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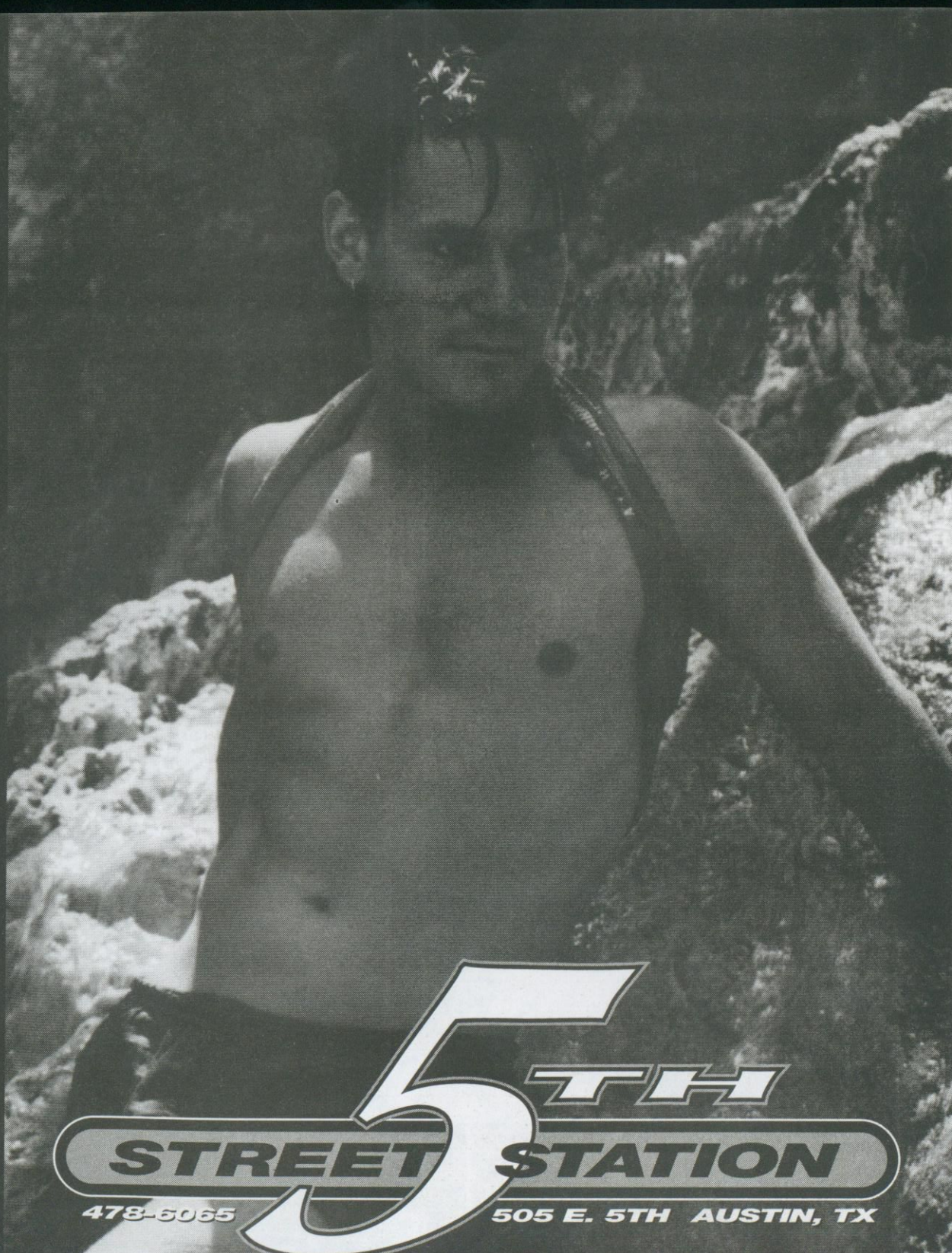
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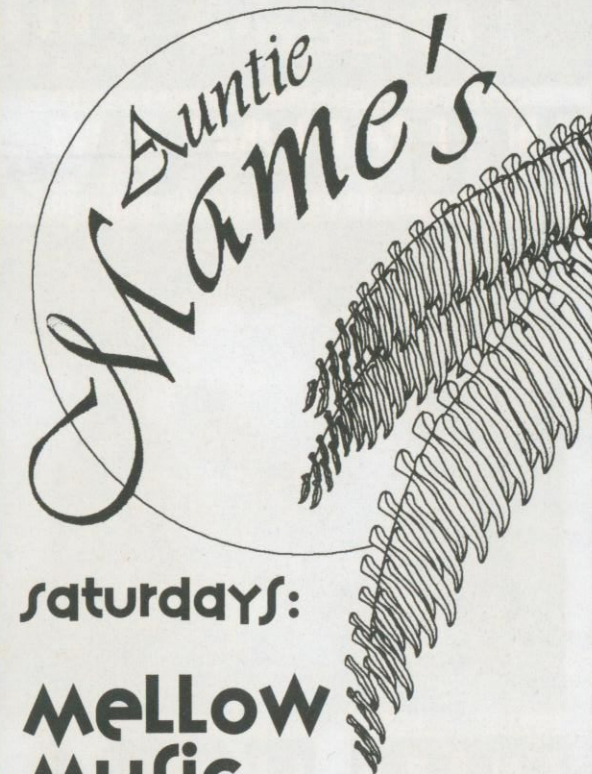
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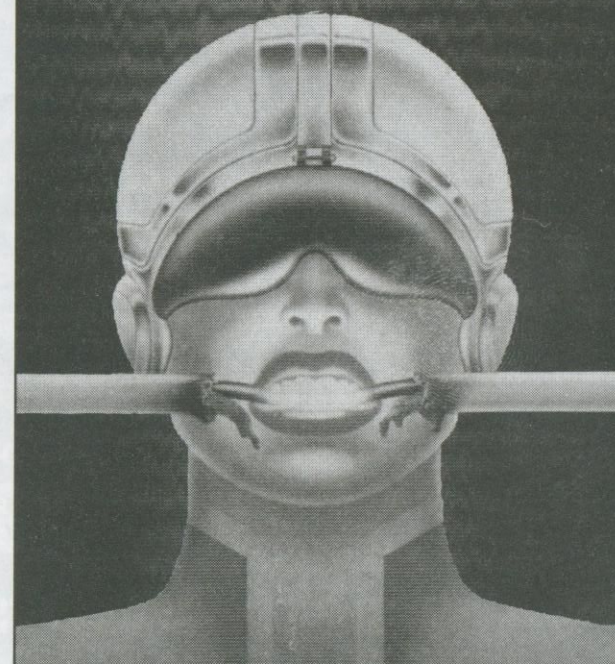


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Queer Dish

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What a year it's been so far! One of the hottest and most fabulous summers ever is drawing to a close. The students are all back in town in full force now, making their presence felt in ways some only imagine, but others beam proudly over. Let's hear it for the boys! Also, let's hear it for the rain. It's about time something came along and cooled things off a bit before anything got out of hand, don't ya think?

That symbolic end-of-the-season event, **Last Splash Weekend** is behind us now, and while there certainly are several months more of delicious mild weather ahead, we must admit we've been fondly eyeing some of our lovely jackets and coats waiting patiently in the back of our closets as we dig in search of yet another tiny t-shirt and pair of shorts that we can bear to have on our bodies in this heat. We've always said leave it to a queen to try to rush the season, but you also might note that's about the only time we've spent in the closet this summer... We could go on spouting gay platitudes all day (and often do), but in the interest of consistency let us now move along to things somewhat less esoteric.

