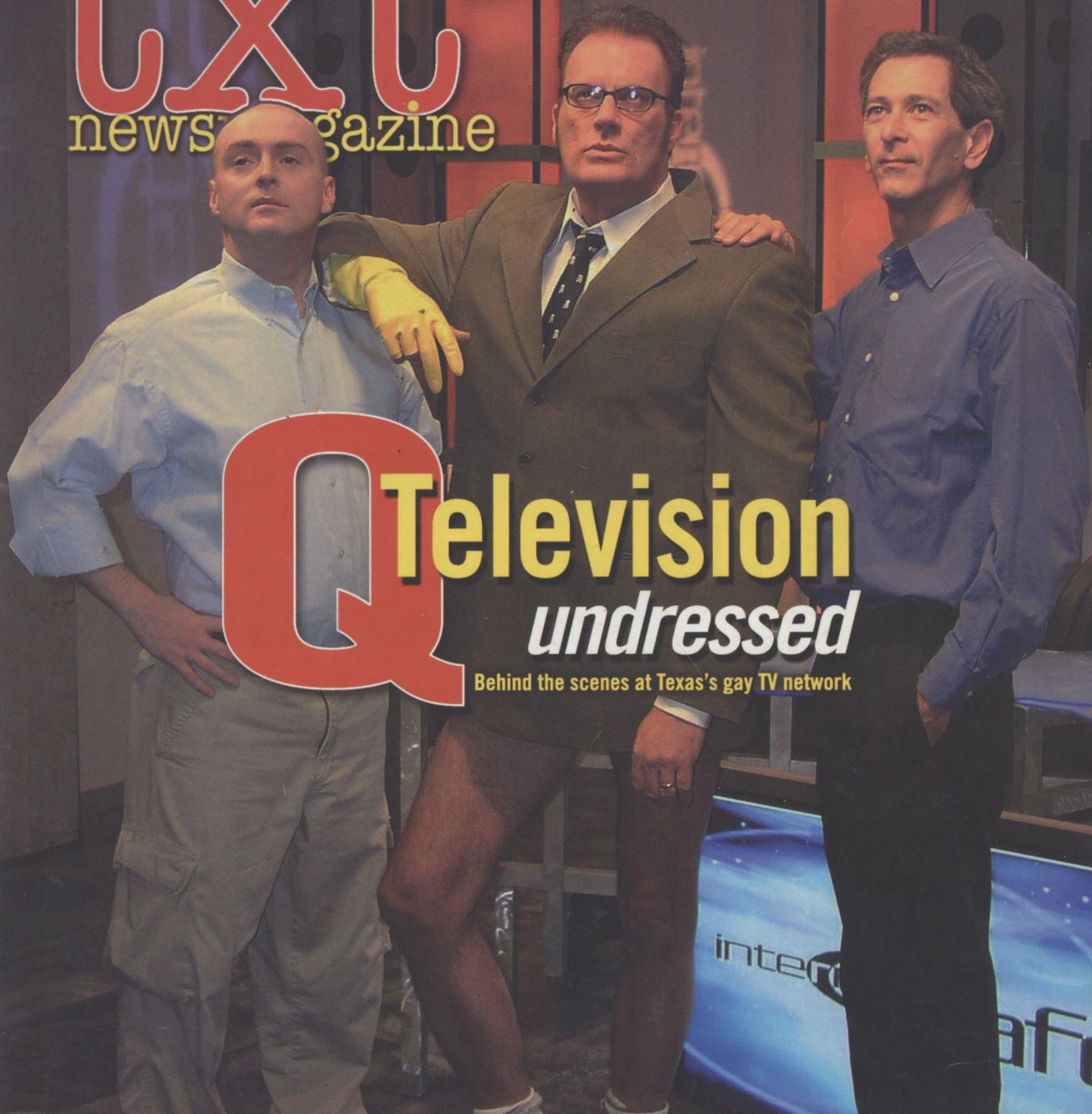


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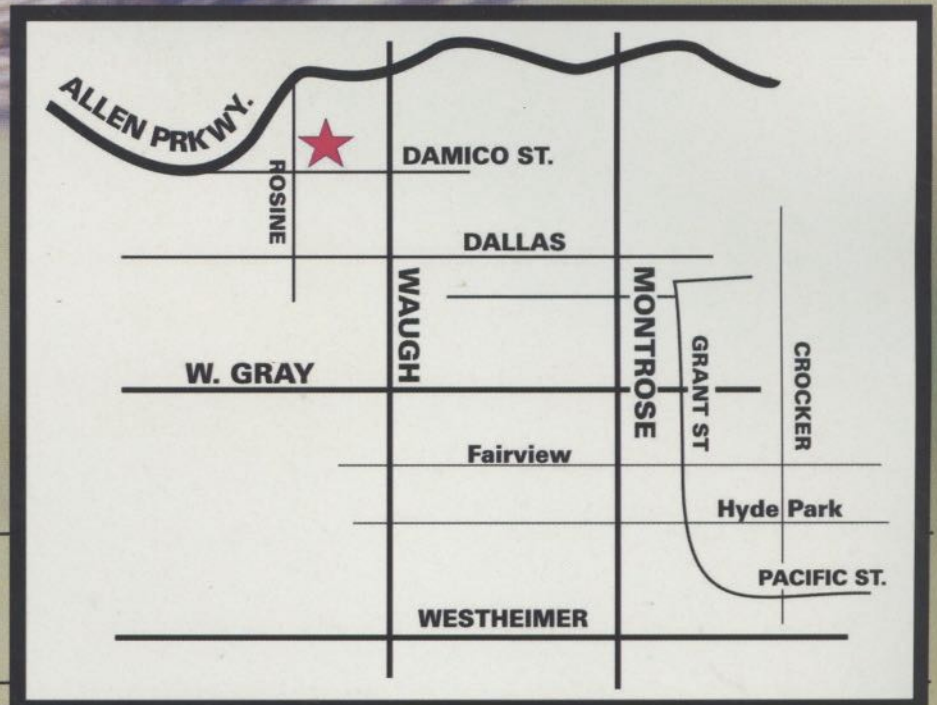
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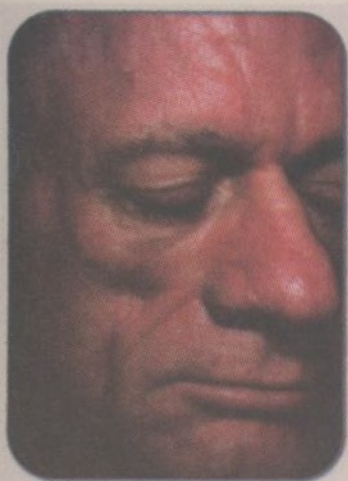
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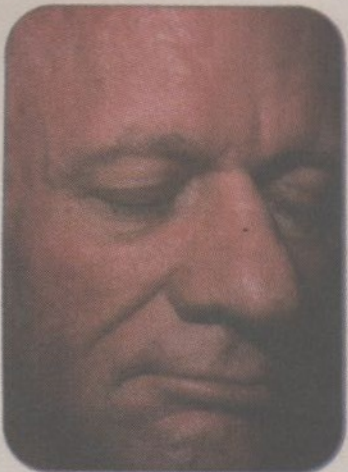
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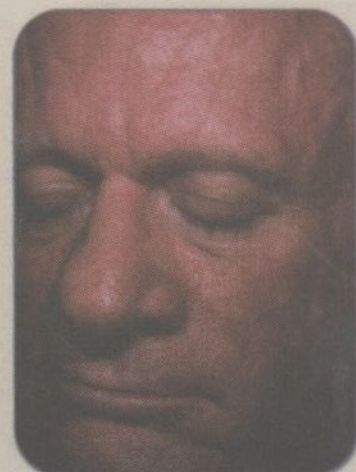
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AUSTIN

Candlelight memorial service in sixth year

Since it began in 1983, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and the Global Health Council have honored the memory of those lost to AIDS and supported people living with AIDS with an annual candlelight service. For the last six years, Austin has participated in the moving memorial, scheduling this year's gathering for May 15, 8-9 p.m. in Republic Square Park, 4th and Guadalupe St.

The brief service, titled Turning Remembrance Into Action, features speakers, prayer, music, poetry and remembrances.

The International AIDS Candlelight and Memorial acts as a catalyst, raising awareness and decreasing the stigma sometimes associated with HIV, coordinators said. Since 1983, AIDS has claimed more than 28 million lives worldwide, and more than 42 million are now living with an HIV infection.

For more information, log on to Candlelightmemorial.org.

HOUSTON

Clinics recognize HIV Vaccine Awareness Day with trials

To mark HIV Vaccine Awareness Day on May 18, the Center for Clinical Studies has announced it is conducting two investigational HIV vaccine studies in its Houston and Clear Lake clinics.

One trial involves an investigational vaccine for adults with Hepatitis C. Researchers are currently recruiting volunteers 18 and older. Another trial involves an investigational AIDS vaccine. Researchers are seeking people age 18 and over who are members of groups considered at high risk for HIV infection, including gay men. Participants will be compensated for time and travel; enrollment is limited.

HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, highlights research advances, educates the public about preventative HIV vaccines and spreads awareness about HIV.

The Center for Clinical Studies also offers free HIV screening for eligible participants. For more information, log on to Ccsstexas.com.

HOUSTON

Youth prom set for June

Officially, HATCH strives to empower GLBTQ youth by providing them with opportunities to socialize, providing role models and peer support and sponsoring educational and community outreach activities. One way the group does that is by offering an alternative to the traditional high school prom, which may not be as encouraging of same-sex dancing as HATCH members would like.

Now in its 12th year, the HATCH Alternative Prom is scheduled June 10, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Historic Magnolia Ballroom. The prom is free to all youth ages 13-20, and adults may attend with a \$25 donation at the door or by becoming a sponsor.

The Historic Magnolia Ballroom is located at 715 Franklin St. in downtown Houston.

For mor information, call 713-529-3590.

HOUSTON

Chorus's ensemble group brings 'Razzle Dazzle' to Bering

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston has announced its small select ensemble, VocalEase, will present the music of Kander and Ebb, the immortal Broadway duo. The concert, titled Razzle Dazzle, is scheduled May 14 at 8 p.m. and May 15 at 3 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at Boxofficetickets.com/gmch, by phone at 1-800-494-TIXS or at the door.

Banking on what's right

Volunteers staff phones to counter effort to bar gays as foster parents

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

It's been busier than usual at the Houston GLBT Community Center this week. Since Monday, volunteers have occupied every office in the suite, surrounded by phones and scripts, calling Houston voters to apprise them of an amendment to a Senate measure overhauling Child Protective Services.

The amendment, by Rep. Robert Talton, a Republican of Pasadena, would bar gays and lesbians from serving as foster parents.

"We're getting some good response," the caucus's secretary, Tammy Wallace, said. "We made around 400 calls Monday night, and people were for the most part very, very positive."

The phone blitz comes as the first initiative of the newly formed Coalition for Texas Families, with participation by **HOUSTON** Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, Texas Freedom Network, the National Association of Social Workers, and various child advocacy organizations. Houston's GLBT Political Caucus joined the Coalition, taking up telephone receivers to help defeat the ban on gay foster parents.

The amendment authorizes the state to investigate the sexual orientation of all potential and current foster parents. It also empowers the state agency to remove foster children from homes headed by a gay or lesbian foster parent.



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Houston GLBT Caucus member Doreen Osterholm (left) and April Ayers, and caucus secretary Tammy Wallace check lists of area voters this week, urging them to call the ten Texas legislators making up the conference committee on SB 6

The amendment would also prohibit any individual suspected of being gay, lesbian or bisexual from becoming a foster parent.

The larger measure, previously approved by the Senate, now sits in a conference committee composed of five members of the House and five members of the Senate. These lawmakers will determine the measure's final wording, including whether the gay foster parent ban is retained.

All five senators are opposed to including the ban, said Sen. Jane Nelson, a Republican of Lewisville.

"We cannot allow this reform bill to be tied up in the courts for years over an issue that was never part of our review,"

said Nelson, the senior Republican in the Senate and sponsor of the reform measure.

The mood among the House leadership apparently favors retaining the ban.

In announcing the five House members of the conference committee on April 27, Speaker Tom Craddick said the five "are central to the debate on the issues that are included in S.B. 6." Among the five — Rep. Talton.

If anything, Talton's presence on the conference committee served to energize gay men and lesbians.

"We advertiused a community action," GLBT caucus member April Ayers said.

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CHECK, PLEASE AIDS Foundation Houston's Rod Waters (front, right) and Anissa Hill, Bering Omega's Fiona Dawson, and Montrose Clinic's Marianne Hoerter and Katie Caldwell are surrounded by Bayou City Boys Club members at last Sunday's distribution of funds party held at Lovett Inn.

Joy of the Jungle

Bayou City Boys Club distributes party money to 5 groups

Reported by Paul Stricklin
Written by Nancy Ford

Five Houston AIDS charities are richer thanks to donations the Bayou City Boys Club handed out at a reception Sunday.

Receiving \$13,000 each were AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Kitchen, Bering Omega, Casa De Esperanza and Montrose Clinic. The Houston Buyers Club

received \$5,000.

It was also announced at the reception, held at the Lovett Inn, that the club's president, Michael Collins, will continue in the position for another year.

The money was raised at Jungle weekend, a series of parties and social events held over a long weekend each spring.

In recognition of the group's commitment to Houston's GLBT community, Bayou City Boys Club was named Honorary Grand Marshal—Organization for this year's Pride Parade, scheduled June 25.

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"It's all about the community. We're asking everyone to call the ten conference committee members and tell them that they do not want this amendment, and to please strip it off the bill," Ayers said.

