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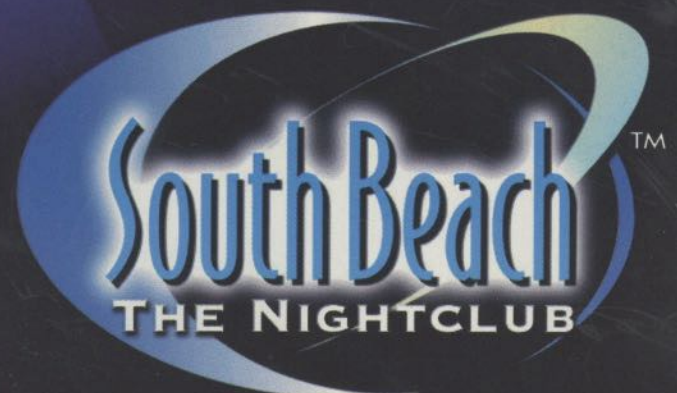
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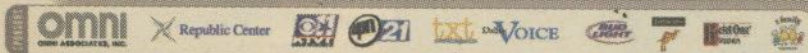
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Newsbriefs

AUSTIN

Non-gay group established to wage war on same-sex marriage amendments in Texas

Calling no-fault divorce and domestic violence the real threats to marriage, a new state organization called Practice What You Preach has launched an attack on proposed constitutional amendments to ban same-sex marriage.

"The Texas Legislature needs to practice what it preaches and focus on the real threats to marriage," spokesman Jason Stanford said.

He said marriage is in crisis, but it is not a wedge issue.

Texas has one of the highest divorce rates in the country, about 70 percent higher than Massachusetts.

"It is a bright and shining lie to say that HJR 6 would do anything to help marriage," Stanford said.

House Joint Resolution No. 6, filed by state Representative Warren Chisum, a Republican of Pampa, defines marriage as a union of one man and one woman. A second amendment, HJR 19, blocks unmarried couples from obtaining legal status identical or similar to marriage. HJR 19 was filed by state Representative Robert Talton, a Republican of Baytown.

DALLAS

Promise Metropolitan Community Church moves into its new quarters in Oak Cliff

Promise Metropolitan Community Church, a congregation in Oak Cliff, held its first worship service Sunday in a new location.

The congregation is purchasing the property, which contains a church and educational building, from the Disciples of Christ denomination, said Promise's senior pastor, the Rev. Jon Haack. The property became available as a result of the merger of two congregations of the Disciples of Christ, known as the Christian Church.

"The North Texas area Disciples Foundation, which owns the property we are buying, has been very gracious to us in working out the details of our contract," Haack said.

Promise's active membership is about 50, according to the senior pastor.

HOUSTON

Vatican creates new archdiocese in Houston area, names Fiorenza archbishop

Pope John Paul II has established a new archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Bishop Joseph Fiorenza will be named the first archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

Fiorenza has led the Galveston-Houston diocese for the last 20 years.

The new archdiocese comprises the dioceses of Beaumont, Tyler, Austin, Victoria, Corpus Christi and Brownsville. Previously, all dioceses in Texas were grouped into the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Fiorenza, a native of Beaumont, Texas, served previously in San Angelo, Texas, and as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1998 to 2001 — a post that brought him into contact with gay religious activists. The founder of Soulforce, the Rev. Mel White, wrote, "You are guilty of spiritual violence against the very people you are called to serve." Fiorenza's response: "A variety of religious beliefs ... have been distorted. However, those distortions should not be used to pressure those who believe to abandon fundamental truths of their faith."

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Farrar and Houston caucus prepare for '05

Bruising battles lie ahead in Legislature, Farrar tells gay and lesbian organization

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

State Representative Jessica Farrar, a Houston-area Democrat, told members of Houston's most influential GLBT political group that she intends to be a check on the governor and lieutenant governor during the 78th session of the Legislature, which opened Tuesday.

"My job is to fight Craddick and Perry," she said, speaking of House

HOUSTON

Speaker Tom Craddick and Governor Rick Perry, both Republicans.

Armed with a new resolve after November's general election results, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus heard Farrar during a meeting Wednesday at the Houston GLBT Community Center.

Farrar, of District 148, said gays and lesbians will have quite a fight on their hands during the 180-day session that opened Tuesday.

"I'm sure that we'll see foster care and foster parent bills filed again," Farrar said, referring to legislation that would bar gays from serving as foster-care and adoptive parents. That's in

addition to two constitutional amendments pre-filed by Republican members in November and early December.

If both amendments receive enough legislative support — and virtually everyone agrees that they will — the measures will be included on the ballot in November 2005.

The caucus's new president, Maria Gonzalez, said the marriage amendments and upcoming municipal elections pose the two biggest challenges on the group's agenda.

"Our problems will be getting progressive voters elected to City Council, and defeating those resolutions" forbidding gay marriage, she said.

Gonzalez also said a key to rising Republican successes at the polls on state and nationwide levels began in the early 1980s when they began seeking out like-minded voters.

The gay and lesbian political caucus co-sponsors Equality Knocks, a voter-identifying effort that spotted about 4,000 GLBT-supportive people in District 134 during the period leading up to last fall's elections. According to Gonzalez, the caucus now has a database of about 50,000 sympathetic voters in the greater Houston area.

To further the caucus's goal to elect more minority candidates to office, Gonzalez said the caucus will continue



FIGHT CLUB. State Representative Jessica Farrar told members of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus that she is prepared for a combative legislative session in Austin.

to endorse candidates and identify queer-supportive voters. But it also will place greater emphasis on reaching out to non-GLBT groups.

"We need to link with churches and civic associations that have social justice agendas and get these groups together," Gonzalez said. "Someone who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is not your enemy."

Simoneaux looks to past, finds equity in Texas courts

Judges in 1800s found marriages and partnerships similar, Houston lawyer says

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

Many people in Texas's queer community wonder whether they'll get a fair shake from the state's courts when judges rule on dissolving relationships and dividing property.

But historically, the situation has looked a little better than the gloom-and-doom predictions, Houston attorney Jerry Simoneaux said.

Speaking to the Stonewall Law Association of Greater Houston on Jan. 6, Simoneaux, of Nechman, Simoneaux & Frye, outlined rulings where Texas courts have applied principles of partnership and contract law to gay and straight unmarried couples since the 1860s.

"The courts here have wide discretion in deciding what is fair," Simoneaux said.

He cited a Texas Supreme Court ruling in 1868 and summarized the court's findings: "Marriages are only civil con-

tracts. And for these contracts, the state's role is just to make sure that proper procedures, attestation and authentication are provided for," Simoneaux said.

In the early 1900s, the Texas Civil Court of Appeals saw a striking parallel between marriages and partnerships when it retroactively validated unions between African-Americans prior to their emancipation. Their unions had been outlawed by antebellum state and Republic of Texas laws.

In recent years, the civil appeals court in 1982 applied what Simoneaux said was a "marriage-type relationship" doctrine in a case involving a lesbian couple. In considering the division of property when the couple broke up, the court based its decision on the facts of the women's marriage-like bond.

In another case decided in the 1960s, *Gillis v. Gillis*, the appellate court decided that although a straight couple had not married, the application of equity or fairness allowed the judges to view the relationship as having the same characteristics of marriage.

By applying existing contract and partnership laws, Simoneaux said he believes that judges have the tools to render fair judgments in cases of same-



FAIR IS FAIR. Attorney at Law Jerry Simoneaux of Houston says same-sex couples facing a split should not necessarily fear they'll be treated unfairly by the state.

sex breakups and probate matters.

But Simoneaux also acknowledged that bias toward gay sex acts can be a major factor in legal matters:

"There is still a negative stigma attached to who we are. Our laws are

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based on public policy regarding morality. [The Legislature] only concentrates on the act of sex."

With the introduction of state constitutional amendments effectively forbidding same-sex marriage in House Joint Resolutions 6 and 19, the Stonewall Law Association's concerns are growing.

"The reason behind [the two resolutions] is that one, HJR 19, is very radical. It makes HJR 6 appear more palatable," Simoneaux said.

For Lee Jeronimo, the president of the GLBT law association, the bottom line for Stonewall is equal access to the law for everyone.

"We have to make contact with other people and make it known that we have a right to access to the same laws that everybody else has," Jeronimo said. "When we have it, then I'll stop screaming."

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Training sessions to focus on gay marriage

**About 80 expected to attend
3-day seminar in Austin,
spokesman says**

By Dennis Vercher
Staff Writer

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is coming to Texas to present a three-day seminar on ways to fight anti-gay ballot measures.

About 80 people are expected to attend, said Colin Cunliff, field director of Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, the organization hosting the event that begins Saturday.

Those who attend can expect to hear a lot about Oregon.

Cunliff said the training session, called the LGBT Power Summit, would focus on successful strategies used by campaigners there last year when they battled an amendment to the state's Constitution banning same-sex marriage.

Voters approved the amendment in Oregon and in 10 other states on Nov. 2. But

Cunliff said gay forces had too little warning to work against the amendments.

"Yes, they lost in Oregon. But they moved public opinion across the state on the issue by 14 percentage points in just four months. What they were doing was working," Cunliff said.

One of the lessons learned in Oregon is that marriage is a very personal matter for most voters, and traditional campaign strategies didn't always work well.

"You need lots of in-depth, personal conversations to change voters' minds on an issue like this," Cunliff said.

"The messages will change from state to state, but what this summit is all about is showing activists how to focus on the right message, and how to get that message out to the voters," he added.

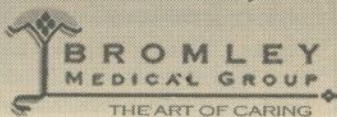
Task Force staff members from Washington, New York City and Los Angeles will conduct the training sessions, Cunliff said. Although the deadline for registration has passed, the sponsoring group said it would attempt to accommodate anyone who missed the registration deadline.

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Prisoner executed for killing gay inmate

**Delgado beaten with rock in
pillowcase during attack in 2000**

By Dennis Vercher
Staff Writer

Convicted killer James Porter was executed on Jan. 4 for fatally beating a fellow prisoner who was gay.

Porter said he was doing himself a favor by short-circuiting his appeals, ensuring his trip to the Texas death chamber.

"I'm the type of individual to face up to my responsibilities and my mistakes," Porter, 33, said during an interview conducted a few days before his execution.

One of his lawyers said Porter "was ready to go."

The tattoo-covered Porter, whose body art proclaimed his allegiance to a white supremacist prison group, is the first of nine Texas inmates already scheduled to die this year, including four in January. Texas carried out 23 executions in 2004, making it the nation's most active death penalty state.

Porter was serving a 45-year term for the 1995 killing of a transient in Denton County when he killed fellow inmate Rudy Delgado

in 2000.

Porter smuggled a rock into his cell at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Telford Unit near Texarkana. He stuffed the rock in a pillowcase and used it to beat Delgado, who was serving a 15-year term for sexually abusing a minor in Dallas County.

Porter said he attacked Delgado because of the man's repeated insistence that the two have sex.

"One day, frustration started eating on me, like a little old black shroud," he said.

Prison guards intervened, but too late for the victim.

"Porter stomped the man until his face could not be recognized as being that of a human, said James Elliott, the assistant district attorney in Bowie County, who prosecuted Porter.

While he had no doubts at the time, Porter said in the days before his death that he now believes he was "wrong to judge" his victim.

"It wasn't my place to re-punish him for something he was already being punished for," Porter said. "I'm sorry it happened."

On Jan. 4, Porter was put to death by lethal injection at the Livingston prison unit.

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State legislatures across nation embroiled in gay marriage debates

ARIZONA

State lawmakers started their new session on Monday, and according to *The Arizona Republic*, the Legislature is expected to take up an amendment banning same-sex marriage during the early part of the session. A group called No Longer Silent: Clergy For Justice led about 120 people on a procession to the Capitol to make a statement of support for gay couples. The *Republic's* E.J. Montini wrote that as the marchers approached, "something from above seemed to tear open holes in the gray flannel sky revealing patches of blue and sunshine."

MAINE

An opponent of gay rights, state Representative Brian Duprey, a Republican of Hampden, has proposed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage as a trick to stir up anti-gay sentiment. The conservative claims that he is trying to help out a constituent, but as the *Portland Press Herald* reports, gay rights activists have set the stage for a marriage bill and are ill-prepared to fight for a legislative victory. The bill is expected to be defeated when it comes up this week.

VIRGINIA

Virginia's lawmakers, the authors of last year's comprehensive ban on civil unions, domestic partnerships and other legal arrangements between gay couples, are back at work, crafting new anti-gay legislation. In addition to a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, the *Richmond Times Dispatch* reports one lawmaker is trying to promote a vanity license plate that reads "Traditional Marriage" and features two entwined wedding rings.

KANSAS

In Kansas, where gay-friendly members of the Legislature barely blocked a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage last session, this year's crop of lawmakers are chomping on the bit to become the first of the so-called second wave of states to pass anti-marriage amendments. Topeka conservatives are trying to pass an amendment quickly enough to get it on the April 5 ballot, when Kansas will hold school board and city elections. If lawmakers miss the pending deadlines, they will have to wait until November 2006 to see their amendment ratified by a public vote.

AROUND THE NATION

More than a dozen legislatures are expected to attempt constitutional amendments banning gay marriage. Work on the measures is underway in Texas, Alabama, South Dakota and Tennessee. Debate resumes in Wisconsin and Massachusetts, where amendments must pass two consecutive sessions. The proposal in Massachusetts to replace gay marriage with civil unions is not expected to advance.

U.S. Supreme Court gives Florida a victory by default

By Anne Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

In a disappointing decision for GLBT people, the United States Supreme Court let stand the Florida law that prohibits gay men and lesbians from even applying to become adoptive parents.

Challenged by the ACLU on behalf of several gay foster dads, the law withstood several rounds of legal debate. Florida won first in federal district court, before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and before the full 11th Circuit. After the entire 11th Circuit declined to review the three-judge panel's decision, voting 6-6, just one judge shy of the required majority, the ACLU took one last shot. It petitioning the Supreme Court to take a definitive look at the 1977 statute.

On Monday, the court declined to review *Lofton v. Florida Department of Children and Families*, rejecting the appeal without comment. Lawyers for the plaintiffs said the ACLU was disappointed but not surprised.

WASHINGTON True, the Supreme Court grants only a tiny fraction of the petitions that clamor for its attention. But this case would have given the justices a chance to clarify their 2003 ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, an opinion that was side-stepped by the 11th Circuit in Lofton and has been evaded by federal judges in several other high-profile gay rights cases.

Florida's adoption law is as notable for who it includes as for who it excludes. Not only may Florida consider criminals and drug addicts as adoptive parents on a case-by-case basis. And many of the state's wards are adopted by single parents. A gay man or lesbian, by contrast, is preemptively barred by law regardless of his or her qualifications.

Florida's lawyers simply turned a blind eye to these conflicts, arguing that children are best raised by a mom and a dad.

The salient question, said the ACLU, is

not what constitutes the ideal home for children, but what constitutes the best criteria for selecting adoptive parents. If an unmarried recovering alcoholic passes muster, then the state arguably should allow a respectable gay family to apply for parenthood.

In a further irony, gay men and women are welcomed in the Florida foster care system, as witnessed by two of the four plaintiffs in the Lofton case. In 1998, Steve Lofton and his partner of 20 years, Roger Croteau, were honored by the Children's Home Society as outstanding foster parents of the year in recognition of the couple's service to the state. Starting in 1988, Lofton and Croteau fostered eight HIV-positive children. Four of those kids were temporary foster children, but the other four were taken in as infants on an open-ended basis. One died of AIDS; the others are now teens. The youngest, Bert, 13, was made eligible for adoption 10 years ago.

But when his fathers tried to start the paperwork, they ran into the roadblock of Florida Statute 63.042, Section 3, which reads simply: "No person eligible to adopt under this statute may adopt if that person is a homosexual."

The family have since moved to Oregon and have taken in two more boys. The lead attorney on the case, ACLU's Leslie Cooper, said she will keep a close eye on how Florida treats the three teens still technically under its jurisdiction. Cooper said she will fight "tooth and nail" if there is any move to separate the children from their foster fathers.

