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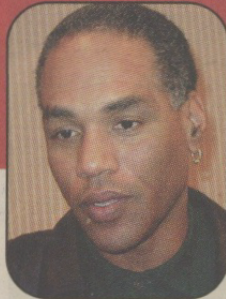
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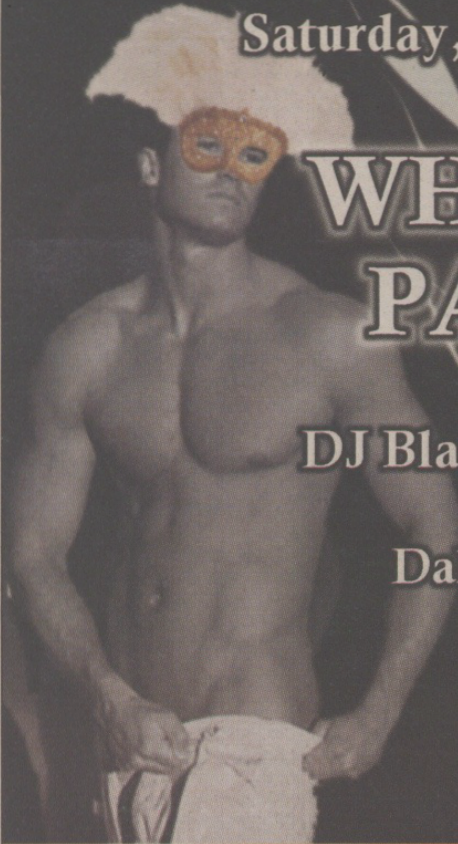
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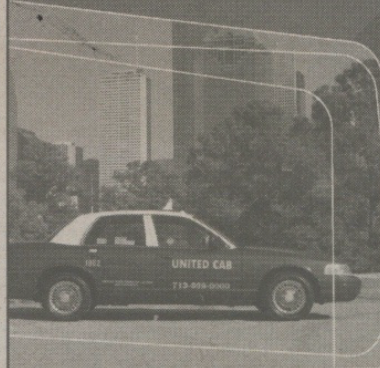


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Ticket sales for 2005 Dallas-Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner scheduled on Saturday

Ticket sales for the Dallas-Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner are scheduled on Saturday at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas. This year's event, operating under the theme, "Imagine Tomorrow," will feature appearances by actress Sharon Stone, Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese, Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and Dallas Sheriff Lupe Valdez. Lily Tomlin is the keynote speaker for the dinner, scheduled Oct. 22 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Tickets are \$300 a person and are sold in tables of 10. The chance for a table will be determined by a lottery draw on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Houston GLBT Political Caucus announces new logo designed by Scott Tevington

The Houston GLBT Political Caucus has a new logo. Designed by Scott A. Tevington of N.E.O. Graphic Design Services, the image represents "the new direction the HGLBTPC has undertaken in 2005," said Maria Gonzalez, president of the political caucus.

"The vibrancy of the logo shows the excitement and energy surrounding the HGLBTPC," she added.

The organization meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., and holds a Community Work Day the second Saturday of each month.

For more information, call 713-521-1000 or visit the Web site at www.hglbt-pc.org.

2 groups to offer health fair on Sept. 10; event is planned to raise AIDS awareness

A health fair, *Team Up to Stop AIDS*, is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sept. 10.

The fair, sponsored by the Houston advisory board for the SMART study and the Center for AIDS, aims to raise awareness of AIDS issues by bringing together a variety of Houston organizations. Tables will be available for groups to exhibit and distribute information, organizers said. The limited space is available on a first come, first served basis. The fair will also feature free food, entertainment and door prizes. It will be held at the YWCA of Houston Administration Building, located at 3621 Willia St.

For more information, call 713-527-8219.

Counseling Center to offer information to partners of addicts on how to cope, help

The Montrose Counseling Center, noted for its substance abuse support programs, will address concerns of people partnered with an addict. Titled *Intervening in the Drama of Addiction*, the sessions will teach participants "how to intervene and how to cope, how to help, how to live with, how to keep from hurting, how to support and how to act," a press release said.

The workshop will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 12 and ending on Oct. 3. Sessions will be held in Classroom 15 at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond Ave. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

For more information, call 713-529-0037.

Hollyfield Foundation makes additional grant money available to GLBT groups

The Hollyfield Foundation is accepting interim grant proposals from GLBT and AIDS organizations.

According to Todd Amdor, a co-chair of the foundation's grants committee, the board voted to distribute up to 10 thousand additional dollars this year. The money will be given in small chunks to GLBT and HIV organizations in need of seed money for new projects, he said.

Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000 each, Amdor said.

To apply, visit the foundation's Web site at holleyfield.org.

GLBT Latin organization to serve youth

Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization to include youth mentoring program

By Joshua Cleveland
Contributing Writer

A group of Houston Latinos has established the Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization, a group that will provide educational forums and financial assistance to GLBT youth.

Its executive director, Able C. Rodriguez, said the group will also provide mentoring programs for youth.

Rodriguez is a former president of Gays and Lesbians Organized by

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Rodriguez. "I stepped down as president of the GLOBO because I wanted to give other members in that organization a chance to lead, and this newer group offered better opportunities to help in the Latino community," Rodriguez said.

Members discussed the group's mission at a fundraiser last week.

Roman Delgado, president, said gay and lesbian youths have critically important needs.

"It is estimated that nearly 50 to 60 percent of teen suicides are committed by children that can't understand or deal



The Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization, Houston's newest group, is devoted to GLBT Latino and Latina youth. The group will introduce its board and commemorate Mexico's Independence at 9 p.m. on Sept. 15 at E/I's.

with the fact that they are gay," Delgado said.

Delgado also said the group's leaders would be positive role models.

Doris Varela, the group's vice president, said, "There is a lot of peer pressure out there in the world, and I think this organization wants to be a place that young men and women can turn to for help."

Varela also said that youth in Montrose need an avenue to vent frustrations, and the Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization would attempt to provide that avenue.

As part of the organization's youth program, Varela said, the group will attempt to help youths seeking employment to find jobs.

"There are several board members

who own their own businesses and would be willing to take on youth as interns," Varela said.

The Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization will work closely with the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, holding joint gatherings and sponsoring dinners and meetings, Martinez said.

Although the organization began with only 12 members, its six board members are required to recruit at least two new members a year, Martinez said.

"This code of conduct was put into place to help strengthen the number of our organization," Martinez said.

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Triangle of Oak Lawn project hits a \$35,000 snag

Engineers discover earth under monument site unstable; they'll shore it up with concrete piers

By David Webb
Staff Correspondent

An unexpected snag has coordinators of the Triangle of Oak Lawn project scrambling for additional contributions.

Mark Stori, the fundraising chairman, said engineers working on the project determined that the land in the median, located at Oak Lawn Avenue and Cedar Springs Road, is unstable and needs concrete reinforcement to support the planned monument.

Another \$35,000 in contributions is needed to complete the project, Stori said.

But the fundraising chairman said he is confident the additional money will be raised. He still predicts that construction will begin this fall.

"It's definitely going to happen," he said.

Frank Stich, chair of the construction committee, said engineers learned of the need for reinforcement when they conducted soil tests. To provide a solid footing for the monument, 20 concrete piers must extend 42 feet into the ground to hit bedrock, he said.

Stich said the reinforcement is essential because coordinators want the monument to be built to the highest standards.

"We do not want this to become the leaning tower of Oak Lawn," Stich said. "We want it to be a quality project that the whole neighborhood can be proud of."

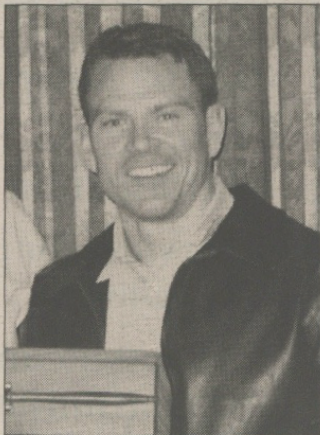
Coordinators, who are members of the Oak Lawn Committee, hoped to have the project completed in time for the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade

DALLAS on Sept. 18. But the delay of planned construction while piers are sunk has prevented that, said Dean Carter, chair of the project.

Carter said he expects the monument to be completed in early 2006. A construction bid was recently awarded to Henneberger Construction, and construction will begin soon, he said.

"The goal is to have construction started when everyone passes by in the parade," Carter said.

Carter said the additional delay and the concrete work is worth the time and



Dean Carter, the Triangle project's chair, said construction should be underway by the time the Pride parade happens on Sept. 18. The project should be completed in early 2006.

money to make sure it is constructed properly.

"You never know until you dig things

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The Triangle of Oak Lawn project will transform a nondescript, grassy triangle-shaped median into a monument accompanied by an oak tree planting honoring AIDS survivors. The triangle is located at the intersection of Oak Lawn Avenue and Cedar Springs Road. Coordinators said the project would also form a "gateway" to Oak Lawn and its gay business and entertainment district

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 out what is going to happen," Carter said. "We want this to be a legacy for Oak Lawn long after we are all gone, so in order to do that it's just going to cost a little more."

When completed, the intersection median, which is in the shape of a triangle, will feature a monument with a plaque of 100 supporters and a grove of three oak trees. The trees will represent a memorial to HIV survivors.

The project was designed by Cheryl Baez, of Allen, Texas, who won a contest coordinators held to select a designer for the project.

The project has enjoyed strong support from city officials and Oak Lawn residents and businesses.

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PFLAG Houston fights constitutional amendment with its card promotion

By Nancy Ford
 Staff Writer

Most people in line at the grocery store checkout may have coupons in hand, car keys, a wallet.

In addition, unflappable Houston PFLAG mom Sue Null juggles a stack of business cards. You never know when you might run across a sympathetic voter in the express lane.

Null and her husband, Jim, believe that the most effective way to fight the so-called Defense of Marriage Amendment is person to person.

This belief has inspired them to create *Leave No Family Behind* cards.

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whomever," Sue Null said.