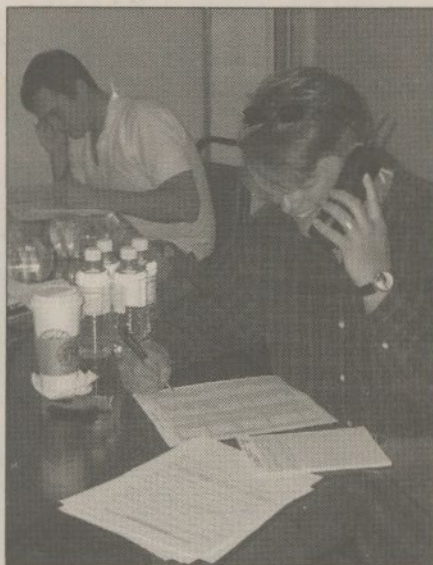
In 2004, there were more than 17,000 children in the Texas foster care system. Child Protective Services estimates that as many as 2000 to 2500 children in gay and lesbian homes will be affected by Rep. Talton's change to SB 6.

Wallace, the caucus secretary, said Talton's amendment is creating strain in the Legislature.

"Senator Jane Nelson is not happy about this bill," she said. "This is really jamming up this whole overhaul of the foster care bill she's been working on. Introducing this on the House floor is creating this controversy that she did not want to see. Plus, the potential litigation it opens up for the future is enormous."

"An overwhelming number of people we call are saying, this is wrong," Wallace added. "This is not good for us as taxpayers. This is not good for children."

Baylor Medical student Eric Goepfert wishes legislators who oppose foster parenting by gay men and lesbians would "look at the evidence."



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Houston GLBT Caucus member Doreen Osterholm, right, and Eric Goepfert were among the volunteers who contacted area voters this week.

"There have been scientific studies by the American Psychological Association and also the American Association of Pediatrics that said that the children of gay and lesbian parents or foster parents are no more likely to be gay than anybody else," he said. According to

Goepfert, lawmakers must guard against letting religious viewpoints get in the way of their ability to look at the situation rationally.

Jennifer Poche, a new volunteer with the caucus, was more blunt in assessing Talton's amendment.

"It's flat-out ignorance and discrimination," she said. "He has no interest in what's good for the people. It's his own agenda."

Though area voters were encouraged to call the 10 committee members this past Wednesday, Wallace hopes that the calls, letters, emails and faxes will continue this weekend and beyond. "Some people can only do one action, some people can call them all. I

say, it doesn't matter. Do whatever you can do. Every call, every letter, every fax helps.

"We don't know when the conference committee is going to meet, so we need people to take action," she said. "Keep aware of what's going on."

For more information on this bill and other legislative matters, call the Houston GLBT Caucus at 713-521-1000 or e-mail Info@hglpc.org.

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THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Below are the 10 members of the conference committee working on resolving differences in House and Senate versions of the Child Protective Services reform measure.

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- Rep. John Davis (R) 512-463-0734, fax 512-479-6955.
- Rep. Toby Goodman (R) 512-463-0562, fax 512-475-1178.
- Rep. Robert Talton (R) 512-463-0460, fax 2811-487-8988.
- Rep. Carlos Uresti (D) 512-463-0714, fax 512-463-1448.

To determine the representative and senator who represents your district, log on to Capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm.

Oak Lawn man kills 'best friend,' Bledose

Moseley turns self in, admits his role in murder of 80 year old

Reported by **Tammye Nash**

Written by Dennis Vercher

An Oak Lawn man remained jailed this week after being charged with killing his longtime roommate with multiple blows from an ax.

James Moseley, 55, walked into the Lew Sterrett Criminal Justice Center around 11 a.m. on April 29 and told officials there he had killed Porter Bledsoe,

80.

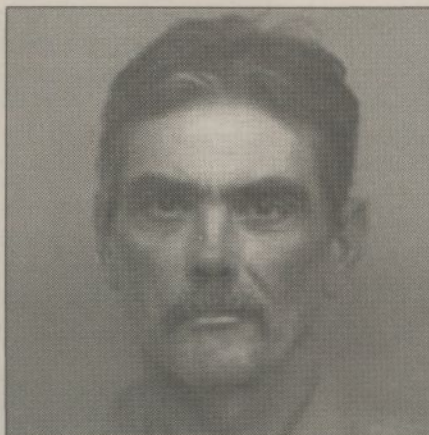
Sgt. Don Peritz of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department was the officer who first spoke to Moseley.

"He walked up and said, 'I'm here to turn myself in. I just killed my best friend. I chopped him up with an ax,'" Peritz said.

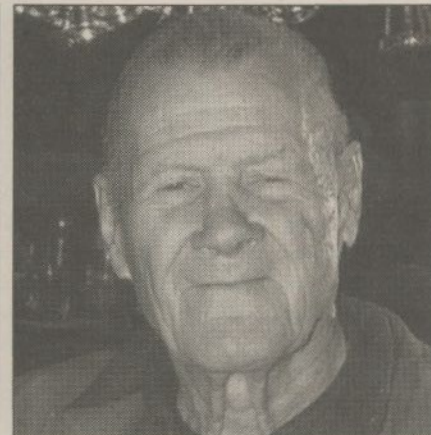
The sheriff's department contacted Dallas police. After speaking to Moseley, officers went to the duplex the men shared at 4206 Wycliff Ave. They found Bledsoe's body inside the apartment.

Moseley has been charged with murder. Bond is set at \$100,000.

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MARYLAND

Stroud reinstated after being defrocked because of relationship

LINTHICUM — A Methodist court reinstated a lesbian minister who had been defrocked for telling her congregation of her relationship with another woman.

The United Methodist Church appeals panel, which heard three hours of arguments on April 26 before beginning deliberations, voted 8 to 1 to set aside the December decision by another church court to oust Irene "Beth" Stroud for violating the denomination's ban on "self-avowed, practicing homosexual" clergy.

The panel declared the ban "null and void" because church procedures weren't followed when it was adopted. However, Jim Allen, general counsel for the church's finance and administration agency, said the opinion would have to be endorsed by the highest Methodist court, the Judicial Council, before it became church law.

The ruling was sure to inflame traditional Methodists who have been outraged that church leaders haven't done more to enforce the ban on actively gay clergy. The church is expected to appeal the decision.

Stroud said even though she has been reinstated, she won't resume ministerial duties until the appeals process is completed.

COLORADO

Soulforce leads 500 into Rockies to confront Focus on the Family

COLORADO SPRINGS — At least 500 people braved arctic temperatures and light snow to protest Focus on the Family's positions against gay rights and same-sex marriages.

The protest was led by Soulforce, an organization founded by the Rev. Mel White, a former ghostwriter for the Revs. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson.

A Focus on the Family representative met the demonstrators outside the light metal barricades and accepted stacks of letters from Soulforce. Soulforce said the letters objected to Dobson's teachings that homosexual behavior is a sin and that anti-discrimination laws should not extend to gays and lesbians.

Focus on the Family spokeswoman Melissa Fryrear denied a separate charge that the ministry teaches parents to reject their gay children.

"We tell parents to love their children unconditionally, and then we lay out options," she said.

Fryrear, who describes herself as a former lesbian, said Focus offers a program that teaches people that homosexuality can be treated or prevented.

Dobson, a child psychologist, founded Focus on the Family and has spread its message through his books and radio broadcasts that reach about 220 million people worldwide.

PENNSYLVANIA

Celebration honoring gay rights pioneers concludes with service

PHILADELPHIA — In the summer of 1965, a group of 40 protesters marched in front of Independence Hall and denounced public policies that labeled gays as mentally ill and a national security risk. Forty years later, hundreds of gay rights supporters crowded into a nearby historic church for an interfaith service celebrating what some have called the nation's first gay rights demonstration.

Sunday's service at Christ Church included a sermon by the Episcopal Church's first out gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson, who called for an end to discrimination against GLBT people.

"We hear God's voice and it says you are my beloved," said Robinson, who was consecrated as bishop of the New Hampshire Diocese in 2003.

A Methodist minister who had been defrocked for being in a lesbian relationship — before later being reinstated — shared Robinson's message of acceptance.

"Other faith traditions out there have tried to shut us down and tell us we're not worthy," the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud told the crowd. "I pray for a day when no one will experience discrimination."

Outside, about 25 protesters, including members of the conservative Christian group Repent America, protested the daylong festivities. Earlier, police estimated between 2,000 and 3,000 gay rights supporters converged on Independence Hall to mark the rally.

Justices to decide military recruiting case

Can universities bar military recruiters from campus because of gay ban?

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that pits a collection of law schools against the Department of Defense. On Monday, the justices gave the thumbs-up to hearing *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights*. At stake is the right of public institutions to demand that only employers with anti-discrimination policies in place may attempt to recruit their students. Basically, the case is about whether public institutions can bar military recruiters from campus.

The current tension between the First Amendment rights of public universities and the government's need to attract top-quality personnel began in the earliest days of "don't ask, don't tell."

WASHINGTON — Once the military's stance on gays was codified by Congress, colleges and graduate schools began to decide that the armed forces could no longer be included in the ranks of employers who do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. In response to the impasse, Congressman Gerald Solomon, a Republican of New York, sponsored a measure that tied federal research funds to campus access for military recruiters.

During the rest of the Clinton years, a compromise evolved where universities allowed the Army or Navy to meet with students off campus, or find other ways to recruit on an informal basis. Law schools in particular did not really fear the loss of federal funds, the bulk of

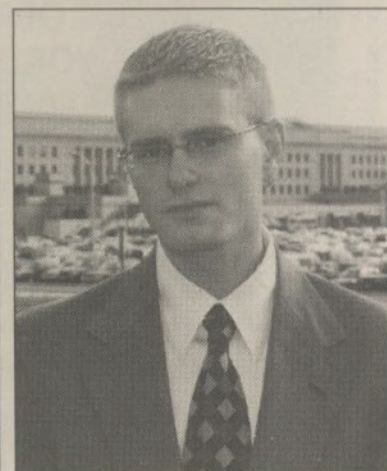
which pay for scientific or other research.

But after Sept. 11, the Defense Department turned up the heat, in particular demanding that law schools offer access to the military that was equal in every respect to that offered civilian firms. The Solomon Act, in turn, had been given extra teeth, and the Pentagon threatened to withhold federal funds, not just from this or that law school, but from their parent universities as well. With hundreds of millions of dollars at stake, the law schools had no choice but to comply.

The law schools may have complied, but they also sued, arguing that the Solomon Act impermissibly stepped on their right to freedom of expressive association. Guaranteed by the First Amendment, that right stems from the right to free expression itself. If Americans have the right to speak and to assemble, for example, they must also have the liberty to formulate their ideas in the company of like minds. Freedom of expressive association is the same concept that led the Supreme Court to rule that Boy Scouts have the right to exclude gay troops and leaders.

According to settled law, however, this constitutional right can only apply to a core belief. Thus, the Supreme Court in 2000 ruled that promoting heterosexuality was a core belief of the Boy Scouts. And in this case, a split panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit also found that the principles of nondiscrimination defended by the law schools were likewise central.

That victory last November was appealed by the Department of Defense. Conventional wisdom suggests that when the Supreme Court accepts a case



Steve Ralls, spokesman for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, asks the court to send a "strong signal to the military that it can have campus access to every student when its policies value every student."

for review, the justices are looking to reverse. But that is not always the situation. It takes four justices to accept a case, and obviously takes five to decide one.

Steve Ralls, spokesman for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, says it's impossible to guess what the justices may have been thinking. But, he added, "We hope the Supreme Court will uphold the Third Circuit and send a strong signal to the military that it can have campus access to every student when its policies value every student."

A parallel case brought by the faculty of Yale Law School won an early round in a federal court in Connecticut last February, the *New York Times* reports.

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The 'Show Me' state hides its ban on gays

Missouri official says unwritten rule strikes gay foster parents

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

In the midst of two weeks of rhetoric surrounding a proposal to ban gay foster parents in Texas, many articles have mentioned that no other state presently strikes prospective foster parents based on sexual orientation.

That may be true on paper, but it's not true in reality, and the American Civil Liberties Union is now out to shine a spotlight on the unwritten anti-gay policies of the Missouri Department of Social Services.

The civil libertarians are representing

two 40-year-old Kansas City women, Lisa Johnston and Dawn Roginski. Both women carry picture-perfect résumés packed with maternal credentials. According to the *Kansas City Star*, Johnston has a degree in human development and family with an emphasis on child development. She has worked for the Children's Place, a training center that helps foster parents, among other

MISSOURI — clients. She is now employed by the state as consultant on school curricula. Roginski, in turn, holds two Master's degrees, one in counseling and one in divinity. She works as the chaplain for a treatment center for troubled youth. In the three-county area where they live, the *Star* noted, there are 1,288 children in the foster system, and only 445 foster homes.

Johnston and Roginski passed an in depth home evaluation and were well into their training program before an official kicked them out of the system. The women asked an administrative judge to review their case, and it was here that the state policy came to light. Even though there's no law against gay parents, officials told the judge that, while they were not obliged to ask about sexual orientation, they were nonetheless expected to reject applicants who made it clear they were gay.

The judge, in turn, ruled that the women were "exceptionally" qualified, but that they could not be considered for a foster placement. He observed that a child might be stigmatized by having gay foster parents, and that the biological parent or parents might object to

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such an arrangement. Finally, he noted that the women were presumed criminals because the state sodomy law was still on the books, apparently ignoring the U.S. Supreme Court ruling of June 2003 that gutted all state sodomy laws.

Last month, the ACLU appealed the

administrative decision, bringing the case into the state court system. According to the organization, Missouri seems to be the only state that operates a foster ban in this covert manner.

Meanwhile, a number of attempts to outlaw gay foster or gay adoptive parents, or both, have fallen short this year. Legislators

have killed such efforts in Arkansas, Alabama, Indiana, Oregon, Tennessee and Virginia. The Texas measure, an amendment to a larger bill, is expected to be stripped out of the legislation as the final version is hammered out.

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Status of same-sex couples at stake in Oregon debate

Twin victories in Colorado bouy gay rights forces in Rocky Mountain State

By Ann Rostow

Senior Staff Writer

A conflict over couples rights is brewing in Oregon, while twin victories in Colorado have lifted the spirits of GLBT activists in the Rockies.

