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## Newsbriefs

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### DALLAS

#### Gay nightclub association names as leader its first lesbian; Pierce remains as treasurer

Kathy Jack, the longtime manager of Sue Ellen's, a nightclub for lesbians, was elected president of the Dallas Tavern Guild, a local association of owners and managers of gay and lesbian nightclubs, bars and watering holes. It is the first time a lesbian has held the post, officials said.

Jack replaces longtime president Alan Pierce, a co-owner of the Round-Up Saloon. Pierce stepped down in order to devote more time to his business, said Michael Doughman, the Guild's executive director. But Pierce will stay on as treasurer, Doughman added.

Jack said she hoped to increase the Guild's visibility. She also pledged to improve the size and splendor of the annual GLBT Pride Parade, which the Guild sponsors. "I've always risen to the challenge, and I hope I can here," Jack said.

Other officers include the vice president, Mickey Briggs, who owns Mickey's, and the secretary, Todd Fisher, of Barbara's Pavilion in Oak Cliff.

### DALLAS

#### Borden vows to continue his campaign after being disqualified from May 7 ballot

Jack Borden, who is gay, said he will continue his campaign for a seat on the Dallas City Council even though he was disqualified from appearing on the May 7 ballot. Borden was disqualified because his petitions failed to contain sufficient signatures.

Borden said he will run as a write-in candidate in District 14, which includes a portion of East Dallas, most of downtown and Oak Lawn, and the area between Love Field and the Park Cities. Two GLBT candidates, Candy Marcum and P.D. Sterling, will appear on the ballot in the District 14 race.

### FORT WORTH

#### Agency aims to curb use of club drugs in Tarrant County with education campaign

An organization called Tarrant County Challenge has launched a five-year program aimed at curbing club drug use among rave party attendees and young GLBT people.

Marlene Weatherall, the project's director, said use of the drugs is widespread among those groups. "Those are the two prominent groups for club drug use," she said. "What we've found is that there has been a big increase of use among youths."

"Club drugs" include methamphetamine, Ecstasy, LSD, ketamine (Special K), GHB, rohypnol and certain inhalants. A recent survey of Fort Worth high school students revealed that 13 percent had tried at least one of the drugs, Weatherall said.

### IRVING

#### Transgender teen says theater wouldn't hire him due to his changed gender status

A female-to-male teen in Irving believes he was denied a job with AMC Theaters at Irving Mall because he is transgender.

Ethan Ash Golden, born Ashley Golden, is 16 and began transitioning from a female last year. Golden said he was already offered a job and attended an orientation when an AMC manager told him the theater would not hire him because he had illegally defaced his driver license by scratching off the "F" indicating his birth gender.

AMC Theater officials denied that the company discriminated on any basis against Golden. Managers were following company policies on employee honesty when they refused Golden a job, an official said.

Golden said he scratched the gender identification code off his license several weeks earlier after a friend's younger brother saw the license and asked about it. "My friend's little brother just knew me as a regular guy. He didn't know I was female," Golden said.

# Wanted: 25,000 gay-supportive voters

## Gay political caucus goes to home base to fight state constitutional amendments

By Lorinda Robb  
Contributing Writer

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus said volunteers will visit 5,400 voters Saturday in state Representative Martha Wong's district,

The voters, targeted because they have been identified as supporters of GLBT causes, will be urged to contact the Republican lawmaker about her support for a proposed amendment to the state constitution banning same-sex marriages.

Maria Gonzalez, president of the caucus, said the group's action is part of a larger strategy for the busy legislative session.

"We want Martha Wong to hear from a lot of people," she said.

The follow-up effort by more than 30 volunteers is the first action of its kind for the caucus, Gonzalez said.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus endorses candidates in local elections and identifies voters likely to support GLBT causes. The group also reaches out to non-GLBT groups that support equal rights.

Tammi Wallace, former project director of Equality Knocks, the voter-identifying project sponsored by the caucus and the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said the goal is to find 25,000 gay-supportive voters in and out of Wong's district before elections in

November 2006.

According to Randall Ellis, executive director of Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, HJR 6, authored by state Representative Warren Chisum, a Republican of Pampa, is tentatively set for an April 4 hearing in the State Affairs Committee.

The proposed amendment simply states that marriage in Texas "consists only of the union of one man and one woman."

Wong is a member of the nine-person State Affairs panel and, according to Ellis, could be the swing vote in a tight vote to either move the bill forward or kill it.

Ellis said he spoke with Wong last week about the amendment. Ellis said she told him she needed to read the bill before deciding how to vote.

Three phone calls to Wong's office seeking her comments were not returned.

According to a recent survey by the State Legislative Council, the district's population is the best-educated of the state's 150 House districts, with 66 percent of citizens 25 years old and older holding a bachelor's degree or higher. Ellis believes this fact could come into play on April 4.

"Rep. Wong and I discussed this, and she's well aware of it," Ellis said. "We must make the message loud and clear that over 5,000 voters in her district are supportive of equal rights."

Another proposed state amendment, HJR 19, is also in the State Affairs Committee. HJR 19, authored by state Representative Robert Talton, a Republican of Pasadena, contains lan-



**STORM BREWING** State Representative Martha Wong can expect a deluge of requests from voters in her district asking her to oppose HJR 6, which calls for an amendment to the state constitution banning gay marriage.

guage that would appear to ban civil unions and even legal arrangements between partners, such as powers of attorney. But Ellis said he believes the measure won't make it out of the committee.

"It doesn't appear to be the House leadership's choice of legislation," he said.

Ellis said that while the lobby has a good working relationship with Wong's office, community members in her district must step up and be counted.

"We can only do so much," the gay lobbyist said. "People need to contact their representatives to communicate the story of our lives so the people in Austin will know what we're about."

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## Houston area gets \$700,000 more in federal AIDS money

### But when is an increase no increase at all, frustrated agency leaders wonder

Nancy Ford  
Staff Writer

*Because HIV and AIDS brings suffering and fear into so many lives, I ask you to reauthorize the Ryan White Act to encourage prevention and provide care and treatment to the victims of that disease. And as we update this*

*important law, we must focus our efforts on fellow citizens with the highest rates of new cases, African American men and women.*

President Bush made this recommendation in his 2005 State of the Union speech and received bursts of applause from both sides of the aisle.

But Steven Walker, chair of the Ryan White Planning Council in Houston, wonders whether the president's recommendation for "updating this important law" will have a significant impact on the people who are beneficiaries of the aid.

"Though President Bush has called for it to be reauthorized, it's also very clear that he sent a strong signal for some changes to the CARE Act," Walker said. Care providers are unsure what changes the president desires, or what effect the changes will have.

The CARE Act is the government's primary channel for providing money to states and localities particularly hard-hit by HIV. The money provides medical and support services for people who have HIV or AIDS, with a recent emphasis on medical intervention.

"The services include primary med-

ical care, doctor visits, case management activities and drug reimbursement and health care insurance programs," Walker said.

The program was designed to help people with low incomes, he added.

"Most of the people who are recipients of Ryan White funds are not working or are under-employed and uninsured," Walker said.

The CARE Act allocation to Houston increased by \$700,000 this year, or about four percent over what the area received in 2004. But there's a catch. Last year, the allocation to the Houston area dropped by nearly seven percent.

Walker said he is leery of using the term "increase" to describe the larger amount of money the program is providing this year.

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"It's really bringing us back to where we were before," he said.

The allocation was raised to contend with an increase in the number of people with HIV and AIDS in the Houston area, he explained.

"When you look at the number of increases that we continue to have in infections year by year, it's really no increase at all. It's more like maintaining the status quo," Walker said.

The Ryan White CARE Act must be reauthorized every five years. "The process of reauthorization is going on now," he said.

During the reauthorization, lawmakers sometimes tinker with the program, adding some of their favorite initiatives. Walker expects the current reauthorization legislation to place more emphasis on faith-based organizations.

"We have seen evidence in the past — funds being redirected or changed, or language being changed — that has had a major impact on implementation of public health programs, especially on the HIV prevention end," he said.

"So we're not sure if those same kinds of changes are what the president has in mind for the Ryan White CARE Act.

The main impact is that people are still getting HIV and AIDS. People are still becoming infected."

The CARE Act provides emergency relief to 51 metropolitan areas in the United States.

Five of them — Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio — are in Texas.

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# 5 GLBT candidates on ballot in Dallas

## Three gay men, 1 lesbian, 1 transgender seek seats on Dallas City Council

By Dennis Vercher  
Staff Writer

Five GLBT candidates will appear on the May 7 ballot seeking City Council seats, a record for a municipal election.

Only one, council member Ed Oakley, is an incumbent. Term limits require that the other gay man serving on the council, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem John Loza, step down when his current term expires in May.

In addition to Oakley, the GLBT candidates are Monica Barros-Greene, District 2; Candy Marcum, District 14; Linus Spiller, District 6; and P.D. Sterling, District 14.

A sixth gay candidate, Jack Borden, a perennial office-seeker who had planned to run in District 14, was disqualified when he failed to produce petitions containing sufficient legal signatures.

Oakley, of District 3 in north Oak Cliff, faces a single opponent, Khaleef Hasan. Oakley is seeking a third consecutive term.

Oakley is the property manager for Caven



GLBT candidates running for council seats are, from left, Ed Oakley, the incumbent in District 3, and contenders Monica Barros-Greene in District 2, Linus Spiller in District 6 and Candy Marcum and P.D. Sterling in District 14.

Enterprises, a local company operating four gay bars. He is chair of the council's Trinity River Committee and sits on council committees for finance and audits, governmental and minority affairs and transportation and telecommunications.

Barros-Greene, who describes herself as a transgender lesbian, owns Monica's Aca y Alla in Deep Ellum and Ciudad in Oak Lawn. Other candidates in District 2 are Pauline Medrano and Se-Gwen Tyler. District 2 includes a portion of downtown and a strip snaking up toward Love Field.

Spiller, a consultant, is running against Steve Salazar, the District 6 incumbent. They two also faced off in the last election, held in 2003. Salazar, the victor, was endorsed by the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance political action committee, but many members later said they believed the Alliance's action, criticized in some quarters, was a mistake.

P.D. Sterling, a neighborhood activist, and Candy Marcum, a psychotherapist, are seeking the seat being vacated by Veletta Forsythe Lill. The councilwoman is stepping down due to term limits.

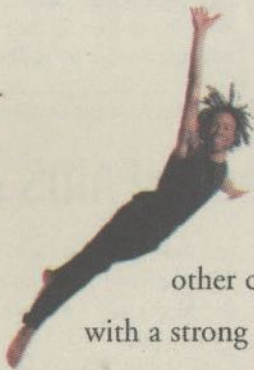
Sterling is an accountant and a crime watch volunteer.

Marcum has served previously on the municipal Board of Adjustment and was chair of the Human Services Commission. She also is a former co-chair of the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign and serves on the board of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

Other candidates in District 14 are lawyer and neighborhood activist Angela Hunt, who has received Lill's backing, and investment portfolio manager Kathy Ingle.

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# Episcopals impose moratorium on new bishops

**Gay or straight, no consecrations until June 2006 as church attempts to mollify fellow Anglicans**

By **Lorinda Robb**  
Contributing Writer

Meeting in Texas, bishops of the Episcopal Church voluntarily imposed a 16-month moratorium on approving new bishops.

The move was intended to quell the worldwide firestorm in the 77-million-member Anglican Communion ignited by the Episcopal Church's election of a gay bishop in 2003.

During a retreat at the church's Camp Allen near Navasota, the church's House of Bishops agreed in mid-March to delay the **NAVASOTA** election of all new bishops, regardless of their sexual orientation, until June 2006.

Six of the church's 100-plus dioceses now need a bishop or will have openings within a year because of the church's mandatory retirement rule.

According to the Episcopal News Service, the action went one step further than the recommendation presented by leaders of the Anglican Communion in the Windsor Report,

issued last October. The report called for "a moratorium on the ordination of sexually active gay clergy and bishops."

The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion, a loosely-knit group of autonomous "provinces," or denominations. All have ties to the Church of England.

Anglican leaders also advised the Episcopal Church to stop blessing same-sex unions.

The report asked for a formal apology from the Episcopal Church "to express regret for ways in which their actions have harmed others," referring to the move to elect and consecrate gay Canon V. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire. Robinson lives with a male partner.

In a move apparently aimed at softening the effect of the decision on the church's gay and lesbian members, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold acknowledged in a press release the "presence and positive contribution of gay and lesbian persons to every aspect of the life of our church and in all orders of ministry."

The Episcopal Church left the door open to same-sex union ceremonies when it pledged "not to authorize any public rites for the blessing of same sex unions," at least until the church's next General Convention in 2006.

Although not authorized by the church,



**FIRESTORM'S FOCUS** Bishop of New Hampshire V. Gene Robinson received strong support from the General Convention, despite the controversy in the Anglican provinces in Africa, Latin America and Asia.



**MANEUVERING ROOM** Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold issued a statement after the meetings acknowledging the "presence and positive contributions" of gay people "to every aspect of the life of our church."

liturgies for gay union ceremonies are readily available and used in some dioceses.

At the church's last General Convention in the summer of 2003, Robinson's election was confirmed by the required two-thirds majority votes in the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which is composed of a 50-50 mix of clergy and laypeople.

Carol Barnwell, a spokeswoman for the Diocese of Texas, said the most important outcome of the March meeting was the church leaders' willingness to find a place "to all stand together. A group of diametrically opposed bishops sat down and asked, 'How are we going to get through this and move forward?'"

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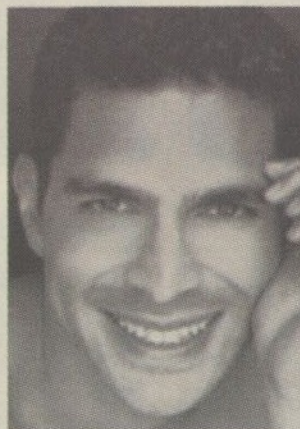
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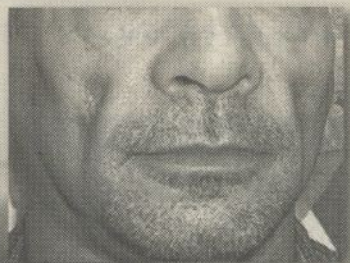
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## texas

# Austin man coordinating protest

By Ann Rostow  
Senior Staff Writer

Several dozen people gathered in Austin on March 15 to learn more about a protest in Colorado Springs planned for the afternoon of May 1. Sponsored by Soulforce, the national religious activist group, the demonstration is aimed at the man that many believe is the GLBT public enemy number one, James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family.

The demonstration is being organized by Austin's Jeff Lutes, who is drumming up

support from across the country, and from Texans in particular. Lutes told Tuesday's crowd that he expects several hundred people to join him for the family picnic and rally outside the headquarters of Focus on the Family on what will be a Sunday.

Keynote speakers at the rally will be Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons, the San Francisco activists who were the first to get married during the city's maverick action last year. A civil disobedience action blocking the headquarters building will take place on Monday.

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### HOUSTON

## Workplace discrimination is topic of community forum

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will present a forum titled *Blow the Whistle on Workplace Discrimination*, spotlighting problems gays and people with HIV sometimes face on the job.

Participants will learn about the protections that exist in Texas and discuss steps that can be taken to advance LGBT rights in the workplace. Experts will discuss workplace discrimination cases where the employee has prevailed.

The forum, sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign and Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. For more information, send an e-mail message to [Bsirious@yahoo.com](mailto:Bsirious@yahoo.com).

### HOUSTON

## Foundation to underwrite Pride Festival booths for needy groups

The Hollyfield Foundation has announced it will underwrite the costs of The Hollyfield Foundation Community Pride Tent at the Houston Pride Festival on June 25. The tent will provide free exhibition space to 40 nonprofit groups that can't afford to pay a fee.

