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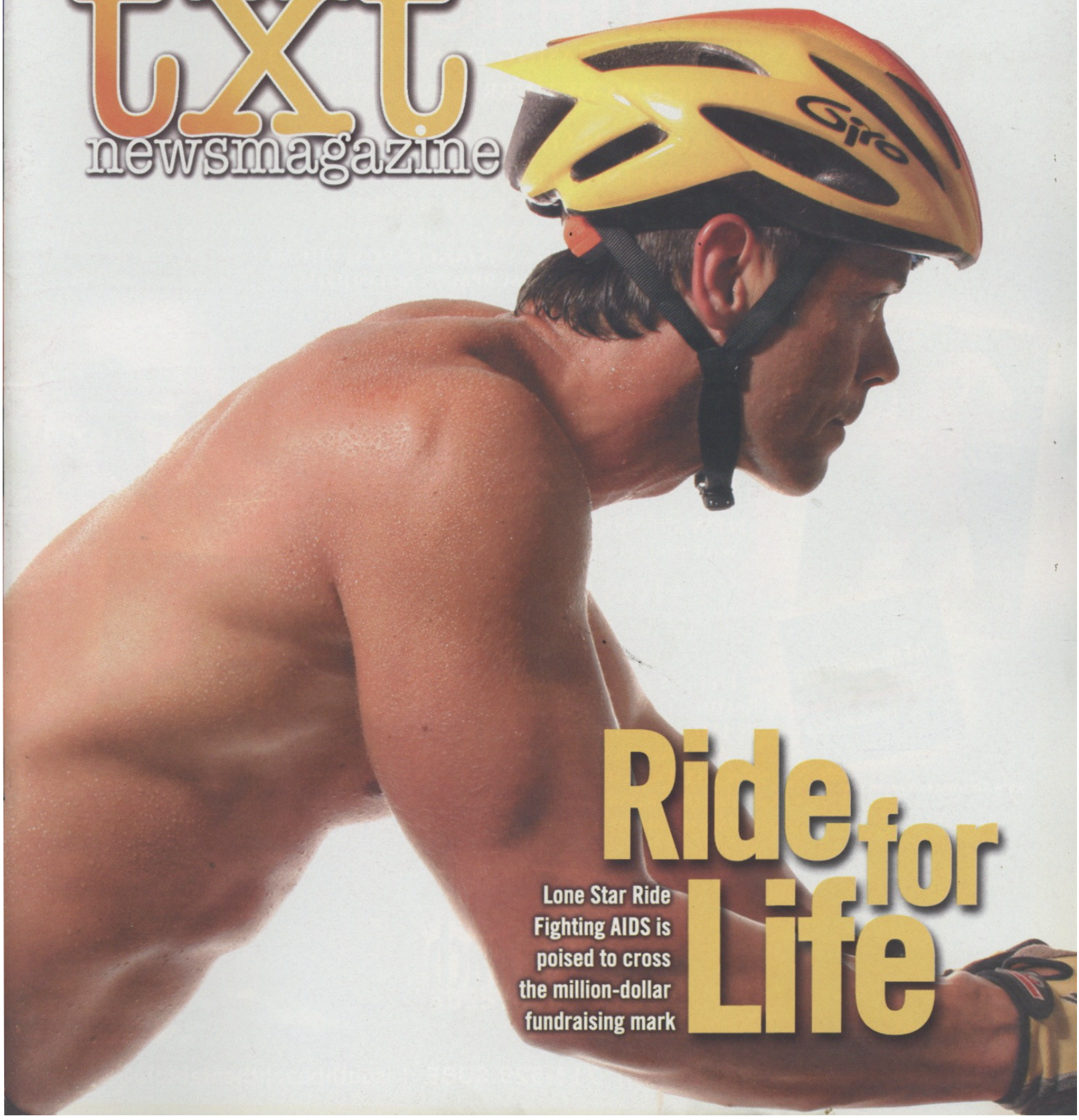

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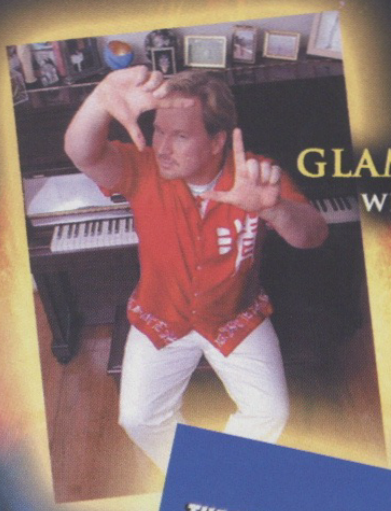

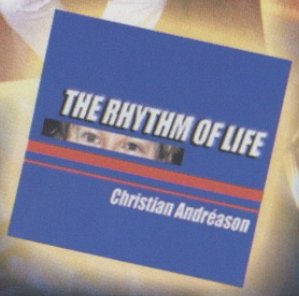

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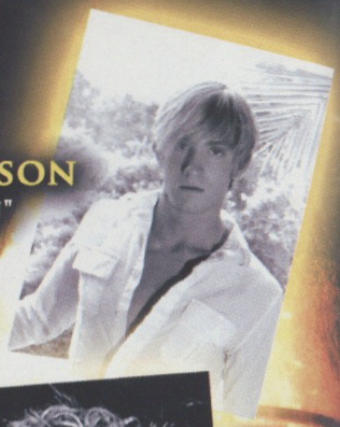

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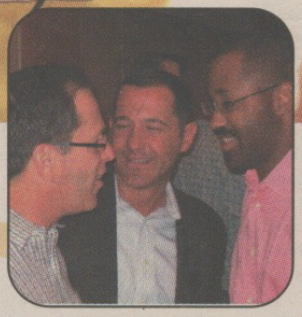





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Hurricane Katrina prompts Komen Race for the Cure to move to Sam Houston Park

The 2005 Komen-Houston Race for the Cure on Oct. 1 has been moved. Runners and walkers will begin the race at 8 a.m. at Bagby and Clay streets, proceed down West Dallas Street to Waugh Drive and return downtown on Allen Parkway to Sam Houston Park. More than 28,000 people are expected to participate in the 5K race and walk that raises money for breast cancer research.

For more information, log on to Komen-houston.org or call the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's helpline at 1-800-I'M AWARE.

'To the Gulf Coast with Love' benefit performance raises $8,000 for 3 nonprofits

A "To the Gulf Coast with Love" fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Katrina brought in more than $8,000, according to Charles Armstrong, president and CEO of Charles Armstrong Investments. The money will be shared by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, New Orleans NO AIDS Task Force and dsiplaced people seeking help at the Montrose Clinic.

"The event could not have been possible without the tireless efforts and direction of Terry Nabors and the employees who participated," Armstrong said. Nabors, who performs as Kofi, is promotions director at JR's Bar and Grill, one of four clubs owned by Armstrong. The others are South Beach, Montrose Mining Company and Meteor.

Armstrong also announced that another fundraiser for the three nonprofit groups will be held Thursday at South Beach. Featuring M.C. Kofi, it will include Christian Andreason, Josh Duffy and entetainers from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast

Conference on AIDS begins with tribute to hurricane, HIV dead at candlelight vigil

The United States Conference on AIDS will begin with a candlelight vigil in tribute to victims of Hurricane Katrina and the thousands of lives lost to HIV.

The "Celebration of Life" is scheduled Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hermann Square Reflection Pond. It will "celebrate those who have lived, fought and died," coordinators said in a statement.

The 2005 Conference on AIDS will continue through Oct. 2 at Houston's Hilton Americas Hotel. It is the most widely attended gathering of HIV service providers in the country. About 3,000 participants are expected to attend.

Foundation dinner to honor Prince Albert of Monaco and Montagnier, Gallo

Prince Albert of Monaco will be honored at a Sept. 28 dinner presented by Friends of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention. Professor Luc Montagnier and Dr. Robert C. Gallo, co-discovers of the human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS, will also be honored at the gala at the InterContinental Hotel. The foundation supports research and clinical centers located in regions that are hard-hit by the epidemic. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit a new center in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and a center operating in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

ROUND ROCK

Complaints about 'immoral' drag show prompts fire code inspection at venue

Citizen complaints about a Sept. 9 drag show, which attracted a crowd estimated at 150 people to Saradora's Coffeehouse and Cafe, prompted the Round Rock mayor to order a fire code inspection, the first in the restaurant's 10-year history.

Fire Inspector Paul Ward said the drag show exceeded the occupancy limit of 84 people, a violation. Roberts won't be fined because she was unaware of the occupancy limit, Ward added.

Roberts told the Austin American Statesman she would book more drag shows if customers request them.

Solmonese vows focus on Texas, Arizona

Human Rights Campaign president praises Houston for response to Katrina

By Joshua Cleveland
Contributing Writer

In a national speaking tour that included a stop at Rice University, the Human Rights Campaign president, Joe Solmonese, lauded Houstonians for their response to Hurricane Katrina.

"You are the center of what's going on here in the country right now," Solmonese said to a crowd of about 200 students and Human Rights Campaign supporters who attended his Sept. 8 appearance.

"People in places like Houston are called upon to be more patriotic than

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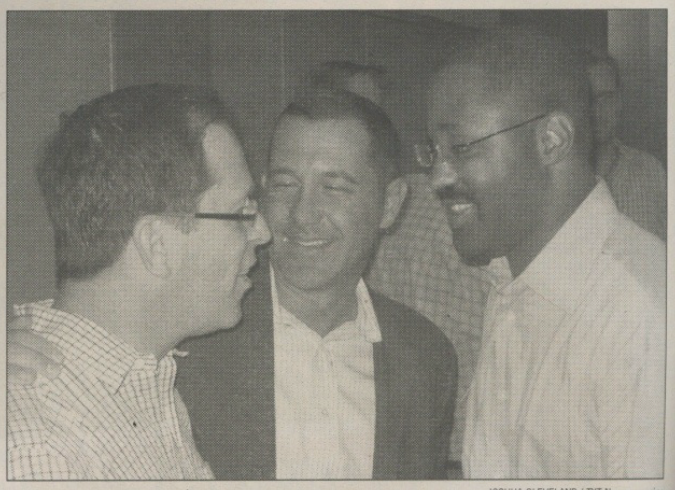
many of us have been in the last couple of years," he said. "What it says to me is that America is in much better shape than those who run it."

Solmonese said his group, the largest gay and lesbian political organization in the country, spent $100,000 on research in the last two months. The results will help local organizations fight legislation like Proposition 2, the proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution banning gay marriage and civil unions. Voters will decide the amendment's fate Nov. 8.

"We will also have more people coming down here in the coming weeks to lend their support," Solmonese said.



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Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese, left, speaks to a pair of supporters in Houston. Solmonese addressed an audience at Rice University Sept. 8 during a national speaking tour.

In addition to its traditional political focus, his organization works with corporate America, communities of faith and straight allies to build support for gay equal rights, Solmonese added.

Texas and Arizona are the the two states Solmonese believes warrant the greatest amount of time, energy and resources.

"We are in the business of putting fair-minded people into office, and the biggest demographic shifts seem to be happening in these states," he said.

In order to achieve his goal of electing more GLBT people to office, Solmonese said gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders should "build a bigger army to go to places that we haven't been before to try to garnish support."

Solmonese was selected to lead the Human Rights Campaign in March after serving for 12 years as executive director of Emily's List, a political action committee supporting women Democratic candidates who favor abortion rights.

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Dr. Allen offers new hope at Center For AIDS lecture

Physician recommends phenotype, genotype resistance testing

By Joshua Cleveland
Contributing Writer

Dr. Brady Allen lectured at the Center for AIDS last week, speaking for two hours to a group of 20 people about resistance testing for HIV-positive patients.

According to Dr. Allen, HIV drug resistance is a major cause of treatment

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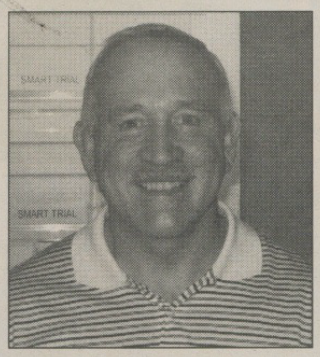
failure among patients.

"Resistance testing should be done within the first two years of being infected — the sooner the better," said Dr. Allen.

Dr. Allen said resistance testing performed at this stage provided quicker information about which medications would not be effective in a patient's treatment plan.



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Dr Brady Allen believes the best way to prevent resistance is to control HIV by taking strong antiviral medications.

Allen has been working with HIV patients for 23 years. For the last 12 years, he has lived with the disease himself.

"Our goals are to find potent, durable and tolerable regimens for patients and suppress HIV for as long as possible in order to restore immune function," said Dr. Allen. "More people are getting infected with HIV strains that are already resistant to one or more anti-HIV drugs."

Dr. Allen said two types of resistance testing can be done. Both are accurate in discovering which drugs will not be effective in an individual patient.

"In Phenotypic resistance testing, HIV multiplies in a test tube when antiviral drugs are added. And Genotypic resistance testing is when the genetic code of HIV has mutations that are linked to drug resistance," said Dr. Allen.

This resistance is caused when an HIV strain mutates or adapts to the medication being used by the patient.

Cross resistance occurs when an HIV strain is resistant to more than one drug.

"Cross-resistance is important when you change medications. You need to

choose new drugs that are not cross-resistant to drugs you've already taken," said Dr. Allen.

He believes the best way to prevent resistance is to keep HIV at extremely low levels by consistently taking powerful antiviral drugs.

Although Dr. Allen recommends that patients receive resistance testing, the tests are expensive and not available everywhere.

"But the tests are becoming more common and faster and cheaper. We are hoping the tests will be available to everyone soon," said Dr. Allen.

He also warns that if a patient misses doses too often, the HIV strain will multiply more easily and more mutations will occur.

Allen suggests that a patient begin HIV medications sometime after their CD-4 count drops below 350 cubic millimeters per milliliter.

"When the count drops below 350, it is much harder, but not impossible, to get the count back up to a stable and safe range," said Dr. Allen.

"Our inability to cure HIV does not prevent us from treating HIV," Dr. Allen told the audience. "In fact, the virus integrates into T-cells that remain dormant. If we could get all your T-cells to duplicate, we could cure HIV."



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Center For AIDS staff members, from left, hosting Dr. Brady Allen's lecture included Tom Gegeny, Nita Costello, Carlie Ann Brown, and Bernie Vazquez.

2 plead guilty in Austin gay-bashing

Deal with prosecutors likely to result in 6-year prison terms for Brockman, Gay

Two men pleaded guilty to aggravated assault under a deal with prosecutors in Travis County, the *Austin American Statesman* reported. Donald Brockman, 25, and Darren Gay 22, are expected to receive

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six-year prison terms for beating a 32-year-old gay man whom they met at a gay nightclub on Fourth Street.

