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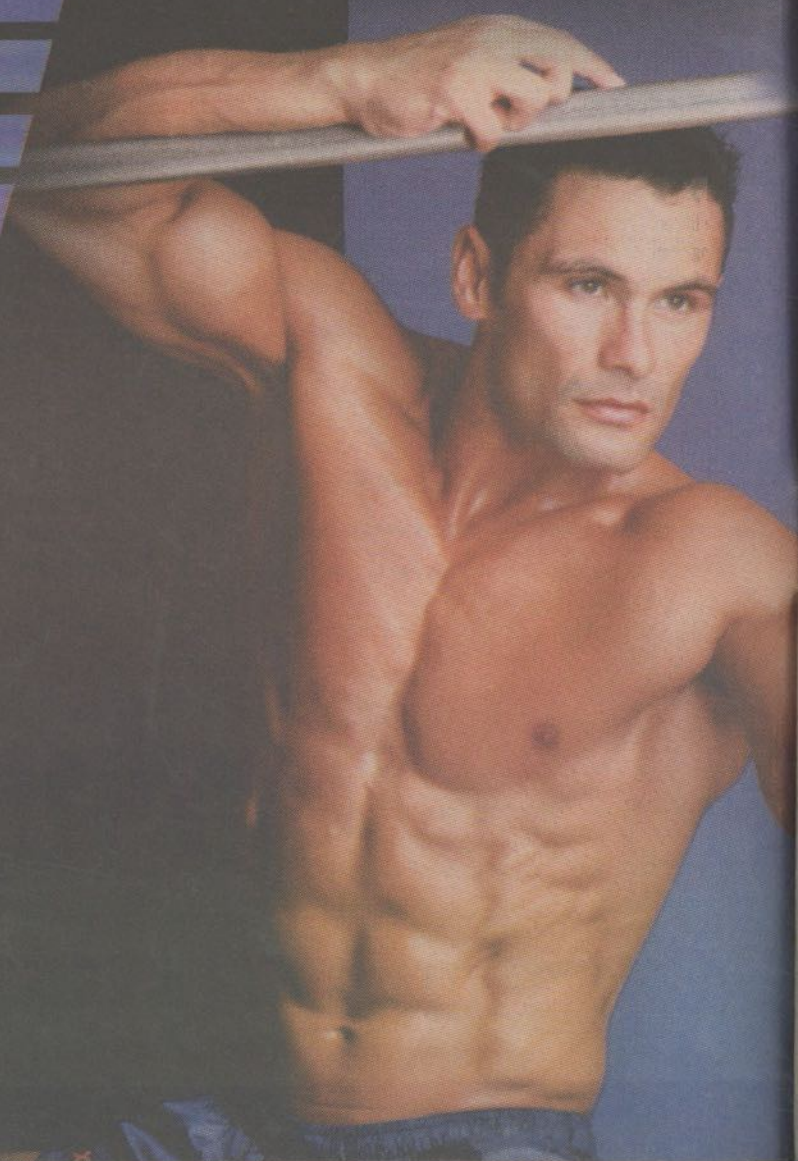
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## Newsbriefs

### AUSTIN

#### Interfaith Care Alliance seeks more male volunteers, invites gay men to focus group

Gay men in Austin are being recruited to participate in a focus group designed provide insights on issues related to volunteerism.

The Interfaith Care Alliance has been serving people with AIDS for more than a decade. In the past few years, the organization has seen a dramatic increase in requests for care team services. But the number of volunteers is steadily declining. The alliance wants more men as volunteers, so it seeks to learn what men are looking for in a volunteer experience and to cater to those needs.

The only obligation of participants is to share their thoughts on this topic for about 90 minutes. There is no further obligation to donate time or money to the alliance. Light snacks will be served.

The focus group will be at 6 p.m. Monday at the Interfaith Care Alliance office, 7215 Cameron Road, Austin TX 78752.

People who plan on participating should send a confirmation e-mail to [leanne@interfaithcarealliance.org](mailto:leanne@interfaithcarealliance.org).

### DALLAS

#### Pastors for Peace caravan stops in Dallas for presentation at Cathedral of Hope

The Pastors for Peace caravan will make a stop at Cathedral of Hope in Dallas on July 15 before heading on to Cuba to deliver 200 tons of humanitarian aid. The pastors, who started out from points as far north as Canada, will converge in McAllen on July 17 in order to cross into Mexico as a group. From there they will travel to Cuba with items such as wheelchair lifts, wheelchairs, folding walker frames, crutches and canes, toys and educational materials for children with learning disabilities.

The Pastors of Peace will make a free presentation at 7 p.m. on July 15 at the cathedral, located at 5910 Cedar Springs Road. The program is open to all.

### HOUSTON

#### Space City Empire seeks nominees for Barry Petree Community Award

The Imperial Court of Houston, Inc. also known as the Space City Empire, is accepting nominees for the Barry Petree Community Commitment Award.

The Petree Award recognizes a person who has contributed to the Houston community as a whole. Any member of the Houston community is eligible to nominate; nominations will be accepted until July 8 and will be determined by community vote.

Nominees for this award will also be considered for the Houston GLBT Hall of Fame Award, presented in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Archives and Museum, a spokesman said.

The winner of the Barry Petree Community Commitment Award will be announced at the Awards Ceremony prior to the Enthronement Ball for the group's officers in October. This year, AIDS Foundation Houston's Camp Hope/Camp Hug Program is the sole beneficiary of the Enthronement Ball.

### HOUSTON

#### Houston Roughnecks offer rugby boot camp to novices and experienced players

The Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club will present on July 16 and 17 a two-day "rugby boot camp" for anyone interested in learning or playing rugby.

The first day will cover basic skills and the fundamental aspects of rugby, coordinators said. The second day will feature more practice and a Texas Rugby Union referee, who will answer questions about the rules of the game.

The camp will be held at the British School of Houston, 4211 Watonga Blvd., beginning Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Sunday session will start at 10 a.m., concluding at 1 p.m. at Ziggy's Healthy Grill, located at the corner of W. Alabama St. and Greenbriar Ave.

Those wanting to participate may obtain a pre-registration form from the Houston Roughnecks secretary and treasurer, Butch Compton, by sending an e-mail message to [Bacompton@yahoo.com](mailto:Bacompton@yahoo.com).

## Stonewall hopes Barrios inspires GLBT Texans

### Bay State senator to kick off gay Democrats' effort against amendment

By David Webb

Staff Correspondent

Massachusetts State Senator Jarrett Barrios, an openly gay legislator who assumed a prominent role on behalf of same-sex marriages in his home state, will be the featured guest at receptions in Dallas and Fort Worth later this month.

Barrios's appearances will help kick off Stonewall Democrats' efforts to raise money and rally support for the upcoming battle over the anti-gay-marriage constitutional amendment on the Nov. 8 ballot, said Shannon Bailey, president of Texas Stonewall Democrats.

"He has been on the forefront of the fight that we are in right now," Bailey said.

Barrios is scheduled to speak at an afternoon reception on July 23 in Dallas. He will appear the next day at a **DFW** brunch in Fort Worth. The events will be held at the homes of Stonewall Democrats members.

Gay Democrats in Texas are looking to Barrios for guidance in educating voters, Bailey said. If there is any hope of defeating the amendment, GLBT Texans must enlist the support of heterosexuals who are sympathetic to the gay rights struggle.

"We can't do it alone," Bailey said.

Barrios said he is excited about his appearances in the Metroplex because of the opportunity to share what he has learned in the battle in Massachusetts. Texas' gay and lesbian community must be willing to fight for equality, he said during a recent telephone interview from his statehouse office in Boston.

"The seriousness of this constitutional amendment is that it would in effect create second-class citizens of all gay and lesbian Texans by denying the fundamental right of marriage and all the

benefits and rights that go along with marriage," Barrios said.

Barrios, who married his partner of 12 years in 2004, is facing the same type of battle in Massachusetts. A constitutional amendment repealing gay marriage was passed by a constitutional convention last year. But under Massachusetts's more rigorous procedure for amending the state constitution, it must pass a second consecutive constitutional convention before the measure can go on the ballot for voters to decide.

Barrios said the argument that conservatives always raise is that gay marriage will somehow damage the institution of heterosexual marriage. The legalization of gay marriage has helped, not harmed, Massachusetts, he said.

"Massachusetts continues to have the lowest divorce rate in the United States of America," Barrios said. "We have the highest test scores, the highest percentage of folks with health care coverage and the lowest violent crime rate."

Barrios said the gay and lesbian community must convince voters that banning gay marriage would be discriminatory.

"That type of discrimination is frankly un-American," Barrios said.

The legislator noted that public support for same-sex marriage in Massachusetts is at 62 percent this year compared to 38 percent last year. So rapid shifts in public opinion are possible, he said.

Barrios, a Cuban-American, graduated from Harvard University and Georgetown University Law School.

Bailey said that he hopes Barrios's message will help inspire members of the gay and lesbian community to get involved in politics more than they ever have before.

"Certainly each person, starting with their family and close circle of friends and talking candidly about the issues, is very important to our community," Bailey said.

Barrios has spent eight years in the

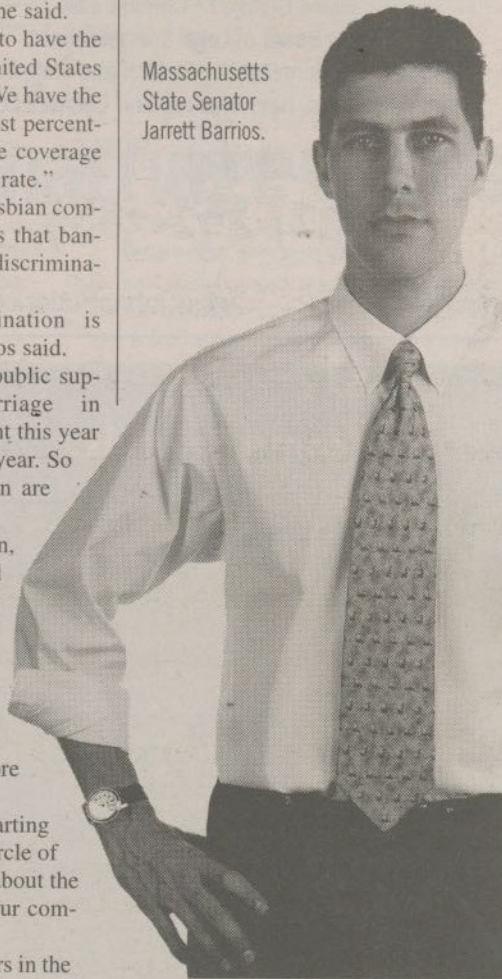
Massachusetts Legislature and is leaving to run for the office of Middlesex County's district attorney. He is expected to be a big draw in Dallas and Fort Worth, said Jesse Garcia, spokesman for Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

"He is a future leader of the party, and we're so happy to have him speaking," Garcia said.

For more information about the Dallas event, call 214-328-4906; for the Fort Worth event, call 817-723-3981. Admission is \$50 per person in Dallas and \$25 per person in Fort Worth. Barrios will also make a private appearance in Dallas for major contributors.

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Massachusetts State Senator Jarrett Barrios.



## Well-known Dallasites settle in Round Rock

### Albright, Raskin move kids to area where schools are good, families close by

By Tammye Nash

Staff Correspondent

A well-known Dallas lesbian couple and their two daughters has moved to Central Texas to build a more family-oriented life, they said.

Dallas Police Sgt. Lynne Albright, her partner, Joanne Raskin, and their two daughters recently moved to Round Rock, located about 30 miles north of Austin.

Albright is retiring on Aug. 2 after 22 years with the Dallas Police Department. Albright will continue to commute to Dallas for a four-day workweek until her official retire

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Joanne Raskin

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ment date.

"We have been going fast and furious for a lot of years. We want to slow down a little bit," said Raskin. "Our biological families are here, and we were looking for a better school situation for our kids."

Raskin, a nurse who volunteered at the Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center in Oak Lawn for several years, said she is looking for a nursing job that fits her family's schedule.

Albright said she is leaving law enforcement and taking up a new career as a teacher.

Albright is working on a Ph.D. in business management and critical thinking and is in the midst of writing her dissertation, which she hopes to complete next year. She teaches part-time at the University of Phoenix.

Albright said she will miss police work, but is convinced she made the correct decision.

"After 22 years, my knees have really started to go, and I just couldn't be the street cop I was. I decided it was better to teach than to do all the physical stuff anymore," Albright said. "Plus, it is safer. It will let my family sleep at night."

Albright joined the Dallas Police Department in 1983, when being gay or lesbian was still grounds for dismissal. Albright remained closeted for about a decade — until 1993, when she was named the department's official liaison to the GLBT community.

"I wasn't out then, but coming out just sort of happened after I was named liaison to the community, because everybody started asking me about it, and I refused to lie," Albright said.