"This grant supports Pride Houston's efforts to create a world-class pride festival here in Houston," said Todd Amdor, grant committee co-chair.

Organizations seeking one of the free booth spaces can apply online at [Pridehouston.org](http://Pridehouston.org).

### HOUSTON

## Krewe of Olympus-Texas to choose beneficiaries for '05-'06

The Krewe of Olympus-Texas is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations that wish to be considered as a designated charity for 2005-06.

Applicants must provide a letter of request including a description of the organization and its purpose, documentation of 501(c)(3) status, the most recent annual financial statement and 2005 operating budget and a description of how the funds would be used. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 8 and mailed to the Krewe of Olympus-Texas, P.O. Box 920794, Houston TX 77292.

The Krewe will announce its selections at 7 p.m. on April 17 at the Brazos River Bottom. The evening also marks the kickoff of Olympus XXXVI.

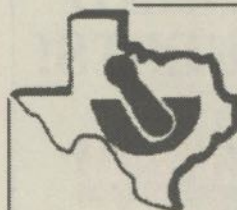
### HOUSTON

## GLOBO accepting applications for scholarships through May 5

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Applications must be postmarked by May 5 and mailed to GLOBO. Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted. Applications are available at the Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd.; Meteor, 2306 Genesee St.; and Resurrection MCC, 2025 W. 11th St. For more information call 713-710-0268.



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## Newsbriefs

### INDIANA

#### House OK's anti-gay-marriage amendment 76-23; bill previously approved by Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House on Tuesday approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Proponents hailed the 76-23 House vote as a move toward protecting the sanctity of traditional marriage from activist judges. Opponents decried it as singling out gays and lesbians for discrimination.

All 52 Republicans voted in favor of the proposal, while all 23 who voted against it were Democrats. "I'm offended we would pick on a certain group in our society ... who are not bothering anybody," said Representative Craig Fry, a Democrat of Mishawaka.

The same proposal passed the Republican-controlled Senate 42-8 earlier this session. But amending the state constitution requires a resolution to pass consecutive, separately elected General Assemblies and then be approved in a statewide vote. That means if the proposal passes again in 2007 or 2008, it could be on the November 2008 ballot.

### MAINE

#### Groups line up behind governor's proposal barring bias against gays, transgenders

AUGUSTA — Lobbying for and against legislation to outlaw discrimination against gays and lesbians was intense on Tuesday, a day before a legislative committee hearing on the proposal.

Religious, organized labor and business leaders spoke in favor of Gov. John Baldacci's gay rights bill at a news conference, while opponents marched to the State House holding signs critical of Baldacci.

The measure seeks to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, credit, access to public accommodations and education based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Representatives of the Maine Small Business Alliance, Temple Beth El and the Unitarian-Universalist Church, testified in the bill's favor.

### CALIFORNIA

#### Bishop apologizes to family for denying funeral rite to man who owned gay bars

SAN DIEGO — A Roman Catholic bishop apologized for denying funeral rites to a man who owned a bar and a dance club popular with gays and said he will preside over a Mass in the man's honor, according to the man's family.

Bishop Robert Brom, who canceled John McCusker's funeral rites after citing a clash between the man's "business activities" and the church's moral teachings, met with the man's family on Monday and "regretfully acknowledged his hasty decision," said McCusker's mother, Christine.

"I apologize to the family for the anguish this has caused them," Brom said in a written statement he gave to the family.

There was no response Tuesday to a call seeking comment from the diocese.

# Another amendment hits the House

## Lungren introduces new version of measure blocking gay marriage; 2 states issue conflicting opinions on benefits

By Ann Rostow  
Staff Writer

As reactions continue to ride the wake of California's lower court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage, the national landscape is increasingly littered with assorted marriage-related disputes, both political and legal. There are challenges to marriage recognition rules, questions about the scope of recently-passed constitutional amendments, new amendments introduced, passed, and sometimes defeated, and administrative battles over such issues as whether a pension earned in Rhode Island or New Hampshire can be expanded to include a same-sex spouse in Massachusetts.

The confusion can be expected to continue in what historians may look back on as a period of transition from one definition of marriage to a more inclusive one.

This week, Republican Congressman Dan Lungren of California introduced a new, quite wordy version of the proposed federal constitutional amendment

**WASHINGTON** banning gay marriage, bringing the initiative to the House of Representatives for the first time. Last year, the Senate failed to advance a similar proposal, and to date, legislative leaders do not believe they have the votes to win the necessary two-thirds supermajority. Nonetheless, each step forward in the courts, such as the recent decision in favor of same-sex nuptials in California, lends momentum to the various campaigns against gay and lesbian couple's rights.

Elsewhere in California this week, a surviving domestic partner won the right to sue the hospital where his partner died tragically, and perhaps unnecessarily. Charles Karel Bouley has spent three

years winning the battle for legal standing to sue the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center for wrongful death. Although California law now allows partners to take such legal action, lower courts had said Bouley's partnership with the late Andrew Howard predated changes in the law. On March 15, a state appellate court disagreed, ruling that the principle of equal treatment for same-sex spouses was retroactive.

Quite the reverse emerged from a conservative state appellate court in Albany, N.Y., where judges ruled last week that the partner of a dead flight attendant may not file a claim under the state's workers compensation law. The narrow ruling came despite the fact that New York opened its workers compensation death benefits to the partners of those killed on Sept. 11. It also seems to sidestep an earlier state appellate court decision that — much like the Long Beach case mentioned above — allowed a civil union partner to sue a Manhattan hospital for wrongful death.

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Also, another New York marriage recognition case was launched on March 16, as two men, married in Canada, sued for spousal health benefits from the Uniondale Free School District on Long Island. The suit is being handled by Lambda Legal Defense and Education



Representative Dan Lungren, the former attorney general of California, filed in the House a new constitutional amendment banning gay marriage that goes further than previously introduced measures.

Fund. Several administrative agencies in the state of New York have agreed to honor the legal marriages of state residents, and the attorney general has issued an informal opinion recommending marriage recognition. As Lambda argues, "New York law is clear that when couples get validly married somewhere else, their marriages are recognized in New York."

Finally, as state after state works to advance new amendments forbidding gays from marrying, the American Civil Liberties Union has filed a legal challenge in Michigan, where Attorney General Mike Cox ruled Monday that the state constitution now bars domestic partner programs that treat same-sex couples similarly to married couples. Cox's opinion, issued at the expense of Kalamazoo's partner policies, has the force of law unless a court states otherwise.

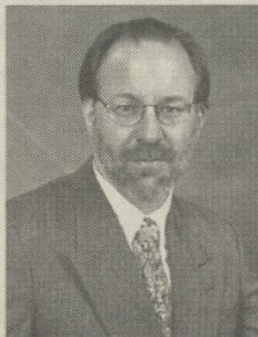
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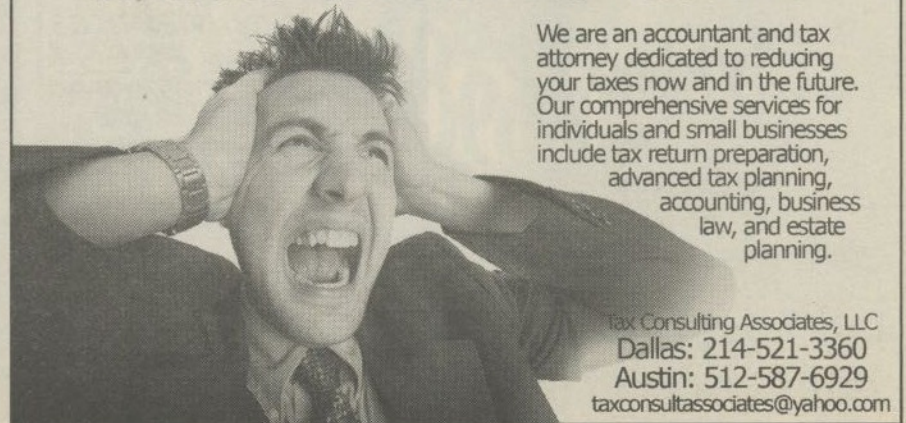
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# Washington activist is fatally stabbed at home

Mayor's gay liaison officer dies after man entered residence and attacked her with knife

By Ann Rostow  
Staff Writer

A 38-year-old man who told authorities he had been smoking crack for days wandered into a neighbor's duplex in Northeast Washington on March 16, took out a knife and stabbed her to death.

William Parrot, the man authorities accused of the killing, allegedly took the woman's credit cards and her grey Nissan Sentra and ventured out hunting for more crack, not aware that he had actually killed the woman.

The victim was 45-year-old Wanda Alston, a founding member of Stonewall



**WASHINGTON**

**MAYOR REMEMBERS**  
Mayor Anthony Williams paid tribute to his GLBT liaison officer at a service held Monday in Washington.

Democrats, a former top aide to Patricia Ireland at the National Organization for Women, and a former co-chair of Washington's Coalition of Black Lesbians, Gay Men and Bisexuals. At her death, she held a cabinet position in the administration of Mayor Anthony Williams, as head of the Office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Affairs.

Alston had a Master's in business and a slew of friends and admirers built up during a lifetime of advocacy — a lifetime cut short by random violence.

"I cannot remember the first time I met Wanda," wrote Keith Boykin, a veteran



**FALLEN HERO** Wanda R. Alston, 45, was stabbed to death in her Northeast Washington apartment by a neighbor who police said admitted smoking crack in the days before the March 16 killing.

activist and president of the National Black Justice Coalition. "It seems as though she was always there. She was a perennial figure in the politics of the nation's capital....

"Wanda was one of the toughest, most determined people I have ever met in my life. She would tell you what she

wanted from you and then she would demand your attention. But she was also very gentle. And she spent her life dedicated to helping other people make their lives better."

On Monday, hundreds joined Williams, Alston's partner Stacey Long and leaders of the GLBT movement at Alston's funeral, held at All Souls Unitarian Church in northwest Washington. Williams spoke, as did Ireland. According to the *Washington Post*, a standing-room-only crowd also met on Sunday to honor the slain activist, who had been planning to marry her partner next spring.

"I don't believe in capital punishment, but this has tested me, I got to tell you," Sheila Alexander-Reid told the *Post*. "There was a window of time after the murder when I would have said: 'String him up by his neck,'" said the founder of *Women in the Life*, a magazine for lesbians of color. "But then I thought: Wanda wouldn't want that. She would have said, 'We've got to help people like that.'"

Alston was buried in her hometown, Newport News, VA.

Parrot is being held without bond.

# San Francisco and New York courts differ over benefits law

Concept well-established by California courts, but New York appeals court takes different tack

By Ann Rostow  
Staff Writer

A complicated appellate ruling in New York State in the last two weeks appears to represent a step in the opposite direction from previous court decisions seen as supportive of gays.

On March 14, an appellate court in Manhattan struck a New York City law that requires companies doing business with the city to offer equal benefits to gay and straight staff members.

Obviously, courts in one state have no obligation to follow the reasoning of courts elsewhere. But the concept of a so-called equal benefits ordinance, pioneered by the city of San Francisco in the mid-1990s, has

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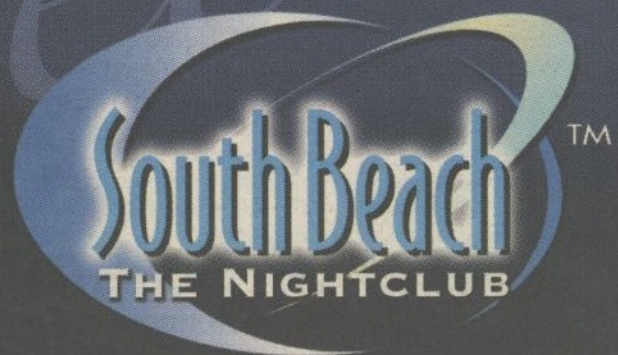
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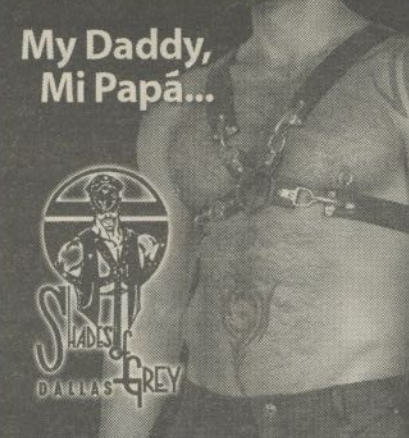
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already been scrutinized in a series of federal court rulings in that state. It was only after the San Francisco law finally emerged with a green light that other cities, primarily on the West Coast, began passing their own versions, so the conventional wisdom was that the concept of an equal benefits ordinance was legally sound.

These ordinances are a mechanism to force companies to offer domestic partner benefits or risk forfeiting lucrative public contracts and the right to bid on future contracts. When San Francisco initiated the policy, the city faced a barrage of suits and complaints. How, people asked, can a city demand that a business take a particular moral stand? What if another city wanted to do business only with companies that

of companies instituted domestic partner benefits in order to comply with the Bay Area edict. Even United Airlines, the main plaintiff in the federal suits, eventually offered benefits that exceeded the court's instructions.

So it was something of shock when New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg vetoed his city's new Equal Benefits Law, staring down an almost unanimous City Council some months ago. Indeed, the council overrode his veto, but the mayor still dragged his feet about enforcing the rule. Lawsuits ensued, and the outcome of the first battle is this surprising victory for Bloomberg.

According to *The New York Times*, the unanimous five-member review panel ruled that the ordinance conflicts with state law



**VICTORY, AT A PRICE** Mayor Michael Bloomberg vetoed the New York Equal Benefits Law and was upheld by an appeals court. The City Council said it plans to appeal to the state's highest court.

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rejected equal benefits?

These were important questions, but when all was said and done, the federal courts on the West Coast agreed that a city could put policy restrictions on contractors when the city was acting as a player in the marketplace. The rules were different, courts said, when the city had a monopoly on a facility like an airport. And finally, no city had the right to meddle in federal pension benefits that are governed by the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Finally, as to the moral debate, courts ruled that a city has the right to develop generally beneficial policies. A city, for example, can outlaw racial discrimination, but cannot insist on racial discrimination. Promoting equal benefits, the courts essentially ruled, fit the category of a step in the right direction.

These complicated determinations took years to develop. But in the end, hundreds

and with the federal ERISA laws mentioned by the San Francisco federal courts. Yet unlike their California cousins, the New York jurists appeared to simply strike the whole ordinance, rather than insist that the ordinance be carefully applied.

This confusing story is important to watch because thousands of domestic partners may win or lose access to benefits depending on its eventual outcome.

According to the *Times*, the City Council is planning to appeal the defeat to the highest court in the state, the New York Court of Appeals, in the next two weeks. "We are completely committed to appealing the court's decision and moving forward to make sure the equal benefits law gets implemented," said Councilwoman Christine Quinn of Chelsea and the West Village. "This won't be done until the final court of the state rules on it."

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# Dot my eye, please!

A constitutional amendment in Tennessee, the Schiavo syndrome, Wiccans in Ohio, and more

One of the best things about this column is I don't have to check every little annoying detail before forging ahead with opinions on wide-ranging or complex (or even simple) issues. No need to look up the name of some senator. I can just refer to a "creepy looking Republican" who "was on one of those Sunday television shows a few weeks ago." Why specify an exact number, when I can just calculate that conservatives are outspending us on ballot measures by "ten zillion to one?"



Ann Rostow

Before I continue, we are being outspent in Kansas by roughly three or four to one as the April 5 vote on a constitutional amendment banning



ANTHONY S. BUSH/Topeka Capital-Journal

**DEBATING MARRIAGE** In this January file photo, Sen. Philip Journey, right, debates against a motion to amend the amendment to the Kansas Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. The amendment was proposed by Sen. Vicki Schmidt, left. The final phase in the fight over a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage comes April 4, when voters have the final say.

same-sex marriage lurks. Kansas managed to ram their amendment through the 2005 Legislature like a pile driver through a pillow, delivering the votes in time to put the measure before the public during the previously scheduled school board election.