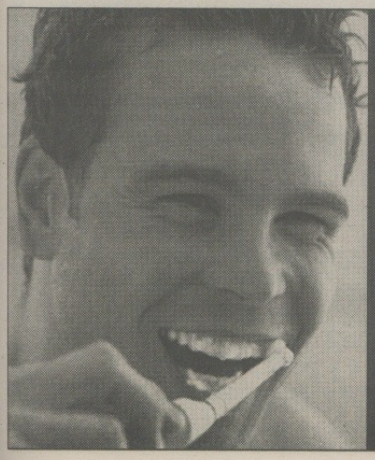
Four men were involved in the brutal attack, which occurred on July 17, 2004.

Darren Gay's brother Glen, who was 16 at the time, has already been found guilty as a juvenile. He was sentenced to 13 years, but will likely serve three years in a youth facility instead. The fourth man, 23-year-old Shawn Regan has been charged as an accomplice. His trial has not been held yet.

The hate crime, one of the most brutal in Austin in recent years, took place at the victim's apartment at the end of a night of drinking at the bar. Once in private, the men beat their new acquaintance for four hours, smashed a glass over his head, kicked him, poked him with a sword, whipped him with a vacuum cleaner cord and assaulted him with a sex toy.

According to the *Statesman*, the unidentified victim told police the men quoted Leviticus, telling him the Bible says to "put to death any man that lays [*sic.*] with another man, and tonight we are passing judgment on you for being a faggot and a queer."

A break in the case occurred when the victim saw one of his attackers in an Austin store. The man departed the store quickly on foot, then hitchhiked to a friend's house after being picked up by an Austin resident who had heard about the crime. The attacker told the driver that he and some friends had assaulted a gay man. After dropping the man off, the driver called Austin police, who made the arrests.



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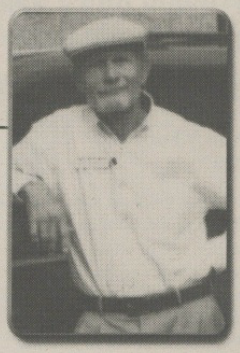

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Miss Camp America Pageant takes its final walk down runway

Hurricane Rita's approach may postpone drag pageant until next week

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

"Nothing gold can stay," the American poet Robert Frost is often quoted as saying. In the case of one of Houston's oldest charitable institutions, nothing studded with rhinestones and bugle beads can stay, either.

Miss Camp America originally began in 1969 as a drag parody of Atlantic City's Miss America Pageant. In 1992, the pageant became a foundation, dispersing money to local charities. But with its final 2005 production, titled *Femme Fatale*, members have decided to disband the foundation.

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Negotiations are underway to decide what will become of the name Miss Camp America. But for now, it appears that the annual pageant in its current incarnation will end Saturday night.

Or maybe next Friday night.

Weather permitting, the Miss Camp America Foundation will present "Femme Fatale" on Sept. 24 at 7:45 p.m. at Rich's-Houston, located at 2401 San Jacinto St.

As of Wednesday, show director Rex Marzke, known onstage as Rula, was "99 percent sure" that the show would be postponed. If so, expect throngs to show up at Rich's on Sept. 30 to witness what will likely be Miss Camp America's final promenade.

The pageant's peak year was 2001, Steve Roberts, also known as Miss Casey DeMumps, said. That year, the extravaganza raised nearly $85,000.

Roberts estimates that the group's opulent annual productions have raised $1 million for Houston charities.

Beneficiaries of this year's pageant are the Montrose Counseling Center, The Assistance Fund, Bering Omega and the Montrose Clinic.

"It has changed over the years," Roberts said. "Our membership was down really low, but a lot of people have come back just to do the show with year."

Roberts, a past president, is one of them. He had dropped out two years ago.

"The people who are there this year, I think, are the ones who really deserve the credit," he said.

Drag entertainers, called Lusty Busties, vying for the last sash are Miss North Carolina, Justa Façade (Jimmy Bogert); Miss Arkansas, Marilyn (Johnnie Parsons); Miss Kansas, Aggie Moorehead (Bob Rinn); Miss Oklahoma, Teddi Bearitall (Scott Thompson); Miss New York, Nikki Sheffield (Ken Gustavsson); and Miss California, Lauren Brach (Kevin Hull).

Last year's Miss Camp America winner, Miss Alabama Selena St. John (Xavier Luna), will also perform a farewell number.

Advance tickets are $75, with standing room only tickets available for $25. For more information, log on to the organization's Web site at Mcaf.org.



Steve Roberts, pictured kneeling fourth from left, is surrounded by Lusty Busties and their dancing boys, prior to donning makeup and wigs for the 36th presentation of Miss Camp America. This year's pageant will likely be the group's swan song, Roberts says.

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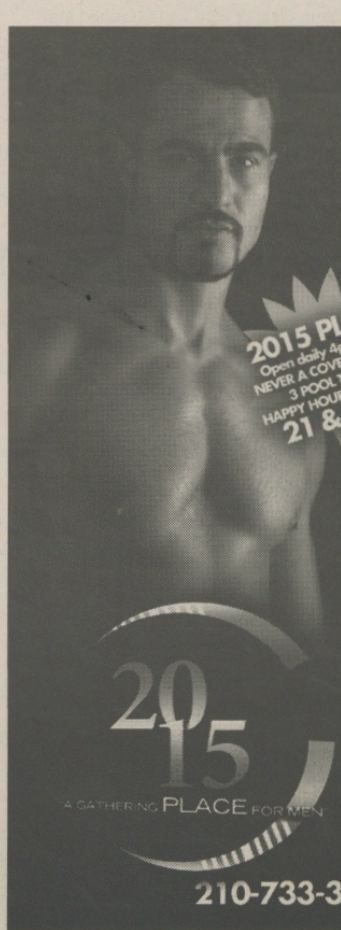

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By Arnold Wayne Jones
Staff Correspondent

NORTH TEXAS

The money comes in through pledges large and small. Bit by bit, it all adds up.

In the last four years, the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS — a 175-mile fundraising bicycle trek from Fort Worth to Dallas via Dinosaur Valley State Park — has raised more than $950,000. This weekend, the two-day ride will easily pass the landmark million-dollar mark — by a few hundred thousand dollars.

"One million is a number than kind of wows everybody," said Janie Bush, executive director of the ride. "Considering that we average about 103 riders who only have a requirement of raising $1,000 each, that is pretty exciting."

The average money generated per rider last year was $1,900, "and year over year it seems to have crept up," Bush said. The highest fundraisers are a team: Tom Polgreen, who rides, and his partner, Mel Rushton, who raises the money. Last year, they came up with more than $45,000.

One hundred percent of pledges brought in by riders and some crew members goes to the sponsoring agencies: AIDS Services of Dallas, AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County and the Resource Center of Dallas. The administrative and production costs of the ride are underwritten through corporate sponsorships.

It's not uncommon for riders to actually increase their pledges during the ride. Every year, Bush receives cash at the end of each day from riders who, while stopped at intersections, have strangers hand them money to support the cause.

This year's ride is also significant for other reasons. For one thing, the route is different. The event starts at Tarrant County Community College's south campus instead of the north campus. Riders will head southwest to Dinosaur Valley State Park near Glen Rose, where they'll camp on Saturday night. The return trip is 90 miles from Dinosaur Valley to Dallas, concluding at 6 p.m. Sunday. The total length of the ride is just shy of 175 miles.

"Some portions are hillier than our previous route, but it also goes through some prettier areas — at least on day one," Bush says.

The ride is always held in September. Coordinators schedule it then in an attempt to avoid the worst of the heat but before seasonal rains in October.

This year Bush is busy making contingency plans because of Hurricane Rita. Inclement weather can cut the ride short, but the money raised by riders still goes to the agencies.

The NAMES Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display Sunday in Robert E. Lee Park before the closing ceremony at Reverchon Park. This will be the largest outdoor display of the quilt outside of its exhibit in Washington. The 920 panels will cover the available acreage of Lee Park.

"The quilt is a nice bonus to Lone Star Ride," Bush says. "I'm certainly old enough that I remember when the quilt first came into being. But there are so many people who don't know about the quilt —people in their 20s and 30s who have never even heard of it. It is such a dramatic representation of the number and variety of individuals who have lost their lives to AIDS. You can't see the quilt and not be moved by it."

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS concludes with a ceremony at Reverchon Park in Dallas on Sunday at 6 p.m. The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at Lee Park on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, or to make a donation, call 214-521-2412.



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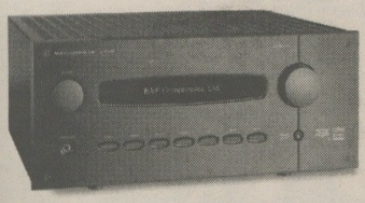

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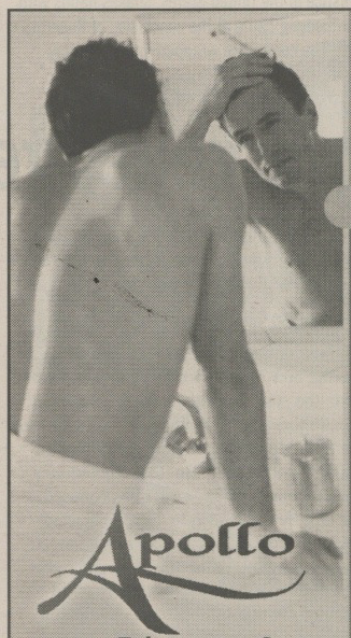

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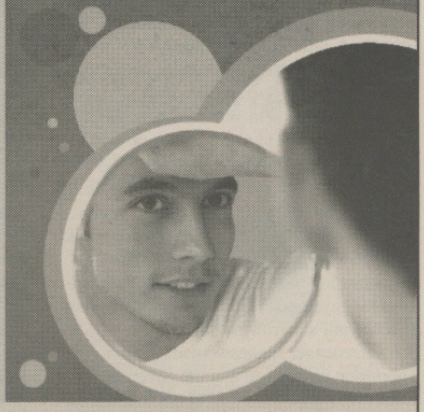

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Lambda Legal says 'no' to Judge John Roberts



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Judge John G. Roberts, foreground, the nominee for Chief Justice of the United States, shakes hands with an adviser, former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson. Their meeting came at the conclusion of Roberts's confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee wrapped up its four-day hearing on Sept. 15.

GLBT legal group withheld judgment until hearing, but says the nominee failed to provide answers on matters important to gays

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund on Monday announced its opposition to the confirmation of Judge John G. Roberts as Chief Justice of the United States.

Lambda said the candidate's refusal to provide clear answers on matters of importance to GLBT people was the chief factor in the group's decision. In a statement, the advocates singled out his reluctance to state whether a right to privacy extends to gays and lesbians, noting that Roberts declined to distance himself from a dissent in *Lawrence v. Texas*, the landmark 2003 Supreme Court ruling that overturned state sodomy laws that applied to consenting gay adults.

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Lambda also questioned Judge Roberts's views on the power of Congress to address discrimination along with his zipped lips on abortion jurisprudence and other matters.

"Roberts repeatedly refused to provide substantive answers to questions designed to bring to light more information about his judicial philosophy and how he would analyze key constitutional issues," Lambda said in a press release.

Despite pressure from Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Judge Roberts wouldn't comment on any issue that might reach the court. His stance precluded specific answers to a broad range of questions about *Roe v. Wade*, the right to die, gay rights and matters of church and state. At one point in the three days of Senate questioning, Senator Charles Schumer, Democrat of New York, wondered aloud in frustration whether the nominee would hedge his response to "What are your favorite movies?" Judge Roberts promptly deadpanned: "*North by Northwest* and *Dr. Zhivago*."

Nonetheless, Roberts did provide insight into his view of the Constitution and the law, presenting himself as a cautious conservative but not one in the radical mold of Justice Antonin Scalia. Roberts expressed a commitment to the liberty interests arising from the Due Process Clause that form the backbone of *Roe* and *Lawrence*. He described the framers of the Constitution as men who were "crafting a document that they intended to apply in a meaningful way down the ages," a view in stark contrast to the so-called originalist notion that the Constitution must be

Governor Schwarzenegger meets with gay leaders

90-minute session Wednesday included leader of Equality California and 15 others

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger met with GLBT leaders angered by the announcement that the governor will veto a bill authorizing same-sex marriage. Geoff Kors, executive director of Equality California, joined about 15 other community activists for the 90-minute session in the governor's Sacramento office.

The meeting, held Wednesday as this issue of *TXT* goes to press, comes two days before the Legislature plans to send Schwarzenegger a bill legalizing same-sex marriage. Passed by the state Senate in late August, and by the state Assembly one week later, the vote marked the first time that an American legislature had equalized marriage laws for gay couples. But on Sept. 7, the day after the bill's narrow passage, Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margita Thompson announced that the governor would veto the legislation. The announcement outraged the GLBT community and its allies.

In response, the Legislature decided to delay sending the bill to Schwarzenegger's desk until Friday's deadline, giving activists a 12-day window to lobby the executive branch.

According to Kors, Equality California has tried without success to set up a major meeting between gay leaders and the governor in the past. Notwithstanding his reluctance to meet, Schwarzenegger has been seen as a friend to the community since his election in October 2003. But that reputation is now in jeopardy, not just by the promised marriage veto, but also by the unexpected veto two weeks ago of a seemingly innocuous piece of gay rights legislation. That bill amended the text of a voluntary campaign anti-discrimination pledge to include sexual orientation. In a telephone interview, Kors said Schwarzenegger had shown no sign of hostility towards the measure prior to pulling out his veto pen.

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It was in this context that Kors again requested a meeting with the governor, who accepted. Three other key pieces of gay rights legislation are also languishing on Schwarzenegger's desk, including a key proposal to expand the state's civil rights law to include sexual orientation. Schwarzenegger has not indicated whether he will sign or veto these bills, although they will become law without his signature if he does neither.

Meanwhile, two anti-marriage constitutional amendments have been qualified for petitioning. The governor, who has stated support for gay rights and who opposes a federal amendment to define marriage, has yet to take a position on these two items.

California activists have pushed hard in the last week, bombarding the governor's office with e-mails and faxes, launching a statewide television ad campaign, calling for protests and sending 50,000 postcards to Schwarzenegger from the children of same-sex couples. According to Molly McKay, field director of Equality California, the postcards were hand-delivered to state governmental offices in six California cities by children themselves, creating photo-ops of anti-gay activists shouting at five, six and seven-year-olds.

McKay called the atmosphere in California "unprecedented," and would not rule out the possibility that Governor Schwarzenegger could change his mind about a veto.