About that same time, Dallas Police Academy recruit Micah England was rejected as an officer after she told an interviewer she was gay. England filed a lawsuit chal-

lenging the department's anti-gay policy and the sodomy law. England won at the trial court level on a ruling upheld by the Court of Appeals for the 5th District, located in Austin, and her case eventually forced the Dallas department to scrap its "no gays" policy.

But the policy change didn't change life for most gay and lesbian officers. Albright said she is still the only out-of-the-closet gay officer on the force.

"There are two or three on the force who don't really hide it. But they don't stand up and say, 'Here I am. I'm gay,' either," Albright said.

Being a gay pioneer wasn't easy, but Albright said her involvement in the community and the friends she met made her job easier.

"I think — I hope — I made an awful lot of friends," she said. "The community was there for me, as much as I was there for them. It is something I will always miss, but I also know it is something my kids and I can be proud of."

Albright also said she "won't just disappear." The Dallas Tavern Guild has already asked her to come back in September to assist with the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, and Caven Enterprises has asked her to return in October to help with the Halloween Street Party on Cedar Springs Road — two events she helped coordinate for more than a decade.

Albright said she and Raskin would miss "all the great people" they have met over the years in Dallas.

"You can't replace great friends," she said. "But you know, good friends don't ever go away. They just kind of move around a little bit."

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## Commitment Ceremony



**PAINTER-SILVERBERG**  
 Commemorating their five-year relationship, John Joseph Painter, standing, and Tracy Karl Silverberg will hold a commitment ceremony at the home of Kathy and David Housel in Houston. Close family and friends will attend the ceremony scheduled Saturday. A reception will follow.

Painter is an artist whose work was recently exhibited at the Montrose Clinic. Tracy, a photographer, is an administrative assistant for *TXT Newsmagazine*.

# Spain legalizes gay marriage, pains church

## Law one of most far-reaching in existence; Zapatero's reforms anger Catholic Church

By Dennis Vercher  
Staff Writer

Spain legalized same-sex marriages on July 7, the third nation to do so after Belgium and the Netherlands in a vote that dealt a blow to the Catholic Church in one of its last European strongholds.

Canada has a same-sex marriage law pending, but it does not become effective until approved by the Canadian Senate in what is widely regarded as a pro-forma vote.

The Spanish law, passed 187-147, gives same-sex unions the same status as heterosexual ones, including the freedom to adopt children and inherit a partner's property.

"Today Spanish society is giving an answer to a group of people who for years have been humiliated, whose rights have been ignored, whose dignity has been offended," Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero told Parliament, according to Reuters.

Although four nations have legalized same-sex unions, only Canada and Spain extend full equality to those unions, according to the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

The Spanish measure simply adds one sentence to existing law: "Marriage will have the same requirements and results when the two people entering into the contract are of the same sex or of different sexes." Canada's marriage law will refer to "two parties" rather than a man and a woman.

By contrast, the laws of Belgium and Holland create a separate category of rights for same-sex couples that fall short of full equality on issues like adoption, the International



Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

Gay and Lesbian Association said.

"Spain is talking about total equality," Kursad Krhramanoglu, the secretary general of the association, said in a written statement.

Last week's vote was widely expected, since the bill had already been approved convincingly in a preliminary vote taken in April.

The bill then went to the Senate, where it was rejected in a non-binding vote, before going back to the lower house, the Congress of Deputies, for final approval.

The Spanish law is part of Zapatero's pro-

gram of social reforms that has angered conservatives and the Catholic Church. On June 18, more than 100,000 people demonstrated in Madrid against the gay-marriage law.

Catholic bishops in Spain have commanded all Catholics to become conscientious objectors and to refuse to participate in any events involving the marriage of gay couples.

But while 90 percent of Spaniards call themselves Catholic, less than a fifth are practicing. And despite the intensity of the opposition, most Spaniards — between 55 and 65 percent — support gay marriage.

"We were not the first, but I am sure we will not be the last," Zapatero said in the debate preceding the July 7 vote. "After us will come many countries, driven, ladies and gentlemen, by two unstoppable forces: freedom and equality."

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# Lockyer seeks to speed up same-sex marriage cases

## He asks California Supreme Court to take control of group of lawsuits on gay marriage

By Ann Rostow  
Senior Staff Writer

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer has asked the state Supreme Court to take direct control of the group of lawsuits known as the "marriage cases." That collection is led by *Woo v. Lockyer*, the main fight for same-sex marriage rights brought by the National Center for Lesbian Rights and other organizations on behalf of a group of same-sex couples.

Three other lawsuits pit the state of California against various gay and lesbian couples, and Lockyer has filed identical petitions in those cases.

Two more of the "marriage cases" were brought by right-wing groups against the city

and county of San Francisco. Although these two cases bring up slightly different issues, they were coordinated with the other four under the jurisdiction of San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer. Kramer ruled in favor of same-sex marriage last April, suspending his opinion and sending the cases on to the state appellate court.

The two conservative-sponsored suits have not been assigned case numbers by the appellate court, and Lockyer could not petition to expedite these cases since the state of California is not a party to either. But a lawyer at the conservative Alliance Defense Fund told the press that he wanted all six cases to remain coordinated, although he and his colleagues "are still trying to figure out what we are going to think" about Supreme Court intervention.

As for the city and county of San Francisco, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the other same-sex couples all



California Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

support the attorney general's petition, and hope to see the case put on the fastest possible track. Shannon Minter, legal director of the lesbian rights center, said his group planned on Wednesday to file court papers supporting Lockyer.

The California Supreme Court — now lacking the arch-conservative Janice Rogers Brown, who has been named to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia — is expected to respond fairly promptly. Given the strategic agreement on both sides, there is every reason for the justices to accept direct review, cutting at least a year off the time the cases would spend in the courts.

Nonetheless, two state courts have declined such requests in identical situations. The top courts in New Jersey and New York both forced same-sex couples to go through the entire legal process step by step so they could get fuller review. In New Jersey, the state appellate court ruled last month against Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's plaintiffs, sending their long battle to the New Jersey Supreme Court at long last. New York's two marriage cases, in turn, have just been appealed to two state appellate courts.

By contrast, the Washington Supreme Court accepted direct review last year, sped up the process, heard oral arguments in early March and is now about to rule on the constitutionality of state marriage laws at any time. If that case is successful, Washington could very well hold same-sex marriages before this year is over.

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## Bob's your uncle

Before I start, may I share a pet peeve? It's the "Bob" radio station in Austin that pretends to be owned by a real person named Bob, who came into a bunch of money (by implication), and who wanted to own a radio station so he could play all his favorite songs. You may have a Bob, or Jack, radio station in your town as well, because it's all part of a Big Lie!

Here's *Business Week* last April, asking what's "the latest recipe for success in broadcast radio?" Answer: "Dump a thousand or so random songs into a playlist. Hit shuffle.

Then, more often than not, kill the live DJ and replace him with a computer. The stations' monikers are common male names, like 'Bob,' 'Ben,' 'Hank,' and most commonly, 'Jack.'"

We've been had! There's no Bob out there who actually cares if we like his taste in music. Jack did not grow up in our town and he doesn't go to all our familiar restaurants and bars. Ben's a marketing myth. No, I guess I didn't really believe in Bob to begin with, but maybe a small part of me did.

## Size queens

Now listen up. The latest book on why we're gay was published Thursday, and it contains the usual mix of genes and prenatal hormones. But we also learn that gay men have bigger dicks as a rule than straight men, because they are not absorbing testosterone in the womb and the excess hormone is winding up in the extremities of their developing fetal bodies.

Who knew! I guess some people did, because an article in the *Independent* said, "A number of studies have shown that gay men are better endowed than straight men."

Congratulations, guys. Now that should put a little damper on those manlier-than-thou, violent twentysomethings who make up the quintessential gay bashing cohort. Straight arrows, perhaps. But with smaller shafts. In fact, perhaps this explains why the poor little fellows are so insecure.

## Bye bi guys

That aforementioned book, *Born Gay*, by two professors at the University of East London, also suggests that bisexuality in men doesn't really exist, based on studies that used pornography to measure arousal. Men were either turned on by women, or by men, but no group reacted to both — not even the bisexuals.

The observation was echoed in a *New York Times* article on Tuesday, which relied on several other researchers to support the same claim.

Obviously, however, the complexities of sexual orientation and attraction cannot be captured by a simple porn-o-meter, so make of these discussions what you will. Considering the tepid nature of much of the material that has been passed around under the oxymoronic rubric of "lesbian porn," I would hate to be put to the test personally. God knows what category I'd end up in based on this kind of assessment.



Ann Rostow

## Sex police reporting for duty

Speaking of porn, perhaps you've heard that the Bush Justice Department has developed a host of rules and regulations that — when implemented — will put an end to most small porn operations. According to an excellent article in *Newsday*, the department's new red tape requires purveyors of XXX-rated images to keep a public office open at least 20 hours a week, where records can be inspected, if necessary. They are further ordered to keep documentation that proves the age of every person in every image. This applies to gay cyber services and hook up venues, even if the users are posting their own photos.

As writer Patrick Moore says, "The sup-

pression of the porn industry may not stir patriotic outrage in most Americans, but the manipulation of regulatory powers to support a moral agenda should."

At least Alberto Gonzales has taken the drapes off the naked statues in the Great Hall of the Justice building, a decision that was carried out without fanfare on June 24. He was not responsible for the sex regulations, which Ashcroft and company tacked onto a revision of child porn enforcement policies last year. But I can't imagine he'll put any political capital into making life easier for cyber cruisers and the like. Not if he's going to make it to the Supreme Court anytime soon.

## Spin cycle begins

The conservative Christian right's outrage at the prospect of Gonzales being named to the Supreme Court has turned him into my number one candidate. I don't care that he said the Geneva Accords were quaint. It's as if our lunch menu included raw egg whites, liver, chocolate covered insects, Brussels sprouts, and the green stuff inside a lobster. There's no grilled salmon or tenderloin available, period. But at least I can stomach the Brussels sprouts.

There was an article in the *New York Times* this week that said Republican leaders are alarmed by the mania of the far right on the subject of the court vacancy, and are trying desperately to tone them down in order to create the impression that Democrats are crazed while Republicans are serious and poised.

"Every contact we have with these folks is



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/Associated Press

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will go on smut patrol if new regulations governing the pornography industry are implemented in September, as expected. The regulations, developed under former Attorney General John Ashcroft, were delayed when a number of groups complained.

"Stay on message" said Majority Leader Bill Frist's chief of staff, Eric Ueland. "The extremism of language, if there is to be any, should be demonstrably on the other side. The hysteria and the foaming at the mouth ought to come from the left."

According to the *Times*, Republicans have already done their polls and focus groups, and discovered that Americans don't want to hear insane tirades on abortion and gay rights. Instead, as the *Times* put it, they want "to hear about the need for a fair and dignified confirmation process." No surprise that Bush and company have droned on about exactly that for the last week.

## Where's the liberal media?

And before we leave our friends in the White House, have you been following the news that Karl Rove is likely the man who leaked Valerie Plame's status as an undercover CIA agent to the press? MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell reports that *Time* magazine's records show that Rove was Matthew Cooper's source, a sieve of classified information that qualifies him as a felon under federal law. Where's the scandal? Everyone, bang your silverware on the table together, and scream with me: "Indictment! Indictment!"

Anyway, check out O'Donnell's long article in the *Huffington Post*, Arianna Huffington's online newspaper, which I had never seen before. Not only is it great, but Huffington herself confesses to that sly desire to see Gonzales nominated, just to spite the Christian right.

"No matter how knee-jerk appealing that 'enemy of my enemy' stuff may be," Huffington finally concludes, "ultimately there is only one correct response to the talk of a Gonzalez nomination, and that is to snap out of the reverie and, for radically different reasons, align oneself with Dobson, Bauer, Schlafly et. al. and fight like hell to make sure that the Torture Guy never slips on that lifer's black robe."

But if not Torture Guy, who?

## A thousand points of light

This has not been a cheery column. But at least I've spared you some tedious news stories involving state legislative activity: *Oregon civil unions bill might make it to the state Senate this week.* Marriage statistics: *Provincetown has held its 1,000 gay wedding!* and international trivia: *Muslim lawmaker in New Zealand "condones the stoning executions of homosexuals and adulterers."*

Say what? Oh, it turns out he's a nice guy who voted in favor of the Civil Union Bill. He just has strong religious views.

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## Letters

### Piece on PDAs was on target

As a native of the Southeast United States and a longtime resident of Houston, I can only imagine what a public display of affection must be like without innately feeling foolhardy. I don't think there are too many blocks past Castro in San Francisco that one can do that either — at least that's the impression I have.

There are many times I wonder if there is such a place anywhere in the world.

W. Stewart/Houston

### Perry's a true politician

Why should the Texas GLBT communities be surprised by the offensive and arrogant comment made by Governor Rick Perry concerning those who oppose the concept of a constitutional amendment banning civil unions? This shortsighted, dimwitted, and overall ignorant politician is only acting as every politician in this state acts — with reckless abandon as they stand convinced that they are forever in the right and anyone who so much as parts their hair on a different side than they are eternally wrong.

