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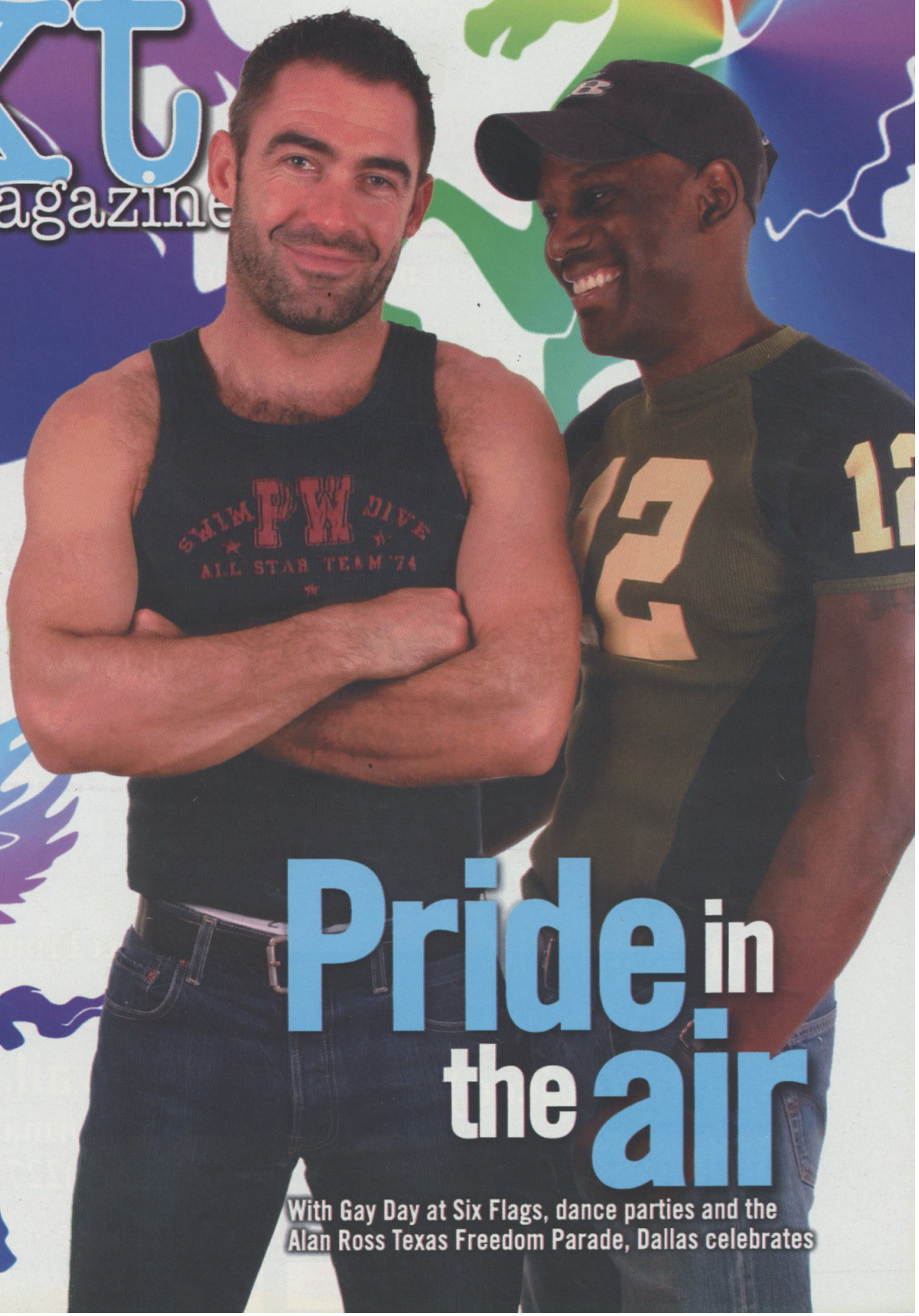

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TG hurricane evacuee arrested for using women's shower

Two transgender women, Arpollo Vicks, 20, and her 16-year old cousin, both Hurricane Katrina evacuees, were arrested last week for showering in a women's bathroom at Texas A&M University's Reed Arena. The two were charged with criminal trespassing after university police noticed them leaving a women's shower facility at the shelter, the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* reported.

Vicks, who denied being previously warned by authorities not to shower in the women's bathroom, was detained for five days following the arrest and held on a $6,000 bond — excessive measures for a Class B misdemeanor, transgender activist and Houston attorney, Phyllis Frye, said.

"Reasonable bond for a Class B misdemeanor with no charge of violence or abuse is $500 to $1000, max," Frye said.

Following her release, Vicks is staying with friends in Bryan. Her cousin was released from custody, and returned to the arena.

HOUSTON

Man found dead in Montrose; police search for roommate

A man found dead inside his Montrose-area apartment last Saturday was likely to have been there for several days before he was discovered, according to Houston police.

Friends found the body of Randy Wayne Wilson, 48, in the 200 block of Emerson St. in Montrose, HPD homicide division's Sergeant J.T. Wyers said.

Wilson's 2003 black Ford Ranger pickup, Texas license plates 9GP-N73, had been reported missing, the *Houston Chronicle* reported earlier this week. Sgt. Wyers said the victim's roommate was also missing, and was being sought by HPD.

Wilson was a former employee of People With AIDS Coalition-Houston. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the HPD's homicide division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

HATCH to march with Youth First Texas in Dallas parade

Members of HATCH, Houston's social organization for GLBT, supportive and questioning youth, will travel to Dallas this weekend to take part in the 2005 Alan Ross Freedom Parade. The youths will march in the parade with Youth First Texas, a similar organization for Dallas-area teens.

HATCH members participated in two car washes held in Mary's parking lot earlier this summer to finance their trip and the Mardi Gras-style beads they will toss to parade spectators.

Equal Rights Alliance and Task Force team for block walks

The Houston Equal Rights Alliance and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force are calling for volunteers to participate in a series of block walks.

Originating from the Houston GLBT Community Center, located at 3400 Montrose Blvd., the first session will begin Saturday at 10 a.m., running until 2 p.m. The afternoon session will begin at 2 p.m., concluding at 5 p.m. For more information e-mail Info@houstonera.org or call 323-383-8127.

Hurricane Katrina relief efforts 'as big as Texas'

Statewide agencies assist GLBT survivors with housing, food and more

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

Nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, Texas organizations continue to help displaced gays and lesbians and their families, providing day-to-day necessities, medical essentials, and, in some cases, new homes.

Sally Huffer, community projects specialist with the Montrose Counseling Center, said offers from supportive volunteers have been pouring in from across the country for the center's "Safe Homes" project. The referral service matches GLBT evacuees with suitable families willing to open their homes, "so that GLBT evacuees might avoid enduring some of the harsh realities of being GLBT in a public shelter," Huffer said.

HOUSTON

The center is also offering a biweekly GLBT support group to help hurricane survivors deal with uncertainty, fear, anger, grief, "and even curiosity," Huffer said. Held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., there is no cost to attend the group. For more information, call 713-529-0037.

Among its many health services, Houston's Montrose Clinic is offering free rapid HIV testing to hurricane evacuees who do not have proof of HIV status "so that they can get into care as quickly as possible," said Eric Roland, the clinic's director of education. The clinic's emergency hot line number is 713-830-3047.

Though volunteers at the George R. Brown Convention Center, now being used as emergency housing, are being trained exclusively by the Second Baptist Church, members of Houston's GLBT affirming Community Gospel Church will distribute bibles to evacuees there on Sept. 17 and 18. The congregation will also distribute bibles at Houston's Astrodome and the Reliant Center. To participate or donate bibles, call 713-880-9235.

Among other statewide hurricane relief efforts, AIDS Arms, Inc. producer of LifeWalk, is doing its part to help New Orleans residents recently evacuated to the Dallas Area. Those willing to help are asked to drop off canned goods and new or "gently used" clothing and tennis shoes at the Bishop Arts District Block Party this Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m. Items may also be dropped at the LifeWalk's Pride booth at Lee Park on Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m. For more information, call AIDS Arms at 214-521-5191.

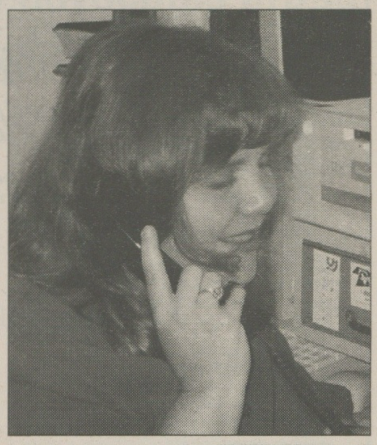
Austinites who would like to lend a hand or donate to the victims of Katrina can log onto KatrinaHelpAustin.org, the brainchild of local television producer Nick Papatonis, who is the producer of Austin Gay TV on local access.

Papatonis sprung into action the day the hurricane slammed into New Orleans, and as of Sept. 13, his volunteers had found homes for 780 people, clothes for 1,200, and bikes for 300. Although the city itself is overwhelmed by donations that cannot be distributed, Papatonis has created a tent city in a local church parking lot, and is still collecting and handing out supplies. They also need drivers and counselors. Get in touch online or by calling 512-440-7956.

With nearly 25,000 refugees entering the Alamo City, San Antonio AIDS Foundation currently is assisting HIV infected evacuees by providing contact information to other local area AIDS service organizations. Persons with HIV are also being assisted in obtaining HIV-related medications through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. For information, call SAAF at 210-225-4715.

SAAF is also collaborating with the Diversity Center, San Antonio's GLBT community center, by distributing literature in housing facilities to identify GLBT hurricane evacuees. The project, which needs more volunteers, aims to provide housing, clothes, medical attention, education and employment assistance. To volunteer, call 210-223-6106.

Ann Rostow contributed to this story.



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NO PLACE LIKE HOME Montrose Counseling Center's Sally Huffer coordinates efforts of Gay Lesbian Switchboard Houston, helping GLBT hurricane evacuees find homes across the country.

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No Nonsense campaign implements high-tech tool

Phone database will streamline efforts to recruit votes to help defeat anti-gay Proposition 2

By Tammye Nash
Staff Writer

Opponents of Proposition 2, a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 8 ballot that would ban legal recognition of same-sex marriage in Texas, are depending on good, old-fashioned grassroots organizing to win at the ballot box. But they are turning to some high-fangled new technology to make their effort more efficient and effective.

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The No Nonsense in November campaign launched its new online phone bank on Friday that will, according to campaign director Glen Maxey, allow gay marriage supporters across the state to quickly and easily contact "literally thousands" of Texans and try to persuade-them to vote against the amendment on Election Day.

This technology, Maxey said, "is the kind of tool that can turn what is normally a low turnout election into a high turnout election for our side."

To participate individuals log onto the Web site at Onlinephonebank-ing.com. The site's home page will offer them a link for the phone bank. After the volunteers register, they can simply "click here" to go to the next page and start making calls.

The online phone bank allows volunteers to choose the geographic area they want to target and what kind of calls — voter identification or "persuasion" calls — they want to make. It gives them a script to follow, and places to enter the information they get, along with links to other pages with more in-depth information about the amendment and the campaign against it.

The immediate "real time" aspect of the online phone bank increases efficiency by allowing campaign coordinators to delete bad phone numbers, telling them which voters there's no need to contact again and who should get telephone calls or e-mails reminding them to go vote. It will also keep an accurate record of who was contacted and when, and where they stand on Proposition 2.

It is also much more convenient for the volunteers than the traditional phone banks, Maxey said. Instead of having to drive across town to a phone bank location, spending an hour or two making calls and then driving back home, volunteers "can make the calls at their own convenience, from the comfort of their own homes," he said.

And perhaps the best part, Maxey said, is that the online phone bank's usefulness doesn't end with the November constitutional election.

"Other people concerned about electing new, better legislators can use this phone bank, too," he explained. "It will allow them to target their campaign efforts."

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Programs are subject to change.

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Schwarzenegger's planned marriage veto infuriates gay community

Governor defends his possible flip-flop as respect for the people of California

California activists have begun a 12-day political showdown with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, vowing to confront the state's chief executive with a daily barrage of calls, e-mails, and media actions in favor of marriage equality until September 23. September 23 is the last day that the state legislature can send Schwarzenegger the same-sex marriage bill that narrowly passed both houses of the state legislature as of last week. Schwarzenegger immediately pledged to veto the bill, prompting lawmakers to keep it off his desk for as long as possible.

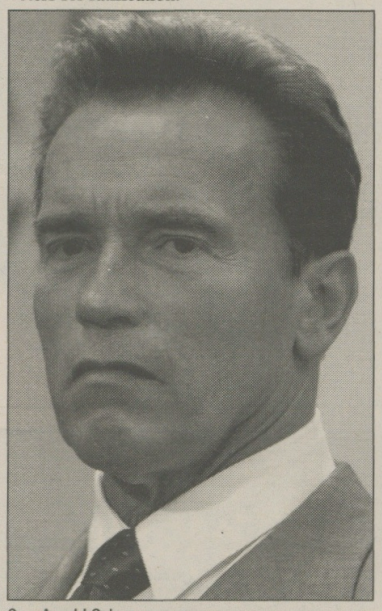
CALIFORNIA

Schwarzenegger has made clear, however, that he will veto the bill regardless of political pressure from its supporters.

Schwarzenegger's veto plans were not unexpected, but they were no less disappointing for having been tipped off in advance. The embattled governor, whose approval numbers are in free fall, explained that his veto plan was not an indication of any lack of enthusiasm for gay civil rights, but merely expressed his respect for the "people of California," who defined marriage as a union of one man and one woman just over five years ago.

The announcement from his spokeswoman triggered tremendous relief from the far right and anguish from the progressive left. Both sides were still somewhat in shock at the passage of the marriage bill, which had lost a close vote in the state assembly last June. This month, however, author Mark Leno found the extra three or four votes he needed to push the measure over the top, making California's the first state legislature in the country to pass an equal marriage bill.

If Schwarzenegger had signed the bill, marriage opponents would have quickly asked a court to invalidate the law based on a fairly strong legal argument. Since a majority of California voters defined marriage as a heterosexual institution back in June of 2000, the legislature does not in theory have the power to redefine it now without going back to the voters for ratification.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Gay allies insist, however, that the voters only amended the section of the law that governs recognizing marriage from out of state, and left intact the section that defines marriage within the California borders. This logic is technically sound, and it allowed lawmakers to vote for marriage with a clear conscience. It is not at all clear, however, that the argument would survive in a court of law.

Massachusetts gay advocates brace for next phase in fight for marriage

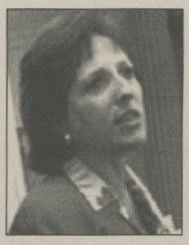
The proposed citizen's initiative could outlaw same-sex marriage by 2008

In Massachusetts, as this issue goes to press, lawmakers appear poised to kill what used to be the last threat to legal marriage, namely an attempt by the state legislature to substitute civil unions for same-sex marriage by constitutional amendment. The amendment barely passed the joint legislature last year, and is required to win a majority in the current legislative session in order to advance to the voters in 2006. Sent to a vote on Wednesday, the press has been reporting that the measure has lost ground in the last year or so, and will not survive this week's constitutional conclave.

