likely either the pregnancy of his new wife or the desire to regain the financial standing of his family — Arnold chose to make some shady deals as governor. Those deals led to a rebuke from Washington and a demotion to commander of Fort West Point.

IT IS AT THIS POINT WHERE THIS PLAY really gets interesting. How is the former hero going to handle this public humiliation? Were his acts truly corrupt, or was it just expedient for Washington to use him to appease war financiers? Was Arnold's final betrayal ultimately an act of envy of Washington's popularity? Or was poor Arnold just way over his head after winning the Battle of Saratoga?

The audience is bound to be reminded



British actor and Alley Associative Artist Colin Redgrave portrays Benedict Arnold in Tony Award winning playwright Richard Nelson's current production at Alley Theatre. (Photo by T. Charles Erickson)



Colin Redgrave plays Benedict Arnold in the engaging production of Richard Nelson's 'The General From America.' (Photo by T. Charles Erickson)

of several situations in classical literature when they see this play. Homer's "The Illiad," with Achilles' withdrawal from the battle because he was dishonored by Agamemnon, is an example. Dante's "Divine Comedy," with Judas at the lowest level of hell next to Satan because of his betrayal of Jesus, also comes to mind.

Honor and betrayal certainly are two issues as relevant today in terrorism-targeted America as during revolutionary times. Add the profiteering by corporate leaders now on the front pages of America's newspapers and you have in "The General From America" a strangely topical play.

The actors and actresses at the Alley totally draw the audience into their story. Their portrayals of legendary American patriots and rogues leaving nothing to the imagination, so true to life they seemed. With playwright and director Richard Nelson's use of minimal staging, the production nevertheless offers the feel of a setting rich with colonial mansions and historical sites.

Lighting designer James Ingalls is to be applauded for the creation of a variety of spaces and emotions due to his effective use of lighting. Uses of the stage offer the audience something many will have never seen before, and will remember for quite some time.

This play offers Houston theater-goers a chance to revisit American heritage, and a reminder that current events may not be so far removed from those so soon after our nation's birth.

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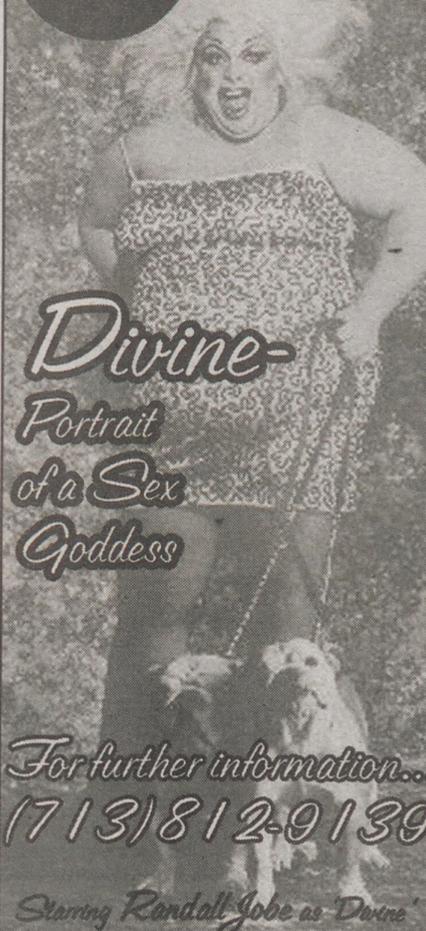
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## books JONATHAN LERNER

Weak editing, scattered voices make  
anthology of Jewish coming out stories  
uneven at best, annoying at worst moments.

## Gay Jews finding their own

I COME FROM A FAMILY OF JEWS WHO are highly educated, politically progressive, culturally sophisticated and religiously unobservant. Still, it was — at least in part — a pressure I imagined from my family that kept me from coming out until I was 42.

Before I came out, when I longed to do so, I would close my eyes and see my family arrayed accusingly before me. When I finally did it, their reactions were more like, "So? We're supposed to be surprised? Got a boyfriend?"

Now I think my fear mostly expressed conflict about not having children and thus not perpetuating our family-centered culture. Not doing one's part in that weighs heavily — even for an assimilated American Jew like me.

I know lots of gay non-Jews with horror stories of being cut off cold by their parents or siblings, or allowed home for Christmas only if they leave their partners and true lives elsewhere.

But aside from ultra-Orthodox Jews — who are as rabidly homophobic as fundamentalists of any persuasion — it seems that Jewish families generally embrace their queer children, if not always as smoothly as mine did.