"Leave No Family Behind" is printed prominently on the front of the card in red italics, underlined, asking the reader to "Vote NO in November on the Marriage Discrimination Amendment." The text explains that the amendment "will limit personal freedom and write unequal treatment into our state constitution by banning civil marriage and civil unions for some Texas citizens."

Distributed by Pflaghouston.org, the card's flip side states that the amendment "would deny thousands of Texas families access to health care, fair inheritance and survivor rights, and the ability to make medical decisions for loved ones. Honoring love and commitment is a family value. Discrimination against any group of people does not belong in our Constitution."

The card also lists Web sites for allied organizations, including the No Nonsense in November committee, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby, Houston Equal Rights Alliance and Freedom to Marry.

PFLAG Houston has distributed nearly 5,000 *Leave No Family Behind* cards to the public since June. Null said she passes out from two to four cards each day, on average, and often more, emphasizing the immorality of amending the state constitution to deny civil marriage to same-sex couples.

While passing out the cards, Null will engage people in conversation. Often she will remind the people she talks to that the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting same sex marriage in Texas is redundant.

"It's already impossible with a Texas law and a federal law that forbid it and will remain that way for now," Null said. "We believe that the Constitution should not be amended to deny civil rights to any group of people. Constitutions should extend civil rights, not deny them."

In one encounter, Null spoke with a man working outside in his yard. He immediately gave the card back to her, adding that he was "a conservative."

"I pointed out the line on the card that mentions that 'honoring love and commitment is a family value.' What could be more conservative? We talked a bit more, and as I left, he reluctantly admitted to his adult daughter, 'You know, she's got a point there.'"

Null encouraged anyone wishing to print and distribute similar cards to download the recommended text from Pflaghouston.org. The cards are also available until the November election at the GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207; at monthly PFLAG meetings; and by writing Advocacy@pflaghouston.org.

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Sue Null, left, discusses PFLAG Houston's *Leave No Family Behind* business card education campaign during Houston's *Queer Voices* program with moderator Deborah Bell.

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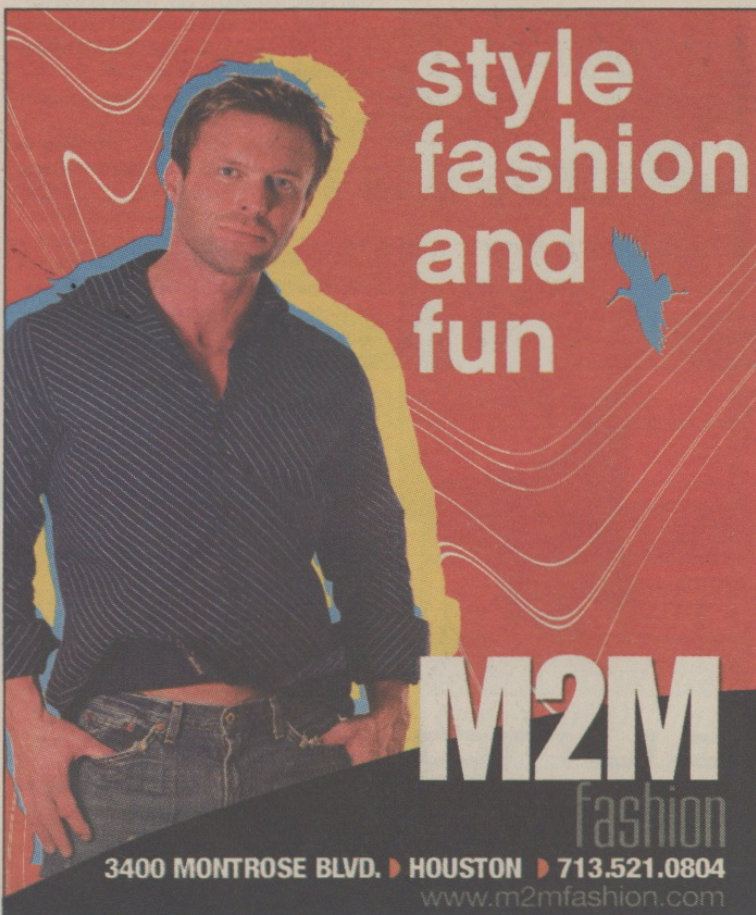
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California's top court keeps cases on slower track

Won't take 4 consolidated cases directly from superior court; insists on full review through appeals court

On August 10, the California Supreme Court turned down a request to take direct review of four coordinated gay marriage cases. Instead, it said the cases, pending before a San Francisco-based state appellate court, should stay there. The justices said they would review the suits only after the appeals court had completed its consideration of the cases.

The unanimous rejection adds at least a year to the judicial fight for marriage equality in the Golden State, and means the high court probably won't hear the lawsuits until 2007 at the earliest.

Then last Monday, the state legislature reopened for one final month to wrap up hundreds of outstanding bills. Among them is the proposal to legalize same-sex marriage, introduced last month in the state Senate by virtue of a

CALIFORNIA "gut and amend" tactic. Its author, Representative Mark Leno, a Democrat of San Francisco who is gay, hopes to win a floor vote in the Senate and send his measure back to the Assembly, where it came up four votes short earlier this year.

If the marriage bill were to pass, it could face a veto from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has said previously that the voters should decide the state's marriage policy.

The bill would also have to pass muster before the courts, where opponents would surely argue that the lawmakers did not have the authority to legalize marriage. In March of 2000, California voters passed a referendum barring recognition of same-sex marriages from out of state. Technically, the legislature cannot override that statute without seeking voter authority. However, GLBT

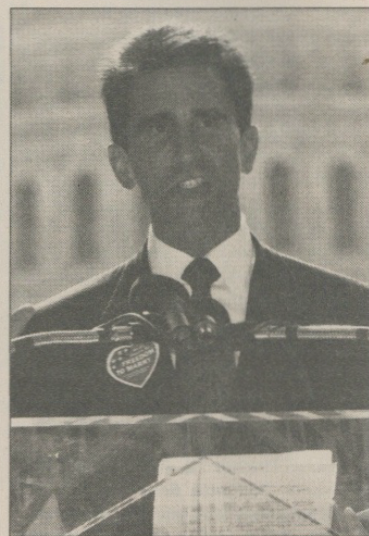
legal advocates note that the referendum concerned recognition of marriages from outside California borders, but was silent on marriages conducted inside the state.

Finally, the battle lines have been drawn between two conservative groups who are both aiming to pass an anti-gay marriage amendment in next June's primary election. The "true blue" amendment, by Voteysmarriage.com, would explicitly roll back the state's extensive domestic partner rights. California's domestic partner registry is virtually marriage by another name in terms of state-authorized benefits and responsibilities. And just a fortnight ago, the state supreme court ruled that commercial entities may not discriminate between registered domestic partners and married couples.

The sponsors of this lengthy amendment are also suing the office of Attorney General Bill Lockyer, claiming that his official description of their proposal is biased. On July 25, Lockyer announced that the measure would be titled "Marriage. Invalidation of Domestic Partnership Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment." The formal summary, in turn, detailed many of the rights that would be stripped from same-sex partners.

On the other side of the factional divide is Protectmarriage.com, another anti-gay group that is pushing a one-sentence measure: "A marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized by the state." In a title and summary released July 27, Lockyer's office named this measure: "Marriage. Invalidation of Domestic Partnerships. Initiative Constitutional Amendment." But although the attorney general's staff wrote that the amendment would also destroy the domestic partner system, the advocates at Voteysmarriage disagree. They insist that Protectmarriage.com's proposal is a paper tiger that will protect the "m" word, but allow the partner registry to flourish.

Protectmarriage.com submitted a second amendment text, but have reportedly aban-



California Assemblyman Mark Leno, Democrat of San Francisco, speaks at a rally in favor of gay marriage in this file photo. With less than a month until the session ends, Leno has resurrected his gay marriage legislation, which passed the Senate but failed by four votes in the Assembly last month.

donated that tamer version. Both right wing groups need to gather 598,105 signatures by December 22 in order to qualify their amendments for the primary. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, if both versions were to pass in June, and if a court determined that the two were mutually exclusive, the measure with the most votes would become law.

Oddly, it's possible that the most harmful version would be preferable, as it would be more vulnerable to a federal court challenge. On May 12, an amendment to the Nebraska constitution was struck by a federal judge on Equal Protection and other U.S. constitutional grounds, in a decision that is under appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Interpretation of Michigan's amendment under scrutiny

State contends measure bars civil unions, partner benefits (along with) gay marriage

A closely-watched challenge to one of the 14 anti-gay constitutional amendments enacted in the last 12 months reached the courtroom of Michigan Circuit Court Judge Joyce Draganchuk on Tuesday.

At issue is not the validity of the amendment itself, but its interpretation. The one-sentence measure declares that "to secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the



Gov. Jennifer Granholm



Mike Cox

union of one man and a one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose." But although campaign materials last

fall insisted that the amendment had nothing to do with partner rights or other legal ties protecting same-sex couples, the attorney general, Mike Cox, says otherwise.

In a 16-page non-binding opinion issued last March, Cox told the city of Kalamazoo that the amendment applies to cities and local governments throughout the state. The amendment prevents the recognition of any marriage-like status whatsoever, even domestic partner insurance, the attorney general's opinion said. As such, the city made plans to dismantle its domestic partner program on January 1.

Earlier, Governor Jennifer Granholm had deleted a domestic partner provision out of

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state employment contracts, pending clarification of the new amendment by a court of law.

Into the confusion stepped the American Civil Liberties Union, asking a state court to decide once and for all whether the amendment should be construed to block partner benefits. The ACLU is representing some 21 same-sex couples, all of whom either receive partner perks from a state employer, or would have received them were it not for the last-minute change in the state contracts.

Originally, the civil libertarians sued Governor Granholm, who would normally be represented by Attorney General Cox's office. But last month, it emerged that Granholm, a Democrat, disagreed with Cox's interpretation of the amendment, and in fact sides with the ACLU. The hearing was delayed until last Tuesday in order for the

governor to find new representation, and for Cox himself to be recognized as the defendant in the case.