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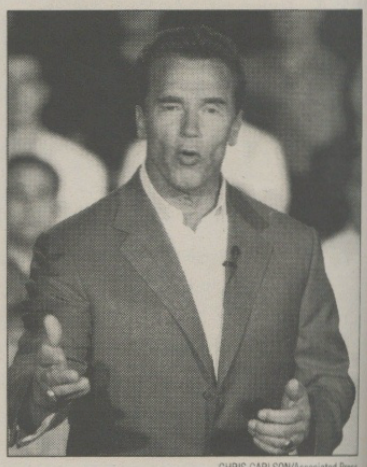

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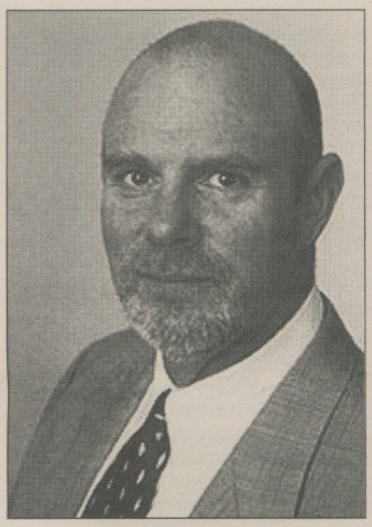
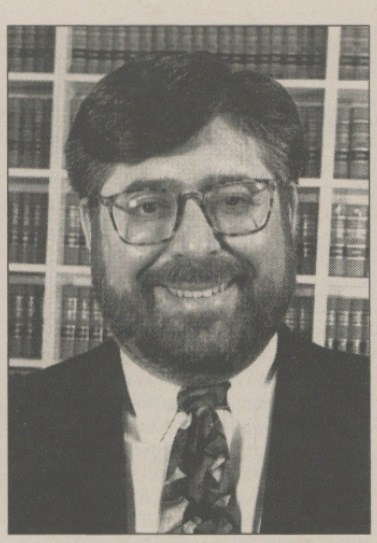
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announces at a town hall meeting in San Diego that he wants another term. The announcement last Friday confirms hints from the governor that he would seek re-election. The early announcement, designed to shore up his sagging political momentum, is likely to have little impact on GLBT voters angry that Schwarzenegger intends to veto gay marriage legislation.



Lambda Legal executive director Kevin Cathcart was unable to present evidence that Roberts held any animus toward GLBT people. But Cathcart was adamant in rejecting the Chief Justice nominee.

interpreted as it was written over two centuries ago. He pledged deep respect for precedent, and he embraced the idea that judges should take the real world into account in their deliberations.

In a conference call with GLBT journalists, Lambda's executive director, Kevin



Jon Davidson, Lambda's legal director, said by opposing Roberts, the organization hopes to send a message to the administration to nominate a moderate to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Cathcart, and legal director, Jon Davidson, were not able to present any incontrovertible evidence that Roberts held an animus toward GLBT people.

They also could not point to any other smoking gun to back their decision

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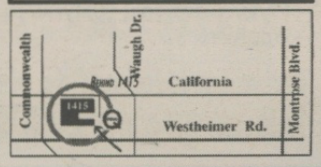

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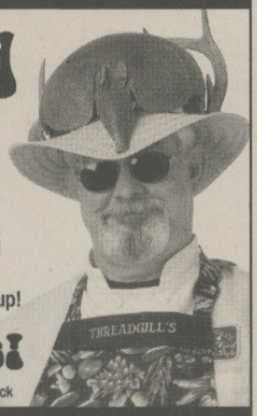

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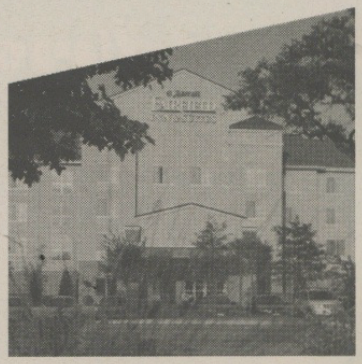



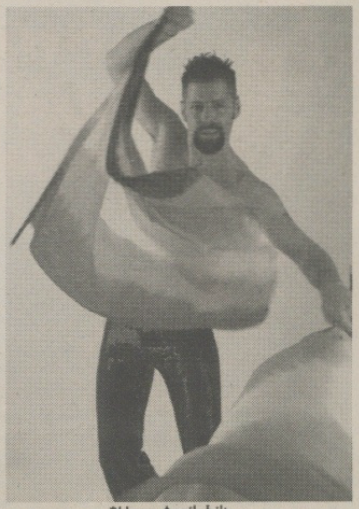

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to oppose the nominee. Nonetheless, both men were adamant in their conviction that Roberts would ill-serve the GLBT community as chief justice, based in part on Roberts's Reagan-era staff positions, described by Davidson as "out of the mainstream." Lambda had harsh criticism, too, for the White House's refusal to release papers from Roberts's days in the solicitor general's office during term of President Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush.

Lambda joined several other GLBT groups and a number of leading left-of-center organizations in opposing Judge Roberts. Despite their unified front, Roberts is expected to be approved by the committee, possibly as early as Thursday. He's expected to win handy confirmation from the full Senate in time to take his seat leading the court when the next term begins Oct. 3. The expectations persist despite the announcement on Tuesday that Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada will vote no.

Judicial and political pundits are already looking beyond his confirmation to the tropical storm that surrounds the replacement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Now forming at the edge of the radar screens, it's anyone's guess whether the next confirmation battle will fizzle out, or whether a monstrous political confrontation lies ahead.

Given that Judge Roberts's approval has long been anticipated, it's assumed by many experts that his opponents are positioning themselves for the O'Connor nominee. As Lambda's Jon Davidson told journalists, a decision to support or stay neutral on Roberts would have sent the signal that another taciturn conservative with no paper trail would satisfy the GLBT watchdogs and their allies. Opposition, by contrast, tells the president to find a moderate if he wants progressive support, Davidson said.

Other analysts speculate that Democrats might be in a stronger position to block an archconservative nominee if they show bipartisan grace and vote for Roberts. Regardless of the merits on either side, Roberts appears to have charmed the right, impressed the center, and frustrated the left with his erudition and poise under fire. Senator Schumer himself, who had not decided on his vote at press time, called Roberts' testimony a "tour de force."

Four members of the Senate were to meet with President Bush on Wednesday morning to confer on the next nominee. Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee and Judiciary Committee chair Arlen Specter were invited to the breakfast meeting, along with their Democratic counterparts, Harry Reid and Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

According to unnamed Republican aides who spoke to *The New York Times*, the search is focused on women and minorities, and



some new names have been added to the well-publicized short list of candidates circulated last June and July. Among them, the *Times* mentioned Judge Consuelo M. Callahan, who like John Roberts has served just two years on the federal appellate bench. Callahan, a former state appellate court judge with a background in criminal prosecution, was unanimously confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by the Senate in 2003, with the enthusiastic support of California Democrat Dianne Feinstein. Last week, by contrast, Senator Feinstein called Judge Roberts a "legal automaton."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has agreed to stay on the bench until her successor is confirmed. The 75-year-old justice, who resigned July 1 prior to the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, has hired back her law clerks and will participate at least in the start of the next term.

The Associated Press reported that on Monday, O'Connor and her seven colleagues will review petitions for about 2,000 cases, deciding which will be accepted for review. In this capacity alone, she will have a chance to influence the court's decisions far beyond her actual tenure.

Araujo verdicts seen as proof 'trans panic' defense increasingly rejected by juries

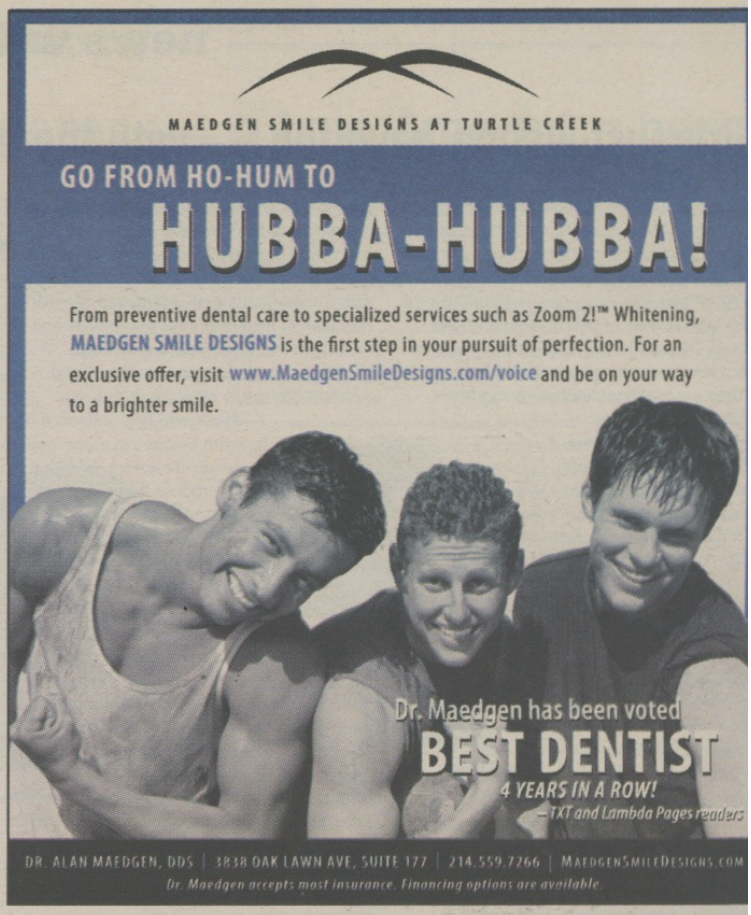
In the early hours of Oct. 4, 2002, 17-year-old Gwen Araujo was punched, gashed, choked, tied up and strangled. And that, a jury decided, was murder, despite defense claims that Araujo provoked the attack by not telling her male companions and occasional sex partners that she was biologically a man.

The verdicts, which follow convictions in the murder of Brandon Teena, whose story was told in the movie *Boys Don't Cry*, may suggest a shift in society's attitudes toward transgenders.

"It has been such a long time up to now before juries got around to the point of believing that it actually wasn't OK to do this to people," said Clarence Patton of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs.

The Araujo verdicts weren't a sweeping statement.

Jurors decided against first-degree murder for Michael Magidson and Jose Merel, convicting them of second-degree instead, and hung 9-3 on second-degree murder for the third defendant, Jason Cazares. They also didn't agree with prosecutors this was a hate crime.





Girls just wanna have fun — with the exception of Katrina and Rita, of course

I suppose you read about the extensive survey from the National Center for Health Statistics. Apparently more teenagers are having oral sex, and 11 percent of women aged 15 to 44 have had "same-sex contact" at some point during their lifetimes, including four percent during the last 12 months. I guess the other seven percent were well down the road in their long term committed relationships.

Only three percent of males had sex with other males in the last year, by the way, and only six percent had done so in their lifetimes. Guys, is this possible? You're slacking.

The survey was based on 12,571 interviews conducted in person in 2002. Anonymous sources tell *TXT* that the female interviewers were "really, really cute," which may have skewed the numbers.

And they say it's not a choice!



Ann Rostow

Squeak it's not so, Silo

Speaking of choice, I read an article the other day about how serial killers may be born deranged, for whatever reason, which reminded me again why I don't like the debate over whether being gay is a choice or not. Of course it's not a choice, but so what? The question is, is it immoral? Is it perverted? Is it valid to single out gay men and lesbians for punitive social approbation?

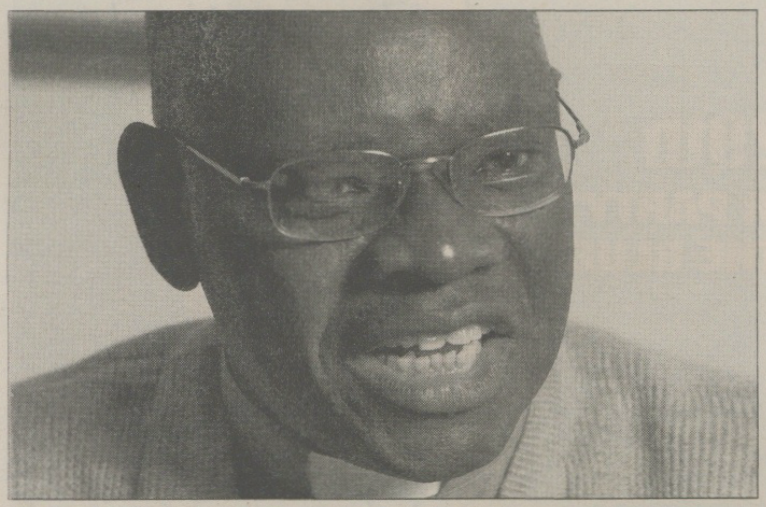
Note to self: stop the ranting. Here's some breaking news. Literally. According to Fox News, two gay male penguins in New York's Central Park Zoo have broken up, and one of them has gone over to the other side. Silo and Roy, two of six gay male penguin couples at the zoo, have been together for at least six years. And yes, attentive readers may recall they once tried to hatch a rock together, and their keepers gave them a fertilized egg that they kept in their nest until it was born, and then cared for. They named him Tango.

Now, a single female from Sea World, Scrappy, has stolen Silo's heart. Silo has abandoned Roy and taken up with Scrappy in a new nest, where the lovers are trying to produce a fertilized egg. Recently, the article said, Roy was observed "all alone, sitting disconsolately at the edge of the penguin area, staring at the wall."

Well, this heart-breaking story was bad enough without the mean-spirited Christian Right jumping in to gloat about it. "With Silo and Scrappy picking out curtains together," wrote psychology professor Warren Throckmorton for Focus on the Family, "will gay rights groups now acknowledge that sexual orientation changes?" Actually, Silo has always identified as bisexual, although Roy assumed he was just in denial.

Seattle slew

I just received an interesting e-mail from Equal Rights Washington, who are preparing for the possible legalization of same-sex marriage in the Starbucks State. As we've been saying, the state Supreme Court is expected to rule on marriage equality any day now, most likely on a Thursday. The justices heard arguments in early March, so time's a wasting.



Archbishop Peter Akinola said the Nigerian Anglican Church changed its constitution last week, deleting all references to the See of Canterbury, so that "those who are bent to walk a different path may do so without us." Akinola has emerged as a leader of the church in Africa, Latin America and Asia, taking a key role in opposing any church acceptance of homosexuality.



Evan Wolfson, founder of the Freedom to Marry Foundation, says the nation will experience an expanding "patchwork quilt" of gay marriage and civil union policies as more states change their laws. But instead it appears to be turning into a raggedy, tangled mess you couldn't even turn in to Goodwill.