"Perhaps it is the Jewish mentality about how to treat other people — even if one considers them a sinner," says Lawrence Schimel, who edited the new anthology "Found Tribe: Jewish Coming Out Stories." "Judaism is a rather welcoming and humane religion.

"It may also have something to do with the rampant anti-Semitism in the world," he adds. "Even a homosexual Jew is one more Jew to stand beside you in the face of that hate."

OF COURSE, NOT REJECTING A GAY son is not necessarily the same thing as making peace with him, as Jonathan Wald illustrates in his memoir of family madness, "Fighting in Restaurants," the most sparkling and writerly story in Schimel's collection.

Wald describes arguments he had with his parents over dinner in a series of fashionable eating places. At one, surrounded by tuxedoed and gowned opera-goers, he picks a fight with his mother because, before he came out, she ignored all the clues he tried to leave, and never asked if he was gay.

"People who love each other ask each other questions," Wald yells at his mother in the vignette.

The opera-going diners just stare pityingly. "Stars Café was not a stage; we weren't in a scene, we were only making one," Wald writes.



Author and editor Lawrence Schimel usually does noteworthy and readable work. But while the premise of his latest "Found Tribe: Jewish Coming Out Stories" is intriguing, the final result is uneven.

I WISH I COULD SAY THAT ALL THE entries in this very uneven book were as sharp as Wald's.

David Bergman usefully penetrates the political conundrum of being gay and Jewish, given the Jewish tradition of social involvement and the more contemporary phenomenon of identity politics.

Steve Greenberg reveals the torment of being a gay Orthodox rabbi — an especially resonant rumination in the context of the present turmoil in the Catholic priesthood. And there are several evocative, bittersweet coming-out narratives that don't strive to be more than personal tales.

But overall, the book's editing is regrettably weak. And I'm not just talking about the unconscionable number of typographical errors.

Although its subtitle might imply otherwise, all the pieces of "Found Tribe" are by men, and many can't seem to stick to the topic. In Julian Padilla's story, for instance, Jewishness seems barely relevant, but then the writer is 15 years old and a recent convert.

Perhaps the varied skill of the writers reflects a desire on Schimel's part to make the book widely inclusive, a place for all kinds of gay Jewish voices. A noble idea; but I get the feeling that he never sent a single manuscript back to its author for refinement.

If the intersection of male gayness with Jewishness interests you, you'll get more out of Schimel's earlier anthology "Kosher Meat." Its stories are all about sex. And we know how revealing that can be.

### **i** MORE INFO

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# Don't miss Indika

AS WE STEPPED INSIDE THE DOORWAY of this turreted cottage set well back from busy Memorial Drive, I knew Indika wasn't going to be just another Indian restaurant.

A warm polished wood entryway and slate bar opened into the stylish saffron-hued dining room. An elegant selection of handpicked Indian art and silks decorated the walls. Pleasing arched doorways and a long line of windows added an airy touch.

But my favorite part of the décor this particular Friday evening was a spot-lit row of three large vases on red Indian silk, each containing a red-edged banana-like leaf set in water and a single rose floating on top. An unusual combination, they were breathtaking and graceful, just like Restaurant Indika itself.

As we settled into our table, I broke off a bit of papadam from the generous basket supplied, and dipped it into the accompanying tamarind sauce. Crispy papadam mingled with the rich, sweet and tart, almost plummy sauce. Oh, this was good! The usual sluggish drive out on traffic-plagued I-10 became a distant memory.

We ordered a couple of starters for the table. One of my friends insisted on trying the crabmeat samosas (\$8). I was hesitant, as I often feel let down by samosas, but these had none of the heavy stodginess I feared. The two light, flaky pastries held generous servings of chunky, tender crabmeat. Accompanied by a zesty papaya ginger chutney and salty wilted greens, they danced with flavor.

The samosas were good, but my favorite was the chicken chaat salad (\$7). Fresh greens with a yogurt-cilantro-cumin dressing held thin slices of tandoor-roasted chicken breast, translucent red onion, crouton-like crunchy fried dough, and a sprinkling of pomegranate seeds. Salty, sweet, crunchy, and colorful, this salad epitomizes the exciting neo-Indian cuisine of owner and chef Anita Jaisinghani.

JAISINGHANI, A FORMER PASTRY chef at Café Annie, has managed to turn this funky, out-of-the-way house into one of the most exciting restaurants in Houston. Creatively updating traditional recipes, she has fashioned a thoroughly modern Indian menu. A carefully selected wine list adds to the experience — you know you're in a fine restaurant.

