

A Weekly Community News Publication

A preview of 1996

By SANDY PENNY

Special to the Houston Voice

(Editor's Note: The *Houston Voice* devoted its last issue, as well as a part of this one, to reviewing and reflecting on the events of the past year. But what lies in store for us in 1996? We asked Houston psychic Sandy Penny for her projections regarding the promises and challenges of the year ahead for our community, city, and world).

Overview

The coming year, 1996, will be a

AFA targets gay paper's advertisers

(HOUSTON)—Several local businesses, including some that are gay owned, have received letters from the American Family Association of Texas, a fundamentalist group, attempting to pressure them into pulling their advertising from an Austin-based gay publication.

Wyatt Roberts, head of the American Family Association of Texas, who previously has announced the names of advertisers in the *Texas Triangle* on his weekly radio show, told the Associated Press that he is not threatening the businesses, but will continue his efforts to inform *Triangle* advertisers that their dollars are "subsidizing the homosexual agenda."

Roberts said the AFA mailed some 50 letters to advertisers in Austin and Houston on Dec. 19, giving them 10 days to reply.

"If I walk into a business and make a purchase, and that purchase is used to support a philosophy I disagree with, I should know that," he said.

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year of many debates in many arenas. In particular, when people's belief systems come into question, the debates may heat up. All in all, however, the open discussion will enable more understanding.

Sexuality

In the gay community, men will feel less of a need to publicly discuss their sexual orientation, while more prominent women will openly admit their lesbianism. Mainstream public acceptance of homosexuality and bisexuality will increase, due to a backlash against fundamentalist propaganda and gay bashing. People in general will begin to express being more comfortable with all types of alternative lifestyles, as dissatisfaction with the social system increases. A move toward more loving attitudes will be the result.

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The Miss Camp America "Showgirls" entertain sellout crowd at 'Celebrate '96'

New Year celebration raises \$45,000

(HOUSTON)—A sell-out crowd of more than 1200 people turned out to "Celebrate '96" with the Bering Community Service Foundation and Bayou City Boys Club at their third annual New Year's Eve fundraising gala.

The party, which took over the Wyndham Warwick Hotel from the skyline penthouse to the grand ballroom, netted over \$45,000 for the Bering Foundation. In addition to the tradi-

tional dining, drinking, dancing and champagne toast to the new year, the event featured casino-style gaming and a lavish midnight breakfast. Spirited entertainment included a feature performance by the Miss Camp America Showgirls, which marked the first time in its 27-year history that the MCA Foundation has presented a full show, other than the annual September pageant, complete with production numbers and solo highlights.

CompuServe shutdown blocks access to gay newsgroups**FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS**

The shutdown by CompuServe of worldwide subscriber access to 200 electronic forums, known as newsgroups, has ignited a firestorm of controversy and refueled ongoing debates over regulation and/or censorship of the Internet.

Pressured by prosecutors investigating child pornography in Ger-

many, the Columbus, Ohio-based service last week blocked access for all 4 million of its users to 200 "sexually oriented" newsgroups on a section of the Internet global computer network called Usenet.

Many gay-oriented groups fall the banned category, even though they do not contain pornography or are not specifically or exclusively sex-oriented.

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Referendum tops Maine list

By JERRY HARKAVY

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

MAINE, Wednesday, Dec. 27 (AP)

The statewide referendum in which Maine voters rejected a ballot question to restrict gay rights was voted the state's top news story of 1995.

After an acrimonious campaign that attracted national attention, the measure initiated by Concerned Maine Families was turned back, 53 percent to 47 percent.

The narrow outcome in a contest in which opponents of Question 1 outspent supporters 10-1 stirred discussions among gay rights advocates about the timeliness of a new legislative effort to bar discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

The top stories were selected in a year-end poll of Associated Press member newspapers and broadcast stations throughout the state.

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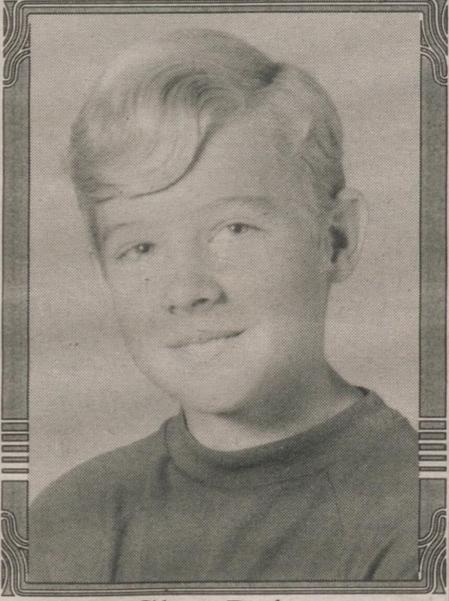
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Community Calendar
 by Carolyn Roberts

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Friday, Jan. 5

- * Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
- * HIV Art classes at the Art League. Call 523-8817
- * HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- * 12 step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 868-5039.
- * Free Buffet at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 p.m.
- * "HIV+ Class Five Year Retrospective" exhibition opens at the Art League of Houston. Call 523-9530.

Saturday, Jan. 6

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 863-1860.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.
- * "ARTgirls of the West" opens at the Firehouse Gallery. 7:00 p.m. Call 520-7840.
- * Houston Wrestling Club practices at 1:00 p.m. Call 453-7406.

Sunday, Jan. 7

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 863-1860.
- * Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis Center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.
- * HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- * Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.
- * Out in Ft. Bend meets. Call 344-0638.
- * Brunch at the 611 12:30 p.m. \$3
- * Steak Night at the Brazos River Bottom. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- * Pool Tournament at Chances. 6:00 p.m.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at noon. Call 868-5039.
- * The Women's Group meets at 10:45 a.m. Call 529-8571.
- * P-FLAG meets at 2:00 p.m. Call 867-9020.

Monday, Jan. 8

- * AFH Creative Writing Class. 3:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.
- * Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6181.
- * HeartSong open rehearsal at the Community Room in Sharpstown Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 526-9095.
- * Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-1223.
- * Agora meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 623-6796.
- * Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 p.m. Call 539-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and

their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

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

* Exxon Association of Gay and Lesbian Employees meet at 7:00 p.m. Call 916-8110.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- * Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.
- * Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. Call 522-8182.
- * Southern Country gives dance lesson at the Ranch. 9200 Buffalo Speedway. 8:00 p.m.
- * Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents support group meets. Call 666-8260.

* Nutrition workshop at 7:00 p.m. Call 524-2374.

* AIDS Equity League meets at noon. Call 871-0092.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 868-5039.

* Lambda Rollerskating Club skates at 8:00 p.m. Call 933-5818.

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

* Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. Call 622-7250 for more info.

* Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.

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

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Community Organizations Bulletin Board

Queer Comeback

Queer Nation, the activist group, is reorganizing. Local lesbian and gay activists have called a start-up meeting, after three years of absence, for Monday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Montrose Library, near the corner of Richmond on Montrose Blvd.

Queer Nation is a diverse group of individuals of all races, genders, and sexualities who are committed to ending homophobia and heterosexism. Queer Nation will use direct action and other tactics to fight the rising tide of right-wing and Christian fundamentalist attacks against lesbians, gays bisexuals, and transgendered people.

For more information, please leave a voice mail message at 973-4563.

HGLP Support Group

The January Support Group meeting of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents group will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. in the MCCR Library (1919 Decatur).

The HGLP Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month and focuses on topics such as: coming out to your kids; divorce; visitation; and step-parenting. The group is open to all interested individuals.

Other meetings planned at the MCCR include the youth support group JFU (Just For Us) Jan. 20 and Family Activity Feb. 11. For more information please telephone 666-8260.

PWA Volunteers Aid

Thomas St. Re-Opening

Members of the People with AIDS (PWA) Coalition's Volunteer Program at Thomas Street Clinic will conduct tours during the grand re-opening of the clinic Jan. 12. The tours will take place during an open house from 3 until 7:00 p.m. at the Harris County Hospital District facility located at 2015 Thomas Street.

The Coalition's Volunteer Program at Thomas Street began in early 1993 with assistance and funding from DIFFA and later from the Texas Department of Health State Services grants. It has been hailed as a model for volunteer programs across the United States. Members of the volunteer program—which is 90% staffed with persons who are patients at the clinic and/or clients of the PWA Coalition—log approximately 16,000 volunteer hours each year.

Future Activities

The Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club will host professional dance instruction; an estate planning seminar; and a "Plurality of Religions in Society" are all scheduled for Jan. 20 while there is a potluck dinner planned for the Houston Professional Men's Association Jan. 21.

More details will be included next week.

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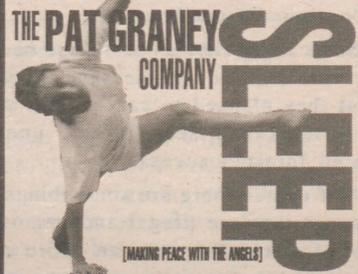
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Letters to the Editor

Warm Fuzzies From Toy Drive

FROM DEAN WALRADT

Secretary, NLA:Houston

National Leather Association:Houston would like to announce that its Fifth Annual Toy Drive for Kids with HIV/AIDS, benefiting Community Visions Inc., was a resounding success. Over 1500 toys and stuffed animals were delivered to the children and families receiving services from Community Visions. Toys were picked up Dec. 21 by NLA:Houston members Mike (president), Orlin, Neil and Dean and delivered to Community Visions' Pamela and Rachel on Dec. 22—just in time for Christmas delivery to the organization's clients.

On Tuesday, after Christmas, money collection jars were picked up, with a little over \$200 collected. The \$200 will be added to the \$500 raised at Imperial Court Emperor XII Candidate Jim Halbert's "Boys and Their Toys" show, held Dec. 9 at the Venture-N. The money will go into Community Visions' emergency fund for clients, and all use will be reported to NLA:Houston and the Imperial Court.

NLA:Houston would like to thank all those who contributed, and the businesses that collected, for making this one of the most successful



Pamela and Rachel of Community Visions, foreground, and Mike Geinzer, president of NLA:Houston, pose with some of the toys collected in NLA's fifth annual toy drive

drives yet! Thanks go to Venture-N (NLA:H's home bar), Jo's Outpost, Gentry, E/J's, Briar Patch, Bacchus II, Leather by Boots, Leather Forever, Basic Brothers, Mary's, Pacific Street and Hyde Park Galleries. Very special thanks to Jim Halbert and the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star and to the Emperor and Empress XII Candidates for their support of this worthy cause. Also, special recognition to Neil and Jeff, NLA:Houston members who contributed time and talent to this year's efforts.

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Some hopeful projections for the year to come

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AIDS

A new hospital, devoted solely to researching and finding a cure for AIDS, will be built, either in the Washington D.C. or Houston area. It will be funded by a foundation set up by a prominent wealthy man who is HIV positive. It will incorporate many experimental practices and drugs being tested on volunteers.

Economics

As the push toward using more plastic over paper money increases, bartering systems and personal bartering agreements will increase.

Communications

There will be a big cooperative push between the computer companies and Internet servers to get the masses on-line. After a short period of increased prices for Internet services, increased demand and new availability will again drop the monthly rates and on-line time charges. Computer companies will begin offering lower computer prices with Internet packages included and free internet training. The Internet servers will essentially begin a price war after new satellite availability is launched. This will benefit the world through

increased personal communication among people of all nations resulting in greater understanding that all people are the same everywhere.

Peace

There will be a large movement among women, particularly mothers, for world peace. The Bosnian women will begin to unite from both sides to demand peace initiatives. This expands to include women of all cultures and belief systems desiring harmony and safe living environments.

Nuclear Testing

The Anti-nuclear testing movement will have significant press time due to the effects the French testing under water is having on the oceans. Pressure from people on all the governments, especially the US, will increase. This will be followed by the introduction of a different type of nuclear power which does not create

fallout. Many initiatives to "ban the bomb" will grow out of the data that shows the negative environmental effects this testing is having around the world.

