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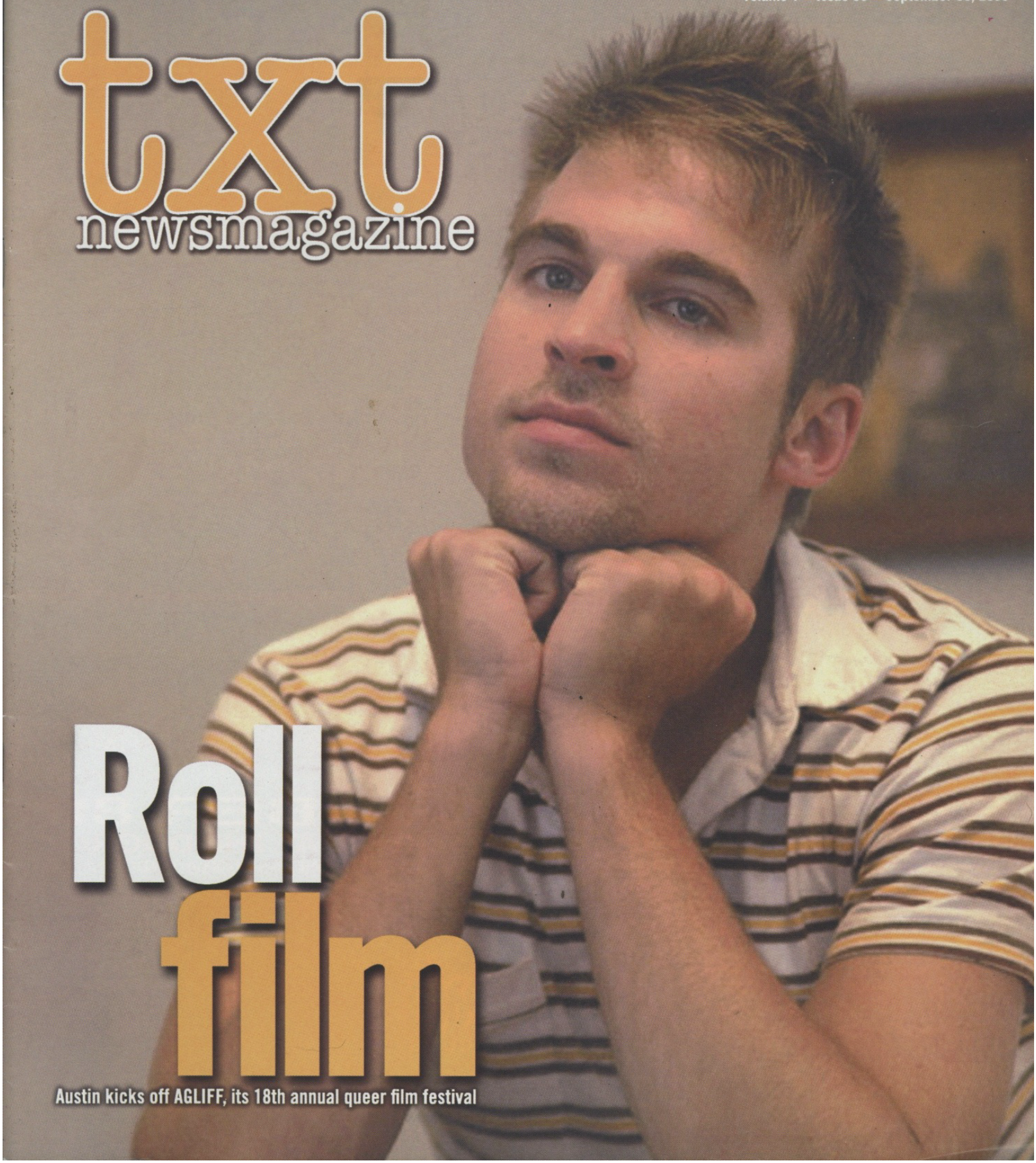

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## AIDS Arms LifeWalk, Dallas Southern Pride set this weekend

Two large events will be held in Dallas this weekend. The 15th annual AIDS Arms Lifewalk is scheduled Saturday in Robert E. Lee Park in Oak Lawn. This year's LifeWalk partners are Valiente and Dallas Legal Hospice; each will receive a small portion of the proceeds. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.; the fun walk starts at 9 a.m., followed by the run and walk. For details, visit Aidslifewalk.org.

Dallas Southern Pride began Thursday night and continues through Sunday and is Dallas's main black gay pride event. The Nutrition Center is this year's beneficiary. The Radisson Hotel Love Field is the host hotel. For details, visit Dallasblackpride.com.

## Lone Star Ride to reschedule; money total announced

The Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS was postponed last weekend when wind and rain spawned by Hurricane Rita was predicted for the Dallas area. The accompanying display of AIDS Memorial Quilt panels was canceled. The ride will be rescheduled as a one-day, 70- to 100-mile event on the first Saturday or Sunday in November. Ride officials are circulating questionnaires to those signed up for the original ride to determine the date.

Officials also announced this week that at least $220,500 in pledges was raised for this year's event.

HOUSTON

## Man charged after roommate found dead at apartment

Friends found the body of Randall Wayne Wilson, 48, on Sept. 11 in his apartment in the 200 block of Emerson Street. Police estimated Wilson had been dead for a day before his body was discovered.

On Sept 18, police arrested Wilson's roommate, Ray Bell, and charged him with capital murder, Homicide Sgt. J.T. Wyers of the Houston Police Department said. Bell is currently being held without bail in the Harris County Jail.

## One of season's sweetest GLBT events is scheduled this weekend

"Decadent Dessert: How Sweet It Is" will take place a Oct. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Meteor, 2306 Genesee.

The fifth annual event features desserts from area restaurants, chefs and caterers. This year the event also offers a competition between the participants for best dessert, best appetizer and best decoration. Providing entertainment are several participants from Montrose Softball League's "Jocks in Dresses". An accompanying auction and raffle will raise funds for AssistHers.

Tickets are $20-$25 at the door, or may be purchased in advance at 713-521-4628.

**CORRECTION:** An article in last week's National News section stated that California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger met with members of Equality California on Sept. 21. The hourlong meeting was actually between three of the governor's senior staff members and representatives of the GLBT group. Schwarzenegger himself was not present.

# Log Cabin joins battle against Proposition 2

## Group hires Jackson, who led winning campaign against Cincinnati anti-gay ordinance

**By David Webb**
Staff Correspondent

Log Cabin Republicans of Texas joined the fight against Proposition 2 this week by hiring a campaign director to lead the group's efforts.

Log Cabin hired Ted Jackson because he headed up the campaign in Cincinnati to repeal an 11-year-old city charter amendment forbidding the passage of local ordinances protecting gays. The amendment was repealed, the only one of several ballot measures that gays won in 2004.

If approved by voters, Proposition 2 will amend the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriages and civil unions. Texas already bans gay marriages and civil unions by statute.

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Log Cabin's strategy is to reach out to conservatives and to increase voter turnout for the Nov. 8 election.

Jackson said volunteers will work to dispel myths about gay and lesbian people.

Gays are often caught off guard because of the opposition's low-key approach, he said.

"Oftentimes we in the gay community make the wrong assumption, that they are not mobilized," Jackson said.

He said the opposition is very well-organized and funded. For most of the campaign, they work through larger evangelical churches so they don't have to run TV ads. About three weeks before the election, they'll unveil a huge media campaign, which will include direct mail and voter canvassing, Jackson said.



Carla Halbrook of Dallas, a member of Log Cabin's national board, said her group wants to work with the No Nonsense in November campaign to attempt to defeat the ballot measure.

"Out of nowhere, we are taken by surprise by an enormous amount of media coverage that they can pay for," Jackson said.

Jackson said he believes Proposition 2 can be defeated, although every constitutional amendment forbidding gay marriage that voters have considered in other states has passed.

"We can win this if we go out and talk to non-gay voters," he said.

Carla Halbrook of Dallas, a member of Log Cabin's national board, said her group wants to work with the No Nonsense in November campaign to attempt to defeat the ballot measure.

"We're doing our own thing and organizing our own people, but we're working with them," Halbrook said.

Glen Maxey, director of No Nonsense in November, said he welcomed Log Cabin's participation.

"We applaud anything Log Cabin Republicans can do to help spread the message about why this proposition is bad for the state," Maxey said.

Chapters of Stonewall Democrats across Texas are also working with the No Nonsense campaign, Maxey said.

Log Cabin needs more volunteers to help canvass voters. About 30 volunteers have signed up so far, Jackson said.

The election is slightly more than five weeks away.

"That's why it is all the more urgent that we get people in the gay community willing to go out and talk to non-gay voters," Jackson said.

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# St. Andrew's stands up for (gay) principle

## School turns away $3 million when giver insists 'Brokeback Mountain' be dropped

From Staff Reports

St. Andrew's Episcopal School, a 50-year-old private school in Austin, knows the cost of standing up for their principles. It's about $3 million.

The school recently refused to disavow a policy that included discussion of Annie Proulx's short story, *Brokeback Mountain*, in English classes.

The acclaimed story of love between cowboys was one of several thorns in the side of St. Andrews' parent Cary McNair. McNair, the son of Robert McNair, the owner of the

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Houston Texans, also objected to the school's participation in the National Day of Silence, an event held on thousands of campuses across the country designed to highlight the hazards experienced by gay youth.

According to the *Austin American Statesman*, the McNairs had pledged $3 million of some $11.7 million raised towards construction of a new middle school.

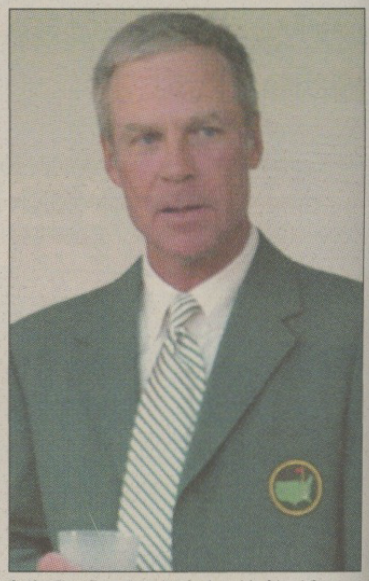
But the school has released the McNairs from their commitment. St. Andrew's spokesman and trustee Bill Miller says the school: "has a policy not to accept conditional gifts, whether it's $5 or $500,000. When the McNair family looked at their gift in a conditional manner, then the school could not accept it."