Now, we have arrived at our date with destiny in the Tornado State. And we have something like \$36,000 and change in our pockets, compared with \$152,000 in bigot bucks on the other side. Their largest check was for \$100,000, from the Knights of Columbus.

I'm tempted to wish that all our conservative foes pull out their pocketbooks and dump a few million into Topeka and Wichita. We're not going to win there anyway, so that's several million less for some other campaign chest.

I do want to congratulate Kansas for

catching their scary serial killer, however. Wouldn't wish mass murder on even the reddest state.

## We're not in Kansas anymore

Getting back to my point, the *laissez faire* style of journalism used in this column means that I do not have to spend two days researching First Amendment law before weighing in on the Supreme Court's recent discussion of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

Yes, I did look up the actual name of the statute. All together now, RAHHHH-LUUUUUUUUUUA!

As far as I can tell, this is the law that allows inmates to insist on special treatment — and I use that phrase advisedly — based on their religious beliefs. There used to be a similar law that was struck down by the courts in the late 1990s. That law was complicated, too, and I was happy to see it go.

So, I was confused to read about this current lawsuit, because I thought the law in question had already been struck down. I remember reading about this particular case some time ago and thinking "huh?" and then forgetting about it (because who has the time? Hello!). And now here it is on the docket of the Supreme Court of the United States!

The RAHHHHLUUUUUUA! provides an example of the law of unintended consequences. Here the authors hoped to protect prisoners from being severed from the rituals of faith, in particular followers of non-Christian religions. Think kosher food, or I don't know, a special tea ceremony.

And now we have a roomful of plaintiffs out of the Ohio prison system, including a Wiccan (not that there's anything wrong with that), a Satanist and a couple of guys who worship a white supremacist religion of some sort. Under the law, the government cannot impede their "faith" absent a compelling interest. Even then, the state must use the least restrictive means to serve that interest.

To me, this is perfect example of why we should all just get the hell out of passing statutes that have anything whatsoever to do with religion. Let the Constitution itself protect inmates, and keep your damned ham-fisted legislative paws off the



STEVE CANNON/Associated Press

**FULL FROTH** Evangelical protesters including 10-year-old Jessica Greene, left, and Father Peter West, right, of the Priest for Life Organization, invade the office of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. The protesters on Monday demanded a meeting with the governor to express their views about saving Terri Schiavo.

whole subject. Oh, and by the way: The government took the side of the freaky faith fellows. Go figure.

## Terri! Let's do lunch!

I have not figured out the part about "land use," although I know there are people trying to build a Hindu temple in southern California under that section of the law. It is at this stage that, having wandered far afield from any trace of GLBT content, we will retreat from the subject.

But not before we enjoy one last swipe at the insane members of Congress and their crazed walk on the wild side last weekend when they succumbed to a collective hysteria of some sort and outdid themselves with ludicrous legislation on behalf of Terri Schiavo's fanatical champions.

I don't blame her family. How horrible it must be to see someone you love in that condition. But listen to Pete Winn, an editor of the Focus on the Family newsletter:

Under the headline *Tell the Truth!*, Winn writes: "Aaargh!!! Tell the truth! Stop saying this is about her right to die. ... Terri Schiavo is not at all comatose. She is not at all on life support. She does not have a breathing tube or a respirator, she simply has been receiving her food and water — something everyone in existence needs to survive — through a tube."

"What's more," he goes on, "though she is disabled, she probably could eat by herself — it's just too much trouble for hospital personnel to try to feed her by hand."

My favorite part of his article was "Aaargh!!" Although I also liked the part about how Schiavo "probably could eat by herself."

On Sunday, one front-page photograph showed one of these Pete Winn-types, a preacher somewhere, kneeling on the ground, his face contorted in grief, mouth open, looking like he was crying. This for a woman who has no activity beyond her brain stem, which would indeed keep her

breathing and functioning for as long as her sad parents need a zombie version of their daughter to serve as a continuing vessel for their abiding love.

They have an excuse. But what's Pete Winn's excuse? What's that preacher's excuse. What's wrong with Congress? There's a reason these courts have ruled in favor of her husband. He is the legal decision-maker and no doctor disputes that she is, and will remain, a vegetable.

I have only one comment:  
Aaaarrrrggghhh!

## Missing the midnight train

What else? Tennessee passed a constitutional amendment the other day and will send it to the voters in November, as far as I understand. Supporters of same-sex marriage will file one of those lawsuits against the amendment that we've seen in the past. You know, the one where we say that a multi-pronged amendment impermissibly forces voters to cast a single vote on two or more questions. And where the court says: "Yeah, so?"

Damned activist judges.

And speaking of legislative action, the bozos in Georgia have outdone themselves, passing a bill that bans cities from enacting gay rights protections, and further, specifically protects the right of private clubs to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The whole ball of whacks is aimed at the same-sex couples who have been trying to get the Druid Hills Golf Course outside Atlanta to grant spousal rights to the life partners of gay members. When Atlanta's Human Rights Commission ruled that the club was in breach of the city's nondiscrimination ordinance, the Powers that Be in the Legislature slapped the city and its progressive mayor back into place. Now, everything's peachy keen again.

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## Letters

### Loving Lincoln

Why did Dale Carpenter find it necessary to try to counter the thought that Lincoln may have been gay? Instead, we got a stern "look away, look away" sermon [TXT Newsmagazine, March 4, 2005, P. 13].

This is not dignity, this is preaching from a pulpit to make people think like you do. What does it hurt if people eventually learn to love Lincoln no matter who he may have truly loved.

Johnnie Miller/Dallas

*Dale Carpenter responds:* It is not my role to make people feel good about themselves. It is my role to speak truth as best I can see it. That's what I do in my column.

### A surprising juxtaposition

I was impressed by the amount of news with real substance in the March 18 issue of *TXT Newsmagazine*. The columns by Ann Rostow and Dale Carpenter informed me most on things which matter.

I sure was surprised to see Carpenter using Michael Petrelis as a source. For once, the right hand (Carpenter) knows what the left hand (Petrelis) is doing.

That has to be an omen. But of what?

Tim Campbell/Houston

### All grown up

I used to look forward to Friday night because it was my chance to go out to the local clubs and possibly get picked up. I realized that nowadays I look forward to Friday evenings because it is my time to read Ann Rostow's *News With A View*.

I look forward to reading Rostow's column each week, but I don't hold her responsible for the end of my youth.

Bob Leeds/Austin

### Take action

HJR 6 and HJR 19 are the proposed amendments to the Texas constitution to define marriage as only between a man and a woman. Both are dreadful, but 19 is worse.

Please allocate 10 minutes within the next two weeks to work for your freedom. To find your state representative, check [Capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm](http://Capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm).

Sue Null/Houston

### Doublespeak

With its latest foray into the private lives of the Schiavo family, the Bush administration has again demonstrated its willingness to trample on the rights of American families. This administration overstepped its bounds by overriding the state court's ruling upholding Michael Schiavo's decision to compassionately allow his wife to die.

The Republicans are now saying heterosexuals can't make decisions in their own marriages, unless those decisions are congruent with the Bush party line.

Adrian J. Cardwell/Austin

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# Bending the arc toward justice

## Want a way to respond to anti-gay bias? Try altruism for a change

Scott Quinn

Special Contributor

"Aren't you glad to be back in Texas?" This has been the recurrent question since I returned to my home state after a two-year stint on the West Coast. My Texas upbringing grounded me when the whirlwind of Southern California's neon culture threatened to sweep me up. But occasionally, my Texas roots tripped up passionate political types who held me personally responsible for the policies of George W. Bush.

I didn't take their diatribes personally. I felt their pain. I wrote Mr. Bush a letter while he was still the governor of Texas concerning his opposition to gays and lesbians serving as foster and adoptive parents. I explained my viewpoint and graciously exposed the gaps in reasoning of his position.

The form letter I received in return acknowledged that people have different views on this issue. It then reiterated the absolute certitude of W's position and reaffirmed that Texas would be governed accordingly.

I realized that I was dealing with a man who was long on conviction and short on critical thinking. My frustration was summed up in a bumper sticker I saw recently: "The last time someone listened to a Bush, folks wandered around in the desert for 40 years."

Some are ready to flee our political desert for that northern modern-day Promised Land. Others prefer wasting away in Margaritaville. Before spending the next four years searching for that lost shaker of salt, consider these words from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

The arc of human decency sways, veers, careens on its wobbly arc toward justice, but toward justice it does inevitably move. Perhaps last November was a temporary bump on the arc of morality. The question is, how can we bend the arc a bit more toward justice?

Shortly after the election, author and AIDS activist Larry Kramer spoke at the Cooper Union in New York City. Kramer castigated the gay community for not forging a cogent response to the evangelical right.

In his speech, Kramer said, "Don't tell me you don't know what to do. If you can find [insert your favorite sexual activity], and you seem endlessly inventive at accomplishing this, then you

should be able to locate a more useful and responsible outlet."

Mr. Kramer went on to suggest that a rudimentary issue must be addressed. The first step toward uplifting our society is to get our own GLBT house in order. How can we expect to make progress as a people when we are addicted to drinking, drugging, merchandising and sexing ourselves into oblivion?

Internalized self-hatred casts a long shadow over us: ageism, sexism, misogyny, hopelessness, misdirected rage, feelings of isolation, compulsive narcissism, pursuit of physical perfection, drowning feelings of alienation with one toxic substance after another, and so many other ways in which we disown and dismember ourselves. How our queer generation deals with these issues will probably determine whether our lot is that of political scapegoat or phoenix.

When we finally begin to own and integrate the vibrancy and shadow of our "homo-ness" into the collective experience of humanity, an amazing shift can occur. When any minority claims its gifts and its power, society as a whole tends to release its institutionalized prejudice. In liberating ourselves from bigotry and firmly standing our ground, we help liberate the evangelical right from their addiction to loathing us.

But the transformation must begin with us.

We are poised for greatness. This can be the moment when the gay community emerges from its chrysalis in its resplendent adult metamorphosis and transforms society with a kind of queer "butterfly effect." In our messy, imperfect humanness, we can evolve to a higher creature that becomes a catalyst for the evolution of humanity.

Yes, the evolution of humanity. Make no mistake: this daunting task of achieving equality that lies before us is nothing less than a call to evolve as a species.

What can you do? Every phase of a revolution starts with small steps taken by ordinary people. For some of us, the first step is to come out to more people at home and at work. For others, it is finally time to honor your own worth by joining a twelve-step group, or going

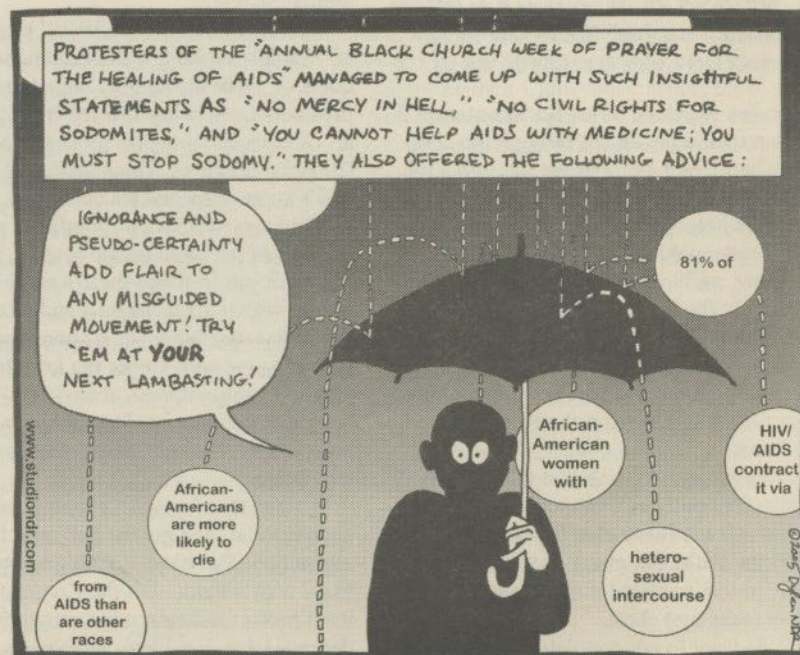
*When any minority claims its gifts and its power, society as a whole tends to release its institutionalized prejudice*

back into therapy, or putting as much effort into your relationships as you put into your workouts.

Perhaps your next step is to become part of a spiritual community, grassroots political movement, or social services agency that resonates with you and also challenges you to evolve. For all of us, it is time to engage the world with greater altruism as we apply our unique queer talents to improving the planet.

What the world needs now is your pure, sober, conscious, queer energy. That energy may be the only way to bend the moral arc toward justice and get us all out of the Bushes as we cross over into the Promised Land of equality and peace.

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## Radical chick

Margaret Cho doesn't mean to be bad — she's just drawn that way

By Arnold Wayne Jones

If you need to know what Margaret Cho is all about, just look at the titles of her most recent concert tours: *Revolution*, *State of Emergency* and the brand-new *Assassin*, which she just launched this month. These counterculture anthems, coming to Dallas and Houston next month, are full of radical images like Che Guevara and Patty Hearst.

But ask Cho about the theme she's developed, and she pleads ignorance.

"To me everything sort of came at once. The artwork, the symbols are all a recurring motif, not to represent myself as countercultural, but to put out images that I like," she says.

In other words, she's a counterculture icon and didn't even know it.

Margaret Cho may be the most politically charged standup comedian working today. She's an unabashed liberal who, though heterosexual, identifies herself as "queer" in an effort to embrace the edges of mainstream society. It's little wonder, then, that she called her new tour *Assassin*.

"It's about the idea of shooting down old ideas like homophobia, hatred, classism, conservatism. The show is about character assassination — even doing it to myself," she says.

When we talked, Cho had just performed the first two dates on the tour so the material is still in a transition phase —

### ON STAGE

#### Margaret Cho: The Assassin Tour

The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St., Dallas April 1 at 7 p.m., April 2 at 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$45.50.

Sarofim Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bgby St., Houston. April 7 at 8 p.m. \$29.50-\$43.50. 713-629-3700.

although she insists that's always true of her humor.

"It's very fast. Things are moving so quickly now that the show changes and evolves with whatever's going on," she says. "I don't think writing shows is hard for me. Keeping everything current and relevant is pretty easy."

There are certain topics that are constants in this show — and close to Cho's heart: Progressive politics, marriage equality, abortion rights, the death penalty and the Bush administration.

She's very involved in marriage equality and was concerned by how much of the

Republican base was mobilized to vote in favor of anti-gay-marriage legislation. Another passion is her opposition to the death penalty.

So how does she reconcile treating these serious issues in a comedy routine?

"I have a different way of speaking as a performer than as a person," she says. "I have so much training it's impossible for me to go on without making it funny or having a reward. There's an automatic reflex that makes me want to make sure there's a joke in there."

Bush, she says, "is easy. He's like a fountain of mirth. It's a good situation for a comedian."

but probably a bad one for people."

She doesn't fear bringing her radical messages to the Red States — in fact, she thinks she's needed there most of all. (She did a swing state tour during the presidential campaign last fall.)

"I love going to Texas; the people are incredibly receptive," she says. "It's really amazing how these states represent themselves [as conservative or liberal] when it's not completely true. It's almost like I'm what people need — a different voice than what's being represented as the status quo. People have a need to feel a reflection of themselves and what they believe in."

In her personal life, Cho is more subdued discussing her politics than she is in her performances. She's not one of those who seriously thought about leaving the country if Bush was reelected, and while she was surprised that Kerry lost, she's not obsessing about it.

"We don't know how good a president John Kerry would have been," she opines, "but we know George W. Bush is gonna fuck it up."

She takes comfort in that predictability — and in knowing that at least four years from now, she won't have to deal with Bush anymore. Of course, that also means she'll have to look elsewhere for material. But it seems unlikely that will present her with much of a problem.

