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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1996

Ms. Katlyn Thomas
c/o David and Charlotte Kirstein
3055 Porter Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

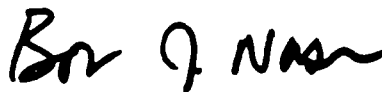
Dear Ms. Thomas:

On behalf of President Clinton, I want to thank you for your interest in serving in the Clinton Administration. The First Lady sent me a copy of your letter and resume.

I have forwarded your portfolio to Charles Duncan, the Associate Director who oversees appointments in the international fields. You can be certain that you will be contacted should an opportunity arise where we can utilize your skills.

Your offer of service is welcomed, and I hope that we can count on your continued support.

Yours truly,



Bob J. Nash
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Personnel

✓cc: Hillary Rodham Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Please Return
original Incoming
to Carolyn Huber
for personal file.

December 3, 1996

The Right Reverend George W. Tribou
Catholic High School for Boys
6300 Lee Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Father Tribou:

I loved your letter of November 17. It reminded me anew just how much those boys at Catholic need you.

Thanks, too, for sending John Donne's Meditation 17 about afflictions. Though some days, I feel like God is being far too generous with his blessings upon Hillary and me!

Keep fighting and have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely,

Bill

Catholic High School For Boys

6300 Lee Ave., Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 (501) 664-3939

17 November 1996



Dear Mr. President,

I have been wanting to respond to your unexpected and totally surprising letter received after my recent operation but was frustrated over the thought it would never reach you...that your staff would cull it from the really important material that hits your desk everyday. Then the idea hit me that if I sent it via Skip Rutherford it might finally reach your eyes.

Honestly, not even my verbose nature can come up with the right words to express my shock and my gratitude. Here you are in the midst of a campaign and you take time out to write such a wonderful letter to an old priest who doesn't even vote for you (that abortion business!). The papers say you crave love and affection. Let me assure you that you have mine and have had for a long time. You've always had my heart, Mr. President....some day (with my non-funny prayers to God) you will also have my mind. You see, I intend to convert you my way of thinking.

I believe in prayer more than ever. Yesterday I finished my third week of radiation treatments at CARTI and still none of the dreaded side effects. In fact I feel as good mentally and physically as I ever had and am back teaching full time (I obeyed the order to do so in your letter). I have total confidence that my cancer will go into remission and that I'll be around to help dedicate your Presidential Library. I'll sell you five acres for it at Catholic High.

John Donne's Meditation 17 (No man is an island) contains a truth that now shines very clearly to me: "Affliction is a blessing". I believe it is. As a result of cancer and the attendant pain and fear, my mind has been cleared of much of the useless material of the past and I see what few things in life are really important. Just like a large helping of hot sauce clears the sinus, a large dose of pain and fear clears the mind and soul. Having seen its overall affect on me I honestly consider my cancer a gift from God.(However, I've told Him I'd rather not have any more gifts). I pass this thought on to you as something you might keep in mind as you face the inevitable afflictions of a president.

My regards to Hillary whom, frankly, I love more than I do you. You might remind her that when I spoke at her Crittenden Home award a few years back I stated I would not have become a celibate if I had met her first.

Sincerely,

Fr. George W. Tribou

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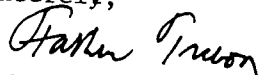
Dear Ms. Hernreich,

Skip Rutherford told me that if I wanted the enclosed letter to reach President Clinton's desk I should send it to you.

Recently I had cancer surgery and the President wrote me a beautiful letter that I want to acknowledge and thank him for. That is the message of the enclosed.

I will be grateful to you if you will see to it that Mr. Clinton receives this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Father Tribou".

Father George W. Tribou



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April 21, 1996

Ms. Ann Stock
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Ann,

Thank you very much for sending the photographs taken at the Italian State Dinner this month. It was a wonderful evening, only to be swept away by the tragedy of Ron Brown and all the others' deaths. Sad, terrible.

Knowing the President to be a voracious reader, I am sending this copy of Gay's recent book about the heritage of the majority of Italian Americans, told through the story of Gay's own father and his family. Most Americans only know about the Mafia, but in fact the bankers, politicians, lawyers, artists and musicians of Italian descent share quite a different heritage.

Again, our thanks and good wishes...and our sorrow.

Sincerely,



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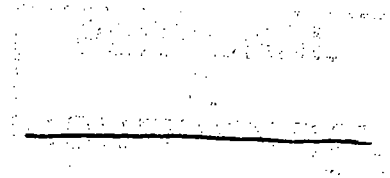
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Mrs. Hillary Clinton
c/o Ms. Skyla Harris
Room 200
Old Executive Building
Washington, DC 20501



Dear Hillary Clinton,

First, let me express my deep sorrow at the catastrophe and death of Ron Brown, which I know is also a personal loss to you and the President. Listening to you speak of your own trip to Bosnia at Tuesday night's magnificent dinner, and of your intense interest in global investment and its humanitarian potential, impressed on me how deeply you will feel Ron Brown's absence. Gay and I send both you and the President our sympathy.

Just as we were about to leave the table I mentioned *IT TAKES A VILLAGE*, but we were moving on and I had no chance to tell you how impressed I am by the book. Having two daughters, I of course identified strongly with you each time you spoke of Chelsea and her place in your lives. And it made me realize how well you have managed to keep her out of the media--except on such as the recent trip--and how graciously she comes across when she is in the public eye.

I do not think most people realize how long you have been involved with children's issues and how deep the roots are of your concern, so the book is a revelation on many levels. There are times that the problems seem so vast and the numbers overwhelming, but you surely will inspire the reader not to give up hope--each step made is toward a better future. I congratulate you on the book; it is inspiring to know, with the number of people you have touched, there will be change.

And again our thanks for the splendid state dinner. The whole day, from the arrival ceremony to the last dance, made one very proud to be an American.

With great admiration,
Sincerely,

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June 7, 1996

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Dear Hillary:

Sorry it has been a while since I wrote. It has been a rather turbulent spring, but things appear to be smoothing out now.

It was a great thrill to see you at the reception on April 22. I thank you very much for getting in touch in advance and am sorry that we didn't have more time together. But then, on the other hand, this was actually for the good, since the overflow attendance is a testimony to your popularity. Actually it was a bit comical, trying to get to be last in line so that we could talk. I kept going to the end of the line, and then someone would appear from nowhere and stand behind me. Mostly these were County pols (like Maurice Ferrer) who know the system a great deal better than I. I do want to thank your advance person, Lisa (I don't remember her last name), who was terribly sweet and tried to help me. You seem to work with lovely people, although they all seemed so young. And I guess because of the nature of the beast, advance people direct traffic with this implacable courtesy--something like the guides at Disney World or the Khmer Rouge.

Your speech was fantastic. Where'd you learn to do that? I hope you realize how much people love you outside the Beltway. You must have felt it as you spoke. I have never been moved by a political event before, but I was really excited. Actually, it was much more exciting than the President's speech the next week (overlooking, with your forbearance, the odium of comparisons). Of course the President's audience included many a seasoned political player, but the folks who came to see you felt, I think, a real sense of connection. I think this springs from your essential honesty and goodness. It really does come across.

I also saw you on Larry King (to be candid, I usually do not watch LK because he gives me the creeps--he seems so old and mean under those layers of makeup). I was really struck by the image you raised of the shovel--of your father asking you how you would "dig yourself out of that hole" and your imagining a shovel. It was a very powerful image and I

started using it myself. Funny how if you say something that invokes a visual image, it can be so powerful.

I read a very interesting article recently about research being done on Vervet monkeys which reflects, apparently, the politician's neurochemical reaction to the challenges of campaigning. They tested monkey troupe leaders after actions performed before the entire troupe and, based on these findings, hypothesize that political appearances generate a burst of chemical activity, mostly the secretion of neurotransmitters like serotonin and norepinephrine, giving the candidate a definite high. Even better news, the chemicals accumulate (their reuptake is slow) and so their levels rise as the campaign progresses. So, as many have suspected, politicians are junkies. No seriously, this is supposed to be why, at least on anecdotal evidence, one needs less sleep and has more energy in the course of a campaign. Also why one doesn't catch cold, despite one's option to switch to the Japanese bow. Also of interest, Vervet money troupe leaders, although not the largest or the strongest, are the best deal makers. I suspect this can be generalized further (hey, noone to stop me). As long as one is successfully meeting challenges, serotonin levels go up and you feel good. Retire in defeat and the brain is less generous. That's probably why it's so hard to get out of a depression. And why your image of the shovel is so powerful. Once you start shoveling, the load has to start to feel lighter--at least if your a vervet monkey.

Best advice--win the next election.

Speaking of which, Lazie and I are very happy that Bibi Netanyahu won the Israeli election. Now I realize this may not be the desired outcome from the point of view of the State Department or even--according to the media and who would ever trust them--of the President. But Lazie says that Bibi (who has been a longtime friend of Lazie's and is actually the reason we met) will be very much an asset to the President in working for peace in the Middle East. He says you should tell the President not to worry....

As for me, as much as I admire Peres, I think he was going too far too fast. My thinking is largely influenced by a piece I read in Foreign Affairs by Samuel P. Huntington (I enclose a copy if you are intrigued). He said that future major conflicts and war would not be generated by the conflict of national ambitions, but by the conflict of cultures. He felt the conflict between the Judeao-Christian and Islam systems of belief was to be a primary generator of such clashes. This is exacerbated by the increasing disparities between the rich and the poor. After all, those who have little and have led lives of deprivation risk less in acts of war and violence. Certainly the Middle East is a theater in which these competing class and cultural values invite conflict: it is simply naive to believe that even if a paper piece were negotiated, the players really have the power or influence to stick to it, much less the will to do so. Yassar Arafat has only a tentative mandate, and his ultimate objectives remain murky. Iran is funding the Hezbollah in Lebanon with the complicity of Syria. Islamic fundamentalist are fomenting instability where they may--in Algeria, Egypt, Bosnia, etc., etc. etc. So although I dearly want peace in Israel, I think it must be brought about slowly, prudently and looking over one's shoulder for a rear guard action. Well, that's what I think...I could be wrong. (Interestingly, my husband Lazie, despite his Likud ties, is less conservative on this issue than I am--but then he still has children in Israel who will be in the

army someday. By the way, my husband has a big crush on you. I mean he is absolutely in love with you. I know you're good looking, but what did you say to him?)