Several recent visits to **the Crossing**, home of the fabulous dance floor murals, have been most entertaining. We recently joined renowned homoeroticist **Shawn Childress** and buddy **Michael** at the bar for a thirsty Friday happy hour cocktail binge, and could not resist the delicious complimentary buffet, which we snacked on like ravenous laughing hyenas. And even more appetizing were the next-to-buck-nekked dudes of the **Lonestar Male Revue**, who beckoned and undulated at every turn. Oh, the fun you can have with a dollar these days... We've also enjoyed chatting with the other **Michael Hernandez**, not to be confused with the frequent anonymous titbit victim mixmaster of the same name who has made **Care-Free Dancing** at the **404** a gay



On the cover: You've been asking when we were going to break tradition and put something besides a naked man on our cover... well here you go! Congratulations to the ultra fabulous Nicole, certifiably the first drag queen to grace our cover. (surrounded by naked men!) Models courtesy of Third Coast Male Revue.

household word. **The Crossing's** deejay, who we shall refer to as **Mike Hernandez** henceforth, is given free reign to play whatever the hell he feels like, and the result is pure, unadulterated fabulousity. Go on, girl! General manager **Freeman Hart** is a busy man these days—he's now managing both the **Crossing** and **Ollcan Harry's**, no small feat considering TABC's latest figures show **Ollcan's** doing the highest volume of business among local 'family' watering holes. Former **Ollcan's** manager **Stiles Patterson** turned 52 last week and gracefully retired, as it were. Good luck!

Moving right along, we recently found ourselves at **Karaoke Night** at **5th Street Station** purely by accident. No sooner than he had downed his 5th shot of Tuaca did our normally demure editor and publisher, **Craig Edwards**, take over the microphone for a stirring duet with manager **John**, at the insistent prodding of bartender **Bob**. The duo belted out a twisted rendition of that queer anthem "No More Tears," Craig's Summer providing a ridiculous counter to John's Streisand. And as if that were not enough, **404's** fashionplate doorman **Timm Groovy**, patio wiseacre **Mitch** and gypsy clapper groupie **RA** appeared in time to see Edwards take the stage a second time, this

time performing "Copacabana." Things were clearly getting out of hand! For a gay old time stop by on Monday nights and see what all the off-key wailing is about! The boys and girls at **Mame's** are doing karaoke on Sunday evenings, and while we haven't experienced it firsthand, we're certain the results are no less entertaining. One bit of metropolitan wisdom we offer the uninitiated Texan, though: the correct pronunciation is *carry-oh-kee*, not *kerr-oh-kee*. So there. Radio announcers take heed.

But before we knew it Friday had arrived and **Last Splash Weekend** was upon us. We scooted around town during happy hour, checking out the hurried yet careful preparations for the big weekend at hand. Outside **Charlie's** we saw **Ray McDermott** helping put the finishing touches on their large tent, complete with bar and lual lights. Tres festive! Inside, we found buffed, burnt **Third Coast** cuties **Rod** and **David** wiggling and giggling atop the side stage, along with our old friend **Jim Horrigan**, the official 'Howdy' boy himself, hunking out in the flesh. One of our other stops was at **Ollcan Harry's**, where a complimentary buffet was in progress. Whoever it is that does their catering sure know what they're doing—the Chinese stir-fried beef, shrimp and mini egg

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Queer Dish

rolls were delicious! And speaking of delicious, that patio bartender **Michael** was looking awfully delectable himself, as always. There was a buzz in the air in **Oilcan's** and around town that evening as the local girls made busy last-minute preparations and wide-eyed out-of-towners spilled onto our streets: **Last Splash** was upon us.

After going home and sitting on our official **FAG RAG** couch in a state of stupification for a good while, we continued our evening at **the 404**, where we were rushed in ahead of the seething throngs by fabulous doorcrew **Shar** and **Scotti**. We dropped by the deejay booth and found **Danny Cardiel** spinning, accompanied by splendid former **404** deejay **Randy Todd**. The duo were dropping major beats on the packed dance floor well into the wee hours. And the crowd: cute, shirtless men for days! Ya gotta love it!

ANONYMOUS TIDBIT: What local boyish stud, recently turned surprisingly enthusiastic dick dancer, was spotted with his t-back around his ankles while dancing on a pedestal in the midst of a packed dance-floor? For most of the time that we watched, his naughty bits were covered by a cocktail

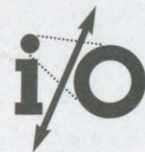
tumbler. One of our staff members wondered whether the glass was half full or half empty... Who cares! Give this lad an A for aptitude! And wait a minute— who's that the dancer pulled up onto the platform with him? Could it be a staffer of a local 'family' newsweekly? Hmmm...

ANONYMOUS TIDBIT: What bar manager, in his off-hours, doubles as private investigator **Mary Columbo**??

Saturday morning we woke from our much-needed beauty rest and rushed out for a gala brunch at **Magnolia Cafe** with **Howdy Party** entrepreneur **Kerry O'Quinn**, roommate **Mark** from NYC, and the lovely and talented **Jim Horrigan** aka **Howdy** boy. Still in a daze from the night before, we carried on so and ordered so much food that we were on the verge of making a spectacle of ourselves (again?). After cleaning our plates and bidding an overly elaborate adieu to our brunch-mates in the parking lot, we packed the girls in the pick-up and headed to **Fiesta Gardens** for the **Austin Pride Festival '93**. We thought we were headed there, anyway. None of us had ever been there before, and it turned out that our collective navigational skills were more optimistic than functional,

and we ended up driving all over east Austin before finally stumbling upon the gardens (with a little help from a gorgeous 7-11 clerk). The weather was punishingly hot, but that didn't keep the queens from turning out in gaggles. There was much to see and do— high points of the afternoon included: the **Lesbian Avenger's** kiss-a-lesbian booth, where we saw a uniformed male Travis County Sheriff partaking in the kissy fun; the vendor selling 'Nellie Sticks'— batons with rainbow streamers on one end— was the must-have item of the day; and **the Fantastics'** pie booth was our fave of the day. Their tollhouse pie was to die for! Like buttah! The **Doble Theater** had set up a makeshift 'Lil Rascals-style screening room complete with refrigerator box ticket booth, and showed a preview of clips from the **Gay & Lesbian Film Festival**, an upcoming movie must for any queen with a culture conscience. There were many interesting things to see and do that afternoon.

Later that evening, **Splash Saturday**, we made the rounds to quite a few local watering holes and found them all rather handily filled with frenzied family funsters. **Cisco's**, **Oilcan's** and **Chain Drive** were all



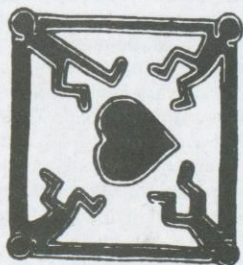
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filled to capacity, their patios even threatening to overflow with glad tidings and more. **Charlie's** was pulsing and pounding, with mad drinking and dancing everywhere we looked and a tentful of queens partying outside as well. At **5th Street Station**, an enthusiastic crowd was twirling to the dizzying light show and thumping beats. Are we getting redundant yet? The fact of the matter is, all the bars we went to and heard about were slammin' all weekend. Apologies to all the fine establishments we didn't get to visit—it wasn't for lack of interest, it was for lack of enough hours in the night. Damn that last call comes up fast! How about next season we all band together and petition TABC to extend the drinking hours for splash weekend? Oh, there probably wouldn't be a chance in hell, but who knows? After a small amount of after-hours tomfoolery, we sought the comfort of our beddy-byes in preparation for the big day ahead.

Last Splash Sunday finally rolled around in all its glory. Not involved with any of the boats officially this time and ready to brave the rocks, we packed up the rafts and coolers and went zooming along the rollercoaster known as 2222, where it seemed that every car we passed had one of those damned rainbow stickers on the back of it. It's the homo highway! We arrived at **Hippie Hollow** to find the parking lots all full, and had to park a mile away at the next parkgrounds. The nerve! After a long, hot walk down the road carrying way too much stuff, we arrived at last!

