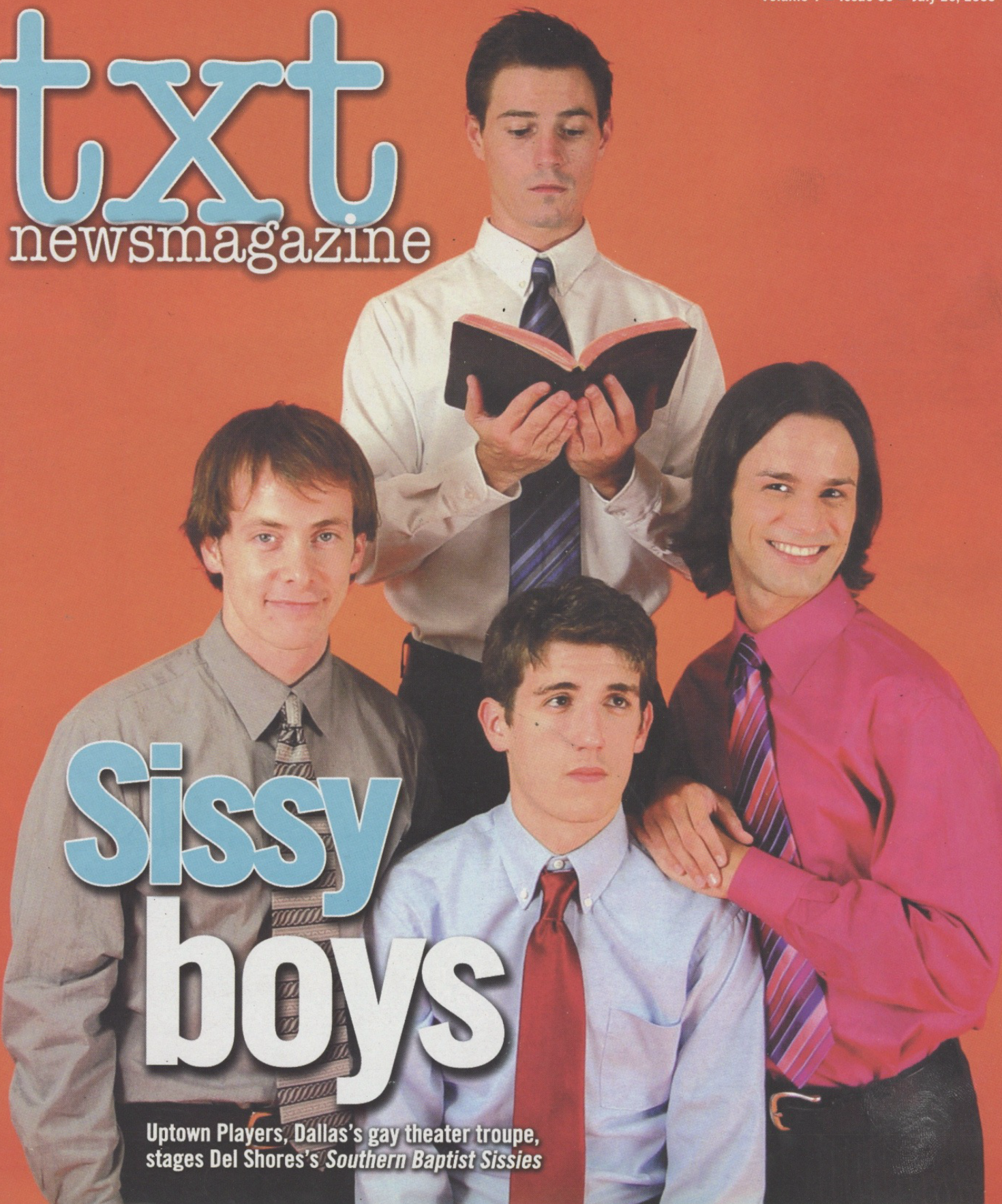


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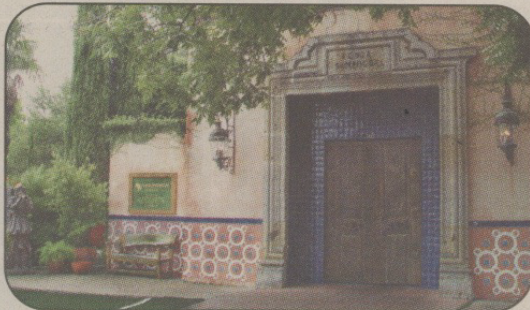
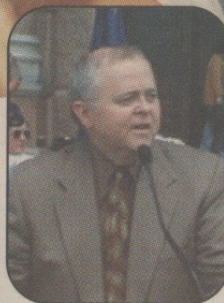
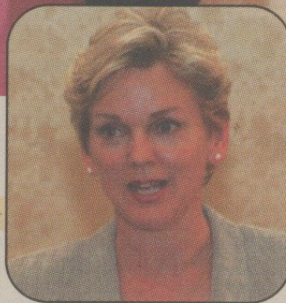
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## Newsbriefs

### DALLAS

#### Cathedral of Hope presents 2005 Hero of Hope Award to United Church of Christ

Cathedral of Hope presented the United Church of Christ with its Hero of Hope Award at services on Sunday. The annual award was given to the mainstream denomination after it attempted to place advertisements about inclusiveness of gay and lesbian worshippers on national networks. The ads were turned down by CBS and ABC. The denomination voted recently to support same-sex marriage.

Ron Buford, the director of United Church of Christ's Still Speaking Initiative, accepted the award.

Rev. Jo Hudson, Cathedral of Hope's rector, was a United Church of Christ minister before accepting the post at the cathedral. The cathedral, which left the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 2003, has discussed the possibility of affiliating with the United Church of Christ.

### DALLAS

#### Co-chairs Ehrhardt, Fink kick off effort against anti-gay-marriage amendment

Former State Representative Haryette Ehrhardt asked GLBT Dallasites to open up their wallets to help fight the proposed amendment to the state constitution banning gay marriage.

Ehrhardt's plea at the July 19 meeting of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was the official kick-off of the Dallas segment of the No Nonsense in November campaign.

Ehrhardt and Patti Fink, a longtime activist, are co-chairs of the Dallas campaign. They announced that Glen Maxey, the statewide campaign director, will speak on July 30 at 2 p.m. at Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave.

### HOUSTON

#### Lone Star Volleyball Association offers open play dates for summer/fall season

The Lone Star Volleyball Association continues its 21st summer/fall season with open play dates on July 31 and Aug. 7.

Everyone is welcome and first-time members can attend open play for no cost. Recreational play begins at 4 p.m. and power and competitive play beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Willowbrook Sports Complex, 12539 Perry Rd.

The association offers recreational, competitive, and power divisions to accommodate less-experienced players in addition to serious enthusiasts. More than 10 Houston teams will travel to Gay Games '06 in Chicago next year.

For more information, call 832-723-6866 or visit the team's Web site at [Lsva.org](http://Lsva.org).

### HOUSTON

#### Community Center's GLBT Night will offer door prizes, fun at neighborhood diner

The Houston GLBT Community Center will host its second monthly GLBT Night at Montrose Diner on August 9 at 6:30 p.m.. The Center will give away door prizes and Montrose Diner will supply discount coupons.

GLBT Night takes place on the second Tuesday of every month at Montrose Diner, 1111 Westheimer Road. For more information, call 713-520-8281.

### HOUSTON

#### Miss Mint Julep pageant raises nearly \$20,000 for Montrose Clinic; Vivial wins sash

Montrose Clinic director of education Eric Roland was among the performers who entertained a packed audience at the third annual Miss Mint Julep Pageant, held July 16 at Club 1415.

Sonna Alton, producer, said more than \$18,500 was raised by four contestants and a bevy of entertainers, including the Austin Baptist Women.

Keith Vivial, a representative of Imperial Court of Houston-Space City Empire won the Miss Mint Julep sash and bragging rights for 2005, raising more than \$6,000.

Alton said that next year the pageant may expand to include a competitor for the title of Mr. Mint Julep.

# Battle against amendment heats up

## Town Hall meeting notes perils of ballot measure banning gay marriage

By Joshua Cleveland

Contributing Writer

In November, Texas voters will decide the fate of nine proposed amendments to the state constitution. But only one has captured attention with the election a little over three months away.

The proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage has riveted GLBT Texans and their familiar foes on the Evangelical Right.

The ballot language was decided by the Legislature in House Joint Resolution 6: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

The last half of that statement has worried gays and many legal experts who believe the language is overly broad and subject to interpretation — interpretation they don't want to leave up to the state.

"We don't know how Texas will interpret this amendment, but we know it very well could have a negative effect on our wills, power of attorney, adoption, hospital visitation rights, and partner benefits," said Connie Moore, a Houston attorney and member of a panel of experts assembled Saturday at Bering United Methodist Church to answer citizens' questions about the amendment.



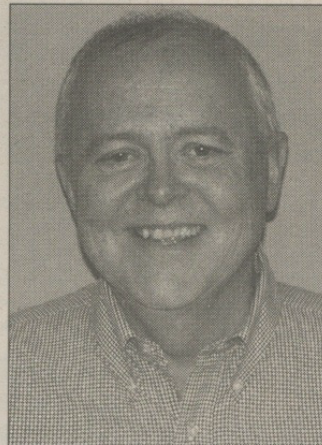
**THINK VICTORY** Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said campaigns in other states failed because they were under-resourced.

Three states have adopted broad language similar to the Texas proposal. The first to be adopted, in Nebraska in 2000, has been invalidated by a judge, but the matter is on appeal.

The executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Matt Foreman, was also a member of the panel.

"This attack against us has been going on for many years. It's not about the 1,138 rights and responsibilities that come along with marriage," Foreman said. "What people are saying when they say we can't get married is that we are not as good as they are."

Since 1998 the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has coupled with local organizations in several states that have passed constitutional amendments banning gay marriage. In each state so far, the constitutional



**BE READY FOR DEFEAT** Former State Representative Glen Maxey explains that the campaign against the amendment will produce additional benefits for GLBT Texans.

amendments have been approved, usually by wide margins.

"The problem is that we were under-resourced. We didn't have enough money, volunteers, or voters to win these attacks," Foreman said.

With the proper resources devoted to the battle, Foreman envisions a different outcome.

"We can swing voters on marriage; we just have to reach them," he said.

