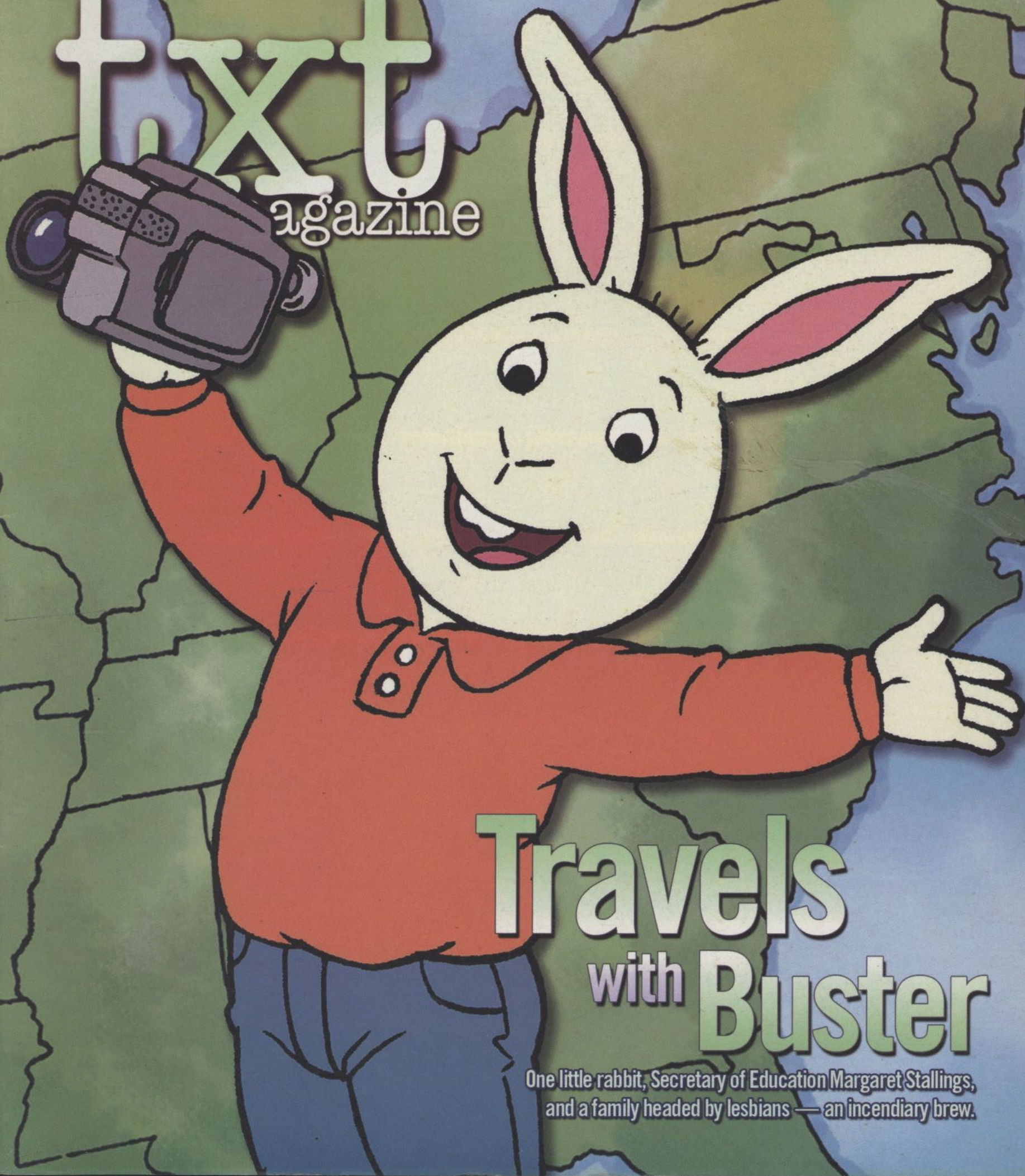


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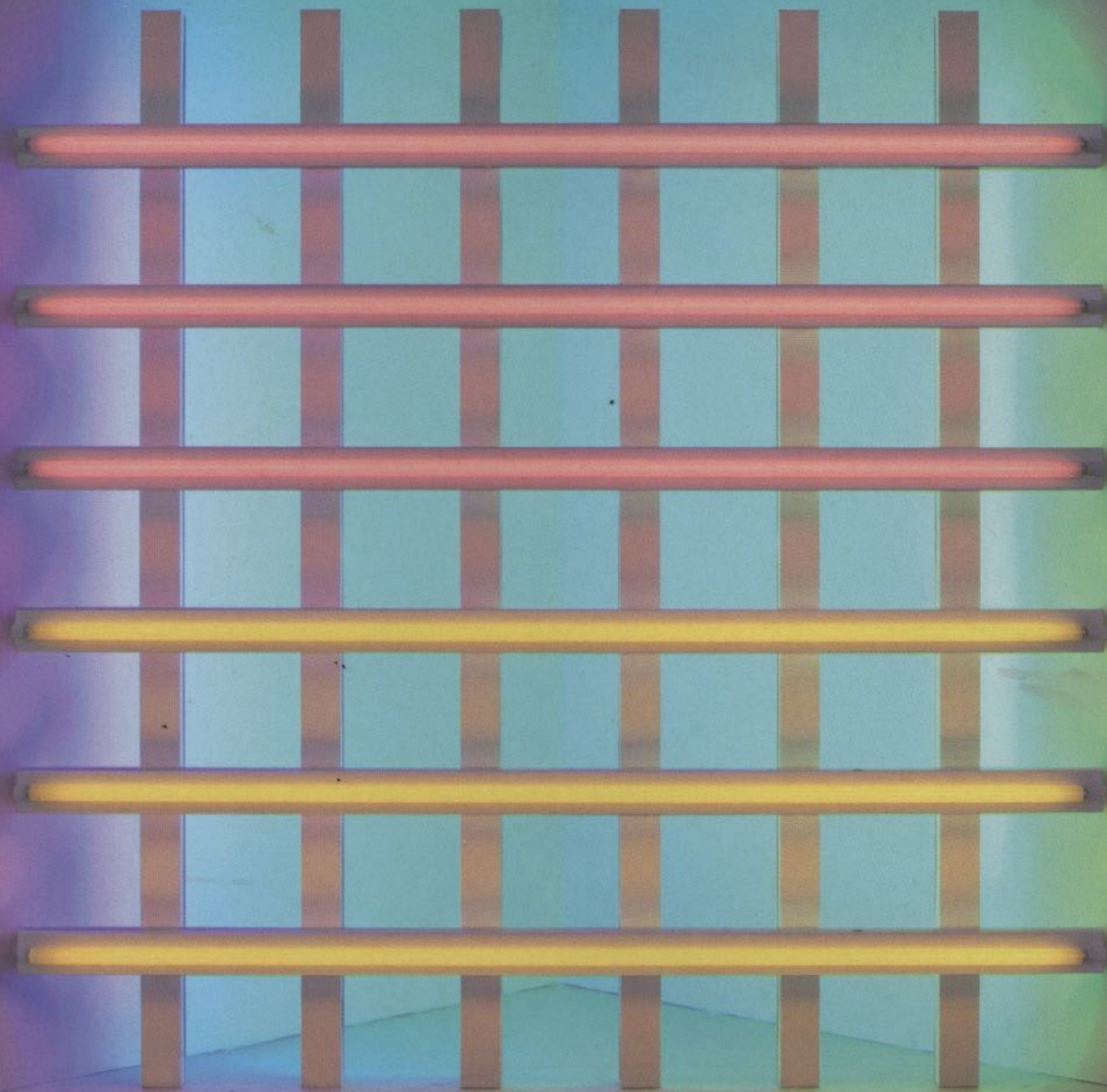
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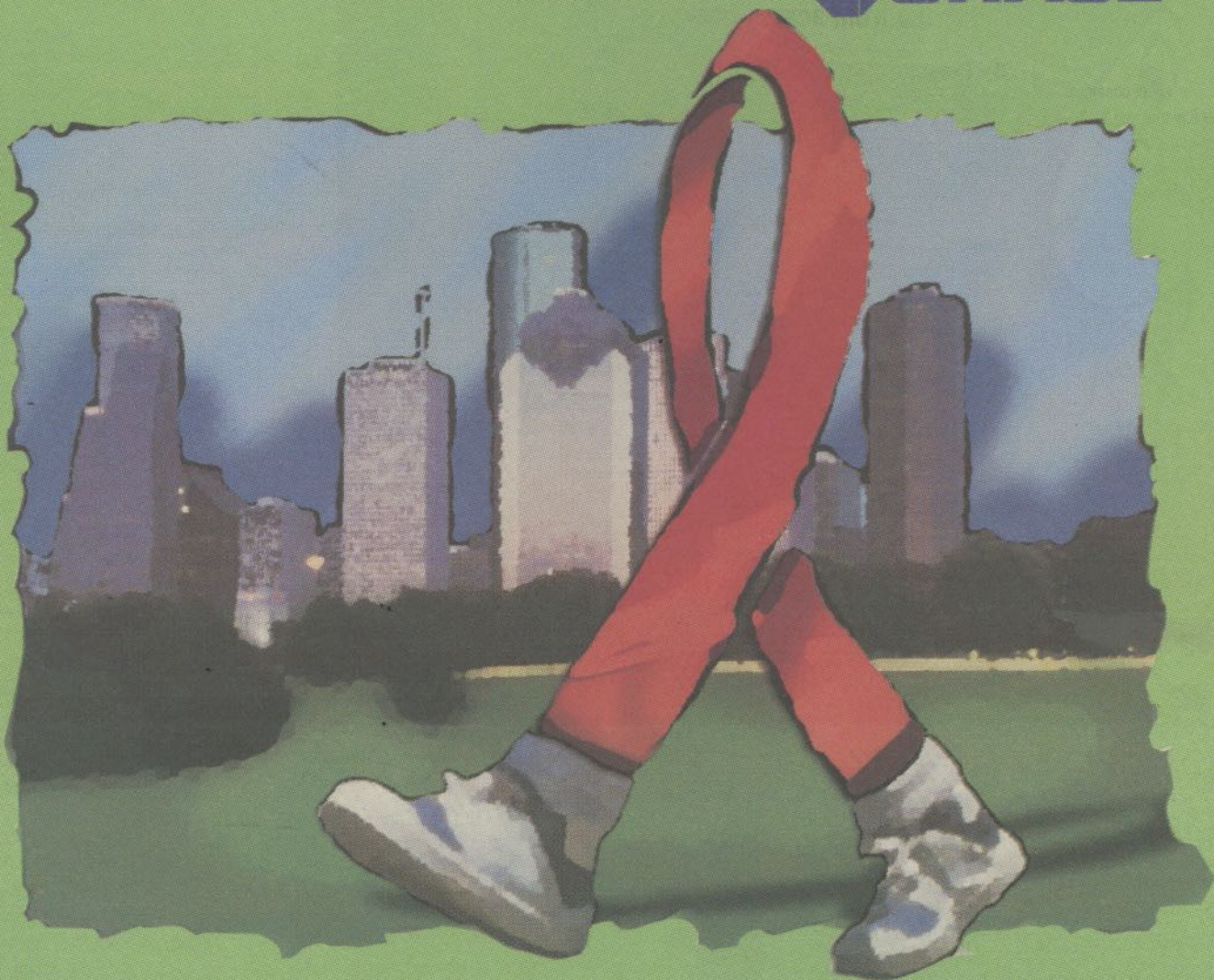


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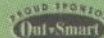
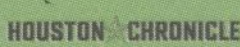


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Teen convicted in gay-bashing attack, faces up to 40 years

Glen Gay, 17, the first of four men accused of brutalizing a gay man in Austin last summer, has been convicted of aggravated assault.

Gay convicted of his role in the attack on an unnamed 32-year-old gay man after a two-week jury trial and 11 hours of deliberation last Friday, reported the Austin American Statesman. He will be sentenced on March 11, and faces up to 40 years in prison. The jury deadlocked on a sexual assault charge.

The three other suspects include Gay's brother, Darren, 24, and friends Donald Roy Bockman, 24, and Shawn Michael Regan, 21.

The men are accused of meeting the victim at Oilcan Harry's, a gay bar on 4th Street, last July. All four accompanied the victim home, and allegedly proceeded to tie him up, torture him, sexually abuse him and threaten him with his own antique sword collection. After several hours, the assailants robbed him and left. The victim then crawled across the street to a friend's house for help and was taken to a hospital.

Weeks after the attack, the victim recognized Gay when he encountered him in a store. Gay fled, hitching a ride from a motorist. En route to his home, Gay bragged to the man about the attack. The man gave Gay's address to police.

AUSTIN

Austin is site of transgender conference set in late April

The 19th annual Conference on Sex and Gender, Transgender 2005, is scheduled April 28-30 at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin. The conference, sponsored by the International Foundation of Gender Education, will feature, at last count, 59 programs, including nearly 20 for cross-dressers, six for spouses and significant others and some specifically for transgender youth and their parents. Presenters include a broad array of experts drawn from the fields of medicine, psychotherapy, political science, sexology, religion and others. They include Dr. Douglas Ousterhout, Donna Rose, Holly Boswell, Dr. Marci Bowers, Dr. Sandra S. Cole and Phyllis Randolph Frye. For registration and price information, visit lge.org/convention.

DALLAS

Family Pride Coalition sponsors family meet Saturday in Dallas

The Family Pride Coalition will sponsor its first-ever Texas GLBT Family Conference on Saturday at Cathedral of Hope in Dallas. The day-long conference will offer nearly a dozen workshops on family-related legislation and activism in Texas.

"We are thrilled to gather together with the Texas community and make these advocacy, education and support activities available," said Aimee Gelnow, the group's executive director.

Programs for children nine years old and up will be presented by Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, and child care will be available for children under nine years old.

Registration is \$35 per family, with an additional \$10 for youth collected by COLAGE. For more information, or to register, visit www.familypride.org or call 202-331-5015. The Cathedral of Hope is located at 5910 Cedar Springs Road near Love Field.

'Love Won Out' event draws protest

Lesbian couple, PFLAG mom booted from conference as 150 protested from across freeway

By Lorinda Robb
Contributing Writer

A lesbian couple shared a kiss on the pulpit steps in full view of nearly 1,000 conservative Christians.

A PFLAG member was ejected after being accused of planting gay groups' business cards in bathroom stalls.

And 150 GLBT people held a demonstration as the Love Won Out conference, a Focus on the Family event that claims homosexuality is preventable and treatable, was conducted Saturday at Grace Community Church in Southeast Houston. It was the first event of the year for the conference, which is usually hosted by a local evangelical church.

Ellie Shenker, 17, was identified as one of the women ordered off the church grounds after the affectionate public display inside the church, reported the *Galveston County Daily News*.

