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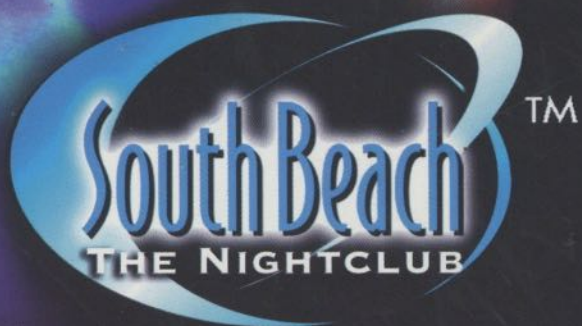
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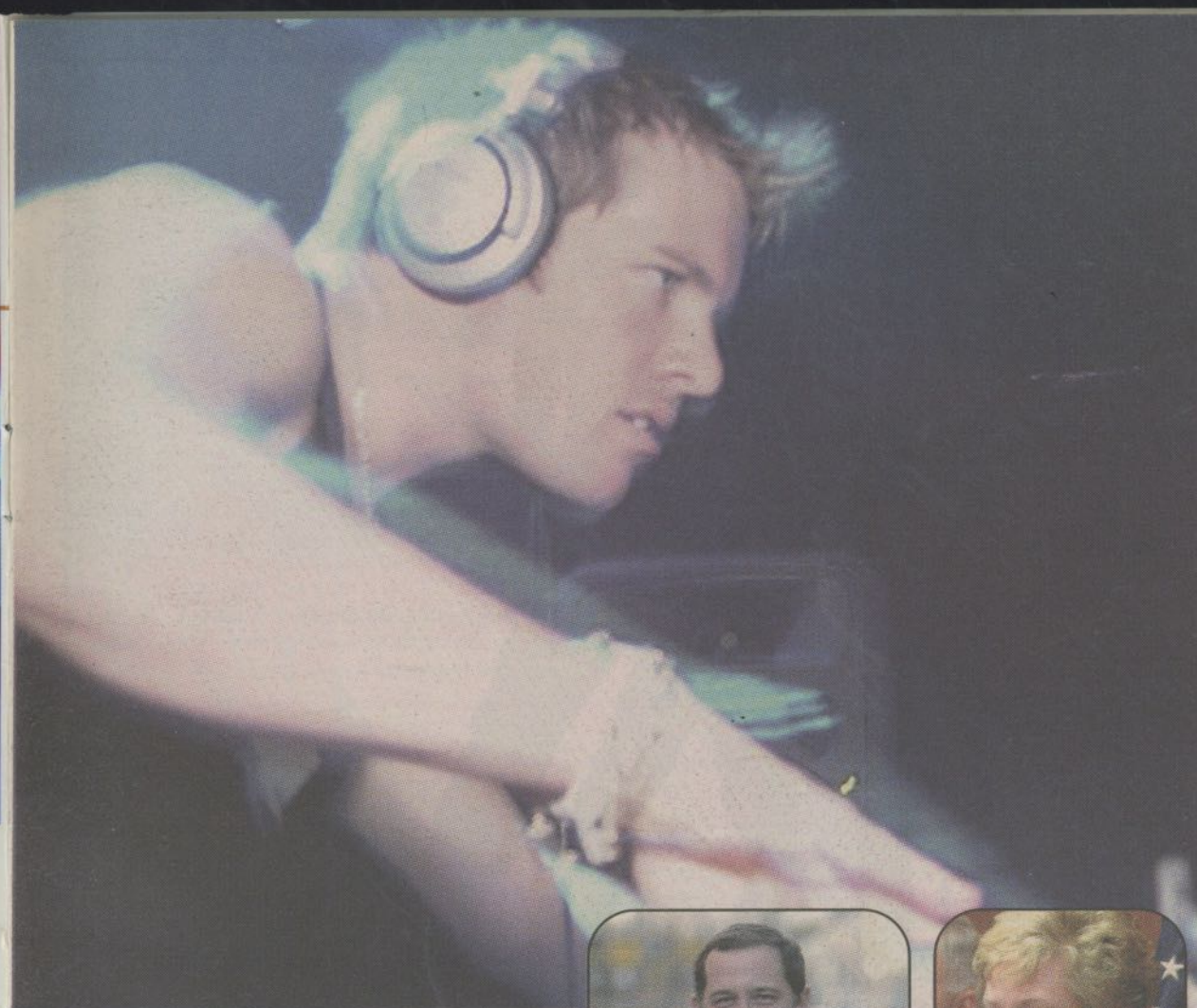
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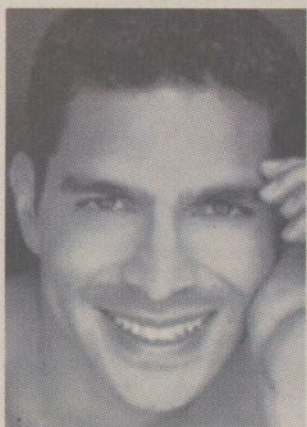
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AUSTIN

Dead woman, husband had stormy marriage 'right from the beginning'

An Austin lesbian killed on March 27 was on bond after being charged in February with assaulting her husband, a female-to-male transsexual who is accused of strangling his wife to death.

The pair, Laura McIntosh and Terry Michael Dalton, met in an online chatroom last fall. They were married on New Year's Day, two weeks after their first face-to-face meeting, said Jennifer R. Martinez, a friend of the defendant. "They definitely had problems, right from the beginning," she said. McIntosh was arrested in February and charged with misdemeanor assault on her husband after the couple argued, said Austin police spokeswoman Laura Albrecht. McIntosh was out of jail on bond when she was killed.

Dalton, 46, was arrested March 28, a day after police responded to a call at the couple's home and found McIntosh dead. She had been strangled, investigators said. Dalton remains jailed on a charge of intentional murder. Bond was set at \$750,000.

AUSTIN

Experts at real estate seminar to offer insiders' tips to same-sex homeowners

The 5th Annual Sex and Real Estate Seminar will be more about how to avoid getting burned by home ownership than how to heat things up at home.

Same Sex Property Ownership in Texas: Protecting Your Partner and Your Assets, is scheduled May 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Gentry Group Realtors at Keller Williams office, 1801 S. Mopac Expressway, Suite 100. A panel discussion featuring local Austin real estate, legal and financial experts will address topics such as tax benefits, inheritance legalities and "what happens if you break up."

The seminar is free, but seating is limited. Participants are asked to RSVP by calling 512-459-8151 or e-mailing JulieNelson@austin.rr.com.

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Deadline for new undergraduate GLBT Ally scholarship at UNT is set for April 30

April 30 is the application deadline for the University of North Texas's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Scholarship presented in honor of Mary Finley. The scholarship, in its first year, will be awarded annually to an undergraduate student at UNT, whether new, transfer or continuing, coordinators said.

Mary Finley, an assistant director of the University Union, co-founded the Ally Program to help create an on-campus environment free of discrimination and harassment for GLBT students and their allies.

Applications are available online at Unt.edu/ally or at UNT's Division of Equity and Diversity, Room 175 of the Administration Building on the Denton campus.

HOUSTON

Progressive Dinner, benefit for AssistHers, Uncommon Legacy, expected to sell out

Progressive Dinner 2005, sponsored by AssistHers and An Uncommon Legacy Foundation's Houston chapter, is billed as a "grand evening of fine cuisine." On April 30 at 6 p.m. guests will meet at a central location and board buses, and then tour four participating homes where they will be treated to numerous dining courses.

Money raised at the event will be shared by the two sponsoring organizations. Coordinators expect more than \$5,000 to be raised. The dinner is expected to sell out. For reservations, call 713-521-4628 or e-mail Contact@assisthers.org.

HOUSTON

PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation dinner moves to Junior League

The annual Youth Scholarship Foundation dinner, co-sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, is set for May 6, but the location has changed. The event will be held at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane.

For tickets or reservations, call Gary Teixeira at 713-864-3135.

Talton amendment barring gay foster parents clears House

Conference committee will resolve differences in House, Senate versions

By Ann Rostow

Senior Staff Writer

For the fourth session in a row, state Representative Robert Talton, a Pasadena Republican, has taken aim at Texas's gay and lesbian foster parents.

But this time, he changed tactics. After watching his efforts repeatedly die in committee, Talton decided this session to turn his bill into an amendment, resulting in a major overhaul of the Child Protective Services division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

That ambitious bill had already passed the Senate and was up for debate Tuesday night on the House floor. After several hours of general discussion, Talton came forward with his amendment, which requires prospective gay foster parents to come out of the closet and then be disqualified from consideration.

His proposal goes even further, ordering a review of foster placements every year, and stripping foster kids from homes where parents are revealed to be gay or lesbian.

Gay activists were unsurprised since the lawmaker had not filed any measures opposing adoptions by gays or gays as foster parents. According to sources close to the action, there was every rea-

son to expect that the amendment would be killed once again. But those expectations failed to materialize.

The bill's house sponsor, Lampasas Republican Representative Suzanna Gratia Hupp, asked her colleagues to reject the amendment, no doubt concerned about the multi-million-dollar price tag and the drag it would place on her underlying legislation. The matter might have died on the spot had a quick vote been possible.

Instead, observers on both sides were surprised when San Antonio Democrat and gay rights champion Michael Villarreal stood to offer his own amendment, a suggestion that state forms ask applicants about their sexual orientation, but do not take the information into account as a matter of policy. The rival amendment triggered a half-hour or more of charged-up floor debate, dominated by Talton.

The public vote gave Talton's amendment a charge, and his language passed by a margin of 81-58. The House held no vote on Rep. Villarreal's amendment.

The underlying bill in turn, passed the chamber by a final vote of 135-6 with two abstentions on Wednesday.

At press time, the members of the conference committee that will reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill had not been named.

According to reports issued by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, there are 8,390 same sex couples raising children in the six Texas counties that



Holding Court: Representative Robert Talton, left, confers with Representative Warren Chisum. The two men are responsible for the anti-gay measures in this session of the Legislature. Talton's measure, a surprise amendment introduced Tuesday night, would bar gays from serving as foster parents.

rank highest in GLBT families. It's less clear how many foster families are headed by gay or lesbian parents in the state, but LGRL executive director Randall Ellis said Wednesday that the figure may be in the range of 2,500.

Meanwhile, Dr. Carol T.F. Bennett, a lesbian economist who has looked at the cost of Talton's various plans over the years, estimates that the state would spend nearly \$18 million in the first year of a foster parent ban.

Over half of that sum would be split between paying for the children left in state institutions, or returned to state care (\$5.4 million) and defending lawsuits (\$4.9 million).

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Coming out with a bang — and a banquet

\$4,000 raised, more coming; transgender group unveils scholarship plans

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

Transgender people often have to fight for a seat at the queer community table. But longtime activist Brenda Thomas said the Houston transgender community is ready to start working "outside our own world and be part of the whole."

The Houston Transgender Unity Committee, representing six area transgender education and support groups, held its 13th annual banquet Saturday. More than 200 people attended the

event, held at the Westchase Hilton hotel.

Coordinators estimated that \$4,000 was raised at the banquet. Donations from large GLBT groups like the Human Rights Campaign are expected to bring in another \$2- \$3 thousand, according to Thomas. Most of the money will go to the new Peggy Rudd Transgender Scholarship Fund.

Peggy Rudd, author of *My Husband Wears My Clothes: Crossdressing from the Perspective of a Wife*, was one of the nation's first counselors to work with spouses of cross-dressers and transsexuals.

The committee expects to award its first two scholarships in 2006. The winners will receive \$500 the first year and \$250 the second year.

"So many people just don't think



LORINDA ROBB/TXT Newsmagazine

ALL FOR ONE Milo Primeaux, left, and friends Zack Ulrey, center, and Georges Zemanek joined about 200 other guests at Houston's 13th annual Unity Banquet. Saturday's event was sponsored by six area transgender support and education groups.

they can go to school and be who they are," Thomas said. "We're here to tell

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them that they can."

Beaumont resident Milo Primeaux, 20, said he knows how self-acceptance plays into the life of a college student.

Primeaux, a female-to-male transgender who will start hormone treatments next month under a doctor's supervision, said it was not until he attended Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., two years ago that he first heard the word "transgender."

"I started reading *Body Alchemy* by Loren Cameron, and everything about me just started to make sense," Primeaux said.

He said he missed having reading materials available to him in his "small pocket of Texas."

Primeaux said that the banquet was the first formal gathering of people like him that he had ever witnessed.

"This is so liberating," he said.

The transition from one gender to another can be traumatic, but dealing with family members, especially children, can pose a new set of problems.

Brandi Williams, a male-to-female transsexual who completed her transition in 1999, said she kept her son Luke and daughter

Rebecca informed at every step along the way.

"You have to put your kids first, always," she said.

Rebecca, 19, said she remembers "missing my dad" and being careful about whom she chose to share details of her father's transition.

Talking to other kids whose parents were in transition helped Rebecca understand that she was not alone, she said.

Rebecca's advice to other children of transgender parents is simple: "Love them for who they are. Don't try to change them."

City Controller Annise Parker, the keynote speaker, said that she does see transgender issues as separate or distinct from other GLBT issues. She said that one of the community's first orders of municipal business "is to win the domestic partnership benefits battle [for city employees]."

The evening also honored Bering Support Network, Amber Sidwell, Sandy O'Daniel, Sandi Donnelly and Melanie Rudd, who received awards for outstanding service to Houston's GLBT community.

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Musicians hear, obey Greeley's famous words

Houston Pride Band goes 'Out West' at Saturday's concert

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

If you missed Houston's famed International Livestock Show and Rodeo earlier this year, worry not. This Saturday, the Houston Pride Band will tend to all your cowboy and cowgirl needs with their spring concert, *Out West: Themes of the Old West*.

"It's a new era for the Houston Pride Band," said first-year artistic director Les Wood. "We've got a renewed energy with our new board this year, and we are absolutely

HOUSTON pulling out the stops. There will be lots of surprises for the audience — not just with the music, but with the whole affair.

"When people think of western music, I think they think of country/western music, which is really not what this show is," Wood explained. Western classics to be included in the lineup are the venerable "William Tell Overture", movie themes, and selections by Aaron Copeland.

For this program of western-themed fare, the band will welcome lariat experts from the Texas Gay Rodeo Association, who'll twirl while the band performs "Bravura".

The Rainbow Wranglers dance troupe will



Houston gay cowboy Gene Mikaluna will be guest master of ceremonies for the Houston Pride Band's presentation of *Out West*, a concert of favorites inspired by the American West.

also provide choreographic accompaniment at this most visual event. The audience will probably learn some American history, too, Wood said, since narration will tie the entire program together.

"It will be almost like a play, because there will be a story to the whole evening," he said.

Acting as emcee for the evening will be gay Texas's favorite gay cowboy, Gene Mikaluna, who achieved fame on the film festival circuit for *American Cowboy*, an independent 1998 documentary chronicling his experience as a bronco rider in the International Gay Rodeo Association.

TGRA will receive half of the concert's



Artistic director Les Wood conducts the Houston Pride Band in *Out West* with music inspired by the American West and performances by the Texas Gay Rodeo Association and the Rainbow Wranglers Dance Club.

\$10 ticket price. Once the band has covered expenses, the remainder will go to the Lesbian Health Initiative and Bering Omega Community Services.