Former State Representative Glen Maxey of Austin, recently hired to direct the campaign against the amendment, said the primary goal is to educate Texans about what the amendment actually does and how it affects GLBT Texans.

Maxey added that this campaign is organized in such a way that it is not just about the November election.

"It's about changing the infrastructures in the Texas Legislature forever so that we will never face another amendment like this again," he said.

The campaign will work with people from all walks of life, Maxey said, including religious and political groups and any organization that cares about the direction of the state.

"The goal of this campaign is to get people to pledge to vote against this amendment, get people involved in the coalition, and get people to pledge to take out the politicians of nonsense and replace them with politicians that will deal with the real issues," he said.

Maxey said getting out the GLBT vote in November will also be an important goal of the anti-amendment effort.

## McCann to head AIDS Foundation Houston

Word is that AIDS Foundation Houston, the oldest nonprofit organization addressing the needs of Houston-area residents infected with the virus that causes AIDS, has named Kelly A. McCann as its new chief executive officer.

Over the last 20 years, McCann has worked primarily in mental health, health education, and corrections, with an emphasis on HIV prevention and education. Serving since 2002 as AFH's vice president of community resources, she established a number of nationally-recognized programs, including Wall Talk, an HIV prevention program that operates within the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice.

A frequent presenter at national conferences, McCann served as a consultant at the Surgeon General's Call to Action on Correctional Health in Washington, D.C. in 2004. In January 2005, she traveled to Botswana in conjunction with

**HOUSTON** Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative to help establish a summer camp for 50 HIV positive children there.

Earlier this year, McCann, 44, was nominated as female grand marshal of Houston's 2005 GLBT Pride Parade.

For more information, visit the foundation's Web site, [Aidshelp.org](http://Aidshelp.org).

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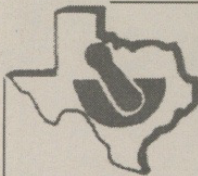
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The campaign's Web site is located at [www.nononsenseinnovember.com](http://www.nononsenseinnovember.com). It offers GLBT Texans information on pledging, donating and volunteering.

More than 200 people attended the town hall meeting sponsored by the Houston Equal Rights Alliance and the GLBT Political Caucus.

During the meeting, members of the Houston chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays presented the Houston Equal Rights Alliance and Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, two organizations fighting the amendment, with checks of more than \$1,000 each.

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## Fire at Brownsville gay bar caused by arson

### Fire marshal, 24-year resident, recalls no previous attacks on gay businesses

By David Webb  
Staff Correspondent

A fire that nearly destroyed a Brownsville gay bar last weekend was intentionally set and is being investigated as a possible hate crime, according to a fire official in the South Texas city.

Ben Nunez, Brownsville's fire marshal, said someone broke in at the front door of the Heart Rock bar on Sunday at about 4 a.m. and started multiple fires inside. Several gasoline containers were found in the cement building after the fire was put out, he said.

"We haven't come to any conclusions as to whether this is a hate crime or not," Nunez said. "It's a possibility, and we'll be looking into it."

Nunez said there was no anti-gay graffiti left on the building, which is often discovered at the scenes of such hate crimes.

The bar was closed for the night, so there were no injuries.

When the bar opened in late May, it hung a 25-foot rainbow flag across the front of the building. The flag burned three weeks after the bar opened because of lengthy contact with a neon sign.

The owner, Sylvia Armente, told the *Brownsville Herald* the bar had suffered minor vandalism such as broken lights, and some passersby had yelled insults. The bar faces a busy highway that runs through the center of Brownsville.

Armente said she believes the arson was a hate crime.

"What else could it be?" said Armente, who vowed to reopen the bar if she is able.

Nunez said the fire was the first time that a

gay business had been burned in the city.

"Nothing like that has ever happened before that I can remember, and I've been here for 24 years," said Nunez.

The fire marshal said most Brownsville residents are tolerant of the "gay lifestyle."

"It's a good community. They're pretty much live and let live," Nunez said.

Tony Putzel, manager of the Upper Deck on South Padre Island, located 25 miles from Brownsville, said there is a large GLBT presence in the city, but most people keep a low profile.

"The attitude in the Valley is very closeted," said Putzel, who has managed the gay

***'It's a good community. They're pretty much live and let live.'***

Brownsville Fire Marshal Ben Nunez

guesthouse and nightclub on the island for six years."

Putzel said the burning of Heart Rock leaves only one gay bar in Brownsville.

The remaining bar, Valentino's, was the subject of a *Brownsville Herald* report in June about fights inside and outside the club, including a 20-person brawl in May. Gay and lesbian patrons attributed the disturbances to heterosexuals and gang members.

The only gay bar in nearby Harlingen, which is about 30 miles from Brownsville, closed last year when a heavy rain caved in the roof, Putzel said.

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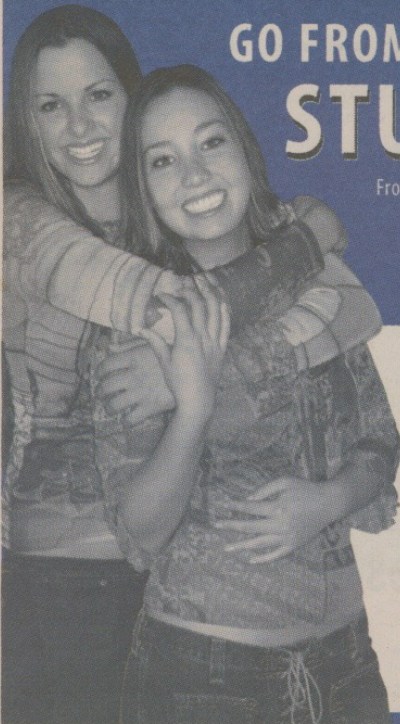
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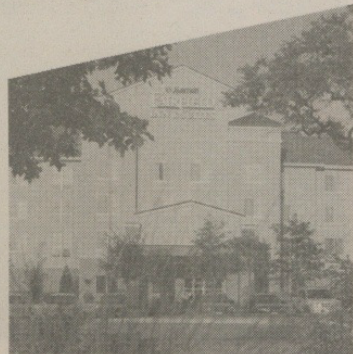
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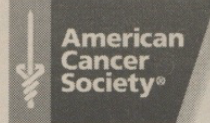


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## national news

By Ann Rostow  
Senior Staff Writer

# Activists mount final drive for civil union measure

## Republican House Speaker neuters bill; lawmakers reintroduce the measure

The showdown over civil unions continues to build in the Oregon Legislature with only days remaining in the current session. The civil union bill, granting all the rights and responsibilities of marriage that the state now grants to opposite-sex couples, passed the Senate with ease and was sent to the GOP-led house earlier this month.

Last week, State Representative Karen Minnis, the House speaker, called the bill to a hearing with virtually no notice during a lunch period when few lawmakers were around. The bill was gutted and replaced with a Republican-backed alternative that would



Rep. Karen Minnis, speaker of the Oregon House.

offer a few benefits to so-called "reciprocal beneficiaries," a status that is not limited to same-sex couples and would not offer legal protections to gay and lesbian families.

Minnis then co-signed the mutated bill to the budget committee, effectively

kill it for the year.

On Tuesday, the GLBT advocates at Basic Rights Oregon and their legislative allies reintroduced the civil union bill in the House, and called again for a floor vote. According to Rebekah Kassell, communications director for Basic Rights Oregon, there is nothing to stop Minnis from finding another way to

avoid a vote, but with public sentiment strongly in favor of some recognition for gay couples, her continued obstruction will eventually cost her political points.

Minnis has insisted that the statewide vote in favor of a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage last November has rendered the issue moot. In fact, the amendment is silent on the subject of non-marital types of partner rights, and most observers expect that the Oregon House would pass civil unions if given the chance.

The Oregon legislative session was scheduled to end June 30. But it has remained open pending the completion of the budget, which is now in its final stages. Kassell estimates that the loose ends will be tied up by the first weekend of August, giving gay allies a week or so to work the civil union bill and force Minnis to take a second stand.

# Ballot measure's language infuriates anti-gay leaders

## Paragraph added by AG's office reveals initiative's intent to cancel domestic partner rights

Three amendments to the California constitution have been introduced by two competing anti-gay groups. Both hope to place their versions on the state primary ballot in June 2006. On Monday, one of the proposals was cleared by Attorney General Bill Lockyer, whose office is required to assign official titles and descriptions to any proposed ballot measure.

Lockyer's title, "Marriage: Elimination of domestic partnership rights. Initiative constitutional amendment," triggered plans for an immediate lawsuit by the anti-gay crusaders at VoteYesMarriage.com.

The attorney general's one-paragraph description of the lengthy amendment added to their outrage. In it, Lockyer's office noted that the amendment:

"Voids and restricts registered domestic partner rights and obligations, for certain same-sex and heterosexual couples, in areas such as: ownership and transfer of property, inheritance, adoption, medical decisions, child custody and child support, health and death benefits, insurance benefits, hospital visitation, employment benefits and recovery for wrongful death and other tort remedies."

The official title and summary is likely to

impede efforts to gather signatures for this, the most draconian of the three proposals.

"Lockyer has dumped on us an inaccurate and prejudicial paragraph that is anything but impartial as the law requires," said Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families and leader of VoteYesMarriage.

On its Web site, Thomasson's group pledged to challenge the wording in court "within the next few days."

Lockyer is expected to release the official title and summary for two other amendments on Wednesday, as this issue of *TXN Newsmagazine* goes to press. These amendments, drafted by the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund and others under the name Protectmarriage.com, consist of two similar one-sentence statements that restrict marriage but go no further.

One reads: "A marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state." The other reads: "Only a man and a woman in a lawful marriage shall have the legal status of married spouses in California." Presumably, the authors will put their energies behind one of the two alternatives once they receive the go ahead from the attorney general's office.

The different strategies reflect a factional split between the opponents of same-sex marriage. Some, like Thomasson, hope to preclude any possible recognition of same-sex



Randy Thomasson is shown testifying against a gay marriage bill to a California Assembly committee July 12. He called the official language describing a ballot item against same-sex marriage "an inaccurate and prejudicial paragraph that is anything but impartial."

couples in the future, while also dismantling the statewide domestic registry with its extensive marriage rights. Thomasson's Web site calls his proposal "the true blue California constitutional amendment you've been waiting for."