Golfer Ben Crenshaw and his wife Julie also met with the Head of School at St. Andrew's, Lucy Nazro, the *Statesman* reported. The Crenshaws joined the McNairs at a meeting in early May, when the Day of Silence and the short story were both discussed.

"My wife and I have been longtime supporters of the school," Crenshaw said. "Like other parents, we share the same legitimate concerns that the McNairs have."

Nazro reportedly told McNair that St. Andrews would not participate in the Day of Silence in the future. But she stood up for the short story and backed English teacher Kimberly Horne.

Ironically, *Brokeback Mountain* will probably be dropped from the reading list next year because Horne does not assign material that has been made into movies.



Golfer Ben Crenshaw backed up his friend Cary McNair: "We share the same legitimate concerns that the McNairs have."

# Bagneris to resume duties in N.O.

## Former Houstonian says he's overwhelmed by generosity of Bayou City's residents

**By Nancy Ford**
Staff Writer

Larry Bagneris has been busy these past few weeks. After being chased from his home in New Oreleans's French Quarter by a gigantic Category 4 hurricane, the former Houston resident, who evacuated to his old haunt, said he would return to the Crescent City this weekend.

But before leaving, he made sure the newly established Pride Houston/Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund was operating properly. He feared GLBT people displaced by Hurricane Katrina weren't receiving the assistance they needed.

"I just wanted to make sure that everyone was being taken care of. I feel assured now that the increments they're giving the kids will be able to last them at least a week or two, and they can go back to New Orleans and reassess," Bagneris said.

People helped by the fund told him they were given aid in increments of $30 at a time, he said.

"In Houston, you can't get a tank of gas for less than $40 or $50," Bagneris said.

After a meeting Tuesday, Bagneris said the Montrose Counseling Center agreed to increase the amount.

"I understand that they have a need to maintain a balance, because they don't want to draw everything out all at one time," he said.

Ann Robinson, executive director of the Montrose Counseling Center, said, "It's based on what they tell us they need and what they prioritize."

As of Wednesday, the Pride Houston/Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, which is administered by the counseling center, had received $20,000 in donations to assist evacuees, Robison said.

Bagneris said he would be back at his job as executive director of New Orleans's Human Relations Commission and liaison between the mayor and the City Council by Friday.

As he faces the mountainous task that looms, Bagneris said he'll be filled with a new sense of resolve.

"Everybody's been incredible, even in the face of Rita coming in this direction, even though they were in the midst of a major evacuation themselves," he said. "The outpouring of generosity here has renewed my faith in humanity, in terms of how we treat one another."

# Rita stalls weekend entertainment roster

## The shows will go on, but just a little later than first set

**By Nancy Ford**
Staff Writer

Although Rita was not nearly as severe as predicted for Houston and Galveston, the hurricane interrupted the gay and lesbian social and service calendar.

Originally planning its final show on Saturday, the 36th annual Miss Camp America Foundation pageant has been rescheduled to take place tonight at Rich's-Houston. The pageant's cast weathered the storm with no major problems, former president Steve Roberts said, and had resumed brush-up rehearsal on Tuesday.

Tickets for the pageant range from $25 to $75, with proceeds benefiting Montrose Clinic and the Assistance Fund, Bering Omega Community Services and Montrose Counseling Center. For details, visit Mcaf.org.

The Montrose Counseling Center and the gay youth program HATCH planned to present a Gay/Straight Alliance Workshop on Saturday, but it too was postponed because of threatening weather. The workshop has been rescheduled for Oct. 22.

Houston Women's Festival was another group forced by Hurricane Rita to change plans. The popular women's festival this

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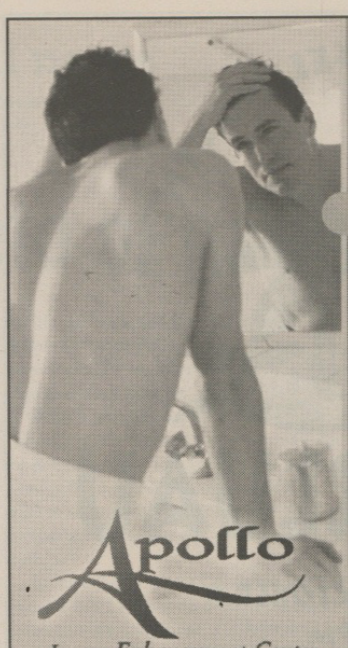

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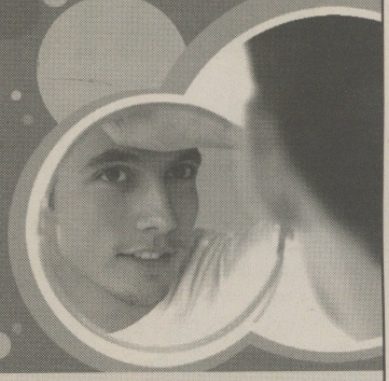

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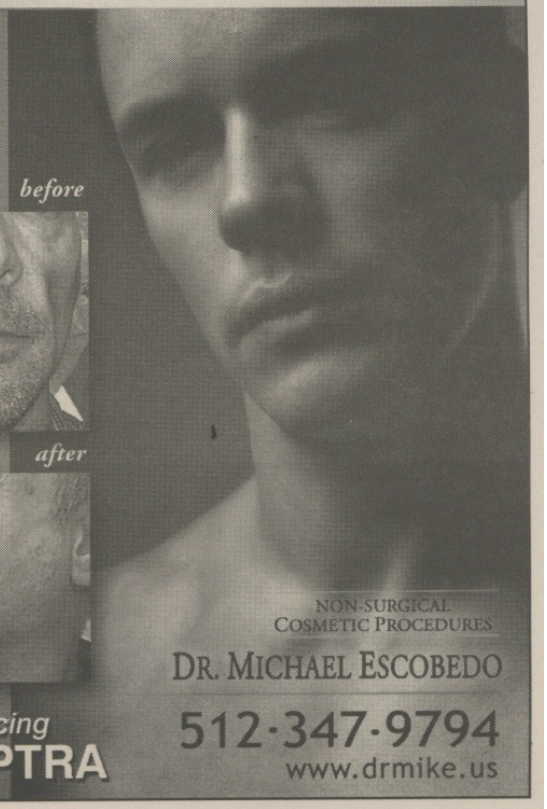


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year featured lesbian rocker Melissa Ferrick. It was scheduled on Saturday at an outdoors location in downtown Houston.to be held outdoors at Jones Plaza in downtown Houston on Sept. 24. Producers postponed the show early in the week when it was predicted that Hurricane Rita would make landfall at Galveston. Producers are now discussing October 29 or November 5 as possible new dates. They encouraged performers, vendors, volunteers and attendees to refer to visit their website at Hwf.org for details.

The National Minority AIDS Council canceled the 2005 United States Conference on AIDS, which had been expected to draw 3,000 participants this weekend to Houston's Hilton Americas Hotel.

The conference will not be rescheduled, coordinators said. Next year's meeting is scheduled Sept. 21-Sept. 25 in Hollywood, Fla., they said. Information on receiving refunds for hotel and registration expenses is available online at Nmac.org.

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# Newsbriefs

HOUSTON

## Montrose Clinic offers HIV testing and a car wash on

The Montrose Clinic has announced it will wash your car while you get a new rapid HIV test on Saturday. The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trained personnel will be on hand to administer the non-invasive oral swab test. Results are available in 20 minutes. There is no fee for the test. Clinic volunteers will wash participants' cars while they are being tested. Free hot dogs and chips round out Saturday's special free services.

The Montrose Clinic is located at 215 Westheimer Rd. For more information call 713-830-3000 or visit Montroseclinic.org.

## St. Paul's UMC blesses animals

St. Paul's United Methodist Church presents its annual Service for the Blessing of Animals on Sunday at 4 p.m. The service will be held outdoors on Jones Plaza, adjacent to the church sanctuary at 5501 Main St.

The service will be led by the Rev. Terry Thompson, and will conclude with an opportunity for each pet to receive an individual blessing. All pets should be held in a cage, or on a leash, and all children with pets must be accompanied by an adult, church officials said. Stuffed animals and photographs of pets are also eligible to receive the blessing.



By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

# California braces for veto of gay marriage bill

## Gay California leaders who meet with governor's staff say encounter productive

California activists met for an hour on Wednesday with Peter Siggins, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's interim chief of staff, along with deputy chief of staff Donna Lucas and senior advisor Bonnie Reiss. The governor was not present.

Eddie Gutierrez, spokesman for the GLBT rights group Equality California, described the meeting as productive, and said the subject of the gay marriage bill was indeed discussed, despite press reports to the contrary. Passed by both the Assembly and the Senate earlier this month, the bill to equalize California's marriage laws for gay and lesbian people was sent to Schwarzenegger's desk Friday. Governor Schwarzenegger has pledged to veto the bill, and is expected to do so shortly despite heavy pressure from the GLBT community and allies.

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In addition to the landmark same-sex marriage bill, Schwarzenegger is also sitting on three other pieces of gay rights legislation, including a bill to add sexual orientation to the state civil rights law, the Unruh Act. Sexual orientation discrimination is against state law, but not explicitly listed in the categories protected by the Unruh Act. California courts have nonetheless interpreted the law to protect gays, and adding sexual orientation to the list of covered categories would codify that interpretation.

Wrapping mystery in an enigma, the governor has recently vetoed a seemingly inconsequential bill to add sexual orientation to a voluntary campaign nondiscrimination pledge. According to Gutierrez, the explanation given by the governor's staff at the meeting was weak.

Schwarzenegger has until October 9 to take action on the gay rights measures, or else they will automatically become law. Since the passage of the same-sex marriage bill, the first such bill ever advanced by a state legislature, Schwarzenegger has tried to maintain a balancing act between his self image as a civil rights advocate, and his political desire to please the conservative base with a marriage veto.

Asked about marriage equality by the *San Jose Mercury News* last week, Schwarzenegger said he had the "utmost respect" for gay people and gay couples.

"In this particular case," he went on, "I'm the governor and I've got to protect the people of California and I've got to protect the people of California's right that if they vote, there should be no other power that should change it other than the courts."

Schwarzenegger added that he would "never" use the issue of same-sex marriage for political gain. "Did you see me saying one word at the Republican convention?... I don't want to set up one group of people against another group of people. No... That's not my style."

In related news from California, Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed briefs before a state appellate court Sept. 21, defending his view that marriage is a traditional status that can be defined as a heterosexual institution as long as same-sex couples are afforded equal rights.

