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A Great Lady Passes

By Deborah Bell

The Houston gay and lesbian community is grieving a great loss this week with the passing of Marvin Davis, aka Lady Victoria Lust. In his persona of Lady Victoria and founder of the Lady Victoria Lust Holiday Fund, Davis had entertained and raised funds for AIDS charities for almost a decade. He was a very popular and well loved individual in his own right. As Lady V., his drag performing alter-ego, Davis was the community's biggest individual fund raiser. His

commitment extended beyond performing and fund raising however. A mild-mannered and gentle man, Marvin was an HIV educator and counselor for The City of Houston Health Department. As a community activist, Davis was involved in numerous projects. His sudden, unexpected death Monday morning November 4 was due to a pulmonary aneurysm.

Marvin also knew the importance of mentoring and served as a teacher grooming and molding others to take their own roles as leaders and fund raising performers. Founder and Director of the PWA Christmas and the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund since 1987, he worked with countless others involved in the Court system, having been



Empress VII in 1981. He had been a member of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star (RSICSS) since 1985. His resume, as well as his lists of activities and honors is lengthy and includes having had Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire name December 8, 1991 "Lady Victoria Lust Day" by proclamation. Marvin's idol of all time was his mother, who gave him a lifetime of undying support.

Don Gill, a close friend who Marvin had worked closely with for the last three years said that Davis had suffered a shortness of breath not long after returning home on Sunday evening and had called 911. He was stabilized at the hospital and asked that

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Clinton Sails To Second Term

Local Results Mixed

By Curt Morrison

President Clinton easily won a second term in office as President of the United States this week. Nationally, the Clinton/Gore ticket garnered 373 electoral votes compared to the Dole/Kemp tickets 126 electoral votes. 270 electoral votes are needed to win. Clinton won the plurality of the popular vote, 49% to Bob Dole's 41%, for a convincing victory. Ross Perot received 8% of the popular vote and no electoral votes. Many Democrats were dismayed that the President did not receive more than 50% of the popular vote. They believe that would have provided Clinton with a mandate.

Clinton's win was decisive but it did not transcend towards congressional

paces. The Democrat party had been speculating for weeks that they would regain control of the U.S. House of Representatives from the Republicans on the coattails of the President. That did not materialize, although at press time, the Democrats appeared to have gained about 5 seats in the House, thereby decreasing the ratio of Republican control. Nevertheless, the President will in all probability have to compromise and deal with the Republicans in order to avoid gridlock.

On a statewide and local level, the Republican ticket was the victor. Dole/Kemp won Texas' popular and electoral vote. Sen. Phil Gramm was the winner in his contest with Democrat candidate Victor Morales. Election results from Harris County

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Gay Artist Lari Pittman

Exhibition Currently at CAM

Currently on view at the Contemporary Arts Museum is a mid-career survey of the work of painter Lair Pittman. This showing assembles for the first time a selection of works ranging from painted gourds to panoramic-sized paintings. Pittman's paintings contain baroque decorated surfaces, cartoon-like references and a vocabulary of images rooted in popular culture. His paintings have evolved as a spiritual odyssey and running commentary on his own life, and American society at large.

Dave Hickey, author, critic and catalogue essayist will present "Lari Pittman's Enterprise" on Sunday, November 24 2 to 7 pm at the Architecture Theater, University of Houston, Entrance 16 on Cullen Blvd. This lecture is co-sponsored with the Painting Section, UH Department of Art. A gallery talk by Dana Friis-Hansen, Senior Curator of the Contemporary Arts Museum will lead an informal tour of the exhibition on Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm. The talk is co-sponsored with Crossroads Market Bookstore and Cafe, Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, **The Houston Voice**, and the Pride Committee of Houston. All events are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 5216 Montrose Blvd. @ Bissonnet.



Chastity Bono will speak at LiB on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm and at Rascal's on Westheimer later in the evening.

Chastity Bono Soars to New Heights!

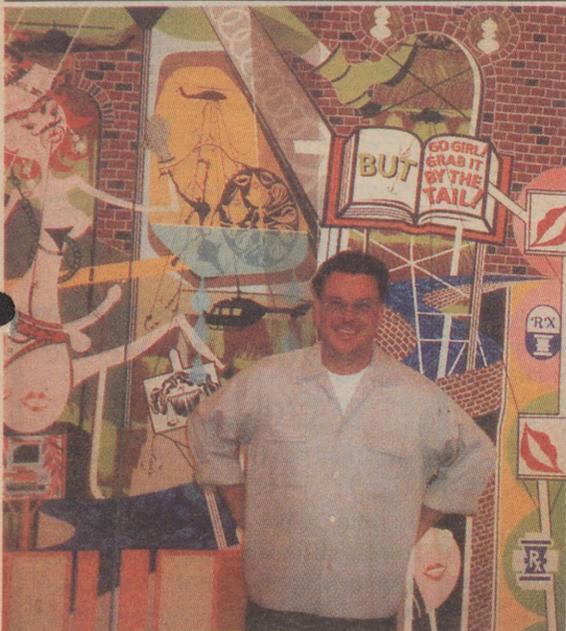
From Celebrity Child To Lesbian Activist

By Jon Anthony

Chastity Bono will be in Houston on November 15 to speak at the monthly meeting of Lesbians in Business (LiB) starting at 7 pm at INNOVA, (off of Richmond @ Cummins and Norfolk). She will speak about her personal struggles in coming out as a Lesbian and her work as a spokesperson for the National

Coming Out Day Project. She works to urge gay and lesbian people to be open about their sexual orientation and to dispel myths about our lives. She envisions an America where everyone is ensured of their basic equal rights and can be open, honesty and safe at home, at work, and in the community. LiB members can attend the program for \$3 and non-members pay \$20, or you can join LiB that evening

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Artist Lari Pittman with one of his paintings now showing at the Contemporary Arts Museum.

In Loving Memory



ROBERT (BOBBY) L. O'BRIEN.

Passed October 21, 1996. A great friend who believed that a positive attitude could beat all. Your enthusiasm for life will be missed by all of us.

REV. DEE LAMB

Rev. Dee Lamb, 57 died Wednesday, October 30, 1996. 1958 graduate of Jefferson Davis School of Nursing, received Masters in the Divinity at the Houston School of Theology in 1990. Preceded in death by son Mark Lamb. Survived by children, Michael Lamb, Mitchell Lamb, Melissa Lamb; grandchildren, Breeah Lamb, Sarah Lamb, Amy Lamb, Chris Lamb, Lauren Lamb. Memorial services: to be held Saturday, November 23, 1996. 12 noon at MCCR. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to AIDS Foundation, 3202 Wesleyan, Houston, TX 77027.



HERB (SHABOOM) MUENCHOW, JR.

Herb (Shaboom) Muenchow, Jr., 46

died Tuesday, October 29 in Houston. Survivors: Mother Helen, sister Pam Muenchow.

Shaboom, a native Houstonian, graduated from the University of Houston where he was, until the last day, a rabid Cougar fan.

Shaboom was very active in the community in several ways. He slung cocktails at Mother's and EJ's where the patio was bustling Monday through Friday at 6:30 pm as Shaboom hosted "The Wheel of Fortune". It was always so funny to see the patio virtually desolate until 6:25, then before Vanna was introduced, not a vacant seat was to be found anywhere! He was awarded the title of "Mother of EJ's"!

Shaboom was very involved with the Montrose Softball League. While playing for several teams including Dirty Sally's and EJ's, he served as President of the then Montrose Softball Association in 1985. He lastly coached the EJ's team and in 1996 served as Secretary of the League. In 1996, he also received the Jerry Award, the highest award given a league member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service and involvement.

He was also involved in Soiree Aubergine, a local charity raising funds for the Bering Care Center Meals Program. In 1996, Shaboom hosted a Deviled Egg contest at EJ's where participants submitted a variety of delicacies--from caviar to jalapeno eggs.

Shaboom's celebration of life will be held Sunday, November 6, at EJ's. A buffet will be served from 5-7pm with a show at 7pm.

Shaboom will live in our hearts forever. We love and miss you already.

Love,
Lee, Buddy, and the staff
and friends at EJ's



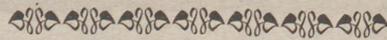
MARANO HINOJOSA VALLES

Mario Valles, 39, of Houston and McAllen, Texas, Died October 13, 1995 at Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston.

Mario, you were a caring and loving person. You touched everyone who knew you and left us with happy memories. It is those memories that gave made us come to terms with our loss. Nothing lasts longer than happy memories and a loving smile. We will always remember you with loving thoughts. Our deepest sympathies go out from his friends he left behind in Houston and McAllen. Memorials may be made to the HIV/AIDS Foundation.

Mario will be entered into rest on November 15, 1996.

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Tree of Remembrance

By **PERRIE DOLPH**

The annual Tree of Remembrance Program will be held on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, at the Metropolitan Multi-service Center on West Gray.

Co-sponsored by Body Positive and the Houston NAMES Project in conjunction with the City of Houston this event is held yearly and is described as "the Houston HIV Community's annual celebration of those we love." The lighting and decorating of the tree has become a source of comfort, healing and closure for many whose close involvement with AIDS has

included so many painful moments. "A Night Of Music Celebrating Life" will include seasonal music, refreshments, the reading of names and the hanging of tree ornaments honoring loved ones. This year's ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 1st will start at 6:30pm in the gymnasium and lobby of the West Gray Center.

Bring your plastic or paper ornament with you the night of the event and register your loved one's name with one of the volunteers. Parking has been arranged at the First Interstate Bank Parking Garage at Waugh and West Gray and in the front and back of the Center.

CORRECTION

The Melissa Etheridge concert will be Monday, November 18 at the Summit.

Family Violence Resource List

Books

Naming the Violence: Speaking Out about Lesbian Battering . edited by Kerry Lobel, Seal Press, 1986.

Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them by David Island and Patrick Letellier, Haworth Press.

Helpful Numbers

- Emergency—
- Police/Ambulance 911
- HPD Family Violence Unit 535-7900
- Houston Area Women's Center Hotline 528-2121
- Gay and Lesbian Switchboard 529-3211
- Montrose Counseling Center 529-0037

The Houston Police Dept. Family Violence Unit is located at 3301 Travis (between Elgin and Holman) open Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm.

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Lovers Can Break More Than Hearts--Part III

There Are Things To Do

By BLANCA BALDERAS

Texas Law was changed in 1985 to protect victims of family violence. The Houston Police Dept. established the Family Violence Unit to work towards ending this problem in our community by providing counseling and alternatives for victims, arresting batterers, and by educating others to help change attitudes on the issue. The unit's motto is "Some Lovers Break More Than Hearts" was modified for use in this series of articles.

Gays and Lesbians are reluctant to call the police whenever a crime has been committed upon us. This is especially true if we have been victims of domestic or dating violence. And a gay/lesbian teen might be even more fearful yet, thinking that what with being young, Gay/Lesbian, AND a victim of abuse that they have three strikes against them, surely no one will listen or believe them or care enough to help. If you are being abused, it is not your fault and there is a way to break out of the cycle of violence. Partner abuse is a crime, one that becomes more frequent and brutal over time. You must know your legal rights and options. Assess your physical and emotional safety. Tell someone what is happening to you. You are not alone. Do not wait for another crisis.

There are local, confidential, supportive services for Lesbians and Gay men who are abused and for those who are abusers. Call the Family Violence unit for information on how to make a police report, file charges, testifying in court or for individual support and counseling. You do not have to be afraid to state the true nature of the relationship between the parties involved. I can't tell you how many times someone has walked into our

offices wanting to talk about a problem they're having with someone who is "just a" co-worker, friend, or schoolmate. Not too many minutes pass before that "I-know you know" look comes over them and they feel free to open up and discuss the real problem at hand.

As Lesbians and Gay men we are responsible for ending partner abuse and dating violence in our community. We all need to: get educated about this type of violence, believe friends when they tell us something violent or abusive happened, and to encourage people who are battered or who are batterers to get help. We must stop tolerating violence in our relationships, dispel the myths, avoid blaming, get the facts, give support, spread the word. Find a way to make a difference.

The late poet Audre Lorde wrote "...for it is not differences between us which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken." To which I add the last verse of an anti-violence rap song, "So if you're getting beat you better break the silence, cause telling someone stops the cycle of violence."

This third part of this series was to have appeared two weeks ago. We are sorry for the delay. More information was received that we will provide in future issues of The Houston Voice. Please see additional information including resources on this subject in this issue.

Many Thanks to Andrew Edmondson for suggesting this topic and for all of those who contributed to it: Blanca Balderas, HPD Family Violence Unit; Susan Holt, The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles; and Mende Snodgrass, Montrose Counseling Center.

Lawyers Sign Letter Protesting State Bar Decision Rejected of Gay & Lesbian Issues Section

By DALE CARPENTER

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas was sent a letter signed by a group of Texas attorneys addressing a recent decision of the Board. By a 19-17 vote on Oct. 5, the Board voted to reject a proposed section of the State Bar on gay and lesbian legal issues. Houston Attorney Mitchell Katine had led the effort to have the section added. The same board had recently voted in favor of the creation of a section on Animal Law and has never before rejected a proposed section. Federal District Judge Norman Black said, "I've always learned a lot about my fellow members from these meetings (of the Board). Today's the first time I wasn't real proud."

The letter signed by 240 attorneys licensed in this state asks the Board to reconsider its decision in light of the manifest legal needs of Gays and Lesbians. The signatures include those of 95 attorneys at Houston-based Vinson & Elkins, the largest law firm in the state; 84 attorneys at Baker & Botts, another Houston based firm; and another 61 at law firms small and large around the state. The list includes partners as well as associates at these firms; lawyers who have been practicing for 30 years and lawyers who have just received their licenses; lawyers who are straight and a few who are Gay; Democrats, Republicans, and Independents; and lawyers who are in private practice as well as staff attorneys on appellate courts and prosecutors. All share the belief that the State Bar has erred in denying the creation of a gay and lesbian issues section. In addition to expressing disappointment at the board's decision, the letter

cited that "Many of the nation's law schools have adopted rules prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation; some of these law schools prohibit firms from conducting on campus interviews unless the firms indicate that they do not discriminate in their hiring practices based on sexual orientation." The letter also points out that a number of leading law firms have also independently adopted policies forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation as does the Model Code of Judicial Conduct adopted by the American Bar Association which prohibits judges from engaging such discrimination. The letter goes on to state that the Director's decision is contrary to the spirit of these nondiscrimination policies and seems to imply that legal issues facing the gay and lesbian community are unworthy of attention from the organized bar.

There is ample precedent for the proposed section. The American Bar Association has created a committee devoted to gay and lesbian issues, as has the State Bar of California. Last year the Houston Bar Association sponsored a well-attended day-long seminar on sexual orientation and the law. Moreover, legal issues relating to sexual orientation have been the focus of recent widely-reported court decisions and enacted and proposed legislation. The signers of the letter argue that there is clearly a substantive basis for a section focusing on sexual orientation and the law and strongly urge the Directors to reconsider their decision on this matter.

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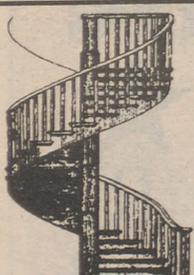


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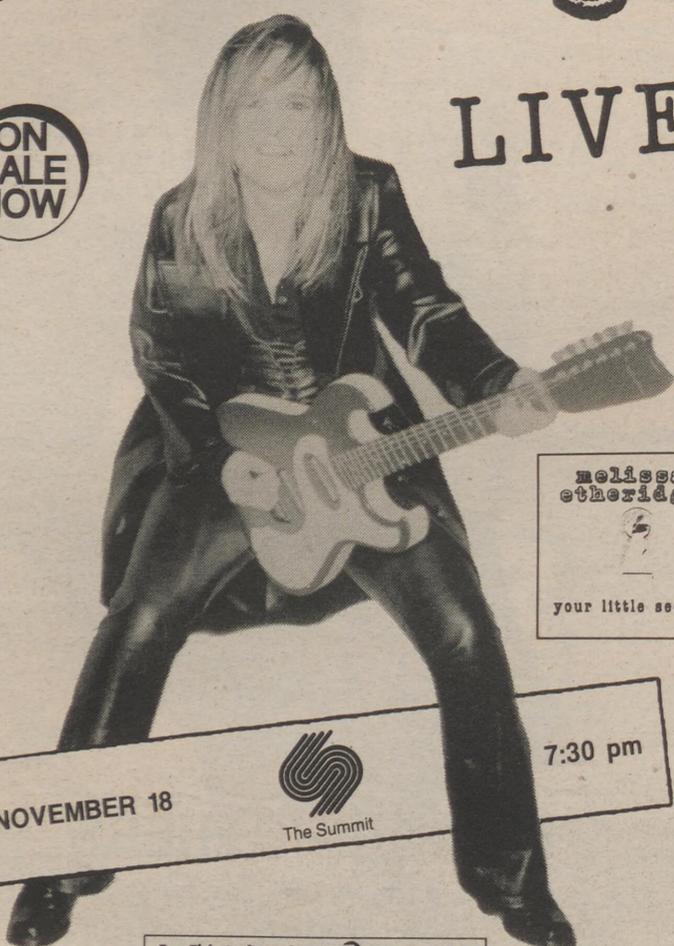
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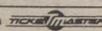
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Family Values

by Esperanza Lavender Jazz Paz



To Thine Own Self Be True

One of my best friends, well, we don't talk about it too much, but she knows I'm impatient with her for not being uproariously out at work. And because she has not introduced her lover to her family. I have another best friend who is so deeply closeted that she and her lover have separate bedrooms in their new house because they both have jobs, you know, and kids, and pets, and plants and, they don't want to, um, offend anybody.

Both of these women and their partners are smart and successful and they say they are proud to be gay. All four women work hard at high salaried, executive jobs that they would hate to lose because of being out. They have families who would probably continue to love them even if they would not invite them home for holidays if they were forced to confront their daughter's sexuality. They all have a degree of respect and recognizability in their respective communities that they fear they might lose if they were known as queers. All four of these women are also soul-searchingly honest in their motivation to keep their personal lives private to protect their kids, parents, and bosses more than themselves.

I am not tolerant of gay people who are public spectacles, who make their extravagant livings off my pittance of an entertainment budget, and then play coy with me about their allegiances. I don't care if Ellen DeGeneres is a Lesbian, or if she plays an apparently asexual, cute-in-a-pixie-sort-of-way one on TV. If she is, I'm insulted that she can not openly declare it, like fat, not-blonde, nurses/writers/parents-in-custody cases are called upon to do every National Coming Out Day and all the other days in between. Not famous, not rich, not pro-

tected by national television contracts, professional handlers and managers, women with mortgages, women who fight with their lovers, women without lovers, can all take risks, be truthful, march in Pride parades, register people to OutVote! and make their straight, HIV negative kids take AIDS Mastery Weekends.