Her creativity showed in our entrees. The duck tandoori in a toasted almond curry (\$19) was tender yet kept its crispy skin, and the curry was rich with almond, cumin and cloves. Almond slices and currants provided crunchy and sweet counterpoints. Fragrant basmati rice and crisp haricots verts tossed with garlic supplied a tasty complement.

The pork loin vindaloo (\$16) was fan-your-mouth hot, but tender, and underneath

the heat was a complex sauce. The accompanying coconut rice helped cool the burn, and the crunchy cauliflower and red bell peppers added texture.

Our favorite that evening was the grilled chicken breast with mango chutney filling in a tomato cream sauce (\$16). No simple sauce this; garam masala and fenugreek added a distinctive Indian essence and chili a spicy undertone. Roasted potatoes with a hint of mustard seed were a worthy accompaniment, especially

with the delicious haricots verts.

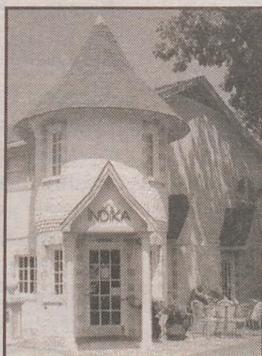
As an added bonus, a small bowl of spicy, rich, dark brown daal was served with each entrée, and we shared a stack of buttery, hot naan.

MY FRIEND WHO ORDERED THE CHICKEN was so entranced with the sauce that she asked for the recipe — and she got it. Jaisinghani handwrote the recipe herself and brought it over to our table, taking time to explain some of the more mysterious ingredients. Part of Indika's charm is Jaisinghani's relaxed accessibility and openness with her customers.

Thankfully, we saved a little room for dessert. We loved the Grand Marnier cake with mango mousse and blackberry coulis (\$6). Crispy outside and moist inside, the delicate flavored cake was enhanced by the superb, airy mango mousse.

The bread pudding with Valrhona chocolate and cardamom crème anglaise (\$6) was exquisite. A chewy-crispy top gave way to a creamy center and contrasting bittersweet chocolate. Dipped in the creamy cardamom crème anglaise, it was perfection. Almost as a parting gift, a plate of cardamom butter cookies arrived with the bill, providing a gentle end to the meal.

Restaurant Indika is an exciting addition to the Houston dining scene. With a nod to Indian standards, it builds on them, tweaks them and comes up with something entirely new, yet familiar. It's complex, stylish and definitely not to be missed.



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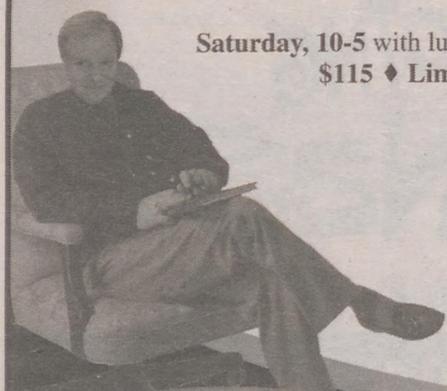
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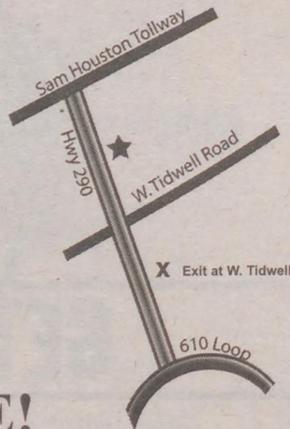
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Preparing plants for winter  
takes more than just a plan  
to bring them in to avoid frost

## Cold weather approaches

I SPENT MUCH OF LAST WEEK driving from Minneapolis to Houston along the scenic route. Although the sky was overcast for most of the trip, I got my first real look at the northern phenomenon of "fall color."

I've seen plenty of pictures, but since I've lived in Houston or even warmer climates for almost all my life, I've never seen entire forests of trees with red, orange, yellow and purplish leaves. It is indeed spectacular, especially when the view includes the Mississippi River.

And, since we followed the Mississippi River until St. Louis, the terrain wasn't totally flat. In some places, trees grew all the way up the sides of very steep hills. I don't know where they found enough soil to sustain themselves, but they did.

It rarely freezes before mid-December, but the earliest freeze in Houston was in late October in the mid-1970s. So, it is time to start getting ready.

There are some, though not many, trees that do well in Houston and have colorful fall leaves, and this trip made me think about planting some. I've never been inclined to before. I think the best effect will come from a group of trees against a background of a building or evergreen trees.

