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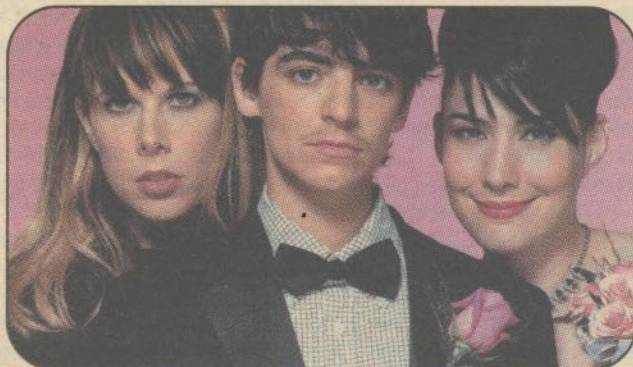
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Flu vaccination available to public at Montrose Clinic

The Montrose Clinic has flu vaccines available to the general public.

"We have about 100 vaccines available," said Sonna Alton, director of community relations. "Initially we had so few that there were restrictions based on medical need, but now the shots are available to the general public."

The vaccine costs \$20. No appointment needed. The clinic is open Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 215 Westheimer. 713-830-3000.

HOUSTON

South Beach show draws 250 to aid tsunami victims

A show held at South Beach The Nightclub on Jan. 19 raised about \$6,000 to assist victims of the South Asian tsunami.

More than 250 patrons were entertained by Kofi, the show's coordinator, along with Kelly Lauren, Lana Blake and Sofonda St. John. JR's and South Beach employees also participated, said company spokesman Jim McDermaid.

Leading the roster of contributors were Charles Armstrong, Budweiser/Silver Eagle, artist John Palmer, and the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star.

McDermaid said the money would be given to the Bush/Clinton Tsunami Relief Fund.

DEATHS

Janet Lynne Maples - 1947-2005

Janet Lynn Maples, 58, a longtime Austin resident who recently moved to Hondo, died on Jan. 21, 2005.

She is survived by her partner of 24 years, Anna Renken; her mother, Fern Maples; two brothers and six aunts and uncles. Her chosen Austin family included friends too numerous to list.



A native of Junction, Texas, Janice was the owner of the former barber company, Scarlet Angel, where she held court and made all welcome, comfortable, well-coifed and part of her diverse family of friends. Most recently, her barber skills were performed at Cobalt Blue Hair Salon in Austin and her own City Barber Shop in Hondo.

Janet enjoyed golf, reading, fishing, stained glass, cooking, caring for stray animals and breeding and showing Nigerian dwarf goats. She always had a funny story to share, the perfect shade of lipstick, a handout for the homeless and a jar of dewberry jelly or homemade pickles. Those

Committee announces 2005 nominees

Record number of grand marshal candidates selected by panel in 2005

By Nancy Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Pride Committee of Houston has announced the nominees for grand marshals for this year's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade.

With the 2005 theme "No More, No Less," Texas' original nighttime parade is scheduled at 8:45 p.m. on June 25 in Montrose.

A record number of individuals and organizations were nominated based on their outstanding contributions to the GLBT community, officials said.

Honorary Grand Marshal nominees are Dennis and Evelyn Schave, licensed counselors at Community Gospel Life Counseling Center.

Organizations nominated as Grand Marshal include the Bayou City Boys Club, the Miss Camp America Foundation and the Empire of the Royal, Sovereign, Imperial Court of the Single Star.

Women grand marshal nominees are schoolteacher and marriage equality advocate Michelle Dean, transgender lawyer and activist Phyllis Frye, HIV and lesbian health activist Kelly McCann, youth services worker for the Houston Area Teen Coalition of

HOUSTON

Homosexuals Deb Murphy; Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History co-founder Judy Reeves, transgender HIV activist Brenda Thomas and Houston Transgender Unity Committee fund coordinator Brandi Williams.

Men Grand Marshal nominees include marriage equality activist and president of the Houston GLBT Community Center Christopher Bown, community fund-raiser and performer Weldon Hickey, past Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus president, Dr. Ken Jones, Lawrence v. Texas defendant



The 2005 Logo will be unveiled Friday night

John Lawrence, community fund-raiser and performer Jerel McNeil and Bering Dental Clinic co-founder, Mark Nichols, DDS.

Voting for grand marshals will take place 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 28, at the Logo Unveiling Party in the upstairs bar at 1415 California. Ballots may also be cast on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Pride office, located at 1415 California, Suite 110.

Winners will be announced on March 4.

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'Love Won Out' adds to billboard blight

Infamous conference coming to Houston on Feb. 19; community reps deciding how to respond

By Dennis Vercher
STAFF WRITER

"I questioned homosexuality. Change is possible. Discover how."

Houston's GLBT community condemned that message, carried on 15 billboards that are dotting locations stretching from South Houston to Galveston.

The billboards are promoting Focus on the Family's "Love Won Out" conference, scheduled Feb. 19 in

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South Houston. The conference, part of a series supported by Exodus International and held at fundamentalist churches throughout the nation, is advertised as a "dynamic one-day conference addressing, understanding and preventing homosexuality."

Sue Nyll, a spokeswoman for the Houston chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, told the Houston Chronicle that her group is considering how to respond to the billboards.

"For an organization to spend their time

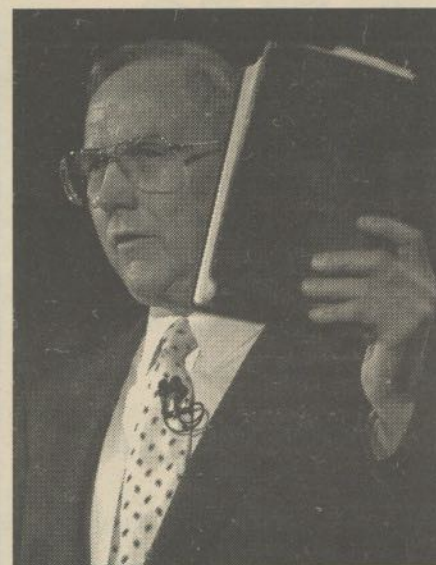
and money promoting untruth and lies against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders is a deplorable situation," Nyll said.

The American Psychiatric Association contends that the conference's claims are not supported by hard evidence.

"There is no published scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of 'reparative therapy' as a treatment to change one's sexual orientation," said the report, a copy of which appears on the group's Web site. Reparative therapy wasn't even given a mention in the association's 1989 task force report, "Treatments of Psychiatric Disorders."

The association's policy concludes: "Clinical experience suggests that any person who seeks conversion therapy may be doing so because of social bias that has resulted in internalized homophobia," says the association's policy statement. "Gay men and lesbians who have accepted their sexual orientation positively are better adjusted than those who have not done so."

Supporters of conferences like the one coming to Houston have had to explain the numerous desertions from their ranks - "ex-gays" who fall in love with same-sex members of the Christian groups. The most



Dr. James Dobson. Focus on the Family leader makes clear what guides his morality troops.

famous of these, Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, founders of Exodus International, eventually dropped away from the group and lived as committed partners until Bussee died.

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lucky enough to visit her home experienced country hospitality that usually included unforgettable buttermilk biscuits, bonfire chats, music in the kitchen, cold vodka shots, walks around the ranch and goat pellets in their shoes.

A memorial will be held for Janet at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at Unity Church of Austin, 2806 Del Curto

Rd. To honor Janet's wishes, food, drinks and rowdy storytelling will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Threadgills, 301 W. Riverside Drive.

In lieu of flowers, an account has been set up for the care of Janet's mother, Fern Elizabeth Maples, at Community Bank of Hondo, P.O. Box 130, Hondo, Texas 78861.

Correction

Due to an editor's lapse, credit lines were omitted for the photographs that accompanied last week's story on Jade Esteban Estrada. The cover photo was taken by Angel Hess. Additional photography was provided by John MacLellan.

Governor signs bill protecting gays, transgenders

Court rules lesbian couple can proceed with boy's adoption

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Last Friday was a good day to be gay in Illinois. Not only did Governor Rod Blagojevich sign the state's newly-passed gay and transgender rights statute into law, but the state supreme court handed down a ruling in favor of two lesbians and the foster son they are trying to adopt.



Gov. Rod Blagojevich

In that case, in re Austin W., an infant boy was removed from his grandparent's home after he suffered a fractured

ILLINOIS skull and after doctors also noticed a healing broken leg. The boy, identified as Austin in court papers, was placed in foster care, and taken in by lesbian Rosemary Fontaine at the age of 10 months.

An investigation concluded that Austin's grandmother and step-grandfather likely abused the boy. But with the help of a Baptist agency under contract to the state, the couple convinced a court to restore their custody rights.

Fontaine and her partner appealed, and have been allowed to keep Austin, now 5, during the lengthy court battles.

In a strongly-worded opinion, the Illinois justices never even mentioned sexual orientation. Instead, they ruled that the best interests of the child are paramount in custody cases. The justices said the county court had no right to substitute its own judgment for that of the administrative court absent some kind of threat to Austin's well-being.

Now that their legal quandary is resolved, Fontaine and her partner are free to adopt Austin.

Marriage amendment back on Senate agenda

Proposal to limit marriage to man-woman pair faces many tough tests during session

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Colorado Senator Wayne Allard has re-introduced the so-called federal marriage amendment, the proposal that would outlaw same-sex marriage in the U.S. Constitution. But although Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is an active supporter of the idea, there is no indication that Frist will put the amendment to a vote in the near future.

Speaking to *The New York Times*, even ultra-conservative Senator Rick Santorum

COLORADO of Pennsylvania acknowledged that the amendment remained short of the 67 votes needed for passage. "I think if we had the vote right now we'd come up short," Santorum said. "We'd like to bring it up when we have the best possible chance of getting it passed."

Meanwhile, evangelicals continued to fret over comments by President Bush in the Jan. 9 issue of the *Washington Post* that suggested he would not be lobbying hard for the amendment, given that the

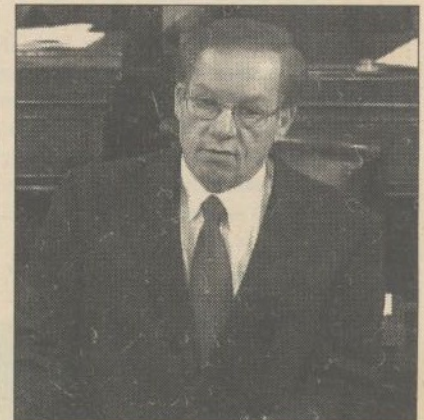
Senate lacked the will to advance it.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council told *The New York Times* that, on a scale of one to ten, annoyance with the president by social conservatives was around an "eight." On Jan. 18, a coalition of conservative Christians known as the Arlington Group reportedly sent a confidential letter to Bush advisor Karl Rove, calling on the president to spend the same amount of political capital attacking same-sex marriage as he plans to spend on revamping Social Security.

In response, White House spokesman Trent Duffy said the president "remains very committed to a marriage amendment," and that the White House "always welcomes suggestions from our friends."

In related news, a federal judge in Tampa, James S. Moody, dismissed a challenge to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act on Jan. 20, ruling that the statute does not violate the constitutional rights of two Florida women who were legally married in Massachusetts. With the exception of a bankruptcy court ruling last year, the opinion is the first assessment by a judge on the legal merits of the Act, a statutory ban on federal recognition of gay marriage that many pundits on both sides of the debate believe is unconstitutional.

Indeed, it is because of DOMA's per-



Senator Wayne Allard reintroduced the federal marriage amendment in the upper chamber this week.

ceived constitutional flaws that Christian conservatives insist a federal amendment to the U.S. Constitution is necessary. The silver lining in Judge Moody's decision is that his confidence in the Act makes conservatives look a bit like Chicken Littles.

After conferring with Matt Coles of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, lawyer Ellis Rubin decided not to appeal Moody's decision to the conservative U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

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State's amendment on marriage is rescuscitated

Louisiana justices unanimously uphold complicated measure OK'd by 78% of voters last fall

By Ann Rostow
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The Louisiana Supreme Court ruled Jan. 19 that the complicated amendment

LOUISIANA ratified by 78 percent of the state's electorate last September was constitutional.

The amendment had been struck by a state court judge based on the fact that the

measure forced voters to take a "yes" or "no" position on a two-part question. Because the amendment banned both same-sex marriage and civil unions, the lower court ruled, a voter who might oppose marriage but support other legal ties between same-sex couples would effectively be disenfranchised.

But the justices disagreed, reversing state District Judge William Morvant in a unanimous decision.

The Louisiana case is similar to a challenge underway in Georgia.

The court's ruling will give comfort to

those legislators who are drafting variations on this theme in another dozen or so states around the country — including Texas

In Texas, the complex language is a feature of House Joint Resolution 19, a proposal by state Representative Robert Talton, a Republican of Baytown, to ban all legal ties between same-sex couples. Another constitutional amendment simply declares marriage as an institution reserved to man-woman pairs, it was filed by state Representative Warren Chisum, a Republican of Pampa.

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Sugartime. And the Maple is Running in Vermont

In her first week on the job, Education Secretary Margaret "Rhymes with Witch" Spellings dispatched a letter to PBS asking the public television network to consider "refunding" the money it spent on a recent episode of the kid's show *Postcards From Buster*. The episode, "Sugartime!" shows Buster the bunny visiting Vermont, where he eats hot maple sugar on snow and meets three children who live with their two mothers.

According to the Associated Press, PBS decided not to distribute "Sugartime!" on Tuesday, but claimed that the hesitance had nothing to do with Spellings' letter. Hmmm.

Instead, a spokeswoman said, the spineless move "was based on the fact that we recognize this is a sensitive issue and we wanted to make sure that parents had an opportunity to introduce this subject to their children in their own time."

"Sensitive issue?" According to his blog, Buster "visited Emma, David, and James, who live with their two moms, Karen and Gillian. Karen and my mom used to work at the same newspaper together." The scenario does not seem to warrant a difficult parent-child discussion, but you never know.

"Mom?"

"What is it, honey?"

"If someone has two moms, does that

toon."

"Oh."

According to the Associated Press, Spellings asked PBS to make sure that the seal of the Department of Education was not linked with the episode, which was funded by the federal Ready to Learn program.

"You can be assured that in the future the department will be more clear as to its expectations for any future programming that it funds," Spellings sputtered in closing.

Oh puh-leeeeeze! Hasn't this woman got anything better to do? Like moving American high school seniors out of the basement of the International Mathematics and Science Study?



Ann Rostow

Gadzooks!

Moving on, James

Dobson and his *Focus*, on the Family Friends are putting their energy into damage control, make that ridicule control, following Dobson's defamatory remarks at the expense of *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Dobson says his words have been twisted beyond recognition. He never said *SpongeBob* was gay, insist the spinmeisters. He was only criticizing the cartoon character for participating in a tolerance video. Whatever. That's what I understood to begin with, and it still makes Dobson look like the fool that he is.

"The media is trying to use this

viving the second Bush administration and electing Democrats in 2006 and 2008. It sounds so far away though, doesn't it? Must. Stay. Awake.