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Film

By Steven Lindsey

# Love troika

Sexy film shows the progressive side of Russia and its citizens



**S**ome films don't show nearly enough nudity, while some can show too much. *You I Love* is guilty of both. Sexy star Evgeny Koryakovsky teases us throughout the film with near glimpses of his well-maintained body but the fantasy is never fulfilled. (Perhaps imagination is better than the reality, but it would be nice to get the chance to decide for ourselves.)

Conversely, the female star shows off everything she has to offer, which is good news for lovers of women but sadly pointless for the rest of us. Ah, well, there's always *Guy's Gone Wild*.

Lack of male nudity notwithstanding, *You I Love* is an imaginative entertaining film from first-time feature director Olga Stolpovskaya. It gloriously exposes the capitalist side of Russian citizens who flaunt their apartments, nice cars and high-fashion wardrobes. It's a far cry from the *Fiddler on the Roof* imagery most of us still maintain for the former communist state.

The Moscow of today is a metropolitan Mecca filled with the glories of advertising and materialism. Leading the charge for consumerism is Vera Kirillova (Lubov Tolkalina), a beautiful news anchor with a seriously indulgent food fetish.

After a thief steals her wallet in a café, the man in line behind her, Timofei (Koryakovsky), buys her lunch, a seemingly innocuous event that sparks a yearlong gastronomic and sexual romance. Everything changes, however, when a hot young man, Uloomji (Damir Badmaev), falls out of the sky and

crashes on Timofei's car. (Why do the ugly ones always land on mine?)

Timofei takes Uloomji to his apartment and a steamy man-on-man affair begins, with Vera still in the picture. Forming a family of sorts that is part love triangle, part traditional support system, the three find a way to make things work until Uloomji's family discovers his secret life and swoops in to save him from his sins.

There are many reasons to like *You I Love*, foremost the talented leads. The surest way to determine an actor's skill is when emotions are so adeptly portrayed that the subtitles are merely a bonus. This film's three stars pass this difficult test with ease. The slick cinematography, interspersed with moments of off-kilter, music-video quick edits, is also admirable.

But most of all, it's the compelling story that makes *You I Love* sparkle. The characters are as complicated as the situations that are thrust upon them. While it's all somewhat relatable, there's still an otherworldly charm and distance to the whole film that makes the ordinary downright magical.

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### ON SCREEN

#### You I Love

Directed by Olga Stolpovskaya, Dmitry Troitsky  
Written by Olga Stolpovskaya  
With Damir Badmaev, Lubov Tolkalina, Evgeny Koryakovsky  
Not Rated  
Run time: 83 mins.

## Theater

By Joey Guerra

# Shall we dance?

Rodgers and Hammerstein classic twirls on a bright cloud of music

**T**heatre Under the Stars' lavish touring production of *The King and I* offers a tempting invitation to dance that's impossible to resist — unless you've got a serious case of two left feet or an aversion to hoop skirts.

The frothy storyline follows Anna (Stefanie Powers) as she travels with her young son to Bangkok, Siam (now Thailand) in the mid-1800s, intent on making the most of her new job as governess for the children of the King (Ronobir Lahiri). The King, as most rulers are in musicals of this sort, is rude, coarse and a bit of a bigot. It sets the perfect stage for a clash of cultures, sexes and ideas.

Front and center in the current incarnation of this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is Powers, probably best-known for her role as diva-detective Jennifer Hart on the hit TV show *Hart to Hart*. Powers initially seems a bit mature for the role of romantic widow Anna, but she soon settles into an impressive performance.

Powers brings a grand authority to the role of Anna, and her voice soars as the show wears on, particularly during the wistful "Hello, Young Lovers." As the King, Lahiri weaves an appropriately complex portrait, shaded by ignorance, fear, doubt and, ultimately, understanding.

Equally superb are the show's various supporting players, who command the stage at various turns. Michelle Liu Coughlin is positively radiant as Tuptim, a slave in the

royal court. Her voice is a thing of wonder, and she generates a romantic chemistry with secret lover Lun Tha (the strong-voiced Martin Sola, who has leading-man potential) during "We Kiss in a Shadow."

### ON STAGE

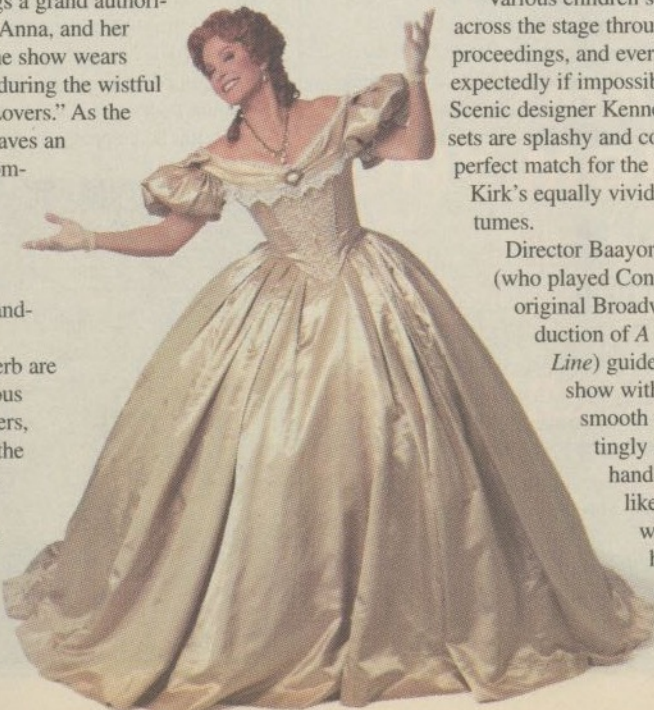
#### The King and I

Music by Richard Rodgers, book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II  
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Mezzo-soprano Catherine Mieun Choi brings a regal grace and a booming voice to the key role of Lady Thiang, who loves the king unconditionally. The artful "Uncle Thomas" dance featured in Act 2 showcases an adept set of hoofers, led by Natalie Turner as Eliza.

Various children scamper across the stage throughout the proceedings, and every one is expectedly if impossibly cute. Scenic designer Kenneth Foy's sets are splashy and colorful, a perfect match for the Roger Kirk's equally vivid costumes.

Director Baayork Lee (who played Connie in the original Broadway production of *A Chorus Line*) guides the show with a smooth and fittingly majestic hand. You'll likely be whistling a happy tune for days to come.



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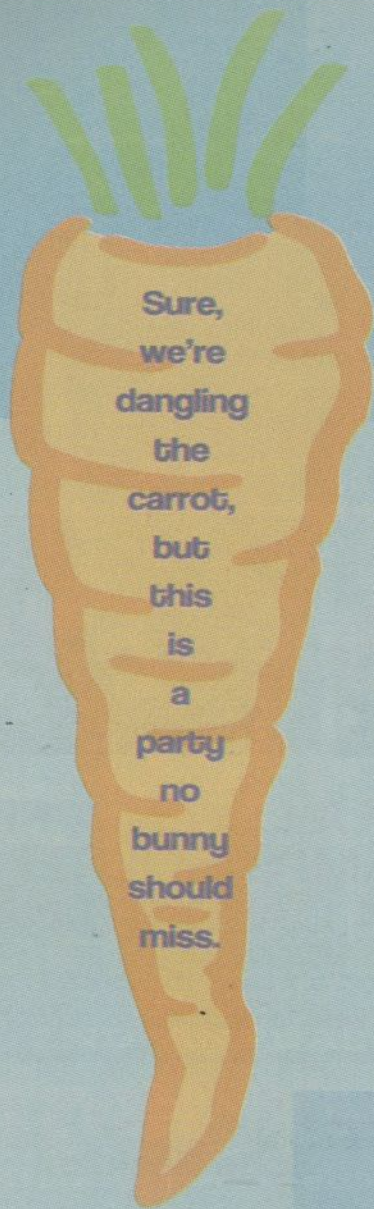
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## Beat

By Jimmy Smith

# Anime

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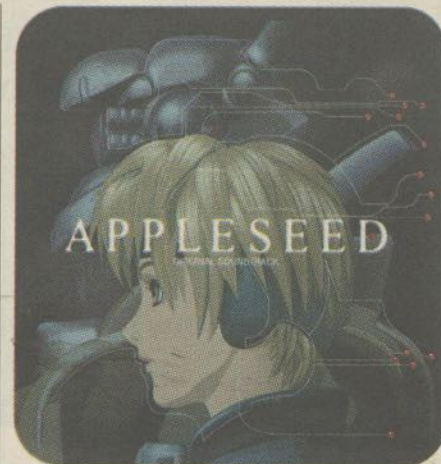
Japanimation soundtrack pleases the ears and eyes

**K**nowing how many queens are into the whole anime thing, I figured you might want to check out this little soundtrack CD.

Take an aural leap into the sleek new world of Japanese anime that is the *Appleseed* movie soundtrack. The latest from animation king Masamune Shirow, the film is a magnetic fusion of ultra cutting-edge anime technology and tough, dazzling, original electronic tracks.

Featured artists include the supernova of dance, Paul Oakenfold, who appears here with the aggressively modern Burns Attack (and also worked on *The Matrix Reloaded* and *Swordfish* soundtracks); the beloved Basement Jaxx, who rocks out diva-style with "Good Luck;" the brilliant savior of Detroit techno Carl Craig with his speeding remix of ADULT's "Hand to Phone;" electronic music pioneer (and Oscar winner) Ryuichi Sakamoto with the shocking, warped "Coro;" and Japan's hottest electro-punk band, Boom Boom Satellites, who wrote the theme song, "Dive For You." They are also responsible for three other songs on the soundtrack, including the deliriously white-knuckled "Bump Over Hills."

Additional tracks, by three emerging artists worth knowing, are the quirky stomp "One Man Army" by German artist T. Raumschmiere, the sexy "White Car" by Chilean eccentric Atom and the conceptual yet groovy "The Dragonfly Who Thought He Was a Mockingbird" by Canadian Akufen.



The *Appleseed* soundtrack is a sharp, stand-alone collection of unique, innovative and engaging electronic tracks. The tracks provide supplement the story of a soldier in post-war 2131, rescued by her long-lost (now cyborg) love and now fighting for the future of mankind in the utopian city of Olympus.

Shirow's animated film *Ghost in the Shell* topped Billboard's video chart and brought anime worldwide attention. His innovative imagery did not go unnoticed in Hollywood and he counts James Cameron, the Wachowski Brothers and Quentin Tarantino as fans. (Shirow produced the anime sequence in *Kill Bill Vol.1*.) *Appleseed* is the first feature-length film to experiment with the new animation style called 3-D live anime.

And that's the beat.

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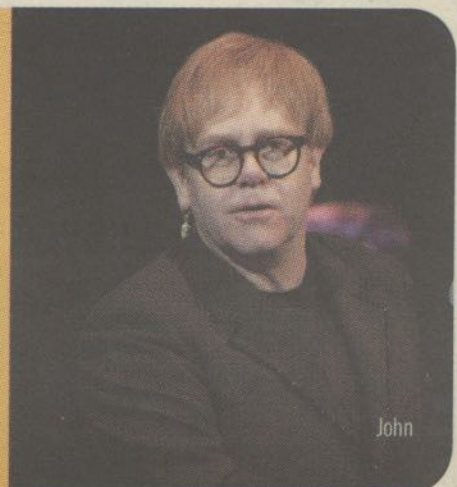
### Elton John

Elton John must like Texas. The Rocket Man is celebrating his 58th birthday (Friday) by sandwiching it between appearances in Dallas and Houston.

Elton has been a dignified and iconic advocate for gay rights, someone who has opened the doors to his life and proved there needn't be any fallout in his popularity.

The tour coincides with the release last November of *Peachtree Road*, his latest album. But for most of his fans, it's not a single album that draws us to him, it's a lifetime of wonderful songs.

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By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

## American Idol rumor mill gets churned

Everyone is asking me why **Mario Vasquez** left *American Idol*. Quite a number of theories are being bandied about, from a pregnant girlfriend to a same-sex encounter in a Fox men's room to an against-the-rules management deal to balking at the contract the final 12 are required to sign (which would lock him in for several years).

What you may not know is that Mario just secured the services of **Jess L. Rosen**, the attorney responsible for extricating **Clay Aiken** from his *Idol* contract. Hmm.

It's also come to light that Vasquez sang backup on **Michael Jackson's** *Invincible* CD. Although he's only on one track ("Whatever Happens"), could his sudden departure from California be connected to a certain trial in Santa Barbara? Doubtful, since he's not on anyone's list of potential witnesses. And, he would have been 20 when he was in the recording studio with M.J. — and that's about a decade too old!

Another *Idol*-related story has a gay porn connection. Nope, Mario hasn't done skin films (well, none that have come to my attention — yet). Jet Set's *American Porn Idol* has caused some angst over at the network.

The porn flick may be over a year old, but it just won best renting title at the GayVNs, meaning that lots of folks have been handling some sticky DVD jewel boxes.

One of those renters may have been **Ryan Seacrest**, who was dismayed to learn that the host of *American Porn Idol* is **Jason Sechrest** — same pronunciation, different spelling. Although no one would confuse the highlighted Ryan with the brunette Jason, Fox attorneys thought otherwise and demanded certain changes. New copies of *American Porn Idol* will feature a different logo and different music. Other than that, the show will go on.

Another top-rated TV show has spawned a porn flick. Massive Studio has come out with *C.S.I.: Cock Scene Investigators*. Something tells me this is one movie that won't feature **Marg Helgenberger**, although I bet it'll be popular with some of her colleagues (wink, wink).

By the way, *CSI* (the show, not the flesh flick) plans to pull out some big guns for the May sweeps. A little birdie told me that the legendary **Ann-Margret** will appear as Marg's mother in at least two episodes. Who knows — maybe she's in the porn version, too!

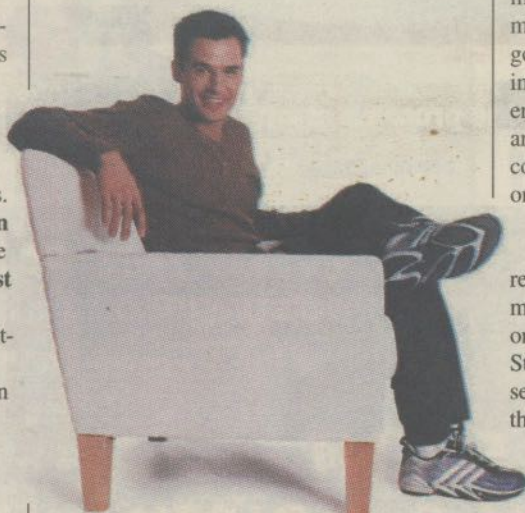
Now for more in the ongoing saga that is the life of **Michael Bergin**. The *Baywatch* hottie is heading for the pokey. Faithful fans

of Filth know that over the summer, Bergin tried to run a red light and accidentally hit a rollerblader, who subsequently flew through the air and landed on the hood of a police car. At the time, Bergin refused to take a Breathalyzer test and was arrested.

Now he's pleaded no contest to drunk driving charges. The judge ordered Bergin to surrender his license, enter an alcohol recovery program, do 60 days of community service and serve 30 days in jail, starting on May 16. I wonder if it's too early to register for a conjugal visit?

**Christina Aguilera** seems to be all around me. Recently the songstress took over the VIP room at The Abbey in WeHo to throw a birthday party for her best friend and hairdresser, **Steven Solitto**. As luck would have it, I went to school with Steven — it's a small gay world.

A few days later, I saw **Sandra Bernhard's** new one-woman show, *Everything Bad and Beautiful*. Bernhard is obscenely talented and I could happily watch her perform every night of the week. Where is the Aguilera connection? The show opens with Sandra singing a stupendous, stripped-down, acoustic version of Aguilera's hit "Beautiful."