MASSACHUSETTS

That's the good news from the Bay State, but the horizon is marred by a new threat, a citizen's initiative that could outlaw same-sex marriage as early as 2008. Forget civil unions, say these opponents of same-sex marriage. The proposal, now backed by conservative governor Mitt Romney and others, calls simply for an end to same-sex marriage, period. The constitutional amendment would not roll back marriage rights for the thousands of same-sex couples who have, or will have, tied the knot in advance of its (possible) ratification by voters. But that's not out of any generous instinct from the enemies of gay unions, it's only because such provisions cannot be retroactive.

Gay advocates argue that the proposed initiative runs afoul of two constitutional provisions. First, it's an illegal repeat of a similar citizen's initiative, defeated in the summer of 2002. Second, it reverses a judicial ruling in violation of state law. But last week, Attorney General Thomas Reilly went ahead and certified the amendment for petition gathering,



PREPARING FOR BATTLE Arline Isaacson of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

sidestepping the legal impediments and likely losing the GLBT vote in the gubernatorial election of 2006.

Now, anti-gay activists have until December to collect 65,825 signatures. After that, they will have to win a symbolic vote of support from two successive state legislatures. Unlike a legislative initiative that requires majority support, a citizens' initiative to amend the constitution only requires the support of 25 percent of the elected representatives of two consecutive sessions. The citizens' attempt to amend the constitution in 2002 was killed by a technical maneuver before coming to a vote before the assembled lawmakers, but it's certain that the measure would have easily cleared the low bar of 25 percent had a vote been taken. Likewise, even a draconian reversal of marriage rights would no doubt find the requisite number of ayes should it come before the representatives in 2006 and 2007.

The last bulwark for Massachusetts marriage would be the electorate of 2008. Currently, a majority of Massachusetts citizens support marriage rights for same-sex couples, but there is no doubt the far right would hurl everything including the kitchen sink at Bay State voters, paid for by the immense cash reserves of conservative churches and organizations throughout the country. Marty Rouse of MassEquality predicted a "a toxic, toxic debate" for three years, while Arline Isaacson of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus said opponents would "throw every myth, stereotype and smear into the battle."

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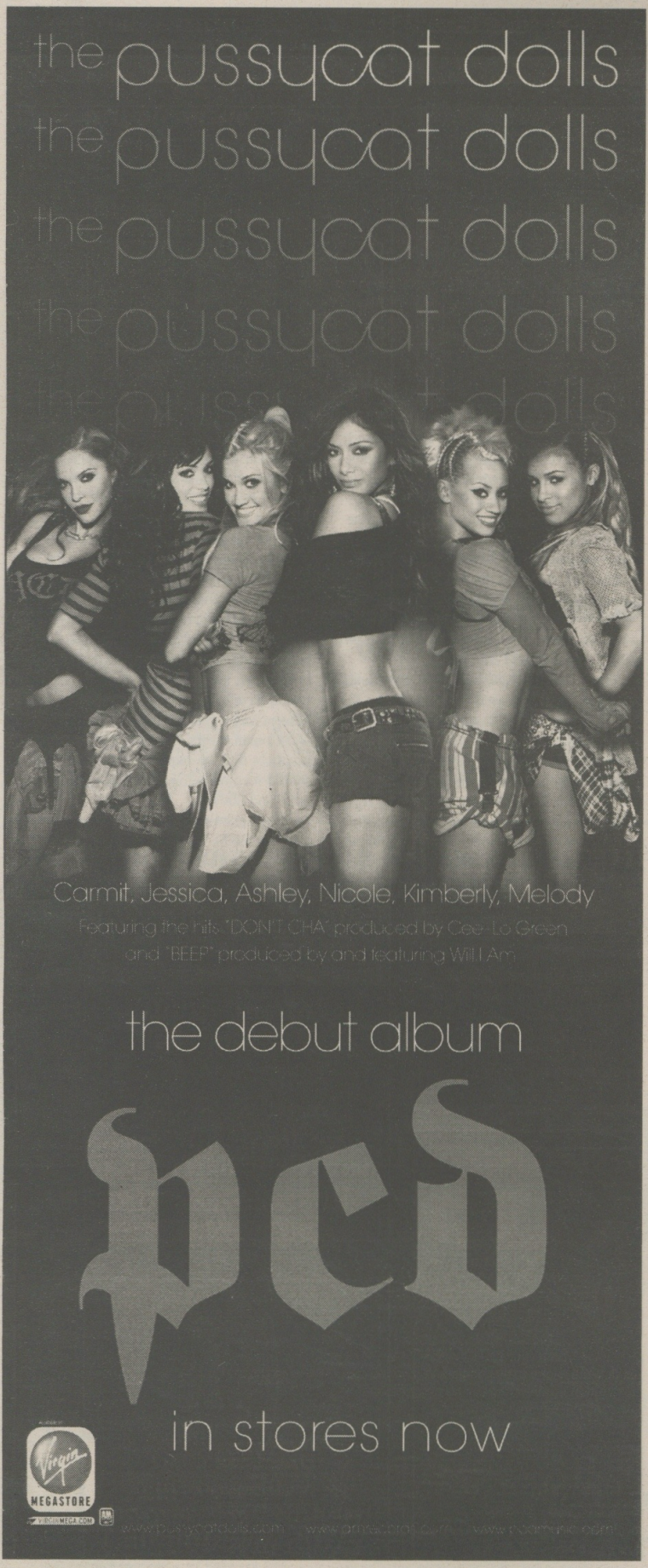

Should you hire a gay realtor?

In 1990, I went to work for a large national real estate company — I can't tell you the name but there is a large balloon involved in their logo.

At a typical real estate company each individual agent takes turns in "working the floor." What this means is there is a schedule and each agent is responsible to be in the office during his or her "scheduled" period to handle incoming real estate calls and any walk-in traffic.

On this particular day a gay couple walked in the office and were "assigned" to the floor agent. I knew the floor agent pretty well and wouldn't say he was a homophobe, but certainly wouldn't call him "gay friendly" either. After the initial meeting with their new real estate agent the couple left, I heard a few gay jokes and ribbing about the situation. I understand jokes are a part of life, but I also knew that the agent "assigned" to work with this gay couple:

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b. May or may not "approve" of the couples "lifestyle".

c. May or may not have ever even sold a home before, and

d. May or may not truly represent the client's best interest.

In my mind this agent was going to sell them a house as quickly as possible to prevent future embarrassment and ribbing by the boys back at the office.

How important do I think it is that you work with a "gay / gay friendly agent"? Damn Important! I know a lot of people that think gay people are OK but voted for W once the curtain was pulled. Where does your real estate agent stand?

Buying or selling a home for most of us is the largest investment we will ever make. The potential is here to lose or earn thousands of dollars on a single transaction. What's really important is to start with an agent who has positive past client references and then ask these questions during your interview with them.

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2. How many homes have you sold in this neighborhood/area in the past year?

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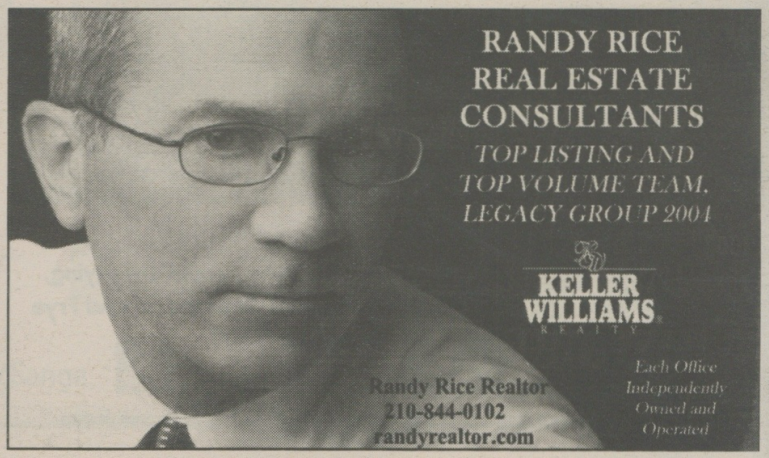
Finally, I do believe it's important to work with a "gay/gay friendly" real estate agent — so important that after that experience in 1990, I founded the nation's first full service gay real estate referral company, to ensure that GLBT clients would be represented properly, in an atmosphere of respect, professionalism and confidentiality.





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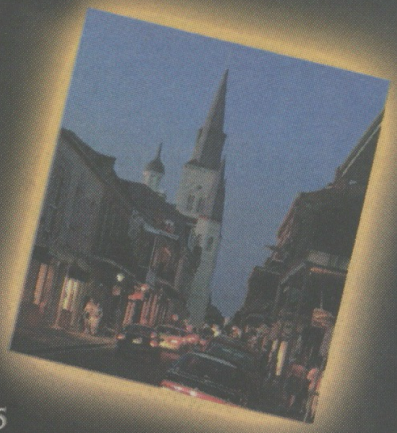

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With marriage, marriage everywhere — I think I'll have a drink.

Overload

Let's have a glass of wine, shall we? Oh, don't start with me you little Pollyanna. It's fairly late, and well within my (admittedly generous) cocktail "hour" parameters. I've just been writing a news dispatch about oral arguments in one of the New York City marriage cases, where Lambda's Susan Sommer had all of 15 minutes to convince a state appellate court that a lower court judge was right to side with her wannabe newly-wed clients last February.



Ann Rostow

So here's the problem: I am starting to drop some of the same-sex marriage litigation balls that I once juggled with practiced ease and effortless coordination (if I say so myself). There are no less than six cases coordinated in California. At least they're "coordinated" so I don't have to track them separately, but still! There are two major cases in New York. Lambda's aforementioned case out of Manhattan, and an ACLU case with appellate arguments scheduled for next month in Albany.

See? I told you I was good. But then there's something going on in Ithaca, New York, and I sort of forget what that was about. Something about Ithaca suing the state for not letting them file marriage licenses? And here's a note from the Evil Ones at the right wing Liberty Counsel about a same-sex marriage case out of New Paltz coming up for a hearing at the appellate level that was argued Monday. Huh? I missed that one. Plus, I just stumbled over an old press release from the New York City Law Department that makes reference to yet another marriage ruling out of Rockland County in October 2004. What was that about? Don't recall. Hell, I don't even know where "Rockland County" is, or if it even exists. (Cue: Overture from *Brigadoon*.)

Then we have a case in Maryland that I keep forgetting about. The ACLU (I think) argued that one before a lower court the other day. New Jersey might be scheduled for oral arguments next month before the state supreme court, but don't quote me. And Washington's marriage case should be decided any day now by the high court in the Beaver State. Maybe on a Thursday, maybe not.

I think there's a case in the works in Connecticut too, right? And let's not forget the related fight in Massachusetts over the validity of the 1913 law that now blocks out of state couples from getting hitched in bean town. That suit is heading to the high court, if I'm not mistaken. Which I might be.

Oh, who the hell knows? It's all too complicated. And those are just the marriage cases! Throw in the related lawsuits and the chaos increases exponentially. Activists in Florida asking the high court to strike the proposed marriage amendment. The ACLU challenging the Michigan Attorney General's interpretation of the Mitten State's anti-gay amendment. Massachusetts' good guys contesting the recent decision of Attorney General Thomas Reilly to certify a horrible, and likely unconstitutional, ballot measure.

There are others of this ilk. Bad guys in California pissed off at Attorney General Bill Lockyer's description of their anti-gay proposal. Some people in Ohio worried that a new amendment can be twisted into a defense against heterosexual domestic violence. Matt Damon getting married. And they still haven't found that white girl in Aruba, have they?

Excuse me while I refresh my drink.

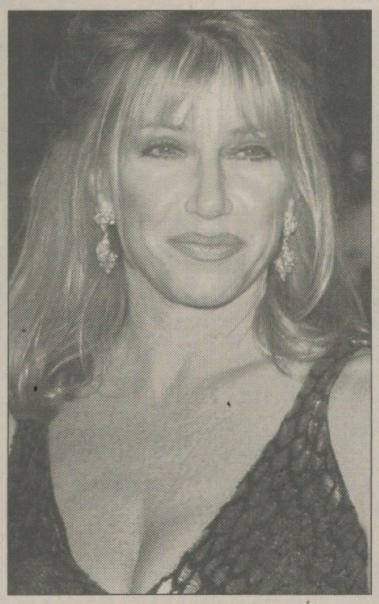
Sommer is icumen in

Thanks. I just reread this column to date. Every time I think about Lambda's Susan Sommer, who I've spoken to several times on matters of significant legal import, I envision the dumb bombshell from *Three's Company*, "Suzanne Somers." I have had this image of Suzanne Somers bouncing around in her apartment juxtaposed with Susan Sommer on the phone saying something serious about the nature of equal protection or whatever, and well, that's all. I hope Susan does not get hold of this column and cut me off from high-level briefings based on my sloppy mental boundaries.

Banana fanna fo fen

The headline from the last item is from an old madrigal, by the way. "Summer is a coming in, loudly sing "'Cuckoo!'" Except it originally went: "Sumer is icumen in, Lhude sing cuccu. Groweth sed and bloweth med and springeth the wide nu." Hmmmm. Pour me some med and spring open that nu, baby. It's summer! Oh, but it's not, is it? Wonder what the gang in Merrie Olde Englund had in mind for fall. I'll have to look that up.

Speaking of Lambda lawyers, I've put in a call to Jenny Pizer in LA, in an effort to get some dirt on the two top candidates to replace Janice Rogers Brown (cue: hisses and boos) on the California Supreme Court. I read that Schwarzenegger has put forward two women, Carol Corrigan of the San Francisco area appellate court, and Vance Raye, an African American women on the Sacramento-area appellate court. It's likely that one of these jurists will fill out the seven-member court just in time to vote on our very favorite civil rights issue, same-sex marriage. And God forbid that we end up with a pacifist court.





COME AND KNOCK ON THEIR DOORS Suzanne Somers, on left, crunches abs and hawks her own line of skincare products on the Home Shopping Network, while Lambda Legal's senior council Susan Sommer, on right, petitions the courts on behalf of equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender clients.

Jenny! Call me!

You know, Lambda is very careful about not letting reporters make direct calls to their branch offices without going through a press officer, a tedious, unnecessary, and most irksome detour. My trick is to call the office in question, ask for "Your Favorite Lambda Lawyer Here," preferably using some odd nickname, and when asked, imply that I'm an old school chum. Example: When I wish to contact Jennifer Pizer, senior staff attorney from the West Coast Regional Office, I ask for "Jen Jen Bo-Ben," and say I'm calling from a bar in Pittsburgh to ask her a question about the time she had that flat tire and was rescued by that cute girl in the AAA tow truck.



ANOTHER WOMAN Sacramento appellate court judge Carol Corrigan may replace Janice Rogers Brown as a nominee for California's Supreme Court.

OK, OK. Yes, you're right. I have been waiting for an hour for her to return my call, but I expect she's very busy.

I'll have the primordial soup

Let's see what else. You know that scientists are working on genetic techniques to allow two men, or two women, to have children related to both parents. Yes! It's true. Coming soon to a test tube near you. As it happens, I recently did some research on this slightly macabre innovation, and I can report the technical details with confidence.

Um. You take an egg. You scrape out its insides and stick some genetic material from an adult cell into it, and then you shock it into action so starts to divide and turns into an embryo. Then you get some of those magic embryonic stem cells out of that embryo, and you make them turn into sperm or more eggs, depending on what you need. If you started with a lesbian for example, you'd use an adult cell from the other woman and then create sperm out of the embryonic stem cell, and then you'd use that to impregnate the original woman. If you're working on guys, you'd use a man's adult cell, create the embryo, get the embryonic stem cells activated, and then make an egg, etc. etc..

