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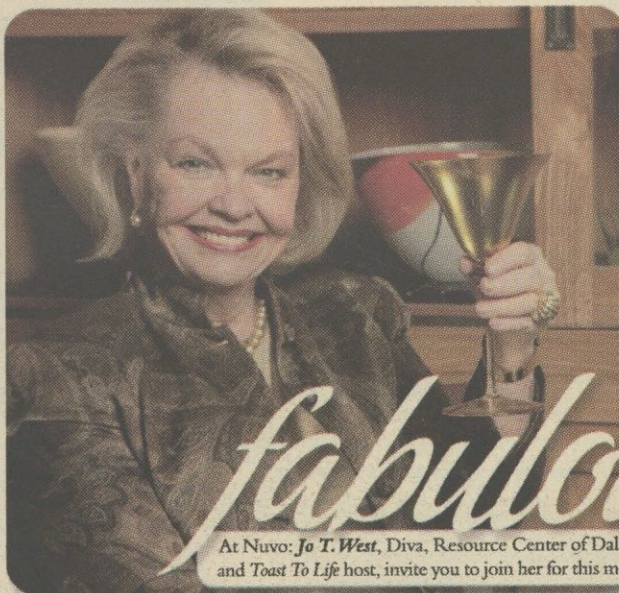
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Newsbriefs

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Club taking registrations through Feb. 20 for Heart of Texas Classic

Registration is now open for the third annual Heart of Texas Classic Tennis Tournament, presented by the Austin Tennis Club March 11-14.

Divisions include Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, at Levels from 2.0-5.0 NTRP (A-D and Open). Registration will be open through Feb. 20. Fees are \$85 for one event and \$95 for two.

Social events include a draw party on March 11, and a banquet. All proceeds benefit AIDS Services of Austin.

More information and registration forms are at www.austintennisclub.com/hot3/hot3_info.html.

HOUSTON

Lone Star Volleyball Association recruiting players for spring season

To limber up ligaments and get players in the proper spirit, the Lone Star Volleyball Association will offer two days of free play before league competition begins Feb. 20.

The two free days — on Sunday and on Feb. 13 — precede the opening of the volleyball association's 25th annual spring league.

Beginning Feb. 20, the recreational league will play 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Competitive and power divisions will play 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

The cost for the full season, which lasts through June, is \$37 for new players and \$75 for returning members.

In addition to the league play on Sundays, the volleyball association offers seasonal awards parties, the Miss Lone Star Volleyball Association Pageant and other social events, said Rick Talley, the association's president.

"It's a fantastic way to meet new friends and enjoy a great sport at the same time," he said.

The volleyball association has donated more than \$16,000 to gay and lesbian causes and to help fight the battle against HIV.

Free play will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 6 and Feb. 13. League play begins Feb. 20; recreational division, 4 p.m.; competitive and power divisions, 6:30 p.m. Willowbrook Sports Complex, 12539 Perry Rd. For other information, visit www.lsva.org.

HOUSTON

Mass same-sex wedding called largest in Texas planned Feb. 1

Billed as Texas's largest marriage ceremony for same-sex couples, a National Freedom to Marry Day event is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 West 11th St. Religious leaders of various faiths will preside. Couples who plan to participate must register in advance by calling 713-227-1717.

Correction

The article "Farrar and Houston caucus prepare for '05," in the January 14 issue, misstated the number of the Texas legislative session. The current session, which opened last month, is the 79th. Lawmakers will meet for 140 days.

'Fat Girls' booted from Canton

Independent film's gay lead apparently too much for city fathers

Reported by Tammye Nash

Special Correspondent

Written by Dennis Vercher

The story of a gay teen growing up in a small Texas town was apparently too much for city leaders in Canton, Texas, home of the famous "First Monday" flea market.

City Manager Charlie Fenner denied the film crew access to public facilities in the Northeast Texas town just two days before principal filming was to begin, saying that producers failed to obtain the necessary permits.

The film's co-producer, Kim Fishman of Hear No Evil Films, said she talked to

CANTON

the Canton assistant city manager in early February and faxed a request to film portions of the movie "Fat Girls" there.

She described the film as a coming-of-age story focusing on high school students.

After faxing the requests for permits, Fishman said the official phoned her back with the message, "Everything is good to go."

Fishman said that city officials had no problems with the Dallas production company's plans — until word got out that the film's main character was gay.

"They had known about all of this for three weeks, and then came back right before we were going to start filming and said we couldn't film there," she said.

Extras casting director Katarina Cook was scheduled to speak at the local high school on Jan. 19. Just 30 minutes before the assembly was to begin, she was informed by the drama teacher that the assembly had been canceled.

Fishman also said during a private conversation the city manager told her the production company should have been up



FAT CHANCE Ash Christian, right, worked on the script of *Fat Girls* and plays the gay character that roiled Canton city leaders. With him, from left, are castmates Jonathan Caubette and Robin de Jesus.

front with city leaders about the film's content.

"I asked them if the lead character was black or Jewish, is that something we would have needed to tell them up front? Would that make a difference? I just think it is discrimination because the main character is gay," Fishman said.

Fenner responded: "She needs to shut her freaking mouth. She is lying about this all the way down."

Fishman said the film crew were warmly received by Canton residents and the local chamber of commerce. The chamber helped with filming locations. Dozens of residents turned out for casting calls.

Fishman said after being turned away by Canton officials, the production company moved to Waxahachie. There, she said, the necessary permits were secured within five hours.

Laurier McPike-Mosley, the director of Waxahachie's convention and visitors bureau, said officials had no qualms about the content of *Fat Girls*.

"Every movie you see today probably has something in it that someone in our

town might find objectionable," she said. "But we have had more than 30 movies filmed in Waxahachie, and we know how much having a film crew here can do for our town. We try to always be hospitable," McPike-Mosley said.

The film crew also got a warm reception in Italy, a hamlet located southwest of Waxahachie. They had gone there because the size of Waxahachie's school system would have made filming in a school building needlessly disruptive. So tiny Italy beckoned.

"The people there were absolutely fabulous," she said.

Fishman said they met up with a gay man who had grown up in Italy and went to high school there.

"We ended up inviting Ray to be a part of our crew, to work on the art direction and the sets, because that is where his talent is."

"It was very interesting to have someone who was gay and went to that school be a part of the filming," Fishman said.

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Texas Supreme Court won't dismiss custody suit

Van Stavern allowed to continue to seek joint custody of child borne by her former partner

A woman whose daughter was adopted by her former lesbian partner has lost a court battle to regain custody.

The Texas Supreme Court declined Friday to hear a request by Julie Ann

GALVESTON

Hobbs of Galveston to dismiss a lawsuit filed in May by Janet Kathleen Van Stavern for joint custody and standard

visitation of the 6-year-old girl.

Hobbs and Van Stavern were together for eight years, ending in February 2004. Hobbs conceived the girl through artificial insemination and gave birth in 1998. Van Stavern legally adopted the child in 2001.

The 1st Texas Court of Appeals in November declined a request by Hobbs to dismiss Van Stavern's lawsuit.

State District Judge Janis Yarbrough ruled in October that Van Stavern has parental rights to Hobbs' daughter.

Hobbs' attorneys then argued that Van

Stavern's lawsuit should be dismissed on the grounds that the adoption is illegal because Texas law does not permit co-parenting by same-sex couples.

Van Stavern has been making monthly child-support payments.

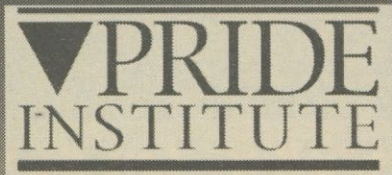
Shannon Warren, an attorney representing Van Stavern, said Hobbs' only legal option is to file an appeal after a trial in family court.

A court date regarding Van Stavern's request for joint custody and standard visitation is set for April 4.

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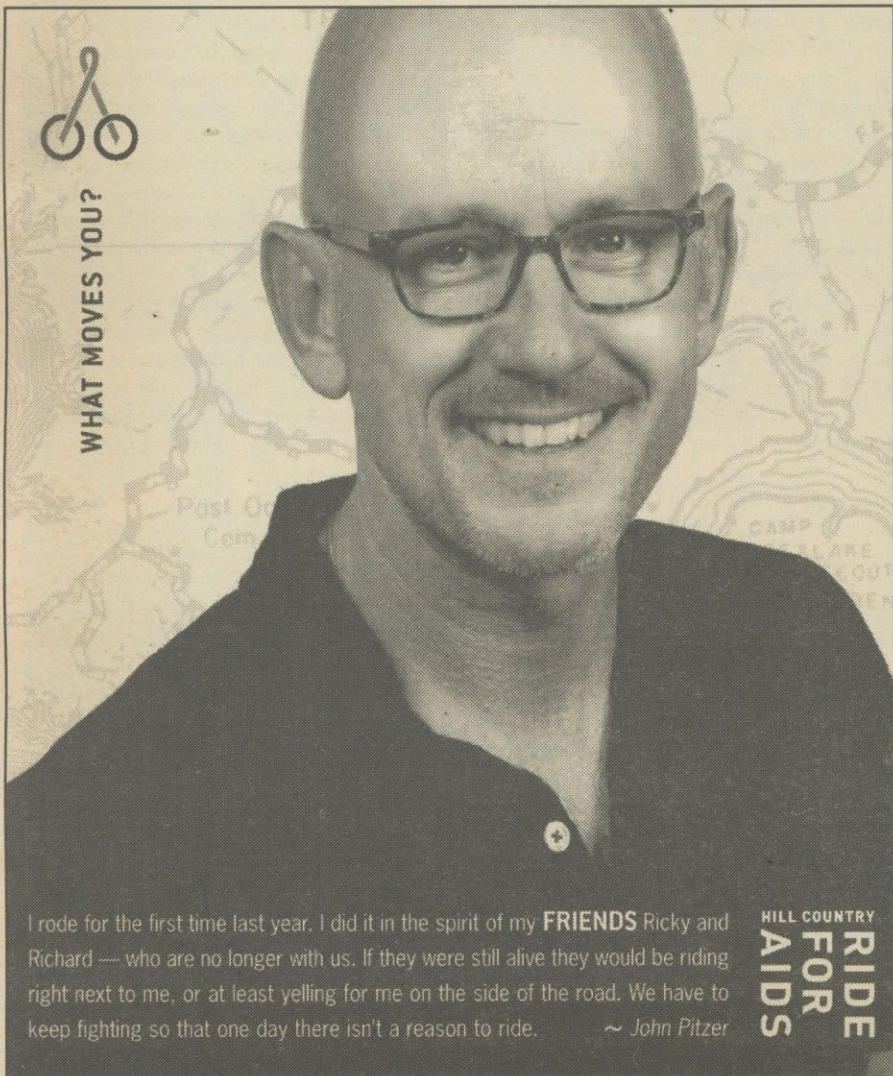
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Ribbon-cutting marks opening of GLBT chamber of commerce

North Texas group plans program designed to increase commerce for gay, gay-friendly businesses

By Dennis Vercher
Staff Writer

The North Texas Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce is officially open after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its offices in Dallas last week.

Real estate agents Jack Evans and George Harris, a prominent Dallas couple, cut the ribbon on Jan. 25.

The new organization will kick off a membership drive with an event, Charter 300, next month. The new group will hold programs on professional development and education and a weekly e-mail system will keep members abreast of business-related developments. The chamber is already planning a business expo they hope will become an annual event.

"The scope of the North Texas Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Chamber of Commerce is promoting North Texas to increase commerce in our cities," said Leo Cusimano, the chamber's interim president. Cusimano is advertising director of TXT Newsmagazine.

The chamber's Web site is already in place, but contains only an application for membership. Cusimano said expanding membership is the group's primary focus in its

start-up months. The site will eventually be "extensive," Cusimano said.

The chamber has about 25 members now, said Krtis Martin, the chamber's spokeswoman.

Chamber leaders are already working with the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Dallas Tavern Guild to bring travel writers affiliated with the GLBT media to familiarize them with the area and promote North Texas as a tourist and meeting destination.

Cusimano and Mark Shekter, president of Surrealty, both said the chamber should have no effect on another Dallas GLBT business organization, the Stonewall Professional and Business Association.

"Dallas has been one of the only major cities in the country without a complete GLBT chamber. We have had Stonewall for some time. But this is the next step," Shekter said.

Cusimano added that the two organizations have "different missions and a different philosophy," and said the chamber worked with Stonewall on the chamber's launch.

The North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce office is at 3615 Hall St. The telephone number is 214-540-4488. The mailing address is P.O. Box 223564, Dallas TX 75222-3564. The Web site, which contains only a membership application, is at Northtexasglbtchamber.org.

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HIGH TIDE

Houston entertainer Kofi presents a check to Jim MacInvalde that the Houston entrepreneur will add to the tsunami relief effort of former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. At a ceremony held Friday at South Beach, officials announced that about \$6,000 was raised by the nightclub's patrons and employees at a benefit show on Jan. 11.

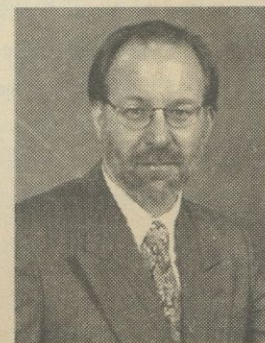


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Newsbriefs

ARIZONA

Man faces life in prison for fatal baseball-bat attack on gay man

TUCSON — A 22-year-old man faces life in prison after being convicted in the beating death of a gay man in 2002.

David A. Higdon was found guilty Jan. 27 of first-degree murder in the death of Philip Walsted, 24. Walsted was beaten with a baseball bat near his home in 2002. He died later that day after being struck in the head with the bat up to 20 times.

Higdon faces a maximum penalty of life in prison when he is sentenced March 20.

ARKANSAS

Largest private employer expands definition of family

LITTLE ROCK — Wal-Mart Stores is expanding the definition of "immediate family" to account for domestic partnerships and civil unions. The revised policy, disclosed Jan. 26, recognizes that in some states "immediate family" includes a employee's same-sex partner. Wal-Mart spokesman Gus Whitcomb declined to say whether the changes would affect benefits for employees of the nation's largest employer.

NEW YORK

Former Suffolk County police officer wins harassment lawsuit

NEW YORK — A former Suffolk County police officer who said he was subjected to death threats and harassment because he is bisexual was awarded \$270,000 last Friday by a federal jury. John Weeks, a 10-year veteran of East Islip, claimed in the lawsuit that he had been harassed and discriminated against because of his sexual orientation. "The Suffolk County Police Department turned a blind eye when superior officers violated Officer Weeks' constitutionally protected rights," said attorney Rick Strove. Weeks will continue a separate action through his union to appeal his firing.