If the ruling goes our way, state activists say marriage licenses will be available immediately, and marriages can take place three days later. I'm not sure how they know this, since the Massachusetts high court deliberately imposed a six-month delay on their marriage decision, but be that as it may, Equal Rights Washington is asking couples if they are interested in signing up on that Thursday, and getting married on Sunday. If so, they want a bio and I'm sorry to say I didn't print out their email address. Oh, look it up. Selected couples will be given media training on September 24, and can expect at least fifteen or sixteen minutes of fame.

You realize that unlike Massachusetts, where marriages for now are limited to residents, anyone can hop up to Pullyup and tie the knot. I know it's Puyallup, but I always think of it as Pullyup. Doesn't everyone?

What color is your civil union?

Now, on October 1, same-sex couples in Connecticut can enter a real civil union, meaning a legal tie that carries all the rights and responsibilities of marriage available under state law. This is starting to cause some confusion, particularly now that the attorney general has ruled that his state will recognize civil unions from Vermont, as well as domestic partnerships from California, but Connecticut will not recognize marriages from Massachusetts, or presumably Washington should those become available.

This means a married couple from Boston would lose their status if they moved to Hartford, unless they signed up for the Connecticut plan. I'm not even clear on how Connecticut would treat, let's say a New Jersey domestic partnership, which carries some, but not all, the rights of marriage. I have an Associated Press story right here as a matter of fact about a couple from Perth Amboy, together for 19 years, who dutifully signed up for the Garden State partner program. One of the women died unexpectedly without a will at the age of 61, and now her widow has no legal claim on the house, the car, or the bank account, all of which were in her partner's name.

Evan Wolfson, the veteran leader of the fight for marriage, is fond of telling all of us to expect a "patchwork quilt" of different policies around the country as we work towards, um, a smooth 600-count bed sheet of uniform national marriage laws. But this is turning into a raggedy tangled mess that you wouldn't even be able to dump off at the local Goodwill. The good thing is that we can't coexist for long with a zillion conflicting marriage-lite arrangements, so perhaps the chaos will speed our exhilarating communal journey to the marriage finish line.

Schism shmism

The nasty Nigerian Anglicans have finally split from the Anglican Communion, Gay.com reports, and good riddance to them. Archbishop Peter Akinola has taken his 70 million adherents and he's off to the races setting up some fundamentalist offshoot that will no doubt be hailed by several of his fellow holier-than-thou sex phobic buddies in the African and Latin American branches. We'll see. We're bored by the Anglican story anyway. That was so two years ago.

Likewise, the Catholic priest scandal was yesterday's news, but it's still something of a shock to read that the Vatican has sent special investigators to check out all the 229 Catholic seminaries in the United States and rid them of homosexuals, both the chaste and chasing kind. According to an archbishop quoted by the *New York Times*, the policy even applies to men who have not been sexually active for a decade. Well, it applies to anyone who emits the smallest beep on the investigatory gaydar, so I guess we're for a thinning of the ranks. The house cleaning will probably be followed by a general ban on gay men in the priesthood, but it's not at all clear how they will be ferreted out.

Those crazy Catholics! Gotta love 'em.

Endnotes

I don't have space for another news item. But I can tell you about the grasshopper that walked into bar.

"Well now," said the bartender. "You're something of a celebrity around here. We even have a drink named after you!"

"Really?" said the grasshopper in surprise. "You have a drink named Steve?"

I have no idea why I find that so funny.

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Letters

Round Rock reaction

In regard to the drag show at the coffeehouse in Round Rock, perhaps city officials did not know drag shows were among the earliest forms of entertainment in history. There was a time when the characters in plays were all performed by men. This was a form of entertainment, nothing more nothing less.

My parents fondly tell me their favorite dates before they married were at the Jewel Box Theater in Kansas City, where I was born. This was a drag cabaret show.

And if you are concerned about homosexual activity in Round Rock, you are too late. I have many a gay friend who live in Round Rock. But they may not last there if municipal leaders are going to promote bigotry and hatred.

Lighten up and enjoy the show. Stop being afraid that "the gays" are going to try to take over your city or corrupt your morals.

Gay people have no agenda. We want to be accepted and respected — treatment any human deserves.

Jeffery States / Tuttle, Oklahoma

Roberts wouldn't answer

Why are we allowing someone who has only been a judge for two years to become the Chief Justice of the United States? Bush Jr. was not qualified to be president, having run only one business and then holding one percent ownership in a baseball team. When will we learn?

The same situation exists with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Someone who deals with Arabian horses was in charge of running FEMA during the start-up of the national disaster relief effort responding to Hurricane Katrina.

We need an experienced, qualified woman who deserves the position not because she's George's buddy. Of course you won't get that, because it's still a white man's world in Republicanville.

I'm also perplexed by Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts's refusal to answer questions that tell about his character. Why is so much documentation being hidden? What are they hiding that they don't what us to know?

Stop hiding and lying to the people of the United States.

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Ellen DeGeneres — a true American hero

America's top lesbian soothes the psyche of TV viewers in times of crisis

Ellen DeGeneres strode onstage as this year's Emmy host with the herculean task of brightening the nation's mood following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

"New Orleans is my hometown, and I have family in Mississippi," Ellen said, striking a pitch-perfect note. "It's times like this we really, really need laughter."



By Wayne Besen
Contributing Columnist

Ellen could just have easily been talking about her career, which was derailed by the storm that followed her coming out in 1997. In the oddly named "Puppy Episode" of her hit sitcom *Ellen*, the actress announced to an audience of forty-two million viewers that she is a lesbian. This monumental eruption of honesty introduced a lesbian to one out of every six Americans.

The positive effects her coming out had on the lives of gay people cannot be overstated. However, it came with a huge personal price for Ellen. Even fans questioned the effect the comedian's forthrightness would have on her future.

"Ellen should be concerned about her career," a supporter told E-Online following the episode. "Where will she go from here?"

Indeed, the storm came, the levees broke and it seemed like Ellen was washed up on the shores of the Isle of Has Beens.. Ellen quickly fell from her perch as Hollywood's darling and was virtually banished overnight from the entertainment world.

Meanwhile, she also had to deal with the meltdown of her voluptuous girlfriend, Anne Heche, who claimed that she was an alien named Celestia. Then Celestia left Ellen for a man. A right-wing smear machine led by Rev. Jerry Falwell derisively referred Ellen her as "Ellen Degenerate," adding to the cacophany.

We can only wonder what was going through Ellen's head during this bleak period in her life. The self-doubt and pain she must have endured in her lonesome walk through the desert surely would have crushed a lesser person.

But Ellen kept on keeping on.

She coped with her personal trials the same way she deftly handled the unenviable task of hosting the Emmys following 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina.

"It's times like this we really, really need laughter."

Ellen kept cracking hysterically funny jokes with her gift of superb, quirky timing. Eventually, Hollywood honchos couldn't help but burst out in laughter. It didn't matter if Ellen were gay, straight or even an alien, like her former gal-pal. She was simply funny. And her talent could no longer be denied.

DeGeneres's perseverance paid off. She provided the wildly popular voiceover for Dory the fish in the 2003 animated film *Finding Nemo*. In September 2003, she launched *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, which was nominated for eleven Daytime Emmy Awards in its inaugural season. It won four, including Best Talk Show.

There are literally tens of thousands of gay and lesbian actors and actresses who have rolled into Hollywood with dreams of fame and fortune. Only one, Ellen, had the courage to come out at the height of her success. To the GLBT community, she is a shining star.

Without Ellen's bold step into the unknown, there would likely be no *Will & Grace*. Rosie O'Donnell would probably still be rhapsodizing about a dream date with Tom Cruise. The new gay MTV cable network, Logo, would likely never have made it past the drawing board.

Once out, Ellen continued to shatter barriers. Who will ever forget her tension-breaking joke while hosting the Emmys in 2001: "We're told to go on living our lives as usual, because to do otherwise is to let the terrorists win, and really, what would upset the Taliban more than a gay woman wearing a suit in front of a room full of Jews?"

What amazes me about Ellen is that she has developed a huge following among housewives in mainstream America, while unapologetically remaining true to her lesbian sensibilities. What other female entertainer, for example, would host the Emmys in a black tuxedo?

From a guest appearance on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno to the cover of *The New York Times' TV Guide*, it seems Ellen is more ubiquitous than ever. This is not just a personal triumph for Ellen, but a larger victory for the GLBT community.

Surely, this is the way Ellen wanted it when she jumped off the cliff in 1997. After all, she was already rich and famous when she graced the cover of *Time* magazine under the blaring headline, "Yep, I'm Gay." This was always about us and making our lives better.

It was fitting that Ellen left Hollywood and returned home to Louisiana to help with the relief effort. She is the rare superstar who has reached the pinnacle of success, yet has never forgotten who she is or where she came from.

Ellen DeGeneres is a living legend and a true American hero.

Wayne Besen is a watchdog of "ex-gay" groups and author of Anything but Straight: Unmasking the Scnadals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth.

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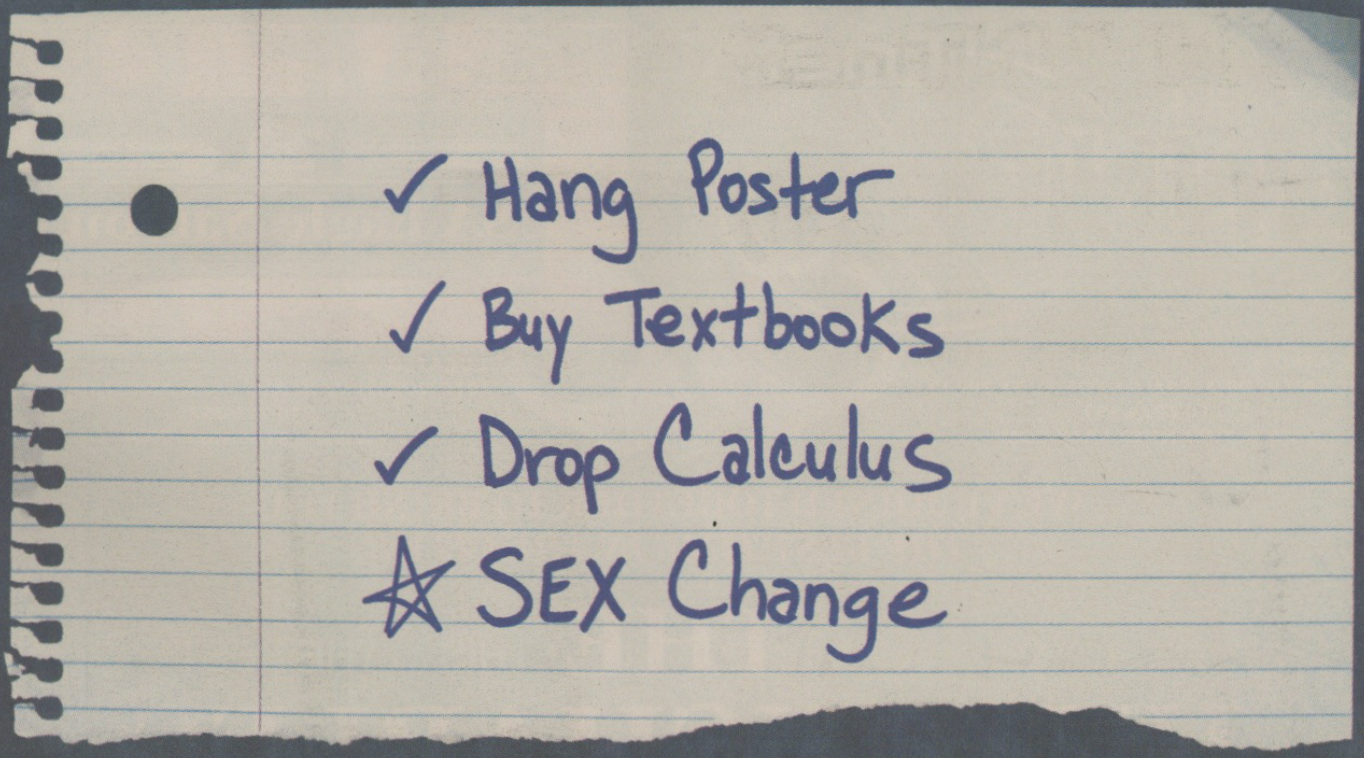

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Mexican spitfire

Spanish-language diva Fey lights up Texas

By Joey Guerra

Mexican superstar Fey doesn't have a lot of time to hit the dance floor between video shoots, recording sessions and cross-country concerts. So when the pop singer does have a free weekend, she tries to party it up in a fabulous way.

"My best friend is gay, and [when I am in Miami], I love to go to gay clubs. It's a special energy, and the music is the best," says Fey, friendly and cheerful during a recent phone interview. "I love to share that with them, in their world."

And she has a companion when she goes queer-clubbing.

"It makes me laugh with my husband, the poor thing, because I take him up and down. [He] is a darling of a person, and he accompanies me, and he supports me."

Fans will have a chance to party with the singer during her eight-city tour of gay clubs as part of the popular Club Papi series of Latin parties.

Fey touches down Sept. 29 at Heat in San Antonio and Sept. 30 at Rich's in Houston. She'll sing four songs from her Latin Grammy-nominated album, *La Fuerza del Destino (The Force of Destiny)*, and a medley of previous chart-toppers.

"Fey is an artist that generates a huge amount of excitement from our core customers, and we have been thrilled at the response to her upcoming shows," says Jamie Awad, president of Club Papi Productions. "We had her perform for us three years ago at San Francisco Pride, and she sent the place into a frenzy."



Fey

The petite singer has been thrilling fans since the release of her self-titled 1995 debut album. Since then, she has consistently churned out Spanish-language radio hits, including "Te Pertenezco," "Subidon," "Ni Tu ni Nadie," "Se Lo Que Vendra" and the inescapable chart-topper "Azucar Amargo (Bitter Sugar)."

Amid this success, Fey has metamorphosed from a perennially perky pop singer — one who inspired legions of devotees in the mid-'90s to tie brightly-colored scarves around their wrists — into a poised, confident and sexy woman.

Last year's *La Fuerza del Destino*, her fifth studio album and a tribute to '80s Spanish pop group Mecano, revealed a woman definitely in control of her own destiny. But from the beginning of her career, Fey's music has showcased an advanced, even futuristic pop sound, drawing from electronica, high-energy house and drum'n'bass rhythms.

"You always try to learn," she says. "I think in this career, you'll never stop learning, being surprised, always wanting to give more, wanting to give something better. It's something I do with all my heart. I do [the kind of music] that I would like to listen to, but always trying to find my own style. Always trying to do something different."

Fey is currently in the early stages of putting together a new album of original tunes. She expects to begin work on the disc after the current tour and a promotional trip to Argentina. She hopes to write some of the material herself but also loves the collaborative process.