Also speaking of the elections, it appears that Lazie's brother lost his place in the Parliament--which we thought to be a sure thing when he won 33rd place on the Likud list in the primary. This is, I am told, because noone calculated the effect of separating the elections of the prime minister and the Knesset. Anyway, instead of a "sure" 43 seats, the Likud only got 32. And poor Ruvi was number 33. Well, he still may get in. If someone ahead of him is named to the cabinet and resigns from parliament, he would move up. (Ruvi says this is not necessary, although it used to be, and hence not probable.* Ehud Olmert said it was extremely improbable.) Also, I guess someone could decide to resign to devote full time to his/her tropical fish collection....

* update Ruvi is back in. Netanyahu is requiring cabinet members to resign!

You know its interesting about this election. I originally met my husband at a fund raising function at which Bibi was the featured guest. At the time Bibi was single and a friend promised to introduce me to him. Well, I met Lazie and liked him better. Just think, I could have been first lady of Israel. On balance, I think I'm better off being first lady of the Tumpson/Rivlin household. But still...

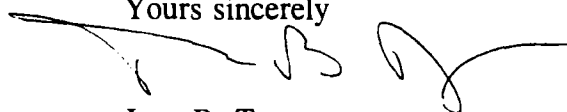
Another item of interest. I just learned that the husband of a very good friend was recently named the Chairman of the Liberal Party in Colombia. His name is Emilio Lebolo and he is one of the sweetest men I know. His wife, Cherry has been a friend for about 15 years--I had visited them several times in Barranquilla. Anyway, I guess he is now smack in the middle of the Samper "trial" before the House of Representatives. Kind of a tough place to be, since it is in part his own party which is on trial. But I have great confidence in him. He's a smart, fair guy.

And on fairness. Why in the world does the jury's decision the MacDougle trial have anything to do with the Whitehouse, or even with whitewater, for that matter? The papers, the tv, the pundits all said there was some cogent connection. But I still fail to follow this reasoning. Of course to date, no newssource I consulted has bothered to let us know what was charged and on what charges guilt was determined and the evidence supporting the determination. But of course that would be a lot of work and probably dull to boot...

I hope you will not be distressed by this endless bottom-feeding. Just remember your real constituency--the children, the elderly, women like me--and keep working for us. That way you'll have surfeit neurotransmitters and good will prevail.

With great affection and love I remain,

Yours sincerely



Joan B. Tumpson

P.S. Enclosed are a couple of photos of my most recent paintings. Do you think I can quit my day-job?

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June 7, 1996

Ms. Pam Cicetti
Assistant to the First Lady
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Dear Pam:

I am sending another letter with some enclosures for the First Lady. It was wonderful to see her here last April. I am sorry that you did not come because I am so curious to meet you. Oh well--maybe another time.

I hope all is going well for you and that you are not working too hard.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JBT', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Joan B. Tumpson

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SUSIE RUSSELL TOMPKINS

dear President Clinton and Hillary

I want you to know
you have my unconditional
love and support always.

I am in awe of both of
your accomplishments and I look
forward to many decades of
supporting your efforts.

1-24-96 susie

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President Clinton
Hillary R. Clinton

MAURICE TEMPELSMAN

New York, February 4, 1996

My dear Hillary,

Though I wish it were otherwise, there is not much I can do to help you through your harsh travail - and should there be I'm counting on you to let me know. So all I can do, is write you these few words of encouragement and admiration for the courage, dignity and determination with which you confront your tormentors. I know these days are not easy, and certainly not painless. But then "this too shall pass" (History, most probably apocryphal, has it that in ancient

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times King Solomon had the initials of that philosophical sentiment engraved on a ring that he wore to help him voyage through the vagaries of life). I know you will endure all this - and prevail - and look back on these days with undiminished satisfaction for all you have achieved - and continue undiminished in the eye of the many who like you and admire you.

Best ever
Maurice

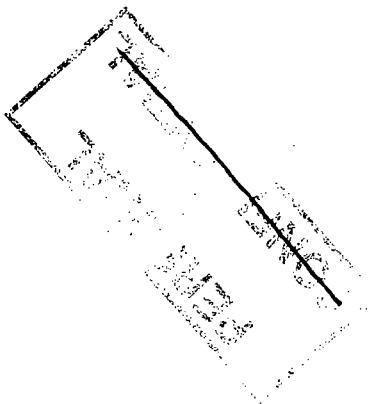
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September 26, 1996

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

Thank you for allowing us to enjoy
this part of history.

This gift is part of our Nation's history
as well - a mercy tree called "Penn's
Tree". This tree represents the tree under
which William Penn stood when he signed
the Treaty when he purchased Pennsylvania
from the native americans. Maria & Bill Tetlow

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

How I wished I could have been in the audience in Chicago applauding your wonderful speech! You were, as usual, just incredible . . . great stuff!

Thanks for thinking of me in connection with the briefing on September 4, and the tea that follows. Unfortunately, I am totally under water here at CPA in preparation for a conference next week in London and another immediately following in Bucharest, and it is absolutely critical that I keep a commitment I made for that afternoon.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 28th for the teleconference.

Sincerely,

Linda Tarr-Whelan
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Please know you're on my heart
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STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG
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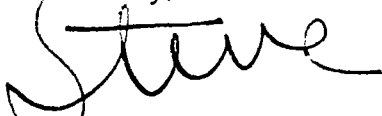
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Francine, Adam, and your friend, Ben Trachtenberg, accompanied me to Europe this past week. While in Paris, Francine went off to a flea market one morning. Adam (our older son now a senior at Columbia in New York) went off in his own direction. Ben and I went to the Louvre. While there we spotted a modest pin in the gift shop that I decided to buy for Fran. As it was being wrapped, Ben said that he thought it would make a splendid ornament for you, as well, during the upcoming election season. And so it came to pass.

I enclose with compliments of the Trachtenberg family a souvenir of our recent travels. I hope it will bring us all good luck in the months to come.

Warm wishes from house to house.

Cordially,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

October 21, 1996

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
2241 Bancroft Place, N. W.
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Dear Steve:

Thank you for the charming donkey pin you brought back for me from Paris. Unfortunately, it did not reach my desk until today, just after the news of your rhino purchase. What next for your menagerie?

With appreciation and warm regards to Francine, Adam and Ben, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

The Reliable Source

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

GWU Prez Flips for A Hippo

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg claims the hippo spoke to him.

The George Washington University president was in Newport, R.I., this past summer, taking a course at the Naval War College on "The Navy in the 21st Century."

He wandered into a favorite antique store, and there it was, a large bronze sculpture of a hippo. "I fell in love, but I resisted,"

Trachtenberg told The Source. "It was pleading to be released. It said, 'Take me back to Washington. I heard GW was ranked 46th academically and is the second-best party school, and I am a party animal.'"

The next day, "fortified by a hamburger and a beer," Trachtenberg bought the beast. There is no presidential slush fund for



BY JAMES M. THRESHER—THE WASHINGTON POST

The university's new party animal—and newspaper columnist.

such playful purchases. So Trachtenberg plunked down \$3,200 of his own money and donated the hippo to GW, where it now looms large in front of Lisner Auditorium.

And the significance of a hippopotamus to the university's patron patriot? Absolutely none. Trachtenberg's instant mythology is that the Potomac River, in George Washington's time, was home to the

"river beasts," and they became the general's favorite animal. But this is his fantasy.

The sculpture has become a go-between, of sorts, for the students who throw coins in its mouth and the homeless people who pluck them out.

And the hippo has his own column, making football picks in the Hatchet. He likes the Skins over the Giants by 13.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 15, 1996

Mr. J. LuJack Tyler
609 Welch Street
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PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Tyler:

Thank you for sending me your letters. I was deeply touched by your story and inspired by the many hurdles you have overcome to achieve a balanced life of dignity and service. Please accept my very best wishes for continued personal growth and success in whatever you do.

With regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton



J. LuJack Tyler

220 West Alabama Street Apt. #3 77006
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Tuesday, October 22, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

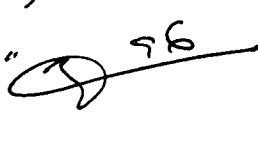
I sincerely hope that you appreciate my letter. Currently, I still involve myself though Serve Houston. I've also sent an article written about me when I was 16. As well as an article written by me in October of 1994. And finally a photograph of me and my new team at Serve Houston: Team leader, Min Cho, Sr. Corpsmembers Jeanette Sillery & Luis Medina. And the team LaMonica Bell, Larry Contreas, Isarel Garcia, LaSabre Maxey, Norma Pecero, DeShondra Perkins, Joseph Toulon, & Claudette Tyler.

*FYI: I've currently moved back home with grandma, so that I may successfully complete my term of service. So I live at: 609 WELCH St.
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Truly Yours,

for "LuJack"  96

J. LuJack Tyler

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Tuesday, October 22, 1996

Dear Pam,

Hi, how are you? Good & hope.

Mrs. Clinton, while she was here in Houston at the Women's Leadership Forum asked that I write her. And that my letter be brought to her immediate attention.