The truth is, this state is one of the most crooked and corrupt states in the union, at least politically. The only thing that speaks to these careless wonders in various public offices is the almighty dollar. If Texas GLBT folks would make a commitment to abstain from purchasing Real Estate for a year or two, as well as making ALL major purchases (like automobiles, boats, everything possible for that matter) out of state, giving our neighboring states the sales and tax revenues for all these purchases, maybe then the politicians would come to realize that we are a formidable and valuable asset to this state.

Unfortunately, what I have suggested will never happen, because the GLBT community does not have the same resolve held by those who boycotted the bus systems and marched in the peaceful protest marches of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. Very sad. The only true voice we have with which we can be heard is our economic voice, and we haven't the resolve to effectively employ it to our full advantage.

As the rest of the world marches forward, Texas, thanks to men like Rick Perry, marches backward.

God save us all!

The Rev. Charles Morrow/Jubilee Fellowship  
of Tarrant County

# Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and gay rights

## Supreme Court's first woman member was important in gay cases

She was an important justice, but not a great one. Sandra Day O'Connor was important because, as we have been told *ad nauseam*, hers was the Supreme Court's "swing" vote, negotiating between the liberal and conservative blocs. She was not great because no enduring constitutional principles she announced will survive her tenure. On gay legal issues, however, she was quite good, if mostly passive.

Justice O'Connor mattered in many cases that mattered because, for her, every case was a new universe to be judged on the basis of particular facts whose importance could only be known by consulting Justice O'Connor. Her decisionmaking was almost entirely free of great principles and guiding legal theories, which may seem admirably undogmatic but was actually maddening. She announced that the government could not place an "undue burden" on abortion, but nobody knew what this meant until O'Connor told us in a given case.

She decided cases with the eye of a legislator, which is what she once was. So consider, for example, that O'Connor once decided that airports could ban people who solicit donations for political and charitable causes — on the theory that this activity might disrupt pedestrian traffic when travelers stop to hear pitches for donations. But airports in her view could not ban people who distribute (or even sell!) literature for political and charitable causes — on the theory that this activity would not disrupt the flow of pedestrian traffic in the airport terminal because interested travelers would be more likely to take a pamphlet and move on. Her view became constitutional law. It was this kind of policy-oriented hair-splitting that made O'Connor "important." But hardly great.

For gay people, she was pretty good. She confronted gay-rights claims in five cases during her 24-year tenure, and got four of them right.

Her first encounter with a gay-rights claim was not promising. In *Bowers v. Hardwick*, decided in 1986, she joined a majority of the Court that upheld sodomy laws. But she did not join an especially nasty anti-gay concurring opinion by Chief Justice Warren Burger, who suggested that homosexual sodomy was worse than rape.

In 1995, in *Hurley v. GLIB*, she joined a unanimous opinion upholding the right of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston to exclude

a gay contingent. Although the ruling was considered a loss by some gay-rights advocates at the time, the decision was actually a victory in that it upheld the right of private speakers to control their own message. The right that allows the Hibernians to exclude gays from their parade is the same right that allows gays to exclude Fred Phelps from the annual gay pride parade.

In 1996, in *Romer v. Evans*, O'Connor joined the majority in striking down a

Colorado constitutional amendment banning all civil rights protections for gay people. It was the first out-and-out victory for gay-rights litigants in the court's history. It put a stop to a movement that threatened the political progress made by gay advocates in cities across the country. It also declared that "animus" against gay people is not a legitimate basis for legislation under the U.S. Constitution.

In 2000, in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, O'Connor joined the majority in declaring that the Boy Scouts of America had the right to exclude an openly gay assistant scoutmaster. Also considered by many to be a defeat for gay rights, the decision was really a win. The opinion affirmed a robust freedom of association, the same freedom that had shielded fledgling gay groups from government persecution in the 1960s through the 1980s.

In 2003, in *Lawrence v. Texas*, Justice O'Connor joined the majority in striking down a law banning anal and oral sex by homosexuals. Notably, she did not join the majority in striking down all sodomy laws as

a violation of a constitutional right to privacy. Instead, O'Connor focused on the fact that the Texas law targeted only gay couples. While O'Connor's opinion would theoretically have allowed a state to ban both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy, she carefully noted that such an "evenhanded" law might be unconstitutional if it were unequally enforced (as such laws always have been).

Aside from these particular cases, Justice O'Connor's general preference for state over federal power must also be seen as a boon to gay-rights causes. In a series of cases, O'Connor voted to limit federal power and to protect the historic role of the states in determining important matters of public policy.

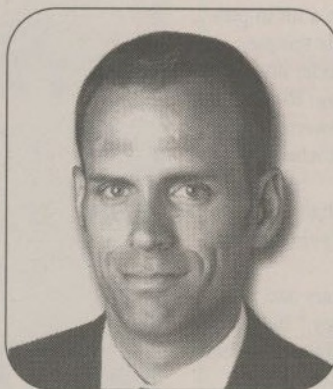
This concept of federalism is now the principle means by which gay-rights causes are advancing in this country. According to the Center for Policy Alternatives headed by Tim McFeeley, a former executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, the states are now leading the way in granting protections to gay individuals and families.

A new report by the center documents more than two dozen pro-gay state laws adopted since 2003 alone. These include not only civil rights laws protecting gays from discrimination, but also laws recognizing and supporting gay families. These gains have been made even as prospects at the federal level have darkened considerably.

Justice O'Connor did not personally push for these advances, of course. But her general approach has protected a balance of state and federal power that makes them possible.

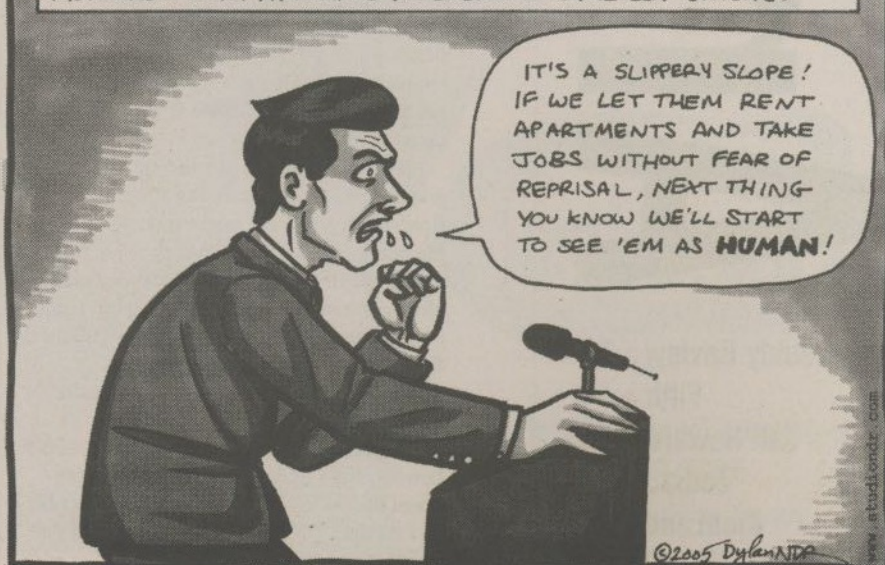
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IN AN UNSURPRISING FIT OF OVER-REACTION, OPPONENTS OF GAY MARRIAGE HAVE BEGUN CONPLATING ALL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION MEASURES WITH ATTEMPTS TO LEGALIZE SAME-SEX UNIONS:



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**R**uPaul has led many lives. There was RuPaul Andre Charles, the cherub-faced little boy born in San Diego in 1960.

Then there was the single-named RuPaul, the Atlanta-based drag diva who was a hit in the underground gay scene of the 1980s. That Ru then rose to national prominence in 1992 with the release of the single "Supermodel."

As the song and video climbed the charts, overnight RuPaul became the most visible openly-gay drag performer in history.

And now, there's RuPaul the action figure — call her RuDoll. And it all comes on the cusp of her comeback. (More on that later.)

"I love the doll," RuPaul says by phone from New York. He appreciates that the collectible figurine, which has been a hit in pre-sale orders, accurately depicts his unique stature as an icon of the transgender community. Take, as an example, its size: Ru stands 6-feet-4, so of course her doll towers over Barbie — 13 inches, a full two inches taller than most fashion dolls.

This is not the first time Ru had the opportunity to be immortalized in polyvinyl chloride.

"I was offered a doll deal years and years ago, but I didn't like the company," he says. "So when Integrity Toys offered me this deal, it sat on the desk for a couple of months before I took them seriously. They sent over a prototype and it blew me away. I thought, 'Wow, this is more than just some doll manufacturer overseas making a product for mass consumptions. This is really something special.'"

The result actually blows him away. "What they ended up with was far more interesting than what I could have imagined. It's very provocative — I knew they were on point when I looked at the doll and it looked like my sister Renetta."

His sister? Not himself in full drag? Believe it or not, RuPaul says he fell into cross-dressing by accident.

"I've never even gotten used to it. In my gut, I don't see it as me but as someone else," he says. "I don't live in drag, I don't have pictures of myself around the house in drag."

He explains that, in part, that's an issue of vanity — and a desire to get away from youth-obsessed gay culture that he calls a double-edged sword.

"I've always felt outside of it; it's a time bomb waiting to go off. This body is not who we really are — it's a temporary thing, and to get attached to it will cause you lots of discomfort in this life," he says.

If it sounds like you like the ultimate glamazon has had an awakening of sorts, you're right. In fact, RuPaul has been largely out of the public eye for several years; aside from one single in 2001, he hasn't released an album or a record since 1997, and has made only occasional appearances on TV and in films.

The exile was self-imposed — Ru simply needed a break.

"I realized I had been working to become famous. But I needed to work on my emotional life — my life as a human on this planet. I thought, 'Well, Dorothy, you've hit Oz — what now?'" he says.

## The bitch is back

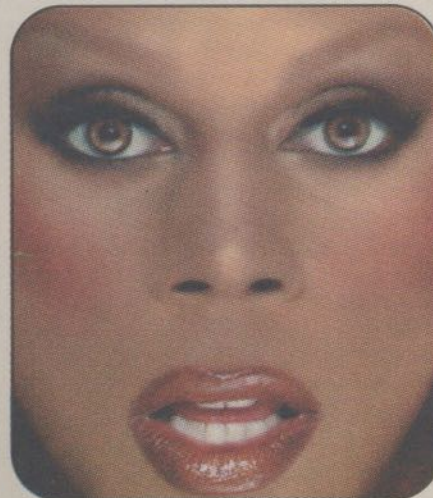
A new doll, a new single and a new outlook — meet RuPaul, version 3.0  
By Arnold Wayne Jones



RuPaul doll

He did do work that came his way, me but didn't generate work himself, like making records or mounting shows. So what filled his time?

"I had barbecues," Ru says. "I got to know my nieces and nephews and myself. The goal of being famous was that of a kid — I wasn't a kid anymore and I'd achieved that goal. It was time to sit a few dances out."



But last year, RuPaul's creativity — and sense of social justice — compelled him to put an end to the seclusion.

"As I've gotten older, my intuitive power has gotten better. I just knew it was time to come back to work," he explains. "I love music and I had something to say. Politically, the climate has become so crazy. While I was

barbecuing, the word liberal became a bad word. I said, 'Wait a minute.'" He shouts for emphasis: "Wait! A! Minute!"

That took him back to the recording studio, and resulted in the 2004 album *RuPaul Red Hot*. "Looking Good, Feeling Gorgeous," the current video and single, brings Ru back into the limelight. And, he hopes, as a role model for other young men and women who may be intimidated by the conservative sameness of the day's culture.

"I wanted to be an example of the other way to live life — another voice, a colorful voice," he says. "I sure had it — Cher, David Bowie, Grace Jones. So many artists inspired me to let me know I could do whatever I want."

For now RuPaul is content to do his part to spread the gospel of dancing to a beat of a different drummer and living a happy life.

As for RuDoll, will she find happiness sharing the shelf with the anatomically-complete Billy Doll and his boyfriend Carlos? Or is she looking to drive a wedge between them?

"Billy is just into other guys, he's not a tranny-cruiser," Ru says, then pauses. "But Ken, I might have a chance with. He's into domineering female types."

Come to think of it, Ken and Barbie *did* split up earlier this year. Maybe RuDoll was the other woman. We might never know for sure, though — nobody's talkin'.

The RuPaul doll goes on sale this month across the country and retails for about \$60.

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## Friday, July 8

### AUSTIN

**Appointment with Death**, by Agatha Christie. Presented by Different Stages through July 16. Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. 512-478-5282. Main.org/diffstages.

**DJ Jason Jenkins**, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Artist John Paul Wilhelm** exhibits at two locations, through July 10. Dallas Public Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Rd; and Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Rd. Sevengames@hotmail.com

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers** open mixer, 6 p.m. Bill's Hideaway, 4144 Buena Vista St. DFPrimeTimers@comcast.net.