The irony in Lockyer's stance is that several months earlier, the attorney general was obliged to state quite a different view in defending the state against the charge that California's partner registry illegally conferred marriage rights under a different name.

In that case, Lockyer's office argued successfully that there was no comparison between the rights of marriage and those of domestic partners. Now, however, Lockyer insists that domestic partners are essentially on par with married couples as far as state law in concerned.



Peter Siggins, Govenor Arnold Schwarzenegger's chief of staff, and two other staff members met with representatives of Equality California on Wednesday. The gay marriage bill sitting on Schwarzenegger's desk was of one topic discussed, said the gay group's spokesman.

# Michigan judge reinstates domestic partner rights

## Judge rules that ban on gay marriage doesn't stop domestic partner benefits

A Michigan court ruled Wednesday that the state's new constitutional ban on same-sex marriage does not preclude employers from offering domestic partner benefits. The 13-page decision by Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Joyce Draganchuk marks the first victory for 21 same-sex couples, who sued Governor Jennifer Granholm in an effort to clarify the scope of the constitutional amendment.

Passed last November, the amendment states that the union of one man and one woman, "shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose." The vague language, a common feature of these types of amendments, led Granholm to suspend portions of state contracts that would have offered domestic partner benefits to certain public employees. Likewise, a plan to offer partner perks to Kalamazoo employees drifted into limbo after the state attorney general, Michael Cox, issued an opinion stating that such benefits were unconstitutional under the amendment.

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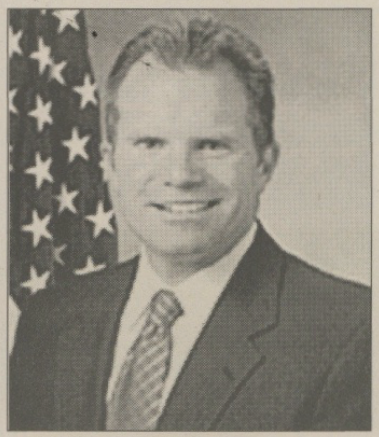

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, left, had a disagreement with Attorney General Michael Cox, right, who insisted that domestic partner benefit plans were null and void under the state's voter-approved constitutional amendment certifying marriage as between one man and one woman. The measure was passed in November 2004.

In the midst of the litigation, Granholm disagreed with Cox's view, and threw her weight behind the American Civil Liberties Union's limited interpretation of the amendment. Attorney General Cox, in turn, became a named defendant to the suit, representing the anti-gay side, while the town of Kalamazoo stayed neutral, pledging to base its future policy on the decision of the court.

Of at least 15 "friends of the court," outside organizations presenting written briefs, all took positions in favor of domestic partner benefits.

Draganchuk released a fairly straightforward analytical ruling. Domestic partner benefits, she reasoned, are not attributes of marriage, they are job benefits, governed by whatever criteria a boss may select. Further, two people on the receiving end of such benefits cannot be described as part of a union "similar" to a marriage. Far from it, considering the hundreds of rights and responsibilities of that institution.

Judge Draganchuk also rattled off six citations to other courts where the difference between partner rights and marriage was under scrutiny. From New York to California, the distinction was made, in part because courts realize that the voting majorities that approve these marriage amendments do not intend to restrict partner benefits, hospital visits or the like.

Voter intentions are exposed in polls, as well as campaign materials, and public discussions running up to the election.

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# Gay marriage amendments challenged on many fronts

## Oregon's recently filed challenge to gay marriage ban is similar to those in Louisiana and Georgia

The tensions between those who would ban same-sex marriage, and those trying to prevent the state from any recognition of same-sex couples whatsoever, are bubbling to the surface in several additional spots around the country this week.

In Oregon, activists from Basic Rights Oregon went to court on Monday, asking a judge to rule that the Beaver State's new amendment is unconstitutional because voters had been forced to consider two separate issues in one question. Like many of the 18 state constitutional amendments defining marriage as a heterosexual institution, Oregon's version arguably goes beyond a simple ban on marriage to trample on other rights of gay couples.

If the GLBT attack on Oregon's amendment sounds familiar, it's because gay rights advocates have made the same procedural argument to the supreme courts in Louisiana and Georgia and to a judge in Kentucky, so far without success.

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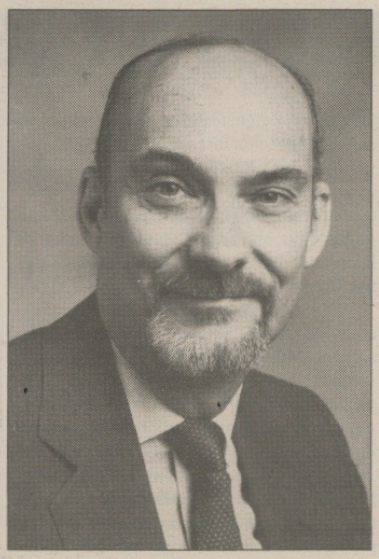
Most if not all states have rules against presenting the electorate with two-part constitutional amendments, and since most of the constitutional attacks on gay marriage are encumbered by extra verbiage, the strategy of attacking anti-marriage amendments on this ground is not new. But the success of this strategy depends both on the wording of the amendment in question, and the state's past history of enforcing this provision. In Louisiana last January and in Kentucky last May, the courts had no problem ruling that marriage bans passed by voters essentially encompassed the single question of marriage eligibility. In Georgia, the high court declined on technical grounds to take a stand before the election, effectively allowing an extremely convoluted measure to pass. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund resubmitted that case in December, and continues to challenge the Georgia amendment, which outlaws civil unions and strips judges of their ability to rule on certain areas of family law. Argued earlier this year, a decision is expected soon, Lambda says.



Matt Coles, director of the ACLU's Gay and Lesbian Rights Project, said a challenge to a proposed constitutional amendment in Florida that would bar gays from marrying is the most suitable of many for a federal court challenge.

Last week, the American Civil Liberties Union brought suit in Florida, asking the state supreme court to strike the Sunshine State's proposed anti-gay marriage amendment before it even sees the light of day. Again, the civil libertarians insist that the measure impermissibly confronts voters with more than one subject. Further, the ACLU and allies call the amendment misleading and over-broad.

Speaking to GLBT journalists at a convention in Chicago last week, ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project director Matt Coles said the Florida case is better positioned than other, similar cases. The state has strong precedents in terms of enforcing the "single-subject" rule, and the criteria for what constitutes a violation of that rule is clear. The test in Florida, Coles told reporters, is whether a voter could conceivably have two different views on separate aspects of a single question. As such, Coles believes activists have a good chance of prevailing before the justices and stopping the Florida marriage amendment before it qualifies for the 2006 ballot.

Finally, a battle between the mayor of Salt Lake City and the City Council may lead to a lawsuit over domestic partner benefits in Utah. Mayor Rocky Anderson has instituted domestic partner benefits for city staff by executive order, notwithstanding a state amendment banning same-sex marriage passed last year. The council intends to override the order and replace it with a different plan not tied to sexual orientation. Meanwhile, although Utah Governor Jon Huntsman has not taken a stand on the matter, other opponents of gay rights claim the partner rights are unconstitutional, and are threatening legislative or court action if Anderson's order stands.

# Newsbriefs

CALIFORNIA

## Girl expelled from Christian school because parents are lesbians

ONTARIO — A 14-year-old student was expelled from a Christian school because her parents are lesbians, the school's superintendent said in a letter. Shay Clark was expelled from Ontario Christian School on Thursday.

"Your family does not meet the policies of admission," Superintendent Leonard Stob wrote to Tina Clark, the girl's biological mother. Stob could not be reached for comment. Shay and her parents said they won't fight the ruling.

Clark and her partner have been together 22 years and have two other daughters, ages 9 and 19.

CONNECTICUT

## Civil unions law going into effect Oct. 1; J.P.s get quick education

MIDDLETOWN — As a new law allowing same-sex civil unions takes effect in Connecticut this week, justices of the peace, clergy and town clerks are entering uncharted waters. "It's going to be a mess," said Saul Haffner, president of Justices of the Peace of Connecticut, which held a conference Saturday to answer questions about civil unions.

Connecticut is the first state to pass a civil union law without being pressured by a court. Vermont is the only other state that allows civil unions; Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex marriages.

Connecticut law does not require justices and clergy to perform civil unions and some said they will not do so because of their religious beliefs. But others who plan to perform the unions, which will confer the same rights as marriage, attended Saturday's conference to make sure they know what they're doing. Nearly 200 justices at Saturday's conference had plenty of questions. They wanted to know what happens if heterosexual couples want civil unions (they can't have them) and what to do about transgendered people (refer to the gender on their birth certificates.) They also must decide what to say at the end of the ceremony. They've been advised to pronounce couples "partners in life" rather than husband and wife.

Haffner said justices of the peace are preparing for a rush of couples who may want to have civil union ceremonies on Oct. 1, the day the law takes effect, or soon after. The 2000 census found that 7,400 same-sex couples reside in Connecticut.

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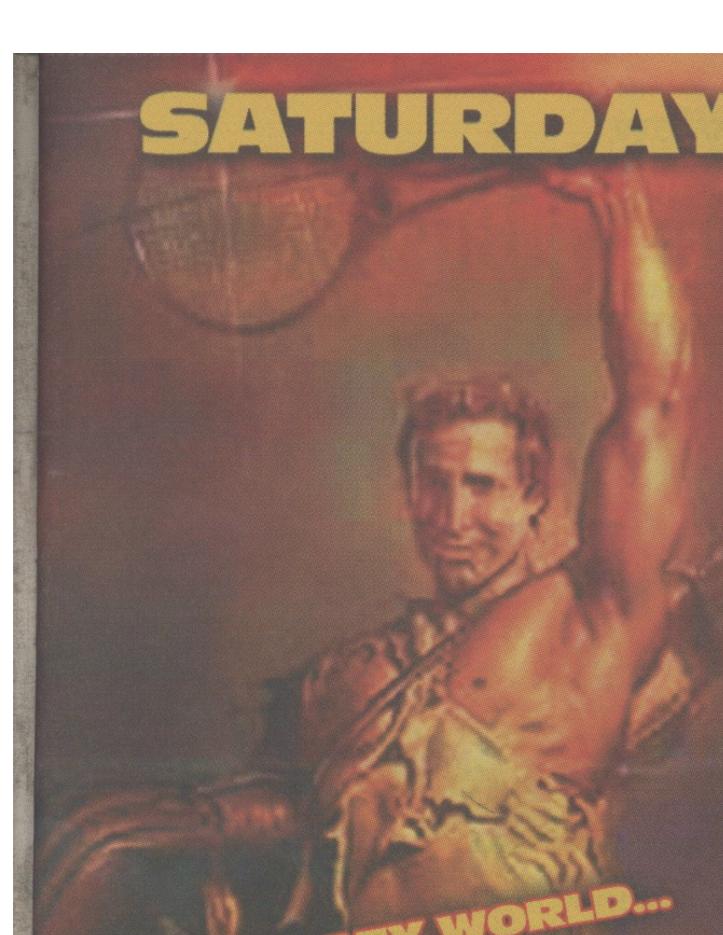

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# It's enough to drive George W. Bush to drink

## Admit it! You like Roberts, too

This is horrible to say, but I *like* John Roberts — because he's charming, funny, and smart. I saw no evidence in the hearings that he'd roll back our two main gay rights rulings, both penned by fellow conservative Anthony Kennedy. And although he claimed that he would have worked on the anti-gay side of *Romer v. Evans* if asked, I don't believe it. He respects the law too much, and in *Romer v. Evans*, we were clearly on the side of the angels.