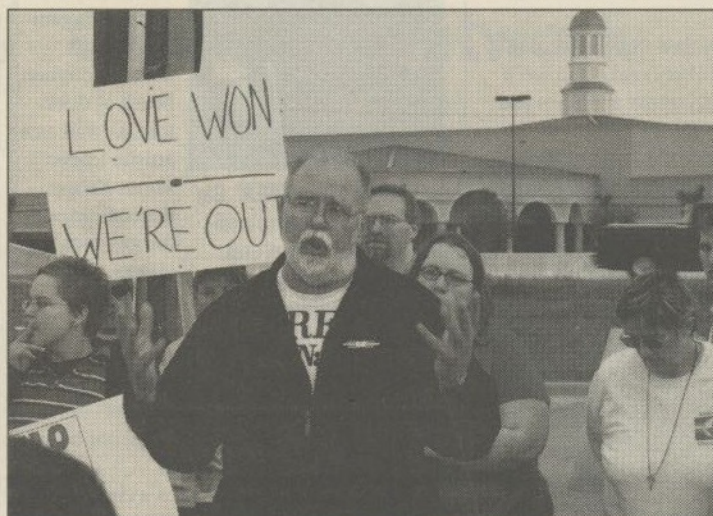
"We were embarrassed for them," Melissa Fryrear, Focus on the Family's gender-issues analyst and a conference speaker, said of the amorous lesbian couple.

Conference-goers were asked to bow their heads in prayer as the two women embraced and kissed while standing in the front of the church's sanctuary.

PFLAG-Houston advocacy chair Sue Null, one of several conference "infiltrators," said she was asked to leave at midmorning by conference coordinators. Null said she was falsely accused of planting business cards for PFLAG and for a Houston support group for gay youth, the Houston Area Teen Coalition for Homosexuals, in the church's restrooms. After a coordinator spotted her speaking with conference-goers outside the church an hour later, Null said, she was escorted off the property by Houston police officers.

"Maybe they saw the PFLAG brochures in my suitcase" at the conference's security check-in station, Null said as a possible reason coordinators targeted her.

Null said that the ejected lesbian couple



Veteran gay-rights activist Ray Hill, with hands raised, leads a group of protesters outside Grace Community Church, the Southeast Houston church where the conference was held. Hill said the protest was a necessary response. "Once they put up the billboards, we really had no choice."

Photo by Jim Null

were not part of the PFLAG-Houston contingent.

"PFLAG had nothing to do with the disruptions, but somehow PFLAG's name is attached," Null said.

The contingent of sign-carrying GLBT people and their supporters peacefully protested from a point across the freeway from the church.

Houston gay activist Ray Hill said the demonstration was uneventful.

An additional group of 60 young protesters who were on an esplanade just outside the church were "respectful and adhered to legal limits," Focus's Fryrear said.

Dawn Rorie, a University of Houston student, said she went to the conference to speak quietly with misinformed or frightened conference-goers to offer her side of the story about being gay.

"The message they convey is so mixed," Rorie, 25, said. "They say that homosexuals are made by emotionally-absent fathers or smothering mothers, and they take advantage of people's fears and ignorance."

Rorie likened the conference to a "well-orchestrated machine," with booths in the church lobby selling books and tapes on how to deal with a loved one's homosexuality.

Focus on the Family paid for 16 billboards in Houston and points south to promote the event. Each featured a man or a woman with the message, "I questioned homosexuality." The billboards inflamed gay men and lesbians.

Jerry Simoneaux, a Houston lawyer who recently established the pro-gay Foundation for Marriage and Family Equality, said he believes the protests may have brought more press coverage to the conference. The foundation responded to the conference by offering a *Love Won! We're Out* seminar in Houston on Saturday afternoon. About 60 people attended, Simoneaux said.

"I'm glad for the protest, but maybe we need to focus that energy in a positive way as opposed to reacting," the lawyer said.

Hill said he sees the queer community's reaction as "a necessary response. Once they put up the billboards, we really had no choice."

Fourteen-year-old Brooke was one of the demonstrators. Decked out in rainbow attire and jewelry, she carried a large banner that said, "Can't Change Us."

Although she said she is heterosexual, Brooke said she has been working to fight discrimination against gays. She and two other friends tried to start a gay-straight alliance at her school. She collected 20 signatures on a petition, but the attempt failed when she was unable to find a teacher willing to be the group's sponsor.

When she heard about the demonstration, Brooke resolved to go.

"I wanted to show my support for the gay community," she said. "I wanted to be there to fight against discrimination."

This article uses information reported by contributing writer Jen Sharon.

These guys recruit —

Bayou City Women's Chorus seeks singers and support volunteers for first season

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston board member Flo Perry recruits. Actively. But

before opponents of any real or imagined gay agenda start organizing an intervention, it should be noted that Perry's recruitment efforts are not as motivated by politics as they are inspired by music.

Perry, along with the executive director of the gay men's chorus, J.B. Hughes, is currently seeking women to join the Bayou City Women's Chorus, Houston latest entry in the

performing arts scene.

Following an informal investigation to measure the level of interest, the women's chorus held its first meeting last week. Eight women attended. Perry estimates that 40 women will be needed for the group to actually perform, with additional non-singing members needed for volunteer positions.

Perry said she believes the fledgling

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group will quickly meet the goal of 40 women. The women attending last week's meeting each committed to recruit three more before March 22, the date of the next meeting.

"We're hoping by then that the women will be in full force," Perry said, "and we'll be able to talk seriously about auditions and rehearsals."

If Perry has her way, the Bayou City Women's Chorus will debut at the Pride concert of the gay men's chorus, held in June.

"It may just be an idle wish, but I can't help but think we can do it," Perry said.

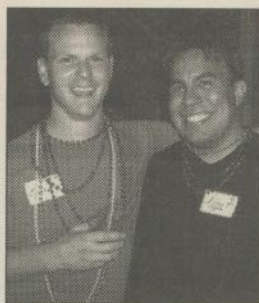
This is not the first time Houston has been home to a women's chorus consisting primarily of lesbians. Heartsong, a women's chorus, was active in the 80s, but disbanded.

"We want to learn what succeeded in that chorus," Perry said. "Apparently it was doing well, but the infrastructure probably wasn't strong enough to hold it up."

"This isn't easy stuff," Perry continued. "You're constantly fighting for survival financially. You're constantly looking for the next amount of money to keep your next program afloat."

Prospective members of the women's chorus will be introduced on March 4 at Bolos, Boots & Black Tie, the fifth annual dinner, dance and auction of the men's chorus: It is the group's largest moneymaker of the year.

The Bayou City Women's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston will operate



WAITING FOR THE WOMEN? Gay Men's Chorus of Houston members enjoy a little Mardi Gras. The chorus is establishing a similar group for women.

"That is one of the big pluses, I think — to start with that kind of quality," Perry said.

Don't be scared off by the talk of professionalism. Perry said women need not be able to read music in order to apply.

"This is an amateur women's chorus, just like the men's. Obviously, an interest in singing and a singing background is always helpful," Perry said. "Many of our men's chorus members do not read music, but are excellent musicians."

Women who want to sing or are interested in volunteering for support positions are encouraged to attend the March 22 meeting. Call 832-276-5138 or email Ed@gmch.org for more information.

Contact the writer: nancy@txtnewsmag.com

under an umbrella organization called Bayou City Performing Arts, Perry said. The two organizations will share a common board of directors, as well as an artistic leader. James Knapp, the conductor of the gay men's chorus, will direct the women.

PROJECT NEARS CONSTRUCTION



An artist's rendering shows the major features of the planned Triangle Median, a project at Cedar Springs Road and Oak Lawn Avenue that many are calling the "Gateway" to Oak Lawn's GLBT business and entertainment district. The district is located in the blocks of Cedar Springs Road just northwest of the project. Construction on the project, which includes slightly altering the course of the roadway, is scheduled to begin in April. A spokesman for the fund-raising effort said the April start date appears reasonable. Thanks to recent large donations from Caven Enterprises and Whole Foods Market, the project is within \$25,000 of the \$175,000 goal.

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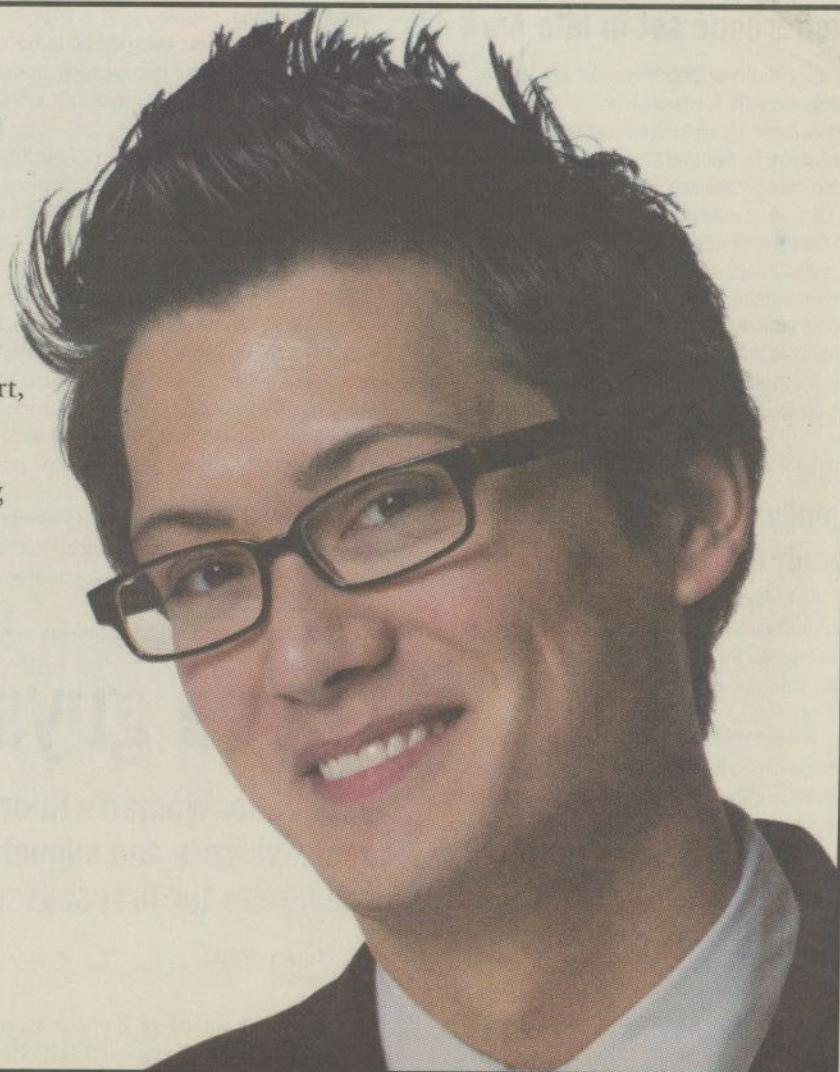


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The *Buster* file —

Flap over episode featuring family headed by lesbians begins a frightening trend

News Analysis by Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

A cartoon bunny travels all over the country with his dad, an airplane pilot. Along the way, he meets real, live children and learns about the many cultures and ways of life in America. Produced by Boston's public television station WGBH, the innocuous kid's show *Postcards from Buster* would seem an odd source of controversy.

But as everyone knows by now, Buster's visit to Vermont in an episode called "Sugartime!" triggered a censorial outburst from newly-appointed Secretary of Education

BOSTON Margaret Spellings, as well as a display of what appears to be preemptive butt-covering by outgoing PBS chief Pat Mitchell.

The problem? While Buster is busy tasting maple sugar and meeting new friends, he learns that his host family has two moms.

"That's a lot of moms!" Buster notes.

Later, when asked about a photograph, one of the daughters says it's one of her favorites, "because it has my mom and Gillian ... and they mean a lot to me."



Buster takes a picture of two children at the Indiana state fair. He rankled conservatives with a trip to Vermont.

On Jan. 25 and barely settled in office, Spellings penned a letter to Mitchell expressing concern.

"Congress and the Department's purpose in funding this programming certainly was not to introduce this kind of subject matter to children," she wrote. "Many parents would not want their young children exposed to the lifestyles portrayed in this episode."

The next day, Jan. 26, a spokesman said PBS would not distribute "Sugartime!" even though Pat Mitchell had previously determined that the episode was fine. Stretching credibility, the spokesman said Mitchell's

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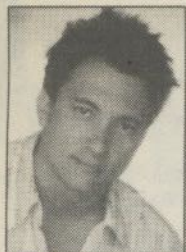
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decision not to distribute "Sugartime!" had nothing to do with Spellings' letter. Two weeks later, Mitchell announced her intention to retire at the end of her contract next year, again for unrelated reasons.

Boston's WGBH has since made the "Sugartime!" episode available to any PBS affiliate station that wants to buck the system and air it. As of February 21, 47 stations have either run the show or have made plans to do so, including three in Texas. Houston's KUHT ran "Sugartime!" last Friday at 8 p.m., followed by a taped panel discussion on the issue.

KERA in Dallas has scheduled the episode for March 23 at 7:30 p.m., and KLRU in Austin will air it March 28 at 8 p.m. The prime-time slots are intended to allow parents to monitor their children's exposure to what executives obviously consider a potentially distressing subject.

"We wanted to run it at a time when parents could sit down with their kids and watch the program together," said KERA's Steve Anderson. "Then, if there are questions, they can discuss any issues that come up." Likewise, Austin's Bill Stotesbery thought the late schedule would allow parents to watch the show, tape it, and decide for themselves whether to let their children see it. "That is a personal decision," he wrote on the station's Web site, "which we cannot, in good conscience, presume to make."

At least these metro area stations have gone to the trouble to acquire the feed from WGBH and let their viewers see the show.

In San Antonio, by contrast, KLRN Senior Vice President Robert Vaughn says his station rejected the idea of asking Boston for a copy of "Sugartime!"

"Our reasoning is this," he explained, "that basically at the end of the day PBS made the right decision in not including it in the children's programming schedule. This is an issue that parents deserve the opportunity to discuss with their own kids in a manner and at a time of their own choosing. That's pretty close to a quote from Pat Mitchell, and we agree."

From the reactions to "Sugartime!" one might have thought Buster and the girls spent an evening at the local lesbian bar, or listened at the kitchen table as the moms fondly recalled the graphic details of their first date.

Like it or not, same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts and civil unions are well established in Vermont. The mere existence of a two-mom family, particularly in these two New England states, ought not to cause any kind of stir.

But despite the ballyhooed popularity of *Will & Grace*, there is a feeling from the far right that the growing acceptance of gay men and lesbians over the last decade is a trend that can be reversed, and should be. The key to reversing that trend, in turn, is to object — not just to lesbian kisses in prime time or edgy comedians, but to any neutral or positive gay images. Their aim? To block from public view any effort to depict gay families as part of the fabric of our society, and if necessary, to condemn a cartoon sponge for participating in a video that was produced by a company that sponsors a tolerance pledge on its Web site.

That feeling appears to be seeping into the mindset of the Bush administration, regardless of whether the president is personally disinclined to "kick gays" — as last week's tapes of informal conversations with the president revealed. More ominously, as conservative Christians turn up the volume on their puritanical convictions in general, there is a creeping fear of rocking the boat reflected in the cautious decisions of corporate executives like Pat Mitchell.

ABC-TV officials apologized for showing a woman's back in a *Desperate Housewives* promo, and others rejected a spot that showed Mickey Rooney's rear end. A Super Bowl commercial was spiked in the fourth quarter, simply for making fun of last year's Janet Jackson incident.