According to Wendy Wagenheim, communications director for the Michigan ACLU, Granholm is now represented by two lawyers from the attorney general's office, who have created a firewall within the department in order to shield their operations from their colleagues, who are arguing on behalf of Cox. In addition, the ACLU has sued the city of Kalamazoo, based on the decision by officials there to halt partner benefits.

Wagenheim said Tuesday's hearing went well from her point of view. The ACLU's attorney, Deborah Labelle, argued "brilliantly," she said. As for the various opponents, Wagenheim summed up their performance as "not great."

Brother to brother: wake up and stop the genocide that AIDS is becoming

African-American gay leaders issue a call for action to stem tide of infection among black gay men

On Wednesday, 51 African-American community leaders issued a call for action, a sharp shake of the shoulders to gay and bisexual black men who are becoming HIV positive at alarming rates. According to statistics announced in June by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly 46 percent of black men who have sex with men are HIV positive.

That percentage "isn't a catastrophe," the authors wrote. "It's genocide!" But, they continued, "Where is the outrage?"

"As far as we can tell, following the **WASHINGTON** CDC's announcement no Black or gay media organizations ran front-page stories. No civil rights organizations marched in the streets or called on policy makers to take action. No Black celebrities sponsored relief concerts.

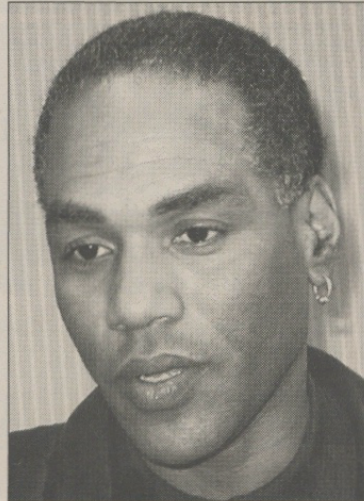
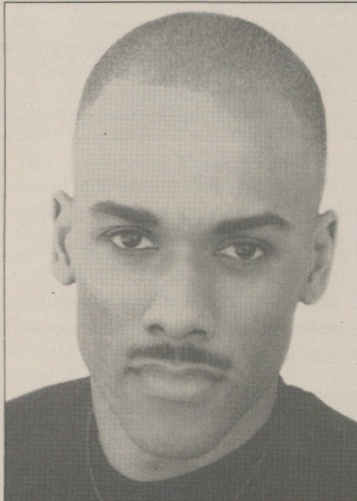
There wasn't even a call to action issued by a Black gay and lesbian organization!"

The group, which included Phil Wilson of the Black AIDS Institute, activist Keith Boykin and dancer Bill Jones, among others, called for a public discourse within the black gay and bisexual community.

"There is a role for all parties to play," they wrote, "government, the larger black community, the white LGBT community, our society as a whole. But we must be willing to hold ourselves accountable and responsible for our own survival.

"How can Black gay and bisexual or same gender loving men ask others to respond if we continue to be so complacent in the face of our own genocide?"

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Keith Boykin, left, and Phil Wilson were among the 51 African-American leaders who issued the Call to Action.

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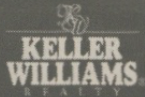


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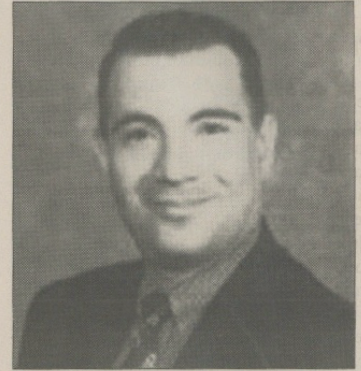
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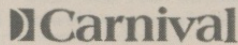
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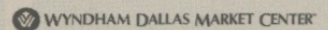
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Lesbian birds, quadruplet heartbreak, Matt dominates

I'm as corny as Kansas in August

Let's start in Kansas, shall we? You may recall a few weeks ago that a highly conservative state lawmaker was all set to launch a study into whether gay and lesbian wannabe parents should be barred from adopting foster kids in the Tornado State. I'm sure you're as delighted as I was to learn that Steve Huebert's proposal has been shelved for the foreseeable future by his colleagues.

Kansas lawmakers have been in meetings recently to set the agenda for their next session. I don't have high hopes for it, but at least we won't have to wage the adoption wars.

For your information, the Kansas state bird is the Western Meadowlark, the flower is the sunflower, and the state motto is "ad astra per aspera," literally: "Will you be a darling and get me two aspirin?" You should also know that a federal court has awarded a quarter of a million bucks to a former student in the Tonganoxie school district, harassed since seventh grade for his gender presentation. Schools are not held directly responsible for peer abuse on campus, but when officials are told what's going on and choose to take no action, they assume some liability for the results.

Cygnus of the times

As difficult as it is, we must let Kansas recede in our rearview mirror, and move on to places like Orlando, Fla., where Evangelical Lutherans have been busy voting on various gay things, or Boston, where it's just been announced that Romeo and Juliet, the two devoted swans who live in the Public Garden, are both female. Swans mate for life, so although some people are calling for a male swan to replace one of the lesbians, it's likely that the couple will be left alone. After all, this is ground zero for same-sex relationships.

On the other hand, the swans have repeatedly laid eggs, which the *Boston Globe* reports have gone unfertilized and ignored. In mid-July of last year, after laying about nine eggs, the *Globe* reports that the eggs began to vanish, and the swans themselves were caught kicking a few of them into a lagoon. The swans were also accused with abandoning the nest "for hours on end," the *Globe* says.

The irresponsible behavior led park officials to conduct a sex test, which we learn, "is not just a matter of turning the birds upside down." Instead, it requires upending the swan's rear quarters "and performing a detailed examination of reproductive organs." A labor of love for someone, I'm sure.

Oh, and as far as the Lutherans were concerned, I am very confused and can't possibly be expected to sort out all the vaguely-written task force recommendations that did or did not pass muster at the recent convention. It seems to make no difference either way, since individual parishes can minister to gay and lesbian members to the best of their ability.



Ann Rostow

Tribal warfare continues

Whatever, (if I may paraphrase the mealy-mouthed participants in the three-year Lutheran review of sexual orientation).

Now, let's move on to those poor Cherokee women, who are still under attack from concerned members of the tribe who want to make absolutely sure they are not allowed to register the paperwork that will formalize their marriage.

The women, Dawn McKinley and Kathy Reynolds, obtained the appropriate certificate and married in May. Subsequently, they have been enjoined from filing their certificate with the tribal court by a series of legal motions that we will not rehash at this particular moment in time. The latest such motion, a petition from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, was good enough to obtain a temporary restraining order against the women last week. On Friday, the court will hear arguments and then decide if the order should be made permanent.

Gnashville

In Tennessee, a group of about 90 lawmakers have won permission from a court to intervene in a challenge to one of those anti-gay constitutional amendments. The amendment has not been ratified by voters, but it is already under attack from the ACLU, who claims that technical errors were made by the legislators who rammed it through the last session.

I gather that all the Republican legislators, with the exception of one man, have gotten their knickers in a twist and gone whining to the Davidson County Chancellery Court about how unfair it is that the civil libertarians have questioned their "personal reputations and integrity," without giving them the chance to respond. It seems as if Judge Ellen Hobbs Lyle swallowed this macho palaver, and to make matters worse, these jokers have hired the archconservative Alliance Defense Fund to represent them.

It will be a mess.

Matt, Matt, he's our man

What else? I was reading through my

news pile, skimming long pieces of trenchant gay rights analysis and cavalierly tossing them aside in a search for something uncommon, when I happened across an interview in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* with Matt Foreman, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. No one in the ranks of GLBT leaderships speaks more forcefully, or with more integrity than does Foreman. In this article, he nails the core issue that underlies the fight for marriage rights, and he condemns the gay community for our worst fault. Namely, the insecure, fearful, totally understandable and totally unacceptable failure to see ourselves worthy of equal rights:

• "Our argument is always about — you know — you get a better dental plan if you're married. Stuff like that. But marriage is just a

Rant over. And by the way, don't forget that the Washington Supreme Court is going to issue a marriage ruling one of these days. They heard oral arguments last March, so they could decide any time now, perhaps setting up a beachhead for marriage equality on the West Coast. We'll see.

Show me the money

Now I only have 100 words left, so I won't start with the 4th Circuit's pledge decision, the gay sheep in Corvallis, or the two guys that had high-profile quadruplets through a surrogate and then broke up. Nor do I have time for the melee in a Delaware Barnes & Noble during a signing by Rick Santorum, or the large amount of cash



Associated Press

Dawn McKinley, left, and Kathy Reynolds are pictured as they talk to the media outside the Cherokee Tribal courthouse in Tahlequah, Okla., Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, where they asked the tribe's highest court to throw out a lawsuit that put their effort to file their tribal-issued marriage certificate on hold.

code word. The fight is really: Are we equal human beings in society or not? The right wing goes for the gut and we respond in this completely sterile way, talking about academic issues like the 1,038 rights that are denied us. It's kind of like John Kerry in the presidential race."

Yes, and we recall what happened to Kerry in the presidential race. For all the talk of "framing" and recasting the issues, blah blah blah, there is something to be said for old-fashioned political courage, particularly when it comes to GLBT campaigners fighting for GLBT rights. Hello? If we ourselves cannot articulate the case for equality and do so convincingly, how can we expect to win it?

(\$270,000!) that Univision had to shell out to some gay guy they outed on live radio as a prank.

Please please please. Someone out me. Someone serve me a small rodent for lunch. Fire me for having blue eyes. Run over my little toe. Pour hot water in my lap. Sexually harass me a tiny bit. I'm not looking for a serious injury or hardship here. Just a little something to stash in a money market account collecting interest until I feel like blowing it on a Hemingway-esque year of pushing the limits of hedonism somewhere on the Cote d'Azur. Or maybe in Topeka.