Ann Rostow

Most of all, I don't believe people with a generous sense of humor are capable of spewing up toxic hatreds against their fellow human beings. People who love music and art, who read everything, who savor the transience of beauty and good wine. These are generally thoughtful people, torn over life's more profound dilemmas. Rich, privileged, well-educated, thoughtful people, to be sure, but no one's putting community college dropouts on the Supreme Court now, are they?

As far as the Court's concerned, I'd love to see Sandra Day stick around for another term, but I don't think that is going to happen despite Arlen Specter's wishful thinking. No, they say we'll have Roberts confirmed this week and a new name slapped into the media fan by Friday, most likely a woman, but not one of those scary state court whackos like Owen or Brown (cue: "Jason's theme" from *Halloween*). As a matter of fact, you readers probably know a lot more than I do about the subject, but isn't that always the case? I'm surprised y'all don't write this column to begin with.

## Bottoms up

I have been reading that Bush has started drinking again under the pressure of falling polls and failing policies. OK, fine. I was in the supermarket checkout line. But does that mean it's not true? You know, the *National Enquirer* has been on top of a lot of hot stories in recent years. Just ask Monica Lewinsky and that Clinton advisor who took his mistress to the Jefferson Hotel in Washington. What was his name? Dick Morris. And let me quote the first line of this story:

"Faced with the biggest crisis of his political life, President Bush has hit the bottle again, *The National Enquirer* can reveal."

Note the last five words: "*The National Enquirer can* reveal" (emphasis mine). It's clear from the phrasing that the *Enquirer* would *not* have revealed the breaking news until enough evidence had been amassed to meet the strict standards of the *Enquirer* editors. According to "family sources" cited by the tabloid, Laura caught George slugging down a "Texas-sized" shot of straight whiskey in Crawford during the Katrina crisis, and yelled, "Stop, George!" to no avail. An unnamed Washington source confirmed that Bush has been sneaking drinks for weeks.

## Rocky and Bull Council

Let's pause for some actual news: specifically, the ongoing drama in Salt Lake City, where liberal Mayor Rocky Anderson has issued an executive order extending some domestic partner benefits to city staff, while the city council has pledged to replace Anderson's proposal with a plan of its own. The council plan calls for everyone and his brother (literally) to be covered by insurance if they work for the city, an option that sounds nice, but disguises an insidious plan to avoid using sexual orientation as a gateway for benefits. Mayor Anderson has pledged to let his sick friend move in with him if the council measure passes, and proceed to make the city pay said friend's $5,000 a month medical bills. Hah!

I was just looking for fun facts to help me come up with a good headline for this item, and I went to the Web page at Utah.gov/about/symbols.html only to learn that Utah's "State Cooking Pot" is the "Dutch Oven." They also have the usual State Tree (Blue Spruce), State Hymn ("Utah, We Love Thee"), etc. But "state cooking pot?" Do other states have official "state cooking pots?" More research to follow.

## I'll take the filth

Here's a vignette from our fine feathered fundamentalist friends at AgapePress, who report that an "ex-lesbian" is fighting to get the *Gay People's Chronicle* and *Outlook Weekly* removed from a library in Lancaster, probably in Ohio. (I say "probably" because you never know where the hell you are up there. There are all these "tri-state" areas and "four corners." God, it's like you need a map or something to figure things out.)

At any rate, Deb French is the "ex-gay" woman who believes the enemy (that's us!) has strategically placed copies of these publications where children may find them. "This kind of explicit moral debauchery or filth — it's pornography — has no place in our library or in the minds of our children," she exclaimed.

Note to self: Renew courtesy subscription trade with *Gay People's Chronicle* and *Outlook Weekly*. Book weekend in Ohio?

French told AgapePress that "God walked me, personally, out of homosexuality 16 years ago." *TXT Newsmagazine* has confirmed that Our Transcendent Father did indeed escort French out of homosexuality, but He did so as a favor to a contingent of lesbian adepts, who begged Him during a communal prayer session to remove the obnoxious French from their lives.

"We couldn't stand another week of her," said one woman off the record. "We would have a potluck, and she'd bring a bag of Doritos. Come on!"



Judge John G. Roberts gains columnist Rostow's favor because he's charming, funny, smart, reads everything, loves music and art and wine, and is rich, privileged, well-educated and thoughtful.



Is Rene Zellweger gay? You won't find out by reading this week's column.

## Is Renee Zellweger gay?

Now I've got 200 words in which to cram a ton o' news. It's like packing for a ski trip in an overnight bag, and yet, here I am so obsessed with my analogies that instead of, um, stuffing my puffy overalls into the bag, I'm putting in a hefty biography of FDR that I'll never read because this is a ski trip for God's sake and I've just used up half my words on a mildly amusing riff that I am too fond of to delete.

With my precious remaining words, I will mention that Lambda has won another ruling in the never-ending *Boring v. Jones* case that has been in and out of various Pennsylvania courts for years and years. I'm not even sure what the case is really called, but just trust me that my title is not inappropriate.

Ms. Boring, the biological mom, lost custody of their twins to Ms. Jones after endless court machinations, but has stubbornly refused to adhere to the rulings against her. As of Tuesday we have another one, an appellate decision by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. But we'll see if she actually does what she's told.

Finally, there is an intriguing blog series initiated by black activists Keith Boykin and Jasmyne Cannick on September 26, designed to spotlight anti-gay ministers in an eye-shielding laser-like speculation about their sexual orientation.

"I've had enough," writes Boykin. "I'm sick and tired of all the homophobic messages from the pulpit. I'm sick and tired of all the lives that have been ruined from anti-gay churches. And I'm sick and tired of being nice to people who aren't nice to me."

He and Cannick hit the ground running with profiles of mega preachers T.D. Jakes and Eddie Long, men whose GOP contacts, huge bank accounts, and methinks-thou-dost-protest-too-much anti-gay diatribes raise eyebrows.

Since you were wondering, I deleted 150 words on Renee Zellweger to make this all fit. You are a nerd for noticing the discrepancy, by the way, and no, the stuff about Renee wasn't that interesting.

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# Letters

## Why ask why?

We were having a great time at the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade when I turned around and saw a big Hummer SUV surrounded by men dressed up like Marines. I thought we were being shut down by the Patriot Act, then I saw the 'Log Cabin Republicans' banner.

"No Nonsense in November" is just a few weeks away and this group has the audacity to use their valuable space in the parade to promote a vile and corrupt designer war. In a time when most of us are unsure of our personal future — civil and economic — these mainstream wannabes are wasting precious opportunities for change, and a tank of gas.

Abe Lincoln would turn over in his grave if he knew what his party has become. Earth to all LCRs: your Grand Old Party has been a lost cause since good ol' Strom Thurmond and his buddies took it over.

**Jeff Kenner** / Dallas

## California lawmakers ignore voters

The liberal left of the California legislators have lived up to the reputation of being above the law, once again. Like Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, I believe the United States cannot have a system where we the people establish law by casting votes, and have the legislatures and courts come behind us and undo what the majority have established.

Mr. Kors is way off target with his claim that Schwarzenegger was "pandering to the extreme right." The governor has sold no one. In fact, he has done a service to our democracy by upholding one voice of the people who voted these laws into practice.

My view, as a conservative gay male, is that our community needs change. We do deserve the same rights as other citizens. But there are lawful ways, more effective ways, of debating these issues to come up with effective solutions for everyone.

Our focus should be representing ourselves to our neighbors, family and friends with the highest respect for ourselves and our community. Change will come when we influence the people who ultimately have the authority to authorize rights for our community — fellow voters.

**Jared A. Cox** / Dallas

## Katrina forces Bush to admit he erred

Americans who believe, as I do, that God influences our daily lives and shapes our country's destiny might one day count Katrina and its aftermath as a blessing. While the costs in lives and suffering were great, the shock and awe of those costs might have pushed our reluctant president to take his first steps toward being the great leader we need. George Bush has taken responsibility for mistakes made by his administration.

That admission by President Bush has been little noticed by the media, which appear intent, instead, on punishing the Bush administration for those mistakes.

But those mistakes are old news. The story that matters now to Americans is about a new administration, led by a new George Bush, who confronts his mistakes and takes decisive action to get the job right next time.

Can the new George Bush confront and take responsibility for the mistakes that led to war in Iraq? Can the new George Bush explain to the American people that we cannot compound the mistakes that led to that war by abandoning Iraq and the Iraqi people to savages and terrorists? Can the new George Bush convince the American people that we must invest our blood and our treasure in building a stable, secular democracy in Iraq, even if we must pay in blood and treasure for 20 years?

**Creigh Shank** / North Little Rock, Ark.

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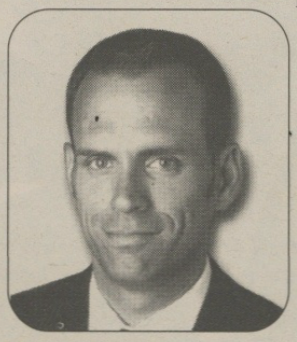
# Gays can heave a sigh of relief on Roberts

## At hearing, nominee for chief justice performed well on 4 out of 5 issues

Before John Roberts's hearing, I laid out five subject areas most important to the liberties of gay Americans. Based on his replies, Roberts did well in four of the five areas. On the fifth, he was forgivably silent.



