

## The Doctor is in

### MTV's 'Loveline' arrives at Texas A&M

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The Battalion

Help with romantic problems? Check. Laughs? Check. A fun time? Check. All of this and more can be expected when MTV's hit show "Loveline" hits the Texas A&M campus. Dr. Drew Pinsky and Adam Carolla, the show's hosts,

will hold a special live edition of "Loveline" for the students of Texas A&M this Saturday.

"Loveline" has become such a phenomenon that there is yet another branch of the show in addition to the radio and TV versions — a Website, [lovelineonline.com](http://lovelineonline.com), where people can submit questions via email.

However, "Loveline" is more than just entertainment. "It is basically a peer counseling forum for young people," Pinsky said.

Some people might ask what a comedian and co-host of the politically incorrect "The Man Show" is doing on a show designed to help people.

"[Adam] gets the eyes and ears," Pinsky said. "He is the creative vehicle for the show. He gets their attention so maybe I can get across the message."

"Most of these kids don't know they have a health problem or they don't want to admit it. So I always use 'the pill and Gainesburger' philosophy. If you are trying to give a dog a pill, you can't just expect to hold it out and for him to take it. If you put it in Gainesburger though, he will take it every time. Well, for the kids, I am like the pill and Adam is like the Gainesburger. I always have to balance the tension between giving them what they want and giving them what they need," he said.

The initial idea for the show came to Pinsky about 14 years ago when he began co-hosting a radio program during his fourth year of medical school.

Since then, the show has grown into what is now known as "Loveline," and Pinsky said he is pleased.

"I am a really grateful guy. I get to practice my craft in new areas, in new and interesting ways. I get to help people and hopefully do some good. I really have no other goal other than that," he said.

However, the show is not all that is going on in Pinsky's life. He has a medical practice, his own medical advice Website, [dr.drew.com](http://dr.drew.com) and a family that includes triplets.

One might wonder how he finds the time to juggle so many projects.



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"It is a busy day. However, it feels like a vacation to me because I get to sit down to eat meals, I get to think of new and different things."

"Anyone who has ever practiced medicine has to be a master of time management. In fact, what I do now seems easy compared with the hours it takes to practice medicine," he said.

The multi-talented doctor said he has no new items on his agenda right now other than to just keep doing what he is doing — trying to help people.

"None of this has been premeditated. I did this for 10 years as community service and then I got lucky and a door opened and I walked through it. I have no idea of what is to come. I am just trying to do some good and I am having fun," Pinsky said.

Tickets for the show, which will be held Saturday at G. Rollie White Coliseum beginning at 8 p.m., are priced \$12 for the stands and \$16 for the floor. Tickets are available at the MSC Box Office.

Pinsky and Carolla will be available to answer questions and will host a free book signing session immediately following the show.

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BATT

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# Carmen Electra

Carmen Electra first captivated men's imaginations with her sultry good looks and on screen personality on "Baywatch" and MTV's "Singled Out." After a taking a break from the public eye, Electra is back on screen, although this time it will be the silver screen in this summer's *Scary Movie*, a spoof of the teen slasher flicks of recent years. Electra talked to *The Battalion* at a recent press conference about her lives, her goals and her role in the new film.

**Q: What is your favorite scary movie?**

My favorite scary movie would have to be *The Exorcist*.

**Q: You have been active in a number of areas such as film, music and TV. Which has been the most rewarding for you?**

My passion is dancing. I really miss it a lot. That is something I have been doing since I was 5 years old. It is kind of a release for me from everything. I miss music a lot. Right now, I am negotiating a record deal, but acting is fun. I have had a chance to do television and now I am doing film. I just got a new TV series with Sony, and the name of the show is "Electra's Guy."

**Q: It is going to be a comedy?**

Actually, it is going to go on after "V.I.P." so there is a lot of action, a lot of bombs going off, a lot of fighting, a little comedy.

**Q: Could you tell us a little bit about your character in *Scary Movie*?**

I actually received the script for the movie and as soon as I read the scene I knew that I could play this role. I knew that it would be perfect for me. I auditioned for Keenan [Ivory Wayans] and I can't really tell you the exact character that I am playing because that would give away my scene. I do have the opening scene of the movie. Keenan went back and rewrote a lot of the scenes and added a lot more of my personal life [to the film.]

**Q: How much of the plot is secretive? Is it like [the] *Scream* [film series] in that respect?**

I don't know much about the rest of the movie, but as far as my scene they do kind of want it to be a surprise.

**Q: Do you like comedy or would you like to work on more dramatic pieces?**

I love comedy. I think if you can work on a scene and laugh, that is just the best. Working on this movie, we were laughing the whole time. The movie is sexy, it's funny, it's scary.

**Q: Are you a big fan of the Wayan's family style of comedy?**

Absolutely. I remember seeing *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka* when I lived in Ohio [and] I've been a fan ever since I watched "In Living Color." Getting to work with Keenan was such a great experience.

**Q: You have worked a lot with film and television? Which do you prefer?**

Film. With film, you have more time to prepare rehearse the scene. Everything is not so rushed. With television it is hard because everything is changing. We generally do seven scenes in a day. With film we could take two or three days to do a single scene?

**Q: Who is your inspiration?**

I am going to have to say The Artist [Prince]. When I first got into this business, he took me by the hand. He taught me a lot. [Also] I love old movie stars.

**Q: Are there any remakes of old movies that you would consider redoing?**

I love Ann-Margret. I would love to do something like *Bye, Bye Birdie* or *Viva Las Vegas*.

**Q: What would you like to accomplish with your acting career?**

It is interesting because my first love is dance. I was in a ballet company. I thought that I would dance on Broadway. Everything that I imagined in my life involved dance. When I first came to L.A., everyone was telling me I should get involved in acting. I was nervous though, because I had never taken any classes; I had never had any experience. I remember when I went in to audition for "Singled Out;" I said a little prayer and let go of all my fears. After I got that job, everything else sort of fell into place. I would just like to keep doing films and hopefully my TV show will take off. I would like to just keep working, do music and do that and have a family.

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