The 30-member band is an active member of the Lesbian & Gay Band Association, whose members performed in the two Clinton inaugural parades and traveled to Sydney, Australia, to perform at the 2002 Gay Games. To learn more about Houston Pride Band, log on to Houstonprideband.org or attend an open rehearsal, held each Wednesday evening at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1025 W. 11th St.

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SADDLE UP!

Gallop back in time to a Wild West tempo. On April 23, the Houston Pride Band presents *Out West*, a tribute to the American Wild West.

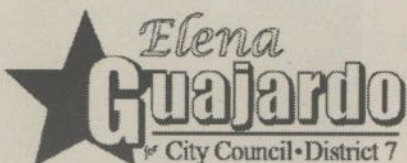
The concert will include guest Master of Ceremonies Gene Mikaluna, the Houston rodeo star featured in the documentary *American Cowboy*. Also featured will be a lariat exhibition by members of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association and line dancing by the Rainbow Wranglers Dance Club.

Out West explores the history and myth of the American West. The Houston Pride Band will journey through time, paying homage to the vaqueros and rancheros, the cowboys and the Indians who helped shape this colorful, diverse land.

THE PROGRAM

- William Tell Overture*
- Go West! (medley featuring The Magnificent Seven: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly and Hang 'em High)*
- Variations on a Sioux Melody*
- Los Valientes*
- Vaqueros*
- Bravura (with lariat exhibition)*
- Wild, Wild West (with dance exhibition)*
- The Cowboys*
- Texas Medley (saxophone ensemble featuring Yellow Rose of Texas, Deep in the Heart of Texas & Cotton-Eyed Joe)*
- On the Trail*
- How the West Was Won*
- Hoedown*

The concert is at 7 p.m. April 23 at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 2025 W. 11th St. in the Heights. Admission \$10. For more information, contact Russell Ben Williams at 832-265-3346 or RussellBW@aol.com.



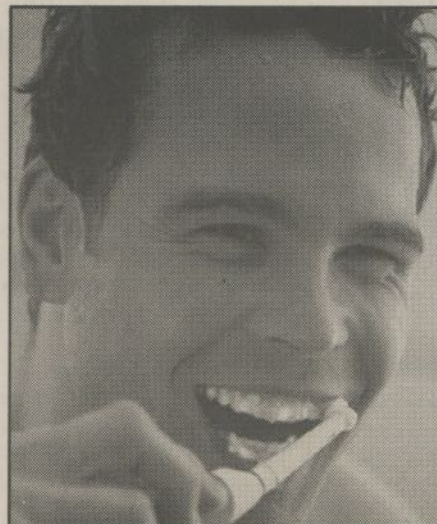
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Oregon court dissolves Portland marriages

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

The Oregon Supreme Court announced its decision April 14 in the same-sex marriage case of *Li v. Oregon*. The case was effectively rendered moot back in November of last year, when Oregon voters amended their constitution to define marriage as a union of one man and one woman. In a way, therefore, it was not surprising that the justices simply pointed to the new amendment in ruling that marriage must remain heterosexual by law.

But gay allies were disappointed nonetheless that the justices did not scratch beneath the surface and discuss the underlying issues at the heart of the litigation.

Li v. Oregon turned into a strange case indeed, as the voters stepped in and took the main question off the table before the state's highest court could consider its merits. Filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and

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Basic Rights Oregon on behalf of nine same-sex couples, the lawsuit won a victory at trial court before being derailed at the ballot box.

The lower court ruled that the benefits of marriage must be equally available to gay and straight couples, and ordered the legislature to take prompt action on a civil unions or marriage bill of some unspecified nature.

But technically, as the high court noted last week, the status of the "benefits" of marriage was not separately at issue in the lawsuit. Instead, the couples had sued for the right to enter the institution itself, marriage with all its tangible and intangible attributes.

Given the amendment's passage, the justices said, the answer to that request was no. As for the gay advocates who argued that the benefits of marriage should be made available to all, regardless of the word applied, the justices said that this argument was a new one, and could not be raised on appeal in an effort to sidestep the implications of the amendment.

Finally, the justices ruled that the 3,000 weddings performed in Portland's Multnomah County in February and March of 2004, were not worth the paper they were printed on. Like their neighbors on the California Supreme Court, the jurists said that local authorities are not empowered to interpret the Constitution on their own and ignore state statutes as a result of that interpretation. Since the marriage licenses were issued in error, the court concluded, the marriages themselves were void from the start.

The only silver lining in the story was the April 13 announcement by Governor Ted Kulongoski that several lawmakers were poised to introduce a full civil unions bill with his enthusiastic support.

Connecticut joins civil union club

Governor signs bill into law; opponents planning rally Saturday at Capitol

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Connecticut governor M. Jodi Rell has signed into law a civil unions bill that grants all the rights and benefit of marriage under state control, to same-sex couples. The bill passed the House of Representatives last week, where lawmakers attached language emphasizing that the word "marriage" applied exclusively to a man and a woman.

Governor Rell had stated that she would not sign civil union legislation unless it carried that kind of clarification.

On Wednesday, the House version of the bill returned to the Senate, where it passed, 26-8. Governor Rell signed the civil union bill into law later on Wednesday afternoon, resisting pressure from the state's evangelical factions who had urged a veto.

According to the Associated Press, marriage and civil union opponents were planning a rally this Sunday at the Capitol, although their protestations will apparently come too late.

Earlier this year, the state's leading gay rights group, Love Makes a Family, had opposed the civil union bill, fearing that a vote on civil unions would damage the prospects for full marriage equality. Subsequently, activists signed on to the civil union campaign, in part because of strong support in the state legislature, and also after being convinced that the fight for marriage would not suffer.

Lambda Legal files suit to force New York school district to honor same-sex Canadian marriage

Spate of recent rulings, mayor's statement support suit's claim

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Lambda Legal Defense is pressing the state of New York on all fronts, determined to put teeth into a number of quasi-formal pronouncements in favor of same-sex couples' rights.

Last year, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's office issued an informal opinion stating that same-sex couples legally married outside the state would be recognized as spouses in New York. Subsequently, the state



Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell (right) speaks at a recent press conference. Governor Rell signed the civil union bill into law, but had insisted it include language emphasizing that "marriage" refers exclusively to a man/woman union.

Connecticut is also the scene of one of the several freedom-to-marry lawsuits being waged in half a dozen state courts around the country. Filed by the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders of Vermont and Massachusetts fame, the suit is in its early stages.

Connecticut's civil union status is patterned after that of Vermont, granting part-

ners all the rights and responsibilities available to a spouse under state law. California's statewide domestic partner registry operates in much the same fashion, while Massachusetts issues marriage licenses, with full equality, to gay and straight couples alike. Although New Jersey and Maine have statewide domestic partner registries, they offer only a few of the rights of marriage.

comptroller said his office would recognize same-sex marriages for pensions and other benefits.

Earlier this year, a judge in New York City ruled that marriage laws must be equalized, a decision that is under appeal.

And last week, Anthony M. Cowell, special counsel to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, sent a letter to the Empire Pride Agenda, a

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New York GLBT rights organization, confirming that any legal marriage would be recognized in the city "to the maximum extent allowed by law."

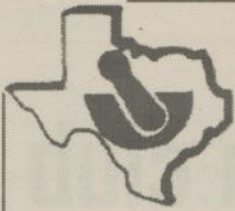
With this kind of precedent and more in their pockets, Lambda lawyers are insisting that the Uniondale Union Free School District located in Nassau County recognize the Canadian marriage of a former teacher.

Duke Funderburke taught in the district for more than 20 years before retiring. Now he wants Brad Davis, his husband of six months and partner of 42 years, to receive spousal pension benefits.

Since the school district has not reacted to letters sent by the legal eagles, Lambda filed suit Wednesday in a local court.

Almost exactly two years ago, Lambda won a case for the civil union partner of a man who died in a New York hospital after breaking his leg. The ruling, which is now on appeal, gave John Langan the standing to sue St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan for wrongful death in connection with the incident, just as a heterosexual spouse would be able to do.

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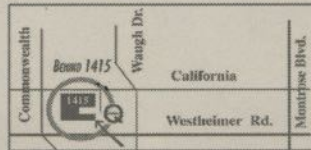
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AIDS disclosure suit heads to trial

Magazine's attorney says his client will appeal ruling; plaintiff seeking \$1.1 billion

Reported by David Webb

Written by Tammye Nash

A state district judge has declined to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the *Dallas Observer* by a Cathedral of Hope worker whose HIV status was revealed in the publication. Judge Merrill Hartman of the 192nd Civil District Court on April 13 declined the alternative weekly's motion for a summary judgment. The judge's ruling would allow the case, known as *John Doe v. New Times, Inc.*, to continue. *New Times, Inc.* is the parent company of the *Dallas Observer*.

James Hemphill, the newspaper's attorney, said the judge's decision on the motion for summary judgment would likely be appealed to a state appeals court in Dallas.

Hemphill, who practices media law in Austin, said he believes that the appeals court might reverse the lower court's decision.

The lawsuit, which seeks up to \$1.1 billion in damages, is based on the Texas Health and Safety Code, which prohibits the disclosure of the results of an HIV test.

Hemphill said that his motion for a summary judgment was based on the premise that the information about the plaintiff's HIV status "was true, that it was not kept private prior to the publication and that the information was legally obtained."

The attorney has said that the plaintiff in the lawsuit disclosed his HIV status by allow-

ing his picture and name to appear on a CD by Positive Voices, a Cathedral of Hope chorus comprising HIV-positive singers.

James N. Henry, Jr., the plaintiff's attorney, said he expects the appeals court to uphold the trial court's decision.

"They're trying to take something completely out of context and make that the issue," Henry said. "Under the statute a person has the right to tell certain people — whomever they choose — their test results. The statute is very specific that the individual may not reveal it further."

Jean Morris, a former Cathedral of Hope employee who was named in the suit along with the *Dallas Observer* and freelance writer J.D. Sparks, was voluntarily dismissed from it by the plaintiff, Henry said. He declined to reveal if a settlement had been reached with her.

The lawsuit arose from a story the *Dallas Observer* published in December 2003 about Cathedral of Hope pastor Michael Piazza and his administration of the world's largest GLBT church. Morris was quoted in the story, "Fallen Angel," as saying that Piazza had ordered her to add the plaintiff to the church's insurance program in 1997, even though he was a volunteer.

Henry said there are errors in the story, but he declined to identify them.

The plaintiff's damages demand was calculated by a formula based on the 110,000 circulation of the newspaper and the maximum civil penalty of \$10,000 prescribed under Texas law for each wrongful disclosure. The plaintiff is seeking a maximum of \$1.1 billion in damages and a minimum of \$550,000.

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Solmonese visits Dallas on heartland tour

Human Rights Campaign's new president says marriage votes are 'about our rights, our lives'

By Tammye Nash
Contributing Writer

Joe Solmonese, the new president of the Human Rights Campaign, said his "Road to Equality" tour of the American heartland has given him the opportunity to see "the real implications" of votes taking place across the country to ban same-sex marriage.

Solmonese was in Dallas last weekend to meet with community leaders and to participate in a town hall forum with area religious leaders. He started his trip earlier in the week in Kansas where he met with the Topeka mayor and others, and then went to Michigan where he met with officials with the Ford Motor Co. and the Ruth Ellis Center.

"The response has been incredible," Solmonese said. "People I have talked to have been very glad to see a national organization putting so much emphasis on these smaller



Solmonese

cities. "What they are telling me are the real stories about real people's lives and how they have been affected."

"These votes on marriage send the message that we are second-class citizens, and that separate

but equal is OK. And it is not OK."

Solmonese said the goal of the tour, which he will continue throughout the year in short segments, is to change people's minds by giving them the chance to see how their votes affect real people in their community.

"One family I talked to said their neighbors saw the marriage amendment vote in Kansas as a symbolic vote about supporting the family."

"They think that with a good lawyer, we can make ourselves and our relationships like everyone else. We are trying to show them that isn't true. These votes are about our rights and our lives, not just symbolic gestures," he said.

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Pope Rat, Matt minces nothing, and more...

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force chief Matt Foreman has demonstrated again that he gives great copy. Possibly the best of any GLBT leader on the national stage, although Kate Kendell can compete as well. The man refuses to mince words. He steers clear of meaningless politically correct pabulum and pat expressions. He makes interesting points and he makes them forcefully.

"Today," he wrote on Tuesday, "the princes of the Roman Catholic Church elected as Pope a man whose record has been one of unrelenting, venomous hatred for gay people.... Someday, the church will apologize to gay people as it has to others it has oppressed in the past. I very much doubt that this day will come during this Pope's reign. In fact, it seems inevitable that this Pope will cause even more pain and give his successors even more for which to seek atonement."

I wish I could publish his entire statement, but I begrudge him the space. I, too, want a chance to rail against Joseph Ratzinger, his rigidly anti-gay posture, and his vicious rhetoric. According to Rat-a-Tat, you and I, dear reader, are carriers of an "intrinsic moral evil," that runs "contrary to the creative wisdom of God." Restrictions on gay teachers, soldiers and parents are "not unjust" and indeed may be "obligatory." Placing a child in a gay family is basically a form of "doing violence" to the unfortunate tot. In 1986, the Rat wrote that "special concern and pastoral attention should be directed towards those who have this condition lest they be led to believe that the living out of this orientation in homosexual activity is a morally acceptable option. It is not."

I could go on and on, but you get the picture. The man has the compassion of a horse fly.

Bad Pope, no doughnut

In contrast to Foreman's fire, the Human Rights Campaign's press people plugged in the tact machine, issuing a statement under the passive title: "Election of Pope Benedict XVI portends further conflict between church and GLBT community." I'll say it "portends further conflict." It portends an ugly decade of Papal Bull that makes good old John Paul II look like a pal. After all, it was Rat Sass who ghost wrote the nastier pages of papal polemics in recent years, including the attack on same-sex marriage that I don't feel like looking up at the moment.

HRC's new man in charge, Joe Solmonese, said his group "hopes that Pope Benedict XVI will follow the biblical tradition of

expressing love and compassion for all." What is that phrase? If hoping were horses, we'd all have fancy leather crops? What Ever. Wake up and smell the manure, Mr.

Solmonese! Joe adds that:

"It's imperative that there be a positive conversation with the Catholic Church about GLBT people of faith and we welcome that discourse." Well, it better not be "imperative," because it's not going to happen until horses fly. Naaaaaaaaayyyyyyyyy!!!! Brrrrrrrrmphhhhhh.

Joe is still on his official community honeymoon because he just started his job, but he might want to consider toughening up the press release prose before we start slapping him around and telling him to make his own breakfast.