**OUTRIGHT**
**Dale Carpenter**

1. *Does Roberts believe there is a constitutional right to privacy? If so, what would be his methodology in deciding whether a particular activity fell within this right?*

Relying on two-decade-old memos, gay groups opposing Roberts before his hearing had cast doubt on whether he supported a constitutional right to privacy. The right to privacy was a basis for the Court's 2003 decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* striking down state sodomy laws.

"I think there is a right to privacy protected as part of the liberty guarantee in the due process clause," Roberts testified. This statement is especially significant because many conservatives have criticized judicial decisions protecting, under the word "liberty," fundamental rights not specifically found in the text of the Constitution. Roberts elaborated by saying that the right to privacy extends to both married and unmarried people.

Perhaps even more importantly, Roberts distanced himself from some judicial conservatives who advocate strict adherence to the specific, original intentions of the Framers. Words like "liberty" and "due process," he argued, are so broad that they appear designed "to apply in a meaningful way down through the ages." Robert Bork must have choked on his martini olive when he heard that.

While Roberts declined to say specifically whether he supported the result in *Lawrence*, that demurral was expected. The modern conventions of the judicial-appointments process call on judicial nominees to avoid commenting directly on recent or controversial cases or issues that might come before the Court. I think this convention is questionable, but throughout the hearing Roberts was well within the practice of his recent predecessors, including President Clinton's nominees.

2. *Does he believe Congress has the constitutional power to enact civil-rights laws that forbid private discrimination?*

Before the hearing, gay groups had suggested that Roberts might have a very narrow view of federal power that would prevent Congress from banning things like private employment discrimination against gays.

While Roberts understandably declined to answer whether the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act (punishing anti-gay job discrimination) would be constitutional, he did say that a federal statute barring race and sex discrimination in employment was constitutional under Congress's power to regulate commerce. For purposes of commerce regulation, there's no reason to distinguish banning race and sex discrimination on the one hand and sexual-orientation discrimination on the other.

3. *Does he believe Congress has the constitutional power to strip the federal courts of all jurisdiction to decide particular issues?*

Relying on the same old memos, gay critics before the hearing feared that a Justice Roberts would vote to let Congress forbid federal courts to even hear gay-marriage cases or other claims. Again, Roberts declined to answer, citing the fact that these are live matters of controversy in Congress. But he made it plain that he believes such measures are a bad idea because they prevent the Court from ensuring uniformity in the law through its decisions.

4. *Does he think a state may forevermore strip a single group of all civil-rights protections?*

Gay critics had suggested Roberts might disagree with the 1996 decision in *Romer v. Evans*, in which the Court struck down a Colorado state constitutional amendment stripping homosexuals of all civil-rights protections.

Because *Romer* is so recent and controversial, Roberts refused to answer whether he supported it. There was nothing untoward about that. Unfortunately, none of the senators probed the larger question about the constitutionality of the type of laws at issue in *Romer*. This senatorial negligence can't be held against Roberts.

I must acknowledge, though, that we can't take much comfort in Roberts' *pro bono* work for the gay side in *Romer*. He made a point of saying that he was just doing his job as a lawyer in the case and that he might have worked for the anti-gay side had they reached him first.

5. *When, if ever, does he think the Court should adhere to a decision that he believes was wrongly decided?*

On the question of *stare decisis*, Roberts was effusive in his strong defense of stability and continuity in the law. He was so adamant about this, in fact, that many legal scholars came away convinced that he would not even vote to overrule *Roe v. Wade*, the abortion decision that gay groups like HRC seem most anxious to preserve.

Roberts' respect for precedent bodes well for keeping *Romer* and *Lawrence*, even if Roberts disagrees with them. If anything, his promotion to Chief Justice will likely make him even more cautious about radical doctrinal changes that might undermine public respect for the Supreme Court.

About the only thing he got plainly wrong was his praise of *Doctor Zhivago*, a dreary bore of a movie.

Overall, we should be relieved. If Roberts had been defeated, as prominent national gay groups advocated, we could have done much worse.

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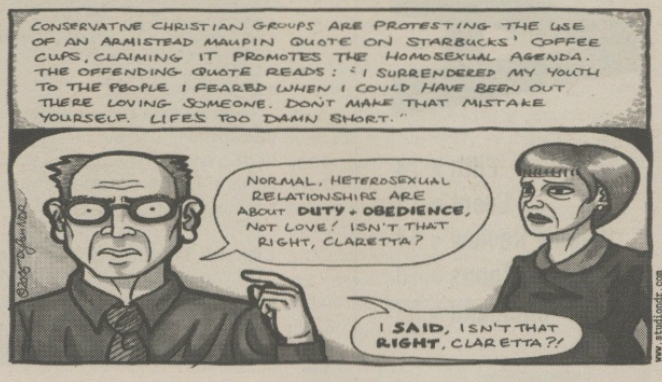

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# Film capital

## AGLIFF returns for 18th year of diverse cinema

By Steven Lindsey and Arnold Wayne Jones



Loggerheads

The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF) brings Texas the best in gay movies for the 18th year, with 150 films from 18 countries (coincidence?). Welcoming a new executive director, Lonny Stern, the festival boasts a wide array of regional, national and international premieres featuring everything from the boy next door to some of Hollywood's biggest stars.

The nine-day celebration of queer movies includes numerous shorts and a diverse roster of flicks from *Lesbian Grandmothers from MARS* (not as campy as it sounds) to *Bad Girls Behind Bars* (chock full of a near illegal amount of kitsch).

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Perhaps more surprising (and exciting) than anything else, our film critics actually liked everything they saw over their sleepless nights of marathon movie viewing. Below are a few highlights.

**Exposed: The Making of a Legend**

If you don't know who Dean Phoenix, Marcus Iron and Zak Spears are, a movie like *Exposed* will probably hold little interest. If you *do* know them, you probably don't need to be told anything more than they are the stars to make a beeline for the screening. These and other gods of gay porn gathered last year to film the XXX movie *BuckleRoos*, and *Exposed* is the behind-the-scenes, making-of documentary about the shooting of a skin flick.

*BuckleRoos* — about two cowboys who love each other but screw around — looks like a low-budget take on the upcoming *Brokeback Mountain*, but that's hardly the point. This isn't a hardcore porno, so there are only flashes of skin and sex (well, more than flashes sometimes), but that should be enough to satisfy those interested in some naughty bits.

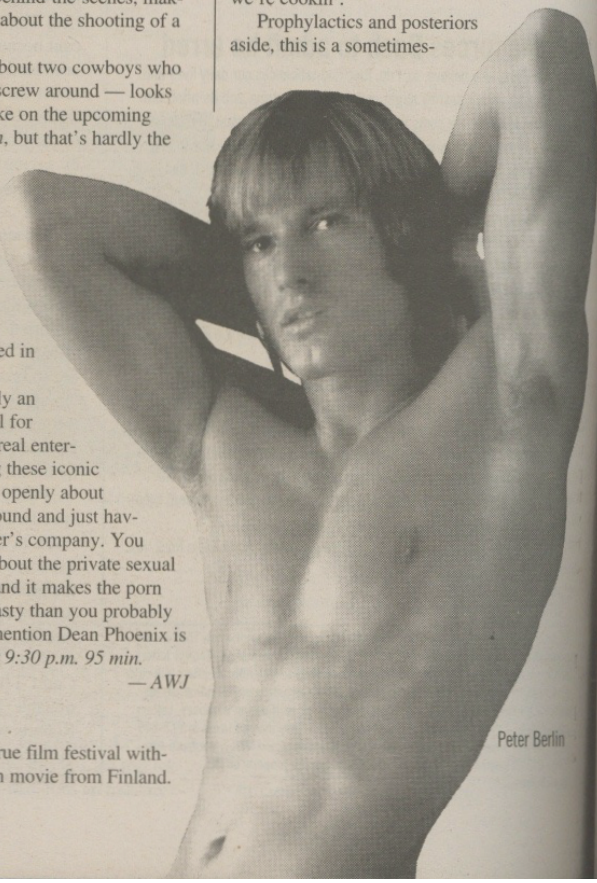
Although basically an extended commercial for *BuckleRoos*, there's real entertainment in watching these iconic sexperts speaking so openly about being gay, joking around and just having fun in one another's company. You learn a fair amount about the private sexual habits of these men and it makes the porn industry seem less nasty than you probably imagine. And did I mention Dean Phoenix is naked in it? *Oct. 1 at 9:30 p.m. 95 min.*

*— AWJ*

**Producing Adults**

It wouldn't be a true film festival without a subtitled lesbian movie from Finland. Add to that how this one features a graphic opening scene of a broken condom and one of the best naked male butts ever on screen (courtesy of Kari-Pekka Toivonen). Now we're cookin'.

Prophylactics and posteriors aside, this is a sometimes-



Peter Berlin

clunky drama about a woman (Minna Haapkylä) who desperately wants a child, but soon finds her life complicated by an unexpected attraction to another woman.

The film offers some touching moments and a good dash of humor, but it's apparent that much of the context is, quite literally, lost in the translation. Still, the overall result is an individualistic take on the popular gay topic of coming out later in life. It's a valiant first-time effort from director Aleksi Salmenperä, who makes an entertaining film from start to Finnish. *Oct. 2 at 9:40 p.m. 100 min.*

*— SL*

**Loggerheads**

It's a movie about turtles! OK, not entirely. There's a hot guy, too.

The film, based on a true story, features three interwoven stories of lives affected by adoption. The remarkable Bonnie Hunt, playing a rental car counter agent who begins a search for the child she gave up as a teenager, leads the tremendous cast.

Kip Pardue brings an approachable sexiness to his role as a gay environmental activist who gets involved with a motel owner (Michael Kelly) who's lusting after the hunky turtle rescuer. A third thread deals with a radically conservative minister (Chris Sarandon) and his wife (Tess Harper) as they struggle with differing viewpoints about the estrangement from their adopted gay son.

Director Tim Kirkman takes the potentially schlocky subject matter and handles it with style, wit and deft insight into people's motivations. *Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. 95 min.*

*— SL*

**Little Men**

Same-sex parents already have an exponentially harder time than their heterosexual counterparts when it comes to the obstacles of raising children. Throw in a monumental health crisis with a newborn baby and any relationship is put to the ultimate test.

Filmmaker Nicole Conn (*Claire of the Moon*) and her partner, Gwen, struggle with opposing views about life and death when their son is born 100 days early at a weight of a single pound.