And a related phenomenon is evident in the attempts to clean up the language of soldiers in a recent *Frontline* documentary or to cut curses from the dialogue in *Saving Private Ryan*.

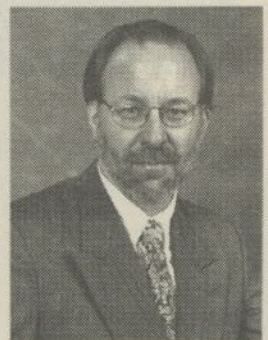
Last week, Department of Health and Human Services functionaries suggested that organizers of a federally funded conference on suicide prevention rename a panel on suicide among gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender teens, deleting the terms "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender." That suggestion was retracted under media pressure, but the very idea that meddling mid-level civil servants would think to make such a recommendation was breathtaking.

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State legislatures vie for gay-bashing prize

The race to determine which legislature can be the most conservative might be heading towards a close finish among Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, and maybe Arkansas.

Not content with a simple constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage — which Arkansas previously passed — Tennessee has five measures attacking lesbian and gay adoptive parents or foster parents or both. Of course, the Volunteer State's anti-marriage constitutional amendment breezed through two legislative committees and is expected to win a supermajority with ease.

In Virginia, both the House of Delegates and the Senate passed constitutional amendments against same-sex marriage earlier this month. Lawmakers just have to resolve differences in the two in order to send the measure to a date with voters in November 2006. The success of the amendment was enough to persuade Rep. Bill Lingamfelter to drop his push for a license plate adorned with the message, "Traditional Marriage," and the logo of two entwined rings.

Finally, Virginians attempted to pass a law recognizing the right to pray on public property, including schools — a right that, in fact, is not in jeopardy. It's already guaranteed by law.

In Alabama, both houses of the Legislature passed separate marriage amendments, and it's just a matter of time before both sides will approve the same version.

Lawmakers in Montgomery are also mulling a ban on gay adoptive parents, and they have yet to dispose of the proposal to outlaw positive depictions of gay men and lesbians in library books and textbooks. The latter plan has earned national notoriety for its author, Representative Gerald Allen of Cottondale, who suggested that such books be buried in a deep hole.

In Arkansas, lawmakers rejected a bill that would have effectively imposed a heterosexual definition of marriage in textbooks. They're still at work on a bill to outlaw adoption by people living in a sexual relationship without a legal marriage, a plan for a license plate reading "In God we trust," and a ban on unmarried couples becoming foster parents.



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Bush renominates 12 to appeals courts

Texas's Owen among those previously blocked; move seen as challenge to the Democrats

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

President Bush has re-nominated 12 men and women to federal appellate courts, slapping a glove in the faces of Democrats who have already filibustered or stalled every one of the names. Another batch of eight new nominees are facing the Senate confirmation process for the first time.

Commenting on the would-be judges for Focus on the Family, the far right organization's judicial analyst, Bruce Hausknecht, said the nominees "have proven themselves to be respectful of the Constitution." The left, Hausknecht went on, "sees that as a threat to the special interests and to the special rights that liberal courts have granted them in the past. These judges are more intent in following the original intent of the Constitution rather than creating a new one with each decision."

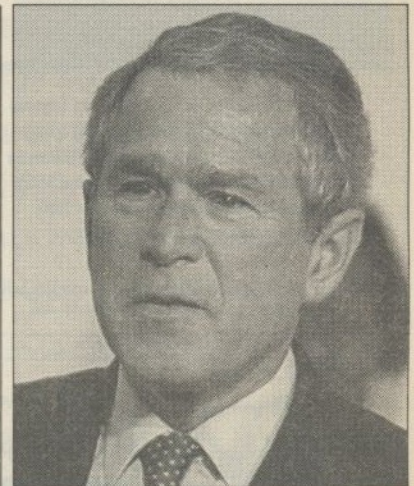
Seven of the recycled nominees were filibustered last year, including Priscilla Owen of Texas, Janice Brown of California, Richard Griffin, David McKeague and Henry Saad of Michigan, William G. Myers III of Idaho and

William Pryor of Alabama.

Bush appointed Pryor during a congressional break to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. The former attorney general of Alabama is one of the most conservative of all the Bush nominees. He is also one of the youngest proposed for one of these lifetime judicial posts, one rung down from the United States Supreme Court. In the last year, Pryor has kept a low profile on the 11th Circuit, well aware that he would still be obliged to face the Senate when a new Congress convened.

Nonetheless, he managed to cast the deciding vote in favor of Florida's ban on gay or lesbian adoptive parents. With Pryor voting to deny review, the full 11th Circuit voted 6-6 to let stand an earlier opinion that went against the ACLU and several gay foster fathers who were challenging the Florida law. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to reassess the panel's decision, leaving the law on gay adoptive parents intact and, indeed, fortified by legal victory.

According to *The New York Times*, five other returning nominees were foiled with no need for a filibuster, a Senate technique that allows 40 Senators to prevent a floor vote. These five include Terrence Boyle, of North Carolina, Thomas Griffith of Utah, William Haynes II of Virginia, Brett Kavanaugh of Washington and Susan Neilson of



President Bush threw down the gauntlet. Will Democrats pick it up?

Michigan.

Although some Republicans have threatened to change Senate rules in order to disallow filibustering against judicial nominees, congressional observers see this as a last resort. Democrats, in turn, still maintain a hold on 45 Senate seats and have pledged to maintain the blockade on all the previously rejected names. The Senate approved over 200 judges during the first Bush term, rejecting only a handful of those with the most conservative records.

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Evangelical groups criticize *Simpsons*, *Shrek 2*

Gay marriage, transgender issues troubling to Focus on the Family, Traditional Values Coalition

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

In a week where gay news was again dominated by cartoon characters, *The Simpsons* program has at long last aired the "gay episode" that fans have been

anticipating for months.

Producer Matt Groening announced last summer that a main character on *The Simpsons* would come out of the closet this season. He also said the town of

Springfield would legalize same-sex marriage and Homer would acquire credentials as a minister over the Web in order to make extra money conducting gay weddings.

The resulting speculation led British oddsmakers to accept wagers on who would turn out to be gay, with Marge's sister Patty becoming the favorite and Waylon Smithers a close second. Sure enough, chain-smoking Patty was indeed the winner, announcing her love for her girlfriend, Veronica, and appearing before Homer to tie the knot.

The episode, "There's Something
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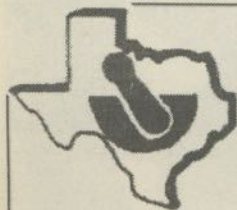
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A report from the Traditional Values Coalition says the animated movie *Shrek 2* "normalized the abnormal," citing several examples the report's authors considered out of bounds. For example, Prince Charming is voiced by "homosexual actor Rupert Everett."

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About *Marrying*," aired on Sunday. Quoted in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, L. Brent Bozell III of the Parents Television Council had nothing good to say about the development.

"At a time when the public mood is overwhelmingly against gay marriage, any show that promotes gay marriage is deliberately bucking the public mood," he said. "I'd rather them not do it all. You've got a show watched by millions of children. Do children need to have gay marriage thrust in their faces as an issue? Why can't we just entertain them?"

Report: *Shrek 2* advances TG rights

A 365Gay.com dispatch unearthed a recent "special report" by the California-based Traditional Values Coalition that accuses *Shrek 2* of advancing transgender rights or, as the authors put it, "normalizing the abnormal."

The cartoon movie features a bartender — voiced by Larry King — wearing a dress and sporting a five o'clock shadow.

"In addition," the report went on, "*Shrek 2* revealed that Pinocchio is actually a secret cross-dresser who wears women's underwear." At the end of the movie, the authors

charge, "the transgendered bartender jumps on Prince Charming and both tumble to the ground," a scene that offends the Coalition's sensibilities for reasons that are not explained further.

The Coalition adds that Prince Charming is voiced over by "openly homosexual actor Rupert Everett," while his mother, Fairy God Mother, is performed by "openly homosexual actress Jennifer Saunders." Prince Charming is "shown to be effeminate" throughout the film, conclude the writers in their final accusation.

The report, titled "A Gender Identity Disorder Goes Mainstream," also faults the International Olympic Committee for recognizing transgender athletes, and slams a Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network lesson plan that aims to help teachers address gender issues in class.

"Gender-confused individuals need long-term counseling," writes the Coalition, "not approval for what is clearly a mental disturbance." Some of these individuals "live their lives as she-males with both female and male sexual characteristic," another passage asserts. "These are deeply troubled individuals who need professional help."

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Sales of sex toys still banned in state of Alabama

As we go to press comes disturbing news that the Supreme Court of the United States won't hear an appeal of the Alabama sex toy case. Alabama is possibly the only state in the union with a flat ban on the sale of devices "used for the stimulation of genital organs." Whatever. They have some strangely lascivious way of putting it. At any rate, a woman who ran a sex toy boutique filed suit, and she and the ACLU pursued the matter for years, sending the case through one of our least favorite appellate courts, the 11th Circuit, where a three judge panel ruled against her, not once but twice.



Ann Rostow

Here's the crazy thing to us non-lawyers. The Supreme Court has clearly said that the government may not sneak into the bedroom of the average citizen and seek to regulate the consensual, non-commercial activities that may be taking place there. In a related concept, the court has said that the moral values of the majority are not in themselves enough to justify a discriminatory or intrusive law. If I recall the briefs from long ago, (when our old friend William Pryor was defending the state law as attorney general), Alabama had

away with it? They did it in the Florida adoption case and they've done it here — and the justices just look the other way. Infuriating,

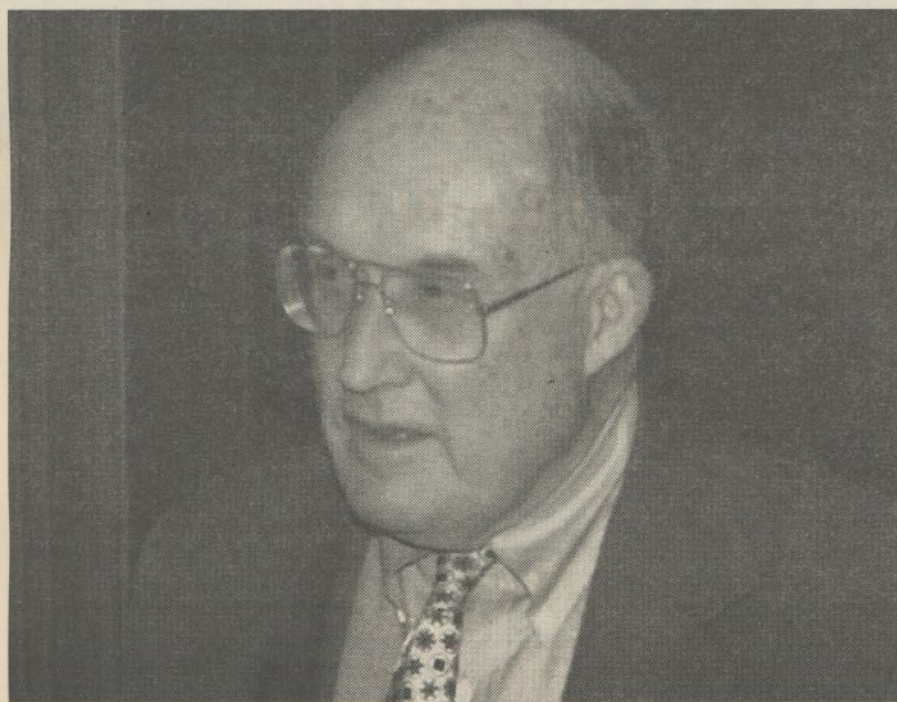
I'll tell you.

By the way, the plurals "dildoes" or "dildos" both trigger the Microsoft spell check program, but when you click on spelling, they suggest "diodes" or "dillies." Is the word "dildo" (which does not get flagged) somehow off limits? Or is the idea of more than one of them unnerving our software mavens? And for the record, I don't know the proper spelling. Let me try googling.....

Dildos it is.

Judging John

Speaking of the Supreme Court, I read that Chief Justice William Rehnquist is expected to resign in the next few months, probably in June. Elsewhere, I read an article in the *Legal Times* by Tony Mauro, speculating on the prospects of John G. Roberts Jr., a highly respected conservative who is now on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Mauro says there is a big buzz surrounding Roberts's Supreme Court prospects.



Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist is said to be preparing for retirement in a few months — possibly in June.

some pretty lame excuses for the statute, including a desire to protect young children from exposure to sex toys, as if dildos were on sale at the corner store.

So how is it that the 11th Circuit can ignore Supreme Court precedent and get

The judge is new to the federal appellate bench, so he has not developed an extensive record to be picked apart by Senate Democrats. At the same time, he is considered both very conservative and very intelligent, and he appears to have admirers on both

sides of the aisle. He clerked for Rehnquist. He is only 50. And the defenders of *Roe v. Wade* are not crazy about him. As deputy solicitor general in the early 1990s, he took an anti-abortion position on behalf of the government.

I don't know what to think. I'll have to wait until People for the American Way or the ACLU gives me a clue. Other names floating in the ether, Mauro says, include J. Michael Luttig, J. Harvie Wilkerson, and Michael McConnell. Let's all support the oldest candidate.

If music be the food of love, play on

Let's see. One of my dear colleagues forwarded news of a musical condom that increases in volume as sex becomes more "vigorous." The entertaining prophylactic relies on tiny sensors connected to a "mini" electronic device, and plays different songs depending on what position the lovers achieve. It does not electrocute people, the promoters insist.

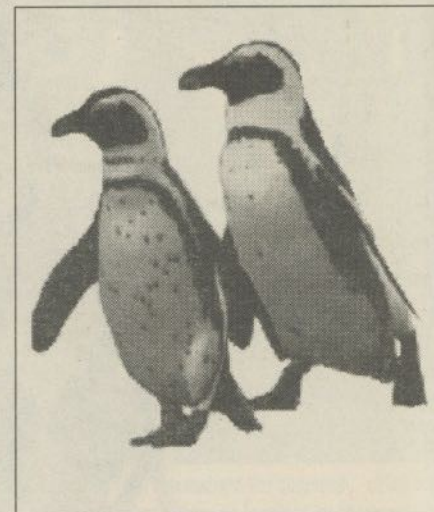
I don't know about you, but I think I'd find that extremely distracting. Particularly the abrupt change in its repertoire. Also, wouldn't it be hard to hear the music half the time? What if it were playing a song you really liked? You'd be torn between listening to the song, and, um, not listening to the song.

Penguin update

Moving on, I see that the German gay penguins have made the headlines for a third week in a row, this time through the lens of the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Inspired by the story of three gay male penguin couples at the Bremerhaven zoo who were targeted (unsuccessfully) for conversion therapy, *Tribune* reporters asked their hometown zookeepers about the sexual orientation of Pittsburgh's penguin residents.