Ann Rostow

Poll me a river

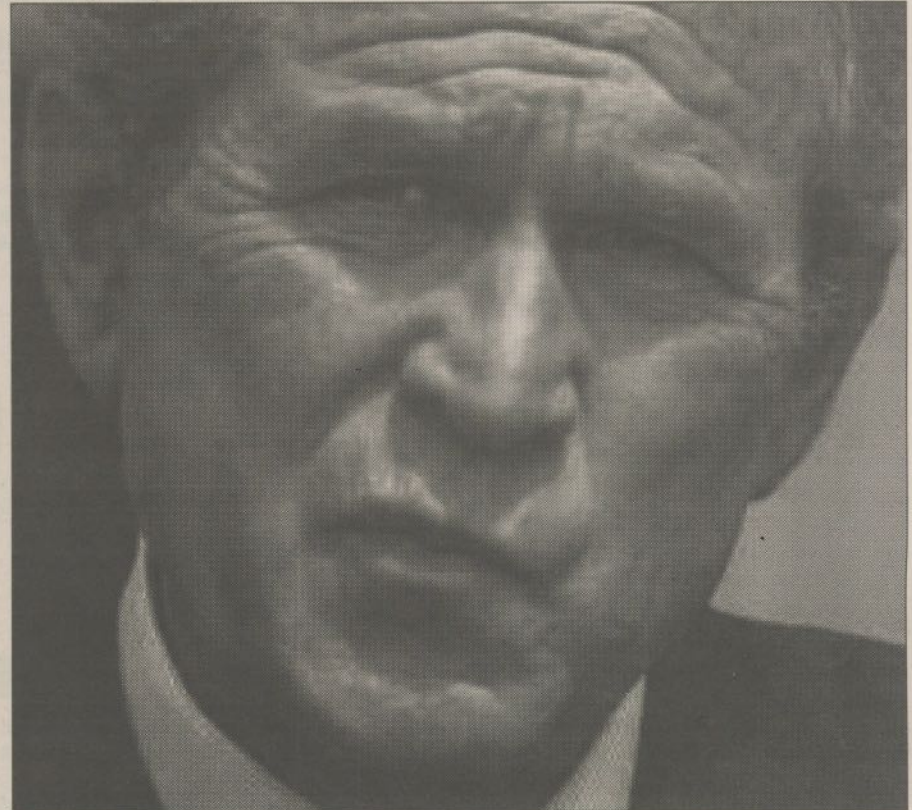
Want some more bad news? The guys from Gallup report that support for same-sex marriage has fallen to a record low, and by contrast, those who say they favor the drastic proposal to amend the federal Constitution to ban our unions have hit an historic high of 57 percent. Just 37 percent oppose the constitutional amendment, and six percent are undecided. A year ago, roughly 50 percent favored the amendment, while 45 percent opposed it.

There are a couple of other key features of this poll. First of all, GLBT leaders have to stop the spin cycle that insists the younger generation thinks there's nothing wrong with same-sex marriage and is ready to pass around the equal rights platter to one and all. The poll of 909 adults indicated that the 18-29 cohort split 56-39 against same-sex marriage, just about the same as their elders. This isn't the first time that the youth brigade has



HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS! Joseph 'Call me Benedict' Ratzinger (right) is the new Pope.

aligned itself with older demographic groups, although as a rule, the x and y generations are a little less set in their ways than the so-called greatest generation. Only two categories



BUT WHO'S COUNTING? W's a 2.

stood out in opposition to the plan to discriminate against gay couples for the foreseeable future. First, the people with postgraduate degrees (42 in favor, 55 against), and second, the people who seldom or never go to church (46 percent in favor, 48 percent against, God bless 'em).

In short, there is nothing good about this poll. Nothing good about the direction in which we're heading. There is no excuse for continued spinning, and no excuse for failing to address this fight head on. If we don't fight for same-sex marriage, who will? If no one does, that poll number is eventually going to reach a tipping point, and our Senate allies are going to fold like a busted flush.

"Tipping point," was a fashionable phrase for a while, but it's out of favor now so we can use it again without looking like we're trying to be trendy. Heaven forbid.

Through the schoolyard gate

Enough ranting. Let's move on to the kids in South Windsor, Connecticut, who were sent home for wearing homemade anti-gay T-shirts, reading "Adam and Eve, Not Adam and Steve." You know, you can't send kids home for this sort of thing unless they are doing something that threatens the good order and discipline of the school community. Sure enough, at least one student lesbian told the local press that she "didn't feel safe" around the T-shirt bigots (buck up, honey!) and the principal said that the shirts caused such a disruption that the constitutional loophole was activated. We'll see. Just as the ACLU

jumps in to defend gay kids who are sent home for wearing pride shirts, no doubt one of the far right legal groups will sue the powers that be in South Windsor.

But kids? Next time, can't you think of something a little more original in terms of shirt talk? One of these days, I'll track down some gay male couple named Adam and Steve who have been together for a zillion years and ask them how they feel about personifying *Queer Eye* for the Garden of Eden.

Sexy is as sexy does

Stop the presses! The gay cannibal from Germany is back in the news, this time because prosecutors are trying to arrange a new trial after Armin Meiwes managed to be convicted last year for the relatively minor crime of manslaughter. That wasn't bad for a guy that chopped up someone he met on the Internet and ate half of his body, and I guess the prosecutors want to win a tougher sentence. As 365Gay.com reports, "with good behavior, Meiwes could be back on the Internet looking for more gay men to slaughter and consume in four years." (Uh oh!)

Finally, did you see that George Bush was ranked "two" on a scale of one-to-ten by 11,000 women in 15 countries. You saw it, I'm sure. It was in *Esquire's* "Global Survey of the Female Species," and it provides a small measure of satisfaction to those of us who would like to wipe the smirk off his face with a cow pie. Very small, though.

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Letters

Celebrating Boyd

Thanks for the notification of the passing of actor and director Boyd Vance in Austin, celebrating the life and accomplishments of such a fine man and important figure in the cultural arts in Austin. His life brought home for me the joy and meaning to be found in expressing life through different artistic disciplines, while including all colors and people in his work.

Ray McCune/Houston

A transformation

The weekend of March 11, I had the pleasure of attending a conference sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians And Gays, a march and rally, followed by a dance held by the Family Pride Coalition. I know many of you are thinking, "I don't need to read this letter," but I ask you to take three minutes of your day to listen and learn something.

I am a 43-year-old mother of five. Neither I nor any of my children are gay. I am the vice president of PFLAG/Big Country, in Abilene, and I have many gay and lesbian friends.

I have on more than one occasion in the past said, "I don't get it. I could never even imagine myself with a woman." I am not now suddenly gay, because I spent a weekend with gay people, but I have seen a different side of everything, and now I do "get it." I wish that every single person on this planet could have spent the two days I did in Austin, and met the people I met, and were able to see what I have seen. I have no way to begin to share with you the emotions I felt.

I was happy to watch couples in love, spending time talking, dancing, playing with their children and just being families. I was angry that this is a right that they are not able to freely enjoy. I watched daddies dance with their little girls, mommies play duck duck goose, grandparents laugh and children play—children just like yours and mine. You couldn't tell by looking at them that they had two daddies or two mommies, but you could tell they were happy, loving, normal kids from a family just like you and I have, a caring family.

Many of these families have "special needs" children, or a partner who is handicapped. These families are doing more than we do — they are paying for all of their loved ones' care out of pocket.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in America shouldn't be made to feel as if their way of living is against the law. A mother is a mother, and a spouse is a spouse, no matter how you look at it. All should be equal in the end.

Betty Deneen/Abilene

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Slippery slope to polygamy, bestiality, incest?

No, marriage is a celebration of love, and signifies public's approbation

In recent weeks I have been traveling the country, conducting lectures and engaging in public debates on gay marriage. The first was at Texas A&M University, a school I hadn't visited since 1992. At that time I was working on my doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin, where we tended to view the Aggies as — well, a bit backward.

The rivalry between the schools has not abated, and "Aggie jokes" remain a popular pastime. For example:

Q: What's the difference between Aggie cheerleaders and sheep?

A: If you get lonely, you can always find good-looking sheep.

A&M was founded as an all-male military college, and it currently boasts the largest uniformed body of (now co-ed) students in the U.S. outside of the service academies. Unsurprisingly, it is not known for being liberal or diverse. Indeed, its provincialism manifests itself in interesting ways.

When being given directions to campus I was told — I'm not making this up — "Turn left on Texas, right on George Bush, right on Houston." Needless to say, I got lost, although I'm not sure whether that was because all the street names sounded the same or because I was distracted by hoards of handsome cadets in uniform (who very courteously gave me additional directions).

The day before my event, the Young Conservatives of Texas, a student group, hosted "YCT's Big Fat Obnoxious Wedding" to protest gay awareness week. The flier for their event read, "Free weddings: Homosexual, Polygamous, Bestial, Incestuous — or even marry yourself!" In light of the Aggie jokes I knew, I found it ironic that these guys were encouraging incestuous and bestial marriage. Indeed, just a few weeks ago at the UT/A&M basketball game, one UT student in sheep's clothing held a sign that read "Baaah means No." (As their guest, however, I kept my amusement to myself.)

At the Young Conservatives' wedding, one guy "married" his dog. Another married a poster of Reagan. A woman married her cell phone.

Now, I'm a liberal, but I draw the line at posters of Reagan. (Clinton, maybe, but never Reagan.)

The slippery-slope argument motivating the Young Conservatives event is not new. If we make one change in the definition of marriage, it says, what's to stop us from making any other change?

I often call this argument the "PIB" argument (for Polygamy, Incest and Bestiality — the most common examples), but it works equally well (or I should say, equally poorly) with cell phones, bicycles and Reagan posters.

The PIB argument assumes that gays want the right to marry anyone (or thing) they love. But love is only part of the case for gay marriage. Marriage is a social institution: Public recognition is part of its essence. (If it were not, then you could indeed marry

whomever or whatever you happen to love.)

Therefore, in considering whether marriage should be extended to same-sex relationships, we cannot simply ask whether same-sex partners love each other. We must ask whether recognizing that love via marriage is good for society.

I don't think the latter question is terribly difficult to answer. Committed gay relationships, like committed straight relationships, are typically a source of support and stability in people's lives.

Happy, stable individuals make for a

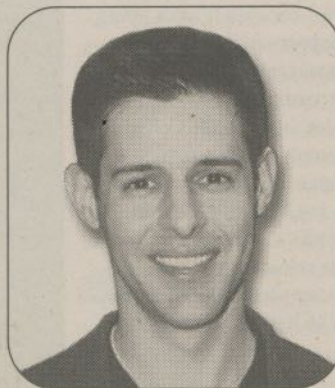
happy, stable society. That's one reason we recognize heterosexual marriage, even when the couple has no intention of having children and everyone knows it. We believe that marriage is good for people (at least for most), and we have a stake in the well-being of those around us.

Contrast this with marrying cell-phones and farm animals, and the ridiculousness of these suggestions is apparent. Everyone agrees that such "marriages" provide no social benefit, and so the question of whether to recognize them is off the table.

Which is precisely what I told my audience (including the front row, occupied by the Young Conservatives) at A&M: The question before us is whether recognizing same-sex marriage would be good for society. We get no further toward answering that question by considering the merits of polygamous, incestuous or bestial marriage (any of which can be heterosexual or homosexual), or by staging mock marriages to cell phones and bicycles.

That said, I found the Aggies to be a thoughtful and friendly bunch. I was especially surprised the next morning at breakfast, when I approached the cash register at the campus coffee shop and discovered that my meal had been surreptitiously paid for. I scanned the room, and a cadet I recognized from the previous night's audience smiled and nodded. I thank him and all the Aggies for their gracious hospitality.

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Divas among us

Openly gay soprano Patricia Racette brings her considerable talents to the Houston Grand Opera jubilee

By Joey Guerra

Onstage, Patricia Racette has crafted an adventurous, diverse body of operatic work. Among her many roles: Violetta in *La Traviata*, Liu in *Turandot*, Marguerite in *Faust*, both Mimi and Musetta in *La Bohème* and the title role in Dallas Opera's production last season of *Jenufa*.

She even created the title role in the world premiere of Tobias Picker's *Emmeline*, which was shown on PBS's *Great Performances*.

Offstage, however, life is an entirely other balancing act for the openly gay soprano, who has evolved into one of opera's most vibrant performers.

The North Texas State University alumna now calls Santa Fe, N.M., home, though she hardly seems to be there for more than a minute at a time. That can take its toll on her life partner, mezzo-soprano Beth Clayton.

"On a tangible, sort of logistic level, it's a pain in the neck," Racette says of her hectic schedule, which now involves preparing for the upcoming Houston Grand Opera production of Verdi's *Falstaff*.

Racette will also appear April 30 at the opera's Golden Jubilee Gala, a multi-genre concert featuring sopranos Renée Fleming and Laura Claycomb, mezzo-sopranos Frederica von Stade, Denyce Graves and Joyce Di Donato, tenor Ramón Vargas and Sir Elton John.

A diva's work, it seems, is never done — especially when it involves complicated arias.

"Every time you go home, the first four days are catching up and going through the mountains of mail," Racette says. "Traveling all the time, on an emotional level, also has its challenges. You're constantly living somewhere else. That can be exciting, and it's rarely boring, but it can be very tough."

Any qualms, though, seem to be allayed by Racette's solid relationship with Clayton. The two met in 1997 when both were cast in a San Diego production of *La Traviata*.

The dynamic divas came out publicly via a 2002 *Opera News* cover story. A commitment ceremony is scheduled in June.

"The commitment that Beth and I share — it doesn't mean it's always easy, but you just hang on tight to that," Racette says. "You want to set aside 'us' time. There are also opportunities where she'll be working, and I'll join her ... but it's not where you're both free. You sort of inhabit what you're doing the entire time you're there. That is very tricky."

Racette's decision to be open about her sexuality at a pivotal point in her career has

been applauded by activists. The Human Rights Campaign even hosted a reception in Racette's honor last year when she played Cio-Cio San in Houston Grand Opera's *Madama Butterfly*.

"We know what kind of a climate we're in right now in terms of this whole issue, and it's scary. We want people to see all walks of life. It is important to be out and proud," Racette says.

"I was never, like, hugely closeted, but I was never comfortable answering questions. As I grew as a person, through various rela-

have a great deal of fun. It balances some of the other choices I make as I travel down my operatic road."

And, Racette adds, her current role has offered an unexpected perk.

"There's a nice homosexual contingency in this cast, which is fun, because opera is so hetero," she says with a laugh. "Chris Brandes, the woman who plays my daughter in this, she's also a fun-loving lesbian."

Great work, true love and kindred spirits — all in all, not a bad gig for someone whose initial career path didn't necessarily include swirling arias and epic tragedies: Her initial singing interests were more toward cabaret and jazz.

"I didn't start out wanting to do opera at all. I feel that it happened into my life. It's something I feel like I'm supposed to do, but it's certainly not something I planned," Racette admits.

"Opera is a very involving profession, shall we say. It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of investment — emotional, physical, spiritual investment. It's not just, 'Gotta learn the music, gotta learn the staging, gotta show up for rehearsal.' It's also what it takes out of you as a human being and what you're able to offer."

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tionships, I think I became more and more out. And now, I'm way out. It's a very normal part of my life, and that's how I treat it."

Racette has a long relationship with the Houston Grand Opera. Her debut was in a 1997 production of *La Traviata*, and she originated the role of Love Simpson in its world premiere of Carlisle Floyd's *Cold Sassy Tree*.

In *Falstaff*, Racette gets to indulge in a bit of comedy. *Falstaff* (Welsh bass-baritone Bryn Terfel) sends letters to two wealthy, married women — Alice Ford (Racette) and Meg Page (mezzo-soprano Angela Niederloh) — professing his love but really hoping he can make off with their husbands' wealth. When the ladies discover they've received identical letters, they decide to teach Falstaff a lesson and recruit a few of his enemies to aid in the payback.