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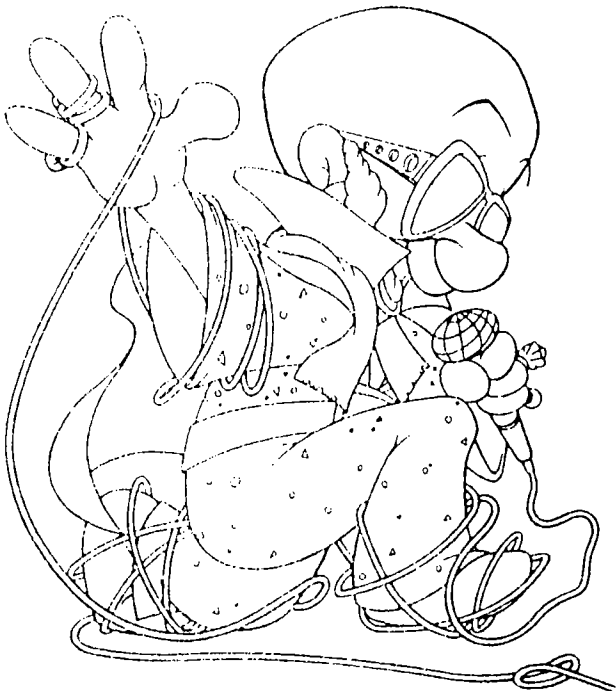
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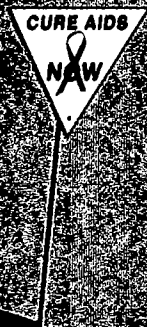
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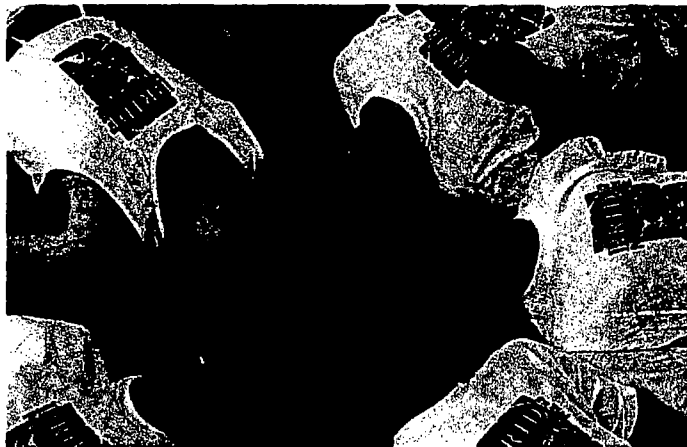
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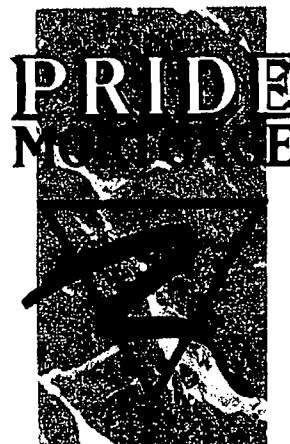
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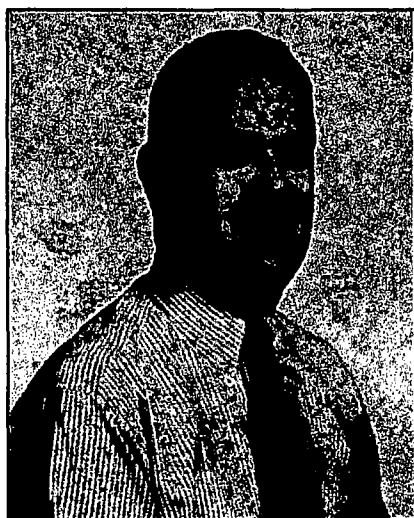
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conservatives borrow from Martin Luther King, Jr. In his Letter from the Birmingham Jail and other writings and speeches, King appealed not to arid academic theories or fashionable third-world nostrums, but to venerable American notions concerning liberty and equality under law. His rhetoric drew from Jefferson and Lincoln, not Marx or Castro. We see America as he saw it: a great nation that has fallen short of its own noble promise.

Conservatives cultivate a profound distrust of government, both because of the encroachments it makes on liberty and because of the unintended mischief it can do. Limited government is our constitutional design. The state's first and primary obligation is to preserve order and protect the physical security and property of the citizenry. Beyond this task for government, conservatives are wary. State-sponsored good intentions often go awry; the welfare system, for example, is now widely recognized as harmful to the poor. Government has been no friend of gays, either, intruding on gay lives with its sodomy laws and so much more. It reinforces prejudice through, among other things, its refusal to recognize gay relationships. It has often done a poor job of protecting our physical security from gay-bashers, either because it did not care or be-

cause it implicitly endorsed the beatings.

Crime, as a threat to physical security and property, must be unsentimentally suppressed. According to a recent study, gays live disproportionately in large cities. That's also where crime is most prevalent. Crime is therefore of particular concern to gays. Some people insist that lawlessness is an intractable problem with

Over the past two centuries America's record of individual freedom and social tolerance is unmatched.

complex social causes and that rehabilitation and counseling of offenders should be our goal and blah, blah, blah. Put more police in the streets, more criminals in jail for a longer time, make punishment surer and swifter, and — gasp — crime goes down.

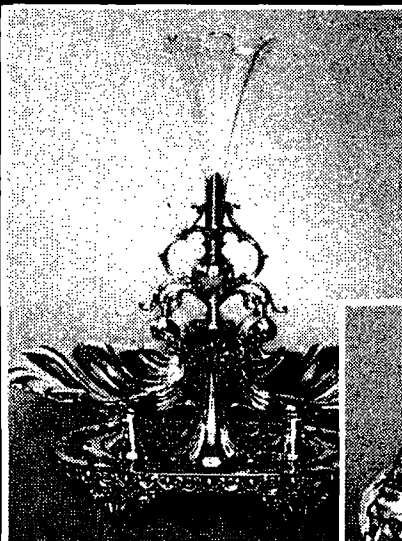
Property rights are at the core of the conservative's vision of a just society. Private property provides a haven into which the citizen can retreat from the coercive and expropriative hand of government, as well as from the irrational prejudices and actions of other citizens. Property rights are therefore both a bulwark against despotism and a haven of privacy. Gays, in particular, are well served by a strong system of property rights. Camp Sister

Spirit, the privately owned gay women's retreat in Ovett, Mississippi, was threatened earlier this year by a breakdown of respect for property rights and a reluctance of local authorities to preserve those rights in the face of anti-gay prejudice. The sisters would have fared much better much sooner if the boobdom of Ovett had known their property laws from their burning crosses.

Finally, gay conservatives do not recoil from "values" or morality. The received wisdom of human experience as learned over millennia, and as reflected by moral principles, is not lightly to

be discarded. Love, courage, thrift, honesty, respect for life, generosity, duty, and many other virtues our parents taught us are powerful instruments for good. But we have set ourselves on a course to strike intolerance of gays from any respectable enumeration of values worth preserving. Like other generations before us, we have discovered how far removed hatred is from the core of our heritage.

Dale Carpenter is a lawyer in Houston and serves on the Board of Directors of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily endorsed by the HGLPC or any of its members.



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Right, Crown Derby oriental urn made for Tiffany & Co., c. 1878-1894.



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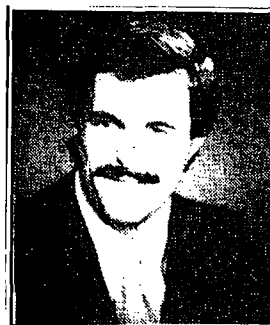


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STRANGE FRUIT



BY J. LUJACK TYLER

I have chosen to write this article to express my feelings as an African-American homosexual male concerning the murder of Michael Burzinski. It is a fact that a little over 100 years ago African-Americans were common "limbs hanging from trees." It is a fact that just 30 years ago did American society recognize African-Americans as equal and independently free citizens, referring to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, thus, outlawing slavery, forcing integration, and making Jim Crow laws unconstitutional. Thirty years is not that long ago; my own mother is just 36.

I am a strong advocate of being who you are, and being the best at what you are. As an African-American homosexual I think of myself as one of the most culturally unique and spiritually special people in the world. It is extremely hard for me to begin to even want to digest the savage slaying of one of my own, by three of my own. Negroes should know better than anyone else about oppression. For over 500 years masses of Negroes have been culturally deprived, enslaved, tortured, beaten, lynched, biologically devastated, emotionally suppressed and psychologically oppressed by American society.

I can only feel shame in the knowledge that we, as people of color, though persecuted for so long, can choose to pass judgment on people of different sexual orientation, afflicted and segregated against centuries longer. I can't help but think back to a time 21 years ago when the slain Malcolm X was misunderstood after the assassination of President Kennedy saying: "The chickens are coming home to roost." Upon the death of Michael Burzinski, I can truly understand what he meant. Those who contribute to violence receive violence. Those who promote hate receive hate. Those who indulge in prejudice will themselves be discriminated against. And those who choose to ignore situations that affect them as a community by saying "It doesn't affect me," will be ignored in situations that do.

It is times like this when I feel that prejudice is an eternal cycle. In 1954 the Ku Klux Klan savagely and brutally murdered African-Americans, by lynching, beating and shooting them. In 1994 society is lynching, beating and shooting homosexuals.

Strange fruit hanging from a familiar tree.

According to Terry Tafoya, every system of knowledge is by definition a system of ignorance, meaning that to teach someone to look one place for something, we systematically teach them not to look one place else, thus dividing the masses and creating chaos.

As a continuing reflection on the death of Michael Burzinski, I have to believe in the law. No matter what, my inevitable sorrow is that my brothers of color are the persecutors. With time, that wound will heal, but my eternal rage that my gay brother was persecuted may never go away. With that in mind, the law has to be what controls the masses. And in situations of this brutal magnitude, the law must. As an example: no matter how ignorant the crime, the consequences must follow.

In conclusion, I hope that this strange tree seeded from hate and ignorance will die, and the familiar fruit hanging from this tree of oppression will be free, forever.

Let freedom ring.

J. LuJack Tyler is an 18-year-old performance artist, and former street kid who wishes individuals who read this article and agree with it would write their elected officials during Coming Out Month to persuade them to pass a law allowing gay/lesbian education to be taught in schools, so that ignorance like this, and all kinds, will eventually die.

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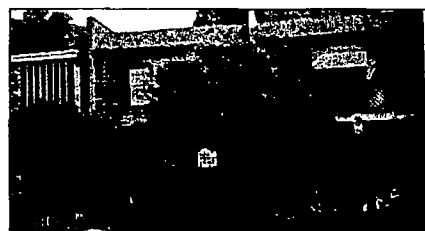
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Outdoor

by Steven Foster

This election season, there's an outdoor advertising campaign that even Eleanor Tinsley might be in favor of. It's a series of classy, thought-provoking billboards courtesy of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Project Open Mind, and a lot of folks (both gay and straight) who are putting their money behind their fight for gay and lesbian awareness.

They went up quietly, as most outdoor advertising does. Their impact, however, has been a lot more vocal. Seems these boards are getting even more attention than the ever-changing Texas lottery billboard.

Mid-October, just snappily in time for the election, PFLAG Houston has raised 10 billboards to increase political, sociological, and emotional awareness of gays and lesbians. What's more impressive is that in less than a month, the group has raised the \$5,000 needed to put up the controversial boards. The money, dollars both gay and straight, has come in every amount from a dollar to \$5,000—from grassroots cocktail parties raising \$4,700 to omni-corps such as Texas Commerce Bank and Shell Development Corporation kicking in as much as a grand. And as the boards went up, so did the potential for ratings for local newscasts.

Channel 2 led the pack of newshounds by making the outdoor campaign their "Big Story." Channels 11, 13, and 26 followed suit, and for a glorious two-week period, PFLAG's media chair, Kyle Young, was all over the tube, chatting up what being gay was all about. Parents of gays and lesbians were also televised in gay-friendly splendor, declaring their love for their kids and their gentle demand for equality, love, and respect.