This documentary is one of the rawest, most personal explorations of a family whose lives are turned upside-down for the world to witness, all while making the most critical decisions any one person can make — to sustain or end a life. Through patience, hope and perhaps a miracle or two, *Little Man* shows that the bond between parent and child is universal. And despite right-wing religious beliefs, it shows homosexual partners are capable of the highest power of love and commitment. *Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. 120 min.*

*— SL*

**Hellbent**

Ya gotta love *Hellbent*, if only because it proves that straight teens screwing around aren't the only ones who get to meet gory ends in lousy slasher films.

It's not fair to call *Hellbent* lousy, though



Ethan Green




Exposed

— it's no worse than any of the *Friday the 13th* movies. You might even say it's better, because the hot, horny young people are all sexy gay guys. (The director, Fort Worth native Paul Etheredge-Ouzts, underlights most of the scenes, so exactly *how* hot some of them are is left largely to the imagination.)

On Halloween, the night after two gay men are beheaded in the park by a psychopath, a quartet of friends (Dylan Fergus, Andrew Levitas, Matt Phillips and Hank Harris) don their costumes and head out for a night of cruising and boozing. They're stalked by a man with a scythe who bears a striking resemblance to Satan.

The production values are pure cheese but the soundtrack of Goth rock will have its fans. And as far as genre horror goes, it has some exciting and clever touches. *Oct. 7 at 11:30 p.m. 85 min.*

*— AWJ*

**That Man: Peter Berlin**

Hubba-hubba: The modern ideal of the gay erotic male figure can easily be traced back to a single man: Peter Berlin. With his famous Dutch Boy haircut, chiseled body and perhaps the tightest-leave-*nothing*-to-the-imagination pants you've seen this side of a Cher concert, Berlin epitomized the gay sex revolution of the 1970s and to some extent, he still does.

Focusing on Berlin's career as a model and underground porn star and his iconic status within the gay community to his life today, this documentary unearths the man behind the legend. Commentaries from notable queer figures, including John Waters and Armistead Maupin, liven up the amazing amount of archival footage surrounding this object of lust and carefully manufactured celebrity. *Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. 80 min.*

*— SL*

**The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green**

*Ethan Green* is quick-witted, fast-moving and funny — in short, the popular gay comic strip come to life.

Adorable Daniel Letterle (*Camp*) is Ethan, the self-absorbed, self-sabotaging social butterfly who preemptively breaks up with his humpy boyfriend (Diego Serrano) because he's afraid he's about to get dumped. He's surrounded by a support system including some older, venomous queens and an impossibly cool mom (Meredith Baxter), who cheerfully says things like, "Bring your new fuck-buddy to dinner."

Although structured like a TV show — there are even breaks where commercials would fit in quite nicely — it deals frankly and humorously without relying *too* much on stereotypes. And anyway, you don't have to believe it all to enjoy it. This is a populist movie for gays, a lightweight charmer that gets a lot of mileage from its winsome spirit and attractive cast. *Screens with the short* Billy's Dad is a Fudgepacker. *Oct. 8 at 9:30 p.m. 90 min.*

*— AWJ*

# Filth

By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

## Billy dishes about the Emmys you didn't see

I have more Emmy gossip than I know what to do with, so let's get started. As always, the show really began on the red carpet. E!'s pre-show coverage has been getting loads of ink ever since **Kathy Griffin** went public with her tense relationship with **Star Jones Reynolds**. The network obviously considers Jones the star of their coverage, but it's a little-known fact that her deal with E! ended with these Emmys.

Star was less than enthusiastic about working with Kathy again — for reasons well known to you Filth readers (we have an exclusive clip on Filth2go.com where Kathy goes after **Al Reynolds** with a vengeance). Once Kathy was hired to be a "correspondent" (Star doesn't have a "co-host"), Kathy alleges that Star told the E! brass to write into the contract that La Griffin could not talk about Star or anyone in her family during the awards season. Kathy balked at such a demand, but still got the gig.

But Star may have gotten the last laugh. She refused to ever have direct contact with Kathy, which forced E! to schedule the multi-talented **Giuliana** to go up in the Bell Tower of the Shrine with Kathy. Star would say, "How are you doing up there, Giuliana?" Giuliana would say, "Hi, Star. I'm here with Kathy Griffin..." Kathy and Giuliana would gossip. And then Giuliana would say, "Back to you, Star." Oy!

My favorite red carpet moment came when I ran into a Fan of Filth in the lobby. He had been excitedly meeting celebs, and



Reynolds and Jones



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when he saw **Laura Leighton** and hubby **Doug Savant**, he ran over to gush. It was really loud, so Doug leaned in to hear better. My fan, being a gay man, thought Doug was leaning in for a kiss and happily obliged right then and there! If only we had a photo of Doug's face at that moment. I'm told he was good-natured about it — while Laura dissolved in hysterics.

During the Emmys, most of the action takes place in the lobby. **Paula Abdul** was there with her sexy new boyfriend, model **Dante Spencer** (you've no doubt seen him in International Male catalogues). I don't care what everyone says, I think Paula and her store-bought titties looked great in that dress! She has beautiful skin, her hair was perfection and while the bust line wasn't everything it could have been, it certainly wasn't nearly as bad as her previous attempts.

She also seemed lucid and sweet during our long heart-to-heart. She's glad that the **Corey Clark** situation is over, but she's still scared.

"I genuinely love all of the kids. Corey made a big deal because he could prove that I called him and he called me. I call *all* of them! They all call me. It just makes me worry about getting close to any of them ever again," she said.

She's torn, but my advice was to do what she feels is the right thing to do. If it is indeed all innocent, then I say just go for it — and I suspect she'll do just that.

Those Desperate Housewives had an up-and-down night. After presenting en masse, the gals were making their way off stage when **Marcia Cross** tripped on her voluminous dress and fell flat on her face! She was immediately whisked to the ladies room, but when she reappeared in her seat prior to her category being announced, her face showed no visible damage.

You may have heard that after **Felicity Huffman**'s win, she tried to gather all of her female costars for a group photo — except **Teri Hatcher** was nowhere to be found. I'm told that Hatcher snuck out pretty quickly after overhearing one of the gals say, "I'm just glad Teri didn't win." Ouch!

Of course, everyone has been e-mailing me wondering who the obviously gay guy with **Hugh Jackman** and his wife was. After Hugh thanked his wife, he thanked his "partner" **John Palermo**, by saying, "John, I couldn't do half as much without you, nor half as well." The newly blond John was previously Hugh's personal assistant when he was on Broadway (remember those rumors?). Prior to that, he was an assistant to the très gay **Bryan Singer**. We'll pause while you do the math.

Over at the fabulous HBO party, the celebrating continued. Photographers managed to capture **Bill Maher** licking the ear of his date (who looked like she was charging him by the hour). When I told Bill those photos would definitely be published, he laughed and said, "Yeah, like that'll shock anyone!"

The suddenly single **Jenny McCarthy** was drumming up interest in her new movie *Dirty Love*. When photographers tried to take **Patricia Heaton**'s photo, she grabbed her husband's drink, saying, "No one will recognize me unless I have a drink!"

**Brad Garrett** gleefully explained that his wip pretty much ensures he'll get a spin-off, but as his on-screen father-in-law, **Fred Willard**, said, "No one tells me anything!"

**Halle Berry** was the only person who had goons with her to keep fans away. And I snagged sexy **Stuart Townsend** away from **Charlize Theron** for a photo *à deux*.

Could it be that a certain star of a new show was under strict orders to leave his boyfriend at home? Imagine the looks on the faces of the network brass when they saw said boyfriend sitting two rows behind our prodigious pup. And could it be that a certain hunky host was every-so-slightly dismayed to see me? He smiled as he introduced me to his female companion and prayed I wouldn't send him regards from the boys on line — especially the ones with open-toed shoes. Probe as you might, my lips are sealed.

When I can give you Emmy dish and a couple of blind items, it's definitely time to end yet another column. For those of you who simply need more Billy than this magazine or our Web site can provide, just drop a note to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I design a holiday greeting from the home of Billy Masters and Stuart Townsend (you know it's coming).

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



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# The *last* Last Splash

Which city gets bragging rights to claim First Splash and Last Splash isn't something set in stone. A month after Austin invited gay sunbathers to say goodbye to summer at Hippie Hollow, South Padre Island stages what coordinators call the last gay pride celebration of the year.

Starting Thursday, Padre becomes a coastal circuit party with four days of fun.

The centerpiece event comes on Oct. 8, when Global Groove presents the second annual White Party with D.J. Steve Montrose and a performance by the Ice Queens. But there will be volleyball, pool parties, beach bashes and barbecue all weekend long. And, of course, there'll be plenty of opportunities to take a dip in the surf.

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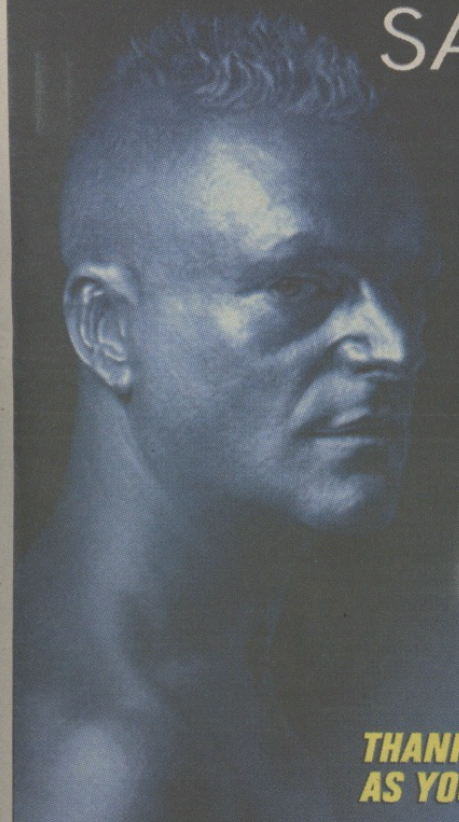

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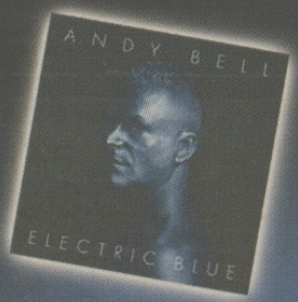


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## Friday, September 30

### AUSTIN

**18th Annual Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival**, through Oct. 8. Regal Arbor Cinema, 9828 Great Hills Trail. Agliff.frontgatetickets.com. 512-828-7323.