Melissa Etheridge lived in a committed partnership with Julie Cypher for five years before directly addressing the rumors and speculation about the nature of their relationship in 1993. After that, her next album, *Yes I Am* sold 5 million copies, spawned three top-ten hits and made her a real star—at the willing expense of “real” Lesbians who have been out ever since their first serious woman-to-woman relationship.

k.d. lang made me notice years ago, her smoky, silky voice. But when I heard it on talk shows and on stage, toying with me by winking and dragging out her words, “Why yes, of course I'm a... a... L... L... Lawrence Welk fan!” my interest turned to disgust. But other gay women, thinking that they were in on an intimate secret with her, spent their hourly wages making her the proud winner of three Grammys and a movie star.

None of us admire people who pretend to be something they are not in an effort to exploit their own supporters. Years ago when people of color did it, it was called “passing.” Now it is called “good business” to imply, suggest, then coquettishly deny—without precisely disavowing—where your “interests” lie. Keep 'em guessing. It's all done with smoke and mirrors. No disrespect or self-respect intended.

None of Jazz's friends understand why she has to make Such A Big Deal out of everything.

Combination of Protease Inhibitors Reduces HIV Viral Load

HIV viral load was reduced by 99.9% (2.97 logs) with a combination of two protease inhibitors. Abbott Laboratories' Norvir (ritonavir) and Hoffmann-La-Roche's Invirase (saquinavir mesylate), according to new data presented Sept. 16 at the 36th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. This represents an even greater reduction in the amount of HIV RNA than was seen in this study after six weeks, at which time viral load was reduced by 99.6 percent (2.4 logs). “These data demonstrate not only the continued antiviral effect of this combination of two protease inhibitors, but also the enhanced activity of the combination over time,” said investigator Calvin J. Cohen, MD of Community Research Initiative, New England.

The 12 week data presented today come from the first-ever study to examine the safety and efficacy of a combination of two protease inhibitors. The effect on disease progression and survival is unknown. Six week results from this trial were presented in July at the XI International AIDS Conference. The multi-center, open-label study randomized approximately 136 patients to one of four different treatment arms. All patients had baseline CD4 cell counts of 100-500 prior to beginning the treatment regimens, and none had previous exposure to protease inhibitors.

In the first two treatment arms, patients received either 400mg Norvir plus 400mg Invirase twice daily or 600mg Norvir plus 400mg Invirase twice daily. After 12 weeks of treatment (n=53), the median viral RNA level declined 99.9 percent (2.97 logs), and the median CD4 cell count increased by 95 cells. The changes in these two treatment arms were similar.

In the third and fourth treatment arms,

patients received 400mg of Norvir plus 400mg Invirase three times a day or 600mg Norvir plus 600mg Invirase twice daily. After six weeks of treatment (n=39), the median viral RNA level dropped by 99.3 percent (2.14 logs), and the median CD4 cell count increased by 75 cells. Again, the changes in the two treatment groups were similar.

“The response in both of these dosing regimens demonstrates that saquinavir and ritonavir appear to work synergistically,” said Cohen. “These drugs interact in a way that clearly results in high therapeutic blood concentrations of both agents and increased antiviral activity.”

The combined regimens were generally well-tolerated, with about seven percent of patients discontinuing. Most of these patients were in the three times daily 400mg ritonavir/400 mg saquinavir regimen. Continuation of this treatment arm is under review. Tingling around the mouth, diarrhea, fatigue, and nausea, the most commonly reported adverse events, were generally mild and transient in nature. Since Norvir interacts with some drugs when taken together, patients should discuss use of other medications with their doctor.

The Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI/New England) is a non-profit agency that sponsors community-based research on HIV and AIDS. It was created in 1989 by people with HIV and their physicians, and researchers, activists and other health care providers. CRI is the only agency in New England whose sole purpose is the research of HIV/AIDS medications and therapies. It is a member of the Community-Based Clinical Trials Network of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

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Lady Victoria continued...

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Gill be called. Unfortunately, the hospital only had his business line number which he could not hear from another part of the house. Around 4:30am the machines indicated problems and attempts to revive Davis failed.

Davis left detailed instructions as to what was to be done following his death. He had already been working with Gill to restructure the Lady Victoria PWA Fund and asked Gill to serve as President and Chair of the Board. In a letter "to be opened only if something happens to me" that Davis had left with close friend Buddy Thompson he stated, "If you are reading this, then you know that this old girl has bit the dust. What can I say 'Life is a banquet and most poor SOB's are starving to death'. I didn't starve -- I lived!"

Asking Thompson to be in charge of his "final party". Davis requested that "there not be a memorial show because, "I raised enough money while I was alive." Davis also requested that there be a bar tour starting at the Brazos River Bottom (BRB) where a crepe myrtle should be planted and where the party should begin. In accordance with Davis' wishes Gill expressed that starting at 12 noon on Saturday November 16 at the BRB, those wishing to remember Marvin should get ready to board the bus. Providing funds for the party, Davis also requested that lots of his favorite music should be played at the BRB. After the planting of the tree there will be a balloon release and

the bus will then travel to the Venture-N. Gentry's. EJ's and then to Mary's where another crepe myrtle will be planted on the back patio at 4:30 pm. The group will head back to the BRB to finish the party. It actually won't end there however as Gill and others plan to continue with a show that was already scheduled for that evening at the Venture-N to kick off the start of the 10th Year of the Lady Victoria Lust's Holiday Fund. In keeping with Lady V's "the show must go on" spirit. The show will feature folks from Miss Camp America, including MCA founder Maxine Petty as one of the emcees and Carmen Del Rio. Others taking part will be members of the Renegades and Larry Arbo. Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1990. The show starts at 9:30 pm that evening.

Don Gill said that the LVL PWA Fund will change its name to the PWA Holiday Charities and will include three components. One will be the PWA Fund, one will be Working Act, and the Lady Victoria Lust Make-A-Wish Foundation. The latter would offer funding so that a person living with AIDS can be provided with certain items that they may not be able to afford, such as a VCR or to pay for an out of town family member to be able to come to visit. The name change is part of an effort to seek corporate support. The work to change the charities was already underway and along with Gill serving as the Chair of the Board and President, Bob Bowden will be Vice President, Jerry Morin is the secretary, and Jeanette

Vaughan will be the organization's Treasurer. David Sawyer is a Board Member at Large. After completing its processing to receive a 501(c)3 charity status, the group will be open to members. For those wishing to be involved, call Don Gill at 526-2749 or 521-0911.

Marvin Davis/Lady Victoria Lust

Born in Sloam Springs, Arkansas on October 27, 1949. Received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English/Speech at the University of Arkansas and Masters of Arts Degree (Theatre Arts) University of Illinois.

Some of the organizations he was affiliated with and positions held include, co-founder of the Arkansas Gay Alliance (The first Gay Rights Organization in the State); Co-Founder and Chair of the Board of the Miss Montrose Pageant since 1986; Member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus since 1987; Member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee 1987-1992, serving as parade co-chair in 1990 and 1992.

Honors include being named Miss Cousin's in 1985; Colt 45's Danny Villa Memorial Award for Service to the AIDS Community in 1990; Honorary Grand Marshal of the 1991 Houston Pride Parade; Texas Rider Community Service Award in 1992; Founder's Award of the RSICSS in 1994; and the Mother of Montrose in 1994-95; Honorary Member of the National Leather Association-Houston. (This is an incomplete list due to space constraints).

Clinton continued...

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show similar returns. Texas' has become a Republican stronghold in the last few decades and the trend does not appear to be changing. Interestingly, however, the Texas legislature remained in Democrat control, albeit by a slim margin.

The Gay and Lesbian Communities clout is in question as suggested by State Rep. Debra Danburg last week in an interview with the Houston Voice. Of the three candidates endorsed by Log Cabin Republicans, one won. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus did not fare much better. Of 35 endorsed candidates, 15 won their races - several of which were not even opposed. 19 of HGLPC endorsed candidates lost and one, Ken Bentsen, faces a runoff on December 10. Community stalwarts such as Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and State Rep. Debra Danburg handily won re-election. Whether the results would have been different with more community involvement is a question that remains unanswered.

On the national level, Gays and Lesbians achieved greater success than they did here in Houston. One exception is in North Carolina, where Sen. Jesse Helms, maintained his seat in the U.S. Senate in spite of nationwide efforts and cash contributions to unseat him. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) claims to have placed an infrastructure that will help gays and lesbian North Carolinians fight for fairness in the next Senate and House elections. According to the HRC, exit polls indicate that the gay and lesbian vote constituted 5% of the total turnout. "Gay men and lesbians are emerging as an important segment of the electorate as more and more gay people are willing to be open and honest about who they are," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. The organization also contends that ending job discrimination against gays and lesbians was a winning issue for candidates who incorporated it into their agenda.

There were some bright spots on the national level for the community. In Washington, State Representative Ed Murray won his election to the House. Murray was a close friend of State Senator Cal Anderson, a pioneering gay legislator who died of AIDS last year. In Illinois, Representative Larry McKeon won his race for the state house. McKeon is the first openly gay and HIV+ legislator in Illinois history. Final results show that McKeon garnered more votes in this election than the President or the states Senator-elect, Democrat Dick Durbin.

For the next two years, our government will be represented by a Republican controlled Congress and a Democrat White House. The voters appeared to have spoken and they are satisfied with the status quo. As any political observer knows, that could change on a whim. We have the next two years to determine which way the pendulum will swing and ultimately make our decisions for 1998. For now, the election is over and many in the community and outside of the community are breathing a sigh of relief. That will be short lived, since there will be congressional run-off races Dec. 10 that will be pivotal to our community.



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Gay Today

by Glen Webber



Favorite Memories

My greatest childhood memory goes back to when I was eight years old. That summer my family went to my mother's family reunion in Chicago, where she was born and raised. My parents liked to take us to the many fabulous museums in that city. One day we went to one of the museums that had an area with lots of statues. I was fascinated with them. They were large statues with no clothes on. There were many huge statues of beautiful muscular bodies of god-like men surrounding me. My parents wandered on to the next area not realizing that I wasn't with them, but I was transfixed. I decided I wanted to be like the statues so right on the spot I took off all my clothes. I climbed up on one of the statues, buck naked and gleefully waved at everyone in the room. A crowd formed and cameras clicked as I swung around the statue.

Minutes later the museum matron came over, grabbed my hand and pulled me off. She demanded that I get dressed and scolded me for my behavior, saying that I was being disrespectful and that there was no way for anyone to act in a museum. Just then my parents walked back into the area looking for me. The matron took me over to them and she told them what I had done. She suggested that I not come back until I learned how to behave in a museum.

My parents were very embarrassed, and when we got back to the hotel, I got the worst dressing down of my life. I actually think they thought it was funny, but they wouldn't admit it. We haven't talked about it since. I do believe that was the proudest moment of my life. We were later told by relatives that a picture of me appeared in the paper. I wish we had been sent a copy of it.

That early experience must have inspired me, because later, in the eighties, I did a lot of modeling in gay magazines, most of them nude. Magazines like *Drummer* and *The Advocate*. My likeness was also used in many ads of the day. One editor said that they liked to use my picture because I was a lot of people's "type."

Another favorite memory is the occasion of my parent's 45th wedding anniversary. I wanted to do something very special for them, so I decided to fly them

to San Francisco were they had been married. They both had been stationed at the Presidio, the military base. My mother was an assistant to General Taylor who ran the base and my dad was an enlisted soldier.

We arrived in San Francisco about 5pm and drove to the Taylor Hotel, a quaint establishment in the downtown area. The next day we took a trip out to The Presidio. The time we spent there was magical. They shared so many memories of the time they had spent there falling in love. We then drove to the church where the wedding had taken place. There it sat, at the top of a hill, surrounded by huge trees. The early morning fog had not burned off yet and it gave the day a even more magical feeling.

We went up to the door and my parents had tears in their eyes, as I did. It was very special for them to share the most important and intimate day of their lives with me. I was so happy that I had arranged this trip for them.

After we finished our tour, I drove them to Sausalito which is my favorite part of the San Francisco area. It turned into a lovely sunny day across the bay and we had a great time. While my mom and I were shopping in the stores my dad was on the edge of the walkway looking into the ocean which was just a few feet away. He accidentally dropped one of his cameras and it bounced right into the ocean. He laughed at his clumsiness but luckily he had another camera with him and the most important shots of the day were not lost.

I wouldn't trade that weekend for anything in the world. It made me feel close to my parents and now that they are getting on in years, it makes me feel good to remember that day.

I hope you all enjoy special memories like this in your life. They can be very comforting thoughts and a lot of fun to remember.

Glen, the ever charming and witty, is a person living with AIDS in the Montrose area of Houston. His column did not appear last week do the space constraints caused by all the election coverage. He is doing well and appreciates the inquiries of those asked about him because they were concerned due to the absence of his column.

Community Forum

Treatment of Cytomegalovirus

By L. JOEL MARTINEZ

The Center for AIDS will host a community forum entitled "Developments in the treatment of Cytomegalovirus (CMV) on Thursday, Nov. 14. This forum is open to the public and is especially relevant for people with HIV disease, health care providers and human service professionals. It will be held at the Red Cross building at 2700 Southwest Freeway from 7pm to 9pm.

Kevin Frost, Director of Community Based Clinical Trials for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFar), will be one of the featured speakers. Daniel S. Berger MD, Medical Director of the Center for Special Immunology in Chicago, will provide an overview of CMV. Claudio Luciano RN, Director of Nursing at Therapeutic Concepts in Houston will discuss infusion therapy.

CMV is a herpes virus which most often causes illness in the retina or the intestines in people with HIV. CMV retinitis often leads to blindness. Most people already have CMV in their body, but it does not make them sick. The people with HIV who do develop illness from CMV usually have a very low T-cell count. CMV cannot be cured but it can be treated with reasonable success to prevent it from getting worse.

The Center for AIDS (CFA) is an information and advocacy organization working to accumulate knowledge and to share information about the latest medical treatments and scientific advances in the field of HIV/AIDS. The CFA advocates both locally and nationally for better access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and strives to keep the Houston medical and affected community informed, updated and involved in the search for a cure.

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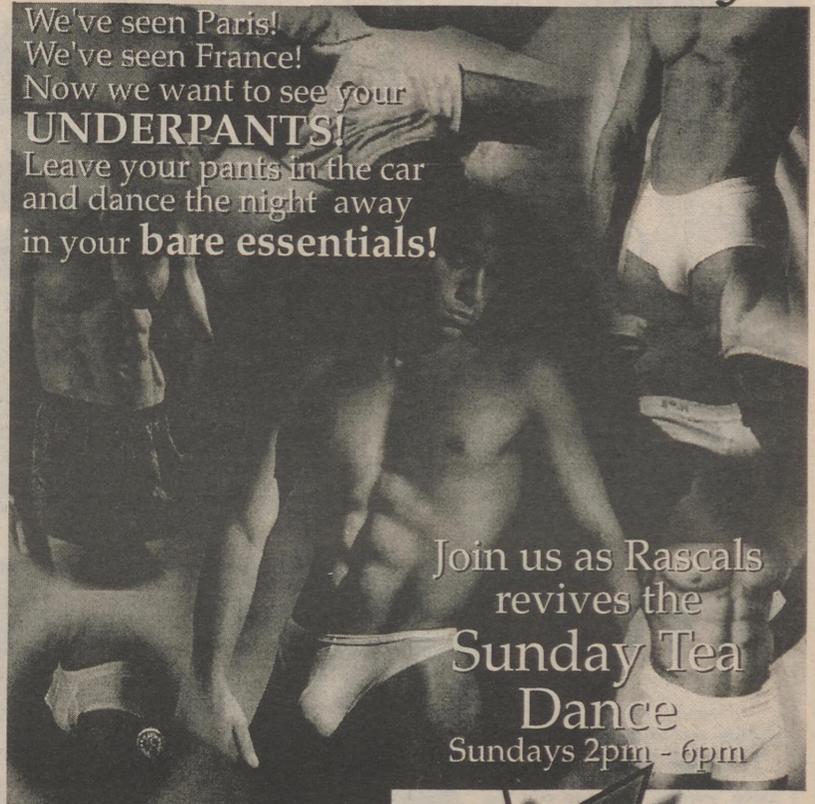
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PLAIN SPEAKING

by Larry Lingle

It's Over For This Year

The only note of a bipartisan mood emanating from yesterday's elections will be a collective sigh of relief. Not over the election of Bill Clinton but simply the fact that the nation has more or less survived one of the more unhistoric presidential elections in its history.

Not only was this campaign one of the longest, it probably was the most costly, not only because of its nasty turn in the final weeks, but all in all. And certainly it was one of the cardinal political sins, one of the duller and least meaningful in modern times. The more lasting impression will be that of a Clinton, the perennial candidate, of a Dole, incoherent to the point of being laughable, and of a Perot becoming irrelevant.

The Democrats, who have long charged with reason that Republicans would always out spend, have found in Clinton a present master of the fund raisers (obviously more of that in the new Republican Congress). The Republicans, rightly, continue to foam at the mouth at the very idea of Organized Labor banding together and spending big bucks (after all, that's the province of the GOP Big Business boys) to influence the outcome. Putting aside the obvious, that Big Labor's attempt to defeat the Republican Class of '94 was a spectacular failure, the Republican argument that Big Labor spends members' dollars without their consent is to ignore the obvious, that Big Business spends big corporate bucks without the consent of stockholders. So what?

For once I have to agree with Dour Dole, at least in part. Watching the media play out this uninspiring election I would have to conclude that there is a media bias. I watched ABC, mainly because I trust Peter Jennings. And here was George Will, lapsing even into referring to the Republicans as "we"—as if we didn't already know his party preference—proclaiming that Dole should have won. How? By going negative on Clinton's character from the very beginning and, as Will added, "staying on message." Oh, yeah, instead of two weeks of placing the President on the Most Wanted—an effort, which by the bye, didn't move the voters or the polls—he would have subjected the nation to months of such negativism.

And I would be one of the first to bow to the wisdom granted to age, but when Jennings turned to resident sage, David Brinkley, for a final word that fossil of fun could only conclude that Bill Clinton never had an original idea and didn't compare to any of the ABC correspondents hunched around the anchor desk in the shadow of twilight for the election and for Brinkley.

Politicians and citizens alike would prefer to believe that every election is historic. And certainly this last presidential election of this century is no exception. Sadly, the truth is more humbling. The presidential election of 1996 was but a whimper of the status quo awaiting the dawn of a newer day. This election day will rank with the likes of 1908 and 1924 and 1956, associated with such towering figures as William How-

ard Taft, Warren G. Harding, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. This was not a watershed year for the likes of Woodrow Wilson or Franklin D. Roosevelt or Harry S. Truman or John F. Kennedy. (Pardon this partisan note but only the significance, not the man himself, would qualify the election of Ronald Reagan).

This election is perhaps historic only in that the likes of Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond are returning for six more years. This year is politically historic in that Newt Gingrich, rated one of the most disliked political figures of the century, is returning as Speaker of the House. The closing argument of the Republican Party, faced with losing the top of the ticket, that a divided government would best serve the nation seemed to resonate with the voters, primarily as a means of capping any ambitious schemes by either party. What the public actually bought at the cost of grid lock will likely be a contentious two of four years (at least) between the White House and the Halls of Congress.

What the American public also illustrated this election day was a profound disinterest in the process as it was played out. Apparently voter turnout was among the lowest in a presidential year. If voters are concerned about the influence, real or imagined, of those who contribute heavily to political candidates, they should be equally concerned that, by their turnout, the more affluent actually carry greater electoral weight.