Then, of course, there were the others.

Harris County Republican committee chairman, a charmless Gary Polland, was posed the question, "Do you think a campaign like this is needed?" His response? "I don't think so."

Thanks for sharing.

Next!

Consumer reaction, in less-than-wildly-liberal Houston, has been decidedly mixed, but not overall negative. Jaded denizens of Montrose have to realize that a Katy Freeway inbound board at Bunker Hill may rattle more than a few conservative cages. But that's precisely PFLAG's point. Get people talking about it. Let's get it out in the open.



The idea to get it all out in the open happened when a Houston PFLAG-waver saw small 30-sheet posters of the Madison Avenue-slick boards in San Diego during the Republican convention. GLAAD's the one who

picked up the tab for those. But Houston PFLAG wanted to do it bigger and better, so after some real quick networking, fast-talking organizing, and a grassroots blitz for bucks, they kicked up enough cash

to buy 10 boards for one month. And not the little paper poster kind, either, but high-class, durable, dazzling vinyl, which means they can show up again after being subjected to the

elements for the 30-day cycle. Even better? It seems that PFLAG has enough money to keep the hot locations up for longer than 30.

Point them out to your friends, your family, your co-workers, whomever. And listen for watercooler discussions at the office. This could be just the chance you've been looking for to open the door to talking about it.

And if you want to drive the point home beyond speeding past a billboard, send a note and a check to PFLAG, c/o Arden Eversmeyer, 4123 Swarthmore, Houston, Texas 77005.

Election time brings rhetoric and emotions: jubilation for some, disappointment for others. We'd like to share the following from a citizen who credits President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton directly for the turnaround of his life.

An Open Letter to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

It Does Take a Village to Raise a Child.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am following through on the letter you asked me to write when we met at the Women's Leadership Forum this past fall. In 1992, when your husband was first elected as President, I was a homeless youth. Now, almost five years later, thanks to your hard work in Washington, I have the privilege of serving my community through the AmeriCorps program as a member of the Serve Houston Youth Corps.

Mrs. Clinton, my story begins June 22, 1976, being born Jovon Alfon B. "LuJack" Tyler to Miss Donna Marie Tyler and an unknown father. My mother, not wanting to take the responsibility for raising me, gave me to my grandparents, Mrs. Clara Guidry and Willie B. Tyler Jr. My earliest memories of childhood are not happy ones. During the second grade in elementary school my grandmother began physically and emotionally abusing and destroying me. Watching my mother smoke crack cocaine from time to time was not much fun either. In school I was regarded as weird; an outcast. My schoolmates would beat me up. In junior high I was raped by some of those same schoolmates. During my high school years I started drinking, and because I had a need to feel accepted, I joined a local gang: the Trinity Garden Posse.

Mrs. Clinton, I dropped out of high school. I realized that I was gay, and my life of reckless alcoholism began. Depressed and feeling alone, I ran away from home. I went to Montrose, known as the gay part of town, and prostituted myself. The next day I was arrested for trying to prostitute myself again. My grandfather was called to juvenile hall to get me. I was completely humiliated. I decided that my grandparents didn't deserve to be

humiliated by me. I also realized that I didn't deserve to be humiliated by my grandmother, who was still beating me, and my grandfather, who may have felt responsible for me being gay. I was beginning to see my self-worth, yet I ran away from home again.

At 15, believe it or not, I honestly thought that I would live like Toby Tyler—running with the circus. Unfortunately, my life was nothing so glamorous. I slept on the floor of a locked bathroom at Lyndon Baines Johnson Hospital here in Houston for about two weeks. I'd wake up early in the morning, go to the bus stop, and wait for the early morning bus to arrive. I'd steal the transfers off the bus and use them to travel around all day. By some stroke of luck I read an ad on the billboard of a local library advertising S.M.Y.A.L. Mrs. Clinton, I don't remember what SMYAL stood for, but I got connected with other homeless gay youth. The police picked me up again and returned me home. After my grandmother chose to attack me with a butcher knife, my fear and pure rage led me away from home for the last time.

For the next two years of my life I lived in Montrose. For the most part I indulged in my alcoholism and prostituted myself for money to eat every day. Also during this time I contacted SMYAL again and spoke to Clovis Lane Lewis, who informed me that the organization no longer existed. He referred me to the Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY). HIPY became my first memorable experience with "a village." This group provided a safe haven for runaway, throwaway street youth, many of whom were male prostitutes, between the ages of 13-22. Several young

males were HIV positive, but even with HIPY's support, their lives' circumstances literally forced them to follow the hellish ways of prostitution and live in a world in which they had no hope.

"I still believe in a place called hope," stated President-elect Bill Clinton on election night, 1992. I listened to his speech on a small radio in an old abandoned building. And I thought to myself with joy that I too could now believe in hope. I continued my involvement with HIPY for the next two years.

After a long time on the street, I decided it was time for me to go home. I was 17 when I moved back home on January 29, 1994. My grandparents seemed happy, but my grandmother really wasn't. I believe she hated that I ran away from home so young. She felt my actions showed no gratitude for being raised by them. For these or whatever reasons, my grandmother was meaner and treated me worse than she ever had in my life. On Saturday, the 21st of June, she threw me out of their house.

Mrs. Clinton, it's funny. When I ran away at 15, it was because I wanted to, and I didn't care where I was going. Now, the day before my birthday, I was being thrown out by a woman whom I've always had an unfortunate misunderstanding of. I cried my life away, and when the tears dried, a "Scarlett-scorned" anger filled me like never before. I was back to square one. It was just the chance of luck that Annise Parker, a civic activist, bumped into me on this day and asked me how I was doing and where I was living. I told her what happened between me and my grandmother. With a friendly smile, she said immediately, "We have room. You can live with us." "Us" meaning Annise and her lover, Kathy Hubbard. The two would expand my village, and I found myself experiencing for the first time what it must be like to have a mother's love.

Never before in my life had someone trusted me enough to just let me in without some exchange for favors or money. Overjoyed, I moved in with Kathy and Annise. For a year they introduced me to the many political circles in which they travel. My interest in politics was awakened again. (In the 8th grade I won by a landslide the presidency of my student council, though I was later impeached because of my hostile temper and my 4th-grade math education which was causing me to skip the required math classes.)

At any rate, during one of these political ventures, I was bartending at a friend's of my parents' (Kathy and

Annise), Eugene Harrington's house. I met Donald Skipwith, who told me about the AmeriCorps program. I remembered that the President had mentioned the program during his first State of the Union address. I had not known there was a group in Houston until Donald brought it to my attention.

The next day I called Serve Houston, which is our local affiliate of the AmeriCorps program. I was informed that early registration was impressive. I applied and was accepted. During the next six-month span, I moved out of Kathy and Annise's and into the Rights of Passage (ROP), a youth home designed to graduate homeless young people into independent living.

Between ROP and Serve Houston, my life was on an express highway. I was fortunate that in Montrose I was truly looked after by a "village" of friends and support. My grandfather died, and my relationship with my grandmother came to the process of healing. Mrs. First Lady, this is a painful, yet necessary, process.



Lujack Tyler and the First Lady, Hillary Clinton

Thanks to being accepted into Serve Houston, I was able to empower my fullest potential and work with a team of 13 to provide greatly needed services to the near Northside community here in Houston. I worked with my team leader, Shannon Bishop, senior corps member Jeanah Bryant, and my fellow corps members: University of Rice graduate Kerry Brant, teenage mothers Sherrilyn Chatman and Holly Quinterro, former gang members Hakeem Smith and Zac Elizondo, California Valley girl Michelle Mouton, trendy/stylish Rosie Theis, and University of

Houston sophomore Maurilio Hernández. Representing our corporate sponsor Tenneco Energy, we provided services to the homeless by serving hot lunches at SEARCH homeless shelter. We tutored middle-school children and successfully ran two after-school programs.

I expanded my "village" to include children from Lamar Elementary School. I served as a counselor for the Lamar 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys. I helped the boys to read better. Every week we would read one or two stories from William J. Bennett's *Book of Virtues* that I got on my 18th birthday. Along with improved reading, we began to grow through increased understanding of the virtues and their importance in society. We exchanged friendship notes and began to express ourselves through journal writing. I was honored by one of my most mischievous, yet favorite children, Hector, with a sentence from his journal entry on "If I were the

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President." He wrote, "I thank LuJack for teaching me how to be a man."

Mrs. Clinton, I think that the true success of my work and relationship with these children came when we as a basketball team went to the playoffs for the first time in the school's history. Though we did not make it to the championship, it was my boys who encouraged me not to let the sun catch me crying. They told me that we had done our best and we had a great deal to be proud of. I was so proud of their reaction, because it came from what I myself had tried to instill in them: never give up and never quit. Have the courage, serenity, and wisdom to accept those who cannot be changed, and above all, have faith in yourself and continue to believe, as I always believe, in a place called hope.

Mrs. Clinton, for me, this was the faith in the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not yet seen. I was their hero and they were my heroes. I was making a positive difference in a child's life. And for one shining moment, I knew my Camelot, and I was proud. All my life, particularly since the age of 15, a village had been taking care of me, and now I was a part of that village for a child.

I thank you, Mrs. Clinton and President Clinton, for your hard work in Washington. Because of your hard work, a street kid of 1992 stands proudly as a symbol of hope in 1996. Tomorrow has come for me, and it will continue to come for others, who just need to believe.

In closing, I'm reminded of Cicely Tyson speaking at the funeral of my fellow 5th Ward neighbor and former congresswoman, Barbara Jordan. She said, "If I were sitting on a porch across from God, I would thank him for sending Barbara Jordan to us." For me, I'd thank him for sending you, Mrs. Clinton, and your husband Bill, to me.

I'll also share with you that as a boy in the 5th grade I wanted to be the President of the United States. Today that dream has not changed. If there is any way possible, Mrs. Clinton, to assure myself that this is not just a dream, I'd like to meet my hero in the Rose Garden, like your husband met his hero in the Rose Garden in 1962. If this is not possible I understand. I'm grateful for meeting you; it was a privilege. I was happy to be at the Women's Leadership Forum to honor you, because you, Mrs. First Lady, are worthy of being honored. By honoring you, we honor the best in ourselves as free citizens of these United States.

Thank you for treating me like I mattered. I will continue this year as a proud and dedicated AmeriCorps member getting things done. And, I will continue being a member of the village.

