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Texas Attorney General Rules Realtors' Disclosure of AIDS Information Unconstitutional

AUSTIN - On September 5th, Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox issued an opinion declaring that the portions of House Bill 976 which allow a realtor to disclose AIDS information to a potential buyer violate the Federal Fair Housing Act and are therefore invalid. The opinion was issued in response to a request from the Texas Real Estate Commission for clarification of the new disclosure law, which took effect on September 1, 1989. The new law permits a realtor to disclose the HIV status of a prior or current occupant of a home to a potential buyer if the buyer specifically requests the information and the realtor has the actual knowledge. The Commission perceived this new rule as being in conflict with the Texas Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act, as violating the Act's prohibition against unauthorized disclosure of test results. In the opinion, Mattox declined to answer particular questions posed by the Commission regarding the proper application of the disclosure rule (e.g., what constitute "actual knowledge"), focusing instead on the fact that all

disclosures of AIDS information in the real estate context are prohibited by the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Although the Attorney General's opinion is not law, it provides both realtors and sellers faced with a situation involving a request for disclosure of AIDS information a solid reason for refusing disclosure all together. In a telephone conversation with THRF staff member Margaret Tucker on September 25th, Mr. Wallace Collins, the Administrator for the Texas Real Estate Commission, confirmed that the Attorney General's opinion provided "sufficient clarification" of HB 976, and that the Commission would administer HB 976 as interpreted by Mr. Mattox. (i.e., no AIDS disclosures whatsoever).

Logo Contest for 1990 TLC Announced

SAN ANTONIO - The Committee organizing the 1990 Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) has announced a logo design contest for that event. The theme for the event will be "Lesbians in the Nineties: Speaking Out".

All entries should be designed on an 8 1/2" X 11" sheet of white paper with the entrants name, address and phone number on the back of each entry. Deadline for entries is December 1, 1989.

The winner will receive a free TLC t-shirt, as well as free admission to and special recognition at the 1990 Texas Lesbian Conference, to be held in San Antonio on May 18, 19 & 20, 1990.

They are also searching for contact people to distribute TLC information throughout Texas.

To enter the contest or get more information regarding the contest or information distribution, contact: TLC Contest, 263 Barbara Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216 or call (512) 828-1761.

THRF to Honor Leaders in the Fight for Gay Civil Rights

AUSTIN - The board of trustees of the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) has selected its honorees for THRF's 3rd Annual Robert Schwab Memorial Award ceremonies. The Schwab awards are given each year to individuals who have diligently and courageously led the fight for lesbian and gay civil rights. With these awards, THRF recognizes and honors the continued struggle by various individuals for the civil liberties of lesbians and gay men.

This year's awards go to Senator Craig Washington (Legislator of the Year) for his outstanding work against AIDS discrimination in the 71st Legislative Session; to Lori Montgomery of the Dallas Times-Herald (Journalist of the Year) for her exposure of Judge Jack Hampton's homophobic and

prejudiced remarks concerning the murder of two gay men in Dallas; and to Bill Nelson (The Robert Schwab Award), THRF board member and former president of the Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA), whose dedicated vision and activism were essential in founding DGA's food pantry and AIDS Resource Center.

The Schwab awards are named for the late M. Robert Schwab, THRF's founder and first president. Schwab, a dedicated gay activist and Houston attorney, was the driving force behind THRF's 1970's litigation in federal court to declare Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional. THRF is now sponsoring a second legal challenge to Section 21.06 in state court in the case known as *Morales vs. The State of Texas*. Section 21.06 criminalizes the private, consensual sexual relations of two men or two women.

As a tribute to Schwab's vision, the M. Robert Schwab Collection (which includes his writings, papers, documents, clippings, tapes & photographs) opened to the public in the archives of the Houston Public Library in September. THRF's legal director, David Bryan, emphasized the importance of Schwab's legacy: "Although Robert died of AIDS in 1983, a glimpse of his life and dedication is now on display for all Texans who have been inspired by his struggle for equal civil rights. His dreams of equality continue to reach fruition through the work of THRF. The Schwab awards are meant to honor

those persons who are on the front line of this struggle."