Crepe myrtles and Japanese maples are small trees that, depending on their variety, have colorful leaves. Of the larger trees, sweet gum, Chinese tallow, red oaks, elms and Bradford pears can be counted on to produce red, yellow or orange leaves, regardless of the weather. The prettiest color comes when there is a very cool spell in the early fall.

There are other trees that are reported to have colorful leaves in the fall, sycamore for example, but I think the color they turn is ugly. I'd just as soon they turn brown. If you are buying a tree for colorful leaves, go shopping now. That way you can see exactly what color the foliage will be.

I also saw some beautiful conifers, probably spruces, but most spruces do not grow here at all. It gets too hot and also doesn't get cold enough. Before you buy a "living" Christmas tree, find out if it will grow here. Most will not.

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF plants that need cold weather, if you want to grow fruit trees, learn how many "chill hours" the variety you want to plant requires. Fruit trees flower when

they have been exposed to a certain number of chill hours, which are hours that the temperature is between 45 and 32 degrees. Urban and southern Harris County may get only 300 to 400 hours in a winter that are cold enough, while the western and northern suburbs may get as many as 600.

If you bought an apple tree from a mail order source that hasn't produced apples after four or five years, this is the problem. You haven't had enough chilling. But, if you get a variety that requires too few chill hours, it will come into bloom before the last freeze. There are some varieties of apple, peach, plum, pear, persimmon, and Aisin pears that will grow and produce fruit here. There are also dwarf varieties that can be planted in small gardens or large pots.

It rarely freezes before mid-December, but the earliest freeze in Houston was in late October in the mid-1970s. So, it is time to start getting ready. You don't want to be shown on TV standing in line to buy frost cloth.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO is make sure that everything is mulched. Two to three inches of mulch keeps the soil from freezing and holds water in. A plant that is well hydrated will handle a freeze much better, so when a freeze is predicted, go water everything that is the least bit dry. Check the way the leaves of your plants feel now. This is how they feel when they are well hydrated. Plants use far less water in the winter, so be careful not to over-water. I rarely water in the winter except when a freeze is expected.

Find an area of your house, patio or garage where you can move your tropical plants. This should be a place sheltered from the wind and not in a low spot. For the freeze last March, I moved all my outdoor potted plants flat against the side of the house, made a barricade with my left-over political signs, covered them with old mattress pads and frost cloth and left the flood light on. It worked fine.

Many tropical plants, especially those from the spathe family such as Chinese evergreen, suffer when the temperature falls below 50, so find a warm spot for these plants now. If you are moving a plant inside, shake it down to be sure you don't bring bugs and lizards into the house. Lizards will die inside.

I'll be leading a discussion about getting ready for freezing weather this Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. at the Meyerland Teas, 4545 Beechnut. It is free. I'll talk about cold-tolerance of specific plants, anti-desiccant sprays, kelp, phosphorus and more. The public is welcome to attend.

# community calendar

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**Houston Outdoor Group.** Breakfast at Luby's, 11250 Northwest Freeway. For more information, call Howard or Terry, 713-528-6174.

**HOG Campout.** Boykin Springs Campout is planned for Nov. 8-10. For more information, call Ed, 713-529-6661.

**Rainbow Ranglers.** "Big Dawgs in Cowtown," "Ropin' Weenies" eighth anniversary party, 7 p.m. Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. Free food, games, entertainment. 713 682-4165.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**All-Spanish Worship Service/Noche Espiritual** 6 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2026 W. 11th. 713-303-3409 or 713-861-9149.

**After Hours.** KPFT 90.1 FM. 1-4 a.m.

**Dignity mass.** 7:30 p.m. for gay Catholics. 713-880-2872.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 11 p.m.-2 a.m. at Viviana's. 713-830-3000.

**Gay & Lesbian Breakfast Club.** 9:30 a.m. 281-437-0636.

**Houston Wrestling Club.** Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.

**Q-Patrol.** Volunteers walk the streets to help prevent hate crimes. 9:30 p.m. Convene at community center. 713-528-SAFE. E-mail: qpatrolinc@aol.com

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.** Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop-in, noon-5 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Bering Memorial United Methodist Church.** Services at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 713-526-1017.

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Services at 11 a.m., for children at 10:50 a.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808. The center also has commitment ceremonies, metaphysical bookstore and classes.

**Community Gospel.** Service at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School for children 10 a.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.