Community

A strong grass-roots movement in the U.S. toward a return to community awareness will take hold. People who are tired of living in fear, violence and isolation will begin to form groups to help clean up the neighborhoods. People will begin to focus again on a more generous and loving way of helping people around them. A program will be established promoting families taking in the homeless to help them get back on their feet. Some young movie stars will head up a movement for this purpose. They will travel around promoting community commitment. This return to community will cause a drop in drug use through users' feeling that someone cares enough to help them. It will be the beginning of people returning to depending on

people instead of the government.

Crime

Efforts this year will increase to get non-violent criminals out of prison. More job training will be available for young prisoners. Several cooperatives between prisons and business will be instituted, especially in the computer industry.

Alternatives To Violence

This year, many programs will be introduced into prisons and schools to teach self-esteem building and alternatives to violence techniques. The Quaker church will be recognized for its ongoing efforts to teach these techniques, and its practices will be converted into mainstream usage.

(Sandy Penny has lived in Houston since 1969. She has been working as a psychic since 1978. She helps people understand their emotional and spiritual selves and bring their life into balance through her intuitive insights and integration techniques. This year she has traveled the world working with earth healing and creating positive future visions. She can be reached for private appointments by calling 526-5359 or 338-4739).



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Colorado gay and lesbian community center could close

DENVER, Thursday, Dec. 28 (AP)—A lack of interest and funding could be the death knell for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, which has been the heart of Denver's gay community for 19 years.

"There's a clear possibility the center will close," said Peter Gross, who has been a regular volunteer at the center on East Colfax Avenue.

"It would be astonishing for a gay community the size of Denver not to have a community center. It would say something. And it may say something accurately. Our community may be more entertainment-oriented than activist."

Mounting debt and defections from the center's board of directors and staff have crippled the gay

service agency. The 15-member board has been whittled to only four, say volunteers at the center.

Intense focus on fighting the state's anti-gay rights Amendment 2 may have compounded problems by diverting donations from the community center, some say.

Phil Nash, who was the agency's first executive director, has been asked to help save the center, which had a budget of about \$150,000 this year but is thousands of dollars in debt.

He says community members have depended on grant money, rather than community donations to run the agency. In addition, fewer and fewer people are willing to be on the board of directors and take an active role, he said.

Some Denver gays have criti-

cized their own community in the past for being more interested in social functions than in fighting for political power and gay rights issues.

But Nash said, "Some of us are now checking back in to see how we can help.

"I think the situation is serious. I'm not going to minimize it. But I don't think the center will close."

The center is a social service agency for gays in metro Denver, running an anti-violence hotline, a youth services program and an emergency financial support network. The center also organizes the annual pride parade in Denver.

The only other agency providing direct services to gays is the Colorado AIDS Project.

Community Calendar

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Wednesday, Jan. 10

- * Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Women's Action Coalition (WAC) meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 867-9581.
- * Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Bi-Net of Houston meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- * Mind/Body Connection workshop at 7:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.

Thursday, Jan. 11

- * Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria. 8:00 P.M. Call 629-1432.
- * Broadway Showtunes at J.R.'s. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2519.
- * Art Classes at The Art League. 1:00 P.M. Call 523-8817
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Call 521-7464.
- * Twentysomething meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.
- * KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs at 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Call 866-6505.
- * Burger and Chili night at the Brazos River Bottom. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- * Steak Night at the 611 Pub. 6:30 p.m.
- * Dance lessons at the Brazos River Bottom. 9:30 p.m. Free. Call 880-0670.
- * Safer Sex for Lesbians at Ms. B's 9:30 p.m. Call 666-3464.
- * Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. Call 622-7250.
- * Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 p.m. Call 528-3704.
- * HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 p.m. Call 942-0923.
- * HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 p.m. Call 796-2272.
- * Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.
- * Film festival at the Museum of Fine Arts starts. Call 639-7300.
- * Back to Basics panel discussion at 7:00 p.m. Call 524-2374.



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NEWS NOTES

Compiled by Mark Henry

Clinton Veto

President Clinton vetoed the \$265 billion defense appropriations bill last week, citing, among other objections, provisions that would ban abortions at overseas military hospitals and expel service members who test positive for the AIDS virus. The HIV amendment had been hotly protested by critics, who argued that the measure was unfair and discriminatory, as it denies medical benefits to those with the virus. The military does not deny benefits to those individuals who are discharged for other ailments, such as cancer and heart disease. Another contentious issue in the bill is the congressional support for increased production of the B-2 bombers, which Clinton is hesitant to endorse; however, he did not mention the extra \$493 million cost for increased production as a reason for vetoing the bill. At issue is the 25,000 California jobs that depend on B-2 work. Since California is a key state, rich in electoral votes, Clinton must walk a fine line. Most analysts agree that both sides will reach a path toward compromise for the 1996 defense authorization bill.

Deneuve vs. Namesake

Deneuve magazine has succumbed to litigatory pressure and changed its name to *Curve* as a result of a lawsuit filed by French actress Catherine Deneuve. Ms. Deneuve was upset that the lesbian magazine used her surname as its namesake and sued the magazine to stop them from using the title. Ironically, Catherine Deneuve has paid homage to the community in her many portrayals of bisexual and lesbian characters throughout her career and has been a favorite of the gay community for years. *Curve* magazine debuted with the January/February 1996 issue with a cover story on Martina Navratilova.

Men Wed In South Africa

Venash Mooriken and Neil Millard, who are both HIV-positive, married each other in the country's first cross-racial marriage. The ceremony took place at a Johannesburg nightclub and was performed by a minister of the church. The union was ceremonial only, as South African law does not recognize marriage between two individuals of the same sex. Mooriken said the couple took their vows seriously and hoped that the marriage would serve "as an educational program to show people that people that are HIV-positive can still carry on living...still lead a normal life, within limits."

Gay and Lesbian Candidates Sought

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is seeking qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates who plan to run for public office in 1996 and 1997.

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Flatulent Dangers

This is not a joke. A startling new study indicates that the air we breathe may be polluted by human flatulence. The study, researched and conducted by the University of Stockholm, discovered that workers at an insurance office suffered greater health damage from gas passed by co-workers than from second hand cigarette smoke or other toxins in the air. Dr. Olaf Johannsen, who was in charge of the 11-year study, says "the results are devastating in their consequences for the workplace...there is simply no way to avoid gas passed by others in the office." The study was conducted on 456 office workers for a well-known Swedish insurance company and found that human flatulence is a "direct cause of severe illnesses like lung cancer, brain damage, heart disease, respiratory problems and extreme allergic reactions." Dr. Johannsen warns that "it is far worse than secondhand cigarette smoke, about which there is so much concern." He adds that "around certain workers, especially those who eat lots of onions or beans, the methane levels are downright dangerous."

Personality Gene Identified

Scientists have discovered the gene that influences personalities of individuals with respect to their impulsiveness, excitability and quick temperedness. The studies, which were reported in *Nature Genetics*, if confirmed, would establish the first clear link between personality traits and a particular gene. University of Cincinnati psychologist Brian Gladue says that this is "clear and present evidence connecting the dots between genetics, brain chemistry and behavior," according to an article in *USA Today*. The discovered gene apparently tells the brain how to make a receptor for the chemical messenger dopamine. Scientists indicate that the findings are impressive and could lead to a discovery of a genetic link to neuroticism, extroversion or other personality traits.

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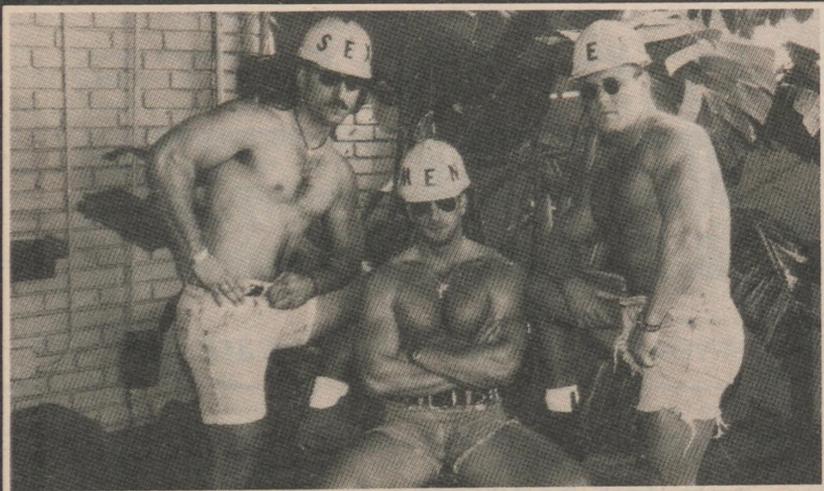
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Bad Newsgroups?

In a massive capitulation to censorship, the world's leading online service—CompuServe, Inc.—has suspended access to over 200 Internet "newsgroups." The new ban was orchestrated during the last week of 1995.

Though it affects all CompuServe users around the globe, the ban was initiated at the request of just one country—Germany. According to a company spokesperson, "German government officials, as part of an investigation of illegal material on the Internet, ordered CompuServe to do what was necessary with respect to specified newsgroups in order to comply with German law."

CompuServe currently has 500,000 clients in Western Europe, and hopes to quickly double that number. Overall, the company currently services more than 4 million users in more than 140 million countries.

"Newsgroups" are specialized forums that allow Internet users to read or post information on almost any conceivable subject.

Most the newsgroups banned by CompuServe addressed (or simply APPEARED to address) an erotic or sex-related theme. The company, however, deleted a number of lesbian, gay and bisexual groups, INCLUDING groups that had NO erotic focus. CompuServe banned newsgroups dedicated to resources for young queers, lesbian/gay journalism, and information about coming out.

Of course, lumping ALL lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender subjects under the heading "sexually explicit" is inaccurate as well as defamatory. The definition of heterosexual lives is never limited ONLY to sex acts. It would still be unacceptable, however, even if CompuServe had "only" banned sexually explicit newsgroups.

As queer communities know, sex negativity goes hand-in-hand with homophobia. Prohibitions against the SEXUAL communication of "pornography" and "obscenity" lead, inevitably, to prohibitions against HOMOSEXUAL communication of any kind.

Acting with very little integrity, CompuServe has attempted to deflect criticism by claiming the company is at the complete mercy of German law. A CompuServe spokesperson explained: "CompuServe did not select any groups or determine the nature of the newsgroups that have been impacted by this action."

If one person selects the titles, but another person strikes the match, aren't BOTH guilty of book burning? A censor who is following someone else's orders is STILL a censor.

*** ACTION ALERT! Demand that CompuServe act as a mature, responsible caretaker of free expression on the Internet. Contact: Robert Massey, President, CompuServe, Inc., 5000 Arlington Center Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43220, tel. 614-457-0802, e-mail 70006,101@compuserve.com. CompuServe members can also complain directly to customer service, via "GO FEEDBACK."

School Daze

In regard to textbooks and other educational media, the year closed on a discouraging note. Recent actions in Texas, Michigan and Indiana have

confirmed that homophobia is very much a part of the course.

In Texas, state education officials have rejected \$1.85 million in federal funds for AIDS education. The funds were refused to protest—and avoid—federal guidelines regarding fair and accurate sex education. Apparently, Texans place substantial value on the "right" of local school boards to teach a biased AIDS curriculum or (in the absence of funds) to teach NO curriculum at all.

In Michigan, the school board of Byron Center (situated a few miles from Grand Rapids) recently stopped short of firing an openly-gay music teacher. However, board members did issue this hateful statement: "The school board firmly believes that homosexuality violates the dominant moral standard of the district's community. Individuals who espouse homosexuality do not constitute proper role models as teachers for students in this district."

A similar slander was announced by an Indiana school board. On Dec. 19, the East Allen County School Board adopted a resolution declaring: "We resolve...to strongly support and value those things which contribute to and improve the stability of families...This is a denunciation of activities such as drug use, premarital sex, violence, or gay and lesbian behavior or the support of such activities."

The East Allen school board concluded that: "homosexuality is at odds with the area's Christian beliefs." So was the notion of a round Earth, at one time.