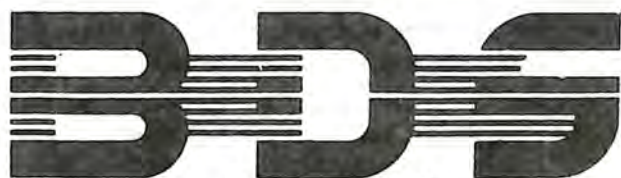
The ceremony will consist of a formal cocktail reception, to be held in Dallas from 7-9pm on November 18th at 5824 Del Roy Drive, during which time the awards will be presented. The previous Schwab Award ceremonies, the first held in Austin and the second in Houston, were attended by several hundred guests. Former honorees have included Representative Nancy McDonald of El Paso, Glen Maxey of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby, Cleve Jones of the Names Project, and Molly Ivins of the Dallas Times-Herald.

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A Monthly Listing of Special Events All Around Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico

AUSTIN - If you're looking for a good time, NEXUS is the place on Thursday Nights with the "Girls Nite Out" Show! There's also live entertainment every Friday in November, so don't miss it! NEXUS & PETTICOAT JUNCTION are having a Thanksgiving Potluck Buffet on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday the 23rd at 3pm - if you want to bring a dish, just tell Mary what you're bringing! Also, don't miss Terri - "The Bartender From Hell" live and in person on Sunday the 19th!

HOUSTON - Get out and support HBIT (Houston Billiards Invitational Tournament) at the RANCH on Sunday the 12th! They'll be having a Benefit Show to help all those Houston participants in the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver! And, while you in the benefit mood, be sure to come out for the Slave Auction to benefit the Synergy Softball Team on the 19th! Join the employees at the RANCH for Thanksgiving Dinner on the 23rd - check at the bar for time and menu! And, last but not least, rumor has it that a "KS" Reunion Show is in the works so keep your eyes and ears open!

DALLAS - Get ready to Tee-Off for the 1st Annual DESERT MOON Golf Classic on Saturday, November 4th! The Tourney will be held at Chase Oaks Golf Course in Plano with a \$45

entry fee. There will be a party afterwards with food, awards presentations and viewing the video of the tournament! Get on out to support your favorite non-profit organization at a Chili Cookoff on November 12th at 2pm - there'll be chili, \$1 longnecks & heartburn for fun and charity!

AUSTIN - The Mother's Legal Defense Fund is hosting a fundraiser to benefit an Austin mother fighting for custody in Louisiana. The event will be held at CHANCES on Sunday, November 12th from 3-8pm and will feature the music of Nancy Scott, Cate & Zana Sue, and others. Cover is \$5.00 at the door.

DALLAS - Thursday night is Country & Western Night at SUE ELLEN'S! In addition to lots of great music, there's also \$1 Domestic Longnecks, \$2 Coronas and a Show at 10:30pm featuring Kathy Jack, Lisa Bryson, Cozy White and special guests!

HOUSTON - Fun and excitement is the name of the game at KEYSTROKE 2 on November 10th & 24th! Join DJ B.J. Sweat and lots of women at 202 Tuam for two nights of great entertainment! If you'd like more info on KEYSTROKE, call their HOTLINE at (713) 785-9258.


AUSTIN - Don't miss Live Wire

Production's presentation of **The Washington Sisters and Melanie Monsur** in Concert Friday, November 17th. The concert will be held at The Riverside Quarters Capitol Room at Riverside Drive and IH35 and will start at 8pm. Don't miss out!

FT. WORTH - Barbara of **PARTNERS** would like to thank everyone who made the **Benefit Show** to buy **Halloween Candy for State School Residents** a such a smashing success! Thanks ya'll! **PARTNERS** is also beginning a new stage of remodeling and promises when they're done they'll have one of the rockinest, scootinest, slickest dance floor in all of Texas! They'll also have the DJ's to go with it - **Kathy, Spanky & Electric Whitehead Tony** are all spinning your favorite tunes!

DALLAS - Don't miss it - **Brandi** and her girls are back, but this time at **JUGS!** You can catch **Brandi**, along with **Cozy White and Dana**, every Wednesday Night at 10pm! Also on Wednesdays, get **\$1.50 Swirls** while you enjoy the show! If you are looking for a place to recover from Saturday

night - check out **JUGS** on Sunday from Noon-4pm — they've got **Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Mimosa's** — all for **one dollar!** And, last but not least, you can get **Free Draft and \$1 Longnecks** all day and all night on Tuesdays! Give em a try!