The shores were lined with boys and girls of every shape, size, color and flavor, ranging from conservatively attired (we must have seen one or two) to stark naked and ready to go (hundreds and hundreds). Every manner of nautical craft was anchored for as far as the eye could see, many flying rainbow flags or even huge pillars of rainbow balloons, most blasting either **KHFI** or some form of poofy disco or house music on their radios and boom boxes. The more adventurous tethered their boats together, forming huge, multi-craft floating party platforms, several of which we ventured aboard for what turned out to quite the adventure. We found one of our humpy young comrades who we'd separated from hours earlier, on a speedboat, wildly intoxicated, slumped in the corner, laughing uncontrollably and conspicuously missing his clothing! His dazee dukes never did turn up! On the lower deck of another vessel we stumbled upon

a decidedly non-vegetarian buffet where amazingly huge portions were being served by some, hungrily devoured by others, alternately. This went on for quite some time—we'd love to say more, but we have a lot of ground to cover... Back on the shore we went for a lovely walk along the trails above the lake and discovered some of the most remarkable views of the surrounding scenery and the 'wildlife' that seems to roam freely there—untethered, as it were. Let's just say that some of the trees up on those hills grow quite tall and thick, and some even spurt sap! We could go and on about the fun we had that day, which may help explain why we didn't make it back to our truck until 10pm—oops! Hey what can we say? Debauchery of this magnitude doesn't come along every day! Thanks to the **Austin Tavern Guild**, and everyone else involved in making **Last Splash '93** the hugely successful weekend that it was.

That evening we stopped by **San Francisco's**, where their block party was already in progress. The event was literally mobbed, with nearly 3,000 people showing up—clearly the biggest party ever thrown by Cisco's. The lower half of the 100 block of San Jacinto was closed off to make room for a 30' stage and huge dancing area. Recently-signed recording artist **Sid Spencer** performed from his repertoire, followed by local talent **Donnie Everett** as well as '94 TGRA Candidate **Chad Martin**. **Dance Across Texas** deejay **Rick Rizer** kept the crowds dancing all night. Guests staying at the **Four Seasons**, which overlooks the block in front of Cisco's, stopped and stared as they came and left the hotel, evidently trying hard to figure out just what all those cowboys were up to...

From there we scooted over to the **404**, where guest deejay **JD Arnold** was working a huge crowd. We stuck around for the beginning of Miss Brown's birthday/popsicle party, which began after-hours and had those queens sucking hard on those icy sticks. We were pretty dazed and confused by this point, so before long it was home to bed. Deadlines loom dangerously near!

DYKE DISH: I started my week off right with a nice spanking on the butt from **Forbidden Fruit's Margaret**, who had just heard that I wrote about her piercing in a previous issue. Then she showed me her new nipple piercings which were quite lovely. Maybe she'll give me another spanking for writing about them. I'm a very bad girl Margaret.

Last weekend started off with a virgin visit to the **Carousel** lounge. It's quite an eclectic crowd with some pretty fierce lady bartenders. Then it was off to the **404** where everyone was humpin' and bumpin' all night. Lots of pretty girls have been turning out at the **404**, and they know how to turn out some styles. I've seen some girls in there who could probably pin me down and give me a few good lessons.

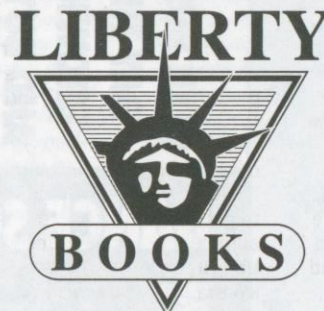
After a hot evening out, I had decided to get a head start on the last splash of summer with an early morning swim. Unfortunately my companions did not realize that there was a shallow end to the pool and dove in head first. So we rushed over to the emergency room for some early morning excitement. Hairdresser Diving **Danny** has been sporting a new hairstyle with a row of staples down the middle to hold his gash together. And our other companion, we won't mention her name because she's a little embarrassed, ended up looking like the Bride of Frankenstein. She had to get stitched right up the middle—I love to play doctor.

Splash Weekend started off with a performance by the **Big Wig** revue. **Darcee** added lots of excitement to the evening by daring to arm wrestle anyone in the audience. She has lots of biceps, and I was not about ready to move from my seat. Well, some nice girl from the audience was brave enough to go up there and get her butt whooped by Darcee. Then one man with really big biceps came up to the stage, and I thought he would just pin Darcee down. She started screaming and hollering when he almost had her beat, and it ended up being a match. All I can say is don't mess with Darcee, she is fierce.

Splash Weekend came to a close with the Come On And Lei Me party at **Acropolis** on Sunday night. They lit up the evening with hula dancers and torchspillers. DJ **Mark Dean** was spinning into the late hours, although records were not all he brought with him to fondle. And our own **FAG RAG** editor was there, after what I heard was quite a day out at the lake. Seems like he was quite the Prince Charming as he had to carry his companion out to the car. I guess he just wore that boy down!

Thanks **Cuntessa**, for more devilishly dirty dish. And on that note we'll close until next time when we'll shower you with more tales from the lavender zone! Look hot, act cool, and we'll see ya soon! **FR**

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Dear Fag Hag,

I am a pretty social guy. My job gives me ample free time and disposable income and I love going out on the town with my many male friends. Because of the flaky nature of many queens in this town I've gotten in the habit of often making more than one date for the same evening. Nine times out of ten only one of them will turn up but my problem starts when two or three come through at once. What's the best way to gracefully handle the resulting awkward tension?

—Two's Company

Dear Overbooked & Understaffed,

It would seem that there are basically three ways (no pun intended) to handle this situation when it arises. The most obvious and least taxing solution, of course, is come up with a good excuse to turn away the least desirable companion. As always, the more contrived, the more believable. How about "I hate to cancel, but my friend's partner was hit in the eye by an errant shuttlecock and I've been called as a last-minute substitute in the Statewide Badminton Doubles Championships..." or "I was first runner-up in the Texas Pecs competition, and it was just discovered tonight that the winner had surgical pec implants. I'm being crowned in an hour and then I have to dash off to Bastrop for a promotional appearance..." The possibilities are endless.

If you can't decide between the two, you should try to create a plausi-

ble reason for having them both around at the same time. For example "I am trying to get a feel for how I want to drape my windows and I need some help holding up the swags..." or, "I have this phobia about sitting next to someone I don't know at the movies so I always make sure I bring two people—hope you don't mind..." Or try the bold approach and tell them that you're really into threesomes. A word of caution: your little plan may backfire if your dates find each other more appealing than you.

The third and most ludicrous solution revolves around staging simultaneous dates in neighboring locations and darting back and forth à la Greg Brady. The chances of pulling this off successfully are practically nonexistent but remember today's dire melodrama often yields tomorrow's humorous anecdote. It occurs to me after all this that perhaps we're overlooking the easiest solution. There are 24 hours each day; with your supposed surplus of free time surely you can afford to stagger your appointments and you could also consider not dating flakes! —FH

Dear Fag Hag,

I have just met a guy that I really like. He's good looking, has a great personality, and is successful with his career. The problem, you ask? Although I am willing to date him exclusively, he has made it perfectly clear that he is not. He likes meeting people and is not ready to settle down with one person. Normally I would move on and keep him as a friend (platonically). But this guy is too good to let good to let go, He makes me feel food [sic: sic.] in more than ways than one. He compliments me on my appearance, tells me how handsome I am, and even in bed he has complimentary sayings that no one else has ever



told me before. I feel like I'm compromising my standards by allowing him to "sex date" with me. If I'm honest with myself, I should accept the reality of the situation, enjoy what's there, and go on with my life the way it was before he entered into it. But how do I do that when he is always on my mind? As hard as I try, he is always in my conversation and in my thoughts.

—Anxiously Awaiting

Dear Take It Or Leave It,

What exactly do you mean, he makes you feel food in more ways than one? Do you mean that sometimes he slides your hands sensuously into a bowl of macaroni and cheese, while other times he creeps up behind you a wallops you across your backside with a large pork chop? How splendidly idiosyncratic! As for your problem, keep in mind that men often say the opposite of what they really mean. When he says he doesn't want to settle down, he could be subconsciously crying out for someone to show him that he is

worth the time and effort by exhibiting patience and persistence. Most people really are looking for love, not just sex, regardless of what they admit. Of course, he could just mean that he's not ready to settle down with you. If you've been persistent but not pushy, to no avail, then it may be best to forget about him if you can't enjoy him for what he is. And we all know the easiest way to forget about one man is to find another! —FH

My Dearest Faggittie Haggity!