Where the girlz are

Let's pause for a couple of crazed lesbian stories. In fact, I've got three of them, beginning with a lesbian rape case that occurred in Northampton, Massachusetts. Well, where else? According to the *Gay City News*, a couple of 22-year-old women are charged with assaulting a 20-year-old unidentified Smith student, tying her up, stabbing her in the storfach and raping her. The girls have pleaded innocent, and claim the festivities were consensual.

You know she wanted it! Particularly the slashed abdomen part. One of the suspected assailants, um alleged assailants, is also facing assault and battery charges for a separate fight in Rhode Island.

Hell hath no fury

Then we have a story of a Lesbian Scorced, who poured gasoline on her ex-lover, (who was having sex with a new partner in a trailer at the time) and lit both of them on fire. (Lesbians Scorched!) "I just wanted them to get off the bed, so I poured the petrol," Sarah Metcalf told a jury last week. (Yes, of course they're all Brits!)

"There didn't seem to be any reaction from them. I flicked the lighter and that's when I got a reaction. Katie said I hadn't got the balls to do it."

(Bad move, Katie.)

"I went to flick the lighter again expecting the same as it had done the first time. But there was this wall of flame. I remember jumping back. Then I realized what had happened and what I had caused." (Oops!)

Both Katie Wrigglesworth and her "bird," Emma Shakesheff, spent weeks recovering from major burn injuries. Metcalf pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm, the Scotsman reports. Oh. And while I was googling "Wrigglesworth" for more details, I found a headline that read: "Son buried Mum in Garden, and then cashed her St13,000 pension." David Wrigglesworth, I learned from my research, "walked free from Leeds Crown Court after a judge described him as an inadequate." And he didn't actually murder his mother. She died of lung cancer at home. Inadequate for what? He was pretty good at defrauding the pension fund, wot?

Only in Murfreesboro!

Want the third story? It's about a woman from Murfreesboro, Tenn, who invited another woman to come over and have sex with her while her husband watched. When the husband tried to jump into the mix, the women rejected him, poor boy. Then the wife

attacked him, scratched him, and threw him out of the house, and got charged with domestic assault. That seems unfair!

I'm not sure where I got this story because I didn't print out the dateline. But up at the top it says: "EDITOR'S NOTE: Content of this story may offend some readers." I'm guessing that refers to the part where the wife refused to let her husband participate.

Show me the money

Did you read, by the way, that anti-gay syndicated columnist, the values-laden Maggie Gallagher, accepted something like \$40,000 from the Bush administration in exchange for writing promotional material for the president's marriage initiative? I'm not talking about the marriage amendment. I'm talking about that program that was supposed to provide marriage counseling for couples at risk, remember that?

Anyway, unlike Armstrong Williams, Gallagher wasn't paid to push the idea in her column. She was paid to write some brochure copy or reports or something. That's fine. But it is totally unethical to carry on without disclosing this connection.

"Did I violate journalistic ethics by not disclosing it?" she asked the *Washington Post's* Howard Kurtz. "I don't know. You tell me."

Uh. That would be yes. And while we're at it, I wonder what the White House would pay for my personal endorsement of the federal marriage amendment right here in the GLBT press? That should be worth a little something, don't you think? By the way, if I get an offer, I'll set up a code so I can communicate my true beliefs to you without losing my government contract. Like, maybe every time I use the word "panda," it means I am about to say the opposite of what I actually think.

Example: The federal marriage amendment, panda, isn't that bad when you think about it. Just think, if it were to pass, it would be our turn to slap a backlash into the face of American society. Panda. That would be fun.

News is bustin' out all over

I have so much more, but I am out of space. Oh, the Oklahoma City judge who used a penis pump in the middle of court has been charged with three felony counts of indecent exposure. And a high school student in Longview, Washington, was sent home during "Make Your Own T-Shirt Day" after writing "Too Gay To Function" on a lime green shirt. According to the Associated Press, the school thought the slogan was offensive to gay people. But it sure works for me.

Remind to tell you about the New Jersey property transfer tax case. Next time, OK?



Education Secretary Margaret Spelling quietyens the audience before speaking at her nomination announcement last fall.

mean the two moms have sex together like you and Daddy do?"

"Uh..."

"Because I don't understand how two women could have sexual intercourse... anatomically, I don't get it."

"Um..."

"And how could a bunny get a job at a newspaper?"

"Sweetie, that's not a real bunny. It's a car-

SpongeBob nonsense as a smokescreen, because they're not willing to tell the people what's really at stake," said *Focus* flack Tom Minnery. "What's at stake is the forced normalization of homosexuality in the public schools."

Oh. My. God. I am so tired of these people. Aren't you? I'm like Dorothy in the poppies. Soooo tired. Oh. I have a blue rubber bracelet that says "HOPE" and represents sur-

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Letter to American homosexuals

[Editor's Note — The writer prefers the term "homosexual," believing that "gay" implies the stereotype of the fey, effeminate bachelor. Because this is a letter, where usage rules are looser, we have not changed his expressions. *TXT Newsmagazine's* style and usage rules prefer "GLBT" as a generic reference.]

2005 is not 1950.

Stop acting as if it is, or believing that we are headed back to then. Have a little faith, in yourselves and the nation.

It would help you to know a little history, so that you can put one election into perspective.

In 1950, when Harry Hay, Dale Jennings and others got together to start an organization about homosexuality, it was the worst possible time. McCarthy-era bigots were seeing communists behind every door—and what was worse, these communists were also homosexual.

The founders of the Mattachine Society were indeed Communists — or ex-Communists, since the Communist Party didn't want us, either. (An interesting decision, since today the Communists are dead and the homosexuals they kicked out went on to found the homosexual civil rights movement, which is alive and thriving in 2005.

Do you think the nation is worse today than in 1950? I lived in 1950, and I can tell you: 2005 is not 1950.

Do you think that anyone even dreamed of gay marriage in 1950? The right-wingers had no idea anyone would even think there should be gay marriage.

Go back and read *ONE Magazine*, or have you not heard of it? It recorded the lives of homosexual Americans in the '50s and '60s.

If you want to see and hear who homosexual Americans should be supporting, listen to Barak Obama, the new United States Senator from Illinois. No politician in 1950 or 1960 would have dreamed of winning election saying such things.

You need a little vision. There are people with vision, such as Obama. The question is, will you support them, or continue to play the victim act and assume that the Jerry Falwells of the world will win.

The future depends on you. Those of us who have worked for 50 years to make the world better have done our part. It is up to you to continue the work.

— Billy Glover

Billy Glover, 72, who now lives in Bossier City, La., was a gay rights activist in Los Angeles during the 1950s and 1960s.

The gay and lesbian exodus from Virginia

State 'for lovers' stands out — for bullying its gay and lesbian citizens

In their gratuitous zeal to undermine same-sex families, Virginia lawmakers are showing about as much wisdom as Prince Harry in a costume shop. In the opening week of Virginia's General Assembly, four separate constitutional bans on the freedom to marry were introduced. This continuous drive to marginalize and stigmatize gay families may gravely damage the reputation of Virginia and cause a gradual brain drain that will hurt the state's business interests.

Virginia is not alone in its rush to attack same-sex couples. On Election Day, 11 states passed constitutional amendments banning marriage for same-sex couples. But even in this conservative environment, Virginia stands out for not just for its discriminatory marriage laws, but for bullying its gay citizens.

The state has been making life increasingly intolerable for gay and lesbian Virginians. Some examples:

■ In 1997, the Virginia Assembly passed a law forbidding marriage between gay people and voiding marriages of gay couples performed in other jurisdictions.

■ In 2004, House of Delegates member Robert Marshall sponsored the so-called Marriage Affirmation Act, a draconian law that not only bans civil unions but may also strip gay people of their basic right to enter into private contracts, such as wills and medical directives, with their life partners.

■ Virginia is the only state that forbids private companies from adding any household member, aside from a spouse and dependent children, to a group health plan.

■ Even though the United States Supreme Court's *Lawrence v. Texas* ruling overturned sodomy laws, Virginia defiantly kept its "crimes against nature" law on the books in an effort to intimidate and harass its gay citizens.

Obviously, a glut of anti-gay laws already exists. The spectacle of grandstanding lawmakers tripping over one another to add a superfluous constitutional amendment is beyond political pandering — it's persecution. This heavy-handed overkill sends the message that gay people are not wanted—or even tolerated—in Virginia. As a result, many gay people are choosing to take their talents and spend their tax dollars elsewhere.

For example, after the Marriage Affirmation Act was passed, Virginia Tech biology professor Lynn Adler left the school

to work at the University of Massachusetts. In her letter to Virginia Tech's president, Adler said she was "sad and sorry" to be going, but the laws of Virginia made it too difficult for her to live in the state.

Fredericksburg-area couple Barbara and Tibby are another example. Barbara, a therapist, and Tibby, a retired schoolteacher, have been together for 40 years. The couple have lived in Virginia for more than three decades.

According to the *Free Lance Star*, Barbara had a brain aneurysm in 2001. While she is still able to function, her long-term future is uncertain.

Thanks to the Marriage Affirmation Act, the couple can't be sure that the legal contracts they once drew up will sufficiently protect Tibby if Barbara passes away. Although they would much rather stay in Virginia, the two women are moving to Maryland.

"The whole thing has been a nightmare," Barbara told the *Star*. "The law has already accomplished what it set out to do—to squash us and to hurt us."

Meanwhile, on the other end of I-95, Massachusetts anti-gay activist Laurie A. Letourneau is loading up her truck to move to Virginia. She simply could no longer live in a state that allowed gay people the freedom to marry.

"This place is a cesspool. It's pathetic," she told the *Worcester Telegram*, discussing her home state, which has the third lowest divorce rate in the nation.

Well, she won't have to worry about girlymen in the Virginia legislature. Richmond is chock full of moral macho men like Robert

Marshall, who chase senior citizens with aneurysms to Maryland in the name of family values. As Virginia drives out more college professors and long-term families, it can expect more mean-spirited yahoos like Letourneau to settle in the state, turning Tidewater into a backwater.

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Fortunately, this month nearly 300 members of Equality Virginia tried to undo the damage by lobbying the General Assembly for equal rights. Participants, such as lesbian mother Carol Schall, told lawmakers how discrimination hurts their families.

"They wouldn't let me in the [hospital] room," said Schall, according to the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. "My partner couldn't speak for herself, and I was literally clawing at the door. It was the worst day of my life."

If people have to continue to claw at hospital doors to see loved ones, it is only a matter of time before this cruel and invidious discrimination causes the best and the brightest, gay or straight, to claw at Virginia's exit door.

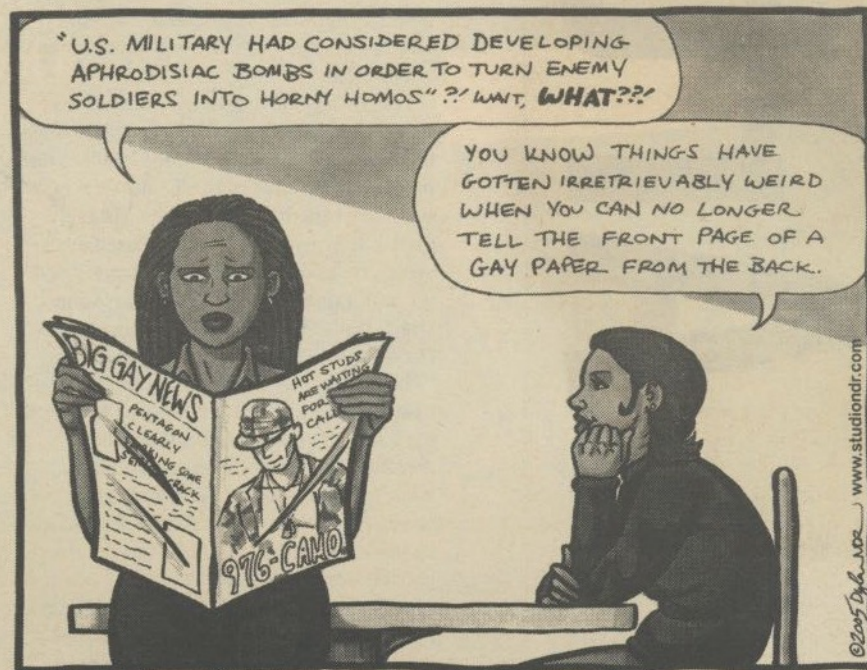
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ANYTHING BUT STRAIGHT

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Barry Harris has been involved in music long enough that when he says the business in changing, you know to believe it. Audio file sharing “is the demise of the industry,” he says, before backtracking a little. “Maybe I should not say demise — but the demise of the record business *as we knew it*. The climate has totally changed. It’s a bad time to be in the music business.”

Maybe things are bad at the moment, but Harris isn’t planning to walk away from the industry anytime soon. He speaks more out of frustration than anger. But cut to the bone and his sentimentality is moderated by a feeling that things needed to be shaken up.

“I blame it mostly on file sharing and iTunes and digital music. People don’t need to buy a product on a compact disc, so they just aren’t going to record stores as much,” he says.

But he’s not horribly upset about the changes. Everyone simply has to learn to adjust to the new reality — in particular the

just depends on what I’m into and focusing on.”

That restlessness made Harris a star in dance music. And it’s what made Thunderpuss, his producing partnership with Chris Cox, one of the hottest exponents of circuit music in the last five years. It’s why *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* tapped him to remix the show’s hit theme song, “All Things Just Keep Getting Better.”

And it is why Harris is currently on a D.J. kick, which he’ll explore with a rare solo appearance in Dallas, where he spins at Station 4 on Feb. 4.

“A lot of the circuit sound has bored me to tears” in recent years, he says. “I find other sounds exciting, so I’d prefer to D.J. — a mini-reinvention of myself.” It allows him the flexibility to say no and to make the music he wants.

Boredom seems to be the great taboo in Harris’s life. Thunderpuss broke up because he became antsy “and just wanted to do something different,” he says.

And was his much-talked-about split from Cox amicable or messy? “It was pretty much

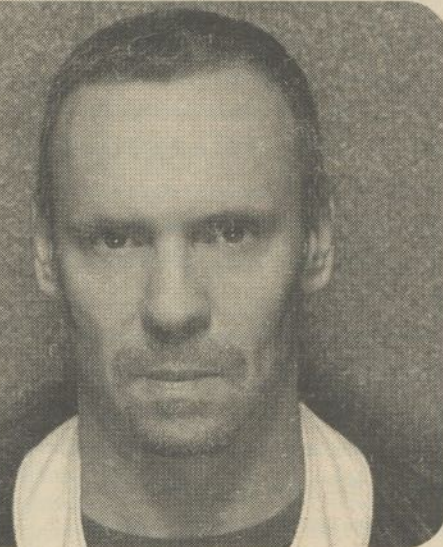
And despite what naysayers think, there are no formulas.

“Everything is different every single time,” he says. “Sometimes the record company is involved, sometime the artist.” Many stars are surprisingly uninvolved in the remixing of a song, while others — Harris mentions Enrique Iglesias in particular — actually come into the studio to help with the process. And he feels strongly that some tunes just do not loan themselves to a good dance remix. “They sound either drunk or stupidly speeded up,” he says.