Some analysts fear that the Court's indifference to the case will encourage lawmakers in other states to propose their own versions of the Florida statute. In the last five years, efforts to ban gay people from becoming adoptive parents have failed, although Utah and Mississippi have outlawed joint adoptions by same-sex couples. An administrative ban on gay foster parents in Arkansas was struck down earlier this month.

Illinois sends gay rights law to governor

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

The Illinois Senate broke through years of logjams Monday, voting 30-27 — exactly the margin needed — to advance an expansive gay rights bill. The measure won in the House, 65-51, on Tuesday, and will soon be signed by Governor Rod Blagojevich, who supports the legislation.

GLBT activists in Springfield have pushed gay rights through the House many times, only to watch it languish in the GOP-controlled state Senate. But Democrats took back the upper chamber in 2002, lifting the hopes of gay leaders. The following year, the gay rights bill again stalled in the senate, despite

the fact that polls indicate over 80 percent of this blue state's citizens favored ending gay bias in the workplace and elsewhere.

But this year, the dam of opposition finally broke, albeit on the very last day of the session. One of the lame duck senators who voted in favor of the bill, state Senator Patrick Welch, a Democrat, was a former opponent.

"The more I thought about it the more I think it's just a basic right that it is guaranteed to everybody," Welch said.

The bill adds sexual orientation, which it defines to include gender identity, to the state's existing anti-discrimination law covering jobs, housing, public accommodation and credit. Illinois becomes the 15th state to protect gay men and lesbians against bias.

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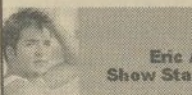
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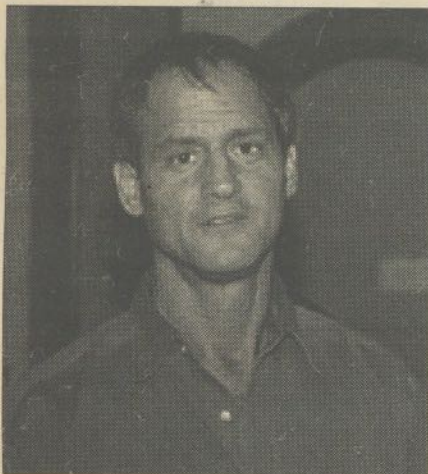
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M.A.N. bites God — a dispatch from the far right

“Dear Ann Rostow,” reads an e-mail from the right-wing American Center for Law and Justice. “Since the very first presidential inauguration of George Washington, every single American president has been free to ask God’s divine guidance and wisdom in running our beloved nation — until now. California atheist Michael A. Newdow has filed a federal lawsuit to prohibit prayer in the Inaugural swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 20! He is suing President George W. Bush in a blatant attack on our country’s cherished heritage, religious foundation and personal freedoms.”

Can you believe it? *Da noive*, as we would say in the Bronx. I get so sick of these smarmy, sanctimonious, chauvinistic, precious little people scurrying around with their little whiskers quivering in outrage and their little ears all pricked up, listening for the latest evidence of deliberate violations of their personal moral code by people who have nothing in common with them and haven’t the slightest interest in toeing their perversely narrow ethical line — people like me, who by rights in this country should be left the \$%#%^ alone by people like them!



Ann Rostow

aration of Church and State with his scrupulous, self-righteous posturing. But I’m on his side, thanks to them.

I don’t like Newdow because the Constitution does not, in fact, oblige us to impose atheism throughout the public square. It simply precludes the government from establishing a state religion or promoting one religion over another. So the Ten Commandments, a uniquely Christian set of principles, cannot be sponsored by the state. But vague references to God are fine. In fact, if you demand atheism, you are “establishing” a religion in a way, in that atheism as a non-religion is a religion of sorts. Don’t you think?

Anyway, as I said, in the face of these creepazoids from the far right, I’m stuck on Newdow’s team. And what’s with the names

American Center for Law and Justice, or Liberty Forum and all the other patriotic sounding monikers that now act as signposts for organizations that — despite their names — effectively undermine our country’s founding principles? It’s like the Bush Administration’s doublespeak, the Healthy Forest Act that lets timber companies chop down old redwoods or the Clean Air Act that rolls back emissions standards. How are we ever going to be able to reach conclusions off the top of our heads at this rate?

Maybe the good guys will have to start calling themselves the Benedict Arnold Society and the progressives in Congress will have to propose the Leave The Children Behind Act.

Ladies, please!

So, what do you think of our new magazine? Looks good, don’t you think? That photo of me on this page is on the large side, and of course, I’m much more attractive in person than I appear in print. If you don’t believe me, check with the *TXT Newsmagazine* Editorial Photography Ombudswoman, Linda Norelli, care of this paper. She’ll tell ya. Yesssirreee. I’m not complaining too much, because if an accurate photo was published, I might have some problems. I imagine that scores of infatuated women might begin paying impromptu visits to my offices here at 906 East Fifth St., Suite 103, bringing Champagne and roses and distracting me from my laserlike focus on the progress of the GLBTLMNOP civil rights movement.

Hey kids, let’s put on a TV ad!

On the B-wire this week, I read an article speculating about which character on *The*

Simpsons is going to come out of the closet — which disturbed me, since I could have sworn that the word was out that Patty, one of the chain-smoking sisters, is the one. The B-wire was a UPI newswire that featured inconsequential dispatches. Or at least that’s what I used to call it. In other news of low import, Focus on the Family is disturbed by a Super Bowl commercial that exposes television viewers to Mickey Rooney’s backside.

“Do Football Fans Deserve to See Mickey Rooney Naked?” asks a headlines in the Focus newsletter. And frankly, even I would suggest the answer would be no. However, the 84-year-old actor is not pictured naked, he is in a sauna scene, wearing a towel that falls off briefly from the rear as he runs out of the spa (to escape airborne germs). In this day and age, however, even a nanosecond of skin is apparently too nettlesome for our touchy



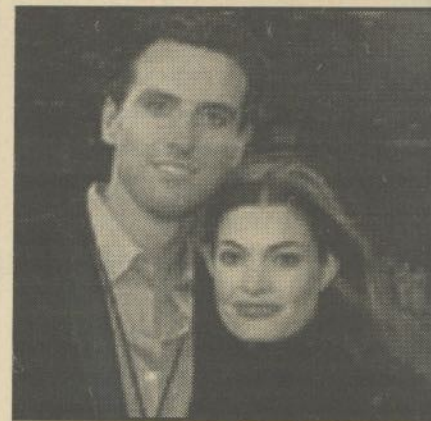
ICKY MICKEY? A more suitably-dressed Mickey Rooney and you-know-who.

media watchdogs, and according to *USA Today* (FOF says), the spot will not be shown. “Our standards department reviewed the ad,” intoned Fox spokesman Lou D’Ermilio, “and it was deemed inappropriate for broadcast.”

The bachelor

Pompous old fool! I’d rant about this if I hadn’t already wasted hundreds of words ranting already at the expense of serious news reporting. Serious reporting, you ask?

Well, yes! Don’t tell me you haven’t heard, for example, that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is divorcing what the *San Francisco Chronicle* called his “beautiful and brainy” wife of three years, Kimberly Guilfoyle Newsom? One part of this article that particularly caught my eye described Mrs. N as “a former prostitute turned television personality,” which I thought was brutally candid until I realized it actually said “former prosecutor turned television personality.” Much better! For her sake at least.



QUEER AS MARRIED FOLK. Mr. & Mrs. Newsome in happier days.

Why is HRC giving tsunami aid?

And what do you think about the news that the Human Rights Campaign has donated \$100,000 to the tsunami relief effort?

Personally, I was upset by it, and announced at breakfast the other day that HRC’s funds are collected for civil rights lobbying, not for disaster aid. It would be just fine, I pontificated, if HRC raised special funds particularly for the tsunami victims, but it was wrong to divert money that had been raised for other purposes.

Anyway, I then took a closer look at the HRC news, and sure enough, the money was raised independently and did not come from “general or program funds.”

Strangely, I continued to be annoyed by the whole thing, even though I had been stripped of my rationale. I don’t know. I just want these people to *focus*, for heaven’s sake. The tsunami were a terrible tragedy. Many people, countries and organizations are responding. But I don’t see the American Civil Liberties Union or the NAACP or the Southern Poverty Law Center handing out relief dollars, and I don’t think any less of them. They have their job to do, and it’s not as if the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Unicef are writing checks to the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, either.

The fact is, the gay rights movement is vastly underfunded compared to the Christian right, and if HRC can come up with cash in six figures just like that, they should do so in support of their own mission, whatever that might be these days.

The money, according to Advocate.com, was given to the Rainbow World Fund, a charitable group that appears to coordinate GLBT community giving. Rainbow World Fund, in turn, will give the money to CARE. That’s all very well and good, but Rainbow should be collecting from individuals or GLBT community groups, not siphoning off potential political funds from HRC backers.

That’s my view, anyway.

INAUGURAL ISSUES. In God Michael Newdow doesn’t trust.

And indeed, I suppose I would be left alone by them if I didn’t deliberately subscribe to their newsletters in order to track their nasty sentiments and erupt with venomous outburst in my so-called “news” column.

In Constitution we trust

But I wouldn’t be left alone, would I? We can’t avoid these people! I don’t even like Michael Newdow, a self-promoting absolutist, who I think actually endangers the sep-

Lessons for the gay rights movement

Former president of Human Rights Campaign forming new effort to win full equality

The struggle for gay civil rights is at a crossroads in America, and even within the GLBT community there are differences of opinion about how the struggle for equality should proceed. Many committed leaders are in favor of continuing the long march toward full equality, including equal marriage rights. Others are arguing that we have gone too far, too fast, and that we should wait for society to catch up. In determining our path going forward, we should look to the past and learn from the leaders of the civil rights battles that have come before us.

Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote in his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* in 1963 that he had "hoped the white moderate would reject the myth concerning time in relation to the struggle for freedom. ... [Some were arguing that civil rights needed to wait for a "more convenient season"] Such an attitude stems from a tragic misconception of time, from the strangely rational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. ... Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be coworkers with God and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."

Important lessons come from the women's suffrage movement as well. As Susan B. Anthony said, "Cautious, careful people always casting about to preserve their reputation or social standards never can bring about reform. Those who are really in earnest are willing to be anything or nothing in the world's estimation, and publicly and privately, in season and out, avow their sympathies with despised ideas and their advocates, and bear the consequences."

Some have interpreted the 2004 election results as a backlash against gay marriage. Thirty-nine years ago Dr. King dismissed the notion of "backlash" against the black civil rights movement. He stated, "There really is no white backlash, because that gives

the impression that the nation had decided it was going to solve this problem and then there was a step back because of development in the civil rights movement. Now, the fact is that America has been backslashing on the civil rights question for centuries now. ... The backlash is merely the surfacing of prejudices, of hostilities, of hatreds and fears that already existed and they are just now starting to open."

The lessons of history are clear — equality cannot wait for a convenient time. Society only moves toward equality when challenged to do so. A backlash isn't a reaction, it is the surfacing of longstanding resentments and misunderstandings that can only be addressed if brought out into the

open.

And the most important lesson is this — civil rights battles are never easy, and they are never short, but throughout our nation's history, these battles have resulted in the expansion of equality to people who had previously been denied equal treatment.

This has been a year of extraordinary accomplishment in the battle for GLBT civil rights. We have achieved things that once seemed like an impossible dream, including the legal marriage of more than 4,000 couples in Massachusetts. Through a national lobbying campaign unprecedented in our community's history, we rallied enough votes in Congress to defeat the federal marriage amendment put forward to discriminate against us. We have moved several important steps forward toward fulfillment of the fundamental constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law.

But many challenges remain, including the reintroduction of a federal marriage amendment and proposed constitutional amendments in Massachusetts and numerous other states that seek to make inequality permanent. Even in Massachusetts, numerous corporations are hiding behind federal law to deny health care coverage to the lawful spouses of their gay employees. And we have elected leaders in this country, including the man in the oval office, who have placed themselves on the wrong side of history by campaigning against equality.

So the question is, what do those who seek justice do today, tomorrow, for the next six months and the next 60

months to advance the cause of equality?

First, we must recognize what election day taught us — that there is an enormous conversation and an enormous education campaign that still must take place in this country. The more that American voters learn about the aspirations we hold for ourselves and our families, the more they will realize that those aspirations are the same as theirs.

We must also continue the conversation with corporate America. Thousands of lives are changed for the better every time a major corporation decides to offer fair workplace policies and benefits. Many major corporations are leading the way on the benefits of equal treatment, putting pressure on our elected leaders to follow.

And we must expand the conversation to include religious leaders. They have always played an important role in the battle for civil rights, because equality is an issue of importance to people of faith. We must engage fair-minded religious leaders in this effort, and ensure that people understand that no one is seeking to force gay marriage upon religious organizations that object to it. We seek only to ensure equal access to the civil institution of marriage.

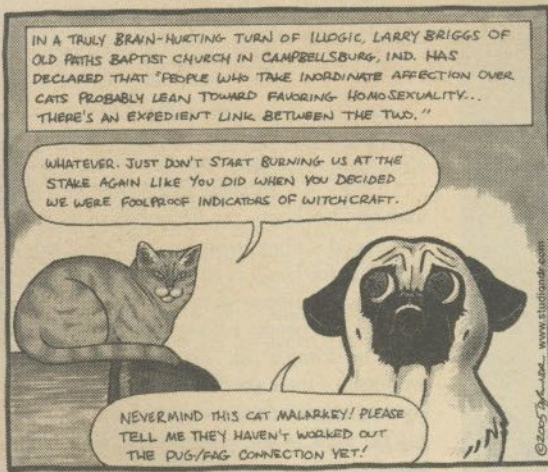
We must also strengthen our efforts to involve straight allies in this campaign. For advocates of equality, that means reaching out to your family and friends on a very personal basis. This last election showed us that because 51 percent of gay people don't talk to their families, friends and colleagues about being gay, we don't engage them. And they often don't stand with us, or vote with us. Coming out is about more than a personal journey, it is about joining a civil rights movement and making people feel passion about the role they can play as a partner in these efforts.

The road to equality will be rocky, with days of progress mixed with days of setback. We must work tirelessly each day to get closer to it, until we can gather around that flag as full and equal citizens of the United States.

To those of you, gay and straight, who are already fully engaged in the fight for equality, I want to say thank you. To those who have not yet gotten involved, I want to invite you to join us. Send me an e-mail and I will help you identify how you can have the greatest impact. I hope to hear from you, and I look forward to working with you in pursuit of a more inclusive America.

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Letters

Where are the big changes?

I picked up the first issue of *TXT Newsmagazine*. It looks like the same old tired *Qtexas*.

How about some really serious articles, like the widespread problem of drug abuse in our community, which leads to the spread of HIV again in our youth, or the increase of syphilis. Not just the fluff like an interview with Rufus Wainright. How about we get some real answers from Howard and not some bitchy queen's comments?

How about fewer advertisements? I know publications like yours make a lot of their money from advertisers. But it seems most of the layouts are taken up with these ads. The articles suffer for lack of space. The articles and writing are extremely informative and well-done. It just seems that they get cut short. And six-and-a-half pages of "adult" service ads? That's a little much!

It seems to me that the big changes hyped in advertisements just didn't happen.

G. Mendias, Dallas

Do the math

I'm disabled, and President Bush is endangering my retirement and the retirements of millions of Americans by taking the first step in his plan to dismantle Social Security.

I just found out last week that White House sources revealed their plan to cut promised benefits to retirees by nearly a third. And these cuts are guaranteed whether you opt in to the Bush plan or not.

For those entering the workforce today, that means a cut of more than a quarter of the retirement benefits they're counting on.

We can't stand by and let President Bush cut our guaranteed Social Security retirement benefits.

Terri Rimmer, Fort Worth

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Head for the mountains

Gay ski weeks across the continent offer something for everyone

By Arnold Wayne Jones

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You might think that the whole purpose of a getting away for a ski weekend is to, well, ski. You'd be wrong.

Sure, there are those who wait anxiously for the first snowfall just so that they can snap on their boots, pin lift tickets to their parkas and slalom down a powder-covered mountain for hours at a time. But nowadays, ski weeks can mean so much more.

"A lot of people who will be coming won't be skiing at all," says David Ewing, president of the Lake Tahoe Gay Lesbian Foundation, which is sponsoring the Ascent gay ski week in late February and early March. "A lot of people will be there just for the camaraderie and entertainment."