There are hopes of recording some English-language material — only natural considering Fey's international audience. She has done it before, most notably for an alternate version of 2002's adventurous *Vertigo* album. Fellow Latin-pop divas Thalia, Paulina Rubio and Shakira have all enjoyed varying success on the English-language charts.

IN THE CLUB
Fey

Heat, 1500 N. Main St., San Antonio. Sept. 29. Doors at 9 p.m.; show at midnight. 210-227-2600.
Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto Road, Houston. Sept. 30. Doors at 9 p.m.; show at 12:30 a.m. 713-759-9606.

"I'm in talks to see who is going to be the next crazy person that has the spirit to produce this new album — to tolerate me for so many months, to give me food because I eat so much, to treat me well, to put up with my mood changes, depending on the day," she says with a laugh.

"Really, it's an internal, brutal voyage to make a record. I'm longing to find that new partner. I'm starting to keep an eye out for different people."

The 31-year-old singer cites Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand, Bjork and Seal as musical favorites and admits, "George Michael drives me crazy." Judging from that lively list, this singer is in merry musical synch with plenty of her own gay fans.

Fey's label, EMI Latin, proposed the club tour, which is similar to promotion efforts with other artists. Fey took to the idea immediately.

"I don't know why I have such a strong feeling of identity with [the gay community]. I think there's a passion for living. There's an internal strength that characterizes people that have to fight for a place on this planet where they're seen, maybe, as different," Fey says.

"That strength, that will to come out in front and to do it with a good face and to see life for what it is — a marvelous fiesta — that's the same feeling I have. I admire them so much because it's not easy."

Filth

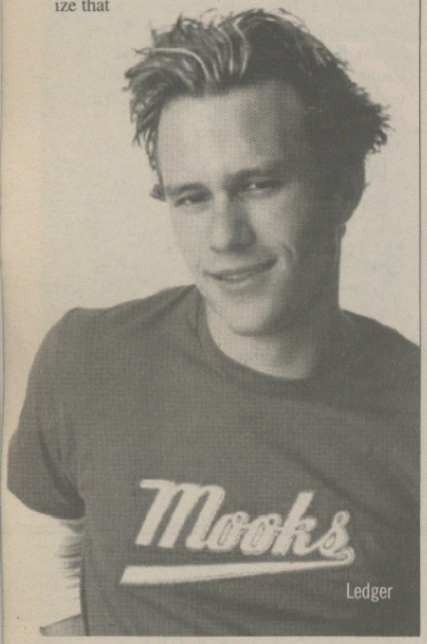
By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

Where are all the gay ghettos going?

Gay people are in danger of losing West Hollywood forever. Maybe I'm jumping the gun, but since my return, I've been checking out the nightlife, and I don't like what I'm seeing.

Clubs that were once bustling with queens are now teeming with — I hate to even say it — straight people. Now, I don't have anything against our hetero brothers and sisters — heck, without them procreating, we'd have no gay people! But I've seen this before: Gay people make a place pretty and hip, and the next thing you know, straight people swoop in and take over. I realize that assimilation works both ways, but I'm going on record saying I don't like it.



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WeHo still has more gay clubs and businesses than most cities. I recall when my beloved Boston had a half-dozen seven-nights-a-week gay dance clubs. And now? None, just a night here, a night there. Many promoters of those single-night events pull out all the stops — like Buzz owner **Harry Collings**, who brought in porn mega-star **Jason Adonis** last weekend.

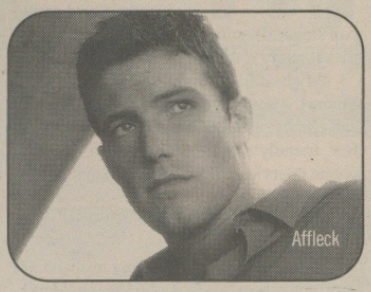
WeHo's hot spot for the past few years has been The Abbey. Because of the amazing success, it's no surprise that owner **Dave Cooley** has been approached by investors and prospective buyers. Depending on who's telling the story, Cooley has either taken on partners or sold the club completely (while staying on as a figurehead).

Either way, look for the already well-off Davey to pocket millions as a result of the deal. The Abbey has lost none of its luster with the gay crowd, with folks like **Carson Kressley**, **Jai Rodriguez** and **Nate Berkus** photographed hanging out. However, it's a photo of three presumably straight soap stars — **Michael Graziadei, Nadia Bjorlin** and **Thad Luckinbill** — surrounding Cooley, who is leering at Bjorlin's massive mammaries, that says all you need to know about the direction WeHo is heading.

If I sound crabby this week, I'm in good company. *Brokeback Mountain* hunk **Heath Ledger** has slammed celebs who endorse products for commercial gain: "I'm certainly not someone who wants to go out and sell Tag Heuer watches and L'Oreal and all that whole stupid fashion that has come in right now. It is whoring ourselves for millions of dollars."

The same day, it was announced that **Ben Affleck** signed a $1 million deal to be the new face (and, presumably, armpit) of Lynx deodorant in the U.K.

Speaking of commercials, fans have been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asking for information about a foreign underwear company that features a hot guy stripping to his skivvies to walk through an airport metal detector. The product is Underdaks and the Australian commercial is about a decade old.

To recap, this guy walks through the metal detector, and it beeps. The female officer tells him to remove his shirt. He does so, but the alarm beeps again. She instructs him to remove his pants. He does (and exposes a healthy bulge) and goes through without incident. Another female officer reveals that the first gal has a remote control to make the detector beep at whim. As the two gals watch the sexy guy walk away, one says wistfully, "He's probably gay" (in another version, the quote is, "Nice luggage").

We will post both variations on Filth2go.com. By the way, the company behind these undies is Holeproof, and there have been several sexy guys featured in more recent commercials. Perhaps I'll post those, too.

Sexy models lead us (in a roundabout way) to this week's "Ask Billy" question. Ben in Kansas City asks: "I've heard that **Anderson Cooper** is the father of **Camryn Manheim**'s child. A couple of Web sites have confirmed this, but I don't believe it. What do you think?"

Don't believe it. The father is a very sexy male model named **Jeffrey Brezovar**. He and Camryn had been friends for years when she asked him to be a sperm donor — and he spends as much time as he can with his son.

Maybe too much time. You see, sources close to the bi-coastal boy say that Jeff is an openly gay man who will be featured on the cover of the November issue of *Out*. He thought it would be great to be photographed with his son, and La Manheim agreed — and signed a release.

After the shoot, rumors about Coop being the dad allegedly freaked Camryn out, and she's demanded that no photos of her son be published. So don't expect any father/son pics anytime soon.

Could it be that a certain ambitiously ambiguous boy is making an unholy alliance to further his thespianistic career? So say sources close to that sexual predator who tell me that he's had the buff boy in his sights — and perhaps in his bed. One thing leads to another, so don't be surprised to see the terrible twosome joined at the hip and making beautiful music. Who's in front and who's in back has not been revealed.


Cooper

When WeHo's going straight, it's time for me to end another column. If you have any questions about me or celebrities, e-mail Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Coop fathers *my* child!

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

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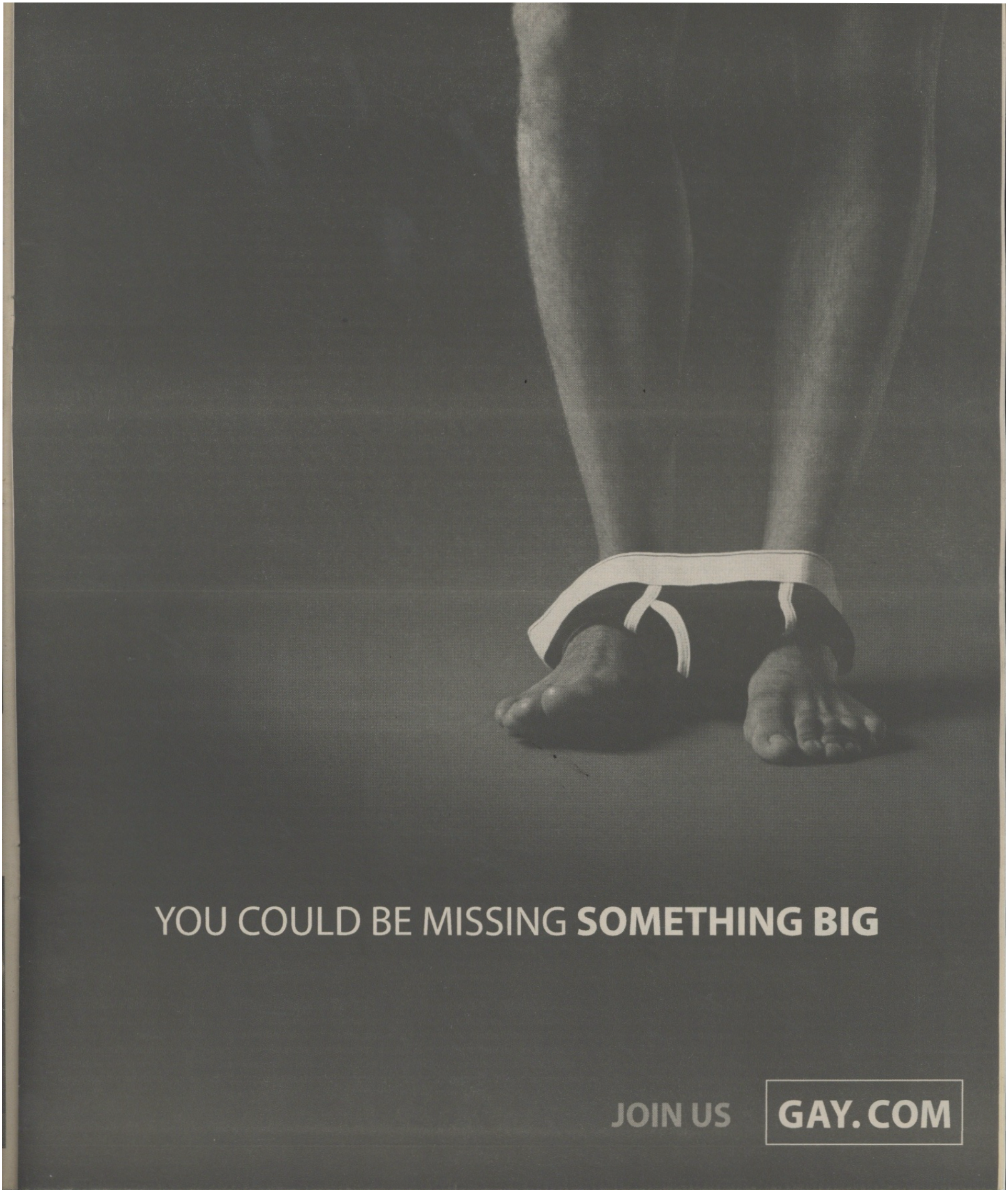
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Hurricane Rita could affect events listed in Houston. Check with the venue.

Friday, September 23

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Mad Hot Balloon, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern and Q Cinema, through Sept. 25. 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. $5.50-$7.50. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

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

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

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 24

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

5th Annual Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS, a 175-mile ride from Ft. Worth to Dallas through Sept. 25. Opening ceremonies, 6:30 a.m. Benefits AIDS Outreach Center, AIDS Services of Dallas and the Resource Center of Dallas. Tarrant County College South Campus. 214-521-2412. Lonestarride.org.

Ft. Worth All-Stars Concert features Collin Herring, Tim Locke and Brandin Lea. 9 p.m. $10. Allgood Café, 2934 Main St. 214-742-5362.

LifeWalk Pre-Registration, presented by AIDS Arms. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Luke's. 214-521-5191. Aidslifewalk.org.

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

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Blockwalk to recruit "no" votes to fight Proposition 2. Presented by Houston Equal Rights Alliance. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. University of Houston. Info@houstonera.org. 323-383-8127.

Crystal Meth Anonymous meets Saturdays and Mondays through Wednesdays at various locations. Cmahouston.earthlink.net.

Le Grande Menage a Trois de Houston, presented by **Houston Big Men's Club**. 8 p.m. The Ripcord, 715 Fairview. HoustonBigMensClub.com.

Houston Women's Festival features Melissa Ferrick, Patrice Pike and others, with arts, crafts, information and vendors. $12-$15. Noon-10 p.m. Jones Plaza, 601 Louisiana St. Rain-out location: Chances Bar, 1001 Westheimer Rd. 281-338-7430 Hwfestival.org.

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

Mukuru Arts for AIDS Concert Series presents Friends & Enemies, featuring music by Hugo Wolf, Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms. 7 p.m. $10-$20. Benefits AIDS Foundation Houston's Community Partnerships in HIV Prevention Program. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. Mukuru.org.

SAN ANTONIO

Common Ground party featuring Easy Marie. Presented by San Antonio Lesbians Improving Relations. 8 p.m. $5. Benefits Non Nonsense in November campaign. BYOB. 150 W. Sunset.

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

Sunday, September 25

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

5th Annual Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS concludes with an outdoor display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, noon-5 p.m. Closing ceremonies, 6 p.m. Lee Park. 214-521-2412. Lonestarride.org.

HOUSTON

Bike For A Better City rides 8 a.m. Starbucks at W. Gray St. at Shepherd Rd. 713-446-3898. Bikeforabettercity@hotmail.com.

Community Center Movie & Game Night with Christina Gomez screens Kissing Jessica Stein. 7 p.m. $3. Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. 713-524-3818. Houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

Dukes of Houston, 50th Event Celebration, with DJ Dawna Montel. Presented by Spoiled Boyz. 3:30 a.m. $15. Benefits hurricane relief efforts. Next, 2020 McKinney St. Spoiledboyz.net.

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 26

AUSTIN

La Cage: Vegas in Austin. 9 p.m. Benefits Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief efforts. Rainbow Cattle Company, 305 W. 5th St. 512-472-5288.

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

HOUSTON

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

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

Tuesday, September 27

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Ft. Worth Primetimers Prime Diner. 6:30 p.m. Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird Ln. 972-504-8866.

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.

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



Wednesday, September 28

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 29

AUSTIN

Gay Girl Night with DJ OneLove, presented by Well of Happiness at Karma, 8th St. and Colorado Blvd. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Artists Against AIDS Silent Art Auction Preview Reception. 5:30-7 p.m. $100 (includes tickets to the silent auction, Sept. 30.) Benefits Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network. Ft. Worth Community Arts Center, 1309 Montgomery St. 817-923-2800. Tcain.org.

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

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Space City Stampede royalty competition, presented by the Houston chapter of Texas Gay Rodeo Association. 8 p.m. Benefits Houston charities. Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. Tgra.org.