**Community of Kindred Spirits in Beaumont.** Worship at 6 p.m. 1575 Spindletop Ave., Beaumont, Texas. 409-813-2055. E-mail: cksrev3@netzero.net

**Covenant Church, Ecumenical, Liberal Baptist.** Service 9:30 a.m. & education hour 11 a.m. 713-668-8830.

**Emerson Unitarian Church.** Adult education, 10 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. Lunch at noon. www.emersonhou.org.

**First Congregational Church (Memorial).** Service at 10 a.m. Christian Education, 11:30 a.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.

**First Unitarian Universalist Church.** Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Brunch at 10:30 a.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 9 p.m.-midnight at Club Inergy. 713-830-3000.

**Gay Catholics of St. Anne's-Houston.** 5 p.m. worship service. Dinner and social. alexcam@wt.net. 713-623-0930.

**GLOBAL.** Gay Lesbian Or Bisexual Alliance. University of Houston GLBT student group meeting, 2 p.m. at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.uh.edu/~global. E-mail: global@bayou.uh.edu.

**Grace Lutheran Church.** Sunday school for all ages 9 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-528-3269.

**Houston Tennis Club.** 9 a.m.-noon. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

**Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church.** 10 a.m. service. 3333 Fannin, Suite 106. 713-528-6756.

**Resurrection MCC.** Services, 9 and 11 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School, 10 a.m. Children's service, 11 a.m. 713-861-9149.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.** Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 7:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:55 a.m.; Education hour, 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist, 11 a.m. 713-528-6665.

**Sunday Brunch.** For HIV-positive men. 11 a.m. Riva's, 1117 Missouri St. Paul, 713-880-0690. e-mail: PoznBuff@aol.com.

**The Women's Group.** Meeting and discussion. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.

**Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation.** Adult discussion, 9 a.m. Service, 11:15 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.

**Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County.** 502 Church St. Service, 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.

**Unitarian Fellowship of Houston.** Adult forum, 10 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop-in, 2-6 p.m. • GLBT Community Church with Rev. Melissa Wood: Bible study, 10-10:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.geocities.com/glbtc • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### EVERY MONDAY

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Meditation (drop-in), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808.

**Free HIV Testing.** Houston Area Community Services. 9 a.m.-noon at Joseph-Hines Clinic, 1710 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. 713-526-0555, ext. 231, 227 or 226.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m.-midnight. Keys West. 713-830-3000.

**Frost Eye Clinic.** Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.

**Gay Fathers/Fathers First.** Support group. 8-9:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church. Tom, 713-726-8736.

www.geocities.com/gaydadshouston/

**Grief & Divorce Support Groups.** 7 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

**Kolbe Project.** Eucharist 7:30 p.m. 713-861-1800.

**Montrose Clinic.** Offers weekly peer support groups for gay and bisexual men with HIV. Spanish speaking group meets, 6:30 p.m. 215 Westheimer. 713-830-3050. Grupo de Apoyo para Latinos gay y bisexuales VIH positivos. Lunes 6:30. Para mas informacion llama al 713-830-3025.

**Queer Voices Radio Show.** 8-10 p.m. KPFT 90.1.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop-in 2-9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Inc.** Nonprofit organization working for lesbian health meets the first Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m., 404 Westheimer. 713-603-0023. www.lhihouston.org.

### EVERY TUESDAY

**Bering Support Network.** Lunch Bunch Gang, 11 a.m. 713-526-1017.

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Meditation (drop-in), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808.

**Free HIV Testing.** Houston Area Community Services. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Joseph-Hines Clinic, 1710 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. 713-526-0555, ext. 231, 227 or 226.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 8 p.m.-midnight. Club Houston. 713-830-3000.

**Gay youth.** New program for young gay males, ages 18-29. 7 p.m. 614 Avondale. 713-533-9786.

**Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous.** Support group. 7 p.m.

**Houston Women's Rugby Team.** No experience necessary. Practice, 6:30-8:30. Westland YMCA. Kay, 713-208-1529.

**Rainbow Ranglers.** Free C&W dance lessons. Brazos River Bottom. No partner needed. Beginner 2 Step, Waltz, Shuffle & Swing. 8:30 p.m. 713-528-9192.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop-in 2-9 p.m. • Lesbian Coming Out Group, 7 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Classic Chassis Car Club.** Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. The Café Express, 1422 W. Gray. 713-797-8615.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Meditation (drop-in), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; SOM Discussion & Exploration, 7 p.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808.

**Bering Memorial United Methodist Church.** Support Network Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Various support groups, 7 p.m. 713-526-1017.