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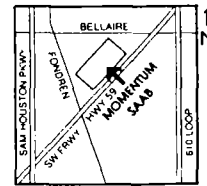
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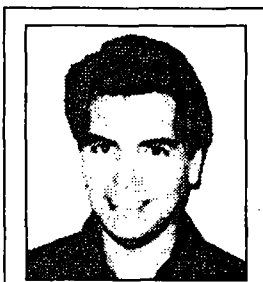


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The Real Power of the Presidency— The United States Supreme Court

With three Supreme Court positions at stake over the next four years, deciding who to vote for has ramifications over the next 40 years.

by Daryl Moore

Gays and lesbians are about to make an important decision that will likely affect us for the rest of our lives. We are about to choose who will be the next President of the United States of America. The reason our decision is so important is not what our next President will do about taxes, the deficit, welfare reform, or education. Those are all issues that, if handled badly, could be remedied by the next President and Congress.

The reason our decision is so important is the United States Supreme Court. Rumors abound that Justices Rehnquist and Stevens, and possibly O'Connor, will retire within the next four years. So, it is likely that the next President will get two, and perhaps three, appointments to the highest court in the nation.

And while Clinton and Dole try to explain their differences to the electorate, the most profound long-term difference either of them will make will not result from their legislative agenda, but by their appointments to federal courts across America, including the United States Supreme Court.

The differences between the candidates and their ideas of the ideal judiciary are palpable. Dole has claimed that Clinton's federal appointees are "too liberal," and he has promised to appoint more

"conservatives" to the judiciary. In fact, Dole and the Republican-controlled Senate were so hopeful he would get to pack the courts with "conservatives" that they shut down the judicial confirmation process in March of this year, earlier than any Senate ever has in a presidential election year.



Daryl Moore

Dole's denouncements of Clinton's judicial picks are simply election-year politics as usual. The American Bar Association has given Clinton's nominees higher marks than those chosen by Carter, Reagan, or Bush. Conversely, Bush appointee Clarence Thomas

received the lowest rating of any appointee, ever.

And contrary to Dole's charges, neither of Clinton's Supreme Court appointees has given conservatives much to complain about. Justice Ginsberg has repeatedly come down on the side of the U.S. government in criminal cases. She even wrote to uphold a forfeiture case that allowed the state to seize and sell the car of a married couple because the husband used the car to solicit a prostitute. All of this to the vocal dismay of the "liberals." Likewise, Justice Breyer has consistently come down on the side of big business and corporate America. He recently voted to set aside a jury award of punitive damages as "excessive." All of this to the vocal delight of "conservatives."

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Life on the streets can be a death sentence for gay teens

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In a brown, slightly frayed Brooks Brothers suit, Lujack roams the streets of Montrose. With briefcase in hand, the strikingly handsome 16-year-old cultivates a carefully planned image. That of a

young man in demand. It's a hard image to live up to, for on most nights Lujack has no idea where he is going to sleep.

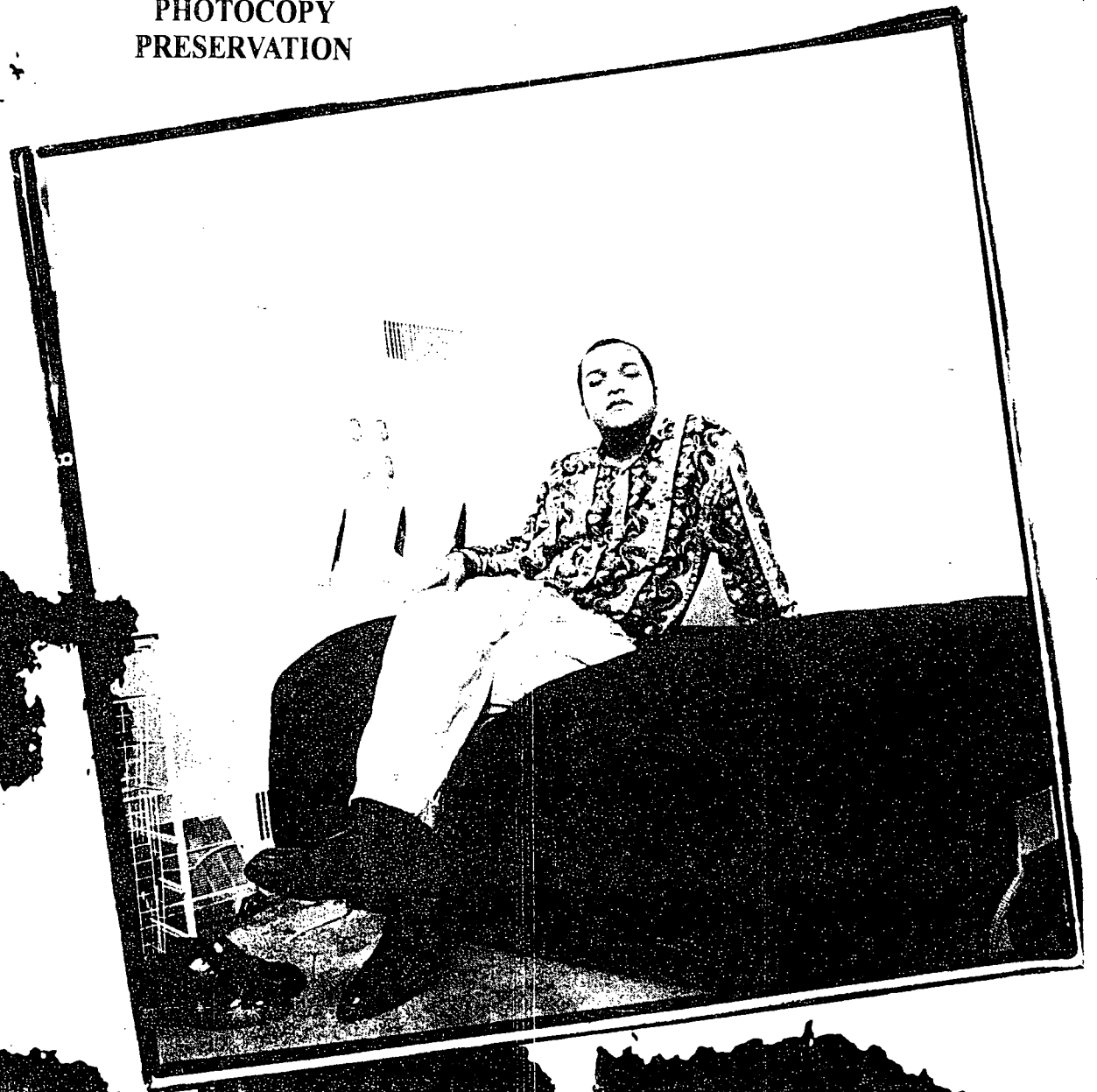
Lujack's grandparents gave him a choice: Give up your gay lifestyle or get out. For Lujack, denying his sexuality was worse than the prospect

of having to survive on the streets. Worse than sleeping in a bathroom at LBJ Hospital for a month (which he did in the beginning) or selling his body for a place to sleep.

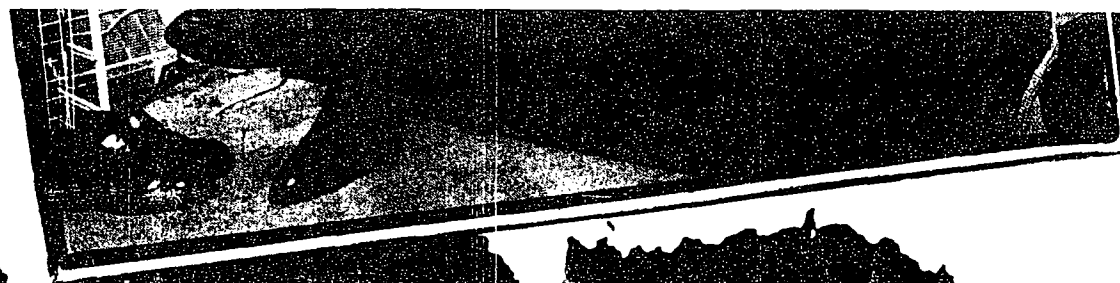
Lujack's not alone. According to Tracy Brown, director of the Houston Institute for the Protection

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HIPY HOUSE ASSISTANT CLINICAL DIRECTOR LANE LEWIS KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE — HE WAS A RUNAWAY, TOO

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most of the walls.

On a recent Friday night QT's was filled with middle-aged men. One of them, who appeared to be in his 50s, approached us. He was eyeing 22-year-old Donnie, who had volunteered to go with me and Lane Lewis, assistant clinical director and vice president of HIPY, to see some of the clubs frequented by the "chicken hawks" and the kids they use for sex.

"Are you two married?" the older man asked, pointing to Donnie and me. Donnie looked at me nervously, laughing. "Is this your boyfriend?" the man pressed, not waiting for an answer to the first question.

Remembering similar situations in straight clubs, wanting whatever male friend I was with to claim me as his wife, I looked to Lane for the right answer. "No," he spoke for us, "they're not together." The man, obviously delighted to hear this, sat down and offered to buy our drinks.

Across the bar a man in his late 40s chatted with the bartender. He was wearing khaki pants, a white short-sleeve Oxford shirt and a wedding band on his left hand. He looked like he belonged at a PTA meeting in West U. Madonna's "Holiday" blared from the stereo and the place seemed to liven up as younger patrons started drifting in.

After a half-hour, the first young hustler of the night walked in. Dark-haired and cocaine-thin, the 20-ish man strolled around the bar, stopping a few times to smile at patrons who looked his way. No one seemed interested.



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With the prevalence of AIDS, throwing a child out into the streets almost ensures an early death. Of the hundreds of teenagers who have sought help from HIPY, an organization aimed at helping gay runaway teens and teenagers who are HIV-positive, an estimated 80 percent have had to work as prostitutes at some point. "Survival sex," as the organization calls it, often means a death sentence for these teens. The going rate for sex on the streets is \$40 with a condom or \$80 without. To a hungry teenager, the higher price is often worth the AIDS risk.

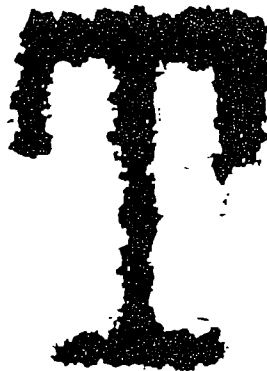
Most of the homeless gay teenagers fall into prostitution without really thinking about it. Lujack describes his first time:

"I didn't know what I was doing," he says. I went to Pacific Street because I used to do a paper route in Montrose. I didn't know any of the clubs yet. I was hooking around there and I got picked up. [The john] was riding in a taxi and he was drunk."