**Dance Exchange: A Choreographer's Showcase**, through July 9. Presented by Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth. 8 p.m. Free admission. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Grand Lobby, 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.

**High Tech Happy Hour**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monica's Acà Y Ala, 2914 Main St. 214-522-3331. Monicas.com.

**Ladies in Lavender**, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern through July 10. 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. \$5.50-\$7.50. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

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

**Missy Elliott CD release party**, and Shea's Pink Party. The Brick, 4117 Maple Ave. 214-521-2024.

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

### HOUSTON

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

**Imperial Summer Soiree**, presented by Imperial Court of Houston, Inc. — The Space City Empire. 8 p.m. Benefits Colt 45's, AIDS Foundation Houston Camp Hope program and the Lexy Bowen Community Fund. Magnolia Ballroom, 715 Franklin. 713-864-3778. Seandcarter@sbcglobal.net.

## Saturday, July 9

### AUSTIN

**DJ Jason Jenkins**, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

**QueerWaves with Taylor Cage**, a weekly showcase of queer music and musicians on 91.7FM KOOP. 4:30 p.m. Koop.org. 512-472-5667.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Conspicuous Production: The First Two Years of the UTD/SouthSide Artist Residency**, on exhibit through Aug. 1. McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1212. The-mac.

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Coffee**. 10 a.m. Crossroad's Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Rd. DFPrimeTimers@comcast.net.

**Robert Bechtie: A Retrospective**, through Aug. 28. \$4-\$6. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

**Summer barbecue**. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Ave. 214-821-1990.

### HOUSTON

**After Hours**, pre-dawn GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

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

**DJ Jimmy Skinner**. South Beach, 810 Pacific Ave. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

**Montrose Soccer Club practice**. 10:30 a.m. Woodrow Wilson School, Fairview and Windsor. Montrosesoccer.org.

**Olivia Night: Tennis match with Martina Navratilova and Tommy Haas**, preceded by a reception with Martina. Houston Wranglers vs. Boston Lobsters, 7 p.m. Westside Tennis Club, 1200 Wilcrest. HoustonWranglers.net. www.Olivia.com/match/wtt.cfm.



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**Back to Basics: A Big, Gay, Summer-long Party** for men and women. With swimsuit and tan line contest with cash prizes. Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

**Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde**, through July 17. Fridays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. \$12-\$20. San Pedro Playhouse's Cellar Theater, W. Ashby Place at San Pedro Park. 210-733-7258.

**Single Lesbian Mothers**. 12-1:30 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro. 210-225-7330. 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, July 10

### AUSTIN

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

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

**Summertime Road Trip** features premiere female impersonators. Presented by La Cage: Vegas in Austin. 8:30 p.m. \$5. Benefits ALLGO. Silver Spur Saloon, 113 San Jacinto. 512-457-8010. TheSilverSpurSaloon.com.

**Sunday Super Show** hosted by Jame Perry. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers general meeting**. 3 p.m. John Thomas Community Center, 2701 Reagan.

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

**Donna Summer concert ticket giveaway**. Throckmorton Mining Company, 3014 Throckmorton. 214-559-0650. Partyattheblock.com.

**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.

**Summer barbecue**. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Ave. 214-821-1990.

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**HATCH youth group**. 6-9 p.m. Call for location. 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.

**Michael's Variety Show**. 8 p.m. 1419 Richmond Ave. 713-520-8446.

**Montrose Men's Alcoholics Anonymous**. 7 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, rear parking lot entrance.

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

**PFLAG HATCH Scholarship Awards**. 2-4:30 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main St. 713-46P-3524.

**Queer as Folk and karaoke**. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

**Social Sundays Party On The Patio** with buffet and drink specials. 6 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. 281-701-8931. Clubbartini.com.

**Summer barbecue**. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2205 Fannin St. 713-659-4998.

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

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**Queer as Folk**. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

**Super Sunday Show**. Midnight. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

## Monday, July 11

### AUSTIN

**Leanne Kolnick**, a UT alumna, seeks gay men for a focus group regarding volunteerism. 6-7:30 p.m. Interfaith Care Alliance, 7215 Cameron Rd. 512-459-5883. Leanne@interfaithcarealliance.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**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.

### HOUSTON

**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.

**Lesbianas Latinas L2 Night** with free pool, drink specials, and \$250 cash and prizes in a piñata. 9 p.m. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amaoniaclub.com.

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

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

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**Shady Lady** hosts Talent Night. 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, July 12

### AUSTIN

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

**hole**, a world premiere, presented by Ethos, Tuesdays through Aug. 2. 8:30 p.m. \$10-\$25. The Yard at The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. 512-478-5282. Vortexrep.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Prime Diner**. 6:30 p.m. Rockfish Seafood Grill, Mockingbird Station. 972-504-8866.

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

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

### HOUSTON

**Academia del Amor**, a Jesse Love production, with DJ William Fuentes. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885.

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

**Queer as Folk**. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

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

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

### SAN ANTONIO

**Amateur Talent Night**. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-sabx.com.

**Layla Larue's Male Strip-off** with \$100 in prizes. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

## Wednesday, July 13

### AUSTIN

**I've Got Something to Say!** open mic. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside Dr. Sidekicksaustintx.com.

**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 Ivana Tramp and Lindsay Adams and drink specials. Throckmorton Mining Company, 3014 Throckmorton. 3014 Throckmorton. Caven.com.

### HOUSTON

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

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

**GLOBO**. 7 p.m. Resurrection MCC 2025 W. 11th St. 713-710-0268. Globo.org.

**Karaoke**. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

**Karaoke**, with \$1.50 well drinks. 7 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

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

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

### SAN ANTONIO

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

**Free HIV Testing** with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 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, July 14

### AUSTIN

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

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

### HOUSTON

**Ibiza Night** with DJ Nacho. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amaoniaclub.com.

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

**Latino and House music**, with S2 wells and domestics. Amazonia: Amazonia.com

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

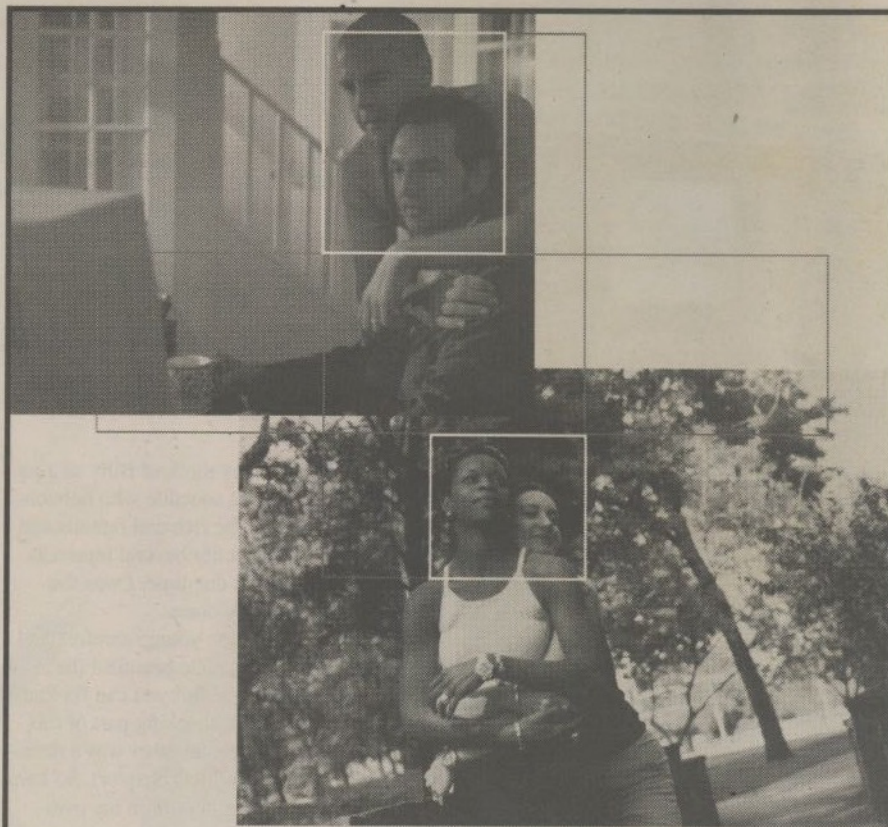
**Talent Night** with host, Cookie La Cook. 10 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

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

**San Antonio Gender Association**, 6-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Pammartin.pam@gmail.com.

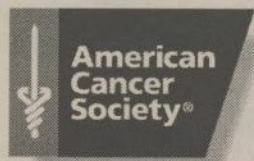
**Women's Support Group** discusses relationship issues, facilitated by Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.



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By Billy Masters

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## It's Lesley Gore's party, she'll come out when she wants to

**Y**ou may think of Billy as a jet-setting socialite who hobnobs with the rich and famous and lives a life beyond reproach. But at one time, I was the other woman.

I was young, carefree and reckless. And he was quite beautiful (he could have used a chin, but you can fix that these days). The most shocking part of this story is that his significant other was a member of the Gay Mafia (local chapter). So I was most definitely taking my life in my own hands.

Yes, I was a regular **Judith Exner**. Looking back, maybe I was just naive. But I thought nothing of the fact that when I asked, "Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?" — it was really a gun! Everything had to be hush-hush. I couldn't believe that this stunning boy (whose lover was a gay version of Don Corleone) was willing to risk his life to play with me. But in all probability, he was willing to risk *my* life.

What prompted this story? I was thinking about hookers (I should have told you about the blind guy who'd give me cash every time we had sex, but I'll save that for another time). And I was thinking about hookers because I just heard that **Rupert Everett** is writing his autobiography.

You do know that he was a high-priced hooker, right? Why are all these guys "high-priced" hookers? You never hear about "bargain-basement" hookers. Or "reduced-for-quick-sale" hookers. Or the "two-for-one" hookers. Nope — Rupert was high-priced (and probably high-maintenance).

He's already written a fictionalized account of his life in the novel *Hello, Darling, Are You Working?*, which I must confess I had enormous trouble getting through the two times I tried. Let's hope his memoir is more user-friendly — like its author.

From hookers to Rupert and now to vampires. Our very own **Hugh Panaro** is the frontrunner to play the lead in the new musical *Lestat*, written by **Elton John** and based on the **Anne Rice** novels. The thought of hunky Hugh running around shirtless and biting guys on the neck while singing is just too tantalizing for words. The Broadway-bound musical debuts in San Francisco next spring.

The closer we get to the release of *Brokeback Mountain*, the louder the critics grow about stars **Jake Gyllenhaal** and **Heath Ledger**. I've already reported that although Heath does his own nude scenes (and we



Everett

have the full-frontal shots to prove it), Jake opted for a stunt double.

Now comes what Jake probably thought was a nice shirtless photo of him at the beach, but it has caused quite a stir on the Web. Why? Because the hot and buff Jake is walking around in a pair of shorts that leave little to the imagination — especially to the imagination of the Filth2Go members. You'll have to check it out for yourself.

You know how I love my old actresses, and **Shirley Jones** is near the top of that list. She's a TV icon, an Academy Award winner and a Broadway star. She's like the trifecta of has-beens.

Imagine my happiness/surprise/horror when I learned that good ol' Shirl will be appearing in a production of *Carousel* in a suburb of Boston — not even Boston proper! The Reagle Players of Waltham, Mass., will present the 60th anniversary production of the musical July 14 – July 23 with Mrs. Partridge playing Nettie Fowler. To put this into perspective, that show is followed by *The Sound of Music* with **John Davidson**!

I always knew **Lesley Gore** was a lesbian, but apparently it wasn't something she ever acknowledged publicly — until now. The delightful folks at AfterEllen.com (I have to be nice to them because they're mad at me) just conducted an interview with the iconic singer related to her new CD, *Ever Since*. In the course of the chat, Les talks matter-of-factly about her same-sex partner of 23 years.

When asked why she didn't come out sooner, Gore says, "I just never found it necessary because I really never kept my life private. Those who knew me, those who worked with me were well aware."

This week, Kirk in Houston writes to "Ask Billy" about one of my favorite

people: "You were a hoot hosting the Bad Boys Pool Party. And you are absolutely right — **Paul Lekakis** was even more gorgeous than I remembered. Has he ever done porn? He sure looks like he should."

I'm the funny one and Paul is the one who should do porn — not the other way around. Be that as it may, Paul has never appeared in a porn video (but I have). He has, however, done his share of nude modeling. In the '80s, Paul appeared in a *Playgirl* pictorial as a sexy, nude, vampire (note how we've tied this whole column together).

A series of more recent photos has surfaced with Paul naked in and around a pool. I have no idea where these photos originated or if they were published. You'd think I'd just pick up the phone and ask Paul, but the important thing is that every inch of LeCock can be seen on Filth2Go.com.