SAN ANTONIO - Tuesday Nights at the **CIRCLE** are now "**Girl's Night Out At The Circe Roundup**" (in other words, **Country & Western Night!**) It all starts at 9pm with **No Cover, \$1 Longnecks, 75¢ Schnapps & Tequila, \$1.75 Margaritas** and they promise it will be **90% Country & Western Music All Night Long!** On Wednesdays you can **sing along** with the **CIRCLE's** new "toy" - a laser disc machine that will play the music, the video & run the words across the bottom so you can add your own voice! On November 19th be sure and enter the **Doubles Pool Tournament** - there is a 50¢ entry fee and a \$100 first prize (in cash)! Also, be sure you check at the bar for **Thanksgiving details.** There's sure to be something fun! 



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Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love,
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Dear Agnes,

I have met the most divine woman. She is absolutely everything I have always wanted. She is sophisticated, classy, she has an excellent set of friends, and she is quite beautiful.

I am a thirty-four year old professional woman. I am very settled with an excellent job, and I would like nothing better than settling down with this beautiful creature. We have been seeing each other for the past eight months and are currently negotiating our living arrangements. I own a large three bedroom home, so space is no problem.

The problem is this woman has three kids, a three year old, a five year old and a eight year old. I love her, but I really do not want children. I feel torn between really wanting this woman and really not wanting her kids.

Do you have any words of wisdom?

San Antonio

Dear San Antonio,

What you have is a package deal—all or none. If you really want to settle down with this woman, the kiddos are a part of the package. A major part.

Analyze your feelings, on paper. Draw a line down the middle of the page, and write pro at the top of one side, and con

at the top of the other side. Listing all the positive and negative things you can think of if you decide to live together. Be honest with yourself. Once you are through, weigh the pros and cons against each other. You may find some surprises on your list.

Children are a big responsibility, but the rewards can be great. If you cannot accept these children and make a home for them, scrap the moving plans. You will only do them harm by allowing them to live in your home when you really do not want them.

Children need love and caring. They cannot be tossed aside because you decide you don't want them anymore.

Dear Agnes,

I read your letter to "Help" (Dimensions, September 1989) and frankly I find your advice lacking, to say the least. I am disappointed that a woman turned to you for advice and I, a layman, can see it isn't thoroughly sound. I am sure your intentions were good, but take a look at this.

People feel happy, sad, scared, love, anger, anxious and lonely. "Feeling like someone.." is a thought process. And it automatically puts 'someone' on the defensive. Instead of "I feel like you

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People feel happy, sad, scared, love, anger, anxious and lonely. "Feeling like someone.." is a thought process. And it automatically puts 'someone' on the defensive. Instead of "I feel like you are withdrawn" say "I feel lonely when you are withdrawn." "I feel angry when you yell at me." Etc..

It probably seems trivial, but experts think it makes a difference and so do I.

Take some time and think about it.

I think you have a good idea going and I am not questioning your integrity at all. Please take this into consideration.

Thanks for your time.

K. Morris

Dear K.,

You're right. I goofed, sorry.



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What steps can you take now to be prepared in case of a disaster in the future? We'll start with the basics.

Shelter

It is a possibility that any type of disaster can force you from your home. As we've seen in San Francisco, it is dangerous to remain in your home if you suspect any structural damage at all. Contact officials (police, fire department, civil defense, etc..) to help you determine if it is safe to stay at home.

If your home is deemed unsafe or is destroyed, you will need to find shelter either with friends and relatives whose

homes are in good condition or at a shelter set up by relief agencies. Do not attempt to enter a home that has been badly damaged to retrieve valuables. Your life is much more important.

If you are able to retrieve some valuables, take only the clothing you need and things of value that you can carry.

If you are able to remain in your home, be alert to hidden damage and keep in the mind the suggestions below.

Water

No matter what the disaster, water supplies are always vulnerable. Water mains can be damaged leaving you with no water at all. Floods can cause sewage or untreated water to back up contaminating the water supply. And, if you take shelter in a storm cellar or other structure, there may be no water supply to begin with.

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gallons of water per person, per day on hand, and you should have enough to last a week. That amounts to fourteen gallons of water for every person in your household. It should be on hand and stored in a convenient place. If you have a storm cellar, be sure you have water both in the house and in the cellar since you never know where you could be stuck.

If you haven't stored any water, you can use water that is already in the water heater and has not been contaminated. You can fill up bathtubs and sinks if you have enough warning. You may also want to have a small container of chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets on hand. If you use bleach, use only a tablespoon in each gallon of water and allow it to sit for 30 minutes or more before drinking. Water may also be boiled for 20 minutes to remove bacteria. If you even suspect that water is contaminated (discoloration or smell are tip-offs) be sure you take measures to protect yourself.