Using the turnout for the presidential race, as reported in the Houston Chronicle, minority areas consistently recorded lower voter turnout, going as low as less than seven percent in one area. Even though such areas gave disproportionately larger percentages for Clinton, the actual number of voters turning out was but a fraction of the turnout in such tony districts as Tanglewood/River Oaks where nearly 70 percent of the eligible voters cast more than three-quarters of their votes for Bob Dole.

The only area which might be called a minority district which turned out over 50 percent was Montrose and here Dole did better than Clinton was able to do in a suburb such as Katy. Dole found nearly three in every ten Montrose voters willing to cast their ballot for him. Apparently the only closets left in Montrose belong to the Republicans.

In the final analysis, if anything, this was a year for incumbents. If the economy helped Clinton it also worked for others seeking re-election. Even the Democratic stronghold once presided over by Jack Brooks where Steve Stockman, Gingrich's militia gift to Texas, climbed aboard the Congressional train two years ago, now appears headed for a run-off.

Harris County, once considered something of a balance for the hard conservatism of Dallas County, is as Republican now as Orange County, California. Houston city limits may harbor a dying breed of Democrats but they dare not venture outside those limits. And, of course, if Bob Lanier has his way with Kingwood we may yet incorporate that Republican majority.

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THE OUTsider

by Curt Morrison

Clinton's Chance to Deliver

President Clinton's victory in this week's election proved beyond a doubt he has earned his reputation, and rightfully so, as The Comeback Kid. It is quite an accomplishment considering the tumultuous first half of his presidency. So, what does the President's victory mean in terms of promulgating issues concerning our community? Not much, probably.

Victories are rendered meaningless if there is not a clear mandate for which to govern. This election did not provide such, precisely because neither candidate propagated one. The voters overwhelmingly decided to vote for the status quo. A Republican dominated House and Senate and a Democratic White House. The American public did not want to return government to one-party control. They've 'been there, done that' and didn't like the outcome.

The impact on our community will be minimal at best for the next two years. President Clinton will not repeat the same mistake he made when first elected to office and make an issue like Gays in the Military his first order of business. The likelihood of the GOP controlled Congress proffering legislation on our behalf is nil. This is precisely why it is so important for our community to make inroads into the Republican party. Clinton took pains to position himself as a common-sense moderate and in some cases aligned himself with traditional conservative ideology. He talked about family values, signed a Republican welfare reform bill, promoted his signing of DOMA on christian radio stations and proclaimed the "era of big government is over."

President Clinton won a second term due to a prospering economy. Americans tend to vote pocketbook and the economic indicators were in the president's favor. Clinton owes a depth of gratitude to Federal Reserve Chairperson Alan Greenspan. Exit polls show that 47% of those who voted for him did so with "unease." Regardless, he won and in the end that's all that matters. This president has been provided an opportunity to set politics aside and use his lame-duck status to govern on conviction, hence creating policies and agendas that will ultimately determine his legacy.

Clinton has demonstrated beyond a doubt his prowess at campaigning and oration. He needs to transform that into governing. Not an easy feat, considering he does not have the benefit of his party's control of Congress, but it can be done. It requires conviction and leadership.

Without that leadership, Clinton legacy will mean nothing. The Democrats are at a crossroads. Clinton's victory

did not carry over into congressional races. Historically, congressional candidates in key districts can win on a victor's coattails. That was not the case in this election. 27% of those who voted for Clinton, voted for Republicans in the down ballot seats. President Clinton cannot run for the presidency again. It is not necessary for him to read the polls every morning in order to determine his policies anymore. He needs to stand up for what he believes in. We as a community need to make sure that he keeps his promises and account for his actions if he does not. There is no reason whatsoever that this President cannot obtain equality in the workplace for Gays and Lesbians, in spite of the Republican controlled Congress. Their control is not veto-proof and the president would have nothing to lose in doing so. Whether he champions our cause or not remains to be seen. If he does not follow through with his promises, we as a community must address our unwavering allegiance to the Democrat party or we will be the ones stuck in the status quo.

Our community needs to decide what our top priorities are. The recent endorsement by the Human Rights Campaign of Democrat Sen. John Kerry over Republican candidate, Gov. William Weld in the Massachusetts Senate race defies logic. Gov. Weld is the most pro-gay Governor in the entire United States, Republican or Democrat. In essence, we made it perfectly clear to the Republican party that regardless of how pro-gay you are, we will not support you. And, we made it perfectly clear to the Democrats that we will support them even if their record is questionable at best or at the very least they provide us with the pre-requisite lip-service. There is no doubt in my mind that the organization was heavily lobbied by upper echelon Democrats to provide Kerry with an edge in the race which was too close to call all year long. It is dangerous for our community to turn our back on a gay friendly candidate with a record to match the rhetoric for the sake of party allegiance. It's astounding and will have a lasting effect on our credibility. The HRC would have been more influential if they had put more political capitol in defeating the homophobic Jesse Helms rather than turning their backs the pro-gay Gov. Weld. At the least, they could have issued a dual-endorsement.

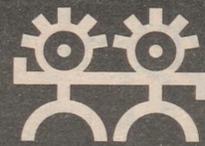
The 1996 elections are for the most part history. There are a few run-off races that we will have to vote on in December. Year from now, the politicking will begin again for the 1998 mid-term elections. As for 1996, the message was clear. The public does not like extremism on either end. They are moderates. Both presidential candidates ran as such. One succeeded and the outcome remains to be seen. And, we as a community should be watching closely.

Chastity to Attend HRC Party

By SHELLEY PORTER

Human Rights Campaign Houston Steering Committee, will host a kick-off party on Friday, Nov. 15, 1996 at 8:30pm. This is a great time to join Houston's HRC Steering Committee, volunteer to work with Deborah Seitzer, Co-Chair for HRC's Valentine's Ball Committee, or just come to celebrate the year's victories, see old friends, and meet new ones. The party will be held at Rascals' Bar, located at 1318 Westheimer. The evening will include a special guest appearance by

Chastity Bono. The Human Rights Campaign is the nations largest lesbian and gay organization, with more than 150,000 members nation wide. The Human Rights Campaign works to educate the public on issues that face lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans, as well as fight for laws to protect them from discrimination. This event will jump start the new year for HRC. HRC plans several fundraising events throughout the 1997 year that will support the fight for equal rights for the gay and lesbian community.



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It's Tuna Time Revisited

By JON ANTHONY

It's become a holiday staple and this year is no different, there's tuna on the menu. *A Tuna Christmas* returns to Houston with the original Broadway cast of Tuna creators Joe Sears and Jaston Williams. The Houston Voice caught up with this comical duo while they were on the road to discuss the depth of the Tuna phenomena.

A sequel to the Off-Broadway hit *Greater Tuna*, which became one of the most often-produced shows in America, *A Tuna Christmas* re-unites the two actors in this uproarious sequel. Amidst expedient costume changes, Sears and Williams portray all 22 inhabitants (male & female) of Tuna, the third smallest burg in Texas. This yuletide perennial takes on the radical right, albeit not to the degree of *Greater Tuna*. As the annual Yard Display Contest is being sabotaged by the Smut Snatchers, mayhem ensues in Tuna with a cast of zany characters that entertain.

Tuna Christmas premiered in San Francisco in 1989 and has played since reach-

ing Broadway last December for a successful sold-out stint at the Booth Theater. "There's no reason Broadway shouldn't be let in on the fun," declared The New York Times. What began on a lark has catapulted into one of the most successful theater franchises in the history of theater. Although the highly trained actors have reaped the benefits, they have also sacrificed along the way.

"I have no relationships, only good friends," informs Sears from his home in Wyoming. He adds that those friendships have been just as fulfilling as relationships because he has made friends in each city. While the duo has received numerous offers to transport their characters into television, they have declined citing a lack of "creative control" that encompasses network television. "We are very selective as to what we endorse and how we use the characters," said Sears insisting that the Tuna characters are not campy and that they go to great lengths to make sure that will not happen.

Despite the lack of normalcy in the life of a

traveling actor, there are some elements that are genuinely exciting indeed. "One of the best days of my life was sitting with Shirley McLaine in New York. I told her 'you are Shirley McLaine, it's wrecking me,'" recalled Sears. McLaine saw the duo in New York and was scheduled to begin shooting "Terms of Endearment" in Houston. Knowing that Sears was from Texas, McLaine decided to enlist his help by coaching her on the behavior of Texans.

The Voice caught up with Jaston Williams at home in New Orleans. Williams is excited about the duo's next comical focus "Red, White and Tuna," which he promises will have more political satire aimed right at the religious right. "We will begin working on the production at a workshop in Dallas while we continue work on *Tuna Christmas*," exalted Williams. "Tuna Christmas became a play about relationships under yuletide stress," he said. "Red, White and Tuna" will celebrate Independence Day in Tuna and offer more observations.

Williams speaks highly of his friendship with Sears and its significance in his life. "When you work with someone for so long, there is a bond. We've been there for each other through some tough times," he recounts. Next up for the pair, a planned movie adaptation of the zany characters of Tuna. The tentative concept consists of a bus carrying a load of tourists breaks down in Tuna forcing the folks to stick around for a few days. Many big name stars have agreed to make cameos, obviously due to their respect for the artistic endeavors of Tony nominee and Shakespearean actor Joe Sears and Jaston Williams.

Tuna Christmas will be playing at the Brown Theater, Wortham Center, Nov. 12-17, 1996. Performance times are Tuesday through Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm and Sunday at 2pm and 7pm. The 2pm Saturday matinee will be a signed performance for the hearing impaired (The TDD# for tickets is 800-755-6244). Tickets are available at all Ticket Master outlets or by calling 629-3700.

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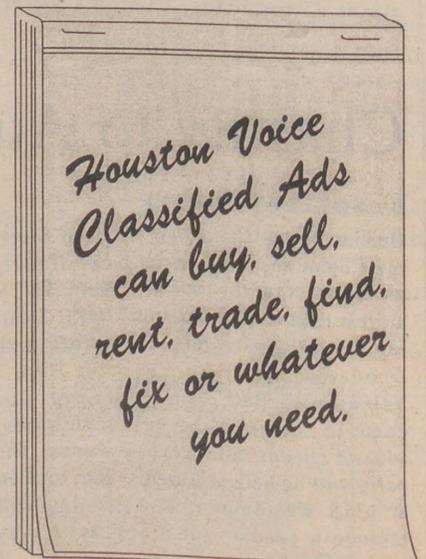


Milam House Celebration

Milam House/AIDS Housing Houston Inc., a housing facility for those infected with HIV/AIDS, will celebrate three years of existence on Friday, Nov. 22 with its third annual Founder's Dinner. The celebration/fundraiser will be held at the Briar Club, corner of Westheimer and Timmons Lane. The evening will kick off with a cash bar and silent auction at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner, recognition of outstanding service by the volunteers and a featured speaker from the HIV community. Channel 11 Weatherman, Dan Meador will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Milam House, which provides comfortable, stress-free living for HIV/AIDS infected individuals who would otherwise not have a place to live, was started in 1993 by three people from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church who had a vision for this type of facility in Houston. Initially, there were three residents. The house, at 4100 Milam (corner of Milam & West Main) now regularly has eight residents. The founders were Blake Rider, Ken Wilson and Connie Merley. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church still plays an important role in Milam House activities.

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It's hard to believe that the cute little girl with blonde ringlets who graced the stage of the vintage 70's classic variety show, The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour, has grown up to become one of the gay and lesbian community's most eloquent spokespersons. Chastity Bono, the daughter of Congressman Sonny Bono and Academy Award winning actress and singer Cher, came out as a Lesbian in the pages of The Advocate in April 1995 in a cover story that made headlines around the country. Bono has not looked back since and has catapulted into the forefront of community activism with considerable success.

Chastity began writing for *The Advocate*, a national gay magazine, as a correspondent whose reports focused on the entertainment industry that encompassed reviews and interviews of actors and musicians. Interestingly, she received wide acclaim for her poignant no holds barred interview with her mother, Cher, which appeared in the magazine's September issue. In 1996, the writer joined the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) as a spokeswoman for the National Coming Out Project whose primary purpose is urging the community to be open about their sexual orientation and dispel the stereotypical myths often associated with Gays and Lesbians.

Coming out was not an easy feat for Chastity. Forced into the public spotlight in January of 1990 when Star magazine ran a story outing her as a lesbian, Chastity

denied any and all allegations. Having formed a band called Ceremony, which was on the verge of signing with Geffen Records, Chastity decided not to be forthcoming. The tabloids were relentless and continued to propagate headlines regarding her sexual orientation for nearly three years until she came out on her own. It was during this period that her then partner became ill with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Chastity stayed with her and nursed her until her death in 1994.

Chastity speaks candidly about her aspirations and her life as a child growing up in the limelight. A devout Democrat, Chastity has enjoyed her work with the HRC and is considering a future career in the political arena. "Most of the stuff I've been focusing on concerns this election. Getting our community registered to vote. We need more fair minded people in the Senate and the House," opined Bono. Chastity spoke with candor on a host of issues.

Regarding the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) she says, "Marriage is an issue the rest of the country is for. Intellectually rather than emotionally. Yes, I know the polling data. Yes, I want that right, but I don't think we're there yet. So, I wasn't upset when DOMA passed - I expected it."

As to the Employment Non-discrimination Act (ENDA), "It's a very different issue. Gays and Lesbians are not protected in the workplace. Unless you are an absolute bigot, you would support it. I expect it to come back up."

Chastity said that President Clinton's support of DOMA was understood by the

hands were kind of tied. "It baffles me how anybody in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community could possibly vote for Dole," she intones, adding that, "We cannot afford to vote Republican."

Professionally, she prefers writing and activism over music, although she enjoys singing. She feels the industry is too unstable. Her biggest "regret". Her music review of Melissa Etheridge's latest album. "I was far too generous," she reflects. After a brief fling with Advocate editor in chief, Judy Weeder - "It kind of happened", Chastity became involved with Laura LaMastro, her current partner. The couple resides in San Francisco where they enjoy the quiet life. "I like to cook, rent movies and play with my pets - four cats and a dog."

Although she professes to love both her parents immensely, Chastity expressed her concerns over trying to live life in the shadow of such famous parents. Her mother is an international superstar and icon in the gay community and her father is a Republican congressman in California. Chastity remembered being surrounded by gay people in her mother's entourage and the fun she had with them. She does not see her brother, Elijah Blue, very often but insists they have a cordial relationship when their paths intertwine. It was evident during our conversation that she feels she has discovered her niche in an arena that she can succeed on with her own merits and not be compared to her parents. On that front, she has certainly exceeded and quite successfully.

Since our interview, Chastity has left the Human Rights Campaign to join the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

(GLAAD) as their newly named Entertainment Media Director. She reported to her new post November 1, 1996. "This is an exciting time in Hollywood. With Ellen's immanent 'coming out' and with more than twenty lesbian and gay characters already out on television, GLAAD is uniquely positioned to take a proactive approach to how we are represented on television and in film," said Chastity. As such, Chastity will represent GLAAD in dealings with entertainment industry officials and develop strategies to address concerns of gays and lesbians. Who better to handle the task of representing our community to the entertainment industry than someone like Chastity who has had a lifetime of experience in dealing with the business. "Growing up in the entertainment industry and working in the gay rights movement enables me to combine two worlds to have an impact and change things for the better," she informs. "The battle for fair treatment must be fought on several fronts. The cultural front - the way we are portrayed in the media - has a huge effect on how we are viewed by the public," emphasized Bono.

Chastity Bono has come full circle since she debuted on that CBS soundstage 25 years ago. She has emerged into a woman with her own identity and sense of self-worth. Considering the odds, she has astounded many a critic. Above all, she has remained true to herself and her dedication to obtaining equality for all. That, in itself, speaks volumes.

Suzanne Anderson will conduct an on air interview with Chastity on Thursday, November 14 at 8 pm on "Lesbian and Gay Voices" on KPFT radio, 90.1fm.

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By DEBORAH BELL

The Group Theatre Workshop with Joe Watts at the helm is holding over its current production of *Dos Lesbos*. The delightful comedy revue featuring actors Sue Ulu and Kim Sevier has been selling out for the past three weeks. Therefore, a hold over performance has been added for Thursday, Nov. 14. This two character comedy revue written by Terry Baum ran for two years in San Francisco. Tony award winning director Kate McDermott says, "*Dos Les-*

bos utilizes many theatrical and entertainment forms: vaudeville, musical comedy, parody, dramatic realism and melodrama, and also manages to deliver "homophobia" a charming and most effective jab in the ribs. The script is full of rollicking humor and candid fury."

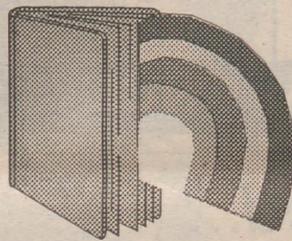
Staged at the Lovett Inn at 501 Lovett Blvd., the curtain rises at 8pm. Tickets are \$15 and reservations may be made by calling 522-2204. Word of mouth from audiences who have already had the pleasure of seeing this production say, "Don't miss it!"

Outrage Party Huge Success

Houston's Outrage Party, a non-profit charity organization, once again has proven that Houston's gay community leads the way in caring for it's own. The annual party, held this year on Oct. 26, at Rich's, was far more successful than anyone had dared hope for. This popular Halloween party provides a festive atmosphere and free cocktails for the simple cost of a donation made by purchasing a ticket prior to or at the event. The total raised at this year's event was

\$14,000. This year's beneficiaries, the PWA Coalition and Pet Patrol will receive a check for \$7,000 each. Outrage plans several new events in the next year to further promote charity for the gay population in need. The group also plans to recognize publicly outstanding citizens and businesses within the community that go out of their way to assist those living with AIDS.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Outrage should call 680-9237.



Rainbow Reader

Hollywood Lesbians

REVIEWED BY JONE DEVLIN

What do Ma Kettle, Endora, and Miss Jane Hathaway have in common? Well according to Boze Hadleigh they were all Lesbians. In his 1994 book, *Hollywood Lesbians*, Hadleigh interviews eight actresses, one director and one legendary wardrobe mistress and finds out the truth, or sort of to the eternal "Are they or aren't they?"

Of course, most of these women were raised in a time and place when being Gay, much less admitting to such a thing, wasn't even considered much less talked about in a media interview, so there's a lot of dancing around the issue. Marjorie Main phrases it as "I prefer the ladies on one side, and men on the other. We got our ways in common and they got theirs." Nancy Kulp meanwhile is a little more forthright when she says "I find that birds of a feather flock together." Some of the interviewees, naturally aren't even that cooperative. Barbara Stanwyck, in one of the most mesmerizing interviews in the book, ends up tossing Mr. Hadleigh out of her house while at the same time indirectly answering the question that so infuriated her. Meanwhile, Dame Judith Anderson, when pushed by Hadleigh, merely snaps "I couldn't come out in a million years! Why should I? I owe nothing!"

Naturally it is just this type of controversy that saves this from being another dull, sugar coated interview-with-Hollywood-legends type book. Hadleigh asks the tough questions, pushing the envelope on certain specific points even when those he's interviewing are steadfastly refusing to answer him or simply getting more and more furious.