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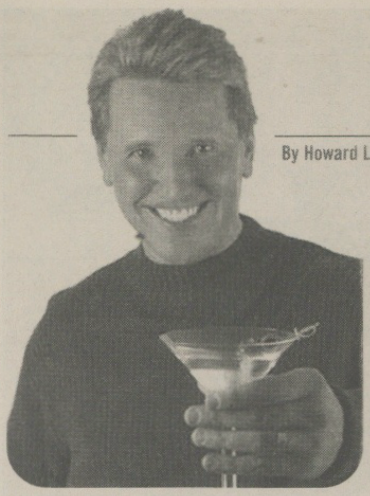

Ask Howard

By Howard Lewis Russell

How to do the wrong thing right

Interview question crosses the line, but not illegally

Dear Howard,

I just had a long series of job interviews for a position I am well-qualified for and would like to get. One interviewer (a member of management, not my boss-in-waiting) asked me, out of the blue, "Are you gay?" It caught me off guard, and I blurted out, "Oh, certainly not." The more I thought about it afterward, it seems to me if I get the job I will have to stay in the closet the entire time I work there, or admit that I lied in the interview.

First, should I have told the truth and sealed my fate (presumably)? Second, should I level with the new boss if they offer me the job and tell her that what happened in the original interview, either before or after I accept? Third, if I do get the job, should I tell the human resources department what the other guy from management asked me? And fourth, was that an illegal question in the first place?

Perplexed in Port Arthur

I'll answer your query in reverse order. First, the jerk's question most likely was not illegal. Federal law does not prohibit employers from discriminating against gay people. (Although 16 states have passed laws prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, Texas has not yet joined this enlightened minority.) Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin have passed city ordinances largely prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in housing, employment and access to public facilities but that's not a lot of help in your neck of the woods.

Second, if you get and accept this job, check out the company's human resources handbook to see if it includes a policy against sexual orientation discrimination. If it does, then it might be worthwhile to raise the issue with the H.R. department once you've established that they are not primarily focused on covering the asses of bigots in management. You don't have to "confess" your sexual orientation to them — just tell them that the question was entirely out of line.

Third, although you are obviously uncomfortable about joining the company under a pretense of heterosexuality, you do not, in my judgment, need to seek absolution from anyone for answering a malicious, illegitimate question in the way you did. If your potential new boss is a decent person, she might give you some additional assurance that you are not unknowingly joining a front company secretly controlled by Eric Rudolph. You do *not* owe her, however, any information about your sexual orientation or your run-in with the office gay-basher. You're the wronged party here.

Fourth, you are under no moral obligation whatsoever to tell an interviewer anything other than information that directly relates to your ability to do the job. Your sexual orientation was, and is, none of the interviewer's business. The usual advice in a situation like the one you've encountered is to smoothly divert the conversation back to job qualification issues: "Oh, that's an interesting question, but surely you'd like to talk about my graduate degree in mindless rationalization first." If that advice sounds ridiculously glib, then you might try a more direct approach: "That's none of your fucking business, Mr. Bigot" or "Before I answer that question, could you tell me whether you are straight? I need to settle a bet with one of your employees."

I can't guarantee, unfortunately, that the direct approach, however emotionally satisfying it might be, won't get you kicked out of the office, but it's the one Howard would use — you can count on it. You sound like a smart, ambitious person. If the company is not a hotbed of gay hate and the job is really good, you'll find a way to work your way through this issue just as smart, ambitious gay people have for millennia. You may well even find a way to make the company a more tolerant and professionally run organization.

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September 23–30, 2005

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Libra

Mercury, zipping through Libra, is sextile Saturn, and both are quincunx Uranus in Pisces. Efforts at making sense and order will show where sense and order cannot exist. Separately, Venus square Neptune promotes lazy sensuality and ethereal spiritual dreams. It could be great fun if you're not attached to specific plans and results.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Leave the plastic at home — spending splurges can get you into big trouble! If you can balance trust in your ability to be inspired with careful attention to masterful examples, you can open terrific channels of creativity.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Loyalty to family, country and community must occur within a framework of ideals and principles. This can create conflicts that you have to deal with now, perhaps challenging you to reevaluate your sense of identity.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Your sexual reputation really doesn't need to be boosted by any reports you may have on the subject. Admit nothing and deny nothing! Keep your lips sealed — if only conversationally — and promote an air of mystery and allure.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Your political ideals are now getting very fuzzy and dreamy. That's uncharacteristic but not bad. Usually, you argue intellectually and pragmatically. For now, try listening and speaking more at the level of emotion and passion.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

There's always room in your life for self-improvement, and this is an ideal time to hone your sexual techniques. Don't be embarrassed by the attempts — nothing is lacking in you. If word gets around, it will draw eager helpers.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Let your dreams and fantasies run loose! Share them freely with your partner (or anyone else you know won't use them as evidence to have you locked away), and they could reveal keys to creative genius otherwise untapped.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Efforts to help friends or family are likely to backfire. Helping can be more productive where there's more detachment — say, with some community group. A previously platonic friendship looks like it's getting steamy!

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Not enough — or too much — self-confidence in your speaking skills can damage your career. Input from friends will only confuse the issue. Writing down what you want to say first is good practice and offers clearer perspective.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Taking care of household accounts can disrupt travel plans, but better to watch costs now than to pay the price later. Sex and religion should not be discussed at work, but either topic may be pertinent now with your doctor.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Get creative about talking dirty and/or tough. Work on achieving the vocal equivalent of an iron fist in a velvet glove. Erotic role-play can be fun. Sexually or otherwise, firm self-assertion can get you wherever you want to go.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Take time out to focus on personal priorities first, then on your relationships. Discussing these issues with your partner (or a confidante) could raise worries and arguments, but better to get those out in the open and dealt with.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

What you see as a necessary approach to teamwork is entirely different from what's really needed. Offer your ideas, but be very ready to have them critiqued, to struggle through some confusion and to learn new approaches.

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

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Film

By Steven Lindsey

Project runway

Jodie Foster's airplane thriller stays grounded in reality — mostly


Foster

Thrusting herself closer than ever toward her own line of action figures, Jodie Foster returns to the big screen in yet another claustrophobic thriller.

Flightplan tests the resources and sanity of Kyle Pratt (Foster). She's on a transatlantic journey to take her deceased husband's body from Berlin to New York aboard a jumbo jet she helped design. But mourning turns to desperation after her little girl disappears mid-flight, transforming a kid napping into a kidnapping. But as Pratt details her story to the captain (Sean Bean) and an air marshal (Peter Sarsgaard), incongruities lead them to believe that her daughter may be a figment of Pratt's grief-stricken imagination. In fact, no one aboard remembers seeing the girl.

Pratt uses her intimate knowledge of the plane's layout and operating systems to outwit the flight crew in an effort to find her daughter before landing. But by creating epic diversions of mass panic, she ensures her fellow passengers the most memorably hellacious flight of their lives.

Flightplan is full of action-movie cliches, including Foster stripping down to a form-fitting tank when the action ramps up a notch — all that's missing is an automatic weapon strapped across her chest. But while a few plot points remain unexplained and the closing scene is anticlimactic, for the most part the direction is taut and the suspense so nail-bitingly powerful that theaters should offer free manicures after each showing.

ON SCREEN
Flightplan ●●●○

Directed by Robert Schwentke. Written by Peter A. Dowling and Billy Ray. With Jodie Foster, Sean Bean, Peter Sarsgaard and Erika Christensen. Rated PG-13. Run time: 90 minutes.

tracks

Collin Herring ●●●◐

The Other Side of Kindness

They may be heroes of alt-rock, but down deep REM is made up of a few Georgia boys weaned on the *rhythms* of country if not its sentiments.

North Texas native Collin Herring seems to be on a parallel track: A self-described country singer, his music is tinged with Southern roots but he seems a little too intellectual for lyrics devoted solely to beer and pickup trucks. (You won't find songs with titles like "Aphorism" and "Cauterize" on Alan Jackson's latest, nor imagery like "The silk of summer is blowing away" sneaking its way into most hat act songbooks.)

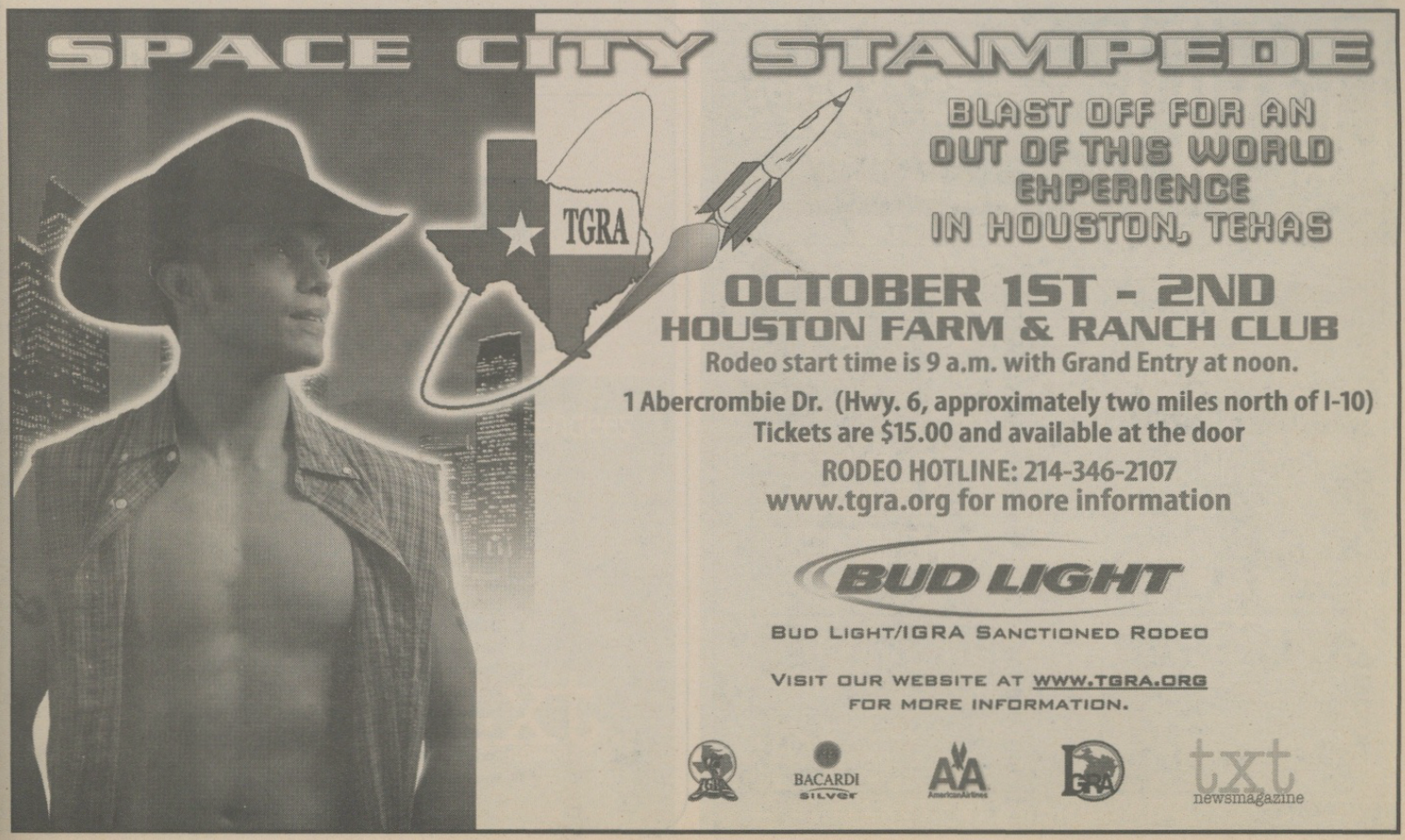


Which is not to say Herring doesn't write about the normal stuff — jobs, relationships. *The Other Side of Kindness* has the requisite steel guitars and whining fiddles to pigeonhole it in the country rack, but a melancholia imbues the songs with an alternative-folk edge.

The record itself (the entire CD was recorded and mixed in Dallas and Austin) sometimes sounds tinny, and at less than 37 minutes, its 10 tracks don't aim for anything epic. But it's irresistibly for good ol' Texas boys, and if you're a hipster who doesn't like country music, this is the kind of album that might change your mind.

Collin Herring will perform at the All Good Café, 2934 Main St., Dallas. Sat, at 9 p.m. $10. 214-742-5362.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



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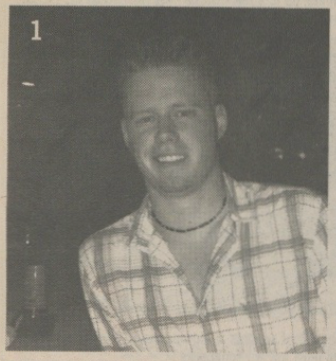





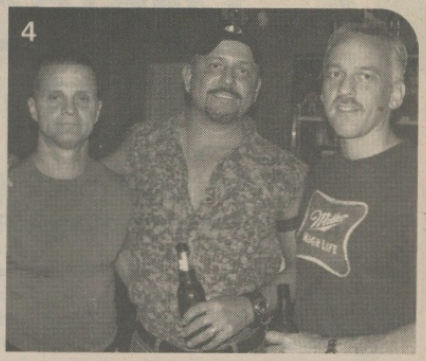



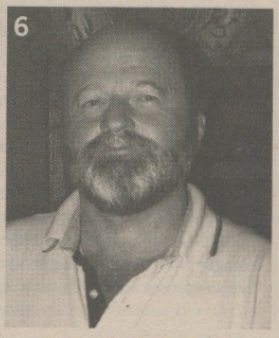

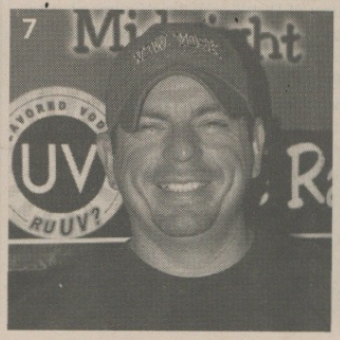



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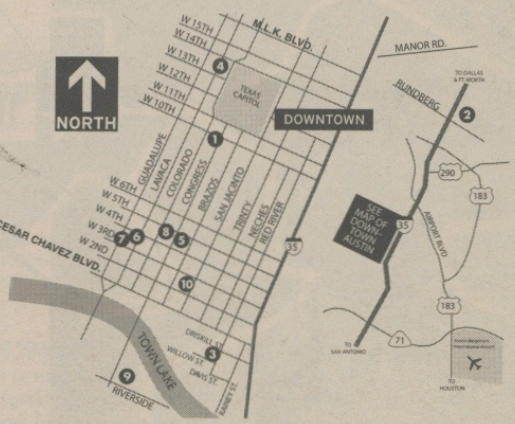