"*Falstaff* is a blast. It's such a masterpiece," Racette says. "Is this a role that just melts my heart? No, [but] I



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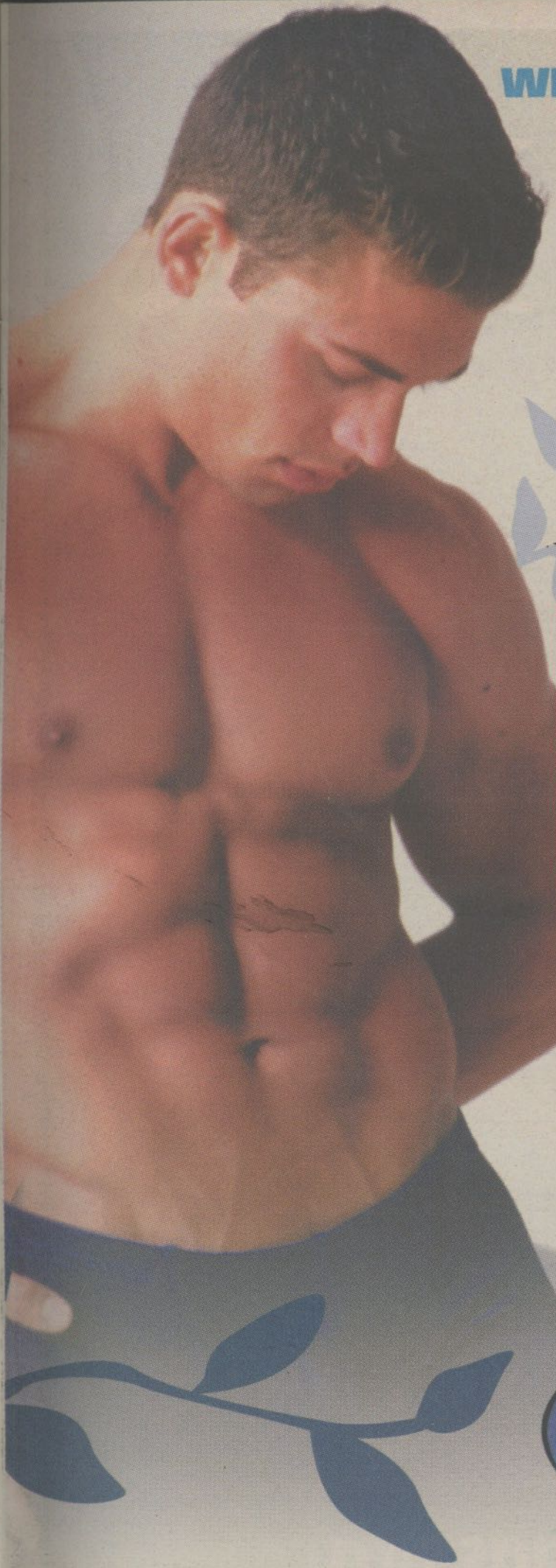
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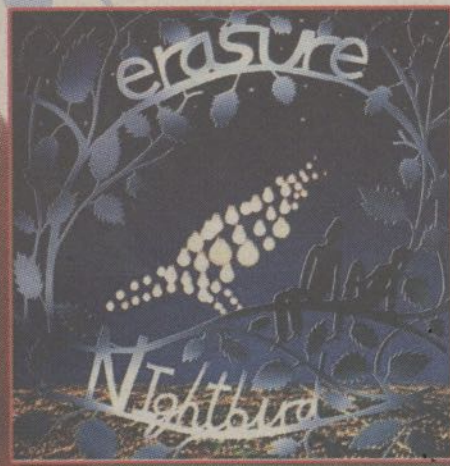
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Everything begins on April 28 with Irreversible, the host party featuring Cherry Party veteran DJ Chris Wren. He'll be steering the music at The Metropolitan from 8 to 11 p.m. Things start to heat up on Friday, April 29, with Purple Hearts, the official kickoff party at Club One with DJ Angelo Kortez on deck.

April 30 and May 1 are jam-packed with events, starting with the centerpiece party, Amethyst, at Union Station in down-



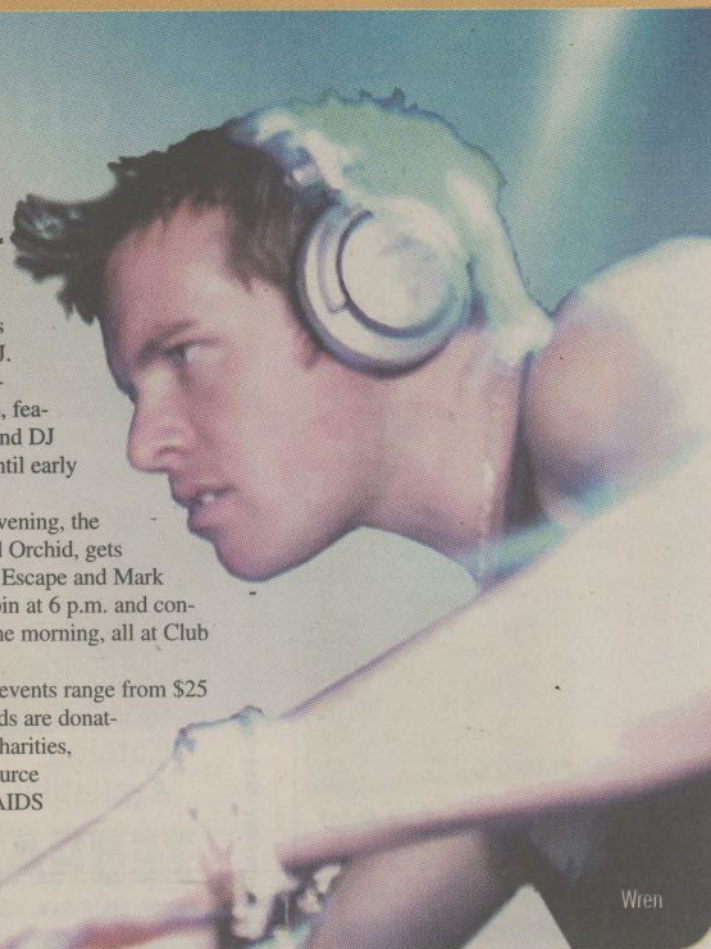
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Five events will be held from April 28 through May 1 at locations around Dallas. For details and tickets, visit Dallaspurpleparty.com.

town Dallas; James Andersen is the D.J. The Saturday after-party, Resurrection, features DJ Kio Kio and DJ Eddie X playing until early Sunday morning.

Then Sunday evening, the closing party, Wild Orchid, gets underway with DJ Escape and Mark Falco starting to spin at 6 p.m. and continuing until 4 in the morning, all at Club Seven.

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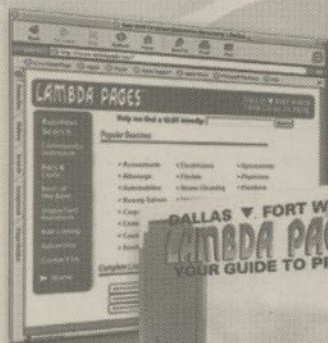
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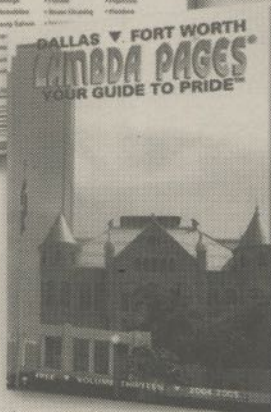
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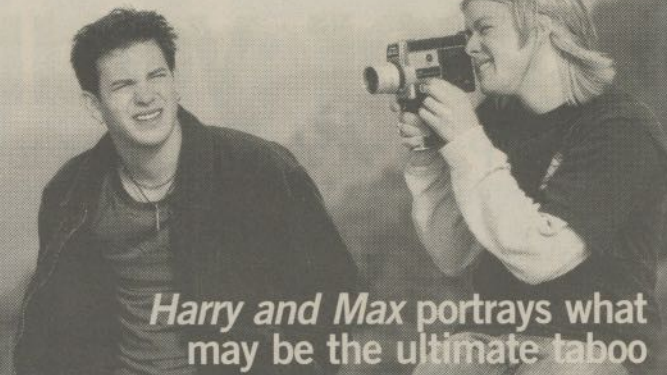
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Brotherly lust

Film

By Steven Lindsey



Harry and Max portrays what
may be the ultimate taboo

Harry and Max may not be great, but writer/director Christopher Munch gets points for ambition with what's likely to be one of the most talked about films of the year — if it can get broader release.

It doesn't take much to raise conservative eyebrows, but even a gay movie today doesn't send as many religious zealots over the edge as it used to. Even flicks with incestuous undertones might be considered old-fashioned and downright dull nowadays.

But combine the two the way this film does, and get ready to hear the book of Revelation chanted in the streets.

Yes, Harry and Max are brothers, they're pop music teen idols, and they like to have sex with each other. Granted, they have sex the loosest, post-Lewinsky way — what we see on-screen between the siblings is mostly fondling and under-the-cover blowjobs. But when it comes to intimacy with members of one's family, a lot less has to happen to be considered improper.

Harry (Bryce Johnson), 23, and his 16-year-old brother, Max (Cole Williams), are embarking on a long-awaited camping trip that brings out emotions and desires that have been largely dormant since a family vacation where the boys hooked up. Trying to reconnect with his older brother on many levels, Max instigates several advances.

Teetering somewhere between mere curiosity and full-on homosexuality, the two continue a game of sexual politics long after

the trip is over until Harry makes a proposition that threatens to tear them apart.

Harry and Max is that rare film that is disarming in its envelope-pushing. The two leads are so hot and horny that it's simultaneously embarrassing and a turn-on to watch their inappropriate groping. It's difficult to decide whether to root for them or stick to the moral norm and hope for their dissolution.

The performances are solid, but the often tentative, sometimes disjointed storytelling prevents anything truly dynamic from happening. What is revolutionary and noteworthy, however, is the rare opportunity to see this film at all in Texas. It's now showing only in New York, with no confirmed dates anywhere else, but Fort Worth's Qcinema has secured a one-night screening.

It should eventually hit other major Texas cities, but this is one film to see before the hype overshadows the surprising elements that make it worth seeing. Who doesn't like to sit in a darkened theater and feel a little bit dirty now and then?

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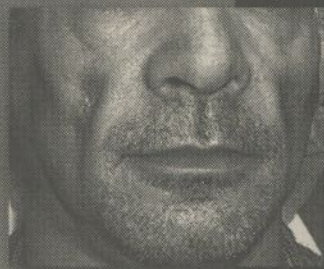
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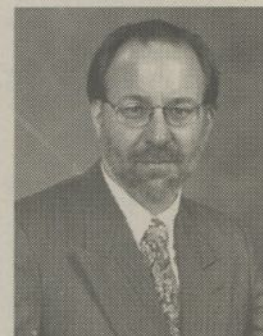
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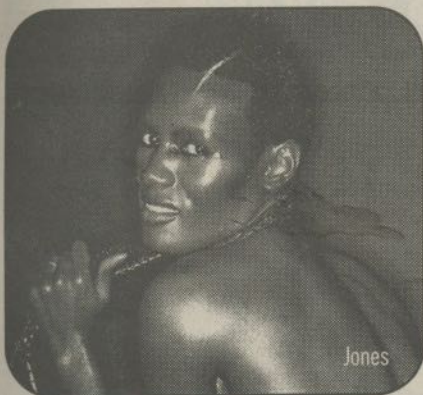
By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

Just because the movie is gay doesn't mean it's any good

All prospective filmmakers should rush to see *Eating Out*. Rarely does one see exactly what *not* to do in one film. The abomination of a script serves an important purpose: It makes the rudimentary acting look positively stellar.

Yes, the two leads are both very sexy and fully naked (one of whom is currently working as a cater waiter — not that there's anything wrong with it). It also features a leading lady with a range of A to A-minus; **Jim Verraros** hampered with dialogue written in a sort of freaky gay Esperanto; and a very bad **Jennifer Coolidge** impersonator (for 20 bucks more, the producers could have gotten Jennifer!).



Jones

If you stick around till the end, you'll see that the film attempts to redeem itself with a non-existent heart and sentimentality. On the positive side, the phone sex/seduction scene is titillating and secures the film's popularity on video.

The sets are vibrant and shot well — rarely has \$50,000 looked so good on the big screen. Still, that's not enough for me to recommend that you see this in a theater. Wait and enjoy the studs on video.

Often people realize they're gay after seeing a particular film. I can trace my burgeoning sexuality to the **Christopher Atkins/Kristy McNichol** stinker *The Pirate Movie* (which is about on par with *Eating Out*). Bad as it is, the flick is a perfect showcase for Atkins's nicely maturing body (post-*Blue Lagoon* but pre-*A Night in Heaven*). And has Kristy ever been more attractive or appealing? This wave of nostalgia was spurred by the recent DVD release of *The Pirate Movie*. Enjoy.

We have a tie for the most tragic gay icon making a fool of herself. On one hand, we

have **Grace Jones** (remember her?) trying to sit in the premium seats on the Channel Tunnel Eurostar train and striking the train manager who told her to move to First Class (which she had a ticket for) or pay the difference in fares.

On the other hand, we have **Brigitte Nielsen** walking off the set of **Joan Rivers**'s U.K. talk show — *three* times! The first time, she bolted after Joan made fun of her marriages. The second time, she left after Auntie called her a “cunt.” The third time, I think she had to go to the bathroom. Yeah, “the bathroom.”

And now time for our favorite game: I'll Show Them. Don't pretend you've never played. The rules are simple: When you get mad at someone, instead of dealing with the problem directly, you slyly do something in retaliation.

You might have heard that **Joan Kennedy** has fallen off the wagon — and into a vat of beer! Recently, she was found lying drunk on the sidewalk near her Boston apartment at 3 a.m. with a concussion and a broken shoulder.

Since then, her kids have tried to become her legal guardians. This led to a special Kennedy edition of I'll Show Them. Joanie has decided to sell the family's Cape Cod home, which is solely in her name and which her kids adore. Now, that's how you play the game!

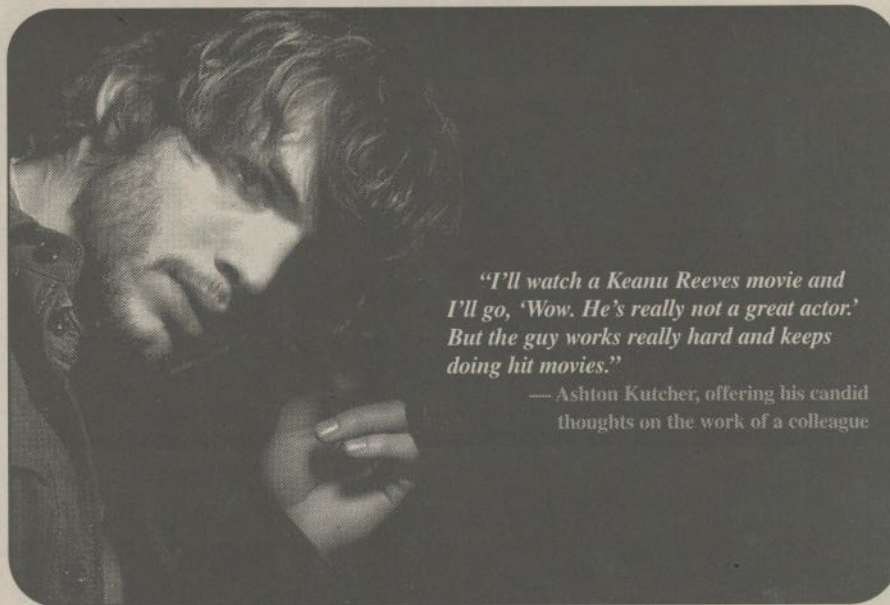
If I can editorialize briefly, Joanie's closing in on 70, she likes to drink and she ain't stopping. Fighting her only makes her try to hide it, which is how you end up with a drunk: A woman of Camelot sprawled out on a sidewalk in the middle of the night with broken bones, clutching a can of Colt 45 and wearing a mini-dress, go-go boots and a funnel hat! Just let her party. But send her with a driver (or cab fare and her address pinned to her blouse).