By the way, Paul just wrote and directed his first film, a short called *Don't Tell — Don't Ask*. He's a clever one, that Lekakis! Not surprisingly, Paul also stars in the film, alongside **Dan Renzi** (*Real World: Miami*). The premiere of the flick takes place at Outfest, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

When I can deliver gossip and a gay short film, it's definitely time to end yet another column. The summer is in full swing, but even amid the boys, the beach and the burnt skin, I still can answer your letters. Just drop a note to [Billy@filth2go.com](mailto:Billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you before Rupert goes back to hooking!

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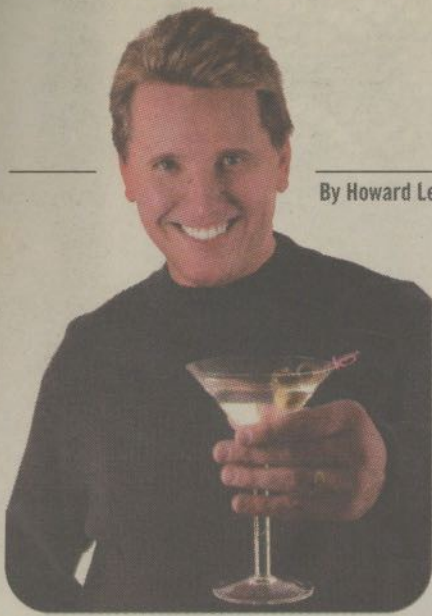


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# AskHoward

How to do the wrong thing right

By Howard Lewis Russell



## Don't be intimidated by exotic foliage

Dear Howard,

A friend of mine recently gave me, of all things, a live orchid for my birthday. It's very pretty, with big frilly lavender flowers, like a grandmother's corsage. But, honestly, I don't know what he was thinking. My thumb is blacker than the Grim Reaper's. I could kill a cactus. Howie, the orchid isn't even planted in dirt — the damn thing is in a pot of tree bark and pellets. I don't want to throw it out, but I hate to just watch it die in slow agony.

Why did he do this to me?

### *The Chlorophyll Exorcist*

Relax. Contrary to what you've heard, caring for an orchid is so easy it's sinful. Once a week, simply dunk the pot in a sink full of water, then let it drain. That's it. Ideally, keep the orchid near a window, but not necessarily in direct sunlight. Yearly, you will be rewarded with blooms that last up to two months. Whatever you do, don't throw your birthday orchid out. Your friend obviously thinks a lot of you to bestow such an expensive gift. Return the sentiment by giving it minimal care — that's all it requires. (Oh, and it's Howard, not Howie.)

Dear Howard,

I lost my gay brother in a motorcycle accident last year. He was coming home from a bar and it was raining, but I've always suspected there was more to it than him just being intoxicated and losing control. That's what the police report said and the autopsy affirmed it. But I have a nagging suspicion it was a hate crime. Howard, I think he was forced off the road. Is this worth pursuing?

Ben

I'm not the one to ask, but I would think

the alcohol in his blood would make your case difficult at best. Consult a lawyer, Ben, and good luck to you.

Dear Howard,

Recently, I met a guy at the gym who's appealing. He's kinda the original counterculture type — lots of tattoos, a face that would scare a child, starkly handsome, uni-browish black hair, pale blue eyes. I don't know if he's gay or not. He's basically the loner type, but very friendly and really sweet. His name is Josh. (Short for Joshua?) He has nice hairy legs and arms — yum-meee! He's the type I would even consider being the woman for.

Whenever I see or meet someone who registers on my Interest Meter (which is not very often), if I think they're gay, I also have to wonder if they're HIV-positive. Do you think it's self-centered and selfish to hope someone with potential is poz, Howard? Even with all the miracle meds today, I wouldn't wish that on anyone — even if I would like them to be my next husband forever. Love the column, by the way.

Rick

You're not making this easy for me, Rick. I'm assuming the unmentioned here is that

you're positive, and that you're asking me if I think it's okay for a positive man to have fantasies about a man he has seen at the gym whom he knows nothing about? (In any case, this is what I'm running with.) Absolutely, I think it's fine. All fantasies are fine. But in this case, from what you've told me, I would leave it there and not pursue him further.

Dear Howard,

My partner and I just moved into a new house. A brass band marches through our attic every night, sometimes for hours. Do we have poltergeists?

Candy Man

It depends really, Candy. If the band is playing a cheerful, but eerie, version of a John Phillip Sousa song, then it's poltergeists. If it's a brass band version of Jagger's *Sister Morphine*, then y'all need to lay off the recreational drugs.

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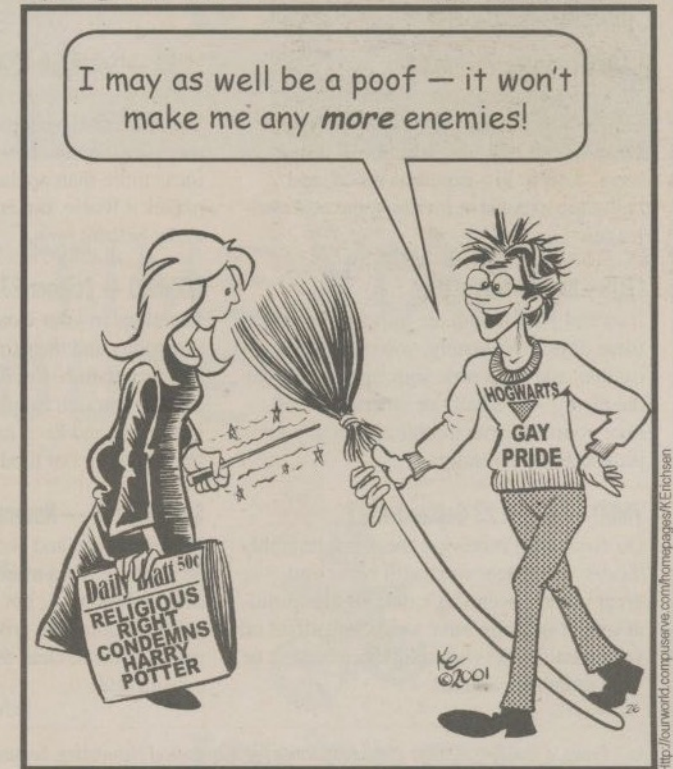
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## Cancer

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### CANCER — June 21-July 22

Reconsider the concept of "family fun," although first you may have to reconsider the entire concept of "family" — be careful there. You're in a generous mood, and being too expansive invites some odd challenges.

### LEO — July 23-August 22

You and your mouth are quite provocative these days! Fortunately, you can handle any trouble, and right now your mouth can handle plenty — verbally or otherwise. Still, save yourself some trouble and pick your provocations carefully.

### VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Do something involving the arts, preferably theater. Volunteer work will bring you great wealth, even if it's only of the spiritual sort. It will also have a catalytic effect on your relationship with a significant other or your search for a mate.

### LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Express, explore and review your personal goals. Realistic efforts toward attaining them need revision — this is a time for ideas more than application. Stressing out makes it worse, but acupuncture is especially helpful now.

### SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Skeletons in your closet could prove to be illustrious and therefore not detrimental to your reputation. Creativity and humor will get you through rough spots. Be ready to improvise and keep smiling — or better yet, laughing out loud.

### SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Novel notions and social opportunities can be a refuge from trouble at home and may offer solutions — but not without stirring up those domestic problems. A brief summer storm can clear the air. Be fearless but considerate.

### CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Your wit is subtle and often underestimated. It will erupt now in surprising ways, perhaps backfiring on you. Trying to remain silent will only invite greater trouble. Think ahead (quickly but carefully) before speaking!

### AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

You'll be riding a roller coaster of financial upsets for a few additional years. Inspiration, likely from a religious source, and suggestions from your partner or a close associate offer some clues for getting through this phase.

### PISCES — February 19-March 19

Seemingly harmless flirtations at the workplace can easily get way out of hand. If you want to practice new erotic techniques, this is the time — but that ain't the place! Someone you exercise with or you see at the union hall is a better bet.

### ARIES — March 20-April 19

Be careful with your flirtations — what seems like playful banter to you can open up some dangerous undercurrents. You could meet the true love of your dreams, or find yourself in bed with an awful nightmare.

### TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Take a few festive home-baked treats to work, and your co-workers will all be singing your praises. Well, almost all. Take some fruit and crudites for the dieters and vegans so they can't get resentful — not overtly, anyway.

### GEMINI — May 21-June 20

That playful mouth of yours is going to get you into a lot of trouble and earn you a wicked reputation. Thank heaven there are venues where that's a good thing! Just be very careful to be on your best behavior at work.

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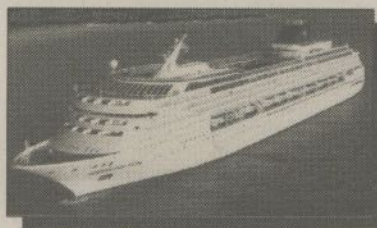
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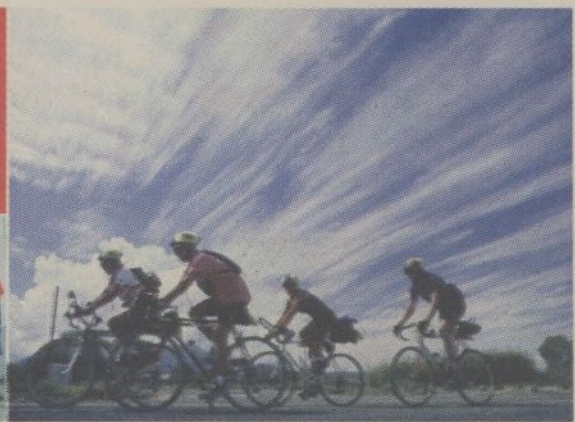
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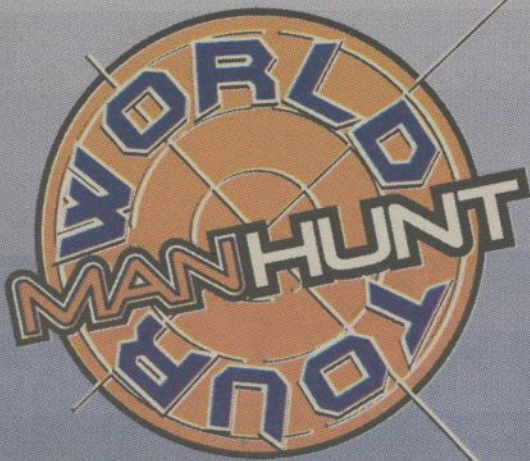
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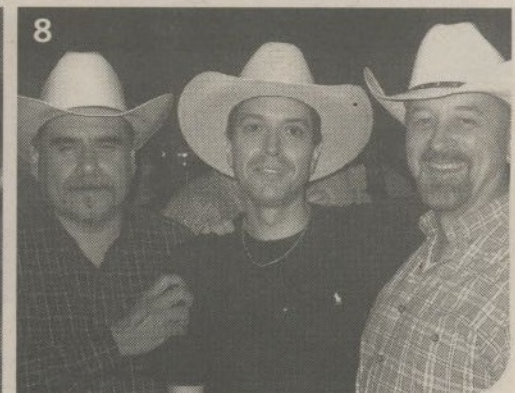
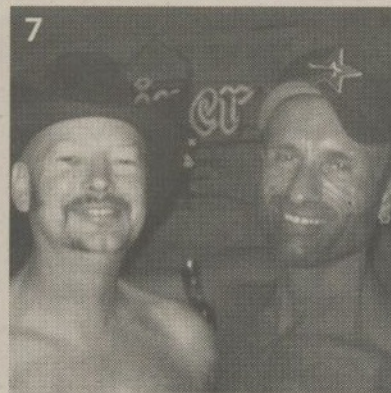
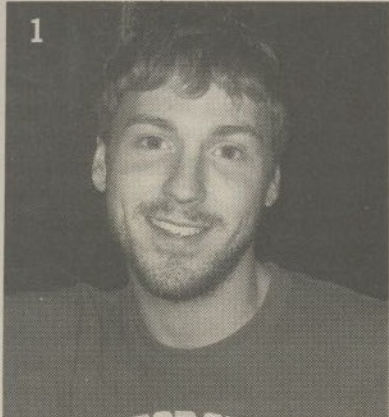