The customer struck his deal with Lujack and took the boy home with him. Once there, Lujack told him there were certain sexual acts he wouldn't perform. "I told him I wasn't for anal penetration and he said, 'Alright.' I told him I'm not going to suck him off and he said that was alright too." Lujack says he endured the man's

advances "and waited the night out."

Lujack and others like him are never short of busy places to get picked up. Some of the briskest business is conducted on the corner of Pacific and Hyde Park in Montrose and on a concrete slab on Avondale Street behind the club Numbers. For the discreet john looking for young flesh for sale, several area bars are notorious for letting underage hustlers in to hang around and look for customers. The older customers coming in to look for teenage prostitutes tend to have money to spend, so it is to the bars' advantage to let the teenagers in without checking ID.



HERE'S nothing about the outside of QT's indicating this is the place to pick up teenage boys, no flashing signs or billboards to give away what goes on inside. Yet to some in the community, the gray building

with yellow trim on lower Westheimer is known as a place where men can go to pick up underage hustlers.

QT's has the typical gay bar mirrored windows that allow customers to come and go discreetly. There's a circular bar in the middle of the place and mirrors on

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A few minutes later, a group of street kids, males and females, came in. Most of them headed for the pool table near the back wall. One of them, though, a fair-haired boy of about 15, headed for the bar, strolling around it like he owned the place. According to Lane, in every group there appears to be a star hustler and the blond kid appeared to be it.

He came up and put his hand on the man that was trying to pick up Donnie, tilting his head and smiling invitingly. The older man barely acknowledged him and continued his flirtation with Donnie. The young hustler, believing his territory was being invaded, twisted his smile into a look of scorn aimed at the other boy. We left the club shortly after that, walking as fast as possible. Lane feared the young hustler might try to follow us, using physical intimidation to keep us away from his turf.

Later that night, at KoKo's, a club on Fairview, the clean-cut married man from QT's appeared to have found what he was looking for in the young dark-haired hustler, whom he'd apparently missed at QT's earlier. The hustler seemed calmer now that he was on his way to making his



A COUNSELING SESSION AT HIPY — THEY'RE NOT IN BUSINESS TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE AVERAGE TEEN.

nightly quota.

Although clubs like QT's make it more convenient for the hustlers and their customers, those familiar with the scene agree that if these clubs did not exist the young hustlers would find another place to sell themselves. Bob Neely, owner of QT's and KoKo's, feels his clubs have gotten an unfair amount of blame for the problem. "Years ago we had a tremendous problem [with teenage hustlers]," he says. "I was an easy target because I've got a gay club."

Neely sees the problem as having more to do with a lack of "police cooperation." The police, he claims, are more busy harassing innocent men than dealing with the neighborhood's crime problem. Police officers aren't sympathetic. They say they aren't so "cooperative" because they know what goes on in Neely's bars. A sergeant who spoke on the condition of anonymity

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identified QT's as one of the places where older men seek young prostitutes.

For his part, Neely says it's hard for any club owner to prevent an occasional minor from coming in. "I'm not going to say no minors have been here. I doubt any proprietor can say that." Guessing which of his patrons are hustling is a problem, he says. "If you stand at the door and turn away anyone who may or may not be a hustler or you don't think looks good, you won't be in business for long."

WHO WANTS TO sell their body to a fat, bald-headed guy looking for a cheap thrill?" asks Lujack.

For Lujack hustling to get by is a "miserable job."

The gay teenagers, after living on the streets awhile, become "like me," says Lujack. "They build walls and become very cold and heartless. They slowly alienate themselves from everyone else."

It doesn't take an observer long to see that Lujack is detached. The striking young man with aristocratic features — belying an impoverished upbringing on the near-Northeast side — relates the tragedies of his life as if he were talking about what he had for dinner. When asked how he feels about being rejected by his grandparents, he replies in a monotone, "I'm saddened." Lujack speaks very carefully, and is extremely articulate. He is image-conscious, and embellishes his speech with a fake British accent. He tends to fall in and out of the accent.

Lujack's emotional barriers allow him to cope with a reality many of us find

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ANE LEWIS is exhausted. It's a Tuesday night at HIPY House, and Lewis is finally able to sit down after a hectic day of tending to the needs of its teenage clients. He'd worked late the night before helping a gay teenager find a place to sleep after the youth had been thrown out by parents who could not accept his homosexuality. The current crisis involves whether the clients can keep a stray kitten they've found in the neighborhood.

Lewis and his colleague Tracy Brown try not to let their work at the Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth affect them. But for Brown, the executive director, and Lewis, assistant clinical director, that isn't always easy.

Tears well in Lewis' eyes as he describes another kid, who contracted AIDS five years ago at the age of 14. Lewis recalls how the kid came into his office crying and trembling with anger because "no one ever told him how to prevent getting AIDS." At this, Lewis rubs his eyes. His moment of grief and frustration is interrupted by an ingenuous 17-year-old named John, one of the HIPY House residents. "There is nothing in the manual that says we can't have a kitten," says John, handing Lewis a list of the house rules.

Whether it's all right to dress like a drag queen at work, finding a way to survive other than prostitution, dealing with the fact that you're HIV-positive — these are not the

problems that face most teens. HIPY isn't in business to serve the needs of the average teen.

HIPY was started last January by Bill Scott and Lane Lewis "to provide social services for gay and lesbian teenagers," says executive director Tracy Brown. Since its beginning, the organization has had to expand its services to address the growing number of runaway teens who are HIV-positive. The often-rejected teen is at particular risk because, according to Brown, they believe "that if my parents don't love me, who cares if I live or die, so why do I need to protect myself?"

"We found that many of our youth that we were coming in contact with were also HIV-positive, and yet there was no service for them," says Brown.

When Brown, who is 28, or Lewis, 24, talk to kids, they know firsthand the problems that face them. Both men were runaways. Brown was thrown out of his home when he was 14. "Just like a lot of these kids here," he says, "I didn't care if I lived or died at that point." When Brown was 16, he was shot at by a group of gay-bashers. Fortunately, they missed. Brown decided to escape his bad environment and moved away for a couple of years. Even though he spent those years drifting from city to city, the time away from his old crowd and haunts gave him an opportunity to re-evaluate his life. He credits leaving Houston and its malignant street environment with saving him.

When Brown returned, he found that many of the teenagers that were on the street with him didn't fare as well. "There was a group of ten of us that hung out together," he says. "Seven of them are dead. I am HIV-negative. The two others that were in this same group have AIDS. The odds are not in these kids' favor at all. It's a miracle that I'm alive today."

Lewis, in a way, was more fortunate. His parents didn't abandon him. He left home by choice and survived on the streets by, among other things, cozying up to older men. He also became involved with drugs.

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John, handing Lewis a list of the house rules. Whether it's all right to dress like a drag queen at work, finding a way to survive other than prostitution, dealing with the fact that you're HIV-positive — these are not the

to protect myself? "We found that many of our youth that we were coming in contact with were also HIV-positive, and yet there was no service for them," says Brown.

Lewis, in a way, was more fortunate. His parents didn't abandon him. He left home by choice and survived on the streets by, among other things, cozying up to older men. He also became involved with drugs.

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unthinkable — total rejection by the people who are supposed to love him most. The longer a teen has been on the streets the better he is at masking his pain. "Street smarts are my education," says Lujack. "This is the product you get."

Gay teenagers — at least, those who are condemned to the streets — become so jaded they begin to suspect that everyone wants them for one thing — their young bodies.

Mark Gartner is a counselor at HIPY and also volunteers at Q Patrol, a neighborhood watch organization that patrols Montrose looking for gay bashers. He met Christopher, a street youth who has spent most of his teenage years in jail, during the winter when he and his partner were on Q Patrol. "It was cold and raining and we asked him where he was going to stay. He said under a bridge on Allen Parkway, so we invited him to come home with us. When we got home his first question was, 'What do I have to do?' I said, 'Go to the front bedroom and go to sleep.' He said, 'Well, are we going to do it in the morning then?' I said, 'There are no sexual favors you have to do here.' That really caught him off guard because evidently he's always had to do that for a place to stay."

Christopher never had much of a chance. When he was seven, he came home from school one day to the rented house he had shared with his mother and found her gone. He has only seen her sporadically since then. After his mother took off, Christopher was shuffled from one foster home to another. He is now 19 and serving time in the county jail for selling crack. It was his second conviction.

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Compared to the typical teen, gay runaways face unusual problems. But HIPY House is a most unusual shelter.

Lewis credits his parents with "giving him the foundation" to rehabilitate himself when he made the choice to do so. He hopes to do the same for the teenagers he counsels through HIPY. "We're not trying to force anyone to turn their life around," he says. "We're trying to provide structure and role models so that if they choose, they can make that decision to get better."

In November, HIPY opened a drop-in center similar to Bering Care Center — which ministers to adults who are HIV-positive — to provide HIV-positive teens with a place to go for food vouchers, employment assistance, information on medical care availability, and counseling. The center, located in HIPY's facility at 811 Westheimer, also has a clothing program and a place where the youths can hang out and get something to eat.

In addition to the weekly meetings it now holds for gay youths, HIPY has received a grant for an outreach program. What will make the program different from others, organizers say, is that HIPY will train and pay some of the HIV-teens in the program to go out and counsel other youths on the streets and in schools about AIDS. After establishing the care center, HIPY plans to pay teenagers \$10 as an inducement

to pick up the results of their AIDS test. By paying them when they come in for the results, the organization hopes to use the opportunity to counsel youths about treating the disease or, in the case of a negative result, the importance of preventing it.

HIPY has only four paid employees. Lewis is a volunteer. He has just changed his schedule at his full-time job in a hospital to two 16-hour shifts on weekends so he can devote his time to HIPY during the week. The organization is hoping to get a grant that will allow Lewis to get paid something for the full-time job he started as assistant clinical director. Brown isn't in this for the money, either. "Tracy's job is not government-funded, so he often goes without getting paid," says Lewis.