— From Wire Reports

Gay fathers fight court custody ruling

Virginia court: Hedberg and son must live apart from Hedberg's partner of 9 years

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

A Maryland father has asked a state appeals court to give him the chance to explain why his partner of nearly 10 years should be allowed to live with him and his 12-year-old son.

Ulf Hedberg took care of the 4-year-old boy after he and his wife separated in 1996. Hedberg's new partner, Blaise Delahoussaye, moved into their Virginia home shortly thereafter, while the boy's mother lived nearby, according to a brief filed by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Delahoussaye had been a friend of the couple and was their son's godfather.

In 2000, the mother moved to Florida and sued for custody. By that time, Hedberg and Delahoussaye had moved into a larger house in Alexandria, outside Washington. In May 2002, after more than a year of litigation in family court, a judge awarded custody to Hedberg with the proviso that Delahoussaye move out of the house at the end of the school year. Hedberg's ex-wife was awarded frequent visitation.

With Delahoussaye no longer able to split the expenses of a single household, the men moved to Maryland, where Hedberg and his son rented an apartment. Delahoussaye came over on weekends and at other times, but the rituals of family meals and help with homework ended. In February 2004, Hedberg moved to transfer the custody decree from the jurisdiction of Virginia to that of Maryland. He then asked a Maryland court to revise the decree and remove the restriction on his partner. That restriction had been based in part on the Virginia sodomy law, which was discredited by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas* eight

months earlier.

Last fall, the Montgomery County circuit court threw out Hedberg's motion without holding hearings or making findings of facts. As a rule, custody orders are not revised unless something has "materially changed" in the child's life. In this case, the judge ruled from the bench that no significant change had occurred. Even the move from Virginia to Maryland was an inconsequential 26 miles.

With the help of the two GLBT legal groups, Hedberg has asked the Maryland Court of Special Appeals to rule that the boy's life has indeed changed materially and to allow hearings into his case. Thanks to the Virginia custody decree, the lawyers argue, the boy's parents have diminished financial resources, and were forced to sell their house and yard. With Delahoussaye no longer there to cook dinner at night, Hedberg has less time to help with homework and take care of his son in general. The boy is described as sad and misses his other father. He was particularly worried about Delahoussaye during Hurricane Isabel.

In an e-mail message to the Associated Press, Hedberg (whose first language is Swedish) said the family's happy life "was smashed" by the Virginia custody order. "Our son has missed Blaise very much that he cried on every night in the beginning and asked me why Blaise moved out. I struggled to find a way to explain to him why this happened."

As the appellate brief states, there is ample precedent for the idea that a damaging custody order can itself constitute a material change in circumstances if it harms a child when put into effect. Further, courts are obliged to interpret the circumstances of a request to change a custody order based on the best interests of the child. If the child is suffering, then it follows automatically that some circumstances in his or her life have materially changed.

Finally, the Supreme Court's ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, combined with an earlier opinion upholding the constitutional rights of



SUSAN SOMMER, a lawyer with Lambda Legal, said Ulf Hedberg's 12-year-old boy had suffered as a result of the lower court's ruling: "He lost his home, his school, his park and most importantly, the proximity of the caring adult who has helped raise him."

parents, should sound the death knell for the archaic reasoning behind the type of custody decree ordered by the Virginia court. Many family courts prohibit parents from letting their children visit when a boyfriend or girlfriend is spending the night, or ban custodial parents from conducting live-in affairs. However, when such orders extend to the life partners of gay and lesbian parents, they arguably cross what has now become a clearly marked constitutional line.

"This child's world was turned upside down all because a Virginia court issued a knee-jerk antigay custody restriction," said Lambda's Susan Sommer in a statement. "He lost his home, his school, his park, and most importantly, the proximity of the caring adult who has helped raise him. No one wins with this arrangement, and it's imperative that the court step in and put the child's interests first."

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Marriage cases on a collision course

Gay groups' lawyers join state in asking delay in Orange County lawsuit

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Oral arguments were held last week in a lawsuit in Orange County, Calif., where a heterosexual divorce lawyer is challenging state marriage laws in federal court on behalf of two gay men.

Filing a gay marriage suit in federal court has been rejected by every major GLBT legal group in the country. Indeed, in the Orange

CALIFORNIA County case gay lawyers have joined with the California attorney general's office in asking the federal judge to delay any rulings until a marriage case in state court has run its course.

In that suit, lawyers from the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the ACLU are challenging state marriage law on behalf

of 12 same-sex couples. The lawsuit, *Woo v. Lockyer*, has been coordinated with several related cases under the jurisdiction of Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer. Kramer is expected to issue a ruling soon in a case sure to wind up at the California Supreme Court.

If Kramer were to rule that California should make marriage available to same-sex couples, the two men in Orange County would no longer have a federal claim, court motions say. But beyond that technicality, gay advocates from the three main legal groups, as well as the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, are unanimous in their opposition to filing federal lawsuits.

Someday, just as the United States Supreme Court struck the ban on interracial marriage in 1967, the justices will presumably be asked to rule on same-sex marriage rights. But nearly two decades went by from the time the first state supreme court legalized interracial marriage — in California in 1948 — until the Supreme Court was asked to weigh in on Virginia's law. And by that time, interracial marriage was legal in most of the

Canada, U.S. headed opposite directions on gay marriage

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

As state legislatures grapple with the question of how and whether to ban same-sex marriage by amending their constitutions, the Canadian Parliament is finally on the verge of a vote on whether to legalize gay marriage.

On Tuesday, the governing Liberal party released the text of a marriage equality bill to be debated this week.

CANADA Although some polls suggest the outcome is up in the air, a (Winnipeg) *Sun Media* survey published Jan. 28 projects a narrow victory. A defeat in Parliament

would not change the fact that same-sex marriage has been legalized by the courts in seven provinces and one territory.

Should the bill fail, same-sex marriage would continue to be legal in most of the country, and eventually a federal definition would be established by the Canadian Supreme Court. Instead, the government of Prime Minister Paul Martin is seeking to put the contentious issue to rest by initiating a national consensus through parliament.

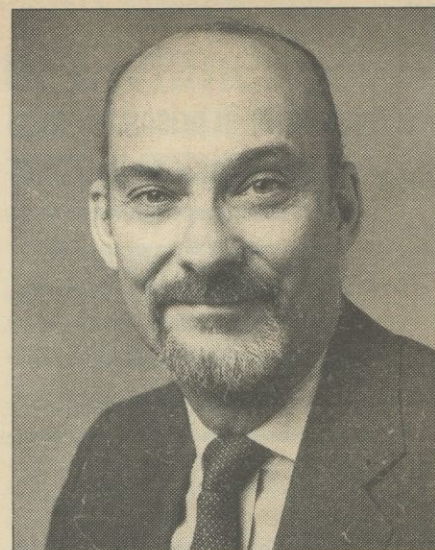
The difference between Canada and Kansas, to pick an example at random, is stark. The Kansas House is expected to pass an amendment banning same-sex marriage on Wednesday, sending the measure to a state vote during April's school board elections. If expectations are met, Kansas will become the 18th state in the union to chisel discrimination into constitutional stone, while a half dozen other states, including Texas, are aiming for plebiscites in November 2006.

country. Whether 20 years will pass between the Massachusetts marriage ruling and an eventual Supreme Court green light to same-sex marriage is anyone's guess. But few analysts believe the Supreme Court would rule in favor of same-sex couples until several of the states have done so.

Last month, a federal challenge to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act by two Florida women who were married in Massachusetts was dismissed by a federal judge in Tampa. After a discussion with Matt Coles of the ACLU, lawyer Ellis Rubin agreed not to appeal to the conservative federal appellate court that governs Florida, and he also dropped a second federal case out of Miami.

Since the Orange County plaintiffs are not married, they are not in a position to directly challenge the Defense of Marriage Act. The law defines marriage as a union of a man and a woman for federal purposes, and purports to let states ignore same-sex marriages contracted elsewhere.

The men's lawyer, Richard Gilbert, has forged ahead with his litigation despite advice to the contrary from veteran GLBT legal



Matt Coles

activists. On his Web site, Gilbert lists his education as "Harvard Law (PIL)," giving the strong implication that he received a law degree from Harvard. In fact, the Martindale & Hubbell lists his alma mater as Western State University at Fullerton. "PIL" stands for a workshop series at Harvard called "program of instruction for lawyers."

Bush wrong about studies of adoption by gays, its effects

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

President Bush caused a mild dust-up last week, telling a *New York Times* reporter who asked him about Florida's ban on gay adoptive parents: "The ideal in society is to raise children with a man and a woman. Private adoption firms can make whatever choice they choose to do," he said. "As president, I will always be aiming for the ideal."

NEW YORK When pressed, Bush reiterated that the "ideal" is "a married man and a married woman."

"And I believe children can receive love from gay couples, but the ideal is, and studies have shown that the ideal is where a child is raised in a married family with a man and a woman."

On Saturday, two days after the interview, the *Times* published an article titled "Experts Dispute Bush on Gay-Adoption Issue," pointing out that studies do not suggest that heterosexual married parents are better than gay parents. The article cited Professor Judith Stacey of New York University, who has done extensive work evaluating early surveys of the children of gay parents.

Ironically, the Florida law in question does not require that children be placed in homes with "a married man and a married woman." At least 25 percent of Florida's adoptions are arranged for single heterosexual parents, despite other research indicating that two legal parents of any sexual orientation or gender are better than one.

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Teens barely reject government oversight of media

I guess the most astonishing piece of news this week emerged from a Knight Foundation survey of 112,000 U.S. high school students, one-third of whom (32 percent, to be exact) said that the American press has "too much freedom."

According to USA Today, 36 percent believe that newspapers should get government approval before being allowed to publish stories, and another 13 percent had no opinion on the subject. The other 51 percent believe in a free press, a whole one percent majority. Three quarters of these teenagers think flag burning should be illegal, and another three quarters, probably the same bunch, believe flag burning already is illegal. It's enough to make you scream, isn't it?

Here's Bush diving into the deep end of the foreign policy pool with a pledge to overturn tyrannical governments around the world so that everyone can bask in freedom, grace a nous, while a third of our own high school students have a hankering for state-controlled media.

Are they crazy? Does anyone teach civics class anymore? Not only do we let them bottom out on the international tests for math and science, but we can't even pass on the rudiments of our own form of government. All this as Texas and Arkansas make sure textbooks define marriage as a heterosexual institution, as Georgia tries to warn students not to put too much stake in evolution, as Alabama considers banning books that talk about homosexuality, and as the secretary of education clamps down on an animated bunny for visiting a Vermont family with two moms.

And another thing

Oh, here's what the aforementioned secretary, Margaret Spellings, said the other day after attacking Postcards from Buster on PBS: "When people turn on the Public Broadcasting System, they expect to get something that is very straight down the line, that is educationally oriented." Since when, and says who? Spell this, honey.

As for Bush, he might consider sowing the seeds of freedom right here in the U.S. of A., beginning with his Spellings and continuing with the FCC — not to mention all those subsidized columnists and government-produced fake TV news spots. Damn! I can't even be funny anymore, because it's too disturbing. No wonder the kids are confused.

Gays without borders

Meanwhile, beyond our borders, the government of Sweden is appointing a committee

to look into legalizing same-sex marriage, the Advocate reports, while Spain's government will impose marriage equality later this year despite continued bleating from the ineffective Catholic Church. Canada's Liberal party has introduced the same-sex marriage bill in Parliament, as you know, and we'll see a close vote out of Ottawa at some point on this symbolic but highly significant legislation. I'm not sure when.

Oh. And some crazy Russian heterosexuals tried to get married to prove a point, while a gay man was beheaded in Vadodara, India by an insane 18-year-old trick who regretted having sex with him.

Swimming with genes

What the hell. Let's return to the homeland, shall we? There's a new study concerning the gay gene in gay brothers, but it's

far too scientific for me to explain. Hey. I too am an American, and we're not very good at math and science, remember? I'm fine as long as the scientific research has something to do with the length of your fourth finger or how fast you blink when a bright light is popped into your face. But don't force me to talk about findings that, to quote Fox News of all sources, "show that identical stretches of DNA on three chromosomes were shared by about 60 percent of gay brothers compared to the about 50 percent normally expected by chance."

Man alive! Now, there's an exciting discovery!

Lawmaker, lawmaker, make me a law

Moving on to state legislative news, the Utah Senate managed to kill that reciprocal beneficiaries bill. I'm not sure what to call it, but it was an attempt to mitigate the ill effects of the state's new anti-gay constitutional amendment by providing a set of rights for mutually dependent partners. That would have included sisters or unmarried heterosexual seniors or, of course, gay couples, and I guess the latter group (us) doomed the unusual legislation. Gay activists had described it as better than nothing, so of course whatever it was didn't pass.

A Montana civil union bill is also dead, as you might expect. But the measure to ban the use of state funds for the purchase of any book that says anything nice about gay people is up for debate in Alabama as the legislative session gets going over there. Not in my most pessimistic flights of fancy can I imagine that travesty making headway. Not even in Alabama. Can you? Oh, how can you live with yourself with that attitude?

Virginia lawmakers have passed that ridiculous bill to allow a license plate that

says "Traditional Marriage," and displays two entwined gold wedding rings. If I'm not mistaken, there are dueling federal appellate court decisions on whether the use of state plates for political statements is legal, or whether said state is also obliged to offer the opposing political view, in this case, "gay marriage" plates. All I know is that my Texas registration stuff came in the mail along with an enclosure suggesting that I help pay for sidewalk repairs and street safety improvements by spending \$40 a year on a "God Bless America" or a "God Bless Texas" specialty plate. Hello? I expect my state to pay for these and other transport essentials without requiring its citizens to post petitions to the Divine at their own expense. Where is Michael Newdow when you need him?

While we're in Virginia, (and we certainly don't want to extend our metaphorical stay), you should know that a lawmaker is trying to capitalize on the recent decisions in favor of Florida's pre-emptive ban on gay adoptive parents by offering a bill to replicate the

discovered that a similar bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. Is that possible? Why not oblige women to name their zygotes and then issue a "pre-born" certificate of life. Women who abort will have their certificates stamped "MURDERED" in big red letters with the date. Or, as I've suggested before, abortion clinics could acquire that profiling software that speculates on how missing children might look years after their disappearance. A client would be given an image of her unborn offspring at age 10 blowing out birthday candles, at age 21, graduating from college, and at age 30 walking down the aisle or standing proudly at the altar. Hell, let's give her a peek at her unborn grandchildren while we're at it.

Before I go, I will leave you with some information forwarded to me by a reader in LA, who has a fondness for German children's songs. (Remember I told you about the Snappy Crocodile song?) Lawyer Robert F. Cohen has sent us a link to his nephew's



Ann Rostow



SONG AND STORY. A singing group from the University of Utah serenades the Utah Senate on the first day of the new legislative session Jan. 19. When senators hunkered down to business, one of the first things they did was kill the reciprocal benefits bill that would have given minimal recognition to gay couples.