Because we're such devotees of this game, we've started a new Web site: IllShowThem.com. Oh, the fun we'll have!

Fox scored a major embarrassment a couple of seasons back with an abysmal show called *Playing It Straight*. This *Boy Meets Boy* rip-off featured a bachelorette picking a prospective mate out of a pool of men — some of whom were secretly gay. Ooooh, scandalous! The show lasted four episodes and then was cancelled.

Well, Britain has come up with its own version. Thus far, the heroine has eliminated two fellas — one because he owned too many shoes and another because he used hair straightener. Turns out, both boys are straight, prompting the leading lady to quip, “You can't tell the difference these days!”

In a stateside reality program, Oxygen's *Mr. Romance* is about as successful as *Playing It Straight*. Last week, I revealed that



“I'll watch a Keanu Reeves movie and I'll go, ‘Wow. He's really not a great actor.’ But the guy works really hard and keeps doing hit movies.”

— Ashton Kutcher, offering his candid thoughts on the work of a colleague

Anthony Catanzano had been a *Playgirl* centerfold (the photos are on Filth2Go.com). I've now learned that contestant Scott is also known as stripper/model **Sarge Logan**.

The same Sarge who was the stripper at **Anna Nicole**'s Halloween Party? The same Sarge who posed with whorey **Teanna Kai** and fucked her every which way but loose in the October 2003 issue of *Hustler*? The same Sarge who advertises in *IN Los Angeles* (a SoCal gay publication) as giving the “best, erotic/sensual massage you will ever experience”? Head to Filth2Go.com, and you too can experience every inch of Sarge.

After **Seth Meyer** impersonated **Ty Pennington** on *Saturday Night Live*, I anticipated the e-mails that would come into [Filth Central](http://Filth2Go.com). The first such letter in the “Ask Billy” mailbox came from Devon in Florida, who says: “Seth Meyer is totally hot and so funny on *SNL*. Did you see him take his shirt off in the *Extreme Makeover* skit? Please, please, please — track down some photos of him.”

Devon, Ty and Seth — it doesn't get gayer than that. Ask and you shall receive. We have the shirtless photos in question. You can check 'em out on the [Filth2Go](http://Filth2Go.com) Web site.

And while I'm at it, many of you enjoyed our recent photo spread of **Chris Carmack**. Since we just came across one of the most stunning photos of the buck-naked buff boy, I'll post it, too.

Could it be that an *American Idol* contestant has his eye set on Vegas? So say my insiders at the musical *We Will Rock You*, which is playing at the Paris Casino.

Last year, **Constantine Maroulis** auditioned for the lead role — a character whose penultimate song is “Bohemian Rhapsody.” No wonder Maroulis was comfortable with it.

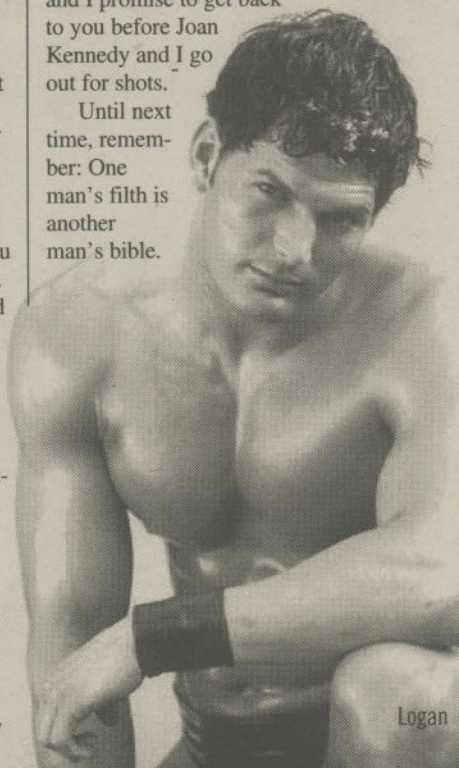
Could it be that one of our favorite funny ladies is barking up the wrong tree... again?

So say my sources on the set who tell me that the distinctive dame has fallen head over heels for that mysterious movie man. Of course, everyone knows the stud who lives to serve (something they have in common) is gay as a goose and our bubbly beauty should turn her face away. But history has a way of repeating itself, and someone's heading for a fall.

When Ashton thinks he's in a position to critique anyone, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Damn, no time to tell you about **Michael Douglas**'s series deal with the SciFi Channel — but there's a joke that writes itself.

If you want to write me, all you have to do is send an e-mail to Billy@Filth2Go.com and I promise to get back to you before Joan Kennedy and I go out for shots.

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



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Dear Howard,

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A Scary Pill For Jill

It's the Zerit. About 40 percent of the people who take Zerit will experience some sort of peripheral neuropathy (tingling and numbness in the hands and feet). You should see

your doctor ASAP — he will either reduce your dosage or switch you to an equivalent drug, such as Ziagen. Nerve damage takes a notoriously long time to heal, so it could be six months to a year after you switch before your neuropathy begins to lessen. With some people, it never completely goes away.

Dear Howard,

Have you ever heard the expression "too queer to be gay?" I'd swear my new brother-in-law was the gayest thing since Clay Aiken, but he seems to worship my sister — at least in public. I'm telling you, though, the dude is nellier than a napkin ring! Is there really such a thing as an effeminate redneck straight man?

Up, Gay Periscope

No, there is not. As my favorite "straight" uncle used to say, "Girlene, there's a boa next to the bowling shoes somewhere."

Dear Howard,

I have a friend coming into town for the weekend, and I need to know of a good, sure-fire aphrodisiac that'll get things rolling right off the bat.

Luther the Seducer

Something involving a little romance and

foreplay, perhaps? Well, you can forget raw oysters and strawberries dipped in dark chocolate. I can tell you first-hand they're a wash. Greeting him in a simple jockstrap at the door usually works wonders, though — especially if you hold your stomach in and stick your crotch out. That's the quickest aphrodisiac I've ever found. Best of all, it's both inexpensive and legal. Non-fattening, too!

Dear Howard,

Who do you think was the gayest rock singer of the past century? I say it was Freddie Mercury from Queen, but my nin-compoop cousin gives Melissa Etheridge the edge. He may actually have a point. We'll let you toss the coin.

The Champion, My Friend

It is a source of constant amazement to me the bets I'm asked to settle. Both of you are wrong in any case.

Patsy Cline was the gayest rock singer of the past century, so I'll tell you my Freddie Mercury story instead. God knows it's more ludicrous, if barely. Imagine, if you can, the mid 1980s. I am in London at a nightclub called Heaven. I am young and beautiful — the only requirement necessary for gaining

Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

admittance into the coveted VIP room.

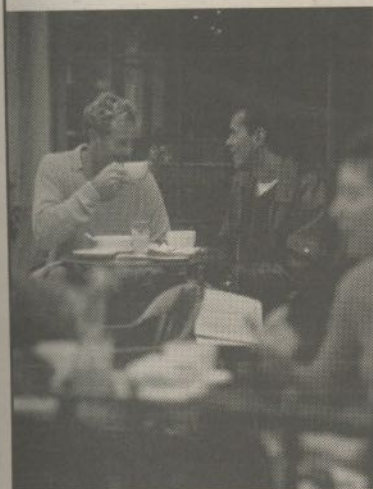
Haughtily, I saunter over to the bar and order a gin and tonic. The studly bartender grins and says, "Complements of. . ." He nods toward two figures in a hazy corner across the room. Both are hideous. One is obese and bald, the other looks like Grace Slick with a mustache. Their bowing smiles are toothy and lecherous. I jerk my head back and forth in a panic at studly. He is incredulous.

"Bloke, are you crazy? Do you know who they are? That's Divine and Freddie Mercury out of drag. You'd be set!" I'm sure there must have been a point to this story somewhere, but I can't think of what it was. Oh, yes, my point was that no matter how gay you are, somebody is always gayer. Granted, it's not much of a point, but neither was your question.

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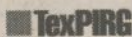
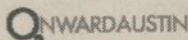
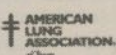
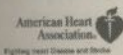
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Kings 'N' Things 3rd anniversary. 9 p.m. \$10. Elysium, 705 Red River. Kingsnthings.org.

Rude Mechanicals' Throws Like A Girl series presents *Dress Suits to Hire*, featuring Peggy Shaw and Lois Weaver. Through April 23. 8 p.m. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo St. \$12-\$15. 512-476-RUDE. Rudemechs.com.

Rumors, by Neil Simon. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C. Through May 1. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 5 p.m. \$22-\$25. 512-476-0084. Austinplayhouse.com.

Marriage is Forever (El matrimonio es para siempre) by Edit Villarreal. Presented by Different Stages and Teatro Vivo at The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. Through April 30. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$14-\$16. 512-478-5282.

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

The Vagina Monologues, by Eve Ensler. Zachary Scott Theatre Center. Through May 8. Thursdays-Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541. Zachscott.com.

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Beyond Affirmative Action: Implications for the Future of Racial Diversity at our Universities. UNT Gateway Center in Denton, Rooms 43-47, 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m. \$11-\$20. 940-565-2296. Unt.edu/pais/map/M_directions.htm

Buried Child by Sam Shepard. Presented by Kitchen Dog Theatre at McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. Through April 30. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. 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.

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.

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

My Fair Lady, by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. Dallas Theater Center Arts District Theatre, 2401 Flora St. Through May 1. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. 214-522-6499. Dallastheatercenter.org.

Modern Art Museum of Ft. Worth presents Dan Flavin: A Retrospective, through June 5. 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

Parallel Lives (The Kathy & Mo Show), created by Kathy Najimi and Mo Gaffney. Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. Through April 30. Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. 214-828-0094. Contemporarytheatreofdallas.com.

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

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Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest, presented by E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 10 p.m. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Montrose Counseling Center's 2005 Spring/Summer Training Programs presents *HIV/AIDS*. CEU's available. 1-4 p.m. 701 Richmond Ave. 713-529-0037.

Romeo and Juliet. Through May 8. Houston Grand Opera, 510 Preston. Houstongrandopera.or

Steve Martin's The Underpants. Presented by Alley

Theatre, 615 Texas Ave. Through April 24. \$19-\$55. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.org.

Turning Light in Silver, Exhibition at Museum of Fine Arts 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.

Win tickets to Erasure. 8 p.m., 12 midnight and 1 a.m. JR's Bar & Grill, 808 Pacific. 713-521-2519. Jrsbarandgrill.com.

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Bonham Exchange presents the *Rise party*. 411 Bomham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

Corn Ball 2 with DJ ShellShock and Brett Henrichsen. 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. Sunset Station

Fiesta with DJ Roland Belmares. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Ms. Fiesta pageant. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.



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Saturday, April 23

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Earth Day at International Shores with Bill Oliver & the Otter Space Band, dance performance by Daniel Llanes, belly dancing by Twilight Star Ensemble and the "It's My Park" river cleanup. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Hostelling International-Austin, 2200 S. Lakeshore Blvd. on Town Lake. 512-444-2294.

Everywoman's Self Defense Workshop: Basic Skills. 2-5 p.m. \$50; scholarships are available. Sun Dragon Martial Arts, 203 E. Riverside Dr. 512-416-9735. Everywomans-selfdefense.org.

Reefer Madness, presented by Bedlam Faction. Through April 30. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m. \$10-\$12. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress Ave. 512-589-2332. Bedlamfaction.com.

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Kaleta Doolin's Thoughts: Dreams, a video installation. Through June 4. Opening reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the artist. The McKinney Avenue Contemporary (The MAC), 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1212. The-mac.org.

Oak Lawn Band performs in conjunction with the Starlight Band Series. 7:30 p.m. Free. Fair Park Band Shell. 214-621-8998. Oaklawnband.org.

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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Houston Pride Band presents *Out West* with guest emcee, Gene Mikulenko, featuring Texas Gay Rodeo Association and Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club. 7 p.m. Resurrection MCC, 2025 W. 11th St. \$10. 832-265-3346.

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest, presented by E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 10 p.m. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

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

ICOH presents *The S&M Circus* with Scott Kenyon and Marcia Mink. Benefits AIDS Foundation Houston and Camp Hope. 8 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Pride Houston parade workshop. 11 a.m. 1415 California. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

Pride Houston volunteer interest session, Saturday, April 23. 2 p.m. 1415 California. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

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Fiesta with DJ Tony Moran. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

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

GLBTIQ social and support group for deaf and hard of hearing people. 2 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Peak, the party, with Miss Gay Fiesta and Miss Fiesta Flambeau. Bonham Exchange, 411 Bomham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

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, April 24

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

Charlie's Austin patio cookout. 4-9 p.m. 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

Men of Playgirl North American Outlaw Tour 2005. 7 p.m. Crazy Lady, 3701 N. IH 35. 512-478-2444.

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

Softball Austin, through May 22. 1 p.m. Krieg Softball Complex, Longhorn Dam on Pleasant Valley Rd. Softballaustin.org.

Thundering Paws Animal Sanctuary dinner. 5-8 p.m. \$30. Bee Cave Bistro, 11715 Bee Cave Rd. 512-402-9725. Thunderingpaws.org.

YOGAy presents YOGAy Sundays, 1 p.m. \$12. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. 512-220-6353. YOGAyTexas@yahoo.com.

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

Jubilee Fellowship worship. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. La Quinta Inn, 1001 W. Airport Freeway, Euless. 214-520-3223. JubileeTX.org.

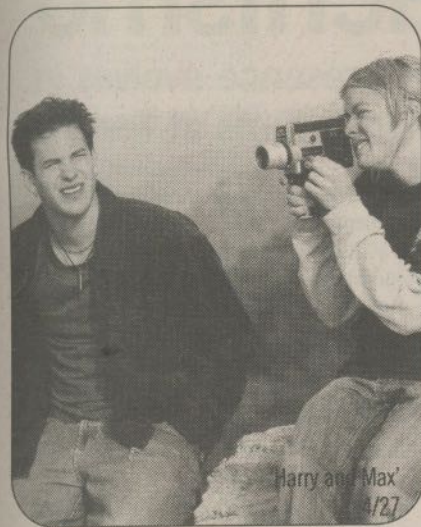
Lambda Weekly Radio, gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Ft. Worth, airs on KNON 89.3FM. 1 p.m. Geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

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



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

Oak Lawn Bands Spring Park Concert. 3 p.m. Free. Riverchon Park (off Maple in Oak Lawn). 214-621-8998. Oaklawnband.org.



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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.

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

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

Tuesday, April 26

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

Austin Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce general meeting. 6:30 p.m. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside Dr. 512-474-4422. Aglcc.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.

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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.

SAN ANTONIO

The Saint presents Amateur Talent Night. 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

Wednesday, April 27

AUSTIN

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

McKinney Avenue Contemporary (The MAC) presents Billy Hassell in the New Works Space. Through April 22. 214-953-1212. The-mac.org.