By contrast, the minimalist opponents are presumably seeking to undermine the pending court case that is headed eventually to the state supreme court. Even a simple one-sentence amendment would hamstring the seven justices, were it to pass before they had a chance to rule. Clearly, a simple one-sentence amendment would also have a far better chance of winning a majority at the polls.

## Despite threatened suit, signature-gathering can begin

The preparation of an official circulating title and language for an amendment sponsored by opponents of same-sex marriage means they may now begin gathering the 598,105 signatures they need to qualify the measure for the June 2006 ballot.

Leaders of the two groups that proposed

the measure carped at the attorney general's office over the language.

But a spokesman for the office responded, "The attorney general's responsibility is to accurately describe what the measure does. It's not up to us to wage the political campaign the opponents want to wage."

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# Fun-and-games gives way to outrage this week

## Gay Iranian boys executed

Beginning our normally lighthearted column on a disturbing note: Two Iranian teenagers were hanged in the Mashhad public square July 19 for the crime of having consensual gay sex. The boys, one 18 years old and another younger one, had been incarcerated and most likely tortured for 14 months prior to their execution. The news was first reported by the Iranian Student News Agency, and their Web site posted pictures of the scene as well. Find the link yourself if you have a morbid fascination with such images.

Gay groups all over the world have reacted with shock, and although the story was reported in some foreign media, the U.S. mainstream press seems to have missed the news so far.

After international outrage began to build, Iranian authorities put out the story that the boys had raped a 13-year-old boy at knife-point, but it's not at all clear that this was the case.

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, called on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to condemn the killings, but a spokesman said she would have no comment because of the rape allegations.

According to OutRage, the British gay activist group, some 100,000 citizens of Iran have been executed since the 1979 revolution, including roughly 4,000 gay men and lesbians.

## Tough segue

I'm not sure that making this story my lead was a great decision. We're not exactly in a position to make a smooth transition into, let's say, gay penguin or crazed lesbian killer news now, and as a matter of fact I'm not sure I can gracefully follow this with any of the items on my news list.

But we have no choice. This week's list is a daunting collection of fairly serious and technical legal and political developments around the country, all of which I'd rather skip over in favor of gay penguins, deranged lesbians or maybe one of those middle-aged German cannibals that pops up every now and again, napkin tucked under his shirt collar, neat packages of torso meat stowed in the freezer.

## Peg O' My Heart

Since I don't have any freak shows to inspire me, I'll move instead to the situation in Wisconsin, where some members of the

state Legislature are trying to intervene in an ACLU lawsuit because they think Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager is a regular fag hag who won't defend the state against the rabid homoshehshual activists bent on turning pink the waters of Lake Winnebago.

Actually, the suit seeks domestic partner benefits based on the state constitution, and Lautenschlager says she's perfectly capable of taking the "no" side of the debate. Then again, lawmakers note, the AG turned up at a pride rally the other day, so what's up with that?

The ACLU has asked the court to send the lawmakers and their creepy conservative legal buddies at the Alliance Defense Fund packing, based on the fact that they don't have standing to stick their pointy little

noses into the case to begin with. More later, I'm sure.

## Bored of directors

Now, let's hop over to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where a state court of appeals ruled July 14 that the city's domestic partner registry was constitutional. Why, you might ask, did we not put this item in last week's column where it belongs? Because our eyes glazed over just looking at the headline, that's why.

Likewise, our lids are drooping over the story from Pennsylvania, where GOP lawmakers are suing the Pennsylvania Benefits Employee Trust Fund board under the Sunshine Law, because the board members won't consult openly about a plan to extend domestic partner rights to state workers. The board met on July 21, and voted unanimously to investigate the possibility of extending the benefits. But it sounds to me, from my casual perusing of a few scattered sources, that the outcome of that meeting did nothing to assuage the legislative anxiety; and that the lawsuit remained on track. In fact, there was a hearing Monday, and I don't know what happened. Should I try to find out?

That was quite a professional dilemma there for a minute, but in the end I decided to move on.

## Cox in a box

Did I mention Michigan? This one is kind of interesting. The busy bees at the ACLU have sued Michigan, seeking a court ruling to define the scope of the recently-passed anti-gay state constitutional amendment. Earlier this year, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox issued an opinion telling Kalamazoo that it could not condition medical benefits for



**HAPPY GAY DAY** It appears that Michigan's Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a problem or two with the anti-gay views of the state's attorney general. The governor is named in a lawsuit filed by the ACLU challenging an opinion by Attorney General Mike Cox which said that the constitutional amendment passed last year banning gay marriage also forbids domestic partner arrangements. Cox is technically obliged to represent the governor's interests, so instead he filed a motion asking to be named the defendant instead of Granholm.

city staff on sexual orientation thanks to the amendment. The ACLU filed suit, insisting that the amendment, bad as it was, did not preempt domestic partner or other same-sex legal ties short of actual marriage.

The case was set to be argued this week when it became clear that Governor Jennifer Granholm, the formal defendant in the suit, disagrees with the anti-gay views of Mike Cox, who is theoretically obliged to represent her interests. Cox has now asked to be named as a defendant in the suit and have Granholm dismissed as a party to the litigation. Faced with this motion, Granholm has gone off to find her own lawyer, and the hearing has been postponed until August.

Well, it was something like that. I warned you about the list, didn't I? Not exactly titillating stuff, but surely it's important for all of us here in Texas to be fully apprised of the arcane goings on in Midwestern political circles that might — when all is said and done — have had some miniscule tectonic impact on the 50-year struggle for GLBT equality in America. Don't you agree?

## You go, Lambda!

I think I mentioned that I had some complicated legal news as well. Indeed, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has added the New York State Department of Civil Service as a defendant in a lawsuit that was filed last April against a Long Island school district.

Yes, I see those raised eyebrows. *What?*

you're thinking. *How could that be? More important, why? Why on Earth would Lambda want to amend its complaint against the Uniondale Union Free School District in this fashion? What the hell is going on?*

Calm down. I will tell all. The suit was filed on behalf of two men who married in Ontario last October — Duke Funderburke, 72, and his partner of 42 years, Brad Davis, 68. Funderburke taught for years in the Uniondale blah blah school district, and he naturally wanted Davis to get spousal retirement benefits. The school refused.

Then, after Lambda sued their butts, the district honchos cried and whined and pointed the finger of blame at — you guessed it! — the New York State Department of Civil Service, which operates the Empire (benefits) Plan on behalf of state employees. The Department has now been dragged into Lambda's net, and a victory will have a salutary effect not only on a few school teachers in Nassau County, but on all state employees that rely on the aforementioned Empire Plan.

Lambda has also won a custody case in Mississippi, where a woman had been ordered to keep her kids away from their HIV-positive aunt. Do those energizer bunnies ever stop?

Speaking of stopping, our time is apparently up thanks to a certain editor who for some strange reason insists on receiving editorial copy in a timely fashion.

Next time: the new lesbian mayor of San Diego awaits us.

## Letters

### Bi partisan

Regarding Dale Carpenter's "Exploring the politics and psychology of the 'B' in the GLBT community," apparently if I say I have some heavy attraction to men, but some modest attraction to women, what does that make me in the eyes of others like Dale Carpenter?

While Carpenter demeans male bisexuality, he fails to note the dubious nature of the study, namely that it seems to concentrate on — and ultimately condemn — only men, and that it used porn videos as a measuring device. Does he have any thoughts on female bisexuality, or has he watched enough of those same-sex videos to feel comfortable with it?

Alejandro De La Garza/Dallas

### Roberts' rules of order

Judge John Roberts' record as a right-wing partisan and corporate advocate poses many concerns about how his confirmation would threaten core rights. As a corporate lawyer, Roberts fought to gut the Americans with Disabilities Act, denying lawful accommodation for workers injured over time as part of their jobs. He helped a major car manufacturer avoid a recall when their seat belts were found to violate federal safety standards. He argued for the National Mining Association to overturn a ruling that restricted mountaintop removal practices devastating to Appalachian communities. He argued to the Supreme Court that *Roe v. Wade* should be overruled. He won a case blocking doctors in many cases from even discussing reproductive options with their patients.

He advised Jeb Bush during the Florida recount debacle. As a lawyer for the Reagan and Bush Sr. White House, he advocated for right wing ideology over free speech, religious liberty and voting rights for minorities.

In his brief tenure as a judge, he has argued for a very limited view of congressional authority to regulate corporate excess that could threaten broad swaths of environmental protections, workers rights and anti-discrimination laws. He has ruled in favor of sweeping powers for the commander-in-chief in this state of perpetual war — with frightening implications for our civil liberties.

Roberts has been a lifelong partisan Republican, a claim the *New York Times* calls "indisputable," and has donated thousands of dollars exclusively to Republican candidates. John Roberts is a candidate whose winning personality disguises intense conservatism, not moderation.

The more facts that come out about Roberts' record, the clearer the danger he poses to our rights and freedoms. We are facing the prospect of 30 or 40 years of Roberts on the Supreme Court, and we must apply the highest standard of scrutiny.

David Berry/Dallas

### The truth, and nothing but the truth

Do we really want a judge on the Supreme Court of the United States whom the White House helps cover up his extreme right prejudices and affiliations? John Roberts has denied being a member of the right-wing Federalist Society, but the membership books of the Washington chapter show he not only was a member but served on their steering committee.

Do we really want a liar on the Supreme Court? I say no.

April Hill/Dallas

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# A fond goodbye to gay TV landmarks

## As lavender cable channels arrive, 'Queer as Folk' and 'Six Feet Under' depart

By Damon Romine

Special Contributor

It's been quite a queer summer. And I mean that in a good way.

Last year saw the launch of cable channels Here and Q Television. And MTV Networks in June launched Logo, the first basic cable channel specifically for a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender audience.

Also this summer, we've been treated to new seasons of Showtime's *Queer as Folk* and HBO's *Six Feet Under*. They are, sadly, the final episodes as each series comes to an end this month.

The tremendous hours of new programs on the gay cable networks may help fill the void left by the departures of *QAF* and *SFU*, but it won't make saying goodbye any easier. In its own way, each show was historic television, holding up a mirror that allowed gays and lesbians to really see ourselves on TV.

Since its premiere in 2000, *QAF* has been an unshamed depiction of relationships among a group of Pittsburgh friends. The show presented their world with an honesty and candor never before seen on television.