Sunshine State lingo in the Lovers' State code books.

Ouch, mommy! Noooo!

I'm telling you it's not been a great week and I haven't even heard the damn State of the Union speech yet. That's tonight. Did I mention that Colorado is considering an "Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act" bill, requiring doctors to suggest that women give their embryos an anesthetic before an abortion so the little fella doesn't hurt too much?

Oh! I just checked my information and

favorite songs "which top the children's "Liliputian" chart in Germany. Among them is "Blubb, blubb, blubb" about a fish in a tank which Cohen says has a great beat. And indeed it does. You too can enjoy the music by going to:

<http://www.shrewboys.de/link/hoerproben.html>. While you're there, listen to Das Rockt! Blubb Blubb is best though. Sing with me!

"Blubb blubb blubb. Ah ha! Ah ha! Ah ha! Blubb blubb blubb. Ah ha! Ah ha! Ah ha!" Yeah, Baby!

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Letters

Yeehaw!

Thanks to the San Antonio chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association for a great state meeting and for making us feel so at home not only in your city but in your community. Congratulations on winning the Battle of the Chapters!

Miss TGRA 2006 Candidate Trisha Davis

Cowtown Rodeo a go despite rumors

I'm writing to stop some rumors that are making the rounds in Fort Worth.

Yes, we are having a rodeo at W.R. Watt arena. We paid the down payment last year.

Yes, we will have a program.

Yes, we do have vendors. As a matter of fact, we have 16 vendors who have prepaid.

Now please, if you hear the rumor that this year's Cowtown Rodeo has been canceled, tell whoever you hear it from it is not true. The Cowtown Rodeo is scheduled March 4-6.

Marcia Johnson/State President/Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Concerns about nominee to FDA panel

President Bush has announced the selection of Dr. W. David Hager, author of *As Jesus Cared for Women: Restoring Women Then and Now*, to head up the FDA's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee. The committee makes crucial decisions on matters relating to drugs used in the practice of obstetrics, gynecology and related specialties, including hormone therapy, contraception, treatment for infertility and medical alternatives to surgical procedures for sterilization and pregnancy termination.

Dr. Hager describes himself as "pro-life" and refuses to prescribe contraceptives to unmarried women. I am concerned that Dr. Hager's strong religious beliefs may color his assessment of technologies that are necessary to protect women's lives and to preserve and promote women's health.

Peter H. Spielmann/Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Class, not crass

With winter coming to end, gay pride season will soon be upon us. I believe it is time the GLBT community put an end to these in-your-face parades. Marching down the street in drag and men in Speedos is counterproductive to the advancement of human rights that we are so desperately seeking. I am not saying we have to cut out the diversity parts of these events, but that we should do it with class. Just imagine a GLBT parade that outdoes the Rose Bowl or other famous parades.

Let us have a celebration that welcomes all and not be offensive to those who may disagree.

Dan Senglaub/Bountiful, Utah

Same-sex marriage vs. civil unions

Separate and unequal, civil unions deny gay couples social legitimacy

Is there anything important at stake in the debate over whether to recognize gay relationships as marriages or as civil unions?

I asked that question to a group of gay friends not long ago. Out of 10 people, no one could come up with a very good answer. A few said that as long as the law gave gay couples equivalent rights the difference between marriages and civil unions was "semantic."

The implication was that the difference is trivial. Since increasing numbers of Americans view civil unions as an acceptable compromise between nothing and full-fledged gay marriage, what's the big deal?

Recognizing gay marriage, as Massachusetts now does, means conferring on gay couples all of the rights, benefits and responsibilities conferred on opposite-sex married couples under state law.

But beyond these legal matters, recognizing gay marriage offers the promise of something at least as important: social approval and support. Marriage has a long history. It is woven into our cultural fabric. It comes with common expectations and a common language that couples and their families and friends readily recognize.

As practiced in Vermont, civil unions confer on gay couples all of the rights, benefits, and responsibilities conferred on opposite-sex married couples under state law. What civil unions cannot offer is the social approval and support that come with marriage. Civil unions have no history. They are not woven into the fabric of our culture. There are no common expectations or language that come with them.

To family and friends, a civil union cannot be asserted. It must be explained. Even after the explanation, a civil union is unlikely to be regarded as the equivalent of a marriage.

This difference between gay marriage and civil unions cannot be dismissed as merely semantic. Words are the way we frame and experience our lives. They reflect and reinforce what we think of others and what others

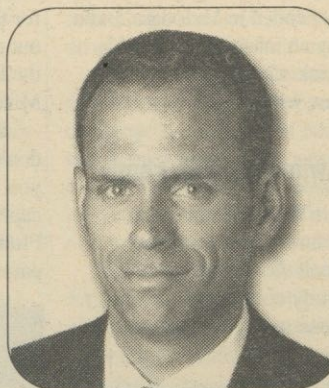
think of us. The expressions *gay* and *faggot* may describe the same sexual orientation, but they are miles apart in their meanings.

While the difference between *marriage* and *civil union* is not nearly as large, it is large enough to matter. How do we know that? Just consider the numbers of good people who bristle at calling our relationships "marriages" but are willing to call them "civil unions" — and give us the same legal rights under either.

Obviously, for these people, something important is communicated by the word *marriage* that has nothing to do with legal rights. For the same reason, something very important is denied to a gay couple by calling their relationship a civil union rather than a marriage.

The culture that denies us the word *marriage* denies us more than a word. It denies us the full measure of respect that accompanies the word, and that our relationships are entitled to have.

Where equivalent legal standing is otherwise a given, the semantic difference between marriage and civil unions could serve no purpose except to stigmatize and isolate previously disfavored relationships. The analogy is not perfect, but much the same could be said about the difference between gay civil unions and gay marriages.



OUTRIGHT
Dale Carpenter

No matter what gay relationships are called, a significant part of the population will not regard them as equal to heterosexual marriages. To that extent, gay marriage will not initially provide the same degree of social acceptance

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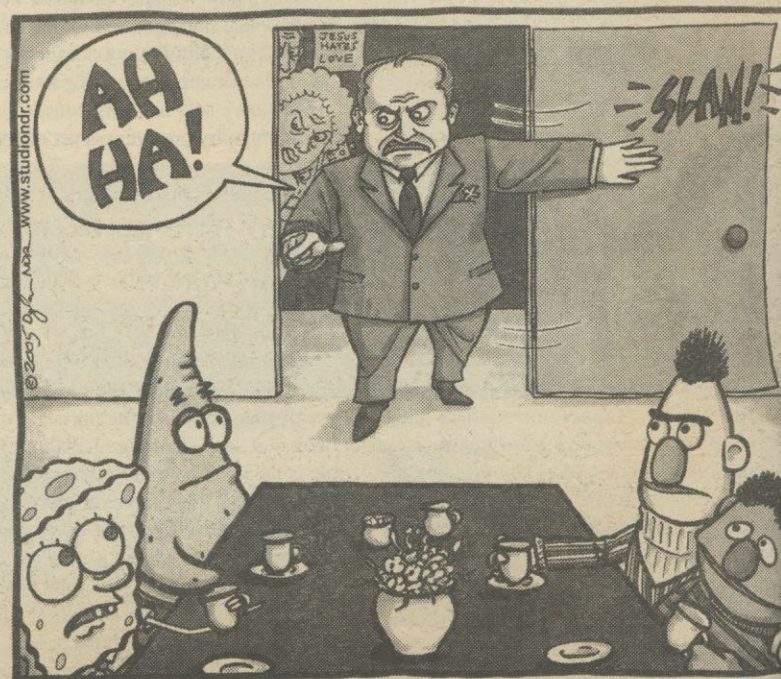
and support that heterosexual marriages now get.

But attitudes are not static. Law has an educative function, and the sooner the law regards gay couples as the full equivalent of married heterosexuals, the sooner people will come to see them as equivalent.

And although civil unions have no history and no commonly accepted language or expectations, this too can change. Gay couples in Vermont, and perhaps soon elsewhere, are literally making history with civil unions.

The problem is, they are millennia behind marriage.

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Newly single (for a sec), Suzanne Westenhofer dusts off the ashes of heartbreak and crafts a whole new act

By Nancy Ford

If it's February in Texas, it must be Westenhofer. As she has for a number of years, legendary lesbian comedian Suzanne Westenhofer will once again bring her inimitable style of stand-up to entertain lesbians and their lesbian-friendly friends this month in Fort Worth and Houston.

Faithful fans know that much of her stand-up act has traditionally revolved around her partner, Annie. Westenhofer and Annie have shared homes in both Ohio and Los Angeles, not to mention assorted requisite pets, for more than 12 years.

Since this Texas tour is timed to coincide with Valentine's Day celebrations, I naturally began our conversation by asking her if it was hard to yuck it up while being so far away from her partner during that uber-mushy holiday.

Oops. Make that "ex-partner."

"Every day feels a little bit better."

Westenhofer says, after some hurried apologies. "It's still kind of weird."

Imagine not only picking up and moving on with your life after a loss like that, but going on stage night after night, making your Sapphic sisters laugh while pretending nothing is wrong.

"I still did all the shows about us and our life as if everything was fine, because there was no way to do anything different," she says. "There was probably eight months of shows that I even don't know how I did it — talking about our life, talking about our sex life, talking about our dogs, talking about everything as if it were fine, as we were crumbling. I'll tell you, I wouldn't want to repeat that."

One upside to an emotional trial like that: You find out who your real friends are.

"Your real friends are the ones who can actually hear you say for six months, 'I don't know what haaaaaaappened'" — she wails in full Lucy Ricardo crying mode — "without wanting you dead. Your real friends will listen to you say the same thing 15 times. And your real friends will not say, 'I always hated her anyway,' because you might get back together."

We didn't delve into who-did-what-to-whom-and-who-got-the-dogs details. We did discover that the two split way back in May. Who knew?

"Well, it's not like it's something you put on the Web site," she says of the secretive-

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ness, "although I understand that Cris Williamson did when she broke up with Tret Fure."

But the split doesn't mean that Westenhoefer is available for drinks and companionship following the show. This 43-year-old hottie wasted no time in hopping back on the horse.

"Of course, I have a new girlfriend," she says. "I'm like that; that's how it works for me. I've never been single — not one day of my life. Never been on a date. I just went from one girl to the next girl to the next girl."

In fact, she says that her new love, Jen, a marketing professional, is only the third girlfriend she's ever had. Ever. In her whole life.

"My first girlfriend and I were together for 10 years, Annie and I were 12 years," she calculates. "I told Jen maybe I'll make it to 14 with her. We'll see."

So those promotional teases promising new material from Westenhoefer aren't just hollow publicity. She does indeed have a whole new show, though not necessarily by

her own design.

"I have a whole life," she quips. "I have all new comedy stuff, so it's all different now. I'm not in a long-term relationship — I'm in a brand new relationship for the first time in 12, almost 13 years. That's huge!"

And plenty has changed in that time. "Thirteen years ago when I started my relationship with Annie, nobody was out," she says. "And Clinton was just elected president. It was like a totally different world."

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Theater

By Sandra Beckmeier

Shear delight

Playwright Claudia Shear's
theatrical memoir an
Austin treasure



Photo: Kirk R. Tuck

Broadway actress and award-winning playwright Claudia Shear is the self-described "Dalai Lama of unemployment." During her days struggling as an out of work actress, she worked a multitude of odd jobs, attempting everything from proofreading for a law firm to working as a receptionist in a warehouse.

Rather than simply endure these experiences, she recorded the many intriguing stories into a comedic monologue in which she documents the relations with co-workers and irate bosses, and describes her many laborious daily routines. The result is the epic monologue *Blown Sideways Through Life*, which is enjoying its Texas premiere at Austin's Zachary Scott Theater.

Shear's insightful one-woman play records an ultimately startling look at the inner lives of those who serve us. But for anyone who has held countless jobs to support the upstart of an artistic career, *Blown Sideways* will seem like therapy, offering a thought-provoking and witty glimpse of the nameless workers who make the world go round in the service industry.

The play begins with a recounting of Shear's first job, when she lied about her age to become a hardware store stock girl at age 12 (a job that eventually included cleaning the toilets). She moves through her 65 jobs at lightening speed, from her joy working as a brunch chef on Fire Island, as a nude model for a painter and as a brothel reception-

ist (where she expresses her despair at having to sleep in a cathouse to avoid a long train ride home to Brooklyn in the middle of the night).

Director Dave Steakley wisely enlisted the wildly talented Barbara Chisholm to play the fast talking actress, taking the audience on an animated tour of the artist's struggle to make it to the big-time. Chisholm, a veteran performer, dutifully takes Shear's stories into the realm of absolute believability. Her portrayals of the free-spirited actress and the personalities she encounters in the workplace are given vivid detail.

This isn't your typical monologue. When you want Chisholm to break into the hustle, she doesn't recant, and keeps the audience enthralled in two 50-minute acts. As she walks the New York City want ads that saturate the theater's arena floor, Chisholm truly becomes a medium for Shear's medley of non-stop storytelling, mimicry, and goofy antics, splattered with girl power and decadence.

Shear is no stranger to dynamic playwriting — she also wrote *Dirty Blonde*, a hybrid work that is part Mae West docudrama, part love story. Both plays reminds fans that Shear is truly a vaudevillian at heart.

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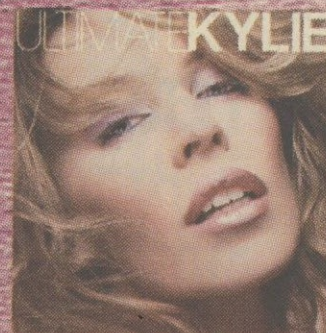
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Film

By Steven Lindsey

In sync

Classic operas and a larger-than-life diva collide with technology in *Callas Forever*



Garko and Ardant

Lip-synching has officially replaced gluttony as one of the Seven Deadly Sins. Just ask Ashlee Simpson, the newest poster child for this heinous offense.

It's a form of trickery that's been around for decades, but the latest international outrage against modern perpetrators makes the subject matter of the Franco Zeffirelli film, *Callas Forever*, incredibly timely, even prescient (Filming completed in 2002, before the current wave of controversy.)

A fictional account of real-life opera diva Maria Callas's final days in the spotlight, the film explores themes of honesty, integrity and what truly defines art. It's 1977, and impresario Larry Kelly (the still-sexy Jeremy Irons), in Paris for a concert for one of the rock bands he now manages, approaches Callas (Fanny Ardant).

The two haven't spoken since a tumultuous professional breakup following the

aging singer's disastrous final public performance. Kelly has an idea to restore her career and thrust her back into mainstream adoration. His scheme: Cast Callas in a new series of films, but use the soundtracks she recorded in her heyday to remind audiences what a talent she once was.