In some cases (as with Barbara Stanwyck) it backfires but in most others it causes us to learn far more about the people being interviewed than we otherwise would or could.

The sex life of these women isn't Hadleigh's only topic. He talks to them about fellow actors and directors, famous rumors, and feminism. In this book we find out about Tallulah Bankhead ("she had more girlfriends than Errol Flynn"), Cecil B. DeMille ("a pious hypocrite") Mae West ("Mae's the voluptuous type. She's not exactly underfed.") as well as hosts of others, male and female, legend or bit player. We also find out what it was like to be a strong, independent woman in a male dominated culture that had no particular use for such a creature. The things these women had to do to survive, from marrying to retreating from public view, are talked about in great detail and are compared to the way things are today, causing us to see how far we've come as women and how far yet there is to go, both in the gay and straight community.

Well researched biographies before each interview are also included, so that if there is a particular subject that you didn't know much about you are pretty well up to speed before the questioning starts. Hadleigh is also very good about including the date each interview took place, so that you are not puzzled by responses and comments that are very era specific. Part dish and part history lesson, you'll buy *Hollywood Lesbians* (as I did) to find out "the truth" about your particular favorites, but you'll keep it because it's the quintessential coffee table book and something you'll want to read over and over again!

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News You Didn't See on TV

by Patricia Nell Warren

When Human Life is Cheap

I used to think that Dan White's sentence was the benchmark for holding a human life cheap. This elected official loaded a handgun and went to San Francisco city hall with a "High Noon" kind of murder in his heart. He shot to death not one but two fellow politicians: gay Supervisor Harvey Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone. For two killings, White got 7 years, and was out in five.

But the other day, in Tennessee, Judge Doug Meyer opened a new frontier in the cheapening of life. He sentenced Adriana Blair Butler to 30 days in jail for shooting her mother's lover in the head. Thirty days...count them. The judge opted for leniency because, he said, there had been provocation. (After all, the mother's lover was a lesbian.)

These days, it is easy to list the lenient sentences, or verdicts of "not guilty," for people who commit violent crimes against gay youth and gay adults. As the "Jenny Jones" murder trial moves ahead, America wonders if Jonathan Schmitz can make his gay victim look nasty enough to get off. If so, another blow will be struck at the value of life.

But there's a bigger problem here. These bargain-basement reductions on the price of life are affecting many Americans equally. Today there is a widening gap between actual sentencing and what might be called punishment appropriate for the crime. Somehow, our whole system of justice has gotten dangerously twisted. Legislators, law officers, judges and juries don't just downsize penalties when it suits them (especially when it gets a white man off). They upsize penalties as well. In the last decade, there are whole rafts of new federal, state and local laws that criminalize actions once legal. Misdemeanors can be upgraded to felonies. Counts are compounded, adding up to lots of time. While both political parties make loud speeches about putting away serial killers and sexual predators, legislators are quietly putting away ordinary people and first-time offenders for things like driving without a license. The criminalization of smoking and being HIV positive will be a windfall for the prison system. In several states, new "three strikes" laws propose to make crimes like prostitution a reason for life behind bars without parole.

Unthinking citizens who cheer "get tough" crime policy are simply not noticing the growing erosion of American life by this broadened definition of "crime"—in, say, the low-income West Virginia family who must pay a staggering \$5000 fine because their kid got caught doing one graffiti.

Frontier Justice In The Nineties

In the territories of the old West, people were commonly hung for stealing a horse. If you were a black slave or Chinese or native American, you could be hung for the fun of it. Life was cheap on the frontier. Stakes were high, with vast land and wealth there for the taking. Law and order was thin, and often operated freely off personal bigotry and greed. Today, with our country so overcrowded and overheated, with a punitive spirit riding high, life is cheap again and we're sliding back into frontier justice. There are not only the old bigotries and greeds to contend with, like those which sentence people of color to more time for the same crime. There is also a spooky new bureaucratic drive to monitor and control people's every action and punish them harshly for all kinds of minor offenses. The U.S. has the largest prison population on earth,

with 1 million people behind bars, and this is due as much to first offenses and victimless crime as it is to serial killers and drug dealers.

Murder and manslaughter sentences are a good way to measure the falling value of human life. With killer Butler's 30 days in mind, I pondered these sentences in the recent news:

Item: A California grandmother in her 60s was arrested for helpfully putting money in somebody's meter that had expired. She had no idea that this is now illegal. Grandma could get 4 months in jail—four times longer than Butler.

Item: In Los Angeles, a homeless person now gets six months in jail for sleeping on the sidewalk, and another six months for stealing aluminum cans and other valuable recyclables from trash. Similar new laws target homeless all over the country.

Item: Six months in jail for killing and eating a dog—laws that target Asian immigrants with different culinary traditions.

Item: An 11-year-old South Carolina honor student with a clean record was actually arrested and sentenced to a year's probation for breaking a state law about weapons in school. She took a steak knife in her lunch box to cut her chicken with. (Gosh, where was the kind of leniency that handed 30 days to killer Butler?)

Indeed, kids are dirt cheap, as the lynch-mob mentality rides ever higher. Kids are subject to new criminalizations that would drive adults to riot—from suspicionless drug-testing to repressive curfew laws. In Camden, NJ, kids age 6-17 are arrested if they're found on the street during school hours. Minors are more prosecuted as adults, with those who kill being targeted for life sentences. Minors are jailed merely on the parents' request, or by a judge, to "teach them a lesson." Parents are held cheap, too—California parents can be jailed for a year, and fined \$2500, for failing to control their children. Statistics already reveal the stark fact that "getting tough" often turns a youthful offender into a hardened, angry adult repeater.

The question must be asked: Why is frontier justice in the saddle again?

More than misguided demands for "more morality," it is "more money" that is driving this trend. "Gold in them thar hills" translates into prisons as the hot new growth industry. Job-hungry communities lure new prisons the way they used to lure industry. Massive fines, lawyers fees, jail and prison costs per prisoner, the privatizing of prison construction and operation, the growing power of prison guards' unions, all are creating new funding, cash flow and pork in a starved economy. Just as the old West suffered serious damage from out-of-control mining and logging, so our spiritual and economic landscape is eroding seriously, as more and more ordinary citizens are caught in the toils of sentencing inequities, and their rage and cynicism builds.

It is no wonder that more and more Americans today have less and less respect for the law.

As for Adriana Butler, she is lucky that she put a bullet in somebody's head. If she had put a quarter in somebody's parking meter, she might have done 4 times the time.

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This & That...



by Jon Anthony

Streisand. Her name speaks volumes and generates a frenzy in the community. She's back and inundates the airwaves this week to promote her upcoming flick, *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, co-starring **Jeff Bridges** and the legendary **Lauren Bacall**. Her commitment and effort towards re-electing **Bill Clinton** behind her, the Diva is on a whirlwind promotional tour for the plagued production. The media blitz begins with appearances on NBC's *Today Show* Monday and Tuesday Nov. 11 and 12 at 7am. Streisand then guests on Today's rival ABC morning gabfest *Good Morning America* on Wednesday and Thursday Nov. 13 and 14 at 7am. On Nov. 11, Streisand goes one-on-one with **Jane Pauley** on Dateline NBC, which airs at 9pm. It's definitely a Streisand week.... Another Diva of sorts also fans the airwaves with breathtaking speed. The **Duchess of York**, aka **Sarah Ferguson** (Fergie), sat down for an exclusive chat with **Diane Sawyer** to be shown on ABC's PrimeTime Live, Wednesday Nov. 13 at 9pm. The Duchess chats with Oprah Nov. 14 at 4pm on CBS affiliate Channel 11, checks into Good Morning America on ABC Nov. 15 at 7am and concludes the week on The Rosie O'Donnell Show later that day on ABC affiliate Channel 13 at 4pm.... CBS's 60 Minutes traveled to London's Wembley Stadium and a concert in Budapest to compile a story on sultry rock legend **Tina Turner**. Interviewed by **Mike Wallace**, the international rock superstar discusses her longevity and the joys of living in France. Turner's latest CD, *Wild Dreams*, featuring an enticing duet with **Sting**, is available at most music outlets.... NBC's hit sitcom *3rd Rock From The Sun* airs a delightful episode that focuses on Sally falling for a guy she meets at a gay bar. This sitcom gets better with age, although it is an acquired taste.... **Christopher Reeve** makes a cameo in the CBS Sunday Night Movie *A Step Toward Tomorrow* starring **Judith Light**. Tomorrow is about a mother who invests in humor in order to deal with the tumult of her son's diving



accident.... NBC airs its high touted *Mad About You* episode featuring **Carol Burnett** and **Carroll O'Connor** as Jamie's parents. The riotous episode marks the series 100th show.... Having realized the publicity that having a child can do for a waning career and not to be out flanked by his female counterpart, **Michael Jackson** announced that he is going to be a father this week. Stop laughing. Look what it's done for **Madonna's** exposure. Jackson's camp denies that the young woman carrying the child, **Debbie Rowe**, was artificially inseminated or that there was any economic incentive for her participation. He asked for the press to respect his privacy. Rowe, a nurse, has reportedly known the singer for 15 years and treated him for his vitiligo, a skin-lightening disease.... People magazine just put out its first Spanish-language issue. First up, a cover story on the 10 hottest Latin stars. Who? Here's the list in descending order: **Antonio Banderas**; **Gloria Estefan**; Mexican TV soap stars **Francisco Gattorno** and **Thalia**; Actress **Salma Hayek**; singer **Enrique Iglesias** (Julio's son); **Jennifer Lopez** - selected to portray **Selena** in the upcoming biopic; **Luis Miguel**; **Christina Saralegui** (the Mexican Oprah); and **Jimmy Smits**.... Universal Pictures has ponied up \$17.5 million plus a percentage of gross profits to **Brad Pitt** for a starring role in *Meet Joe Black*, according to Variety. Two years ago, the superstar got a paltry, by comparison, \$4 million (plus 5% of profits) for *Seven*. At this rate, the actor will surpass the almighty and powerful foursome who are in the \$20 million league, at rapid speed. The four actors in that category are **Harrison Ford**, **Sylvester Stallone**, **Mel Gibson** and **Bruce Willis**.... **Carol Channing**, 75, was hospitalized last week while touring in the road production of *Hello, Dolly!*. To date Channing has played the part on stage 5,000 times. Another legend, **Frank Sinatra**, remains hospitalized at press of time due to an undisclosed ailment.... **Madonna**, **Steven Spielberg** and **Whoopi Goldberg** have joined



ER's **George Clooney** in boycotting appearances on Entertainment Tonight. Their gripe: Confrontational paparazzi, aka stalkerazzi, employed by *Hard Copy* to obtain footage of celebrity's, their offspring and families. *Hard Copy* and Entertainment Tonight are both produced by Paramount and the actors want to assert some pressure on Paramount to discontinue the practice of ambushing stars for unflattering photos. By making themselves unavailable to ET, they are making a statement. Other high-profile celebs are expected to join the boycott later this week.... CBS has cancelled its struggling Wednesday night line-up with the exception of its hits *The Nanny* and *Pearl*. Gone are the **Nancy Travis** vehicle *Almost Perfect* and **Steven Bochco's Public Morals**, which in spite of enormous publicity for its toilet humor tanked in the ratings. The **Ken Olin** drama *EZ Streets* has been placed on hiatus, however its return seems unlikely. During the interim, the network plans to air movies and specials.... ABC has snared the rights to air the Miss America Pageant next year. Since 1965, NBC has aired the perennially high rated beauty contest.... **Harvey Keitel** has joined the cast of **Stanley Kubrick's Eyes Wide Shut** starring **Tom Cruise** and his wife **Nicole Kidman**. The film about jealousy and obsession is currently in production on location in England.... **Alan Brown** won the Kiriyama Pacific Rim Book Prize in San Francisco for his novel *Audrey Hepburn's Neck*. Brown will receive \$15,000 for the honor. Not bad for a first novel.... **Patti Labelle's** new autobiography, *Don't Block the Blessings: Revelations of a Lifetime* (Riverhead Books) hits No. 3 on The New York Times Bestseller's List this week. *Blessings* is available at Crossroads Market.... **Tim Allen's** second book of comedic musings, *I'm Not Really Here*, hits bookstores this month. Material ranges from simple humor to quantum physics to mother nature. Go figure.... A 1623 first edition volume of **Shakespeare's** works sold for \$250,000 at Sotheby's auction house last



week. Also, the first portrait of **Abraham Lincoln**, circa 1861, in full beard sold for \$126,500.... Can't cook a turkey just right. If you are poultry-impaired contact the Butterball Turkey Talk-line at 800-323-4848 for advice. The toll-free number is available until Dec. 23.... Most of the cast of Broadway's fourth longest running show, the **Victor Hugo** classic *Les Miserables*, received their pink slips last week. No, the show is not closing. The producers canned nine and asked nine others to audition for roles if they want to continue with the production. The show is planning its 10th Anniversary next year and they felt it needed new blood and energy.... **Milestones:** **Oprah Winfrey's** stepmother **Zelma** died last weekend due to a heart ailment.... **Making The Rounds:** Acclaimed actress-choreographer **Ann Reinking** promotes her new Broadway vehicle *Chicago* on ABC's Good Morning America Nov. 11 at 7am. The Broadway cast of *Rent* performs live on NBC's The Tonight Show Nov. 11 at 10:35pm. **Reba McEntire** and **Marlo Thomas** guest on **Rosie O'Donnell** Nov. 12 and **Barry Manilow** talks to Rosie on Nov. 13. O'Donnell airs daily at 4pm. Famed photographer **Herb Ritts** guest on NBC's Today Show Nov. 12; **Lauren Bacall** stops by Nov. 13 and poet **Maya Angelou** visits the set Nov. 15. Today airs daily at 7am.... **Top of the Charts:** *Romeo & Juliet* ruled the box-office charts over the weekend, opening with \$12 million, according to Exhibitor Relations. *Sleepers* took the second spot. The remake of the William Shakespeare's classic stars **Claire Danes** and **Leonardo DiCaprio**. NBC's *ER* was the highest rated show of the week according to the A.C. Nielsens Company. **Van Halen's Best of Volume 1** entered the album chart at #1 last week. Another 70's rock giant, **Journey**, debuted at #3 with their latest studio album, *Trial By Fire*, their first in over a decade. **Blackstreet** featuring **Dr. Dre** has the top single, *No Dignity*, and **Clint Black's Like the Rain** is the hottest country song. *The Deep End of the Ocean* by **Jacquelyn Mitchard** (Viking) and *The Dilbert Principle* (Scott Adams) top The New York Times bestseller list for fiction and non-fiction, respectively.... **Quote of the Week:** "Dad, you're not dumb. You've missed the point entirely." - Frasier (Kelsey Grammer).

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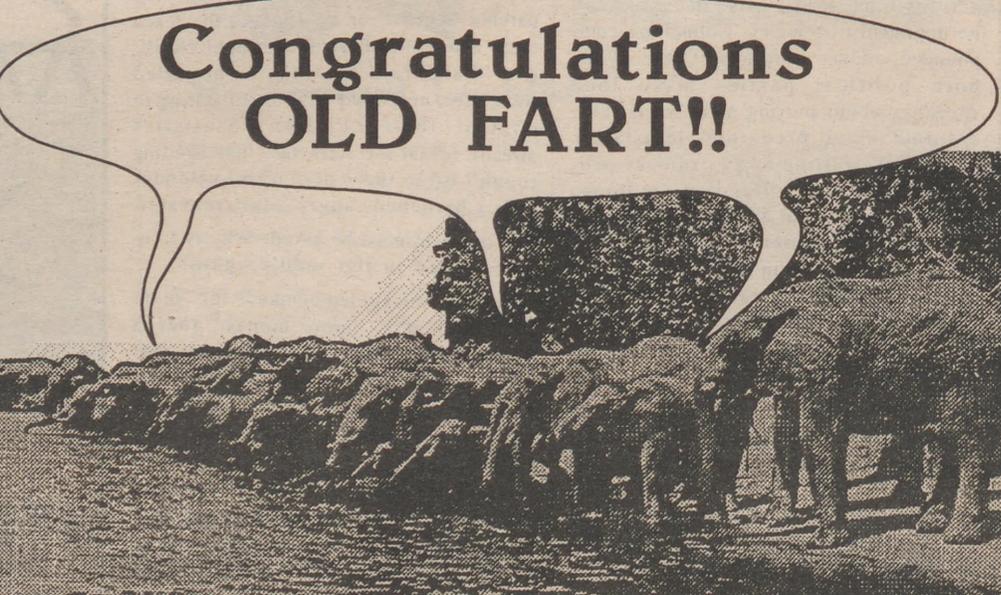
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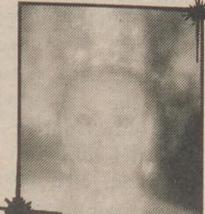
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SPORTS NOTES

HMBL Results

The **Houston Metropolitan Billiards League, Inc. (HMBL)** announces its top three teams as of Week 3. In 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively are J.R.'s Cue Crew, Ripcord Maniacs and Chupacabra. HMBL's first monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Cousins at 2pm. One-half season dues are due @ \$24.50 per person or \$122.50 per team. A reminder that any additional League members enrolling in HMBL after original cut off date must join as a sub. A one week grace period (from Tuesday before 8pm) to play the following Tuesday will be observed before the first night of play.

Let's Skate

The **Lambda Rollerskating Club** invites everyone to skate with them on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 8-10pm at Starlite Skating Academy, 8075 Cook Rd. Admission is \$5 plus \$1.50 if you need skates. All levels of skaters are welcome. Door prizes and events all occur so call 787-0625 for more info.

If your club or organization would like to hold a skate event, please call or e-mail gayskate1@aol.com, or visit their web page at <http://members.aol.com/gayskate1/lambda.htm>.

Fish Fry

The **Rainbow Fishing Club** will hold its first party at the 611 Hyde Park Pub on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7-9pm. Everyone is invited. On Nov. 16, weather permitting, the club will go fishing out of Galveston on the 70-foot deluxe deep sea cruiser, Texsun II. The cost will be \$60 per person. Call John at 523-6381 for reservations.

On Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2pm, there will be a Fish Fry at the 611 Club. Everyone is welcome to come sample the catch.

HOG Wild!!

The **Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)** will hold a pre-camping meeting on Nov. 12 at Cafe Express on Kirby at 7pm for the Nov. 15-17 weekend camping trip to Caddo Lake State Park. Caddo Lake is Texas' largest natural lake near magnificent Karnak in northeast Texas. There are 43 miles of "boat roads" for canoeing or kayaking into pristine areas where birds watch from atop the cypress and water lilies float quietly by. Camp sites are available for up to 16 people, so reserve your spot by Nov. 12 by calling Jerry at 528-2334.

Tennis Tournament

HouTex XVI, one of the largest and most fun gay and lesbian tennis tournaments in the country, will be held Nov. 9-11. More than 200 players from across the country will be competing for titles in 16 events including singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five different ability divisions. The weekend kicks off with the draw party Friday night at J.R.'s from 7-11pm. Memorial Park will host the top

two men's divisions with all other divisions being played at Lee LeClear Tennis Center (formerly Southwest) beginning Saturday morning at 8am.