"Our penguins have not exhibited such behavior," reported spokeswoman Rachel Capp. "However, if they did, we would love and accept them just the same." For the record, the German zoo has explained to the outraged international GLBT community that the effort to breed the gay male penguins with Swedish females was out of concern for the breed, which is becoming extinct, and did not imply disrespect for the same-sex relationships.

I was inspired to call up the Austin zoo and find out what our policy would be with regard to poofster penguins. According to Tanya at the zoo, we don't have any penguins of any sexual orientation, although it's possible that two of our leopards might be suspiciously fond of each other. Tanya believes that the fun-loving leopards are just competing for dominance. "It's hard to say that a pair of animals is gay," she says. "But we love our leopards either way."



The story of three German gay penguin couples just won't die.

You're fired!

Do you remember the lesbian who "torched a caravan," as the *Sun* put it, in order to make her ex-girlfriend stop having sex with her new lover? Sarah Metcalfe, 46, has been sentenced to five and a half years behind bars for what the Leeds Crown Court judge called an "appalling" display of alcohol-fueled rage. According to the *Sun*, "drunken Metcalfe flipped when she found ex Katie Wigglesworth making love to Emma Shakeshaft. "Subsequently, "she poured petrol on their duvet 'to frighten them' and set fire to it." The victims both spent weeks in hospital, as the Brits like to call it, and are scarred for life.

I am really running out of patience with these foolhardy British lesbians, their outrageous jealousies, and their complete lack of self control. Hullo! One of these days someone is going to get hurt.

What's in a name?

And finally, speaking of getting hurt, New Jersey's Rutgers University has put a stop to the homophobic and sexist, sandwich names, "Fat Dyke" and "Fat Bitch," that up until now have been available at the campus "grease trucks" run by independent vendors.

"I don't like it. I'm going to lose a lot of business," one vendor told the campus newspaper last week. "These names are attractive to people. They're extraordinary. Besides, they don't complain about the names in [the pizza places on] Easton Ave."

What? He's going to lose business over a name? A Fat Dyke by any other name would taste as sweet, no? And what's going on at the pizza places down on Easton Ave.? What are their offerings called? I'll have the muff diver with pussy Parmesan, and extra anchovies. (Of course.)

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Letters

Suffer the children

We at PFLAG must comment on a federal agency's recent threat that unless a workshop on suicide prevention in Portland, Ore., dropped the words "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender" from its title, it could stand to lose federal grants.

Multiple studies consistently show that the suicide risk factor for young GLBT Americans is three times greater than for their peers. The hostile environment experienced by GLBT youth is the main contributor to the high level of attempted and completed suicide among this group of young people.

We have suffered through legislative attempts to marginalize loved ones. Their lives are put in danger by leaving them out of suicide prevention efforts.

Ron Schlittler/Interim executive director/PFLAG-Houston

Coretta Scott King to speak

I'd like to invite your readers in the North Texas area to attend a special program at the University of North Texas in Denton featuring Coretta Scott King, wife of the legendary civil rights leader. King has remained a human rights leader, carrying a message of nonviolence and tolerance. She founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and continues to be a leader in the civil and human rights movements.

King is scheduled to speak at UNT's 8th annual Diversity Conference, titled "Developing Others to Expand the Journey." King's keynote speech will be at 7 p.m. on Friday in Winspear Hall of the Murchison Performing Arts Center, located along I-35 at North Texas Boulevard on the university's campus. Later that evening, King will be presented with an honorary doctorate from the university.

A few years ago at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change conference, King said, "I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream to make room at the table of brotherhood and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people."

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Dan Emenheiser/Director of Diversity Education
University of North Texas

Thanks for words of support

Note: The following letter was addressed to Houston activist C. Clarence Bagby from Ken Lawrence at KUHT-TV. Bagby had written to praise the station for running an episode featuring a lesbian couple on Postcards from Buster.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I apologize for sending you what is essentially a form letter, but following a large wave of anti-broadcast e-mails and calls, we have been receiving quite a few from viewers who share similar sentiments to yours. I find these a refreshing change of pace. It is unfortunate that this episode has become the center of a contentious dispute, but it is good to know there are viewers who will appreciate our efforts, and I just want to let you know we appreciate your taking the time to write us.

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The Dean decision

2004 presidential contender is what Democrats needed to counter GOP opinion-molders

I haven't written much about the Democratic Party since Election Day. I just never aspired to be an obituary writer.

But up from the Democratic dead floats the political phoenix, Howard Dean, who has risen to the helm of the graveyard known as the Democratic National Committee. As one of the foremost critics of Howard Dean during his ill-fated presidential campaign, it might surprise some people to know I applaud his resurrection as good for Democrats, gay people and America.

In July 2003, I wrote a scathing column, "The Dean Delusion," that predicted a Dean implosion at a time he was riding high as the clear Democratic frontrunner. According to that column:

"Dean seems unable to control his emotions or his mouth on the campaign trail. ... Any honest appraisal will show that Dean so far is a gaffe-prone politician who has shown a penchant for self-destructive comments that may ultimately prove his demise."

My reward for such honesty was a ton of nasty e-mail from Dean sycophants that questioned my political judgment — and worse. Of course, the history books are closed and we all know Dean crashed and burned in Iowa, punctuated by his infamous "scream." I don't mean to gloat or sound prophetic, but pass the swami hat and crystal ball, baby, and let me savor my Nostradamus moment!

Now that my Homer Simpson end zone victory dance is over, let me explain why I now support Dean.

I admire his determination and perseverance. Most politicians would have quietly slipped away and moved to Mozambique after they became a punch line for late-night comics. The next time I expected to see Dean was on VH1's *Where Are They Now?* Or maybe in a decade some rapper might have used his "scream" as a sample in a hip-hop song.

However, while critics were counting on Dean's demise, he was counting the number of ways he could stage a comeback. Following his loss, he

helped raise a whopping \$3.5 million for Democrats across America. He even raised an estimated \$250,000 for a recount in the governor's race in Washington State that led to a Democratic victory.

Dean is clearly a scrappy pit bull, which is exactly what the Democrats need to battle the ruling demagogues in the Republican Party. More than anyone else, I think he will stand up to Republican excess and clearly articulate the difference between the two parties.

During Dean's presidential bid I suggested that he might have an immutable character flaw making him unable to control his emotions:

"At times, Dean seems to suffer from logorrhea — which is defined as the inability to shut up. He has had to offer apologies at least five times in recent months for either reckless statements or for insulting fellow Democratic presidential nominees."

Since I wrote this, I think Dean has shown maturity and the ability to learn from his mistakes. I caught him on television a few times and he appears more thoughtful and deliberative. The big challenge for Dean is to keep energizing the Democratic base by speaking his mind without mindlessly speaking.

In recent months, Dean has also learned to smile and appear more affable on television. His angry-man routine during the Democratic primaries

appealed only to angry people. If voters were generally content, or at least well medicated, Dean's fury fell flat. We can only hope that Dean stays optimistic and remembers that "sunny sells" in American politics.

Dean also has won me over with his loyalty to the gay community. Sure, it was easy for the Vermont governor to support gay rights during the presidential campaign. GLBT people were showering him with money and volunteers.

But how would he react after 11 states passed constitutional amendments prohibiting gay marriage? Would he abandon a minority group that was largely responsible for his mercurial rise as a national figure?

"I was sickened in this election when on the ballot in 11 states, there was an amendment that was completely unnecessary — every single one of those states already outlawed gay marriage," Dean said. "The only reason to put gay marriage on the ballot in those states was to scapegoat a minority that was unpopular in order to win an election."

These are words from a man who clearly understands the value of friendship — something all too rare in politics today.

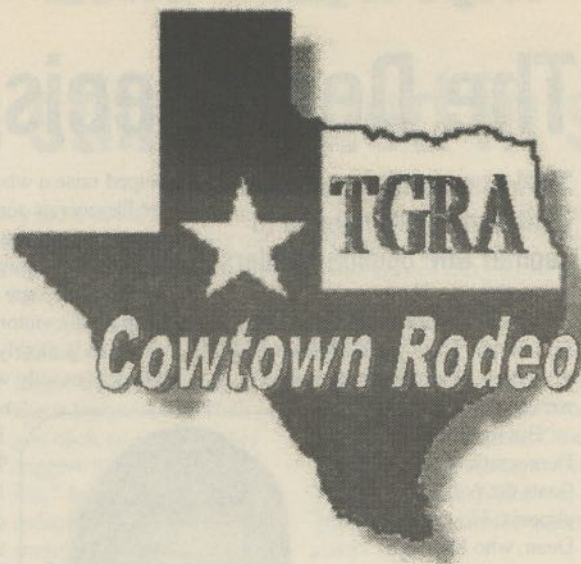
Finally, the charge of Dean being too liberal is a conservative fabrication. As Vermont's governor, he favored guns, tax relief, welfare reform and balanced budgets.

It is too soon to tell if Dean, the ghost who wouldn't fade away, will help or haunt the Democrats. Based on his resilience, personal growth, allegiance and toughness, I believe Dean has earned his shot to lead the Democratic Party.



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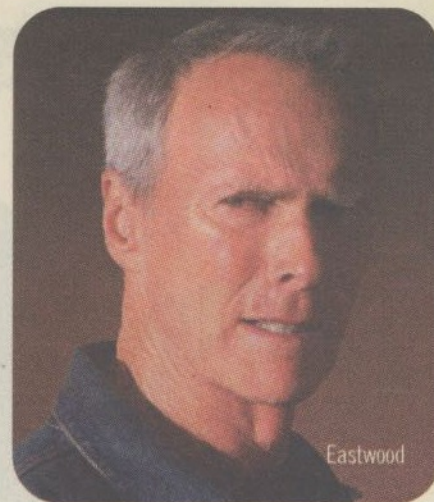
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Gold fever

Who will take the Oscar home on Sunday night?

By Arnold Wayne Jones and Steven Lindsey



Eastwood

The straights have their Super Bowl; for the gays, Oscar Night is the big event of the year — the *competitio di tutti competition*. The glamour, the excitement, the tweezed-and-lipo'ed celebrities so full of Botox their faces register neither disappointment or surprise: *That's* entertainment.

But after three consecutive years of films starring openly gay Ian McKellen carrying the banner for queer culture — as well as the like of GLBT icons Virginia Woolf (*The Hours*), Aileen Wuornos (*Monster*), Frida Kahlo (*Frida*) and John Nash (*A Beautiful Mind*) hogging a lot of the limelight — gays are harder to find this year at the Oscars than at the Republican National Convention. Case in point: Two years ago, five of the 10 screenplay nominees featured prominent gay characters and themes; this year, none do.

But even this kind of slight can't dim our enthusiasm for the Academy Awards. We'll be there with our scorecards, ready to cheer on our favorites.

Before they walk down the red carpet, though, *TXT Newsmagazine's* resident film critics, Steven Lindsey and Arnold Wayne Jones, weigh in on their picks for the major prizes — and who the Academy might chose despite their best advice.

ON AIR

77th Annual Academy Awards

Hosted by Chris Rock. Ceremony broadcast on ABC, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m., with pre-award shows on various cable and network stations throughout the day.

Best Picture: Lindsey and Jones's picks: *Million Dollar Baby*; likely winner: *The Aviator*

Despite its morbidly depressing twists, *Baby* is arguably a feel-good movie. Yes, Swank's performance as the world's most positive, committed, honest, down-on-her-luck-waitress-turned-boxer is as inspirational as its heart- (and nose-) breaking boss. With Eastwood's performance *and* direction, and a terrific turn by Morgan Freeman, *Million Dollar Baby* is the perfect film to cheer for in the theaters and on Oscar Night.

But the boxing movie has a worthy rival in *The Aviator* from out screenwriter John Logan. The story of Howard Hughes is poised

to knock out *Baby* when all is said and done — though neither will be down for the count until that envelope is opened. — *SL*

Best Director: Lindsey's pick: Clint Eastwood, *Million Dollar Baby*; Jones's pick: Martin Scorsese, *The Aviator*; likely winner: Scorsese

The Aviator is an interesting failure of a film, but you can't slight Scorsese's direction. And I'm not afraid to admit that Scorsese deserves this win if only for having *not* gotten it for *Gangs of New York*. Or *Goodfellas*. Or — you get the idea. He's a master craftsman, whose camerawork and sweep of ideas and imagery are dazzling.

Eastwood might be the anti-Scorsese: Understated and close to the chest. Both heartily deserve it, but only one will likely win, and Hollywood sentiment has already kissed Eastwood for *Unforgiven*. But don't be surprised if either name is called. — *AWJ*

Best Actor: Lindsey's pick: Johnny Depp, *Finding Neverland*; Jones's pick: Don Cheadle, *Hotel Rwanda*; likely winner: Jamie Foxx, *Ray*

There really is no chance that Depp will take home the statuette, but if any actor in Hollywood consistently impresses and improves with each successive performance, it's this sexy, scissor-handed, eye-patched chameleon. On the opposite end of the spectrum is Cheadle's quietly heroic portrayal of hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina. If this first-time nominee wins, it will certainly be an upset, but a well-deserved victory nonetheless.

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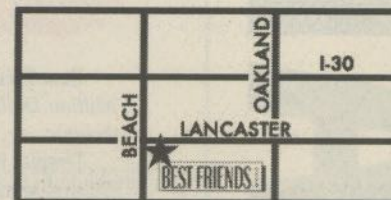
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wisdom points to Foxx, whose spot-on reincarnation of Ray Charles will send him home with a blank check from Hollywood for anything he ever wants to do. Perhaps a Wanda movie? — *SL*

Best Actress: Lindsey's pick: Hilary Swank, *Million Dollar Baby*; Jones's pick: Annette Bening, *Being Julia*; likely winner: Swank

Comparing apples and oranges is hard enough — how do you compare apples and oranges and watermelons? That's what it's like choosing between the three frontrunners in this race. Imelda Staunton's Vera Drake may be the finest-tuned of the lot, but Bening shines as only she can. Her grandly theatrical turn as an actress in love with her own overly dramatic life is playful, spidery, wildly comic when it needs to be but heartfelt at just the right moments.

Swank's voracious performance as a female boxer certainly puts more passion on



the screen, which will likely sway voters. But Bening *is* her movie — a star playing a star as only a star can: marvelously. She's ready for her close-up, Mr. DeMille. — *AWJ*

Best Supporting Actor: Lindsey's pick: Clive Owen, *Closer*; Jones's pick: Morgan Freeman, *Million Dollar Baby*; likely winner: Freeman

It takes skill — and guts — to steal the spotlight from a megawatt star like Julia Roberts and ubiquitous above-the-marquee wannabe Jude Law, yet that's exactly what Owen did in this divisive, sexually volatile film. The momentary gasp heard throughout theaters when it seemed he was having a cyber affair with Law was as titillating as it was disappointingly unfulfilled.