While the music *business* may be in a state of turmoil, Harris is high on its artistic trajectory. He’s a huge fan of indie rockers (he’s especially fond of The Killers), and feels they may be the chief beneficiaries of the digital revolution.

“They are flourishing because of all this file sharing and the fact the gigantic money for promotion isn’t there anymore,” he says. Megastars — the Madonnas, the J.Los, the Britneys — still command huge deals and promotional budgets, but there’s an evening out of the playing field for everyone else.

“I’m still blown away by how much [Chris Cox and I] did. Friends play me all the records we did and I go, oh my god! I can’t believe we did that much.”



“fat-cat, greedy record companies.”

Spoken like a true artist fed up with the corporatization of American music. Barry Harris may work *with* the big guys, but he is *not* of them.

Harris has the experience to see things from several perspectives, including that of the artist. What he calls uncontrollable greed has caused companies to alienate their talent over the years. It’s why George Michael dished Sony by refusing to appear in any videos or do publicity for his albums, “and it’s why Prince said ‘Fuck you’ to Warner, which he did by changing his name to a sign,” Harris blurts out with an approving laugh. “The bottom line is: Corporations should not be doing music. They don’t give a shit about the artists as people or as artists. They absolutely ruin everything, pretty much.”

A low tolerance for foolishness may account for why, over the decades in which he has toiled in music, Harris has done just about every job there is.

“The root has always been D.J., which I’ve done since 1983,” he says. “But then there’s producer, then artist, then remixer. It

amicable — well, semi,” he says with a chuckle, before adding, “It was a little messy, not too messy.”

He and Cox had been friends for years before starting Thunderpuss, and that friendship has survived its dissolution. Harris may not like to look back, but he doesn’t walk away from his past, either.

“We did so much stuff,” he says. “I’m still blown away by how much we did. Friends play me all the records we did and I go, oh my god! I can’t believe we did that much. In any partnership you need to freshen things up.”

While people’s expectations make it difficult for you to be creative sometimes, he notes “you can’t dis the history we had, either. But eventually money doesn’t matter when creativity is involved.”

For Harris, successful remixing requires as much inspiration as songwriting. “To be a hit record, it has to be a hit song *and* a hit production,” he says. “You look for catchy choruses and great performances and you enhance and pull those out and focus on those.”

He just quit his show on XM Satellite radio for the familiar reason, he was bored with the routine. But he is quick to point out that “satellite radio is only getting bigger and bigger. I was just being a diva when I quit, but I can go back. The door’s always open for me.”

For now, though, he’s happy standing behind the turntables at clubs, making the kind of music he likes to hear. But if there’s one thing you learn listening to Barry Harris, it is never to say never.

“When I’m ready I’ll go back to it and get more into music production and remixing,” he says. “But I’ve turned down a lot this past year, because I did that and just don’t want to do the same kind of record over and over.”

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IN THE CLUB Barry Harris

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

- **Lactic acidosis** (a buildup of acid in the blood) can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your healthcare provider right away** if you have nausea, vomiting, unusual muscle pain, and/or weakness
- **Serious liver problems** (hepatotoxicity), with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis), may occur. **Call your healthcare provider right away** if you have light colored stools, dark colored urine, and/or if your skin or the whites of your eyes turn yellow

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- **Flare-ups of hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection:** If you have HIV and HBV, your liver disease may suddenly get worse if you stop taking TRUVADA. Do not stop taking TRUVADA unless directed by your healthcare provider
- **Kidney problems:** If you have had kidney problems or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider should do regular blood tests to check your kidneys
- **Bone changes:** It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA causes damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, talk to your healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA

Changes in body fat have been seen in some people taking anti-HIV medicines. The most common side effects of TRUVADA when taken with other anti-HIV medicines are dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, depression, rash, and gas. Skin discoloration (spots and freckles) may also occur.

Discuss all medicines you take with your healthcare provider and be aware:

- TRUVADA should not be used with Combivir®, Emtriva, Epivir, Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom™, Trizivir®, or Viread
- Your healthcare provider may need to follow you more closely or adjust your therapy if you are taking Videx®, Videx EC®, Reyataz®, or Kaletra® with TRUVADA

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Patient Information

TRUVADA® (tru-VAH-dah) Tablets

Generic name: emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
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Read the Patient Information that comes with TRUVADA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You should stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA. **Do not change or stop your medicine without first talking with your healthcare provider.** Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about TRUVADA.

What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?

• Some people who have taken medicines like TRUVADA (nucleoside analogs) have developed a serious condition called lactic acidosis (buildup of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of lactic acidosis.**

- You feel very weak or tired.
- You have unusual (not normal) muscle pain.
- You have trouble breathing.
- You have stomach pain with nausea and vomiting.
- You feel cold, especially in your arms and legs.
- You feel dizzy or lightheaded.
- You have a fast or irregular heartbeat.

• Some people who have taken medicines like TRUVADA have developed serious liver problems called hepatotoxicity, with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of liver problems.**

- Your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice).
- Your urine turns dark.
- Your bowel movements (stools) turn light in color.
- You don't feel like eating food for several days or longer.
- You feel sick to your stomach (nausea).
- You have lower stomach area (abdominal) pain.

• You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking nucleoside analog medicines, like TRUVADA, for a long time.

• TRUVADA is not for the treatment of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection. Patients infected with both HBV and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) who take TRUVADA need close medical follow-up for several months after stopping treatment with TRUVADA. Follow-up includes medical exams and blood tests to check for HBV that could be getting worse. **Patients with Hepatitis B Virus infection, who take TRUVADA and then stop it, may get "flare-ups" of their hepatitis. A "flare-up" is when the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before.**

What is TRUVADA?

TRUVADA is a type of medicine called an HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI). TRUVADA contains 2 medicines, EMTRIVA® (emtricitabine) and VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or tenofovir DF) combined in 1 pill. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines to treat people with HIV infection. TRUVADA is for adults age 18 and older. TRUVADA has not been studied in children under age 18 or adults over age 65.

HIV infection destroys CD4 (T) cells, which are important to the immune system. The immune system helps fight infection. After a large number of T cells are destroyed, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) develops.

TRUVADA helps block HIV reverse transcriptase, a chemical in your body (enzyme) that is needed for HIV to multiply. TRUVADA lowers the amount of HIV in the blood (viral load). TRUVADA may also help to increase the number of T cells (CD4 cells). Lowering the amount of HIV in the blood lowers the chance of death or infections that happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

TRUVADA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of TRUVADA are not known at this time. People taking TRUVADA may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV infection. Opportunistic infections are infections that develop because the immune system is weak. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infection. **It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while taking TRUVADA.**

TRUVADA does not lower your chance of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

Who should not take TRUVADA?

Do not take TRUVADA if you are allergic to TRUVADA or any of its ingredients. The active ingredients of TRUVADA are emtricitabine and tenofovir DF. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. We do not know if TRUVADA can harm your unborn child. You and your healthcare provider will need to decide if TRUVADA is right for you. If you use TRUVADA while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can be on the TRUVADA Antiviral Pregnancy Registry.
- are breast-feeding. You should not breast-feed if you are HIV positive because of the chance of passing the HIV virus to your baby. Also, it is not known if TRUVADA can pass into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- have kidney problems or are undergoing kidney dialysis treatment.
- have bone problems.
- have liver problems including Hepatitis B Virus infection.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- COMBIVIR®, EMTRIVA®, EPVIR®, EPVIR-HBV®, EPZICOM®, TRIZIVIR®, or VIREAD. TRUVADA should not be used with those medicines.
- Drugs that contain didanosine (VIDEX®, VIDEX EC®). Tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) may increase the amount of VIDEX in your blood. **You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and VIDEX together.**
- REYATAZ® (atazanavir sulfate) or KALETRA® (lopinavir/ritonavir). These medicines may increase the amount of tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) in your blood, which could result in more side effects. You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and REYATAZ or KALETRA together.

Keep a complete list of all the medicines that you take. Make a new list when medicines are added or stopped. Give copies of this list to all of your healthcare providers and pharmacist every time you visit your healthcare provider or fill a prescription.

How should I take TRUVADA?

- Take TRUVADA exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed it. Follow the directions from your healthcare provider, exactly as written on the label.
- The usual dose of TRUVADA is 1 tablet once a day. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines. If you have kidney problems, you may need to take TRUVADA less often.
- TRUVADA may be taken with or without a meal. Food does not affect how TRUVADA works. Take TRUVADA at the same time each day.
- If you forget to take TRUVADA, take it as soon as you remember that day. **Do not take more than 1 dose of TRUVADA in a day. Do not take 2 doses at the same time.** Call your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure what to do. **It is important that you do not miss any doses of TRUVADA or your anti-HIV medicines.**
- When your TRUVADA supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to TRUVADA and become harder to treat.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking TRUVADA without first talking with your healthcare provider. Stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA.
- If you take too much TRUVADA, call your local poison control center or emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking TRUVADA?

- **Do not breast-feed.** See "What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?"
- **Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection** since TRUVADA doesn't stop you from passing the HIV infection to others.
 - Do not share needles or other injection equipment.
 - Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes or razor blades.
 - Do not have any kind of sex without protection. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to reduce the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.
- COMBIVIR, EMTRIVA, EPVIR, EPVIR-HBV, EPZICOM, TRIZIVIR, or VIREAD. TRUVADA should not be used with these medicines.

What are the possible side effects of TRUVADA?

TRUVADA may cause the following serious side effects (see "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?"):

- **Lactic acidosis** (buildup of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your doctor right away if you get signs of lactic acidosis.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")
- **Serious liver problems (hepatotoxicity)**, with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any signs of liver problems. (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")

• "Flare-ups" of Hepatitis B Virus infection, in which the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before, can occur if you stop taking TRUVADA. Your healthcare provider will monitor your condition for several months after stopping TRUVADA if you have both HIV and HBV infection. TRUVADA is not for the treatment of Hepatitis B Virus infection.

• **Kidney problems.** If you have had kidney problems in the past or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider should do regular blood tests to check your kidneys.

• **Changes in bone mineral density (thinning bones).** It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA will cause damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, your healthcare

provider may need to do tests to check your bone mineral density or may prescribe medicines to help your bone mineral density.

Other side effects with TRUVADA when used with other anti-HIV medicines include:

- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking TRUVADA and other anti-HIV medicines. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

The most common side effects of EMTRIVA or VIREAD when used with other anti-HIV medicines are: dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, depression, rash, and gas. Skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) may also happen with TRUVADA.

These are not all the side effects of TRUVADA. This list of side effects with TRUVADA is **not complete** at this time because TRUVADA is still being studied. If you have questions about side effects, ask your healthcare provider. Report any new or continuing symptoms to your healthcare provider right away. Your healthcare provider may be able to help you manage these side effects.

How do I store TRUVADA?

- Keep TRUVADA and all other medicines out of reach of children.
- Store TRUVADA at room temperature 77 °F (25 °C).
- Keep TRUVADA in its original container and keep the container tightly closed.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. If you throw any medicines away make sure that children will not find them.

General information about TRUVADA:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use TRUVADA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give TRUVADA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about TRUVADA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about TRUVADA that is written for health professionals. For more information, you may also call 1-800-GILEAD-5 or access the TRUVADA website at www.TRUVADA.com.

Do not use TRUVADA if seal over bottle opening is broken or missing.

What are the ingredients of TRUVADA?

Active ingredients: emtricitabine and tenofovir DF

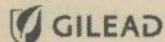
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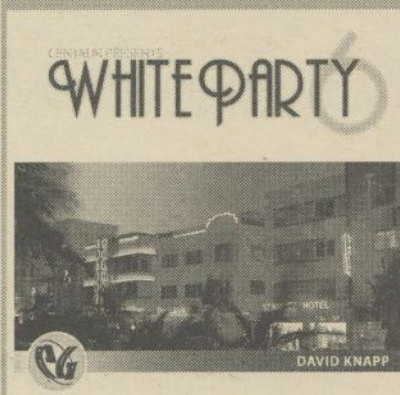
Club 69

Best of Club 69

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Grammy-winning mix master Peter Rauhofer — a man with the Midas touch when it comes to creating chart-topping dance floor tracks — has crafted remixes for some of the world's biggest names in music: Madonna, Cher, Whitney Houston, Jennifer Lopez. Prior to these successes, however, he got a start by producing underground house music under the alias Club 69. Collaborating with powerhouse vocalists like Kim Cooper ("Let Me Be Your Underwear"), Connie Harvey ("Take a Ride") and Suzanne Palmer ("Muscles"), Rauhofer issued a string of campy if not downright randy '90s hits. *Best of Club 69* is a 17-track anthology of the Club 69 releases in an unmixed, radio-edit format. In addition to the above-mentioned tracks, the disc showcases enduring favorites like "Alright," "Drama," "Sugar Pie Guy" and "Unique" and proves that history doesn't have to be boring.

— Scott Huffman



DJ David Knapp

White Party 6

Centaur Entertainment

Once again, out circuit D.J. David Knapp delivers a non-stop mix CD that, much like a musical snapshot, captures some of the essence and raw energy of Miami's famed annual White Party. Knapp skillfully interweaves thundering, crowd-pleasing vocal anthems from dance divas Alyson ("Feel You"), Amber ("You Move Me") and Rachel Panay ("Back to Love") alongside darker, steamier Latin cuts like "La Noche" by Coca & Villa featuring Pepe Rubio, "Mas Energia" from Ralph Rosario and "Autumn Beguine" from DJ Dave Hansen and Twisted Dee. Other standout tracks include a trance-tinged cover of Barry Manilow's "Could It Be Magic" from Vic & Chicola featuring Mickyagi, the high-octane Tony Moran mix of "Party Time" by Raw Deal and the chant-filled tribal cut "Ewoheway" from Friscia and Lamboy. This 13-track disc will likely have circuit-loving boys peeling off their shirts and looking for the dance floor.

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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right



Middle-age spread doesn't justify shallow response

Dear Howard,

I'm in a quandary about what to do about my partner. The truth is that he's just gotten too fat for me to be interested in him sexually

anymore. I like my men tall and thin. He's 6-foot-2. When we first met, four years ago, he weighed 163 — you could practically see lamplight through his bones. Today, he weighs 237, and I feel like I'm in bed with a beanbag chair. We're both in our late 30s, at that age where it gets harder and harder to keep it off, but he's not even trying. It's like now that he's securely married, he doesn't have to stay fuckable. I told him I'm going to leave him if he doesn't go on a diet. Am I just being shallow here, or should I make good on my threat?

Love Handle

Yes, you are being shallow, and I'd wager that he'd be more than happy for you to make good on your threat. God knows it's not easy after 30 maintaining one's fighting twink weight, but at some point there must be a happy medium. Translucently thin is just way too taxing on the body the older you get, and is no healthier than being a beanbag chair. Obviously, he has gone to one extreme only because you demand the other. I can't say that I blame him.