On Tuesday, the Colorado House Judiciary Committee voted 6-5 along party lines to kill a proposal to amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage and other legal arrangements that could benefit gay and lesbian couples. One of the factors that apparently led to the measure's defeat was the observation that unintended consequences have greeted the passage of similar amendments in some other states. Later in the day,

COLORADO the full House passed a GLBT rights bill that forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in the workplace. The bill must pass the House one more time and return for final passage in the Senate before it will reach the governor's desk.

According to the *Rocky Mountain News*, a Republican opponent, Greg Brophy of Wray, asked: "Can you imagine how confusing it would be to a second grader if her teacher started changing the clothes she wears" in the middle of the school year?

IN OREGON, A STRONG SURGE in favor of a civil unions bill is being side-tracked, not by direct opposition to civil

unions, but through an alternative proposal called reciprocal beneficiaries. The strategy takes advantage of the confusion in the average person's mind over the various terms in use for what could be called marriage lite institutions.

"Reciprocal beneficiaries" was the name assigned to a package of couple's rights measures in Hawaii that never amounted to much. Civil unions, as defined by Vermont and now Connecticut, offer same-sex couples all the state rights that are conferred on heterosexual spouses. The domestic partner registry in California can be considered civil unions by another name, also offering the same rights that married couples receive in the Golden State.

But domestic partners in New Jersey are hardly the same. They are given only a small selection of rights, as are domestic partners in Maryland.

These six states, along with Massachusetts, are the only ones to deliver a statewide status of one sort or other to same-sex couples. Oregon is perhaps poised to be the eighth state to recognize same-sex couples. But it will make a big difference whether the Legislature supports the virtual marriage of civil unions, as defined by Vermont and Connecticut, or the mixed bag that is now being paraded under the banner of "reciprocal beneficiaries."

Promoted by Rep. Dennis Richardson, a Republican, the beneficiaries can be any two people, whether related or not, gay or straight. The status, in turn, appears more geared to shared property or business ties than to family relationships, kids, or medical needs.

"The purpose of reciprocal beneficiaries," Richardson told the Associated Press, "is not



RICK BOWMER/Associated Press

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski tells representatives from Oregon businesses he will fight "for as long as it takes" to pass legislation recognizing gay and lesbian couples. Kulongoski made the remarks at a Basic Rights Oregon luncheon on April 27 in Portland.

to satisfy the gay rights demands. It is to provide for issues of fairness that go beyond sexual orientation."

Last year, an Oregon lower court ruled that marriage rights must be equally available to all, in an opinion that was rendered moot by an amendment to the state constitution ratified by voters in November. Recently, the state Supreme Court confirmed that the institution of marriage must remain heterosexual. Led by Governor Ted Kulongoski, the effort to pass a civil unions bill aims at a consolation prize for the state's same-sex couples.

deaths

Donald Gene King

Donald Gene King, a gay activist and massage therapist, died on May 1, 2005, ending his long battle with diabetes, which led to kidney failure.

Born Nov. 13, 1949 and raised as an "army brat," Don lived in countless places around the world. A 1967 graduate of Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, Ark., he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas in 1972. He was employed by Delta Air Lines for many years and lived in Atlanta, Washington, Houston and Dallas before moving to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1999. His last few days



were spent in Lancaster, Penn., under the loving care of his best friend, Eddie B.

Don lived his life through example as a friend, mentor and volunteer in many social and political causes, serving on the boards of both Gay Naturists International and the Wildfire Society in South Florida. In 1994 he co-founded Dallas Area Male Naturists and assisted others in establishing

their own local naturist groups.

Don is survived by his parents, Ralph and Betty King, and a sister, Janet Morrison, all of Hot Springs, Ark. His best friend, Gary Olson of Dallas, preceded him in death in 1995.

An informal celebration of life will be held on May 7 in Fort Lauderdale. For details and directions, call 954-557-5747.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, the National Kidney Foundation or to GNI, P. O. Box 1007, North Federal Hwy #F5, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304-1422.

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Is that a pen in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?

In Massachusetts recently, a father went ballistic over a book called *Who's in a Family?* that he discovered on his six-year-old son's reading list at the Joseph Estabrook School in Lexington. David Parker, 42, got so enraged during a meeting with school officials that he was arrested, spent the night in jail, got released on \$100 bail, and was ordered to stay away from the school. I think he has now pled innocent to whatever the charges may have been. No doubt they were something like "acting like a bigoted control freak and having a childish tantrum in public."

Mr. Parker also reportedly has a small dick. "That's why he loses his temper," said an off-the-record insider. "He has no self confidence. Would you? It's like two inches, tops."



Ann Rostow

Note to the penis patrol. I'm sorry! I can't help it. Don't be mad. There's a group of "small guys" who complain whenever I make comments about wee willy wonkas, but it's all in fun. We all know that size really doesn't matter and it's all in the technique, right?

Pregnant HIV-positive camel

Well, the reason I brought up David Parker is because there's another pissed-off Popsicle in the press, this one from Saugus, Mass., who is upset by an AIDS brochure that his seven-year-old daughter was given at her school. The brochure, part of the "AIDS Education Series," describes a boy who gets HIV from a blood transfusion, and includes the information that the virus, as the *Boston Globe* reports, "is spread by the exchange of body fluids like semen and vaginal secretions."

Pregnant HIV-positive camel

Hello? Mr. Parker's a jerk, but Mr. Stamatopoulos from Saugus has a valid point. Little girls do not need to read about semen and vaginal secretions. What's worse, the poor child came home crying because the boy in the brochure was going to die, and because there was also a picture of a baby in tears having a blood transfusion.

Why are first graders receiving sad pamphlets about AIDS and HIV? These are sensitive years!

I may not have kids myself, but I do have some experience here. Just the other day, my nine-year-old cousin was visiting us, and he and I were both in charge of selecting a PG rated "family" movie at Blockbuster. Since I could not fathom the idea of watching Sam's inane selections, I picked out a lovely-sounding (award winning) movie called "The Weeping Camel," which appeared to feature two young boys about Sam's age in starring roles. Sam's father, Ron, shook his head, but

we were in my town and I was in charge.

Sure enough, it turned out the movie was in Mongolian with hard-to-read English subtitles that didn't even work until we messed around with the television. The early stage of the film consisted of long panoramas of the Gobi desert and close-ups of languorous cud-chewing pregnant camels. After awhile, we

found ourselves watching a lengthy birth scene involving camel placenta and a lot of blood. Sam screamed and covered his eyes in real distress throughout it all, while I kept him up to speed with a running commentary.

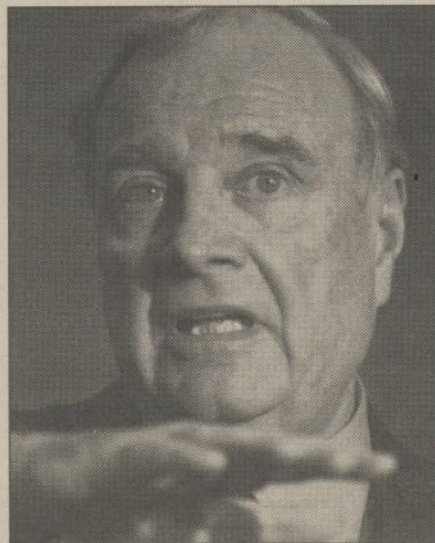
My mother came home from work at this juncture, asked what the hell was going on, told me to turn off the movie and make her a martini and that was the end of it. But the point is, these kids are too young to handle the facts of camel life, let

alone the facts of deadly sexually transmitted diseases.

On the other hand, Picky Mr. Parker, charming books about two mommies or two daddies are fine. Even Sam agreed that gay people should have all the rights of everyone else, including the right to marry.

Congressman has some 'splainin to do

Now, I'm not finished with Massachusetts, but here's an interesting diversion. According to the *Wilkes Barre Times-Leader*,



In Canadian no-confidence vote coming up, root for Martin, pictured, and boo for Harper.

Congressman Don Sherwood, 64, was accused of trying to choke his 29-year-old mistress, Cynthia Ore, "for no apparent reason" during a routine extramarital backrub.

I know! I'm not sure how I missed hearing about this over the last few days. But I guess the news about the Runaway Bride



DAVID GUTTENFELDER/Associated Press

Members of the U.S. Congress tour the Al-Yarmouk Hospital in Baghdad to get a first-hand look at the challenges facing the impoverished country. Well, except for Congressman Don Sherwood, fifth from right. Sherwood was just looking for a prospective mistress.

drowned out everything else. Although today, Wednesday, that seems to have quieted down enough to allow information about the Brain Damaged Fireman to start seeping through the news wall. And through it all, I did manage to pick up something about two boys who survived in the ocean for a week. Iraqi cabinet? Street bombings? Confirmation hearings? Social security? Too depressing! Who needs it!

Getting back to my story, Cynthia Ore of Rockville, Maryland (a Washington suburb) says she's been Rep. Sherwood's lover since 1999. (I'll do the math for you. She was 23 or 24. He was 58 or 59.) Sherwood told her he was getting a divorce when they met, but — surprise, surprise! — it never happened. Later, he claimed it would harm his political career to leave his wife. Last week, Ore called 911 during a mysterious tryst that not even the *Times Leader* is able to reconstruct. When police arrived, Ore said she'd been assaulted, but then changed her tune. The police report said the woman "did not seem to be of sound mind."

In the absence of any injury, or clarity I imagine, the cops left without taking action. The report stated that "both parties have left out significant information or are not willing to discuss in detail what actually happened."

Sherwood, who has a 100 percent rating from the American Family Association for his three terms in office, has played the traditional marriage card throughout.

Whirled news

Before I conclude, I want to zip though a few quick news items for professional rea-

sons. The Canadian no-confidence vote is May 18. We want it to fail, otherwise the governing liberal party will probably have to cede control to the conservatives, and we won't get a parliamentary vote to legalize same-sex marriage. Oh, I won't go into all the details. Just root for Martin, and boo for Harper.

The city council of Spokane, Wash., has voted to extend domestic partner benefits to the city's staff, while the Urbana, Ill., city council has created a domestic partner registry for both gay and straight unmarried couples. I can't tell what kind of benefits might accompany that registry, but none of us live in Urbana, so *on s'en fout*. That's French for, "we'll look up the information for our next issue."

The national day of prayer is coming up, usually an occasion for scathing rhetoric at the expense of the evangelical Christian right, and their child-like belief in a personal deity who will soothe the rough edges of their anxious lives by boosting their portfolios and electing their politicians.

And finally, I almost forgot about the absurd lawsuit that was heard last Monday by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. If I'm not mistaken, this is the last of the far-fetched legal claims flung at the courts by desperate opponents of same-sex marriage on the eve of the actual legalization of marriage a year ago. In this instance, the bad guys attempt to argue that the court's decision in favor of gay couples deprived them of the right to vote on the question of same-sex marriage rights. Nice try, suckas.

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'The prejudices exhibited by members of this body disgust me'

Representative recalls days of Jim Crow in House speech condemning constitutional amendment barring gay marriage

[Editor's Note: Rep. Senfronia Thompson, a longtime supporter of GLBT causes and author of the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act passed in 2001, gave an impassioned speech on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives deploring the proposed constitutional amendment preventing the state from recognizing same-sex marriages or civil unions. If approved by the Legislature — as virtually everyone expects — the measure would be placed on the ballot, possibly as early as November, gays from getting married or entering into civil unions on the ballot in November 2005 or November 2006. Excerpts are printed below.]

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER of this august body for three decades, and today is one of the all-time low points. We are going in the wrong direction, in the direction of hate and fear and discrimination. Members, we all know what this is about. [T]his is the politics of divisiveness at its worst, a wedge issue that is meant to divide....

[T]his issue is a distraction from the real things we need to be working on. At the end of this session, this Legislature [and] this leadership will not be able to deliver to the people of Texas fundamental and fair answers to the pressing issues of our day.

Let's look at what this amendment does not do: It does not give one Texas citizen meaningful tax relief. It does not reform or fully fund our education system. It does not restore one child to CHIP [the Children's Health Insurance Program] who was cut from health insurance last session. It does not put one dime into raising Texas's Third World access to health care. It does not do one thing to care for or protect one elderly person or one child in this state. In fact, it does not even do anything to protect one marriage....

[T]his bill is about hate and fear and discrimination.

I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT hate and fear and discrimination. When I was a small girl, white folks used to talk about "protecting the institution of marriage" as well. What they meant was if people of my color tried to marry people of Mr. Chisum's color, you'd often find the people of my color hanging from a tree. That's what the white folks did back then to "protect marriage."

Fifty years ago, white folks thought interracial marriages were a "threat to the institution of marriage...."

I'm a Christian and a proud Christian. I read the Good Book, and do my best to live by it. I have never read the verse

where it says, "Gay people can't marry." I have never read the verse where it says, "Thou shalt discriminate against those not like me." I have never read the verse where it says, "Let's base our public policy on hate and fear and discrimination."

Christianity to me is love and hope and faith and forgiveness — not hate and dis-



Representative Senfronia Thompson

crimination.

I have served in this body a lot of years, and I have seen a lot of promises broken. I should be up here demanding my 40 acres and a mule, because that's another promise you broke. You used a wealthy white minister cloaked in the cloth to ease the stench of that form of discrimination.

So, now that blacks and women can vote, and now that blacks and women have equal rights, you turn your hatred to homosexuals — and you still use your misguided reading of the Bible to justify your hatred. You want to pass this ridiculous amendment so you can go home and brag....

Brag about what? Declare that you saved the people of Texas from what? Persons of the same sex cannot get married in this state now. Texas does not now recognize same-sex marriages, civil unions, religious unions, domestic partnerships, contractual arrangements or Christian blessings entered into in this state — or anywhere else on this planet Earth.

If you want to make your hateful political statements then that is one thing. [But]

the Chisum amendment does real harm. It repeals the contracts that many single people have paid thousands of dollars to purchase to obtain medical powers of attorney, powers of attorney, hospital visitation, joint ownership and support agreements.

You have lost your way. This is obscene.

TODAY, YOU ARE PLAYING to the lowest common denominator. You are putting aside the real issues of substance that we need to address so that you can instead play on the public's fears and prejudices to deceive and manipulate voters into thinking that we have done something important.