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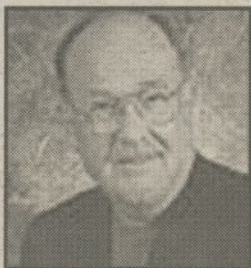
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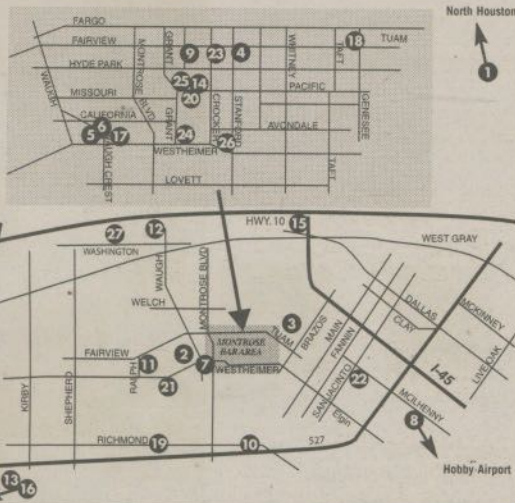
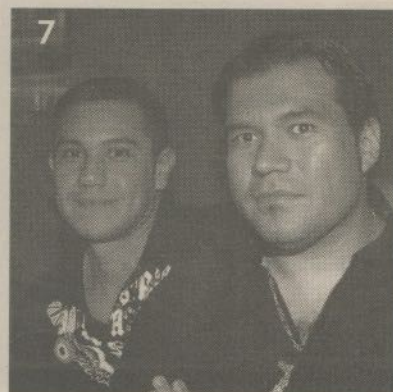
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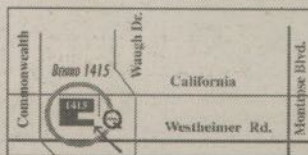
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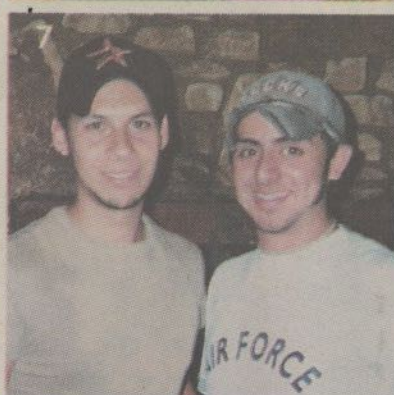
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Uuplano.org  
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214-521-5342 Bethelbinah.org  
Crossroads Community Church  
972-669-5777  
Dignity/Dallas (Catholic)  
214-521-5342

## spiritual

**DALLAS**  
Disciples of Christ  
214-946-2184  
Faith Community Church  
972-530-3900  
First Unitarian Church of Dallas  
214-528-3990, Dallasuu.org  
MCC of Greater Dallas  
888-212-4763  
MCCGreaterDallas.org  
Sanctuary of Love  
214-520-2260  
White Rock Community Church  
214-320-0043  
Whiterockchurch.org

**FORT WORTH**  
Agape Metropolitan Community Church  
817-535-5002  
Agapemcc.com  
Jubilee Fellowship  
214-520-3223  
JubileeTX.org

**HOUSTON**  
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church  
713-526-1017  
Beringomega.org  
Community Gospel Church  
713-880-9235  
Communitygospel.org  
Congregation Beth Israel  
713-771-6221  
Congregation Mishpachah Alizim  
866-841-9139  
Mishpachah@onebox.com  
Covenant Church  
713-688-8830  
Covenanthouston.org  
Dignity/Houston  
713-880-2872  
Dignityhouston.org  
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston  
713-526-5200  
Firstuu.org  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
713-528-3269  
Office@gracelutheran-houston.org  
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan  
Community Church  
713-528-6756  
New Covenant Christian Church  
713-984-5806  
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist  
Church of The Woodlands  
281-298-2780  
Northwoodsuu.org  
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
713-861-9149  
Resurrectionmcc.org  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
713-528-6665  
Ststephenshouston.org

**SAN ANTONIO**  
Abundant Grace in Christ Jesus  
210-445-5156  
Dignity/San Antonio, St. Ann's Church  
210-340-2230  
First Unitarian Universalist Church  
210-344-4695  
LGBT Interweave  
210-344-4695  
MCC San Antonio  
210-472-3597, Mccsa.org  
River City Living Church  
210-822-1121  
Rclc@rivercitylivingchurch.org  
Travis Park United Methodist Church  
Travispark.org

## sports

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

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

## sports

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

**HOUSTON**  
FrontRunners  
713-522-0899  
Home.swbell.net/arathon/houfr.htm  
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club  
832-741-7125  
Houstonrugby.org  
Houston Invitational Tournament  
Texasinvite.com  
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club  
Roughnecksrugby.org  
Houston Women's Softball League  
713-502-5799  
Lone Star Volleyball Association  
713-717-5782 LSWA.org  
Montrose Soccer Club  
Montrosesoccer.org  
Montrose Softball League  
713-867-3913  
Montrosesoftballleague.com  
OutSkate Roller Skate Club  
281-933-5818  
Dobie367@aol.com  
Texas Gay Rodeo Association  
713-523-7663 Tgra.org

## support

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

**DALLAS**  
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard  
214-528-0622  
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network  
972-669-5777 Glisdallas.org  
Lambda AA  
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699  
Lambda Group of Al-Anon  
214-363-0461  
Dallasal-anon.org  
PFLAG Dallas  
214-233-0977 Pflagdallas.org  
Positively Young  
972-283-0468  
Pride Institute  
817-404-2205 Prideinstitute.com  
Purple Light Trans Support  
Goldleopard.com/purple  
Resource Center of Dallas  
214-528-0144  
Resourcecenterdallas.org  
Youth First Texas  
214-879-0400  
Youthfirsttexas.com

**HOUSTON**  
Bering Support Network  
713-526-1017 Beringumc.org  
Community Awareness for  
Transgender Support  
281-624-7056  
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation  
713-528-1748  
Donaldrwatkins.org  
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston  
713-529-3211  
Gayswitchboardhouston.org  
Hollyfield Foundation  
713-523-6900  
Hollyfield.org  
Kolbe Project  
713-861-1800  
Kolbeproject.org  
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous  
713-521-1243  
Lambdahouston.org  
Montrose Counseling Center  
713-529-0037  
Montrosecounselingcenter.org  
PFLAG Houston  
713-467-3524  
Pflaghouston.org

**SAN ANTONIO**  
Club Poz San Antonio  
210-341-0133  
ClubPozSAT@aol.com  
Diversity Center Spectrum  
210-223-6106 Info@gccsa.org  
Diversity Center Transgender Support Group  
210-223-6106  
Christielee@gccsa.org  
PFLAG San Antonio  
210-655-2383  
Pflagсанantonio@webtv.net

# commerce

## accommodations

### AUSTIN

A Summit House Bed & Breakfast — 1204 Summit, 512-445-5304, [SummitHome.texas.net](http://SummitHome.texas.net)  
Pine Canyon Bed & Breakfast Spa — 358 Pine Canyon Dr., 512-302-0185.

### DALLAS

Hotel Za Za — 2332 Leonard St., 214-468-8399, [HotelZaZa.com](http://HotelZaZa.com).  
The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, [Melrosehoteldallas.com](http://Melrosehoteldallas.com).

### HOUSTON

Gar-Den Suites — 2702 Crocker St. 800-484-1036 (code 2669).  
Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy., 713-523-8448.  
Kilworth Manor — 109 Stratford, 713-520-5526, [kilworthmanor.com](http://kilworthmanor.com).  
The Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd., 713-522-5224, 1-800-779-5224.  
Montrose Inn — 408 Avondale, 713-520-0206, 800-357-1228.

### SAN ANTONIO

Arbor House B+B — 109 Arciniega, 210-472-2005.  
Christmas House Bed & Breakfast — 2307 McCullough, 1-800-268-4187.  
The Painted Lady Inn — 620 Broadway, 210-220-1092, [thepaintedlady.com](http://thepaintedlady.com).

## attorneys

### AUSTIN

John Butler — 816 Congress Ave., #1100, 512-472-3887, [johnbutler.com](http://johnbutler.com).  
Susan J. Dasher — 1107 Nueces, 512-478-0834.  
Bruce S. Fox — 404 West 13th Street, 512-444-4FOX, [brucefox.com](http://brucefox.com).  
Martha Pitkin — 11782 Jollyville Rd., 512-219-4022.  
Willie and Dasher — 1107 Nueces, 512-478-0834.

### DALLAS

Birdwell & Associates — Jerry Birdwell, Tim Menchu, 214-357-3311.  
English & Associates — 1201 Main St., 214-528-4300.  
Frankel Douglas — 214-353-8033 [dougfrankel.com](http://dougfrankel.com).  
Stewart Charles — 3500 Oak Lawn, 214-521-3804.

### HOUSTON

Peggy S. Bittick — 281-485-3500.  
Calvin "CJ" Braun — 8100 Washington Ave., 713-880-3366.  
Nechman, Simoneaux and Frye, PLLC — 713-227-1717, [nslaw.us](http://nslaw.us).  
Simon & Associates — 401 Studewood, 713-524-6000.  
Walker & Patterson, PC — 4815 Dacoma, 713-956-5577.  
Weisblatt & Associates — 2 Riverwat, 713-552-0686, [weisblattlaw.com](http://weisblattlaw.com).

### SAN ANTONIO

Barry L. Efron — 10010 San Pedro Ave., 210-366-9676.  
Carol Bertsch — 1919 San Pedro Ave., 210-735-9911.  
Michael W. White — 3737 Broadway, 210-821-5283.  
Neil A. Calfas — 540 S. St. Mary's Street, 210-212-6969.  
Pearsall Legal Services, PLLC — 11103 San Pedro, 210-340-8290.

## automotive

### AUSTIN

Austin Subaru — 200 West Huntland, 512-454-9489.  
Charles Maund Volkswagen — 8400 Research, 1-800-440-1999, [maund.com](http://maund.com).  
David McDavid Acura — 13553 Research Blvd., 512-335-5555.  
First Texas Honda — 1301 W. Koenig Lane, 512-381-1333, [firsttexasahonda.com](http://firsttexasahonda.com).  
Gillman Subaru — 6809 South I-35, 512-444-6044.  
Suzuki-Isuzu of Austin — (Jules Gollins) 4738 S. IH 35, 512-583-4000.

### DALLAS

Advantage Auto Lease — (Marty Mallinton) 400 Chisholm Pl., Ste. 100, 972-423-0723.

## entertainment, gen.

### HOUSTON

Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, [landmarktheatres.com](http://landmarktheatres.com).  
After Hours — 713-526KPFT, [www.kpft.org](http://www.kpft.org).  
Saturday midnight - Sunday 4am  
Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.  
Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, [houstonsymphony.org](http://houstonsymphony.org).  
River Oaks Theatre — 2009 West Grey, 713-528-4608, [landmarktheatres.com](http://landmarktheatres.com).  
Theatre Under The Stars — 713-558-8887, [tuts.com](http://tuts.com).

### SAN ANTONIO

Awesome Tickets — 120 Broadway, 210-226-5136.  
Encore Video — 1031 North East Loop 410, 210-821-5345.  
Majestic Theatre — 210-224-9600.

## health care

### AUSTIN

38th Street Pharmacy — 711 West 38th Street, C-3, 512-458-3784.  
Dr. Jeanne Galloway, ND — 512-695-2342 4104 Medical Pkwy, #113.  
Jay M. Erwin-Grotsky, LMSW-ACP — 512-451-7222.  
Michael Escobedo, M.D. — 512-347-9794, [lazsmooth.com](http://lazsmooth.com).  
Michael F. Lessner, DDS — 2907 Duval Street near UT Campus, 512-472-5633.  
Silva Psychiatric Care — 3101 Bee Cave Rd., #310, 512-327-3810, [silvapsych.com](http://silvapsych.com).  
Waterloo Counseling Center — 3000 South I-35, 512-444-9922.  
Woods Chiropractic — 6104 South 1st Street, Suite 105, 512-442-9595.

### DALLAS

Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery — 3317 McKinney, 972-774-1777.  
ADVANCED Skin Fitness — 3601 Routh St., SOTA Bldg., 214-521-5277.  
Alan Maedgen, D.D.S. — 3838 Oak Lawn #177, 214-559-7266.  
Carole Ann Boyd, D.D.S. — 4514 Cole, Ste. 905, 214-521-6261, [drboyd.net](http://drboyd.net).  
David Brand, M.D. — 801 N. Zang Blvd., 214-941-4000.  
Dr. Mark Hayes — 3100 MacArthur, 972-258-6400, [www.tylock.com](http://www.tylock.com).  
Pride Institute — 817-404-2205 [Pride-institute.com](http://Pride-institute.com).  
Southwest Infectious Disease Associates — 3801 Gaston, Ste. 300, 214-828-4702.  
StatScript — 3818 Cedar Springs, 214-522-4006.  
Stonewall Behavioral Health, Inc. — 3626 N. Hall, 723, 214-521-1278, 1-888-828-TALK.  
Eugene Tseng, D.D.S. — 3003 Carlisle, Ste. 106, 214-855-0789.  
Uptown Psychotherapy — 4144 N. Central Expwy, Ste. 520, 214-824-2009.  
Uptown Vision — 2504 Cedar Springs at Fairmount, 214-953-EYES.

### HOUSTON

Chimney Rock Chiropractic - (Art Keller, DC) 3033 Chimney Rock, 713-781-3344.  
Greenbriar Health — Patrick McNamara, MD, 4101 Greenbriar, 713-524-4837.  
Holmes Chiropractic — (Randall Holmes, DC) 1235 N. Loop W., 713-862-2440.  
Houston Department of Health & Human Services - 8000 N Stadium 713-794-9092.  
Montrose Clinic — 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000.  
Montrose Counseling Center - 701 Richmond, 713-529-0037.  
Skin Renaissance Laser Center — 106 Westheimer, 713-942-SKIN.  
Bruce W. Smith, D.D.S. — 1006 Missouri Street, 713-529-4364.  
Southwest Houston Women's Center - (Myrtle Gates, MD) — 4747 Bellaire, 713-779-6626.