Dear Howard,

I'm so unhappy and I don't know what to

do. My life feels like it's out of control. I'm only 22, but already caught up in the whole "gay lifestyle." I'm in college in name only (I never go to classes). I've lived on my own for the past eight months, which is when my troubles really began. I'm out all night long, every night, doing who knows what with nobody I can even remember the next day. To say that my life is "unsafe" would be putting it mildly. How do I put the brakes on?

All Guns Blasting

Ah, the billion dollar question. For starters, there's always moving back in with mom and dad. If that's not an option, just say "no" to the party favors that I'm sure people are only too happy to ply you with free of charge at 22. It's not too late to rein it in a bit. At the very least, put a self-imposed curfew on how late you'll stay out on school nights — even just a good night's sleep will clear your mind considerably. Start small. Try halving your partying to every other night at first. You're not going to miss anything, trust me — the party will always be there.

Dear Howard,

My lover travels a lot, and although we've never discussed monogamy *per se*, I'd just

assumed we had a silent understanding that when he was away, neither the cat nor the rat would play. Yesterday, when I was putting away his traveling kit, I found a packet of condoms in the side pocket. I was devastated. True, I've had my missteps when he was out of town, but they didn't mean anything. Should I worry or confront him with his own cheating? All other things considered, we have a great relationship.

House Spouse

Did you expect sham monogamy to work in only one direction? Gay men cheat — they just do. I've learned long ago not to ascribe heterosexual mores to a homosexual life. Be thankful that he's using condoms. If you can find it in your heart to forgive him, do. To quote my favorite Meryl Streep line (from *One True Thing*), "It's so much easier to be happy, my love. It's so much easier to choose to love the things that you have."

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Le Tigre

Media frenzy

GLAAD announces 16th annual media award nominees in Dallas

From Staff Reports

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced the nominees for its 16th annual Media Awards in Dallas on Saturday, and actor Colin Farrell figured prominently.

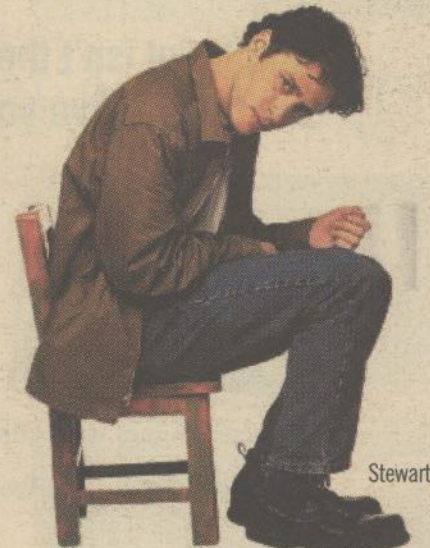
Two of his movies from last year, *Alexander* and *A Home at the End of the World*, were nominated for outstanding film in wide release. *Kinsey*, *Monster* (which received a wide release in 2004 but limited

release in 2003) and *Saved!* are the other nominees.

Limited-release film nominees include *Bad Education* (which is currently playing in theaters around Texas), *Bear Cub*, *Blue Gate Crossing*, *Brother to Brother* and *The Mudjoe Boy*.

GLAAD presents the awards in four divisions: film, music and theater, television and print. Both English- and Spanish-language nominees are announced in 37 categories.

The group also gives special recognition awards when warranted, which this year goes to *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, Comedy Central's fake newscast that somehow manages to find the truth of a story through its



Stewart

humorous slant.

In television, *Kevin Hill*, *The L Word*, *Queer as Folk*, *Six Feet Under* and *The Wire* are all in the running for drama series, and *Will & Grace* is the lone nominee for comedy series. All but one of the drama nominees air on premium cable stations.

Nominated for outstanding music artist were Melissa Etheridge, George Michael, Scissor Sisters, Le Tigre and Rufus Wainwright.

Winners will be announced at three ceremonies — in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York — between March and June of this year. The new LOGO television network is set to air the awards shows in the fall.

Friday, January 28

AUSTIN

Austin Roundup, annual recovery conference hosted by GLBT members of AA and Al-Anon, through Jan. 30. Radisson on Town Lake. Austinroundup.com.

University of Texas presents the grand opening of new Gender and Sexuality Center. 5 p.m. Student Services Building, 100 W. Dean Keaton St., Room 1.302.

Aida, by Tim Rice and Elton John. Zachary Scott Theatre Center, 1510 Toomey Rd. Through April 3. Performances Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2:30 p.m. \$34. Zachscott.com or 512-476-0541.

DALLAS

Authors at the Adolphus, luncheon and book signing with Anne Midgette and Herbert Breslin, co-authors of *The King and I: An Uncensored Tale of Luciano Pavarotti's Rise to Fame by his Manager, Friend, and Sometime Adversary*. 11:30 a.m. French Room of Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce St. \$40. 214-651-3520.

Congregation Beth El Binah Shabbat service. 8:15 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342 ext. 1784.

Ten Tenors sing arias to ABBA. Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. Through Jan. 30. Tue.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 2 p.m. and 8 pm. \$15-\$60. 214-880-0137.

Different Strokes Golf Association last Friday dinner. Cafe Express, 3230 McKinney Ave. 7 p.m.

Echo Theatre presents *Freedomland*. Through Jan. 29. 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther. 214-904-0500.

Eisemann Center presents Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida*, through Jan. 30. 2351 Performance Dr., Richardson. \$46.50 - \$49.50. 972-744-4650.

Fair Park Music Hall presents *Madama Butterfly*, through Feb. 5. \$29-\$265. 909 First Ave. 214-443-1000.

ICT Main Stage presents *Another Murder: Another Show!* Through Jan. 29. \$16. 3333 N. MacArthur, in Irving. 972-252-2787.

Secular Organization of Sobriety offers an alternative to traditional 12-step programs. 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St.

Texas Trailblazer Award Luncheon presents Cynthia Nixon (*Sex and the City*).

11:30 a.m. Dallas Hilton at Lincoln Center. \$100. Money raised at this event goes to The Family Place. Familyplace.org or 214-443-7717.

Tommy Tune and the Manhattan Rhythm Kings perform works from *West Side Story*, *On the Town* and *Les Miserables* with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Through Jan. 29. \$20-\$100. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora. 214-692-0203.

Theatre Three presents *Going to St. Ives*, through March 5. \$20-\$35. 2800 Routh. 214-871-3300.

West End Comedy Theater presents *Ochen Chotto Schpiel/Very Little Play*, through Feb. 19. Rosewood Center, 5938 Skillman Ave., West End MarketPlace, 603 Munger Ave. 877-590-4400.



HOUSTON

Heyd Fontenot displays contemporary erotic drawings, through March 5. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m. 1117 East Freeway, I-10 at N. Main. 713-223-8346.

Houston Tennis Club changes sports to bowling. 9 p.m. Palace Lanes on Bellaire Boulevard. Dannyrk@ev1.net.

Pride Committee of Houston unveils 2005 logo and announces pride parade grand marshal nominees. 7-9 p.m. 1415 California, 713-529-6979 or Pridehouston.org.

Theater LaB Houston presents the regional premiere of *I Sing!* Through March 6. \$20. 1706 Alamo. Theaterlabhouston.com or 713-868-7516.

Theatre Under The Stars presents *Anything Goes*, through Feb. 13. Sarofim Hall. Hobby Center for Performing Arts. \$27-\$72. Tuts.com or 713-558-8887.

SAN ANTONIO

Sunset Station presents Snoop Dogg with Tha Snoopadelics, Daz & Soopafly, Tye One, Mic Dagger and DJ Rude-E. 9 p.m.

\$28-\$31. Lonestar Pavilion, 1174 E. Commerce. 210-222-9491.

Saturday, January 29

AUSTIN

Arthouse presents *Life Drawings*: Beth Campbell, Danica Phelps and Eric Schnell. 700 Congress Ave. Arthousetexas.org.

Everywoman's Self Defense invites women to a personal safety workshop. 2-5 p.m. \$50; scholarships available. Sun Dragon Martial Arts, 203 E. Riverside Dr. Info@everywomans-selfdefense.org, or 512-416-9735.

DALLAS

Dignity Dallas meets for liturgy. 6:30 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-521-5342, ext. 1732.

Dallas FrontRunners fun run with runners and walkers. 9 a.m. Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park (meet on the patio of the recreation house).

Dallas Summer Musicals Curtain Call 2005 Dinner Gala, *Light My Fire: An Evening with José Feliciano*. 6:30 p.m. Fairmont Hotel Regency Ballroom, 1717 N. Akard St. \$250-\$375. Benefits Dallas Summer Musicals. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

Kitchen Dog Theater presents *Hooch and Pooch Gala*, its seventh annual fundraiser. 9 p.m. \$55-\$75. McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1055.

Swank! a winter affair, benefits AIDS Interfaith Network and DIFFA. 7-11 p.m. \$55-\$65. Hilton Dallas/Park Cities, 5954 Luther Ln. Aidsinterfaithnetwork.org or 214-943-4444, ext. 212.

Women's Communities Association celebrates group's 11th anniversary at the Ehrhardt residence, 5731 Swiss. 214-319-6696.

HOUSTON

Montrose Soccer Club membership meeting for women's, men's, and coed teams. 1 p.m. Hollywood Coffee Shop, 2409 Grant St. Practice before the meeting at Woodrow Wilson School. Montrosesoccer.org.

Society for the Performing Arts presents *Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo*. 8 p.m. Jones Hall. 713-227-4SPA.

Tony Carroll presents a two-day relationship workshop for gay male couples. 713-527-0000 or Tony@HoustonTherapist.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Our Lady of the Lake University presents



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@btnews.com, or faxed to 713-529-0327, or mailed to TXT Newsmagazine, 4617 Montrose Blvd., Suite C229, Houston TX 77006.

a benefit concert, with money raised going to provide services to the women of Afghanistan. 3 p.m. Thiry Auditorium, 411 S.W. 24th St. 210-434-6711.

San Pedro Playhouse presents Valley Song, through Feb. 6. 800 W. Ashby Place. Sanpedroplayhouse.com or 210-733-7258.

Spectrum yOUTH Group, a social group for young people ages 13 to 18 meets at the Diversity Center, 7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. Info: 210-223-6106.

Sunday, January 30

AUSTIN

BookPeople presents Alton Brown signing his I'm Just Here For More Food. 3 p.m. 603 N. Lamar. 512-472-4288 or Bookpeople.com.

Metropolitan Community Church of Austin presents Indigo, a film about redemption, grace and the healing powers of psychic and gifted children. 7 p.m. \$8. MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks, 8601 S. First St. Mccaustin.com or 512-291-8601.

ZING!, John Boulanger's funny and witty cabaret play, closes. 7 p.m. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks. 110 E. Riverside. \$10. 512-653-0712.

DALLAS

Couples Metro Dallas dinner. Gloria's, 5100 Beltline Rd. 7 p.m. events@couplemetroallas.com.

Dallas FrontRunners dinner. 6:30 p.m. Alfonso's Italian Restaurant, 718 N. Buckner Blvd.

Trinity Presbyterian Church presents Texas Church Musicians for Tsunami Relief. 2 p.m. 901 N. Zang Blvd.



HOUSTON

Rice Ally Program Spring Training session, followed by a free pizza dinner for training participants. 2-5 p.m. Rice University, Farnsworth Pavilion. allyprogram@rice.edu.

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio Boat Show closes at the

Alamodome. \$4-\$6. 100 Montana. Sanantonioboatshow.com.

Textures Gallery presents Ken Malson's The Medicine Woman Dances with No Feet, through Feb. 12. 4026 McCullough. 210-822-9727 or Texturesgallery.com/.

Monday, January 31

AUSTIN

BookPeople presents authors Liz Topp and Carol Livoti signing Vaginas: An Owner's Manual. 7 p.m. 603 N. Lamar. 512-472-4288 or Bookpeople.com.

DALLAS

AIDS Resource Center presents AIDS 101. 6-8 p.m. Free. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144.

Classic Chassis Car Club. 7 p.m. Marco's, 4000 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-446-0606.

Leadership Lambda Toastmasters. 6:30 p.m. Oak Lawn Public Library, 4100 Cedar Springs. 214-219-1908.

Turtle Creek Chorale. University of Texas' Chamber Singers. University of North Texas' A Cappella Choir and Texas Tech University Choir present 4 for the Road. 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. 214-526-3214, ext 102.

HOUSTON

Bering Support Network presents Grief Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. 1440 Harold St. 713-526-1017.

SAN ANTONIO

Texas Tradition Cloggers dance classes. 5:30-9 p.m. Turner Club, 120 9th St. C.D. Crady, 210-535-6155 or Texastraditioncloggers.com.

Tuesday, February 1

AUSTIN

Incredible 7: Speed Dating Parties for Women. Red Fez. Incredible7.com.

Paramount Theatre presents Tommy Tune and The Manhattan Rhythm Kings. 713 Congress Ave. Theparamount.org or 512-472-5470.

DALLAS

Classic Chassis Car Club presents Kirk Franklin from Car Auto Carriers. 7 p.m. \$15. Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave. 214-446-0606.

Dallas FrontRunners run on the Katy Trail. Meet at Knox Street entrance. 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Theater Center presents Bad Dates, held over through Feb. 6. \$22-\$60. Kalita

Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 214-522-8499 or Dtcinfo.org.

Journey Out youth group for ages 16-22. 7 p.m. Cathedral of Hope Congregational Life Center, 5910 Cedar Springs.

HOUSTON

RSICSS presents Drag Queen Bingo, Tuesdays, 9 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genessee. 713-710-0268.

SAN ANTONIO

Diversity Center's Movie Night. 6 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106.

Wednesday, February 2

DALLAS

Ft. Worth's Teen Project. 909 W. Magnolia St. 817-332-7722.

North Texas Veterans Alliance. 7 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St.

Pocket Sandwich Theatre presents Steven Jay Crabtree in his one man show, Dysfunctional Divas. 7:30 p.m. \$10. 5400 E. Mockingbird Ln. #119: 214-821-1860.

Rainbow Roller Skating. 8 p.m. \$5. Forum Roller World, 1900 S. Great Southwest Parkway, Grand Prairie. 214-478-2649.

HOUSTON

Meteor Professional Women's Happy Hour, followed by Queer Eye for the Straight Girl, 7 p.m. 2306 Genessee. 713-521-0123.

SAN ANTONIO

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

Thursday, February 3

AUSTIN

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas volunteer night. 6-9 p.m. Lgrl.org or 512-474-5475.

DALLAS

Career Fellowship offers emotional and spiritual support for the unemployed or under-employed. 7 p.m.

Cathedral of Hope's Congregational Life Center, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. Room 106. 972-662-4499.

Dallas FrontRunners run on the Katy Trail. Meet at Knox Street entrance. 6:30 p.m.

Grenada Theater presents Ani DiFranco with special guest Andrew Bird. 8 p.m. \$28. 3524 Greenville Ave. 214-826-1885.

Fuse for young men ages 18-24. 7:30 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-540-4410.

Youth First Texas for youth ages 14-22. 5415 Maple Ave. #221. 214-879-0400.

PALS sponsors a positive living social gathering for HIV-positive individuals and couples. 6-10 p.m. Joe's Place, 4117 Maple Ave. 214-520-2497.