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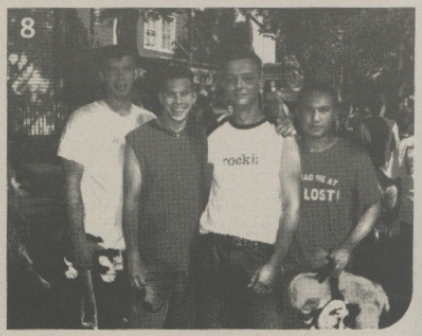

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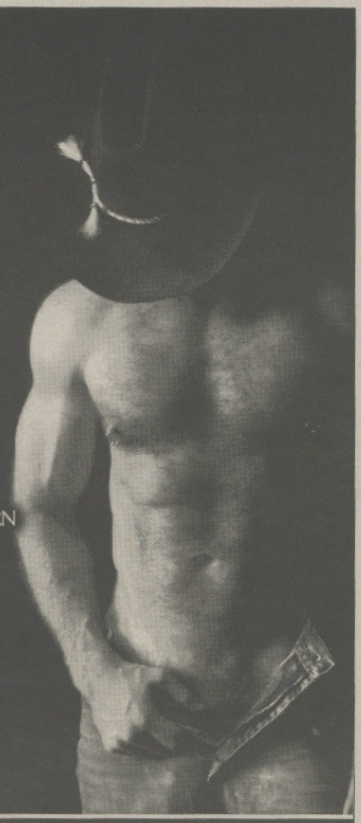

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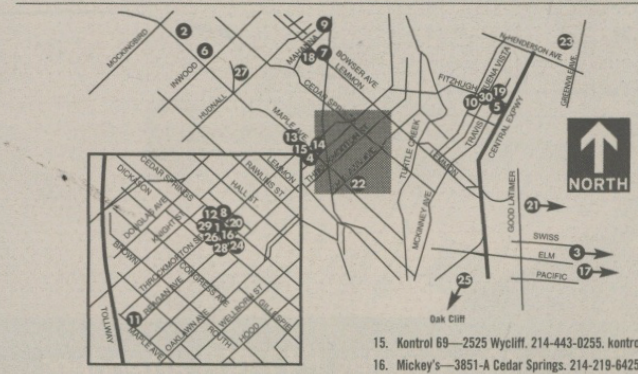

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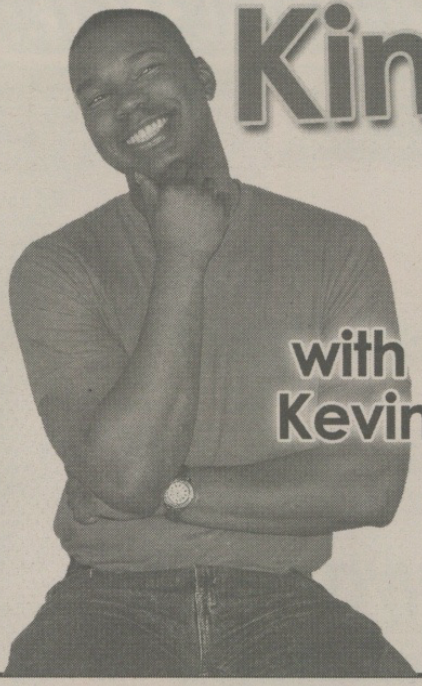

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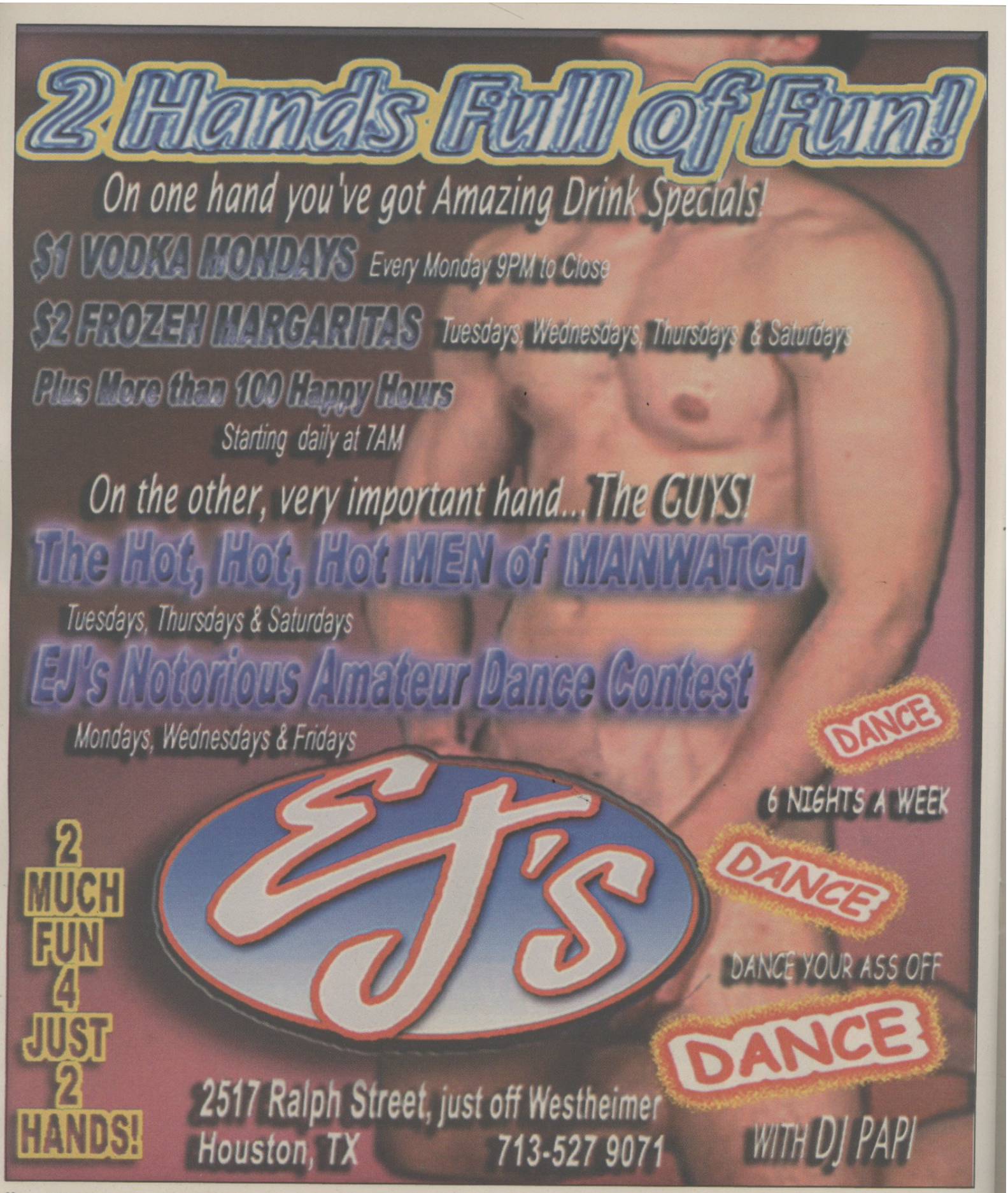
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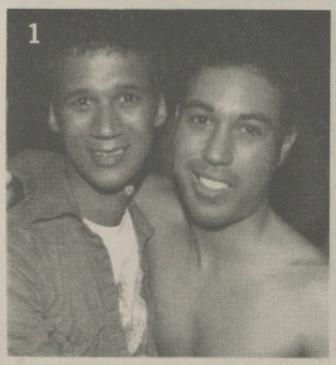

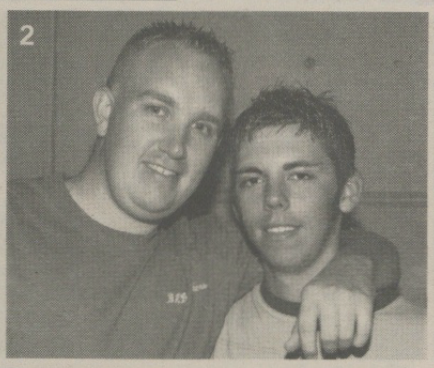

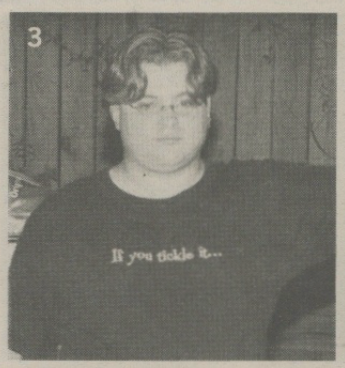



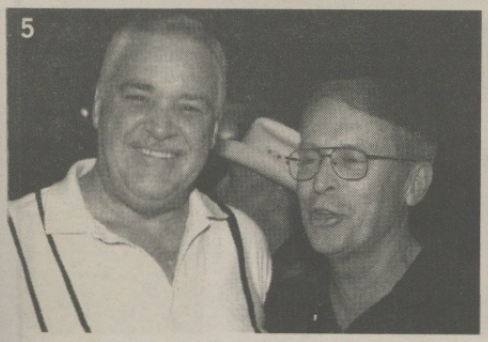

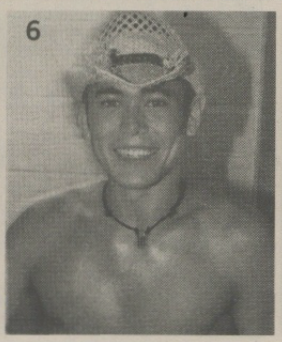

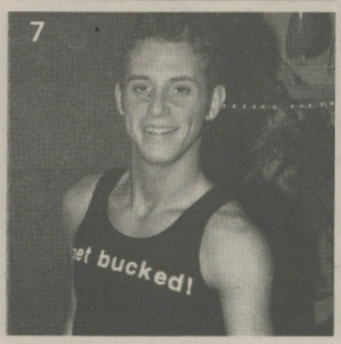



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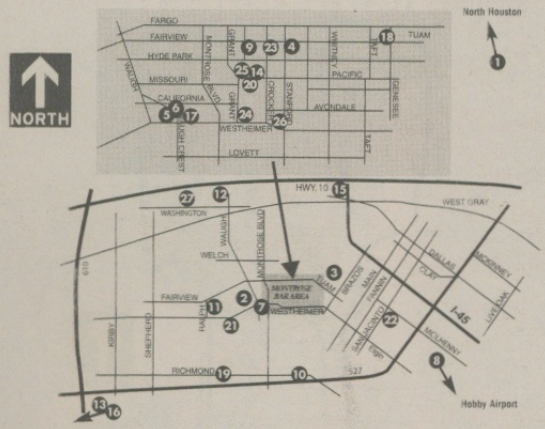

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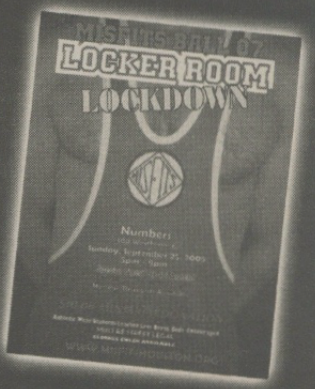

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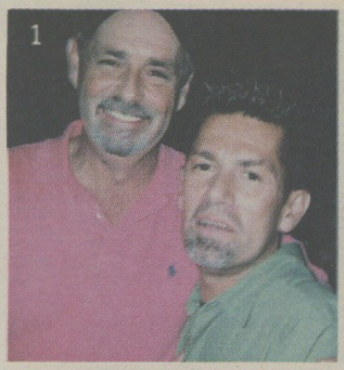













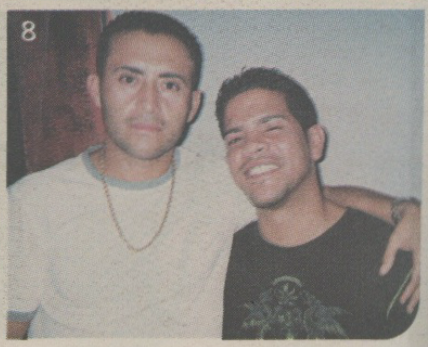

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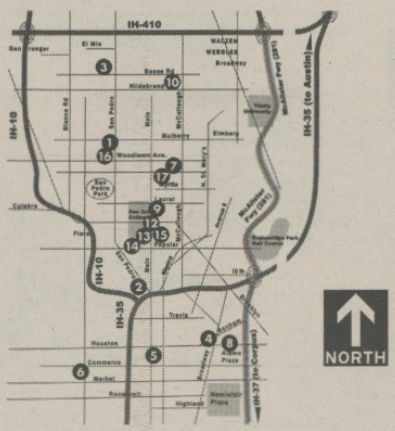

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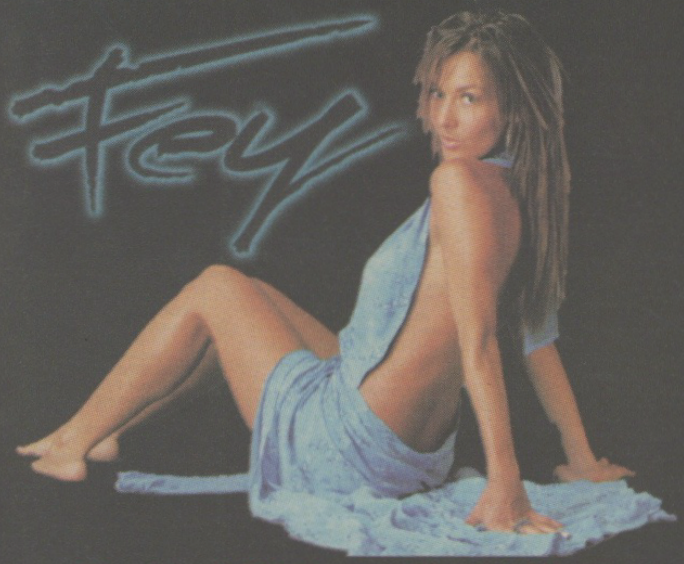

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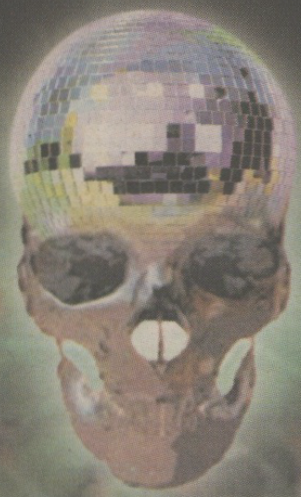