You are the sheerest ranting and raving, stupidfresh genius we've ever hearin! How'd you ever get so damn sassy, bitch? Didn't yo mammy teach you how to be nice? We know she taught you how to read! Go on, you fierce rulin diva-hag!

—Down with your Shit!

Dear Creative Grammarian,

Kipling once wrote "You are a greater man than I am, Gunga Din!", however I'm not sure whether that applies now... —FH

Send your questions about love and sex, comments and personal problems to: Ask Fag Hag, P.O. Box 1034, Austin, TX 78767 or fax to 512-416-6981. Letters may be edited for length or clarity.



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by Diva

Oh my little sun baked buns. Are we talking better cracker? I hope this weekends full-moon brought you as much fun as it did me. The Jupiter conjunct is now upon us. Take notice on the areas that are being affected. The new moon on the 16th allows opportunity to make change. It's the 90's kids. It's all about you. And I'm getting shivers on my spine just thinking about all the changes coming. Take a deep breath, concentrate, focus and meditate. It's all about you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) The new moon in Virgo creates problems for you, which seems to be nothing new. Now is a good time to focus on education, perhaps fill out those school loan papers for next semester. Get your eyes out of the neighbor's windows and into your own troubled life.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) The new moon in Virgo in your seventh house means it is a good time to reassess your love life. Expect wine, candles and romance on the sixteenth, if not-maybe this is the day to gauge your love life.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19) The new moon in your eighth house brings gifts from old friends, or maybe just hot sex from an old lover. But be careful... since it's so hard for you to keep a lover as it is, you may lose your present one if not careful!

TAURUS (Apr 20- May 20) You've had a lot of fun in the last couple of weeks, and with Venus in your fourth house, your lover at home knows nothing about it. Or so you hope. Eggshells, darling?

GEMINI (May 21- Jun 21) You need a new hobby. With Venus in your third house, you may find yourself with a high phone bill. Maybe a new hobby will keep that from happening.



CANCER (Jun 22- Jul 22) With the new moon in your third house, now is the time to take short trips or prepare to visit family. Get off your duff and do something, girl... winter's fast approaching and you're still trying to get your spring cleaning done!

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22) With the new moon in your second house, you may have the opportunity to be in the spotlight. You have an incredible urge to be seen, so try acting or just take a new job. Whatever you do, that ferocious appetite for attention should be fed.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22) The new moon in your first house brings opportunity for physical fitness, so pull out the Jane Fonda and leave the Jeff Stryker in the cabinet. It's time to exercise the other muscles, honey.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 23) No more deceptions, treat yourself right. Go ahead and have that piece of cheesecake. With the moon in your twelfth house, enemies may be lurking, and you may find yourself running.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 21) Your walls are bigger than those of China. You're too busy keeping secrets, that you just don't seem to have any of your own. Too bad you talk in your sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) You should take advantage of the new moon in your tenth house. Maybe a new job or pay raise. Abstracts, incense, bell-bottoms... You're living in a world all your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) The new moon in your 9th house brings you a '90s spiritualism. Time to say exactly what you think, no matter how rude. The Jupiter conjunct will help you pick up the pieces and start fresh. FR

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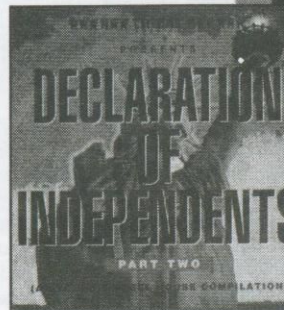


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Queer Beats

More and more and more... we don't know where we're going to! What a stimulating past two weeks we've all had. We've been so busy lately with all the festivities, there's hardly been time to keep up with the latest gay tunes, so forgive us when we run off on a tangent about the 1993 MTV Music Awards, Madonna did "Bye Bye Baby" in male drag to open the show, but by far the highest point of drama all evening was our favorite supermodel RuPaul, who flexed her fierceness by savagely reading none other than once-upon-a-time female impersonator Milton Berle. "I used to wear dresses," said Uncle Miltie, "and now you wear diapers!" replied Ru to the totally aghast elder statesman of television. And they went on and on with their catfight! We'd bet money that they're not too fond of each other these days...

Anyway, on to the new stuff you've all been anxiously awaiting reviews on, so you can scamper off to the nearest record store and spend all your gay money. By far on the top of our list is the new release by the Pet Shop Boys, "Go West," a remake of Village People's gay gem. This one's got remixes by Brothers In Rhythm and Farley & Heller & Kevin Saunderson. For a more NRG driven mix, try the Brothers In Rhythm track. Also check out the track "Shame."

For all of you dying for a Limited edition RuPaul picture disc to hit the streets, the wait is now over! Strong, deep house mixes to "House Of Love" by Murk make this a true queen's collectable. Speaking of picture discs, Debbie Harry's second release from the Debravation LP, "Strike Me Pink" can be captured on limited picture disc form. Containing "Dreaming," "Sweet and Low," and "8 and a Half Rhumba." Or for those CD5 lovers, you receive "On A Breath" and "Sweet And Low." Sybil has released "Stronger Together," an uptempo commercial NRG house track mixed by Phil Kelsey of DMC. For all you trance fans, Suns Of Shiva release "Hills Of Katmandu" on the Klone label, who bring us all the remarkable Abigail hits. Contains a remake of "Tantra."

Who could resist a song called "Sex" by Bonk? Remixed by Hyper Go Go on the Sub Rosa label, this is funky house with a nice climax and plenty of moaning female vocals. Yum! The Shamen have released "Come On", their new single now in stock with a few varied mixes. They're back with a mid-tempo spacey dub trancey house groove we've all come to love from the Shamen. Anyone waiting for a nice Cherelle cover? Well, Illegal Motion has done it! The classic "Saturday Love" has been revamped and should be checked out!

For all you OMD fans, you can now get their new CD5 Part 1 release "Everyday," with "Everytime," "Dream Of Me (Interstellar Mix)" and "Everyday (Invisible Mad Mix)." And for all of you music lovers out there that just can't get into going out to the record stores and embarrassing yourselves by trying to find that one song you heard on Saturday

night by humming the vocals or making crazy fluting noises to try and get the melody so the salesperson can find just the right song, there's a new CD release called 40 Hard Dance Hits Of The 90's, containing such fab dance hits as "Everybody Is In The Place" by Prodigy, "Take Me Away" by Capella, "Get Ready For This" by 2 Unlimited, "Playing With Knives" by Bizarre Inc., "Active-8" by Altern 8, "Go" by Moby, "Something Good" by Utah Saints, "Temple Of Dreams" by Messiah, and more! A true collector's item to remember the year of '93.

And now for a little trash on those Hollywood stars we love to get dirt on. Seems Marky Mark is breaking into films with a part opposite Danny DeVito in Renaissance Man, directed by Penny Marshall in production now... Even though Michael Jackson has all these terrible child molestation rumors, he's working a song for the sequel to The Addam's Family, with Stephen King directing the video. And who could ever think of Madonna as stinky? Well, neighbors of her \$4.47 million dollar mansion in Hollywood are complaining of a stench coming from her newly painted red and yellow castle-like home, due to raw sewage and faulty plumbing. Phew! Keep on dancing until next time! Ciao! FR

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1. Give It Up Goodmen
2. Unforgiven D:Ream
3. Ming's Incredible Disco Machine / That's Ming
4. No More Tears k.d. lang & Andy Bell
5. Luv 4 Luv Robin S.
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Queer Events

Friday, September 10

YWCA/OUTyouth Austin Volunteer Training

The YWCA/OUT Youth Austin will be holding its Semi-annual new volunteer training September 10-12. For info: 472-9264.

Beyond Art

8103 Brodie Lane #8
Dan McNeill and Paul Carey's Freedom Photos and documentary exhibit of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights and Liberation will be on display through October 10. Opening reception September 10 7-10pm. Info: 282-8747.