At first Callas adamantly refuses on principle, saying she would be duping her fans and the world at large. But when she becomes haunted by the idea of bringing *Carmen* to life on the big screen, she realizes the potential of making her greatest vocal accomplishment a swan song that no one would ever forget. The collaboration reignites the volatile relationship between Callas and Kelly and threatens to overshadow his current courtship of Michael (Jay Rodan), a hot, young hearing-impaired artist whose voice is Callas's muse.

This Spanish-made film, recorded in English, French and Italian, offers no subtitles for the non-English dialogue, but just like

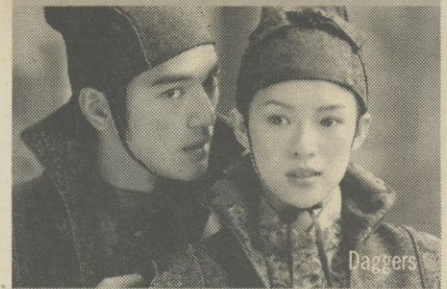
watching a live opera, no translation is necessary. The story transcends the need for literal understanding and gives the production an exotic air of mystery. It's like listening to the beautiful voices of another culture.

At times, *Callas Forever* seems like it will indeed last forever — occasionally languid pacing allows the mind to wander. But Ardant's remarkable, fully inhabited portrayal of Callas is mesmerizing. Not only does she look the part, she channels the mannerisms and personality for which Callas is best known.

Irons, with his impressively ripped body, brings a sophisticated understanding to his character and refreshingly portrays a gay man without a single stereotypical trait. Joan Plowright also delights in her supporting role as a nosy journalist.

In her heyday, Callas's voice was near perfection, and *Callas Forever* comes almost as close. The music, performed by Callas herself, is breathtaking, as are the scenery and

shorts



Daggers

When the Academy Award nominations came out last week, it seemed pretty clear that a lot of queer films got passed over. *Kinsey* managed a sole nomination for Laura Linney as supporting actress, and such high profile gay films and filmmakers as Pedro Almodovar's *Bad Education* (zip), documentary Jonathan Caouette's *Tarnation* (nada) and Joel Schumacher's *The Phantom of the Opera* (a mere three craft nods) and weren't exactly favorites of Oscar voters.

But while gay content may be hard to come by, there are many worthwhile films up for the big awards of interest to gay audiences. The frontrunner seems to be *The Aviator*, Martin Scorsese's ambitious biopic of industrialist Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio, still boyish and dreamy) and his relationships with such faboo movie-starlets as Katharine Hepburn (a delightful Cate Blanchett) and Ava Gardner (Kate Beckinsale). The lush Old Hollywood look — extravagant costumes, lavish sets — are a gay boy's wet dream.

Hilary Swank hasn't impressed many audiences since winning an Oscar for *Boys Don't Cry* — at least not until Clint Eastwood cast her in *Million Dollar Baby*, an instant classic of a boxing picture anchored by a terrific Morgan Freeman. Tough girls battling it out in the ring was never so interesting or moving.

Some of the best of the choices aren't in English. Openly gay Spanish director Alejandro Amenabar cast sexy Javier Bardem against type, aging him 30 years and confining him to a bed for the moving drama *The Sea Inside*, a lovely and heartfelt true story about quadriplegia. Fans of *Bad Education*'s Gael Garcia Bernal can see him as revolutionary Che Guevara in *The Motorcycle Diaries*. And Zhang Yimou follows up his summer hit *Hero* with *House of Flying Daggers*, a gorgeous martial arts picture with a heart.

So none of these movies has any man-on-man (or girl-on-girl) action. They all have undeniable appeal for queer moviegoers, and shouldn't be missed.

All films now playing in theaters around Texas.
— Arnold Wayne Jones

the delightful vintage Chanel outfits Ardant wears throughout.

Most importantly, the film rejoices in every form of art, whether fashion, music, film or life itself — and for those who are paying attention, there is the chance for an encore.

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Callas Forever

Directed by Franco Zeffirelli
Written by Franco Zeffirelli and Martin Sherman
With Fanny Ardant, Jeremy Irons, Joan Plowright,
Jay Rodan and Gabriel Garko

Not Rated
Run time: 111 mins.
In English, French and Italian

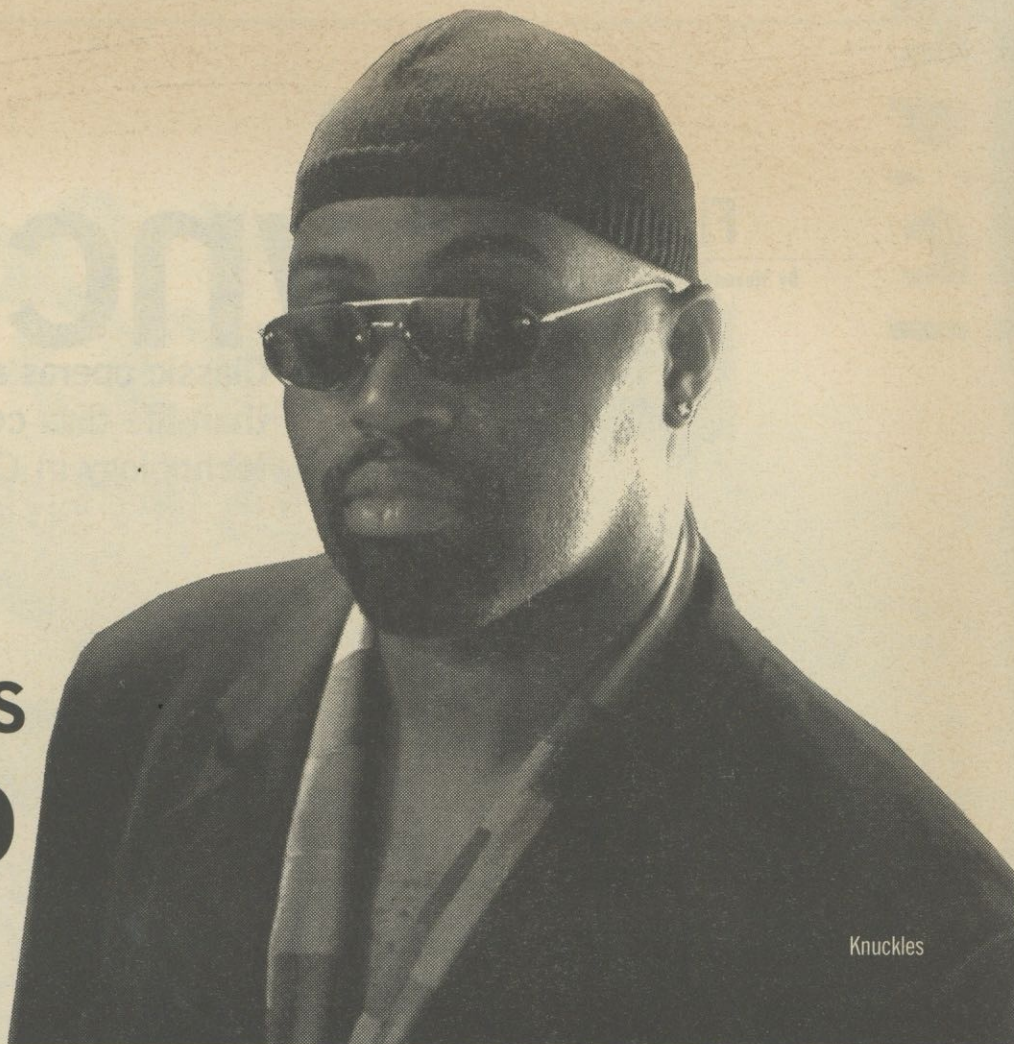
Now playing at the Angelika Film Center in Houston
and the Regent Highland Park in Dallas.

Beat

By Jimmy Smith

Frankie goes to Chicago

House pioneer releases a greatest hits album



Knuckles

Franksie Knuckles is house. It was at the Warehouse — the Chicago nightclub where Frankie was D.J. in the early-to-mid 1980s — that the world's dominant genre of dance music was named. (The Windy City recently renamed the street in front of the former Warehouse as Frankie Knuckles Way.)

Frankie was the best known of many experimenters and innovators of the bare-bones dance music which eventually rushed into fill the vacuum left by disco. Underground gay clubs in the 1970s were the Petri dishes that spawned what would later become known as disco.

D.J.s in these clubs, playing 45s and album cuts (there were no 12-inch singles at the time), found themselves gravitating toward the more rhythmic R&B cuts in their crates

because of the reaction on the dance floors.

Production on the R&B records of the time became more elaborate, rhythmic and exciting. Labels like Scepter, Salsoul, West End and Prelude were the dinner bells that sent more commercial labels like Casablanca, Unidisc and others into a feeding frenzy. That erupted in the blinding laser-smoke-and-mirrors nightmare of the disco craze.

In the cold light of the morning after, clutching citations for bad fashion, cheesy records and cheapened memories, we were left with a hangover that obliterated the good times. Mention the word "disco" to someone too young or naive to know better, and he or she will undoubtedly invoke the tired VH-1 cocktail of platform shoes, bell-bottoms, Afros and burned-out Studio 54 cokeheads. That seems to be all pop culture cares to remember.

But while Middle America burned its disco

records, the gay and black underground kept right on dancing. D.J.s, always looking for new ways to excite their floors, continued to try new things. In Chicago, Frankie and others began to loop breaks from favorite records into full tracks (it was always the breaks which drove the floors wild in the first place).

Drum machines were added to beef up the kick, keyboards were brought in and skeletal vocals were added. Soon the disco loops were dropped and all new tracks were being created from scratch, incorporating innovations from brethren Italian and German producers and pushing even further this new minimalist aesthetic.

Clubs flipped for these dark, throbbing tracks. And many of the most revered were created or remixed by Frankie Knuckles and released on Trax Records in the late '80s.

On *Frankie Knuckles Presents His*

Greatest Hits From Trax Records, you'll find seminal favorites, particularly those brilliant collaborations with Jamie Principle ("Baby Wants to Ride," "Waiting on My Angel," "Cold World"), the darkly glittering "Your Love" and that house track that even your friends who think they don't know house recognize, "Move Your Body."

Other gems lurk on the disc: Frankie's trippy acidic remix of "Boom Boom" by Dezz, the fierce "Children of the Night" by Kevin Irving, the clever gay Prince-ish ditty "Bad Boy" and a rare alternate version of "Waiting on My Angel" titled "You Got the Love." Trax president Screamin' Rachael even makes an appearance with "La Vie."

This is a great little collection for D.J.s of all kinds — club, bedroom, car or iPod.

And that's the beats.

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Brazil nuts

Austin residents samba their weekend away at Carnaval

By Sandra Beckmeier

Eyes light up all over the world upon the mention of Rio's Carnival. The nearly 300-year-old Brazilian celebration is a rich mosaic of African, European and South American cultures. It was first introduced to Rio de Janeiro in 1723 to commemorate the beginning of Lent.

But a carnival has become a cultural institution in Austin, too. The city's Carnaval



Brasileiro, a Brazilian style Mardi Gras celebration, grew from small local crowds in 1978 to an event that now hosts partygoers from all over the United States. Musical guests are always featured, offering the rare opportunity to experience live Afro-Brazilian sounds.

This year features a mix of samba, frevo, marchinha and bloco-afro performed by New York City's Grupo Saveiro, who were hailed by the Brazilian Press Association as the best Brazilian band in the U.S. Austin's own Academicos de Opera, a 20-piece drum group, will perform authentic carnival music.

Bring your costumes and energy to the Palmer Events Center, for this samba sensation is Austin's wildest ride.

EVENT Carnaval Brasileiro 2005

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Paula, Debbie and Tiffany prime the '80s for a comeback

"You are going to think this strange, but I wanted to be HIV positive. I thought HIV was a touchstone of being gay."

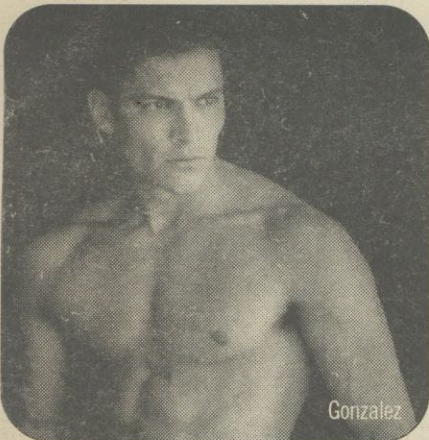
— **Andy Bell** of Erasure, explaining his feelings about being HIV-positive

This past week, WeHo partied like it was 1989. **Tiffany** (remember her?) made an appearance at Factory, and you'd have thought **Madonna** was there. The place was packed with a crowd of kids who were barely drinking-age — meaning they were toddlers the last time Tiffany was on the charts. Yet they screamed, hollered and knew every word to her songs.

Tiffany put on a terrific show, but I was far more interested in her posse: **Alyssa Milano** (stunning in person), **Lance Bass** (it kills me to say this, but totally buffed out and looking almost hot) and **Joey Fatone** (huh?).

Not to be outdone, a couple of other '80s ladies are making waves. **Paula Abdul** has decided to stage a full-fledged singing comeback, with *American Idol* co-judge **Randy Jackson** serving as producer.

This may be an ill-conceived plan. What little artistic respect Paula gets on *A.I.* is



because most of the contestants are unaware that her Grammy Award is for a video with an animated cat — and I believe the cat has possession of the award.

Debbie Gibson is ready with her own release: She's releasing her tits on the world. "Deborah" will appear in the March issue of *Playboy*, which will coincide with her new single, "Naked." Product placement is everything.

Prior to the first episode of *The Bachelorette*, rumor had it that one of the suitors might be gay. Your faithful scribe is



turning that rumor into a fact by saying yes, indeed, one of the guys is a big ol' homo. His name is **Fabrice LeParc**, known online as Fabrice of Paris.

LeParc previously appeared on a French reality program, *Operation Seduction*, where he and three other guys had to choose the hottest woman on a cruise ship. Truth be told, Fabrice was probably more interested in cruising the boys. My spies in Chicago sent me some photos of the Parisian at Chicago Gay Pride, told me about his current boyfriend and even sent me a screen cap of Fab's now-deleted profile on BigMuscle.com. Let's just hope little Jen sees through this international interloper.

The ploy of throwing a gay guy into a pool of presumably straight bachelors is nothing new — Fox tried it last year with *Playing It Straight*. Due to low ratings, the series was pulled after four episodes, although it was huge in Denmark (**Brigitte Nielsen** had a show on Danish TV, too).

If you feel the need to watch the lost episodes, I've got good news for you. Go to Fox.com and you can watch the show via the network's new online pay-per-view service. Yeah, that makes sense — you didn't watch the show for free, but you'd pay to see it.