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Progressives should nail right on use of bogus research

The far right's 'kooky ideas' flow from the \$295 million a year conservatives pour into their 'crackpot' think tanks

It is the 21st century and the cover of *Time* bears images of a chimpanzee and God under the bold headline, "Evolution Wars." I turn on the television and a nondescript talking head is putting forth the bizarre idea that tax cuts for the rich lead increased tax revenue to increase, not decrease. I flip the channel and an effeminate man is lisping about how he prayed away his homo-

sexuality.

How did such weird and scientifically bankrupt ideas find their way into mainstream culture?

The answer is at once simple and scary. Progressive organizations have long been outmatched, outworked and, most important, out-funded by the right. For the past four decades, conservatives have plotted to remake America in their image by forming crackpot think tanks, biased media outlets and faux research groups designed to ape respectable mainstream institutions. They have largely been successful. As a result, conservatives dominate the national debate and control Capitol Hill.

FORTUNATELY, THIS DOMINANCE may be ending, as progressives finally get serious enough to organize and angry enough to act. The *Washington Post* reported recently that 80 wealthy liberal donors have pledged to give at least \$1 million each to a new group, the Democracy Alliance, which will fund an array of advocacy groups and think tanks to promote progressive ideas and combat conservative propaganda. The group has a goal of raising at least \$200 million.

"To be effective in the 21st century in promoting your beliefs, it is necessary to have a financially secure institutional infrastructure

that has the capacity to promote consistently and coherently a set of ideas, policies and messages," Rob Stein, a Democratic strategist who created the Alliance, told *The Washington Post*. "We understand that it is very hard to promote a belief system and to be operationally high-performing if you don't have multi-year funding."

The new group certainly has a major challenge ahead of it. In 2003, Stein told *The Post*, the 19 progressive organizations with budgets surpassing \$1 million spent a total of \$75 million. In contrast, the 24 national think tanks on the right spent \$170 million. Additional spending occurred at state-based policy centers (\$50 million) and campus-based conservative policy groups (\$75 million to \$100 million).

It is hard to believe, but but expenditures by the right are about \$295 million when these state and cam-

pus-based programs are thrown added to the national think-tank figure. That's \$295 million to progressives' \$75 million — a \$220 million imbalance. This means that when we engage in political crossfire, to use the popular CNN metaphor, progressives are shooting with BB guns and conservatives are blasting us with bazookas. We are not poor people, so there is no excuse for this.

IT'S ABOUT TIME that good Americans stand up and combat the kooky and even dangerous ideas of the far right. The reason we are now in a political pickle is that the left has taken the worst route possible: the High Road.

For years, we have patted ourselves on the back, stuck our noses in the air and laughed

wipe them out and we can all live in peace.

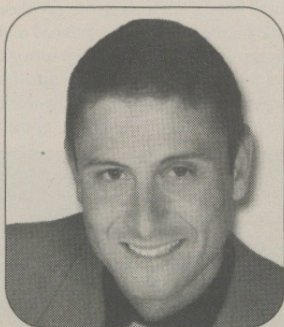
And all this time everyone thought Tancredo was a one-issue kind of guy — as in illegal immigration. Does the wipe-out-Mecca ultimatum give a new perspective about his foreign policy know-how? Does he know how to fight terrorism?

Now that it's known that he's tough as nails, and since he also considers Mexico to be an enemy of the United States, maybe he'll take his wipe-out-Mecca idea on the road.

To Mexico City, perhaps?

Stay with me here. I would point out that after Mexico City, Los Angeles might be next. After all, after Mexico City, it contains more Mexican citizens than anywhere else.

— Patrick Osio Jr.



RIGHT AND WRONG

Wayne Besen

off surreal right-wing ideas.

"No one is going to actually believe that global warming isn't real," we scoff, as we wave a dismissive hand.

"The evolution battle was definitively settled at the Scopes trial in 1925," liberals confidently assert.

"No one really thinks homosexuality is a casual choice, like choosing between hair gel or mousse," we self-assuredly cackle, as out leaders glide past "fly-over" country.

IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, we are out of power. We can no longer afford to dismiss the right and refuse to debate by arrogantly saying that we "don't want to dignify" the idiocy behind their ideas.

But in this effort not to dignify, we allow our opponents to glorify the inane. When we don't competitively offer a dialogue, it becomes a right-wing monologue. Until Air America, for example, Rush Limbaugh freely spoke into the void created by our silence.

The high road is quaint, but it is not the road to victory

This, of course, does not mean we lower our ethical or moral standards, it simply requires that we vigorously engage and confront the right by knocking down each lie and myth, while putting forth coherent policies that make sense to the American people.

It is time we meet the right on the low road they prefer and defeat them at their own game.

Thanks to the Democracy Alliance, the gay movement is on the verge of getting a much-needed boost, albeit this assistance only deals peripherally with gay rights. But, the Alliance is crucial because at the heart of the anti-gay industry are phony think tanks that hoodwink people into believing that their prejudice is grounded in science. Just look at the names of our opponents: The Family

Research Council, The Family Research Institute, The Culture and Family Institute.

THE STRATEGY OF CONSERVATIVES, particularly on gay rights, has been to create confusion and throw enough pseudo-scientific dung against the wall in hopes that some of it will stick. Well, without proper financing on our side, a lot of it *has* stuck.

We can no longer afford to dismiss the right and refuse to debate by arrogantly saying that we "don't want to dignify" the idiocy of their ideas.

We live in a political outhouse. This new effort to dismantle the Neo-Puritan propaganda machine is a godsend for the GLBT community and essential for winning a culture war where we have been badly outnumbered and deftly outmaneuvered. It is finally time to put away our slingshots and bring out the big guns.

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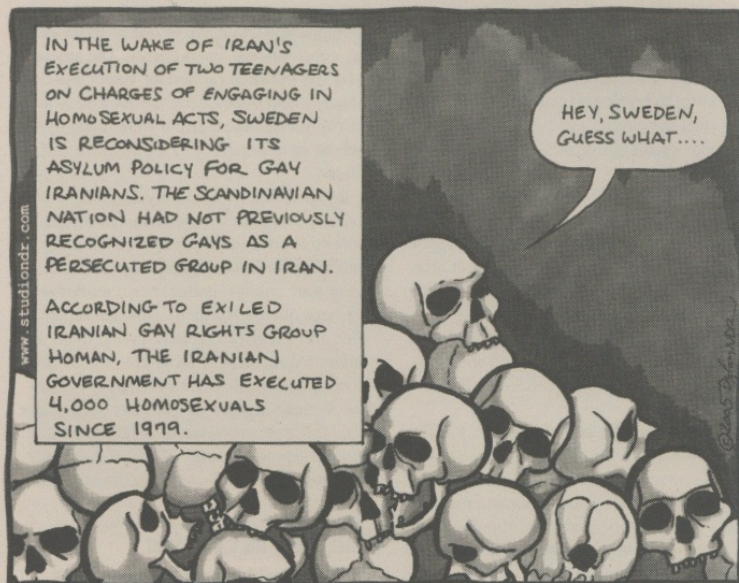
Tancredo's 'Bomb Mecca' comment was deplorable

What a guy! Don't you just love him? Straight talker. Says what he means, means what he says. What more can Americans ask for in a president.

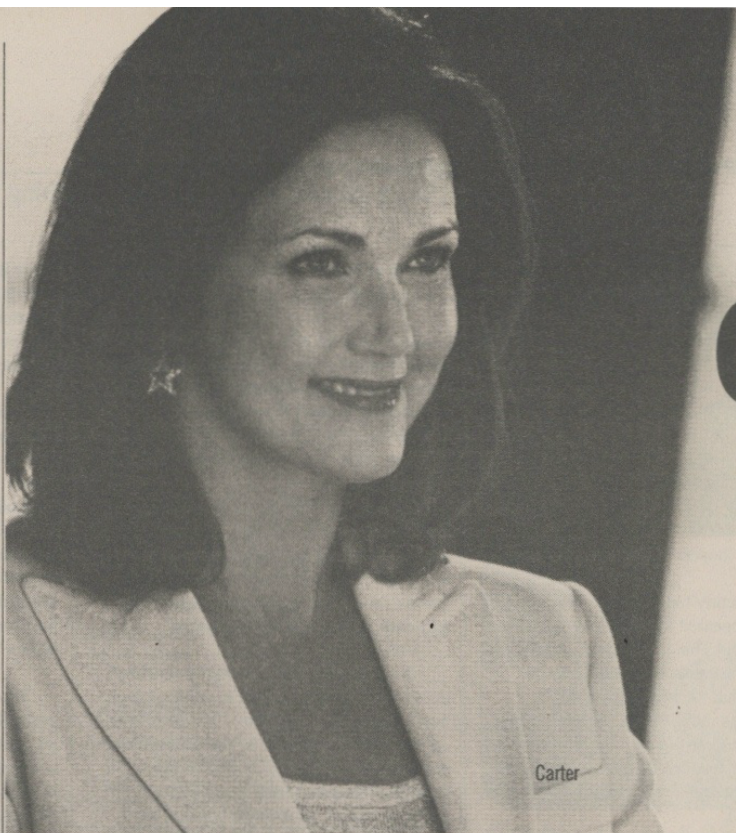
No, not Bush. I'm talking about Congressman Tom Tancredo, who announced he would most likely be a candidate for president in 2008.

He's the one who told Muslims, if you can't control your religious fanatics, we will wipe out Mecca.

What will the 1 billion Muslims do without Mecca? Why, their anger will turn on Islamic terrorists, not the U.S., and they will



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The Goddess Within

Lynda Carter on her two new movies — and why she's a queer icon

By Joey Guerra

Lynda Carter remains a woman of wonder — even without the golden lasso and bulletproof bracelets.

The 54-year-old actress still radiates the Amazonian beauty and grace that makes Wonder Woman a pop-culture icon. (The second and third seasons of the oh-so-fabulous 1970s TV series Carter starred in have even been released on DVD.)

She remains proud of her signature role, and says she relished the opportunity to make Wonder Woman a character grounded in real-life ideals.