Women's Flag Football

The **Houston Women's Flag Football League (HWFFL)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for women to play football. They are looking for players, coaches, referees, cheerleaders and league/team sponsors. Play began on Oct. 5 and continues through Feb. 1st, 1997. Four games are played on Saturdays from 9am until 1pm at Wilson Elementary School, located on Fairview, between Mandell and Yupon. On Sundays at 4pm, the league shows the videotapes of the games at Ms. B's, located on Buffalo Speedway. For info call Tonya Medrano.

Bowling Stats

The **Montrose Monday Night Men's League** reports Division I Standings in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are Dog Tired, We Go There and The Eclectic Twits. In Division II, Pearlized Sisters, Not So Easy Pickups and Five Easy Pieces occupy the top spots. High Scratch game of 245 and series of 663 was bowled by Chris Bennett. Bob Warren bowled High Handicap Game & Lynn Vannoy High Handicapped Series. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Call Tom at 522-9612.

The **Inner Loop Sunday Evening League** reports Please Don't Eat the Daisy in 1st, We Go There Too in 2nd and Sticky Wickets in 3rd. High Scratch Game of 244 and High Handicapped Game was bowled by Bill Henry for the men. Chris Bennett bowled High Scratch Series of 722 and High Handicapped Series. For the women Peri Cain bowled High Scratch Game of 233 and series of 661, also High Handicapped Series. Terry Shannon bowled High Handicapped game. Call Tom at 522-9612. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30pm on Wednesday.

The **Wednesday Night Mixers** reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Party Line and We Come When You Call in 2nd and 3rd. For the men High Scratch game of 219 and series of 610 was bowled by Tom O'Dell. Scott Allblbee bowled High Handicapped game & Series. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game and Pat DeCarlo Series. Carol Clark bowled High Handicapped game and Pat DeCarlo Series. Call Tom at 522-9612. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30pm on Wednesday.

The **Monday Night Women's League** bowls at 6:15pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. TAZ Club is in 1st with Sappho Strikers in 2nd, Balls R Out in 3rd and M Power in 4th. For info call Pat 437-6218.

Saturday, Nov. 16 is Candlelight No Tap Doubles at Palace Lanes at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a League bowler to participate. Registration begins at 7pm and entry fee is \$11.

Rhode Island Woman Wins Mustang!

The giveaway of the year was held this past Sunday at J.R.'s Bar and Grill putting one lucky winner behind the wheel of a 1997 Ford Mustang GT convertible. The giveaway, sponsored by J.R.'s Party Bar and Central Ford and benefiting the Houston Black Tie Dinner and its 1996 beneficiaries was held in front of a capacity crowd. Emcee Randall Jobe introduced Jack Jackson who drew the

winning ticket. Jackson was the recipient of the Houston Black Tie Dinner's 1995 Humanitarian Award.

Also present for the drawing were the volunteer chair persons for the event Amanda Barhorst and Jason Davis. Judy Hart of Rhode Island held lucky ticket number 2340 which was drawn as the grand prize winner of a new 1997 GT Mustang Convertible.

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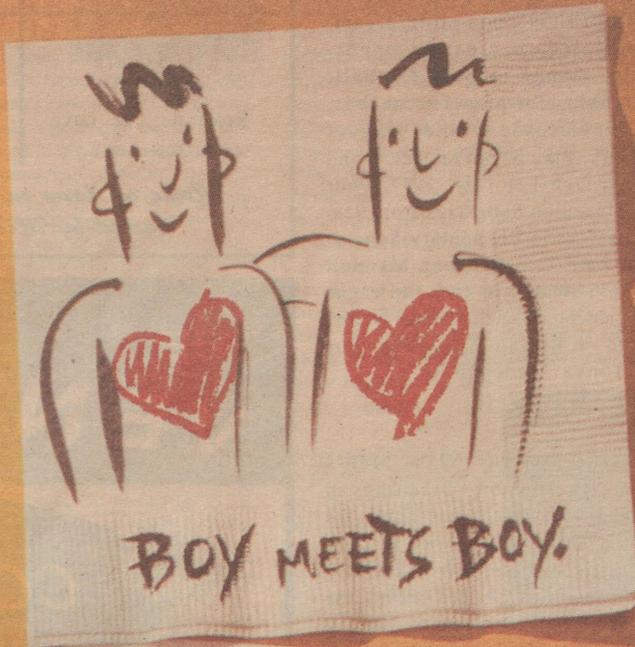
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Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Havrix has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic potential, mutagenic potential or potential for impairment of fertility.

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Incidence 1% to 10% of Injections: Induration, redness, swelling, fatigue, fever (>37.5°C), malaise, anorexia, nausea.

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Additional safety data

Safety data were obtained from two additional sources in which large populations were vaccinated. In an outbreak setting in which 4,930 individuals were immunized with a single dose of either 720 ELU or 1440 ELU of Havrix, the vaccine was well-tolerated and no serious adverse events due to vaccination were reported. Overall, less than 10% of vaccinees reported solicited general adverse events following the vaccine. The most common solicited local adverse event was pain at the injection site, reported in 22.3% of subjects at 24 hours and decreasing to 2.4% by 72 hours.

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has established the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) to accept reports of suspected adverse events after the administration of any vaccine, including, but not limited to, the reporting of events required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. The toll-free number for VAERS forms and information is 1-800-822-7967.

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Prime Timers Houston

Tennis Anyone? **Prime Timers Houston** is hosting their 2nd Annual Prime Timers Houston Olympics beginning with a Tennis Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10am. On Monday, Ping Pong action begins at 7:30pm at Skybox Sports Bar, 3911 Fondren. On Wednesday, Dave & Buster's @ 6010 Richmond is the place to be for Shuffleboard. On Friday, Nov. 15, go back to Dave & Buster's for Bowling fun. Finally, on Saturday, Nov. 16, there will be a Golf Tournament at 9am in Memorial Park and a Dart Tournament at 5pm at PastTime, 617 Fairview. The action continues with a Pool Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2pm at Briar Patch, Greenbriar @ Holcombe. On Monday, Game Night with cards & board games at a location to be announced. Finally, the Olympics closes on Thursday, Nov. 21 with Dine-A-Rama at Felix Mexican Restaurant, 904 Westheimer. For info call 867-3903.

HIV Support Groups

Community Gospel offers two support groups on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. First a group for family, friends and loved ones who are affected by someone they love living with HIV or AIDS is invited to the HIV Affected Support Group. Second, a different group for those who are living with HIV or AIDS are invited to attend the HIV Infected Support Group. You may contact Judy Kress concerning the Affected Group at 453-3491, or call Rob Heber at 999-8999 for info on the Infected Group. These sessions are free of charge. The church is located at 4305 Lillian St. in the Heights.

The Age of Discretion

Make reservations now for "The Age of Discretion," a unique and moving play addressing the critical issues of teens and HIV at the **Museum of Health & Medical Science**, 1515 Hermann Drive. The play will be presented on World AIDS Day, Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2pm. Tickets are free with paid museum admission, but reservations are required. For ticket info call 521-1515, ext. 124.

Six Years of Comedy

ComedySportz-Houston celebrates six years of comedy on Nov. 8. Treebeards on Market Square, 315 Travis, is the place to be with a special match at 8pm. Local celebrities and the

audience will select the winning entries. Admission is \$8 and reservations are recommended. For info call 521-2226.

Small Businesses Alert

The United States **Small Business Administration** is receiving nominations for Small Business Person of the Year, Advocate & special Small Business Week awards. Categories include, small business person of the year, minority small business advocate of the year, women in business advocate of the year, veteran small business advocate of the year, financial services advocate of the year, media advocate of the year, small business exporter of the year, young entrepreneur of the year, and the entrepreneurial success award.

Guidelines for submitting nominations are contained in the 1997 SBA pamphlet and may be obtained by calling 773-6500. Nominations for the 32 county Houston District should be mailed to SBA, 9301 Southwest Frwy #550 Houston, TX 77074. Attn: Neal Blanton and should be received by Nov. 15, 1996.

Simply Christmas

The **Turtle Creek Chorale**, a 200 member male chorus under the direction of Dr. Timothy Seeling, recently released its 14th recording, "Simply Christmas" just in time for the holidays. The chorus sings with its characteristic lush sound while capturing the festive essence of the holidays.

Simply Christmas is available now on compact disc and is available at area record stores for \$16 for CDs and \$11 for cassettes or by calling the TCC office at 214-526-3214.

Texas Recycles

Governor George Bush has declared Nov. 15 as the 3rd Annual **Texas Recycles Day**. Houston will celebrate by hosting its version of Texas Recycles Week, Nov. 11-15. The Houston Corporate Recycling Council will feature events sponsored and staged by several local industry and area nonprofits. Culminating the week of events Friday will be the Texas Recycles Day Fair at the Reflecting Pool in front of Houston's City Hall. For more info call 688-3773.

Blankets..blankets

Marriott Lodging of Houston announces the 7th Annual **Great Houston**

Cover-Up, a city-wide blanket drive to aid the thousands of homeless served by Star of Hope, Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 9am to 5pm.

Houston's Marriott Hotels, Residence Inns, Fairfield Inns & Courtyards by Marriott will serve as drop-off sites for donations of blankets, coats and sweaters which will be combined with hundreds of blankets being contributed by Marriott Lodging. The hotel group will then launder and deliver all of the blankets to the mission for distribution. Join Houston Rocket, Sam Mack and others by donating your blankets. For info, call 443-5242.

Cocktail Opening!

Hyde Park Gallery invites you to an exhibition of Larry Crawford, Jim Martin & Harlan W. Skarphol Jr. On Friday, Nov. 8 from 7-10pm there will be a special cocktail opening. The Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park. For info call 526-2744.

Gothic Voices Concert

"Visions of Ecstasy" Plainchant & Polyphony from the Time of Hildegard of Bingen. Friday, Nov. 8, 1996, 8pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Main at Holman

Your spirits will soar as you hear the mystical, ethereal, exquisite sounds of chant echo in time and space. **Gothic Voices**, founded by Christopher Page in 1980, is now established as one of the world's leading Medieval ensembles. The group's first recording, Hymns and Sequences by Abess Hildegard of Bingen, is widely held to be one of the most successful records of pre-Classical music ever made. Gothic Voices has three times been a winner of the Gramophone Early Music Award: Hildegard Bingen (1983), The Service of Venus and Mars (1988), and A Song for Francesca (1989). "O, Quon Gloriosum! (O, Glorious Works!)" Pre-concert Lecture & Exhibit starts at 7pm, Great Hall Dr. Derek Baker, Co-Sponsored by Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries. Experience the unique wonder and beauty of seeing illuminated manuscripts, and then hearing them performed.

Presented by the Houston Harpsichord Society <http://www.neo-soft.com/tm/hhs/>—email: tm@neo-soft.com, phone (713) 497-7382

Houston Area NOW to Hold Elections**Meets Second Thursday of Month**

Nov. 14 will be the next meeting date of the Houston Area NOW Chapter. Elections for 1997 officers will be held at this meeting. The group rescheduled its meetings to be on the second Thursday of each month since several people who were interested in being active could not make the Third Thursday schedule the group has had for the last two years. The group meets at the Interfaith Ministries building at 3217 Montrose (just south of Westheimer—and yes, you can park in the lot, accessible from Lovett Blvd. no matter what the valets from Ruggles say).

Jeanne Sommerfeld, the outgoing chapter president will not be running for re-election as she was elected president of Texas State NOW in September. Shelly Tanner and Sueann

Lorig have agreed to serve as co-presidents. During the past year the chapter has taken part in protests of Newt Gingrich; had booths at The Houston International Festival, The Houston Women's Festival, and the Westheimer Street Festival; taken part in get-out-the-vote campaigns; the Give America A Raise Project; and in anti-violence against women programs.

The chapter will host a State Council Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 15. Anyone interested in being involved in NOW should call 713/665-8NOW (665-8669). NOW is dedicated to work for the rights of all women in all aspects of life, including Lesbian Rights, Reproductive Rights, Combating Racism, and in the Anti-Violence against Women Movement.



Jeanne Sommerfeld, newly elected president of Texas NOW and outgoing president of Houston Area NOW

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* Catholic Mass at 10:00 am. Kolbe Project 522-8182

* Healing and Anointing service at Christ Church Cathedral, 1111 Texas. 432-0414.

Saturday-11/9

* Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.

* Gospel Concert at Community Gospel, 7:30 pm. 880-9235.

Sunday-11/10

* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor." (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756

* MCCR worship services 9:00 am & 11:00 am 861-9149

* Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269

* First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200

* Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872

* Community Gospel worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. The Light Company, a southern Gospel Group will be ministering. SERVICE IN NEW LOCATION, 4305 LILLIAN 880-9235

* Houston Mission Church worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225

* Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 am Sunday School at 10:00 am 862-7533 "The Celestine Prophecy, An Experiential Guide" at 10:00 am

* Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830

* Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service. 10:50 am Seekers class 9:15 am 526-1017

Monday-11/11

* Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182

* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149

Tuesday-11/12

* MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Singers at 8:00 pm, The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149

* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.

* HIV Affected group meets at 7:00 pm. Judy or Pam at 880-9235; HIV Infected group meets at 7:00 pm. Catherine or Robert at 880-9235. At Community Gospel.

* Maranatha Fellowship MCC has home groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.

Wednesday 11/13

* MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149

* Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* MCCR: Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 pm Midweek uplift service at 7:00 pm, Bible Study, Lecture Series & Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm 861-9149

* "A Course in Miracles"—Study Group using the book, published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, which is aimed at removing the blocks to our awareness of one's presence. Kingdom Community Church 7:30 pm 862-7533.

* "Coming Out to Yourself" at Kolbe Project. 7:30 pm. 522-8182.

Thursday-11/14

* Bible Study 7 Pm At Faith And Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* Community Gospel midweek service 7:30 pm 880-9325

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A Stepchild Ministry: The Kolbe Project



Loren Connell (OFM) and David Crank (OFM) on the front porch of Kolbe House.

A Ministry to Gay and Lesbian Catholics

By Bridget Baulch

"Don't ask—don't tell" is an unnecessary rule at the Kolbe House.

The Kolbe House, an unassuming two-story white frame house in Montrose, is home to the Kolbe Project, a Catholic outreach ministry for the gay/lesbian and HIV/AIDS community in the Houston area. While there is a wide range of acceptance of homosexual congregants among various Christian denominations—from total denial of homosexual members by some churches to the sanctioning of same sex marriages by other churches; the Kolbe Project reflects the position the Catholic Church has taken toward its homosexual members—the middle ground.

The Kolbe Project is part of an undertaking by the Vatican to recognize and reach out to homosexual Catholics. Father Frank Rossi, Chancellor of the Houston/Galveston Catholic Diocese said, "In 1987, The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a letter entitled, The Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. In this document, the Vatican was very clear that we (the Catholic Church) respect and provide pastoral care to all persons by providing a ministry which was sensitive to the unique needs of the homosexual men and women." Created in 1989 and named after a martyred Franciscan priest, The Kolbe Project has been providing several masses a week, support groups and socials such as pot luck dinners for the homosexual community.

David Crank, a Kolbe Project Franciscan Brother, said, "Besides spiritual support, we give an alternate social scene that is smoke and drug free, and where people can be themselves."

"We are a ministry of presence and hospitality that fills in the gaps," said Crank. "(We are) a place where people who don't feel at home or welcome in their home parishes can come."

ndon said, "Receiving the blessings of other people helped me heal from AIDS, but I am not cured of AIDS, just healed."

Not everyone who benefits from the Kolbe Project is homosexual or has ever attended a Kolbe House function. "Most of our clients never walk through these doors. They are in the hospital," Connel said. Crank is the chaplain of the special disease unit at Park Plaza Hospital and a volunteer chaplain at Twelve Oaks Hospital special disease unit. "I have administered to patients in the AIDS unit at times where as many as 47 percent were not homosexuals. AIDS is not just a gay disease."

Oliver Zarate, a heterosexual 22-year-old Texas A&M University student presently working as an engineering intern in Houston, has been observing the friars' work. "I have only been with the Kolbe Project a brief time. I am Catholic by birth. I am here because I have some interest in the Franciscan Order, but I want to be sure that I have a real calling." Learning about the Franciscan Order isn't the only reason Zarate is participating in the friars' ministry. "I have been interested in the religious study here. Before, I didn't see the unconditional love that God has for everybody. It just seems like all love. Less emphasis on dogma and more emphasis on love. I got a new perspective on God and a new perspective on homosexuals," Zarate said.

A Catholic ministry to the gay and lesbian community is not exclusive to Houston. Crank said, "We are a grass roots ministry which is growing. Last month, I attended the third annual National Association of Catholic Diocese Lesbian and Gay Ministry convention.

"I would like to see us more progressive and advertise more. There are still a lot of people who don't know about the Kolbe Project," he said. The Franciscan friars hope someday there won't be a need for a separate ministry for gay and lesbian worshippers.

"I think in 1996 that the world knows there are homosexual men and women sitting amongst them on Sunday," Crank said. "I'm hoping someday that it will not matter whether one is heterosexual or homosexual, that everyone can openly celebrate the Eucharist together."

The Kolbe Project is somewhat of a stepchild ministry within the local Catholic diocese. Although the diocese permitted the creation of this ministry by the Franciscan Missionaries, it provides no funding. Without the financial support of the Diocese, financing the Kolbe Project has been a continual challenge for the friars. "Our biggest supporters have been the Franciscan Missionary Office Union. They have been extremely generous and are behind us," Crank said. But

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520-7070 for additional information. As a licensed adult day care facility, the Bering Care Center provides a comprehensive environment to meet the physical, medical, social, and spiritual needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Care Center's primary goal is to maintain the individual's health in a clean, safe, home-like environment. Services include full-time nursing care, physical therapy, nutritional counseling and assessment, nutritious meals, art programs, educational programs, exercise programs, support groups, field trips, and the opportunity for healthy social interaction. A full and varied calendar of activities is carefully planned each month to fulfill client's needs.

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Friday, Nov. 8

- * Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- * HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- * 12-step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * AIDS Mastery workshop starts. 861-6453.
- * Film at the Museum of Fine Arts: Japan:100 Years of Japanese Cinema at 7:30 pm. 639-7515.
- * GAYS (Garden and Yard Society) meets at In With Nature at 7:00 pm. 661-6378.
- * 9th Annual AIDS, Medicine, and Miracles conference starts. 1-800-875-8770.
- * Houston Outdoor Group camps at the Rainbow Ranch. 713-KAMPOUT.

Saturday, Nov. 9

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. 863-1860.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 am to 3:00 am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- * Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * Visual Art Alliance meets at 10:00 am. 583-8408.
- * Autumn's Seasons Bondage Club discussion group meets at 10:30 am. 788-5593.
- * "Look What the Lord Has Done" gospel concert at 7:30 pm at Community Gospel. 880-9235.

Sunday, Nov. 10

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 863-1860.
- * The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- * FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. 522-8021.
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.

- * Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. 522-9612.
- * The Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star's monthly meeting at 2:00 pm at Gentry. 587-5428
- * The Houston Area Bear's monthly meeting at 4:00 pm at the Brazos River Bottom. 867-9123.
- * The Light Company, a southern gospel group will be ministering at the 11:00 am and 7:00 pm services at Community Gospel. 880-9235.
- * Prime Timers play Tennis at 10:00 am. 867-3903.

Monday, Nov. 11

- * Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 pm. 861-6181.
- * Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 pm. 529-1223.
- * Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 pm. 539-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * Prime Timers play Ping Pong at 7:30 pm. 867-3903.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- * Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 pm. 495-8009.
- * Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- * Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Mon-

- trose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 pm. 488-4492.
- * Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- * PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7:00 pm. 520-7870.
- * Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.
- * Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30 pm. 778-2677.
- * FrontRunners meet at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Group meets at 7:00 pm. 284-4939.
- * AVES is presenting an educational workshop on Nutritional Health and the Prevention of Wasting Syndrome at 6:30 pm. 626-2837.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Mary's. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 pm. 537-1348.
- * Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- * GLOBAL meets at 4:00 pm. 743-7539.
- * Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7:00 pm. 867-9581.
- * Men's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Lambda Rollerskating Club Halloween skate at 8:00 pm. 933-5818.
- * Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250 for more info.
- * Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7:00 pm. 782-4050.
- * Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic.

- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Call 520-2000.
- * AVES offers free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * Primetimers play shuffleboard at 7:30 pm. 867-3903.

Thursday, Nov. 14

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Art Labs at The Art League at 1:00 pm. 225-9411
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 pm. 521-7464.
- * Twentysomething meets at 7:30 pm. 315-6786.
- * KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8:00 pm. to 10:00 pm. 866-6505.
- * Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- * Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 pm. 528-3704.
- * HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 pm. 942-0923.
- * HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 pm. 796-2272.
- * Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 pm. 782-4050
- * Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30 pm. 738-RACE.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7:00 pm. 521-SING.
- * Free HIV Testing and Counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Rich's. 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.

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By CAROLYN ROBERTS

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Switch Hair Salon is located at 9115 LongPoint at Campbell. They do facials, make-up, perms, highlights, hair coloring and nails for men and women. Check out their ad on page 8.

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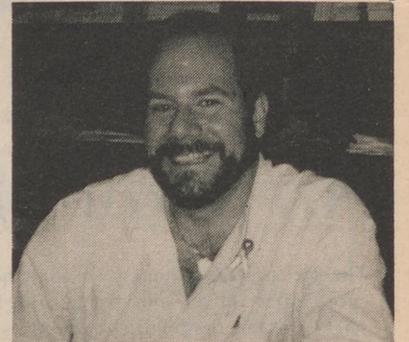
In Marc Cohen's 15 months with AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH), he has logged over 2000 hours of volunteer service through the Hotline, Stone Soup food pantry, AIDS Talk Speaker's Bureau, the Volunteer Advisory Council, and numerous special events.

Marc serves as team leader for the statewide AFH Information and Referral Telephone Hotline, maintaining a pool of 25 volunteers on handling calls from persons with a wide range of needs including information on HIV testing, prevention, health care referrals, and social service resources.

As Stone Soup Co-Team Leader for the Wednesday afternoon shift, Marc coordinates the distribution of food to needy clients on one of the busiest food pantry days.

Marc also serves on the AIDS Talk Speakers' Bureau as both a speaker and trainer, giving presentations to numerous groups throughout the Houston area on topics related to HIV education.

The Volunteer Department, realizing Marc's tremendous talent, leadership, and enthusiasm, tapped Marc to serve on the Volunteer Advisory Council where he advises the staff regarding departmental policy, program evaluation, and recommendations for program development. His input and experience are invaluable. Not only did he present "Accessing the Internet" at the TDH State Conference this sum-



Marc Cohen was nominated for the Volunteer of the Week for his work with the AIDS Foundation Houston

mer, but he also represented AFH at a national Information and Referral Conference this fall.

Perhaps most notable is Marc's winning attitude. Always ready to help out with special events like the annual From All Walks of Life, the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, Club Carnival, the Bayou City Arts Festival, and so many others. Marc is a pleasure to work with and is a hard worker who gives tirelessly of his time and talent serving the clients of AFH and the community at large. Marc Cohen epitomizes the definition of an outstanding volunteer.

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Violent Homophobia Is The Culprit

Following the lead of Jonathan Schmitz's defense attorneys, who claim his participation in the "secret crush" episode on the Jenny Jones show pushed him over the edge, the media has framed the case as if talk shows-and not Schmitz's violent homophobia-are on trial. But according to Albert Levitt, a forensic psychologist working for the Philadelphia court system, animosity for gays is developed in social groups, especially among young men: "When these men are propositioned by gays, they use this hatred to justify their violence." As the Schmitz trial continues this week, Jeffrey Montgomery of Michigan's lesbian and gay anti-violence organization, the Triangle Project, expressed concern that "the Jenny Jones element could divert attention from the fact that this is a pure case of anti-gay violence." For more information contact Jeffrey Montgomery (Triangle Project) at 313/537-3323.

Landmark Domestic Partnership Bill

This week, legislation prohibiting San Francisco from doing business with contractors who do not provide equal benefits to employees' domestic partners, as they now do to spouses, will come back before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. They unanimously approved the legislation on Oct. 28. According to Supervisor Leslie Katz, who co-wrote the ordinance with Supervisor Tom Ammiano, "This bill is cutting-edge legislation. It is the first time a major city has taken action to ensure domestic partner benefits are provided by the private sector." For more information contact Supervisor Leslie Katz at 415/544-5335.

Activists Head For Creating Change

Two days after the election, the Ninth Annual Creating Change Conference, a national gathering for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), will be held Nov.

6-10 in Alexandria, Virginia. This year, the estimated 2500 attendees will feature special workshops on the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), and statewide organizing sessions focusing on grassroots responses to the bills. More than 100 other workshops will reflect the dynamism and diversity of the movement, clustered into categories such as anti-violence, families, media, people of color, public schools, spirituality, transgender, workplace and youth. Speakers will include openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), author and activist June Jordan. For more information contact Robert Bray (NGLTF) at 703/931-4703, pgr. 800/757-6776 or email: rbray@nglftf.org. ARIZONA POLITICAL OPPONENTS ACCUSED OF "VENOMOUS LIE": Two political opponents of openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) are under investigation for posting signs around Tucson, Arizona over the past few weeks reading, "Kolbe: I have AIDS!" On Oct. 30, police Sgt. Eugene Mejia noted that both Reform Party candidate Ed Finkelstein and Republican Joseph Sweeney had admitted posting them. Finkelstein is currently running against Kolbe in the Nov. 5 election, while Sweeney lost to Kolbe in the primary. Kolbe has condemned the signs as an outrage and a "venomous lie," noting that "the individual involved is well-known in this community as a hate-monger." For more information contact Toni Hellon (Kolbe's campaign manager) at 520/325-1996.

Working Out Our Rights

Colleagues, a new national organization working for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights in the workplace, will be holding its formation meeting at the Workplace Institute of the Creating Change Conference. In addition to serving as an umbrella coalition for the many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employee groups in corporations around the country, Colleagues will serve as a resource for strategy and support for individual employee groups. For more information contact Robert Bray (NGLTF) at 703/931-4703, pgr. 800/757-6776 or email: rbray@nglftf.org

Cooking with van Campe

Drag Queen Offers Recipes and Style

By LEE DAVIS

Honey van is...well, she's strictly Campe! On Saturday, Nov. 2 at LOBO Bookstore, Honey van Campe was all aglow in her blue sequin gown, accompanied with white gloves and her shocking blonde hair. She was there to autograph her latest book "The Drag Queen's Cookbook & Guide to Sensible Living." Honey's delightful sense of humor kept those in line chuckling their way to the front.

A few excerpts from her new book include: "Always remember: You've traveled many streets to be who you are, occasionally lingering on their corners, and perhaps at times even lying in their gutters"; "I have met the likes of Ginger Snapp and Polly Morfuss on only fleeting occasions, but their names ring in my ears forever like the after buzz from a handbag which has struck me upside the head during a lounge tussle"; and "Heels off, aprons in place, the moment has arrived to find your kitchen. Go ahead now, eat,



Avoiding drive-bys, Honey puts her back to the window!

drink, and be Marys!!"

If you can get past the quips and off-the-cuff remarks, there are several interesting recipes in her book. From the Mushroom Chicken to the Veal Scalopini, I can not wait to test them out on my closest of friends. You can purchase your copy of "The Drag Queen's Cookbook & Guide to Sensible Living" at LOBO for just \$21.56.

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And There You Have It!

By David Richardson

Who Wears The Plants In The Family?

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Dear readers, I pick up my pen with a heavy hand this week for I am deeply saddened by the loss of a friend to both myself and the community. Marvin Davis, aka Lady Victoria Lust. Without going into his many contributions, suffice it to say that he was a first rate philanthropist and will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I can remember him telling me once that he was glad for laughter and smiles, for they made the tears bounce off the cheeks much easier. With that being said...

With all due respect to the Earth Goddess, Mother Nature and everyone else concerned, let me go on record as saying that I'm not particularly fond of plants. My dislike probably stems (no pun intended) from the fact that I have never really had much of a green thumb. I did, however, have a green hand (I got gangrene accidentally stabbing myself with a rusty garden trowel), but that's another story. I've always thought botany sounded too much like monotony. I did make an attempt at trying to grow something in my house, but it was so bad that I even killed my silk and plastic plants. The war department even had me interrogated to find out how I was able to kill cactus with no water. I shrugged modestly and returned home and made a terrarium which unfortunately turned into a terror-arium.

I have always harbored resentments towards people in the occupation of gardening. The only gardener I like is Ava Gardner. She may not have known a

damn thing about plants, but when you look that good—who cares? But the other gardeners I've found to be a bit rough around the hedges. I know, bad joke but at these prices did you really expect subtlety?

Others always seem to fare better with this whole plant business. My sixties throwback neighbor, Frannie "Sunshine" Goldsmith, for example. She walks around grinning like a psychic who's just contacted Eleanor Roosevelt while saying, "it's just logical to be ecological," to anyone who would listen. She seemed genuinely offended when I offered that is maybe why her cooking tastes like dirt. Go figure.

I have been told some people even name their plants, likening them to children. I guess I can understand this although a fern called Herbert Jay Wellington III seems a bit pretentious to my way of thinking. And nowadays people are fond of giving plants as gifts, and to me, giving someone a living thing is not a kind gesture but instead a burden. You might as well give them an infant. Merry Christmas, Marge—here's a baby for you. Oh, thank you, how thoughtful. Of course, both come from a nursery, but in the case of a plant—it is not likely that it will grow up to write a scathing tell-all book on what a rotten parent you were. Plants look great standing on coffee tables, but children do not. You can stand them both in the corner though.

In the end, I guess I just wasn't born to grow things. And as for things growing on me, well I guess a good anti-bacterial soap will take care of that. Plants? Kids? Nyah...and there you have it. Rest in peace Marvin.



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IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Concern for a financial matter may dampen your enthusiasm for socializing. Take care not to shut others out. Keep the lines of communication open. Things will very much go your way, especially where pleasure is found.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) It's one of those weeks when you should read the fine print on any contracts. Know what your getting into. Take care not to let things slide on the job. Business is highlighted this week, the unemployed will receive valuable leads. Others meet with rewards and gains. Finances will receive a favorable boost.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Focus your attention on your career path this week. You will make a major business decision. There is someone who will hurt or upset your feelings, try not to make a big deal out of it. It's time to rethinking spiritual matters. Do your best not to make mountains out of molehills.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You may experience minor delays or frustrations early in the week, but the week will be ideal for romance and going out for fun. Most of the week will find you in a lively and optimistic frame of mind. Be sure to follow through on any commitments made. Emphasize educational pursuits.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) This is a week for creative work and for getting you ideas across to others. You'll be pleased with developments in a child's life. Partners will share your delight and support you. Make sure to state things clearly when instructions or intentions could easily be misunderstood.

LEO (July 24- August 23) An outing this week may turn out to be more costly than you had expected. Still you'll have a good time in the company of family and friends. There is an emphasis on romance, creativity and recreational pastimes. At work, there will be satisfaction in the completion of a project.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) A nice gift or thoughtful words from a loved one will start the week off well. You'll derive joy today from family matters. Don't dwell on a work problem after dark. Arguing or becoming moody will not rectify matters. You'll be especially shrewd where business matters are concerned.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23) It's a great week for making major family decisions. But delays will be likely on the job. Your bright disposition will be very evident, and many will be taken by your grace and charm. Avoid fussing with a lover about a minor concern. Make sure that daydreaming doesn't keep you from accomplishing goals.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) Your intuition will be a valuable asset in business dealings all week. It's a great time for buying and selling. Money matters take a turn for the better. Inspiration will help you make new plans in your personal life. Being sincere will help you get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21) This week domestic concerns and family matters will be very important. Any work of an artistic nature is favored. You may be inspired to start that home remodeling or redecorating you have been thinking about for some time. Make sure to take time out in the evening for leisure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20) Avoid forcing your family to conform to your plans this week. Be patient if a child annoys you. It is a great time for romance and activities with children. Your business goals are in the foreseeable future. Be ready to capitalize on new opportunities, financial gains are likely.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Behind the scenes developments favor you financially. Home will be the center of most activities this week. Two tasks are finally completed. Take the initiative in contacting a friend you haven't talked to lately. Evenings will be filled with romance and fun, but avoid any excesses.

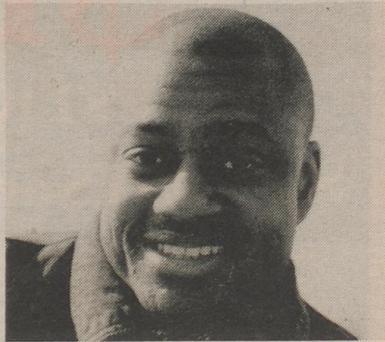
PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Don't be overly critical of people in the workplace this week. You may receive a job opportunity that will let you work from home for the next couple of weeks. Focus your attentions on family and property matters, you may decided on a change of residence. Avoid being hasty in signing any papers.

Award Winning Author Visits Houston on Book Signing Tour

Noted novelist James Earl Hardy will be visiting Houston as part of a whirlwind promotional tour for his new book entitled *2nd Time Around*. This is the eagerly awaited sequel to *B-Boy Blues* (Alyson 1994) which brings back the characters Raheim and Mitchell, who along with lovers, family and friends combat issues of racism, self-loathing, classism and masculinity.

Mr. Hardy is a 1993 Columbia University of Journalism graduate currently residing in New York. His writings have appeared in *Essence*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *OUT* magazines. You can meet the author of what is described as a "seriously sexy, fiercely funny black on black love story" as he appears at the following Houston locations:

Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm, Crossroads Market, 1111 Westheimer.



James Earl Hardy

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 pm, Nia Gallery and Booksellers, 7725 West Bellfort.

The Great American Puzzle

TEXAS EDITION

By Henry McClurg

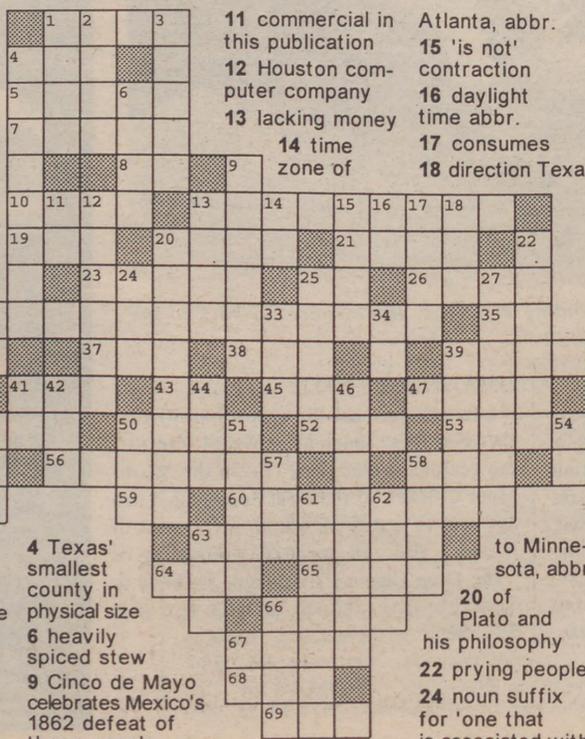
ACROSS

- 1 A.J., Houstonian who was 1st 4-time winner of the Indy 500.
- 4 short for hurrah
- 5 giant hunter in Greek mythology
- 7 makes moderately cold
- 8 Latin for 'that is,' abbr.
- 10 home of Baylor University
- 13 in 1836, Sam Houston became this, of Texas
- 19 fuss
- 20 writer of poetry
- 21 Oliver Hardy's Laurel
- 23 gourdlike fruit
- 25 symbol for

- chemical element tin
- 26 small sea gull
- 28 official state plant of Texas, 3 words
- 35 5th & 4th vowels of the alphabet
- 36 compact
- 37 a realm of what is more than ordinary significance
- 38 objective case form of 'she'
- 39 Chinese city, island & dialect
- 40 Roman numeral 1002
- 41 esquire abbr.
- 43 Yiddish interjection to express dismay
- 45 female kin
- 47 Bob's losing running mate
- 48 rarely used alternate spelling

- for 'although'
- 50 enough (archaic)
- 52 19th century American showman Barnum, initials
- 53 a cut on your skin
- 55 hurry
- 56 state building dedicated 1888, built of local, donated pink granite
- 58 Ex-Gov. Richards' hair
- 59 type of electric current, abbr.
- 60 excessive dose
- 63 Hillary's husband, reelected in a landslide
- 64 James T., 20th century American author, 'Judgment Day,' initials
- 65 sterilize
- 66 to be starting

- second term as U.S. Vice President
- 67 hairy animal skins
- 68 one-time New York City mayor
- La Guardia, initials
- 69 clairvoyant
- DOWN**
- 1 card game where players lay wagers on top card of dealer's pack
- 2 OIHO
- 3 stretched tight
- 4 Texas' smallest county in physical size
- 6 heavily spiced stew
- 9 Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's 1862 defeat of these people

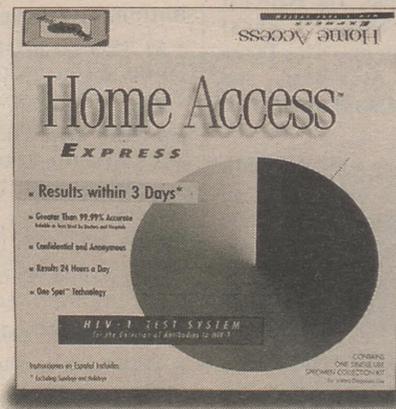


- 11 commercial in this publication
- 12 Houston computer company
- 13 lacking money
- 14 time zone of
- 15 'is not' contraction
- 16 daylight time abbr.
- 17 consumes
- 18 direction Texas
- 25 paper money less than \$1
- 27 poke around looking
- 28 abbr. for pages & (music) pianissimo
- 29 the edge
- 30 HAITI in a mirror
- 31 official Texas food dish
- 32 Bluegrass State, abbr.
- 33 Stevenson, Demo candidate against Eisenhower, initials ("Peace is the one condition of survival in this nuclear age.")
- 34 prefix for 'not'
- 39 protection
- 41 20th century American author Hemingway, initials ("Cowardice ... is almost always simply a lack of ability to suspend the functioning of the imagination.")
- 42 abbr. for social & society
- 44 TOY
- in a mirror
- 46 things which start cars
- 49 terrace abbr.
- 50 Environmental Protection Agency
- 51 'Who's Afraid of Virginia,' 20th century English author
- 54 comedian "Take my wife ... please" Youngman, initials
- 57 Roman numeral 56
- 58 '????', James '????'
- 61 fill up with blood
- 62 Elizabeth's husband, lost in a landslide
- 63 center abbr.
- 66 body of water off Texas, La., Miss., Ala. & parts of Fla.
- 67 in music, fortissimo abbr.
- Solution elsewhere this issue c.1996 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE TX204

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Where To Go and What It Will Cost!