Patti LaBelle has spent considerably more time in Los Angeles since her divorce, and she's about to try something new — like appearing in *Chicago*. When the hit musical docks at the Pantages Theatre, LaBelle will play Mama Morton to **Wayne Brady's** Billy Flynn. Rumor has it that this three-week-run

is an experiment for Patti — if it's successful, she may go into the Broadway company this spring.

Time for a couple of "Ask Billy" questions. Chris in Seattle asks: "What ever happened to **Michael St. Gerard**? He was **Ricki Lake's** love-interest in *Hairspray* and he was so hot."

This is an interesting story. *Hairspray* was released in 1988; Michael's last acting job was in a film called *Replikator* six years later. That leaves the past decade unaccounted for.

Not anymore: I have learned that St. Gerard is now a pastor at the Harlem Square Church in New York! How's that for a scoop? One of his parishioners tells me that Michael is still very cute and very friendly, but he refuses to talk about his time as an actor. Hmm — that almost sounds like a challenge.

Sam in Detroit wants me to do some deep sea diving: "I saw *The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou* and I can't get the image of **Owen Wilson's** Speedo out of my head. If I can be graphic, it looks like he had a *huge* boner in there just dying to pop out. Please find out if it's real before I burst! And get a photo, fast!"

OK, Sam. First, relax. It's only a penis. And big, small, whatever it is, chances are likely you ain't gonna get that close to Owen's oozer in real life. Did that sufficiently rain on your parade? Not to worry, my probing uncovered the photos, and Lord have mercy, that thing is *enormous*. Real or not, maybe should I keep it to myself? Nah, I'll play nice,

you can all find it on Filth2Go.com.

About a dozen letters a week come in from fans asking me about **Nicholas Gonzalez**, who plays the hot gardener on *The O.C.* His nude photos caused a commotion a couple of years back. Yes, he shows everything. If you want to check out his delicious cock and butt, head over to our Web site. Between Owen's Speedo and Nick's everything, you're gonna have a helluva time.

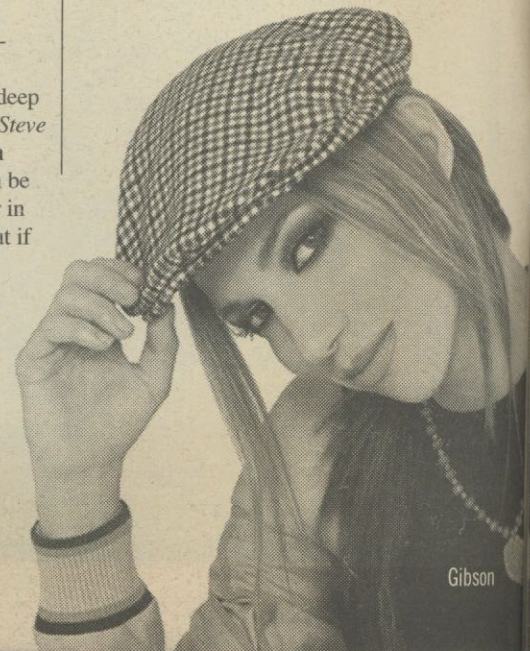
Faye Dunaway recently met with the press regarding her participation on *Starlet* which premieres on The WB on March 8 (I predict that this will lead to many, many Fayewatch items). In the show, La Dunaway is the commandant putting a group of wannabe actresses through Hollywood boot camp. Kinda sounds like one of those "women in jail" movies.

This new endeavor makes Faye the fourth lady of The WB: She may have knocked **Reba** down a peg, but she's still below the three chicks on *Charmed*. Dunaway was gracious, chatting with WB brass, press and the stars of other shows, smiling and telling them what a fan she was — even though she clearly wouldn't know a Gilmore Girl from a Charmed One. Faye revealed that if a reality show was around when she was starting out, she'd have gone that route. Of course, back then, television hadn't been invented yet.

When I can't fit in a blind item but can include several tantalizing photos and a Fayewatch story, it's definitely time to end yet another column. I will squeeze in a little plug for my birthday party at Jade in SoBe on Feb. 11. But I'm keeping that to the bare minimum because I need to let you know where to find me.

For all of your gossip needs, just write to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I get back from Harlem.

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



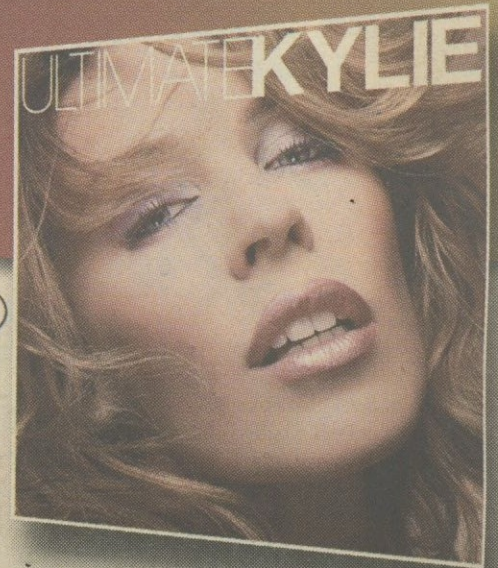
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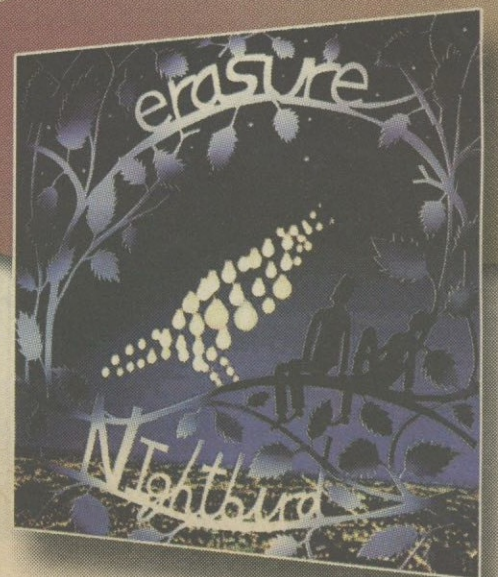
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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right



Defective gaydar doesn't require avoiding the big question

Dear Howard,

I'm a straight woman, but I always seem to fall for a guy only to find out he's gay. Is this true for other women as well, or am I the only one not properly outfitted with gaydar?

Heather

It's not just straight women who have a hard time telling — even I miss with the gaydar from time to time. My problem, however, seems to be the reverse of yours. Like Harvey Fierstein, I assume all men are gay unless proven straight. Nevertheless, I have found that the easiest way to tell is to simply ask, and to ask sooner than later. An approach that works well for me is, "I really find you attractive, and I'd love to go out on a date with you, but there's just one thing I need to know right off the bat — do I have a snowball's chance?"

Dear Howard,

Like many of your readers, I am a gay man living with HIV. Even though the AIDS treatment cocktails are nothing short of a miracle, they do have their downside. Sometimes after taking these drugs, you feel pretty crummy. One of the worst side effects is called facial wasting. I don't have a medical background, but I believe it's referred to as facial lipodystro-

phy. All of the fat has been dissolved from my face, and the skin is a thin veneer over my facial bones. To say the least, I feel ashamed to be seen in public. I bought a dog and pretty much stay in — no one would want to date me looking like this. My dog loves me without qualifications, regardless of how I look. Do you know of any treatments out there to help guys like me? I'm still alive, but just not living.

Steven

If only everyone's attitude could be a little more like your dog's. I have in fact heard of a new drug recently approved by the FDA for facial wasting. It's called Sculptra, and like Botox, is injected into facial hollows and wrinkles for a fuller, smoother face. My understanding is that Sculptra works well, although it can be expensive, and I don't think most insurance plans cover it.

Dear Howard,

This is an honest problem I have no clue how to resolve. I have been dating this really wonderful guy. He's nice looking, has a smile that would melt an iceberg, is intelligent, is good in bed and wants to build a life together. There's just one problem. His breath can really be offensive sometimes. I'm not talking

about first-thing-in-the-morning breath, either. Sometimes when he wants to kiss me, I have to take a deep breath and kiss him and make an excuse and run get him something to drink to try to cover the odor. He brushes his teeth. I think it may be an infection of some sort. How do I tell him without deflating him?

Stanley

Halitosis is a problem for all of us from time to time, regardless of whether we avoid garlic, onions, bourbon or brush our teeth four times a day. Gargling with medicine-y mouthwashes does some good. On the other hand, your boyfriend may be suffering from a stomach ulcer. I have always found that the truth works best with bad breath. People really would rather know than not, and the best thing to do is just flat out tell him that his breath stinks like a mastodon's.

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First Friday Dinner Club. Joshloker@prideo-faustin.com.

Hideout Theatre presents the Austin Improv Co-op. 8 p.m. \$6-\$10.
617 Congress Ave. 512-H-I-D-E-O-U-T.
Hideouttheatre.com.

Sidekicks/Xtreme presents Texas Gay Mardi Gras, through Tuesday, Feb. 8. 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

DALLAS

Dallas Theater Center presents Pluck the Day, through Feb. 13. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. \$12. Frank's Place, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 214-679-2692.

Men's Fellowship potluck dinner. 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-693-1123.

Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery presents Properties of a Collector, through March 12. 3115 Routh St. 214-969-1852.
Photographsdonotbend.com.

S4 presents DJ Barry Harris of Thunderpuss. \$15. 3911 Cedar Springs. 214-559-0650.
Caven.com.

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

Theatre Too presents Dear Liar, through Feb. 13. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. \$25-\$30. 2800 Routh St. 214-871-3300.

UNT Dallas Campus, UNT Division of Equity and Diversity and UNT Allies present a Multicultural Ally Training. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. UNT Dallas Campus, 8915 S. Hampton Rd. 972-780-3629. Rhinojosa@unt.edu.

HOUSTON

HATCH GLBT youth group. 7-10 p.m. 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

Red, White & Blue Mardi Gras continues in Galveston, through Feb. 8.
Mardigrasgalveston.com.

SouthWest Unitarian Universalist Women Conference, through Feb. 6. \$150. Warwick Hotel, 713-526-1991. SWUW.com.

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio Symphony Pops presents its

Salute to Broadway, through Feb. 6. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. \$20-\$60. 210-224-9600. Majesticempire.com

Saturday, February 5

AUSTIN

Carnava Brasileiro, a Brazilian-style Mardi Gras. 9 p.m. Palmer Events Center. Sambaparty.com.

Heroes of Comedy present Micetro, elimination-style Improv Comedy, through March 12. 10:30 p.m. \$5. Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress Ave. 512-H-I-D-E-O-U-T.

Texas Gay Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball and Coronation, Hidden Fantasies: Imaginations Gone Wild, with face painting, psychic readings, shows, costume contents, male and female dancers and Mardi Gras festivities. Sidekicks/Xtreme, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

Waterloo Counseling Center and UT School of Social Work present the 2005 Advanced Clinical Conference. UT Thompson Conference Center. 512-444-9922, ext. 206. Waterloocounseling.org/conference.htm.

DALLAS

500X Gallery presents Deep Probe, exhibiting works by Garland Fielder, Erik Tostena and Brad Wehring. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Upstairs, Jim Burton presents King Cotton. 500 Exposition. 214-828-1111. 555x.org.

Dallas FrontRunners fun run with runners and walkers at all levels welcome. 9 a.m. Meet on the patio of the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park.

DFW Bi Net. 7 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1761.

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

Dragonflies, a social/support group for gay Asians and Pacific Islanders, monthly meeting and social. 6 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center. 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1752.

Human Rights Campaign mixer. 6-7:30 p.m. Minc, 813 Exposition.

Valiente-DFW LGBT Latina/o Alliance business meeting and potluck. 1 p.m. 214-529-4546. Dfw_valiente@yahoo.com.

HOUSTON

Houston Outdoor Group celebrates its 20th Anniversary. 12 noon-3 p.m. Baba Yega Restaurant's Jasmine Room. \$18. 281-829-9532.

Monthly Planning for Conference on LGBT Future. 3 p.m. GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose, 2nd Floor.

Producers of The Real World and The Simple Life conduct casting for The Cruise, a reality TV series set on a weeklong luxury cruise. Open to gay singles, couples and their friends, 18+. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. South Beach, 810 Pacific St. 713-521-0107. Bunim-murray.com.

Voting for 2005 Pride Parade Grand Marshals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 1415 California, Suite 110. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

SAN ANTONIO

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. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

GaySanAntonio.net radio show with news, events, commentary and music. 2 p.m. Gay-sa.net/gsaair.htm.

Sunday, February 6

AUSTIN

Austin Frontrunners. 7:45 a.m. 512-473-8334. Frontrunners.org.

Austin Outlaws Women's Full Contact Football Team, Lonestar Men's Rugby Team and the Austin Chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association present Superbowl XXXIX. Pool tournament, 3 p.m. Game, 5 p.m. with raffles and prizes, hamburgers, fajitas, shots and desserts. Fabulous show and Scrub-A-Stud at halftime. Benefits the Outlaws, Lonestars and TGRA. Sidekicks/Xtreme, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707.

DALLAS

Dallas FrontRunners fun run with runners and walkers at all levels welcome. 3 p.m. Meet on the patio of the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park.

Gaymasters bridge club. 2 p.m. Congregational Life Center, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd.

Interweave lunch. 12 noon. Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 E. Parker Road, Plano. 972-248-9343.

Lambda Weekly Radio, gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Ft. Worth, airs on KNON 89.3FM. 1 p.m. Geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

Teatro Dallas presents Girl Meets Girl, through Feb. 27. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$20 - \$25. 1331 Record Crossing Rd. Info available by calling 800-965-4827 or visiting Ticketweb.com.



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

United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Valentine's Show and Chinese Auction. 8 p.m.
Benefits AIDS Services of Dallas. Illusions,
4100 Maple.

HOUSTON

HATCH GLBT youth group. 6-9 p.m. 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

Lone Star Volleyball Association open play. 4 p.m. Willowbrook Sports Complex. 832-723-6866. Secretary@lsva.org.

PFLAG Houston presents Dr. Cynthia Chappell discussing the current state of the scientific research on genetic and biological causes of homosexuality. 2 p.m. St. Paul's Methodist Church, Main and Binz. Pflaghouston.org.

SAN ANTONIO

The Saint, Ann and Eagle present Super Superbowl parties, with \$1 hotdogs and hamburgers, and drink specials. 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. TheSaint-satx.com.

Monday, February 7

AUSTIN

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

DALLAS

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

HOUSTON

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

KPFT-FM 90.1 airs Queer Voices with Jack Valinski and various GLBT co-hosts. 8-10 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO

Texas Tradition Cloggers offer classes at 5:30 p.m. Turner Club, 120 9th St. 210-535-6155. Texastraditioncloggers.com.

Tuesday, February 8

AUSTIN

Austin Gamblers Bowling League. 8:20 p.m. Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover. 512-647-7073. Austingamblers@yahoo.com.