**Bible Study.** Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 4-8 p.m. at Mary's; 9 p.m.-midnight at Ripcord; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at EJ's; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at Midtowne Spa. 713-830-3000.

**Free HIV Testing.** Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 2015 Thomas St. OraSure method. Call for appointment. Sharon, 713-873-4157.

**Houston Pride Band.** Open rehearsal, 7-9 p.m. 1307 Yale. 713-528-4379.

**Houston Tennis Club.** 7:00-9 p.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

**Spiritual Uplift service.** 7 p.m. Resurrection MCC. 713-861-9149.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop-in, 2-9 p.m. • Houston Black Lesbian, Gay, Transgender Coalition office hours 10 a.m.-noon • Free HIV testing, counseling, 6-9 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**Gay/Lesbian Jewish Study Group.** Meets the first Thursday of the month. 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood Blvd. Alan: 713-523-3673 or Rabbi Glickman: 713-771-6221.

**Gulf Coast Transgender Committee.** Meeting. 713-780-4282.

**Houston Big Men's Club.** Business meeting to set bylaws, elect officers and board. 7 p.m. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. Dominic, 281-534-8743. www.houstonbigmensclub.com.

### EVERY THURSDAY

**BiNet Houston.** Group for bisexuals; everyone welcome. 7:30 p.m. Hobbit Café, 2240 Portsmouth. www.flash.net/~bihouse. 713-467-4380.

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Meditation (drop-in), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808.

**Community Gospel.** Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235. www.communitygospel.org.

**Free HIV Testing.** Houston Area Community Services. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Joseph-Hines Clinic, 1710 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. Also

11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Gallery Medical Clinic, 5900 North Freeway, and Club Toyz from 9 p.m.-midnight. 713-526-0555, ext. 231, 227 or 226.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 4-8 p.m. at The Outpost; 8 p.m.-midnight at Brazos River Bottom and Cousins; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at Toyz Disco. 713-830-3000.

**FrontRunners.** Running club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.

Web site: http://home.swbell.net/larathon/houfr.htm. E-mail: larathon@swbell.net.

**GLOBAL.** Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston-Central Campus. Weekly meeting, 6 p.m. e-mail: nguyenn0023@hotmail.com.

**Hep C Recovery.** Support group. 6:30 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.

**Houston Women's Rugby Team.** No experience necessary. Practice, 6:30-8:30. Westland YMCA. Kay, 713-208-1529.

**Lambda Skating Club.** 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink. www.lambdaroll.org. 713-410-7215.

**Montrose Clinic.** Offers weekly peer support groups for gay and bisexual men with HIV. English speaking group meets, 6:30 p.m. 215 Westheimer 713-830-3050.

**Rainbow Ranglers.** Free C&W dance lessons. No partner required. Brazos River Bottom. 8:30 p.m. 713-528-9192.

**Recovery From Food Addiction (RFA).** Meeting for 12-step program open to all. Noon-1 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama St. RFA: 713-673-2848.

www.geocities.com/rfa77235/. E-mail: rfaworldservice@aol.com.

**Spanish Charla Conversation Group.** Café Agora, 7 p.m. E-mail: charlahouston@msn.com. 713-416-7203.

**Women's Clinic.** Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.

**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Drop in 2-9 p.m. • Houston Black Lesbian, Gay, Transgender Coalition office hours 10 a.m.-noon • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. www.hlgcc.org.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

### EVERY FRIDAY

**Center for Spiritual Living.** Meditation (drop-in), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 6610 Harwin. 713-339-1808.

**Free HIV Testing.** Montrose Clinic. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. at The Meatrack; 10 p.m.-1 a.m. at EJ's and at Midtowne Spa. 713-830-3000.

**Free HIV Testing.** Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 2015 Thomas St. OraSure method. Call for appointment. Sharon, 713-873-4157.

**Frost Eye Clinic.** Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.

**Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.)** Meeting, 7-10 p.m. 713-942-7002.

**Houston Tennis Club.** 7:00-9 p.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. Houstontennisclub.org

**Kolbe Project.** Morning prayer, 10 a.m. 713-861-1800.

**Mishpachot Alizim.** GLBT Jewish congregation. Sabbath services at 8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Baby Barnabys, 602 Fairview. Monthly study groups with Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood. Mishpachot Alizim, P.O. Box 980136, Houston, TX 77098. 866-841-9139, ext. 1834.