Q Cinema presents Harry and Max. 8 p.m. Rave Motion Pictures' Ridgmar 11, 2300 Green Oaks Rd. in Fort Worth. \$5-\$7. Boxofficetickets.com.

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

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

Throckmorton Mining Company presents Mundo Latino with drink specials. 3014 Throckmorton. 3014 Throckmorton. Caven.com.

HOUSTON

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

Café con Leche. South Beach, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

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

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

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

Win tickets to the Paulina Rubio concert. 11 p.m., 12 midnight and 1 a.m. South Beach, 810 Pacific Ave. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Karaoke. 9 p.m. 2015 Place, 2015 San Pedro. 210-733-3365. 2015place.com.

Diversity Center's Midweek Movie Mixer screens Brandon Teena. 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, April 28

AUSTIN

Lambda Legal presents Proyecto Igualdad, a night of good food, music, and community discussion about how to take action against discrimination faced by LGBT and HIV positive people in the Latino/Hispanic community. 7-9 p.m. ALLGO's Tillery Street Theater, 701 Tillery St. RSVP: 512-472-2001, ext. 108 or Sheba Gipson, Rsgipson@lambdalegal.org.

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

Purple '05 Irreversible (Host party) with DJ Chris Wren. 8-11 p.m. The Metropolitan. Dallaspurpleparty.org.

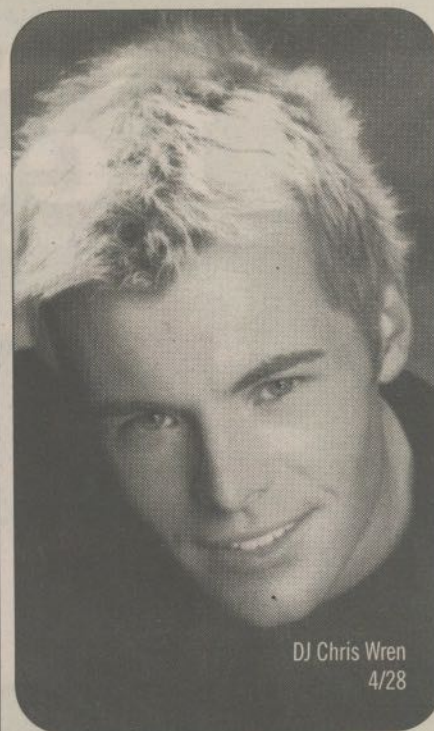
Risk Theater Initiative and Shakespeare Festival of Dallas present Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead through April 30. 8 p.m. Samuel Grand Amphitheatre. 972-943-8915. Shakespearedallas.org.

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

Watertower Theatre presents Enchanted April. Through May 1. 15650 Addison Rd. Addison. 972-450-6220. Watertowertheatre.org.



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DJ Chris Wren
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Amazonia presents DJ Papi. 45N & Aldine Bender. 281-260-9885.

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

Dunbar Galleries and Dunbar Diagnostics presents a fundraising benefit for AIDS Foundation Houston. 5-9 p.m. 3601 W. Alabama #104. 713-622-3063. DunbarGalleries.com.

Medea, presented by Infernal Bridegroom Productions. 8 p.m. Through April 30. \$5.99-\$15. The Axiom, 2524 McKinney. 713.522.8443.

Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls. Through April 30. 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$12. Cy-Fair College Center for the Performing Arts, 9191 Barker Cypress Dr. in Cypress. 281-290-5201

Pedro Calderón de la Barca's Life is a Dream, through May 8. April 22-23, 30 and May 1-2, 8 at 8 p.m. April 30 and May 7, 3 p.m. \$5-\$10. Theatre Collide. Winter Street Studios, 2101 Winter St. 713-528-5108. Info@theatre-collide.com.

Stages Repertory Theatre presents Billy Bishop Goes to War. Through May 1. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$10-\$20. 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-0123. Stages theatre.com.

SAN ANTONIO

M2: A Peer Support Group for Young Men. 6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor.

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.

HOUSTON

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.

Montrose Softball League. Slo-Pitch City Softball Park, 1826 Gault Rd. Montrosoftballleague.com.

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

SAN ANTONIO

Fabulous Fiesta Finale with The L Word and DJ Dee. Bonham Exchange, 411 Bomham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

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

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

Monday, April 25

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.

Stephanie Davis discusses Relationships and Domestic Violence. 12-1 p.m. UNT's University Union, room 412 in Denton. 940-565-2456.

HOUSTON

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

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

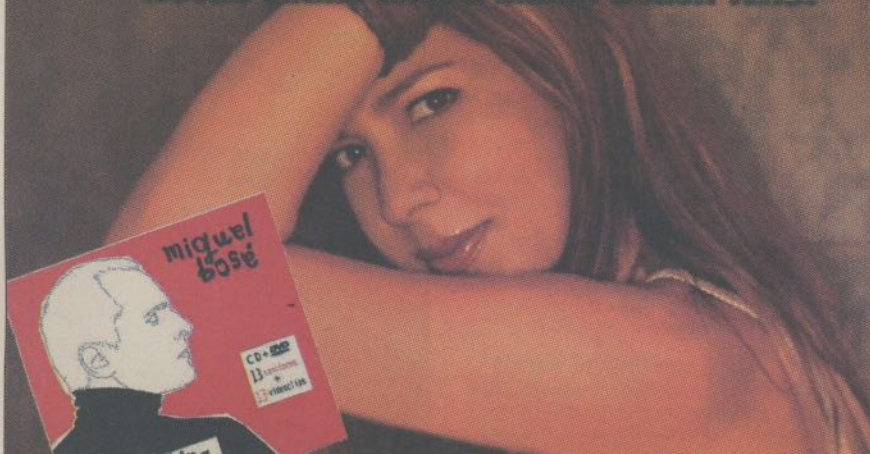
KPFT-FM 90.1 airs Queer Voices with Jack Valinski and various GLBT co-hosts. 8-10 p.m.

You Can be a Star talent contest. 8 p.m. Michael's, 1419 Richmond. 713-523-2828. Missmichaels05@sbc-global.net.

WEDNESDAYS

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Noche Latina with a Miami Beach Twist

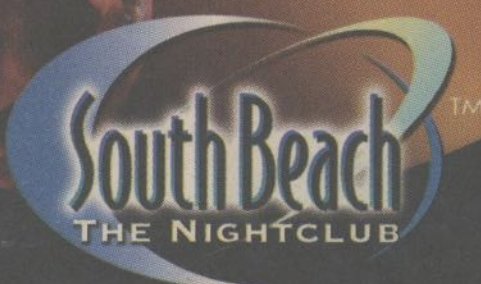
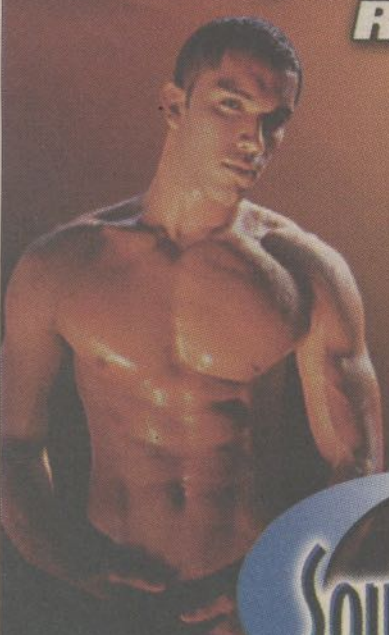


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Film

By Sandra Beckmeier

Redefining machismo

Gay presence evolves in Mexican films at festival

Cine Las Americas welcomes its eighth year this week by screening films of all genres from Latin America — at least one with particular appeal for gay audiences.

Puntos Rosas is quietly scathing of the idea of Mexican machismo, shown through a coincidental affair between a boxer and a gangster. Shot around the Texas/Mexico border, the drama focuses on the underworld of Matamoros and Brownsville where corruption, drugs and murder are commonplace, but homosexuality is taboo.

Director Beto Gomez's take is particularly bold, considering Mexico's divided social landscape, the frequency of double lives — and the fact that he is not gay.

Although gay filmmaking in Mexico has yet to enter the mainstream market, the impact of the country's first openly gay director, Jaime Humberto Hermosillo, can already be felt, explains festival program director Eugenio del Bosque.

"There are 15 feature films a year being

released in Mexico, one or two of which are gay themed. Hermosillo opened things up in the 1970s when he began making openly, and some explicitly, gay films," del Bosque says.

ON SCREEN *Puntos Rosas* (Pink Fists)

Regal Metropolitan Theater, 901 Texas Lane. April 22 at 11 p.m. 512-447-0100

Directed by Beto Gomez
With Jose Yenque, Rodrigo Oriedo, Roberto Espejo, Isela Vega, Randy Vasquez
The festival continues screenings through April 24.
Visit cinelasamericas.org for details.

Puntos Rosas is more than a symbolic attempt to feature gay characters in prominent roles. Gomez even cast Guadalajara's legendary drag queen, Roberto Espejo, in a key role: The only character with a clear conscience.

Cine Las Americas is clearly extending the screening life of each of its films internationally and perhaps closing the separation.



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ARIES — March 20-April 19

New possibilities are suddenly on the table — and just when your stubborn streak shows up. You could dig in your heels and argue, or settle in comfortably and listen. Provoke new ideas without having to take a stand!

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

With a birthday coming up soon, you will begin to feel the urge to accomplish all you can before meeting the grave. Relax, baby, you've got plenty of time! Slowly, easily and carefully is always how you do your best.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

You're in a long phase of controlling relationships. Take a look at what hopes push you to be a control queen. Let go of hopes you should have outgrown, and take advantage of the challenges your relationships offer.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Life seems unusually burdened lately, and that will continue for a while. The motto "work smarter, not harder," always a good idea, should be your mantra now. Brilliant innovations can help secure your reputation.

LEO — July 23-August 22

On one hand, you want to goad your partner into some kind of playful give-and-take, and on the other you want to be right in any argument. You can't have it both ways and keep it light and fun — choose one.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Inflammations or nervous problems could have their root in family stress. Sex relieves tension, of course, but take it easy — you tend to get too athletic in the sack. Now is the time to be soft, slow and sensual.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

You are normally a model of good taste, but your efforts at playful repartee can go overboard. When called on it, resist the temptation to dig in. Be your usual sweet, accommodating self, and any *faux pas* will be excused.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Any little spark at home, whether in argument or play, can light huge fires of feeling and passion. It's probably going to be great fun, but it might get rough. How you channel your stubborn streak could tip the balance.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

You're more loquacious than usual (God help us). Your playful banter is usually welcome, but now you have a choice between quality and quantity. Hold the logorrhea and think carefully about what you're saying.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Financial stress is a symptom of worries about deeper issues. This is a good time to get at what's really bothering you. Window-shopping — although it's not your usual style — can open up insights and memories.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

While your energy is high and your friends want you to party, you have something pressing you need to say. Your party energy could be focused into political work that will bring you greater stature and responsibility.

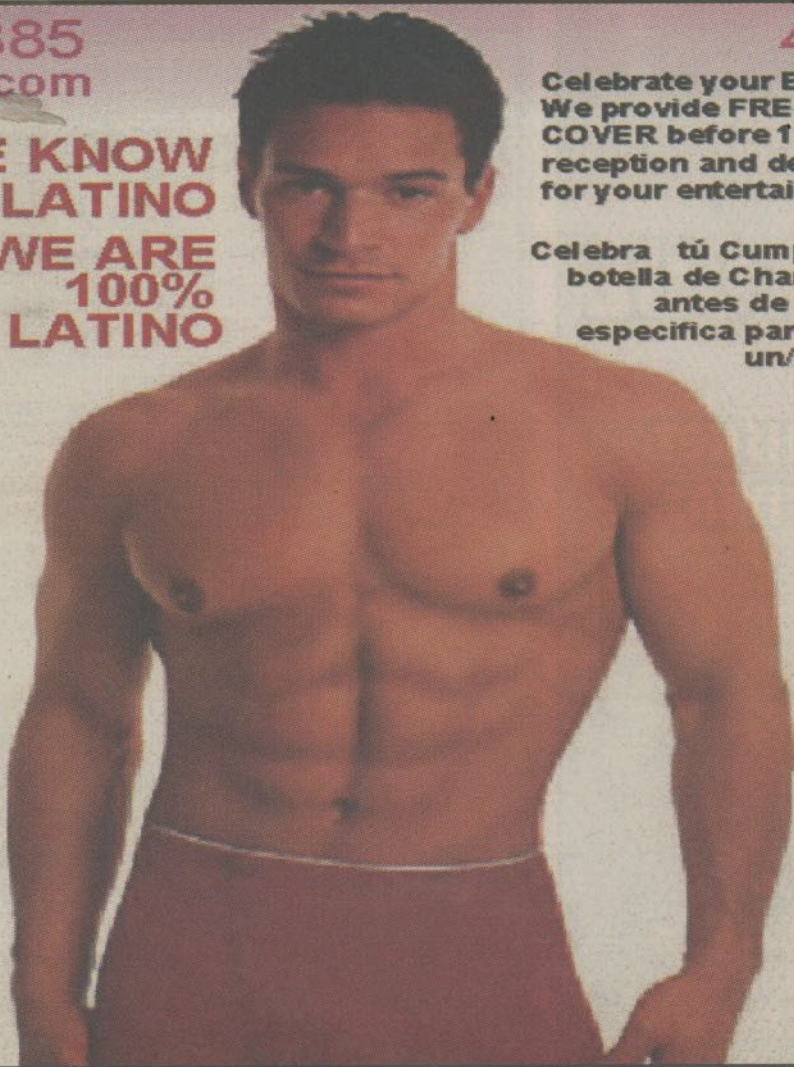
PISCES — February 19-March 19

What goals have you fulfilled in your life, and what are you really worth? More than you realize. The stars show you being hard on yourself. Take stock of your past, putting accomplishments and obstacles into context.

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.