She Says. 6 p.m. University of Texas' Texas Union 4.224. Queerut.org/shesays/.

Texas Gay Mardi Gras ends with Fat Tuesday Party, with Big Girls Fat Tuesday Show, karaoke, pool tournament and drink specials. 9 p.m. Sidekicks/Xtreme, 110 E. Riverside. 512-

804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

DALLAS

Cathedral Business Network luncheon. 11:30 a.m. \$10. DoubleTree Hotel Princeton Grill, Campbell Center, 8250 N. Central Expressway.

Dallas Fort Worth Prime Timers Prime Diner. 6:30 p.m. social; 7 p.m. dinner. Good Eats Grill, 3888 Oaklawn. 972-504-8866.

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

GLSEN Tarrant County. 7 p.m. Bennigan's, 5751 Bridge St., Fort Worth. 817-294-5101.

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

Late Bloomers, social support group for women who come out later in life. 6 p.m. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 903-778-4446.

West End Comedy Theatre presents Mardi Gras Show. 9:30 p.m. \$15. 603 Munger Ave., Suite 100B. 214-880-9990. Westendcomedy.com.

HOUSTON

Montrose Social Group (MSG), a peer-led community. 7:30 p.m. Bering Church, room 224. Msghouston.org.

Pride Committee of Houston. 7 p.m. 1415 California. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

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

Wednesday, February 9

AUSTIN

Austin Gay Lesbian Leather Social 7-9 p.m. Rainbow Cattle Co. 305 W. 5th. AustinGayLeatherSocial.org.

Safe Space. 7 p.m. University of Texas, Jester West Fireplace Lounge. Demeureguy@yahoo.com.

Sidekicks/Xtreme celebrates Carmen Miranda's birthday with a Fruity Hat Contest, 9 p.m. 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

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AIDS Resource Center presents Gay and Lesbian 101. 6:30-9 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144.

AIDS Resource Center presents X3. 7-8 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144.

Amon Carter Museum presents John James

Audubon's The Birds of America, from Drawings Made in the United States and Their Territories, through May 8. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sundays, 12 noon-5 p.m. Free. 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ft. Worth. 817-989-5066.

Men's Book Club. 7 p.m. alraco@aol.com.

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

HOUSTON

Community Awareness for Transgender Support. 7 p.m. Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. 281-624-7056.

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

OutSkate Roller Skate Club's gay skate night. 8 p.m. \$5. Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. 281-933-5818. Dobie367@aol.com.

Stages Repertory Theatre presents David Ives' Polish Joke, through Feb. 20. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-0123. Stagestheatre.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Midweek Movie Mixer presents *No Ordinary Love*, 6-9 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Thursday, February 10

AUSTIN

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

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

Log Cabin Republicans Austin. 6:30 p.m. Austin.logcabin.org.

DALLAS

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

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association luncheon. 12 noon. Dallas Bar Association, 2101 Ross Ave. (Belo Mansion). 214-540-4460.

Dallas Music Fest 2005 showcases local and national acts, plus panels with industry insiders, through Feb. 13. 7 p.m.-2 a.m. This alternative music festival features nightly performance Deep Ellum clubs on Elm, Main and Commerce Streets.

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

Meadows Opera Theatre presents L'Elisir d'Amore, through Feb. 13. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. \$12. Owen Arts Center Bob Hope Theatre, 6101 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2787.

Mountainview College Actor's Workshop presents Nicky Silver's Raised in Captivity, through Feb. 19, 8 p.m. \$3-\$5. MVC Performance Hall, 4849 W. Illinois Ave. 214-860-8790.

New Play Competition, through Feb. 12. Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. \$10-\$15. Hall of State, 3939 Grand Ave. 214-948-0716.

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 Dallas. 7 p.m. Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Rd. 972-77P-FLAG.

HOUSTON

BiNet Houston. 7 p.m. Hobbit Cafe, 2243 Richmond. 713-467-4380. Flash.net/~bihouse.

East meets West when Muscles in Action take on Manwatch, with DJ Mark Goebel. Southbeach, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

Houston Council of Clubs presents Let us Entertain You Weekend kickoff and registration, 8 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph. 713-527-9071. Lueyweekend.com

SAN ANTONIO

Cay Crow, LPC, AASECT-certified sex therapist, presents Fatal Attraction: Learning to Identify Potentially Dangerous Relationships, continuing education for mental health professionals. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro, 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Layla Larue with Pete Morales present the 2005 Miss Tri-States USofA Pageant. 10:30 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. More info is available by calling 210-227-2600 or go to Heatsa.com.

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

The Annex serves a complete spaghetti dinner, benefiting Diversity Center. \$3. 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957. theannex-satx.com

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Aquarius

Mercury and Venus enter Aquarius, then aspect Uranus, introducing wild new ideas and aesthetics. Meanwhile the sun conjoins Neptune (also in Aquarius), making it a wacky, mystical, very queer week! Be ready for anything.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

You will have some wild ideas this week for getting ahead in your career, but check with colleagues and superiors first — they are likely to be upset if you go off half-cocked. Listen to friends for new spiritual insights.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

New ideas that seem totally crazy to you at first are worth discussing with experts. Your assessments of your own abilities are way off — but are they better or worse than you think? That's what you need to check with the experts!

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Everybody's full of wild ideas right now, and you have a grand head start in that department! What you have to say should be saved for appropriate and/or receptive audiences. Listening instead of talking most of the time, can also be a fascinating experience.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Your eagerness for sexual experimentation is cranked up a few notches, and your partner is more than ready to cooperate. It could be a wonderfully transcendent experience. Drugs are tempting, but they are really more distraction than help.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Relationships are work, and new issues are erupting to work on. It's all quite manageable, although likely to be confusing at first. Some of the most important messages aren't rational or verbal, so get confirmation.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

You're getting playful in ways that may look like perverse workaholism — or may simply be perverse. If you have a sense of humor, it doesn't matter what others think. Guard your health, especially against infections and working (or working out) too hard.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

The stars say you need to entertain at home, whether in the form of a big bash, a cozy little tea or an intimate rendezvous with one special person. However you do it, give it an eccentric, festive twist that shows you care.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

This is an, um, interesting time to open communications with family members and find out about old secrets and scandals. It may not be pretty, but you don't scare easily. Go ahead and rouse all those sleeping dogs!

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Disagreements at work and home lead to very interesting discussions over the next seven days. Keep an open mind and be ready for a challenge. Remember that your logic is off this week — argue from the heart if you like, but your brain just isn't there for it.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Go on a shopping spree and dress up in some new styles. Give yourself wiggle room to go over budget. Spending some extra on yourself is important for your self-esteem. Trying a new look is even more important.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

You're usually so certain of yourself, but not this week. That's good for you, although uncomfortable. Letting go of old ideas will free you up for new ones. Spend time meditating and make note of your dreams. Take time for a small retreat.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Friends will help you discover things about yourself you never knew, but what will they learn in the process? Keep your ears and mind open and your mouth shut. You need to confide in someone, but be very careful who it is! Not everyone out there has your best interest in mind.

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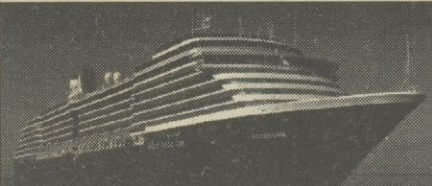
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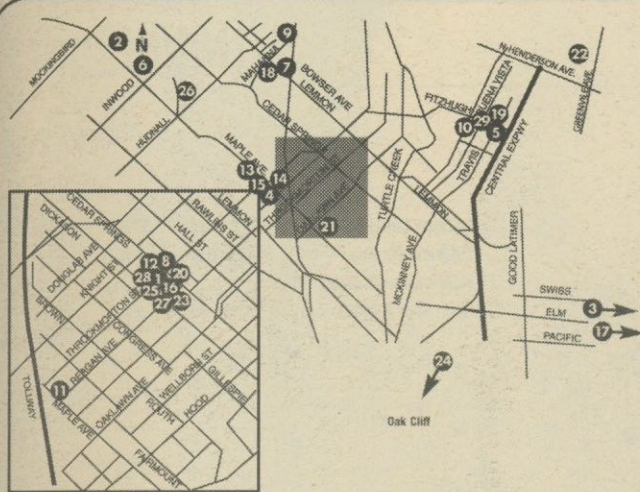
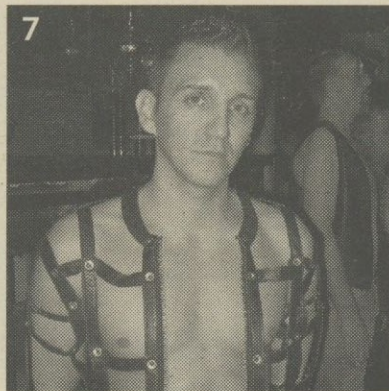
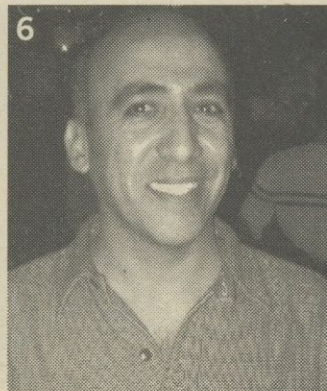
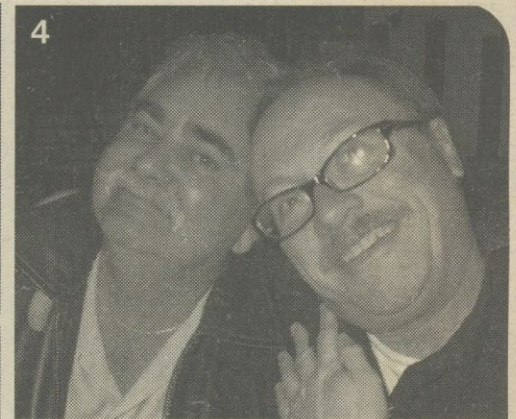
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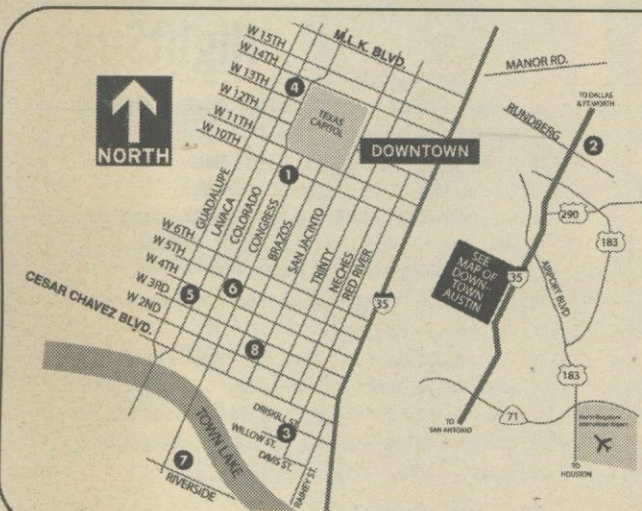
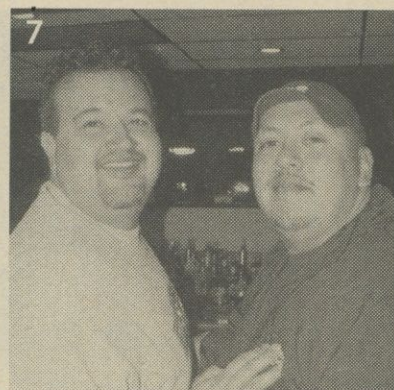
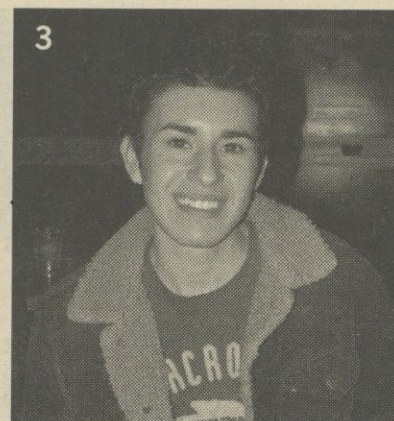
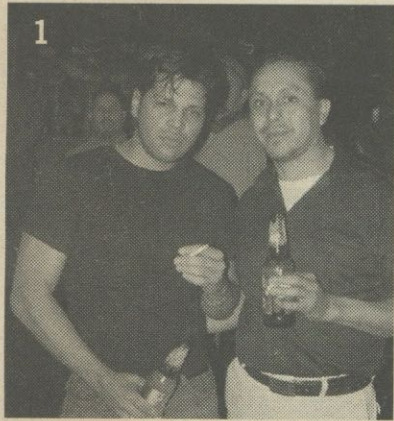
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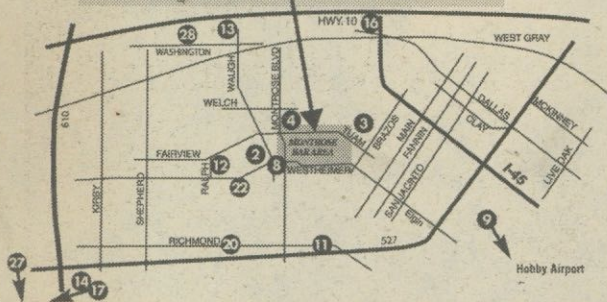
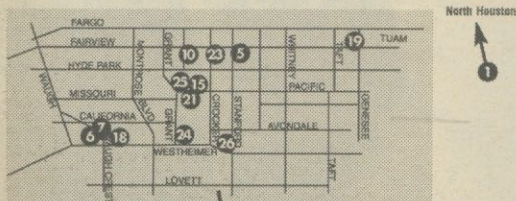
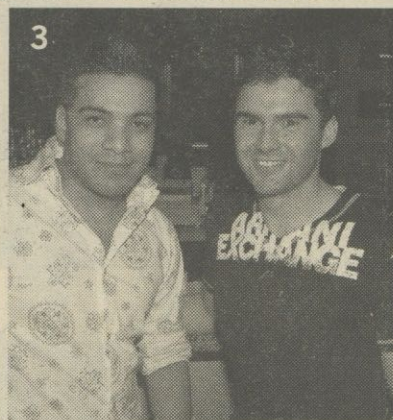
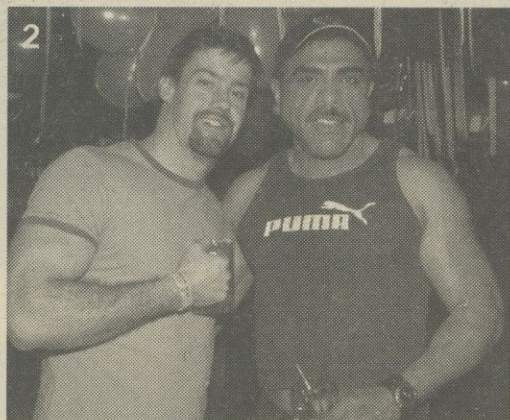
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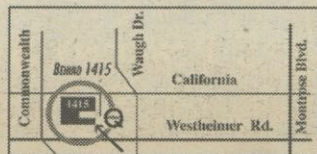
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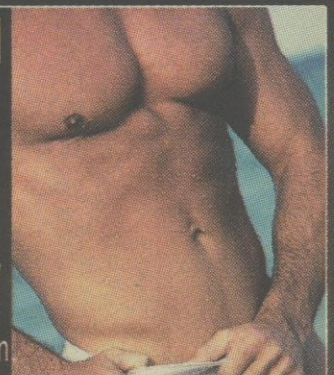
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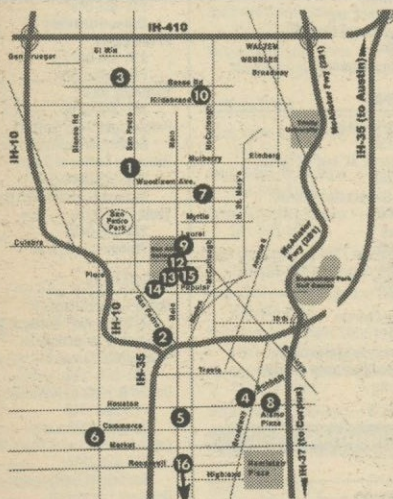
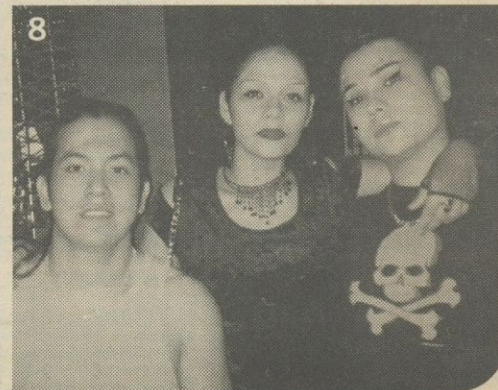
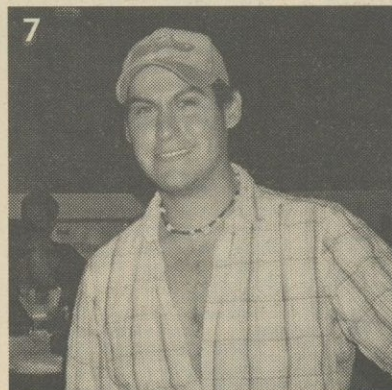
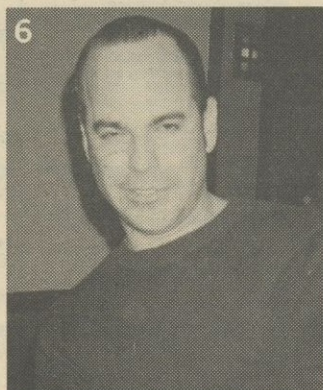
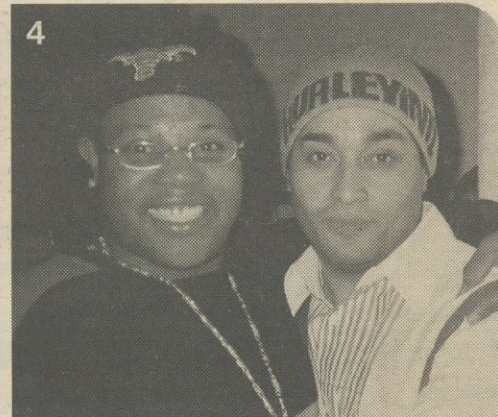
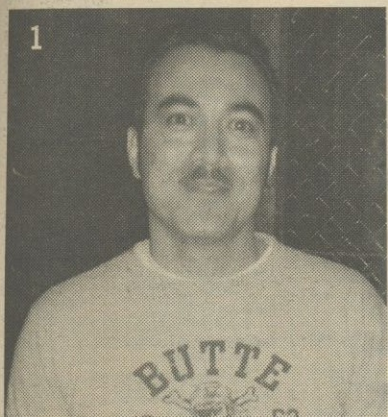
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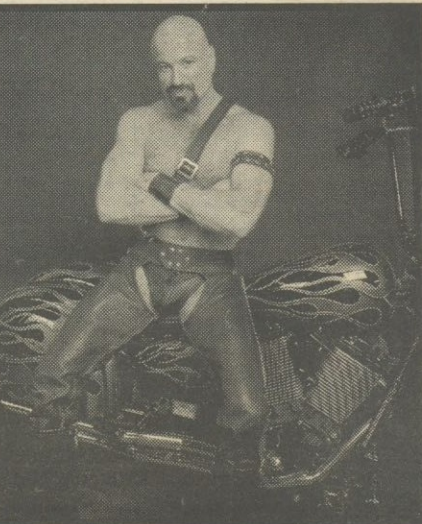
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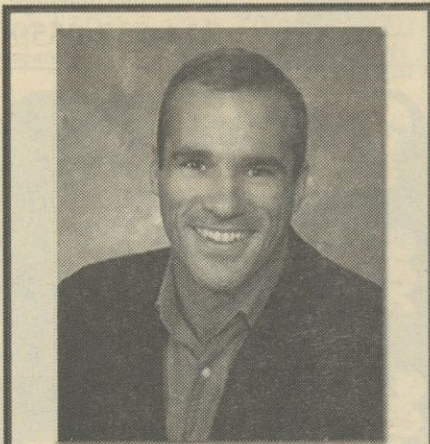
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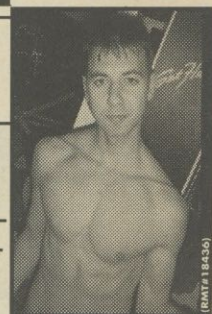
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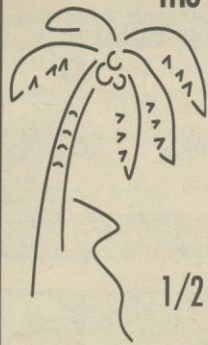
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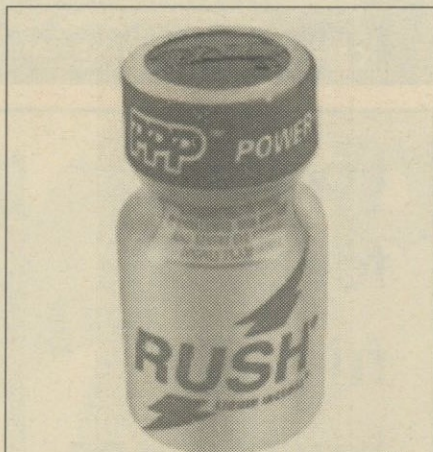
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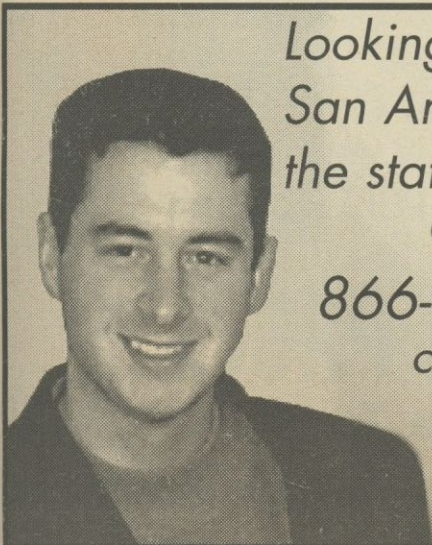