### HOUSTON

STAT Home Health Care — 711 Hyde Park Bld. 713-520-9997, [www.stathomecare.com](http://www.stathomecare.com)  
Statscript Pharmacy — 3407 Montrose, 713-552-7373  
Tony Carroll Psychotherapy — 1006 Missouri St., 713-529-4364.

### SAN ANTONIO

Bromley Medical Group — 3202 San Pedro, 210-732-5100.  
CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, [casa-sa.com](http://casa-sa.com).  
Counseling Works — (Joan Wells, LPC) [mooreworks.net/cw](http://mooreworks.net/cw), 210-203-2057.  
FFACTS Clinic — 507 North Leona, 210-358-3710.  
Hill Country Psychotherapy Associates — 11118 Wurzbach Rd., 210-558-0409.

## insurance

### AUSTIN

Anthony Rogers, Ph.D. — Alamo Heights, 210-227-6815.  
Southtown Dental Group — 930 S. Alamo St., 210-227-0101  
Allstate — (Mike Ryals) 12174 N. Mopac Blvd., 512-490-0011.  
W. Chad Ballard — (Met Life Auto & Home) 8303 N. Mopac #A100, 512-795-1054.

### DALLAS

A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-1702.  
Allstate — (RJ Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2212.  
Allstate — (Peter Fisher) 5934 Royal Lane, Ste. 252, 214-361-9870.  
Steven Graves Insurance — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ste. 270, 214-599-0808.  
The Swartz Agency — (Farmers) 111 S. Story, Irving, 972-258-0922.

### HOUSTON

Allstate Insurance — 13231 Champion Forest Dr., 281-895-8181.  
Dale Englefield — (Farmers) 888-439-1700.  
Elijah Kabalka (Farmers) — 6575 W. Loop South., 713-661-7700.  
Rob Schmerler - 6575 W. Loop South, 713-661-7700, [schmerleragency.com](http://schmerleragency.com).

### SAN ANTONIO

Parker Insurance — (Progressive) 210-649-2111, 1-866-649-2111.

## real estate

### AUSTIN

Barnes Jennie — 512-917-4746, [moreland.com](http://moreland.com).  
Bollew Scott (Fresh Perspective Lending Team) — 512-328-2225, [freshperspectivelending.com](http://freshperspectivelending.com).  
Copper Eric — 512-350-3921, [EricCopper.com](http://EricCopper.com).  
Nelson Julie (Keller Williams) — 512-848-5881, [thenelsonproject.com](http://thenelsonproject.com).  
Presidio Group Realtors — (Ron Redder) 512-657-8674, [presidiogroup.com](http://presidiogroup.com).  
Re/Max Downtown — (George W. Hughes) 115 W. 8th St., 512-940-4894.  
Tebbetts Eric (2K Mortgage) — 2700 Bees Caves Rd. #120 — 512-306-1616, [2kmortgage.com](http://2kmortgage.com).

### DALLAS

Baird Stotle — (Dallas Intown) 214-265-5893, [dallasintown.com](http://dallasintown.com).  
Dream Home Realty — Ray Ortiz, 5151 Belt Line Rd. #610, 214-923-4818.  
Elder Deb — ABR, GRI, CRS, Broker (Abio) 3100 Carlisle Ste.104, 972-733-8845.  
Hewitt & Haggood — (Coldwell Banker) 214-752-7070.  
Master Realtors — 4235 Cedar Springs, 214-902-9999, [masterrealtors.com](http://masterrealtors.com).  
Morris & Moore — (Coldwell Banker) 972-588-8163.  
Shelter Mortgage — 2605 Routh, 214-365-0708.  
Surrealty — 3615 N. Hall 214-520-2020 [surrealtyhomes.com](http://surrealtyhomes.com).  
Virginia Cook Realtors — 2626 Cole, 214-292-0000, [virginiacook.com](http://virginiacook.com).

### HOUSTON

Tim Anthony — Realtor 713-528-7703.  
Coldwell Banker — (Rae Lynn White) 713-598-4097.  
Keller Williams — (John Buchanan) 832-969-4352.  
Partridge Properties (Todd Partridge) — 3230 Yoakum, 713-528-1184, [todddpartridge.com](http://todddpartridge.com).

### SAN ANTONIO

Amberstar Properties — 210-614-7818, [amberstarproperties.com](http://amberstarproperties.com).  
Timothy DeWein — (Keller Williams) 12500 San Pedro 210-842-8452, [dewein.com](http://dewein.com).  
King William Realty — 210-225-0009, [kingwrealty.com](http://kingwrealty.com).  
Rainbow Real Estate — (Nancy Russell) 210-860-6092, 1-888-GAY-MOVE.  
Hagan Retzlaff — 210-286-8032.  
Randy Rice — (Keller Williams) 210-844-0102, [randyrice.com](http://randyrice.com).

## restaurants

### AUSTIN

Brick Oven Restaurant — 1608 West 35th Street, 512-453-4330.  
Carmelo's Ristorante — 504 East 5th Street, 512-477-7497.

## restaurants

### AUSTIN

Frank & Angie's Pizzeria — 508 West Ave., 521-472-3534  
Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858  
Kerby Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, [kerbylane.cafe.com](http://kerbylane.cafe.com).  
Hickory Street Bar & Grill — 800 Congress Ave., 512-477-8968.  
Hut's Hamburgers — 807 West 6th Street, 512-472-0693

### DALLAS

Black-eyed Pea — 3857 Cedar Springs, 214-521-4580.  
Bronx — 3835 Cedar Springs, 214-521-5821.  
Buli Cafe — 3908 Cedar Springs, 214-528-5410.  
Busters Mexican Grill — 4001 Cedar Springs, 214-443-0999.  
Cafe Brazil — 2221 Abrams, 214-826-9522, 3847 Cedar Springs, 214-461-8762.  
Chan Thai — 312 W. 7th St., 214-948-9956.  
Hunky's — 4000 Cedar Springs, 214-522-1212.  
Marco Italian — 4000 Cedar Springs (facing Throckmorton), 214-526-3636.  
Monica Aca Y Alla — 2914 Main St., 214-748-7140.  
Tico Tico Diner — 2525 Wycliff @ Tollway, 214-443-0255, [ticotodiner.com](http://ticotodiner.com).  
Tillman's Corner — 324 W. 7th St., 214-942-0988.

### HOUSTON

Azteca's Bar & Grill — 2207 Richmond, [aztecasbarandgrill.com](http://aztecasbarandgrill.com).  
Baba Yega — 2607 Grant Street, 713-522-0042.  
Barnaby's Café - 604 Fairview, 713-522-0106.  
Berryhill — 3407 Montrose, 713-523-8226  
Carmello's Italiano — 14795 Memorial, 281-531-0696.  
Hollywood Book & Cafe — 2409 Grant, Ste. A, 713-523-8855  
Niko Niko — 2520 Montrose Blvd., 713-528-1308.  
Pang Tai's Stirfry Bistro — 10811 Westheimer, 713-975-7821.  
Pepper Tree Veggie Cuisine — 3821 Richmond, 713-621-9488, [peppertreeveggie.com](http://peppertreeveggie.com)  
Noche — 2409 Montrose at Hyde Park, 713-529-8559.  
Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse — 908 Congress at Travis, 713-226-7210.  
Ziggy's Healthy Grill — 2202 W. Alabama, 713-527-8588.

### SAN ANTONIO

Crumpets Restaurant — 3920 Harry Wurzbach, 210-821-5600  
El Milagrito Café — 521 E. Woodlawn Ave., at N. St. Mary's, 210-734-8964  
Madhatters Tea House & Café — 320 Beauregard, 210-212-4832  
Tong's Thai — 1146 Austin Hwy., 210-829-7345

## services

### AUSTIN

Apartment Experts — 512-633-6860  
Girl Meats Grill, Gourmet Personal Chef Service — 512-922-9887.  
Liberty Bank — 900 Congress Ave., 512-472-5433, [libertybanktexas.com](http://libertybanktexas.com).  
Q Avenue Web Production — 512-228-6751 [qavenue.net](http://qavenue.net).  
Rainbow Photo — 2913 West Anderson Lane, 521-453-4740.  
Velocity Credit Union — 512-469-7000, [velocitycu.com](http://velocitycu.com).

### DALLAS

Allen Ron, CPA — 3100 Carlisle, Ste. 108, 214-954-0042.  
Beaches Tanning — 2515 Inwood Rd. @ Maple, 214-654-9134.  
Creative Elements Salon — 4008 Cedar Springs, 214-252-0399.  
Dallas Voice — 4145 Travis, Third Floor, 1-866-977-8077 ext. 114.  
Expressive Arts — 507 Exposition, 214-468-9229, [expressivearts.com](http://expressivearts.com).  
Inwood National Bank — (Brian Walsh) 3848 Oak Lawn, 214-351-7322.  
Lambda Pages — 4145 Travis, Third Floor, 214-754-8710 ext. 114.  
Linked Viatical Benefits — 800-275-3090.  
Sir Speedy — 2625 Oak Lawn, 214-522-2679.  
UPS Store — 3818 Cedar Springs Rd, 10455 N. Central Expwy.  
UPS Store — 810 W. Arapaho, Suite 24B  
Zen Clipz — 3910 Cedar Springs 214-219-1400.

## services

### HOUSTON

Al's Formal Wear — 713-730-4889.  
Concierge Travel — 713-661-2117, 877-775-9616 [conciergetravel.cc](http://conciergetravel.cc).  
Copy Dot Com — 1201 Westheimer, 713-528-1201.  
Etheria Salon & Day Spa — 4444 Montrose Bd., 713-526-7751, [www.etheriasalon.com](http://www.etheriasalon.com)  
House of Coleman Printing - 901 West Alabama, 713-523-2521.  
Houston Gym — 1501 Durham, 713-880-9191, [houstongym.com](http://houstongym.com).  
Hubbard Financial Services — 2615 Montrose, 713-522-9000.  
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank — 712 Main Street, 713-216-4775, 1-800-235-8522.  
Julia A. Siska, CPA — 713-520-8099.  
...of Course! Catering — 1707 California St., 713-526-1800, [ofcourseonline.com](http://ofcourseonline.com).  
United Cab — 713-699-0000.  
Washington Mutual — 1-800-788-7000, [wamu.com](http://wamu.com).

### SAN ANTONIO

All County Plumbing — 210-509-0204, [allcountyplumbing.net](http://allcountyplumbing.net).  
Patricia A. Bauer, CPA — 13214 Huebner Rd., 210-345-1040.  
Leon Valley Veterinary Hospital — 6701 Banderita Rd., 210-681-1391.  
Pied Piper Pest Control — 3507 N. Sunbelt Dr., 210-826-2030, 1-800-395-2847.  
Tan Island — 18360 Blanco Rd., at Loop 11604, 210-499-4436.

## shops & stores

### AUSTIN

Audio Systems — 1102 W. Koenig, 512-451-5736.  
Cheapo Discs — 914 N. Lamar, 512-477-4499.  
Herb Bar — 200 West Mary, 512-444-6251, [theherbbar.com](http://theherbbar.com).  
Lobo Bookstore — 3204A Guadalupe, 512-454-5406.  
Tapelenders Video — 1114 West 5th, 512-472-0844.  
Texas Capitol City Antique Show — 214-826-2584.  
The Leather Furniture Co. — 9070 Research Blvd., 512-451-4321.  
Whole Earth Provision Co. — 512-476-1414, [wholeearthprovision.com](http://wholeearthprovision.com).