But there's no mistaking the masculinity of Freeman: Whether he's shining as a seasoned detective or driving Jessica Tandy around town, he's almost always best when

he's the film's moral center. His one-eyed wonder is the perfect foil for a prickly Eastwood and the most logical winner of the Academy Award. But who ever said the Academy was logical? — *SL*

Best Supporting Actress: Lindsey and Jones's picks: Laura Linney, *Kinsey*; likely winner: Cate Blanchett, *The Aviator*

Blanchett's impersonation of Katharine Hepburn is so eerily dead-on you'll either love it or hate it, and the Academy clearly loves it. (That she's also one of the most respected actresses in Hollywood doesn't hurt.) But Linney's frumpy turn as the supportive but overwhelmed wife of sex researcher Alfred Kinsey is not only fiercely egoless, it's also one of the most complex portrayals of middle-aged womanhood yet conceived for an actress. You believe every second of her performance. — *AWJ*

Best Animated Feature: *The Incredibles* (it's unanimous)

Sure, *Shrek 2*'s Big Green One is at times outrageously funny and the deadly fish of *Shark Tale* have plenty of bite, but it's the surprisingly dark, realistically grounded family dynamics of *The Incredibles* that make for the most memorable toon of the year. Any animated film with the derring-do to feature an attempted suicide and multiple murders is not a typical boo-hoo-they-shot-Bambi's-mom trip through Technicolor Tinseltown. Brilliantly crafted, biting witty and unbelievably suspenseful, *The Incredibles* the family that fights crime together deserves to win together. — *SL*



Linney

nominees



Oscar nominees in major categories

Picture: *The Aviator*; *Finding Neverland*; *Million Dollar Baby*; *Ray*; *Sideways*

Director: Clint Eastwood, *Million Dollar Baby*; Taylor Hackford, *Ray*; Mike Leigh, *Vera Drake*; Alexander Payne, *Sideways*; Martin Scorsese, *The Aviator*

Actor: Don Cheadle, *Hotel Rwanda*; Johnny Depp, *Finding Neverland*; Leonardo DiCaprio, *The Aviator*; Clint Eastwood, *Million Dollar Baby*; Jamie Foxx, *Ray*

Actress: Annette Bening, *Being Julia*; Catalina Sandino Moreno, *Maria Full of Grace*; Imelda Staunton, *Vera Drake*; Hilary Swank, *Million Dollar Baby*; Kate Winslet, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

Supporting Actor: Alan Alda, *The Aviator*; Thomas Haden Church, *Sideways*; Jamie Foxx, *Collateral*; Morgan Freeman, *Million Dollar Baby*; Clive Owen, *Closer*

Supporting Actress: Cate Blanchett, *The Aviator*; Laura Linney, *Kinsey*; Virginia Madsen, *Sideways*; Sophie Okonedo, *Hotel Rwanda*; Natalie Portman, *Closer*

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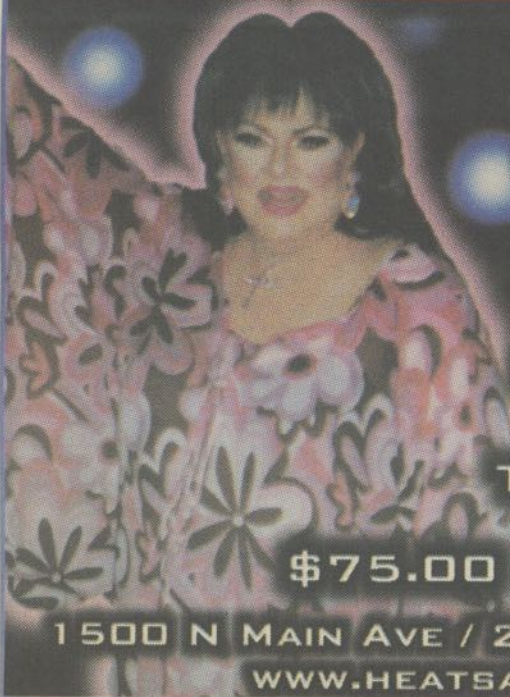
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Theater

By Steven Lindsey

The vagina dialogues

Girl Meets Girl brings nudity — and lots of lesbians — to the Dallas stage

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If Dallas has an equivalent to off-off-off Off Broadway, it's Teatro Dallas. The theater is tucked away in a dark little neighborhood in the same strip center as the Dallas Spine Center, so it should go without saying that this isn't exactly the city's arts district. The stage is six feet from the door and you must walk across it to get to the bathroom, which is shared by the cast and crew. There is no will-call box. No valet parking. And, sadly, no cash bar.

Yet it's local gems like this that have the spunk to push the boundaries and bring much-needed vivacity to the often bland, safe theater scene in our sometimes-conservative Texas cities. And if bouncing breasts and freshly groomed vaginas don't make you sit up and take notice, perhaps nothing will.

Think of *Girl Meets Girl* as the stage version of *The L Word*. Both feature complicated women who love to talk things to death and neither is afraid to show a little skin. The play focuses on the lives of six friends and how drastically their lives change after Anita (Carolyn Anhalt) falls in love with Annie (Patricia Rose), a stripper/sex worker/photographer hired to perform at Anita's surprise 40th birthday party.

Completing the circle of lesbians are Glory (Nicole Holt), an ex-hippie who's in love with Bud (Lindsey Lanzisero), a student who's sleeping with her professor, Lois (Keisha Henderson), who's in a committed relationship with Kim (Sabrena Plenty). In between, there's a very buxom blow-up doll.

There are so many "golly, lesbians sure shack up quick" jokes and herbal-tea-and-patchouli stereotypes that the genuinely funny moments are diluted. The plot is linear but complicated and outrageous enough to almost achieve joyful farce status.

The play tries too hard to create scenes of

heartfelt, angst-ridden emotion among uncomfortably hilarious scenes of workplace masturbation and nude photo shoots. If it focused more on the comedy and left the drama for Lifetime, it could be a raucously jubilant show from start to finish. As it is now, it's merely peppered with glee.

The biggest thrill of *Girl Meets Girl* is, as it should be, in the performances. Each actor has such fun with her role that it's impossible not to smile along as we watch them drink from empty glasses sitting among imaginary props and the one that should've been left that way: a single door that forever distracts as they struggle to keep it closed. And while it's hard to single out one among the well-rounded ensemble cast, it's Lanzisero who is most impressive (though they all have moments of unadulterated glory).

The director is Ronnie Larsen, a talented, self-proclaimed "pure-white-gay-American-trash" playwright known for nudity-laced productions such as *Making Porn*. The script is by Craig Fox and Sally Stover, whose names are conspicuously missing from the program. Sure, some of their dialogue is trite, recycled and clichéd, but that's no reason to pretend they don't exist.

That damned door, on the other hand, would be a welcome omission.

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By Billy Masters

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Drea de Matteo admits to a little gay lovin'. And does Sizemore really matter?

I love writing to you from the comforts of the friendly skies. Yes, Billy is returning from his birthday festivities in South Beach. A special thank you to Jade promoter **Edison Farrow**, who went all out, complete with a huge cake (which I rightly suspected most of the boys would not eat).

Someone observed that I celebrated my birthday last year interviewing **Reichen** from *The Amazing Race* on the West Coast. This year, I was doing a show on the opposite coast when I spotted Reichen's ex, **Chip Arndt**, make his way through the crowd with a bag of goodies. Throw in *The Ironworks*'



Sizemore

sexy proprietor, **David Sexton**, fabu drag divas **Daisy D** and **Ebonee Excell** and the phenomenal vocal stylings of **Nadeen Holloway**, and it was a perfect evening.

A special shout-out to the Elysium Resort in Fort Lauderdale for squeezing me in and showing me a good time. I have to say that the attention to detail at this clothing-optional guesthouse was impressive — and you know how picky I can be! Check out ElysiumResort.net if you're heading to Fort Lauderdale.

I love starting a column with a couple of penis stories. Actor **Tom Sizemore** had another run-in with the law — and this time, a fake penis was involved. As part of his probation stemming from charges of crystal meth possession and beating **Heidi Fleiss** (not at the same time), he had to undergo random drug testing.

Sizemore recently asked permission to leave the country and shoot a movie in Cambodia (which, apparently, is the new Canada). The judge ruled that Tom could go if he passed drug testing every day prior to his

trip.

On the first day, Sizemore had sewn into his boxers a fake penis that dispensed drug-free urine kept warm via a heating pad. This little charade was not successful — shocking! A real drug test that day, and the next two days, came back positive for methamphetamine. In Sizemore's defense, it's hard to pull off even a *good* idea when you're high as a kite.

Tom may have gotten his fake penis on the Internet (at Whizzinator.com), but he probably could have gotten a real one in Sweden. According to reports, **Viktorija Ed** bought a bottle of Godegaarden ketchup (which is made in Turkey) because she was cooking hamburgers for her family.

After her hubby and children had already used the ketchup, Viktorija was having trouble getting any out of the bottle. That's when she discovered what was blocking the entrance: yup, a human penis. No word on where the penis came from or how it got into the bottle.

To me, it sounds like a brilliant marketing strategy, like getting a prize in each box of Cracker Jacks. But Viktorija has vowed, "I will never buy this brand again!"

ABBA finally reunited! Well, kinda. **Benny, Bjorn, Anni-Frid** and **Agnetha** all attended the Stockholm premiere of *Mamma Mia*. We don't know if they actually spoke, since they sat in different parts of the auditorium, but who knows what happens behind closed doors.

This week's first "Ask Billy" question comes from Larry in Seattle, who asks: "Is it true that **The Rock** had plastic surgery? If so, what has he had done? He's got an amazing body."

The Rock, also known as **Dwayne Johnson**, has admitted to having liposuction on his pecs. Apparently, he got a bit "loose" in the breast area and decided to tighten it up. Far be it from me to point out that a frequent side effect of steroid use is the condition col-

loquially called "bitch tits," which can be rectified — you guessed it — by lipo to the chest.

The next question brings up a name I hadn't heard in a very long time. Jeremy in St. Louis wonders: "Whatever happened to **Randy Becker**? He was adorable in *Love! Valour! Compassion!* and *Lie Down with Dogs*. Is he still acting? Hot? Gay?"

I haven't thought of Randy in years, so this one required a bit of digging. But you did bring back memories — good and bad. I saw Randy twice in the Broadway production of *LVC*, once with Nathan Lane and once with Mario Cantone. He was stunning (Randy, that is); although somewhat limited in the acting (or even speaking) department. He was significantly better in the film version of the hit play.

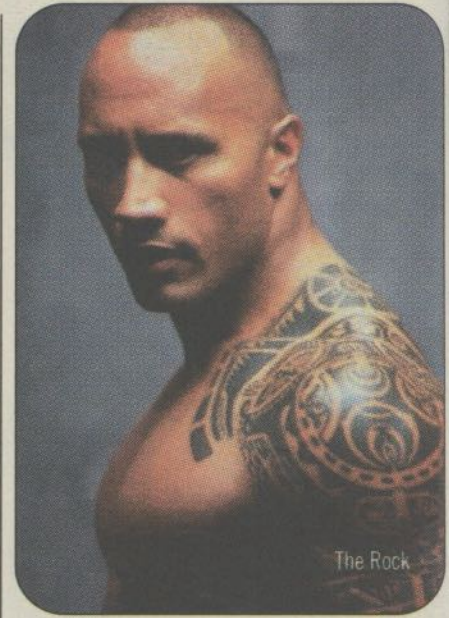
Lie Down With Dogs was one of the most abysmal films I've ever seen, so let's skip that.

Randy has matured nicely and still retains a body to die for. He's found a niche playing these sexy gay boys, most recently in *The Deviants*, where his memorable scene is trying to suck his own cock (sorry to be graphic, but sometimes you just gotta say it like it is). I came up with photos of Randy in that very scene, so you can check them out at Filth2Go.com.

Could it be that the closet door is creeping open on NBC's struggling sitcom *Joey*? Yup, but it's not who you think. In fact, it's not even your second guess. **Drea de Matteo** has revealed that she has enjoyed the company of women in the Sapphic sense.

In an interview with Britain's *Daily Sport*, Drea said, "I love men and they're who I go out with. But every now and then — well, I can't say I've never been with a woman." Good for you! Now that we've got the ball rolling...

Could it be that a certain actor is dancing around the same topic and looking for his light? So say sources close to the sudsy sod,



The Rock

who tell me that he's examining every option for publicity. Now that he's got a second job and loving it (for the first time in a decade), he thinks the time is right to go public and become the poster boy for gay actors everywhere. Unfortunately, it wouldn't be news to anyone in the business, and no one outside the business cares (or nose who he is).

When I have you wondering if I made a typo in the previous sentence (I didn't), it's definitely time to end yet another column. I'm in Boston this week while Big Mama Masters gets her hip replaced. Bad hips run in her family; bad knees run on daddy's side. I don't have a prayer — in 10 years, I'll probably be half bionic or fembot! And I'll probably still be writing this column from my wheelchair — and happy to answer your questions.

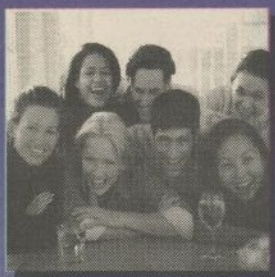
Feel free to send your most intimate requests to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I figure out how to get my penis into a bottle of ketchup (I'm gonna need one with a wider mouth)!

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



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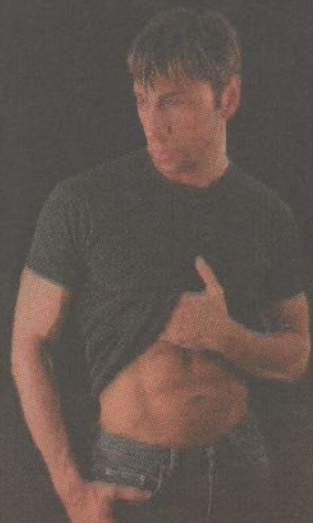
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Love can conquer a lack of monogamy — if both parties consent

Dear Howard,

I've been in a relationship for four years. My lover and I had sex together several times a week the first year. That became having a *ménage-a-trois* with someone we picked up together in the second year, followed by each of us picking up someone separately by the third year, which descended into neither of us having sex with each other at all anymore now. Randy and I still love each other deeply, but is it normal not to have sex with each other?

Randy's Namby Pamby

Don't sweat it. You're still together, you

still love each other. Obviously, something deeper is at work here beyond raw animal sex. In fact, I congratulate you both on making it work for just three years — that's like three decades in Straightland. Besides, whoever thought up monogamy for a lifetime is insane. No other animals practice it, with the possible exception of swans. Enjoy your company together, and you'll last a lifetime happy with that.

Dear Howard,

I was vacationing with my boyfriend in Barbados when for some reason he decided we were in Bogotá. We were leaving a restaurant our first night there and by the side of the road were some vendors selling coconut shell trinkets. Will just walked right up to them and said, "I know you boys don't make a living selling sea shells by the seashore, so how much for a gram of the real stuff? And I don't mean coconut meat." I was sure we'd get arrested, but of course Will was right. They weren't selling seashells by the seashore. Am I naïve, or was Will brazen?

Joy Boy

Both. Strange that neither of you seemed overly concerned about the illegal aspects of

your purchase, especially considering that you were in a foreign country and all. Be it Bogotá, Barbados or Bourbon Street, I would be very wary about partaking of any recreational delights that don't involve a cash register or the privacy of your own home — you just never want to have to make that Monday morning phone call to a lawyer. Trust me.