*** ACTION ALERT! Send instructive criticism to each of the following:

Mike Moses, Education Commissioner, Texas Education Agency, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701-1494. Copy your correspondence to: Letters to the Editor, "Austin American Statesman," Box 670, Austin, TX 78767, fax 512-445-3679.

All Members, Byron Center School Board, 2475 84th Street, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315, tel. 616-878-1541. Copy your correspondence to: Letters to the Editor, "The Grand Rapids Press," 155 Michigan Street, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49502, fax 616-459-4126.

All Members, East Allen School Board, 1240 US 30 East, New Haven, IN 46774, tel. 219-493-3761. Copy your correspondence to Indiana's schools chief and the state's largest newspaper. Contact: Suellen Reed, State Superintendent of Schools, Indiana Department of Education, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798, tel. 317-232-6665, fax 317-232-9121; "The Indianapolis Star," 307 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, fax 317-633-9423.

Resources for activists working to reform school books and school boards include "Saving Our Schools from the Religious Right: The Lake County, Florida Story" (a publication available from Saving Our Lake County Schools, P.O. Box 492124, Leesburg, FL 34749) and the recently-updated "Community Action Kit: An Information Pack to Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education" (distributed by SIECUS, 130 West 42nd Street, Suite 350, New York, NY 10036, tel. 212-819-9770, fax 212-819-9776).

Rated H: The bigot's guide to broadcasting

Media Watch, Continued

AFA Journal, the monthly magazine of the virulently homophobic American Family Association, has begun the new year with a bigot's guide to broadcasting. The Jan. 1996 issue offers readers a homophobic accounting of prime-time television programming.

To indicate the "offensiveness" of particular programs, the AFA has assigned various ratings codes. These codes include: "AC" (anti-Christian), "PC" (politically correct), "S" (objectionable sexual content), "P" (profanity) and—of course—"H" (promotes homosexual agenda).

For example, an episode of *The Crew* (FOX, Nov. 16) is rated "S H P6." Thus, according to the AFA, the episode contained objectionable sexual content, promoted the homosexual agenda, and used profanity six times. A

brief content summary is also provided, adding specific details about the episode: "RuPaul is a guest star, and dialogue is packed with homosexual jokes, bondage jokes and more."

Of the 22 prime-time programs reviewed by the AFA, no less than 15 are accused of "promoting the homosexual agenda." "H" ratings are given to *Courthouse* (CBS), *The Crew* (FOX), *Friends* (NBC), *High Society* (CBS), *Homicide* (NBC), *Hope & Gloria* (NBC), *Hudson Street* (ABC), *Melrose Place* (FOX), *The Nanny* (CBS), *NewsRadio* (NBC), *NYPD Blue* (ABC), *Pursuit of Happiness* (NBC), *Roseanne* (ABC), *The Single Guy* (NBC), and *Sisters* (NBC). Of these series, five—*The Crew*, *Friends*, *Melrose Place*, *Courthouse* and *NYPD Blue*—are cited for broadcasting MULTIPLE promo-homo episodes.

Significantly, AFA members are NOT encouraged to write or call the TV networks, but rather the companies that

purchased airtime during "H" rated shows. These advertisers are urged to stop sponsoring the "homosexual agenda," or risk a loss in sales.

The effectiveness of such threats is difficult to determine (and the subject of some debate). Despite official industry denials, however, advertisers undoubtedly wield SIGNIFICANT influence over the content of commercial television. The AFA, which reaches a large and responsive membership, intends to wield significant influence over the conduct of advertisers.

The January *AFA Journal* specifically targets Abbot Labs (Murine eye drops, Selsun Blue shampoo), for advertising during *Courthouse* episodes that portrayed lesbianism as "normal" and a lesbian as the "heroine." McDonald's (fast foods) is cited for sponsoring episodes of *The Crew*, which featured "Paul, the series homosexual." Procter & Gamble

(Tide, Spic & Span, Pringles) is also listed, for purchasing airtime during episodes of *Friends* in which there were "numerous homosexual and condom" references and "God's name is used in vain about once every 2.5 minutes." The AFA targets Volkswagen (Audi, Volkswagen cars), for sponsoring *NYPD Blue's* inclusion of a lesbian police officer, a homosexual secretary, and "many crude scatological and sex terms..." Finally, Johnson & Johnson (Johnson baby products, Tylenol) is cited, for sponsoring the "homosexual character Matt"—staple of the prime-time soap opera *Melrose Place*.

*** ACTION ALERT! Urge companies targeted by the AFA to resist the forces of homophobic hate—through the continued support of fairness, accuracy, and diversity in television. Contact: Duane L. Burnham, Chair, Abbott Laboratories, 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, IL 60064, tel.

708-937-6100, fax 708-937-1511; Ralph S. Larsen, Chair, Johnson & Johnson, One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933, tel. 908-524-0400 or 800-635-6789, fax 908-214-0332; Michael R. Quinlan, Chair, McDonald's Corporation, 1 Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521, tel. 708-575-3000, fax 708-575-5512; Edwin L. Artzt, Chair, Procter & Gamble, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, OH 45201, tel. 513-983-1100 or 800-435-9254, fax 513-562-4500; Clive Warrilow, President, Volkswagen of America, P.O. Box 3951, Troy, MI 48007, tel. 313-340-5000 or 800-822-8987, fax 313-340-4930.

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CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- * CODA meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- * "Your Sacred Self" - study group using the best seller by Wayne Dyer. COME learn more about your sacred self, sacred sisters & brothers, & the sacred, loving Creator God who made it so. Kingdom Community Church. 4404 Blossom. Call 862-7533.
- * Catholic Mass at 10:00 a.m. Kolbe House. 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

SATURDAY - 1/6

- * Traditional Mass at 7:30 p.m. Dignity Church, 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872

SUNDAY - 1/7

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

MONDAY - 1/8

- * Catholic Mass at 7:30 p.m. Kolbe House, 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

- * MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m., 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.
- * Sex Addicts Anonymous Support Group. Meets at MCCR. 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

TUESDAY - 1/9

- * MCCR: CODA Support group meets at 7:00 p.m., Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m., Gloryland Singers at 8:00 p.m., The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- * PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.
- * Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. Call 522-8182.
- * Over Eaters Anonymous support group meets at MCCR - 6:00pm. Call 861-9149.
- * Advent Scriptures for Gay/Lesbian Christians: 7:30 pm at Kolbe House. 1509 Fairview 522-8182
- * "Shepherd Group" meets at 7:30 p.m. for Praise, Prayer & Bible study. Call Maranatha Fellowship at 528-6756.

WEDNESDAY - 1/10

- * MCCR: Bi-net Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m., Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Midweek uplift service at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 1919 Decatur. 861-9149.
- * "A Course in Miracles"- Study Group using the book, published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, which is aimed at removing the blocks to our awareness of one's presence. Kingdom Community Church 7:30 p.m. Call 862-7533.
- * Ecumenical Catholic Church Mass at 7:00 p.m. 1405 palm. Call 526-8095.
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THURSDAY - 1/11

- * Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.
- * Pot Luck Supper 7:00 p.m. Kolbe House, 1509 Fairview. Call 522-8182

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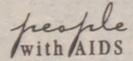
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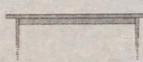


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Gay Today

by Glen Webber



Cleaning Out The Closets of The Past

I had a very nice Christmas. It was a quiet one, which is my favorite kind. I rode home with my good friend from high school, Keith Chapman. Keith is one of those very talented singers and actors, and he is now doing what he loves. I think that is wonderful.

We got to talking about our high school days, and about the people we knew. Keith was popular and had many friends. I, on the other hand, was just "there," and although I knew a lot of people, I didn't have a lot of friends.

We also talked about our 10-year high school reunion, and that brought back some memories.

I remembered how optimistic I was going into that reunion. I thought I would have a great time. I thought I would be surrounded by good friends. I thought I was going to feel like "Miss Thing." So, you can imagine my surprise when nobody talked to me. Other than a couple of "hi's," I was pretty much completely ignored. It hurt so bad, I left that major meeting feeling depressed and sad. I have known some of those people since First Grade, and I knew some of them through church as well as school. I didn't know why I was so ignored.

When the 20-year reunion came up about five years ago, I debated about going. I didn't want to repeat what happened back then. You know, I was carrying so much baggage from high school and the 10 year reunion that I decided not to go, hoping I could keep buried a lot of stupid ideas I created in my head.

I do believe many of us are still carrying baggage around from high school and childhood. I describe "baggage" as any preconceived ideas we have about ourselves. They include insecurities about our abilities, fear of failure or success, and concerns about our looks, what other people think about us, how we dress, etc.

I think I was the most insecure person growing up. Even though I lived in a beautiful home and had wonderful parents, that didn't help. I had no real friends in high school, and no "run-around" group. I judged myself the way I thought others were judging me. I hated high school. Or, maybe more appropriately stated, I hated me.

Although college went a little better, I was glad to get into the real world. My goal became getting over the baggage that was affected my ability to function at my best. But how do you let the past go? I decided that this is my life, and I will do or be anything I want. If someone would criticize me, I would say, fine; if you don't like it, get out of my way. I also tried reading anything I could on building self-esteem and confidence in myself and my abilities. The most important thing I could was associate myself with successful people and try to learn from them.

I read once where if you wanted to clear your mind of clutter, clean out your closets. Get rid of clothes you haven't worn in over a year. What about all that junk you have been carrying around since high school? Most of mine went to garbage heaven.

I think the most important thing I can say is, let it go. Let go of your insecurities. Do what you want to do. If someone is being judgment and critical and you did not for it, tell them to shut up and get out of my way. Once you are in control, you are going to be very happy. I know many of you are still in the process of dealing with being gay. I know many of you are afraid to discuss it with your family and friends. You're afraid of rejection and being judged. Well, it is time you to live your life, and that means accepting your sexual orientation. Anyone who judges you for anything accept how you treat the world doesn't need to be in your life.

I hope all of you make a resolution to get to know yourself really well. Improve the things you like and get rid of the things you don't. As I said before, you deserve the very best in life, but you have to get it yourself.

AIDS stricken transit worker loses award on appeal

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 30 (AP)—A federal appeals court overturned a \$125,000 verdict awarded to a transit worker who contended a superior violated his privacy when she reviewed employee prescription claims and learned he had AIDS.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals directed U.S. District Judge William H. Yohn Jr. to reverse the verdict in favor of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and Judith Pierce, the agency's former top administrative officer.

Yohn presided over the 1994 jury trial that ended with the damages being awarded to "John Doe" for mental and emotional distress.

In the decision written by Judge Max Rosenn, the appeals court found that an employer's need for access to employee prescription records under its health-insurance plan outweighs the employee's right to keep those purchases confidential.

Judge Timothy K. Lewis, in a dissenting opinion said he was troubled by the rulings "potential implications."

"I predict that the court's decision in this case will make it far easier for employers to disclose their employees' private medical information," Lewis wrote, "and to escape constitutional liability for harassment or other harms suffered by their employees as a result of that disclosure."

Doe did not contend that he suffered any harassment. The court noted that he continued to work for the agency and was later promoted.

His lawyer, Clifford A. Boardman, said Doe has since become too ill to work.

Boardman said he and his client may consider asking the full appeals court panel to consider the case.



RECYCLE



THE OUTsider

by Curt Morrison

Poll-Watchers May Be Surprised In '96

President Clinton should take some solace in his recent rise in the polls as a result of the Republican's failure to constructively convey their positions. Clinton's mediocre rise is temporary, at best, and will more than likely not last much more than three to four months. Why? To paraphrase an axiom, The Economy, Stupid.

The retail industry reported dismal and sluggish holiday sales in the month of December. Indeed, retailers were in a panic in mid-December, and if shoppers hadn't made a mad last minute dash to the malls of America, they would have been in dire straits. Consumers were waiting until the last minute to get the best bang for their buck, so to speak. Keep in mind, consumer spending controls two-thirds of the economy. What went wrong? Several things.