Never drink contaminated water. Drinking water that has not been purified can cause a host of diseases. It can also result in diarrhea and vomiting which can cause dehydration and death much sooner than if you had drunk nothing at all. Do not ever attempt to drink swimming pool water since the chemicals can cause severe kidney and liver damage.

Food & Cooking

Most people will have enough canned goods on hand to last them a while. If you store canned goods specifically for emergencies, be sure that you do not store them for more than one year or you risk food poisoning. You should

have enough canned goods and non-perishable foods on hand to last a week. If the power goes off, the highly perishable foods in your refrigerator will last only 6 hours before bacteria growth starts. These foods include: open cartons of milk, cooked and uncooked meats, and soft dairy products such as cottage cheese, yogurt, etc.. These foods need to be put on ice as soon as possible or thrown out. Remember that opening your refrigerator door causes the temperature to rise faster and food to spoil more quickly.

In the case of electrical power failure, cooking can be done on a gas stove, in a fireplace, on a barbecue grill or hibachi, a camp stove, or small kerosene heater. Be sure that you cook in a very well ventilated area to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you suspect a gas leak in your home, do not attempt to use any gas appliances (including outdoor gas grills) and do not cook inside. You also should not: strike matches, flip electrical switches or do anything that can produce a spark. Turn the gas off at the alley if possible and contact officials. Gas leaks are a good sign of hidden structural damage. As with water, if you have a storm shelter or other outside shelter where you may take refuge, be sure that it is also stocked with food.

First Aid Kit

Keep a commercially prepared first aid kit handy in all areas where you could be trapped. These should include: Bandages in assorted sizes; adhesive tape; a roll of absorbent cotton; aspirin; hydrogen peroxide; an antibiotic ointment; an anti-vomiting compound;

thermometer; scissors; and tweezers. At least one person in your household should have first aid and CPR training. Training is available from your local Red Cross chapter.

Power Outages

You should have a flashlight, transistor radio and lots of extra batteries on hand in case of a power failure. Candles and matches are also essential, but do not use them inside if you suspect a gas leak.

Your power could be out for several days or longer in severe cases. Be prepared.

Storm Cellars

Be sure your storm cellar or shelter is stocked with food, water, first aid kit, flashlight, radio and batteries. Some of the other items I keep in our storm cellar are optional, but can add greatly to your comfort and safety in case you become trapped. I've listed some of them below. Be sure you wrap anything that could be damaged by water in plastic garbage bags. Coffee cans also make great holders for toilet paper, matches, extra batteries, etc.

Extra Clothes - tornado season strikes when the weather is warm and I'm usually in shorts when we head for the cellar. I keep a pair of jeans, socks, sweatshirt and jacket down there, just in case.

Blankets - same reason.

Toilet Paper - obvious reasons.

Large bucket filled with dirt or sand - to use as a toilet if needed.

Map - to track storms and tornados from radio reports.

Cat & Dog Food - they usually go with us to the cellar (although they don't

want to) and I also keep water for them.

Many of us have the attitude that a disaster will never happen to us, but you never really know, do you? All this may sound like a lot to do, but if disaster strikes, you'll be glad you took the time to prepare. Preparation doesn't take very long, and you'll be much better equipped to handle whatever might come up if you have the supplies and knowledge on hand before you need them.



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Moving Day

by Nancy Ford

Does anyone know when the Pope is coming back to Texas? It would be good to know when to expect him, because I'm moving at the end of this month and I could really use his help with the heavy stuff.

As it happens, I have become comfortable relying on the kindness of strangers. I have no choice. People who move at the end of every lease cannot afford to be picky. In the last ten years, I have moved ten, count 'em, ten times. Once, 1500 miles. That's ten microwaves or 10 chances to win a trip to beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (airfare not included) in lease language. Improbable as this may seem, I no longer have any friends who own pickup trucks.

As a result, I have no problem entrusting the safe down-one-flight-of-stairs-and-up-another journey of my grandmother's 200-pound heirloom etagere to any

muscular piece of fem-meat that happens to be in the neighborhood. If you could help me just this one time, I can get the couch, loveseat and dining room table all by myself. Probably. Works every time.

But a few days of the discomfort of lower back pain (if I were a tube of Ben Gay in which sealed carton would I be hiding? In the medicine chest carton. But, did I remember to pack the medicine chest?) is a small price to pay to upgrade one's residential status.