Dear Howard,

A friend of mine (a real witch) went on vacation and I offered to keep her dog, Gucci, while she was away. I love dogs and mine recently got run over. Gucci is one of those little dogs that has a permanent clump of bangs in her eyes, which I sought to remedy.

What started out as a short trim turned into a Mohawk. My friend showed up, and in a panic, I lied and said the neighbor kid did it. Miraculously, my friend believed me and vowed she'd get revenge for "Gucci's lost honor." Now, the neighbor kid's dog is missing. Should I say anything, and, if so, to whom?

Mohawk Moron

To whom indeed — the police? What in the world were you thinking to have picked a witch who named her dog Gucci to be your

friend in the first place? Take the neighbor kid to the pound and let him/her pick out a new dog. Gucci ain't never comin' back, and neither is the neighbor dog.

Dear Howard,

I've been in love with a guy for the past two years, although he thinks I just want to keep it at friendship. It's all I can do not to make a move on him whenever we're together. He's gay too, but here's the problem: he's 16, I'm over 20. I know he's had sex with other guys before, and I think he may be attracted to me as well, but what if I'm just reading the signals wrong?

Adonis Gazer

No territory is more fraught with potentially ruinous landmines than sex with a minor. The age of consent in Texas is 17, meaning there is no such thing as consensual sex between someone your age and a 16 year old. Run in the other direction, and fast.

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Rude Mechanicals presents *Single Wet Female*, written and performed by Carmelita Tropicana and Marga Gomez. Through Feb. 26. 8 p.m. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo St. 512-476-RUDE. Rudemechs.com.

Zachary Scott Theatre presents *Aida*, through April 3. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. \$34-\$37. Kleberg Stage, 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541, ext. 1. Zachscott.com.

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Contemporary Theater of Dallas presents *Far East*, through March 5. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. \$18. 5601 Sears. 214-828-0094.

Dallas Theater Center presents *The Violet Hour*, through March 20. Kalita Humphries Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 214-522-6499. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

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Kitchen Dog Theatre presents *The Dead Monkey*, through March 12. McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1212. KitchenDogTheater.org.

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Stage West presents *Cherry Docs*, through March 13. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$28. Community Arts Center's Sanders Theatre, 1300 Gendy St. in Ft Worth. 817-784-9378.

Teatro Dallas presents *Girl Meets Girl*, through March 13. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. \$20-\$25. 1331 Record Crossing Road. 800-965-4827.

Texas Women's University presents *Amadeus*, through Feb. 26. 7:30 p.m. TWU's Thad Smotherman Theatre, Binkley and Ave. E, Denton. 817-531-5866.

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Uptown Players presents *A Man Of No Importance*, through March 6. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. \$22-25. 214-219-2718.

West End Comedy Theatre presents *ComedySportz Dallas*, 7:30 p.m. \$15. *Pavlov's Dogs*, 9:30 p.m. \$10. *The STD's*, 11 p.m. \$10. *Midnite Rush*, 12 midnight, \$10. 603 Munger Ave. Suite 100B. 214-880-9990. WestendComedy.com.

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Society for the Performing Arts presents Martha Graham Dance Company. 713-227-4-SPA.

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Saturday, February 26

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ALLGO presents *Queeruption!* Transgender People of Color Community Gathering, led by Yoseñio V. Lewis. 12 noon-5 p.m. ALLGO's Community Room, 701 Tillery St. Free, with lunch provided. 512-472-2001, ext. 108. Allgo.org.

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.

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Leather Knights presents *Kinsey Sicks*, benefiting the AIDS Interfaith Network. 8 p.m. \$35. Lakewood Theatre, 1825 Abrams Parkway. 214-943-4444, ext. 212.

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. Potluck dinner at a private residence, 6 p.m.

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

Family Pride Coalition presents its first-ever Texas LGBT Family Conference. \$35 per family, with an additional \$10 fee per youth for Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, includes breakfast, a box lunch, workshops, child care, the advocacy panel, and the Family Dance and a one-year membership to the Family Pride Coalition. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. 202-331-5015. FamilyPride.org.

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band presents its 25th anniversary concert with guest conductor Cathy Brown, Artistic Director of the North Texas Symphony Orchestra and Conductor of the Cathedral Of Hope Orchestra. 8 p.m. \$2-\$8. Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois.

HOUSTON

Conspirare, Craig Hella Johnson and Company of Voices present *Conversations from Opposite Sides of the Room (Mirror Images)*, 8 p.m. Christ the King Evangelical



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

Lutheran, 2353 Rice Blvd. 512-476-5775.
Conspirare.org.

Houston Outdoor Group presents a tour of the Messina Hof Winery tour. Meet at Dave and Milton's house. 8 a.m. \$5. 713-868-7991.

It's The Dyke Show! Open Mic with comedian Nancy Ford. 9 p.m.-12 midnight. Club 1415, 1415 California. 713-961-2867.

Night in Black Leather. 7 p.m. Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. 713-759-9606.

Pride Houston volunteer interest meetings. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 1415 California, Suite 110. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org/volunteer/.

Society for the Performing Arts presents Vienna Choir Boys. Wortham Center. 713-227-4-SPA. Spahouston.org.

Tony Carroll, LCSW presents Looking for Mr. Right? seminar for single gay men. Through Feb. 27. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$125. 713-527-0000. HoustonTherapist.com.

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

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.

Sunday, February 27

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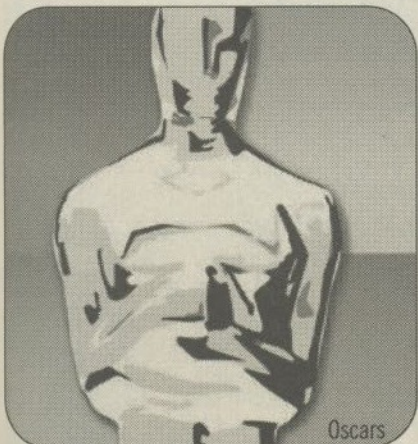
Austin Film Festival's Oscar Party benefits Austin Film Festival's Young Filmmakers Program. Ranch. 6:30 p.m. \$75-\$600. 616 Nueces St. 512-478-4795.

Congregation Agudas Achim presents Sue Bilich in Music is Good Therapy: An Afternoon of Cabaret Songs. 3 p.m. Dell Campus, Hart Lane. 512-452-4049.

Conspirare, Craig Hella Johnson and Company of Voices present Conversations from Opposite Sides of the Room (Mirror Images). 2:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa. \$20-\$25. 512-476-5775. Conspirare.org.

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Immigration Equality. 5 p.m. 214-320-5550. Immigrationequalitydfw.org



Jazz for Peace concert benefits Animal Guardians of America. 7 p.m. \$25. Citizen, 3858 Oak Lawn. 214-522-7253. Jazzforpeace.org.

Leathermen cookout. 4-7 p.m. Corral Club, 621 Hemphill, Ft. Worth.

Lesbianas Latinas. 4 p.m. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-890-6976.

Lutherans Concerned (GLBT affirming Lutherans). 7 p.m. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway. 214-855-4998.

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

Houston Gay Lesbian Film Festival presents its 7th Annual Academy Awards Viewing Party, hosted by Ernie Manouse. 6:30 p.m. \$10. Landmark River Oaks Theatre, 2009 W. Gray. Hglff.org.

Lone Star Volleyball Association open play, 4-9 p.m. Willowbrook Sports Complex, 12539 Perry Rd. 832-723-6866. Lsva.org.

Montrose Softball League Recruitment Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Memorial Park, Fields 4 and 5. Rain date: March 6. 713-867-3913. Montrosetsoftballleague.com.

Mr. Michael's Outpost Contest 2005, with Jamie Roberts. 1419 Richmond Ave. 713-520-8446.

Museum of Fine Arts Houston exhibits Raphael Sanzio's La Fornarina (c. 1520), through April 17. 5601 Main St. 713-639-7550. Mfah.org.

SAN ANTONIO

Bermuda Triangle screens The L Word. 9-10 p.m. 119 El Mio. 210-342-2276.

Monday, February 28

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Keyska's Divas features Keyska Diva, Satine and Nadine. 12 midnight. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

BookPeople presents Shirley Paperback and Rosey Reads!ot's Hardcover for Hardbodies II: Literary Self Defense Workshop. 7 p.m. 603 N. Lamar Blvd. 512-472-5050. Events@bookpeople.com.

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

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

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Lesbian Health Initiative. 6:30 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th Church. 713-603-0023. Lhihouston.org.

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

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

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Midweek Movie Mixer presents L.I.E. 6-9 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Diversity Center Marketing and Fundraising Team Meeting. 7-9 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.



Wednesday, March 2

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Austin Rainbow Parents general parenting support. 6:30-8 p.m. Dawn, Leza, DJ and Andrew's home. leza@austinrainbowparents.org.

Performing Arts Center presents Martha Graham Dance Company. University of Texas. 1-800-731-7469. Utpac.org.

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

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Fusion Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Resource Center of Dallas. 214-521-5124. Rcd.org.

Risk Theater Initiative presents Marisol, through March 5. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Bath House Cultural Center, 5221 E. Lawther Dr. 972-943-8915. Risktheinitiative.com.

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

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

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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 Genesee. 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.

South Beach presents Café Con Leche, noche Latina with a Miami Beach twist, with DJ Cubanito. 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

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In The Lime Light, "A San Antonio GLBT Foreign Film Festival" committee. 7-8 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Thursday, March 3

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Foodies — women who love women who love food. 8 p.m. \$25. BYOB. Ararat Middle East Restaurant, 111 E. North Loop Blvd. 512-419-1692. RSVP: beatsagogo@aol.com.

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

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2004/2005 Hall Series presents Chanticleer, an Orchestra of Voices. 8 p.m. Bass Performance Hall, 4th and Calhoun in Ft. Worth. 877-212-4280. Basshall.com.

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

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

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Alley Theatre presents Act Out at the Alley, followed by a performance of The Crucible. 5:30 p.m. Mingalona Italian Bar & Grill, 500 Texas. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.org.

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

DiverseWorks presents Daniel Adame, through March 5. 1117 East Freeway. 713-223-8346. Diverseworks.org.

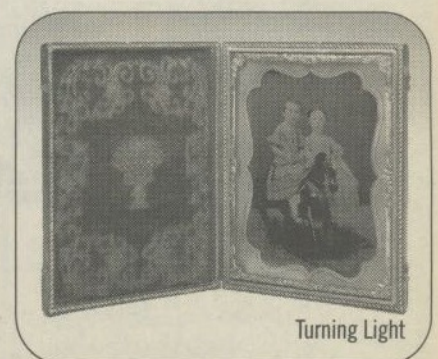
Houston Ballet presents Rock, Roll and Tutus, through March 6. Wortham Theater Center. 713-227-ARTS. Houstonballet.org.

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

San Antonio Gender Association. 6-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106.

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



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February 25—March 3, 2005



Pisces

The sun conjunct Uranus brings wild surprises and inspirations to light. This line-up in Pisces will make those surprises especially mystical, artistic, and otherworldly.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Let one of your more spiritual friends take you to church, synagogue, mosque, Wiccan circle, seance or whatever. It won't lead you to any conversion, but you will gain new perspectives so that you can reconsider your ideals.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

What does success really mean to you? Think about it long and hard — the answer may surprise you. A shock from your boss is likely to be a blessing in disguise. Be ready for new opportunities in unexpected directions.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Your mouth is likely to get you into trouble, but you're used to that. Try keeping your ears and mind open, instead of your mouth — what you stand to learn can start you thinking in radically new ways.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

This is a great time for you and a lover to explore new erotic adventures, and all kinds of barriers may fall. Double-check your safety precautions, from standard prophylaxis to safe words. Don't be shy, just be careful!

LEO — July 23-August 22

Recent weirdness in your relationship — or weirdness in not having one — is coming to a head. It's time to get clear about what's going on. Even if things get briefly ugly, they will definitely improve in the long run.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

See a doctor, acupuncturist or other health practitioner right now. There's probably nothing seriously wrong, but any lingering (or normally invisible) problems are now easiest to identify and solve.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Take in the strangest show you can find. Open your mind to consider the most preposterous artistic notions you can expose yourself to and you'll find your own creative abilities stimulated in directions that will amaze you.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

If your home life was ever normal, it won't be now. Plumbing, foundations and parents can offer very rude surprises. But they're easier to deal with now than later. Community involvement offers unusual rewards.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Your mouth is further ahead of your brain than usual, and your brain seems to be meandering along some very odd paths. Enjoy whimsy, magic, music and art. Leave any mathematical or logical efforts for later.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

You like your accounts in perfect order, but they rarely work out so well. Any glitches and surprises become clearer now, probably with happy outcomes. Rethinking your priorities can also turn up some interesting twists.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Your favorite hobby (re-inventing yourself) suddenly presents a crisis with startling possibilities. Letting go of control and admitting what you don't know — your two least favorite things — open you to greater knowledge.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Deep in the murkiest depths of your soul, like some aquatic creature, there is a profound revelation offering both illumination and shock. Take time out for quiet meditation to get more enlightenment.