With *QAF*, executive producers Ron Cowen and Dan Lipman — partners personally and professionally for more than 25 years (*An Early Frost*, *Sisters*) — not only brought the word "queer" back into vogue, but gave us a series in which gays and lesbians are multi-dimensional characters who work, love, create families and have sex. This was a series where gay characters were not relegated to the role of wisecracking neighbor or supportive best friend.

*QAF* polarized the very audience it portrayed. Some viewers loved the show's soap opera elements. Some hated the fact that at times drugs and promiscuous sex seemed glamorized.

Love it or hate it, the show has evolved over five seasons to provide something for almost everyone. The freewheeling bedroom antics remain, but the characters have grown and faced many complex issues: relationships, commitment, discrimination, hate crimes, adoption, custody battles, HIV, drug addiction and death, to name a few. Heading into the finale, the characters find themselves embroiled in the debate over marriage equality as they lobby against an anti-gay referendum.

After *QAF*'s rather graphic debut — audiences had never seen depictions of

sex between men on series television before — a new drama about life and death which arrived the following year seemed almost tame by comparison. But *Six Feet Under* was groundbreaking in its own right.

Created by Alan Ball, the show at its core is a family drama where two of the main characters happen to be gay.

People tuned in to watch a series that broke convention and took them on a journey with quirky and engrossing stories. The saga about the funeral-home-owning Fisher family includes gay son David and his African-American partner, Keith — three-dimensional characters who showcase the complexity and diversity of the GLBT world.

Every member of the Fisher clan has experienced romantic upheavals, but David and Keith have sustained a long-term relationship that is neither stereotypical nor perfect. As the final episodes unfold, David and Keith are focused on having a family of their own, having spent this season looking at options such as surrogacy, foster care and adoption.

Anyone who questions the importance of having complex, textured characters like David and Keith on a successful show only has to look at a recent study from the University of Minnesota. Researchers measured the attitudes of 150 students about gay men. After the students watched 10 episodes of *SFU* and were tested again, there was a statistically significant reduction in their reported prejudice.

That's the power of television in changing hearts and minds.

*QAF* will go down in history as TV's first gay drama that broke new ground. *SFU* will forever be an example of an ensemble show that successfully integrated our stories, depicting the diversity of GLBT lives and the value of

our families. For many different reasons we're grateful to have had them as part of our lives.

Long after they are gone, the influence of these two shows will continue. Would the triumvirate of Here, Q Television and Logo even exist without the success of these shows? Would Bravo's *Queer Eye* or Showtime's *The L Word*? Probably not.

It's been an amazing five years when it comes to the progress we've made on cable television, even as our portrayals on the broadcast networks have declined. The end of *QAF* and *SFU* and the series finale of *Will & Grace* on NBC in May will open up a huge void when it comes to LGBT images on mainstream TV.

The magic of television is its power to offer a broad audience a glimpse of our lives, and show everyone that LGBT people have many of the same hopes and dreams (and hormones) as straight people. When our stories are not told, the implicit message is that our stories are not worth telling. But *Queer as Folk* and *Six Feet Under* have shown that our stories are interesting, even engrossing.

Recent setbacks in our quest for equality make it clear: we cannot take our visibility for granted. Having three niche networks devoted to us is a major leap forward. But the other cable and broadcast networks must continue to step up to the plate and share our stories. And we, in turn, need to support those shows whose commitment to inclusion is expanding acceptance and understanding of us in the larger culture.

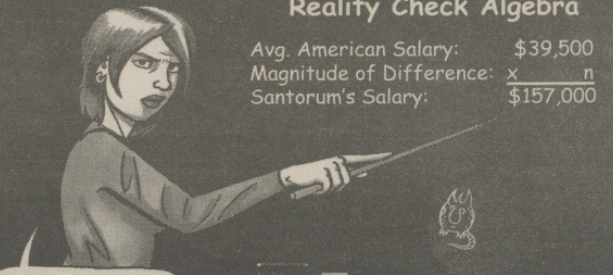
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# Bible Belt babies

Playwright Del Shores finally lets go of *Southern Baptist Sissies*

By Arnold Wayne Jones

**F**or someone who spent most of his adult life in the closet, when Del Shores decided to come out, he came out with a fury.

Until he was nearly 40, Shores was best known for his play *Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?*, a Texas-tinged black comedy, and for his TV writing on sitcoms like *Family Ties* and *Ned & Stacey* and the spiritual drama *Touched by an Angel*.

There was nothing especially queer about any of those projects — and to the outside world, nothing especially queer about Shores, either. He couldn't be gay: He was married and had two daughters, and was the son of an evangelical preacher.

But gay he was, and in the nine years since coming out, Shores has become a major voice for gay America: From *Sordid Lives to Queer as Folk*, his catalogue or work has expanded to embrace that part of him he suppressed for so long.

"People always ask me, 'Why did it take so long for you to come out?'" he says by telephone from his home in Los Angeles. "I start telling them, 'Well, my dad was a Southern Baptist minister and I grew up in Texas,' and they interrupt and say, 'Oh, we understand.'"

There may be no better analysis of those conflicted feelings than *Southern Baptist Sissies*, his 2000 play which returns to Texas for the first time since the original cast production. The Uptown Players, Dallas's gay-oriented theater troupe, begins its staging tonight, which will run throughout most of August.

It wasn't easy for Shores to let go and turn the play over to others. The original production, which he both wrote and directed, starred his longtime friend Leslie Jordan. It played for months in Los Angeles before transplanting for a brief run at the McKinney Avenue Contemporary in July 2001. All along, he maintained creative control.

But it wasn't long before Uptown began a campaign to produce their own version of it. He resisted, but did offer them the chance to stage *Sordid Lives*, which they did in their first season. But that wasn't going to be enough.

"I was very possessive of *Southern Baptist Sissies*, but Jeff [Lynch, Uptown's co-founder] kept in contact with me. I told him as soon as I allowed others to do it, I would allow them to do it first," he says.

In several ways, this production brings Shores full circle. Although he has lived in L.A. for years, at heart he's still a boy from Winters, Texas. ("For some reason Fort Worth is claiming me, but all my relatives are from around Abilene," he says.)



Shores

"It's huge for me to do it in Dallas. I'm very loyal to Los Angeles but it was really important for me to go to Dallas next," he says.

Most of his work is set in his home state, and Shores combines a Gothic Southern sensibility with the flamboyance of a drag queen.

*Sordid Lives*, Shores's first play to deal with his internal turmoil, began as an unpublished short story called *Nicotine Fit* he started writing while still married and closeted.

"It's about a woman named Latrelle who picked the wrong time to quit smoking," Shores says. "Latrelle's son was gay in the story. I kind of put it aside. I thought this would be a good three-character one act. Then my world came crashing down — or so I thought. Actually, it was resurrection day."

About 10 years ago, while Shores was writing for *Ned & Stacey*, he started to feel anxiety creeping into his life.

## ON STAGE Southern Baptist Sissies

Trinity River Arts Center, Dallas, 2600 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 180, July 29-Aug. 21, Wed.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sat.-Sun. matinees at 2 p.m. \$22-\$25. Conversation with Shores following July 31 performance; \$15. 214-219-2718.

"Something happened where I really had to deal with it," he says. "I decided the marriage wasn't going to work at all. I was petrified and really scared to come out at work — it was a very straight writing staff."

His therapist advised him to come out slowly to his friends.

"Then it started being easier and I came out to the writing staff. It was very empowering, ultimately."

Shores soon came out, split from his wife and turned the story into the full-length *Sordid Lives*. From then on, he's been tireless

in exploring the conflict in growing up a gay Texas Christian.

Dealing with his deeply religious parents (both have died since he came out) was an important step for Shores. He even recalls fondly his mother's attempt to show her understanding: She called him to relate how one of her friends, Ethel, doted over her daughter, who was confined to a wheelchair.

"She said, 'If Ethel can love her paraplegic daughter, I can love my gay son,'" Shores recounts. "I said, 'So now you put me in the same category as the handicapped?'" She said, 'I knew you'd take it wrong.' But she was my true ally when I came out. She protected me and defended me to the family."

His family influenced a lot of his writing. He started writing *Southern Baptist Sissies* soon after Matthew Shepard's murder.

"I started putting characters together and found my boys. I told my mom I had to write this play and she said, 'You should have called it *Nondenominational Sissies* — most religions have a problem with homosexuals,'" he says.

Originally he wrote the play without Peanut and Odette, two funny characters, but it was too heavy, he says. Adding comic relief both lightened the mood and increased the pathos. The result has been described alternately as hilarious and heartbreaking.

But if all goes as planned, soon the play he could not let go of may become a film, which could mean Shores has to let many more hands touch his baby. But he's OK with that. After all, every child eventually needs to break away from his family — even if it takes until age 40.

People can contribute to funding the production of the film at [Southernbaptistsissies.com](http://Southernbaptistsissies.com).

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## Friday, July 29

### AUSTIN

**Always...** Patsy Cline, presented by Zachary Scott Theatre Center through Aug. 28. Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. \$33-\$40. Zach's Kleberg Stage, 1421 W. Riverside Dr. 512-476-0541, ext. 1. Zachscott.com.

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Elvis impersonator Doug Olvey**, hosted by Cher impersonator Victoria Wynn. 11 p.m. \$5. Mable Peabody's Beauty Parlor & Chainsaw Repair, 1215 E. University Drive in Denton. 940-566-9910.

**Heights**, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern and Q Cinema, through July 31. 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.

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

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

**Miss Highland Park**, a preliminary for Miss Gay Texas America. 10 p.m. \$5. Illusions, 4100 Maple Ave. 214-252-0552. Dallasillusions.com.

**Southern Baptist Sissies**, by Del Shores. Presented by Uptown Players through Aug. 21. Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Trinity River Arts Center, 2600 Stemmons Frwy. 214-219-2718. Uptownplayers.org.

### HOUSTON

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

## Saturday, July 30

### AUSTIN

**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.

**Volunteers needed for block walks** to defeat Texas marriage amendment. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Also, July 30. 512-474-5475. Lgrt.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Kiara Jacobs' Birthday Show and Second Chance Prom**. 10 p.m. Illusions, 4100 Maple Ave. 214-252-0552. Dallasillusions.com.