But the actual moving isn't the problem. Moving is a snap — it's the pre-production that's the killer. Box gathering! Refrigerator defrosting! Glass-wrapping! Oven-cleaning! That's right — OVEN CLEANING! This is no way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

And then there's the inevitable self-examinations of motives when trying to determine the real reason

for not discarding the contents of boxes that have remained unopened — sealing tape intact — for the last three moves. Why do I keep the index card notes from my high school senior term paper entitled, "The Golden Era of the Silver Screen"?

Why do I keep them? How could I not keep them? I got an A.

In those same boxes are my high school yearbooks. I flip through them once every few years or so - it's my way of keeping in touch with old friends. It's heartwarming in a predictable sort of way to read that at least 20 people from my past believe that I am 2 sweet 2 be forgotten and that I'll go far if I stay as I am. Am. It's reasonable to assume that people who wrote things like that in high school yearbooks do so with the certainty that after commencement none of us would ever see each other again. Except Duane Hurd. Duane Hurd, my friend, the then president of Young Religious Republicans or a similar incredibly upright organization and whom I haven't seen since commencement wrote in my yearbook in an almost prophetic manner (and I quote):

"... if I can ever help you in any way, just let me know."

Well, Duane, like I said, I'm moving at the end of this month.



You can see Nancy Ford live and in person November 2-4 & 9-11 at Missouri Street Station in Houston, November 24th and December 8th at Nexus in Austin, December 7th at Sue Ellen's in Dallas, and November 5th at the Ranch in Houston.

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Reviewed by Aslan Brooke
Frontiers After Dark
West Hollywood, CA

For years the gay male community has put out superior calendars, but now women have joined the ranks — with impressive force.

The *1990 Women Only Calendar* from Nur Damen Productions is a work of art — one that both men and women will appreciate.

The calendar is stunningly

photographed in black & white at locales in and around Los Angeles. The theme of the calendar is easily discernible as “Lesbians of the Gay 90’s.” The women in the photos are an attractive multi-racial mixture of feminine and masculine — that subtle yin-yang so much a part of gay and lesbian culture.

The range of the photos — from the campy, vampish movement-oriented cover to the quiet eroticism of December’s entry — includes high fashion, adventure, romance and sex. From the pastoral setting of two lovers

and their horse to the provocative, contemplative woman sitting at her bureau, the quality of the women represented is matched only by the superb settings captured by photographer Robyn Flynn.

The dominant force behind the development and promotion of the calendar is D.L. Mackey, a marketing consultant for eight years. Her objective, she told *Frontiers After Dark*, is two-fold: to promote the works of lesbian artists, writers, photographers and musicians so that they may develop their talent and establish a sound reputation in their field, and to produce products which accurately portray today's lesbian.

In this she has succeeded. Although there is a suggestion of a European style, the work is decidedly contemporary. Creating each photograph to blend into a cohesive unit was no easy task, says Mackey. Although she designed the basic concept, she gives much credit to the women who volunteered as models for assisting in the development of the

photography. "Their having incorporated personal styles and interests into the idea behind each shot made it much more than posed imagery," she says.

And the concept works. The 1990 *Women Only Calendar* is a sophisticated work which more than gives evidence that gay women have joined their brothers in creating quality calendars. Mackey, Flynn and make-up artist and stylist Sherry Randle have, together with the models, created a work that is certain to be discussed all year long.

Those who wonder what to get their favorite lesbian for the holidays, for her birthday or just to say "I love you, thanks for being my friend," need look no further: the 1990 *Women Only Calendar* is it.

You can order your calendar directly from Nur Damen Productions, 13601 E. Whittier Blvd., Suite 212, Whittier 90605. Enclose \$19.45 (covers, tax, mailing and handling). (213) 698-5604.



1990 Calendar

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for

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Graffiti

R.B. - MARY LOVES YOU!
SHE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU!


TASHA



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

RAEHEL, GUY!
WELCOME BACK TO TEXAS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU (11-1)
AND I WANNNA SAY NO MATTER
HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN APART
I HAVE AND ALWAYS WILL LOVE
YOU! HERE'S TO MUCH MORE!
WISH I'D NOT GO BACK ON 12-3.