I realize that gay rights are not the same as civil rights — but I can guarantee you we are going in the wrong direction. I cannot hide my skin color. In fact, in most of the South, people as pink as Rep. Wayne Smith [Republican of Baytown] were still black by law if they had a great-grandparent who was African.

I was unable to attend an integrated and equally funded school until I got my Master of Laws degree. There were separate and unequal facilities for nearly everything. I got second-hand textbooks even worse than the kind you're trying to pass off on every public school student next year. I had to ride to school on the back of the bus. I had to quench my thirst from filthy Coloreds-Only drinking fountains. I had to enter restaurants from the kitchen door. I was banned from entering most public accommodations, even from serving on a jury.

I had to live with the fear that getting too uppity could get you killed — or worse. I know what third-class citizenship feels like. In my first term, one of my colleagues walked up and down this aisle muttering about how Nigras should be back in the field picking cotton instead of picking out committees.

So, I have to wonder about Rep. Chisum's three-fifths of a person amendment. Some of you folks hid behind your Bible then, too, to justify your cultural prejudices, your denial of liberty, and your gunpoint robbery of human dignity.

WE HAVE WORKED HARD at putting our prejudices against homosexuals in law. We have denied them basic job protections. We have denied them and their children freedom from bullying and harassment at school. We have tried to criminalize their very existence.

But, we have also absolved them of all family duties and responsibilities: to care for and support their spouses and children, to count their family's assets in determining public assistance, to obtain health insurance for dependents, to make end-of-life or necessary medical decisions for their life partners — sometimes even to

visit in the hospital, even to defend our own country.

And then, we can stand on our two hind legs and proclaim, "See, I told you homosexual families are unstable." And nearly every one of you on this floor has a homosexual in their extended families.

Some of you have shunned and isolated these family members. Some of you, even some of the joint coauthors, have embraced them within your own family, for the essence of Christianity is love. Yet, you are now poised to constitutionalize discrimination against a particular class of people.

I thought we would be debating real issues: education, health care for kids, teacher's health insurance, health care for the elderly, protecting survivors of sexual assault, protecting the pensions of seniors in nursing homes. I thought we would be debating economic development, property tax relief, protecting seniors' pensions and stem cell research to save lives of Texans who are waiting for a more abundant life. Instead, we are wasting this body's time with this political stunt that is nothing more than constitutionalizing discrimination.

THE PREJUDICES EXHIBITED BY MEMBERS of this body disgust me.

Last week, Republicans used a political wedge issue to pull kids — sweet little vulnerable kids — out of the homes of loving parents and put them back in a state orphanage just because those parents are gay. That's disgusting. Today, we are

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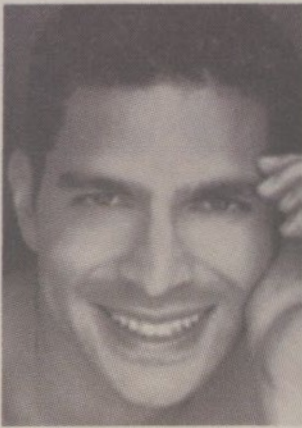
telling homosexuals that just like people of my ilk when I was a small child, they too are second class citizens. I have listened to all the arguments. I have listened to all of the crap.

Mr. Chisum is a person who I consider my good friend.... But, I want you to know that this amendment is blowing smoke to fuel the hellfire flames of bigotry. You are trying to protect your constituents from danger. This amendment is a CYB [Cover Your Butt] amendment for you to go home and talk about.

Native Texan Senfronia Thompson, Democrat of Houston, is the longest-serving woman and the longest-serving African-American in Texas legislative history. She has been in the forefront in battles against discrimination for more than three decades. The full text of Rep. Thompson's speech is available at www.pinkdome.com.



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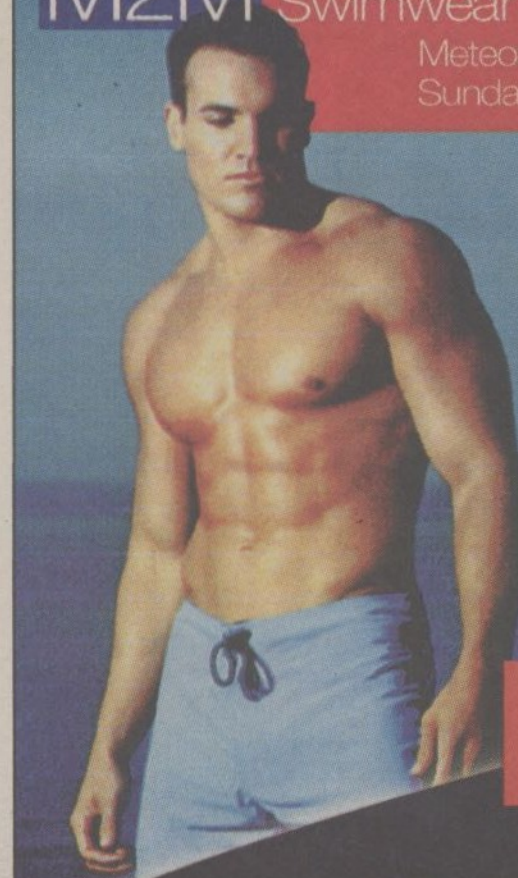
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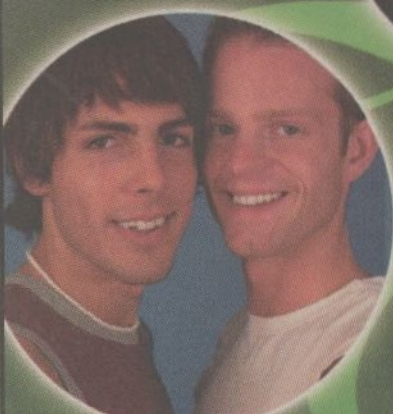
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Taffet and Jett

Here now the news

Behind the gay TV network that, irony of ironies, broadcasts its queer rhetoric from Texas

By Arnold Wayne Jones

People at Q Television, the fledgling gay-content cable network, will admit that its programming is still developing its voice. "A work in progress," they'll say.

On the other hand, most of them probably never thought they'd ever be working for a gay TV channel — or if they did, that it would be broadcasting from, of all places, Haltom City, Texas. (The studio is even located next to a conservative church, which gives the employees an easy gag when giving newcomers directions: "If you hit the Haltom City Church of Christ, you've gone too far — in many respects.")

"Mainly the reaction I get when I tell people I'm doing gay TV in Texas is, 'What the —?!'" says Chrisanne Eastwood, a comedienne from Los Angeles who has been dividing time between her job in Texas and a girlfriend and stepchildren in L.A.

It's probably not an unusual response, although in some ways having a gay TV channel broadcast its signal from Texas, even a small town tucked between Fort Worth and Dallas, is not all that surprising. A TV satellite is in geosynchronous orbit above Cowtown, where Firestone Communications uplinks a lot of programming because it's convenient. The facilities provide sat-links for a children's Spanish-language station and a channel for classic films as well.) Geography dictates where the hardware goes; the content could be anything.

But it's having production studios here that takes everything a step further. A studio implies original, on-site programs. Which

means that Q Television pulls from the queer talent pool in the Metroplex for many on-screen personalities and behind-the-scenes crew workers. (Most members of the production staff, however, are straight — which is itself a sweet bit of irony.)

The ball started rolling last summer for Eastwood. "I went for an audition last June when I saw a posting on Craigslist.com," says the bigger-than-life blonde. "It said they were looking for a lesbian talk show host."

At the time, Eastwood assumed the show would originate in Hollywood. She had no idea she'd end up in Texas. "The producers didn't either," she adds. "I never head the word 'Dallas' until October."

That's when producers struck a deal with Firestone for use not only of the uplink, but of the studio facilities as well.

Around that time, they put out the word that they would be auditioning locals to host the flagship show, an evening chat-news program to be called *On Q Live*. Actors and activists, journalists and broadcasters turned up to try their hand at becoming the next Anderson Cooper.

After weeks of interviews and auditions, two locals emerged: radio commentator David Taffet (who had no TV experience) and cult cable guru Jack Pinson, aka Jack E. Jett. They were picked to anchor the show along with Eastwood.

Scott Withers, a veteran newscaster for CNN, and Jackie Enx, who markets herself as the first transgender sportscaster in the U.S., joined the lineup before the debut. Since then, more on-air talent has been added, including correspondents Cassian Bernard and Christopher Jones.

Things happened quickly — perhaps too quickly. "We're in Haltom City, not Hollywood," Taffet notes. "We went on the air before opening offices." And that did put them at a disadvantage.

Many people with *On Q Live* will admit that the beginnings of the show were rocky at best. A nightly TV broadcast was new ground not only for the hosts, but many of the production staff as well.

Jett says the demands of this show are strikingly different from *The Jack E. Jett Show*, a public access favorite he has hosted for several years.

"I'm able to cover more issues with *On Q Live*," he says. "But this is also live, and that's really challenging."

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TOP TEN

Letterman's Top Ten Shows on the New Gay Cable Network

(from Jan. 10, 2005)

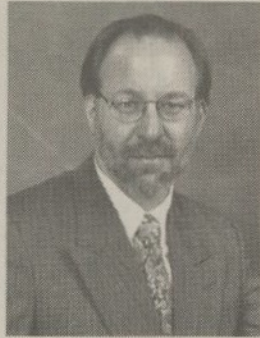
10. *Everybody Loves Raymond... Especially Steve*
9. *CSI: San Francisco*
8. *Inside the Actor's Studio Loft in the West Village*
7. *Law and Order: Special Antiquing Unit*
6. *King of Queens*
5. *Desperate Houseboys*
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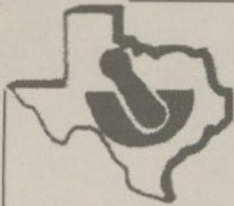
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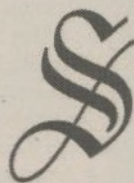
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Eastwood

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The content of the shows, says Taffet, is constantly evolving. "We were sticking strictly to one topic per night but after 100 shows, topics were running thin. So the shows are now more of a variety," he says.

QUEER TV

Q Television may be based in Texas, but it isn't the only network devoted to queer issues.

Here, which bills itself as America's first gay cable network, is available on demand through Comcast Digital Cable. Logo, the Viacom-owned basic-cable channel, launches next month.

And while Showtime, Bravo and The Sundance Channel are not gay per se, the content on each of those channels — including *Queer as Folk*, *The L Word*, the *Queer Eye* franchises, *Cirque du Soleil* shows and movies devoted to gay issues, especially during Gay Pride Month in June — hold undeniable appeal for GLBT audiences.

Starting soon, a new cable access TV program devoted to gay issues will begin airing in Austin.

Producer Nick Papatonis has just announced the formation of the Austin Gay TV Network, which will air on ACTV channels 10 and 16. The show will be one hour per week with several airing.

Those interested in volunteering their talents (reporting, designing, etc.), or providing information that could be covered in the show, can call Papatonis at 512-440-7965.

On Q Live is also planning to divide from a single two-and-a-half hour program into three separate segments: News, the regular *On Q Live* broadcast and *The Queer Edge with Jack E. Jett*.

But despite the expected growing pains that come from launching nightly programming, Q Television has already made a cultural impact. It started broadcasting in mid-November, and it didn't take long for people to notice. On January 10, after less than two months on the air, David Letterman even ran

a Top Ten List about Q Television on *The Late Show* (see sidebar).

In the intervening months, they've retooled the elements of the show several times, experimenting with different formats, subjects, combinations of hosts and even locales. Earlier this year, much of the crew headed to Palm Springs for the White Party, where they got to interview celebrities (Suzanne Westenhofer, Reichen Burke, Carol Channing, Tippi Hedren) and hot men dancing around in their bathing suits. Not a bad job — at least for the gay on-air talent.

But it has not all been a rosy-pink garden of success. While Q Television is broadcast from Texas, it is not currently available in Texas — no cable or satellite companies in the Lone Star State currently carry the station, which reaches approximately 400,000 households in several major cities, including New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle and Boston.

Officials are hopeful that things will change in the coming months. Negotiations are underway to buy Pridevision in Canada and to get the channel on the air in Australia. Domestically, the goal is to be on most major markets, including those in Texas, by the end of the year, producers say.

Until then, those working for the network still remark at how surreal it seems to them that a big Red State like Texas would be their home base. Enx notes that the hardest part of the transition to Texas has been that the locals "are not used to people looking like me."

It's very odd being here, Eastwood agrees. But even she sees an upside:

"There is a quaint, pleasant irony that we do this show in the president's back yard," she says.

You can watch streaming video of select broadcasts at Qtelevision.com.

E-mail: Arnold@btnewsmag.com

Filth

By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

It's a battle of the divas for Sondheim revival

love actors — particularly actors who think they're "actors." **J-Lo** is an interesting case: Someone whose first big role was playing a singer (**Selena**), but who wasn't allowed to do her own singing. Since then, she's had minimal success as an actress, but sold tons of records.

This week, I snickered when I read a headline that said, "Carey Declares *Glitter* Some of Her Best Work." As it turns out, **Mariah** was referring to the soundtrack to the flop film. Maybe she's not quite as delusional as I thought.

In what is becoming a terrible trend, thespian **Elizabeth Hurley** has announced that she is giving up acting to be a full-time mom. Sigh... and I'm giving up my glamorous modeling career.

Cyndi Lauper is headed for a disappointment. Our sources tell us that Lauper desperately wants to expand her already wide repertoire to include a legit Broadway leading role, and she has her eyes on Mrs. Lovett in the upcoming revival of Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*. Allegedly, she gave a dynamite audition for the producers, who remain skeptical if the untried Cyndi could handle the rigors of an eight-show-a-week schedule.

The front-runner for the part is **Patti LuPone**, who not only performed the musical with the New York Philharmonic in 2000, but was featured in a telecast of *Sweeney* a year later with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Patti's got a mighty force in her corner — **Stephen Sondheim** himself. Steve has made it clear that he wants LuPone, who hasn't been seen in a book musical on Broadway since the *Anything Goes* revival in 1989.

Pamela Anderson has announced that she's giving up chicken. Actually, Pam's boycott only goes as far as Colonel Sanders.