**Cathedral of Hope Gala** with performances by Linda Eder and Suzanne Westenhoefer. 5:30 p.m. Westin Galleria Hotel. 214-1901. Theresnoplace-likehope.com.

**Oak Lawn Band Concert**, 8 p.m. \$2-\$8. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 901 Zang. Oaklawnband.org.

### HOUSTON

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

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

### SAN ANTONIO

**8th Annual Waltz Across Texas**. \$40-\$50. Benefits Human Rights Campaign. Sunset Station. 210-867-8325. Boxofficecctickets.com/hrc.

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

**Spectrum yOUTH Group**. 7 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

## Sunday, July 31

### AUSTIN

**Ms. Wanda Show**, 5-8 p.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333. Fabricbar.austin.com.

**Patio cookout and Sunday Super Show** hosted by Jame Perry. 5 p.m. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

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**Playwright Del Shores**, presented by Conversation with the Artist, following the performance of Southern Baptist Sissies. 4:30 p.m. \$5-\$15. Trinity River Arts Center, 2600 Stemmons Frwy. 214-219-2718. Uptownplayers.org.

### HOUSTON

**22nd Annual Denim Party**, presented by Brazos River Bottom and TGRA. 5 p.m.-Midnight. 2400 Brazos.

**HATCH** youth group. 6-9 p.m. Call for location, 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

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

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

### SAN ANTONIO

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

## Monday, August 1

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

### HOUSTON

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

**Gay Men's Chorus of Houston** rehearsal. 7-10 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 713-521-SING. Gmch.org.

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

### SAN ANTONIO

**Eight-ball tournament**. \$5. The Annex, 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957. Theannex-satx.com.

**Free pool**. SA Eagle, 1010 N. Main Ave. 210-226-2529. Sabxeagle.com.

**Shady Lady** hosts Talent Night. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

## Tuesday, August 2

### AUSTIN

**Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament**. 7:30 p.m. Rain, 217B W. 4th St. 512-494-1150.

**Volunteers needed for phone banks** to defeat Texas marriage amendment. 6-9 p.m. 512-474-5475. Lgrt.org.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

### HOUSTON

**22nd Annual Houston/Harris County National Night Out**, to promote crime prevention and neighborhood unity. 6-9 p.m.

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

**Red, White and Tuna**, starring Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, through Aug. 6. Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 and 8 p.m. \$35-\$38. Crighton Theatre, 234 N. Main in Conroe. 1-936-441-7469, ext. 201.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Amateur Talent Night**. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.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, August 3

### AUSTIN

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**the bluehouse**, 8 p.m. Poor David's Pub. 1313 S. Lamar St. 214-763-1849.

### HOUSTON

**Houston GLBT Political Caucus** endorsement screening. 7 p.m. Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., 2nd floor. 713-521-1000.

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

### SAN ANTONIO

**Free HIV Testing** with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

## Thursday, August 4

### AUSTIN

**College Night Amateur Strip Contest**, hosted by Ms. Wanda. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333. Fabricbar.austin.com.

**Emmy award-winning comedian Judy Gold**, through Aug. 6. Capitol City Comedy Club, 8120 Research Blvd. 512-467-2333. Capcitycomedy.com.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

### HOUSTON

**Camp Coffee**, a social/support group for those not working due to health reasons. 2-4 p.m. Bering United Methodist Church Community Room, 1440 Harold. Kevin77018@yahoo.com.

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

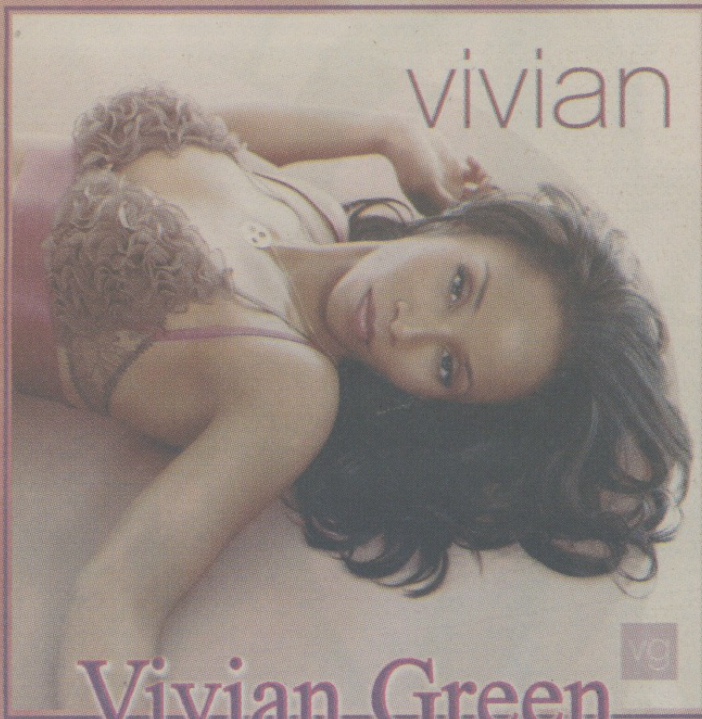
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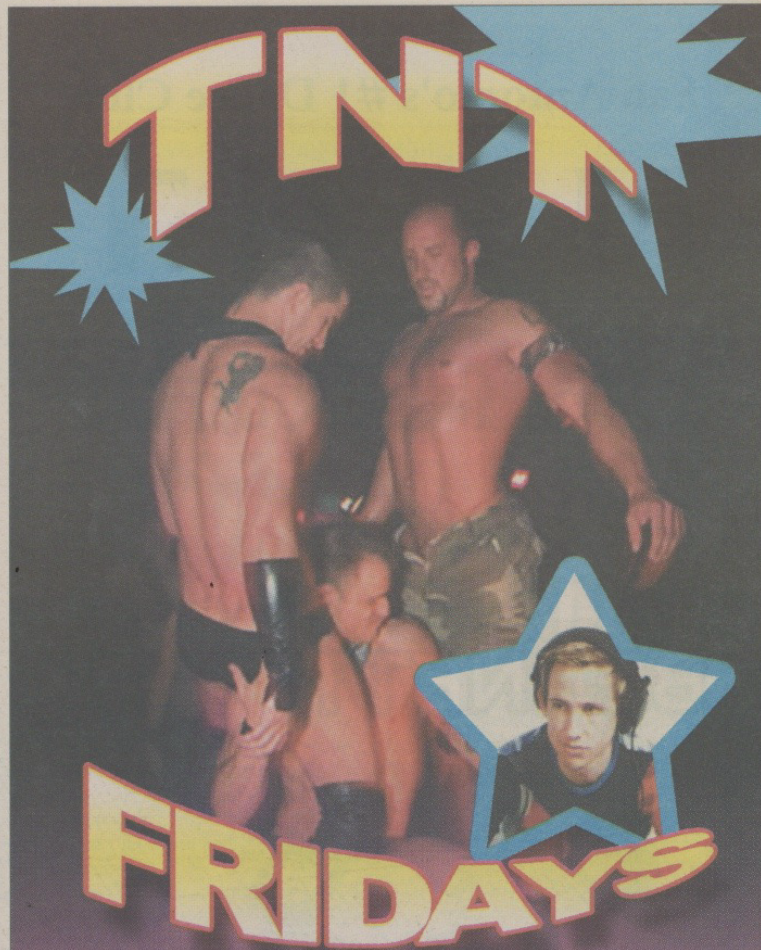
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## Courtroom conflicts are all the rage

**A**lthough **Mariah** is enjoying her comeback, all is not well in the House of Carey. Her sister, **Alison**, was recently arrested for prostitution. Allegedly, undercover cops asked Alison (who is HIV-positive) to have sex with them at the Long Island Marina, and she agreed — for the nice round figure of \$252. (My dates spend more than that on appetizers!)

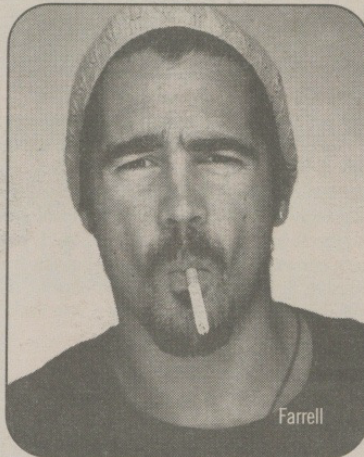
Ally was taken into custody as she “boarded the yacht” (which, apparently, isn’t a euphemism) and was charged with a “penal violation” — and here I thought everyone was wearing clothes! This wasn’t Alison’s first run-in with the law — she was also arrested in April for prostitution.

If Mariah couldn’t hit those notes only dogs can hear, God knows where she’d have ended up. Mimi’s people have told her to stay away from her sister to avoid the bad publicity. I’m not sure how much good publicity Mariah is getting by showing up for gigs in dresses that have inexplicably shrunk in the wash.

**Colin Farrell** is waging a legal battle of his own. The sexy star has filed a lawsuit against former gal pal (and *Playboy* playmate) **Nicole Narain** to prohibit her from selling a sex tape that the couple made “solely for their private use and enjoyment.”

Colin adds that the video is unedited and only 14 minutes long — information that is probably more damaging than the tape itself! Farrell should thank his lucky stars that transvestite Elaine Lancaster (aka **Jim Davis**) didn’t have a surreptitious camcorder running during their reported late-night tryst several months ago.

From lucky stars to lucky strikes —



celebs have been hitting the popular bowling alley chain of late. **Ryan Seacrest** was fingering some balls in South Beach a couple of weeks ago when he bowled a disappointing 57. (He redeemed himself with a 106 during the second game.)

Across the country, **Roseanne** reunited with the cast of her sitcom at the Hollywood Lucky Strikes to shoot some footage for the fall DVD release of the first season of *Roseanne*.

**John Stamos** is enjoying his time as a single man — and he’s even open to hanging out with gay men. Johnny was in Orlando, where he often travels (he is quite the Disney devotee), and spent a night at Pulse, a popular gay club. The star of *Jake in Progress* had no problem partying with his many gay fans and even posed for a number of photos.

**Scissor Sisters** has been playing several secret sets in Manhattan to try out new material. The band is billed as **Bridget Jones’s Diarrhea**, but it’s most certainly **Jake Shears** and company. A recent gig brought out diehard fans, including not-so-openly gay CNN star **Anderson Cooper**. Coop is virtually a groupie, and after the show, he disap-

peared with the happily coupled and presumably monogamous Shears.