Don't worry, we're not there yet. Plus, as you might have surmised, all the "research" in the world does not mean that I have the faintest idea what I'm talking about. Perhaps you'd like to hear my explanation of string theory? Next week.

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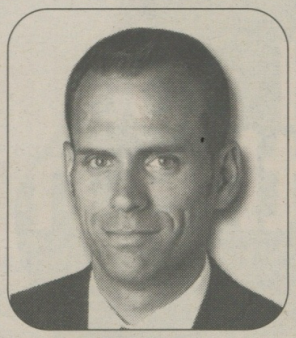
Same-sex marriage in California hinges on Schwarzenegger's veto

Will the governor's possible change of mind interfere with his legacy of fairness?



OUTRIGHT
Dale Carpenter

There's no putting lipstick on this pig. Unless he changes his mind, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will become the first executive anywhere in the world to veto a law allowing gay couples to marry. In fifty years, when the gay-marriage controversy will be history, nothing he has done as governor will be remembered more than that.

Make no mistake: the passage of a gay-marriage law by the California legislature was momentous. Even five years ago, having a legislative body in the United States approve gay marriage was unthinkable. Legislators fret about re-election and until now even the most liberal of them have justifiably worried that a vote for gay marriage would be the kiss of electoral death. If the brave California legislators who voted for the bill survive the next election, politicians around the country will finally have some evidence that they can safely support gay marriage.

Then there's Schwarzenegger, who came to office with the panache of a movie star, the swagger of a former body-builder, and the moral authority of a man unsullied by politics. He was refreshing. He could say what he thought and do what he wanted. He skillfully used his popularity to reshape politics and policy, for the better, in a state with ten percent of the population of the country.

Predictions that he would be an anti-gay governor, that he would support repealing domestic-partner benefits, and even that "our very lives" depended on defeating him (as one gay Democratic state legislator warned), were unfounded and proved untrue.

Instead, Schwarzenegger has signed pro-gay legislation. Just last week his spokesperson declared that he "believes that gay couples are entitled to full protection under the law and should not be discriminated against based upon their relationship." Schwarzenegger, she continued, "is proud that California provides the most rigorous protections in the nation for domestic partners." These are revolutionary statements for a Republican; indeed they're miles ahead of many Democratic politicians around the nation.

Schwarzenegger opposes "discrimination" against gay couples. Now, with history and equality staring him in the face, he is about to blink. Why?

The coy explanation given by his spokesperson last week was this: "Five years ago the matter of same-sex marriage was placed before the people of California. The people voted and the issue is now before the courts. The Governor believes the matter should be determined not by legislative action — which would be unconstitutional — but by court decision or another vote of the people of our state."

There are several things to unpack here. First note what this explanation does not say. It does not say that the governor will veto the marriage bill because he opposes gay marriage. Opposition to gay marriage itself would have been the most obvious — and defensible — reason to veto the bill.

But Schwarzenegger could not oppose gay marriage and be true to his publicly stated commitment to "full protection" for gay couples. Until he tells us otherwise, we must therefore presume that he supports gay marriage or at least that he sees no very good reason to oppose it.

So, again, why the threatened veto? The governor's spokesperson claims that the new marriage law would undo an initiative passed by California voters in 2000 declaring only heterosexual marriages "valid or recognized" in the state. Now, in principle, the fact that "the people" voted on an issue five years ago does not preclude them from reconsidering it, this time through their elected representatives. But under the state constitution the legislature cannot "amend or repeal" a popular initiative.

Whether the gay-marriage law would really do that is an interesting legal question. There are decent arguments both ways.

On the one hand, the 2000 initiative was passed to prevent the recognition of out-of-state gay marriages and is located in a section of the state code that deals with out-of-state marriages, not in-state marriages. The new gay-marriage law would not "amend or repeal" the prohibition on recognizing out-of-state gay marriages.

On the other hand, the 2000 initiative broadly declared that only male-female marriages are "valid." It was passed with the commonsensical background assumption that gay marriages would also not be validly performed *within* California.

Yet the parts of the state family code that actually define marriage were adopted in the 1970s by the legislature, not by popular initiative. So the legislature is presumptively free to change them.

My point is not to resolve this state constitutional issue, which the California courts can decide later. My point is that the issue is a debatable one and that where the issue is fairly debatable it is the responsibility of a leader to lead in the direction his heart and mind tell him is right.

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If Governor Schwarzenegger truly believes that gay couples deserve the same legal protection and support given to other couples, then it is his moral obligation to resolve reasonable doubts about his constitutional power in their favor. If he does not believe gay couples deserve marriage, then he should come out and say so, not hide behind courts and legalisms.

Around the country they are taunting Schwarzenegger with the "girlie man" label he used against his political opponents last year to accuse them of cowardice in the face of duty. He was right then about his enemies. It would be a shame if his epithet becomes his epitaph.

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Letters

Another view

I just finished reading Ann Rostow's article in *TXT*, issue 36. First, I will say that I am not a Bush fan. However, I am from Louisiana.

If you read any qualified news report, i.e. The Associated Press, you will find that it was not Bush's fault for getting people out of New Orleans. If you want to blame someone, maybe you should talk with Gov. Blanco and her advisors. She was warned and told to evacuate New Orleans. She did not listen.

Also, talk to the mayor of New Orleans. He was warned, but what did he do? Nothing, until it was too late. I believe he's African American.

Bush begged the governor and the mayor, but they would not listen.

This is not a "black issue" on Bush's part. Let's put the blame where it belongs. New Orleans will come back.

One other thing. Have you noticed who's doing most of the volunteering here in Houston? Maybe racism is not as bad as what people are being told.

J. AUGUSTINE / Houston

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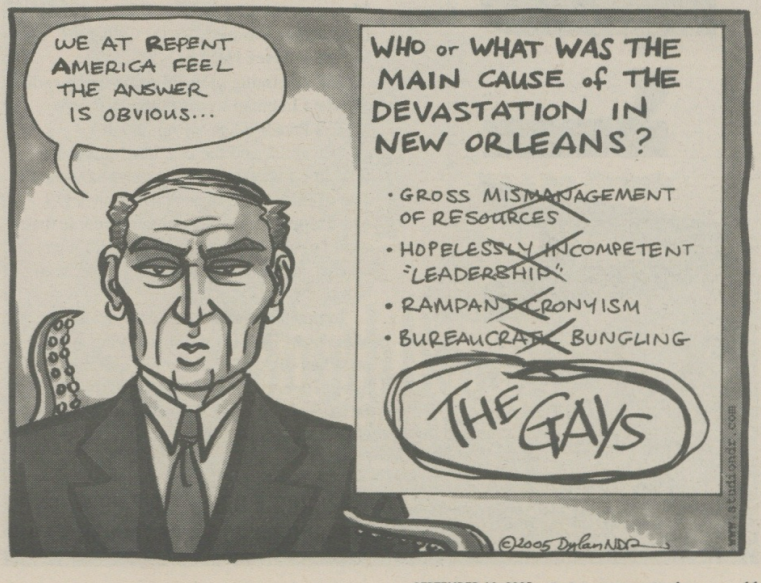

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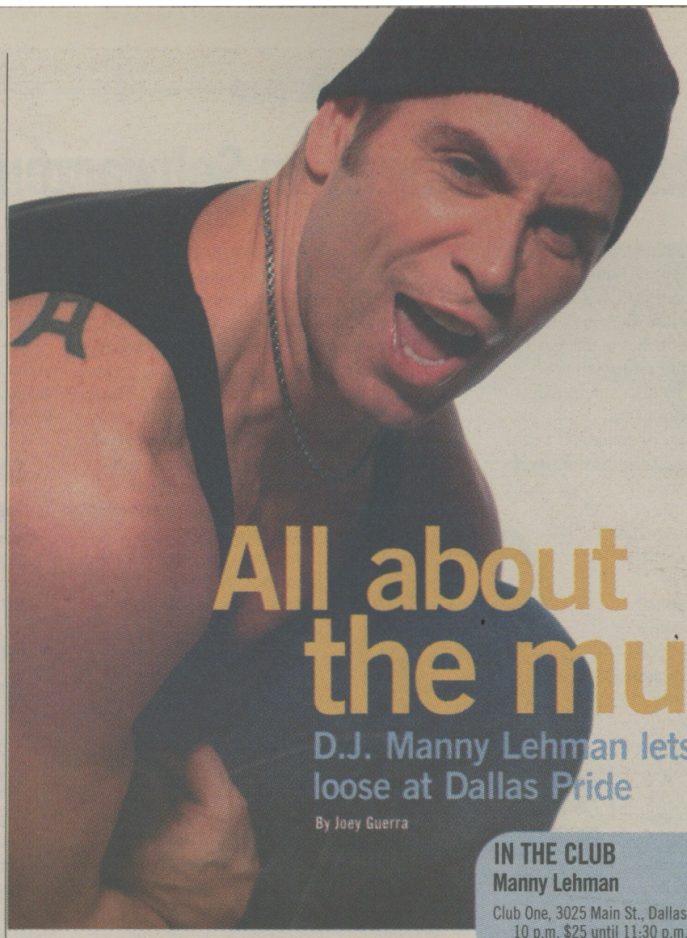

All about the music

D.J. Manny Lehman lets loose at Dallas Pride

By Joey Guerra

IN THE CLUB
Manny Lehman

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Groove has always been in the heart of Manny Lehman, even before he started spinning the trademark blend of high-energy vocals and hard tribal beats that have made him a favorite of circuit boys around the world.

"Music was always a hobby for me," Lehman says from the phone, a few hours before a gig at Nation in Washington, D.C. "I collected music and comic books ever since I can remember."

Indeed, the Bronx-born Lehman once managed New York City's legendary Vinyl Mania record store, selling discs to notable D.J.s Junior Vasquez, Victor Calderone, Tony Moran and Hex Hector.

But a defining moment came much earlier, when Lehman wrangled his way into NYC's Paradise Garage nightclub.

"I was 15, and the D.J. bug bit me. The first time I went to a major club I saw another side of music," he says. "I saw how a D.J. had a rapport, a connection with people that went beyond just playing one record after another. It was something I had never seen before."

Lehman spent 10 years as an executive with A&M Records, finally serving as vice president of A&R. During his stint, he established connections with such artists as Janet Jackson, Sting, Sheryl Crow and Ann Nesby. He also discovered diva CeCe Peniston and produced her monster hit "Finally," which remains a club staple.

But that pesky D.J. bug just wouldn't stop nibbling. When A&M folded, he started D.J.-ing regularly and has never looked back.

The role of the D.J. took a big turn in the early '90s, he says, with spin doctors like Moby, Paul Van Dyk and Sasha Digweed becoming celebrities in their own rights.

"This whole thing happened where the D.J. had a personality, had a persona, had the ability to make records and put out records. It's part of our pop culture now," Lehman says.

Since manning the turntables full-time, Lehman has scored successes with high-wattage superstars like Madonna and Sarah Brightman. Lehman has also steadily unleashed compilations, including the recent double-disc *Freedom*.

Upcoming is Lehman's epic remix of "Seasons of Love" from the big-screen version of the Broadway musical *Rent*. Lehman, a big fan of the show, says the remix was finished two weeks ago. (It's due to hit dance floors in October.)

"I still get the chills every time I listen to it," Lehman admits. "It was a very complicated song because of all the harmonies and the chord changes. It's amazing."

When he's not hooked into headphones and has a few hours to relax, Lehman says he keeps in shape — looking great in those tank tops — with kickboxing classes three times a week.

But Lehman is never far from the turntables. Music flows inside him, and he's grateful for the opportunity to share it.

"It's just something that steamrolled and turned into this thing," he says. "If you would have told me this years ago, I would have never imagined… that this would be a business for me."

I LOVE A PARADE (AND MORE)

When you're gay and live in Texas, you have a choice during June's Pride Parade season: either scorch in the noonday sun or move the parade to the evening hours.

But Dallas had to be different by moving the season entirely.

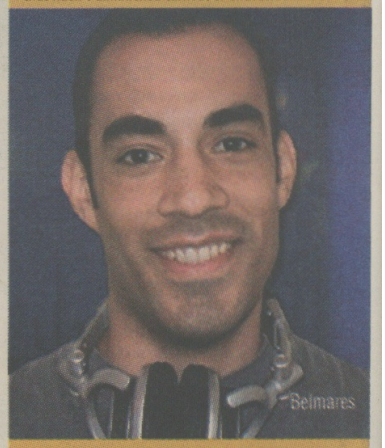
Which is why Big D is only now — in the middle of September with the autumnal equinox barely a week away — gearing up for its big celebration: the 22nd Annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

The parade —which has the theme Equal Rights! No More! No Less! — takes place Sunday, and attracts thousands of attendees each year. Onlookers start lining up as early as noon, with the parade officially starting at 2 p.m., headed southeast along Cedar Springs Road.

Afterwards, beginning at approximately 5 p.m., is the rally in Lee Park, which gives the GLBT community an opportunity to hear speakers such as Mayor Laura Miller, entertainers such as Voices of Pride winner Lori McCrackin and enjoy beer and other refreshments.

For those who can't get down to the Crossroads, or want a vantage seat from the comfort of their air conditioned home, Mickey's is Web casting the parade from 2 p.m. until the last float rides down. View it on Mickeysdallas.com, or link to it from Dallastavernguild.com.

On Saturday, *TXT Newsmagazine* and *Dallas Voice* co-sponsor Gay Day at Six Flags. The event has sparked controversy and protesters in the past, but that hasn't diminished turnout or enthusiasm. Out-



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and-proud singles, couples, families and groups make Arlington a little more fabulous for a day at the amusement park, which occurs during the Texas Heritage Festival. Discounted tickets for the park are available for $26 at the Resource Center of Dallas, Crossroads Market, Skivvies, Outlines and the Cathedral of Hope's bookstore.

After Six Flags, you can start feeling your pride really burn at Spectrum, the after-hours party featuring D.J. Roland Belmares. The music begins at 3 a.m. and goes on till 8 a.m. at The Underground at Southside on Lamar, sponsored by the Purple Foundation. A donation of $25 is requested.

After the parade on Sunday, D.J. Michael Tank spins at Purgatory, starting at 6 p.m. Visit Fierceparty.com for details.



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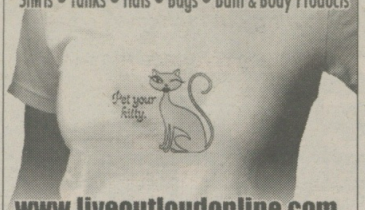

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By Billy Masters

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Billy says 'Viva Las Vegas' to Sin City's new stars

I'm gonna burn in Hell, no doubt about it. That's why, every once in a while, I try to help out someone in need. When I'm before the pearly gates, it would be nice if I had something to bring up in my defense so that I can take a Speedo and a nice frozen drink to Hades.

This is the only way to explain why I drove 30 miles out of my way to get a cute drunken boy home. I swear I had no ulterior motive. When I finally got to my own place, there was a sweet e-mail from the boy thanking me and expressing surprise that I didn't take advantage of the situation. He ended the note by saying, "I appreciate the fact that you are a cool older guy with a hot body." I've waited 20 years to be admired on a purely superficial level, only now I'm a "cool older guy!"