Anderson narrates a new five-minute video that illuminates the horrible treatment of chickens supplied to KFC, which, Anderson claims, includes "crippling chickens and scalding them alive. No animal should have to suffer this way, whether they're cats or dogs or chickens." Pam adds that the secret recipe for KFC chicken is cruelty.

Of course, any gay man knows that the nicer you treat chickens, the more grateful they are.

A tasty little morsel has come our way, via queer auteur **Bryan Singer** and the good

folks working on *Superman Returns*. Rumor had it that the Man of Steel would undergo a makeover, similar to Batman's rubber and enhanced codpiece. That rumor appears to be unfounded, since the image we've received of **Brandon Routh** in his Superman ensemble is decidedly traditional (well, traditional in that **Christopher Reeve** way). I'm told all of the bulges are natural.

Jase from *Big Brother* was showing off some bulges of his own at the Long Beach gay nightclub Ripples. Apparently, Jase was hired by the club as a stripper on March 25. Actually, it was more like go-go dancing.

What's most amusing about the snaps that have come into Filth2Go (about 20 in all) is that the patrons dancing around him don't seem to be giving him a second look! Oh, how the mighty have fallen.

From our vantage point, Jase appears to be ever-so-slightly disconnected, although his body looks delicious. You can look for yourself at Filth2Go.com.

Since I've brought up Jase, let's stay on reality television. I don't watch *Survivor*; never have. And yet people keep sending me cast photos that look more like outtakes from a **Bruce Weber** shoot! Does this season have the most incredibly hot guys or what? And are they all trying to stay as naked as possible just to torment us gay boys?

Jeff looks like some circuit boy or an A&F model, right down to his shaved, ripping torso (he inadvertently shows his penis in one underwater photo). **Ibraheim** inexplicably stays hard and buff even under these primitive conditions. And adorable **Bobby Jon** looks almost girly by comparison to the rest of the men, but I bet he does just fine in the real world..

Our "Ask Billy" question kinda relates to reality TV. David in Baton Rouge asks: "What do you know about *Trading Spaces* hunk **Carter Oosterhouse**? Gay? Straight? Somewhere in between? Any nude photos of him? Or even shirtless? I've looked everywhere, and nada. You are my last hope."

I should be your *first* hope, Davey! Carter has been interested in carpentry since his young days in Michigan. He's very athletic, having attended Central Michigan University on a rugby scholarship.

He moved to L.A. (West Hollywood, actually) with dreams of stardom, and one of his first jobs was working as a production assistant on *Project*

Greenlight (**Matt and Ben** have an eye for "talent"). He supplemented his income by modeling (you can see him in a commercial for the Treasure Island Casino in Vegas). He says that he still auditions for "little parts," one of which was Superman — not all that little.

As to his sexuality, he says, "I do not have a girlfriend, and I'm not married." (I'll add in the implied, "And I'm 27, hot and live in WeHo — you do the math.") Sadly, no nudes have surfaced. And David is right: Finding a photo of him showing any skin is difficult (why is it that these male model types balk at any nudity, but a regular guy like me is naked at the drop of a hat?). But I'll post a few of Carter's rare shirtless shots on Filth2Go.com.

Could it be that a certain party girl is being used as a beard — and she doesn't even know it? So say my sources close to the sashed siren who tell me that our gal has been used for several photo ops and public appearances with that much-talked-about sex symbol, but then dropped like a hot gay potato when things got too intimate. Isn't it interesting that both of 'em have high-profile projects, to say nothing of reputations that could use a bit of a boost in the dating department (heterosexually speaking). Still, it seems the lady love is all but clueless. She's certainly no Rhodes Scholar.

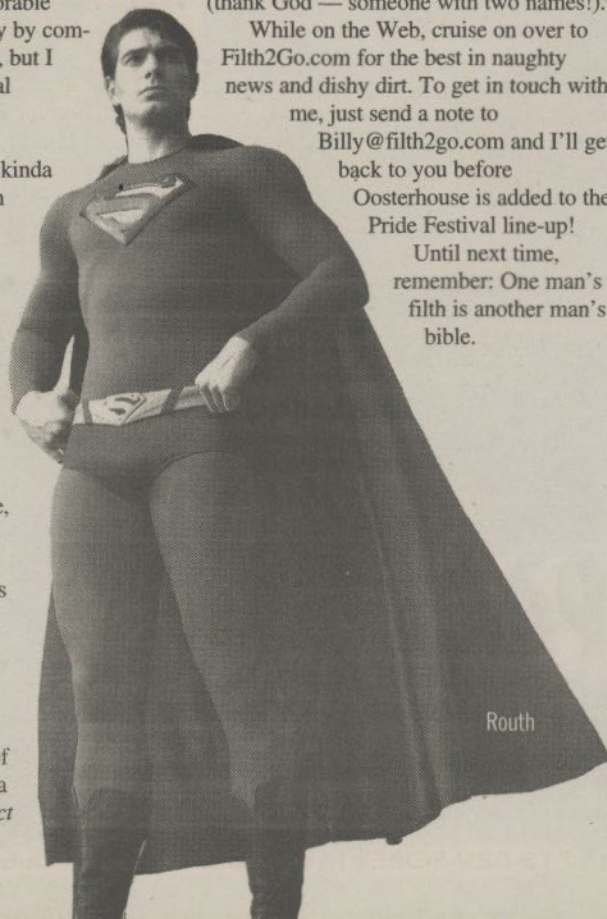
When a blind item is more literary than loopy, it's definitely time to end yet another column. I will be hosting this year's Los Angeles Pride Stage Festival, alongside my pals **Momma, Reichen** and **Julie Brown** (thank God — someone with two names!).

While on the Web, cruise on over to Filth2Go.com for the best in naughty news and dishy dirt. To get in touch with me, just send a note to

Billy@filth2go.com and I'll get back to you before

Oosterhouse is added to the Pride Festival line-up!

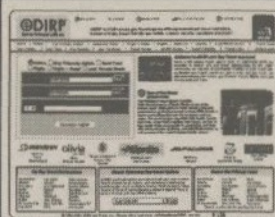
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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right



Being a leather daddy no bar to 'real' happiness

Dear Howard,

I enjoy entering leather contests, and have won my fair share of trophies. But most all the guys I meet are one-night stands looking for a fantasy. Whenever I'm not in leather, and out at just a regular bar, I am too intimidated to strike up a conversation. Without my armor, it seems like I'm nothing. I'd like to find a real boyfriend and settle down finally,

but I'm completely lost in just jeans. Any advice?

Atlas Shrugged

Is finding a "real" boyfriend mutually exclusive of being in full leather at the time? Tricked out in your armor doesn't necessarily require you live up to the mind trip advertised beyond the bedroom. Plenty of leather daddies out there have real boyfriends. If you only feel comfortable in bare-assed chaps, then by all means stick to what you feel comfortable in. Somebody out there will see the true you.

Dear Howard,

My lover died of AIDS last year and I'm having a very hard time moving on. Dan and I had been together for 12 years. We were both positive at the time we met, and AZT was then the only game in town. As the newer meds began to come on the market in the mid '90s, we each responded differently. My CD4 count rose into the triple digits, while his never got above 25. With every new drug that came out, we kept hoping he'd improve. But it wasn't to be.

I don't understand why I'm the picture of health, and he isn't here anymore. The last

thing he told me was to move forward, to find someone new to love, that I shouldn't look for his substitute, or I wouldn't be happy. Is he right? I find myself only looking to date men who are as close to Dan as possible. Am I in for a letdown?

Gerald

A smart man, Dan was. He's right. There is no way you can ever find his identical twin, no matter how hard you want to. We all have to move forward, even in pain. Some clichés are simple monuments to absolute truth. The only way up is out.

Dear Howard,

I love your column! It's so irreverent, and I've noticed you quote lines from the movies a lot in your answers. I'm a big movie buff myself and was wondering if you could help me. I adore the glamorous film goddesses from Hollywood's golden era. I've been trying to find a 1940s movie in which a female guttersnipe in London rises up through a series of improbable marriages to be a duchess. Can you help me?

Celluloid Charlie

Aren't you sweet (and of course entirely accurate). I believe the movie you are seeking

is *Kitty*, which was released in 1945, starring the delicious Paulette Goddard, Charlie Chaplin's muse, and a surprisingly cute Ray Milland. To my knowledge, *Kitty* has never been released on videocassette or DVD. It's a shame, because the movie is a deliciously amorous and amoral romp. The final line of the film is a comic masterpiece. All I can suggest is, write American Movie Classics.

Dear Howard,

At what age do you think a good-looking man looks as good as he's ever going to look?

Xavier

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could... oh, never mind. Let's see, I think a good-looking man, at 30, is just about at his zenith. Of course, there are exceptions. I, for one, am still approaching my zenith.

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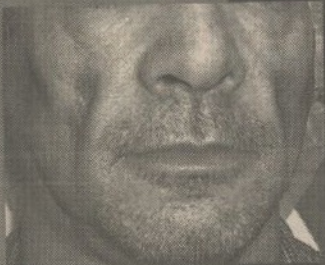
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Chile Con Cengua Series Celebrating Queer Men of Color, 7 p.m. Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A S. 1st St. 512-472-2001, ext. 106 or Allgo.org.

Get Your War On by David Rees. Presented by Rude Mechanicals through May 14. 8 p.m. \$8-\$10. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo St. 512-476-RUDE. Rudemechs.com.

Hank Williams: Lost Highway, by Randal Myler and Mark Harelik, through June 19. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541. Zachscott.com.

Making Porn, by Ronnie Larsen, features Matthew Rush and Dan Renzi, through May 8. Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 and 10 p.m. Sunday, 3 and 7 p.m. \$25-\$35. Arts on Real Theatre, 2826 Real St. 800-965-4827. Ticketweb.com.

Queen of My Self workshop with Donna Henes, presented by Isis Institute of Women's Studies, 7-9:45 p.m. \$40. Casa De Luz's Cielo Room, 1701 Toomey Rd. 512-918-3323. TheQueenofMySelf.com.

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. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541. Zachscott.com.

Three Days of Rain by Richard Greenberg. Presented by Mainline Theater Project through May 28. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Park Theatre, 511 West 43rd St. 512-474-TIXS. Mainlinetheater.com.

TriPartite Short Film Festival, 8:30 p.m. Benefits SafePlace. Jo's, 1300 S. Congress Ave. Tripartitefest.net.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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



Peter Elkind
5/7

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.

Mambo Italiano, by Steve Galluccio. Presented by Uptown Players through May 22.

Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Trinity River Arts Center's Kim Dawson Theater, 2600 Stemmons Frwy. \$22-25. 214-219-2718. Uptownplayers.org.

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth's First Friday at the Modern features Trio Blanc, 5-8 p.m. 3200 Darnell St. in Ft. Worth. 817-840-2157. Themodern.org.

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

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

The Smartest Guys in the Room: the Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron screens, with author Peter Elkind in attendance, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m. \$5.50-\$7.50. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

HOUSTON

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

Check out Guava Lamp's new location at 570 Waugh Dr. Happy hour, 4-8 p.m. 713-524-3359.

Dapse Macabre Part II: The Consummate Host, by Jo Bird and Margaret Lejeune. Presented by Bobbindoctrine Puppet Theatre and Two Star Symphony through May 7. \$8-\$12. Taft Street Coffee, 2115 Taft. 713-526-7434. Bobbindoctrine.org.

Falstaff, by Verdi. Presented by Houston Grand Opera through May 15. Wortham Theatre Center, 550 Prairie St. \$20+. 713-228-OPERA.

Glengarry Glen Ross by David Mamet. Presented by Alley Theatre through June 5. \$28-\$45. 615 Texas Ave. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.org.

Peter Pan by James M. Barrie, features Cathy Rigby. Presented by Theatre Under the Stars through May 22. \$27-\$72. Hobby Center for Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. 713-558-8887. Tuts.com.

PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation dinner, 6:30-9 p.m. Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Ln. 713-864-3135.

Romeo and Juliet. Presented by Houston Grand Opera through May 8. 510 Preston. Houstongrandopera.org.

The Mineola Twins by Paula Vogel. Presented by Stages Repertory Theatre through May 8. 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-0123. Stages theatre.com.

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.

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AUSTIN

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DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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.

Paul Drescher Soundstage, with Zeitgeist, presented by TITAS, 8 p.m. \$5-\$55. SMU's McFarlin Auditorium. 214-528-5576. Titas.org.

HOUSTON

After Hours, early-morning GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest, 10 p.m. E/I's, 2517 Ralph. 713-527-9071.

Finally two performances! The Dyke Show, open mic with comedian Nancy Ford, closes May 14. 9 p.m.-midnight. Club 1415, 1415 California St. 713-961-2867.

Inside Out, exhibition of the photography of Jay Rusovich. Through May 28. Artist's reception, 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Deborah Colton Gallery, 2500 Summer St., 3rd floor. 713-864-2364.

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

Pride Houston Production Meeting 7 p.m. Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Info@pridehouston.org.

Win a dream vacation for two to Miami's South Beach, 1 a.m. DJ Jimmy Skinner, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. South Beach, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE.



Women of Distinction Houston Splash WOD Party 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Groovey Grill Mansion, 2619 N. Calumet. \$20. 214-228-9240. Dallasfamily.org.

SAN ANTONIO

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.

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, May 8

AUSTIN

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

La Cage: Vegas in Austin, 8:30 p.m. \$5-\$10. Benefits Project Transitions. Silver Spur Saloon, 113 San Jacinto. 512-457-8010. TheSilverSpurSaloon.com.

Patio cookout with free barbecue, 5 p.m. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

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



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

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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.

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

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. Montrosesoftballleague.com.

Mother of Montrose pageant. 5 p.m. Mary's, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

Throb in the Park, 2-7 p.m. BYO pit, refreshments, chairs, footballs, volleyballs and radios. Memorial Park, Picnic Lane at Memorial Dr. Throbparties.info.

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

Women of Distinction Houston Splash Sunday Brunch. 11 a.m. \$13.95. Pappadeaux Seafood Restaurant, 2410 Richmond Ave. Wod@austin.rr.com.