D, IT IS SO WONDERFUL
TO HAVE YOU BACK
IN MY ARMS!
LIX, E

Pansy - 

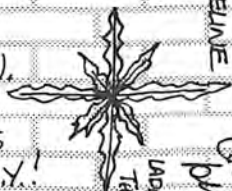
I love you more
today than I did
yesterday! ME

DANA -
WE HOPE YOU
FEEL BETTER
SOON!
PST

DEAR MOM & DAD -
I'M SO GLAD YOUR BACK,
YOUR M&M'S LOVE YOUR SON, EVANE

DARCY -
WELCOME BACK TO TX.
& HAPPY BIRTHDAY (11-23).
HEY, THANK FOR BEING
THERE WHILE MY  HAS
BEEN AWAY IN S.V.P, N.Y!

LOVE, JACKIE LEE



JARQUELINE

THANK FOR
LOVING ME
THE WAY
YOU DO!
143
WE'VE
XOXO

Mrs. HARTON
YOU ALWAYS BE #1
IN MY LIFE!

Don't
forget to love
yourself!
I love you!
I love you!
I love you!



REH,
WE'VE MISSED
U. TERRIBLY LOT!
LOVE
DIGGER & RACKLE



MUCHLY!

I LOVE
MRS. HARTON
UNEAK -
YOU DID A GREAT
JOB - I'M PROUD
OF YOU!
LOVE
BRANDI



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Are You A Worrier?



Everybody worries some of the time. Some people worry all of the time. They worry about things they can and can't control. They worry about the improbable, the impossible and the outrageous. They worry too much! Excessive worrying can make you both physically and emotionally ill. Although you probably already know if you are a worrier or not, answer the questions below to see if you've stepped over the line and worry too much.

1. I believe I worry:

- a. all the time.
- b. sometimes, but more often than I should.
- c. only in times of stress.

2. Even when I know I've done my best in a trying situation, I:

- a. worry that I could have done more.
- b. know there was nothing more I could

do and worry about it only if it was extremely important.

c. accept it and go on.

3. I worry about:

- a. everything.
- b. some things.
- c. little or nothing.

4. I worry about things:

- a. present, future & past.
- b. usually only in the future.
- c. only of immediate concern.

5. I am sometimes overwhelmed by the number of things that could go wrong in any given situation.

- a. yes
- b. sometimes
- c. no

6. I know I shouldn't worry about things beyond my control:

- a. but I can't seem to help myself.
- b. but sometimes I do.
- c. so I don't.

7. I have been a worrier:

- a. all my life.
 - b. only since adulthood.
 - c. when I'm under pressure.
- 8. Once I start worrying about something:**
- a. I worry about it for days or even weeks.
 - b. I try to talk myself out of it.
 - c. I start working on a solution.

- 2. Try to recognize when worrying starts at other times of the day and make an effort to stop.
- 3. When you catch yourself worrying, write down what you are worried about and put it off until your worry session.
- 4. If you are still worrying about it after writing it down, focus your attention on an object in the room and study it carefully. Since it is hard to concentrate on two things at once, you should be able to stop worrying. If it doesn't work the first time, do it several times until you feel better.
- 5. Write down your worries during your worry session. Having it in black & white may make it seem less threatening and help you find a solution instead of just worrying.

SCORING

Give Yourself:

3 points for every "A" answer

2 points for every "B" answer

1 point for every "C" answer

If You Scored: 21-27

You definitely go over-board in the worrying department. You may have a tendency to dwell on "what ifs". Worrying is self-destructive and can be a form of addiction for some people. When something negative happens it sets off a chain reaction in the worrier and part of you begins to constantly scan for things that could go wrong. There are five steps to worrying less. If you use this program and still find you have a problem - see a professional. You'll feel much better and so will those around you.

Five Steps to Worrying Less

1. Schedule a daily half-hour worry session. Don't worry while you are doing something else, and don't worry in the car or in bed. Make yourself a worry corner and worry there everyday at the same time.

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You are about average on the worrying scale but in times of stress you may have a tendency to overdo it. If this is the case, you too could benefit from using the five step program above.

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Worry doesn't play a big part in your life.



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Poetry

Leaving My Mold Behind

I am but a mass of flesh and bones,
A model of the human race,
A structure doomed to be imprisoned by its own boundary.

If I could, I would leave my mold behind.
I would set free the spirit that dwells within me.
I would be free.

I would walk through wet cement without leaving a trace.
I would compose a symphony of crickets, rustling leaves,
A violent storm surge.