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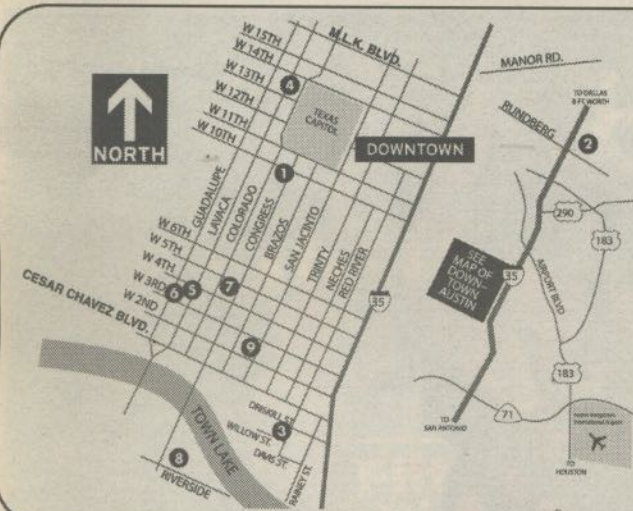
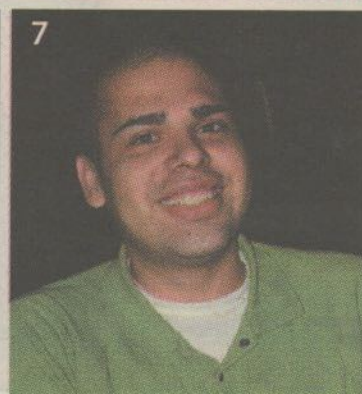
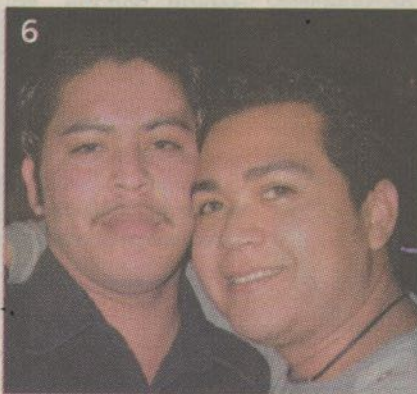
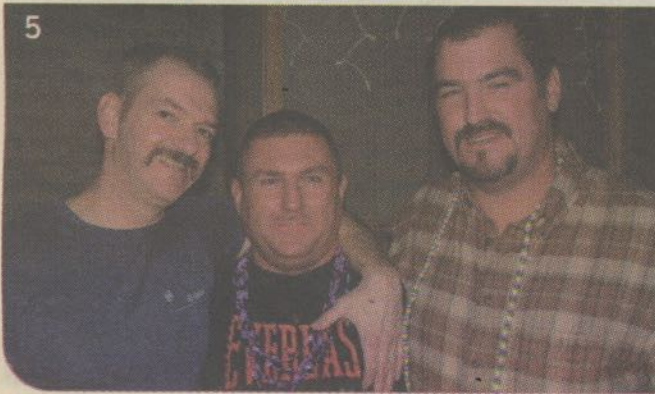


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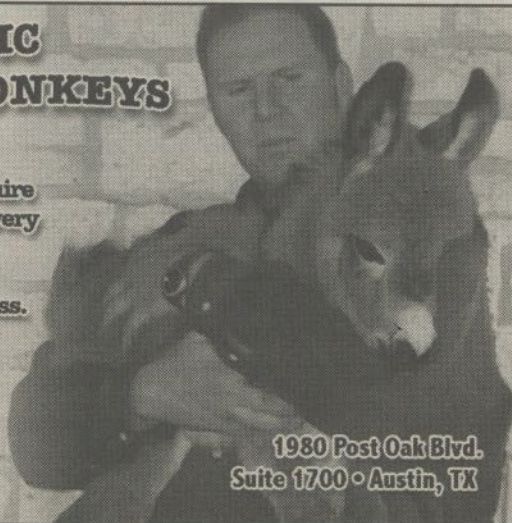
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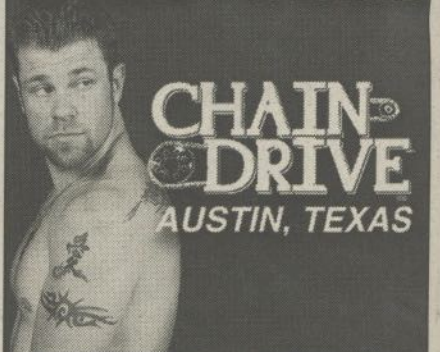
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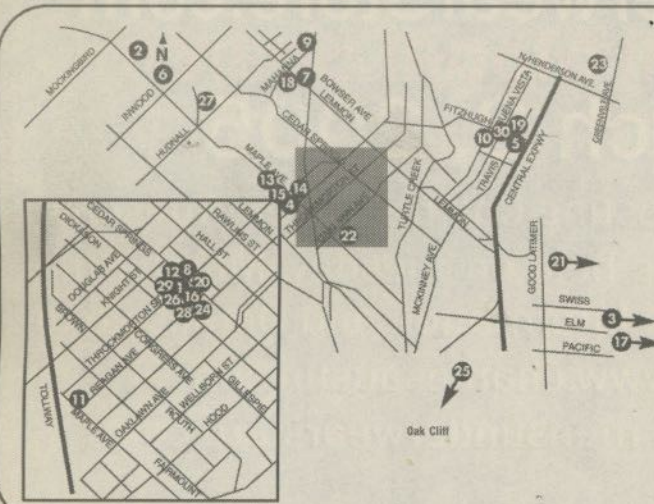
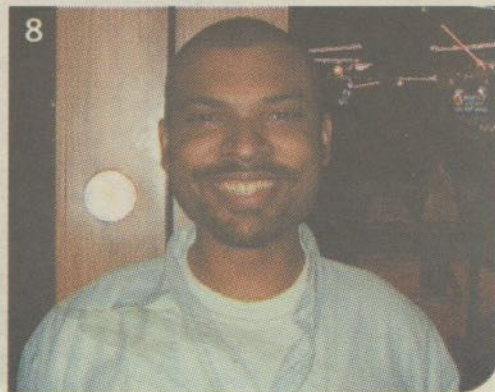
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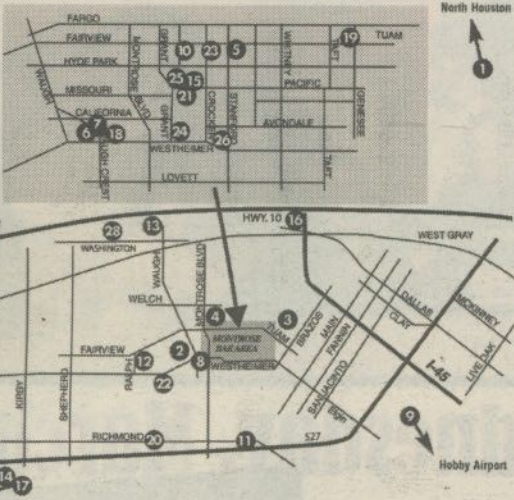
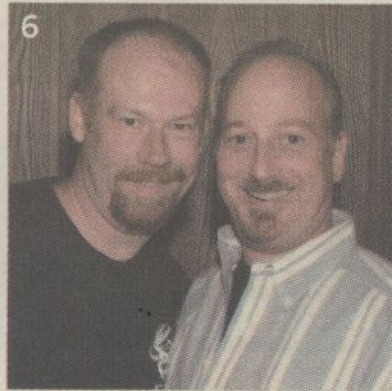
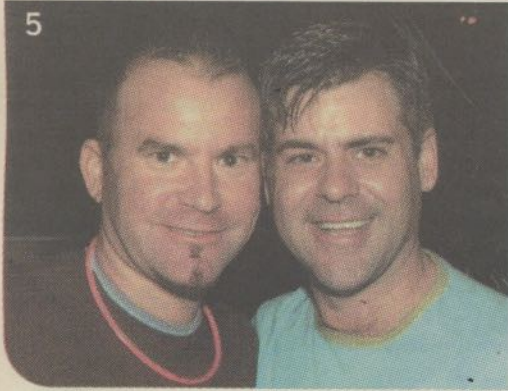
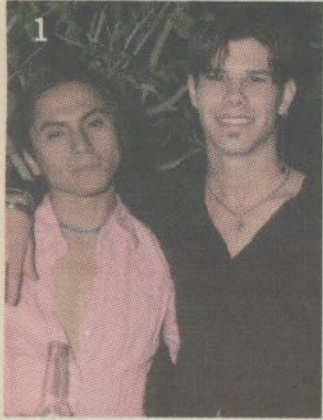


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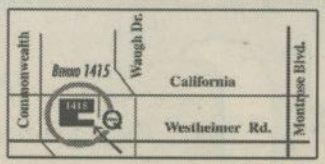
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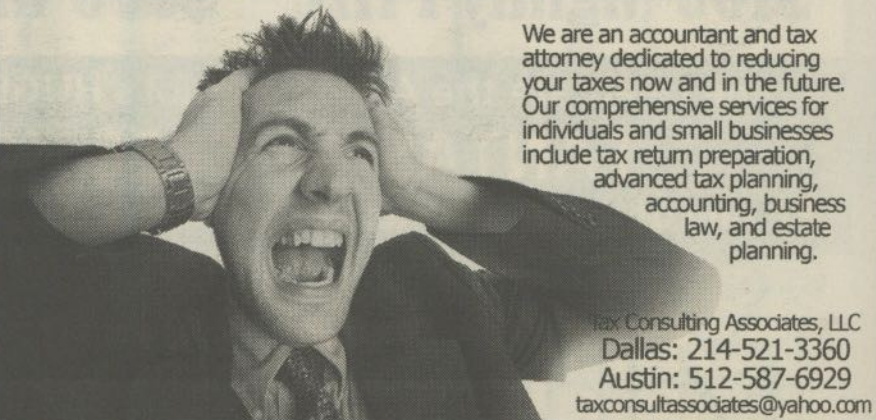
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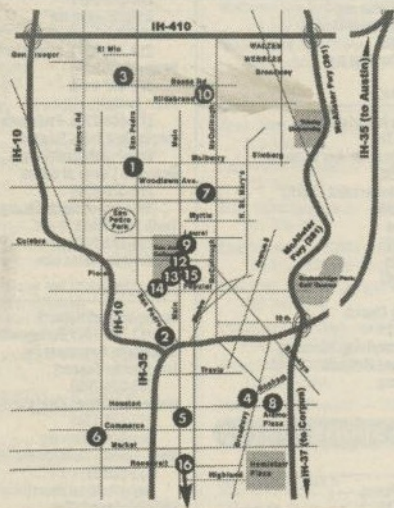
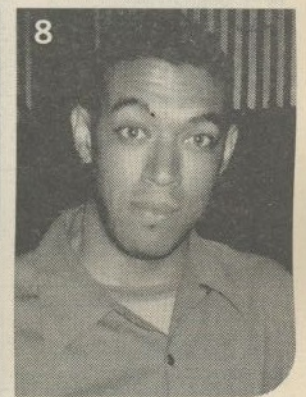
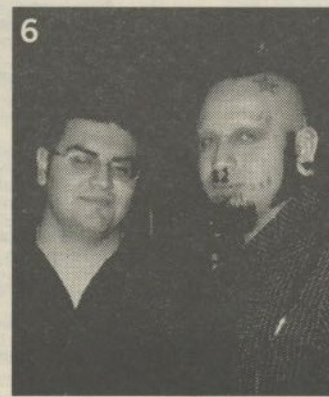
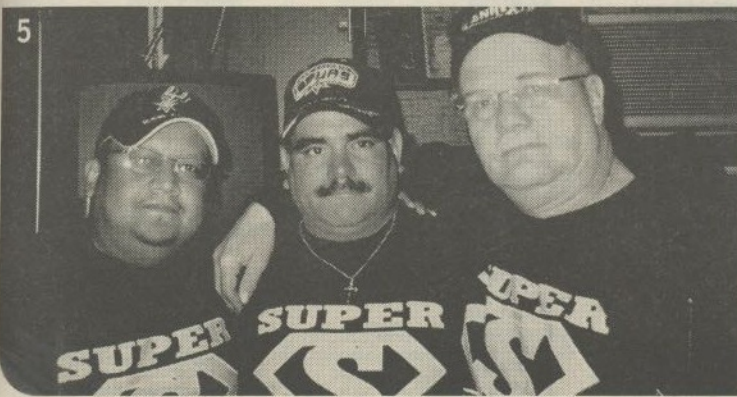
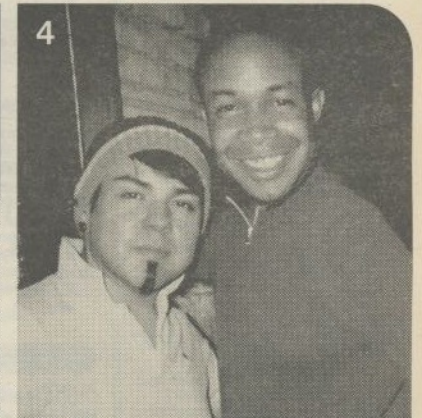
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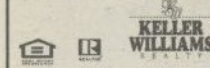
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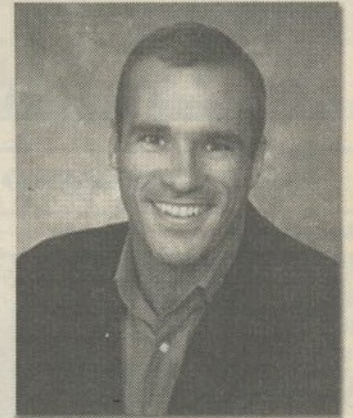
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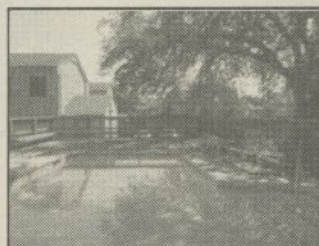


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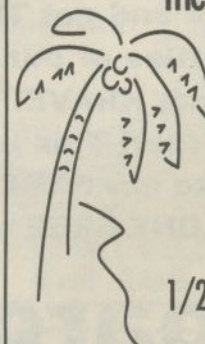
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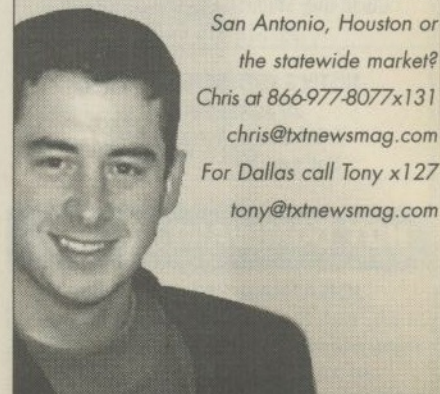
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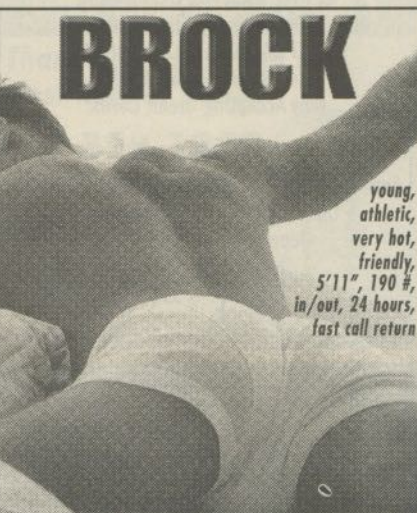
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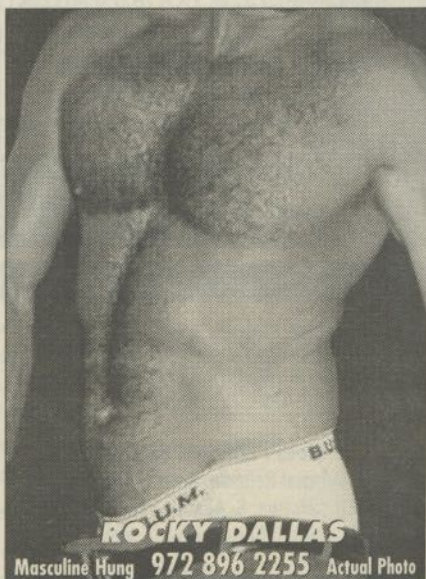