Donations For TGRA's Second Annual Garage Sale

Socials, 929-7928
Donated goods are needed for the TGRA Second Annual Garage Sale, with all proceeds donated to local Aids Charities. And guess what? They accept anything and will pick up your donations! The garage sale is scheduled for 8am September 26, held at Socials. Info: 472-0925.

2 Queer 2 Care

Chances, 900 Red River, 8:00pm, \$6
Queer comedy and music for the Gay '90s. Info: call 444-4117 or 335-7390.

Saturday, September 11

Care-Free Dancing at the 404

404 Colorado, 499-0099, 18+
Tonight, groove to special guest deejay **Craig Edwards'** fierce house mix.

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Sunday, September 12

TGRA Challenge

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto, 8pm.
Tonight, the TGRA members challenge the employees of **San Fran Cisco's** to a **Turnabout Show** to benefit **TGRA Austin Center**. Drink specials all night. See your favorite drink-slingers in drag for a fun and frenzied turnabout show.

Sex After Sixty

825 E 531/2 St, Building E, Suite 103
All men over 30 who are interested in subjects pertaining to older gay and bisexual men are invited to attend the meeting. Info: GII 255-0635.

2 Queer 2 Care - Special Benefit Performance

Chances, 900 Red River, 7:00pm, \$6
Queer comedy and music for the Gay '90s. Tonight's performance is a special benefit for Project Transitions and OutYouth Austin. For more info, please call 444-4117 or 335-7390.

Monday, September 13

Stonewall Business Society Meeting

Moondance Diner, 706 Congress
This special edition of Gay Monday Nights at Moondance will feature speakers **Laurie Eisereleh** and **Glen Maxey**, beginning at 6:30pm. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00. While you're there, order dinner from Moondance's reinstated former menu, back by popular demand.

Thursday, September 16

Dazed and Confused World Premiere

Paramount Theater, 8:00pm, \$10
The brand new feature from **Slacker** director **Richard Linklater** is a groovy look back at high school life in the mid-seventies which avoids all your typical clichés. Enough cute high school boys and girls in the cast to get your juices flowing. Tonight's sneak-preview screening is a benefit for the Austin Film Society. After the movie, trot on over to Acropolis for a free Seventies party!

Weekend: September 17-19

LavacaFest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, 474-6481
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Queer Events



Saturday, September 18

String Under The Stars

Umlauf Sculpture Garden, 605 Robert E Lee Blvd, 8-10:30pm,
\$10 donation requested
Tonight's musical social benefits the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served in this beautiful, artistic yet natural setting. For more information call Tim Brown: 447-8930

Pre Rodeo Variety Show and Buffet

The 2015 Place, 2015 San Pedro, 7pm
The buffet gets laid out at 7:00, followed by a variety show at 9:00pm hosted by **Stephanie Montay** and the current Ms. TGRA **Kim Dawson**. Featuring performances by **Cortney Balboa**, **Shelley Jean**, **Roger "Dottl East" Wilson**, **Brenda Starr**, **Larry Carwile**, **Ursula Schriver**, **Tina Morgan**, **De Shannon**, **Chad Martin**, and more. Proceeds from this event will benefit the TGRA, the AIDS Resource Center, and the Royal & Sovereign Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire.

Sunday, September 19

Cowboy Of The Month

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto, 8pm.
This is a monthly preliminary to **Mr. Cisco's '94-'95**, with three different categories, Western Wear, Onstage Interview, and Talent. This contest is a fundraiser for the Austin gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. Hosted by **Moan-A Littlemore**, with special guest **Donnie Everett**. Winner, picked by audience response, receives free Wednesday dinners at **Cisco's** for a year, and will be portrayed as September's **Cowboy Of The Month** in **Cisco's** new **Cowboy Calendar**, out next year.

Sunday, September 26

TGRA's Second Annual Garage Sale

Socials, 929-7928, 8am, call for directions.
TGRA's Second Annual Garage Sale is today with all proceeds donated to local Aids Charities. Info: 472-0925. Pick through your brother's and sister's gay stuff, you never know what you may find!

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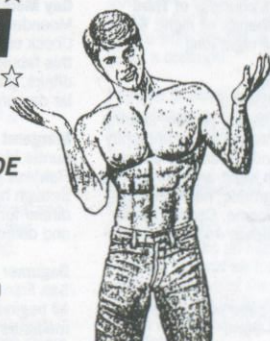
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Go-Go Boy Strip-Off Contest

the 404, 404 Colorado, 499-0088, 1am
Third Coast Male Revue presents an exciting strip contest open to professionals and amateurs alike. Show up and register by midnight to compete for the cash prizes, or just come suck down drinks and watch the studs compete.

October 1-14

6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

Watch this space for details about the 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival coming to the **Doble Theatre**, beginning October 1st.

Sunday, October 3

Banding Together

La Zona Rosa, 4th and Rio Grande
Aids Services Of Austin hosts the first annual **Banding Together**, an upbeat, live music event to benefit **ASA** and sixteen other organizations providing AIDS care, education, and research serviced in the Austin area. Tickets \$8 in advance at **ASA** or at the door, call **Kathy Taylor** 406-6115.

Wednesday, October 15

Depeche Mode: The Devotional Tour

The Frank Erwin Center, \$22.50 & \$24.50, 7:30pm
These boys have always been one of the most popular alternative dance bands among gay and straight fans alike. Tonight's long-awaited appearance will hopefully include older material as well as songs of "faith and devotion" from the new album. The opening act, **The The**, will undoubtedly perform cuts from their highly successful recent "Dogs of Lust" album.

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Queer Weeklies

Fridays

Happy Hour Buffet & Dancers

The Crossing, 611 Red River
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Rocky Horror Picture Show

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
The original interactive cult classic shows at midnight on multiple screens in stereo surround sound. Feel free to bring all the props you like—just no water guns for the rain scene! Enjoy the free buffet at 5:30, with \$2 wells and domestics 2-2am.

Return To Trash Disco

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Every Friday indulge in your favorite trash disco tunes from the 70's and 80's with 75¢ well all night.

Return Of 25¢ Drinks

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca (13th St.)
Back by popular demand, 25¢ well drinks all night long are back in full force! \$5 cover gets you in the door, then let your laundry change do the rest.

Communion

Qhms, 611 E 7th
The sacrifice begins! Music by The Chamber's **DJ Mike Lawder**. Dancers by **Surreal Feel**. 5¢ draft all night, and \$1 bottled Shiner.

5th Street Fridays

5th St Station, 505 E 5th
478-6065, 21+
Drop in to party at Austin's newest gay dance club. Munch on the free buffet 5-8pm, let your wallet enjoy happy hour prices 2-10pm while you feast your eyes on the studs of the **Lonestar Male Revue** 10pm-2am. Deejays **Kyle Grey** and **Little Debbie** keep the joint jumpin' with the hottest house and NRG, while **Paul Labeaud** works those fabulous lights. No cover before 1:30am. Open for after-hours dancing till 4am.

Channel 404

the 404, 404 Colorado, 18+
DJ Danny Cardiel cranks out his special blend of fierce dance tracks. Lights by **Larry The Lightman** and 25¢ wells all night long. The next best thing to an open bar!

Happy Hour Buffet

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
Enjoy the free buffet 6-9pm with happy hour prices.

Happy Hour At Bout Time

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg)
Come out for Happy Hour prices Friday and Saturday nights with \$1/75 well and domestics 10-11pm.

Happy Hour Buffet

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th (off Colorado St.)
Enjoy the complimentary buffet 5-8pm and happy hour prices 2-10pm.

Dance To NRG

Socials etc., Call for directions
929-7928
Dance all night to the sounds of NRG.

Saturdays

Techno Trance

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Every Saturday **DJ Eclipse** from Dallas plays the best in

techno trance music, and with amazing 75¢ well drinks all night, there's no excuse not to step into the future of music.

Happy Hour At Bout Time

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg)
Come out for Happy Hour prices Friday and Saturday nights with \$1/75 well and domestics 10-11pm.

Levi, Leather & Latex Night

Chain Drive, 504 Willow (off Red River South of 1st)
Enjoy the bottle beer bust 2-8pm and don't forget the dress code for Sat 9-2am!