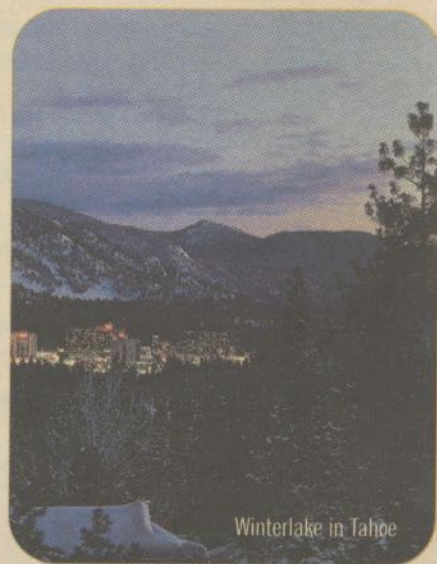
He is quick to point out, "all levels of skiers are welcome" — even those who prefer schnapps-and-cocoa in the lodge to shooshing down the slopes.

This is the era of modern ski vacations, ones more about having a good time than setting downhill speed records. That means parties, fine dining and tons of other things far from the mountain's peak.

Ascent, for example, will kick off with a performance by the Kinsey Sicks, a so-called "dragapella" group. "We're thrilled about that because they're on the rise," Ewing says.

Indigo Girls will be playing on Saturday night, and there will be a full complement of comedians every evening. "And beginning on Thursday night, we'll have nightly dance parties, each night with a different D.J. or set of D.J.s," according to Ewing.

Ascent will also feature performances by comedians like Judy Gold and Scott Kennedy, and Judy Shepard will deliver an address at a charity event. And because Tahoe's Heavenly Mountain Resort, the host ski area, straddles the state line that divides California from Nevada, gambling in one of the casinos is just a roulette spin away.

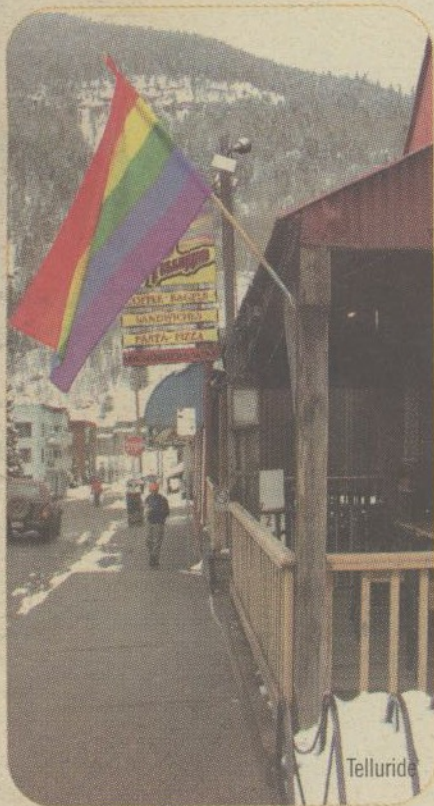


"All the casinos in Heavenly are major sponsors of our events," says Ewing — further evidence that it ain't just about the skiing.

Each resort insists that its powder is the finest for those who love to ski, but there are wonderful delights at each destination. Many gay ski weekends tend toward snowy circuit

parties. D.J.s like Boy George, Tony Moran and Escape are just some of those appearing at dance parties from Lake Louise to Stowe, Vt.

Now in its second year of gay ski weeks, Telluride claims one of the finest restaurants in Colorado — Allred', 'at the top of the gondola — yummy foie gras, Muscovy duck, yam ravioli and a deadly good chocolate gâteau are just some of the delights. (On the other end of the spectrum, you can get top-notch Carolina pulled-pork barbecue and hickory beef at Fat Alley for about \$10 per person.)



Telluride

Telluride also hosts a few gay-friendly events, including a fashion show fund-raiser and an Oscar watching party.

There's always the risk that a resort town doesn't offer a lot for its gay community and is merely courting queer dollars. Going to a new ski area can be a gamble.

But that's not necessarily the case. Aspen Gay and Lesbian Ski Week, which begins on Sunday, has been around since 1977 — long enough that concerns about a fly-by-night exploitation of the gay community is a false fear.

Telluride, in typical mountain-hippie style, offers the laid-back, live-and-let-live attitude of a true ski bum town. Several businesses proudly display their rainbow flags (including the delicious pastry shop, Baked in Telluride — whose druggie-suggestive name is not wholly accidental).

Tahoe's gay community, Ewing notes, "is larger than one would think as a visitor and probably is not as visible as people want it to be. We as a gay and lesbian community wanted to be active in our community and felt that building a foundation would be a great thing to do. This event is a way to organize our community."

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Calendar of Gay Ski Weeks in 2005

At least 10 ski resorts and towns have targeted gay and lesbian skiers and snowboarders for week- or weekend-long snow parties. Here's a rundown of the major events in North America this season.

January 16–23

Aspen Gay & Lesbian Ski Week
gayskiweek.com

■ The daddy of gay ski weeks, it's been around since 1977 and features a costumed-skier contest.

January 21–23

Powder and Pride Gay & Lesbian Ski Weekend
(Lake Louise, Alberta)

ubproductions.com
■ Inaugural event.

January 29–February 7

Altitude 2005 (Whistler, British Columbia)
outontheslopes.com

■ Includes nightly parties, such as Avalanche, Pool & Skating Party, Uniform Party, Meltdown and Snowball 2005; DJ Escape and Tony Moran will be featured.

February 2–6

Winter Rendezvous XXI (Stowe, Vt.)
gayskieast.org

■ The 21st annual ski party will showcase live music from Boogie 2 Shooz.

February 18–21

Winter Explosion 2005 (Kerhonkson, N.Y.)
winterexplosion.com

■ This event, targeted at African-Americans, will offer a live concert performance by Rachele Ferrell.

February 24–29

Summit County Gay Ski and Snowboard Week
(Breckenridge, Colo.)

gayskiing.org/skiing/indexc.htm

■ Centrally located, skiing trips are planned each day, alternating between Vail, Breckenridge and Keystone.

February 26–March 7

Telluride Gay Ski Week
gayskiweekusa.com

■ Telluride's second event features an Oscar-watching party and the highest-elevation dance partying the world. There's also a benefit fashion show.

February 27–March 6

Ascent (Lake Tahoe, Nev.)
Ascentlaketahoe.com

■ Inaugural event. Read more about it on Page 10.

March 6–13

Lake Tahoe WinterFest
laketahowinterfest.com

■ The South Tahoe gay skiing extravaganza claims Boy George as the guest DJ.

March 30–April 3

OutBoard (Keystone, Colo.)
outboard.org

■ Event targeted to gay snowboarder rather than Alpine skier.

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Film

By Steven Lindsey



Sins of the Padre

Pedro Almodóvar educates on the making of a brilliant film

With *Bad Education*, Pedro Almodóvar secures his place in history as one of the world's greatest film directors and one of its most important gay voices. Working from a script he penned himself, Almodóvar has composed a beautiful cinematic masterpiece. Love, sex, mystery, intrigue, drugs, drag, masturbation and Catholicism collide in a thriller that is intricately paced, flawlessly acted and perfectly executed. Not only is *Bad Education* Almodóvar's most triumphant film to date, it is likely the best film you'll see this year.

It's Madrid, 1980, and Enrique Goded (Fele Martínez) is a successful director in desperate need for a story for his next film. When an old schoolmate, Ignacio (Gael García Bernal), shows up at his office with a script in hand, it appears that Goded's prayers

have been answered. The script chronicles the boys' childhood, when they fended off Father Manolo (Daniel Giménez Cacho), a sexually abusive priest who will stop at nothing to keep his secret.

After a 16-year separation, the former pals get reacquainted, even as Enrique frets that Ignacio has changed from the young boy he fell in love with at Catholic school. Now an aspiring actor, Ignacio agrees to let Enrique use his script for the movie, but only if he can play one of the leads.

Because it is filled with unexpected twists, exposing any more of the story would be a travesty. The characters' love of cinema influences many stylistic elements of the movie, which pays homage to numerous classic films in the process. The soundtrack evokes a sweeping Hitchcockian score with all its anxious, screeching strings and mischievous doom.

For further proof of *Bad Education's*

appeal, look no further than Bernal's complex performance and delectable body. In drag, he's the beautiful, exotic love child of Julia Roberts and Juliette Lewis, exhibiting tenderness and a soft-spoken demeanor, which masks an underlying mission to right so many unthinkable wrongs.

Portraying an actor gives him further opportunities to explore the numerous sides of his character's many personas, with jaw-dropping results. Bernal is almost criminally sexy, as most can attest from viewing his star-making turn in *Y Tu Mamá También*. Between *Bad Education* and last year's *Motorcycle Diaries*, an Oscar should rightfully grace his mantle come February.

Ultimately, *Bad Education* has the strength of vision and an unflinching desire to expose and explore life's most taboo moments with responsibility, honesty and humor. That's not to say it doesn't give equal time to titillation, but gratuitousness is not

part of the deal. In a country where every word and frame are scrutinized by TV censors, the FCC and the MPAA, it is refreshing to have a film that is so immaculately conceived and unafraid of the inherent messiness of reality.

And what do you know? The world hasn't ended.

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Bad Education (La Mala Educación)

Written and directed by Pedro Almodóvar
With Gael García Bernal, Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho and Lluís Homar

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AskHoward

How to do the wrong thing right



Porn can be a wonderful thing — in moderation

Dear Howard,

I'm 24 years old and proud of the fact that I'm still technically a virgin, although my DVD porn collection would rival the vaults of Kristen Bjorn. I seem to spend all my income on porn. I even took a job at an adult bookstore to catch the newest shipments before anybody else. Is this normal?

Pent Up

Watching porn is perfectly normal; spend-

ing every nickel you make on porn is not. I advise you end your "technical" virginity sooner rather than later. You are, after all, 24 — whom are you saving it for? Am I wrong in assuming that you have religious issues working against you too? The money you save on porn in a week would be much more wisely spent on inviting a real person on a real date to a real movie. You can haul out *The Best of Ken Ryker* afterwards.

Dear Howard,

I'm single and not into the club scene much, so I do most of my dating over the Internet, but I'm having trouble finding any datable men. I'm 47, and most of the guys I meet just want me to be their butch daddy for a night. (My Internet photo shows me wearing jeans and sunglasses on my motorcycle with my shirt off. I also have a mustache and a shaved head.) I would like to meet some ordinary guys who just want to go out to dinner and the movies, but instead I feel like I'm expected to be the Marlboro Man. Is anybody out there not looking for a freak to fuck them?

Angel Eyes

Your plight reminds me of the Colonel in

Boogie Nights when he laments, "I'm a simple man. I like butter in my ass and a lollipop in my mouth." Perhaps it's the photo you need to change. As Oscar Wilde said, "Only a fool doesn't judge by first impressions." Here's my suggestion for a pose that's sure to melt a proper boyfriend-to-be's heart: Wear a simple navy blue polo shirt instead of going bare-chested. Smile a little bit, but don't be lascivious about it. Have a wristwatch on (it'll show you have to be places) but no bling-bling of any other kind (finger rings, obvious piercings or visible tattoos). Scrap the Harley altogether. Shave the 'stache. Pose in front of something non-suggestive, yet impressive, like a mahogany writing desk. I have no doubt your datable inventory will soon begin to rise.

Dear Howard,

The other night I picked up a guy and we went back to my place. We'd both been drinking a lot and he wanted to get into water sports, and so I did. My question is: Can you catch HIV from drinking ... you know?

Dry Mouth

Oh, it was all his idea, was it? What do I look like, anyway? A doctor? Actually, HIV is

not present in urine. In fact, urine is quite sterile as body fluids go. However, that stain on that afghan your grandmother gave you for graduation is another thing entirely.

Dear Howard,

I have been in a relationship with someone for two years. I am the top and he is the bottom. It works perfectly for us and we have never switched roles. Here's the problem. My bottom boyfriend wants to spice up our love-making by having me put on a dress and a wig. Mind you, I am *exclusively* a top. I love him greatly and want to spend the rest of my life with him, but this can't be right. Besides, I never could get the hang of managing the zippers!

A Top

To quote the final line from that cross-dressing classic, *Some Like It Hot*, "Nobody's perfect."

GOT HOWARD?

Do you have a question Howard can answer? Send e-mail to askhoward@btnewsmag.com, or write to Ask Howard, P.O. Box 191362, Dallas TX 75219

Toner Farm Retiree Joins Sir Speedy for first Quarter of '05



Kofe, a retired Clydesdale from the Sir Speedy toner farms of Hawaii, is coming to Sir Speedy Oak Lawn for the first quarter of 2005. He'll be helping to spread the word about the power of color, and specifically, the superior color of toners grown on the Sir Speedy toner farm.

Kofe spent much of his life in Hawaii pulling the bean-laden carts along the trails among the mountain orchards where the toner beans are harvested. In his spare time he was responsible for much of the fertilizer that was used to keep the trees healthy and strong.

After years of dedicated service, he's being rewarded with a year-long trip to the states to see how the fruits of his labor are working to increase the impact and retention of information in printing.

Kofe's trainer, Wai 'Hue' Kikolr, is accompanying Kofe and six other retiring Clydesdales on their year-long tour. He secretly admits that Kofe is by far the most personable and knowledgeable of the toner farm Clydesdales. We're very happy to have him with us, even if it is just for a few months!



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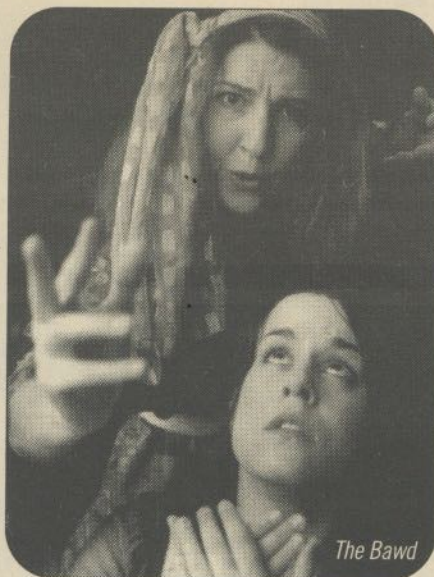
Friday, January 14

AUSTIN

William Shakespeare's Pericles, Prince of Tyre. Thursdays-Sundays, through Feb. 5. Production by Different Stages. Arts on Real, 2826 Real Street. 512-472-2787. Artsonreal.com/tix.html.

Texas's own James McMurtry and his band, the Heartless Bastards. 9 p.m. Cactus Café. \$13.

John Boulanger's wacky new cabaret play, *Zing! Ding! Ding! Ring! Ring! Ring!* Opened by ZING! Troupe Texas. 7 p.m. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. \$10. Through Jan. 30. 512-653-0712. Sidekicksaustin.com.



The Bawd

DALLAS

High Tech Happy Hour. 5:30 p.m. Grill 400, 400 W. Davis St. 214-941-2727. Quigleymark2004@yahoo.com.



MacHomer

The Simpsons meet the Bard in Rick Miller's *MacHomer*. 8 p.m. Galatyn Park Urban Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. 972-744-4650. Eisemanncenter.com.

HOUSTON

Heyd Fontenot's Recent Works on Paper opens tonight and runs through Feb. 19. Inman Gallery, 3901 Main St. 713-526-7800. Heydfontenot.com

SAN ANTONIO

Know HIV test results in about 20 minutes with no fee or appointment needed. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Diversity Center San Antonio. 531 San Pedro Ave. or 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Saturday, January 15

AUSTIN

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas hosts Texas LGBT Power Summit, an intensive training and action program for dedicated people who are highly motivated to build state campaigns, organizations, and coalitions. Through Jan. 17. \$100. 512-474-5475. Colin@lgrl.org.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network breakfast. Army Spc. Thomas Cook, keynote speaker. 9:30 a.m. Z-Tejas, 1110 W. 6th St. RSVP at 512-929-9265 or ssansoucy@aol.com.

DALLAS

BiNet-DFW brunch sponsored by the social and support group for bisexual men and women. 10:30 a.m. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 214-521-5342 ext. 1761.

Dignity/Dallas sponsors liturgy. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4523 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1732.

Pigskin Gay Bingo with Patti LePlae Safe. 6 p.m. Lakewood Theatre, 1825 Abrams Pkwy. 214-540-4495. Rcdallas.org.