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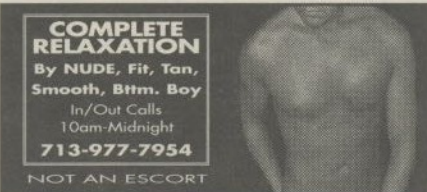
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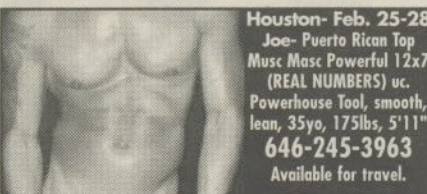
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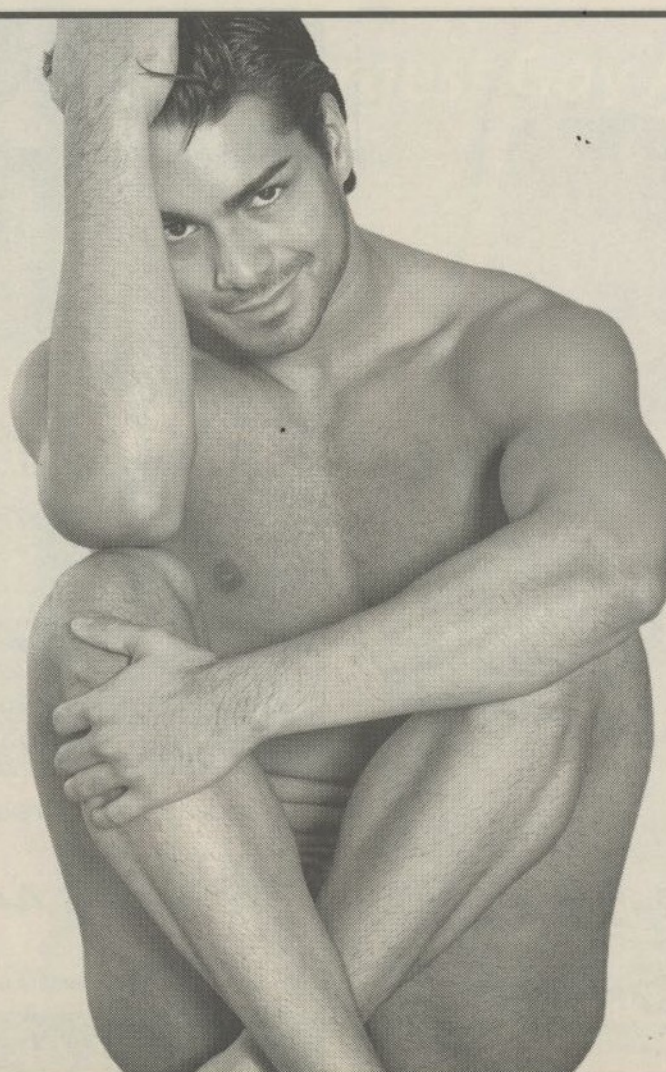
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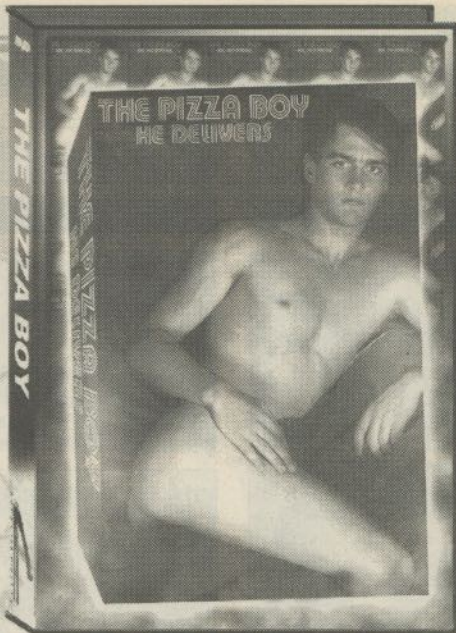
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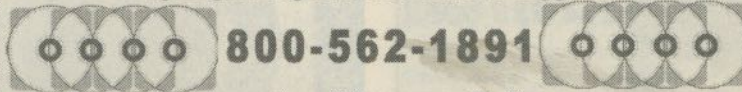


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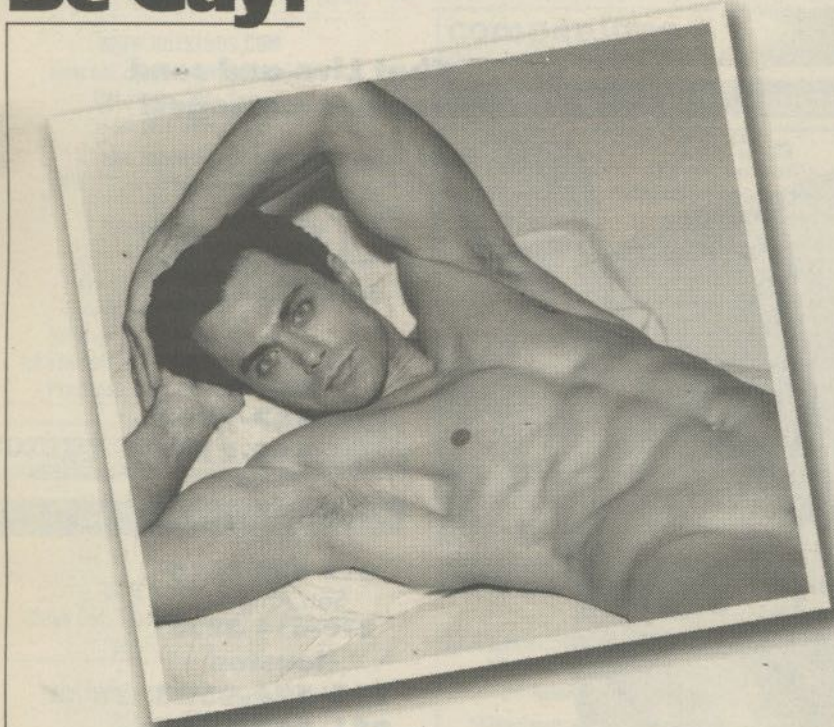
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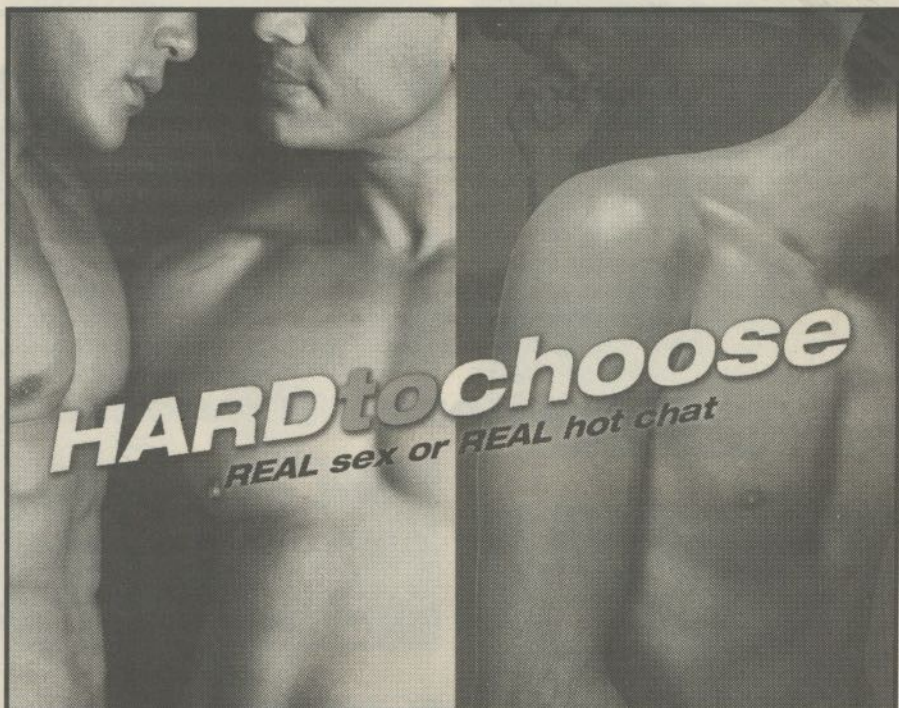
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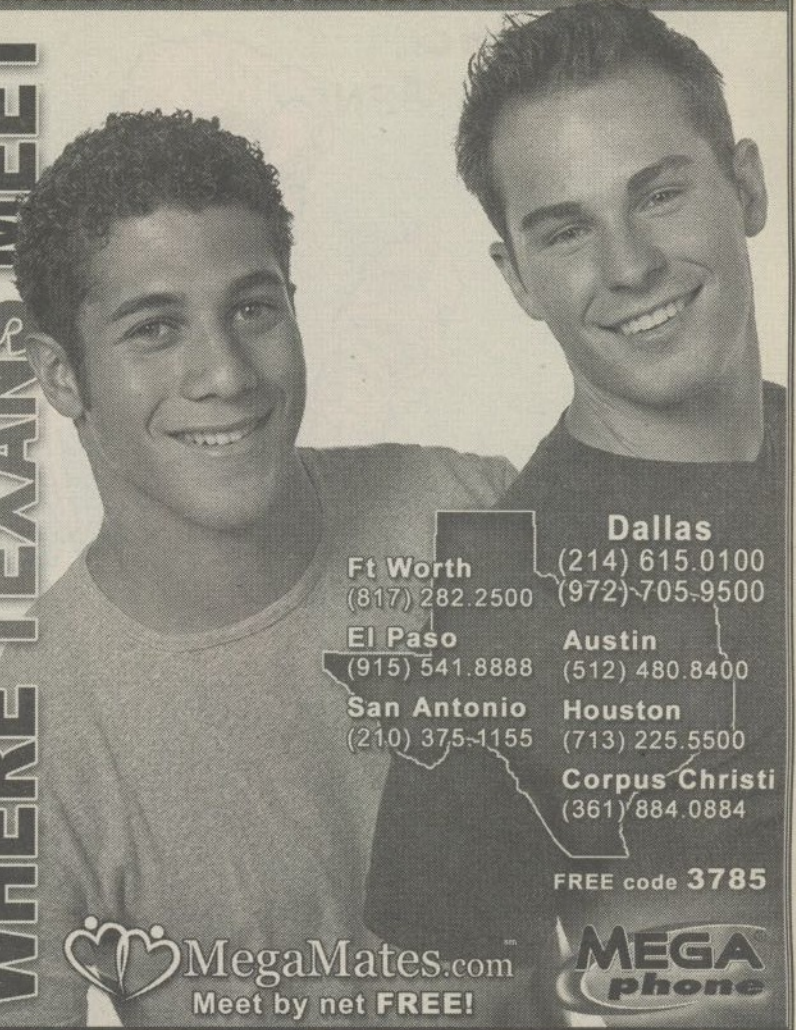
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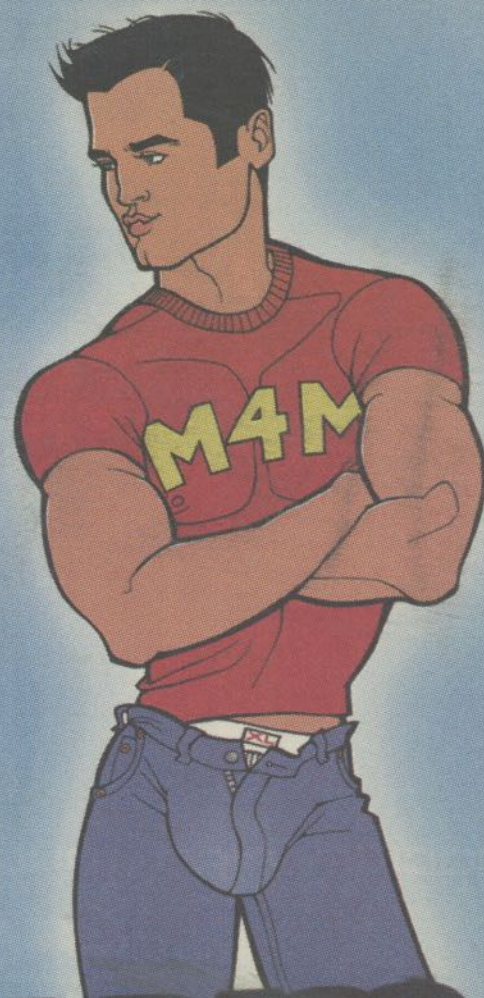
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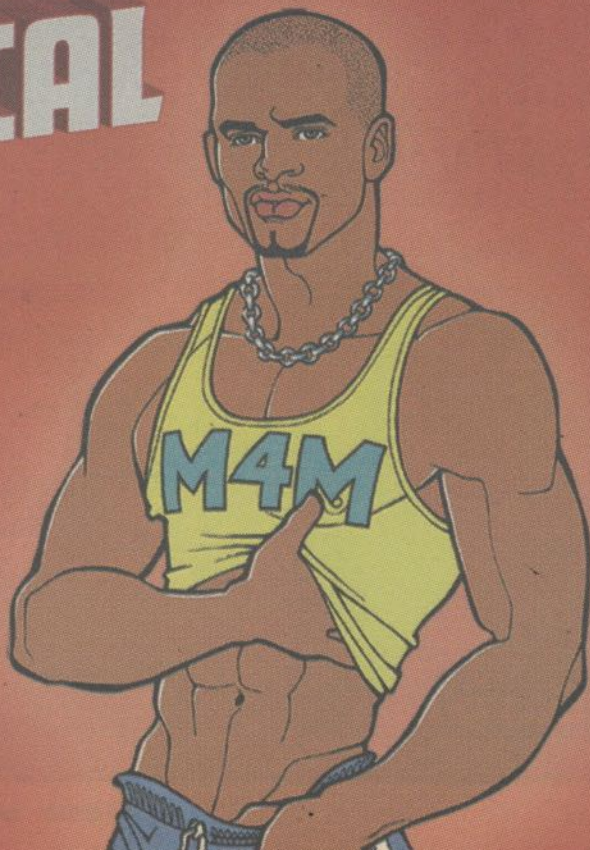
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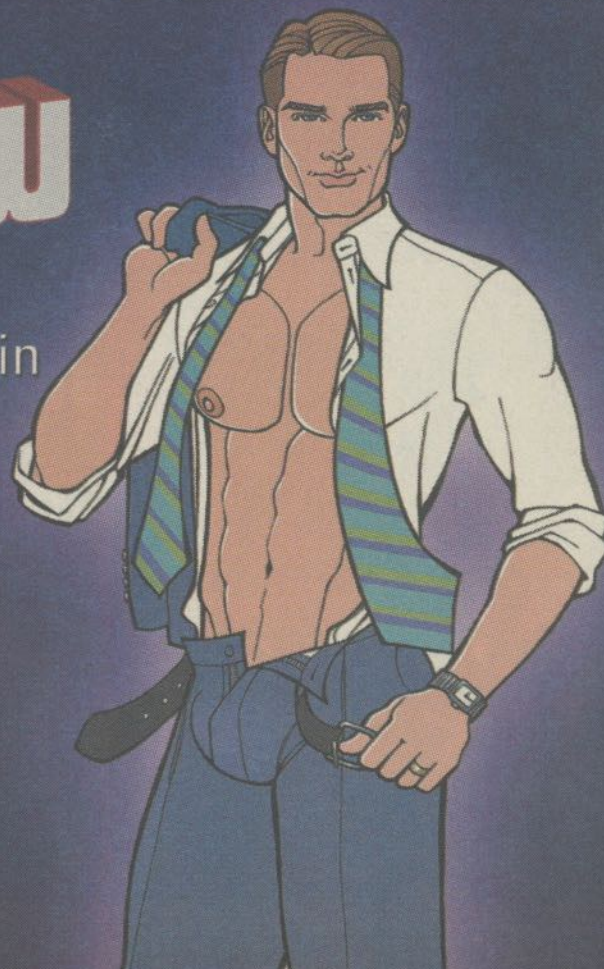
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