Proving that things are cyclical, Vegas has once again become the home base for many performers. Decades after **Lola Falana** and **Wayne Newton** called Vegas home, people like **Celine Dion**, **Barry Manilow** and **Gladys Knight** have moved in.

Bette Midler is reportedly entertaining the possibility of an extended gig. **Jessica Simpson** has gotten a similar offer. The Broadway hit *Avenue Q* just opened and will soon be joined by *Spamalot* and *Hairspray* (starring Tony winner **Harvey Fierstein**).

Promoters recently approached **Diana Ross** about hitting the Strip, but the ever-delusional Miss Thang balked at the idea of being stuck in one town for so long. Too bad, because the plan included a televised special — almost a bookend to her Caesars Palace concert of 1974. Instead, Ross is contemplating following in the footsteps of **Jerry Hall** and starring in VH-1's second season of *Kept*. Yeah, that's a smart career move!

Madonna, too, felt the Vegas deal was not a good fit. And after showing interest in a long-term gig, **Britney Spears** nixed the possibility — because she's got options!

By the way, Brit has confessed that although she's into Kabbalah, she doesn't really understand it.

"I read the Kabbalah books and I meditate on them. They are all in Hebrew. I don't understand everything. But it's kind of OK that you don't... Kevin isn't into it as intensely as I am. But he looks at the books every once in a while." It must be one of those illustrated Kabbalah books — with pop-ups!

Many Filth readers will be headed to Southern California at the end of this month. Why? To attend GayDays at Disneyland in Anaheim, silly. From Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, queens will converge on the Magic Kingdom — and perhaps spot Billy himself! For more details, check out GayDay2.com.

Since my hereafter will be sultry, I'm in no rush to get there. But if I'd like a taste of it, **Stephen King** can accommodate me. The famed horror writer is auctioning off the "privilege" of being killed in his next book, *Cell*. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the First Amendment Project, a group dedicated to protecting free speech (a right I clearly enjoy).


Madonna

King says, "Buyer should be aware that *Cell* is a violent piece of work, which comes complete with zombies set in motion by bad cell-phone signals that destroy the human brain." Finally, King is getting away from fiction!

Several "Ask Billy" questions revolve around hot guys in various forms of undress.

Gerry in Los Angeles writes: "Ever since you featured the sexy photos of **Chris Austad** and **Ryan Daharsh** from *DNA* [a gay publication in Australia], I contacted them and bought a subscription. I can't believe you haven't mentioned that **Jeff Wilson** from *Survivor* was on the cover of the August issue."

What can I say? The mail between Australia and the States has been incredibly slow. I just got the August issue of *DNA*, and all I can say is, wow! Jeff is one of the most stunning men alive. I may have posted photos of the *Palau* hunk in the past, but this spread is spectacular.

Carl in Indianapolis has an obsession that he wants to share: "I am in love with **Tom Welling** [the star of *Smallville*]. I've never heard anything about his personal life, and I fantasize that he's gay. Is there any chance that's true? Also, has he ever posed naked?"

Lemme tell you something, Carl: If I had nude photos of Tom Welling, I'd be able to retire! No such luck, although we do have that unaired footage of his backside and brief glimpse of his private parts covered with a cock sock. But I've never had any clear indication of the size of his penis — until this week.

A fan forwarded me some stills from an episode of *Smallville* where Tom is running down the street sporting what appears to be a sizeable bulge. I tracked down the footage from this episode, and Tom does indeed seem to have a large mass bobbing up and down in his pants. Being the cool guy that I am, I'm gonna share it with you at Filth2go.com. Hopefully, that will keep Carl happy — even though I have to report that Tom has been married for the past three years.

Could it be that **Patti LuPone** will play Mama Rose in *Gypsy*? It's a distinct possibility. For years, Patti and her fans have waited for the *Evita* star to take on this pivotal role, but allegedly a dispute with **Arthur Laurents** (who wrote the libretto for *Gypsy*) ensured she'd never play the part on Broadway, where he'd have a say in casting.

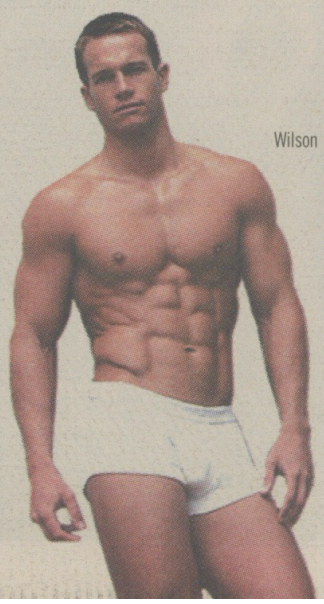
Because the lyrics for the musical were written by **Stephen Sondheim**, Chicago's Ravinia Festival is considering *Gypsy* for its sixth annual tribute to the composer next year. And since LuPone has starred in each of the five previous semi-staged presentations, she may finally get her chance at the part.

When I can include a zombie, a bouncing bulge and Lola Falana, it's definitely time to end yet another column.

The rumors are true: Later this year, Billy will hit the road for a number of stand-up gigs and personal appearances. I better hurry — clearly I'm not getting any younger!

If you have questions that can't wait, just write to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I collect Social Security!

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

Healing music

Houston's Christian Andreason does his part for Katrina victims with benefit CD

Hurricane Katrina's shockwaves are still hitting hard, especially in the Gulf Coast region and elsewhere in Texas where New Orleans's victims have fled. But a group of artists is working diligently to help the Crescent City's heart sing once again.



The Katrina CD Project is a benefit effort helmed by openly gay inspirational singer Christian Andreason. The Houston resident is also donating a portion of the proceeds from his *Rhythm of Life* solo disc to various relief efforts.

"Waiting around on officials to provide everything the people need is obviously not going to be our best option," Andreason says. "The people must gather together to help the people."

Other gay artists on the planned CD include Broadway star Billy Porter, pop duo Jason & deMarco, Grammy winner Joe Hogue, sexy singer Ari Gold and newcomer Alan Lett, who also resides in Houston.

Gay-friendly artists like dance diva Jenna Drey have contributed songs to the disc, as have country singers Kim Carson and Glenna Bell. The CD also features a Spanish track from former Channel 11 Houston reporter Eileen Faxas, who now croons full-time. More artists and future volumes are in the works.

"I realized that there are literally hundreds of awesome recording artists out there who feel just as I do, who also want to help," Andreason says.

The Katrina CD Project is slated for release within the month.

More information, including updates on the release date and a chance to listen to song clips, is available at Katrinacd.com.



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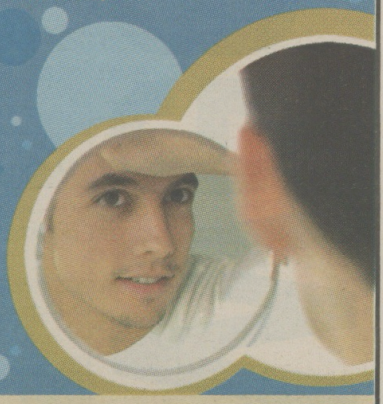

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Weekly Review

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Friday, September 16

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Fete 2005, presented by Ballet Austin. 6 p.m.-midnight. $350+. Paramount Theatre and Driskill Hotel. Benefits Ballet Austin's artistic and educational programs. Balletaustin.org/Fete.

Martine Locke. 7 p.m. $5-$10. Bookwoman, 918 W. 12th St. 512-472-2785. Martinelocke.com.

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2046, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern and Q Cinema, through Sept. 18. 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. $5.50-$7.50. Modern of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

boy patrick memorial Teeter Totter-a-Thon, presented by Leather Masters and Wycliff Point Shopping Center, through Sept. 18. 8 p.m. Benefits Bryan's House. 2525 Wycliff Ave. 214-528-3865.

Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Mixer. Bill's Hideaway, 4144 Buena Vista St.

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

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

Paula Poundstone, through Sept. 18. $22. The Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Rd. 972-404-8501. Improv.com.

HOUSTON

9th Annual Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, through Sept. 22. Screenings at multiple venues. Hglff.org.

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

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

Houston Big Men's Club Burgerama. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. $2.25-$2.50. Benefits Convergence 2005 Hurricane Katrina Relief Project, with the American Red Cross) and GLBT evacuees in Houston. The Ripcord, 715 Fairview. 713-920-2996. HoustonBigMensClub.com.

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.

No cover charge on Friday and Saturday nights through September for people who bring at least $5's worth of donated food, clothing, other supplies, or cash (offer excludes special events and promotions). Rich's-Houston, 2401 San Jacinto. 713-759-9606. Richs-houston.com.

Sing for Hope: An Evening of Art Songs & Arias. 7 p.m. Zilkha Hall, the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. Benefits Bering Omega Community Services. 713-315-2525. Beringomega.org

SAN ANTONIO

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

Bar Recruitment Drive, conducted by Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio to register voters, collect supporters' "pledges to vote against" forms and sign up volunteers. Weekends, through Oct. 11. 9 p.m. Maccabe_s@hotmail.com.

Saturday, September 17

AUSTIN

Austin Gay Lesbian International Film Festival volunteer training for opening night set-up and breakdown, bartending, food handling, ticketing, technical operations, video transferal, data entry, web updates, and crowd control. Weekends through Sept. 18. Saturdays, 11 a.m. Sundays, 1 p.m. Tapelenders Video, 114 W. 5th St. Agliff.org.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

North Texas Leather Sir and Leatherboy Contest, through Sept. 18. 8 p.m. Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood Rd. #107. Dallaseagle.com.

Queertown, presented by West End Comedy Theatre. Also, Sept. 24. 11 p.m. $15. 214-880-9990. West End Comedy Theatre - 603 Munger St. Westendcomedy.com.

HOUSTON

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston volunteer training, through Sept. 11, and Sept. 17-18. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond Ave. 713-526-4367. Gayswitchboardhouston.org.

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

Third Coast Family Show, presented by Chris Baudier and the Third Coast Family. Benefits Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Keys West, 817 W. Dallas St. 713-571-7870. Thirdcoastfamily.com

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Spectrum Youth Outreach 7 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro, 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Info@diversitycentersa.org.

Sunday, September 18

AUSTIN

You Can't Stop the Beat, Austin Babtist Women's 19th anniversary celebration. 8 p.m. Rainbow Cattle Company, 305 W. 5th St. 512-291-1563. Babtistwomen.com.

HOUSTON

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

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

Monday, September 19

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

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Bent, by Mark Sherman, presented by Theatre New West and Holocaust Museum Houston. Also, Sept. 20, 27-28. 7:30 p.m. $20. Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St. 713-522-2204. Theatrenwest@aol.com.

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

Turnabout Drag Show with bartenders and staff, benefiting hurricane relief. JR's Bar and Grill, 808 Pacific.

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

Tuesday, September 20

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, with featured speaker, U.S. Senatorial Candidate Barbara Ann Radnofsky. 6:30 p.m. Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave. 214-887-4990.

Wednesday, September 21

AUSTIN

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

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 6:45 p.m. $4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.



Thursday, September 22

AUSTIN

Eat, drink and listen to music by locals. Presented by Foodies and HRC 6:30 p.m. $5. Benefits No Nonsense Campaign in November. Nueva Onda. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

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.

Patti LaBelle: Her Life, Her Story, presented by University of North Texas Division of Equity and Diversity. 7 p.m. $25-$70. Benefits Division of Equity and Diversity scholarships, including establishment of the Patti LaBelle Scholarship. The Coliseum, Highland St. and North Texas Blvd., UNT Denton campus. 940-565-3805. Unt.edu/edo.

HOUSTON

PFLAG Houston sharing group, 7:30-9 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's Chatham Room, 1805 Alabama St. 713-46P-FLAG.

SAN ANTONIO

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

A lesson in one-night stands

Dear Howard,

I live in a small town. The closest big city is El Paso, about three hours away. Once a month me and some buddies drive in for a weekend night of tripping the light fantastic. We always take separate cars just in case one of us gets lucky. Early last July, I met a really fine fellow — the kind that don't even break a sweat in the heat, you know? Well, we spent the night together and exchanged numbers the next day, but I never heard a word from him since. I called him a couple of times, but his machine always picks up and he never calls me back. I thought we had a great time, but I guess I must have rubbed him wrong somehow. What I want to know is, why did he even give me his number in the first place if he's not interested?

Bud

How often did you say you get out, Bud? What you had was a textbook one-night stand — a perfectly enjoyable, wonderfully satisfying, one-trick carnal pony. You did not rub him wrong. I'm sure he had every bit as good a time as you, but the morning-coffee truth is that not everyone wants a second date, even if Fourth of July fireworks went off the whole night long — and even if he did give you his number. Keep your chin up, though. One of these days, some lucky fellow is going to pick up his phone and say, "Hot damn, I was hoping you'd call!"

Dear Howard,

I read and enjoy your column. Mine is not a question for advice, but rather to pass along advice to your readers. I share this advice by just having experienced a nightmare.

I am dating this great guy: nice looking, muscular, intelligent, well-mannered. Steve has been taking prescription anti-depressants. Recently, while Steve and I were being amorous, he decided to use some poppers. He hadn't used any in 15 years. It was close to 10 seconds after he hit them that he went into a seizure. I won't go into the details, but the paramedics took him to the emergency room.

At the hospital, Steve was dazed but able to answer basic questions. We leveled with the doctor (who treated us with incredible courtesy and respect) and told him what happened. The doctor said that the combination of being on anti-depressants and using poppers made Steve very likely to have the seizure. We have since heard of others who have experienced this too.

Given that there are more than a few of us taking anti-depressant meds, and given that poppers are very common, I'm hoping others who read this will be forewarned and not go through what we have. I hope you will publish this and others will be helped.

Gary

I appreciate you sharing this "nightmare" with my readers. Your experience gives new meaning to Fran Lebowitz's quip, "A night without amyl nitrate is like a day without sunshine." Best of luck to you and Steve.

Dear Howard,

I am an unapologetic, die-hard sports fanatic. I feverishly follow your column and I've noticed that no one has ever once asked you a sports question. I can't believe that there aren't plenty of gay men, like myself, who are just as turned on by sports, if not more so, than any breeder.

What gives? Do you just not follow hetero recreational activities? Are they your blind spot? Do you even know stuff like what kind of wood baseball bats are made from, or the trademark of legendary college football coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant?

Nearly Straight As A Goalie

Ash and a houndstooth hat. Blind spot, my tight end.

HAVE A QUESTION FOR HOWARD?