DJ Michael Tank of South Beach-Houston spins at One. 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. 3025 Main.

HOUSTON

Imperial Court of Houston royalty Marc Cohen and Ginger Vitis present *Back from Safari*. Benefits AIDS Foundation Houston's Camp Hope. 8 p.m. E/J's. 2517 Ralph St. at Westheimer.

Theatre at Indian Summer Lodge holds auditions for gay-themed plays, *108 Waverly* and *Southern Baptist Sissies*, 605 Columbia (at White Oak Drive). 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Joe Watts, 713-522-2204.

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio native Jade Esteban Estrada presents *Icons: The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol. 1*. Benefits the Diversity Center San Antonio. 7:30 p.m. The Saint, 1430 N. Main Ave. \$15-\$20. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.



Estrada

Diversity Center San Antonio presents GLBT Health Fair. Information and testing for HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases, breast cancer, substance abuse, diabetes, domestic violence, depression, suicide, transgender health care, crime victim awareness, mental health, pregnancy and prenatal care, adoption, and more. Free doughnuts, tacos, juice and coffee. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Diversity Center San Antonio. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Spectrum yOUTH Group, a social group for ages 13 to 18. 7 p.m. Diversity Center San Antonio. 531 San Pedro Ave. or 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Registration for the 2005 Miss Texas International Pageant, 2 p.m., followed by Gay Fiesta Appreciation Party, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Saint, 1430 N. Main Ave. 210.225.7330. thesaint-satx.com.

Sunday, January 16

AUSTIN

Luncheon for Triangle Fellowship of Trinity United Methodist Church. 12:45 p.m. Matt's El Rancho, 2613 S. Lamar. 512-459-5835.

DALLAS

State Representative Rafael Anchia, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, Dallas PFLAG, Human Rights Campaign, Texas Freedom Network, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas and Family Pride Coalition hold Town Hall meeting regarding issues facing the GLBT community during the 79th Session of the Texas Legislature. 7 p.m. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. Lgrl.org.

Donna Dumae celebrates 21 years of entertaining and fund-raising with a special show. Benefits AIDS Services of Dallas. 8 p.m. Dallas Eagle. 2515 Inwood Ave, #107. 214-357-4375, dallaseagle.com



To submit an event listing All listings of upcoming GLBT meetings and events and of arts openings should be sent to the managing editor, in the Houston office. They must be received no later than noon on Monday to be included in Friday's newsmagazine. We prefer to receive them earlier. They may be e-mailed to nancy@txtnewsmag.com, or faxed to 713-529-0327, or mailed to TXT Newsmagazine, 4617 Montrose Blvd., Suite C229, Houston TX 77006.

Lambda Weekly, gay and lesbian radio program. 1 p.m. on KNON, 89FM. Information at geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

HOUSTON

Don Gill Productions presents *A Helping Hand*, featuring Christian musician Shawn Thomas, Elation and other locals. Benefits Excel International de Coleres, Inc. and Excel of the Armadillo for an education and empowerment trip to South Africa. Keys West.

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SAN ANTONIO

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Diversity Center POZ Outlook Social Group helps you learn about the local resources that will help you to live with HIV. 4-6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Fan's Note

Rufus Wainwright has announced a change in his tour schedule. The singer will be in Europe during the times he had announced, and we had published for Texas. The Texas portion of his tour will be rescheduled at a later date.

Bring your children and pets to a fun filled social event at Family Day. 11 a.m. Registration for the Lesbo Olympics begins at 10:30 a.m. Bermuda Triangle.



The Saint presents Miss Texas International Pageant, 10:30 p.m. 1430 N. Main Ave. 210.225.7330. thesaint-satx.com.

Monday, January 17

AUSTIN

Chris Lee and Suzy LaFollete host Xtreme Poetry Slam. 8 p.m. \$100 in cash prizes. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com

Keyska's Divas features Keyska Diva, Satine and Nadine. Midnight. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

HOUSTON

Rothko Chapel presents its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration with the one-woman play, *The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman*, by Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux, and a performance by the Sandra Organ Dance Company. 7:30 p.m. Free. 1409 Sul Ross. 713-524-9839.

SAN ANTONIO

Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio elects officers and board members. 6:30 p.m. Grady's Bar-B-Que, 6510 San Pedro.

Tuesday, January 18

AUSTIN

Austin Gay-Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Business Networking meets for dinner and door prizes. If your business or organization would like to donate gift certificates, promotional items with your business logo or gift baskets, etc., bring them. 6:30 p.m. Flores Mexican Restaurant, 2700 W. Anderson Ln., Suite 202. Tickets are \$10-\$15. 512-302-5470. Agfcc.org.

EchoSystemz hosts karaoke. 9:30 p.m. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

PFLAG-Austin. 7 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 600 E. 50th. Info: 512-302-PFLAG.

HOUSTON

Montrose Social Group, a peer-led organization. 7:30 p.m. Bering Church, room 224. msgshouston.org

RSICSS's Drag Queen Bingo benefits local charities, followed by *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genessee.

SAN ANTONIO

Help the Grant Committee search for and write proposals that match the Diversity Center's programs and services. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

It's Movie Night At Diversity Center. 6 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Wednesday, January 19

AUSTIN

Enjoy the live sounds of Idlemind. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks. 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com

DALLAS

Wayne Smith hosts karaoke. 11 p.m. Mickey's, 3851 Cedar Springs Rd. Mickeysdallas.com.

HOUSTON

Women's Professional Happy Hour, followed by *Queer Eye for the Straight Girl*. Meteor, 2306 Genessee.

SAN ANTONIO

Know HIV test results in about 20 minutes with no fee or appointment needed. 5-7 p.m. Diversity Center San Antonio. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

In The Limelight, "San Antonio GLBT Foreign Film Festival" committee meeting. 7 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

Thursday, January 20

AUSTIN

EchoSystemz hosts karaoke. 9:30 p.m. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com

DALLAS

Texas Ballet Theatre presents *An Intimate Evening at the Majestic* honoring Sis Carr. 8 p.m. 1925 Elm St. 214-880-013.

HOUSTON

Alley Theatre presents Arthur Miller's *After the Fall* with former Miss America Kate Shindle, followed by an Act Out event (the Alley's subscription series for the GLBT community). 8 p.m. 615 Texas Ave. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.com.



Help rebuild Paradise Lost. Kofi hosts a fundraiser for the tsunami victims of Southeast Asia, followed by *East meets West: The Men Manwatch Dancers take on Muscles in Action*, with DJ Mark Goebel. South Beach. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

Bering Support Network, Director Daniel Garces facilitates the "Loss of Relationship Group", a six-week group for people recovering from divorce or the end of a committed relationship. 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Jerry Goree, 713-526-1017.

SAN ANTONIO

Community Clinic offers free HIV/AIDS testing, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Saint. 1430 N. Main Ave. 210.225.7330. thesaint-satx.com.

GDLSA Steak Night raises cash for the Gay Dart League of San Antonio. \$5 for a steak, baked potato, salad, and bread. The Saint/Annex.

M2 A peer support group for young men, ages 19-29. Contact the Diversity Center for location. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 210-223-6106. Diversitycenter.org.

OutWrite SA newsletter team welcomes volunteers. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 210-223-6106. Newsletter@glccsa.org.

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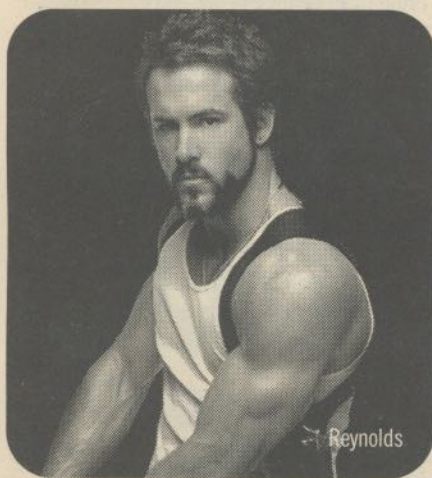
Playgirl chooses an out gay Man of the Year. And what's that down Billy's throat?

I started my new year with a long black object going down my throat. Get your mind out of the gutter — I've had recurring laryngitis and hoarseness, so it was time to see a specialist. After all, I must take care of my instrument.

I went into the examination with fears that, like **Julie Andrews**, my dulcet tones might be forever silenced due to some polyps or nodes or even tumors. Sadly, instead of something quite so dramatic, I have a very different malady — an acute acid reflux that apparently only plagues untalented singers. I don't know which is more disturbing: the medical diagnosis or the fact that I have something in common with **Ashlee Simpson**.

Last week, we brought you the story of **Queen Elizabeth's** Christmas pudding showing up on eBay. I am now convinced that our British brothers and sisters are off their collective rockers. Why? Because I just came across a new eBay listing: a roll of toilet paper with a starting bid of \$75,000.

Clearly this roll (which is mounted on a piece of wood and enclosed in glass) is no regular roll of toilet paper. It originated in the loo at London's famed Abbey Road Studios and was rejected by **The Beatles**. Allegedly, the paper was too hard and shiny for the one of the Fab Four's derrieres (my money's on **Ringo**), so this roll has been hanging around for about 40 years. And to think no one's bid on it yet!



Reynolds

When I wrote recently about how hot **Ryan Reynolds** looked in *Blade 3: Trinity*, I had no idea that I'd be inundated with photos of his impressive physique. First several fans sent me images of Ryan shirtless in a scene

from the upcoming remake of *The Amityville Horror*. Then came an even bigger surprise — Reynolds on the cover of the January/February issue of *Men's Health*.

Inside the magazine, we find out that it was *Blade's* director who told Ryan to gain 20 pounds of muscle and lose one-third of his body fat. Inexplicably, actors get an order like that and say, "No problem." A few weeks later, they're in picture-perfect shape, while the rest of us are struggling with those 10 pounds of holiday fat! Check out Ryan's regime and diet secrets in *Men's Health*.

Speaking of hot guys, last month I neglected to tell you about "The Sexiest Men of

behind the scenes of *Dynasty*, I wondered what ever happened to **Al Corley**? I always thought he was hot and a good actor. Does he still work? And did he ever pose in the nude?"

Al Corley is one of those actors whose aspirations were a tinge higher than his actual talent. As a result, he rebelled against the typical roles he was qualified for and got a reputation of being difficult to work with, which wasn't necessarily the case.

After being replaced on *Dynasty* in 1983 by **Jack Coleman**, Al quickly realized his potential by appearing on the short-lived nighttime soap *Bare Essence* opposite that distinguished thespian



The Beatles

Reality TV" 2005 calendar. For someone like me who doesn't watch a lot of reality television, this calendar comes in handy. Of course, I know **Reichen** and **Eric Nies**. I even recognize **Ethan Zohn** from *Survivor: Africa*. But the guys from *Temptation Island* and *Paradise Hotel* are on the fringe of public access by my standards. Still, I can't deny that they're pretty to look at, especially **Kaya** (*Temptation*) and **Matthew** (*Bachelorette*). Both are featured on the cover.

Let's take a quick second to congratulate our own **Rick Dinihanian** for being crowned *Playgirl's* Man of the Year. Not only did it prove that older guys can be hotties too (Rick's 55). It also proved that women can appreciate an openly gay man. OK, so *Playgirl* really didn't press the gay part. And we know most *Playgirl* readers aren't women. But still ...

Our first "Ask Billy" this week comes from George in Detroit: "While I was watching the hokey movie about what went on

Genie Francis. When the *Dynasty* cast was reassembled for a reunion movie in 1991, Coleman was unavailable, so Corley returned to the role of Steven. Nowadays, Al has branched out into producing and directing.

As for nude photos, believe it or not, Al did indeed pose showing all (and he's "intact") — quite a bold move for a TV actor in the '80s. We'll post the photo on Filth2Go.com.

Paul in Bridgewater, Mass., writes: "I just rented a French DVD called *You'll Get Over It*. The film was about a teenage boy who was a competitive swimmer coming out. The film was just okay, but the guys were so hot — specifically **Francois Comar** who played Stéphane. Do you know anything about him?"

You'll Get Over It is a French made-for-TV movie — the kinda thing that wouldn't star **Elijah Wood** and **Meryl Streep** but, rather, **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** and **Swoosie Kurtz**. That said, the flick is a somewhat typical high school coming out story (better done in *The Disco Years* — although

that could that be my fondness for **Russell Scott Lewis** showing).

I don't know much about Francois, but he's quite a hottie. Actually, most of the cast are pretty cute and seem to be able to act (since it's in French, who really knows?). The locker room and shower scenes are enough to make me recommend this DVD.

Could it be that a certain funnyman has traded one addiction for another? So say friends, who tell me that the spicy signor is obsessed with gambling. Although he's done well on screen, in person it's quite a different game. To improve, he started playing online and now spends hours upon hours glued to his computer terminal. Rumor has it he'll play 'til dawn, waiting for one jackpot.

A certain blond Adonis has been jumping through hoops to get his next gig. My spies in that den of iniquity tell me that the sexy stud has been desperately seeking employment for a year now and is even willing to do daytime. Gee, this desire to stay busy coincides with two important milestones — the beginning of a personal engagement and the end of a professional one.

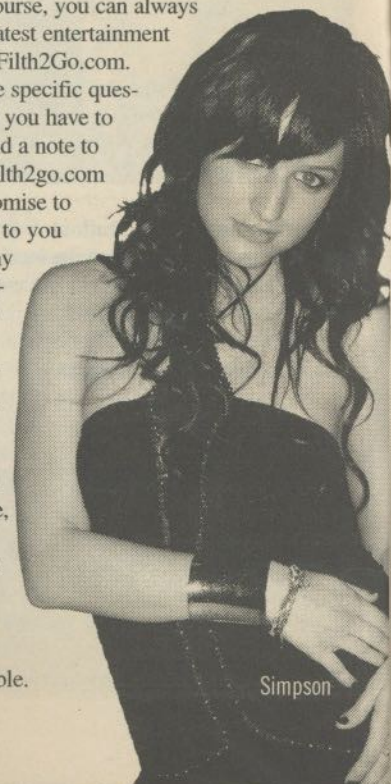
When I can fit in two blind items, it's definitely time to end another column. Interestingly enough, both subjects are mighty close to each other — geographically and chronologically speaking. So close, and yet so far.

Before we completely run out of space, let me congratulate my buddy **Kathy Griffin** on her new reality show. *Kathy Griffin: Life on the D-List* had been informally associated with Bravo but, happily, this week the network announced that six episodes have been ordered for the upcoming season. Brava, Bravo!

Of course, you can always get the latest entertainment news at Filth2Go.com.

For more specific questions, all you have to do is send a note to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before my next concert tour (sponsored by Nexium, no doubt).

Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.



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Capricorn

The sun opposing Saturn is an annual challenge — a few days of butting heads with limits and responsibility. Measure your goals carefully, look ahead and proceed with caution!

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Accomplishments are always relative to your particular talents and background. Whether your parents were wealthy or on welfare, you're at the beginning of a 15-year career upswing. Focus now on innate or familial traits that will help you up the long climb ahead.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

If you're going to shine intellectually you need to check your basic facts. Shortcomings in your arguments and assumptions will be brought harshly to your attention. Speak softly and carry a big eraser!

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

You're hot stuff these days, especially in a bit of leather. That can get expensive, and money's a little tight now. Your resourcefulness and eye for bargains are very sharp right now, but the best accessory (at no cost) is an invincible attitude.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Times are tough, and loneliness can weigh heavily right now, whether you're partnered or not. Reassess and make better use of the relationships you have. Never look for love — when the time is right, love will find you.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Be attentive to your health for the moment. Apparently, minor skin problems can be symptomatic of something much worse. Stress at work can be alleviated, at least to some extent, by organizing your space to be more efficient.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Being productive and creative offers more fun than relaxing and partying. Now is a good time to find like-minded teammates in your pursuits. Actually coordinating the efforts will take some work, but will prove worthwhile.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

You're at the top of your game, but now you're more focused on home and family. Something from your roots will illuminate ways for you to maximize your professional potential — although it points to more work, and you may not like it.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Stick to simple ideas and details for now, and soon enough you'll see how they fit together into a greater scheme. For the broader, over-arching ideas, stay with what you know, and build carefully on that.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

The stars hint at a life-and-death struggle, but that's usually metaphorical. If you rise to the occasion, you will have a stronger sense of your own worth. If you fail, don't be too hard on yourself, but make sure to learn from your mistakes.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Your relationship may feel like "the old ball and chain," but what weighs on you most about your partner is very likely a projection of your own faults. Sure, it takes two, but be very clear about your own responsibility in all your affairs.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Meditation and a healthy diet are especially important for your health now. A spa retreat would be ideal. Or just eat intelligently, baby your skin and get a check up. It's a great time to nip problems in the bud.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

You're craving company, but you're not really in a party mood. Working on a committee or networking with colleagues is more for you now. Don't overcommit, but if you can take on more responsibilities, you will be rewarded for them.