PFLAG Fort Worth. 7 p.m. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Shady Lane in Ft. Worth. 817-498-5602.



Teatro Dallas presents Carolyn Anhalt (left) and Jana Harding in Girl Meets Girl, through Feb. 27. \$20-\$25. 1331 Record Crossing Rd. 800-965-4827 or ticketweb.com. Photo by Linda Robertson.

Theatre Three presents Dear Liar, through Feb. 13. \$25-\$30. 2800 Routh St., Suite 168. 214-871-3300, ext. 1 or Theatre3dallas.com.

HOUSTON

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), begins Family to Family Education, a free, 12-week course will be offered to persons with a close family member who has a mental illness. 6:30-9 p.m. Registration required. 713-729-1242.

Stonewall Lawyers Association of Greater Houston presents How to Conceal Your Criminal Past. 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. \$15- \$20. Montrose Café, 1609 Montrose Blvd. 713-227-1717.

SAN ANTONIO

M2: A Peer Support Group for Young Men meets at the Diversity Center, 6 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. Info: 210-223-6106.

The Annex serves up a complete spaghetti dinner. \$3. 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957. www.thesaint-satx.com

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The Golden Globes provide the perfect opportunity for juicy Hollywood gossip

The Golden Globes are the biggest party in Hollywood, and your very own Filthmeister was there. I showed up early for the *big* race — whether **Star Jones** (for E!) or **Joan Rivers** (for the TV Guide Channel) would be the Queen of the Red Carpet.

On one hand, Joan pioneered live red carpet coverage for E! in 1996, when no one had heard of the network. Last year, she was wooed away by the TV Guide Channel for reportedly ten times the money... but approximately nine million fewer potential viewers.

So it will come as no surprise that E! still won the ratings war with double Joan's viewers. However, TV Guide's ratings were 164 percent of what they normally are, setting a record for the network, while E!'s ratings were down 25 percent from when Joan hosted last year.

What does this all mean? That Joan was worth every penny, and she delivered classic Rivers commentary — for better or for worse. OK, so she spilled champagne down the front of her dress three minutes into the show. And she addressed **Jessica Walter** as Barbara Walters (actually, she first said Barbara Water). But **Star Jones** got tongue tied around **Denis Leary** and said, "Sorry, I just had a brain fart." There's a visual I could have done without.

Joan was assisted by daughter **Missy** while **Star**, much to her chagrin, was paired with the deliciously devilish **Kathy Griffin**. During the show, it was obvious that **Star** wasn't a fan of **Kath's** style, and the atmosphere was chilly at best. **Jones** rarely spoke to **Griffin**, and when she did, she was dismissive.

I adore **Kathy**, but some people might not understand why she said that **Dakota Fanning** had checked herself into rehab, or asked **Michael Chiklis** and his wife if they were into wife swapping or had ever gotten a hooker at the Beverly Hilton, or quipped that **Nicole Kidman** was fat and wasted, or asked **Jeffrey Tambor** if he had any weed on him.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Joan and **Missy** went to the E! Pavilion to take a photo with their rivals. **Star** came over to pose, and when asked where her co-host was, **Jones** said, "What co-host? Take the picture." And it was worth a thousand words.

After the fact, E! seemed to sell **Kathy** down the river. On *E! News Daily*, **Giuliana** stated, "Something was said on the red carpet regarding **Dakota Fanning**. E! Networks would like viewers to know that this insensi-



DeGeneres

tive comment was not true, and it was spoken in jest. We apologize to **Dakota** and her family for any misunderstanding. Also, because **Dakota** has devoted much of her time and energy to the tsunami relief efforts, E! has made a donation to UNICEF in her name." Ouch!

Once the awards started, I walked Auntie Joan into the hotel. As we passed the E! setup, I joked, "You should take the flowers." I didn't expect **Rivers** to actually do it — or to say "I put this network on the map; they owe me."

Some random observations:

Would it kill **Lisa Marie** to crack a smile? ("What? I am smiling!") ... I hate to say it, but **Raquel Welch** is fat! ... Why was **Fergie** there, you ask? Trying to get a network to pick up her talk show, *The Fergie Factor*, natch. ... Could **Blythe Danner** be any more luminous? She seemed genuinely happy to be praised for her work in *Meet The Fockers*, particularly since she's been all but cut out of the promotional campaign ("I don't care about things like that").

The parties are where you get the real gossip. That was where I found out that after eating her dinner, **Eva Longoria** ate winner **Teri Hatcher's**! *Desperate Housewives* creator **Marc Cherry** told me that the DVD of the first season will be for sale days after the season finale. He also confirmed that **Pamela Anderson** was initially approached to play **Hatcher's** role ("It was the network's idea"). By the way, the sweetest person I met all evening would have to be nominee **Marcia Cross** — she was stunning, too.

It was a bad night for the pets of celebri-

ties. Nominee **Drea de Matteo** almost skipped the awards because her dog is very sick. **Halle Berry** arrived late because her cat got out of the house, and she refused to leave until it was found (which it was).

The person with the most security was clearly **Miss Berry**, and her goons did a great job insulating her, particularly when one crazed fan asked to take a photo with her. I think he got off to a bad start when he screamed that he loved her in *B.A.P.S.* (I swear, it wasn't me!).

The most welcome surprise was seeing pal **Shannen Doherty**, who has a new show in development for HBO (she's working behind the scenes).

Ellen DeGeneres and **Portia de Rossi** made their first public appearance in a very casual way. They had two or three people with them, and the couple was extremely friendly. Although they spent most of the evening holding hands or with their arms around each other, every time someone asked to take a picture with one, the other would back away. Yes, there are some official photos, but not many candids.

Ellen was very excited to see **Robin Williams** and made a beeline over to the Cecil B. DeMille Award recipient. Later, my companion asked Robin, "Would it have killed anyone to have **Pam Dawber** give you the award?" Robin responded, "It would have killed me." Hmm. Of course, I may have crossed a line when I observed that Pam was probably sitting home eating a Domino's pizza and drinking a bottle of wine.

If you happen to be in L.A. on Oscar Sunday (Feb. 27), you don't have to sit home

like Pam. You can get all gussied up and watch the live feed from what promises to be a big gayla event at The Abbey. *Esquire* magazine will sponsor the benefit called The Envelope Please, which is being produced by Abbey owner **Dave Cooley** and circuit guru **Jeffrey Sanker** as a benefit for AIDS Project L.A.

We have time for one "Ask Billy" question. Chuck in Chicago says: "I loved *The Aviator* and think **Leonardo DiCaprio** is so hot. Do you have any photos from the nude scene?"

For the second week in a row, I question the use of the word "hot." Nonetheless, yes, Chuck, I do have photos from *The Aviator* that show pretty much every inch of Leo. I'd go into more detail, but like Leo, we're short on space. Go to Filth2Go.com and enjoy.

When I can mention the Golden Globes and **Pam Anderson** and *not* make a joke, it's time to end yet another column. No time to tell you about the sore loser who stormed out of the awards in a huff. Or the gal who was with her dad — except he's not her biological dad.

But let me remind you of another important event: **Billy's** birthday. In marked departure from my last two soirées here in Tinseltown, this year I'll be celebrating in Florida — and you're invited. South Beach impresario **Edison Farrow** has asked me to host the weekly cabaret show at Jade on Feb. 11.

If you've got questions, send them to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before **Dawber** finishes her pizza.

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

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Aquarius

Mars in Sagittarius lights up our energies for all kinds of adventures — new ideas, sports or travels. While it's sextile to Jupiter in Libra, your energies are better coordinated for couple or group endeavors. This is a great week for synergy!

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Adventure beckons. On the way to new experiences, you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If that office is already filled, be sure to include your baby in your pursuit of new vistas — your relationship will be better for it.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Don't be shy! You could seduce almost anyone you go after, but you have to make some effort. Even without trying, you're radiating erotic charm. That could get you into some trouble at work, but it's nothing you can't wiggle out of.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Your partner or a close friend offers creative inspiration, but it may happen through an argument. Sexual exploration — especially within a partnership — will be even more helpful than usual for opening artistic channels.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

New approaches at work will prove very effective now. Creating a homey, domestic touch — whether having colleagues at home for some event or just bringing in home-baked treats — will be especially helpful.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Indulge your tendency toward playful outspokenness — it will open other channels of expression. Anything from epigrams to dirty limericks will open the floodgates. Just remember that some things that are better left unsaid.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

You can be brilliantly economical this week, if you stop and think. Without forethought, you're a menace to your financial accounts, especially around home and kitchen stores. Window-shop first to get ideas.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

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

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

You're probably in better financial shape than you realize, but there's a fire in you that could energize some opportunities or just burn a hole in your pocket. Hide the plastic, look at your resources and make up a budget.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Your natural fire and independence make you an asset to any team — or too much of a maverick. Now is a good time to work on your cooperative skills. Whether in team sports or politics, you're sure to move your side ahead.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Odd hunches, inspirations, dreams and even nightmares offer inspiration that can help in your career. If that's not happening and meditation doesn't prime the pumps, aerobic exercise (jogging, swimming, biking) will start the wheels turning.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Throw your energy into new social arenas — anywhere sports or debates are likely to show up is where you should be now. Jump into the fray and vigorously defend your stance. You'll find new perspectives opening wide for you.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

You're the sexiest thing on the streets this week! Granted, this could undermine work and monogamy. But it's up to you to channel that energy where it will either do you some good or let you be bad. And when you're bad, you're very good!

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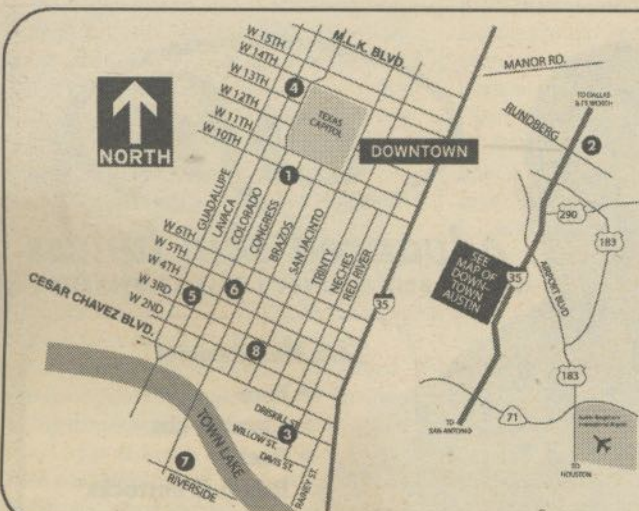
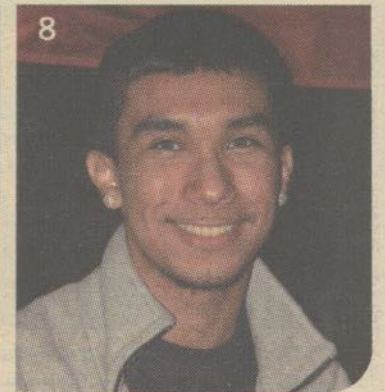
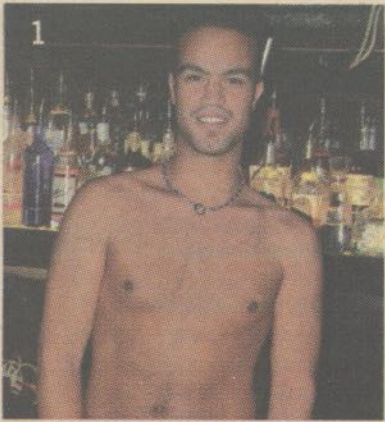
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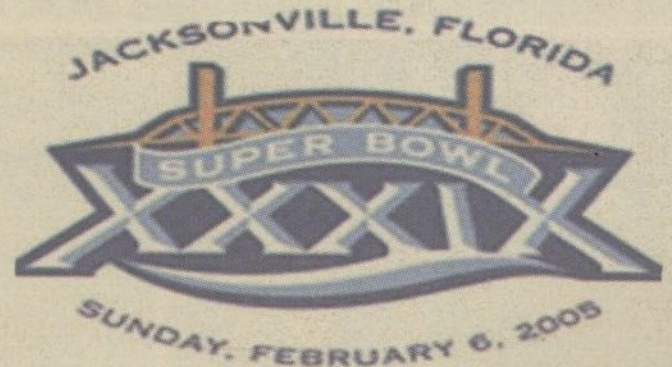


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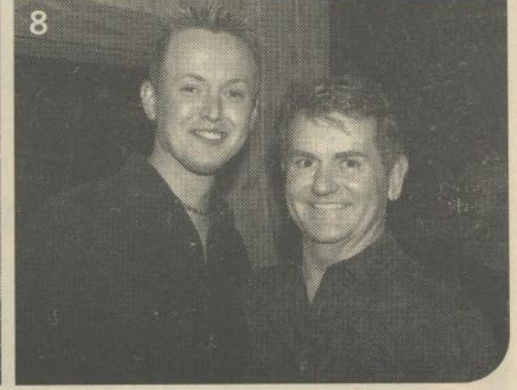
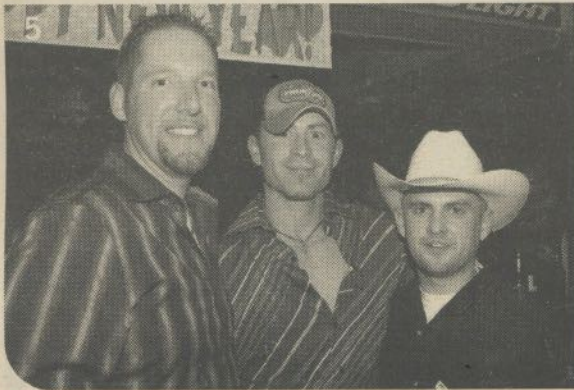
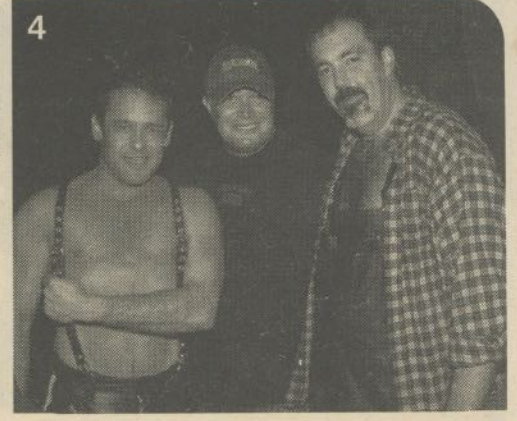
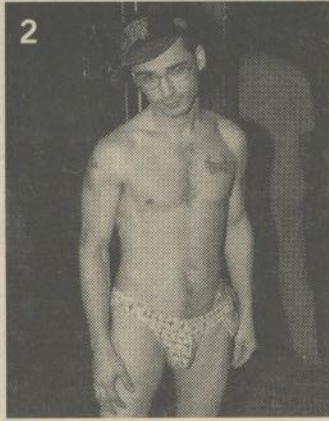