Dance To NRG

Socials etc., Call for directions
929-7928
Dance all night to the sounds of NRG.

Fusion

Qhms, 611 E 7th
A euphoric frenzy of tribal trance beats not intended for the weak at heart. \$1 bottled Shiner.

Carefree Dancing

The 404, 404 Colorado
Austin's most complete Saturday evening experience. **DJ Michael Hernandez**'s fierce blend of house and NRG on the main floor keeps you pumped and primed long into after-hours. Visit the **Subterranean Love Lounge** in the basement where you'll find 50¢ draft and guest deejays.

Bernie Siben

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Amazing pianist **Bernie Siben** plays alongside the bar every Saturday 9pm-1am. \$2 wells and domestics 2-2am.

Shut Up & Dance Party

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th, 10pm-4am, no cover, 21+
Let **Little Debbie** and **Kyle Grey** work you with their butt-bumping mixologies while **Paul Labeaud** keeps you spinning with the dizzying array of swirling lights until 4am. No cover before 1:30am. Happy hour prices 2-10pm.

Sundays

Laser Karaoke Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
There's a new buffet in town, and it's at Mame's during the new laser karaoke night starting at 6pm. Be a star and show 'em what you got, or just go and check out the local talent.

Disco 2000

The 404, 404 Colorado
DJ Michael Hernandez spins all the hits of the 70's, 80's, and 90's. Hot male dancers courtesy of **Third Coast Male Revue** shakin' their things all night. \$1.75 well drinks, and 50¢ draft beer all night long.

Heart Fire Tribe Sunday Gatherings

3355 Bee Cave Road #101, 8-9:30pm
Explore our experiences of spirit as gay people, sharing words, songs, drums, prayers, dreams, and community service. The focus is individual and community empowerment and enchantment through heart and spirit, mind and body, earth and sky. Non-dogmatic, non-definition-al. All kind and gentle people welcome. Contact: **John at Liberty Books** 495-9737 or **Dipam** 443-3551.

Weekly Cookout

Chain Drive, 504 Willow
Enjoy the weekly cookout on the patio hosted by a different organization every week 4-9pm.

Liquor bust 2-7pm, draft bust 4-9pm, and another liquor bust 7-11pm.

Happy Hour Dancers

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
Happy Hour drink prices 2-9pm with \$2.25 well and \$1.75 domestics 9-11pm. Hot male dancers 6-8pm, 13:30 and midnight.

Out Youth Austin Support Groups

Out Youth, 2330 Guadalupe
Outsmart, a women's and men's support group meets 5:30- 7:30pm. Info: 476-0880.

The Latex Generation

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Acropolis is pumping with **DJ Brad Himes** from **Clubland Records** spinning all your favorite dance music. All crowds welcome. 75¢ well drinks all night.

Liquor Bust

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Come put for the liquor bust for \$5 cover and 50¢ refills, or the beer bust for \$2 cover and 25¢ refills. Take your turn on the open volleyball court tonight.

Super Sunday Show

Enjoy happy hour prices 2-10pm and then catch the **Super Sunday Show** at 10:30pm with **DeShannon**, **Heather Thomas**, **Nicole**, **Paris Chanel** and special guest.

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Amateur All-Sex Strip Show

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
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Beef & Chicken Fajita Night

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
The **Imperial Court Of The Capitol City Empire** cooks beef and chicken fajitas for \$1 each 6-9pm. Pool and air hockey tournaments begin at 9pm. Happy hour prices all night.

Surprise Night

Socials, etc. 929-7928, call for directions
Every Sunday night a different performer presents a show at 9:30pm.

Mondays

Gay Monday Nights

Moondance Diner, 706 Congress
Check out their bold, new renovations and come out for this fabulous weekly gay and lesbian event. Good drinks, great food and fun company. And back by popular demand, their old menu is reinstated.

Margaret Wright / Steak Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Flawless pianist **Margaret Wright** works her magic through happy hour, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a fabulous steak dinner for only \$5 every Monday night 6-9pm. \$2 well and domestics 2-10pm.

Beginner / Intermediate Dance Lessons

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
All beginners wanting to learn how to two-step, or intermediates wanting to brush up on their skills, join



Queer Weeklies



Colton at 8pm for free lessons every Monday night. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestics.

Karaoke Night

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
Karaoke Night starts at 10pm. You pick the song, they provide the music, you supply the vocals. You're the star, so grab as many \$2.25 wells or domestics all day and night and sing, girl!

Volleyball Tournament

'Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Watch the boys and girls compete in the weekly volleyball tournament, or sign your team up at the bar. Cabaret style piano indoors. Enjoy the liquor bust for \$5 cover and 50¢ refills.

Family Bereavement Group

Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm.
Project Transitions, Inc., Austin's residential AIDS hospice, provides this group for people who have experienced a loss a loved one to AIDS. For more info and to reserve a place in this group, call 454-8646.

Third Coast Male Revue Dancers

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Emcee drag diva **Nicole** presents **Third Coast Male** boys strutting their stuff at 10:30 and 12:00. \$1.25 wells/domestics 7-10pm. Optional 25¢ draft bust with \$2 cover.

Lone Star Male Revue

The Crossing, 611 Red River
Watch the boys of **Lone Star Male Revue** at 11pm and midnight.

Happy Hour Buffet

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
Free buffet 5-8pm with incredible happy hour prices all day, all night.

Tuesdays

Peer Support Group

For HIV+ Youth
Out Youth Austin welcomes all HIV+ Youth to attend the Living (HIV) Positively group. 7pm. Call 476-0880 or 472-9246 for more info.

Amateur Talent Show

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
Comedians, Dancers, Jugglers, Magicians, Miss Things, Singers... Bring your talent, your thirst, and your friends to watch or participate in the **Amateur Talent Show** at 11pm, winner gets \$100 prize. \$2.25 well and domestics 2-10pm.

Happy Hour Prices All Day

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Enjoy \$1.50 well and domestics 2-2am.

Prize Night

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Prize Night starts at 7:30pm with cash and ticket giveaways.

Amateur Strip Contest

The Crossing, 611 Red River, 11pm
For the last eleven years this weekly affair has turned up a lot of local male talent. \$100 cash to the hot bod that works the hardest. Always a scandal in the making!

The Chamber

Qhms, 611 E 7th
Submit to **The Chamber** every Tuesday night 10pm-3am. Industrial music with **DJ Mike Lawder**. Two bondage shows

and dancers all night, it's the most alternative thing to do on Tuesdays! 25¢ draft and \$1.25 well all night.

Steak Night / Amateur Male Strip Contest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, Midnight
Steak dinners for \$5 from 6-8pm, join in the hourly cocktail wheel specials, turn out for Amateur Night and see who scoops up the cash prize by shakin' their booty. Entertainment by hard workin' Miss Thing **Jame Perry**. 25¢ draft bust with \$2 cover.

Country Dance Lessons

Nexus, 305 W 5th
Learn how to dance country at 9pm.

Polynesian Dance Class

South Austin Recreation Center, 1601 Cumberland, 7pm.
Men's Polynesian dance & drumming class. For info call **Kieto** 445-HULA.

Wednesdays

Wild Wednesdays

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
\$5 optional buy-in gets you 75¢ wells and \$1.25 domestic beers and \$3 call drinks 2pm-2am. Free food buffet 5-8pm. And check out five hot dick dancers from **Lonestar Male Revue** working those t-backs 11pm-2am.

Return To Planet 9

Acropolis, 208 Nueces, \$5
Alternative mixed crowd on a packed dance floor throbs to early 80's retro music in Austin's largest dance club. Work the cute bartenders and the 25¢ draft from 10-11pm.

Cheap Beer With James

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Now you can enjoy \$1.50 domestic beer and Tecate all day and all night every Wednesday with your favorite bartender, **James**.

ACT UP Meeting

Grassroots Peace Bldg., 227 Congress, 8pm. Info: 477-AIDS

18-22 year-old Support Group

Out Youth Austin, 2330 Guadalupe, 7pm. For info: 476-0880

First Run Movie Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Forget the theater, come into the bar and have a cocktail or two while enjoying a first run movie. 2-2am enjoy \$1.50 wells and domestics.