Jack Fertig, a founding member of the Association for Astrological Networking, became a professional astrologer in 1977. He can be reached for consultations at 415-864-8302 or at www.starjack.com.

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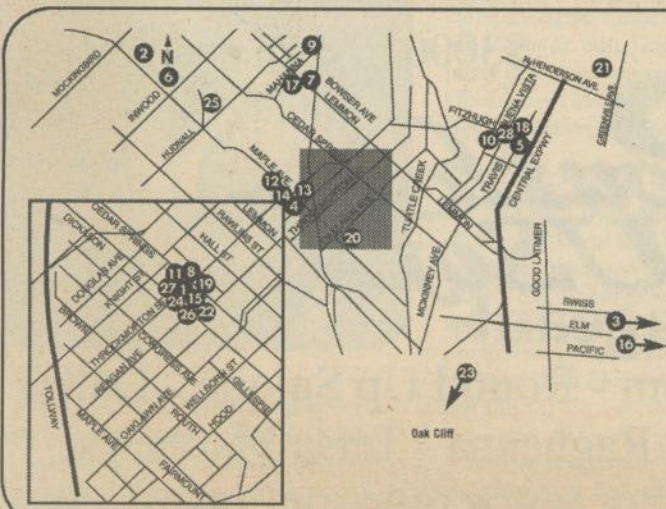
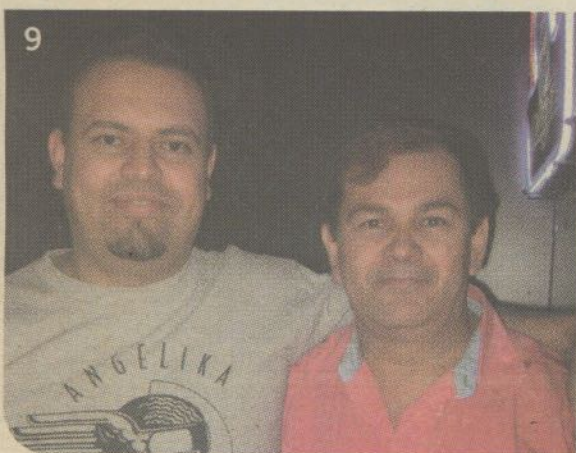
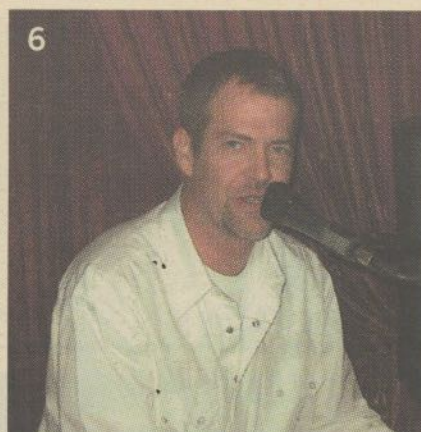
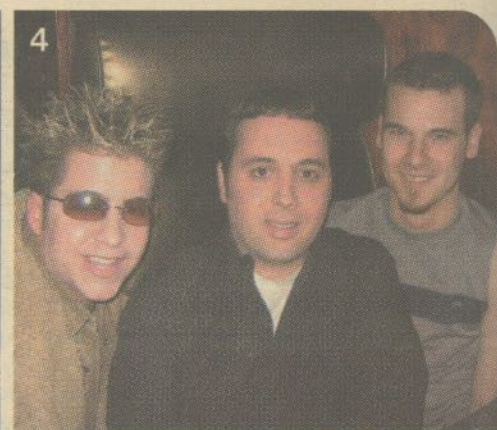
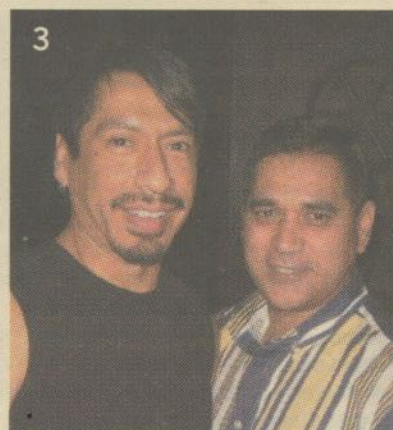
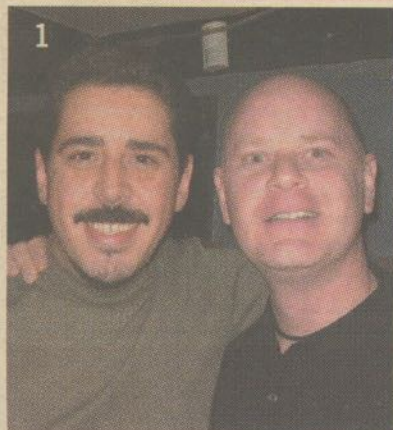
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1. James and Chris at the Dallas Eagle. 2. Jeff, Ethan, Kelly, Justin and Tyler at Mickey's. 3. Gary and Luis at Throckmorton Mining Company. 4. Eric, Ronnie and Quinnie at Alexandre's. 5. Friends at Buddies II. 6. Les at Bill's Hideaway. 7. Jeff at the Round-Up Saloon. 8. Bru, Monica and Freddie at Illusions. 9. Enrique and Carlos at Kaliente. 10. Mala at Sue Ellen's. 11. Angelynn at Joe's. 12. Lennon at Station 4.
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3. Blue—1933 Elm St., 214-880-0888, bluevip.com
4. Buddies II—4025 Maple Ave., 214-526-0887, buddiesii.com
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6. Dallas Eagle—2515 Inwood, #107, 214-357-4375 dallaseagle.com
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12. Joe's Place—4117 Maple, 214-219-JOES
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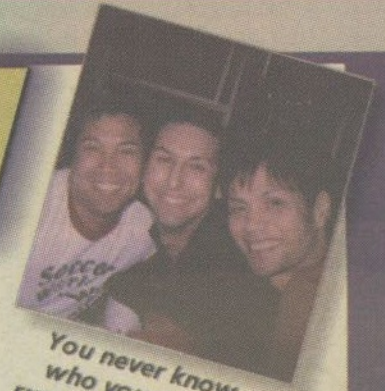
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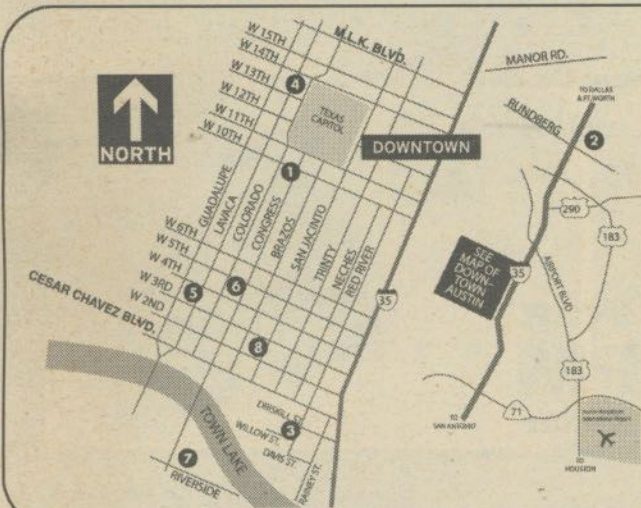
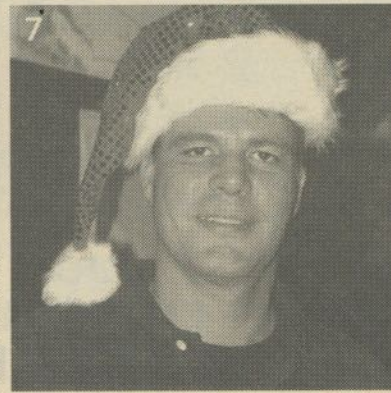
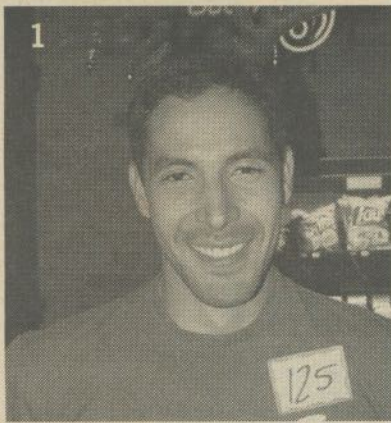
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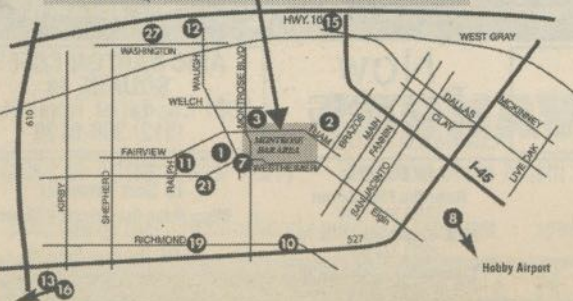
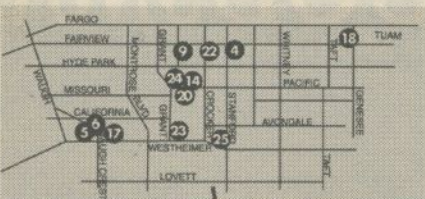
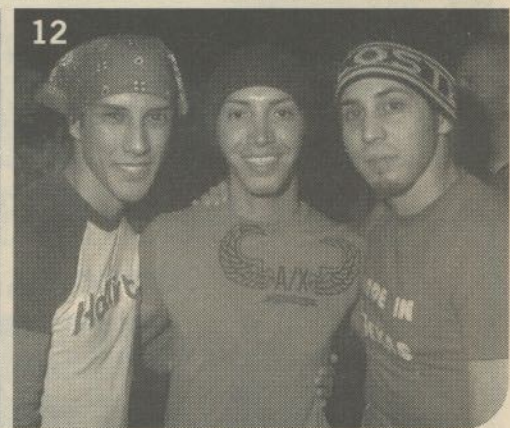
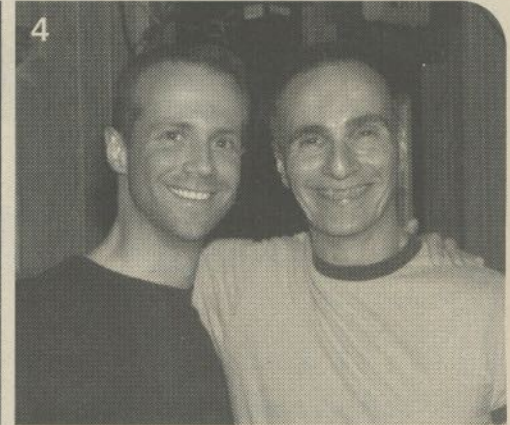
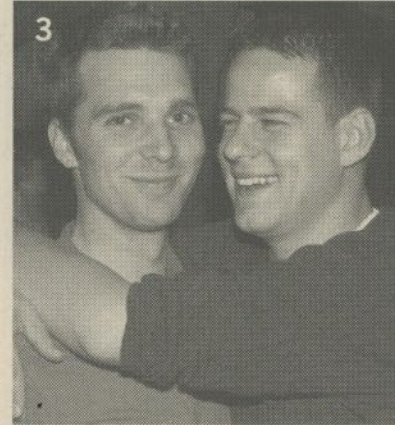
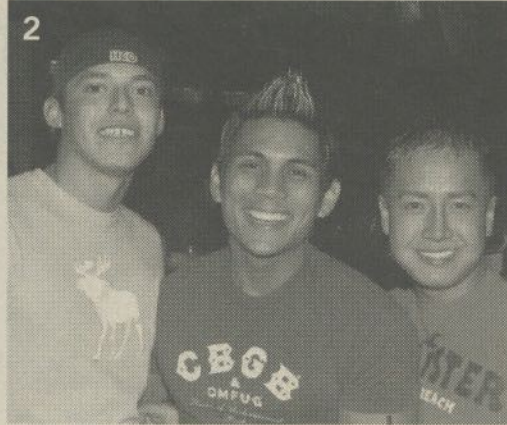
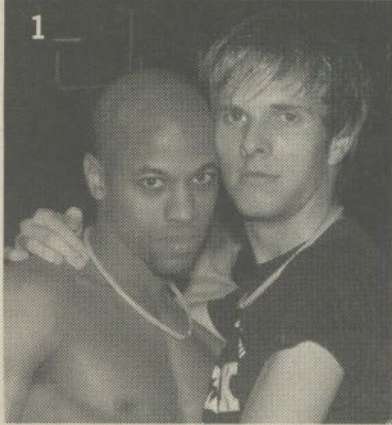
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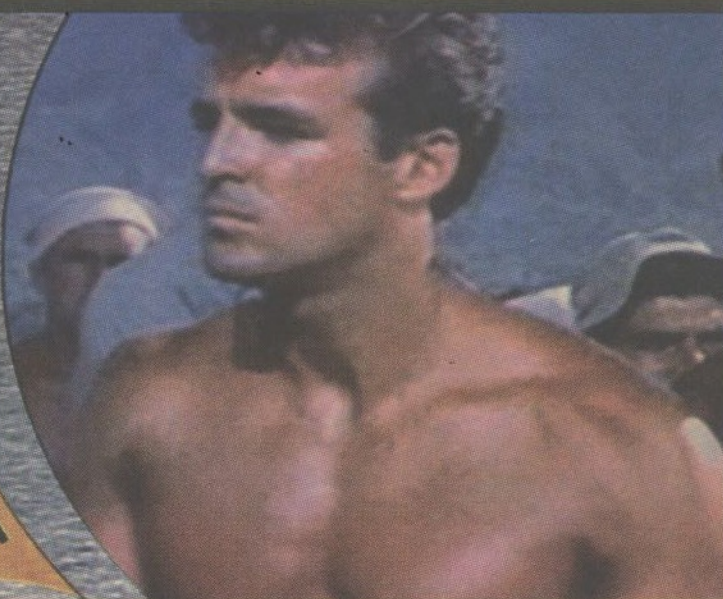
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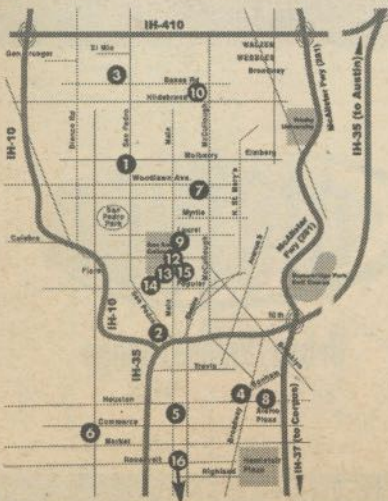
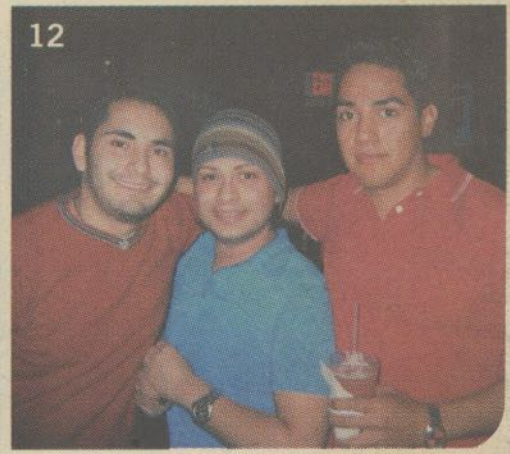
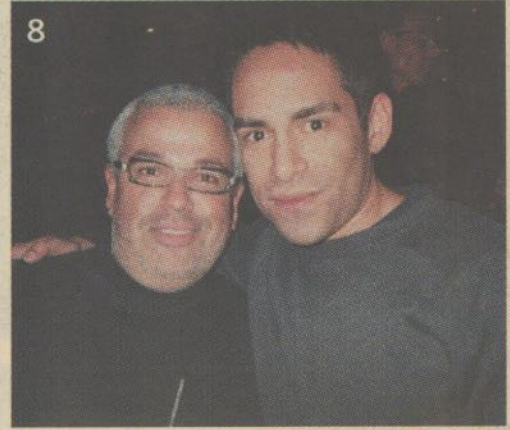
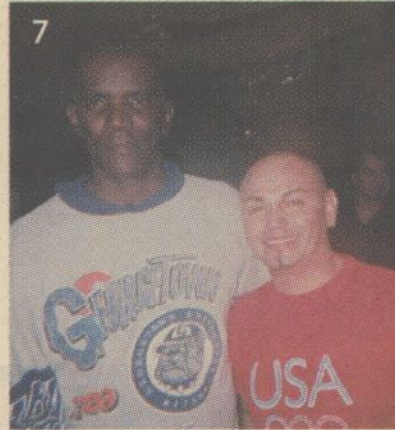
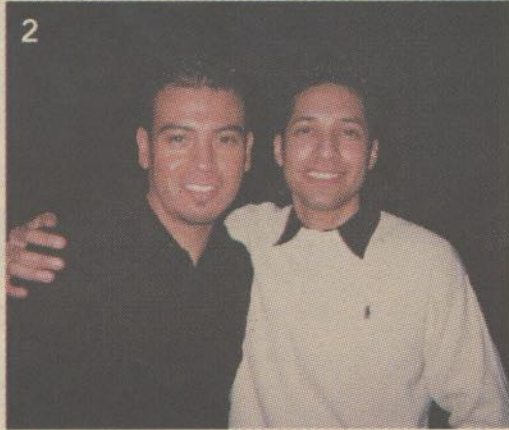
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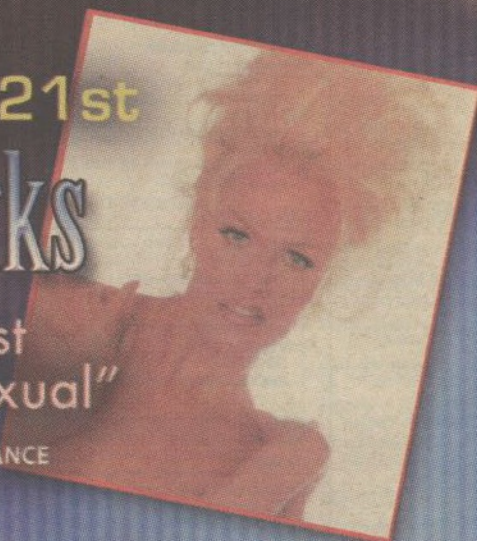
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512-282-2861
ptaustex@yahoo.com
Rainbow Rollerskaters
512-296-0381
www.main.org/rainbowskate
Texas Hill Country Faeries, Elves & Satyrs,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hcfaes/