First and foremost is that the working people of America are fully aware that the president, in all his wisdom, inundated them with the biggest tax increase in history and that those monies are due in just a few short months. Beginning in January, employers start issuing employees their W-2 forms. Most individuals start preparing their taxes and completing the necessary paperwork at the earliest date they can. They want to know what their refund will be or, as in most cases, how much they owe good old Uncle Sam. It's no wonder consumers were not spendthrifts this holiday season, they were uncertain of what their financial status would be for the year. Consumer uncertainty definitely abounds, and it does not bode well for the economy.

In addition, the budget impasse isn't likely to increase consumer confidence at any time soon. Most working people are fully aware that if the government doesn't reign in spending, they will be the ones who will ultimately pay for their fiscal irresponsibility through higher tax revenues in one form or another. Polls to the contrary, most people support the idea of a balanced budget, they just disagree on how to balance it. This is where President Clinton, in my opinion, is making a highly miscalculated mistake. After all, he campaigned as the candidate who would champion change. Instead, he is out there defending the status quo, and that is not going to play well in November of 1996. I reckon he will stay the course until the budget is passed in order to keep his liberal base and then change his tune during the summer when the election cycle begins full force.

Secondly, the polls that are showing Clinton's popularity on the rise are beguiling and inconclusive. Recent polls have shown that in a head-on race, Clinton would beat Dole (the front-runner Republican nominee) by as much as 18-20 percentage

points. This should send alarm bells to President Clinton that all is not well. How? Dole hasn't even begun to campaign and he is only 18 points behind the President. That is not a comforting lead for Clinton to bank on. There have not been any debates, the real issues haven't even been discussed and Clinton's approval ratings are hovering around 50%. Granted, that is much better than the low forty percentile ratings he has mustered in his first two years; however, Clinton would be remiss to rely on such to carry him through.

By contrast, all of his recent presidential predecessors had approval ratings in the upper sixtieth percentile throughout their presidencies, something Clinton has never enjoyed. For the president and the media to report his recent increase in the polls as proof positive that the electorate is satisfied with his performance to date is premature and nugatory. Remember, Bush, at the same time in his presidency, had an 85% approval rating and lost. I have said it before in my columns and it bears repeating: you can not govern by polls.

President Clinton's current rise in the polls, albeit small, can be attributed to recent events where he has come across as a leader. He stood up to Congress with respect to sending troops to Bosnia. He is standing up to them now concerning the Budget. He is looking and acting like a leader, which he failed to do through most of his first two years. President Clinton could probably boost his poll numbers even higher if he led the right battles. Taking on the Republican party's serious effort at eliminating deficits and defending the status quo may play well in the short term, but will hurt the President come election time. Americans vote pocket book. It doesn't matter what a candidate's views are on abortion, homosexuality, gun control, etc. If the economy is in poor shape, voters will send you back to the private sector, and pronto.

Clinton has the momentum to demonstrate serious leadership skills that could parlay into significant gains in the polls. He could sit down with Newt and Dole, hammer out a balanced budget agreement that would allow both sides to look good and sign it into law. Whether or not Clinton will seize the moment or revert back to his philosophy of seesaw governance remains to be seen. I predict he will do the latter. As a result, I believe that the Republican nominee will resoundingly beat Clinton if it is a two man contest; however, if a third party candidate enters the race, Clinton will be re-elected with 40% of the vote as he did in 1992. One thing is certain; 1996 will be an interesting year politically, and anyone who thinks that they can predict with certainty what the outcome will be is in for a few surprises. Happy New Year!

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Bowling Is Back

Bowling starts again this week with the Montrose Monday Night Men's League reporting the following standings. Division A is headed by Dem Damn Dawgs, Party of Four and The Queen Sick Court. Division B reports Tennis Anyone? in first, Snow White & Black Butes in second, and Somebody Ate My Duck Sausage in third. High scratch game of 247 was bowled by Chris Bennett and series of 642 by Mace Adams. For more information, please telephone 641-5424.

The Inner Loop Alternative Sunday Evening League is headed by Screw It! in first place, Too Wong Fo U? in second and Sticky Wickets in third. For the men Tom O'Dell bowled

high scratch game of 242 and series of 643. For the women Geri Swan bowled high scratch game of 223 and series of 633. For more information call Tom at 522-9612.

The Wednesday Night Mixers has To Wong Foo: Thanks for Nothing in first, Half & Half in second, and 3 Tops and a Bottom in third. For the men Mace Adams bowled high scratch game of 264 and series of 694. For the women Terry Shannon bowled high scratch game of 211 and series of 562. For more information, call Tom at 522-9612.

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

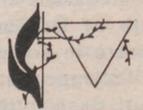
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Rev. Janet Parker

Q: "If there's only one God, why are there so many religions?"

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As you can see, religion is probably an important part of everyone's life in some form or fashion. Whether a person worships God, creation, money, a philosophy, another person, they will worship something. When humanity was created, we were made to be in relationship with our Creator God. That's how we were designed to function. When that relationship was broken through disobedience on the part of Adam and Eve, they began to find ways to still have "religion." That innate need and desire to worship God had to go somewhere. Through the creative abilities of humankind sprang all of the religions of the world.

Religion is a universal phenomenon. Wherever humanity lives, they are found giving some recognition to a power or powers beyond themselves. No matter what culture, society or level of technology, people have always practiced a form of religion. It has met the needs of people. The practice of religion is as varied as the religions themselves. A common misconception is that all religions are basically saying the same thing or that all religious "paths" eventually reach the same summit--God. This is simply not true. Although similar teachings do occur in more than one religion, the differences between them are as marked as night and day.

As the Apostle Paul traveled around the Mediterranean area he noticed something very significant. In Acts 17:22 we read, "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And God is not served by human hands, as if God needed anything, because God gives all people life and breath and everything else. From one person God made every nation of people, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and God determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that people would seek God and perhaps reach out for God and find God, though God is not far from each one of us. Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by humanity's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now God commands all people everywhere to repent. For God has set a day when God will judge the world with justice by the One God has appointed. God has given proof of this to all people by raising Christ Jesus from the dead." (stay tuned next week for closing remarks)

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This 'N' That: the best and worst of '95

Part II: Books And Music

By JON ANTHONY

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Best Books

1. Palimpsest, A Memoir (Gore Vidal)—This is one of the best memoirs to hit the shelves of bookstores in recent memory. Candid, boisterous and imaginative, this wickedly brilliant tome is enrichingly replete with clever anecdotes that only a raconteur such as Vidal could compose so vividly. The fictional historians accounts of his interludes with such luminaries as Tennessee Williams, Eleanor Roosevelt, Leonard Bernstein and Norman Mailer to name a few is both forthright and compelling. A fascinating read.

2. Looking for Gatsby (Faye Dunaway)—The legendary Oscar winning actresses autobiography is an intelligently written no-holds-barred account of her life to date. Dunaway engagingly confronts her adversaries and offers her version of events that have become legend throughout her career. She reminisces with wit and fortitude on her clash with Bette Davis, her portrayal of Joan Crawford in *Mommie Dearest*, her feud with Andrew Lloyd Webber over her dismal from *Sunset Boulevard* and the many men in her life. She is a tough, smart and extremely intelligent actress who has delivered a first-rate fun read that should be on every homosexuals bookshelf.

3. The Rainmaker (John Grisham)—I defy anyone to pick up a John Grisham novel and not become enthralled with his writing prowess. This latest novel is an intricate courtroom thriller that will entertain you throughout. Grisham incorporates a considerable amount of humor to this intriguing tale of a young lawyer who takes on multi-billion dollar insurance company. This is Grisham's first tome written in first person narration and his sixth novel to date. A great novel.

4. Morning, Noon and Night (Sidney Sheldon)—Like Grisham, Sheldon always delivers the goods and his latest is certainly up to par. In *Morning, Noon and Night*, Sheldon takes us on a tour-de-force through the world of wealth, power and intrigue as he only can. The creator of such hit shows as *I Dream of Jeannie* and *Hart to Hart*, Sheldon knows first hand how to spin a yarn. He is a master storyteller and this book lives up to the Sheldon legend.

5. Autobiography (David Brinkley)—The television news icon has penned his autobiography and provides us with an interesting and historically informative narrative about the television news industry

and how it evolved from its inception into the phenomenon it is today. Brinkley's sardonic wit and extraordinary verbalism is strewn throughout and he offers a refreshing candor to the genre.

6. After All (Mary Tyler Moore)—Mary Tyler Moore's autobiography is compelling and insightful from cover to cover. It runs the gamut of her remarkable career in television and the personal tragedies she has endured. Ironically, Moore who is renowned for her comedic talents has lived a life that has been more tragic than comical. Her life could fill a month's worth of daytime talk shows. She recounts her alcoholism, bout with diabetes, her son's death, her attempt at euthanasia for her brother and her sisters drug overdose. It is a vivid telling of her life that is illuminating to say the least.

7. The Raiders (Harold Robbins)—The admittedly bisexual Robbins proves why he is the worlds best-selling novelist in this riveting sequel to his classic 1961 tome *The Carpetbaggers*. This searing sensual drama is filled with his trademark prose consisting of scandal, sex, passion and manipulative plot twists. Robbins always provides his readers with a whirlwind of excitement and *The Raiders* is as good as he gets.

8. The Island of the Day Before (Umberto Eco)—This is one of Eco's best books yet and considering his track record to date, that is quite an accomplishment. This historical journey set in the 17th century takes you on a breathtaking adventure of enthralling concepts and aberrations. Its a fascinating story about a man who is marooned in a deserted ship somewhere in the South Pacific and his ordeal. *The Island of the Day Before* is an extraordinary book that leaves you wanting for more.

9. Couplehood (Paul Reiser)—With the success of Jerry Seinfeld's *Seinfeld* book, publishers anteed up big bucks to sign other sitcom stars to pen their comedic tales. Tim Allen, Kelsey Grammar, Ellen DeGeneres and Paul Reiser have all followed suit. Reiser's tome is far and away the best of them all. His book on the trials and travails of relationships is absolutely hysterical and will have you laughing out loud. The *Mad About You* star is quite adept at comedic writing and isn't as self-righteous as his contemporaries are.

10. Hollywood Kids—Jackie Collins—Okay, so she's not a literary genius. So what? Yes, I know, her books are trashy, campy and at times unbelievable. That's what makes them fun to read. What makes her so great is that she is the best that the genre has to offer. *Hollywood Kids* offers the traditional Collins repertoire of sex, scandal, mystery and pure

camp. Nobody does it better than she does and Collins keeps you spellbound throughout. She's addictive and suffice it to say that I am not the only one who reads this trash if her book sales are any indication. She is one of the highest paid author's in the business and her books sell millions. Collins is one of those authors that you read but wouldn't admit it to anyone but your closest friends. A Collins book is the perfect companion for a day at the beach where you just want to relax, be entertained and have some fun.

Worst Books

1. Miss America (Howard Stern)—He's annoying, irritating, disgusting and just plain ignorant. He's also a best-selling author, and his fans are buying this book in droves. This book is not funny, but is highly inflammatory and just plain insipid. It is a sad commentary on the public that worships this pathetic jock. Stern is not shocking as many people have intoned; what's shocking is that anyone would buy this book.

2. The Horses' Whisperer (Nicholas Evans)—This rip-off of *The Bridges of Madison County* is down-right silly and ridiculous. It's a story about a man who can talk to horses. As a result, women are smitten with the poor sap. What a syrupy mess. You have to be pretty bored to get through this book and have an impeccable imagination to boot. This lame novel is going to be made into a movie, gee, I can't wait.

3. Pay Dirt (Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown)—Just so you know, I am not making this up. Rita Mae Brown

co-wrote this book with her cat Sneaky Pie. Ridiculous? Not as ridiculous as this book is. We are inundated with three murders, \$2 million dollars in missing funds, a computer virus, a dog who quotes Shakespeare, a cat who has the ability to turn radio dials. This is a first class mess. The dialogue is absurd, the whole book is dull and the whole concept is uninspiring. In fact, you will need to call your doctor and request a prescription for depression if you make it through the entire book.

4. Book of Top Ten Lists (David Letterman)—It's tired, David! Maybe that's why his show has taken a dive in the ratings. What used to be funny, for the first several years, has become stale. It's bad enough to have to sit through these stupid list on his show when the only reason your watching is to see a guest that you admire. Letterman needs to regroup and get back on track with cutting edge humor he used to be admired for or gracefully retire.