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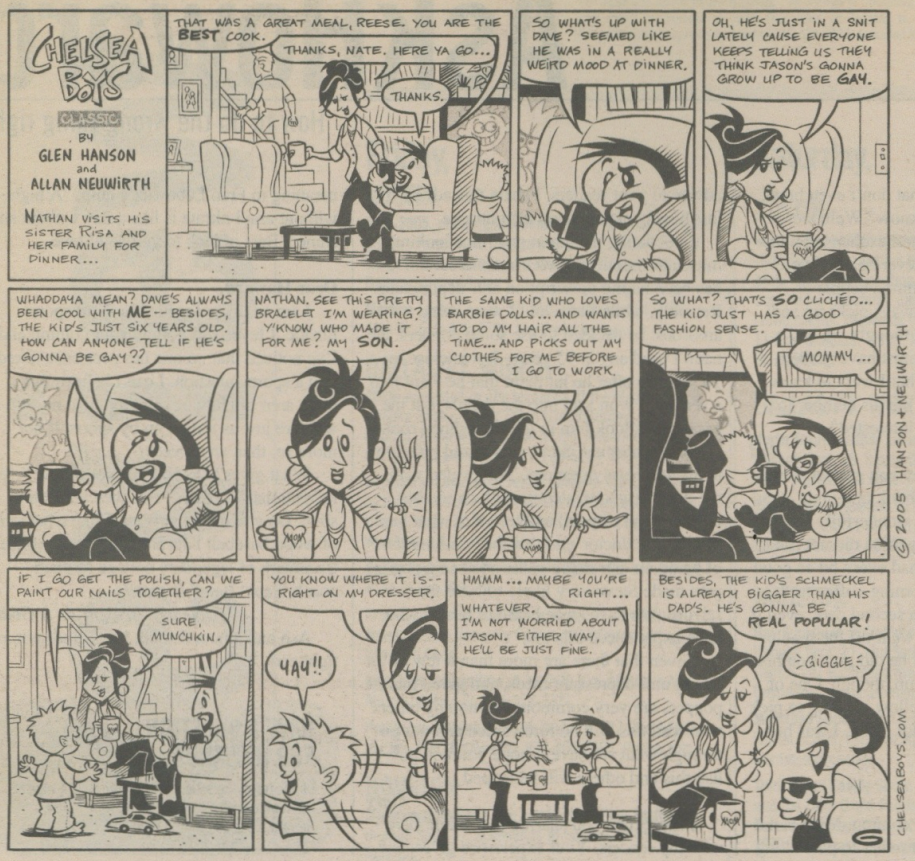
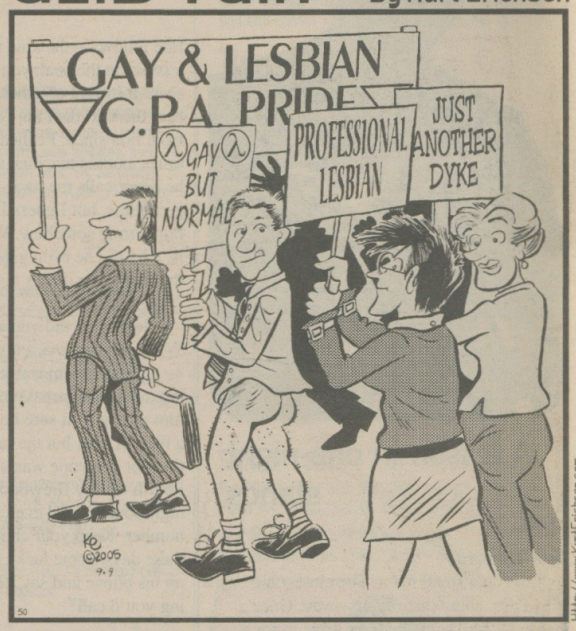


GLiB Talk

By Kurt Erichsen



While marching to show that gay people are normal and respectable, Clarence couldn't shake the feeling he'd forgotten something.

September 16–22, 2005

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Virgo

While Jupiter and Pluto are sextile, opening up philosophical discussions, Mars is in Taurus, quincunx to both of them, forcing practical applications. A Mercury-sun conjunction in Virgo aspects these three, triggering arguments that will help clarify issues and ideas. Some conflict can be good. Just keep it respectful!

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Every birthday is another year of improvements! Open yourself to new ideas from distant sources, familiar and unknown. Be willing to work to understand novel concepts, and they'll provide surprisingly practical perspectives.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

What inner longings are suddenly erupting? Give them some kind of expression, whether or not you act on them. Go ahead and be daring — although finding an appropriate time, place and playmate may be a challenge.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Listen to friendly suggestions — and, yes, criticisms — attentively and appreciatively. You stand to improve your relations and finances, so even if you don't agree, consider them as points from which to gain new perspectives.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

There's always room for improvement, so don't take offense when you get advice on your social skills. Nobody can schmooze like you, but harnessing your talent productively is another story. Channel your energy thoughtfully and it will carry you far.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Open up to someone about long-held secret desires and fears. Look to your favorite artists for inspiration. Also look to new artists, and be open to new ideas — artistic or intellectual — that challenge notions you've long accepted.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Your wicked mouth is sure to get you into trouble. Use that agile orifice for pleasures other than conversation, and you'll enjoy a much better class of trouble. If you must use words to shock, you'll be most effective on your home ground.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

When tempted to criticize your partner, try instead to be self-critical. Talk out the more mundane, practical issues. Take responsibility and be adaptive. Talk openly about any sexual problems, and move quickly toward ways to resolve them.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Money troubles seem to come from all directions. Advice, both spiritual and pragmatic, will be helpful, but you won't like it. Simple financial housekeeping is a necessary first step, however Herculean the task may seem.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Some serious questions are coming up about your health and your sexuality. Indulge your playful side for a while — both for the creative and hedonistic satisfaction, and for the insight to help with those questions.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

A big housecleaning effort will put you face to face with mementos, raising memories that can trigger new perspectives on old problems. Don't shy away from any arguments at home. The air needs a good clearing by now!

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Your brain and tongue are both especially sharp. Use your brain first — be very careful with the tongue and other sharp objects! Being correct isn't enough. Focus on making friends comfortable and they'll be more supportive of you.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Clean up your financial affairs. Get professional help if necessary, or at least accept help from someone who is more of an expert than you. New ideas and a little creativity can help out, just be careful not to get too creative!

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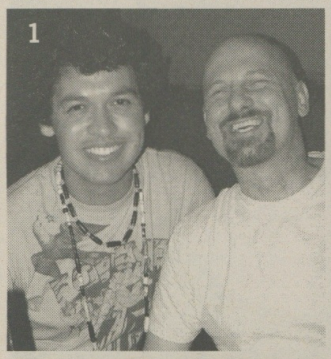



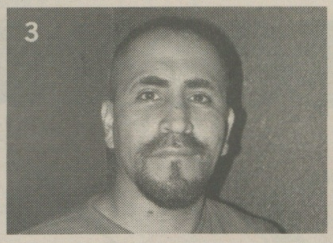

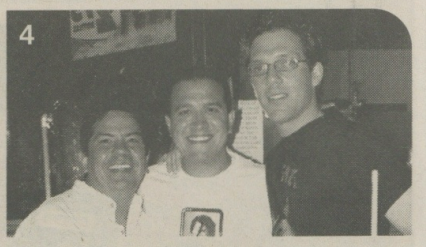

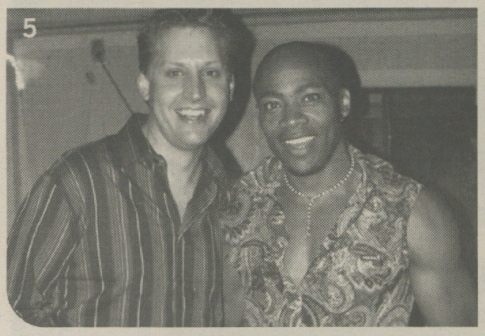

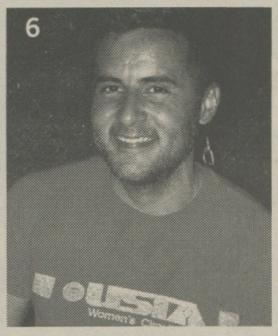

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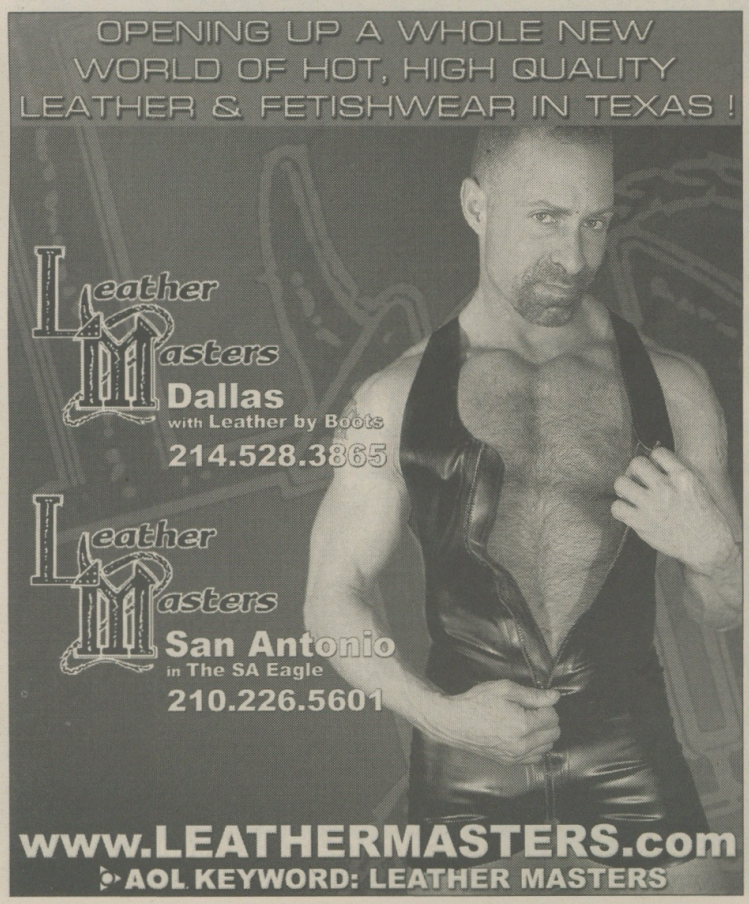

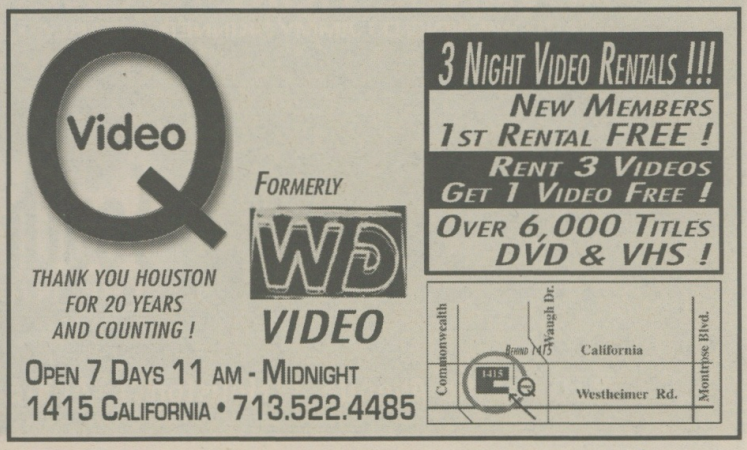

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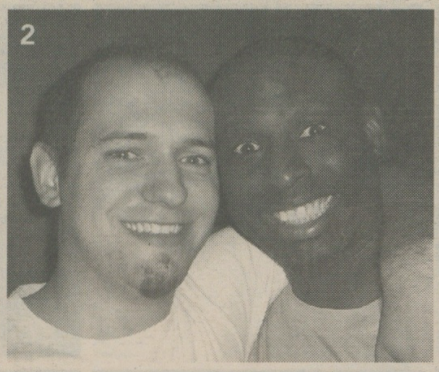

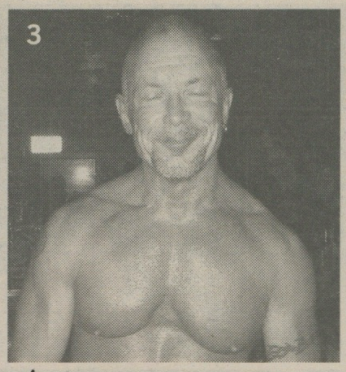

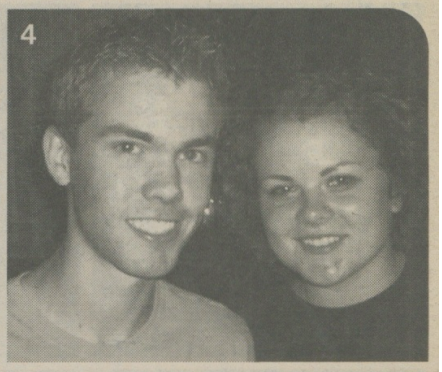





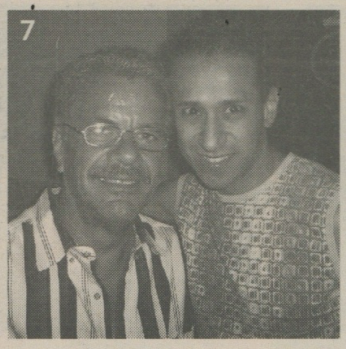

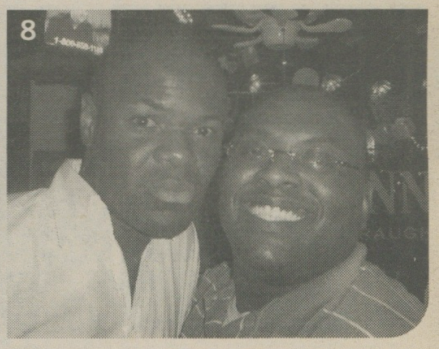

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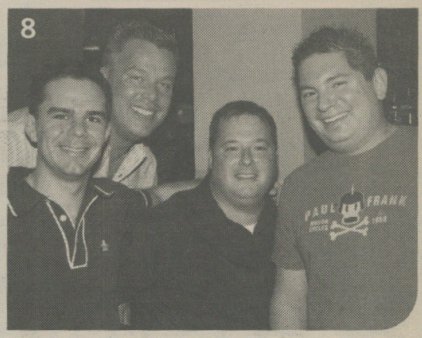