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BiNet Dallas
www.geocities.com/binetdallas
Dallas Transgender Alliance,
www.geocities.com/dtgalliance
Dragonflies of Dallas
www.dragonfliesofdallas.org
High Tech Happy Hour
majordomo@list.ti.com
Prime Timers of Dallas Fort Worth
www.primetimers-dfw.org
North Texas Radical Faeries,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NTRadfae
SMU Spectrum
http://people.smu.edu/spectrum
Stonewall Professional & Business Association
214-521-5342 ext 1721
United Court of the Lone Star Empire
www.impcourt.org/icis/chapters/
/dallas.html
Women's Business Network
972-949-4355
www.womenstbusinesnetwork.org

FORT WORTH

Meadowbrook Rainbow Neighbors
Meadowbrooknews@wbtv.net
Rainbow GLBT Nurses
817-346-8314
Rainbownurses@sbccglobal.net
Tarrant County Gay Pride Week
Association
Tcgpwa.org
Trinity River Bears
Trinityriverbears.com

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BiNet Houston
713-467-4380
www.flash.net/~blhouse
Houston Prime Timers
713-867-3903
www.primetimersww.org/houston
Rainbow Ranglers
www.Rainbowranglers.org
WIP Society
281-564-0615
www.WIPsociety.net

SAN ANTONIO

Diversity Center
210-223-6106
www.diversitycentersa.org
San Antonio Prime Timers
830-980-8744
saprimer049@aol.com
Texas Tradition Cloggers
210-535-6155
www.texastraditioncloggers.com

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Affirmation (Methodist)
512-451-2329
First Unitarian Universalist Church
512-452-6168
Integrity Austin Episcopal
512-445-8164
Kingdom Seekers in Christ Jesus
512-322-0049
www.whosoever.net
Lutherans Concerned
512-832-4159
MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks
512-291-8601
www.mccaustin.com
Metropolitan Community Church of Austin
512-291-8601
Mishpachah Am Echad
512-451-7018
Tejas Web
www.tejasweb.org
Trinity United Methodist Church
512-459-5835
www.tumc.org
Unity Church of Austin
512-447-7772
University Baptist Church
512-478-8559
www.ABCAustin.org

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Cathedral of Hope
214-351-1901
www.cathedralofhope.com
Celebration Community Church
817-935-3222
www.celebration-community-church.com
Christian Gays in Fellowship
817-446-1555
City Church
214-559-4021 www.citychurchdallas.org
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
972-424-8989 www.uu plano.org
Congregation Beth El Binah
214-521-5342
www.bethelbinah.org

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Crossroads Community Church
972-669-5777
Dignity/Dallas (Catholic)
214-521-5342
Disciples of Christ
214-946-2184
Faith Community Church
972-530-3900
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
214-528-3990
www.dallasuu.org
Jubilee Christian Fellowship
214-528-3655
www.JubileeTX.org
Sanctuary of Love
214-520-2260
White Rock Community Church
214-320-0043
whiterockchurch.org

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Agape Metropolitan Community Church
817-535-5002 Agapemcc.com

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Bering Memorial United Methodist Church
713-526-1017
www.beringomega.org
Community Gospel Church
713-860-9235
www.communitygospel.org
Congregation Beth Israel
713-771-6221
Congregation Mishpachah Alizim
866-841-9139
mishpachah@onebox.com
Covenant Church
713-688-8830
www.covenanthouston.org
Dignity/Houston
713-880-2872
www.dignityhouston.org
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
713-526-5200
www.firstuu.org

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
713-526-3269
office@gracelutheran-houston.org
Marantha Fellowship Metropolitan
Community Church
713-528-6756
New Covenant Christian Church
713-984-5806
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Church of The Woodlands
281-298-2780
www.northwoodsuu.org
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
713-861-9149
www.resurrectionmcc.org
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
713-528-6885
www.ststephenshouston.org

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Abundant Grace in Christ Jesus
210-445-5156
Dignity/San Antonio, St. Ann's Church
210-340-2230
First Unitarian Universalist Church
210-344-4695
LGBT Interweave
210-344-4695
MCC San Antonio
210-472-3597
www.mccsa.org
River City Living Church
210-822-1121
rcclc@rivercitylivingchurch.org
Travis Park United Methodist Church
www.travispark.org

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Adventuring Outdoors
512-236-7176
www.main.org/adventuring
Austin FrontRunners
512-473-8334 www.frontrunners.org
Austin Gamblers Bowling League
512-647-7073
austingamblers@yahoo.com
Austin Gay Softball
512-477-7116
bx@hotmail.com
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club
512-796-0716
www.lonestarsrugby.org
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club
www.austinnightflyers.org
Austin Tennis Club
www.austintennisclub.com
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club
www.austinvalkyries.com
Fast Track
512-453-8878
www.geocities.com/fasttrackrunners
Team Austin
512-447-6408
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - State
www.tgra.org

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A League of Our Own
972-231-2695
Bak Lawn Soccer Club of Dallas

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214-366-2565
www.oaklawnsoccerclub.org
Team Dallas Aquatics,
www.TeamDallasAquatics.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - Dallas
214-346-2107
www.tgra.org
Texas Twisters
972-993-2021 www.texastwisters.org

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FrontRunners
713-522-0899
http://home.swbell.net/larathon/hour.htm
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club
832-741-7125
www.houstonrugby.org
Houston Invitational Tournament
www.texasinvite.com
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club
www.roughnecksrugby.org
Houston Women's Softball League
713-502-5799
Lone Star Volleyball Association
713-717-5782
www.LSVA.org
Montrose Soccer Club,
www.geocities.com/MontroseSoccer
Montrose Softball League
713-860-9235
www.montrosesoftballleague.com
OutSkate Roller Skate Club
281-933-5818
dodie367@aol.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association,
713-523-7653
www.tgra.org

support

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PFLAG-Austin
512-302-PFLAG
www.pflag-austin.org
Out Youth
512-708-1234 outyouth@outyouth.org
Waterloo Counseling Center
512-444-8922
www.waterloocounseling.org

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Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
214-528-0022
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network
972-669-5777
www.glsndallas.org
Lambda AA
214-267-8222 or 214-887-6599
Lambda Group of Al-Anon
214-363-0461
www.dallasal-anon.org
PFLAG Dallas
214-233-0977
www.pflagdallas.org
Positively Young
972-283-0468
Purple Light Trans Support
www.goldieopard.com/people
Resource Center of Dallas
214-528-0144
www.resourcecenterdallas.org
Youth First Texas
214-879-0400
www.youthfirsttexas.com

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Bering Support Network
713-526-1017
www.beringumcc.org
Community Awareness for
Transgender Support
281-624-7056
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation
713-528-1748
www.donaldrwatkins.org
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston
713-529-3211
www.gayswitchboardhouston.org
Hollyfield Foundation
713-523-6900
www.hollyfield.org
Kolbe Project
713-861-1800
www.kolbeproject.org
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous
713-521-1243
www.lambdahouston.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-0037
www.montrosescounselingcenter.org
PFLAG Houston
713-467-3524
www.pflaghouston.org

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Club Poz San Antonio
210-341-0133
ClubPozSAT@aol.com
Diversity Center Spectrum
210-223-6106
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Diversity Center Transgender Support Group
210-223-6106
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PFLAG San Antonio
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A Summit House Bed & Breakfast — 1204 Summit St., 512-445-5604.
Pine Canyon Bed & Breakfast Spa — 358 Pine Canyon Dr., 512-302-0185.

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Hotel Za Za — 2332 Leonard St., 214-468-6399, hotelzaza.com.
Radisson Hotel — 1893 West Mockingbird, 1-888-588-9848, radisson.com.
The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, melrosehoteldallas.com.

HOUSTON
Crocker Street Inn — 2609 Crocker St., 877-642-9466, crockerstreetinn.com.
Gar-Dei Suites — 2702 Crocker St., 800-484-1036 (code 2669).
Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy., 713-523-8448.
Kilworth Manor — 109 Stratford, 214-520-5526, kilworthmanor.com.
The Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd., 713-522-5224, 1-800-779-5224.
Montrose Inn — 408 Avondale, 713-520-0206, 800-357-1228.

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Arbor House B+B — 109 Arciniega, 210-472-2005.
Christmas House Bed & Breakfast — 2307 McCullough, 1-800-268-4187.
The Painted Lady Inn — 520 Broadway, 210-220-1052, thepaintedlady.com.

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Frankel Douglas — 214-353-8033 dougfrankel.com.
Stewart Charlies — 3500 Oak Lawn, 214-521-3804.

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Nechman, Simoneaux and Frye, PLLC — 713-227-1717, nsflaw.us.
Simon & Associates — 401 Studewood, 713-524-6000.
Walker & Patterson, PC — 4815 Dacoma, 713-956-5577.
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Carol Bertsch — 1919 San Pedro Ave., 210-735-9811.
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Neil A. Calfas — 540 S. St. Mary's Street, 210-212-6969.
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automotive

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Austin Subaru — 200 West Huntland, 512-454-8489.
Charles Maund Volkswagen — 8400 Research, 1-800-440-1999, maund.com.
David McDavid Acura — 13553 Research Blvd., 512-335-5555.
First Texas Honda — 1301 W. Koenig Lane, 512-381-1333, firsttexas-honda.com.
Gillman Subaru — 6809 South I-35, 512-444-6044.

DALLAS
Advantage Auto Lease — (Marty Malliton) 400 Chisholm Pl., Ste. 100, 972-423-0723.

automotive

DALLAS
Classic BMW — 300 N. Central Expy., 866-289-9999, classicbmw.com.
Freeman Mazda — (George Johnson) 1800 E. Airport, Irving, 972-438-2121.
John Eagle Honda — 5311 Lemmon Ave., 214-904-3247, EagleHonda.com.
Saturn of Mesquite — (Miki Holtz) 15900 I-635 at Oates, 1-800-723-0714.

HOUSTON
Gillman Subaru Southwest — 10575 W. Sam Houston Pkwy., 713-776-6310.
Jeff Haas Mazda — (John Griffin) 11222 Old Katy Rd., 713-932-6004.
John Eagle Acura — (Pete Ramirez) 281-589-0600, johneagleacura.com.
Land Rover Houston — 7019 Old Katy Rd., 713-293-6100.
Mike Calvert Toyota — 2333 Loop 610, 713-558-8100, mikelcalverttoyota.com.
Planet Ford — 20403 Interstate 45 North, 1-888-251-9135.
Sterling McCall Toyota — (Alexis) 9400 Southwest Frwy., 832-816-5718.

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Benson Honda/Mazda — 9100 San Pedro, 210-34-1356, tombenson.com.
North Park Subaru — 210-308-0200.
Tom Benson Chevrolet/Suzuki — 9400 San Pedro, 210-341-3311, tombenson.com.

entertainment, adult

AUSTIN
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 7111 S. I-35, 512-442-5719.
Midtowne Spa Austin — 5815 Airport, 512-302-9696, midtowne-spa.com.

DALLAS
Alternatives of New Fine Arts — 1720 W. Mockingbird, 214-630-7071.
Club Dallas — 2616 Swiss, 214-821-1990, the-club.com.
Midtowne Spa Dallas — 2509 Pacific, 214-821-8989, midtowne.com.
Mockingbird Adult Video — 708 W. Mockingbird, 214-631-3003.

HOUSTON
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 5819 Richmond, 713-780-1827.
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 10006 Gulf Frwy., 713-944-8111.
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 8100 I-45 North, 281-820-8999.
Club Houston — 2200 Fannin St., 713-658-4998, the-club.com.
Eros 1207 — 1207 Spencer Hwy., 713-944-6010.
Executive Adult Video Store — 14002 N.W. Frwy., 713-462-5152.
Midcity Video — 2043 Southwest Frwy., 713-522-3530.
Midtowne Spa Houston — 2509 Pacific, 214-821-8989, midtowne.com.
Q Video — 1415 California, 713-522-4485.

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Alternative Clubs, Inc. AC1 — 827 East Elmira, 210-223-2177.
Club San Antonio, 13900 Jones — Maltsberger, 210-545-2101.
Executive Club II — 402 Austin St., 210-299-1400.

entertainment, gen.

AUSTIN
Queerwaves Radio — Saturdays 4:30-6pm 91.7 FM KOOP, koop.org.
Zachary Scott Theatre Center — 512-476-0541, zachscott.com.

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Angelika Film Center — Mockingbird Lane 214-841-4700.
Magnolia Theater — 3699 McKinney Ave. at West Village, 214-520-0025.

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Alley Theatre — 615 Texas Ave., 713-228-8421, alleytheatre.org.

HOUSTON
Angelika Film Center & Café — 510 Texas Ave., 713-333-FILM.

entertainment, gen.

HOUSTON
Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, landmarktheatres.com.
Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.
Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, houstonsymphony.org.
River Oaks Theatre — 2009 West Grey, 713-528-4608, landmarktheatres.com.
Theatre Under The Stars — 713-558-8887, tuts.com.

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Awesome Tickets — 120 Broadway, 210-226-5136.
Encore Video — 1031 North East Loop 410, 210-821-5345.
Majestic Theatre — 210-224-9600.

health care

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38th Street Pharmacy — 711 West 38th Street, C-3, 512-458-3784.
Jay M. Erwin-Grotzky, LMSW-ACP — 512-451-7222.
Michael Escobedo, M.D. — 512-347-9794, lazarsmooth.com.
Michael F. Lessner, DDS — 2907 Duval Street near UT Campus, 512-472-5633.
Silva Psychiatric Care — 3101 Bee Cave Rd., #310, 512-327-3810, silvapsych.com.
Waterloo Counseling Center — 3000 South I-35, 512-444-9922.
Woods Chiropractic — 6104 South 1st Street, Suite 105, 512-442-9595.