5. Five Days in Paris (Danielle Steele)—Steele writes these books at breathtaking speed and releases two to three a year. It's always the same concept and you can predict the entire story line by page 30. These books ought to insult the average women who read these Steele books and many do. Where are the feminists when you need them. *Five Days in Paris* is so unbelievable and unrealistic that it should be sold in the Fantasy section. At least then, it would get a better review.

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The public's Top Ten lists

It is always interesting to compare a critic's list of hits and misses with that of the general public. Critics, such as myself always have an opinion on something or other and are not shy about sharing it with the public. However, the public has their own opinion, which they demonstrate with their pocketbook. Here are the public's favorites based on sales and/or ratings.

T.V.

The highest rated shows on T.V., according to the A.C. Nielson research company are:

1. E.R. (NBC)
2. Seinfeld (NBC)
3. Friends (NBC)
4. Caroline in the City (NBC)
5. The Single Guy (NBC)
6. Home Improvement (ABC)
7. 60 Minutes (CBS)
8. NYPD Blue (ABC)
9. Monday Night Football (ABC)
10. Grace Under Fire (ABC)

Movies

Following are the biggest-grossing movies of the year:

1. Batman Forever;
2. Apollo 13;
3. Pocahontas;
4. Toy Story;
5. Ace Ventura 2;
6. Casper;
7. Die Hard With a Vengeance;
8. Crimson Tide;
9. Waterworld;
10. Seven.

Music

The best selling albums of the year, according to Billboard Magazine and Soundscan:

1. Cracked Rear View—Hootie and the Blowfish;
2. Crazysexycool—TLC;
3. The Hits—Garth Brooks;
4. Jagged Little Pill—Alanis Morissette;
5. Throwing Copper—Live;
6. II—Boyz II Men;
7. Hell Freezes Over—The Eagles;
8. Daydream—Mariah Carey;
9. Dookie—Green Day;
10. The Woman in Me—Shania Twain.

Man claims company fired him because he has AIDS virus and is gay

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, Dec. 28 (AP)—A man claims in a lawsuit that a cable TV company fired him because he has the AIDS virus and is gay.

Carl Jones filed suit Wednesday against Century Communications Corp. in Superior Court.

The suit claims wrongful termination, harassment, disability

discrimination and invasion of privacy.

Jones claims he was fired Feb. 28 from Century Cable in Santa Monica after his supervisor, Ernestine Collier, learned of his condition.

"When his employer found out he was HIV-positive, she started a campaign of harassment against him and vowed to get rid of him," said

Jones' attorney, Michael Linfield. "She made several homophobic remarks about him to co-workers."

Jones claims he was hired in 1994 and received promotions and good reviews until Collier learned he had HIV by reading a personal letter.

Tom Reim, the company's human resources director, said he had not

seen the suit and could not discuss it. But he said in a statement that "Century Communications is committed to maintaining a non-discriminatory workplace. We are active fund-raisers for AIDS-related charities."

Linfield said a doctor will testify that the termination contributed to Jones' developing AIDS.

To sleep, perchance to dance



The Pat Graney Company's "Sleep (making peace with the angels)" will be performed Jan. 12 and 13 at the University of Houston Lyndall Finley Wortham Theater

Performing Arts Notes

From time untold, humans have looked to their dreams about their inner life, their past and their potential. The recent spate of articles and books about "lucid dreaming" show that interest in REM (rapid eye movement) sleep has not ebbed; people are fascinated by the non-waking state and the rich, if elusive, insights it provides. World-renowned choreographer Pat Graney ventures into this uncharted terrain for an ambitious new work titled *Sleep (making peace with the angels)*. DiverseWorks, in coalition with the Society for the Performing Arts; the University of Houston Dance Division, School of Theater; radio station KUHF; and the National Performance Network will present the Houston premiere of *Sleep* at the UH Lyndall Finley Wortham Theater on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13.

The richly theatrical dance acknowledges both the archetypal and profoundly personal aspects of the dream world in a manner far from subdued. The piece opens with the birthday of a seven-year-old girl, whose dreams of her future are populated with sculptor Marilyn Lysohir's large-scale pieces and complicated by images of family rituals. In Graney's precise and athletic movement style, *Sleep* investigates a mysterious emotional terrain of nightmares, fractured childhood memories,

and humorous, surprising dream segments. The work boasts an original score by composer Mark Swan and an installation by Lysohir.

Graney is an adventurous, sharp-witted dance maker whose daring, experimental projects have brought raves from audiences and critics across the country. She recently garnered a prestigious Guggenheim fellowship and has won seven consecutive NEA choreographer's fellowships; her seven-member, all woman company is one of the most visible dance companies in the Northwest.

Sleep will be performed at 8:00 p.m., Jan. 12 and 13, at the Lyndall Finley Wortham Theater (University of Houston, Entrance 16). Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$10 for DiverseWorks members; and \$7 for students with identification. For more information or to reserve tickets, call DiverseWorks at 228-0904.

SPA Presents Merce Cunningham Dancers

Another progressive dance adventure takes place in Houston Saturday, Jan. 20, when the Houston Society for the Performing Arts presents the Merce Cunningham Dance Company. Cunningham, a choreographic legend who continues to break new ground in contemporary dance, is bringing his company of 14 extraordinary dancers to Houston for one performance only, 8:00 p.m. at the Cullen Theater in Wortham Theater Center.

Cunningham has planned a diverse, exciting program for this Houston presentation of works that he created utilizing the innovative dance computer software LifeForms: *Beach Birds* (1991); *Ground Level Overlay* (1995) and *Crdspcr* (1993).

When *Crdspcr*, the final work on the Houston program, made its New York debut in 1994, critics raved that this exuberant work buzzes with activity yet maintains clarity through crystal-clear movement. With its omission of vowels, the title *Crdspcr* comments on how computer technology is changing our language and condensing words. Either of two possible interpretations—"crowd spacer" or "crowds pacer"—also remarks on the style of Cunningham's computer-aided choreography, and the way he maps out the space for dense ensemble dancing.

The program opens with *Beach Birds*, set to John Cage's quiet, introspective score *Four*.

Eleven dancers dressed in black and white unitards—reminiscent of seagulls—seemingly perform their own individual dances, and then the eye catches two or three dancers moving in unison, or one dancer echoing the movements of another. The entire company dances *Grand Level Overlay*, to music composed by Stuart Dempster and dedicated to the memory of John Cage.

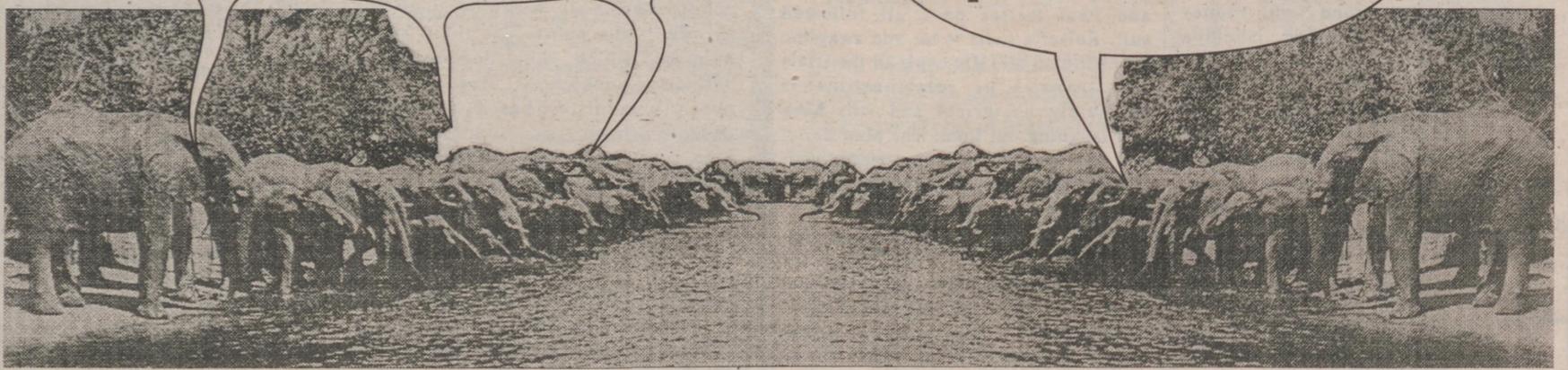
Tickets for then performance are \$22, \$26 and \$32 and are available at Houston Ticket Center in Jones Hall and the Wortham Theater Center, as well as all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call 227-ARTS.



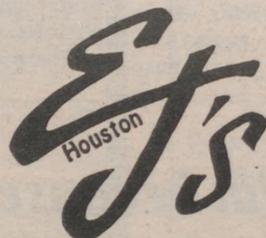
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Group's attack on gay publication angers businesses

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The letter sent by AFA-Texas, based in Austin, informs the business owners of the organization's practice of broadcasting the names of *Triangle* advertisers during its Saturday morning program on an Austin radio station. Then, it asks for a response "within 10 days if (the business) intends to continue" advertising in the gay publication.

Accompanying the letter are examples of *Triangle* content—usually, editorial cartoons lampooning religious right views—that Roberts and his group deem objectionable.

The written deadline has caused two advertisers to pull their ads and has made others nervous. Kay Longcope, editor and publisher of the newspaper, told the *Austin American-Statesman*. Ms. Longcope said Roberts wants her clients to fear demonstrations in front of their stores. Such protests by association members hit an Austin car dealer, which recently renewed its advertising with the *Triangle*.

Other advertisers say they also will continue their relationship with the three-year-old *Triangle* no matter what the Family Association does.

"We regret to inform you that Tower Mortgage Corp. will continue to advertise in any publications the corporation chooses," Tony Eddols, president of Tower Mortgage Corp., wrote in a response to Roberts.

Targeting advertisers is a familiar tactic for the AFA; however, the national group has previously concentrated such efforts on broadcast media (see related story, "Bigot's guide to broadcasting," in GLAAD Media Watch column in this issue). In directing its efforts against a newspaper—and particularly, one whose primary readership and focus is the gay and lesbian community—the Texas AFA chapter has broken new and chilling ground.

Included among the targets of Roberts' mailout were eight businesses in Houston, including at least one that has also advertised in the *Houston Voice*.

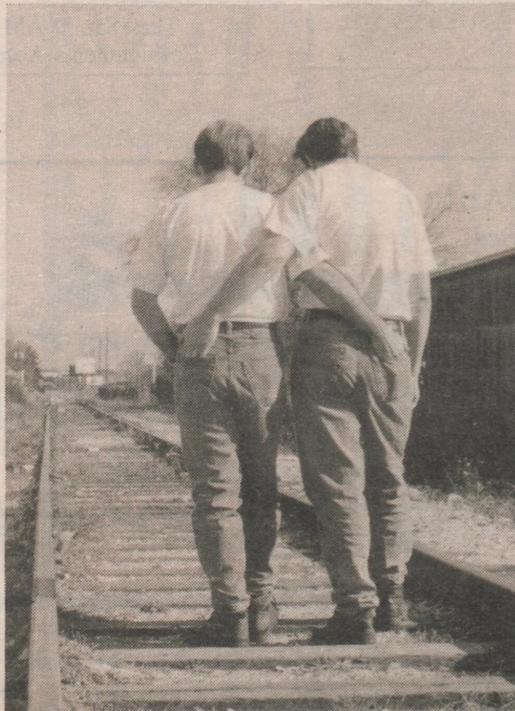
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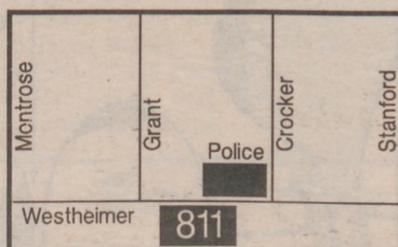


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Anthony's best and worst of '95

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Best Recordings

1. Bette of Roses (Bette Midler) — Midler takes you on a musical odyssey of pure delight. Her magnificent vocal prowess is evident throughout and she embarks on new musical heights that are breathtaking. Without a doubt, the year's most creative and festive musical journey.