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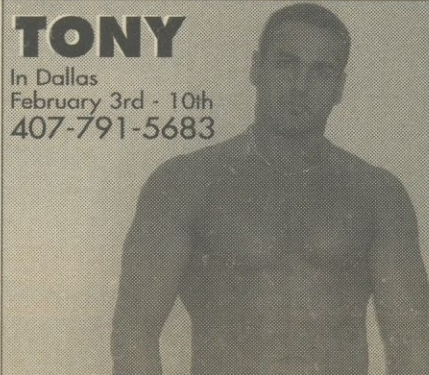
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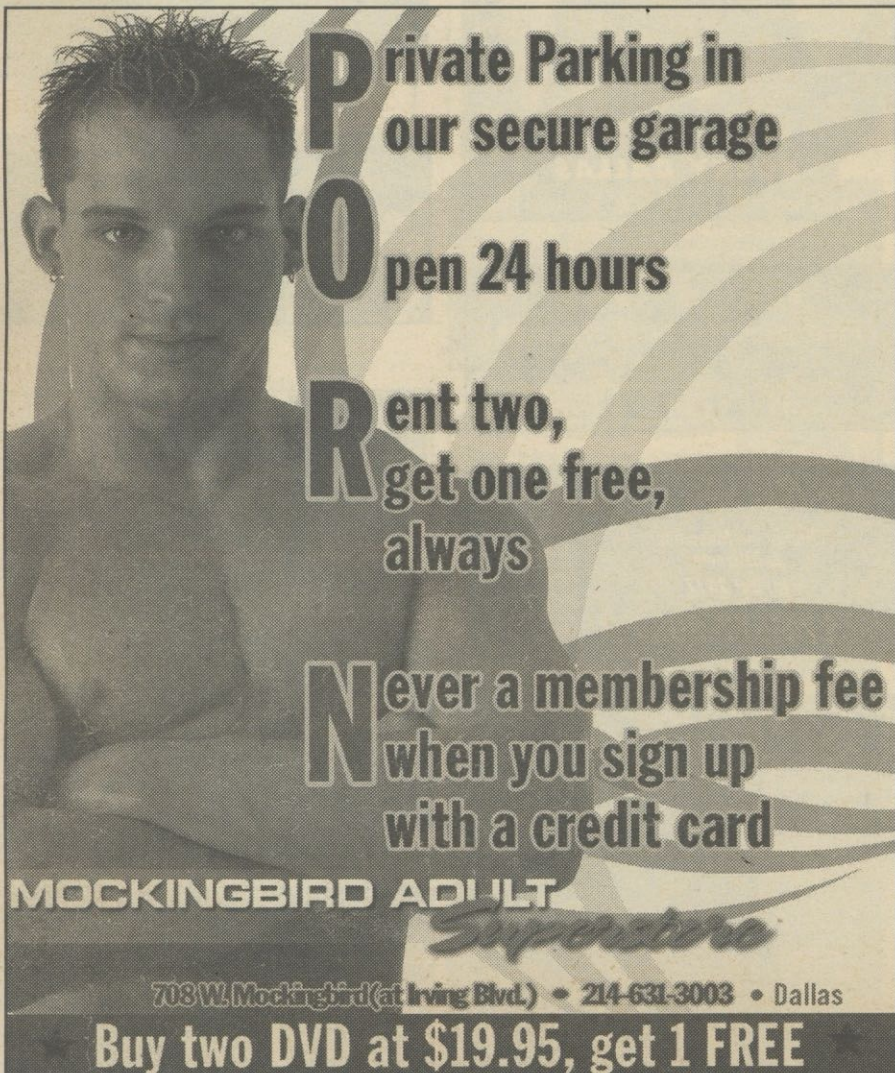
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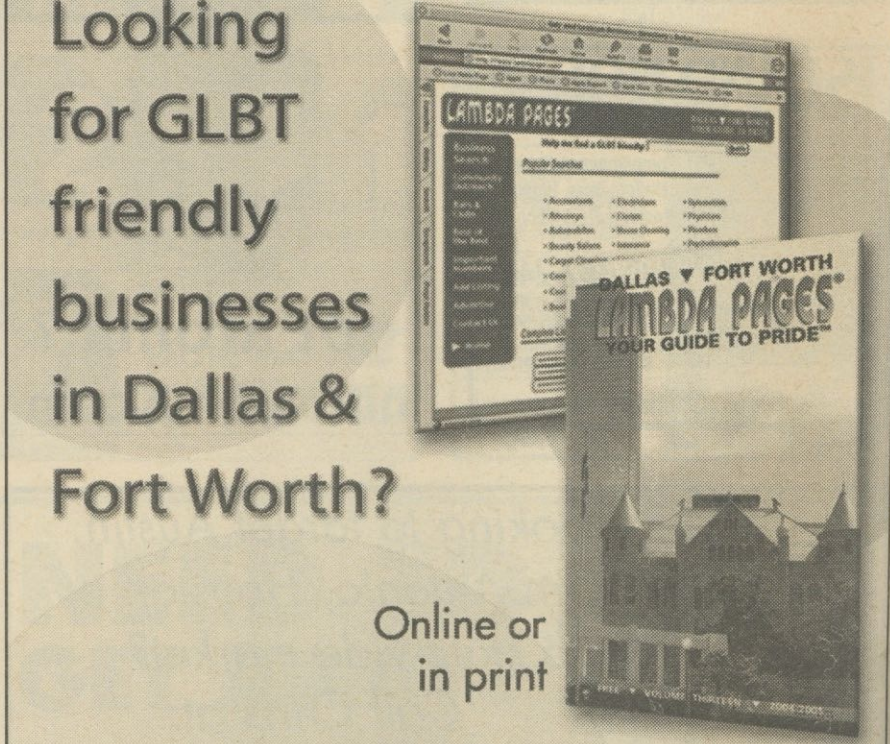
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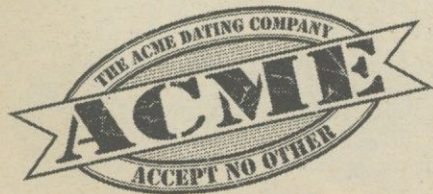