**Big Bang Theory**, the beginning of all things lesbo. 10 p.m.-3 a.m. $10. Presented by Ultra-Ultra. Karma, 8th St. and Colorado Blvd. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Annual Artists Against AIDS** Silent Art Auction. 7-10 p.m. $35. Benefits Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network. Ft. Worth Community Arts Center, 1309 Montgomery St. 817-923-2800. Tcain.org.

**Power of Color...The Start of a New Beginning**, presented by Dallas Southern Pride, through Oct. 3. Dallassouthernpride.com.

**Modern Cinema 2005 Film Festival**, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern through Oct. 2. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215.

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

### HOUSTON

**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.

**Space City Stampede**, presented by the Houston chapter of Texas Gay Rodeo Association through Oct. 2. 8 p.m. $15-$25. Benefits Houston charities. Houston Farm Ranch Club, 1 Abercrombie Dr. Tgra.org.

**Transition**, live music with Lilly Roddy and Phyllis Frye. 8 p.m. GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd, 2nd floor. $10. BYOB. 713-529-5842. Prfrye@aol.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, October 1

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Dallas Ft. Worth Primetimers Coffee**. 10 a.m. Crossroad's Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Rd. Primetimers-DFW.org.

### HOUSTON

**Bent** by Martin Sherman, presented by Theatre New West. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2, 6 p.m. $20. Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St. 713-522-2204.

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

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

**Swab and Wash HIV testing and car wash**. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer Rd. 713-830-3000. Montroseclinic.org.

### SAN ANTONIO

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

## Sunday, October 2

### HOUSTON

**Service for the Blessing of Animals**. 4 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church's Jones Plaza, 5501 Main St. 713-528-0527

**Gospel Brunch**, presented by Bayou City Boys Club. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. $50-$60. Benefits People With AIDS Coalition. Rice Lofts' Crystal Ballroom, 909 Texas Ave. Bcbc.info.

**Decadent Dessert and More**, presented by AssistHers. 4-7 p.m. at Meteor, 2603 Genesee St. $20-$25. 713-521-4628. AssistHers.org.

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

**PFLAG Houston** discusses Coming Out to Self and Others. 2 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main St. 713-46P-FLAG. Pflaghouston.org.

### SAN ANTONIO

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

## Monday, October 3

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**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.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Jade Esteban Estrada** in Tortilla Heaven. 7 p.m. Free admission. Collins Garden Public Library, 200 North Park Blvd. 210-225-0331. GetJaded.com.

**San Antonio Chapter of AVER-SA**. 7 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church, 611 E. Myrtle. Membership@aversanantonio.org.

## Tuesday, October 4

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

### HOUSTON

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

## Wednesday, October 5

### AUSTIN

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

### HOUSTON

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

### 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.



Jade Esteban Estrada, 10/3

## Thursday, October 6

### AUSTIN

**Fire & Ink:** A Writers Festival For GLBT People of African Descent, through Oct. 8. Reading and booksigning of Spirited by Lisa C. Moore. Presented by University of Texas's Center for African and African American Studies and ALLGO. 7 p.m. BookWoman I 918 W. 12th St. 512-472-2785.

**Foodies**, 7-10 p.m. Benefits Peppermint Patties softball team. Lucy's Boatyard on Lake Austin Blvd. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

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

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

### HOUSTON

**Be My Baby**, Ken Ludwig's world premiere presented by Alley Theatre's Act OUT. 6:30 p.m. Benefits Casa de Esperanza. Alley Theatre's Hubbard Theatre. Alleytheatre.org. 713-228-8421.

### SAN ANTONIO

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

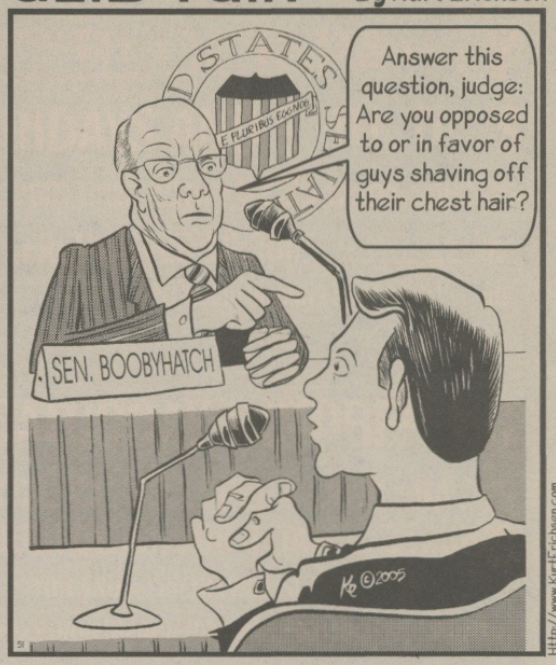
**Women's Support Group** with Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

# Toons




## GLiB Talk

By Kurt Erichsen

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# zodiac

Libra

**There's tremendously sexy tension as Venus in Scorpio opposes Mars in Taurus. To make it even more interesting, they aspect Pluto in Sagittarius, pushing for erotic adventure (or other power struggles!), and then Jupiter in Libra, offering advantageous unions (but only with some challenging compromises!).**

### LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Money makes the world go 'round! Or is it love? The two make an axis that has you spinning. Speak frankly about the challenges you are facing and be very adaptable. You could get lucky at both ends of that polarity.

### SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

You're looking marvelous, darling, but you need some reassurance from someone who matters. In the meantime, think about what matters. Love, or that aforementioned reassurance, will likely come as a blessing in disguise.

### SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Hide out for a while, during which time you should attend to your health and well-being. An erotic retreat will work. Get grounded and connect with the power within. You'll find that translates quickly into charisma and foresight.

### CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Capricorns aren't known as flirts, but you'll do whatever works, and right now flirtation is at the top of the list. Treat it as theater or a creative challenge — that will help you develop inner resources and helpful connections.

### AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Your seductive powers are prominent now. That's great for fun, although potentially a bit dangerous at work. "Don't look for meat where you get your bread and butter!" You'll find your sweet lamb chop somewhere you haven't looked yet.

### PISCES — February 19-March 19

Speaking up on any subject, especially in matters of eros and art, will help you look powerfully sexy to others. If you act bashfully, you will only sabotage yourself — you risk less and gain so much more by being bold!

### ARIES — March 20-April 19

Passion comes easily, but making it work for you takes effort. Erotic passion doesn't exist in a vacuum. What other values does it connect to in your life? Explore, discuss, even argue this topic, and you'll become more open to a better relationship.

### TAURUS — April 20-May 20

If commitment is the oven that sustains the flame of love, what's really cooking in your love life? Twist whatever knobs turn up the heat. That will open opportunities to work more easily on issues in your relationships.

### GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Passion and play are important for spiritual and physical health. Sure, you play well with others, but can you really accept a challenge as well as you offer one? The greater the challenge you do take, the more you stand to win.

### CANCER — June 21-July 22

Is sexual pleasure an end in itself? Doesn't it serve a greater purpose in your life that just a moment of ecstasy? A small health crisis can catalyze the issue. Surprising insight will come from a very traditional source.

### LEO — July 23-August 22

Parental expectations can create assumptions that affect everyone's ambitions. You have a great opportunity to broaden your perspective on those expectations, and then to discuss them (perhaps with your parents?) in order to be free of them.

### VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Your already-critical mind is focusing on deeper questions about your personal values. Examine how those values were shaped. To what extent are they inherited assumptions, and to what extent are they truly your own?

*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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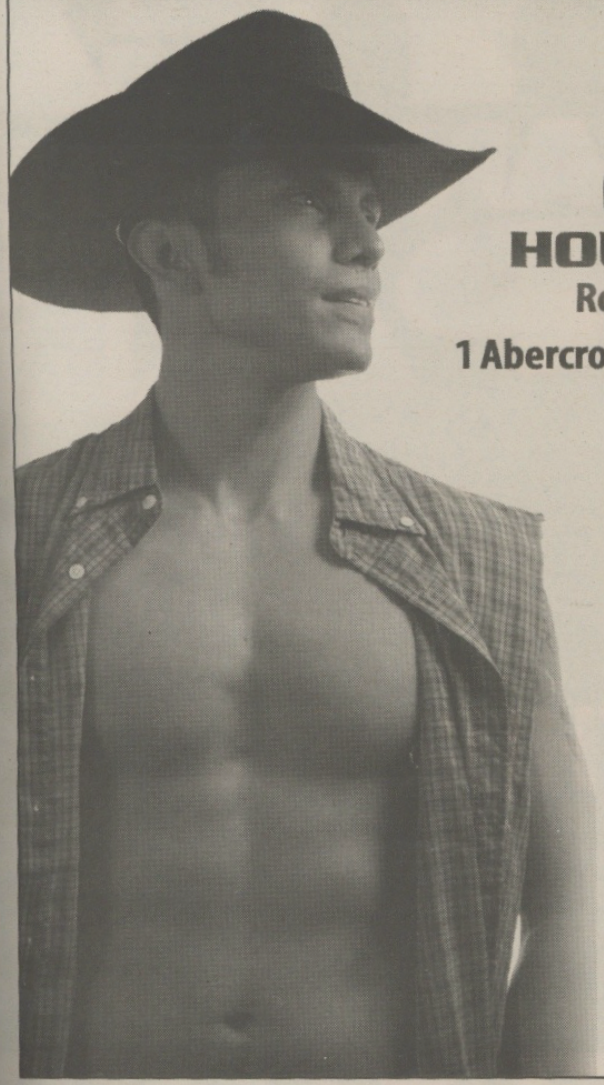