**Q-Patrol.** Volunteers walk the streets to help prevent hate crimes. 9:30 p.m. Convene at community center. 713-528-SAFE. E-mail: qpatrolinc@aol.com

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## VOLUNTEER/SELF-HELP

**Gay & Lesbian Help Line.** For gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Staffed by volunteers of all ages. 6-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 888-340-GLBT.

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston.** Volunteers offer a friendly ear to callers in need of information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services, emergency shelter and advocacy services to crime survivors who may need someone to accompany them to a hospital for medical attention or assistance in filing a police report. 713-529-3211.

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**Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center.** Volunteers perform a variety of critical tasks which include staffing the information desk during drop-in hours; helping with Center programming and events; working on community outreach efforts, fund-raising and publicity. Card players, writers and artists in particular are needed. 713-524-3818.

**Peer Listening Line.** Youth only. Staffed by GLBT youth for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday. 800-399-PEER.

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## SPECIAL THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Comedienne Paula Poundstone comes to Houston for one performance. The Chicago Tribune says of the funnywoman: "Poundstone is an expert at taking a certain topic and infusing it with her brand of sublime humor. She has elevated her game to a new, challenging and interesting level." 8 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50 & \$25.50. Verizon Theater. 713-230-1602.



Popular comedienne Paula Poundstone offers one performance for Houstonians this week.

## FILM SUNDAY, NOV. 3

"Who Killed the Fourth Ward?" is one of producer James Blue's many groundbreaking experiments in the documentary form. The piece explores the issues surrounding gentrification and redevelopment in one of Houston's oldest neighborhoods. 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Tickets: \$6. Rice Cinema, Rice University Campus, Entrance No. 8, University Boulevard and Stockton Drive. 713-348-4853. www.ruf.rice.edu/~cinema.

## STARTS FRIDAY, NOV. 1

"Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars," directed by D.A. Pennebaker, stars David Bowie as his gender-bending alter ego. 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, and 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9. Tickets: \$6. Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Caroline Wiess Law Building, corner of Main Street and Bissonnet/Binz. 713-639-7515. www.mfah.org.



Rocker David Bowie stars in 'Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars,' playing this month at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

## GALLERIES ONGOING

**Gulf Coast Archives & Museum of GLBT History Satellite Exhibition.** The first exhibition from the GCAM collection presented at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center honors the NAMES Project Houston. Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

**Positive Art Workshop Photography Exhibition.** Artists living with HIV/AIDS created these pictures with accompanying text. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

## MUSIC FRIDAY, NOV. 8

**GoGirlsMusicFest "Get Hip to Hep C" Concert Tour** lands in Houston next week. The purpose of the tour is to raise awareness of Hepatitis C and raise funds for the American Liver Foundation. Featured performers will include Cowboy's Nightmare, Carol Plunk, Elizabeth White, Mandy G. Smith and Kelly's Lot. Tickets: \$10. 8 p.m. The Rhythm Room, 1815 Washington Ave. www.GoGirlsMusicFest.com.

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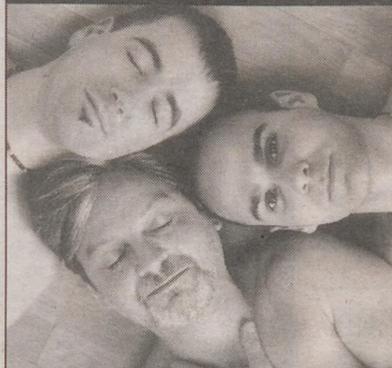
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## "Musicals That Speak to Lesbians"

### Across

1. What Oliver begged for more of
6. XXX, to Greeks
10. "Sex and the City" creator Darren
- 14 Tennessee Williams' lover Frank
15. "\_\_\_ Summer at Bluefish Cove"
16. He directed Barbara Stanwyck in "Mexicali Rose"
17. "Howdy, Ms. Wilde!"
19. Amigo of Lorca
20. Phranc and Ferron make them
21. \_\_\_ Kinte of "Roots"
22. Artist Wojnarowicz
23. Pronoun for King James
24. "Dyxploitation" or "Nerve"
25. Cotton Club singer Waters
27. Engendered
29. "The Messenger" director Besson
32. Dismal, in literature
33. Bartlett fruit
34. Jim J. Bullock's "I've \_\_\_ Secret"
35. "Arm Yourself, Ms. Sprinkle!"
38. RuPaul swings them
39. Emulates B.D. Wong, e.g.
40. Prepares to serve at Manhole
41. Writer Harper
42. "Showboat"'s "Nobody \_\_\_ But Me"
43. Naryatlova's winter home
44. Daughter of Uranus
46. Feminizing tail