I would float freely on a cool summer breeze,
Have a cup of tea with nature. I would be any strand of life;
But not myself.

I would go out just before dawn, and see the day through.
A transparent stranger to all evil;
Yet, an illusion of good will and love to a child.

I would be silent friend to nature. I would be a secret
echoed utterly among the vastness of the universe,
Afraid of being heard.

Yes, if I could, I would be walking out of my body;
Leaving behind, at the blink of an eye,
Body, flesh, blood, and bones.

Rosie Garza
-Houston, TX

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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

You are happy with the way a current romance is going during the **first week of November**. Be careful that you don't fool yourself about the seriousness of the relationship. From the **9th thru the 16th** try not to be too demanding or possessive with someone close to you. You could end up driving them away instead of bringing them closer. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you are headed in a positive direction both at work and at home. You can go far if you play your cards right. From the **24th thru the 30th** be open to someone who wants to get close to you. You can sometimes scare people away with your seriousness.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

You'll have to be careful about advertising your private business affairs during the **first week of November**. Discuss them only with loved ones and close friends. From the **9th thru the 16th** be as honest as possible about a situation that has come up involving a loved one. Pretending like a problem doesn't exist will not make it go away. From the **17th thru the 23rd** don't take an obligations lightly. You won't get anywhere by making promises and not keeping them. From the **24th thru the 30th** love and money will blend well. A gift or

joint venture could be just the ticket for financial and emotional security.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

Your charm and charisma might get you in trouble during the **first week of November**. You can attract people that are only out to use you if you don't stay on your toes. From the **9th thru the 16th** don't take the rap for someone who is not living up to their responsibilities. Lay the blame where it belongs and don't look back. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may be in the spotlight for recent accomplishments. Take advantage of the opportunity to show off — you deserve it. From the **24th thru the 30th** you can come off as quite a tyrant when someone interferes with your ambitions. Cool off, it wasn't intentional and you could make a lasting enemy if you keep it up.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

Although you may be feeling like a little fun during the **first week of November**, you'll have to buckle down and get to work on a major project before you can play. From the **9th thru the 16th** impatience may be pulling you in the wrong direction at work. Lighten up and take your time. You'll be much more successful. From the **17th thru the 23rd** be sure you keep any promises you have made recently.

Someone who looks up to you could be hurt if you fail to take your obligations seriously. From the **24th thru the 30th** luck is on your side in every aspect of your life. Enjoy.

PISCES

(Feb 19th-Mar 20th)

Good news seems to follow you everywhere during the **first week of November**. Now is a good time to make plans and set goals — you just can't fail! From the **9th thru the 16th** you should avoid gambling with your money or love life. The high stakes are not worth the risk. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you could be in line for a promotion at work. You may want to consider turning it down if you feel you are not up to it. From the **24th thru the 30th** you will have to watch your impulse to overspend on holiday gifts. Work and play go together well, business travel can bring the opportunity for a romantic interlude.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19)

Romance is definitely heating up during the **first week of November**. A decision you make now could be lucky! From the **9th thru the 16th** try not to let success in recent endeavors go to your head — an inflated ego does not become you. From the **17th thru the 23rd** explore money making possibilities in real estate, property or investments. Money making seems to come easy right now but be sure not to overspend. From the **24th thru the 30th** you may have to take on a troubling family issue. A dispute that

has arisen is causing hard feelings and all sides and you are called on to mediate.

TAURUS

(April 20th-May 20th)

A relationship you've been toying with could turn out to be the one during the **first week of November**. Don't worry, be happy — it will all work out for the best! From the **9th thru the 16th** you may be up to your ears in work and no time for anything else. Spending some time alone can help you feel more relaxed. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a break with holiday traditions may not sit well with some family members. Don't let it get you down, they'll enjoy themselves anyway. From the **24th thru the 30th** a trip you've been planning may be moved up. If you leave now, you'll stand less chance of being delayed or running into problems.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

Romance, money, and lots of luck are in the cards during the **first week of November**. Try not to push yourself too hard, take things as they come and you'll get a lot more done. From the **9th thru the 16th** you may want to avoid becoming too intimate with someone you just met — your emotions can get you in big trouble if you let them. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may receive a message you just can't ignore. A dramatic situation calls for your immediate attention. From the **24th thru the 30th** you'll have to take time out to get yourself re-organized at work after the long holiday weekend. Be careful about spending too much on gifts for loved ones.