With the advent of DVD, vintage porn is all the rage, and many fans are discovering porn stars of yesteryear. Justin in Tennessee sent in the following “Ask Billy” question: “I am obsessed with **Rex Chandler**. Wow — he’s got it all! I’ve been trying to find some information about him online, but I’m hitting a dead end. What can you tell me? Does he still do porn? How does he look today? Any information would be appreciated.”

Rex Chandler is alive and well but, sadly, retired from the skin trade. In addition to his numerous porn films, he also was the first porn star of note to headline **Ronnie Larsen’s Making Porn** — he even acted in a scene from the play on *Donahue*.

When I first saw the show, I thought he was incredibly stiff — although he had a resonant and striking speaking voice (in his bio, I got a chuckle when he thanked his acting coach, **Sally Kirkland**). He also appeared at several gay bars where he sang! In fact, I just found a videotape in my collection of Rex in concert that I’ll post on Filth2Go — it’s really something.

Although Chandler had sex with dozens of men on camera (always as a top), he identified himself as straight — and he’s now married. Rex (whose real name is **Paul Fow**) is a veteran who served in Iraq, has a degree in criminal justice, and is currently training to be a park ranger in California — so he’s more than just a pretty face.

Speaking of the past, **Tim Barnett** committed suicide earlier this month. The gay-for-pay porn star was in prison after being arrested in connection with seven rapes (of women). The mounting DNA evidence linking him to the crimes apparently pushed him to hang himself with a sheet in his jail cell.

It’s not only old porn stars who are garnering some attention. Steven in Lake Tahoe writes: “Have you seen the new *Playgirl*?”

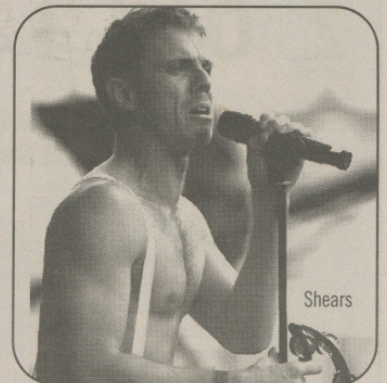
The centerfold, **Breck Orshall**, looks so familiar. Has he done gay porn? He sure looks like he should!”

I must confess that I haven’t checked out a *Playgirl* in eons, so I was delighted to see that the powers that be no longer shy away from an impressive, fully erect penis! Although Breck does not look familiar to me, a member of the Filth2Go staff immediately recognized him as Gabe, who has been featured on CorbinFisher.com. I’ll run his photos on Filth2go.com and you can see for yourself.

Once again, I will credit my psychic abilities for bringing sexy A&F model **Ryan Daharsh** to your attention weeks ago. Why? Because Ryan is featured in the August issue of *DNA* magazine. Faithful fans will note that a month after I spotlighted the god-like **Chris Austad** (complete with his *Playboy* video appearance), he turned up on the Aussie mag’s May cover. Great minds...

Catch up on the latest gossip at Filth2Go.com, or if you require some personal attention, just send a note to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Seacrest fingers any more balls (or boards my yacht)!

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# Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right



By Howard Lewis Russell

## Dr. Howard is open for consultation

**Dear Howard,**

My knees are really sore all the time. The soreness started about four months into my meds. I take stuff for HIV, TB, anemia and herpes. I'm on a lot of pills. My doc insists my knee pain isn't from the meds, but they were never sore before, and X-rays don't show a thing wrong with my patella joints.

My doc dismisses it as tendonitis, but after a month with a physical therapist, the "ten-

donitis" is worse, not better. Howard, I can barely even get in and out of my car, or bend down to tie my shoes anymore because the pain is so bad.

Am I going to end up on crutches? Or worse, a wheelchair? The thing is, I'm really doing well on my HIV meds. I'm undetectable, and my T-cells are up to almost 150. My doc says I can come off the toxo pills after a year (six more months to go on those). So, why do I feel like I'm going slowly crippled? I'm only 28.

Ian

Your knee pain may be caused by the tuberculosis meds. Unfortunately, you're just going to have to bear with them. No matter how bad your knees get, do *not* quit the TB program, even if your lungs feel completely well. TB has a nasty habit of lingering after its symptoms are long gone. TB takes a full year to kill for certain. Your knee pain will vanish within a week of finally getting off Ethambutol and its friends. Just hang in there, Ian.

Off the record, too, when an advice columnist knows more about TB med side effects than your own doctor, I'd consider switching doctors.

**Dear Howard,**

I know that every virus has its share of people who are resistant. Do you know what the statistics are for natural HIV immunity?

Rudyard

I do. About five percent of people infected with the HIV virus will never become sick and never need meds. The other 95 percent eventually will. However, the meds get more fabulous every passing year. We're already at the point where AIDS is a chronic, but controllable, disease. So, listen to your doctor, and practice 100 percent adherence. (No med vacations — ever.)

**Dear Howard,**

Does jizz have any calories in it?

Luv Puppy

Are you on a new liquid diet, Luv? Actually, the average ejaculation contains about 25 calories — about the same as a dill pickle. (How I possibly know such an arcane fact, I couldn't begin to tell you.)

**Dear Howard,**

If you answer this question authentically, Mr. Smart Mouth, I'll move you up a rung on my respect ladder. I went on HIV meds about six months back. I waited as long as I could

— until my CD4 count dipped to 198. My doctor was begging me to start.

Here's my question: I'm only 34. Do you think I can actually live another 40-years-plus on meds, as many drawbacks and as many side effects as they have? As unproven as they are in the long run? As bad as they are for the liver? Oh, and I smoke, which is one of my few pleasures left in life.

Kilroy

Mr. Smart Mouth never shirks away from being authentic. I will tell you this much: medical and health questions are the only kinds that I won't answer flippantly, no matter how I'm goaded.

So quit smoking. Now. Don't be a fool about your health. You might as well not be taking any meds at all if you're going to smoke. I'm stopping here, before I descend into preaching and get demoted a rung.

## HAVE A QUESTION FOR HOWARD?

Do you have a question for Howard? Send e-mail to askhoward@btnewsmag.com, or write to Ask Howard, P.O. Box 191362, Dallas TX 75219

July 22-28, 2005

# z o d i a c



Leo

Confusion (Mercury retrograde opposing Neptune), wacky and frequently misguided inspirations (Venus opposing Uranus) and blind determination (Mars square Saturn) are wreaking havoc. Think ahead, and go slowly. If you can maintain focus, direction and balance, you'll be way ahead!

### LEO — July 23-August 22

Sexual adventures open up tremendous insights — not necessarily what you want to see! This may or may not have anything to do with arguments arising with your partner. Still, arguments are better than silence. Reevaluate your relationship needs!

### VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Worries invite accidents, and vice versa. Meditation can help break that vicious cycle. You're looking good and drawing attention from surprising sources. Friends who criticize may just be jealous, but you should at least hear them out.

### LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Take time out for a retreat in a beautiful place, even just an hour at a museum or a park. In any question that comes down to logic or aesthetics, stick with aesthetics. You're inspired there, but logic just isn't with you these days.

### SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Old bugaboos from childhood are provoking rebellion against authority. Before spouting off, think about where your arguments are coming from and where they may lead. Relaxing is good, but chemical lubrication leads to rude slips.

### SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Sexual ambitions can lead you to places even you have rarely dreamed of — mostly good, but an emergency room could also be on that list. Role playing is safe, and domination fantasies can relieve pressures that otherwise may cause problems at work.

### CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Domestic problems threaten to become serious if not attended to right away. Sex now creates (or reveals) more problems than it solves, and logic is not on your side. Just do your best to be constructive and accommodating.

### AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Slow down and be careful. Accidents are likely, especially at work. Erotic indulgences will have hidden costs, and any partnership is likely to be a source of conflict. What's the good news in all this? It will all pass quickly!

### PISCES — February 19-March 19

Getting lost in your head will trip you up big time in the real world. Stay focused and present in your environment. Games help. Do your best, but don't take bets. Keep it fun. Creative efforts will go awry, but with interesting results.

### ARIES — March 20-April 19

Being stubborn will just provoke your nerves. Try to relax and hang loose. Pride in your home should start with taking pride in getting along well with your family or housemates. Vanity at the gym leads to trouble. Easy does it!

### TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Any sort of fun and games or creative efforts will go way off in odd directions. It's a great time to explore surrealism — but not skydiving! Whatever you wish for in love, you're likely to get it. Be very careful what you ask for!

### GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Talk as you like about music, art and aesthetics — if you even attempt logical debate, you'll likely find yourself trapped in some insane imitation of a Marx Brothers routine. Save friendships and money by keeping them far apart!

### CANCER — June 21-July 22

Just get the job done this week, period. Worrying about what people think will almost certainly cause you to make a mess of it. Not to discourage hedonistic pursuits, but if you're going to be cheap, keep the budget likewise.