2. Daydream (Mariah Carey) — Carey's vocal acrobatics are in fine form on this album and the selection of songs are great as well. Her cover of Journey's *Open Arms* is incredible and *Fantasy* dominated the charts and dance clubs for the latter part of the year.

3. Something to Remember (Madonna) —Madonna's release of a greatest hits package of ballads reminded us that beneath all of the controversial exterior, there is a talented singer. *You'll See*, one of three new songs, is as good as she gets and a beautifully sung ballad. A great retrospective from a force in the industry.

4. Cracked Rear View (Hootie and the Blowfish) —Yes, I know, radio has overplayed their music to death. Remember, though, that if there wasn't a demand for the music, they wouldn't play it so often. This is the biggest selling album of the year with 11 million copies sold so far. Their music is straightforward, down home, southern rock, and up until the release of this album, no one was recording such. So, they filled the void and reaped the successes. By and large, it's an enjoyable album that is just plain fun.

5. Waiting to Exhale (Soundtrack—Whitney Houston, Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Toni Braxton, Mary K. Blige, Aretha Franklin) —With a combination of these talented divas, how could you possibly not have released one of the year's best albums. This is a delightful record that is music to the ears. It's "Absolutely Fabulous."

6. Clouds in My Coffee (Carly Simon) —This career retrospective of the legendary singer/songstress is a collector's dream. The album includes all of Ms. Simon's hits, and there are many, plus previously unreleased material such as a delightful recording of the classic *Angel from Montgomery*, and music she composed of different genres. A wonderful collection of music from a revered artist in her own right.

7. Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness (Smashing Pumpkins) —A truly innovative album by an innovative band led by the innovative Billy Corgan. This album is one of the best grunge rock albums in recent years. It doesn't simply rely on grunge headiness, its progressive rock that leaps you into a frenzy of thought provoking balladry and guitar playing genius that could only be accomplished by sheer pretentiousness from a band who knows how to use their traits.

8. All You Can Eat (k.d. lang) —This is one of k.d. lang's best albums and considering her immeasurable talent, that's quite an accomplishment. lang's phenomenal pipes and her subtle delivery on the material is refreshing and insightful. This

album should have catapulted k.d. lang to major success, however, that does not appear likely since the album hasn't even entered the charts. Run to the your local record store and purchase this beautiful selection of musical delights.

9. Made in England (Elton John) —A fantastic album by Captain Fantastic himself. Elton John's mastery of piano accompaniment to rock and ballads alike is still invigorating and refreshing. This is one of his best albums in recent years. The title song is a rousing ditty that is reminiscent of his earlier recordings and the music is electric and emotionally satisfying. John is one of the most critically underrated musicians of our time.

10. Fire to Fire (Tanya Tucker) —The Texas Tornado released one of her best albums in a career that has spanned over 20 years. Tanya is one of those rare country artists who can sing rock and the blues, as well, and does with just the right amount of soul. She demonstrates her versatility on this album with ease and delivers some of the best country music of the year.

Worst Recordings

1. When You Get a Little Lonely (Maureen McCormick) —McCormick's (Marsha on the *Brady Bunch*) attempt at a country music career would be laughable if it weren't so pathetic. Marsha, Marsha, Marsha, give it up; the album is horrible. There is some solace for McCormick, however, her album is more palatable than LaToya Jackson's attempt at country music.

2. Time (Fleetwood Mac) —No Stevie Nicks, and it's obvious too. Christine McVie makes a few vocal appearances, but even she can't save this awful album. Bekka Bramlett replaces Nicks in the band's new album and from the sound of this record, Nicks has nothing to worry about. Fleetwood Mac needs to retire gracefully or bring Stevie back into the fold.

3. Tapestry Revisited (Various) —I looked forward to this tribute album to a great singer/songwriter, Carole King, whom I've always admired. What a farce. The contributing artists on this album turned the vintage King classics into schmaltzy cabaret fare that sounded like it was recorded at a Karaoke club. Please, stop churning out these awful tribute albums. Let us remember the music as it was in its original brilliance.

4. Greatest Hits (Michael Bolton) —Must we endure these songs over and over? Bolton has written some great songs, but must he wail through a remake of legendary soul music on every album he puts out? It's as ingratiating as his voice is at times. Bolton sounds like he's going to bust a vein every time he hits a high note. I get nervous listening to him. Stop with the rehashing of hits, Michael. Take a rest, enjoy your success and give us a break.

5. Da Return (Shaquille O'Neal) —I must confess, I was unaware that O'Neal even released a rap album. A friend of mine who is a huge fan asked me to listen to the album and offer my opinion. Hmm. . . .Well, interesting and unique come to mind. O'Neal needs to stick with basketball. A genuine slam dunk.



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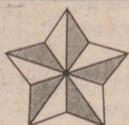
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Houston Soap

By CAROLYN ROBERTS

Soap is short again this week! I'm just now starting to recover from all the parties!

Friday, Jan. 5

Seven gorgeous male dancers fill the bill tonight at J.R.'s Bar and Grill! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m. as well as the TGIF happy hour with Texas-sized ice cold doubles in a tall glass until 10:00 p.m.

Start your weekend off right at the Venture-N. Power hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and well cocktails, longnecks, and wine are only \$1.50. This super special goes until 7:00 p.m.

Fridays in Heaven you can start your weekend off with one of Houston's biggest dance club parties! The well cocktails are 75¢ all night long!

There is an 8-ball tournament tonight at the Lazy J. This is for league members only!

Saturday, Jan. 6

You can meet David Walker, Mr. International Drummer '95 tonight at Pacific Street. He will be guest bartending at the main bar tonight starting at 9:00 p.m. Woof! Woof! Also, the men of National Leather Association: Houston will be guest bartending on the patio! A full night of leather tonight at Pacific Street. Don't forget that you can get in free if you are attired in erotic leather!

Scot down to the Brazos River Bottom tonight and have a cocktail on the patio with the men and women of TGRA. They will be guest bartending tonight starting at 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays at Mary's feature happy hour from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The grill heats up starting at 3:00 p.m. for steak, baker all-the-way, and a salad for a measly \$5.50. They also serve hamburgers for \$2. Head out to the patio and give Scotty a hard time.

DJ/VJ Shawn Byrne takes you to Europe and brings you back again playing the

hottest music videos from around the world tonight at Heaven. Heaven offers 75¢ well cocktails and \$1.75 Red Wolf longnecks from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Eighteen and up are welcome!

Kara Dion is searching for talent! This and every Saturday at E/J's, she hunts for talent. Do you have an act you would like to try out on an audience? Check out this contest which begins at 11:00 p.m. The winner gets to perform in the Tuesday night super show! You could be a star!

Who will become Mr. Hot Buns 1996? Prizes will be awarded for Fuzzy Buns, Baby Cakes, Papa's Choice, Bubble Butt, and Mr. Hot Buns 1996! The buns go bare at midnight at Gentry.

Do you like to bar hop on a Saturday night? Well, start off at the Santa Fe Bar and Patio at 9:00 p.m., then head to the Mine at 9:30 p.m., cross the street to J.R.'s Bar and Grill at 10:00 p.m., and finally go to

Heaven at 10:30 p.m. This is the run for the 800 Pacific block party. You can get 75¢ well cocktails and \$1 domestic longnecks at each stop. Heaven offers no cover from 10:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The 611 Hyde Park Pub has pumping, party pleasing, male dancers tonight. The seduction begins at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Tonight at Pacific Street, a new Mr. and Ms. Olympus Leather South-Central will be chosen. This is a preliminary to the Mr. and Ms. Olympus contest to be held at Pantheon of Leather VI in New Orleans. This should prove to be one of the hottest contests of this year.

The Texas Renegades are hosting their annual gumbo cook-off this afternoon at the Brazos River Bottom. You can wonder around the tables and try many types of gumbo for only \$1 per bowl. Judging is at 5:00 p.m., followed by a show at 7:00 p.m. This is a benefit for the Colt 45's Til Thacker Memorial Fund.

Mary's, naturally, has Sunday brunch starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stop in for a light brunch and tasty Bloody Marys.

Ruby Stone, candidate for R.S.I.C.S.S. Empress XII presents "Red Beans and Rice Revue" tonight at Gentry. This benefit for the Soiree Aubergine's Bering Care Center Meal Program starts at 9:00 p.m.

Paivi Lee Love hosts the show tonight at Bacchus II. Stop in at 10:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8

M & M Mondays at Gentry feature \$2 Margaritas, and \$3.50 Absolut Martinis all day and all night! At 8:30, the hit show "High Society" is shown on all the TVs. Sounds like a great way to spend Monday nights!

You can get a locker today and tonight at Club Houston for half price! This special ought to help you keep that New Year's Resolution!

Cousin's has a dart tournament tonight at 8:30 p.m. There is a \$3 buy-in and the bar matches the pot!

I hear that the bartenders at the Ripcord wear only boxer shorts on Monday nights!

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Mary's, naturally, offers \$2 Jose Cuervo shots for only \$2. No wonder they call 'em Cuervo Tuesdays! See ya there!

The super Tuesday show at E/J's stars Catia Lee Love. Her guests this week are Crystal Rae Lee Love, Scotch, Rachelle Stevens, and the winner from the Saturday night talent contest. Show time is 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

\$1 longnecks are the deal of the day/night at the Venture-N. Stop in for a cold one served by some of Houston's hottest bartenders.

The leathermen of the Ripcord are rockin'-n-rollin' tonight. The music venue on Wednesday is old rock and roll!

Thursday, Jan. 11

The BriarPatch has the biggest martinis in town! Plenty of room for an olive or pearl onion! Stop in and see what I'm talking about!

Chances has \$2 Cuervo shots today and every day! I just love Cuervo!

The Houston Press' "Romance Night" will be held at J.R.'s Bar and Grill tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m. You can get a free personal ad, and there are door prizes from Travel Heights and Floral Events.

Other Important Stuff

This week's selections at the French Quarter are "Maverick" and "The Personals!"

Mark your calendars for Jan. 12, 13, and 14. The women of FIST present Ms. Gulf Coast Leather 1996 contest. Comedian Shann Carr and leatherman Chuck Higgins will MC the contest to be held on Jan. 13. at Bacchus II. If you would like more info, call 661-9829.

Charlie's has a new tasty item on their menu! Baby back ribs!

Birthday Corner

A Happy (I love to sing) Birthday to Susan Maser.

A Happy (Belated) Birthday to Buck at Mary's

A Happy (Long Distance) Birthday to Clay Harper!

A Happy (Yes, I do wear lacy panties) Birthday to Kody at Chances.

Rodent Droppings

Harvey has already broken his New Year's resolution. I made him promise NOT to beat up Ratrat anymore, but on Monday he was very bad! Harvey climbed into the box that Ratrat was playing in and pounced on top of him! When the Lazer Wizard reached in to get Harvey, he would not let go of Ratrat! We checked for damage, and fortunately Ratrat is ok! Harvey, after several swift slaps on the butt and many loud, stern "bad ferret," was put back in his cage. He sulked the rest of the day! Maybe he will learn! While spanking Harvey, the following dropped down!

Jerry (Mary's): Tossed any full packs away lately?

Lupe (Club Houston): I hear you have a new plastic surgery and your office in the maze at the Club is called "Lupesuction!"

Ricky (Hangs at the BRB): That sure was a big box you gave Byron and Tommy for Christmas!

Tim (Hangs at Mary's): Next time you go hunting in the maze at the Club Houston, make sure there are not any Club Houston employees in there!

David/Roxy (Club Houston): Is it true that you are working out and becoming a man? This week? And is it true you were trying to remodel room # 215 on New Year's Eve or was it just fireworks?

Denver Roger (Hangs at the BRB): What is this about you and Narene shacking up at the Allen Park Inn? Which one was the butch one?

Bob B. (Hangs at E/J's): I guess you are going to have to go on a diet to fit into that sweater!