SAN ANTONIO

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

The L Word. Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

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

Monday, May 9

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Bernie Siben. 8 p.m.-12 midnight. Alexandre's, 4026 Cedar Springs. 214-559-0720. Alexandresdallas.com.

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

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

Food Addicts In Recovery. 7-8 p.m. Bering Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St. 713-523-7361. Foodaddictsinrecovery.com.

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

Queer Voices, GLBT radio with Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell and various GLBT co-hosts. 7-9 p.m. KPFT-FM 90.1.



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

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 10

AUSTIN

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

Primitimers Prime Diner. 6:30 p.m. BoBo China, 10630 Church Rd. 972-504-8866.

HOUSTON

Conversations at The CFA presents HIV Therapy Pipeline Update with Dr. Ben Barnett, sponsored by Tibotec and Bunnies on the Bayou. 6-8 p.m. 1407 Hawthorne. RSVP: 713-527-8219. Bernie@centerforaids.org.

Lesbian Health Initiative. 6:30 p.m. Resurrection MCC, T. C. Jester Blvd. and W. 11th St. 713-603-0023.

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.

Tight Tush contest, 8 p.m. Mary, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

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Wednesday, May 11

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

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

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

Concert with Los Iracundos, Moises Canelo, Rolando Manuel. Amazonia. Amazoniaclub.com.

Out at TUTS Night with Peter Pan, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks specials. 6:30 p.m. \$27-\$72. Artista Restaurant, 800 Bagby. 713-558-TUTS. Tutson.com.

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

Women's Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

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2015 Place presents karaoke. 9 p.m. 2015 San Pedro. 210-733-3365. 2015place.com.

Diversity Center's Midweek Movie Mixer presents Gay Weddings. 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.

The Boys of HEAT with \$75 well drinks. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Thursday, May 12

AUSTIN

Jade Esteban Estrada's ICONS: The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol. 2, through May 21. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. May 15, 7 p.m. \$5-\$25. Vortex Repertory Company, 2307 Manor Rd. 512-478-5282. Vortexrep.org.

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

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

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

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

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Museum of Fine Arts, Twilight Tours at Rienzi includes wine and light hors d'oeuvres. 5-8 p.m. Thursdays, through May 26. \$15. 1406 Kirby Dr. 713-639-7800. Mfah.org.

Steel Magnolias, directed by Judith Ivey, through June 5. Alley Theatre, 615 Texas Ave. 713-228-8421. Alleytheatre.org.

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

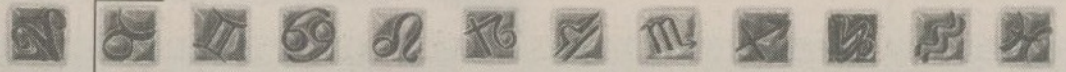
The Annex serves a complete spaghetti dinner, benefiting Diversity Center. \$3. 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957.

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.



Jade Esteban Estrada's 'Icons', 5/12

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Taurus

Saturn is quincunx to Pluto for a month, which presents irritating challenges to making deep adjustments. Mercury is briefly aspecting both, offering ideas and messages on how to use those challenges. It's a great time for research projects, especially in history, genealogy, and archaeology.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Words lie heavily on your tongue — but what really needs saying? Take time out for meditation or introspection. That will just make you sexier, so take time to play, too. After that who needs words on your tongue?

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Loans to or from friends will make trouble. Get by on what you have and let others do the same! You're especially forceful and persuasive, so you shouldn't have trouble sticking to your guns, which will earn you respect.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Working too hard could make the boss suspicious that you're after his job. The two of you are due for a talk about your duties and about how to work more effectively. Relax, too! Stress from overwork can be dangerous.

LEO — July 23-August 22

You're getting into arguments too easily lately. Instead, try to confront what's really bothering you. Pick from a list of foreign films — for entertainment, yes, but also for a clue to what is really working your nerves.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Power struggles are more easily won on your home turf. Getting all involved in your work space or usual hangout is OK, but nothing wins them over like a home-cooked meal — or at least coffee and treats at your place.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Asserting your authority will create more problems than it solves. Simply and concisely spelling out the facts at hand will demonstrate your mastery of the situation. Remember, what's right is more important than *who's* right.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Domestic arguments largely boil down to problems relate to work and money. Cut through the emotional drama and get to the practical issues standing in your way. The real trick is to respect everyone's emotions in the process.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Ever-lucky Saj! While Saturn is giving everyone else headaches, he's making you the queen (or the king) of leather and fetishes. Just don't be too assertive about it — your natural confidence is quite enough to get you noticed.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Relationships feel especially problematic now. Working it out together is ideal, but a time-out may be in order. Whether family traditions are a source of the problem or offer wise insight, digging around your roots will help.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

If something is bothering your tummy, it's likely to be from the weight of something you need to get off your chest. Even if there are repercussions, difficult adjustments are better than the status quo. Sing out, Louise!

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Your profound creativity is undergoing a blockage right now. Diverting your attention to work will help. Balancing your checkbook or reviewing the household budget is fine, but doing similar tasks at work is better.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Normally, problems at home should be solved there, but solutions are now coming from as far away as possible. Find a foreign and/or philosophical fount of wisdom to offer new insights. It'll make all the difference in your outlook.