Customer Appreciation Night

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Come in for a drink and pick the drink special of your choice from the list of fabulous specials at the bar. What a concept!

Psychic Consultant Al McLaughlin

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
Amazingly talented Al McLaughlin will tell your fortune 5-11pm.

Austin's Original 25¢ Well Drinks/ Wet Underwear Contest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, 21+
25¢ well drinks all night long. (50¢ gets you a tall double!) Get boozed up for a measly couple of dollars and catch a glimpse of the new wet underwear contest at midnight. If you're feeling adventurous, let them wet your drawers and see if you have what it takes to win the cash!

Happy Hour All Day / Night

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
\$1.75 well and domestics all day and all night.

Amateur Talent Show

Socials, etc. 929-7928, call for directions.
Come out for the amateur talent show at 11pm, and give 'em all you got. Cash prize for the winner.

Thursdays

Amateur Diva Show

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
If you're a Diva and still an amateur, get on stage at 10pm and show 'em what makes you hot.

Pool Tournament

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Join the weekly tournament. 1st Place: \$35, 2nd place: \$15. \$2 entry. \$/1.75 well and domestics all day, all night.

Partners Bereavement Group

Thursdays, 7pm-8:30pm.
Project Transitions, Inc., Austin's residential AIDS hospice, provides this group for people who have experienced a loss a loved one to AIDS. For more info and to reserve a place in this group, call 454-8646.

Pro-Am Fight Night

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Professional dancers vs. amateur dancers... what a show! Begins at midnight. Cash prizes to the winners. \$2.25 well/domestics all day.

Dance Classes

Call 445-HULA for location, 7pm
Latin partner dancing from the Caribbean. Cha-cha, salsa, Merange.

BYO Steak Night

Nexus, 305 W 5th St
Bring your own beef and grill it here, girl. All other conditions provided. 7-9pm.

GENESIS

Qhms, 611 E 7th
The beginning of a new era with **DJ Brad**. 75¢ well drinks and \$1.50 anything in the house all night long. Info: 472-7136.

Trance Fusion

The 404, 404 Colorado
Stephen Williams presents **Trance Fusion**... a tribal-techno-house excursion delving into the future of music. **DJ Danny Cardiel** spins with special guest deejays weekly. House dancers all night.

Grand Ole Opry Night

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
Join **Tina Morgan** and **Scarlet Leigh** weekly at this **Christopher House** benefit show featuring performances by **TGRA** candidates **Chad Martin** and **De Shannon** at 10:30pm. \$1.50 well/longnecks all night. **Little Debbie** will keep the joint jumpin' with **Paul Labeaud** on the lights. Open for after-hours till 4am.

Solid Country Night

Socials, etc., 929-7928, call for directions.
Enjoy your favorite country music all night long.

Dumpster Disco Night

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th St
Enjoy \$1.75 well and domestic beer 2-10pm, and have a prime rib dinner from 6-8pm for only \$5. Starting at 9pm, **Kyle Gray** plays his own version of **Dumpster Disco** until close.



Queer Index

BARS & CLUBS

The 404, 404 Colorado (4th), 499-0088, 10pm-4am (5am Fri/Sat), 18+

Multi-level mostly male dance club with urban feel and hi-tech lighting plays hot house and techno music. Catwalk surrounding dance floor for prancing and preening. Outdoor patio.

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th (Red River) 478-6065
Spanking-new dance club with happy hour daily from 2pm-9pm. Slick dance floor with a great light show. Free, safe parking.

Acropolis, 208 Neuces (2nd St) 472-7253, 10pm-2am, 18+
This extra-large (over 10,000 sq ft.) dance club attracts a mixed crowd, and boasts one of Austin's most dazzling light shows. Dance the night away or just hang out on the couch in the fabulous bathrooms.

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River (10th St) 478-4511, 21+
Mon-Fri 2pm-2am, Sun noon-2am, Neighborhood bar with periodic live entertainment, pool table, video games, and a fabulous patio overlooking neighbor Chances.

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River (7th St) 469-0014, 12noon-2am daily, 21+
A peculiar mix of young and old clientele patronize this hetero-tolerant bar which offers the some of the lowest drink prices in town (serving beer, wine and light liquors), the strongest coffee this side of Louisiana, and actually sells beer to go!

'Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg) 832-5339, 2pm-2am daily, 21+
Mixed G&L tavern-style bar. Relaxed, casual atmosphere. Pool & Video games, Large Screen TV, and check out the new volleyball court.

Chain Drive, 504 Willow (off Red River south of 1st) 480-9017
A fabulously seedy Levi's and Leather bar. Dance floor, patio, pool table. Store inside bar stocks homoerotic art, various leather and rubber items, sex supplies.

Chances, 900 Red River (10th St) 472-8273, Tues-Thurs 5pm-2am, Fri-Sat 7pm-2am, Sun 5pm-Mid.
A laid back women's club (men welcome) with dancing, pool tables, video games, jukebox. Large mixed turnout for live local music (Th-Sun), fundraisers, plays.

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca (13th St) 474-6481, 2pm-2am
Popular men's dance and cruise bar. Pool table and video games by the front bar, main bar has deejay and dancing.

The Crossing, 611 Red River (above 6th) 476-3611
9-2am Mon-Sat, noon-2am Sun
Men's dance and cruise bar with a front and back bar, pool tables, video games and pinball, and a large dance floor. Beautiful patio area now open, with full bar and lots of corners for schmoozing.

Diva's, 523 E 6th St, 320-0553
Weekend shows at 8pm and 10pm, \$6.
Right next door to Esther's Follies's, this outrageous comedy entertainment club is sure to have you giggling your wigs off.

Esther's Follies, 525 E 6th St, 320-0553 Thurs 9pm, \$10. Fri-Sat 8pm/10pm, \$12.
Large, queer-friendly Saturday Night Live-style comedy club draws a diverse crowd. All ages welcome, reservations accepted.

Nexus, 305 W 5th (Lavaca) 472-5288 6pm-2am daily
Along with its sister bar in San Antonio, the largest women's bar in Texas. Spacious bar, large-screen TV, roomy elevated dance floor and sexy women.

Ωhms, 611 E 7th, Tues, Thur-Sat 10pm-7, 472-7136
An array of trance, tribal, and house beats designed for a universal experience. Mixed crowd, underground atmosphere with stimulating lighting.

Olcan Harry's, 211 W 4th (off Colorado) 320-8823, 2-2am daily
Crowded, preppy "upscale men's" dance bar.

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto (2nd St) 479-6939
Country & western bar for men and women with pool tables, air hockey, and a good sized dance floor.

Socials, etc. 929-7928, call for directions. Wed-Sat, 8:30pm-2am.
Sun 2pm-midnight. Austin's alternative to the downtown scene. Nightly drink specials 8:30-11pm. Free, safe parking, two dance floors, and room to run around. Outdoor volleyball and horseshoe courts plus showers! Beer bust every day till 11pm. Beer and liquor set-ups. Wheelchair accessible.

STORES

Austinuts
2900 W Andron Lane, 323-6887
Austin's own and only variety nut store. On site dry roasting of all nuts from almonds to watermelon seeds, no oil used. Pick your own trail mix or choose one of theirs, also dried fruits and sugar-free & low-cal candies.

book woman, 324 E 6th, 472-2785
Cozy women-oriented shop features an extensive selection of Gay & Lesbian books, magazines, T-shirts and gifts.

Bark-n-Purr, 4604 Burnet Road, 452-3883
Complete pet supplies center sells lams, Eukanuba, Science Diet, and other finer brands of pet supplies. Tres gay-friendly.

Burning Books
51st & Duval, 450-0787
Not your everyday bookstore, you'll find lots of alternatives here, and an extensive magazine collection.

by George men
2346 Guadalupe, 472-5536
Unique and stylish men's clothing.

The Condom Store, 509 E 6th, 476-0123
Austin's first condom boutique, featuring a full line of condoms, both usual and exotic, as well as gifts, novelties and accessories.