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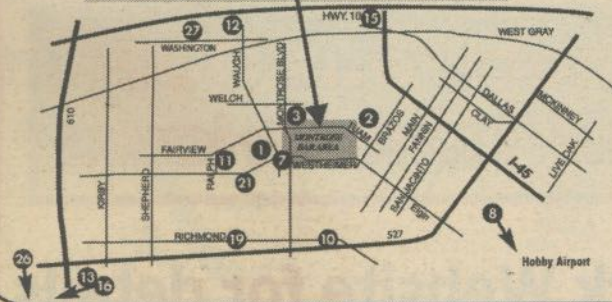
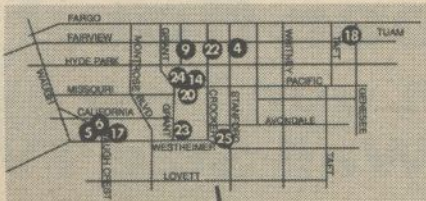
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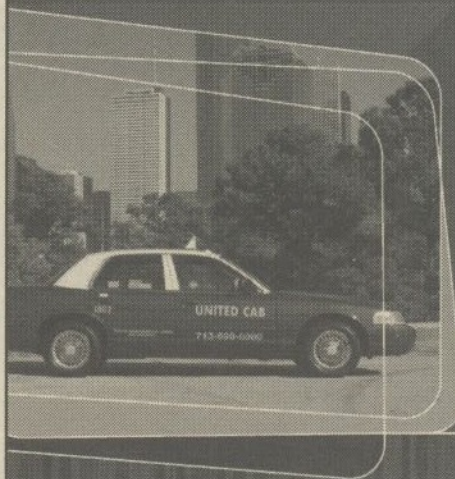
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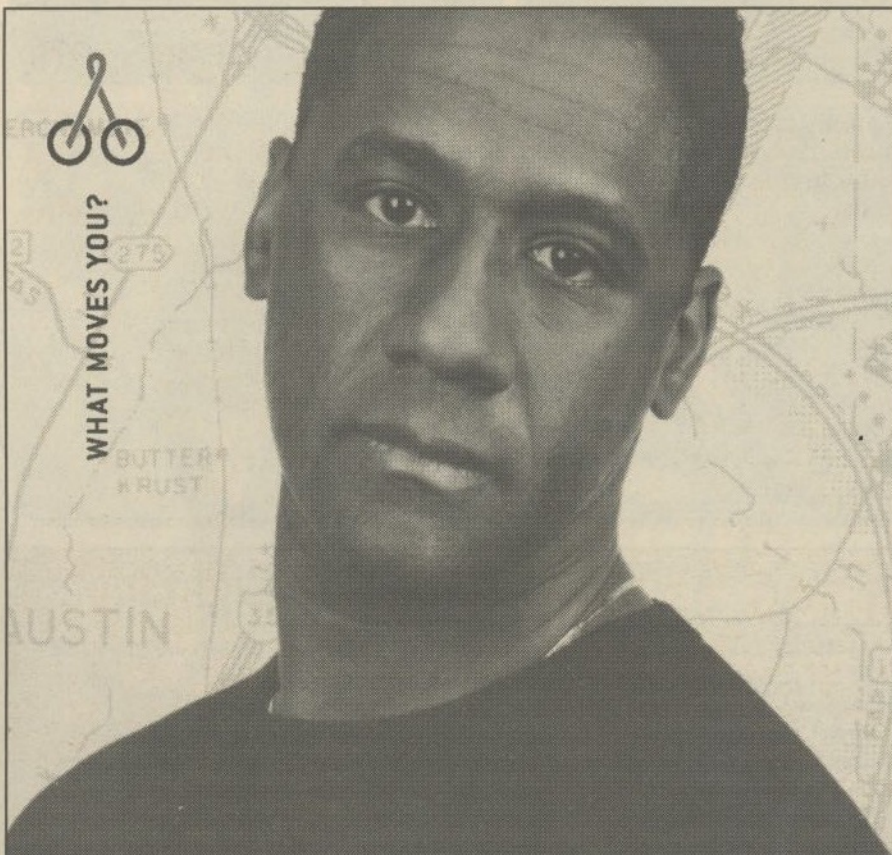
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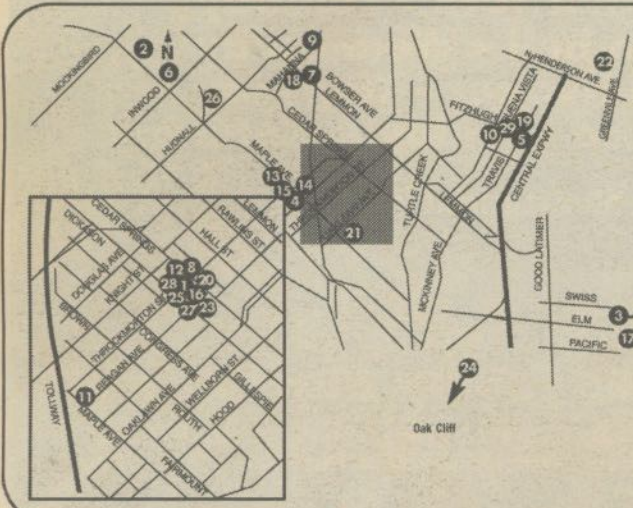
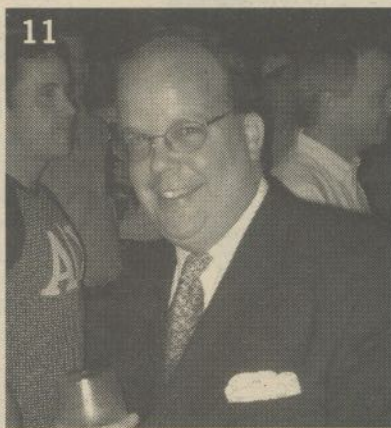
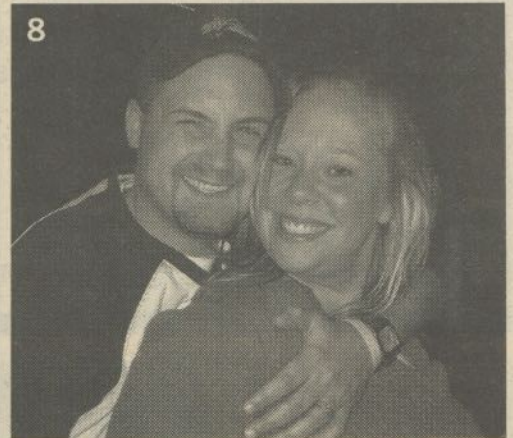
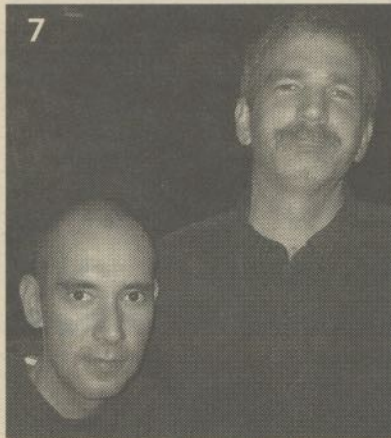
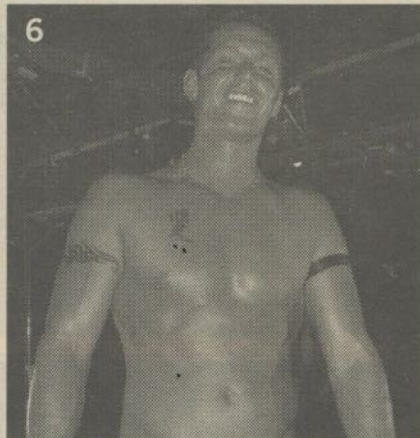
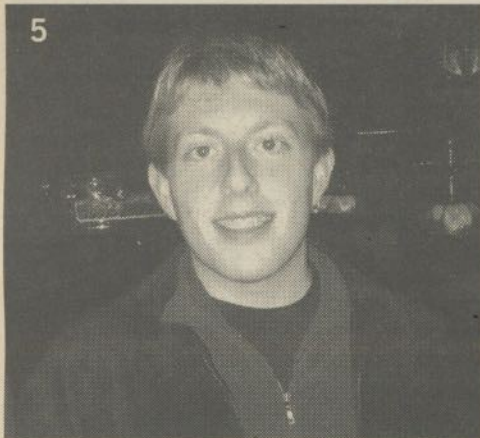
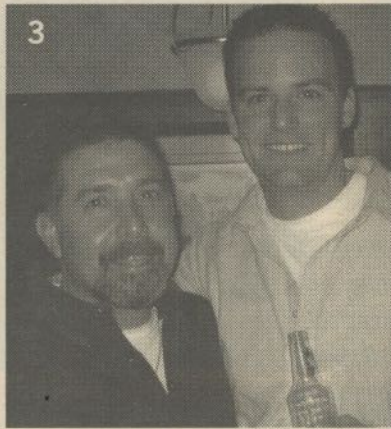
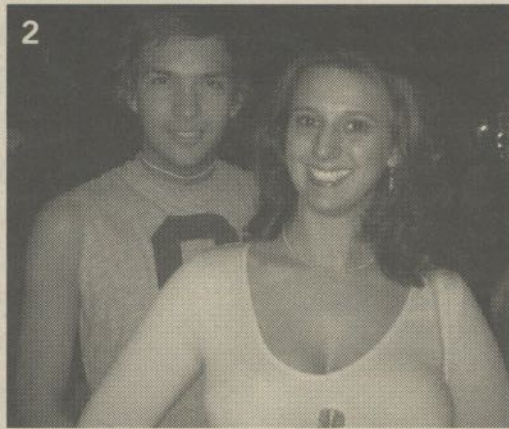
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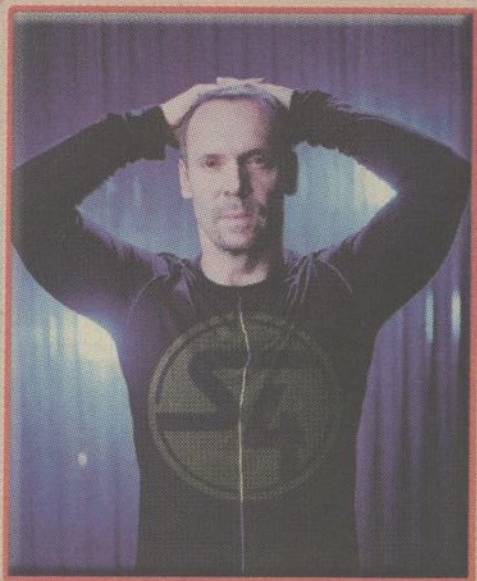


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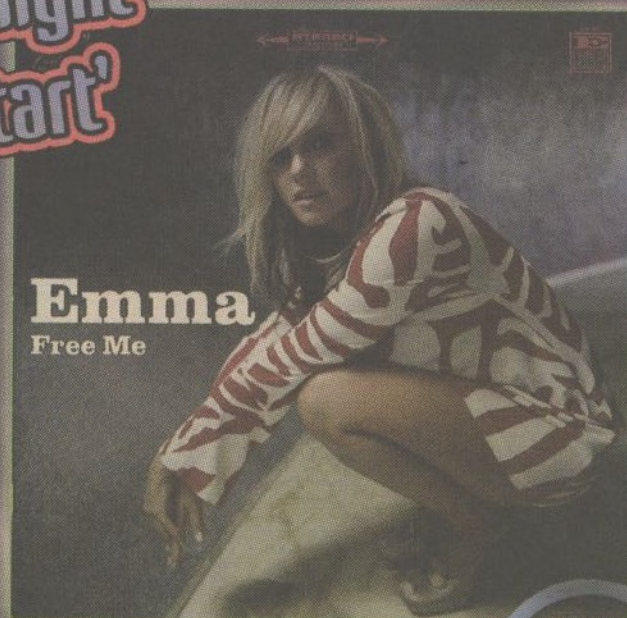


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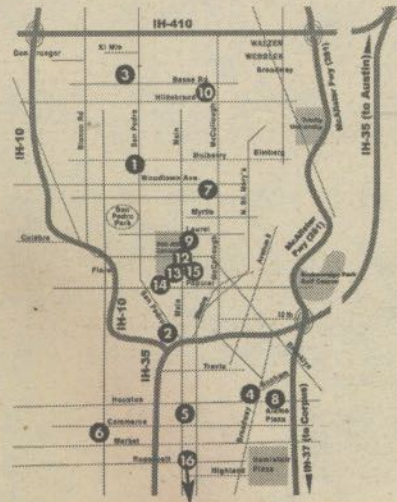
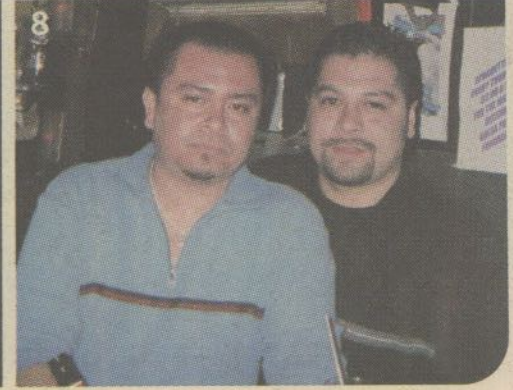
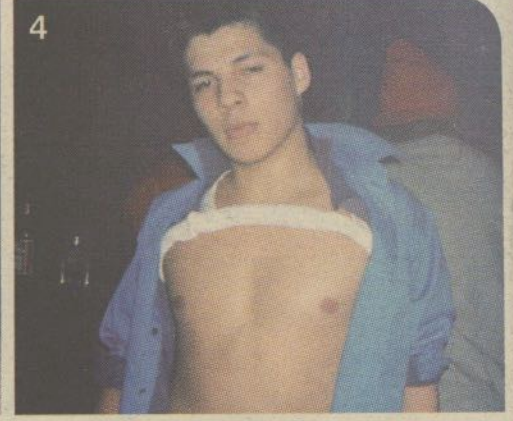
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Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
713-521-1000
Hglpc.org
Human Rights Campaign
Info.houston@hrc.org
Log Cabin Republicans Houston
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National Gay & Lesbian Task Force-Houston
713-426-3128
Old Lesbians Organizing for Change
Oloc.org

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HOUSTON
Stonewall Democrats of Houston
713-854-8773
Stonewallhouston.org
Texas Human Rights Foundation
713-522-0636
Thrf.org

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American Veterans for Equal Rights - San Antonio
210-845-1638
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Human Rights Campaign
Hrc-sa@satx.tx.com
Log Cabin Republicans San Antonio
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Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio
210-494-7442
Sdsatx.org

health

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AIDS Services of Austin
512-406-6167
Asaustin.org
ALL60 Informe SIDA
512-472-2001
Allgoinc@aol.com
David Powell Clinic
512-479-6121
Ciaustin.tx.us
Project Transitions
512-454-8648
Projecttransitions.org
Texas AIDS Network
512-447-8887
Texasaid.net
Wright House Wellness Center
512-467-0088
Therighthouse.org