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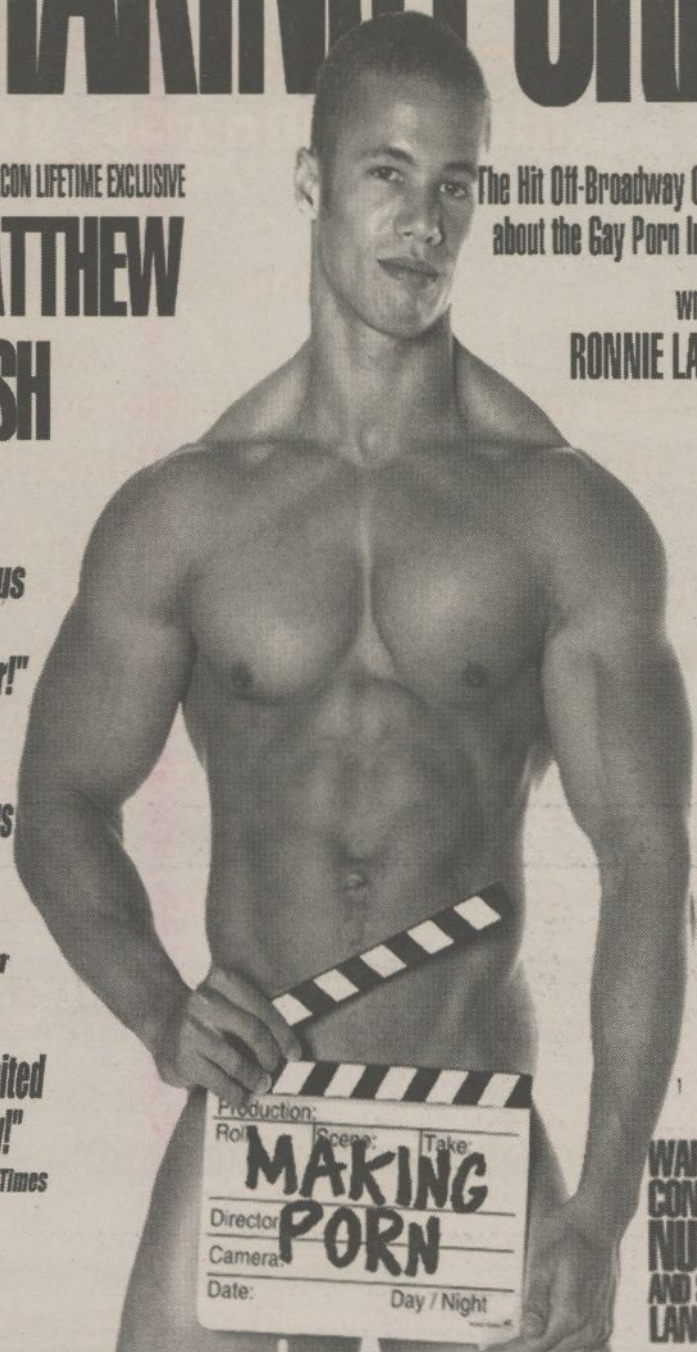
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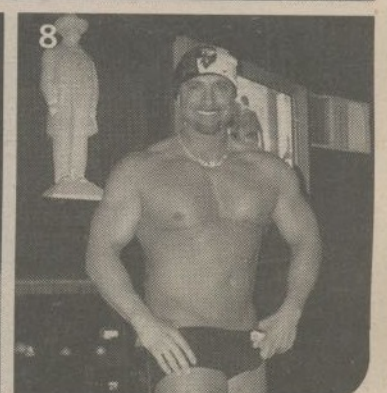
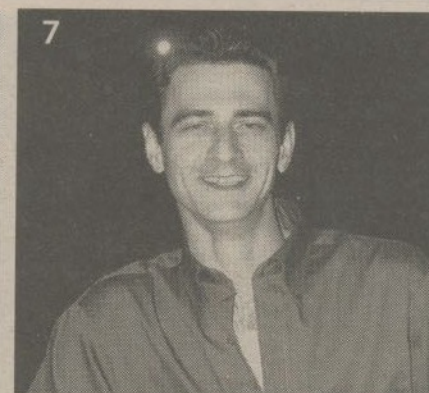
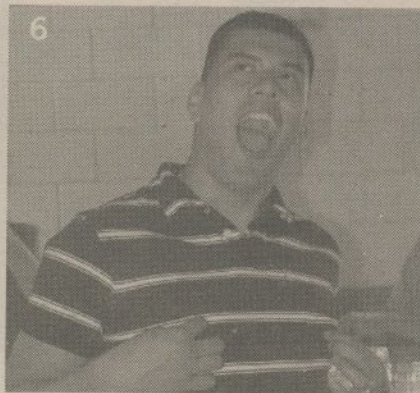
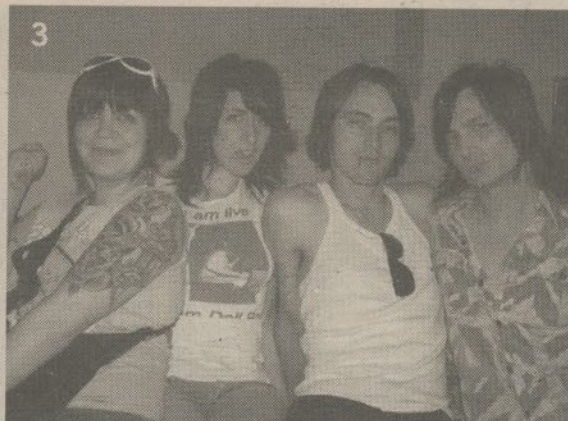
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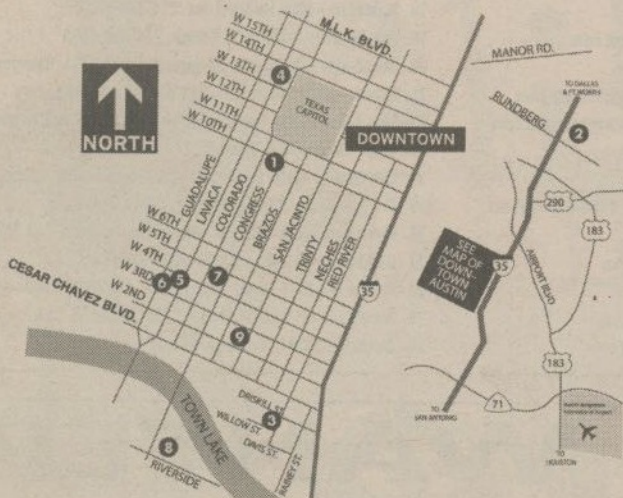
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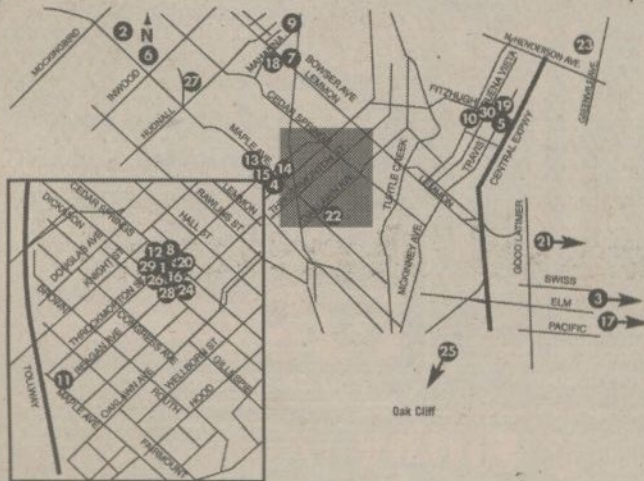
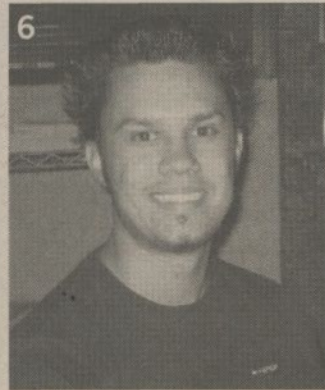
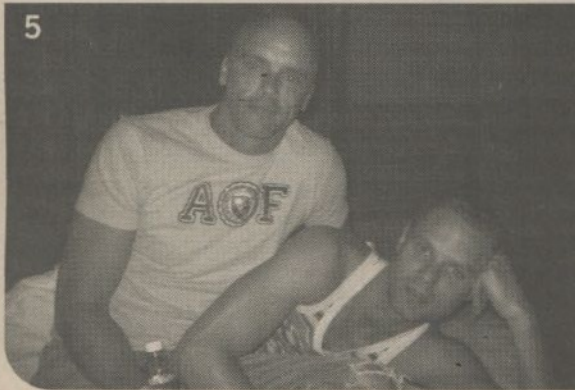
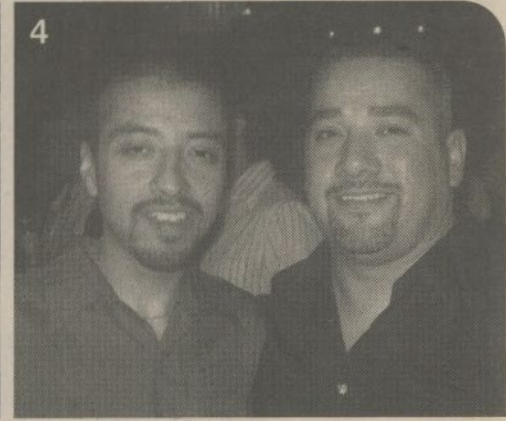
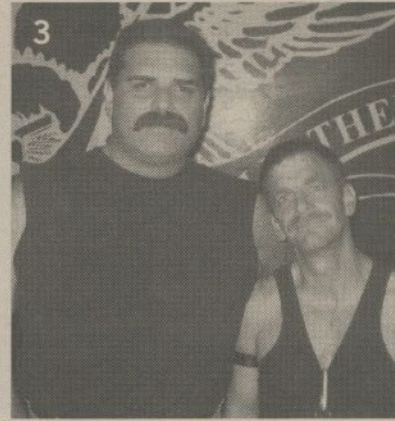
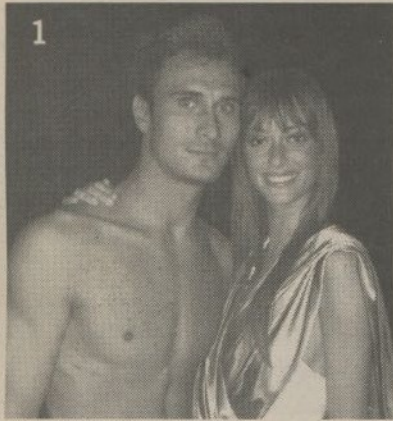
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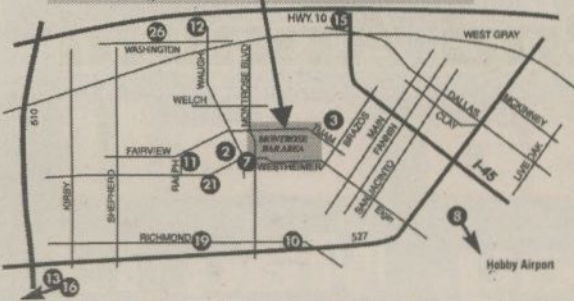
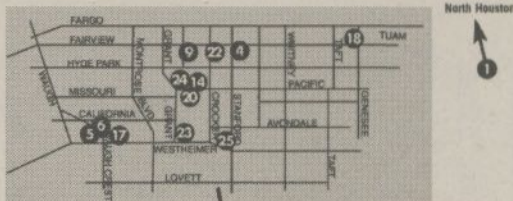
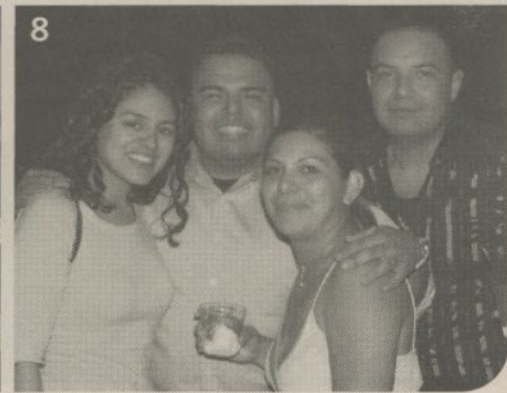
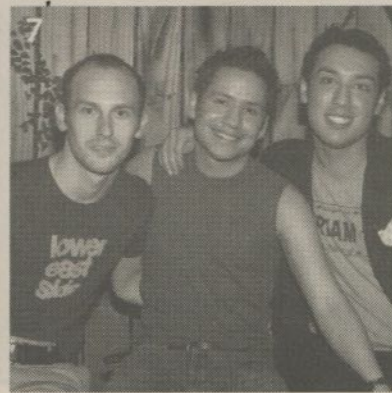
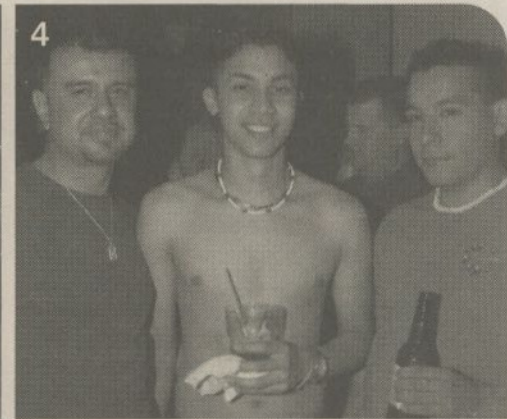
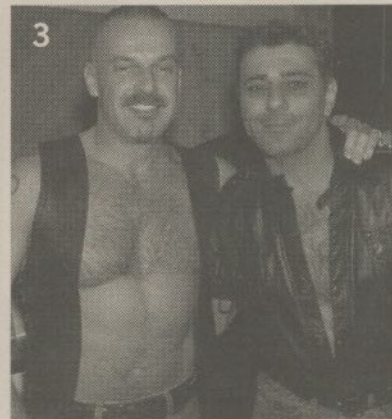
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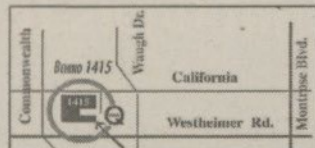
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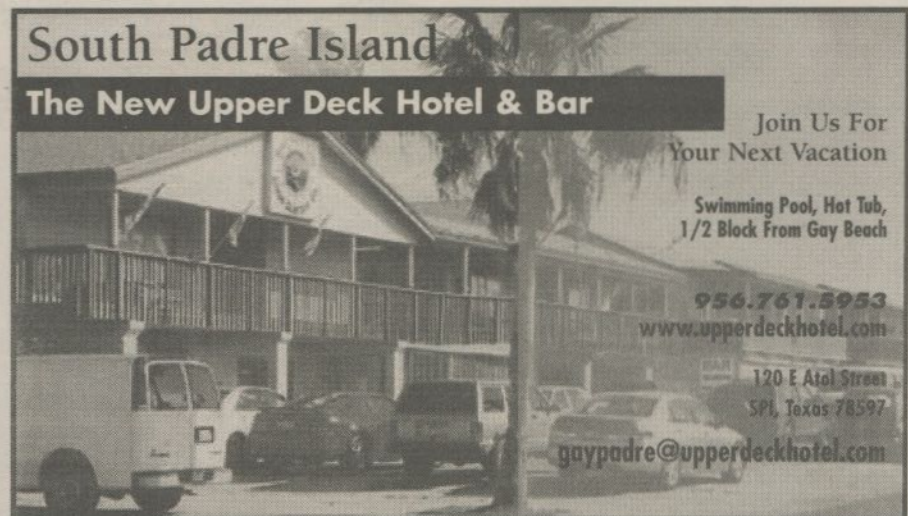
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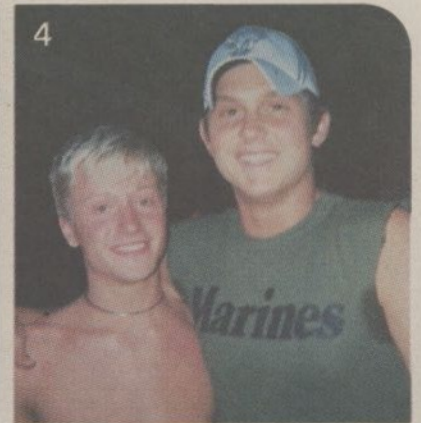
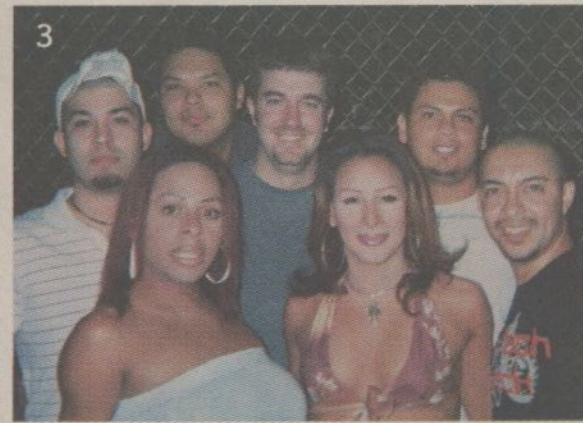
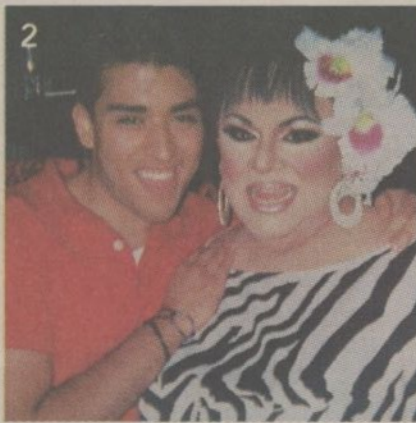
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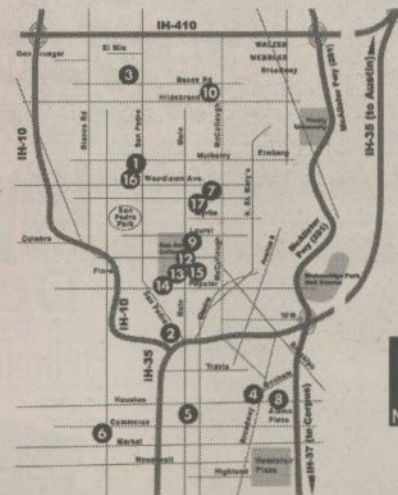
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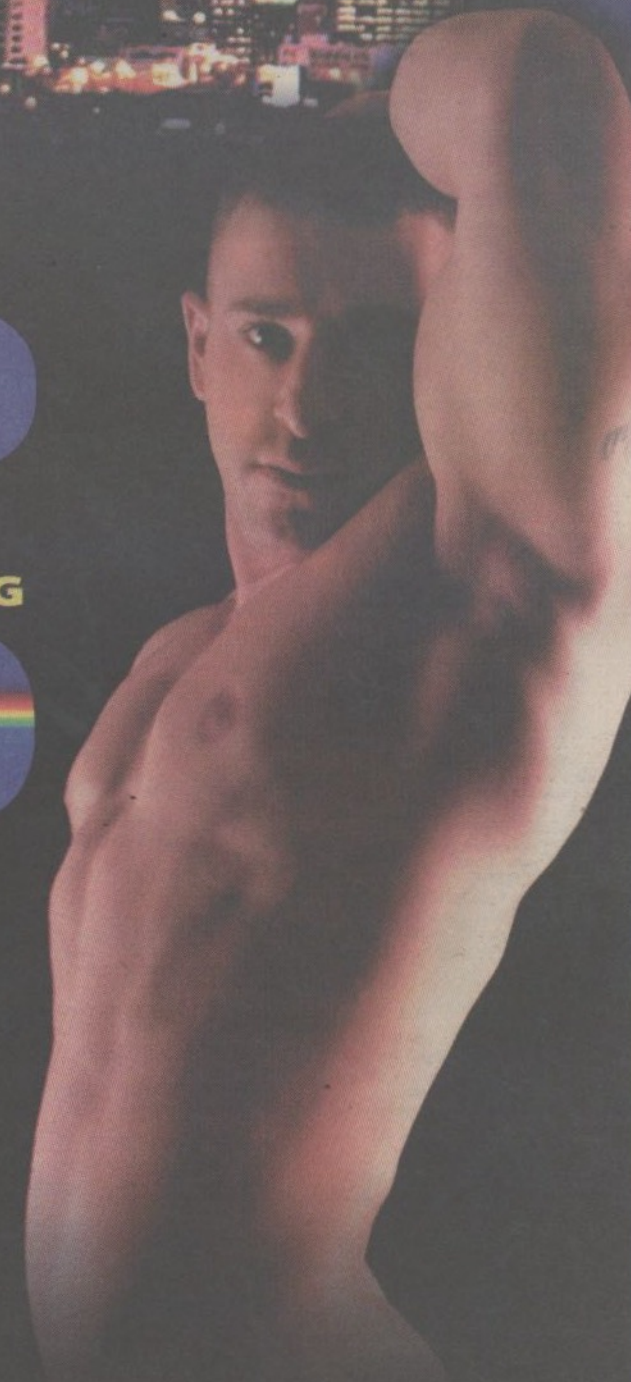
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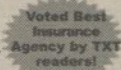
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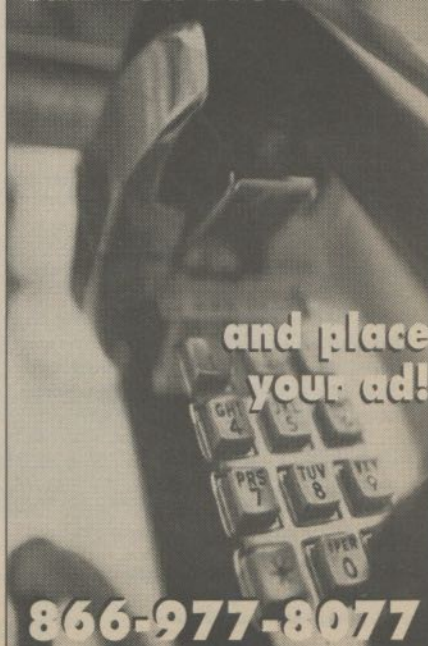
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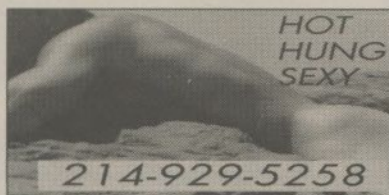
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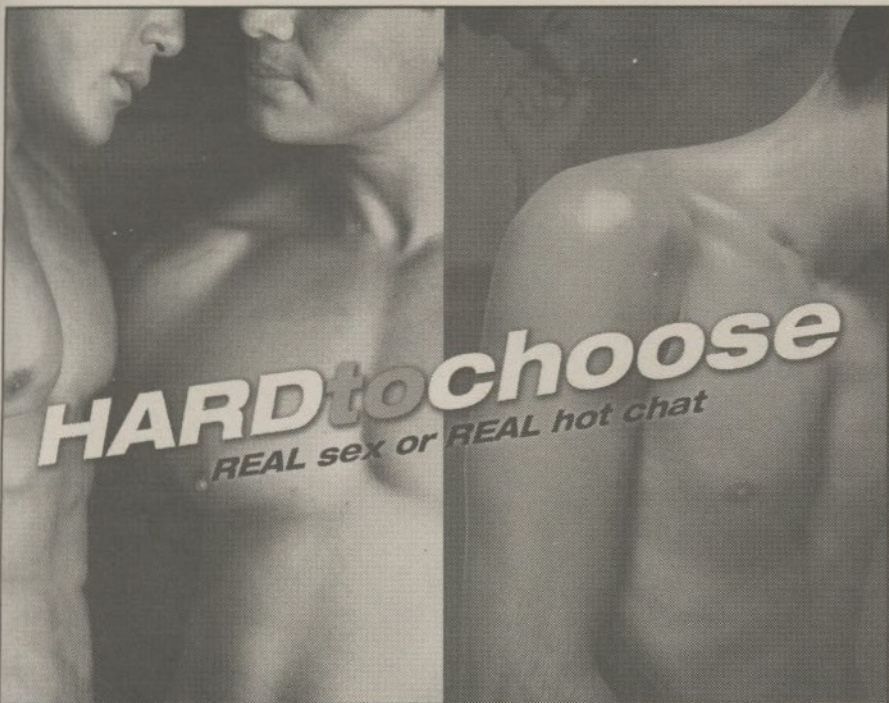
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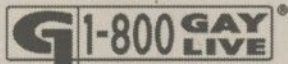
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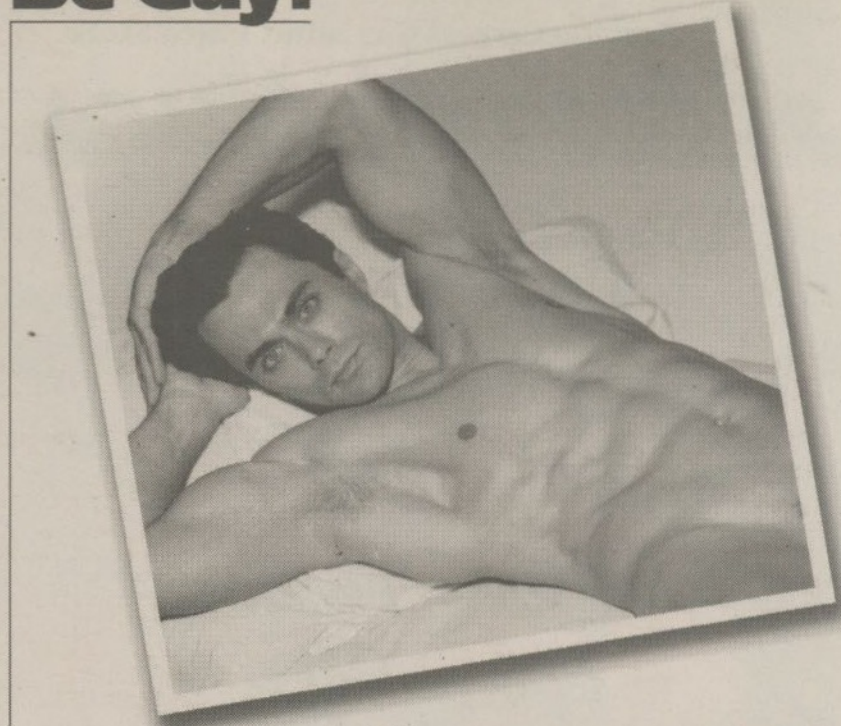