CANCER

(June 22th - July 22th)

A romantic fling could develop into a permanent arrangement during the **first week of November**. Pressures at work ease up and allow you to spend more time with your loved ones. From the **9th thru the 16th** a manipulative person is trying to win you over for reasons other than friendship. Be careful that you don't fall for insincere flattery, it can cause you great harm. From the **17th thru the 23rd** communications, teaching and traveling are all on your agenda. You can be very persuasive with friends and family. From the **24th thru the 30th** a close companion could surprise you with a gift. Plans can change quickly - be ready for spur of the moment activities!

LEO

(July 23rd - August 22nd)

Don't let a simple disagreement turn nasty during the **first week of November**. A compromise can be reached if you will make the suggestion. From the **9th thru the 16th** you need to tend to personal affairs that you have neglected in past weeks. Results won't show overnight, so be patient. From the **17th thru the 23rd** don't let a conflict with an older relative about holiday traditions get out of hand. It might be best to give in, even if it means a least minute change of plans. From the **24th thru the 30th** you could be feeling restless. Be sure you finish up any pressing work before you take off for a fun weekend. A short trip could be just the ticket to lift your spirits and help you relax.

VIRGO

(August 23rd- Sept 22nd)

You may acquire a great "wealth" of love or money during the **first week of November**. No matter what it is, you will be feeling very happy! From the **9th thru the 16th** humor may be the best way to cope with a trying family situation. A scheme you've cooked up may not go over well with loved ones. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you don't have to be aggressive to get your way — a little charm and sweet talk is all it will take! From the **24th thru the 30th** a short trip over the long holiday weekend may be just what the doctor ordered to help you relax after a hard month at work!

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Plans that you've made for travel may be put on hold due to financial considerations during the **first week of November**. But, a financial windfall alter in the week could revive those plans! From the **9th thru the 16th** you will have to move fast to get everything done. The pressure can make you irritable if you don't take time for yourself. From the **17th thru the 23rd** you may not be in the mood for family get-togethers. Go anyway — you'll have a better time than you anticipated. From the **24th thru the 30th** you'll be feeling more optimistic than you have in a long while. A new love could be the cause!



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ARLINGTON, TX (area code 817) organizations

Gay/Lesbian Association of UTA
P.O. Box 19348-77, UTA St. 76019
794-5140

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Nexus/Petticoat Junction
401 & 401-B E. 2nd • 495-9553

organizations

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7403 Shoal Creek • 451-2329

Austin Lambda
P.O. Box 5455 78763

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Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby
P.O. Box 2505 78768

Metropolitan Community Church
1100 Springdale Rd. • 929-3660

Oasis Ministry
5555 N. Lamar Blvd. #L101 • 441-9191

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507 Powell 78703 • 322-9654

Texas Human Rights Foundation
2201 N. Lamar # 203 78705 • 479-8473
AIDS Legal Assistance 1-800-828-6417

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Crossroads Market
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clubs

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organizations

Affirmation (Methodist)
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4012-B Cedar Springs 75219
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528-4233

Gay/Lesbian Young Adults
528-4233

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P.O. Box 191443 75219 • 528-2426

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P.O. Box 224424 75222 • 828-9882

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Metroplex Republicans

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c/o Student Activities Center
P.O. Box 5067 76203 • 382-3813

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organizations

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Keystroke • Hotline • 785-9258

organizations

AIDS Foundation

3400 Montrose #700 • 524-AIDS

AIDS HOTLINE

c/o Switchboard • 529-3211

Gay/Lesbian Students

University of Houston

4800 Calhoun • 529-3211

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P.O. Box 66591 77266 • 529-3211

Houston Gay Political Caucus

P.O. Box 66664 77266 • 521-1000

Kingdom Community Church

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Lambda Center for Alcoholics

1214 Joanne • 521-9772

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2700 Bay Area 77058

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3327 Essex Lane • 623-4436

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AIDS 800 • 1-800-221-7044

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New York, New York 10024

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Dallas, TX 75219-0426 • (214) 307-7203

National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse

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NY, NY 10012

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Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483

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NY, NY 10012

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organizations

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P.O. Box 5089 73070

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organizations

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clubs

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8021 Pinebrook • 341-2818

organizations

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Integrity/San Antonio

P.O. Box 150006 78212 • 684-4920

River City Living Metropolitan

Community Church

202 Holland 78212 • 822-1121

LISA (Lesbian Information SA)

828-LISA (5472)

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Assembly • 733-7300

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