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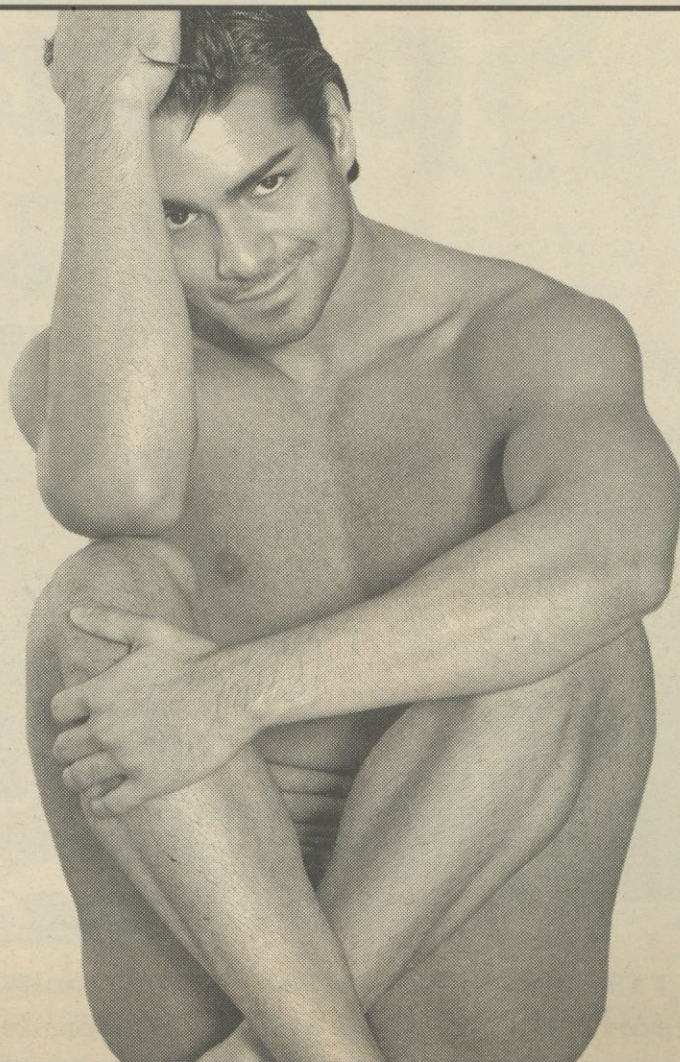
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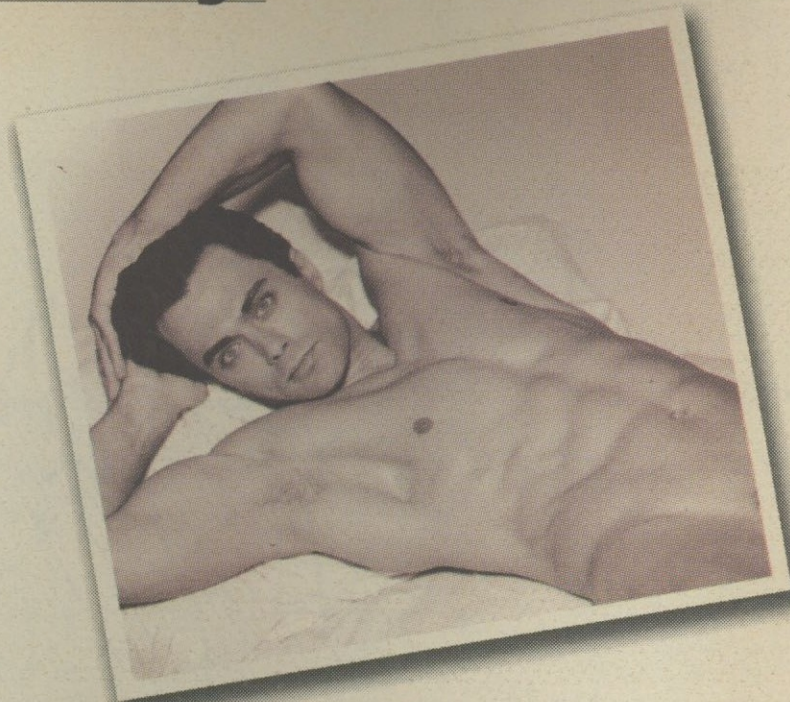


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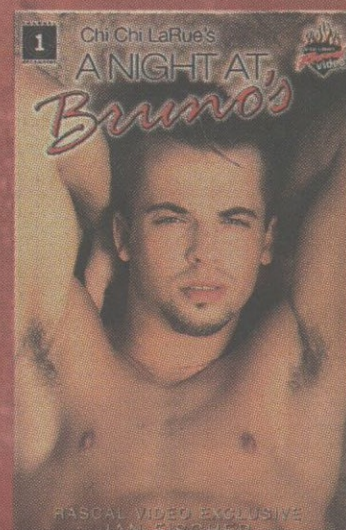
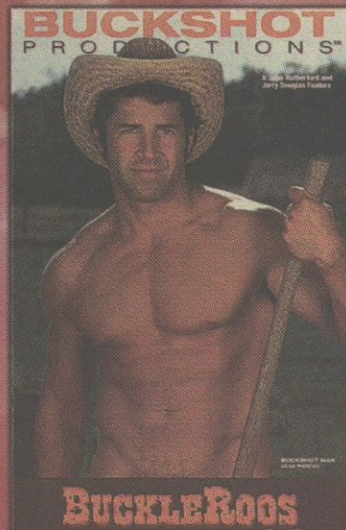
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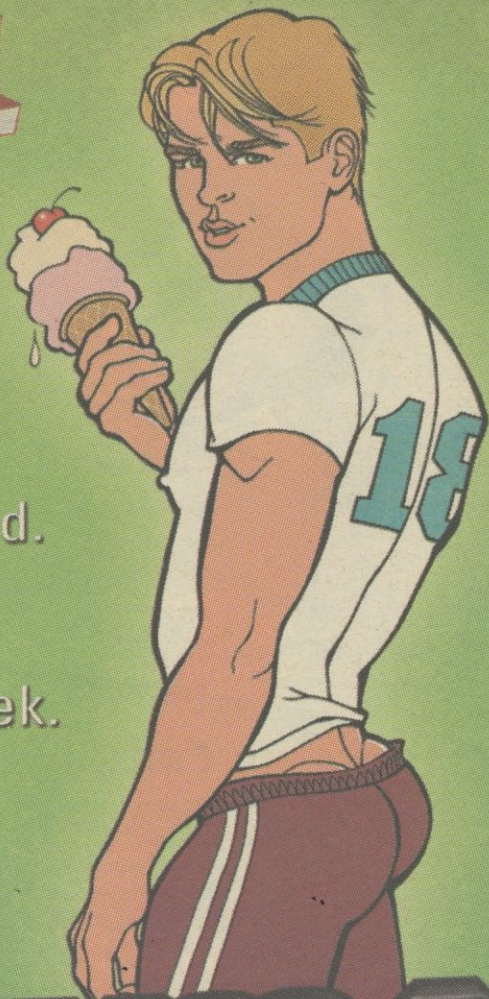
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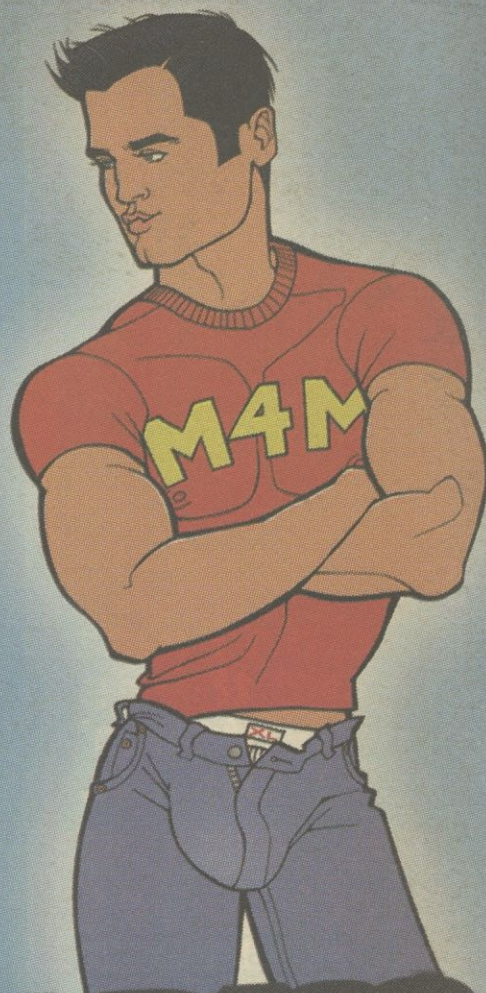
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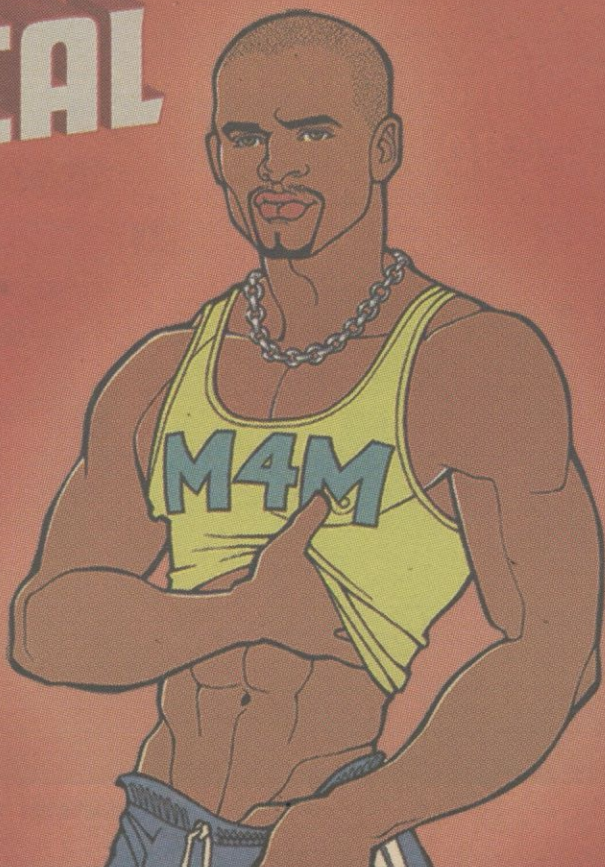
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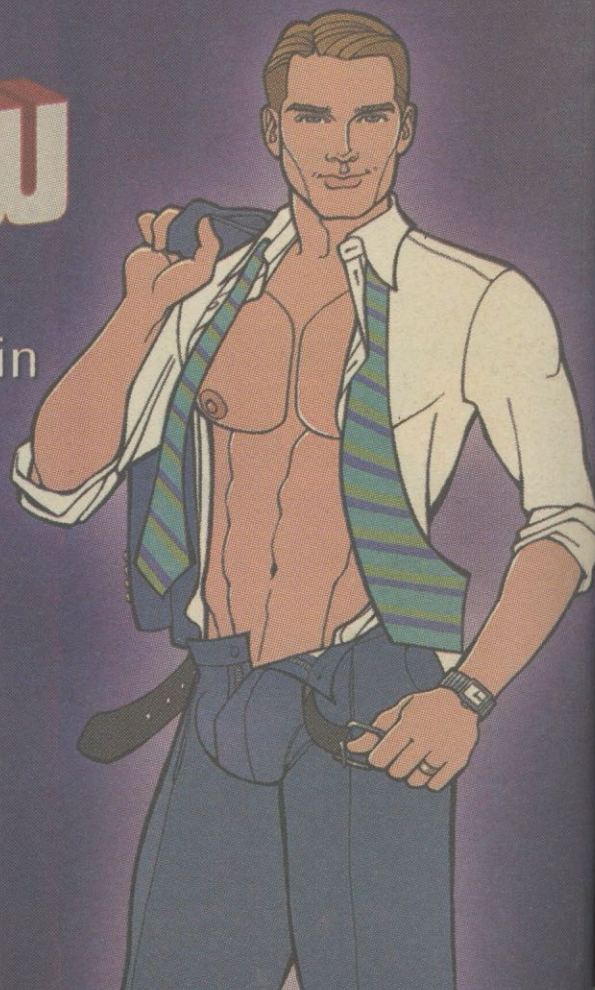
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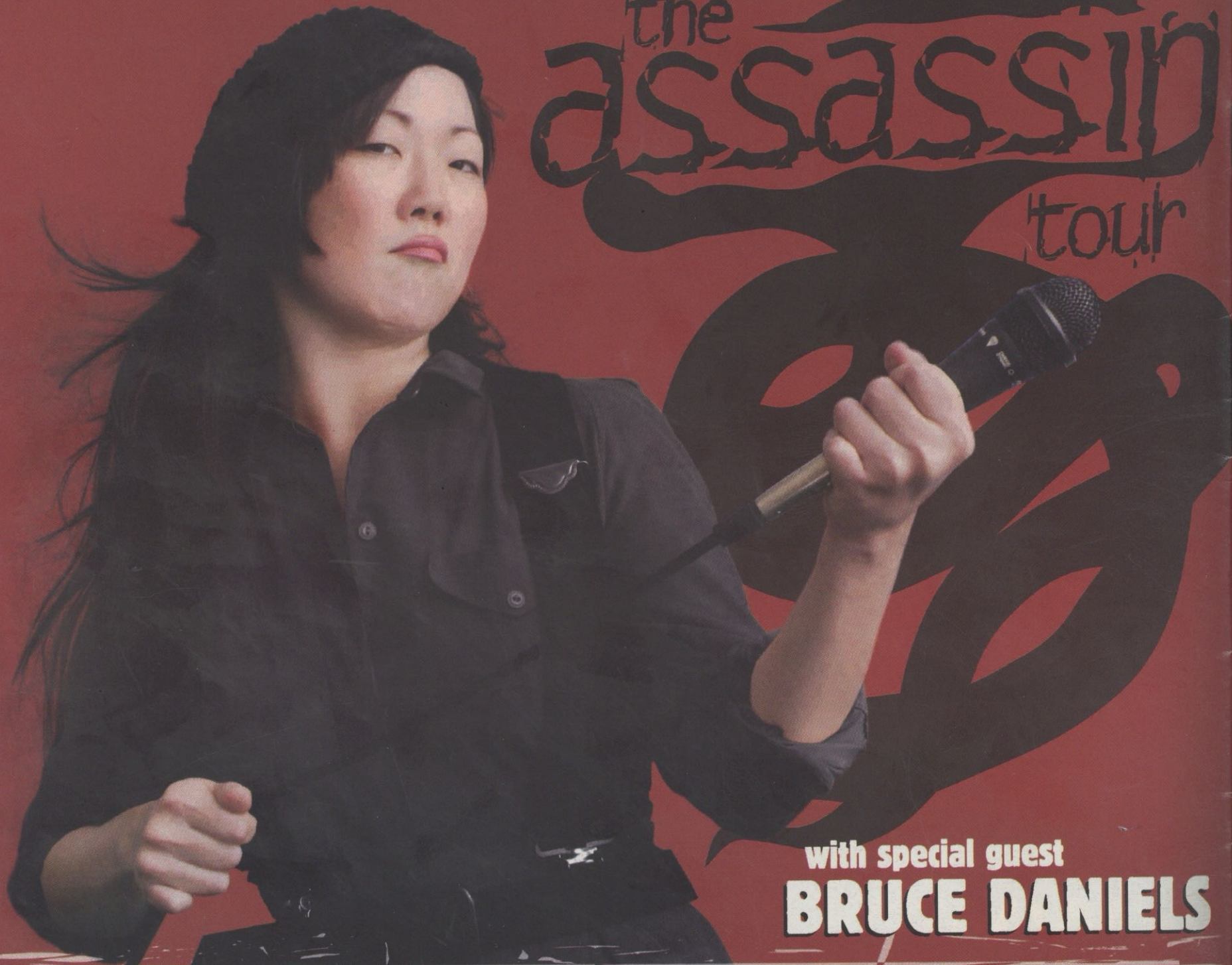
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