Sam (BRB): So, your the "New Meat" on the BRB's menu! Are you more tasty raw, baked, grilled, or marinated and sau-



Is that really Anita Mann with a riding crop in her hand?

teed?

B.J. (Hangs at E/J's): Message: What good are the keys if you don't have a "Feller" to open the lock... signed, a key witness!

Oscar (Hangs at E/J's and BRB): I guess I won't park my car too close to your trunk!

Rex (Mary's): So, you want to be like Barbie! The bitch has everything! Yeah, 14 wedding dresses and never been married, she can't keep a steady job, and her boyfriend doesn't have the right equipment!

Shaboom, Reno, Gary, and Buddy: I understand that for that long, long trip to San Antonio, you packed a portable urinal! Plan to drink all the way, or are you four scared to cruise in the rest stop bathrooms?

CW (E/J's): My, you are handy with a ruler! Lots of practice? Also, if it is 2:00 p.m. in Houston, what time is it else where?

Devin (Mary's): Did you ever find Mr. Ball's ball earrings? Next time, don't leave them in a cab!

Cassandra (Hangs at Mary's): What did you mean, "Nobody got me anything I like for Christmas?" I heard you got a pair of Jose Cuervo bottles, with the Cuervo still in them!

Randy (Hangs at E/J's): What happens when you get in a Santa suit? You get a Santa with attitude.

Sam (Hangs at Mary's): Just what have you and Jack been doing?

Larry Crawford: What happened in Oklahoma?

Jay Allen (PS): Were those really penny loafers on you feet?

Stan (VN): Are you sure I spelled your name right last week? Should it not have been Hoe! Hoe! Hoe!

Question: What two members of the Court were seen naked, without even a tiara, at the party at John D. and Dan L.'s house?

Message to the stupid graffiti artist that scribbled on the men's bathroom at Mary's. "I Like Dikes!" Should that be "I Like Dykes" or "I Like Dicks"? Or maybe, you are just not sure!

TTFN, (Ta Ta For Now)

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Miss Camp America performs at the Bayou City Boys Club's New Year's Eve party.

'Damn' good revival of timeless musical

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

New York magazine theater critic John Simon recently described a successful revival as being able to take the original and "make it live again with its own singing, dancing and breathing life." More apt words could not be found for *Damn Yankees*. The highly acclaimed revival production which triumphed on Broadway is having similar success across the country. Led by a cast headlined by international star and stage personality Jerry Lewis, *Damn Yankees* will play Jones Hall Jan. 9-14, as part of the American Express Houston Broadway Series, and it's sure to be grand slam production.

One of the most unabashedly fun musicals ever, *Damn Yankees* is set in the 1950s, when the New York Yankees were perennial powerhouses and the now-defunct Washington Senators were permanent cellar-dwellers in major league baseball hierarchy. The music and lyrics are by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross and the libretto is by George Abbott and Douglas Wallop, and the work contains familiar Broadway standards such as "You Gotta Have Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants."

Taken from the Faust tale, *Yankees*

unfolds when Joe Boyd, a beleaguered Senators fan, desperately cries that he'd sell his soul if it would mean a pennant for his baseball team.

Instantly appearing in the Mephistoles role is Applegate (Lewis). He bargains for Joe's soul, promising to transform him into a slugger who will take the Senators to the World Series.

But Boyd only has a limited amount of time in which to realize his hell-made miracle. If he succeeds, he gets to return to his loving wife Meg (whom he must leave for the duration of his metamorphosis without being able to tell her what's happening); if he fails, Applegate calls in the con-



David Elder (l) and Jerry Lewis in "Damn Yankees"

tract. Not willing to let possession of Joe's soul ride merely on the outcome of baseball games, Applegate summons one of his minions—a vixen temptress named Lola—to distract and seduce Joe.

The revival, which had George Abbott, the director of the original production in 1955, as a creative consultant, succeeds so well, in part, because it modernizes without being anachronistic. For instance, in dismissing the possibility of Joe's love for his wife thwarting Lola's efforts, Applegate spouts off a list of tragic romances—Romeo and Juliet, Tristan and Isolde—then after a smirky pause—J. Edgar Hoover and Clyde

Tolson. Similar lines cover everything from Joe McCarthy to Arthur Murray and from Edsels to Eleanor Roosevelt. These new jokes would have been decidedly out of place had they been present in the original, but they are not out of time. The result is a refreshing new look at a musical as timeless as our national pastime and a fitting tribute to the original, which won eight Tony Awards in 1956.

The national tour is being directed by Jack O'Brien with choreography by Rob Marshall. Lewis, who is a veteran, in one capacity or another, of more than 60 films, made his Broadway debut with *Yankees*. Other members of the cast include Valerie Wright as the saucy sidekick, Lola; David Elder as Joe Hardy (Joe Boyd's nom de bullpen); Susan Bigelow as Meg; and Dennis Kelley as Joe Boyd.

Damn Yankees features set design by Douglas W. Schmidt, costume design by David C. Woolard and lighting design by David F. Segal, who employs some satanic special effects. New orchestrations for the musical have been created by Douglas Besterman.

Damn Yankees is the very best type of revival: it reinvigorates, it refurbishes and it restores, but at no point does it disfigure. This one's a grand slam clear out of the ball park.

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Lawyer sues allegedly gay PaineWebber executive for \$20 million

By SAMUEL MAULL
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE
NEW YORK, Thursday, Dec. 28 (AP)—A lawyer who sued PaineWebber International's chairperson for \$20 million pleaded guilty this month to harassment after being indicted on grand larceny charges, a law enforcement spokesperson said Thursday.

Richard Yao, 40, was indicted in April 1994 on a third-degree grand larceny charge, said spokesperson Wayne Brison of the Manhattan district attorney's office. A man whose identity was sealed in court records had alleged to police that he was the target of an extor-

tion attempt.

Yao pleaded guilty to first-degree harassment last Dec. 1 in a plea agreement and was given an unconditional discharge by Justice Felice Shea, Brison said. The judge ordered Yao to stay away from the complainant.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, Yao claimed that after a torrid two-month affair with John Bult in 1992, the PaineWebber executive promised him \$10,000 a month for life to keep quiet about Bult's gay lifestyle.

Yao, whose court papers said Bult made only one \$10,000 payment, alleged breach of contract and intentional infliction of

emotional distress.

Bult's lawyer, Harvey Horowitz, said he believes his client was being victimized in a manner similar to the complainant in the 1994 case. He denied that Bult ever made a lifetime support deal with Yao.

Bult met Yao at a social function and went to dinner with him a few times—nothing more, Horowitz said. He said Yao called Bult repeatedly, "and after a while the calls became bizarre. He was saying things like 'I have to meet with you or terrible things will happen.'"

"We got a call from the Manhattan district attorney's office in December, three

years after he (Bult) met this guy," Horowitz said. "We were told that Richard Yao was under investigation for extortion of money."

Horowitz said prosecutors told him that they found Bult's name among papers at Yao's home when they executed a search warrant there. A law enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators also found the names of other people and are trying to find those people to ask if they were victims of any crimes.

"We are quite convinced its a bigger scheme and its probably how he supports himself," the source said.

The defense lawyer in Yao's criminal case, Eric Orzick, could not be reached for comment. His lawyer in the civil suit against Bult, Michael B. Ronemus, refused to take calls.

Peter Casey, a PaineWebber spokesperson, said the firm would not comment on the suit since the case is personal. But he said the firm supports Bult.

"John has provided valuable advice and service to our firm since 1966," Casey said. "We are supportive of him and will not allow accusations contained in this personal lawsuit reduce that support in any way."

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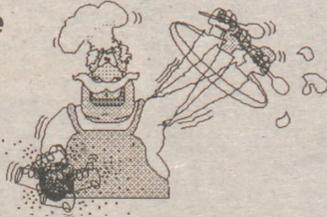
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RECIPES BY KUNTRY KIDD

Okay y'all!!! I want all of you to start 1996 out strutting, grunting, and booming! I have a recipe for you that I didn't believe was true, but I made it for New Year's Eve, and it really is a good recipe. Sounds kind of "queer" but we are all used to "queer" things, huh? The only info I have on this is the recipe was made up by a woman somewhere in Iowa. You freeze your tits off all winter, so I suppose you need to come up with some kind of ideas on what to use your "meat" for. Of course this meat you don't beat, you grind. If you don't have any meat to beat or grind, you can go to your neighborhood Kroger, Rice Epicurean, or Specs Liquor.

Emu Cake



1. Mix Together:

- 1 pound ground Emu meat
- 1/3 tsp. salt
- 3 C. brown sugar

2. Add & Mix Well:

- 2 C flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. clove

3. Mix and Add:

- 2 C. raisins
- 1 C. hot coffee
- 1/2 C chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Bake in a greased and lightly floured 9x13 inch pan at 350 degrees 35-40 minutes. Very good with cream cheese frosting.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 small package cream cheese (softened to room temperature)
- 3/4 stick butter (softened to room temperature)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 C. powdered sugar
- 2 tsp. milk

Mix all together and frost cake when completely cooled.

The cake is very rich and dense, so if any of you are like me, the cream cheese frosting can be a little too much. The cake would also be very good with a dollop of whipped cream or frozen vanilla yogurt. For my own taste, I would also cut the raisins down to 1 cup. In this recipe I used the golden raisins.

All the best to you in 1996!!!



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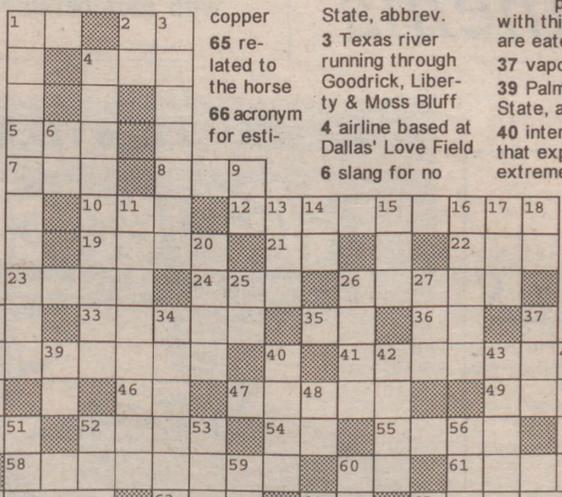
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- ACROSS**
- 1 1000 grams, abbrev.
 - 2 weight abbrev.
 - 4 call handle for a knight
 - 5 large African antelope
 - 7 postured
 - 8 abbrev. for an entity formed into



- 10 33rd "Give 'em hell" U.S. President, initials ("The Buck Stops Here")
- 12 metro area in Texas & Arkansas
- 19 methods
- 21 bovine mammal
- 22 abbrev. for liquid oxygen
- 23 place
- 24 longest Interstate highway in Texas, 878 miles
- 26 who occupied Texas 1690-1821
- 28 pertaining to Easter or Passover
- 33 what one can do to a guitar
- 35 late 1960s slang for pizza
- 36 abbrev. for Latin ibidem, meaning "in the same place"
- 38 Texas Constitution has given this protection for about 150 years
- 41 ex-Mexican president who disappeared in the U.S. in 1995

- 45 lull
- 46 rural street, abbrev.
- 47 head of the fire dept.
- 49 direction Amarillo to Dallas, abbrev.
- 50 sluggish or stupid
- 52 smallest whole number
- 54 suffix to make some nouns plural
- 55 "Trebek, host of TV's Jeopardy"
- 57 Pine Tree State, abbrev.
- 58 Texas town with giant mule statue
- 60 symbol for chemical element bromine
- 61 atmosphere
- 62 noun suffix for character or condition
- 63 objective case form of 'she'
- 64 symbol for chemical element

- 65 related to the horse
- 66 acronym for estimate
- 67 Kweisi ?????, new head of the NAACP
- 68 went down in the sea
- 70 political action group formerly headed by New Gingrich
- 72 British nobleman
- 73 astrological sign, the lion
- 74 U.S.-based int'l news service
- DOWN**
- 1 Texas town established by the King Ranch
- 2 Badger

- 3 copper
- 3 Texas river running through Goodrick, Liberty & Moss Bluff
- 4 airline based at Dallas' Love Field
- 6 slang for no