### DALLAS

An Occasional Piece — 3922 Cedar Springs, 214-520-0868.  
Crossroads Market — 3930 Cedar Springs, 214-521-8919.  
Dulce Interior Consignment — 291 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-220-3854.  
Jones Walker Furniture — 3317 McKinney Ave. #100 469-916-5500.  
Leather By Boots — 2525 Wycliff #124, 214-528-3865.  
Mark & Larry's Stuff — (Gallery/Retail Shop) 2614 Elm, 214-74-STUFF.  
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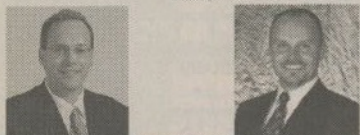
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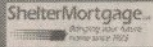


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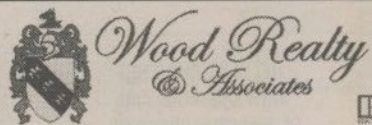
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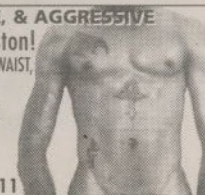
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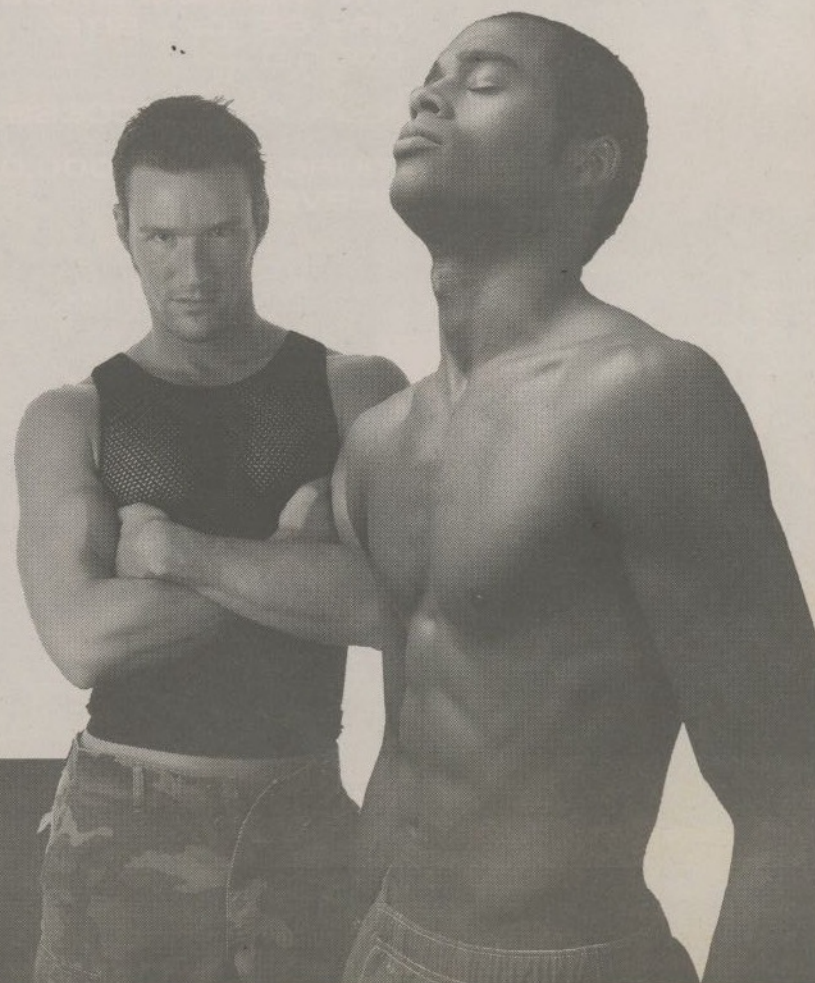
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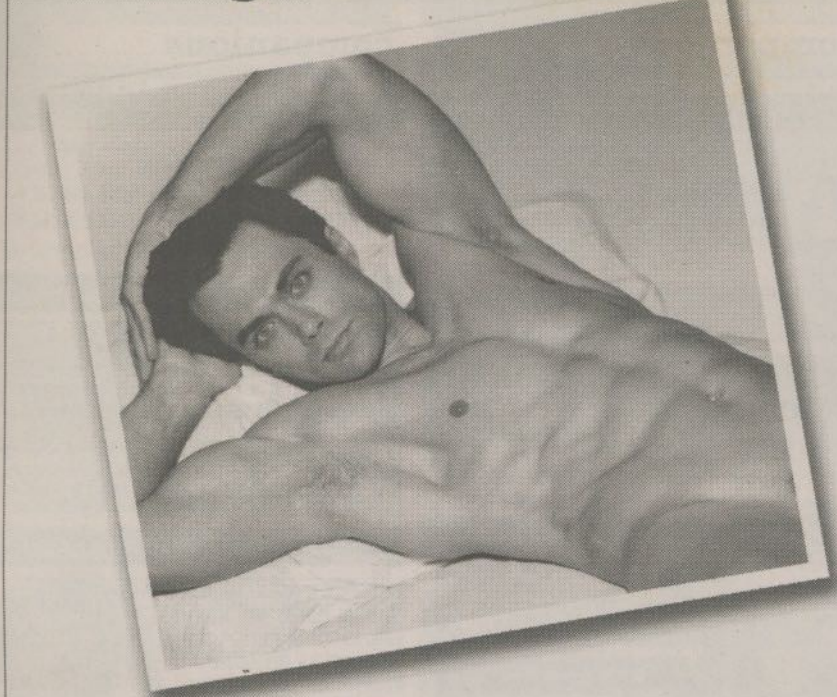
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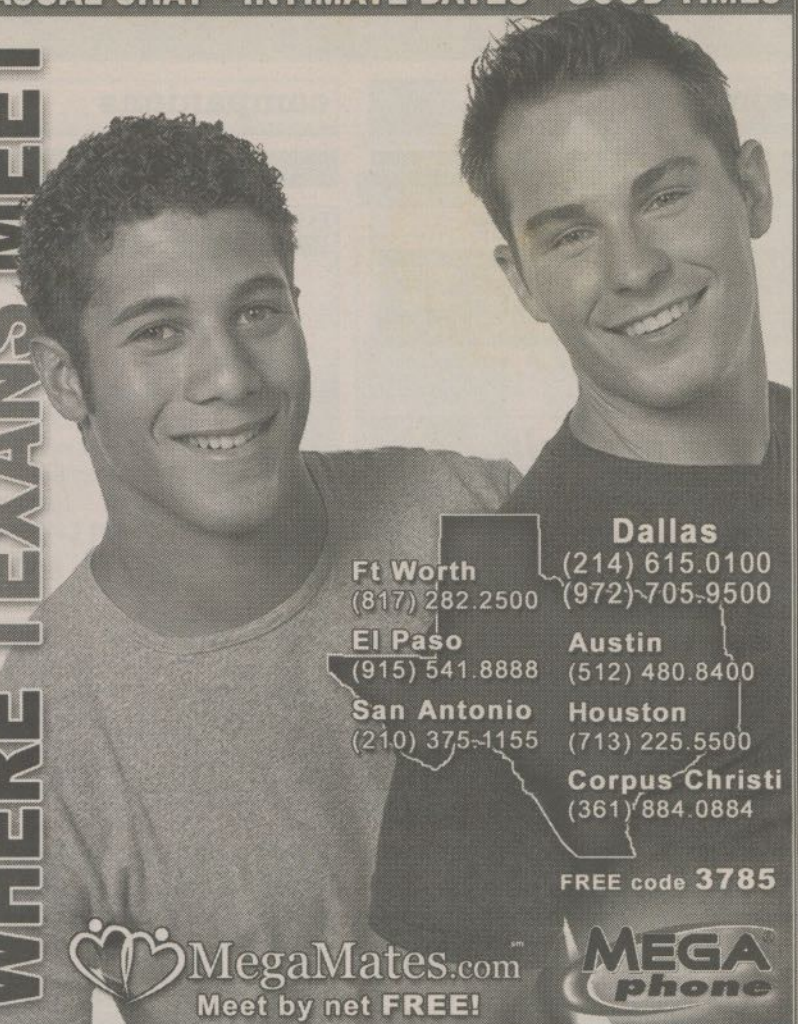
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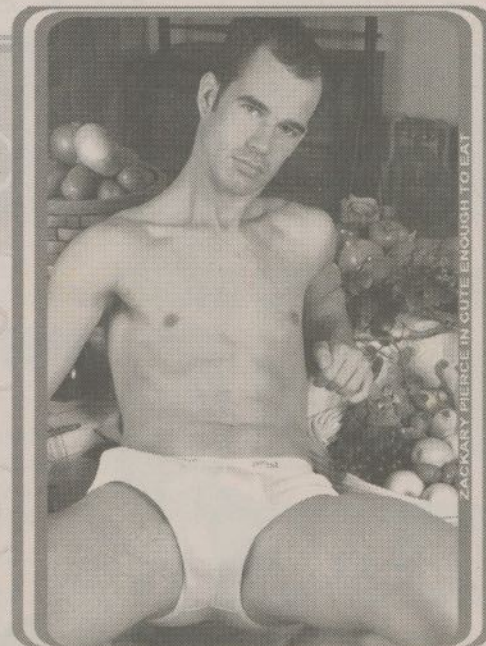
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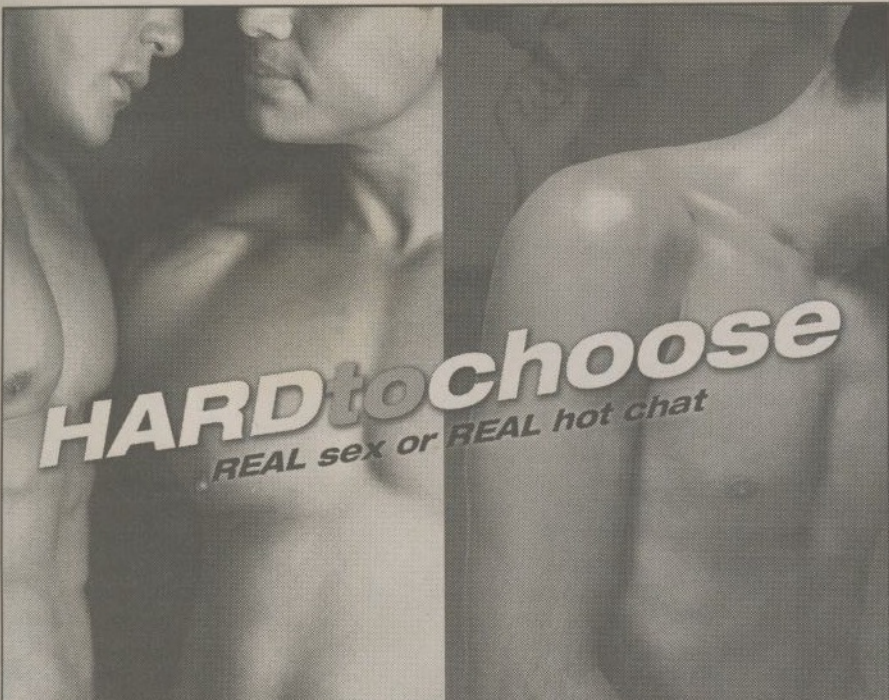
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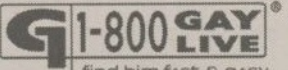
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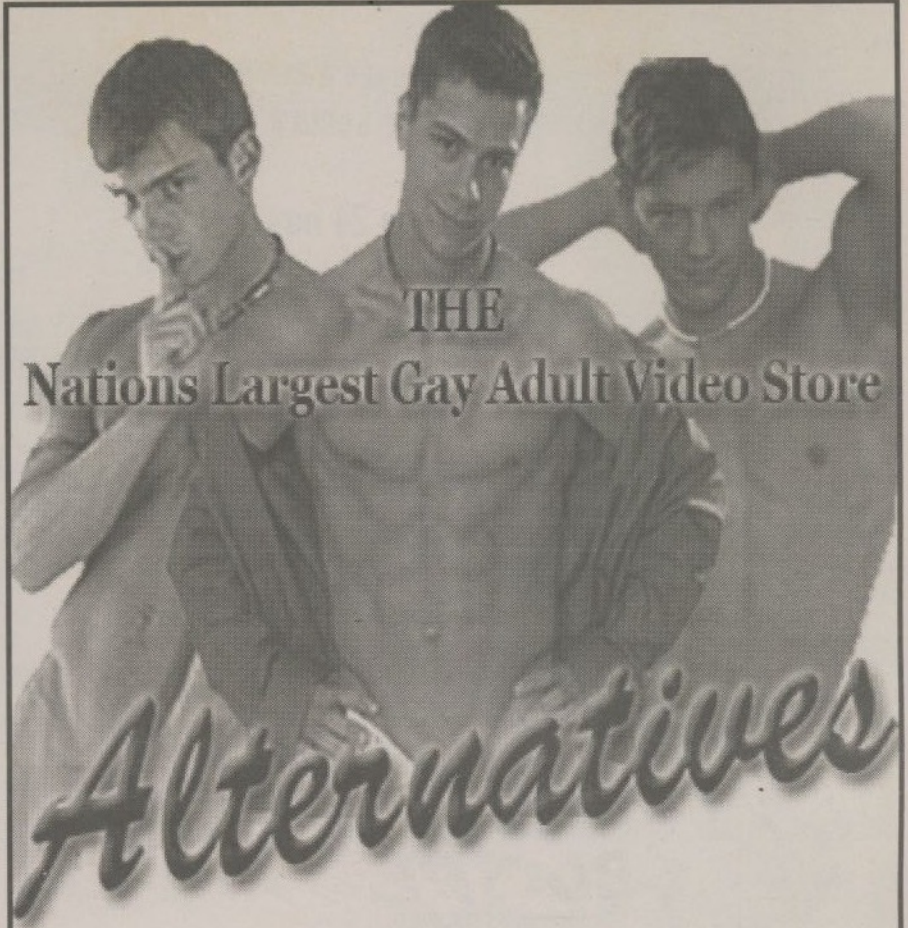
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