"I had a suspicion [of her legacy]," says Carter, calling while on a press junket in Los Angeles. "I decided I wanted to play her in a way that embraced other women, where they would not feel threatened at all by her. Rather, they either thought they wanted to be her or be her best friend. An Oprah thing! She is about real things, and she connects, and she represents all the good things that women are."

Carter is also aware of the impact her Princess Diana character had on gay men — young and old, past and present. Even today, Carter's interpretation of the classic comic-book diva inspires unconditional love and breathless adulation. (Come on, admit it — you spun around your room at least once, really, *really* hoping to transform into the gorgeous super-heroine.)

"[It's] the goddess within, that secret person," Carter says of her status as a gay icon. "We all have enough just to struggle in our lives to find out who we are, and then to pay it forward in our own circle. How we are interconnected, every one of us, and how you relate to other people, really determines your legacy, the quality of your life."

But Carter isn't on just a nostalgia trip

these days. Her career is on an upswing, thanks to high-profile roles in a pair of summer movies. She stars as no-nonsense headmistress Principal Powers in Disney's *Sky High*, a clever teen comedy disguised as a mild-mannered superhero flick.

There's also Carter's role as saucy Southern belle Pauline in the big-screen version of *The Dukes of Hazzard*. And she was featured prominently on *Entertainment Weekly* magazine's "Must List" of cool people, places and things. That's quite a treat for the half-Mexican former Miss World, who currently lives outside Washington with her husband, attorney Robert Altman, and their two children, James and Jessica.

"It's nice to be wanted. Every now and again, you get a little jewel. I'm so happy to do it," Carter says. "It's the right time in my life. My kids are not as in need of me being around 24/7, but each of these projects have not been so time-consuming. I've been around for 30 years — yikes!"

Sky High's cast includes several actors gays will like, or already do — Michael Angarano (Jack's son on *Will & Grace*) as reluctant hero Will Stronghold, smoldering heartthrob Steven Strait as Warren Peace, the flame-throwing high school rebel and *Kids in the Hall* alumni Dave Foley and Kevin McDonald.

"When they called and told me they got Lynda Carter, I was just floored," says *Sky High* screenwriter Paul Hernandez, who grew up in Houston. "That is the greatest thing I've ever heard, ever. She still looks beautiful."

Indeed, Carter literally lights up the screen, soaring in and out of rooms in the form of a comet. The glamour was something she insisted on from the beginning. (You go, girl!)

"The most important element, as far I was concerned, was director Mike Mitchell's

acceptance of my input," Carter says. "I didn't see her as a principal with short shoes and stuff. I really kind of was thinking of her as larger than life and a power to be reckoned with in stiletto heels and a great outfit, with a little bit of a sense of humor and a kick to her."

As for the oft-heard rumors of bringing that other fabulously dressed Carter character to the big screen, hopes still run high. Joss Whedon is set to helm a *Wonder Woman* movie and seems a good choice — he's the mastermind behind another kick-butt TV woman, Buffy of *Vampire Slaying* fame.

Casting, however, remains a difficult question. Despite an arsenal of mentioned hopefuls — Jennifer Lopez, Sandra Bullock, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Salma Hayek and Buffy herself, Sarah Michelle Gellar — no one seems quite right to fill Carter's red-and-white boots. Nonetheless, Carter is excited to see what develops and hopes the new Wonder Woman embraces her show's girl-power spirit.

"They've tried to make it for a long time, actually, but scripts are never quite right. It's [also] because they have to deal with the identification with me and the character," she says. "Whether I'm a part of it or not a part of it, that depends on the forces in the universe. If I am, and it's right, I'll be there with bells on. And if I'm not, I will be the first person in line and hoping it's great."

Wonder Woman, in any version, wouldn't be the same without Carter. Nevertheless, the brunette beauty says she is simply appreciating the renewed interest in her career and trying to have some fun.

"Right now, I'm just kind of enjoying where I am and enjoying the ride. I'm enjoying this while it's here much more than the first time around," she says. "There's a lot of interest in me, and that's great! It's great. I'm grateful."

By Billy Masters

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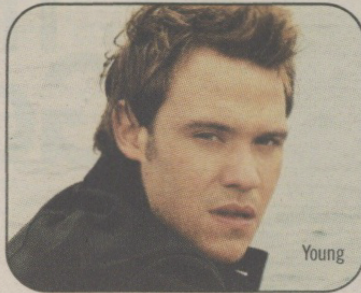
Thai porn stars have a rough life — really

This is a week filled with people caught with their pants down, doing naughty things with their pants down or simply looking for their missing pants.

First up is **Will Young**, the first U.K. *Pop Idol* winner and openly gay cutie. Will is a giver — so much so that he's selling many of his tour clothes and personal items on eBay to benefit several charities.

Maybe he should have donated his clothes *after* the tour was over. One fateful night in Manchester, the show had to be delayed because Will could not find his "lucky pants." After 30 minutes, he begrudgingly went onstage with a pair that he borrowed from one of the guys in the band.

How many of you are into porn from Thailand? I'm not, but I suppose there's a market for it. Unfortunately, that market has proven costly for Thai boxer **Sirimongkol**



Singwancha (hopefully that's not his stage name).

The apparently famous boxer posed for photos that appeared in *Heat*, a magazine targeted at the gay Thai porn market (which, if we were in a restaurant, would likely be called porn Thai — which is yummy!). Because of this indiscretion, Siri was sentenced to six months in prison (which certainly would have resulted in *more* male-male activity — although cameras probably wouldn't be present).

Happily, his sentence was suspended — he was given two years' probation and had to pay a fine. He also promised not to go near other men with that big ol' dick, which we

proudly promote on Filth2go.com. Come and get me, Thailand!

Ever since he was charged with rape, **Mike Tyson** has had a problem. According to one published report, his penis has taken on mythic proportions. According to one report, it is "at least 14 inches long." If that is indeed the case, porn vixen **Jenna Jameson** has a job he could fill.

The only problem is, we have a nude photo of Tyson on Filth2go.com, and he appears to be significantly smaller than 14 — more like four. Admittedly, some guys are growers and some are showers. But I'd be surprised if he can grow *that* much!

I haven't had room for any "Ask Billy" questions recently, but I'm making up for it now. Sam in Boston writes: "By any chance do you have any details on the *Basic Instinct* sequel? I haven't heard or read anything regarding **Sharon Stone's** leading man, girlfriend or release date. Hope you can shed some light."

Basic Instinct: Risk Addiction is the much-delayed sequel to the 1992 thriller. Although it is still listed as "in production," we do

know that Stone's Catherine Tramell will be in England when Scotland Yard assigns a psychiatrist (played by **David Morrissey**, who in real life is married to the great-granddaughter of **Sigmund Freud**) to investigate her.

As with the "investigation" by **Michael Douglas** in the first film, the two become intimately involved — with deadly results. **David Thewlis**, **Hugh Dancy** and **Charlotte Rampling** also appear in the film, although no word if a lesbian subplot will turn up. Original screenplay writer **Joe Estzerhas** did not contribute to this film, but Sharon has stated that the new flick will be "faithful to the characters." It's currently scheduled for a March 10 release.

When I'm taking on the Thai authorities and Mike Tyson, it's definitely time to end yet another column. I'll remind you to check out Filth2go.com for the best gossip anywhere, and of course you can send in your queries, questions and quips to me at Billy@filth2go.com. I promise to get back to you before I return Will's pants!

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Friday, August 19

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

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November, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern and Q Cinema, through Aug. 21. 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.

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

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Bering Support Network hosts a wide variety of social, support and health-related community programs throughout the week. 713-526-1017. Beringssupportnetwork.org.

Free HIV and syphilis testing throughout the week at various clubs. Montrose Clinic's Community Outreach Prevention Services. 713-830-3070 for schedule. Montroseclicin.org.

Houston GLBT Caucus voter ID project volunteer data entry work sessions. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Houston Pride Office, 1415 California, Suite 110. 713-529-6979. Jvalinski@hglbtpc.org.

Montrose Counseling Center hosts a wide variety of social, support and health-related community programs throughout the week. 701 Richmond Ave., room 15. 713-529-0037. Montrosecounselingcenter.org.

Montrose Counseling Center's Education Department Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for LMSWs, LCDCS, and LPCs continues Sexually Transmitted Infections. 1-4 p.m. \$10 per hour. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond Ave., room 15. 713-529-0037, optio2. Montrosecounselingcenter.org/info/ceus.html.

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Alamo City Men's Chorale seeks new members; call for audition. 210-654-7549. Acmc-texas.org.

Saturday, August 20

AUSTIN

Boing-Boing, the bouncing lesbo bar, with DJ John Gomi. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$4. The Clay Pit, Guadalupe at 17th St. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

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

Dallas boys of Leather Car Wash. Noon-4 p.m. Leather Masters Dallas, 2525 Wycliff Rd. 214-528-3865

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS training ride, through Aug. 21. 7:30 a.m. Cravens Park, 400 Cravens Park Dr. in Arlington, 214-521-2412. Lonestarride.org.

Undress a Porn Star fashion show and jock auction with Bo Knight, Tom Chase, Nate Pierce and other models. Presented by Leather Masters Dallas. 10 p.m.-midnight. Benefits National Coalition for Sexual Freedom. The Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood Rd. 214-357-4375.

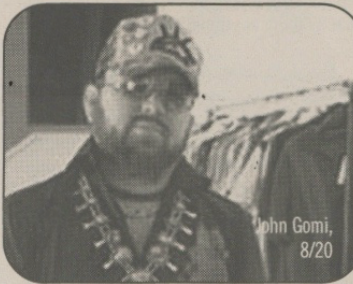
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After Hours, pre-dawn GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

HATCH youth car wash, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mary's, Naturally parking lot, 1022 Westheimer. 713-529-3590.

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

Space City Empire's P&P Ball 2005: Stardust — An Evening in Classic Las Vegas. 5-9 p.m. \$10-\$25. Benefits Lexy Bowen Fund and AIDS Foundation Houston's Camp Hope. Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. lcohpball@aol.com.



John Gomi,
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Sunday, August 21

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers general meeting. 3 p.m. John Thomas Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 972-504-8866.

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.