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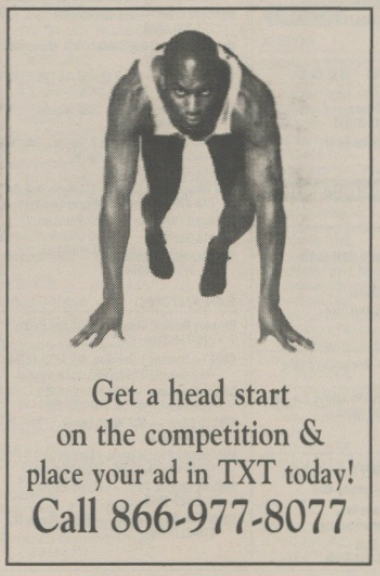

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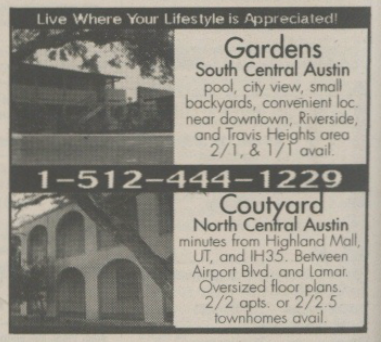

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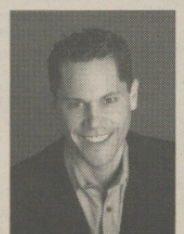

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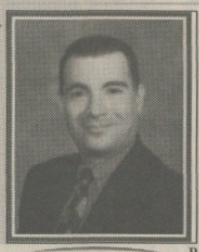

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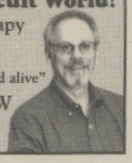

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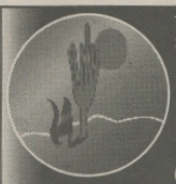

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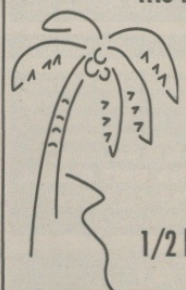

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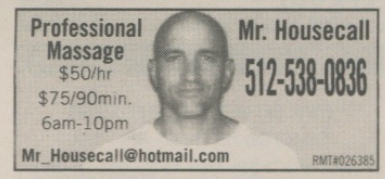

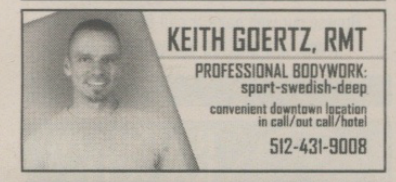

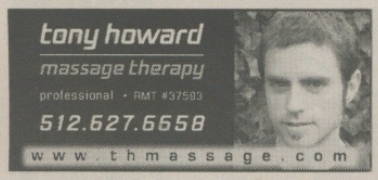





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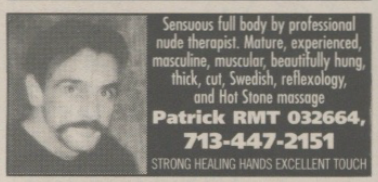

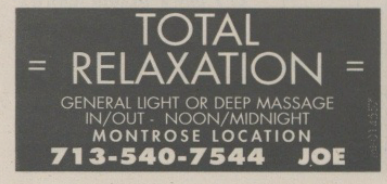

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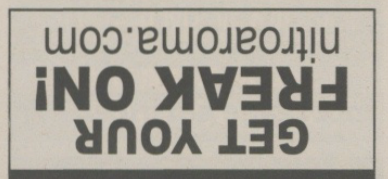

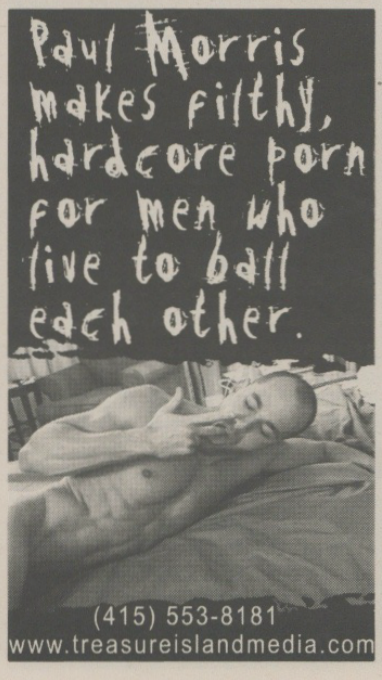

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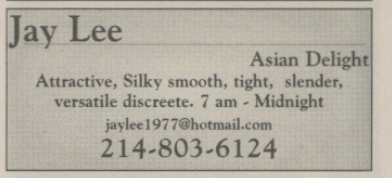







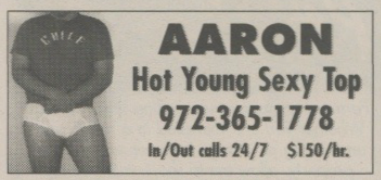



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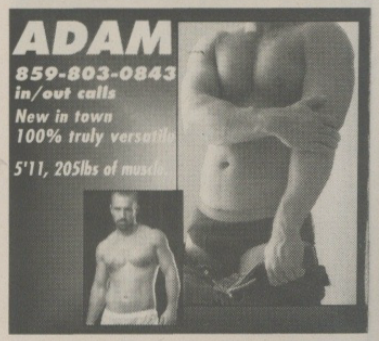

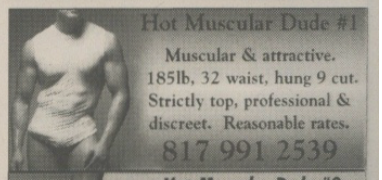

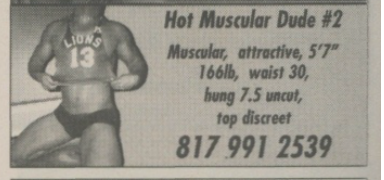



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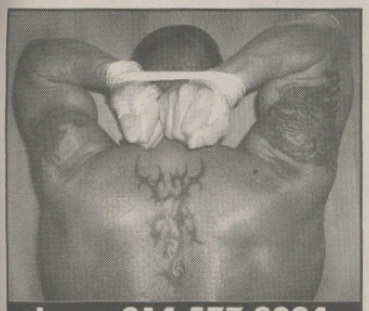

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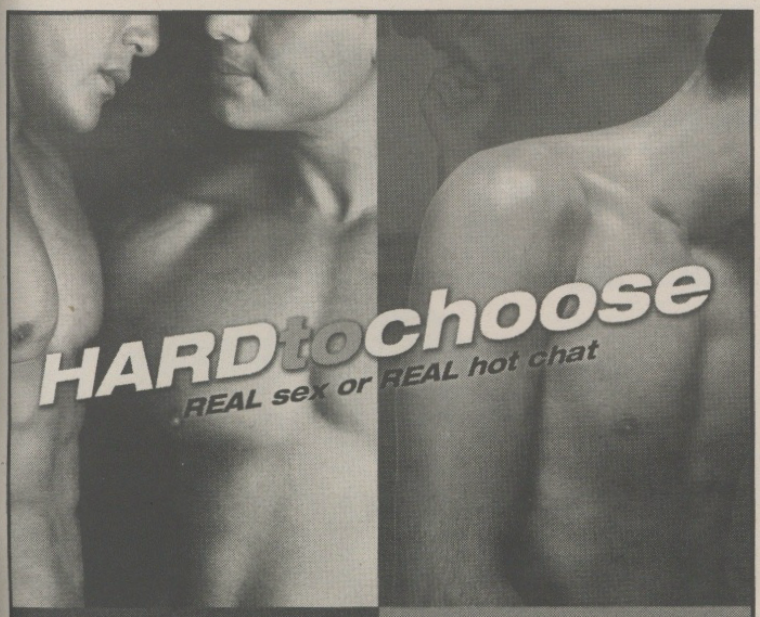

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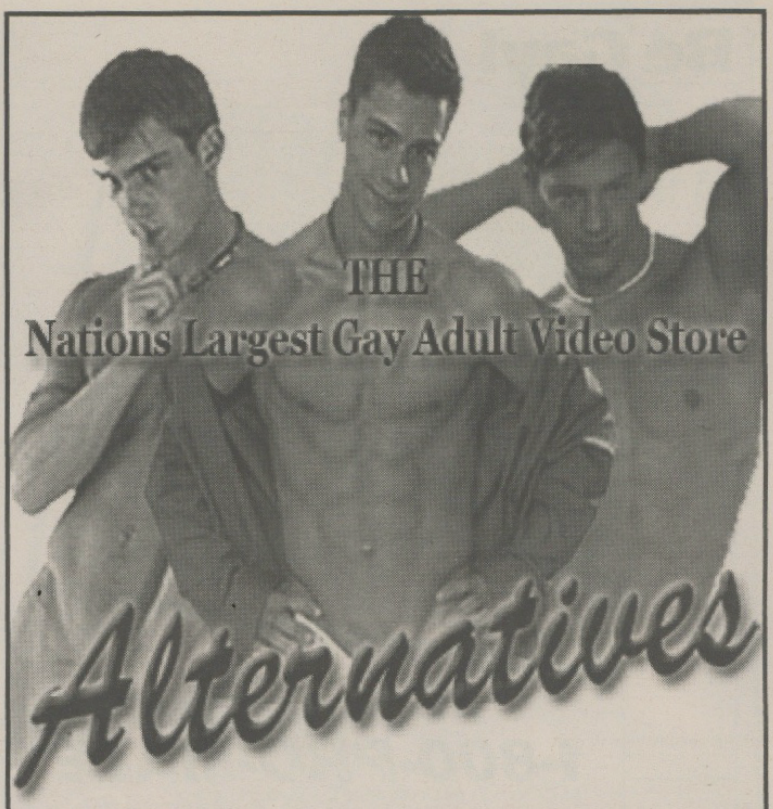

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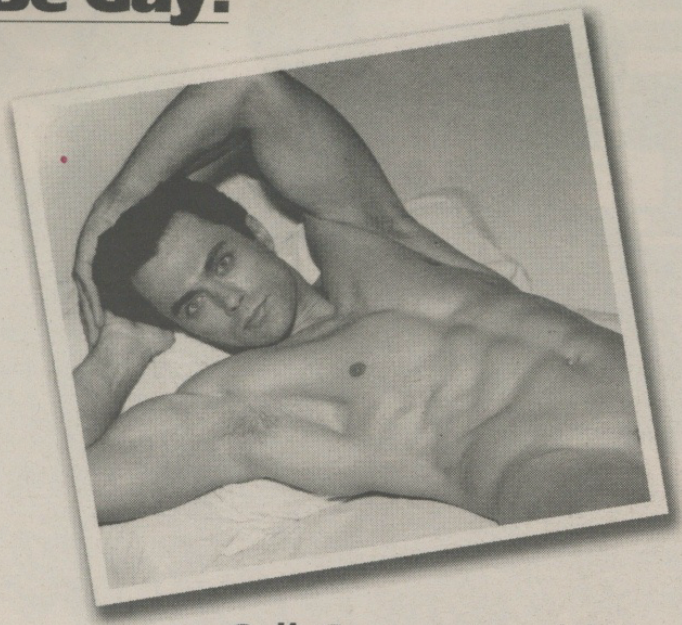

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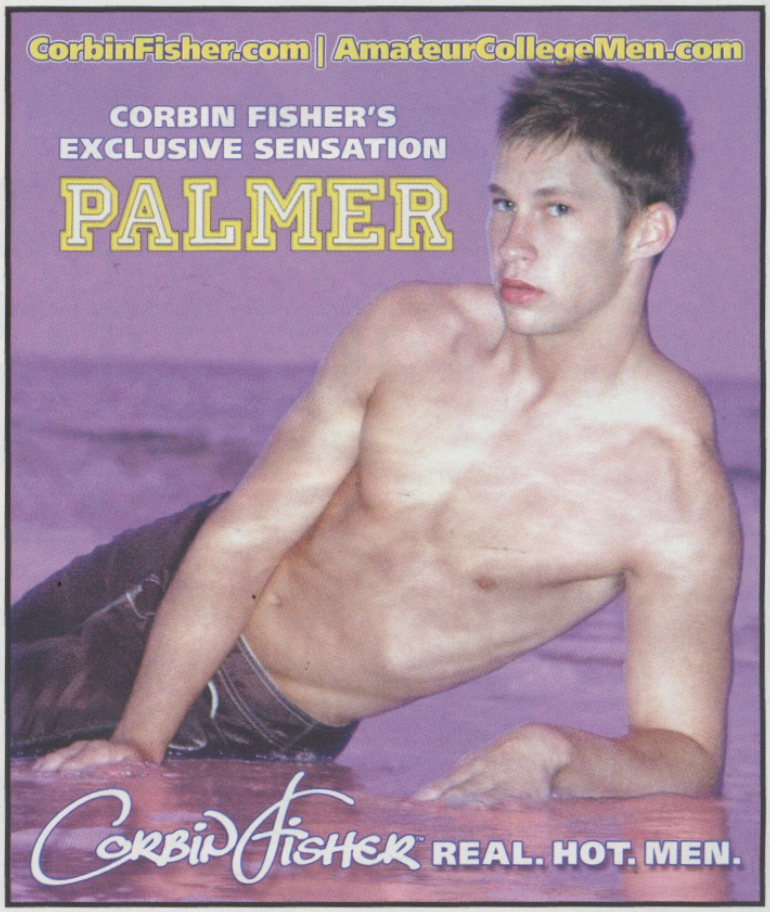

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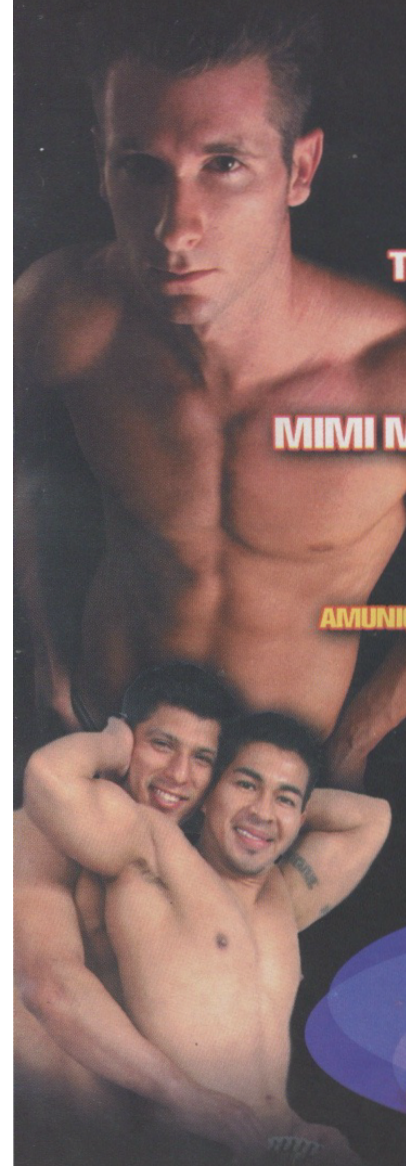

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