Sabato

Our "Ask Billy" question of the week comes from Mark in New Jersey, who is not very happy with me: "You really screwed up. Months ago, you said that **Antonio Sabato's** penis was nothing special. But I just got the DVD of *Testosterone* and I am very impressed. What's wrong with you?"

For years, my sexual partners would complain that I didn't prepare them for the enormity of my appendage — I always told people it was "average." Truth be told, the people I'd slept with to that point were well above average, which was the cause of my confusion.

So please forgive me — Antonio's penis is probably monstrously huge. If he'd only been



"I have loved women in the past and slept with them too. I think if you love and want to pleasure a woman, particularly if you are a woman yourself, then certainly you know how to do things in a certain way."

— **Angelina Jolie**, on her sexually adventurous past

Jolie

fluffed (like, say, **Steven Weber** was when he did *Hair*), we'd know the exact size (or we could just ask **Virginia Madsen**).

Because there's nothing I wouldn't do for my fans, I watched *Testosterone* again and must confess that Antonio's penis does have a good "swing" to it. Or maybe it looks more impressive on the small screen. I'll put the entire "swinging" scene on Filth2Go.com, and you can decide for yourself. My penis continues to be available for private viewings only.

Could it be that **Barbra's** coming out of retirement? That's the rumor of the week, as my sources in the U.K. have clued me in on some hush-hush discussions that Streisand's been having regarding a series of concerts in London over the summer.

Technically, this doesn't go against her "I'll never tour again" attitude — this wouldn't be a tour, just some isolated concerts. But if they go well, perhaps she'll consider another offer: Doing an extended run on Broadway. Anything to justify that honorary Tony.

Could it be that a certain fellow has more than a frog in his throat? So say folks close to that cute cut-up, who tell me that the lanky lad and his frequent sleepover companion make quite a twisted twosome. They've taken to partying on both coasts, with nary a pretty lady in sight. Perhaps that's because they only have eyes for each other.

When Antonio is big and Bergin's in the big house, it's definitely time to end yet another column. I just can't stay

put. I'm heading back east for the 20th anniversary performance of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* starring **Charles Busch** on March 28 at the Music Box Theatre on Broadway.

The next night, we celebrate another milestone: The 40th anniversary of **Mimi Hines** taking over the lead in *Funny Girl* (she stayed in the show longer than Babs). Mimi will be commemorating the event by singing virtually the entire score at Feinstein's at the Regency.

If any fans in the Big Apple are going to these events, do come by and say hi.

The rest of you can feel free to drop me a line at [billy@filth2go.com](mailto:billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you before I challenge Antonio to a little "competition."

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



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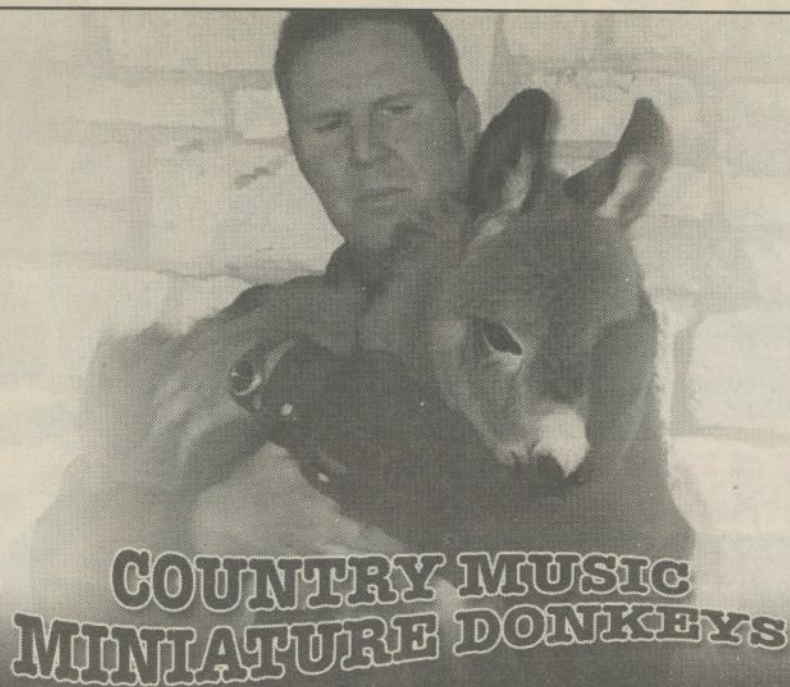
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**Dear Howard,**

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as easily gone the other way. My lover barely trusts me as it is, and I could hardly just grab him by the arm and run in the other direction.

**Secret John**

As in Las Vegas, the motto of your bedroom should ideally be, "What happens here stays here." Honorable employees of the world's oldest profession, like priests and shrinks, know the value of discretion. Obviously, though, your lover's lack of trust in you is more than warranted, so I'd play it close to the cuff if I were you. Always hire only the best call-boys, pay them what they ask, and business will stay business.

**Dear Howard,**

This is a situation where I truly need to know how to do the wrong thing right. My stepbrother is 17; I'm 18. He's straight; I'm gay. We sleep in bunk beds in the same room. Is it okay to ask him if I can give him fellatio some night when I hear him masturbating? He's really hot. The worst he can say is no, right? It's not like we're blood-related or anything, so it wouldn't be incest.

**Step Lust**

No, Soon Yi, it's not OK to ask. Your argument that it wouldn't be incest is based solely on a technicality. This isn't to say your

stepbrother wouldn't say yes. But you'd both regret it afterwards, and for now you're still living together. Who's to know where the awkwardness would ultimately lead? To paraphrase the old whore on Sunday, it's best not to defecate in church.

**Dear Howard,**

I have a problem. This guy at school used to be a really close friend. Then one of my supposedly close female friends told him all these things, like how I was jealous of the two of them being friends. In reality, I wasn't jealous and didn't really care if they were friends. But now he treats me like crap and acts like a jerk and accuses me of liking other people. He doesn't even have the nerve to say something to me in the hall, and just walks by me like I'm a rock. I'm over him and don't really care anymore, but my problem is that he is still holding these rumors against me. How can I stop all this nonsense and get things straightened out? Can I try to get him back and be friends, or just forget about him and the whole thing and move on with life?

**Confused**

I think you answered your own question. Move on with life. Most of us at one time or another have had mistruths and rumors circu-

lated about us out of spite, envy or any host of other deadly sins. My mother's advice is still the best I've ever heard in this regard — always act as though the other person did what he was supposed to do in the first place. In other words, never stoop to conquer.

**Dear Howard,**

Will you promise to run this question and tell me how many answers you get? I want to know if anybody is out there who can "beat" my record of 22 times in a single night — 22 times with results, my friend! I think I'm the champion, Howard, but I want to know for sure.

**Chafed and Itching**

You're sure the champ in my book. One question, though: Was anyone else in the room with you, or was this a solo venture? Certainly, I'll run your query — it's so stupid, it's sublime.

### HAVE A QUESTION FOR HOWARD?

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

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# WEEKLY REVIEW

## Friday, March 25

### AUSTIN

**91.7FM KO-OP** Radio presents *Outspoken*. 6-7 p.m. Koop.org.

**Bisexual Network of Austin** social. 7 p.m. 512-370-9573. Main.org/binetaustin.

**Dougherty Arts Center** presents *MacBeth*. Through April 17; Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 6 p.m. \$6-\$12. 1110 Barton Springs. 512-431-6290.



**Visiting Mr. Green**. Gaslight Theater, 204 N. Main, Lockhart. Through April 2, 8 p.m. March 26 matinee, 2 p.m. \$10. 204 N. Main St. Lockhart. 512-376-5653. Gaslighttheater.com.

**Zachary Scott Theatre Center** presents *Aida*, and *The Vagina Monologues*, through April 3. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541. Zachscott.com.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Bamboleo's** presents *Chico Sexy*, with drink specials. 6102 Maple Ave. 214-358-2515. Bamboleosclub.com.

**Cara Mia Theatre Company** presents *The Panza Monologues*, through March 19. 8:15 p.m. Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak St. Caramiatheatre.net. 214-946-9499.

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

**Jump, Jive and Wail—a Unique Salon and Davis Productions** present *Night Fall Charity Benefit*. 5:30 p.m. \$100. Benefits St. John's Orphanage in Sri Lanka and Bhaktivedanta International Charities & Food Relief. Station 4. Hdproduction05@yahoo.com.

**Kitchen Dog Theater** presents *Buried Child*, through April 30. McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1212. Kitchendogtheater.org.

**Free syphilis and oral HIV testing**. 5-9 p.m. Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center, 4012 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-540-4414.

**High Tech Happy Hour**. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tipperary Inn, 5815 Live Oak. 214-821-6500. Tippinn.com.

**Irving Arts Center** presents *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*, through March 26. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. \$11-\$16. ICT MainStage, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-ARTS. Irvingartscenter.com.

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

**Mickey's** presents *Name That Frame* movie trivia with Wayne Smith. 10:30 p.m. 3851 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-219-MICK. Miceysdallas.com.

**Modern Art Museum** of Ft. Worth presents *Dan Flavin: A*

*Retrospective*, through June 5. 3200 Darnell ST. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

### HOUSTON

**Alley Theatre** presents *Bad Dates*, through April 3. \$40-\$45. Neuhaus Stage, 615 Texas Ave. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.org.

**Country Playhouse** presents *The Elephant Man*, through April 2. 12802 Queensbury. 713-467-4497. Countryplayhouse.org.

**EJ's** presents the *Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest*, 10 p.m. 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

**Ensemble Theatre** presents *The Story*, through April 10. 3535 Main St. 713-520-0055. Theensembletheatrehouston.org.

**Bayou City Boys Club's Jungle Lust 13** gathers the tribe with DJ Warren Gluck. 10 p.m. \$10. Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. Junglehouston.com.

**Museum of Fine Arts** presents *Turning Light in Silver*, through May 30. Audrey Jones Beck Building, 5601 Main St. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 12:15-7 p.m. \$3.50-\$7. 713-639-7300. Mfah.org.

**Theatre Suburbia** presents *The Movie Game*, through March 26. \$10. 1410 W. 43rd. 713 682-3525.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Heat** presents '80s Night with \$1.75 well drinks. 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

**The Saint** presents *Boys Night Out: The Erica Andrews Show*. 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

## Saturday, March 26

### AUSTIN

**Austin Symphony** presents its *Spring Family Concert* with Kelly Willis and Sara Hickman. 512-476-6064. Austinsymphony.org.

**Everywoman's Self Defense** presents *Ground Fighting*. 2-4 p.m. \$25; scholarships available. Sun Dragon Martial Arts, 203 E. Riverside Dr. 512-416-9735. Everywomans-selfdefense.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**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.

**Dallas Museum of Art** exhibits *Splendors of China's Forbidden City*, through May 29. 1717 N. Harwood St. 214-922-1200.



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

### HOUSTON

**Bayou City Boys Club Jungle Lust 13's Tribal Heat** with DJ Tony Moran and Kristine W. 10 p.m. \$55-\$65. Verizon Wireless Theatre. Junglehouston.com.

**EJ's** presents the *Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest*, 10 p.m. 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

**GoGirlsRock!** presents *Tabitha Monet*, *Sky Blue 72*, *Stage Dive* and *Camino*. 8 p.m. \$5. Rhythm Room, 1815 Washington Ave. 713-863-0943. GoGirlsMusic.com.

**Houston Gay Lesbian Political Caucus** presents *Save Our Constitution*, an action to oppose passage of a resolution, which seeks to deny gays and lesbians the right to marry. 8:30 a.m. Meet at the GLBT Community Center. 713-521-1000. Hglpc.com.

**Open mic** with comedian Nancy Ford. 9 p.m.-12 midnight. Club 1415, 1415 California. 713-961-2867.

### SAN ANTONIO

**GaySanAntonio.net** radio show with news, events, commentary and music. 2 p.m. Gay-sa.net/gsaair.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, March 27

### AUSTIN

**Austin Baptist Women** presents *Gospelfest 2005*, their 18th annual Easter fundraiser. 8 p.m. Benefits the Wright House Wellness Center. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. 4th St. 512-320-8823. Babbistwomen.com.

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

**Rain** presents *The T-Dance* with Hedda Layne and fajita buffet. 4 p.m. 217B W. 4th St. 512-494-1150. Rainon4th.com.

**Trinity United Methodist Church's** Trinity Triangle Fellowship lunch. 12:45pm. 512-459-5835.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

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

**Lutherans Concerned** (GLBT affirming Lutherans). 7 p.m. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway.

### HOUSTON

**Beyond Entertainment and Spoiled Boyz** presents *Salvation* with DJ Alyson Calagna. 3:30-10 a.m. Benefits Jungle 13's HIV/AIDS service organizations beneficiaries.

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

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

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



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



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**South Beach** presents Tribal Lust with DJ Monty Q. After hours 'til 5 a.m. \$10. Benefits Jungle 13's HIV/AIDS service organizations beneficiaries. 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

**Women's Group** screens Dreams of Equality. 10:45 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church's Sojourner Truth Room, 3rd floor, 5200 Fannin. 713-529-8571. Houstonwomensgroup.com.

## SAN ANTONIO

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

**The Saint** presents Super Sunday Show, starring Pauletta Leigh. 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

## Monday, March 28

### AUSTIN

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

### HOUSTON

**Joe Watts' The Group** theatre workshop. 7:30 p.m. \$5. Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2515 Waugh Dr. 713-522-2204.

**EJ's** presents the Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

**GATHER and Rice Ally Training** present How to Be an Ally after Ally Training. 12-1 p.m. Farnsworth Pavilion, Rice Memorial Center. RSVP: Gather@rice.edu.

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

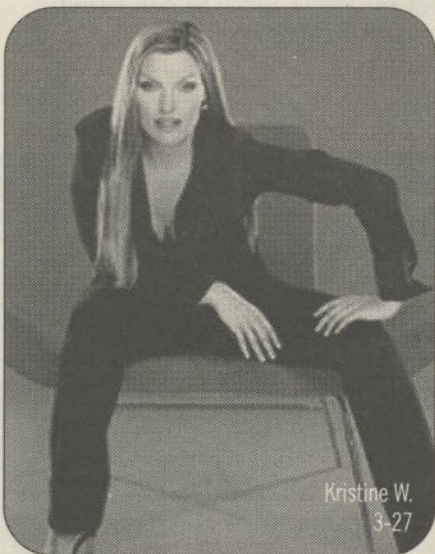
**Montrose Counseling Center** presents Women and HIV, a support group for women who are HIV positive. 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, through June 6. 701 Richmond Ave. Montrosecounselingcenter.org. 713-529-0037, ext. 315.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Shady Lady** hosts Talent Night, with a \$75 prize. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

**Texas Tradition Cloggers** classes. 5:30 p.m. Turner

Club, 120 9th St. 210-535-6155. Texastraditioncloggers.com.



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## Tuesday, March 29

### AUSTIN

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**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.

### HOUSTON

**Alley Theatre** presents Bad Dates, through April 3, tonight preceded by Good Tips to Avoid Bad Dates. 6:45 p.m. Alley Theatre, Neuhaus Lobby. \$40-\$45. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.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.

## Wednesday, March 30

### AUSTIN

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

**State Theater** presents Nickel and Dime, through April 17. 719 Congress Ave. 512-472-5470. Statetheatercompany.com.

**University of Texas's Performing Arts Center** presents Michael Fontenot, guitar. 1-800-731-7469. Utpac.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**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.

### HOUSTON

**EJ's** presents the Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

**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. Dobbie367@aol.com.

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

**Stages Repertory Theater** presents Orange Flower Water, through March 27. 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-8243. Stages theatre.com.

**Theater LaB Houston** presents Dealer's Choice through April 23. \$20. 1706 Alamo. 713-868-7516.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Diversity Center's** Midweek Movie Mixer presents Cock & Bull Story, 6-9 p.m. Free. 533 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

**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.

**King Mary's Bridge Club** presents party bridge and free lessons. 6:45 p.m. \$4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.