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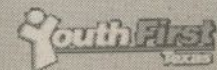
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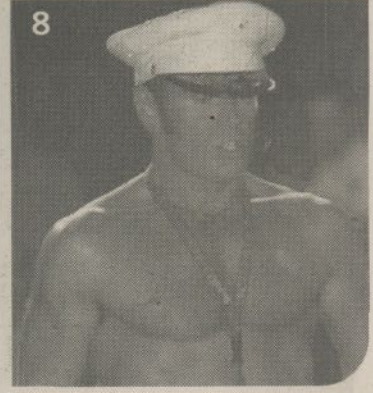
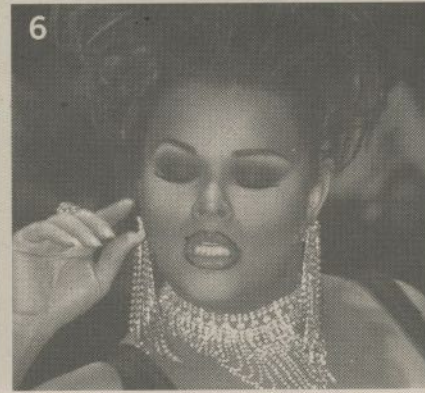
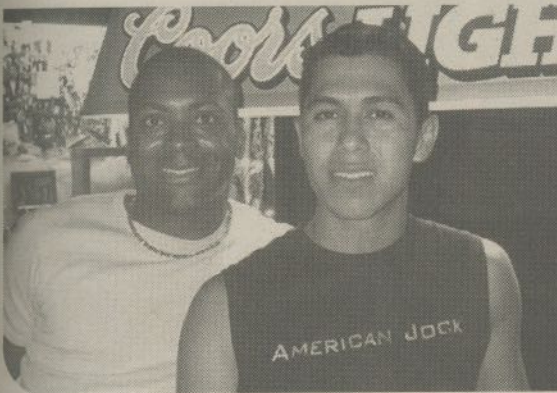
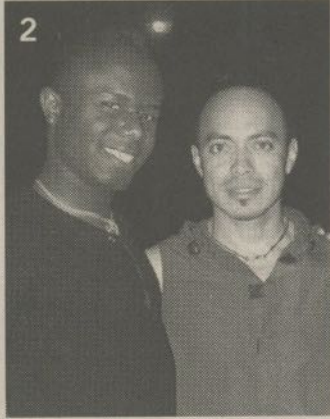
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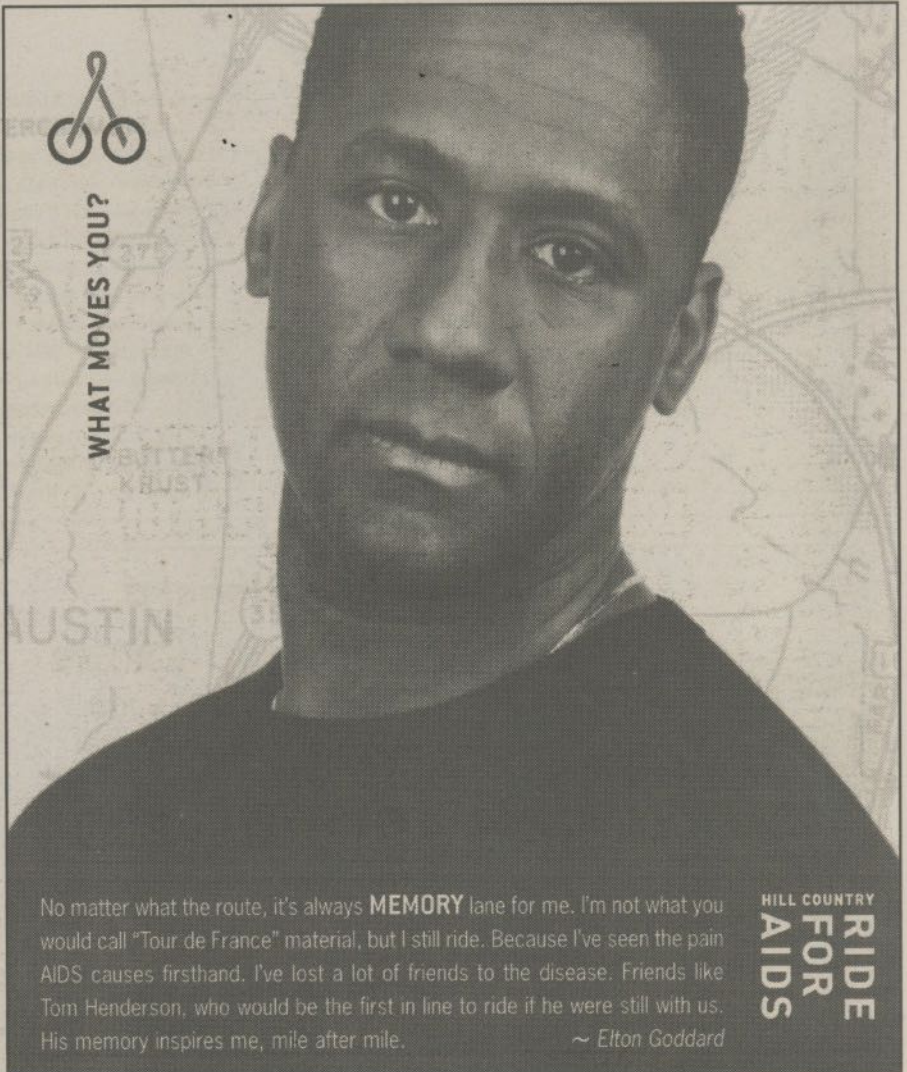
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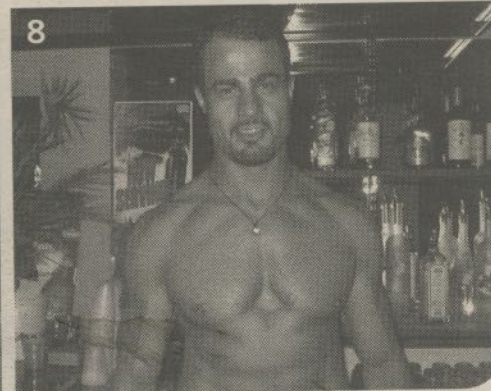
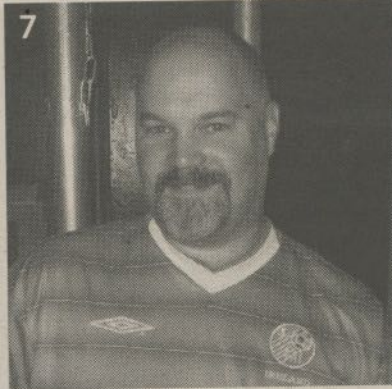
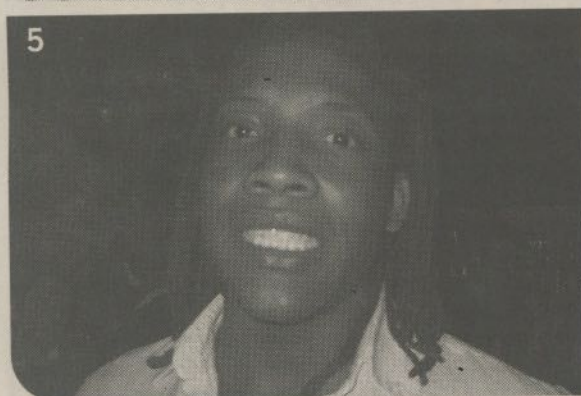
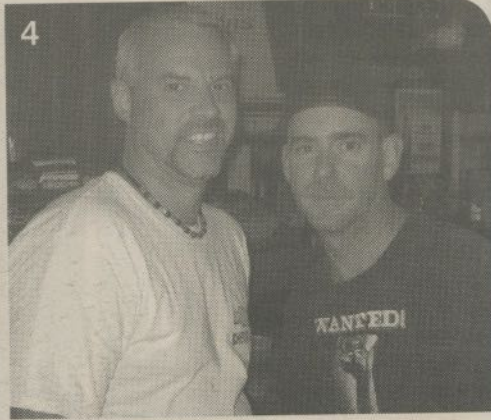
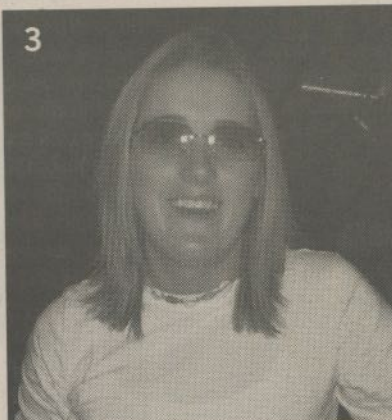
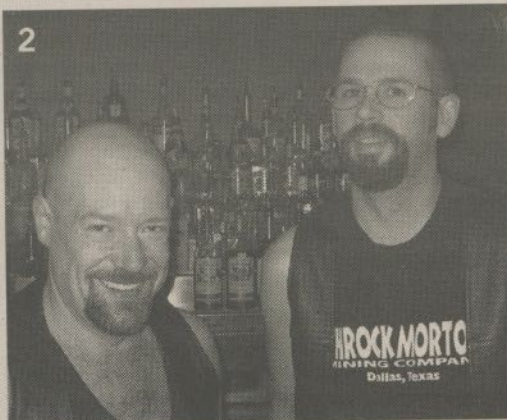
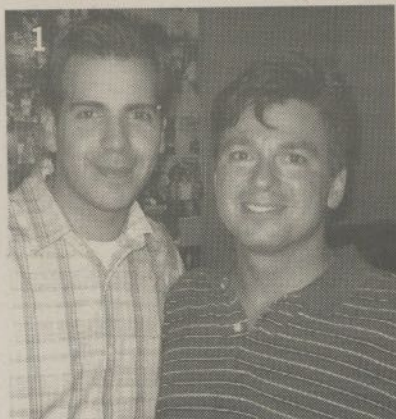
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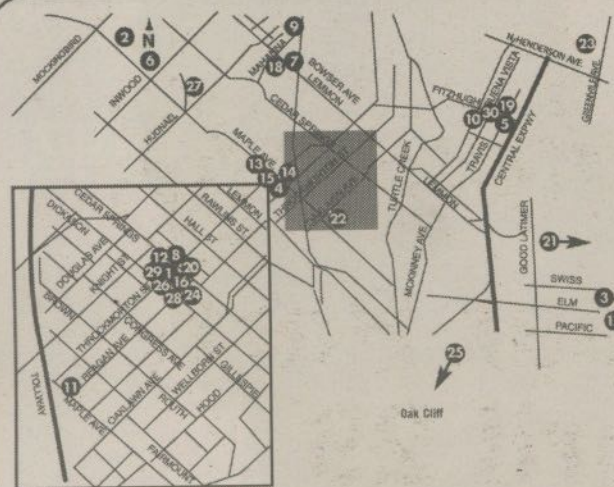
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1. Jay and Brian at Side 2 Bar. 2. Scott and James at Throckmorton Mining Company. 3. Alicia at Sue Ellen's. 4. Wyart and Pete at the Hidden Door. 5. Justin at JR.'s Bar & Grill. 6. Michelle at Buddies II. 7. Dan at the Dallas Eagle. 8. Joao at Woody's Sports and Video Bar. Photos by Christian Colbert and Gregory Hayes



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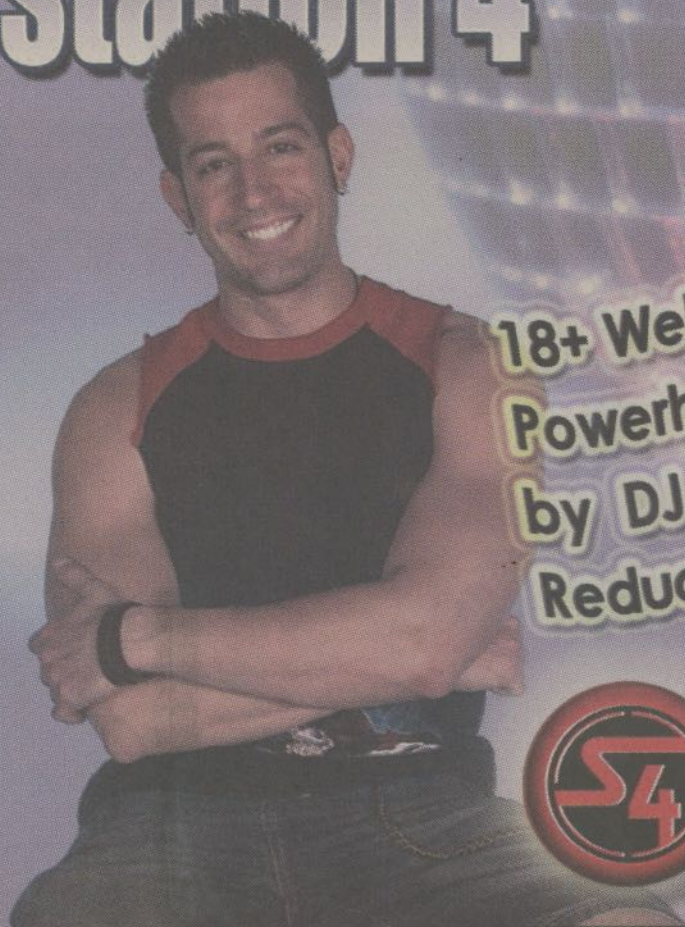
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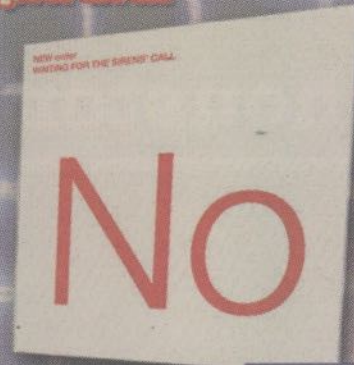
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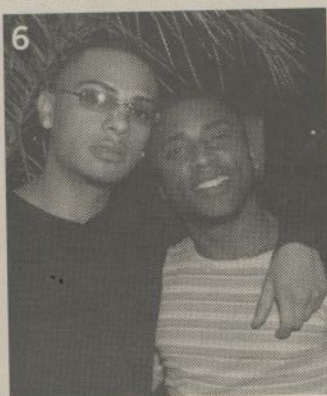
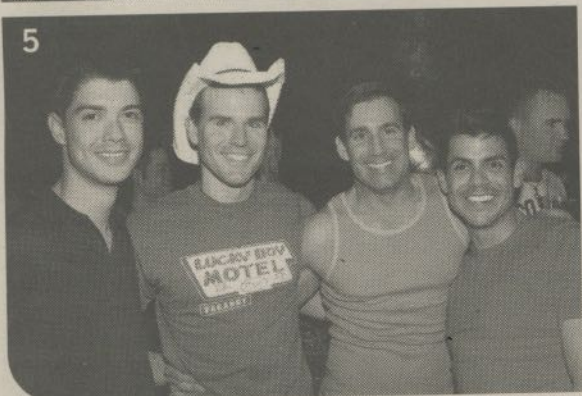
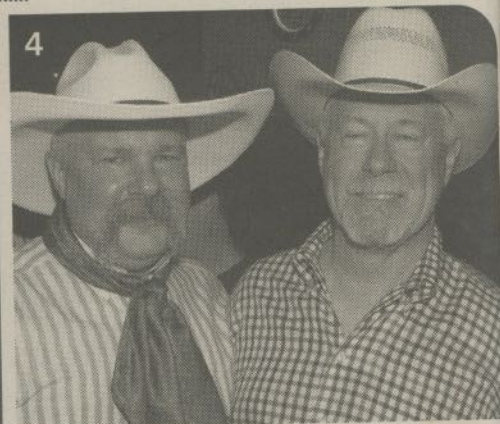
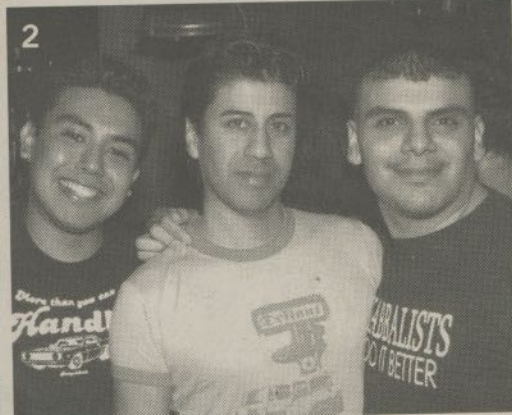
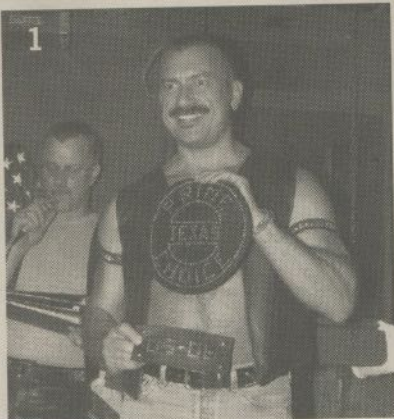