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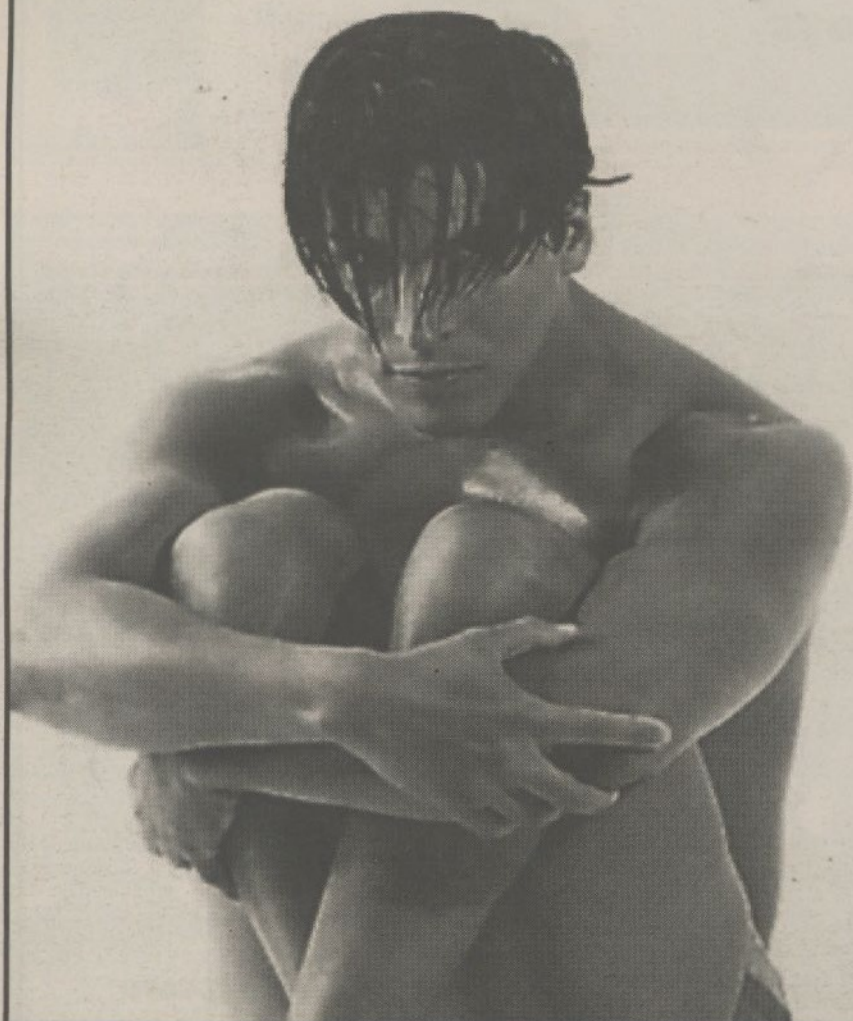
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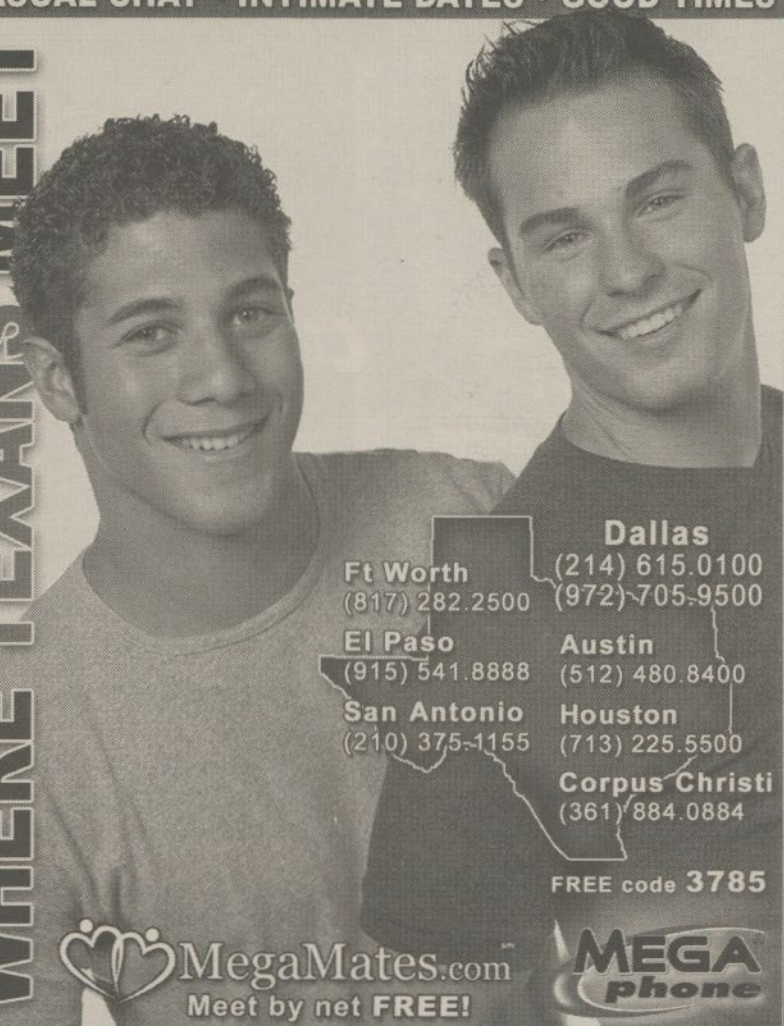
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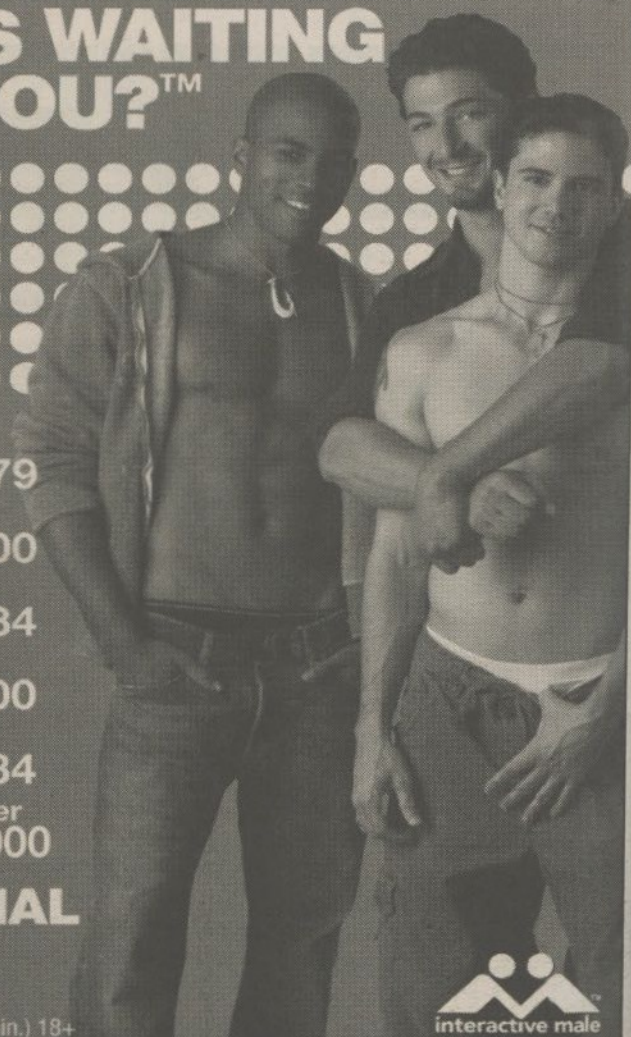
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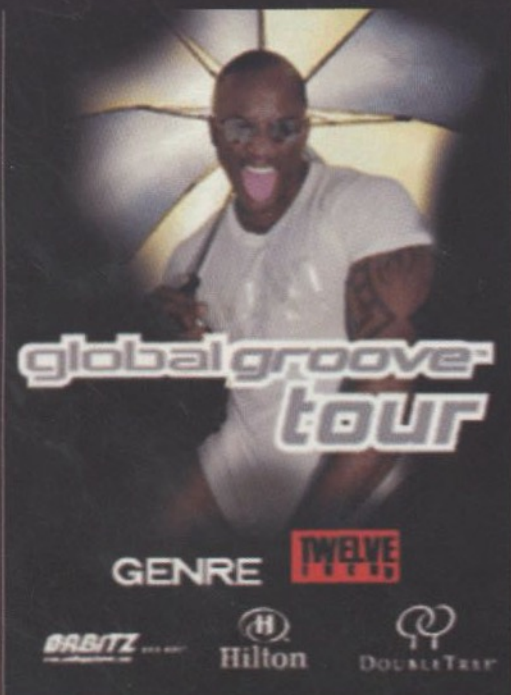
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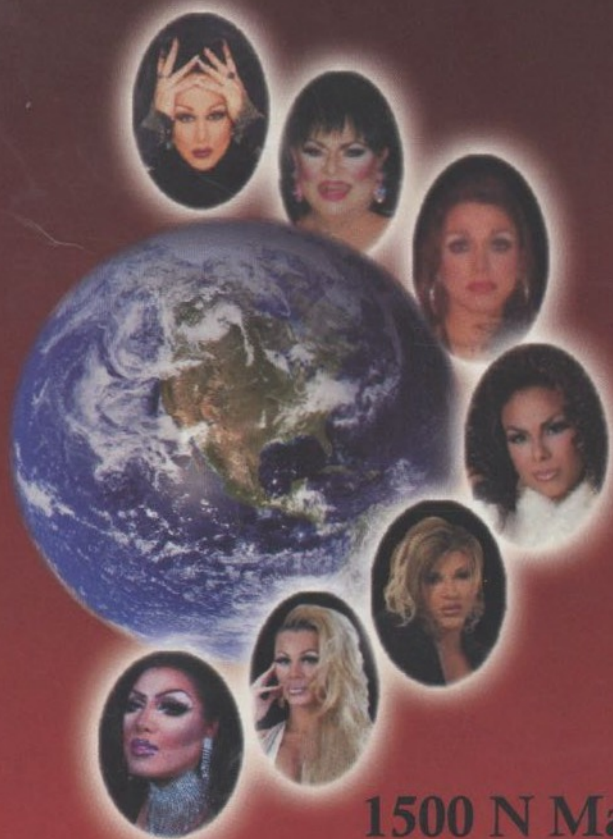
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