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Bike for a Better City ride. 8 a.m. Starbucks at W. Gray at Shepherd. 713-446-3898. Bikeforabettercity@hotmail.com.

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

Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents newsletter mail out and pool party. 1-4 p.m. Chris and Janet's house. RSVP: 281-681-0697.

Philanthropist John Kellelt addresses the Sunday History Series, with moderator Jimmy Carper. 4 p.m. Presented by the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History and Houston GLBT Community Center. 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. 713-524-3818. Houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

SAN ANTONIO

PO2 Outlook Social Group, 4-6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Monday, August 22

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.

Tuesday, August 23

AUSTIN

Austin Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce networking luncheon. 12:30-1:30 p.m. \$15-\$18. Carmelo's, 504 E. 5th St. Aglcc.org.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Prime Diner. 6: 30 p.m. Good Eats Grill, 3888 Oak Lawn Ave. 972-504-8866.

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

HOUSTON

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

Wednesday, August 24

AUSTIN

aGLIFF announces winner of Best My Gay Movie 2005. 7 and 9 p.m. \$5-\$7. Regal Arbor Cinema. Agliff.org.

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Loggerheads, presented by Q Cinema. 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$7. Four Day Weekend Theater, 312 Houston St. in Ft. Worth. 817-462-3368. Qcinema.org.

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Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents family dinner. 6:30 p.m. Café Express, 1422 W. Gray. 713-528-2085.

SAN ANTONIO

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.

Thursday, August 25

AUSTIN

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

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.

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Men's Happy Hour. Professional Gay Men's Happy Hour with drink specials and more. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

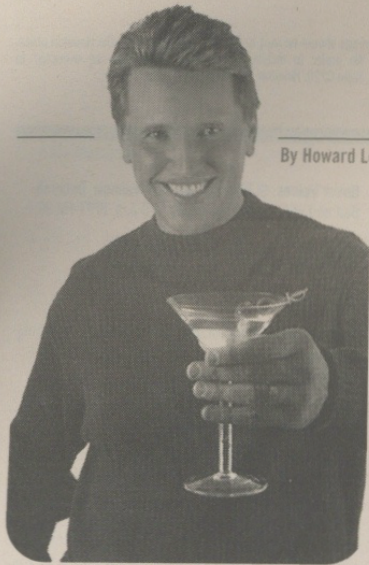
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M2: A Peer Support Group for Young Men. 6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

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

AskHoward

How to do the wrong thing right



By Howard Lewis Russell

Aging has some definite but correctable signs

Dear Howard,

The older I get, the more I notice hair sprouting in weird places on my body. What do you do about ear hairs?

Constantine

First, you scream. I've found that scissors don't work well, as it's so awkward to adjust your ears in the mirror.

The best device is a razor. Tap the blade gently against the ear hairs. Triple-bladed razors work particularly well. I've not used an electric razor, so I can't rate their performance. Usually, too, I just ask the guy who cuts my hair once a month to snip any stray ear bristles while he's at it.

Dear Howard,

I'm 38, and I'm beginning to get tiny little broken blood vessels on my nose and cheeks. I'm afraid that people are going to think I'm a lush. Is there anything I can do?

Arthur

Spider veins are hereditary and, contrary to popular belief, are not caused by over-drinking (unless, of course, you're guzzling a gallon of gin a night, at which point spider veins should be the least of your worries). A 20-minute trip to a good dermatologist with a laser can rid you of the problem. The whole procedure should run you no more than a couple hundred dollars. Insurance will not pay for it. But, hey, you'll return from your lunch hour looking clear-skinned as Michelangelo's David.

Dear Howard,

I want to make my nipples larger. I want

to make them humongous! Sans surgery, do you know of any way to do that? I've tried wearing alligator tit clamps, and metal clothespins, and suction cups, and having friends bite them till they bleed, but they're just not getting bigger. They still look like two pennies with pimples — like I'm straight or something. I want Colt cover model tits! How do I get them?

The Devil Inside

I haven't the foggiest idea, Dev, but I'll trade you mine if you want. They stick out about half an inch. Everyone stares at them. I can't go to the gym without causing a locker room riot. Oh, what I wouldn't give just to have plain, ordinary nipples. Poor, poor me — why couldn't I have just been born with straight dude titties?

Dear Howard,

Over the past decade, my partner and I have come up with a fairly even distribution of labor pertaining to household chores: Seth does the laundry, I do the cooking; Seth cleans the bathrooms, I clean the kitchen; Seth handles the taxes, I handle the monthly bills; Seth maintains the computer and appliances, I maintain the cars and the parakeets. All in all, it works splendidly. We never

fight anymore and we never take the other for granted. I think what I'm getting at here is that gay partnerships can work long-term, even though I can only count on one hand, personally, the number of other couples I know who have made a successful go of it for 10 years or longer.

Are there many, if any, gay couples you know of who have been together 10 years and counting?

Simon

Great question, Simon. Racking my brain, I can come up with exactly four couples I know who have crossed the decade mark (my partner and me included). It's sad, isn't it? But you're absolutely right — without exception, the four couples I know have made it work through a balanced division of labor. Each delegates his strengths, and subjugates his weaknesses, and it all somehow runs harmoniously enough.

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Film

By Steven Lindsey

You snooze, you win

The Reception provides tempting opportunity for an afternoon nap

Leisurely or tedious? Those are the ways you can look at the pacing and plot of *The Reception*. While the film succeeds in creating a mood of overwhelmingly oppressive solitude in the midst of full-throttle dysfunction, predictability prevails. There are no surprises here, and the ordinariness encourages your mind to search for possible twists that never materialize. The endeavor seems pointless.

The film takes place in and around a beautiful country home in upstate New York during the dead of winter. Jeanette (Pamela Holden Stewart) is a tem-

peramental, alcoholic Frenchwoman who lives with her best friend, a gay painter named Martin (Wayne Lamont Sims). Serving as a companion and as someone to bicker with, Martin fulfills all the attributes of a husband in a sexless marriage.

ON SCREEN

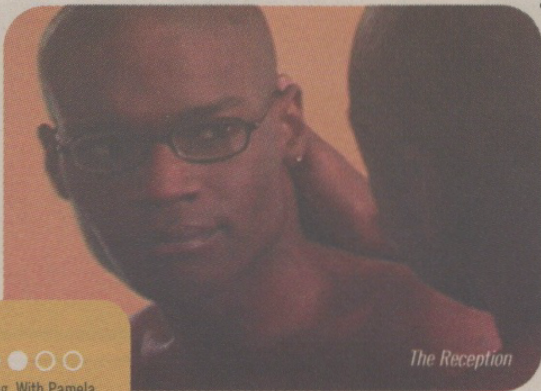
The Reception ●●○○

Written and directed by John G. Young. With Pamela Holden Stewart, Wayne Lamont Sims, Margaret Burkitt, Darien Sills-Evans
Run time: 80 mins., not rated.
Opens today at the Angelika Film Center in Dallas.

When Jeanette's estranged daughter, Sierra (Margaret Burkitt), drops in unan-

nounced with her new husband, Andrew (Darien Sills-Evans), Jeanette insists that they stay for the week so she can throw a reception in their honor. Quickly, Sierra's true intentions (and one sinister secret) are uncovered by Martin, who tries to shelter Jeanette before giving in to temptation himself.

Writer-director John G. Young has done a



remarkable job with a low budget, but the story isn't engaging enough to make up for the excruciating boredom. The film heaves slowness like a leaden pall onto its viewers.

Given the material, Sims, Stewart and Sills-Evans deliver believable, vulnerable performances. But that's not reason enough to justify seeing *The Reception*, unless you're seeking an overdose of melancholy with intermittent tantrums. Thanks, but I can get that at home.

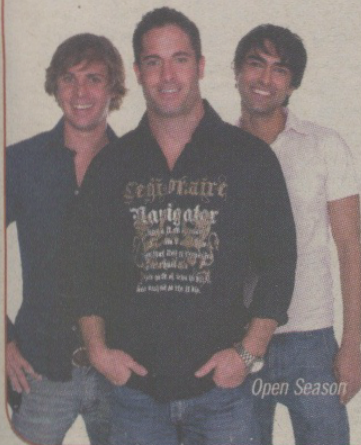
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clips

Coming out on TV

Open season. Tyler Robuck has hidden his sexuality for ages, but now — just as he decides to become the proprietor of a gay lounge in West Hollywood — he flings open the closet door in the most public way possible. *Open Bar*, a new reality series that follows Robuck during his coming out process, will air on Logo, the new gay cable network. The program debuts Monday at 9 p.m.

MTV wants U. Public Interest, an Emmy-winning production company that designs ads for television, is looking for gay couples under 25 (or older couples who have been together since high school or college) to take part in a new campaign. Segments will be broadcast beginning in October (National Coming Out Month) and will air on MTV and mtvU, the new college television arm of the popular network. To inquire, contact Greg Fieser at 310-664-4652.



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GLIB Talk By Kurt Erichsen

Survivor gay-style



DeHoyos

just wanted to do a party that had a little bit of a different edge to it — not just a D.J. playing music,” says Elliot DeHoyos, the disc-spinning mastermind behind Tribe. To him that meant adding costumes, decor and some visuals, all of which will be on hand this weekend when he plays at South Beach in Houston.

DeHoyos began Tribe last year as a monthly event at his home base, Chelsea Splash Bar in New York. It proved such a hit that he decided to start a mini-tour.

“It’s interesting to take it on the road. It takes some getting used to, but it’s been exciting,” DeHoyos says. “With South Beach, we have a lot of access to projectors and DVD visuals which we haven’t had everywhere. It’s great to have that visual facet. It adds to the theme.”

That theme is reflected in its title and in the music, which offers basic percussive elements from different cultures — Latin, Middle Eastern — “wherever there’s a primitive flair,” he says.

He says the partiers are their own tribe enjoying a common music, and he wants to celebrate that.