The organization also runs HIPY House — most of whose young residents are HIV-positive — solely with private donations. Alcohol, drugs, smoking and pornography are prohibited at the house, which is located in the Heights. All of its residents are 17 or older, but the crew at HIPY hopes to get a permit so that younger homeless youth can stay there as well. There is currently room for six teens at HIPY House. Each resident must work and contribute half his salary to a fund that pays for

food and other expenses. "We hope when we get more funding to be able to use that money to set up a savings account for each of the boys," says Lewis.

Dealing with the teenagers is not without frustration. The street-smart youths aren't always honest and sometimes try to take advantage of the organization. "They'll test you," says Mark Gartner, a HIPY counselor. "The first time I came into a meeting I went in with \$20 and came out with \$2."

The teenagers can be quite crafty. When the house got cable TV, the young residents ran up a huge cable bill by charging movies without permission. Then, says Lewis, "we arranged with the cable company to have a code so they couldn't do that any more. The little jerks kept on calling to order movies until they got the right code." Lewis says he is having the cable taken out.

By providing these teenagers with services and an occasional shoulder to lean on, HIPY hopes it is increasing their chances of survival. Brown sees the organization's role as that of a caretaker. "I have this vision of our organization as holding the hands of these young people until they become 21 or they get old enough to realize that, yes, life is longer than tomorrow. There is a future for you."

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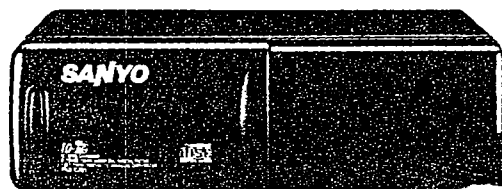
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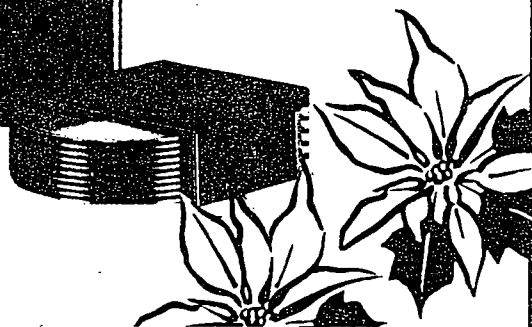
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The father, who spoke only on the condition that he and his son remain anonymous, described Allen as a "brilliant, remarkable young man." A former clergyman, Allen's father left the church and married his wife when they were both in their forties. They adopted Allen and, his father says, "he has been the center of our lives." They gave Allen everything, sending him to an exclusive private school where he excelled, even receiving a letter of commendation from the National Honor Society.

In the past year Allen has left home for days at a time without telling his parents where he was going. His parents have accepted his being gay and are now trying to deal with Allen's psychological problems, which include severe depression and difficulty concentrating. Allen's father says he told his son, "My love for you has not diminished. In fact it has probably increased."

Allen's father sees the issue of his son being gay as something that is "genetic. I would love it if he were straight and he would someday have a family. We could have grandchildren. I don't think [being gay is] a choice. This is a given."

Allen is one of the lucky ones, although apparently he is not aware of it. A young teenager watched as Allen's parents left to search for their son and commented, "I would love to have parents that cared for me that much."

JOHN TRIED to be a good son. "I never used drugs," he says. "I never had trouble with the law. I tried to be honest with my mother. I never made F's." Despite his attempts, he says that relentless abuse from his parents, both verbal and physical, left him with little choice but to run away.

their toll. When John lived in Waco he stored away so much internal anger that he would go to the banks of a nearby creek and beat crawfish to death with a bat.

A Houston police sergeant who regularly works the Montrose area has his own theories about the psychological forces at work on gay teens: "If you put a monkey in the closet long enough, it will grow into a gorilla." The sergeant, like others who have had to deal with kids firsthand, doesn't understand how their parents can abandon them. "To dump a 13-, 14- or 15-year old on the streets is inexcusable," he says. What these kids need, says the officer, is "a stronger family unit. With all the hoopla in the election about it, it almost seems sacrilegious to talk about it."

The needs of gay teens aren't any different from the needs of anyone else, according to the officer. "We all need the same things, whether it's the bare necessities or someone to lean on. You need that, I need that, we all need that. If you can't get it at home, you're going to find some place to get it."

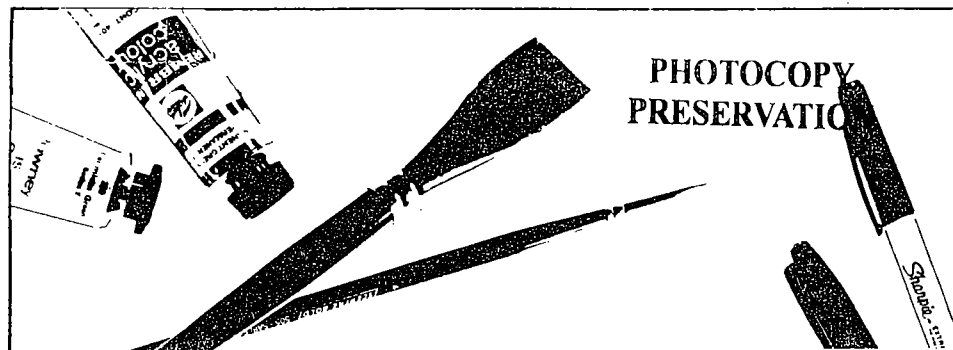
Like the father of Allen, the sergeant does not see the fact that teens are gay as a moral issue: "If they got both arms cut off, would they abandon them then?" An irony of our society, says the officer, is that "it's a little more accepted for a daughter to come home pregnant than this."

Brandy, a wholesome-looking, brown-haired 16-year-old, didn't get pregnant. To hear her describe her parents, though, they would have preferred a child born out of wedlock to a gay daughter. Last year, when she was 16, Brandy's father went through her journal. "He read that I was having thoughts," says Brandy, "and that me and my friend were experimenting. My mother freaked out. She's a holy roller."

Brandy, who is from the Channelview area, says her parents had her institutionalized. "One of the reasons," she says, was that "from the time I was about five until I was about 11, I was molested by my grandfather. I was dealing with that and they found out I was bisexual." Brandy stayed in the hospital for 30 days. "I came out and it didn't change me," she says, "My mother just insists I'm not lesbian."

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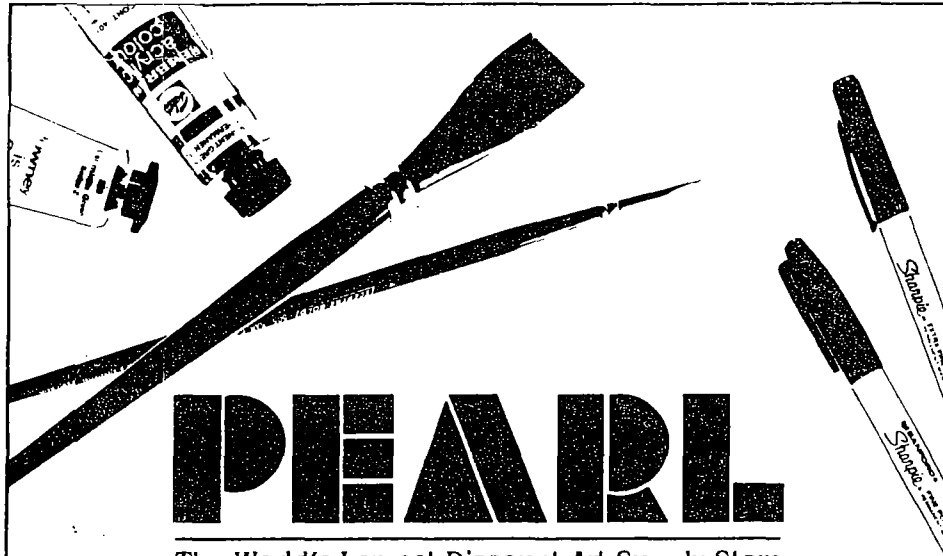
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John left his home in Waco five months ago in search of more stability in Houston. He auditioned at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, was accepted and now attends the school. He has a part-time job as well. The vivacious young man describes himself as a "gay Christian." He is one of six who live at the HIPY house, a home for gay teens who are 17 or older.

"It was hell," John says of his home in Waco. "I was abused and cussed at. I didn't know if I was going to have a home one night or something to eat." John says he tried to use his hardships to his advantage. "Ever since I was little, I was told that I wasn't going to be anything, that I was the scum of the earth. Instead of taking that negatively, I tried to take it positively and use that toward something."

That something for John means finishing high school and trying to get into New York University or Berkeley so he can pursue a career in acting and dance.

As hard as the streets are, many teens view it as a better option than the homes they leave behind. Being rejected by their parents, not surprisingly, leaves many teens confused and with little self-esteem.

Even for those like John who have a strong will to persevere, the constant assaults on their self-esteem begin to take

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Brandy, like a lot of other gay teens, has tried to deny what she is in order to make her parents happy. "I keep telling [my mother] that I tried to change it, but I can't. I tried to see myself only with men, but I just can't trust men like I can women," she says.

Brandy couldn't "change" so her mother gave the teen an ultimatum. "My mother insists that if I live there at her house, then I'm not gay — that I cannot be gay."

Brandy is finishing her last year of high school. Since her parents kicked her out, she has been living with a friend. She hopes to go on to college to study psychology so that she can help runaways like herself.

Being a parent means saying to your child, "I'm going to love you no matter who you are," says Mark Gartner. "The parents see this as a sign that my children are rejecting me, but it's not that."

John thinks that even though being gay sometimes means being abandoned, it is also the parent's loss because "you're losing someone you love."

"If they could just see," says Brandy, "that we're really not bad people. I think gays and lesbians are among the most caring people, because they've been put down so much that they know how to open their hearts. If parents could just sit down and realize that we're still the same people." □

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Via Telecopy

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Hillary:

You looked terrific in the television coverage of your Friday trip to Mr. Starr's little session! I can't imagine the matter being handled more adroitly or with more convincing openness and candor.

Someone not connected to the White House should put a bug in the ears of at least two or three media people about Starr's thoroughgoing partisan Republican background - including the fact that he was actively considering running for office as a Republican candidate in Virginia when he was appointed to his present position. In all of the talk show discussions and the newspaper reporters' and columnists' speculations this weekend about why he would subpoena you, why he would require you to come to the courthouse, and so on, I have neither heard nor seen a word about his fundamentally and strongly partisan Republican background. That is surely a more decisive factor in all of his actions than any of the media savants have pointed out. He is, in his way, as much of an attack dog as Senator D'Amato is, and the media folks ought not to be permitted to forget - or omit - that fact (though, as I say, they should be reminded by a credible source unconnected to the White House).