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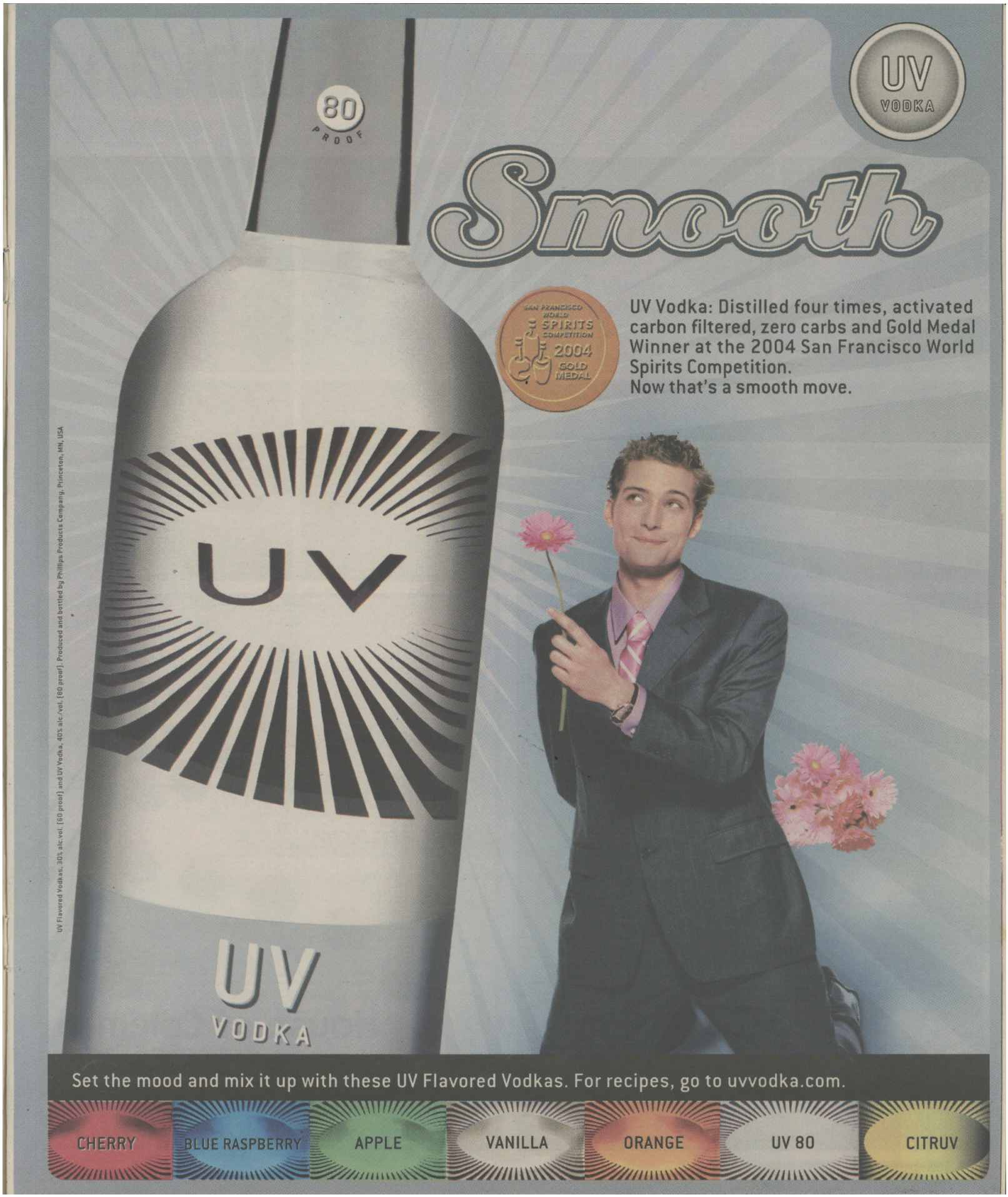
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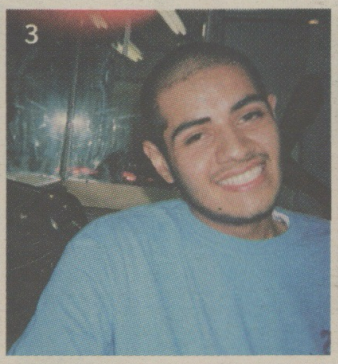





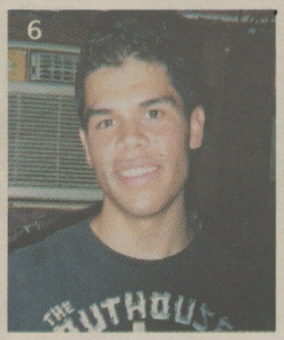





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Dignityhouston.org
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
713-526-5200
Firstuu.org
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
713-528-3269
Office@gracelutheran-houston.org
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church
713-528-6756
New Covenant Christian Church
713-984-5806
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church of The Woodlands
281-298-2780
Northwoodsuu.org
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
713-861-9149
Resurrectionmcc.org
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
713-528-6665
Ststephenshouston.org

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

sports

AUSTIN

Adventuring Outdoors
512-236-7176
Main.org/adventuring
Austin FrontRunners
512-259-1645, Frontrunners.org
Austin Gamblers Bowling League
512-647-7073
Austingamblers@yahoo.com
Austin Gay Softball
512-477-7116
Tx@hotmail.com
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club
512-796-0716
Lonestarsrugby.org
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club
Austinnightflyers.org
Austin Tennis Club
Austintennisclub.com
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club
Austinvalkyries.com
Fast Track
512-453-8878
Geocities.com/fasttrackrunners
Houston Fly Boys
www.houstonflyboys.com
Team Austin
512-447-6408
Texas Gay Rodeo Association
Tgra.org

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

sports

DALLAS

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

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

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Alamo City Bowling Tournament
Alamocitytournament.com
magijay@yahoo.com
Jans Rainbow Bowling League
210-731-8824 hfloresjr69@sbcglobal.net

support

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

DALLAS

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
214-528-0022
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network
972-669-5777 Glsendallas.org
Lambda AA
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699
Lambda Group of Al-Anon
214-363-0461
Dallasai-anon.org
PFLAG Dallas
214-233-0977 Pflagdallas.org
Positively Young
972-283-0468
Pride Institute
817-404-2205 Prideinstitute.com
Purple Light Trans Support
Goldleopard.com/purple
Resource Center of Dallas
214-528-0144
Resourcecenterdallas.org
Youth First Texas
214-879-0400
Youthfirsttexas.com

HOUSTON

Bering Support Network
713-526-1017 Beringumc.org
Community Awareness for Transgender Support (CATS)
281-203-3890,
Tghelp@yahoo.com
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation
713-528-1748 Donaldrwatkins.org
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston
713-529 3211
Gayswitchboardhouston.org
Hollyfield Foundation
713-523-6900 Hollyfield.org
Kolbe Project
713-861-1800 Kolbeproject.org
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous
713-521-1243 Lambdahouston.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-0037
Montrosecounselingcenter.org
PFLAG Houston
713-467-3524
Pflaghouston.org

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Club Poz San Antonio
210-341-0133 ClubPozSAT@aol.com
Diversity Center Spectrum
210-223-6106 Info@diversitycentersa.org
Diversity Center Transgender Support Group
210-223-6106 Christielee@glccsa.org
PFLAG San Antonio
210-655-2383
Pflagsanantonio@webtv.net

commerce

accommodations

AUSTIN

A Summit House Bed & Breakfast — 1204 Summit, 512-445-5304, Summit.home.texas.net

Fairfield Inn & Suites — Mopac Blvd. at Braker Lane, 512-527-0734.

DALLAS

Hotel Za Za — 2332 Leonard St., 214-468-8399, Hotelzaza.com.

The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, Melrosehoteldallas.com.

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Gar-Den Suites — 2702 Crocker St. 800-484-1036 (code 2669).

Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy, 713-523-8448.

The Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd., 713-522-5224, 1-800-779-5224.

Marriott Hotel Downtown Houston — 904 Dallas St., 832-366-1000.

Montrose Inn — 408 Avondale,713-520-0206, 800-357-1228.

SAN ANTONIO

Arbor House B+B — 109 Arciniega, 210-472-2005.

Emily Morgan Hotel — 705 E. Houston St., 210-225-5100, Emilymorganhotel.com.

The Painted Lady Inn — 620 Broadway, 210-220-1092, thepaintedlady.com.

attorneys

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John Butler — 816 Congress Ave., #1100, 512-472-3887, johnbutler.com.

Bruce S. Fox — 404 West 13th Street, 512-444-4FOX, brucefox.com.

Martha Pitkin — 11782 Jollyville Rd., 512-219-4022.

Willie & Dasher — 1107 Nueces, 512-478-0834.

DALLAS

Birdwell & Associates — Jerry Birdwell, Tim Menchu, 214-357-3311.

Frankel Douglas — 214-353-8033 dougfrankel.com.

Stewart Charles — 3500 Oak Lawn, 214-521-3804.

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Peggy S. Bittick — 281-485-3500.

Calvin "CJ" Braun — 8100 Washington Ave., 713-880-3366.

Michael Gaitz — 900 W. Belfort, Suite 490, 713-779-2900.

Nechman, Simoneaux and Frye, PLLC — 713-227-1717, nsflaw.us.

Simon & Associates — 401 Studewood, 713-524-6000.

Walker & Patterson, PC — 4815 Dacoma, 713-956-5577.

Weisblatt & Associates — 2 Riverwat, 713-552-0686, weisblattlaw.com.

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Barry L. Efron — 10010 San Pedro Ave., 210-366-9676.

Carol Bertsch —1919 San Pedro Ave., 210-735-9911.

Michael W. White — 3737 Broadway, 210-821-5283.

Neil A. Calfas — 540 S. St. Mary's Street, 210-212-6969.

Pearsall Legal Services, PLLC — 11103 San Pedro, 210-340-8290.

automotive

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Austin Subaru — 200 West Huntland, 512-454-9489.

Charles Maund Volkswagen — 8400 Research, 1-800-440-1999, maund.com.

David McDavid Acura — 13553 Research Blvd., 512-335-5555.

First Texas Honda — 1301 W. Koenig Lane, 512-381-1333, firsttexashonda.com.

Gilman Subaru — 6809 South I-35, 512-444-6044.

Suzuki-Isuzu of Austin — (Jules Gollins) 4738 S. IH 35, 512-583-4000.

DALLAS

Classic BMW — 300 N. Central Expy., 866-289-9999, classicbmw.com.

automotive

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Freeman Mazda — (George Johnson), 1800 E. Airport, Irving, 972-438-2121.

John Eagle Honda — 5311 Lemmon Ave. 214-904-3247. EagleHonda.com.

Saturn of Mesquite — (Miki Holtz) 15900 I-635 at Oates. 1-800-723-0714.

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Gillman Subaru Southwest — 10575 W. Sam Houston Pkwy., 713-776-6310.

Jeff Haas Mazda — (John Griffin) 11222 Old Katy Rd., 713-932-6004.

Jim Jard Auto Group — 26525 S.W. Freeway, 281-342-4200.

Land Rover Houston — 7019 Old Katy Rd., 713-293-6100.

Mike Calvert Toyota — 2333 Loop 610 713-558-8100, mikecalverttoyota.com.

Planet Ford — 20403 Interstate 45 North, 1-888-251-9135.

Sterling McCall Toyota — (Alexis) 9400 Southwest Frwy., 832-816-5718.

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Benson Honda/Mazda — 9100 San Pedro, 210-34-1356, tombenson.com.

North Park Subaru — 210-308-0200.

Tom Benson Chevrolet/Isuzu — 9400 San Pedro, 210-341-3311, tombenson.com.

entertainment, adult

AUSTIN

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 7111 S. I-35, 512-442-5719.

Midtowne Spa Austin — 5815 Airport, 512-302-9696, midtowne-spa.com.

DALLAS

Alternatives of New Fine Arts — 1720 W. Mockingbird, 214-630-7071.

Club Dallas — 2616 Swiss, 214-821-1990, the-club.com.

Midtowne Spa Dallas — 2509 Pacific, 214-821-8989, midtowne-spa.com.

Mockingbird Adult Video — 708 W. Mockingbird, 214-631-3003.

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Adult Video Megaplexxx — 5819 Richmond, 713-780-1827.

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 10006 Gulf Frwy., 713-944-8111.

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 8100 I-45 North, 281-820-8999.

Club Houston — 2200 Fannin St., 713-659-4998, the-club.com.

Eros 1207 — 1207 Spencer Hwy., 713-944-6010.

Executive Adult Video Store — 14002 N.W. Frwy, 713-462-5152.

Midcity Video — 2043 Southwest Frwy., 713-522-3530.

Midtowne Spa Houston — 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379, midtowne-spa.com.

Q Video — 1415 California, 713-522-4485.

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Alternative Clubs, Inc. ACI — 827 East Elmira, 210-223-2177.

Club San Antonio, 13900 Jones — Maltsberger, 210-545-2101.

Executive Club II — 402 Austin St., 210-299-1400.

entertainment, gen.

AUSTIN

Queerwaves Radio — Saturdays 4:30-6pm 91.7 FM KOOP, koop.org.

Zachary Scott Theatre Center — 512-476-0541, zachscott.com.

DALLAS

Angelika Film Center — Mockingbird Lane 214-841-4700.

Magnolia Theater — 3699 McKinney Ave. at West Village, 214-520-0025.

HOUSTON

After Hours — 713-526KPFT, www.kpft.org Saturday midnight - Sunday 4am

Alley Theatre — 615 Texas Ave., 713-228-8421, alleytheatre.org.

Angelika Film Center & Café — 510 Texas Ave., 713-333-FILM.

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HOUSTON

Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, landmarktheatres.com

Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.

Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, houstonsymphony.org.

River Oaks Theatre — 2009 West Grey, 713-528-4608, landmarktheatres.com.

Theatre Under The Stars — 713-558-8887, tuts.com.

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Awesome Tickets — 120 Broadway, 210-226-5136.

Encore Video — 1031 North East Loop 410, 210-821-5345.

Majestic Theatre — 210-224-9600.

health care

AUSTIN

38th Street Pharmacy — 711 West 38th Street, C-3, 512-458-3784.

Dr. Jeanne Galloway, ND — 512-695-2342 4104 Medical Pkwy. #113.

Jay M. Erwin-Grotsky, LMSW-ACP — 512-451-7222.

Michael Escobedo, M.D. — 512-347-9794, lazrsmooth.com.

Michael F. Lessner, DDS — 2907 Duval Street near UT Campus, 512-472-5633.

Silva Psychiatric Care — 3101 Bee Cave Rd., #310, 512-327-3810, silvapsych.com.

Waterloo Counseling Center — 3000 South I-35, 512-444-9922.

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Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery — 3317 McKinney, 972-774-1777.

Advanced Skin Fitness — 3601 Routh St., SOTA Bldg., 214-521-5277.

Alan Maedgen, D.D.S. — 3838 Oak Lawn #177, 214-559-7266, Maedgensmiledesigns.com

Carole Ann Boyd, D.D.S. — 4514 Cole, Ste. 905, 214-521-6261. drboyd.net.

David Brand, M.D. — 801 N. Zang Blvd., 214-941-4000.

Dr. Mark Hayes — 3100 MacArthur, 972-258-6400, www.tylock.com.

Pride Institute — 817-404-2205 Pride-institute.com.

Southwest Infectious Disease Associates — 3801 Gaston, Ste. 300. 214-828-4702.

StatScript — 3818 Cedar Springs, 214-522-4006.

Stonewall Behavioral Health, Inc. — 3626 N. Hall, 723, 214-521-1278. 1-888-828-TALK.

Eugene Tseng, D.D.S. — 3003 Carlisle, Ste. 106, 214-855-0789.

Uptown Psychotherapy — 4144 N. Central Expwy, Ste. 520, 214-824-2009.

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Chimney Rock Chiropractic - (Art Keller, DC) 3033 Chimney Rock, 713-781-3344.

Greenbriar Health — Patrick McNamara, MD, 4101 Greenbriar, 713-524-4837.

Holmes Chiropractic — (Randall Holmes, DC) 1235 N. Loop W., 713-862-2440.

Houston Department of Health & Human Services - 8000 N Stadium 713-794-9092.

Montrose Clinic — 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000.

Montrose Counseling Center - 701 Richmond, 713-529-0037.

Skin Renaissance Laser Center — 106 Westheimer, 713-942-SKIN.

Bruce W. Smith, D.D.S. — 1006 Missouri Street, 713-529-4364.

Southwest Houston Women's Center - (Myrtle Oates, MD) —4747 Bellaire, 713-779-6626.

STAT Home Health Care — 711 Hyde Park Bd. 713-520-9997, www.stathomecare.com

Statscript Pharmacy — 3407 Montrose, 713-552-7373

Tony Carroll Psychotherapy — 1006 Missouri St., 713-529-4364.

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Bromley Medical Group — 3202 San Pedro, 210-732-5100.

CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, casa-sa.com.