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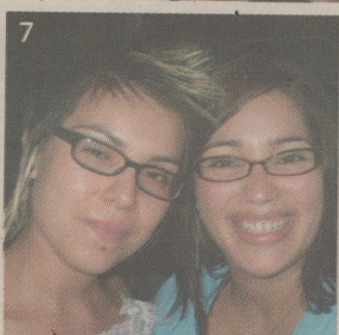
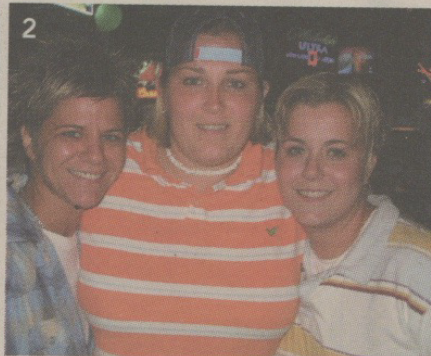
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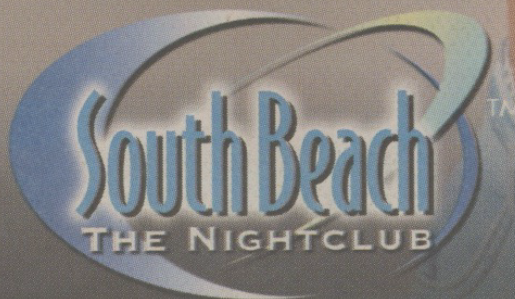
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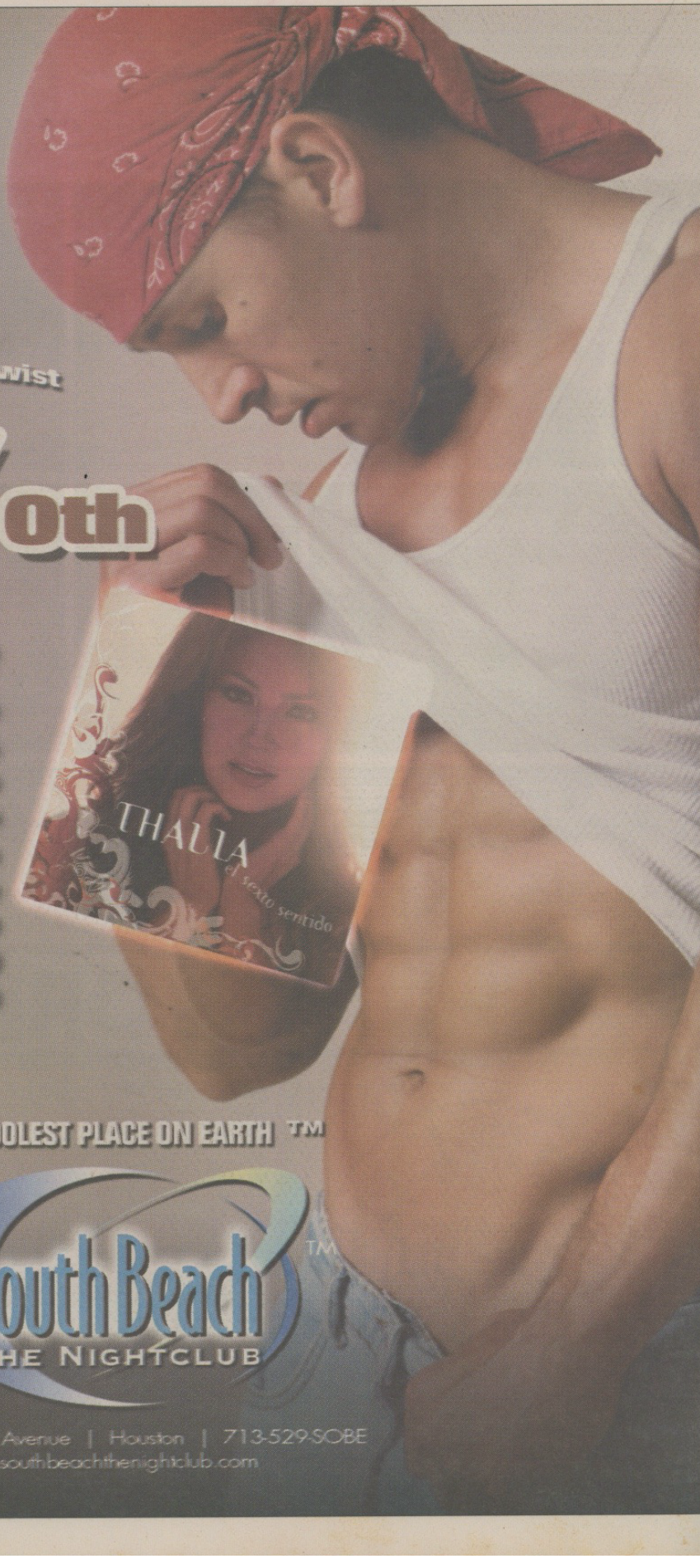


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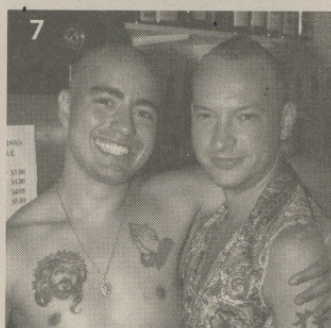
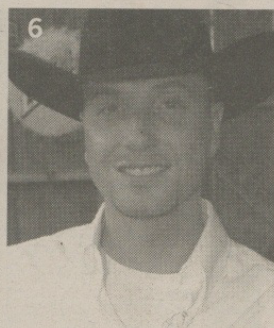
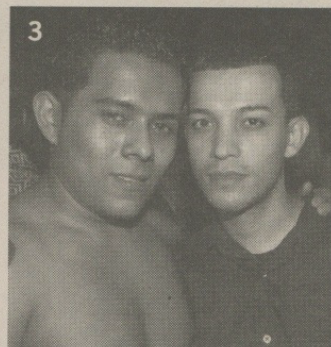
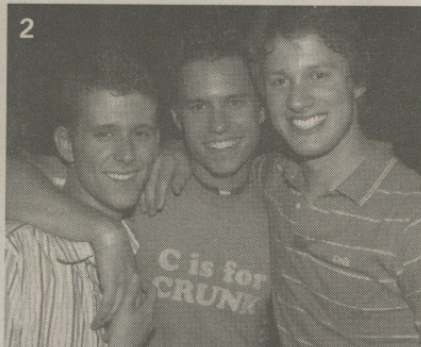
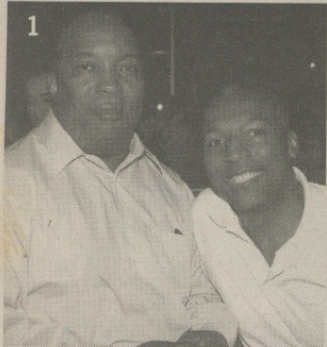
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### Bubl  personality

Crooner Michael Bubl  performs in Texas

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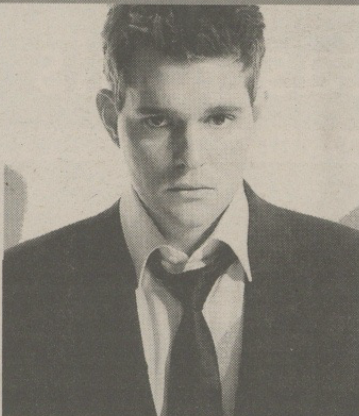
The wistful tune "Home" was written by Bubl  for his latest album, *It's Time*. He insists that its bitter-sweet message of hope and remembrance is universal.

"I wanted to write this really pretty, simple melody and sort of send out a message that could relate to people everywhere," Bubl  told the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in a recent interview. "No matter how old or young or gay or straight or black or white you are, everybody wants to go home at some point, to the comfort and people that love them."

"I was in Rome, actually in the shower, and I hummed out those first two verses, then started singing and they stuck."

*It's Time* is Bubl 's latest album, and it continues the young Canadian's trend of smartly interpreting jazz, pop and swing standards. Bubl  gives each song — "Can't Buy Me Love," "Try a Little Tenderness" "How Sweet It Is" — a modern spin, but he still remains firmly rooted in tradition sounds. It makes for a unique listening experience.

And if all that's not enough to ensure Bubl  a place



on the gay-friendly list, he even covers George Michael's "Kissing a Fool" on his 2003 debut album.

"Great song," Bubl  told Undercover.com.au, a music website out of Australia. "That's another song which for me seemed like it was so right for the style that I love. Even from his [George Michael's] first interpretation it was close to me. I love that song. I love the way he does it."

— Joey Guerra

### IN CONCERT Michael Bubl 

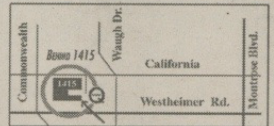
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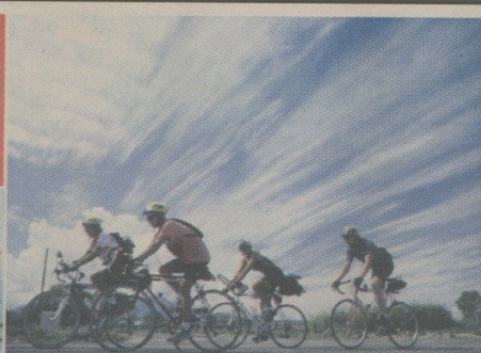






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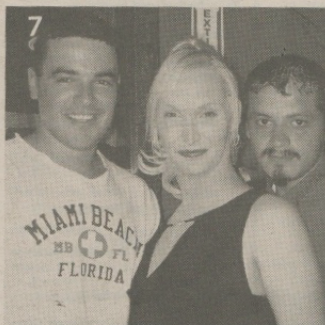
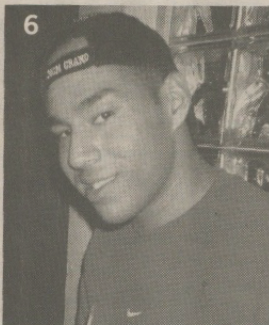
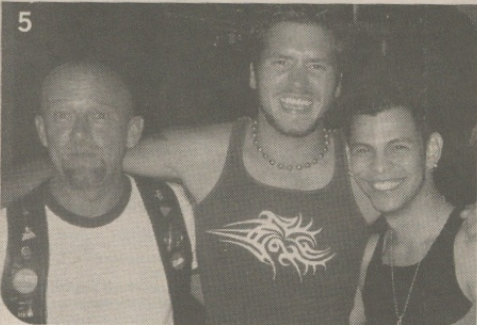
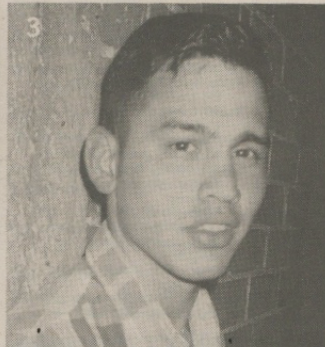
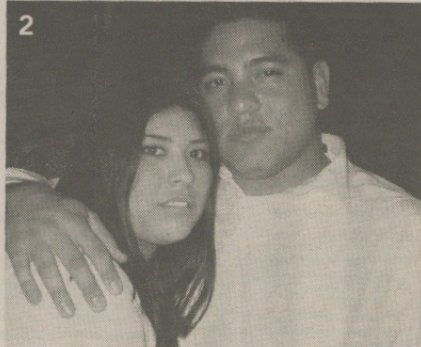
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Rcdallas.org  
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Rcdallas.org/nthrc.html  
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Centerforaids.org  
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SMU Spectrum  
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Impcourt.org/icis/chapters  
/dallas.html  
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713-529-8571  
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Spacecityempire.org  
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/houston.html  
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/sanantonio.html