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AIDS Arms
214-521-5191
Aidsarms.org
AIDS Interfaith Network
214-943-4444
Aidsinterfaithnetwork.org
AIDS Resource Center
214-559-AIDS
Rcdallas.org
AIDS Services of Dallas
214-941-0523
Aidsdallas.org
Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center
214-528-2336
Rcdallas.org/nthrc.html
Pride Institute-DFW
214-351-9909
Prideinstitute.com

HOUSTON
AIDS Housing Coalition
713-864-1795
AIDS Foundation Houston
713-623-6796
Aidshelp.org
AssistHers
713-521-4628
Assisthers.org
AVES
713-626-2837 Aves-health.org
Bering Omega Community Services
713-852-2551
Beringomega.org
Center for AIDS
713-527-8219
Centerforaids.org
Lesbian Health Initiative
713-603-0023
Lhihouston.org
Montrose Clinic
713-830-3000
Montrosecclinic.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-007
Montrosecounselingcenter.org
People With AIDS Coalition
713-522-5428
Pwach.org
The Assistance Fund
713-529-4788
TheAssistanceFund.org

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AIDS Foundation San Antonio
210-225-4715 Tysaaf.org

service

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Austin Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce,
512-472-8299
Agfcc.com
Center for Women's Business
512-472-8522

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Gay & Lesbian Students Association
512-458-3892
Lesbian Bisexual Gay Student Association
512-475-6664
Lesbian/Gay Pride Commission of Austin
512-479-9431
United Court of Austin
512-336-8388
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/austin.html

DALLAS
Cathedral Business Network
214-351-1901
Cathedralofhope.com/cbn
Collin County Gay & Lesbian Alliance
214-521-5342
Ccgla.org
Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance
214-528-4233
Dgla.com
Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association
214-540-4460
Dgbla.org
Dallas Transgender Alliance
Geocities.com/dtgalliance
Lambda Pride Toastmasters
972-365-0773
Lambdapride.com
Leadership Lambda Toastmasters
214-219-1908
National Coming Out Project
214-521-5342
Comeout.org
SMU Spectrum
People.smu.edu/spectrum
United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/dallas.html
University of North Texas Ally Program
Unt.edu/aly
University of North Texas Lavender Circle
Orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle

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An Uncommon Legacy Foundation
713-520-1142
Houston Black Tie Dinner
Houstonblacktiedinner.org
Bunnies on the Bayou
Bunnies.org
Colt 45's, Inc.
213-526-6077
Colt45s.org
HATCH
713-529-3590
Hatchyouth.org
Diana Foundation
713-639-2000
Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GCBT History
713-227-5973 Gcam.org
Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce
713-523-7576
Ghglcc.org
Houston GLBT Community Center
713-524-3818
HoustonGLBTcommunitycenter.org
Houston Women's Group
713-529-8571
Houstonwomensgroup.com
Imperial Court of Houston
713-226-2220
Spacetyempire.org
Pride Committee of Houston
713-529-6979
Pridehouston.org
PWA Holiday Charities
713-526-4641
QPatrol
713-528-SAFE
Qpatrol@aol.com
Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of Single Star
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/houston.html
Stonewall Lawyers Association of Houston
713-227-1717
Slgh.org

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Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire
210-641-2986
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/sanantonio.html

social

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Austin Family Pride
512-682-6988
Austinfamilypride.home.att.net
Austin Gay Lesbian Leather Social
AustinGayLeatherSocial.org
Austin Latino Lesbian/Gay Organization
512-472-2001
Bisexual Network of Austin
512-370-9573
Main.org/binetaustin
Central Texas Boys of Leather
Ctbof.org
Heart of Texas Hoedowners
Hoedowners.org
Long Yang Club
Longyangclub.org/newsite/directory.htm
National Leather Association
512-703-8927

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AUSTIN
Prime Timers Austin
512-282-2861 Ptaustex@yahoo.com
Rainbow Rollerskaters
512-296-8381
Main.org/rainbowskate
Texas Hill Country Faeries, Elves & Satyrs,
Groups.yahoo.com/group/thcfes/

DALLAS
BiNet Dallas
Geocities.com/binetdallas
Dallas Transgender Alliance,
Geocities.com/dtgalliance
Dragonflies of Dallas
Dragonfliesofdallas.org
High Tech Happy Hour
Majordomo@list.ti.com
Prime Timers of Dallas Fort Worth
Primetimers-DFW.org
North Texas Radical Faeries,
Groups.yahoo.com/group/NTRadfae
SMU Spectrum
People.smu.edu/spectrum
Stonewall Professional & Business Association
214-521-5342 ext 1721
United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/dallas.html
Women's Business Network
972-949-4355
Womensbusinessnetwork.org

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

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BiNet Houston
713-467-4380
Flash.net/~bihouse
Houston Prime Timers
713-867-3903
Primetimerswww.org/houston
Rainbow Rangers
Rainbowrangers.org
WIP Society
281-564-0615 WIPSociety.net
SAN ANTONIO
Diversity Center
210-223-6106
Diversitycenter.org
San Antonio Prime Timers
830-980-8744
Saprimetimer049@aol.com
Texas Tradition Cloggers
210-335-6155
Texastraditioncloggers.com

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Affirmation (Methodist)
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First Unitarian Universalist Church
512-452-6168
Integrity Austin Episcopal
Geocities.com/austinintegrity
Kingdom Seekers in Christ Jesus
512-322-0049
Whosoever.net
Lutherans Concerned
512-832-4159
MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks
512-291-8601
Mccaustin.com
Metropolitan Community Church of Austin
512-291-8601
Mishpachah Am Echad
512-451-7018
Tejas Web
Tejasweb.org
Trinity United Methodist Church
512-459-5835 Tumc.org
Unity Church of Austin
512-447-7772
University Baptist Church
512-478-8559 ABCAustin.org

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Cathedral of Hope
214-351-1901
Cathedralofhope.com
Celebration Community Church
817-335-3222
Celebration-community-church.com
Christian Gays in Fellowship
817-446-1555
City Church
214-559-4021
Citychurchdallas.org
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
972-424-8989
Uuplano.org
Congregation Beth El Binah
214-521-5342
Bethelbinah.org
Crossroads Community Church
972-689-5777
Dignity/Dallas (Catholic)
214-521-5342

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Disciples of Christ
214-946-2184
Faith Community Church
972-530-3900
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
214-528-3990
Dallasuu.org
Jubilee Christian Fellowship
214-528-3655
JubileeTX.org
MCC of Greater Dallas
888-212-4763
MCCGreaterDallas.org
Sanctuary of Love
214-528-2260
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
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Beringomega.org
Community Gospel Church
713-880-9235
Communitygospel.org
Congregation Beth Israel
713-771-6221
Congregation Mishpachah Alizim
866-841-9139
Mishpachah@onebox.com
Covenant Church
713-688-8830
Covenanthouston.org
Dignity/Houston
713-880-2872
Dignityhouston.org
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
713-526-5200
Firstuu.org
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
713-528-3269
Office@gracelutheran-houston.org
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church
713-528-6756
New Covenant Christian Church
713-984-5806
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church of The Woodlands
281-298-2780
Northwoodsuu.org
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
713-861-9149
Resurrectionmcc.org
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
713-528-6665
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
Mccsa.org
River City Living Church
210-822-1121
Rclic@rivercitylivingchurch.org
Travis Park United Methodist Church
Travispark.org

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Adventuring Outdoors
512-236-7176
Main.org/adventuring
Austin FrontRunners
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Frontrunners.org
Austin Gamblers Bowling League
512-647-7073
Austingamblers@yahoo.com
Austin Gay Softball
512-477-7116
Tx@hotmail.com
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club
512-796-0716
Lonestarsrugby.org
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club
Austinnightflyers.org
Austin Tennis Club
Austintennisclub.com
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club
Austinvalkyries.com
Fast Track
512-453-8878
Geocities.com/astackrunners
Team Austin
512-447-6408
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - State
Tgra.org

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A League of Our Own
972-231-2695

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Friday Night Out Bowling League
972-702-0058
Oak Lawn Soccer Club of Dallas
214-366-2565
Oaklawnsoccerclub.org
Team Dallas Aquatics
TeamDallasAquatics.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - Dallas
214-346-2107 Tgra.org
Texas Twisters
972-993-2021 Texastwisters.org

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FrontRunners
713-522-0899
Home.swbell.net/arathon/hour.htm
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club
832-741-7125
Houstonrugby.org
Houston Invitational Tournament
Texasinvite.com
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club
Roughnecksrugby.org
Houston Women's Softball League
713-502-5799
Lone Star Volleyball Association
713-717-5762 LSWA.org
Montrose Soccer Club,
Geocities.com/MontroseSoccer
Montrose Softball League
713-867-3913
Montrosetsoftballleague.com
OutSkate Roller Skate Club
281-933-5818
Dobie367@aol.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association,
713-523-7663 Tgra.org

support

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PFLAG-Austin
512-302-PFLAG
Pflag-austin.org
Out Youth
512-419-1233 Out@outyouth.org
Waterloo Counseling Center
512-444-9922 Waterloo.counseling.org

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Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
214-528-0022
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network
972-669-5777 Glsendallas.org
Lambda AA
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699
Lambda Group of Al-Anon
214-363-0461
Dallasal-anon.org
PFLAG Dallas
214-233-0977
Pflagdallas.org
Positively Young
872-283-0468
Purple Light Trans Support
Goldleopard.com/purple
Resource Center of Dallas
214-528-0144
Resourcecenterdallas.org
Youth First Texas
214-879-0400
Youthfirsttexas.com

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Bering Support Network
713-526-1017 Beringumc.org
Community Awareness for Transgender Support
281-624-7956
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation
713-528-1748
Donaldrwatkins.org
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston
713-529-3211
Gayswitchboardhouston.org
Hollyfield Foundation
713-523-6900
Hollyfield.org
Kolbe Project
713-861-1800
Kolbeproject.org
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous
713-521-1243
Lambdahouston.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-0037
Montrosecounselingcenter.org
PFLAG Houston
713-467-3524
Pflaghouston.org

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Club Poz San Antonio
210-341-0133
ClubPozSAT@aol.com
Diversity Center Spectrum
210-223-6106 info@jccsa.org
Diversity Center Transgender Support Group
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PFLAG San Antonio
210-655-2383
Pflag-sanantonio@webtv.net

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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., 414-488-8399, hotelzaza.com.
Radisson Hotel — 1893 West Mockingbird, 1-888-589-9846, radisson.com.
The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, melrosehoteldallas.com.

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Crocker Street Inn — 2609 Crocker St., 877-842-9466, crockerstreetinn.com.
Gar-Den Suites — 2702 Crocker St., 800-484-1036 (code 2669).
Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy., 713-523-8448.
Kiworth Manor — 109 Stratford, 713-520-5526, kiworthmanor.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, 1-800-868-4187.
The Painted Lady Inn — 620 Broadway, 210-220-1092, thepaintedlady.com.

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Simon & Associates — 401 Studewood, 713-524-6000.
Walker & Patterson, PC — 4815 Dacoma, 713-956-5577.
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Neil A. Callas — 540 S. St. Mary's Street, 210-212-6969.
Pearsall Legal Services, PLLC — 11103 San Pedro, 210-340-8290.

automotive

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Austin Subaru — 200 West Huntland, 512-454-9489.
Charles Maund Volkswagen — 8400 Research, 1-800-440-1399, 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.

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

automotive

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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 Dates, 1-800-723-0714.

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Gillman Subaru Southwest — 10575 W. Sam Houston Pkwy., 713-778-6310.
Jeff Haas Mazda — (John Griffin) 11222 Old Katy Rd., 713-932-6004.
John Eagle Acura — (Pete Ramirez) 281-589-8600, john eagleacura.com.
Land Rover Houston — 7019 Old Katy Rd., 713-293-6100.
Mike Calvert Toyota — 2333 Loop 610, 713-558-8100, mikecalverttoyota.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

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

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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.

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Adult Video Megaplexxx — 5819 Richmond, 713-780-1827.
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 10006 Gulf Frwy., 713-844-8111.
Adult Video Megaplexxx — 8100 I-45 North, 281-820-8999.
Club Houston — 2200 Fannin St., 713-659-4998, 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 — 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2370, midtowne.com.
Q Video — 1415 California, 713-522-4485.

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

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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.
Angelika Film Center & Café — 510 Texas Ave., 713-333-FILM.
Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, landmarktheatres.com.

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Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.
Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, houstonsymphony.org.
River Oaks Theatre — 2809 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-Grotsky, LMSW-ACP — 512-451-7222.
Michael Escobedo, M.D. — 512-347-8794, lazzsmooth.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, 512-444-9222.
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, 214-521-8261, 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.
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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CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, casa-sa.com.
Counseling Works — (Joan Wells, 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.
Baldin Insurance & Mortgage — 3921 Steck Ave., 512-343-0623.

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W. Chad Ballard — (Prudential) 512-794-0034 ext. 7259.
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A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-521-1702.
Allstate — (RJ Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2212.
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, 972-250-0922.