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Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery — 3317 McKinney, 972-774-1777.
Advanced Skin Fitness — 3601 Routh St., SOTA Bldg., 214-521-5277.
Carole Ann Boyd, D.D.S. — 4514 Cole, Ste. 905, 214-521-6261, drboyd.net.
David Brand, M.D. — 801 N. Zang Blvd., 214-941-4000.
Alan Maedgen, D.D.S. — 3838 Oak Lawn #177, 214-559-7266.
Dr. Mark Hayes — 3100 MacArthur, 972-258-6400, www.tylock.com.
Southwest Infectious Disease Associates — 3801 Gaston, Ste. 300, 214-828-4702.
StatScript — 3818 Cedar Springs, 214-522-4006.
Stonewall Behavioral Health, Inc. — 3626 N. Hall, 723, 214-521-1278, 1-888-828-TALK.
Eugene Tseng, D.D.S. — 3003 Carlisle, Ste. 106, 214-855-0789.

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Uptown Psychotherapy — 4144 N. Central Expy, Ste. 520, 214-824-2009.
Uptown Vision — 2504 Cedar Springs at Fairmount, 214-953-EYES.

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Bellaire Chiropractic — 6750 W. Loop South, Suite 600, Bellaire, 713-664-4848.
Chimney Rock Chiropractic — (Art Keller, DC) 3033 Chimney Rock, 713-781-3344.
Greenbriar Health — Patrick McNamara, MD, 4101 Greenbriar, 713-524-4837.
Holmes Chiropractic — (Randall Holmes, DC) 1235 N. Loop W., 713-862-2440.
Houston Department of Health & Human Services — 8000 N. Stadium 713-794-9092.
Montrose Clinic — 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000.
Montrose Counseling Center — 701 Richmond, 713-529-0037.
Skin Renaissance Laser Center — 106 Westheimer, 713-942-SKIN.
Bruce W. Smith, D.D.S. — 1006 Missouri Street, 713-529-4364.
Southwest Houston Women's Center — (Myrtle Dates, MD) 4747 Bellaire, 713-779-6626.
Tony Carroll Psychotherapy — 1006 Missouri St., 713-529-4364.

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Bromley Medical Group — 3202 San Pedro, 210-732-5100.
CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, casa-sa.com.
Counseling Works — (Joan Welis, LPC) mooreworks.net/cw, 210-203-2057.
FFACTS Clinic — 507 North Leona, 210-358-3710.
Hill Country Psychotherapy Associates — 11118 Wurzbach Rd., 210-558-0409.
Anthony Rogers, Ph.D. — Alamo Heights, 210-227-6815.
Southtown Dental Group — 930 S. Alamo St., 210-227-0101.

insurance

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Allstate — (Mike Ryals) 12174 N. Mopac Blvd., 512-490-0011.

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Boldin Insurance & Mortgage — 3921 Steek Ave., 512-343-0623.
W. Chad Ballard — (Prudential) 512-794-0034 ext. 7259.
DALLAS
A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-1702.
Allstate — (Rf Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2111.
Allstate — (Peter Fisher) 5934 Royal Lane, Ste. 252, 214-361-9870.
Steven Graves Insurance — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ste. 270, 214-599-0808.
The Swartz Agency — (Farmers) 111 S. Story, Irving, 972-258-0922.

HOUSTON
Allstate Insurance — 13231 Champion Forest Dr., 281-895-8181.
Dale Englefield — (Farmer's) 888-439-1700.
Rob Schmerler — 6575 W. Loop South, 713-861-7700.
Schmarler Agency — (Farmers) 6575 W. Loop South, Bellaire, 713-661-7700.

SAN ANTONIO
Parker Insurance — (Progressive) 210-649-2111, 1-866-649-2111.

real estate

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Evans Bill (Austin Real Pros) — 512-458-8730, billevans.com.
Jacobs & Mikeska (Keller Williams) — 512-462-1866, jacobsandmikeska.com.
McCain Mike (Keller Williams) — 512-470-4582.
Nelson Julie (Keller Williams) — 512-848-5881, thenelsonproject.com.
Presidio Group Realtors — (Ron Redder) 512-657-8674, presidiogroup.com.
Denese Washam — (At Home in Austin) 512-292-9130, athomeinaustin.com.

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Baird Stotie — (Dallas Intown) 214-265-5893, dallasintown.com.
Dream Home Realty — Ray Ortiz, 5151 Belt Line Rd. #610, 214-823-4818.
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Hewitt & Halgood — (Coldwell Banker) 214-752-7070.
Master Realtors — 4225 Cedar Springs, 214-902-9999, masterrealtors.com.
Morris & Moore — (Coldwell Banker) 972-588-8163.
Shelter Mortgage — 2605 Routh, 214-365-0708.
Surrealty — 3615 N. Hall 214-520-2020 surrealtyhomes.com.
Virginia Cook Realtors — 2626 Cole, 214-292-0000, virginiacook.com.

HOUSTON
Tim Anthony — Realtor — 713-528-7703.
Coldwell Banker — (Rae Lynn White) 713-598-4097.
Mike Gonzales — (ReMax) 713-436-4688, topmike.com.
Ronnie Kee, CRS — (AllisonSpear Realtors) 713-557-4404, allisonsparr.com.
McShane Realty — 1980 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1700, 713-968-6118.
Prudential — (Robert MacDonald) 281-989-6385, outinthewoodlands.com.
Re/Max — (Mike Copenhaver, ABR, CRS, GRI, 888-920-MIKE, mikedcopenhaver.com.
Suzanne Anderson Properties — 239 Westheimer, 713-529-8484.
Bob Zuccarello — (Prudential) 281-773-7357, bobzuccarello.com.

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Amberstar Properties — 210-614-7818, amberstarproperties.com.
Bradfield Properties — (Kevin Moore) 210-601-4633, 1-877-569-4949, kevinmoore.com.
Timothy DeWein — (Keller Williams) 12500 San Pedro 210-842-8452, dewein.com.
King William Realty — 210-225-0009, kingwrealty.com.
Rainbow Real Estate — (Nancy Russell) 210-860-6092, 1-888-GAY-MOVE.
Hagan Retzlaff — 210-286-8032.
Randy Rice — (Keller Williams) 210-844-0102, randyrice.com.

restaurants

AUSTIN
Brick Oven Restaurant — 1608 West 35th Street, 512-453-4330.
Carmelo's Ristorante — 504 East 5th Street,

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512-477-7497.
Frank & Angie's Pizzeria — 508 West Ave., 521-472-3534.
Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858.
Kerby Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, kerbylanecafe.com.
Hickory Street Bar & Grill — 800 Congress Ave., 512-477-8968.
Nut's Hamburgers — 807 West 6th Street, 512-472-0693.

DALLAS
Black-eyed Pea — 3857 Cedar Springs, 214-521-4580.
Bronx — 3835 Cedar Springs, 214-521-5821.
Bull Cafe — 3908 Cedar Springs, 214-528-5410.
Busters Mexican Grill — 4001 Cedar Springs, 214-443-0899.
Cafe Brazil — 2221 Abrams, 214-826-9522, 3847 Cedar Springs, 214-461-8762.
Chan Thai — 312 W. 7th St., 214-948-9956.
Hunky's — 4000 Cedar Springs, 214-522-1212.
Marco Italian — 4000 Cedar Springs (facing Throckmorton), 214-526-3636.
Monica Aca Y Alla — 2914 Main St., 214-748-7140.
Tico Tico Diner — 2525 Wycliff @ Tollway, 214-443-0255, ticotikodiner.com.
Tilman's Corner — 324 W. 7th St., 214-842-0988.

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Azteca's Bar & Grill — 2207 Richmond, aztecasbarandgrill.com.
Baba Yega — 2607 Grant Street, 713-522-0042.
Barnaby's Café — 604 Fairview, 713-522-0106.
Berryhill — 3407 Montrose, 713-523-8226.
Carmello's Italiano — 14795 Memorial, 281-531-0696.
Hollywood Book & Cafe — 2409 Grant, Ste. A, 713-523-8855.
Niko Niko — 2520 Montrose Blvd., 713-528-1308.
Pang Tai's Stirry Bistro — 10811 Westheimer, 713-975-7821.
Pepper Tree Veggie Cuisine — 3821 Richmond, 713-821-9488, peppertreeveggie.com.
Noche — 2409 Montrose at Hyde Park, 713-529-8559.
Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse — 908 Congress at Travis, 713-226-7210.
Ziggy's Healthy Grill — 2202 W. Alabama, 713-527-8588.

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Crumpets Restaurant — 3920 Harry Wurzbach, 210-821-5600.
El Milagrito Café — 521 E. Woodlawn Ave., at N. St. Mary's, 210-734-8964.
Madhatters Tea House & Café — 320 Beauregard, 210-212-4832.
Tong's Thai — 1146 Austin Hwy., 210-829-7345.

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Apartment Experts — 512-633-6860.
Girl Meats Grill, Gourmet Personal Chef Service — 512-922-9887.
Liberty Bank — 900 Congress Ave., 512-472-5433, libertybanktexas.com.
Rainbow Photo — 2913 West Anderson Lane, 521-453-4740.
Velocity Union — 512-469-7000, velocitycu.com.

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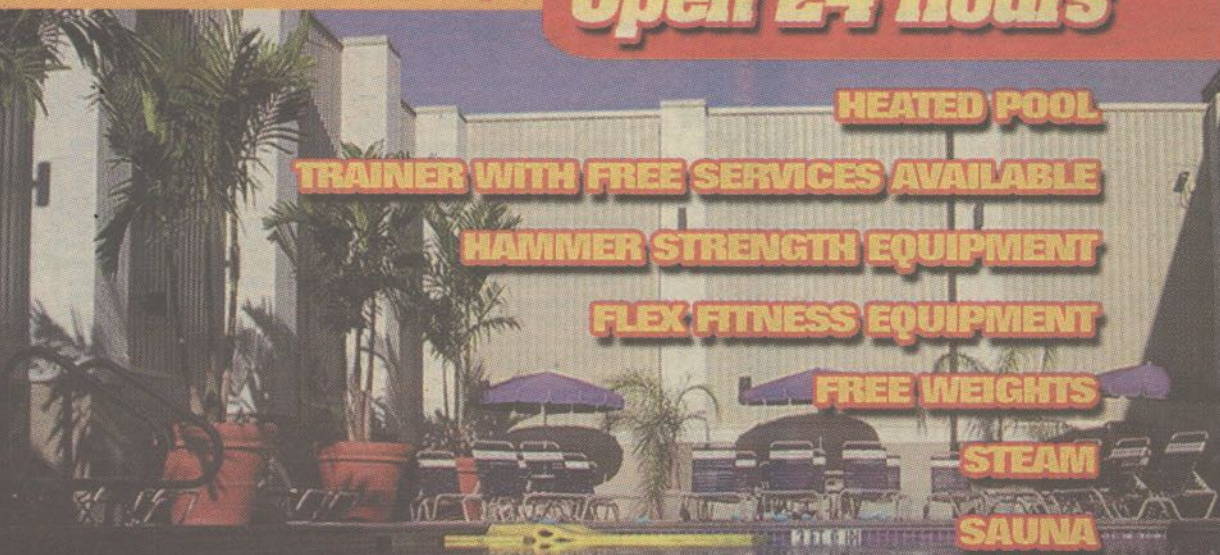


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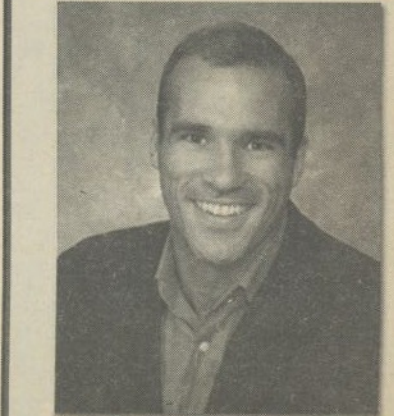
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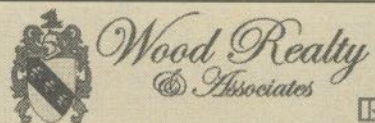
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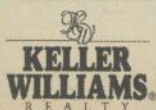
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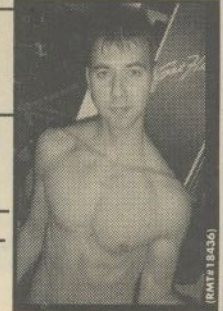
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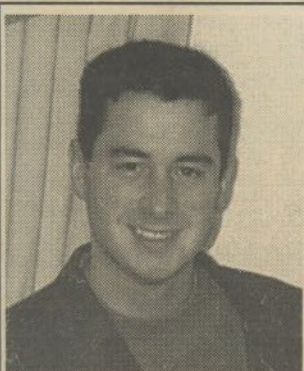
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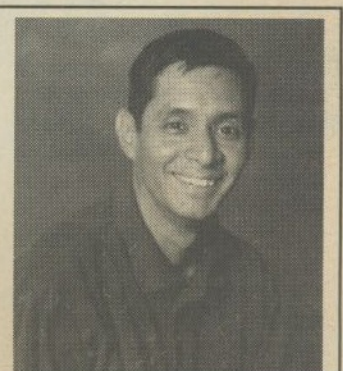
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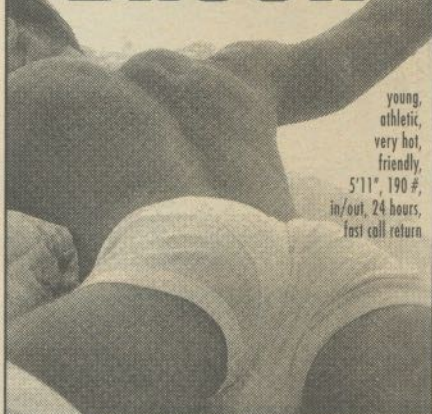
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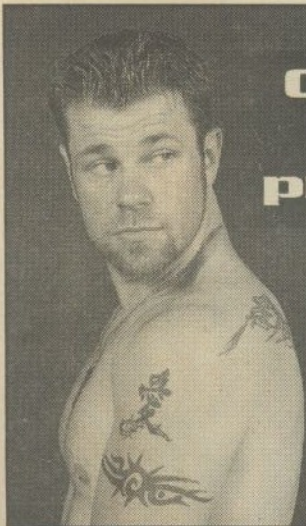
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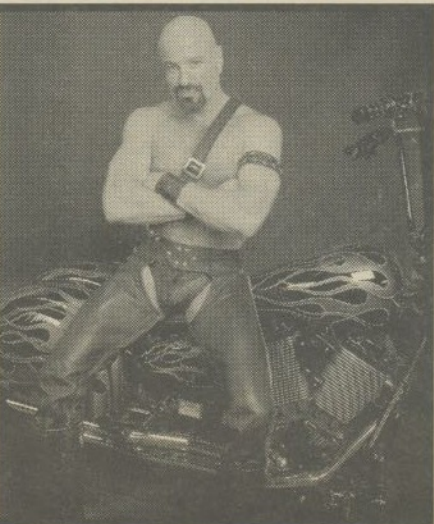
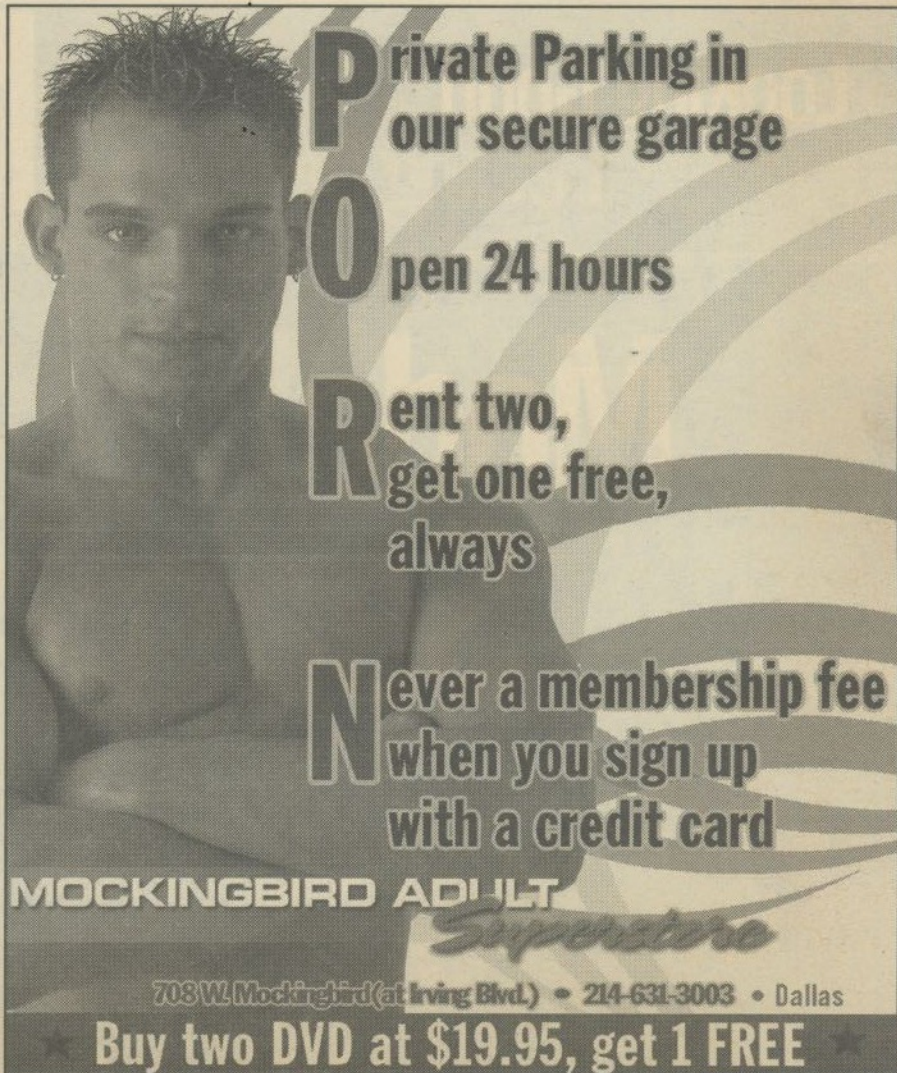
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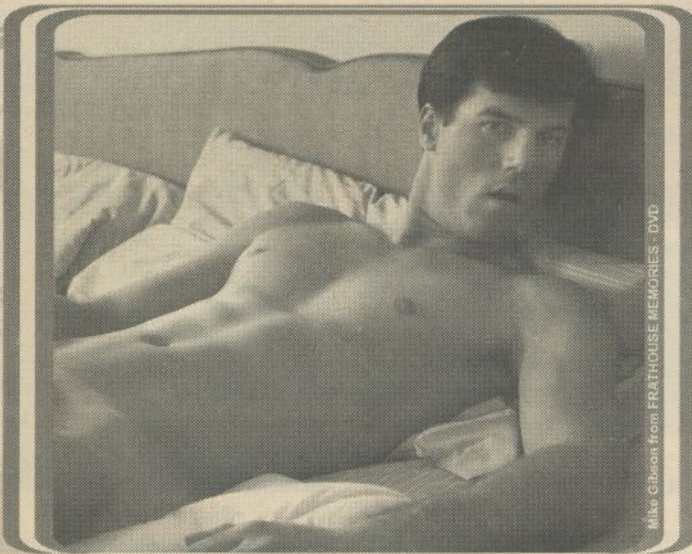