## Thursday, March 31

### AUSTIN

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

**Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra** presents Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder, through April 3. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. 817-665-6000.

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

**S4** presents DJ's Inzo and Phinatik. \$5 for 21+. 3911 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-559-0650. Caven.com.

**TITAS** presents The Klezematics. 8 p.m. \$5-\$55. SMU's McFarlin Auditorium. 214-528-5576. Titas.org.

**University of North Texas** presents the 6th Annual Women of Color Conference with Rev. Dr. Vashti Murphy

McKenzie and Dr. Kweethai Neill, through April 1. Unt.edu/edo/multicultural.htm.

### HOUSTON

**City Controller Annise Parker** campaign kickoff. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$100+. Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar. 713-960-1601. Amanda@gmcpolitics.com.

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

**DiverseWorks** presents Andre Gingras/Korzo Productions, through March 26. 1117 East Freeway. 713-223-8346. Diverseworks.org.

**Lambda Legal** presents Blow the Whistle on Workplace Discrimination Community Forum. 7 p.m. Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd. Ste. 207. 214-219-8585. BSirious@yahoo.com.

**Main St. Theatre** presents Morning Star, through April 17. 713-524-6706. Mainstreettheater.com.

**Rice Gallery** opening celebration for Jacob Hashimoto's Superabundant Atmosphere, with remarks by the artist. Exhibiting through April 17. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Rice University, Main St. Entrance 1. 713-348-6069. Ricegallery.org.

**South Beach** presents Café con Leche, with ticket giveaways for Selena Viva. 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

**Theatre Under the Stars** presents Stephanie Powers in The King and I, through April 3. Hobby Center for Performing Arts. 713-558-8887. Tuts.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

**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. Pammartin.pam@gmail.com.

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

**Women's Support Group** discusses relationship issues, facilitated by Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.



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Aries

Venus is entering Aries just behind the sun, offering spontaneous charm. As they sextile Mars in Aquarius, there's a sweet-and-sassy edge that could goad you to brilliance.

**ARIES — March 20-April 19**

Your birthday this year should bring you wonderful treats, including an extra burst of charm and grace. Don't be scared to exploit that energy at work. Gentle assertion and frank outspokenness will help you get ahead in your career.

**TAURUS — April 20-May 20**

Your friends are especially ready to rally around you now, making this a good time to stand up for what you believe in. Sing out, Louise! Whatever is on your mind, now is the time to speak it. Don't hold back on what you think.

**GEMINI — May 21-June 20**

Love and honor crown your reputation. It seems you can't go wrong right now. You can use this gift (while you have it) to take on challenges and cut through the b.s. Using it to be seductive could work too well. Be careful!

**CANCER — June 21-July 22**

You can win most arguments now with charm and persistence, but that doesn't mean you're right. Use your gift to drag some friends to a traveling art exhibit — the more exotic or arcane the better. The adventure will be enlightening.

**LEO — July 23-August 22**

Brush up on erotic techniques. You won't have trouble finding help! If you really have nobody available, a little exercise — at the gym, jogging or skating through a park, perhaps — will catch favorable attention.

**VIRGO — August 23-September 22**

If there's anything you've been holding back from your partner, this is the time to let it out. Finding new ways to play together will strengthen your relationship. And if you're single, getting involved in team sports can help you find a mate.

**LIBRA — September 23-October 22**

You have so much to offer, in so many ways! Most obvious now are skills you can use to help out your community. Volunteering will bring you new perspectives and help others to see you in a new and dazzling light.

**SCORPIO — October 23-November 21**

Your wicked edge is coming out full force right now, and your naughty mouth is sure to be very entertaining. Make sure to have an outlet where it won't get you into trouble — and remember your manners when it could!

**SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20**

It's time for you to be a dazzling host. Invite some friends over — or one special friend. Don't get extravagant. Costs will exceed what you expect, but so will rewards. If your party is business-related, it could be very profitable.

**CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19**

Whatever you have to say, go ahead and say it! Even if it's bad news, it's better to get it out in the open than to keep it bottled up. You can make anything sound good now — even business reports — if you just spit it out.

**AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18**

Retail therapy answers nothing — but then, nobody asked a question. A little impulse-shopping (maybe some jewelry) will raise your spirits, but window-shopping with a confidante will help you figure out why your spirits need raising.

**PISCES — February 19-March 19**

Be a little more daring with your wardrobe. Something sporty will suit you, or be sure to wear something red. Don't be shy, little fishy! You have things to say to your friends, and a bold look will help you get your words across.

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

WHAT MOVES YOU?

I rode for the first time last year. I did it in the spirit of my **FRIENDS** Ricky and Richard — who are no longer with us. If they were still alive they would be riding right next to me, or at least yelling for me on the side of the road. We have to keep fighting so that one day there isn't a reason to ride. ~ John Pitzer

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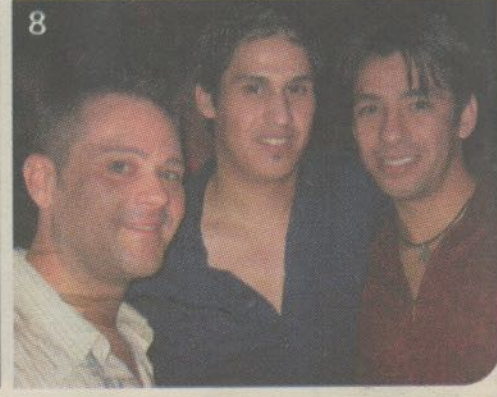
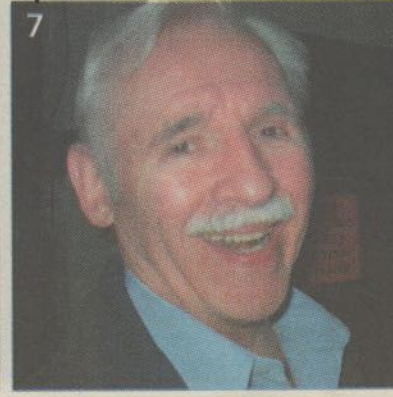
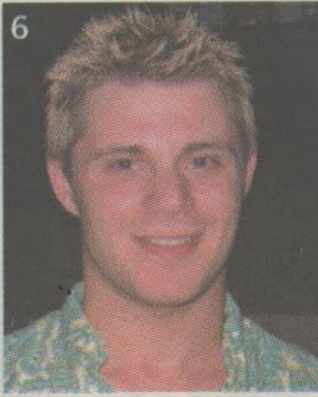
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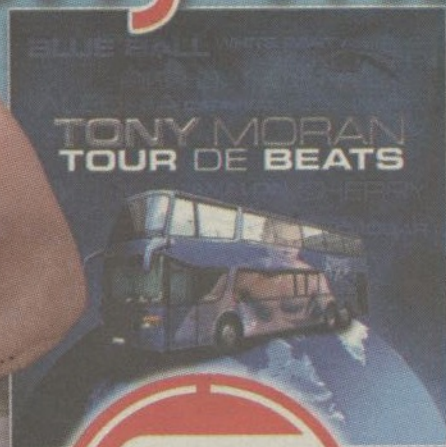
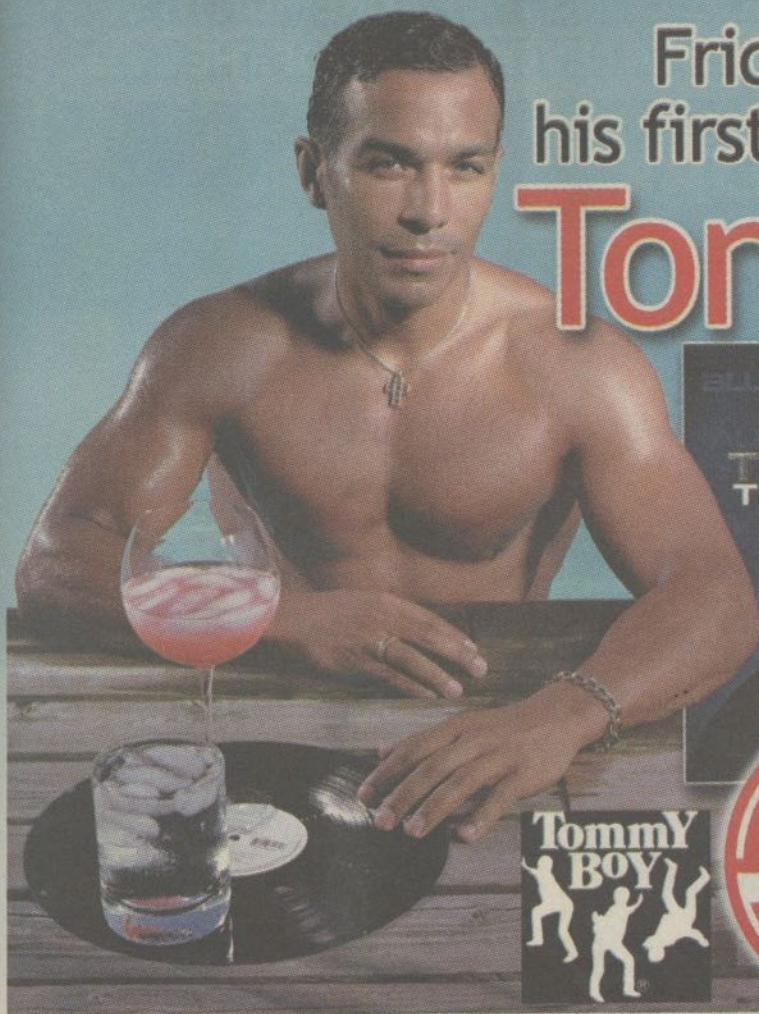
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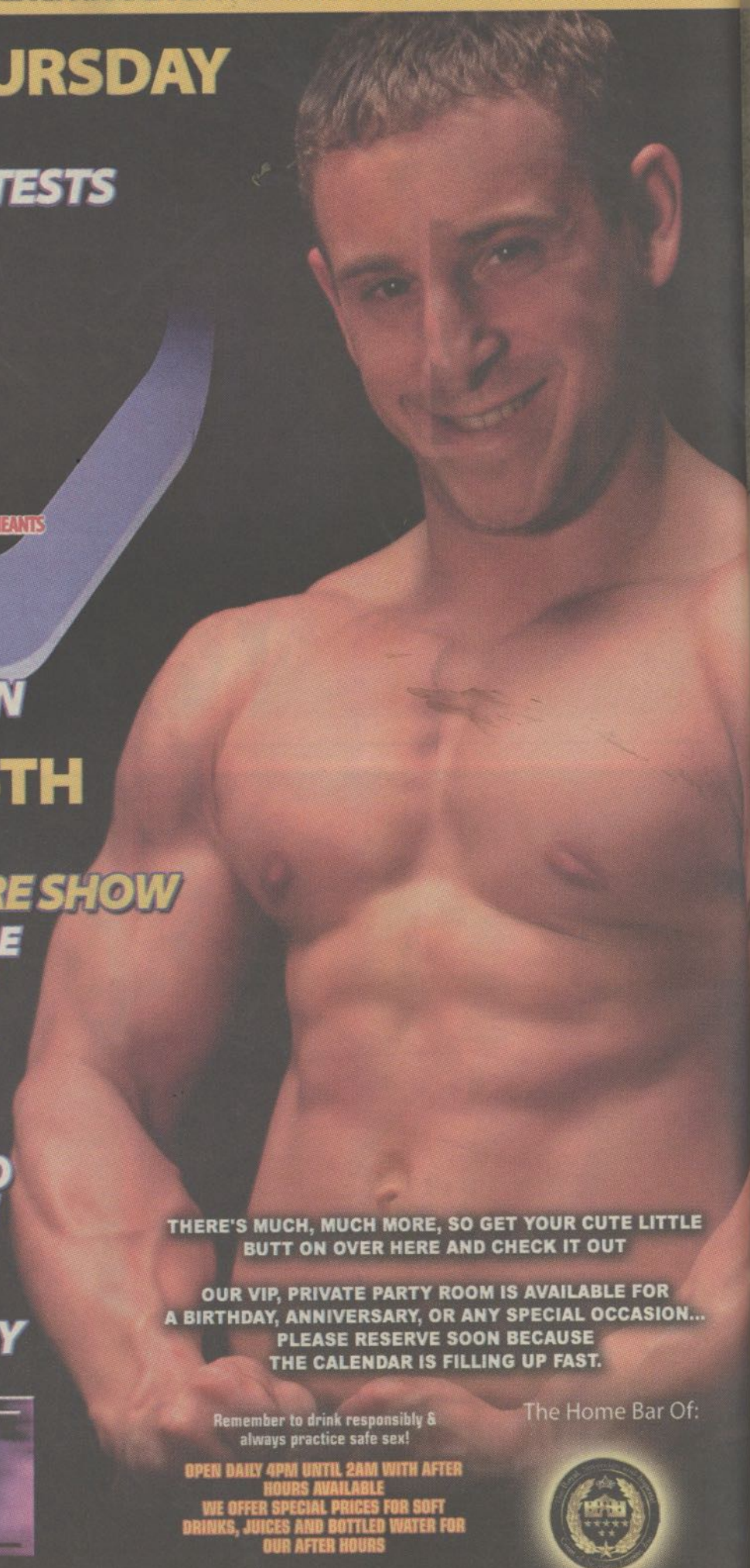
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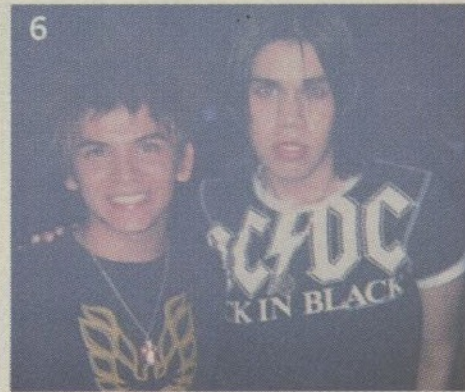
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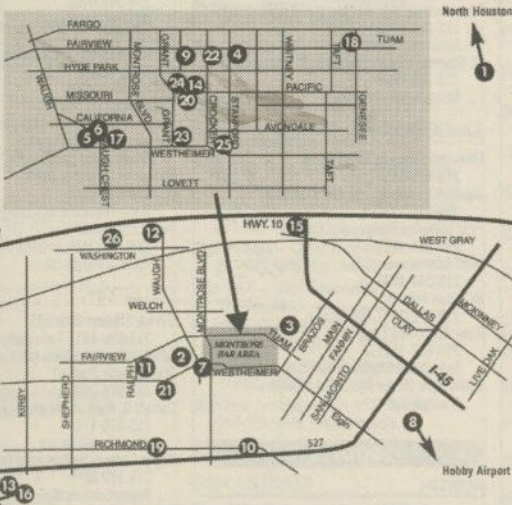
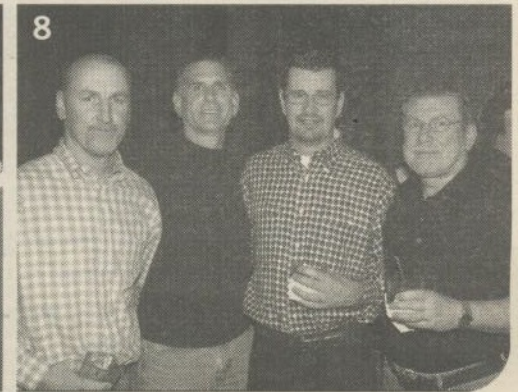
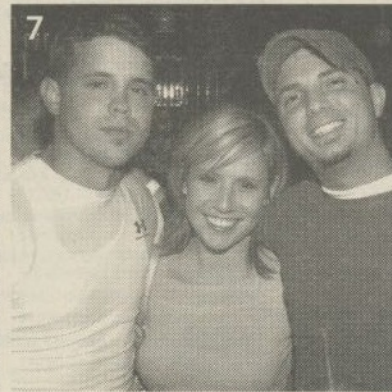
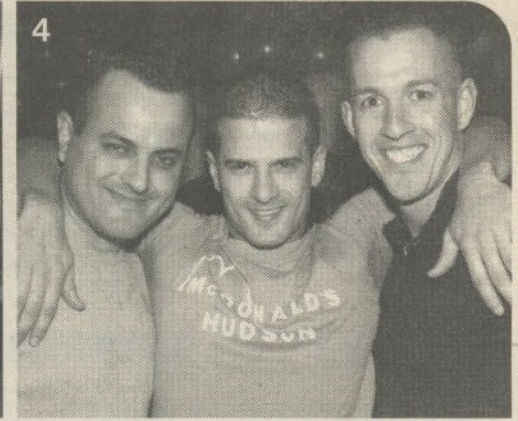
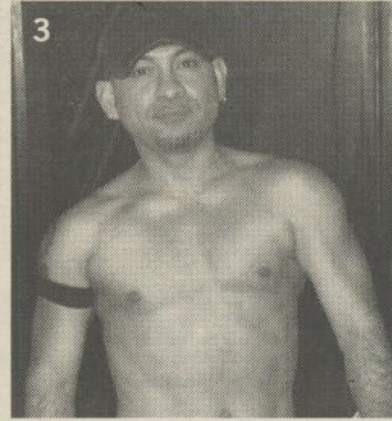
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5. Chances/G-Spot—1100 Westheimer. 713-523-7217. Chancesbar.com
6. Club 1415—1415 California. 713-522-7066
7. Club Rainbow—1417 Westheimer. 713-522-5166
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12. Guava Lamp—570 Waugh. 713-524-3359
13. Inergy—5750 Chimney Rock. 713-666-7310. Clubinergy.com
14. JR's—808 Pacific. 713-521-2519. JrsBarandGrill.com
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17. Mary's—1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669
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22. Ripcord—715 Fairview. 713-521-2792. Ripcordjournal.com
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512-477-SING  
Cmcaustin.org