Counseling Works — (Joan Wells, LPC) mooreworks.net/cw, 210-203-2057.

FFACTS Clinic — 507 North Leona, 210-358-3710.

Hill Country Psychotherapy Associates — 11118 Wurzbach Rd., 210-558-0409.

Anthony Rogers, Ph.D. — Alamo Heights, 210-227-6815.

Southtown Dental Group — 930 S. Alamo St., 210-227-0101

insurance

AUSTIN

Allstate – (Mike Ryals) 12174 N. Mopac Blvd., 512-490-0011.

W. Chad Ballard — (Met Life Auto & Home) 8303 N. Mopac #A100, 512-795-1054.

DALLAS

A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-1702.

Allstate — (RJ Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2212.

Allstate — (Peter Fisher) 5934 Royal Lane, Ste. 252, 214-361-9870.

Steven Graves Insurance — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ste. 270, 214-599-0808.

The Swartz Agency — (Farmers) 111 S. Story, Irving, 972-258-0922.

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Allstate Insurance — 13231 Champion Forest Dr., 281-895-8181.

Dale Englefield — (Farmers) 888-439-1700.

Elijah Kabalka (Farmers) — 6575 W. Loop South., 713-661-7700.

Rob Schmerler - 6575 W. Loop South, 713-661-7700, schmerleragency.com.

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

real estate

AUSTIN

Barnes Jennie — 512-917-4746, moreland.com.

Bollew Scott (Fresh Perspective Lending Team) — 512-328-2225, freshperspectivelending.com.

Copper Eric — 512-350-3921, EricCopper.com.

Nelson Julie (Keller Williams) — 512-848-5881, thenelsonproject.com.

Presidio Group Realtors — (Ron Redder) 512-657-8674, presidiogroup.com.

Re/Max Downtown — (Geroge W. Hughes) 115 W. 8th St., 512-940-4894.

Tebbetts Eric (2K Mortgage) — 2700 Bees Caves Rd. #120 — 512-306-1616, 2kmortgage.com.

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Baird Stotle — (Dallas Intown) 214-265-5893, dallasintown.com.

Dream Home Realty — Ray Ortiz, 5151 Belt Line Rd. #610, 214-923-4818.

Hewitt & Habgood — (Keller Williams) 214-752-7070.

Master Realtors — 4235 Cedar Springs. 214-902-9999, masterrealtors.com.

Morris & Moore — (Coldwell Banker) 972-588-8163.

Shelter Mortgage — 2605 Routh. 214-365-0708.

Surrealty — 3615 N. Hall 214-520-2020 surrealtyhomes.com.

Virginia Cook Realtors — 2626 Cole, 214-292-0000, virginiacook.com.

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Tim Anthony — Realtor 713-528-7703.

Coldwell Banker — (Rae Lynn White) 713-598-4097.

Keller Williams — (John Buchanan) 832-969-4352.

Partridge Properties (Todd Partridge) — 3230 Yoakum, 713-528-1184, toddpartridge.com.

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Amberstar Properties — 210-614-7818, amberstarproperties.com.

Timothy DeWein — (Keller Williams) 12500 San Pedro210-842-8452, dewein.com.

King William Realty — 210-225-0009, kingwmrealty.com.

Rainbow Real Estate — (Nancy Russell) 210-860-6092, 1-888-GAY-MOVE.

Hagan Retzloff — 210-286-8032.

Randy Rice — (Keller Williams) 210-844-0102, randyrice.com.

restaurants

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Brick Oven Restaurant — 1608 West 35th Street, 512-453-4330.

Carmelo's Ristorante — 504 East 5th Street, 512-477-7497.

Frank & Angie's Pizzeria — 508 West Ave., 521-472-3534

Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858

Kerbey Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, kerbeylanecafe.com.

restaurants

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Hickory Street Bar & Grill — 800 Congress Ave., 512-477-8968.

Hut's Hamburgers — 807 West 6th Street, 512-472-0693

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Black-eyed Pea — 3857 Cedar Springs, 214-521-4580.

Bronx — 3835 Cedar Springs, 214-521-5821.

Busters Mexican Grill — 4001 Cedar Springs, 214-443-0999.

Cafe Brazil — 2221 Abrams, 214-826-9522, 3847 Cedar Springs, 214-461-8762.

Chan Thai — 312 W. 7th St., 214-948-9956.

Cuidad — 3888 Oak Lawn, 214-219-3141.

Hunky's — 4000 Cedar Springs, 214-522-1212.

Marco Italian — 4000 Cedar Springs (facing Throckmorton), 214-526-3636.

Monica Aca Y Alla — 2914 Main St., 214-748-7140.

Tico Tiko Diner — 2525 Wycliff @ Tollway, 214-443-0255, ticotikodiner.com.

Tillman's Corner — 324 W. 7th St., 214-942-0988.

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Azteca's Bar & Grill — 2207 Richmond, aztecasbarandgrill.com.

Baba Yega — 2607 Grant Street, 713-522-0042.

Barnaby's Café - 604 Fairview, 713-522-0106.

Berryhill — 3407 Montrose, 713-523-8226

Carmello's Italiano — 14795 Memorial, 281-531-0696.

Hollywood Book & Cafe — 2409 Grant, Ste. A, 713-523-8855

Niko Niko — 2520 Montrose Blvd., 713-528-1308.

Pang Tai's Stirfry Bistro — 10811 Westheimer, 713-975-7821.

Pepper Tree Veggie Cuisine — 3821 Richmond, 713-621-9488, peppertreeveggie.com

Senor Ritas — 2409 Montrose at Hyde Park, 713-529-8559.

Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse — 908 Congress at Travis, 713-226-7210.

Ziggy's Healthy Grill — 2202 W. Alabama, 713-527-8588.

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Circa 1900 — 3920 Harry Wurzbach, 210-821-5600.

El Milagrito Café — 521 E. Woodlawn Ave., at N. St. Mary's, 210-734-8964

Madhatters Tea House & Café — 320 Beauregard, 210-212-4832

Tong's Thai — 1146 Austin Hwy., 210-829-7345.

W.D. Deli — 3123 Broadway, 210-828-2322, Wddeli.com.

services

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Apartment Experts — 512-633-6860

Girl Meats Grill, Gourmet Personal Chef Service — 512-922-9887.

Liberty Bank — 900 Congress Ave., 512-472-5433, libertybanktexas.com.

Q Avenue Web Production — 512-228-6751 Qavenue.net.

Rainbow Photo — 2913 West Anderson Lane, 521-453-4740.

Velocity Credit Union — 512-469-7000, velocitycu.com.

DALLAS

Allen Ron, CPA — 3100 Carlisle, Ste. 108, 214-954-0042.

Beaches Tanning — 2515 Inwood Rd. @ Maple, 214-654-9134.\

Creative Elements Salon — 4008 Cedar Springs, 214-252-0399.

Dallas Voice — 4145 Travis, Third Floor, 1-866-977-8077 ext. 114.

Expressive Arts — 507 Exposition, 214-468-9229, expressivearts.com.

Inwood National Bank — (Brian Walsh) 3848 Oak Lawn, 214-351-7322.

Lambda Pages — 4145 Travis, Third Floor, 214-754-8710 ext. 116.

Linked Viatical Benefits — 800-275-3090.

Sir Speedy — 2625 Oak Lawn, 214-522-2679.

Zen Clipz — 3910 Cedar Springs 214-219-1400.

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Al's Formal Wear — 713-730-4889.

Apollo Image Enhancement Center — 4087-A Bellaire Blvd, 713-669-0031.

Box Boys Moving — 713-524-2288.

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Concierge Travel — 713-661-2117, 877-775-9616, conciergetravel.cc.

Copy Dot Com — 1201 Westheimer, 713-528-1201.

Etheria Salon & Day Spa — 4444 Montrose Bd., 713-526-7751, www.etheriasalon.com

House of Coleman Printing - 901 West Alabama, 713-523-2521.

Houston Gym — 1501 Durham, 713-880-9191, houstongym.com.

Hubbard Financial Services — 2615 Montrose, 713-522-9000.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank — 712 Main Street, 713-216-4775, 1-800-235-8522.

Julia A. Siska, CPA — 713-520-8099.

...of Course! Catering — 1707 California St., 713-526-1800, ofcourseonline.com.

United Cab — 713-699-0000.

Washington Mutual — 1-800-788-7000, wamu.com.

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All County Plumbing — 210-509-0204, allcountyplumbing.net.

Patricia A. Bauer, CPA — 13214 Huebner Rd., 210-345-1040.

Leon Valley Veterinary Hospital — 6701 Bandera Rd., 210-681-1391.

Pied Piper Pest Control — 3507 N. Sunbelt Dr., 210-826-2030, 1-800-395-2847.

Tan Island — 18360 Blanco Rd., at Loop 11604, 210-499-4436.

shops & stores

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Audio Systems — 1102 W. Koenig, 512-451-5736.

Cheapo Discs — 914 N. Lamar, 512-477-4499.

Herb Bar — 200 West Mary, 512-444-6251, theherbbar.com.

Lobo Bookstore — 3204A Guadalupe, 512-454-5406.

Tapelenders Video — 1114 West 5th, 512-472-0844.

Whole Earth Provision Co. — 512-476-1414, wholeearthprovision.com.

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An Occasional Piece — 3922 Cedar Springs, 214-520-0868.

Crossroads Market — 3930 Cedar Springs, 214-521-8919.

Dulce Interior Consignment — 291 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-220-3854.

Jones Walker Furniture — 3317 McKinney Ave. #100 469-916-5500.

Leather By Boots — 2525 Wycliff #124, 214-528-3865.

Mark & Larry's Stuff — (Gallery/Retail Shop) 2614 Elm, 214-74-STUFF.

Off The Street — 4001-B Cedar Springs, 214-521-9051.

Outlines Activewear — 3906 Cedar Springs, 214-528-1955.

Shades of Grey Leather — 3930 A Cedar Springs on Throckmorton, 214-521-GREY.

Skivvies — 4001-C Cedar Springs. 214-559-4955.

Tapelenders — 3926 Cedar Springs, 214-528-6344.

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Black Hawk Leather — 711 Fairview, 713-LEATHER.

Galaxie Jewelers - 2511 Sunset Blvd at Kirby, 713-521-2511, thegalixiejewelers.com.

Hollywood Book & Café - 2409-A Grant Street, 713-523-8855.

Houston Buyers Club — 3224 Yoakum Blvd, 713-520-5288, houstonbuyersclub.com.

I.W. Marks Jewelers — 3841 Bellaire Blvd., 713-668-5000.

Leather Forever—604 Westheimer 713-526-6940.

Liquid — 1417 Westheimer, 713-524-3960.

M2M Clothing — 3400 Montrose, 713-521-0804.

Male UWear — 415 Westheimer #104, 713-527-8499, Maleuwear.com.

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Black Hawk Leather — 1402 N. Main, 210-212-7997.

Encore Video — 1031 NE Loop 410 210-821-5354

Leather Masters III — 1010 N. Main, 210-226-5601, leathermasters.com.

ZEBRAZ.com — 1608 North Main Ave., 210-472-2800.

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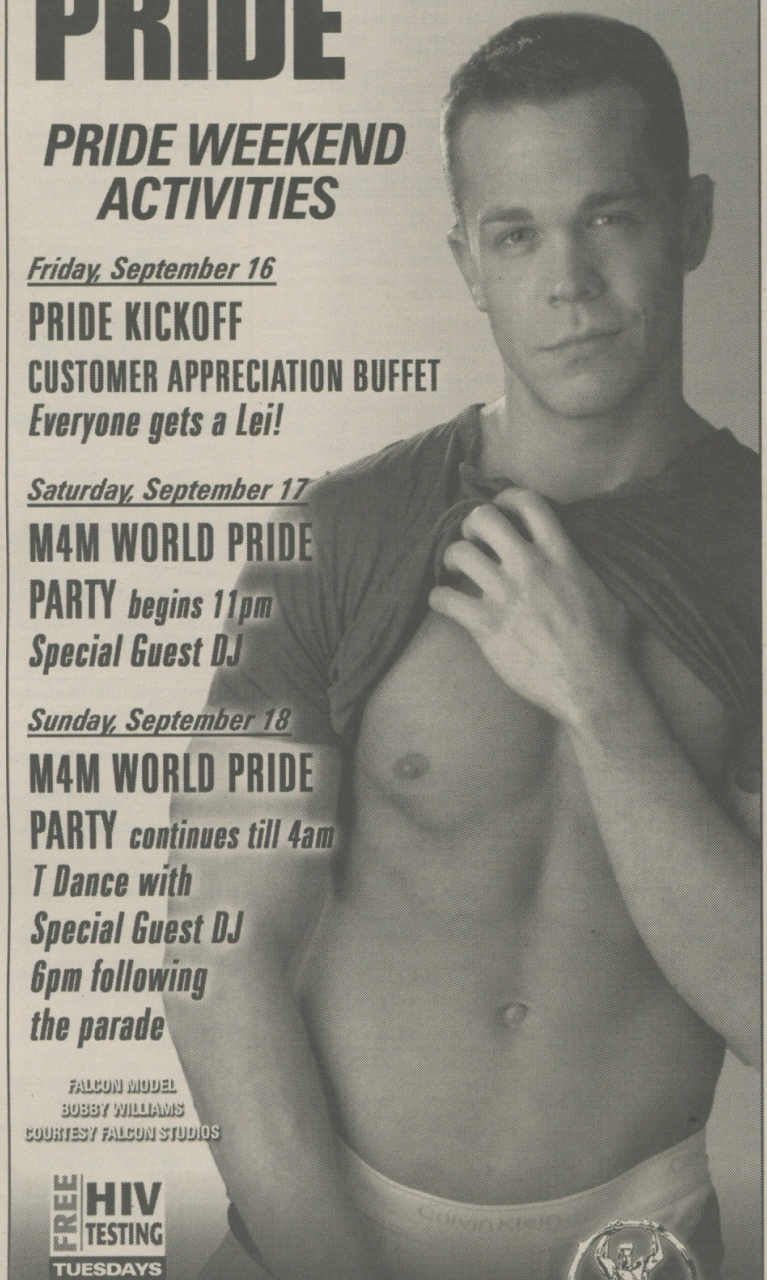

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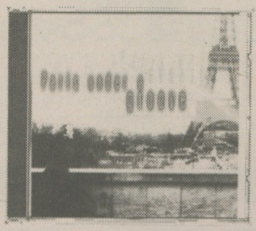

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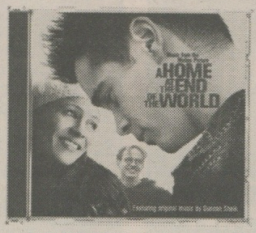

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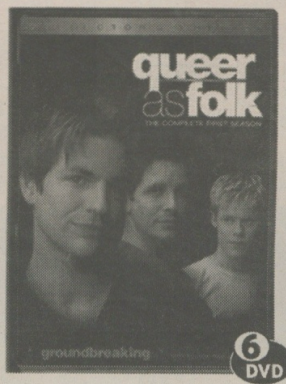

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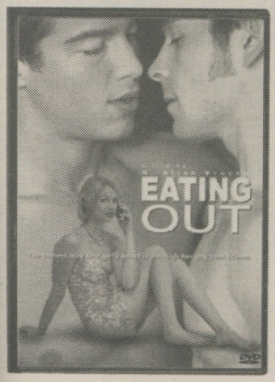