Friday, Nov. 8

* \$1 well and \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9:00 pm at Heaven.

* Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Buffet at 5:00 pm; the Colt 45's guest bartend at the Brazos River Bottom.

* Drag show at Cousin's at 11:00 pm.

* Shower dancers at Midtowne Spa.

* Wayne Gray plays at the BriarPatch!

* Free hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm; \$1 Schnapps at Rascal's.

* Bad Boys dance at 6:00 pm: \$2 Kamikazes at Gentry.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm at Mary's.

* \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 8:00 pm to 2:30 am; After hours until 4:00 am at the Montrose Mining Company.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stolli: hard body male dancers at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* Boyz night out at Club Incognito.

* \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm. The National Leather Association: Houston guest bartends starting at 9:00 pm. The Texas Cowgirlz, the Houston Area Bears, and Ken Claude present "CopaBanana" at 10:00 pm.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm at Berry Hill II.

* Happy Hours 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip Contest at 11:00 pm at E/J's.

* 5th Anniversary party! Friday Foreplay at Pacific Street. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 7:00 pm. No cover until 9:00 pm.

* Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9:00 pm at the 611 Hyde Park Pub.

* Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; After Hours until 4:00 am at the Ripcord.

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* 8-ball tournament at the Lazy J.

* Fizz Fridays! 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer. \$3 call; Doors open at 9:00 pm at Rich's.

Saturday, Nov. 9

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* Drink specials until 9:00 pm; the Renegades guest bartend at the Brazos River Bottom.

* Drag show at Cousin's at 11:00 pm.

* \$1 well 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 9:00 pm at Heaven.

* Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight at the BriarPatch.

* Bad Boys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Absolut-ly anything at Gentry.

* Drag show at the Lazy J at 10:30 p.m.

* 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9:00 to 9:30 pm at Santa Fe Bar and Patio. 9:30 to 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10:00 to 10:30 pm at J.R.'s Bar and Grill, and 11:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Heaven.

* The Houston Area Bears "Social" at 8:00 pm; \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks at Mary's from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks and premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* After hours at the Ripcord until 4:00 am.

* \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:30 am; happy hour until 10:00 pm; After hours until 4:00 am at the Montrose Mining Company.

* Four Seasons "Military Ball" 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Benefits the Milam House. Tickets are \$12 at the door at Rich's.

* Ladies' Night at Club Incognito.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm at Berry Hill II.

* \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm at E/J's.

* \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm.

* 99c well vodka juice drinks noon until 11:00 pm. \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6:00 pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11:00 pm at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* Super Sunday Show at Club Incognito. 11:00 pm.

* Drink specials until 5:00 pm; Steak night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm; at Brazos River Bottom at 8:00 pm.

* \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Mary's.

* Pool tournament, Bad Boys dance at 5:00 pm; "Fall into Action" by Anita Mann benefit show for Soiree Aubergine at 9:00 pm; Male Strip at 11:00 pm; \$2 Kool-Aids at Gentry.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm at Berry Hill II.

* Happy Hour Noon to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* 5th Anniversary party! Male Overload at Pacific Street. Doors open at 7:00 pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.

* Brunch at noon at the 611 Hyde Park Pub.

* \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night at the Ripcord.

Monday, Nov. 12

* Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip contest at E/J's. 11:00 pm.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* Escape at Pacific Street! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm.

* Half price lockers from noon to midnight at Club Houston.

* \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm.

* Bad Boys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Crown Royal at Gentry.

* Open pool tables at the BriarPatch.

* Monday night football on the big screen; free pizza; Miller Lite products for \$1.50; Cuervo shots \$2. Rascal's.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks

from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1 longnecks at 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Mary's.

* \$1.75 well and domestic beer at the Brazos River Bottom.

* Half-Price night at Midtowne Spa.

* Open pool tables at the 611 Hyde Park Pub.

* Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza at the Ripcord.

* \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

* Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Female Dancers at Berry Hill II. 10:30 pm.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 well, wine, domestic longnecks and frozen Margaritas; Jockey short contest at 11:00 pm; Grab for Cash at midnight at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* Executive Night at Pacific Street. No cover with your personal business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9:00 pm.

* Bad Boys dance at Gentry at 9:00 pm; \$2 Windex shots at Gentry.

* \$1.25 well drinks and domestic longnecks at Rascal's.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$2 Cuervo at Mary's.

* Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Amateur talent contest at 11:00 pm at E/J's.

* \$1 well 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; \$1 domestic longnecks at the Brazos River Bottom.

* \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well, \$3 any drink in the house; male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company.

* \$1.75 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic longnecks at Rascals.

* Half price lockers, rooms and video rooms from noon to midnight at Club Houston.

* Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Ripcord.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

* Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Mary's. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

* Bad Boys dance at 7:00 pm; Male Strip Contest 11:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps at Gentry.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade. \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea; Joe Boxer dance contest at 11:00 pm at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company.

* \$1.50 domestic longnecks; Lil' Rascals strip contest at 10:00 pm; Free happy hour buffet at Rascals.

* Shiela Lennon's Karaoke night at Chances at 9:00 pm.

* \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm.

* Prime Meet at Pacific Street. No cover with a "Be My Guest" pass. Doors open at 9:00 pm.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Drink specials all day and all night at Mary's.

* Drink specials until 9:00 pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks at the Brazos River Bottom.

* Half-Price night and shower dancers at Midtowne Spa.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm at Berry Hill II. Free Pool Tables.

* Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night at E/J's.

* \$2 well and domestic beer all day/all night at the Ripcord.

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks at XT.

* \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75c Miller on tap; Doors open at 9:00 pm at Heaven.

Thursday, Nov. 14

* Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

* Burger Night at the 611 Hyde Park Pub.

* Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Male Dancers at Berry Hill II at 10:30 pm.

* Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Tacos on the patio; South of the Border night at E/J's at 11:00 pm.

* Sexx Thursdays at Pacific Street. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover with current gym card.

* Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon to midnight at Club Houston.

* Bad Boys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3 Skyy vodka at Gentry.

* Retro Rewind; \$1.50 vodka drinks at Rascal's.

* \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; 75c Schnapps at Mary's.

* \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, and wine; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm at the Montrose Mining Company.

* \$1.75 well, beer, and wine at the Venture-N from noon until 9:00 pm.

* Drink specials until 11:00 pm; Burger's on the patio from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; dance lessons at 9:00 pm at the Brazos River Bottom.

* Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Classic Rock night at the Ripcord.

* Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Outpost.

* Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported and Micro brewed beer; Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9:00 pm at J.R.'s Video Bar.

* Nancy Ford at Ms. B's at 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, open mike and karaoke 10:30 pm to 1:00 am.

Rodent Round-up!



Kiss me quick!



I love my new breasts!

Houston Soap

By CUERVOLYN

Important Stuff

It was a very sad day in our community the day we lost Lady Victoria Lust. I had never met a kinder soul. As in Lust style, there will be a day long bar tour on Nov. 16. It starts at the Brazos River Bottom at noon with a balloon release and planting of a Crepe Myrtle, then hop on the bus and ride over to the Venture-N, for another toast, to Mary's,



Jeff (Houston Area Bears) and Jeff the Lazer Wizard!

naturally for a toast and planting of another Crepe Myrtle, then to Gentry, for yet another toast, then back to the Brazos River Bottom. Lady V left specific instructions for this! And, if Lady V wants it, we will do it. See you on the bus! The Nearly Naked Car Wash II will be in the Ripcord's parking lot on Nov. 9. This is a fundraiser for the Lady Victoria Lust's Holiday Fund! Daddy of Montrose Ken Claude will be sudzing as well as Steven (The Aussie) from



Barry in his "usual" pose!

Rascal's and many other nearly naked hunks!

Who will be the next Miss Lazy J? The contest is Nov. 9. If interested, you must register between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm that day! For more info, call Erica Lane @ 524-3173.

The Brazos River Bottom welcomes new owner John Evans to the BRB family! Scoot down and have a cocktail or two!

Good luck to all the rodeo folks in Dallas this week!

Next Friday you can win CDs of Evita! This 800 Pacific exclusive is only at J.R.'s Video Bar! They will have drawings at 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, and midnight! Go early and enjoy Marsha Carlton as she hosts the "Friday Sing-Along" from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

You go girl! Candidate Jennifer Ellsworth raised \$600 for Soiree Aubergine at Gentry this past Sunday! Basic Brothers has great gifts in store! Check out their new Fall and Winter arrivals! Get your great holiday looks at Basic Brothers!

Turkey day is getting close! On Nov. 17, Gentry will be hosting a "Thanksgiving Wish," benefiting AVES' PWA Thanksgiving Fund. There will be \$5 turkey dinners from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and an all star show at 9:00 pm! There will also be a raffle! Gobble, gobble! Mary's is offering to fry your t-day turkey! Call 527-9669 and make your reservations now!

The guys and gals of HCC (Houston Council of Clubs) will be guest bartending at Pacific Street on Nov. 16! If you love LUEY

(Let Us Entertain You) weekend, come on out and show support! HCC members are raising funds to make LUEY '97 a fabulous time!

Milestones

A happy belated birthday to Jeanette Vaughn and Vanessa Rae.

Happy birthdays to Houston Area Bear Richard B., J.J. LaRue Topaz of the RSICSS, my old friend Melvin, and Miss Alabama of the BRB.

A happy birthday to Dave (the widow, I hope you get some soon) Williams!

Congrats to Darlene (Outpost) and Sandy for hitting their 1st anniversary.

Rodent Droppings



I love to have cocktails at Cousin's.

The boys have been happily playing in their cages. Well, maybe not so happy, Harvey escaped, again! I guess I'm gonna have to add one more lock, (that will make it 4) to his cage! My usual disclaimer is in force! If you find this kind of smut undesirable, then turn to another page of the Houston Voice!

Has everyone filled out

the reader's survey on page 28! Do it! Do it now!

Has anyone seen the Rodent Rooter? Darling, I miss you! I miss your faxes! Did I piss you off? Fax me!

Be on the look out! Clay Harper will be in town on Nov. 16th!

Bob T. (hangs at Gentry): And I quote: "Yes, I could use a little lube!"

Little Don (BRB): Not shaving makes you more attractive to Woody!

Jim Roberts (Venture-N): I hear you have been cruising the back bar at the Ripcord lately! Getting lucky?

Mary Ellen (hangs anywhere they serve booze): Who's the babe from Dallas that scales tall fences in a single bound?

Sam and David (BRB): I hear you two have moved back into the Montrose! There goes the neighborhood!

Steve (Chances): I don't think you are two-faced!

Chuck (Rascals): How big was that last Triscuit!

Ricky W. and Bill Havard: I hear you two arrived at the BRB at the same time last Wednesday!

What were you two boys doing together!

Mary (QT's): I hear you and Miss Alabama both got something pierced!

Big Don (BRB): Who is your new no-neck drinking buddy?

Tommie Sue Ellen (BRB): What is this? Your hair is getting a little thin on top? Or does that happen before every full moon?



"I'm taking off this dress when we get home, but you are not taking off that harness!"

Darlene (Outpost): I hear you put ice in your coffee cup so you don't burn your sex organ!

Wesley (Rascals): Was it you who threw Momma from the train?

Eddie (Pacific Street): Did you make the boys swab the decks?



Kip at Gentry never looked lovelier!

Kip (Gentry): It is about that shade of whore red lipstick!

Ken Claude: And I quote: "I'll lick your rims!"

I spoke with JT-Tequila Rose this past week! He has just been released from the hospital after heart surgery! He is at home recuperating. He will be given enough time to bead a gown! Have a great week!

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New Spin On Gay Marriage

The new ABC hit sitcom Spin City, which features the only African-American gay character on primetime television, took a no-holds-barred look at same-sex marriage on its Oct. 29 episode. When the mayor comes out against same-sex unions, his liaison to the gay community, Carter, takes his displeasure with the decision to the media. Carter tells Mike, Michael J. Fox's character, "if I was in a monogamous faithful relationship with a man for 10 years I would never be allowed to marry him, but if I met some strange woman in a bar, we could be married in an hour and every state in the union would recognize it." To prove his point, Carter and a female co-worker, Nikki, decide to marry. While Carter ends up calling off the wedding at the altar, the show still makes its point. Carter tells a crew of reporters at the reception that both he and Nikki both deserve to stand at the altar one day with the man they love. Please thank ABC for airing a show that depicts a politically minded African-American gay character like Carter, and for giving this episode such a great spin. Contact: Jamie Tarses, President, ABC, 2040 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, fax: 310.557.7679, e-mail: abcandr@ccabc.com.

USA Today Hate Group Ad

On page 4D of the Oct. 31 USA Today, a large advertisement by the anti-gay hate group "Americans for Truth About Homosexuality" is headlined, "In 1992, the Homosexual Lobby gave Bill Clinton \$3.5 million. Here's what they got for their money." The anti-gay ad then catalogues many of President Clinton's lesbian and gay civil rights and AIDS advocacy accomplishments. The advertisement then states the hate-group's position on Lesbians and Gay men: "We believe, like most Americans, that homosexuality is WRONG and should NOT be encouraged...by governments, schools, or popular culture...or by the President of the United States. Americans for Truth is dedicated to exposing and countering the powerful homosexual movement in America."

Clearly, the question of whether newspapers or magazines should accept or reject advertisements based on political content is a complicated one. However, USA Today not only accepted an ad with an unpopular political message, it accepted it from a group devoted to spreading a message of hate, thus awarding their bigotry implicit credence. USA Today, like any newspaper devoted to high journalistic standards, should not accept advertising from hate groups of any stripe. The Americans for Truth organization was founded by the same bigoted people that publish the virulently anti-gay Lambda Report on Homosexuality, which uses malicious lies and heinous stereotypes about lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people to forward their hateful agenda. One must wonder if USA Today would have accepted a similar ad from an anti-Semitic or racist hate group.

Write USA Today and encourage them not to allow themselves to become a forum for hate. Contact: USA Today, 1000 Wilson

Blvd., Arlington, VA 22229, fax: 703.247.3108, e-mail: Editor@usa-today.com.

Ink Stains Lesbian Worker

On Oct. 28, CBS's new sitcom Ink, starring Cheers veteran Ted Danson and his real life wife Mary Steenburgen, took a pot shot at the ongoing struggle for employment non-discrimination protections of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Steenburgen's character, faced with the need to downsize, reluctantly lays off Lana, a new employee. She later conveys that Lana took the news very well. In the show's concluding scene, Danson and Steenburgen are shocked to learn that Lana is now suing the paper for discrimination on the grounds that she was fired for being a lesbian. Another character claims that she was the wrong person to fire because she was not a "white guy."

Discrimination on the job is a major problem for many minority groups, including Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender people. By having Lana arbitrarily sue the paper in this manner, the show dismisses the legitimate concerns of minorities to protect themselves from harassment and discrimination in the workplace. With the failure of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), our community's livelihoods can be jeopardized when we live our lives openly and honestly. Ink perpetuates the myth that discrimination suits are only an unethical tool used by disgruntled employees upset with downsizing. In reality, the lawsuits, which are difficult to prove, serve as a legitimate last step to protect ourselves from being singled out for special discrimination by homophobic employers.

Contact Ink and let them know that dismissing a serious issue like homophobia in the workplace is a blot on their character. Contact: Lesli Moonves, President, CBS Television Network, 7800 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036, fax: 213.651.0285, e-mail: marketing@cbs.com.

Dr. Ruth Says "Yes"

In her Oct. 28 nationally syndication advice column, Dr. Ruth Westheimer replied to the question, "Should same-sex marriages be legalized?" by saying "I believe that if two people live together and have a relationship, they should be able to have the legal protection that heterosexual couples get...I also believe that there should be a ceremony a gay couple could hold to celebrate their love and commitment to each other."

Let Dr. Ruth know her views are right-on and clear-headed. Contact: Dr. Ruth, c/o King Features Syndicate, 235 E. 45th St., New York, New York 10017.