- 30 a gorge
- 31 shout
- 32 informal for ammunition
- 34 these plants with thick roots are eaten raw
- 37 vapor
- 39 Palmetto State, abbrev.
- 40 interjection that expresses extreme pleasure
- 42 from a great distance
- 43 means of connection
- 44 wa-

- 48 exists
- 51 25th U.S. president McKinley, initials
- 52 Underwriters' Laboratories abbrev. that you see on appliances
- 53 8th letter of Greek alphabet
- 56 leisure
- 59 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game
- 60 continental U.S.'s most snowy major city
- 64 Roman numeral 900
- 65 cable TV old movies channel
- 69 Australian mammal
- 71 prepare
- 72 British nobleman
- 73 astrological sign, the lion
- 74 U.S.-based int'l news service
- 9 Constitution State, abbrev.
- 11 white wine
- 13 indefinitely long time
- 14 Roman numeral 20
- 15 talk freely
- 16 a justification
- 17 prefix meaning not
- 18 dismiss
- 20 male horse for breeding
- 25 the letter M phonetically
- 26 self-addressed stamped envelope
- 27 trouble
- 29 an affirmative vote, one spelling version



HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5 - 11, 1996



IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Attractive and keenly articulate, you are always at your best in front of people. Very few people can resist your charm and this is an admitted problem for you. You may have alienated a friend or lover with your words. Try to make amends.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) An unusual opportunity may present itself, which may involve public appearances. Loving thoughts are expressed to you and these remarks may not be just passing pleasantry, but an invitation for something deeper. Clear communication can smooth the way.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) If you are feeling tied down by some relationship which is draining you, it may be time to declare your independence. Make your break in a quiet, but firm manner. Check and recheck your money resources, and be sure you are doing something to create future security.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There is a wonderful sense of the many possibilities life holds in store for you this week. This attitude will fill you with optimism and high energy. Those around you may be turned off by your manner; remember you cannot convince everyone to feel the same way you do.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) If you are feeling a bit crowded, it is very important to speak up and take time and space for yourself, even if only temporarily. You may receive news about money, the information will not be as positive as you'd like learn not to get attached to expectations.

LEO (July 24- August 23) You are finding yourself in a rut this week, and it will take a bit of effort on your part to get out of it. Try something new. You need time to play. It may be best to get to the bottom of some emotional upheaval before proceeding - logical approach is not satisfactory.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) This week feels like a new lease on life. Do something which gets your blood pumping. Physical overexertion will do you good. You and your mate may experience greater attraction for each other if you put a little distance between yourselves. Get more input before making any moves.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) An emotional upset may leave you feeling rather sorry for yourself, but things are really not as bad as they may seem right now. Give it all a second chance. Find a way to give away items which have lost their usefulness, to those who will appreciate them.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) You are definitely in a good mood. Just be careful what you wish for since you just may get it. Treat yourself to a luxury you seldom consider. Have patience concerning a current project. Your ship will come in, and worrying will not hasten the process.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21) An organized approach will get the job done. Money may come from an unexpected source to help you realize your goals. Your lover needs attention now. Make sure it is quality time and the two of you discuss matters of mutual importance and goals.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20) It may be hard to maintain your optimism - there isn't anything wrong, you are just in a dark, brooding mood. Your health, both physical and mental may be affected by stress either at home or at work. Make necessary changes and accept what you can't change.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) A very generous financial gift may materialize and can remove a great deal of worrying. Now you can really go after what's important, and a creative endeavor is at the top of your list. Remove yourself from an obligation which takes too much energy with little return.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) If something has been lost, you are likely to find it. Don't allow your pride to stand in the way of asking forgiveness of someone you may have wronged. This estrangement may take awhile to patch up, and may never be the same. It is a hard lesson to learn.

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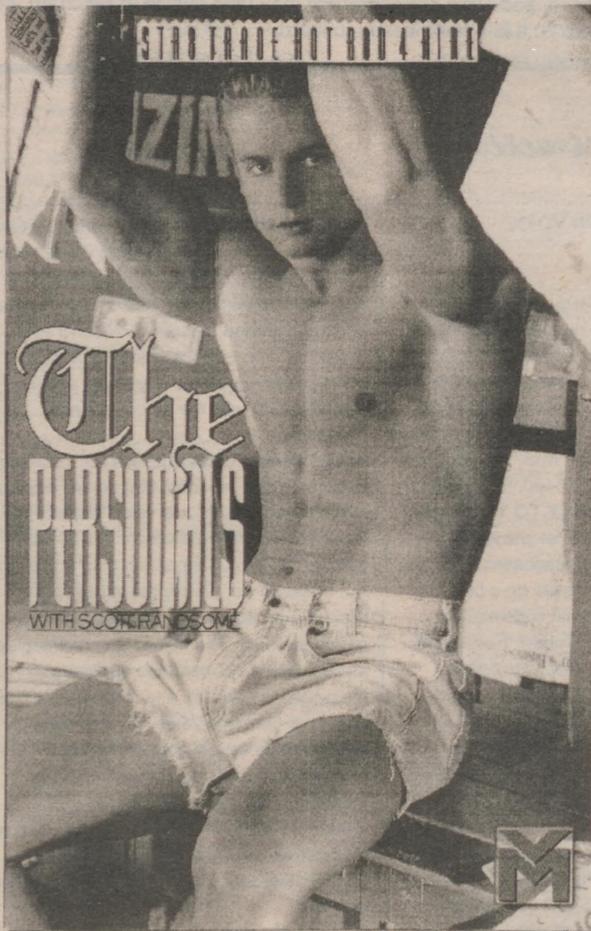
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Attractive GWM, 39, 6'4", 175 and HIV-. Dominant top/daddy type. Seeking the intimacy lacking in a world of casual encounters. I.S.O. younger masculine bottom "boy" that's muscular and attractive. Interests include movies, clubs, intimate evenings, and camping. Respond by letters only; with phone and photo please. Ad 25700

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

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

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

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

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON

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

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

HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

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

SEEK SUBMISSIVE OLDER WHITE MEN

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

I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED EXCEPT YOU!!!

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

SOUL/LIFE MATE WANTED

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

SNOW SKIER WANTED

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

SEEKING HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

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

GWF COUPLE LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS

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

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

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

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CHRISTIAN SEEKS LIFEMATE

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

ATTENTION -NUDIST

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

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GHM (masculine) to meet GWM for mutually satisfying friendship/more. Me: DDF, straightforward, masculine, educated, amorous top. You: HWP, genuine, employed, erotic, versatile, bottom -addiction free! Initiative important. Call/write, let's talk, schedule date for weight training (my home), bicycling, dancing (leather), cuddling, enjoying each other. Serious only! Ad 25694

FEMALES IN SEARCH OF TROUBLE ...

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

EUROPEAN GUY

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

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

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LONELY GHM

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

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

TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

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

EAT WELL

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

THE FOREVER MAN

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

FREE TO LOVE

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

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LOOKING FOR MASCULINE MALES

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

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ABANDONED EXPECTING FEMALE SEEKS LIFE PARTNER

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

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SUBMISSIVE MEN

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

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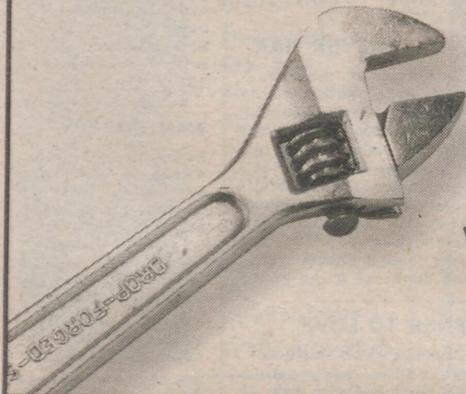
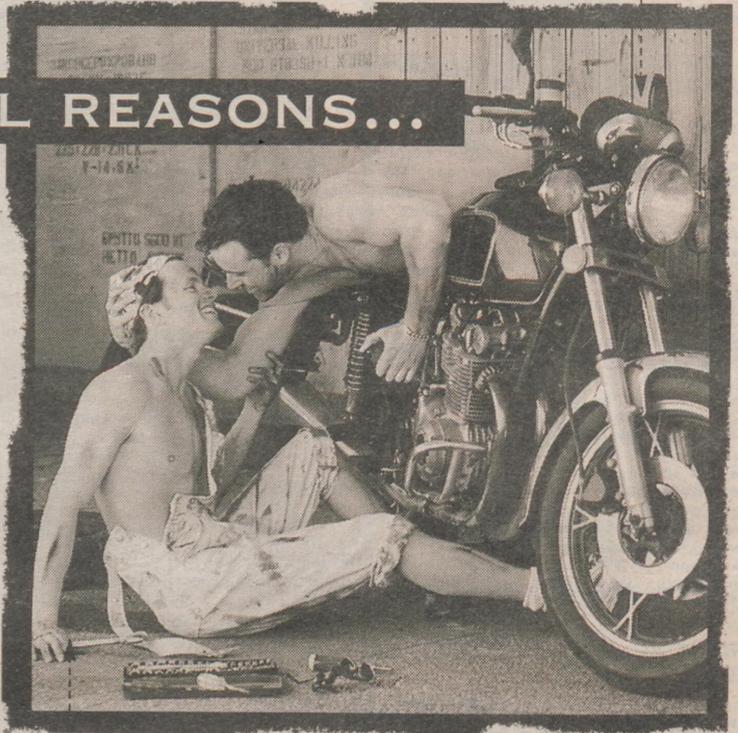
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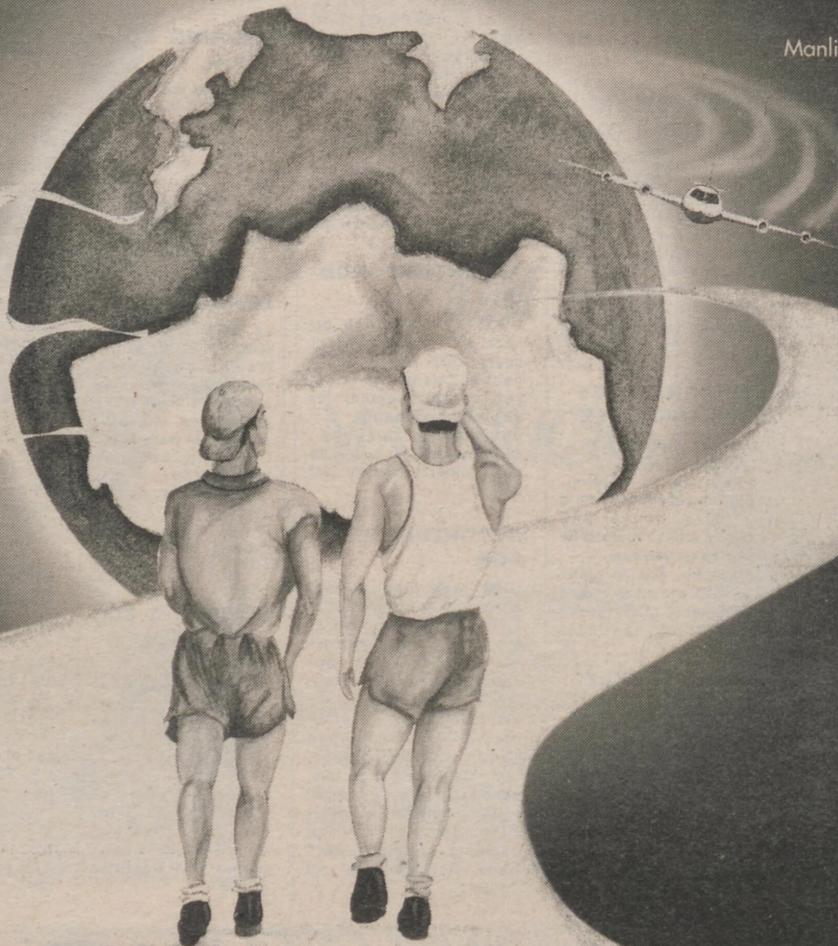
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