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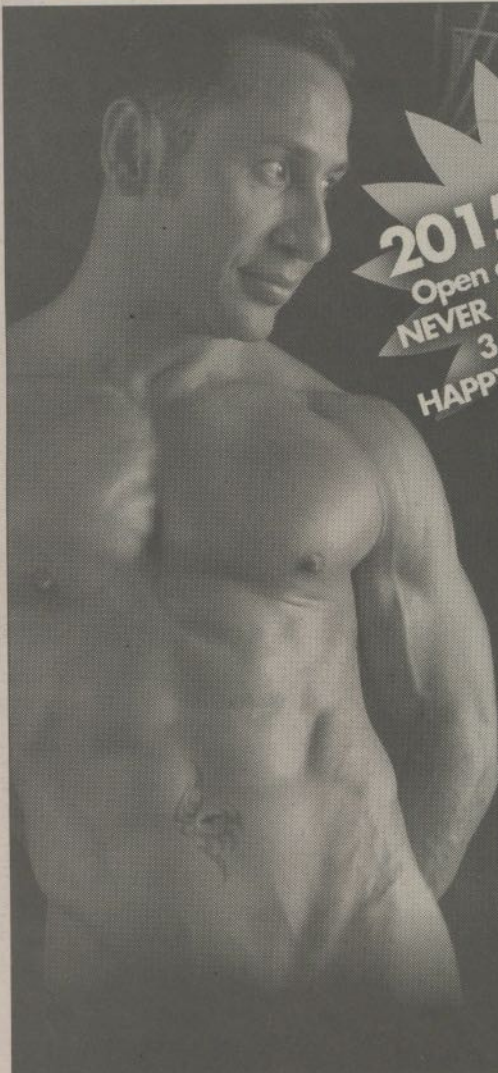
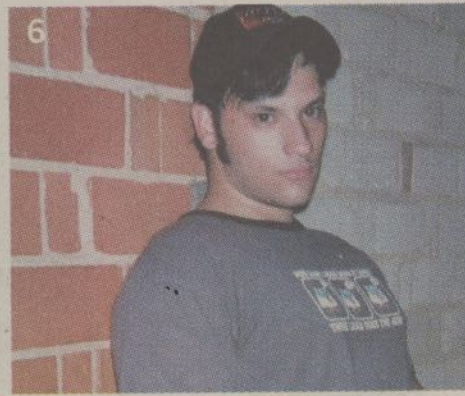
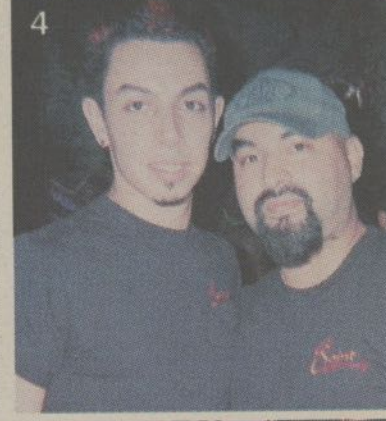
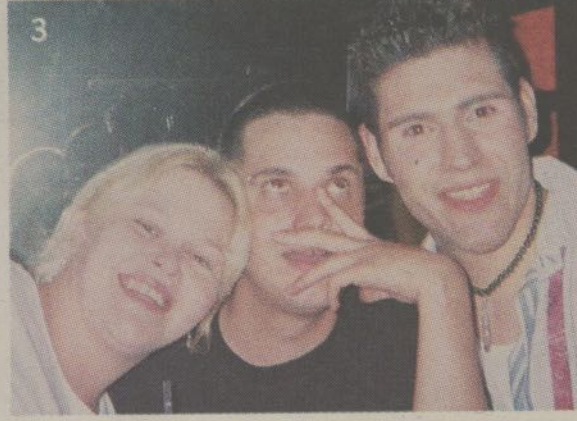
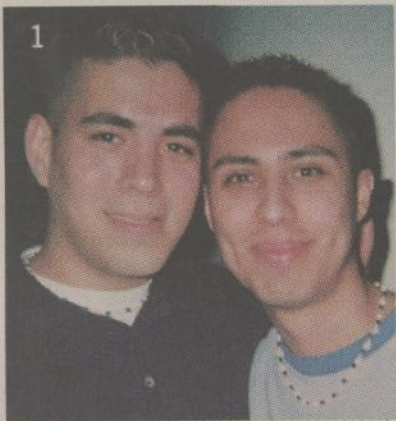


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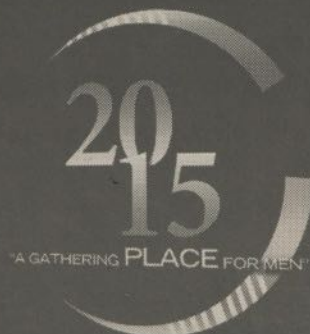
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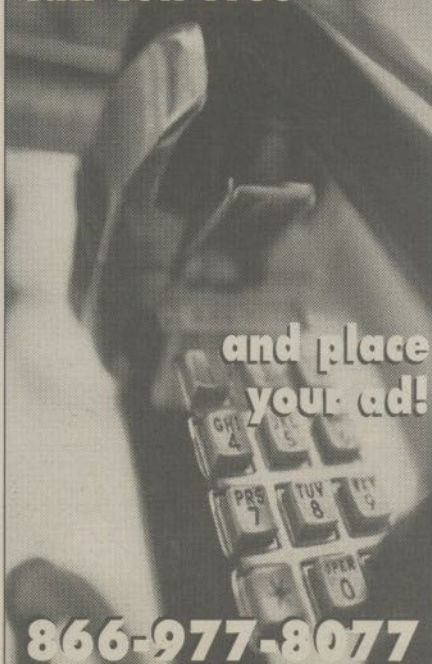
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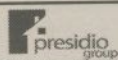
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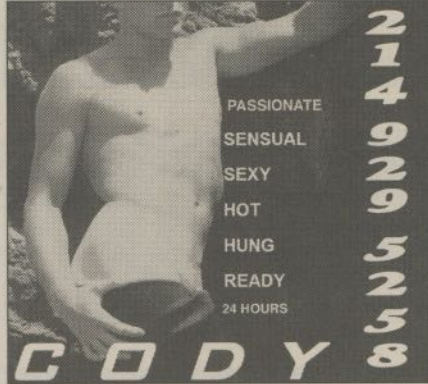
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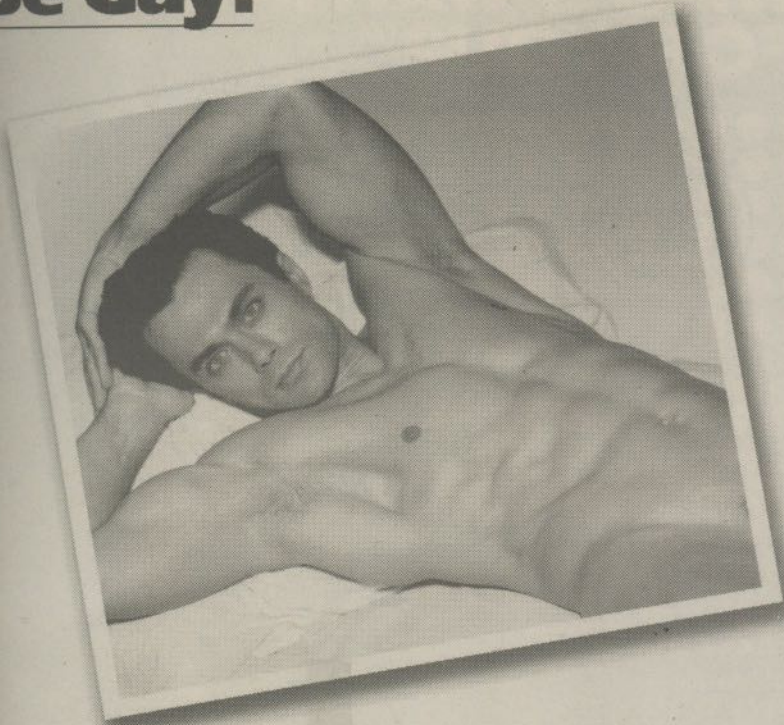
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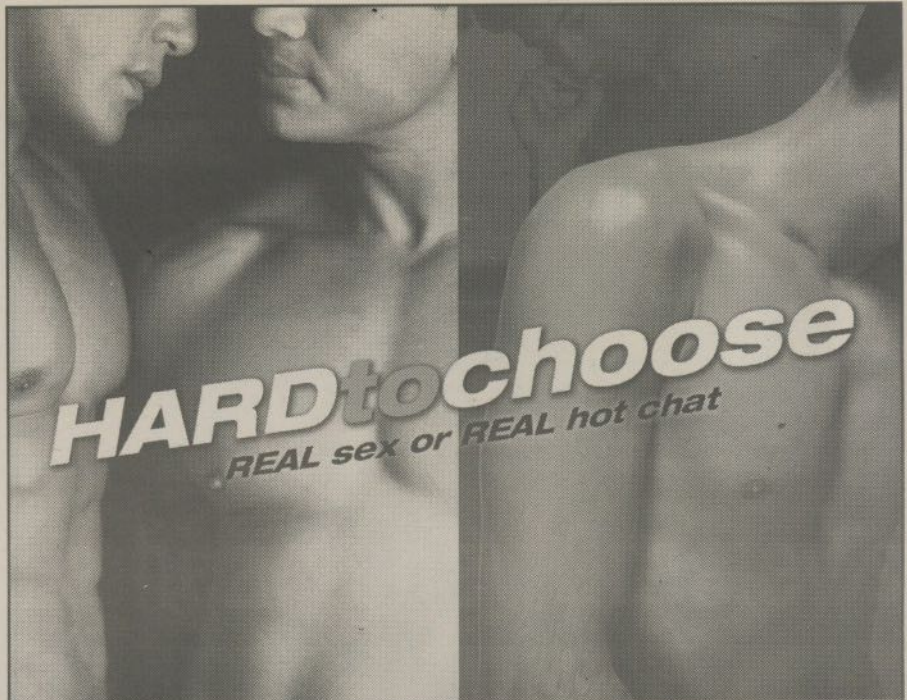
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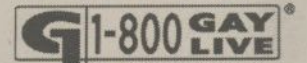
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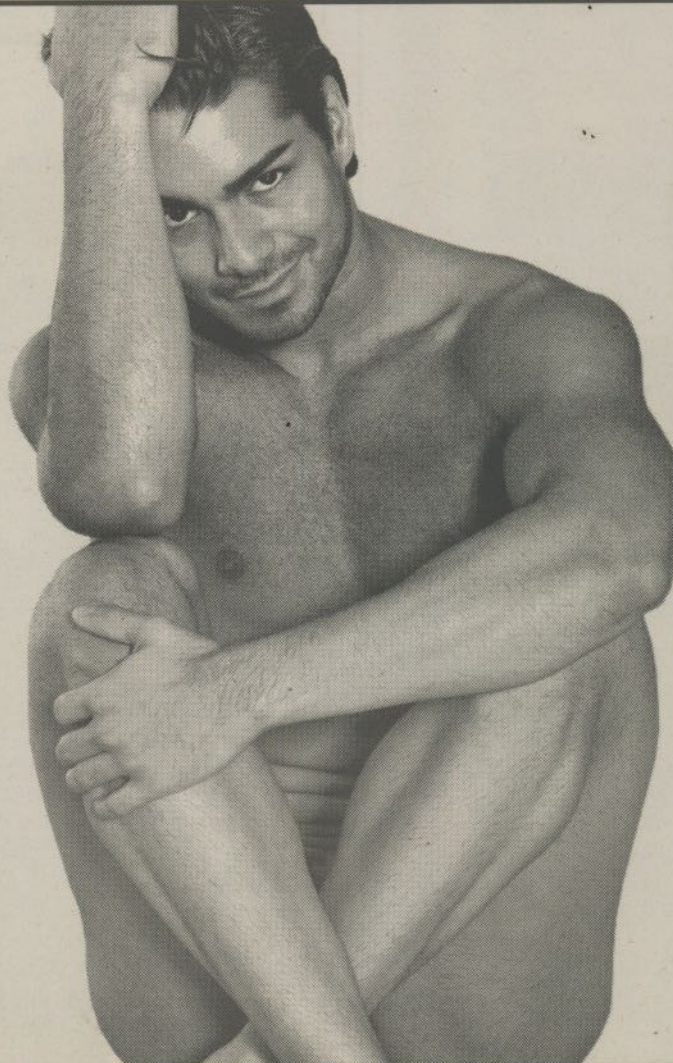


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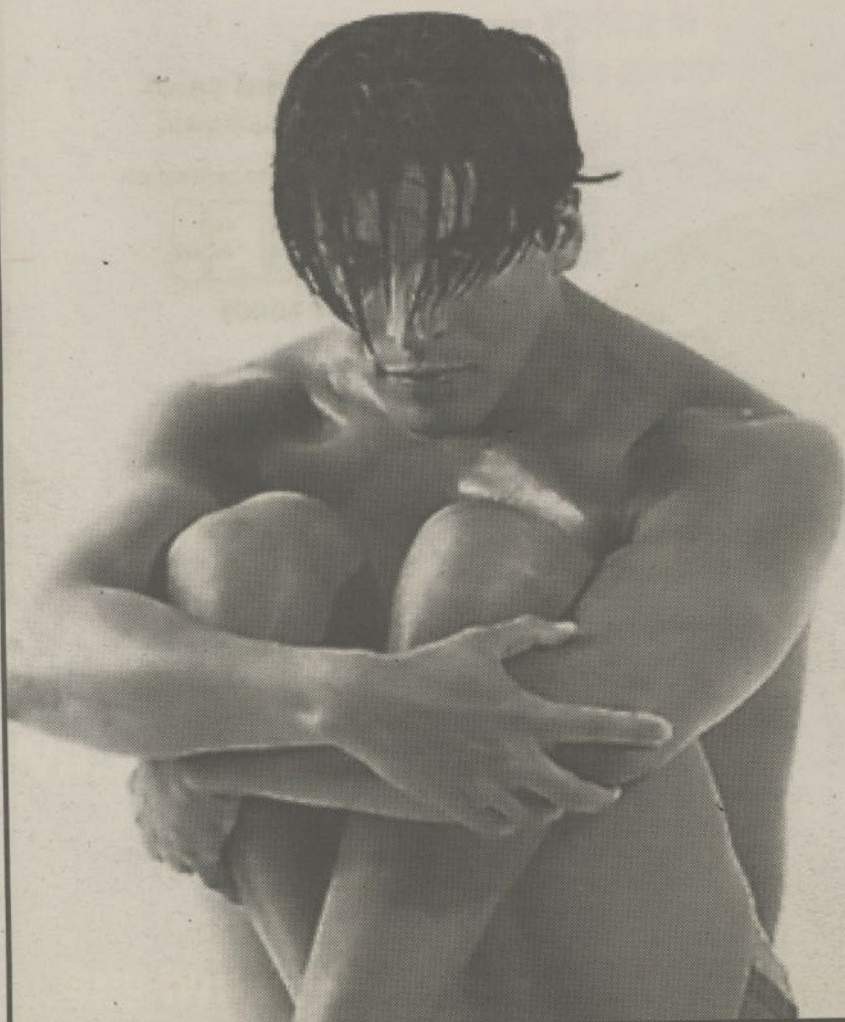
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