47. Howard Ashman's "Beauty and the Beast" award
49. David Marshall Grant's "\_\_\_ of Love"
51. Mel White, to Mike
54. Noted news columnist Lisa
55. "Let's Smooch, Ms. Clinton!"
57. Colonel, to Cammermeyer
58. BenGay target
59. Composer Copland
60. You don't want them in your pants
61. Billy Douglas on "One Life to Live", for one
62. Drag queen thigh revealers

### Down

1. AIDS prevention org.
2. Robert of "Roots"
3. LesbiaNation.com and Gay.com
4. Wing for Julia Margan
5. Performance artist's salutation?
6. \_\_\_ Zone (British chain of pride/erotica shops)
7. "Hold your horses!"
8. Madonna's "La \_\_\_ Bonita"
9. Place for parking?
10. Hardtop
11. Jan Morris specialty
12. "\_\_\_ Need is the Girl" (song from "Gypsy")
13. Tobias pseudonym

18. Fight for a twosome
22. Cole Porter's "Well, \_\_\_ You Evah"
23. Bangkok natives
24. Brett Easton Ellis' "Less Than \_\_\_"
25. Bert's longtime companion
26. Famous Alfred Kinsey statistic
27. Davis or Midler
28. What you can catch in South Beach
30. 1997 Jennifer Lopez movie
31. Pink-slips
32. Oompa Loompa creator
33. Muscle Mary's concern
34. Really feel for?
36. GLAAD fundraiser, e.g.
37. One way to cruise on the Russian River
42. Always, to Emily Dickinson
43. "Exotica" director Egoyan
45. Tom of "Philadelphia"
46. "The Wizard of Oz" dropout Buddy
47. Pod in Craig Claiborne's gumbo
48. Jack portrayer Hayes
49. Small suckers
50. Queens stadium name
51. "Nuts!"
52. Yours, to Rimbaud
53. Lairs of bears
55. "Cabaret"'s \_\_\_ Klub
56. Former Washington Blade reporter Wright

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## My Stars!

November 1 — 7

**ARIES (March 21 to April 20)**

The new moon in Scorpio will be transiting your house of serious relationships on Nov. 4, which suggests that you can get a lot closer to the one you love if you put yourself out there more, emotionally. Don't hide behind a superficial persona. A Virgo wants the real you.

**TAURUS (April 21 to May 20)**

This is a good time for you to work out your day-job issues as Mars transits the daily work sector of your chart. You really need to organize your time better. Don't waste precious energy on mundane matters. A Virgo needs some of your attention — it's quality, not quantity, dear.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)**

Mini-dramas abound in November as Mars transits your very adolescent fifth house. This is the time to prioritize what is important to you and what is not. Your love life needs focus, sweetie. Plenty of people want to charm you, but a Sag is ready to disarm you with true love.

**CANCER (June 22 to July 22)**

This is a key time for you to work on your creative projects. With the new moon (on Nov. 4) in the most artistic sector of your chart, you simply must apply yourself to aesthetic matters. An Aries wants to pose for you, in one form or another.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)**

You are in the prime of your career, sweetie, so be more active. Don't wait for rewards and opportunities to come to you; with Jupiter on your side, you should pursue them. A Scorpio can be a huge help to you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**

The new moon on Nov. 4 falls in your house of socializing, which means that you should make an effort to hook up with people who operate at some higher level than you do. You need a Sag around you right now.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**

The new moon falls in your house of money and possessions on Nov. 4, which means that you can make extra dough to support your passions and side ventures. A Leo feels passionately about you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**

This is a make-or-break week for you, Scorpio, as the new moon lands in your sign on Nov. 4. You can't hide who you are, so be yourself to the fullest. You'll win more admirers than enemies. A Libra is your biggest fan.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**

Mars will be transiting your house of friends this month, which means that passions could run high between you and your little buds. Be open to an ambiguous friendship with an Aries. You can have it all with one person, dear — in a most unconventional way.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**

Mars at the top of your chart provides you with the career boost that you need. When you least expect it, an opportunity to show off your talents presents itself. Another Capricorn can serve your needs personally and professionally.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**

This is a fine time for you to put all your energy into relationships, sweetie. Your career is finally heading in the direction it's supposed to be. Just keep steering, driving at the speed limit, and not making any sudden left or right turns. A Cancer can help you to find peace of mind.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)**

Connect to your higher self for best results in business and in life. Even though people around you are acting despicably petty, you need to rise above it. Follow an Aquarian's example.

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