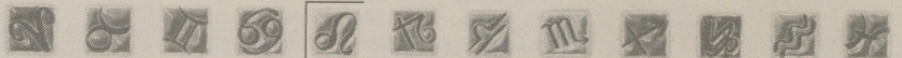
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Leo

August 19-26, 2005

Venus just entered Libra (her home sign), so she *should* radiate sweetness and charm upon us all; but don't count on it, as she's sextile to Saturn in Leo. Any Saturn-Venus aspect makes maturity more attractive, so a word to all you hot daddies and sexy mamas: Don't hide that gorgeous gray!

LEO — July 23-August 22

Shopping can lift your spirits, but the boost is likely to be only temporary. Make sure you can return anything you buy. A wise elder woman (or a fabulous queen) will prove to be very helpful as you sort out priorities.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

You're suddenly extra pretty and charming. You can use that boost to climb any social or political ladders you care to ascend. Earn the support of old drag queens or other mature, theatrical friends, and the rest will be easy.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Reorganize your workspace for aesthetics as well as for efficiency reasons. Slip off for a discreet schmooze with someone who can help you up the ladder of success. If you can, take some time off to re-charge your batteries.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Diplomatic efforts will challenge your restraint but will prove worthwhile — if you can hold your tongue! When that gets difficult, focus on what's really bothering you. You'll learn a lot about politics and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Ladylike grace — your own or that of a mentor or boss — will help you stay above the fray of office politics. An attitude of firm but calm command (think of a high-class dominatrix) will also do wonders for your sex life!

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Take your partner or an older friend to a gallery or show, preferably something very traditional from a faraway time or place. If nothing fits the bill, rent a copy of a classic foreign film like *Les Enfants du Paradis* or *La Strada*.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Now is an excellent time to brush up on sexual techniques and develop new skills, especially if you want to experiment with BDSM games. A little flirtatious charm, toned down to appropriate levels, can be very helpful at work.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Let your partner (whether a partner for life or simply *du jour*) coax you out of your shell of hard work. If you really don't want to spend time at something too frivolous, a compromise may be in order.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Whatever you hate about your home right now, know that you can do something about it. Why feel trapped by your surroundings when you can feel proud of the place you call home? It will take some work, but that will result in greater pride when it's done.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Nagging voices in your head — if from nowhere else — seem determined to spoil your fun, reminding you there's work to do. There's always work to do! Find creative projects that are constructive and entertaining.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Pretty up your home, but stick to a budget. If you don't watch all those decorating shows that offer economical tips, get a friend who does to offer advice. Relatives can also be of help, but at what price?

CANCER — June 21-July 22

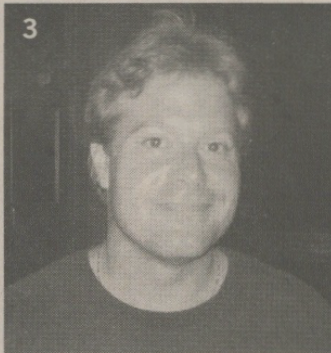
Times have been hard for you lately, Dear. A local art show may trigger some supportive insight on the trials you've been enduring, as could conversation with a femme girlfriend of either gender. Don't put it off and take time to look into the situation right away.

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

ClubLand

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1. Destiny, Miss Big D Bowling Classic, at Don Carter's All Star Lanes. 2. Melanie, Sheri, Victoria, Laura and Valeria at Buddies II. 3. Kenneth at Throckmorton Mining Company. 4. Heather, Margaret and Amber at Crossbar. 5. Juan, Roger and Courtland at Mickey's. 6. Nat at Sue Ellen's. 7. Chase at Station 4. 8. Johnny at Woody's Sports and Video Bar. Photos by Barbera Barker and Gregory Hayes



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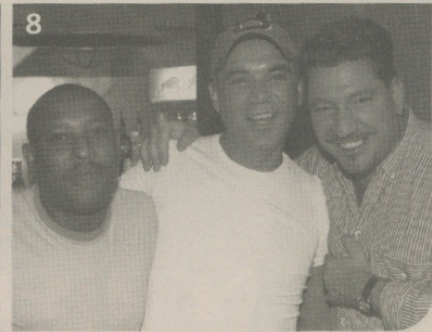
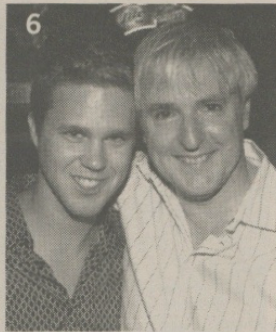
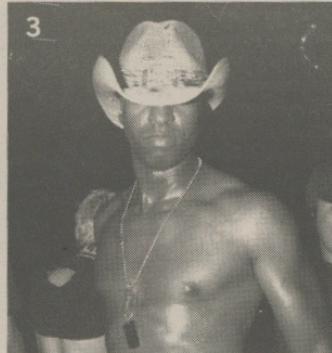
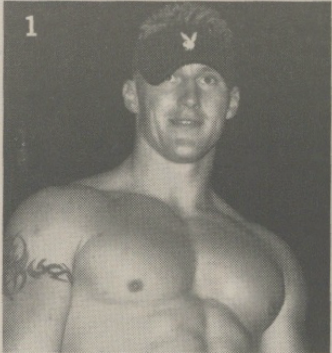
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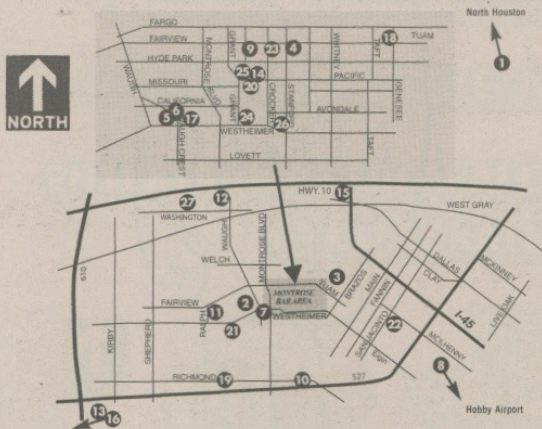
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1. Andrew at Rich's. 2. Christian and Chris at EJ's. 3. Tony at South Beach. 4. Nelson, Zahir, Sam and Brad at South Beach. 5. Latrina, Anelina, Manny and Mitra at Meteor. 6. Matt and Marc at JR's Bar & Grill. 7. Mark and James at Michael's. 8. Bobby, Vincent and Michael and Montrose Mining Company. Photos by Paul Stricklin



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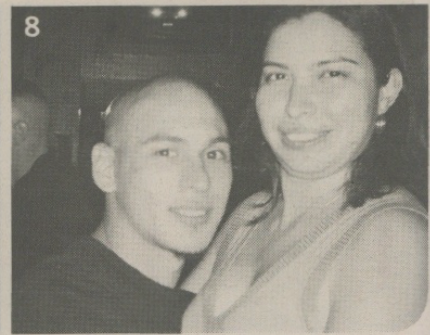
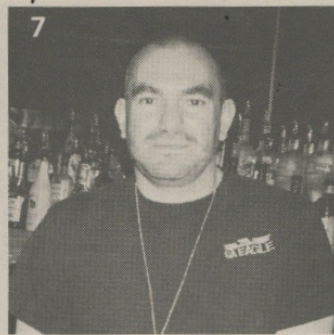
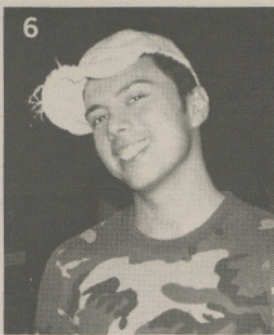
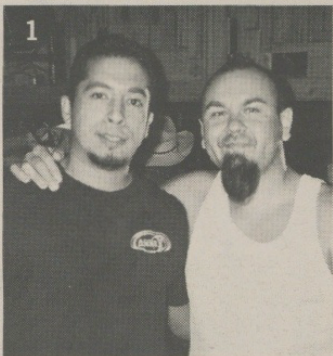
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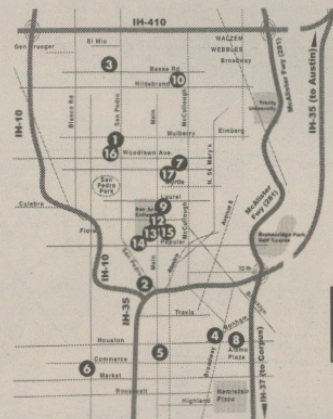
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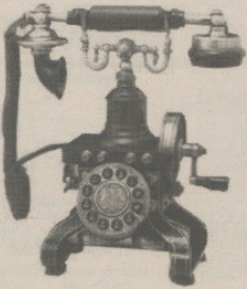
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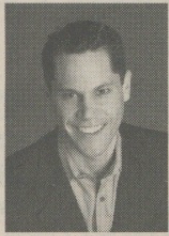
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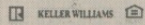
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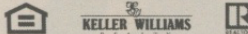


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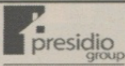
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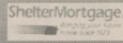
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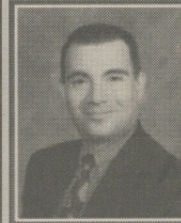