### DALLAS

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214-621-8998  
Oaklawnband.org  
Turtle Creek Chorale  
214-526-3214  
Turtlecreek.org  
The Women's Chorus of Dallas  
214-520-7828  
Twcd.org

### FORT WORTH

Q Cinema GLBT Film Festival  
817-462-3368 Qcinema.org

### HOUSTON

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston  
713-521-7464 Gmch.org  
Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival  
713-225-2205 Hgfff.org  
Houston Pride Band  
713-862-9491  
Houstonprideband.org

### SAN ANTONIO

Alamo City Men's Chorale  
210-495-SING  
Acmc-texas.org

## gibt advocacy

### AUSTIN

Austin Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus  
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Human Rights Campaign  
Hrc-austin-comms@austinrr.com  
Log Cabin Republicans Austin  
512-467-9797  
Austin.logcabin.org  
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force  
512-332-6483  
Nglft.org  
Soulforce Austin  
Soulforceaustin.org  
Stonewall Democrats of Austin  
512-383-1754  
Stonewallaustin.org  
Texas Freedom Network  
512-322-0545  
Texas Human Rights Foundation  
512-479-8473  
Transgender Advocates of Central Texas  
512-448-6354 Tactx.org

### DALLAS

Dallas & Fort Worth Federal Club  
214-428-3332  
Dfwfc.org  
Dallas Stonewall Democrats  
214-676-7751  
Stonewalldemocrats.org/dallas  
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Human Rights Campaign  
972-733-5075  
info.dallasfw@hrc.org  
Lamba Legal  
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dcoleman@lambdalegal.org  
Log Cabin Republicans Dallas  
214-346-2115  
Dallas.logcabin.org  
Stonewall Democrats of Dallas  
214-328-4906  
Stonewalldemocrats.org/dallas

### FORT WORTH

GLSEN Tarrant County  
817-294-5101 Glsentarrant.org  
PFLAG Fort Worth  
817-428-2329  
Pflagfortworth.org  
Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats  
817-913-8743  
Tarrant@stonewalldemocrats.org

### HOUSTON

American Veterans for Equal Rights-Houston  
Aver.us  
Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus  
713-521-1000  
Hglpc.org  
Human Rights Campaign  
Info.houston@hrc.org  
Log Cabin Republicans Houston  
Shari2600@yahoo.com  
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force-Houston  
713-426-3128  
Old Lesbians Organizing for Change  
Oloc.org

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### HOUSTON

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

### SAN ANTONIO

American Veterans for Equal Rights - San Antonio  
210-845-1638  
Aversanantonio.org  
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Hrc-sa@saxr.com  
Log Cabin Republicans San Antonio  
Lcrsa@yahoo.com  
Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio  
210-494-7442  
Sdsaxr.org

## health

### AUSTIN

AIDS Services of Austin  
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Ausaustin.org  
ALGO Informe SIDA  
512-472-2001  
Allgoinc@adl.com  
David Powell Clinic  
512-479-6121  
Ci.austin.tx.us  
Project Transitions  
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Wright House Wellness Center  
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Thewrighthouse.org

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

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AIDS Housing Coalition  
713-864-1795  
AIDS Foundation Houston  
713-623-6796  
Aidshelp.org  
AssistHers  
713-521-4628  
Assisthers.org  
AVES  
713-626-2837 Aves-health.org  
Bering Omega Community Services  
713-852-2551  
Beringomega.org  
Center for AIDS  
713-527-8219  
Centerforaids.org  
Lesbian Health Initiative  
713-603-0023  
Lhihouston.org  
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713-830-3000  
Montroseclinic.org  
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713-529-0037  
Montrosecounselingcenter.org  
People With AIDS Coalition  
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Pwac.org  
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713-529-4788  
TheAssistanceFund.org

### SAN ANTONIO

AIDS Foundation San Antonio  
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### AUSTIN

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Agccc.com  
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512-472-8522

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Gay & Lesbian Students Association  
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Lesbian/Gay Pride Commission of Austin  
512-479-9431  
United Court of Austin  
512-336-8388  
Impcour.org/icis/chapters/austin.html

### DALLAS

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

### HOUSTON

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation  
713-520-1142  
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Pride Committee of Houston  
713-529-6979  
Pridehouston.org  
PWA Holiday Charities  
713-526-4641  
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Impcour.org/icis/chapters/  
/houston.html  
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713-227-1717  
Slagh.org

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Impcour.org/icis/chapters/  
/sanantonio.html

## social

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Austin Family Pride  
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Austinfamilypride.home.att.net  
Austin Gay Lesbian Leather Social  
AustinGayLeatherSocial.org  
Austin Latino Lesbian/Gay Organization  
512-472-2001  
Bisexual Network of Austin  
512-370-9573  
Main.org/binetaustin  
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Ctbl.org  
Heart of Texas Bears  
heartoftexasbear.org  
Heart of Texas Hoedowners  
Hoedowners.org  
Long Yang Club  
Longyangclub.org/newsite/  
/directory.htm  
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### AUSTIN

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Movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/  
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DFW BiNet  
www.dfwbi.net  
Dallas Transgender Alliance  
Geocities.com/dtgaliance  
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Dragonfliesofdallas.org  
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/dallas.html  
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Tcgpwa.org  
Trinity River Bears  
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Houston Big Men's Club  
713-337-5833  
www.houstonbigmensclub.com  
Houston Prime Timers  
713-867-3903  
Primetimersww.org/houston  
Rainbow Ranglers  
Rainbowranglers.org  
WIPsociety  
281-564-0615 WIPsociety.net

### SAN ANTONIO

Diversity Center  
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King Mary's Bridge Club  
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Integrity Austin Episcopal  
Geocities.com/austintegrity  
Kingdom Seekers in Christ Jesus  
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MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks  
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Mccaustin.com  
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512-291-8601  
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Tejas Web  
Tejasweb.org  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
512-459-5835 Tumc.org  
Unity Church of Austin  
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University Baptist Church  
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Cathedral of Hope  
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Communitygospel.org  
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Dignity/Houston  
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281-298-2780  
Northwoodsuu.org  
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713-861-9149  
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210-472-3597, Mccsa.org  
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Rclc@rivercitylivingchurch.org  
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Travispark.org

## sports

### AUSTIN

Adventuring Outdoors  
512-236-7176  
Main.org/adventuring  
Austin FrontRunners  
512-473-8334, Frontrunners.org  
Austin Gamblers Bowling League  
512-647-7073  
Austingamblers@yahoo.com  
Austin Gay Softball  
512-477-7116 Tx@hotmail.com  
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club  
512-796-0716 Lonestarsrugby.org  
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club  
Austinnightflyers.org  
Austin Tennis Club  
Austintennisclub.com  
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club  
Austinvalkyries.com  
Fast Track  
512-453-8878  
Geocities.com/fasttrackrunners  
Houston Fly Boys  
www.houstonflyboys.com  
Team Austin  
512-447-6408  
Texas Gay Rodeo Association  
Tgra.org

### DALLAS

DFW Rainbow Skate  
972-641-0661 214-478-2649

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

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FrontRunners  
713-522-0899  
Home.swbell.net/iarathon/hour.htm  
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club  
832-741-7125  
Houstonrugby.org  
Houston Invitational Tournament  
Texasinvite.com  
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club  
Roughnecksrugby.org  
Houston Women's Softball League  
713-502-5799  
Lone Star Volleyball Association  
713-717-5782 LLSVA.org  
Montrose Soccer Club  
Montrosesoccer.org  
Montrose Softball League  
713-867-3913  
Montrosesoftballleague.com  
OutSkate Roller Skate Club  
281-933-5818  
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713-523-7663 Tgra.org

## support

### AUSTIN

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

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Gay & Lesbian Switchboard  
214-528-0022  
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network  
972-669-5777 Glsendallas.org  
Lambda AA  
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699  
Lambda Group of Al-Anon  
214-363-0461  
Dallasal-anon.org  
PFLAG Dallas  
214-233-0977 Pflagdallas.org  
Positively Young  
972-283-0468  
Pride Institute  
817-404-2205 Prideinstitute.com  
Purple Light Trans Support  
Goldleopard.com/purple  
Resource Center of Dallas  
214-528-0144  
Resourcecenterdallas.org  
Youth First Texas  
214-879-0400  
Youthfirsttexas.com