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

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

real estate

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Evans Bill (Austin Real Pros) — 512-458-3730, 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, presidioagroup.com.
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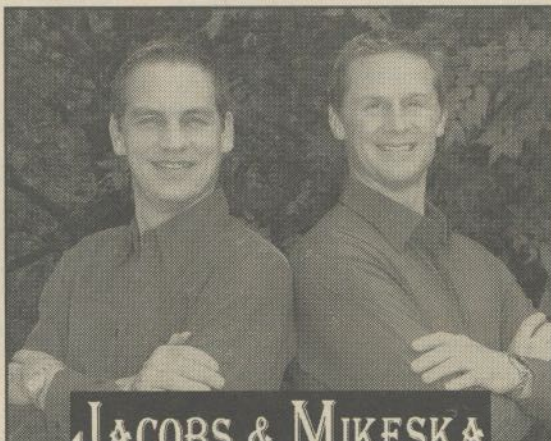
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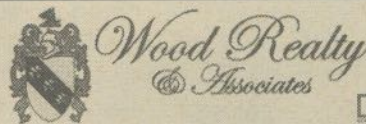
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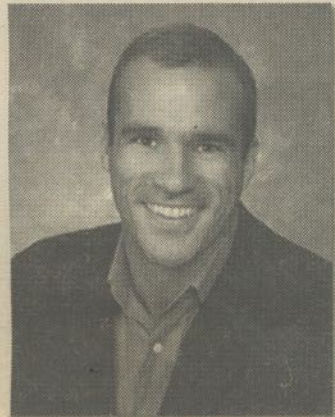


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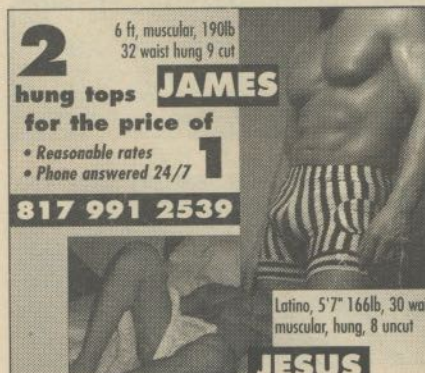
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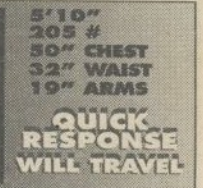
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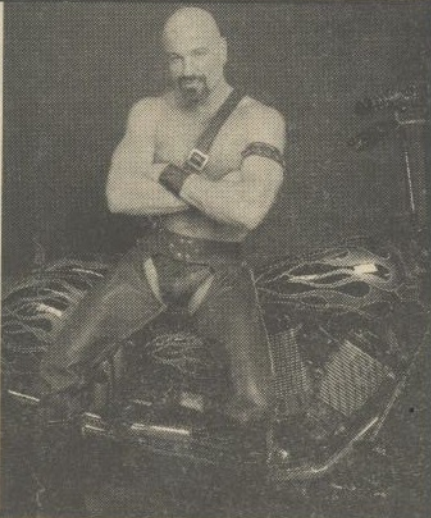
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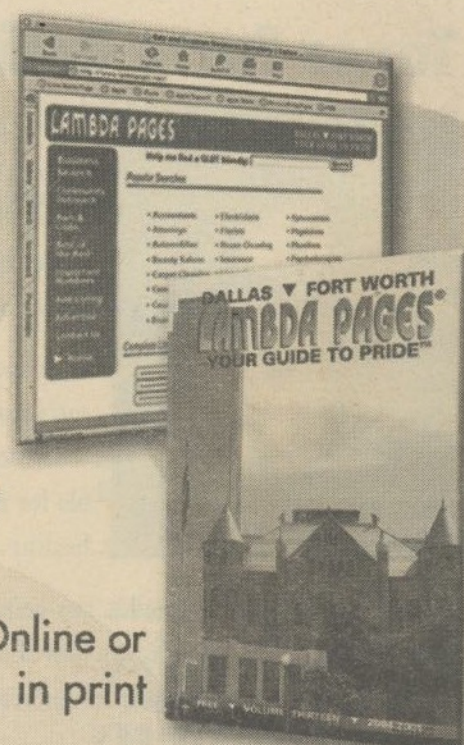
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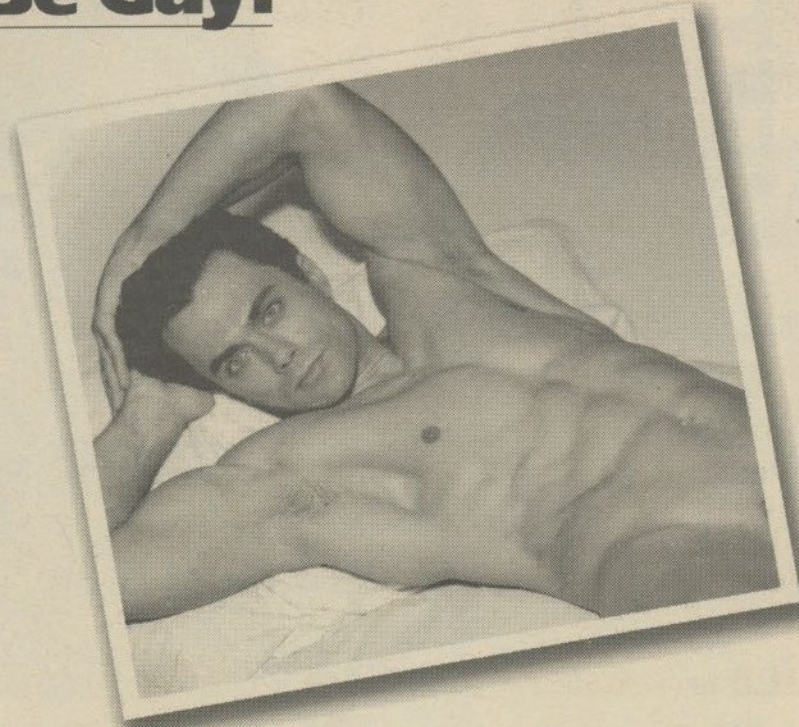
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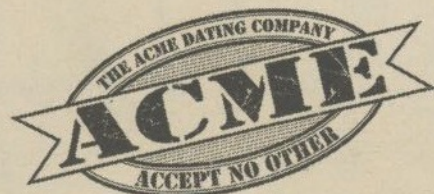


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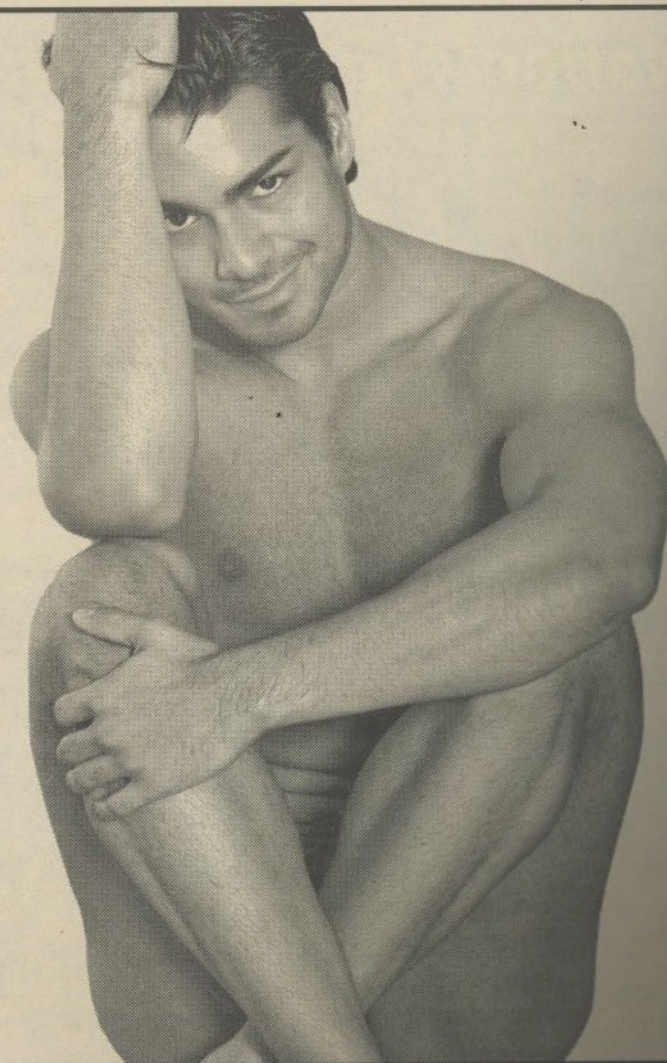
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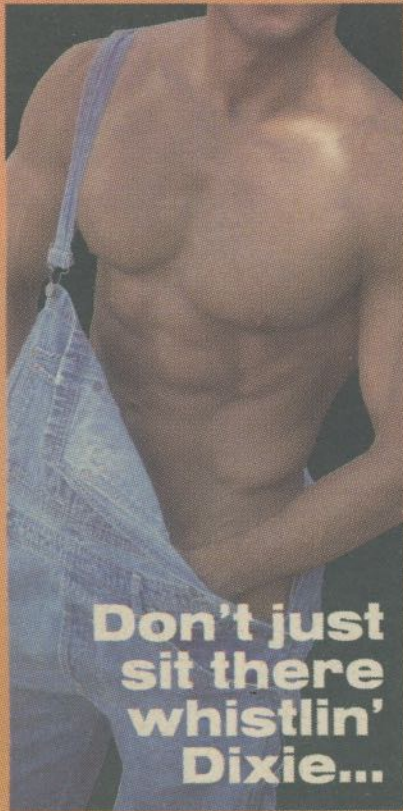
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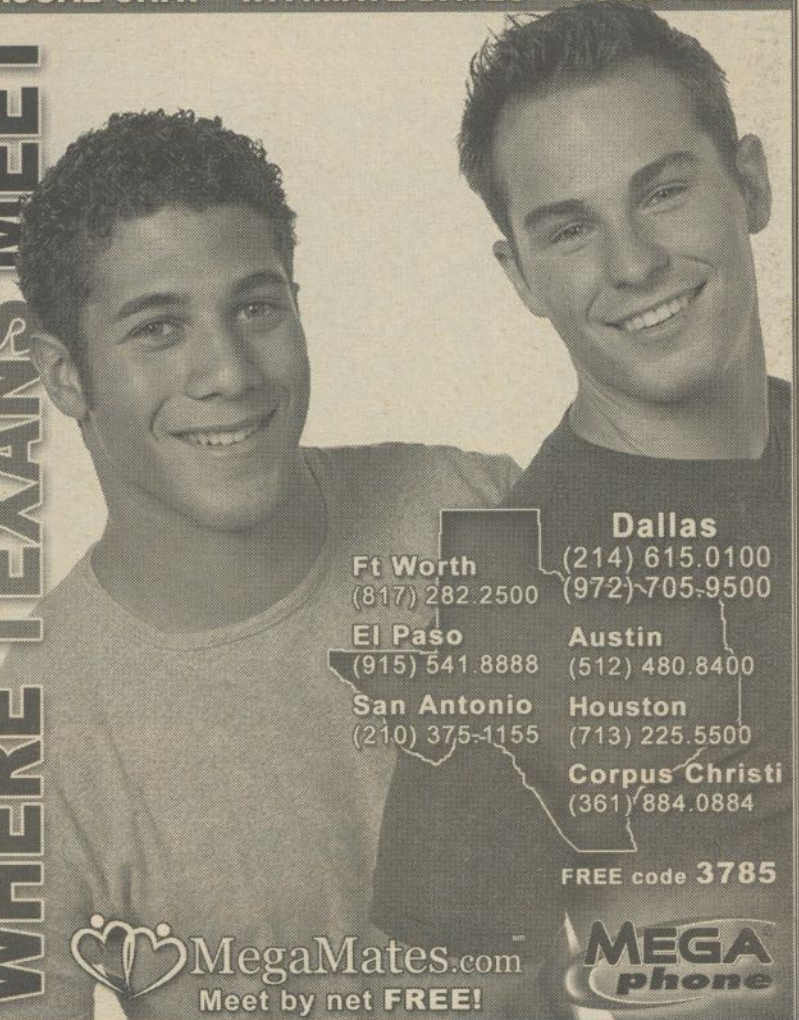
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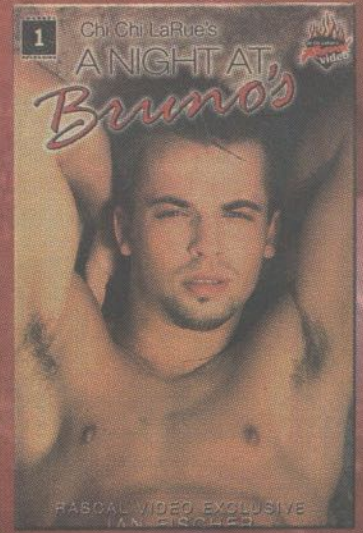
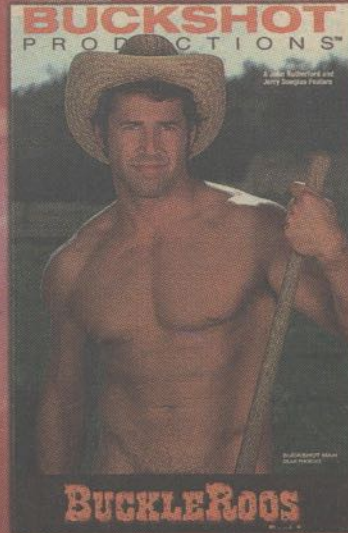
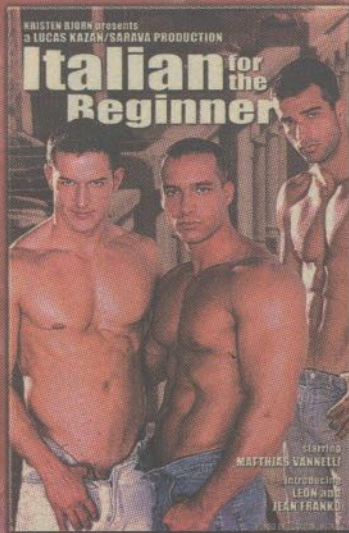
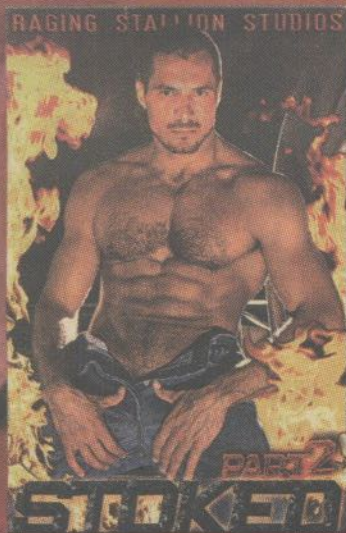


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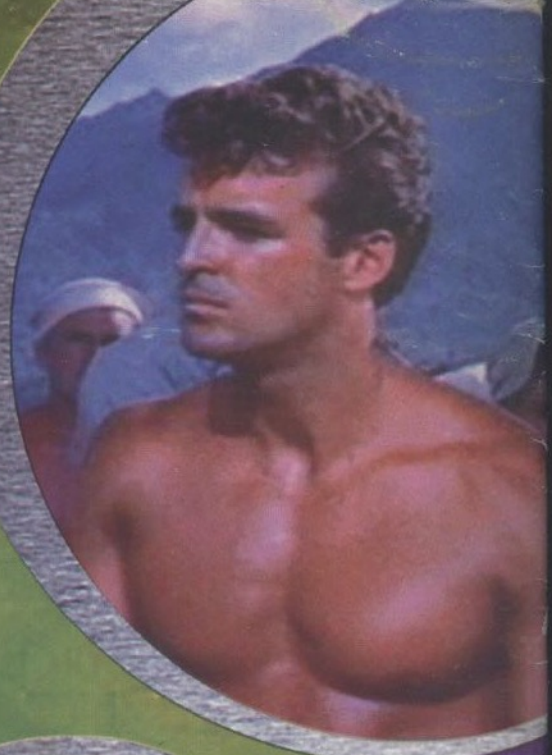
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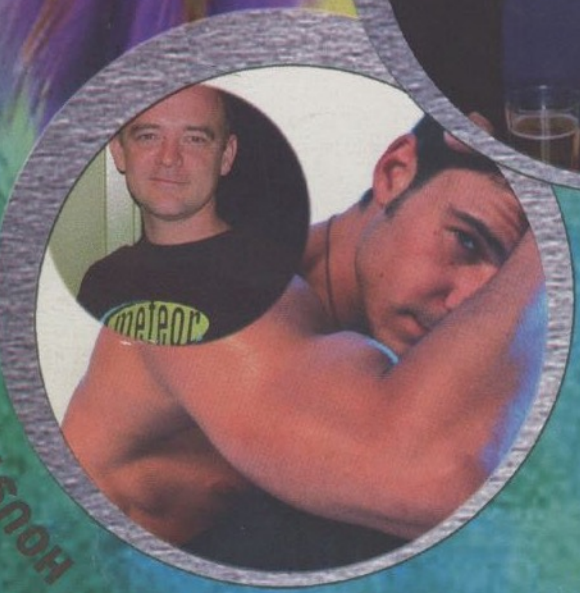


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