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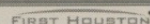
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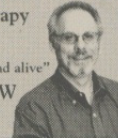
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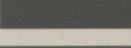
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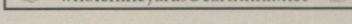
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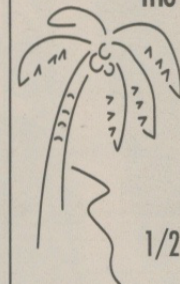
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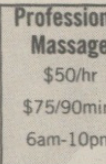
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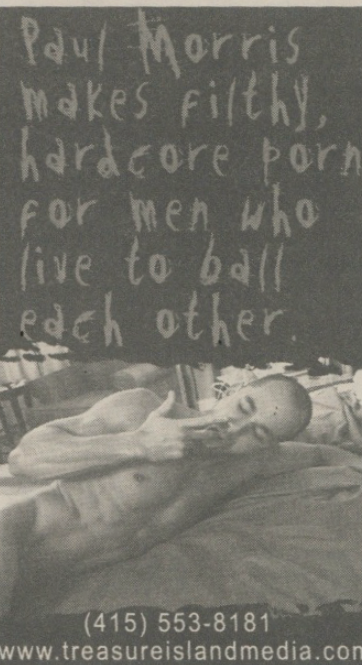
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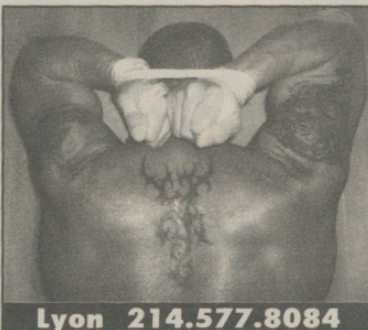
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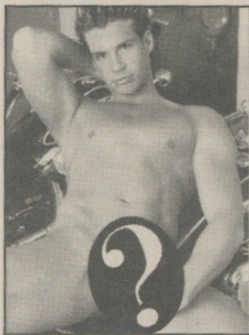
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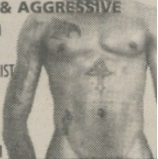
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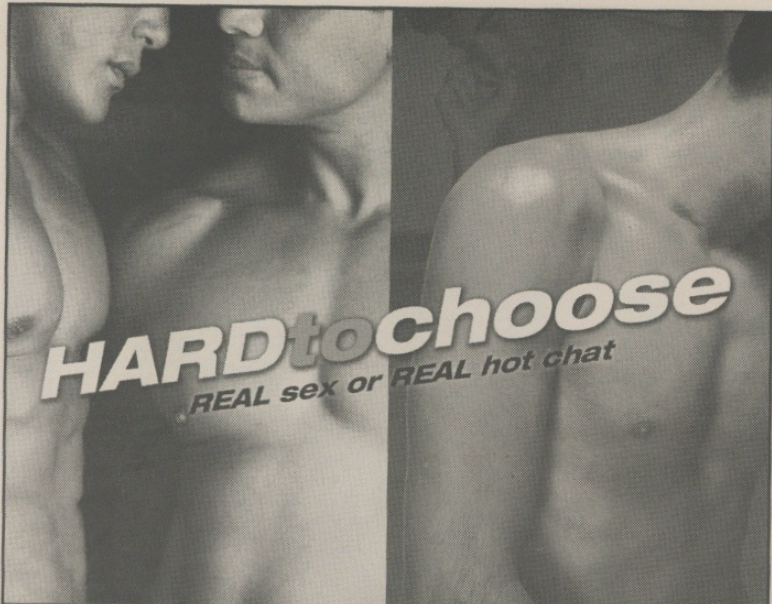
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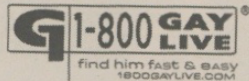
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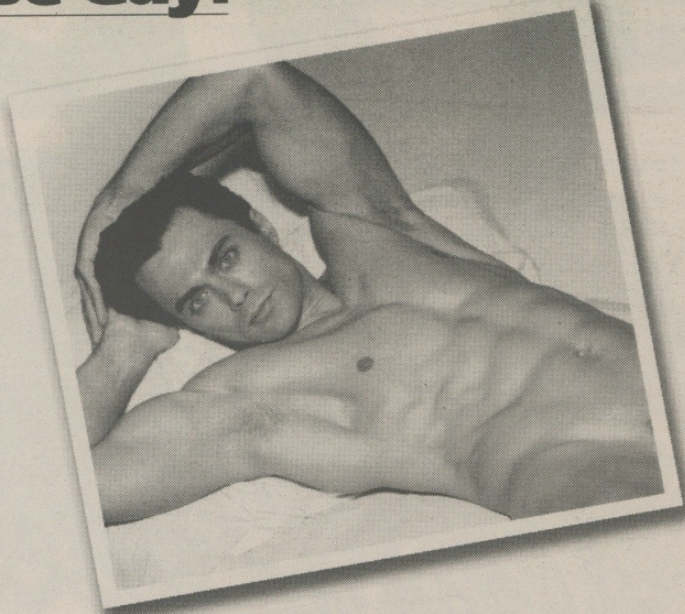
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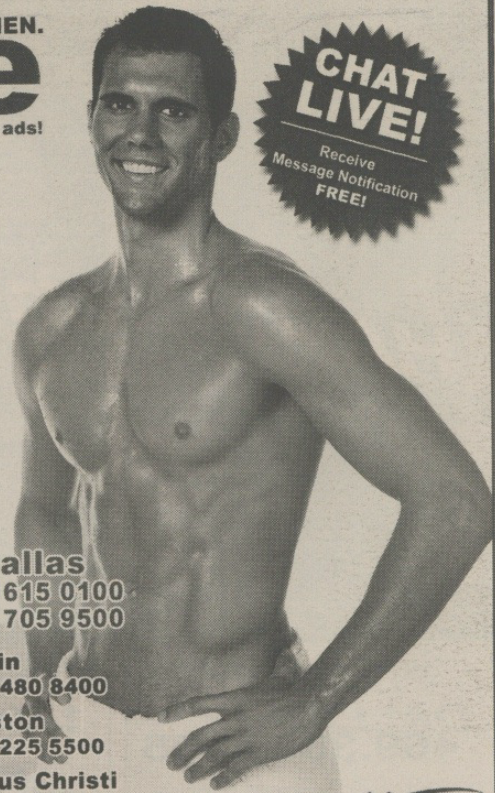
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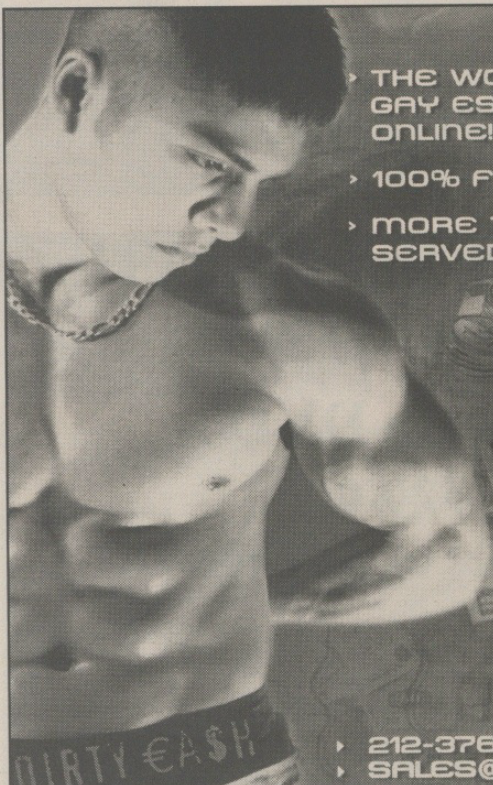
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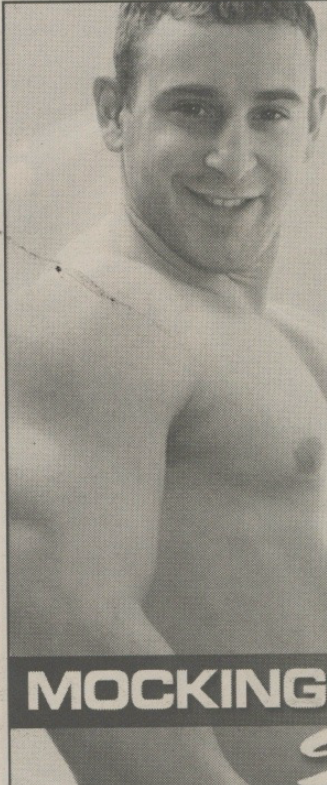
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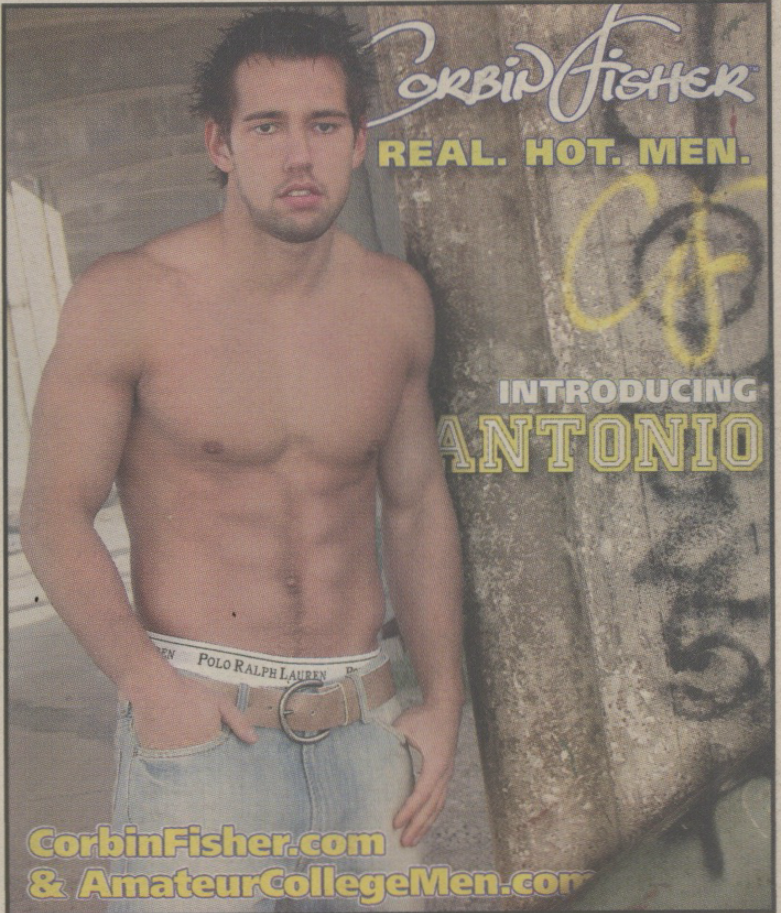
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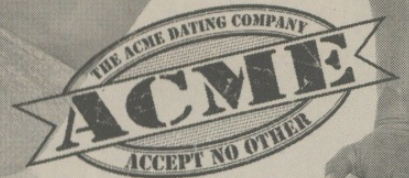
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