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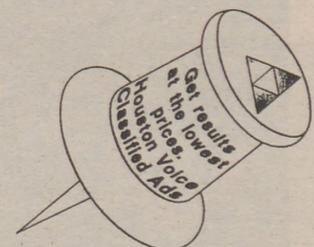
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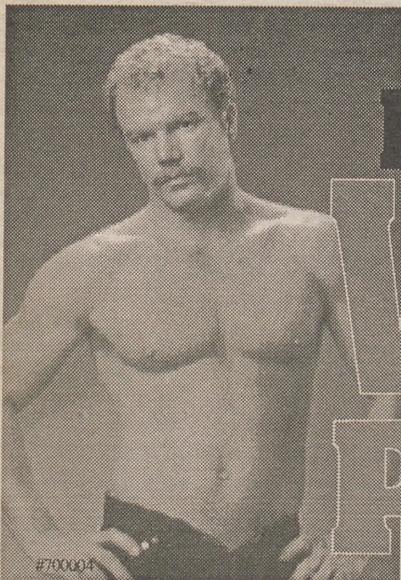
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SWF 35. In search of a single White female, 30-45, for companionship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5248

SWF 45, 160 lbs., 5'5", professional. Seeking companionship & friendship, possibly more. I'd like to meet a non-smoker. Seeking a Hispanic or White female. Enjoy the beach, going out, traveling & dancing. I'm a non-drinker. Call Ext. 5256

SF 37, butch. I have a soft, romantic streak on the inside. I'm honest, intelligent, sincere & passionate about life. Looking for a butch top who is honest, upfront & trustworthy for fun & friendship. Maybe we can get together. Call Ext. 5251

DF Bisexual. I need a woman. When I was married, I had a great relationship with my husband & our girlfriend. She got into drugs, so I had to let her go. I need a woman & I know how to treat one. Blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'4", 130 lbs., large breasts. I'm so sensuous. I'm a stand-up comic & a poet. I want to get to know you. Call Ext. 5245

SWF Late 40's. Looking for a White female to help me come out. I like fishing, hunting, dancing & boating. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5237

SWF 30, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for a female, 28-40, who is a soft butch. Wanting to date or hang-out. Like going to movies, boating, fishing, etc. I'm drug-free, alcohol-free & a non-smoker. Call Ext. 5215

SWF 43, non-smoker. Enjoy cooking, the mall & parks. Looking for love. Should be interesting & White or biracial. Call Ext. 5208

SWF 5'7", 130 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, 20. Looking for a beautiful, feminine woman who is preferably the same as me. Wanting to share life, should like going to the beach, the movies & anywhere our hearts desire. I'm very attractive, so you must be also. No jokes or running around. Call Ext. 5207

SF Looking for a feminine Black female to have a relationship with. I would like for her to be gay, height/weight proportionate & in her mid-40's. I'm available for a long-term relationship & friendship. Please call. Call Ext. 5197

SBF 45, 6'. Looking for companionship & romance. I like sex. I'd like to meet some interesting people. I like music & I live on the west side of town. Looking for a woman, no butch. Call Ext. 5194

SWF My hobbies are playing pool, shooting darts, dancing & clubbing. Looking for a female in the age group of 25-40. I'm 190 lbs., 5'11" & a security guard. Call Ext. 5173

SWF 33, 5'3", 135 lbs. Looking for a single White female, soft butch or fem to hang out with or date. I like to dancing, theaters & going to antique stores. Call Ext. 5169

SWF Late 40's, 160 lbs., 5'8", green eyes, gray & brown hair. Seeking a relationship with a single gay female who is height/weight proportionate. Race is not important for companionship, friendship & possible romance. I'd like to meet a non-smoker. I'm considered soft butch. I'd like to meet a very feminine female. Call Ext. 5162

SF If you like to be wined & dined, I'm the one. I'm cute, with a wonderful personality. Check me out. Desiring a sincere, honest & intelligent female. Call Ext. 5161

SBF I'm a 21-year-old, horny, Black female. If you want to know more, call & leave me a message. Call Ext. 5164

SF 44, 5'1", 120 lbs. I love animals, gardening, reading & trying new things. I'd like to meet some women, 30-45, in the Houston area, for friendship, hanging out & a possible long-term relationship. No smokers, drugs or heavy drinkers. Call Ext. 5138

SWM Attractive, 5'11", 180 lbs. Would like to meet a female impersonator. Call Ext. 5261

SM Looking to meet some interesting & uninhibited guys to get together & have some versatile fun with. I like to give, as well as receive. Although, giving is my greatest joy in life. I consider it my duty in life to give pleasure to men. Call Ext. 5259

SM I'm a sexy bottom boy looking for a daddy. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5156

SM Top man who is demanding, sane & safe. Looking for specially skilled bottom boys who like to serve & take what's coming to them. Should be 26-40. No training is necessary. I will take care of that myself. Call me quickly. Call Ext. 5257

SWM 5'8", brown hair, smooth muscular body, olive-complexed. I'd like to meet a top who has body & facial hair. Must like to have a lot of fun. Call Ext. 5190

SM 37, 5'8", 165 lbs., attractive, brown hair, dark-complexed. I'd like to meet a guy my age or older who is in good shape & attractive. Should prefer to be a top. Seeking a fairly active guy. If you have a good sense of humor & you like to have fun, give me a call. Call Ext. 5123

SWM Attractive, early 40's, 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeks femme-looking cross dresser or transsexual, 21-45, for dating, fun or a possible long-term relationship. Please respond. Call Ext. 5258

SHM Attractive, outgoing, 34. Searching for a special friend. Someone who is willing to understand my living with HIV for 10 years. Call Ext. 5255

SWM 20, bi, brown hair, hazel eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing & more. Looking for someone who has a sense of humor who likes to party. If you think you are the one, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5236

SM Leave me a message & I will call you as soon as I can. Call Ext. 5233

SWM 38, 190 lbs., 6', HIV+, healthy, active. I enjoy the arts & having laid-back fun. I'm retired & enjoying life. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5253

SWM Gay, 41, 5'5", green eyes, reddish-blond hair. Enjoy quiet evenings at home, movies, rock 'n roll music & playing board games on occasion. Looking for a White or Hispanic male to spend some time with. Call Ext. 5220

SWM 31, 5'5", 145 lbs. I'm very boyish-looking. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male, 21-32, who likes sports, rock music, cars, traveling & casinos. Call Ext. 5252

SWM 5'7", brown hair, brown eyes, 43. I like music, arts, opera, the theater, museums & quiet dinners at home. I also enjoy kissing, cuddling & touching. I'm open to new & varied interests. I'm a laid-back, sensitive & down-to-earth person. I'd like to meet Hispanic, White or Asian males who are between 25-50. Call Ext. 5240

SWM 44, 5'9", 165 lbs. I'm a bottom, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm clean-shaven, with short hair. I'm straight-acting & discreet. I enjoy giving blow jobs & receiving anal action. Looking for a White male who is a top man. Someone who is taller than me. Must be muscular, with above-average endowment. Smokers & light drinkers are okay. Call Ext. 5244

SBM Handsome, 26, new to Texas. I hear things grow big in Texas. I'm very straight-acting & looking. In search of a 20-30-year-old who is straight-acting & appearing. Race is unimportant. Must be in shape. Call Ext. 5242

SWM 29, 6', 160 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smooth chest, tan body. I'm a construction worker from Louisiana. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male to show me around, in more ways than one. Friends first, possibly more. No games. No chubbies or above. If you are 21-35, a brunette & 5'4" or taller, call me. I will bring you there. Call Ext. 5238

SWM Brown hair, very blue eyes, 5'9", 180 lbs., very muscular, 34. Looking for a very sensuous, feminine TV or TS. Let's have a really good time & see where it goes. Call Ext. 5232

SWM 27, 6'3", 195 lbs., in very good shape. Looking for a gay White man who is 27 or older, tall & masculine, to have fun with. Call Ext. 5231

SBM 22, 5'11", 143 lbs. In search of a single White male, 18-30, who is pretty masculine, handsome & not into games. Call Ext. 5229

I'm a married man, 40's, 5'9", 165 lbs., clean, discreet & HIV-. Looking for sexual buddies who are the same & want to go out & have fun. Call Ext. 5228

White male, 38, blondehair, blue eyes, athletic. I'm wealthy, married & bored. You must be young, hot & a little wild. I'm a healthy, imaginative top. Call Ext. 5227

SWM 37, dark olive complexion, very muscular, husky, 168 lbs. Looking for a guy who is larger than myself, very masculine & enjoys being a top. I would like to talk to you in person, if this fits your description. Call Ext. 5201

SWM 40, 5'11", 230 lbs., football player build, professional, HIV+, excellent health. Looking for someone 30-50, for friendship & a possible relationship. Enjoy traveling, the theater, cooking & quiet evenings at home. Prefer a non-smoker, non-drug user who can enjoy life to the fullest. Call Ext. 5223

SWM 31, muscular, tan, smooth, 156 lbs. Like to meet a man who is stockier than I am. Not looking for a chubby guy. Would like to meet a top. If I sound attractive, leave a message. Call Ext. 5175

SM 5'11", 190 lbs., goatee, blue eyes, salt 'n pepper hair, hairy body. Like to have fun with friends. Interested in Hispanics. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5219

SHM 5'7", 170 lbs. Looking for Black males, between 23-35, who want to have fun. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5218

SBM Well-hung. Looking for someone to have a good time with. Call Ext. 5216

SWM 6'1", green eyes, mustache, goatee, 39, tall, smooth body. I'd like to meet White or Hispanic guys. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5221

SWM Attractive, 38, HIV+, long brown hair, brown eyes, mustache & beard. I'm straight-acting & appearing. I like to enjoy life, concerts, movies, traveling & good friends. I'm retired, healthy & financially secure. Looking for that special friend who is also straight-acting & appearing, with similar interests. Looking for someone who wants to get out & enjoy life. Call Ext. 5178

SM I'm a cross-dressing transvestite. Looking for other transvestites who enjoy conversations, getting together, being sisters & having girl talk. I enjoy dressing up, going out, having drinks & pajama parties. Looking for a sister or close friend. Call Ext. 5203

SWM I'm a very young 43-year-old, sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm a 6', 220 lb. teddy bear. I'm considered stocky, beefy & a linebacker build. I have red, strawberry-blond hair, hazel-green eyes, a mustache & a hairy chest. Looking for guys with similar qualities, or those who are attracted to my qualities. Also looking for a gay sailing club & interested in forming one if one is not out there. Call Ext. 5212

SWM 50, 6', 190 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair. I'm HIV+ & a top daddy only. I prefer a single White male who is over 40 & less than 5'10". Must be a non-smoker. No drugs or femmes. Seeking someone who enjoys quiet life, movies, theaters & sci-fi. Call Ext. 5200

SM 6'2", 190 lbs. Looking for football player build type of guys who are under 40. Call me. Call Ext. 5196

Gay male, 23, 6'1", 172 lbs., dark hair, dark eyes, well-toned, smooth. Looking for bodybuilders to have good times with. I'll call you back. Call Ext. 5195

SM 46, 6', 280 lbs., graying hair. Seeking a gay White, Asian or Hispanic male, 25-50, who is drug & disease-free. He should be slim-to-medium-built, with fuzzy legs. Enjoy friends, music & honesty. I'm compassionate & affectionate. Call Ext. 5192

SM Asian. In search of a Married White cop who needs to relieve the stress of work & family life. If you want some mid-day encounters, give me a call. Call Ext. 5189

SWM 60, 5'8", 290 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I'm a bottom. Looking for guys in their 20's or 40's. Race is not important. Honesty & sincerity are prime factors. Let's share respect, love & an active physical relationship. I enjoy quiet times at home, dancing, traveling, the beach, dining in, dining out & the company of an affectionate friend. Call Ext. 5187

SWM 34, 6'1", 275 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I own my own business. I enjoy movies, dining in, dining out & intimacy. I have a lot of love to give. Looking for someone to love & get to know. Possible long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5186

SM 6'1", 200 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, Cuban/French. Interested in guys who are versatile & 20-30. Race is not important. Looking for someone to really have a good time with. Sex would be great! Let's get good & nasty. Call Ext. 5177

SWM I'm 5'9", 130 lbs. & masculine. Looking for a Black brother who is the same. Someone who is 18-28, self-assured, masculine & not into games. Call Ext. 5094

SM 35, 5'10", 175 lbs., blue-gray eyes, dark brown hair, goatee. Considered very attractive & well-endowed, with an athletic build. Gentleman, I'm only looking for this & the description must be precise. You're handsome, under 35, muscular, with a small waist & 10" or more. Call Ext. 5172

SM Looking for someone for drinks & walks on the beach. Someone who is single, Black & manly to hang out & have a good time with. Call Ext. 5171

SWM 5'7", 195 lbs., 45, furry, Italian, brown hair, attractive, easygoing, romantic. Enjoy the quiet life, movies, dining, entertaining & being a homebody. Looking for someone to develop a special friendship & long-term relationship with. If you're my ideal guy you'll be 35-40, able to support yourself & enjoy being a bottom. Blonde hair & blue eyes are a huge plus! Give me a call. Call Ext. 5170

SHM Looking for a 30-something White or Hispanic male to explore possibilities with. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5166

SWM 41, 6', 190 lbs. Looking for a top daddy who is 40-50, to take care of. Also looking for a top cowboy to ride me all night & then hold me. Must be open-minded, with above-average equipment. Willing to wear collar for the right daddy. Call Ext. 5163

SHM 32, thin. Seeking a gay White or Hispanic male who is 32 or older. Seeking a lifemate. Serious replies only. No games. I don't drink or smoke. I need sincerity & stability. Call Ext. 5160

SBM 27. Seeking other males who want to have fun. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5159

SBM 27. Seeking other Black males. I'd like to meet a top. I enjoy swimming, bowling, reading & having fun. I'd prefer to meet someone 20-30. Call Ext. 5158

SWM I'm a chubby nudist in search of other chubby nudists. I'm 38, 5'7" & 228 lbs., with strawberry-blond hair & blue eyes. Race is not important. Call Ext. 5157

SWM 5'11", 155 lbs., blonde hair, bluish-green eyes. Looking for Hispanic males 18-35. I enjoy going to the beach, the gym & hanging out with friends. Call Ext. 5155

SBM In search of other masculine Black males who are 19-45. Seeking someone who is well-endowed & masculine. Call Ext. 5154

SWM I'm a certified sailing skipper. I lost my captain to the North Carolina waters. Looking for a captain with a crew. I'm also interested in forming a gay sailing club. Call Ext. 5149

SHM 5'8", 175 lbs. I have dimples & a pretty smile. Looking for someone who has a good personality. Looks are not important. Call Ext. 5141

SWM Late 30's, cute. Looking to meet an athletic Black guy who knows what he wants. Call me for more information. Call Ext. 5145

SHM 34, attractive, bottom. Looking for masculine guys for friendship, romance or simple encounters. I like guys who are taller than 5'7". Race is not important. Positive attitude is a plus. I'm discreet & friendly. Please be over the age of 25 & confident of your own needs. Call Ext. 5143

SAM 21, 5'6", 135 lbs. I'm very cute. I enjoy movies, dinner & occasionally going to bars. Looking for a gay White male, 22-28, who is handsome. Call Ext. 5140

SWM 39, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", 170 lbs., hairy chest. I'm romantic, loyal, sincere & gentle, yet strong. I'm outgoing, with a quiet side. I love music, art & life in general. I'm HIV- & seeking a younger gay male who is Asian, Hispanic or White. Looking for fun & a relationship. Call Ext. 5137

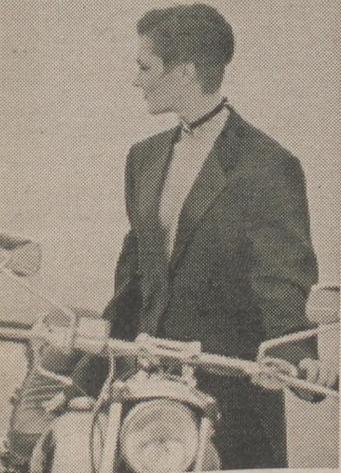
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SM 31, blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for a good time. Call me. Call Ext. 5133

SWM 29, 6'2", nice-looking. I have long hair. I enjoy alternative music. In search of a Hispanic male, 18-29 who likes the same things. Call Ext. 5131

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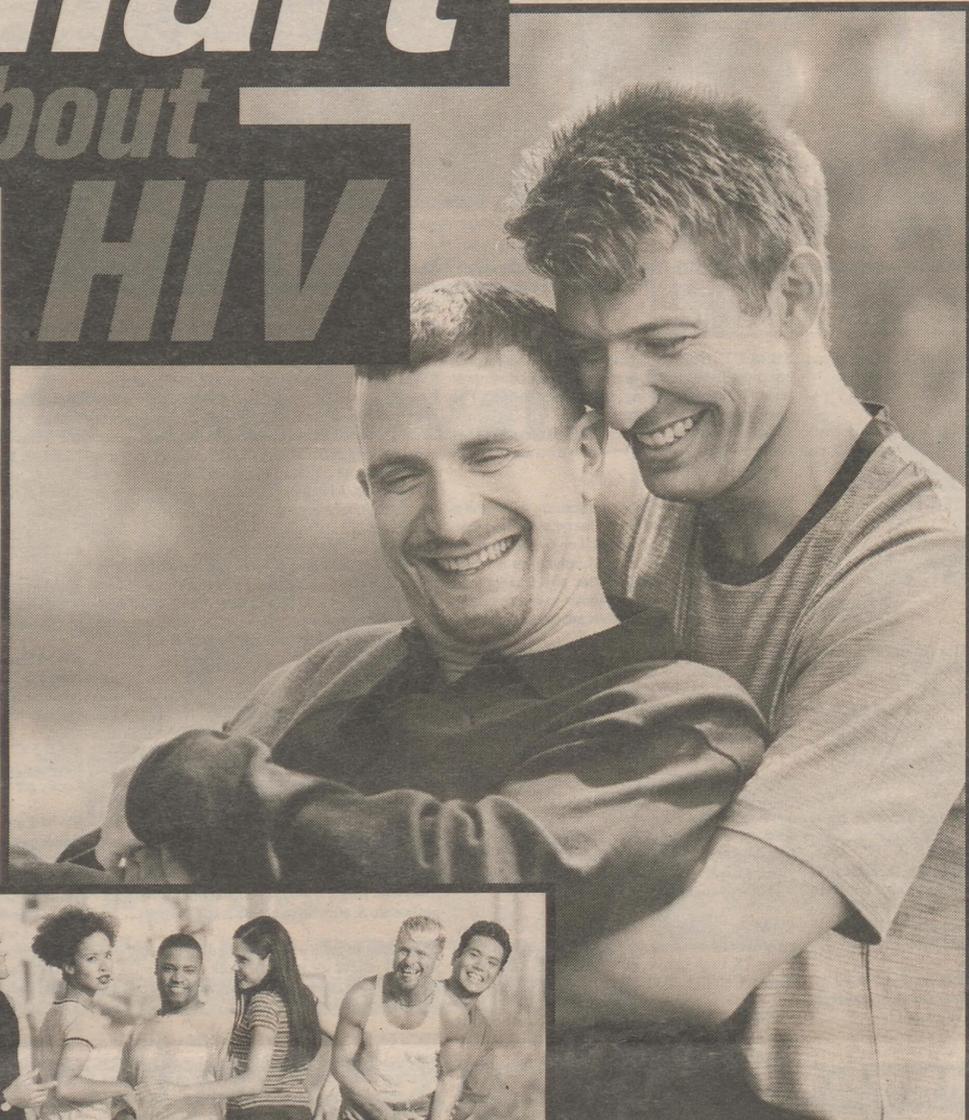
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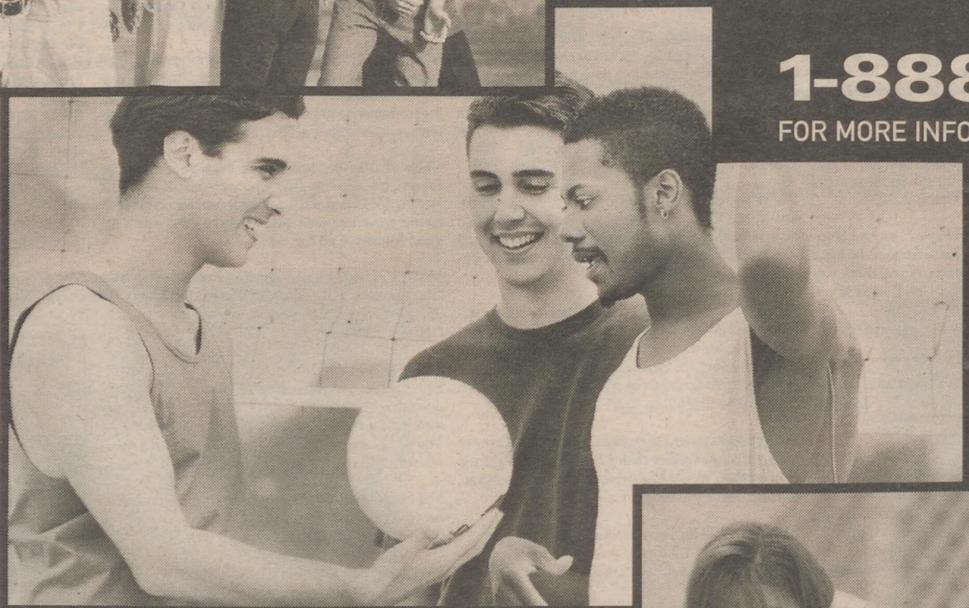
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