Celebration!, 108 W 43rd St, 453-6207
An inviting bookstore with a varied assortment of cards, t-shirts, incense, oils, candles, crystals, jewelry, beads, and more.

Dr. Chocolate
413 E 43rd St., 454-0555
Explore the fabulous world of fine chocolates in this great shop.

Europa Books, 2406 Guadalupe, 476-0423
An "intelligent bookstore" with new and used books, lots of interesting and unusual magazines, including gay, lesbian and foreign titles. A booklover's heaven!

Killer Beads
5408 Burnet, 453-8250
A truly exquisite selection of just about any kind of bead imaginable, inside Origins beads and fine crafts.

Let's Dish, 1102 S Lamar (Treadwell in Lamar Plaza) 444-9801

Strictly fabulous collectables and vintage clothing. A fun place to browse, you'll always find something you need!

Liberty Books, 1014-B N Lamar (11th St behind Sound Warehouse) 495-9737
Austin's most comprehensive selection of Gay & Lesbian literature, photography, magazines and T-shirts. A cornerstone of Austin's G&L community.

Lovecat
809 W 12th, 477-5224
Groovy retro clothing, shoes, accessories, and more.

Planet K
9407 N IH-35 (North) 1516 S Lamar (South)
A great novelty shop carrying lots of strange and unusual things like jewelry, T-shirts, hard to find magazines, posters, toys, smoking accessories, and more. But no inflatable sheep!

Sparks, 1014 W 6th (Lamar) 477-1014
A groovy greeting card shop that also sells an exquisite selection of gifts, T-shirts, calendars, jewelry and objets d'art. Flawless wrapping paper sold by the sheet and lots of other cool stuff.

Zoom
812 W 12th, 472-3316
One of the newest alternative clothing stores to hit Austin, specializing in used Levi's, groovy T-shirts, jewelry, neat-o neckwear (Where's Waldo neckties), and also ear, nose, and body piercing. Ooh la-la!

MUSIC

Clubland Records
217B W 4th Street (Lavaca) 474-1133 / fax: 478-5263
Located strategically next to Olcan's, specializes in hot dance music. Used section. DJ Remix labels and imports. Extra gay-friendly, run and staffed by local deejays.

MusicMania
3909D N IH-35 #1 (by Fiesta) 451-3361
This continually-expanding store has a huge, varied collection of new and used music and boasts Austin's best collection of old NRG and retro 12" singles. Many out-of-print treasures in mint condition.

Sound Exchange
21st & Guadalupe, 476-2274
Large alternative selection. Buys and sells used CDs at bargain prices. Near campus on the drag

and heavily trafficked by students. Also boasts large import dance single collection.

Technophilia, 504 W 24th St, 477-1812
Also near the heart of campus, stocks new and used imports and domestics. Sells only CDs, with CD players and headphones stationed around the store so you can sample before you purchase.

Tower Records
2402 Guadalupe (24th), 478-5711
One of Austin's largest music stores, much like it's New York and L.A. counterparts, is always sure to stock the most sought, chart topping favorites, with a healthy dose of new and alternative music as well.

Waterloo
600A N Lamar, 474-2500
A large, busy store with a diverse selection of music leaning towards new and progressive. Video section has music videos, cult, and regular titles. Vinyl Annex around corner stocks dance and 12" imports.

EATING OUT

Chuy's, 1728 Barton Springs Road, 474-4452
10520 N Lamar, 836-3218
Our favorite source for imaginative Tex-Mex food at reasonable prices. Great fajitas, drinks, salads. Friendly staff. Popular during dinner/happy hour stretch.

City Grill
9th and Sabine, 479-0817
This restaurant is great for seafood and steaks! When you want to have a nice, romantic dinner, this is the place. Hot tip: try the Besotes Calientes (or Hot Kisses) as an appetizer, they're hot! Dinner only, reservations accepted.

East Side Café, 2113 Manor Road, 476-5858
A charming restaurant with a great menu. Fresh produce grown in their very own garden adds that extra fresh zeal to many of their fine dishes. Popular for lunch and dinner.

Hyde Park Bar & Grill, 4206 Duval St, 458-3168
An imaginative menu and intriguing wine list add to the ambience of this snazzy restaurant. Many health-conscious dishes available, but be sure and try their french fries, made in a herb buttermilk batter and served with a zingy horseradish sauce: Yum, Yum! A smoke-free environment.

Chuy's Hula Hut, 3826 Lake Austin Blvd 476-4852,
Chuy's newest addition to Austin restaurants, a fabulously chic place to eat and be seen. A blend of Tex-Mex and Polynesian foods make for a very unusual dining experience. Outdoor dining and even parking for your boat.

Katz's Deli & Bar, 618 W 6th St (Rio Grande) 472-2037
An upscale New York deli-style restaurant with complete Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner menu served 24 hours a day. "Katz's never Kloses." Ask to sit at the ASA Benefit table, and 10% of your check will be donated to AIDS Services of Austin. If only more restaurants would do this...

Mars Restaurant & Bar
1610 San Antonio (17th St), 472-3901
Featuring an eclectic menu with Thai and Indian tendencies, this new restaurant serves excellent food at moderate prices. Nifty fire-red walls and gorgeous ceramic tile mosaic installations throughout give the place a racy, uptown charm.

Moondance Diner & Bar, 706 Congress, 474-6605
Recently remodeled diner-style eatery with a delicious selection of home-style, health-oriented food sure to fill your tummy. In-house bakery serves up delectable rolls, cornbread muffins, etc. at their freshest. Their long-running gay Monday nights brings out all the girls and sisters.

Olive's Gourmet Pizza, 1112 W 6th, 320-8400
Delicious pizza with a style all its own. A tad pricey perhaps, but arguably worth every cent: the pizza topped with roasted garlic rules! Great salads, appetizers, and entrees with an Italian flair. The fashionable see-and-be-seen outdoor patio dining ranks high with us as well.

Shady Grove, 1624 Barton Springs Rd, 474-9991
Family-oriented restaurant dishes out hearty portions of American favorites. Their whopping big hamburgers and patented "Hippy" sandwiches never disappoint. Fun young staff keeps the place hoppin'. Hot tip: try a side of noodles with peanut sauce! Best patio in Austin.

Cafe Spiazzo
5416 Parkcrest Drive 459-9960
7736 Bee Cave Road 328-7919
Fancy, yet reasonably priced gourmet Italian restaurant serves up satisfying portions from their artful menu. Fabulous wine list and friendly, knowledgeable staff.

Z Tejas Grill
1110 W 6th, 478-5355
From the delicious menu to the friendly staff to the slow but reliable service, this place ranks up there as one of our favorites. The fabulous patio overlooking W 6th Street is a great place to see and be seen.

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Austin Six
521 Thompson Lane, 385-5328
Deluxe auditorium with an all-male theatre, selection of gay & lesbian videos, magazines, and movie booths. 24 hours.

Cinema West, 2130 S Congress 442-5719, 11am-2am daily
Austin's only All-male theater, large selection of videos for sale and rent.

Pleasureland, 613 W 29th Street (Guadalupe) 478-2339, 24 hours.

CULTURE

The Best Of The International Tournee Of Animation
Dobie Theater, 2021 Guadalupe, 477-1324

A collection from the last 25 years of festival animation., featuring the original pilot of **The Ren & Stimpy Show** and 16 other award winning audience favorites.

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
The original interactive cult classic now showing every Friday at midnight.

Behind The Fence
Hyde Park Bar & Grill., 4206 Duval
A group showing of creative arts instructors from **Austin State Hospital Education/Rehabilitation Services Dept.** Artists include **Al Jones, Jane Isoline, and Mick Pingel**, with some work by patients.

Shear Madness
Zachary Scott Theatre, Arena Stage, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541
Amazingly held over to pass 200 performances! This is a must-see, and let me tell you, once is never enough. A few character changes, but the plot remains the same. Directed by **Alice Wilson**. Thu-Sat, 8pm, \$13 Thu, \$15 Fri & Sat. Reservations 476-0541.



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