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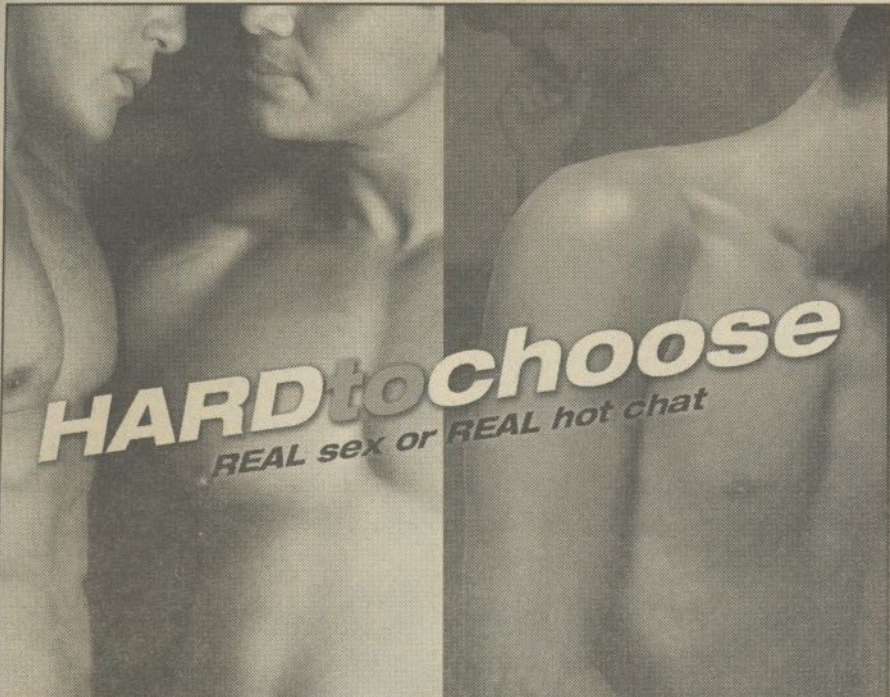


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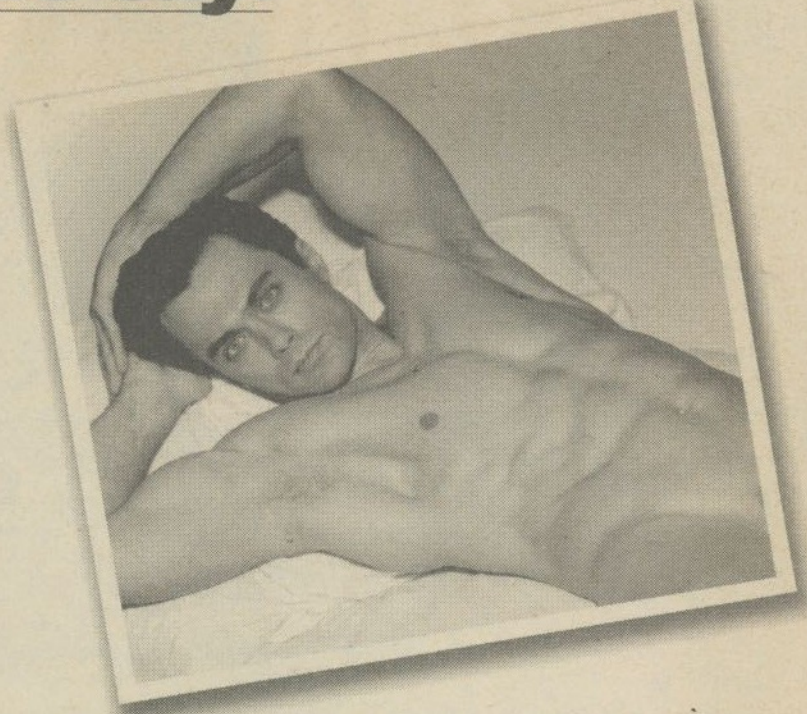
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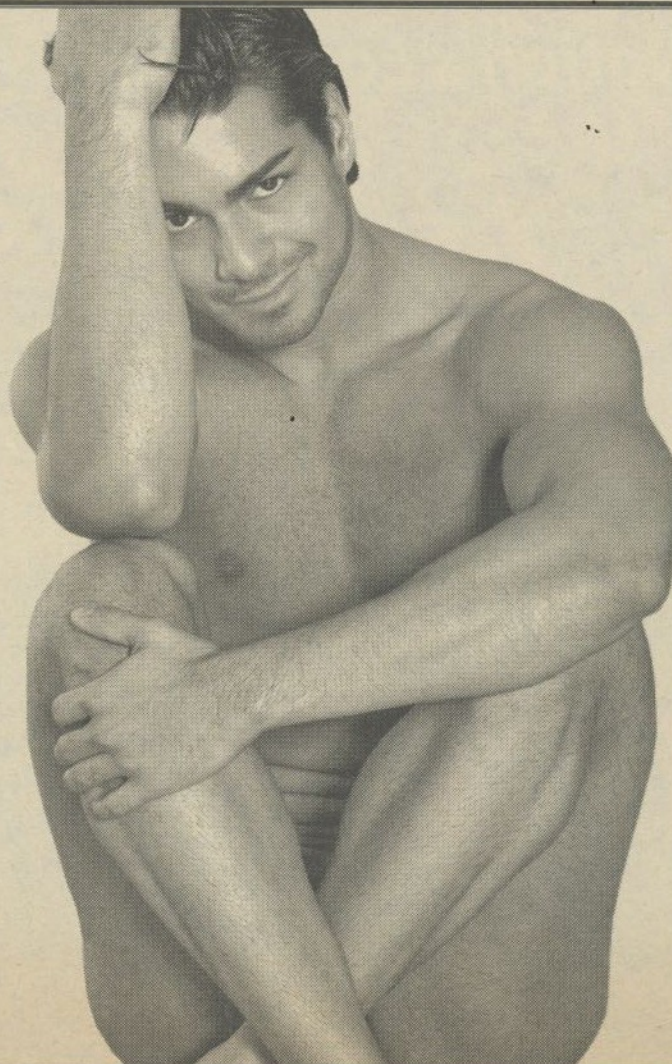
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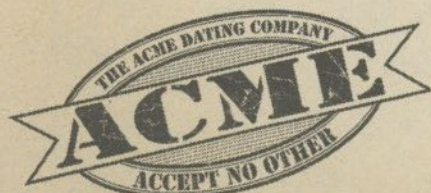
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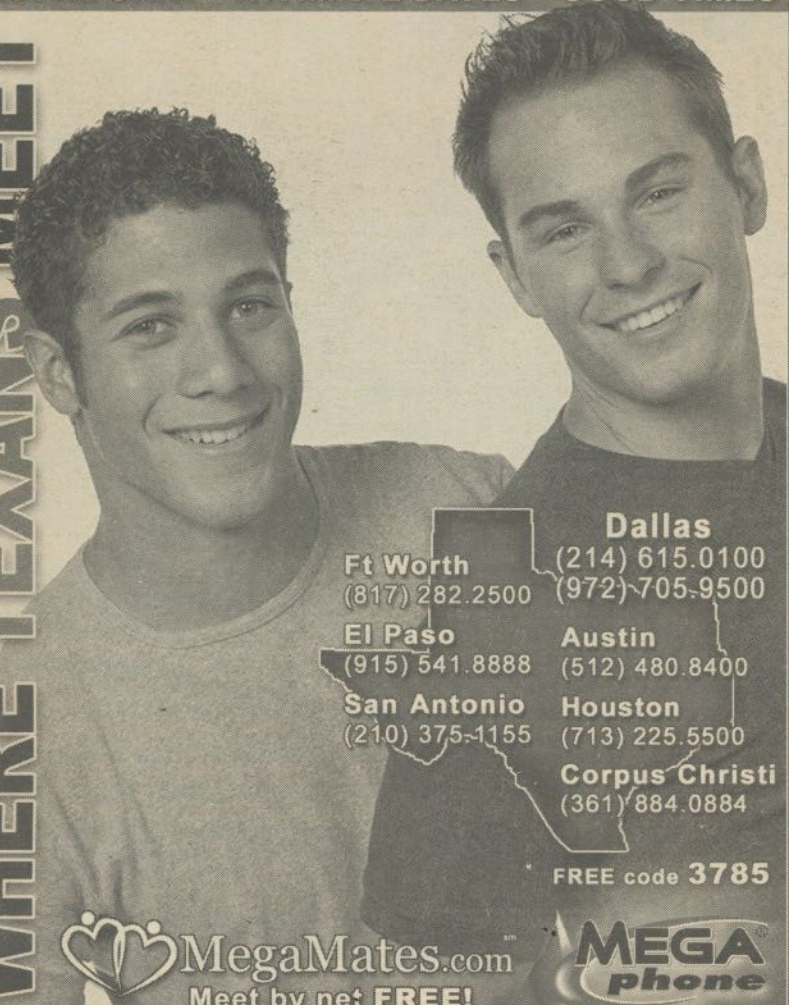
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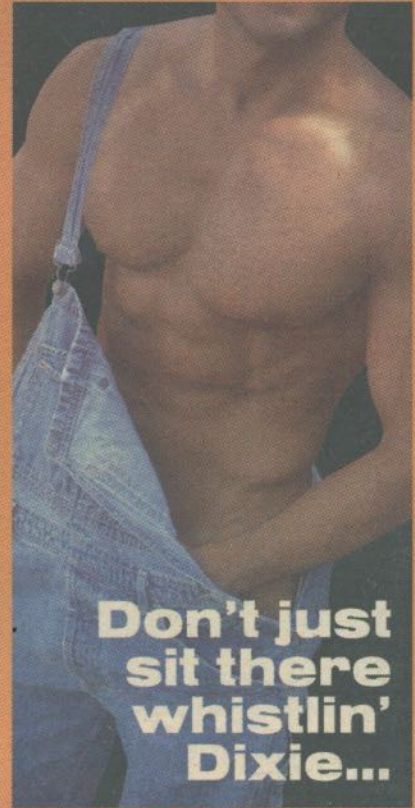
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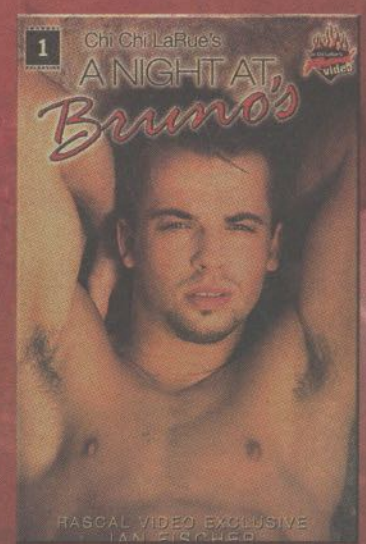
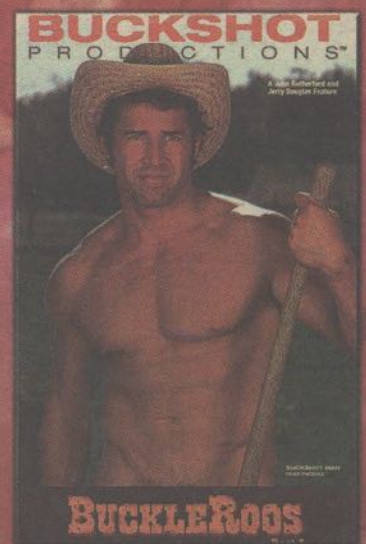
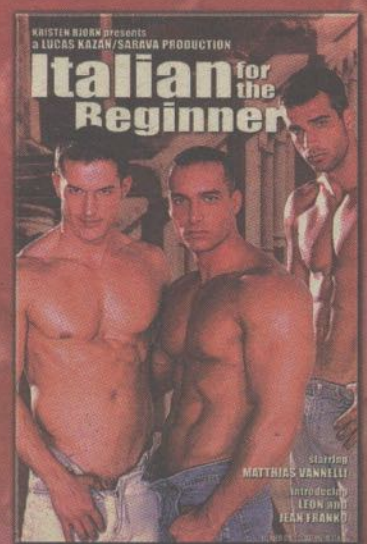
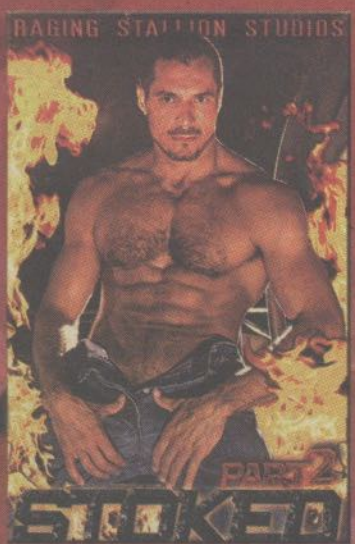
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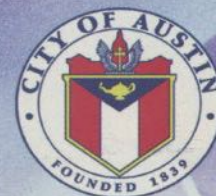
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