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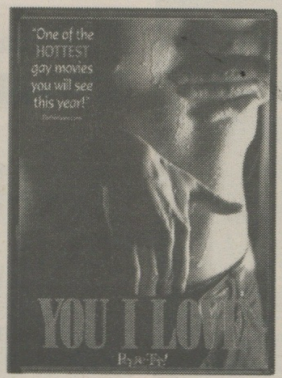

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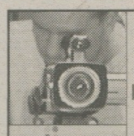

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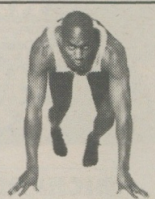

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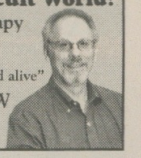

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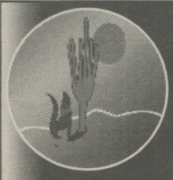

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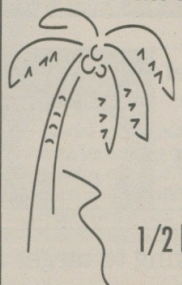

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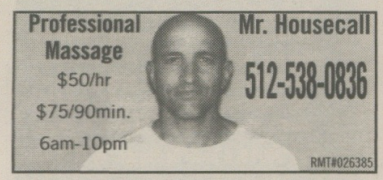





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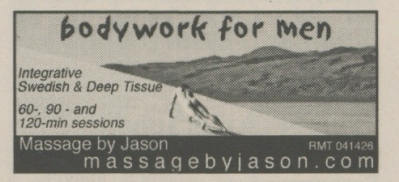



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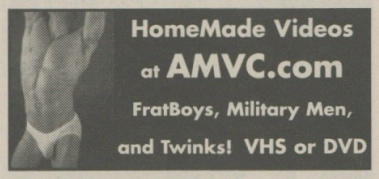

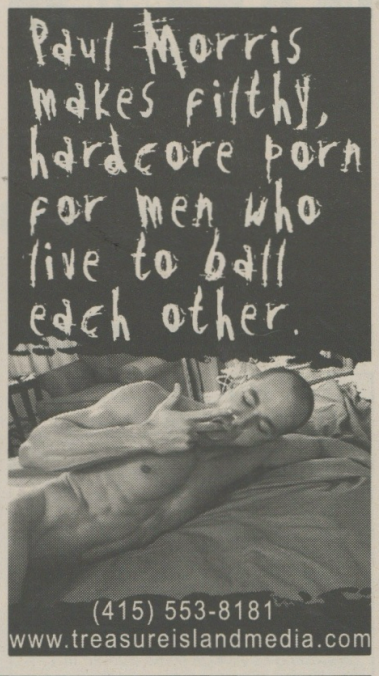

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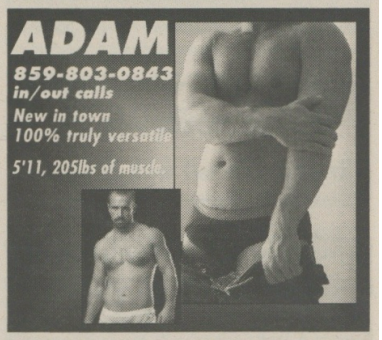

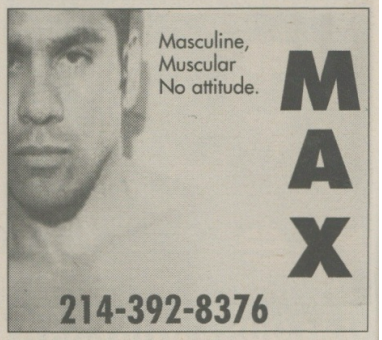











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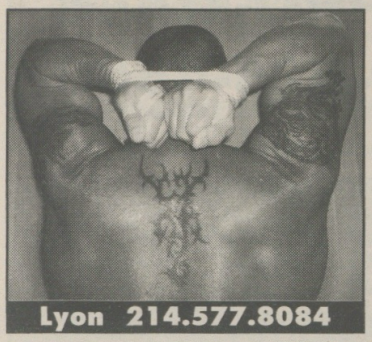



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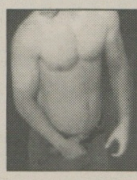







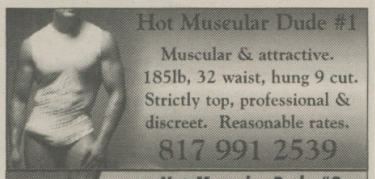





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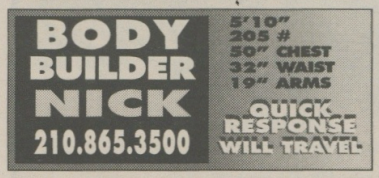



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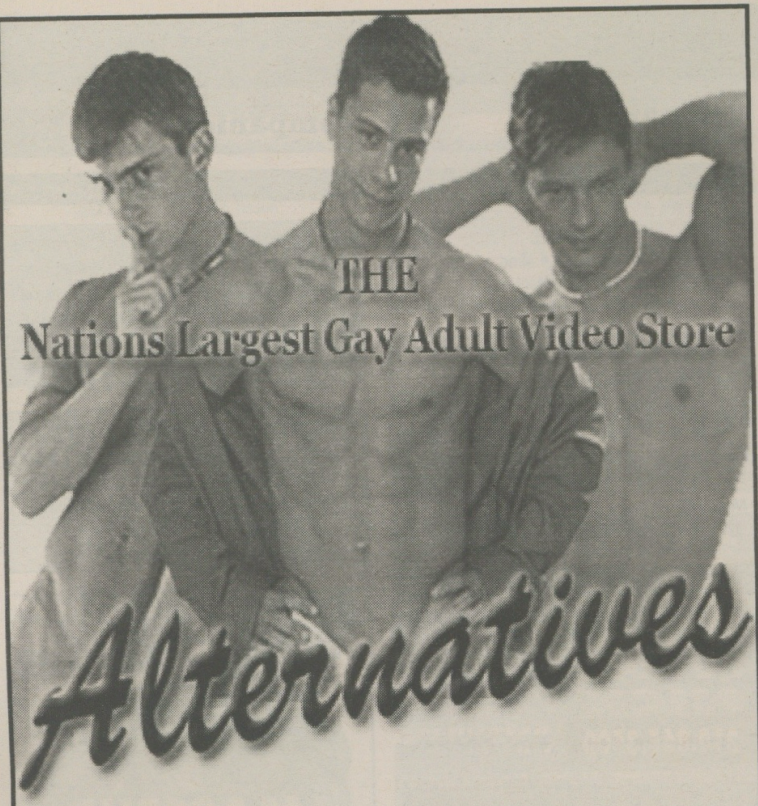

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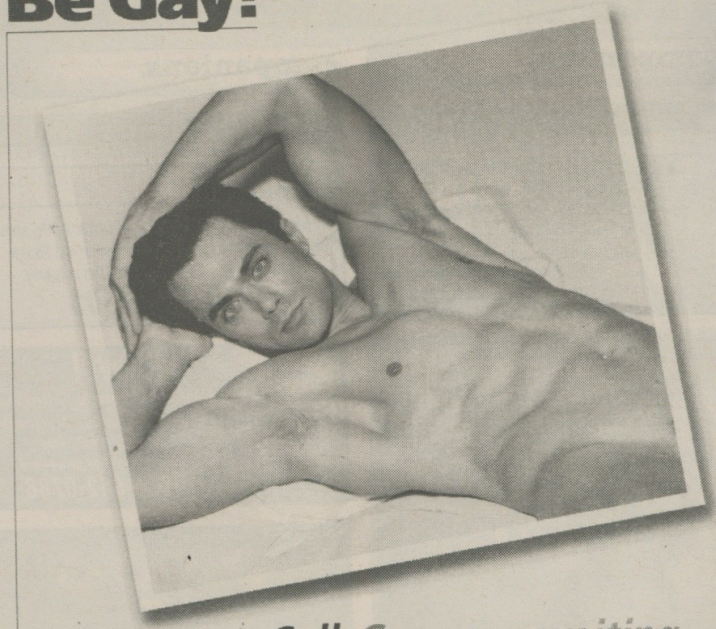

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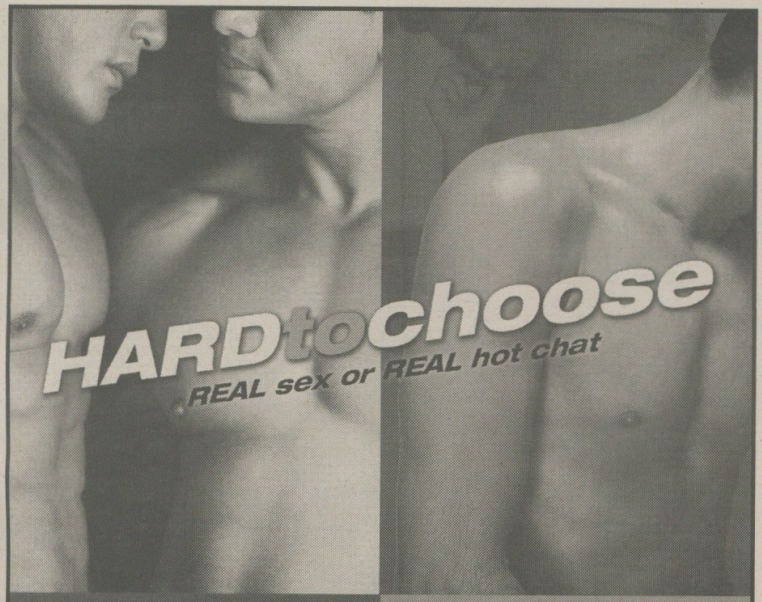

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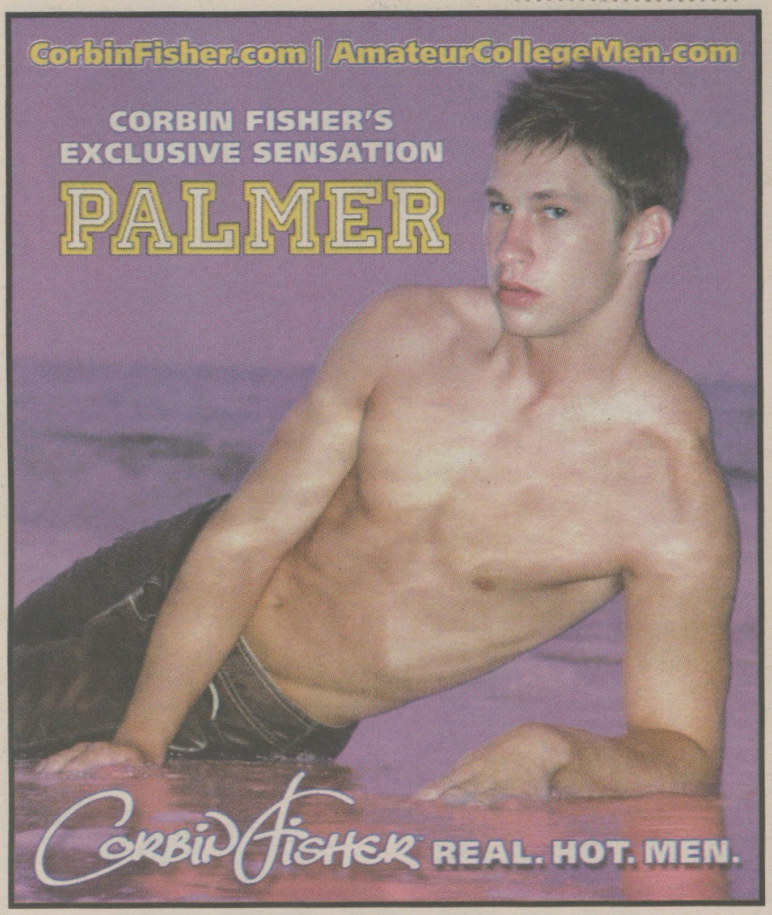



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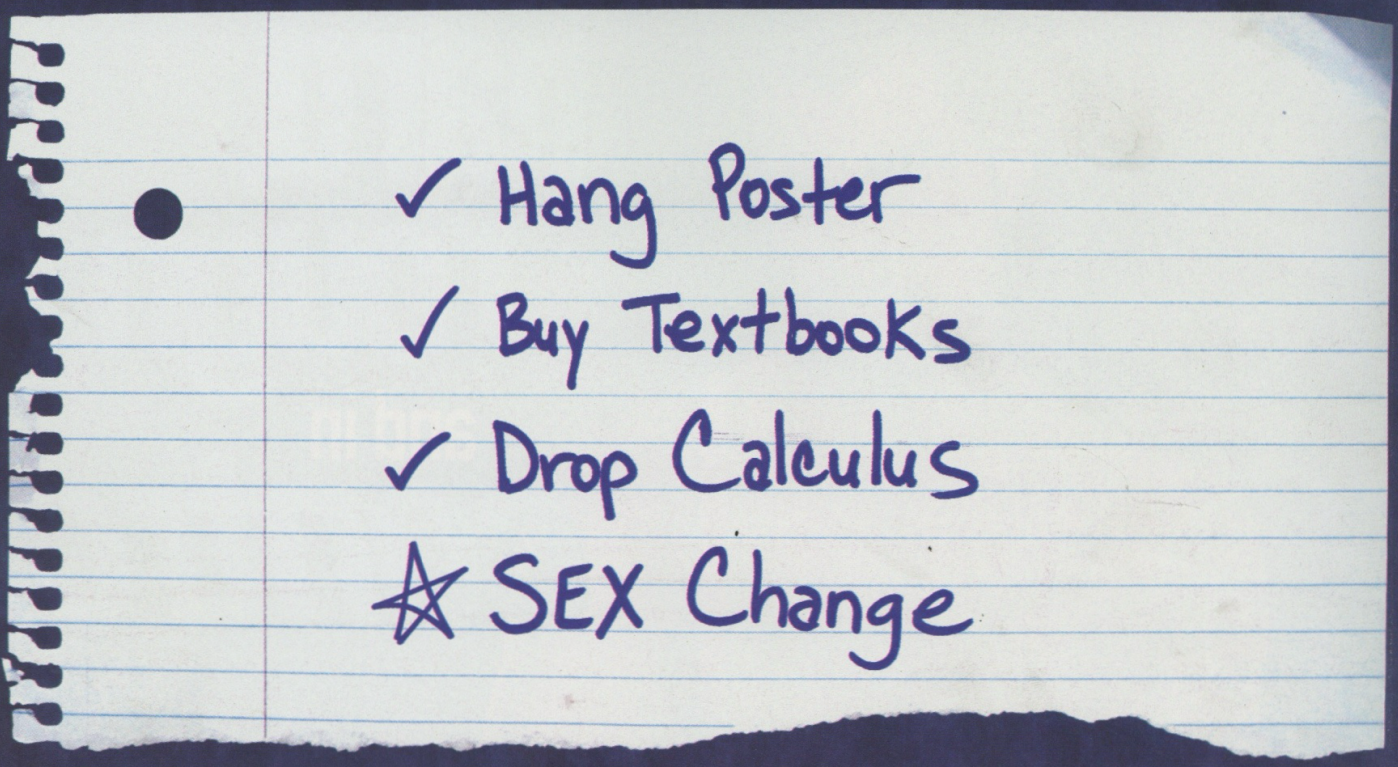

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