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Bering Support Network  
713-526-1013 Beringumc.org  
Community Awareness for  
Transgender Support  
281-624-7056  
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation  
713-528-1748  
Donaldrwatkins.org  
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston  
713-529-3211  
Gayswitchboardhouston.org  
Hollyfield Foundation  
713-523-6900  
Hollyfield.org  
Kolbe Project  
713-861-1800  
Kolbeproject.org  
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous  
713-521-1243  
Lambdahouston.org  
Montrose Counseling Center  
713-529-0037  
Montrosecounselingcenter.org  
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Club Poz San Antonio  
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Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858  
Kerby Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, kerbylanecafe.com.  
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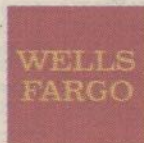
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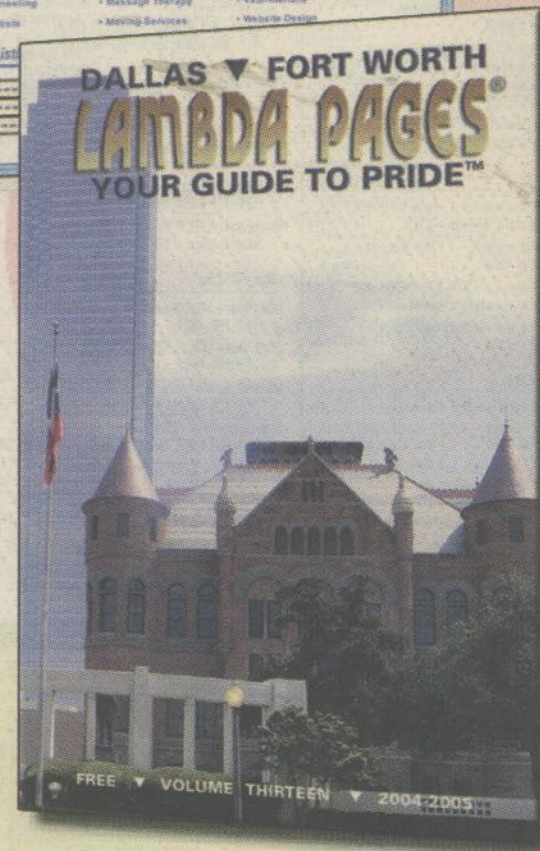
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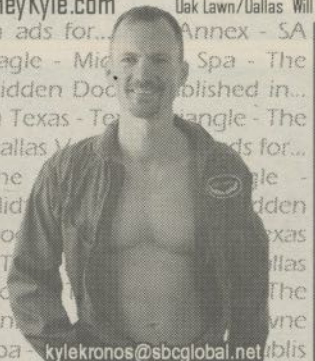
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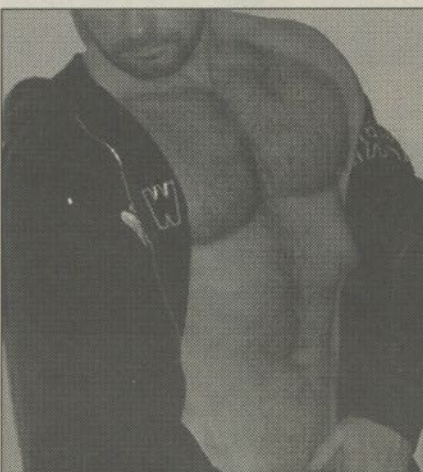
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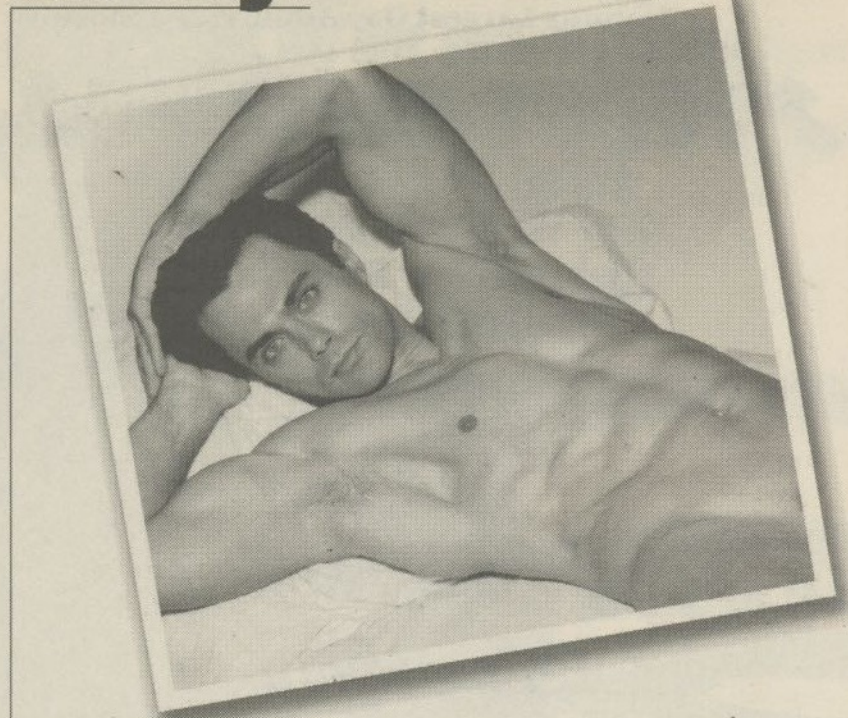
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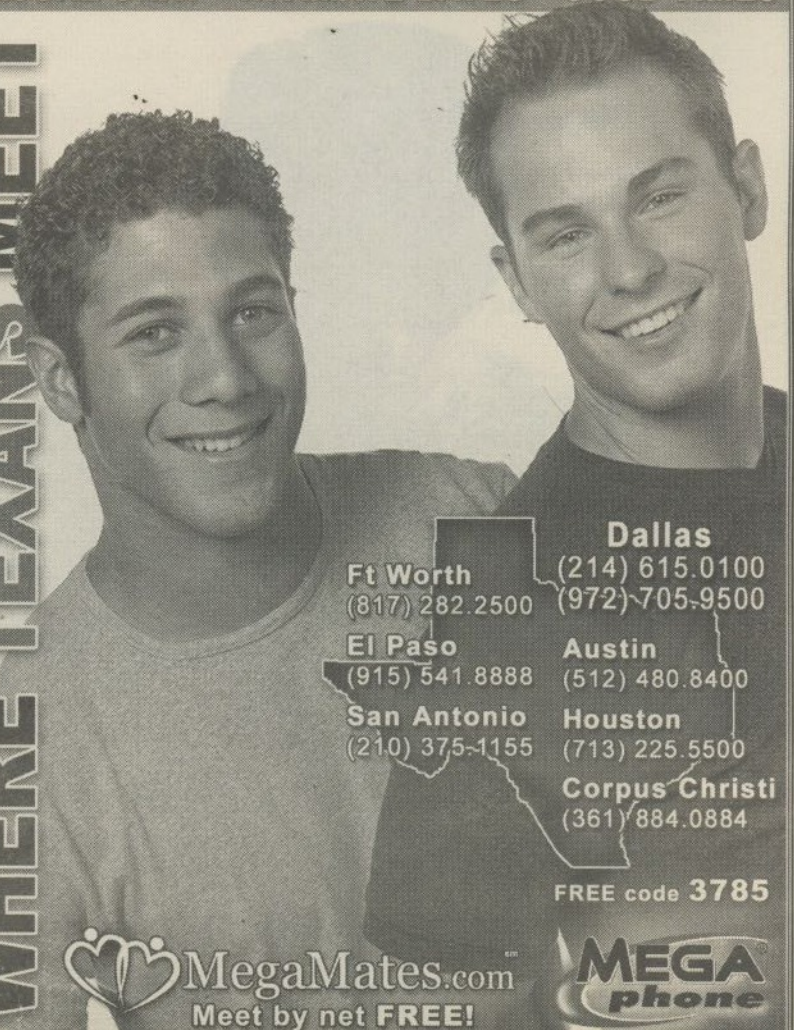
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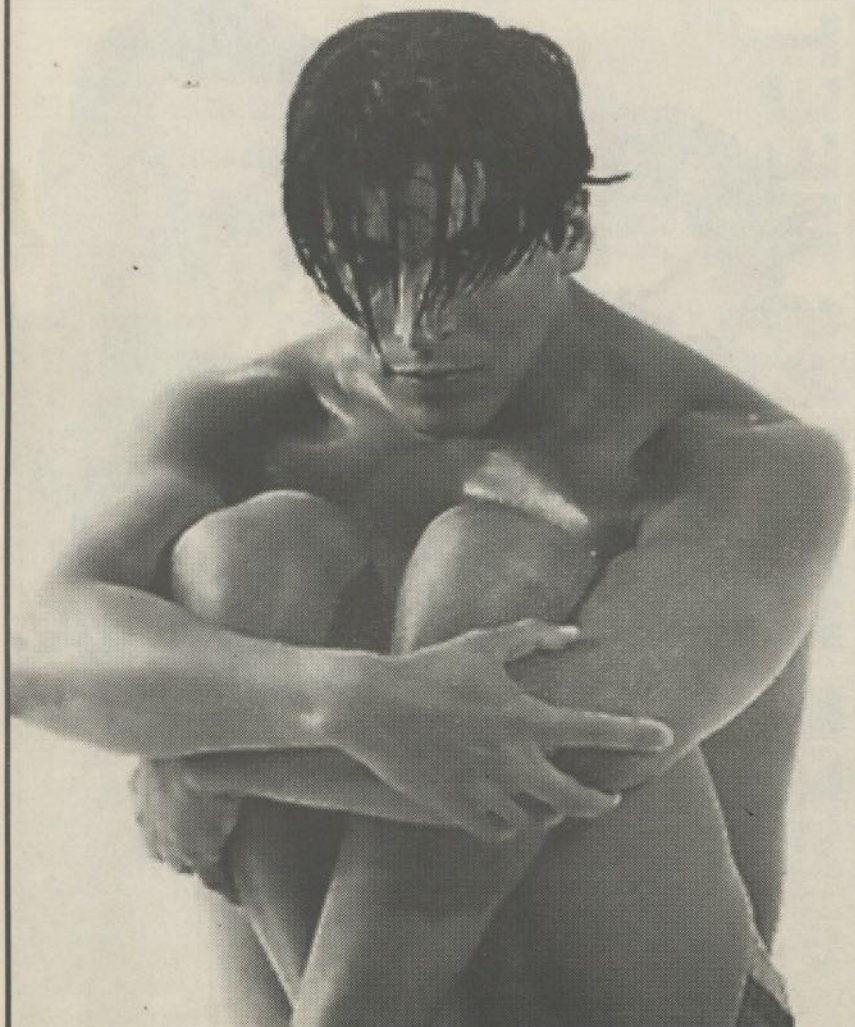
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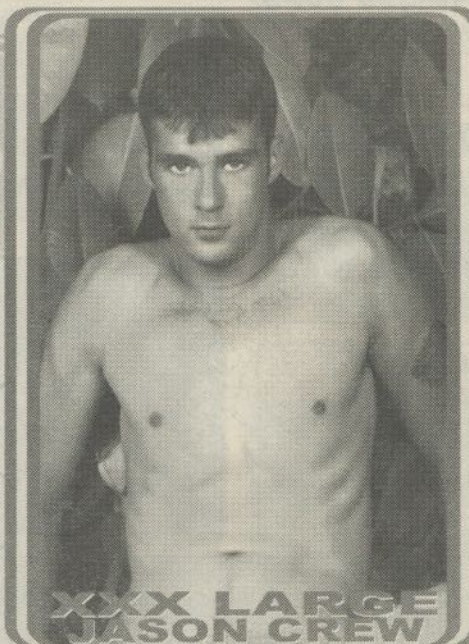
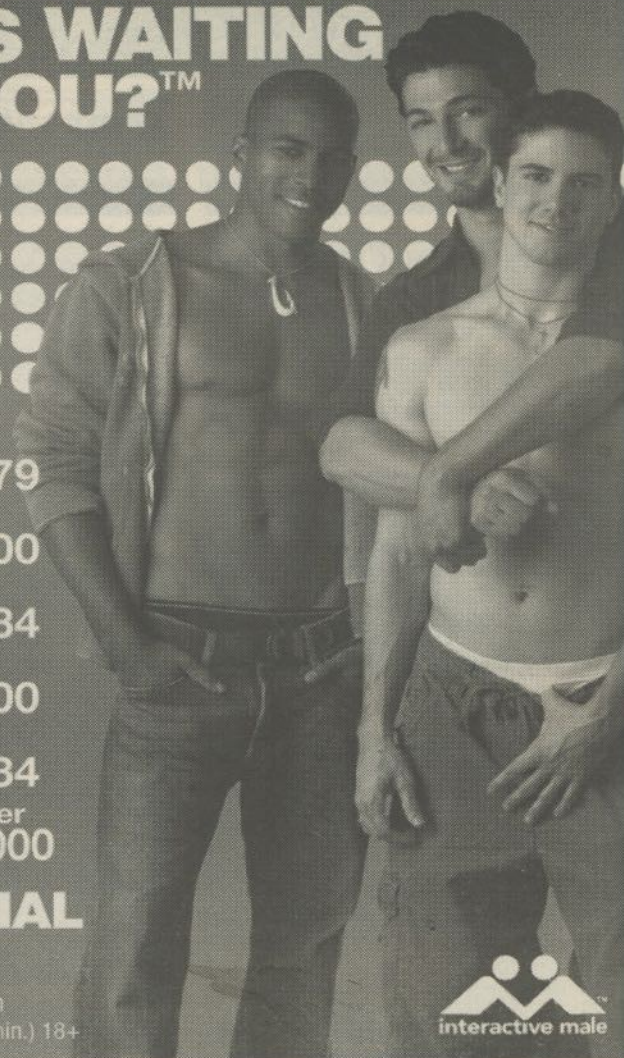
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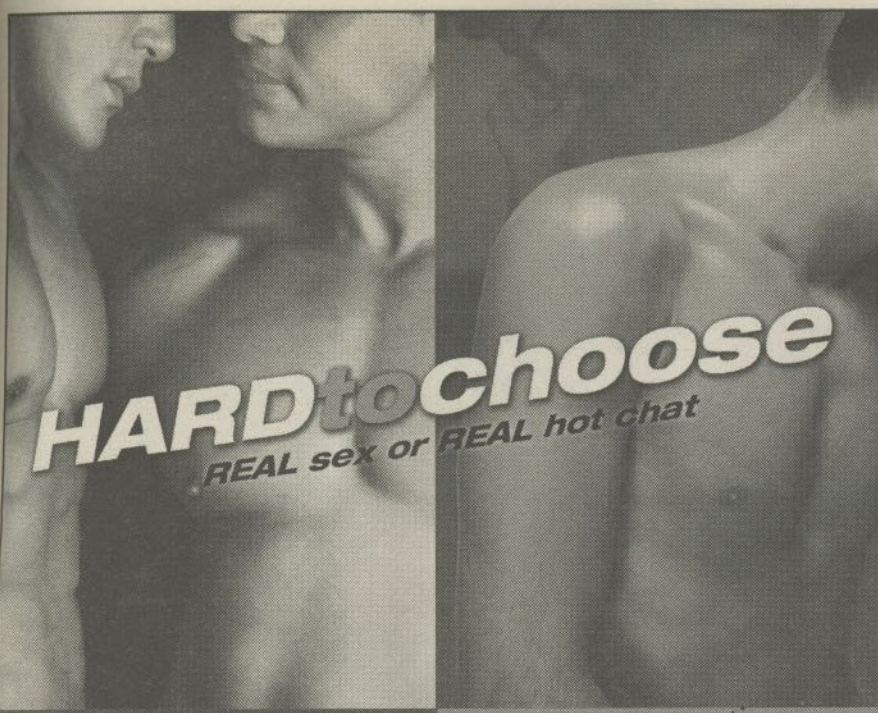
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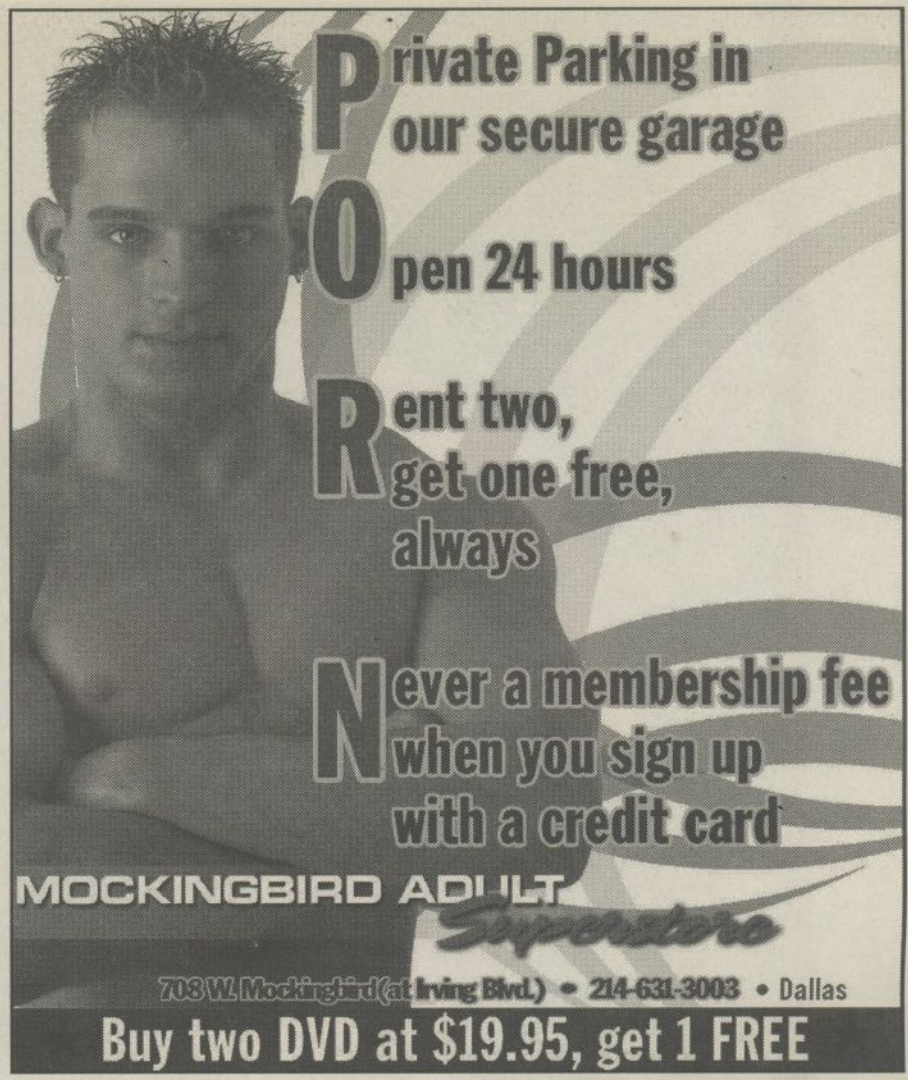
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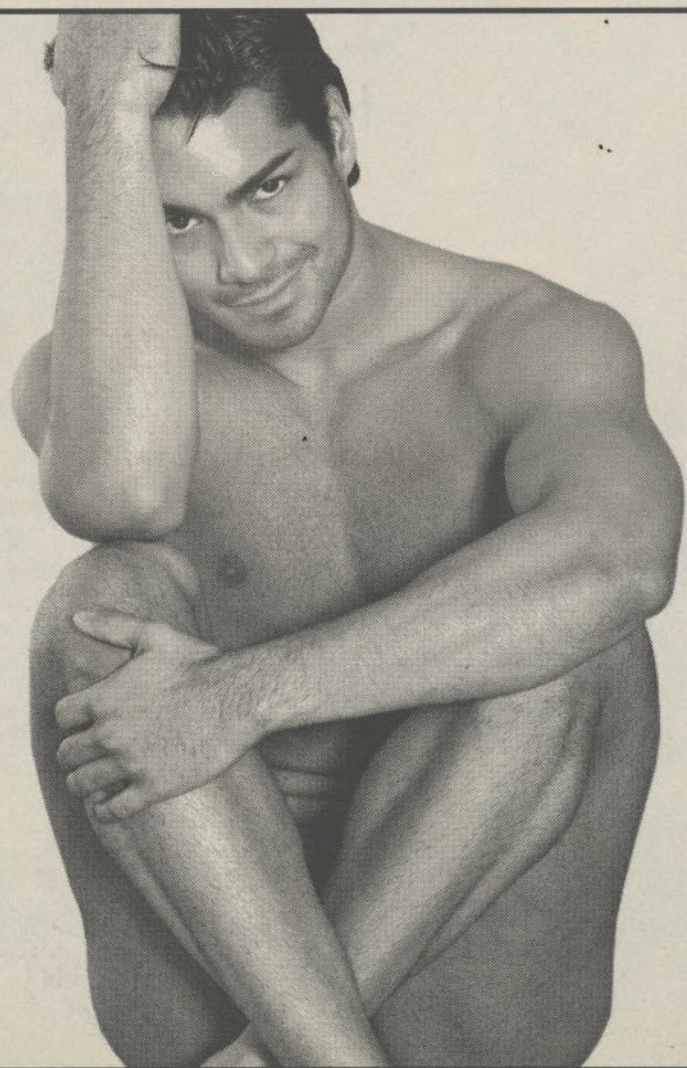
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