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Bisexual Network of Austin  
512-370-9573 Main.org/binetaustin  
Central Texas Boys of Leather  
Ctbl.org  
Heart of Texas Bears  
heartoftexasbears.org  
Heart of Texas Hoodowners  
Hoodowners.org  
Long Yang Club  
Longyangclub.org/newsite  
/directory.htm  
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Screen Queens  
Movies.groups.yahoo.com/group  
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Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/austin.html

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Dragonflies of Dallas  
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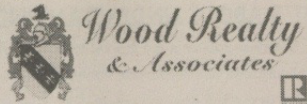
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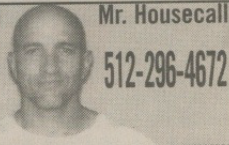


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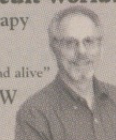
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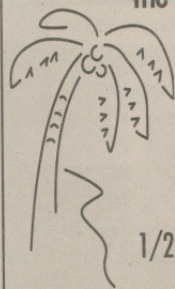
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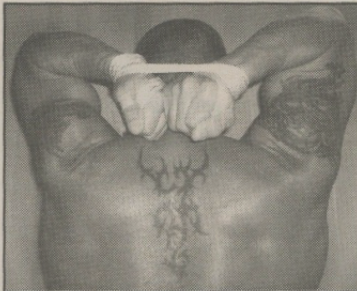


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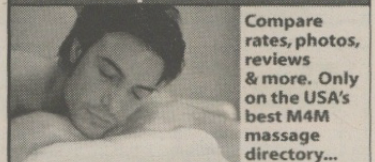
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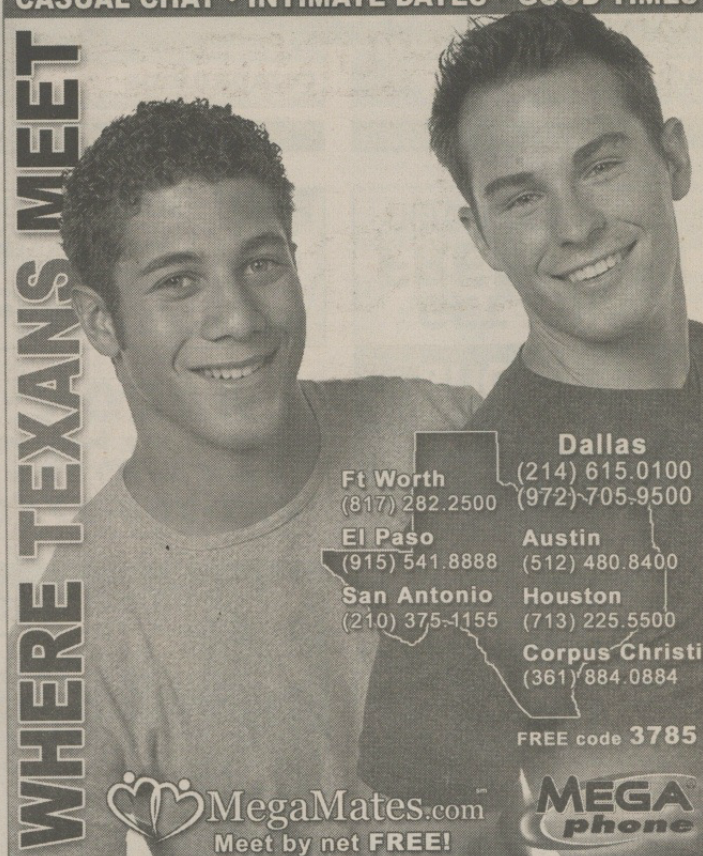
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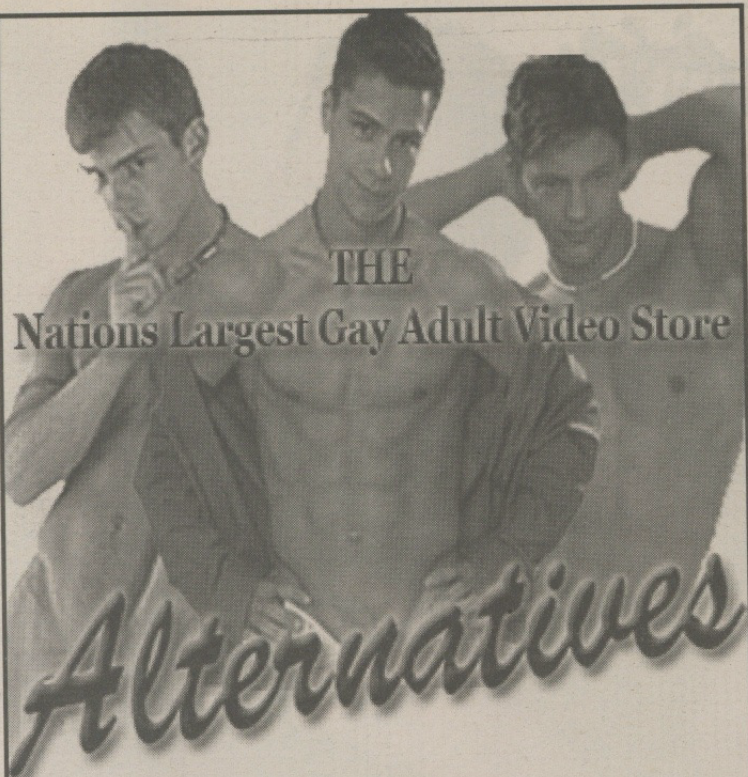
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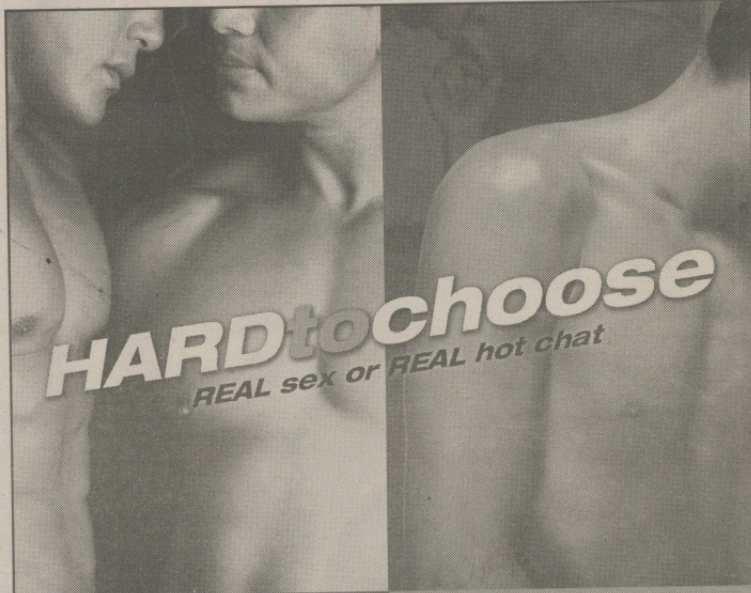
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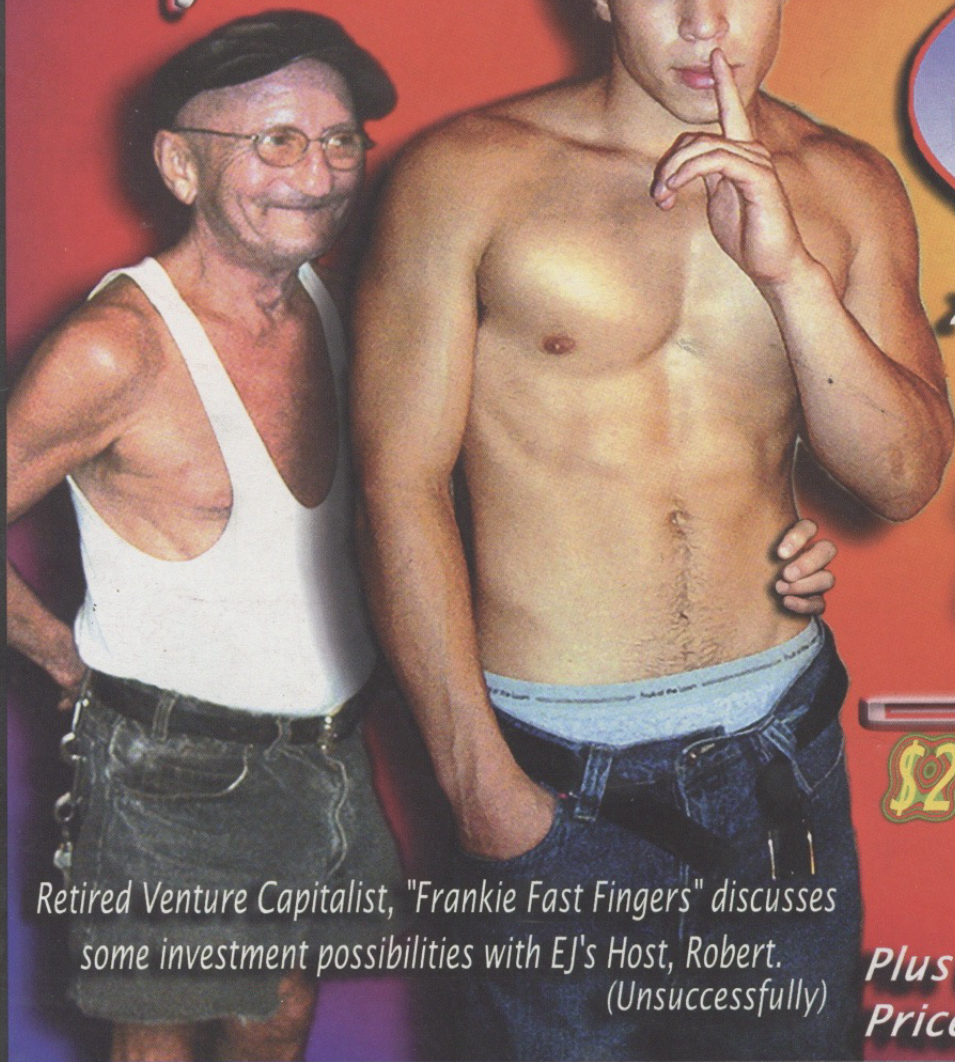
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