Keep on trucking! You are doing superbly!

With very warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

Tom
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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 16, 1996

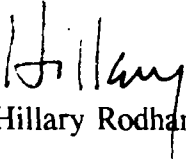
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Dear Joan:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter and for sending along the clippings. As always, your words of support mean more than I can say and I will continue to be encouraged by your friendship.

With gratitude and warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Dear Hillary:

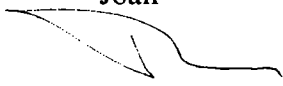
Thanks very much for the note. I'm glad you enjoyed the article about Thomas McKnight. I really love his work. I also love (old school) Haitian art and McKnight reminds me a little of certain Haitian artists I really enjoy--especially in his colors and wonderful rhythm. You know I went to Haiti in 1985--specifically to buy art. I did get some really nice pieces, but my lasting impressions are of the grinding poverty and the courage and resilience of the people there. I don't know if you've been there, but when I was there, I got a cab driver to take me to places where the tourists don't go. He made me slouch down in the cab because he said it would be dangerous if I were seen. (Of course, he could have been pulling my leg, but better safe than sorry.) It was incredible. People lined up for blocks to get water from one spicket. Rows and rows of shanties of corrugated metal, crate-wood, cardboard. And everywhere, the spirit of enterprise. Markets selling third hand goods. Hawkers. It was quite an experience.

Anyway, I saw you today walking into the grand jury room, looking beautiful and confident. I trust (really, I am sure) things went well. It is such a lot of foolishness and, to me, an affront that someone with your integrity and goodness should be subjected to this pointless harassment. But I guess that's (contemporary) politics). Anyway, I was really happy to see you weathering things with such elan.

Although a little late, I enclose the Letters to the Editor Page of the Miami Herald of January 20, 1996. As you can see, all the writers wrote about you, and every letter was supportive. It is refreshing to see that folks are not fooled by this stuff. I told my husband there will be a backlash and it will be substantial. Meanwhile, I only wish I could do the job you are doing in similar circumstances.

Have a happy valentines day. Also, please tell your daughter how beautiful she looked at the State of the Union Address. With great affection,

Joan



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Widening circle of abuse

Among groups of people who need help from the state, sex offenders — no matter how young — aren't high on the list for sympathy and more state funding in times when budgets are being slashed. Yet to do as little as Florida now does merely permits the problem to ripple, because many (but not all) victims react by molesting others.

A Jan. 15 Herald article told about Ronald, a Broward 6-year-old abused by his baby sitter's boy friend. Ronald since has molested other children. His mother says that the options for treatment are outpatient therapy intended for older children, or a \$42,000-a-year private center for which the state won't pay. The Broward office of the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services estimates that it could run a \$1.7 million deficit in its children's mental health services this year.

As for spending targeted to sex offenders, the state spends about \$8 million for 36 beds in two residential centers — one is the Brown School in Pembroke Pines — and counseling programs. Florida should be spending close to \$32 million for 375 beds and more counseling, according to a state task force.

The task force was responsible last year for legislation clarifying responsibility among state agencies for young sex offenders. It handles older children

RONALD'S STORY

Florida has good laws but little money to help child sex offenders and their young victims.

through the Department of Juvenile Justice and younger ones through social services. But there was no extra money for the younger children this year, and there may not be next year, either.

Rep. Shirley Brown, D-Sarasota, is so frustrated that she is proposing the ultimate of "sin taxes," the levying of a sales tax on admission to sex parlors such as "body shampoo" studios.

She also is frustrated at the lack of understanding of the problem. Fellow legislators could not understand the difference between young children molesting others and innocent exploration.

One step toward a solution, says the task force, would be community networks of agencies, from law enforcement to mental health centers, to provide education to their staffs and to parlay their existing resources. Marion County (Ocala) has a model network.

No one is sure how many young offenders and victims Florida has. However, a little publicized hotline, opened 18 months ago, is collecting 350 to 400 reports of child-on-child abuse monthly. National juvenile crime statistics show an increase over the last four years of 21 percent of incidents of rape and 22 percent of forcible fondling.

The longer this behavior goes untreated, the harder it is to treat and the more victims there are in the cycle. Where will Ronald's story end?



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morale of migrants uncertain about their fate. Despite that, the military's refugee mission at Guantanamo evolved into a marvel

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Using the 'L' word for 'pure sensationalism'

It was a pleasure to see how perfectly ladylike Hillary Rodham Clinton conducted herself during the recent Barbara Walters interview. The interview did not create an impression that the first lady subjected herself to spin, rhetoric, demagoguery, or misinformation, as William Safire alleged.

It was extremely undignified for him to use the *L* word. Done for pure sensationalism, it compares with what took place in the Anita Hill period.

EMIL LOEW
Bay Harbor Islands

Not attacking the main man

William Safire hides behind the bushes of a newspaper, Rush Limbaugh hides behind a radio, and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., hides behind a Senate office building.

They take turns beating up the president's family. Now it's Mrs. Clinton; before, it was their daughter, Chelsea. They don't dare hit the man of the house; he may hit back.

Come on, you brave guys, you are hurting the Republican Party and ensuring the president's re-election!

JOSEPH N. FINEBERG
West Palm Beach

'Enough already!'

I have two words for Mr. Safire's attacks on Mrs. Clinton: Enough already!

His characterization of the first lady as a congenital liar showed him up as a boor and a bore. His follow-up

was an exercise in "here we go again" and downright orneriness.

CHARLES R. SCHATTEN
North Miami Beach

Nothing found? Look more

After four years and \$60 million spent investigating Whitewater, what have the Republican attack dogs found? Zip. Who is the leader of this probe? Not Robert Fiske; he couldn't find anything. Kenneth Starr? No, he couldn't find much. Senator D'Amato has the reins. He has more than a few skeletons in his own closet. Disgraceful!

Now the first lady is the target. Gee, she actually wanted to put her own people in the White House travel office. If getting people fired is a felony, then Nancy Reagan would be a lifer with no parole.

REID M. MILLSAP
Miami

A wisely spun web

Mr. Safire knew exactly what he was aiming for when he called Mrs. Clinton a "congenital liar." These were strong, carefully chosen words selected by a self-proclaimed student of language who knows how to create a media sensation.

He deftly spun a web of innuendo, conjecture, and unproven allegations that guaranteed him a two- or three-minute footnote to his historical 15 minutes of fame.

BENJAMIN FELSTEN
Pompano Beach

No more dirty politics

Senator D'Amato holding a sheaf of paper and declaring that he has found the smoking gun proving that Mrs. Clinton lied is *deja vu*. His role model is the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the demagogue who held up a similar sheaf and called it a list of 87 known communists in the State Department.

When will we stop spending so much time and money on an insignificant event of 10 years ago and start solving problems such as a balanced budget and a cohesive foreign policy?

GEORGE KATZMAN
Miami

Drawing a line at privileges

Had Mr. Safire limited his summary accusations of Mrs. Clinton's actions as unacceptable and her explanations untrue, that would have been his writer's privilege. To call her a "congenital liar" is incomprehensible and unjustified, and it exposes a venal slant to Mr. Safire's negativity vis-a-vis the Clintons.

DAVID NEUSTEIN
Hallandale

60 hours of significance

A Jan. 16 Herald article stated: "The records, which had been subpoenaed two years earlier, show that Madison [Guaranty Savings] was billed for about 60 hours of legal work by Mrs. Clinton over a 15-month period. Mrs. Clinton had previously called her work on behalf of Madison insignificant."

The clear implication is that Mrs. Clinton had lied and that 60 hours of work is significant. In fact, she told the truth, and 60 hours is not very many.

Just ask any major law-firm attorney how many hours a lawyer is expected to bill clients each week. There is a quota — understood, if not written. In most cases, 60 hours wouldn't meet a two-week minimum. Sixty billable hours spread over 15 months is insignificant.

ERICA MEYER RAUZIN
Miami Beach

Frustrated fools

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This outcry against Mrs. Clinton is absolutely outrageous, vicious, and abominable. Whitewater happened before they were in office. Who cares? She was in a world of high finance and manipulation. Who isn't in that category?

As for Mr. Safire, how dare he? He should be struck from every newspaper nationwide. Let's delve into the past lives of every member of Congress and see how many are pure and lily-white.

JERRY WALLACE
Aventura



'Enjoy the spirit of the contest'

Who can understand this community's meanness and crudeness regarding sports? The media and fans are bitterly upset if our teams aren't No. 1!

Don Shula, the best coach in football, is raked over the coals because the Dolphins haven't reached the Super Bowl recently, yet he has been able to get his teams into the playoffs and had a winning season in 1995 and a better record than most NFL teams.



Mulloy

When the Dolphins win by a point or so, they are praised for being great

Too much Shula, J.J.

Re The Herald's Jan. 12 article *Johnson: Hair to the throne*: As a society we have lost focus on things that are truly important.

Local TV coverage on Don Shula and Jimmy Johnson has been grossly exaggerated.

REY VALDES
Miami

no matter whom they beat. But let them lose by any score, and they are considered useless and undercoached millionaires, with far too many voicing "expert" opinions why they lost and screaming for a new coach.

Why can't we accept the fact that opponents do play well enough to win and that the coaches don't drop passes, miss tackles, or spit at crowds? Why can't otherwise intelligent people enjoy the spirit of the contest for what it represents — an exciting and entertaining athletic endeavor — and win or lose, enjoy the games that, after all, have no significance in our troubled world?

GARDNAR MULLOY
Fisher Island

Learning from example

We, the children of Operation Pedro Pan and members of Operation Pedro Pan Group, are delighted that Monsignor Bryan Walsh is getting a well deserved rest from all his years of community service.

We will miss him, and we are sure that his example and influence will always be with us.

ARMANDO VIZCAINO
First Vice President,
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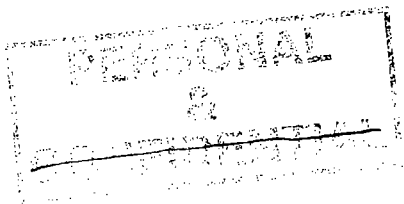
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Mrs. C.,

This came from Nan Talese through Skila. Nan is president, publisher and editorial director for Doubleday, and Gay Talese's wife. They will be at the Italo dinner. I sat with her and Jay Parini, the author who is Gore Vidal's friend, at the NIAF dinner. She was charming and is a big fan of yours.



Parini

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