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## Selena trial brings out fans for support

□ Extra police were patrolling the area around the courthouse and a lottery was used to see who would get seats in the trial.

HOUSTON (AP) — Selena fans apparently heeded court officials' warning that it would be tough to win seats Wednesday in the trial of the former fan club president accused of gunning down the Tejano music star.

Ropes set up to divide the anticipated throngs hardly were needed for the 48 potential spec-

tators who competed for 25 public seats in Yolanda Saldivar's trial. Reporters and camera crews easily outnumbered devotees.

Organizers of a lottery for the spots believed there would be a larger turnout and planned to distribute up to 2,000 tickets. Five additional Houston Police Department officers were patrolling the plaza across the street from the Harris County courthouse.

Some chosen in the drawing just before 8 a.m. for the first day of testimony cried out when their numbers were called. Others wept.

Rose Cisneroz, 41, said her presence was a show of support for the slain singer.

"We've been following Selena

way before her death," said Ms. Cisneroz, a paralegal. "We're still mourning. We still get saddened by hearing her songs."

Selena Quintanilla Perez was shot in the back March 31 while meeting with Ms. Saldivar at a Corpus Christi motel. Prosecutors insist the shooting was intentional; defense attorneys say it was an accident.

More than 30,000 fans made a pilgrimage to the entertainer's hometown to pass by her casket. She is remembered as a role model to young Mexican-American women.

"She was there for us and we'll be there for her," said Manuela Guerrero, 47, who stood in line with her 21-year-

old daughter, Toni.

Neither got a seat, but Ms. Guerrero said they wouldn't give up. "My daughter and I are going to be here every day to try to get in."

Ms. Guerrero, a jailer for the Houston police, said she would take time off of work to attend the trial. Others admitted calling in sick and at least one minor acknowledged skipping school. The 15-year-old girl was not allowed to participate in the lottery.

Maria Medina, 18, said she arrived in downtown Houston at 4:30 a.m., even though all ticket holders had an equal chance of getting picked.

"We want to be behind Selena and her family," she said.



## COUNSELLINE

### Myths about males lead to problems in relationships

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As they are growing up, men develop their feelings and attitudes about what it means to be men primarily through their interactions with other men.

Important male role models for a boy include his father, stepfather, grandfather, uncles, older brothers, sports heroes, coaches, teachers and other boys who have special status among his peers.

How these others behave, report feelings and interact with others give the boy an idea about what it is like to be a man, what a man should be and how he should behave, react and feel.

Other important factors that shape what a boy expects of himself include what women say about men, how women react to what men do and how men are portrayed in the media. It has been said that women tell boys how they should behave, and men show boys how to behave.

Many men grow up with the stereotypical belief that if they do not behave in certain ways, they are not adequate as men, and something must be wrong with them. For example, a man might believe that he must be totally independent, that it is a weakness to

feel afraid, or that expressing tenderness will make him too vulnerable to others.

Attempting to live according to these and other similar myths leads to problems in relationships. Furthermore, these beliefs often become a burden and can be depressing and restricting for the man.

One specific myth is that men must provide for, take care of and be strong, dominant people while relating to women.

This belief can be especially problematic these days because women are assuming a more assertive role in their relationships with men. Women call men for dates, make independent decisions and can make as much or more money than men.

This basic change in the behavior of women is making it necessary for males to re-evaluate their own roles and their ideas about how they should relate to women.

It has become important for men to communicate directly about relationships with women and take some risks.

Of course, taking risks sometimes involves making mistakes and suffering the results of those mistakes in direct and painful ways.

These days there are few prescriptions for what roles men and women should play within their relationships with each other. This gives us more freedom, and with this freedom, there is more testing of new behaviors, a kind

of trial-and-error for both men and women.

When a man consistently attempts to live according to rigid or misguided rules about what it means to be a good man, it can lead him to feel burdened, restricted and depressed. What others think of us is important, so we often try to play the social roles that lead to positive reactions — regardless of how we feel.

Basically this is acting. We try to do a good job of acting so we gain social acceptance. We're trying to supply the personality that will sell in the marketplace.

One alternative is to behave based upon how we actually feel and what we really think and believe. This means that you may not always be as smooth socially and you may not even feel as accepted or as well liked by certain people. Thus, being more real entails a considerable amount of risk.

But, if you are accepted, you have the advantage of knowing that you were accepted as you are, not with some kind of false advertising that you're going to have to live up to continually. And being accepted for what you really are is an excellent way to build your self-esteem and self-confidence.

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