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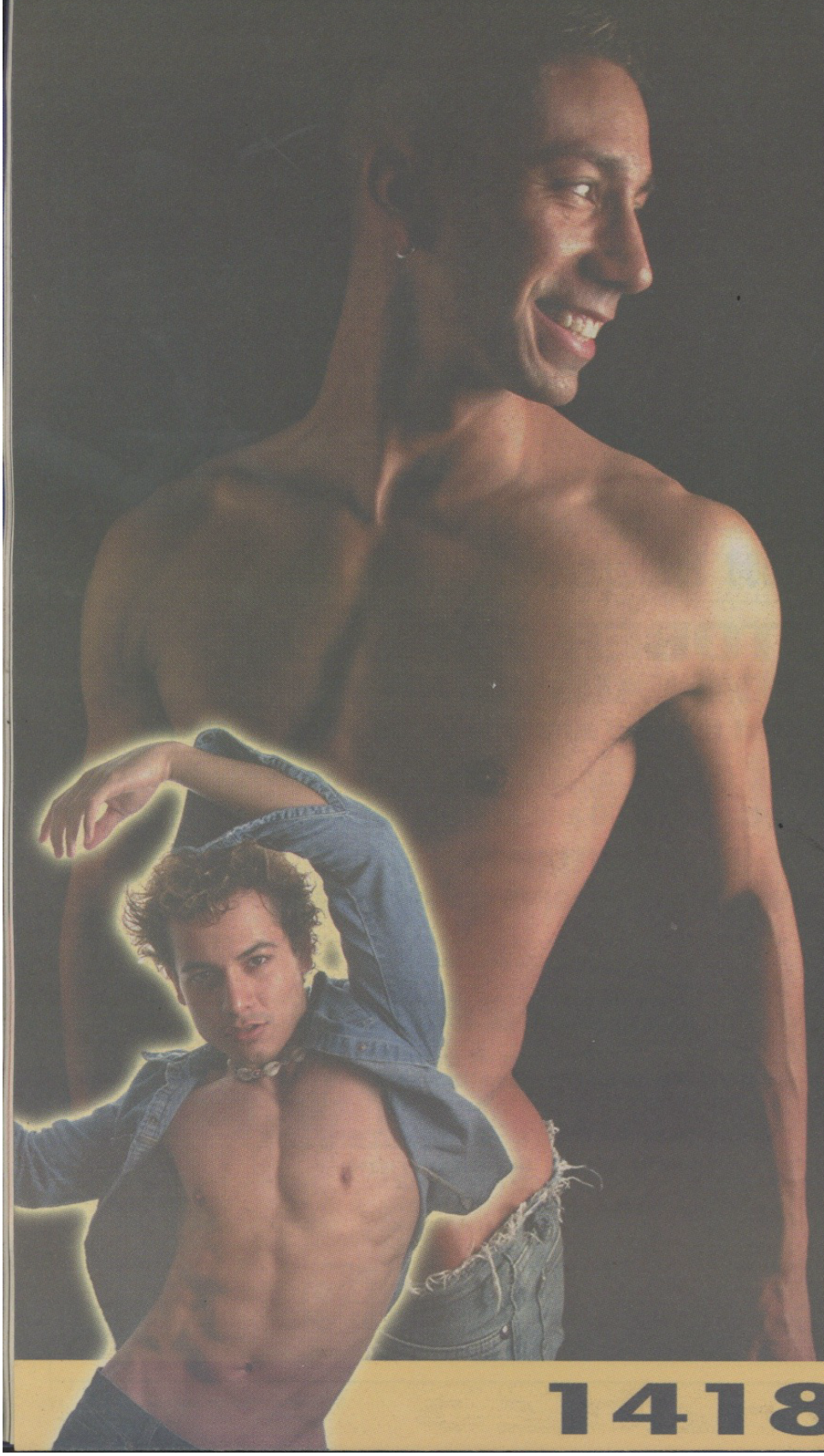

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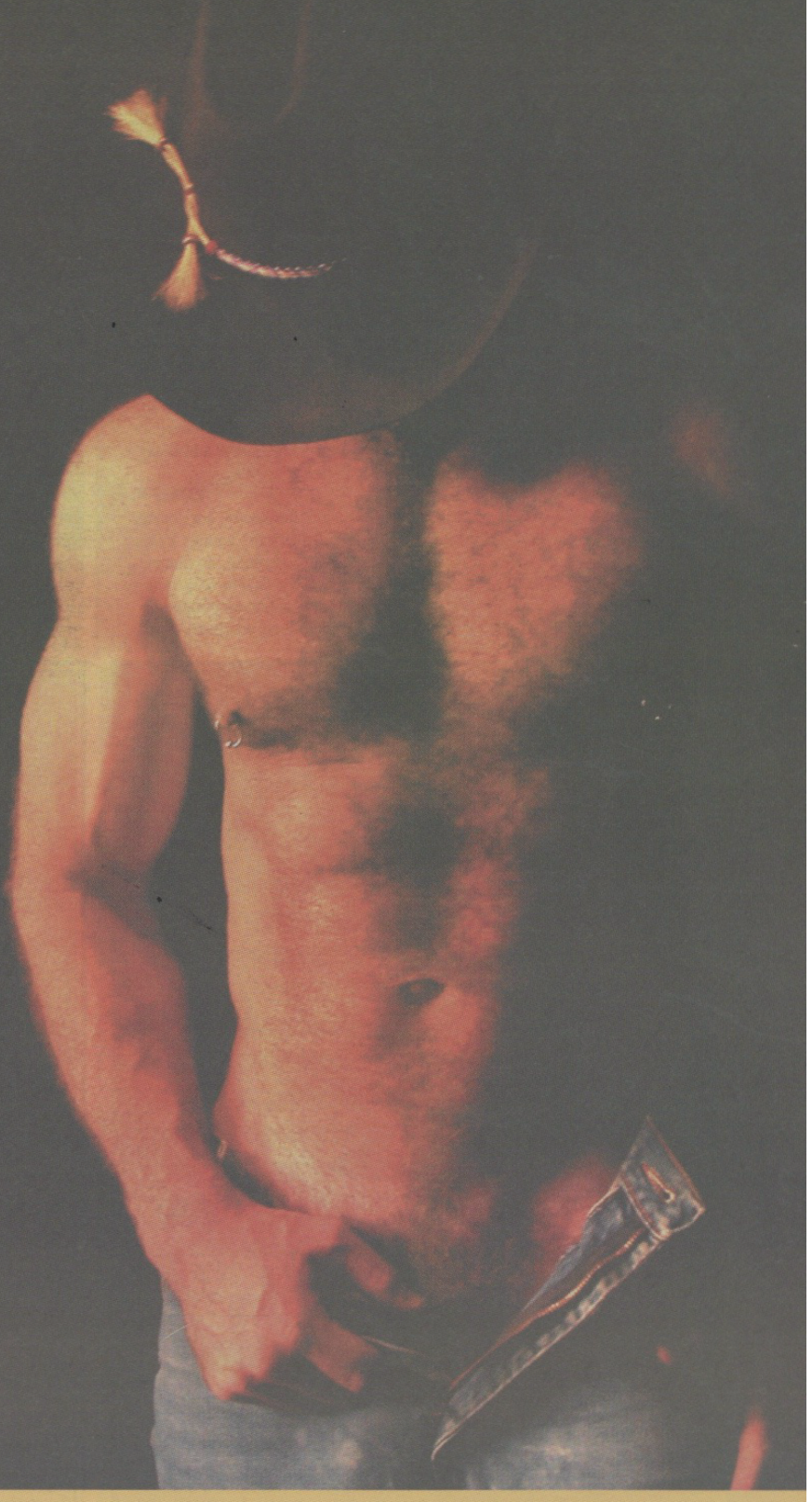

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## How to do the wrong thing right

By Howard Lewis Russell



## How about a few sex questions?

**Dear Howard,**

I live in a high rise in San Antonio. I've been trying to grow tomatoes on my balcony every summer but they never produce anything — plenty of lush, green foliage, but not a tomato. I have a very sunny balcony, I water regularly and I use good plant food. What am I doing wrong?

***Beefsteak Lover***

I'm not finding the connection between horticulture and a gay advice column, but for novelty's sake I'll give it the old college try. Tomatoes won't "set" at temperatures above 87 degrees. Try the variaties Big Beef (large) or Juliet (miniature), which set at higher temperatures. In Texas, you have to plant no later than March. Even then, it's a race with the calendar — sort of like that size 32 tomato-red Speedo you bought back in March in optimistic preparation of its pride festival debut. (There, lame though it may be, I tried my best to introduce at least a touchstone of gaydom into your answer.)

**Dear Howard,**

Can people live on just sweets alone? My Aunt Cammie just turned 90. I have never seen a morsel of food pass her lips that wasn't pure junk. She literally subsists on cake and ice cream and cookies, with a glass of chocolate milk thrown in here and there for her osteoporosis. No one enjoys a birthday party more than her.

***Honey Fritz***

Concerned about her health, are you, at 90? Are you afraid she'll die young? People can live on just about anything, no matter what the nutrition Nazis will have us believe. The Irish used to live solely on potatoes. Lewis and Clark and their whole crew survived on venison and buffalo and bear for two years (oh my!). My straight brother had an exclusivity pact with Hershey bars till he turned 18 and joined the Army. I know plenty of folks who thrive on just booze and Blow Pops. They hardly look like they're dying, or even ill-fed.

I say more power to your Aunt Cammie. What worked for her the first 90 years ought to work the next 90. Recall the famous *AbFab* scene from the poolside in Morocco. Patsy is rubbing her tummy as though it's upset. Edina: "Did you eat something, darling?" Patsy: "Not since 1974."

**Dear Howard,**

Where do you see the United States headed by the end of this century? Do you think we will still be the world's sole superpower?

***A Developing Nation***

Whatever happened to simple, cheating boyfriend questions? I am a gay advice columnist, not Condi Rice or Nostradamus. But we won't be the sole superpower. China will overtake us, and probably Brazil and Russia as well. Brazil and Russia still have vast tracts of virgin forests left to defoliate, and China doesn't have to humor pesky, screaming environmentalists. All three also have a greater abundance of mineral resources than the U.S. We will become the world's farm.

**Dear Howard,**

I'm fat and want to lose weight. I *have* to lose weight. I'm pushing 40 and entering heart attack territory. I've tried everything over the years and nothing works. Do you have any diet tips, Howard? Were you ever fat?

***Teensy***

Can I help? Does a snake slither? Over the years I've been everything from wraith-skinny to linebacker-chunky. In my opinion, both require about the same amount of diligence to maintain. Starvation is as much work as gluttony. In the end, all it boils down to is mathematics: To lose weight, one must burn more calories than one consumes; to gain, the opposite. It's that simple.

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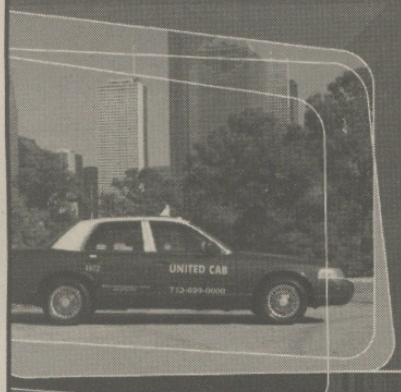


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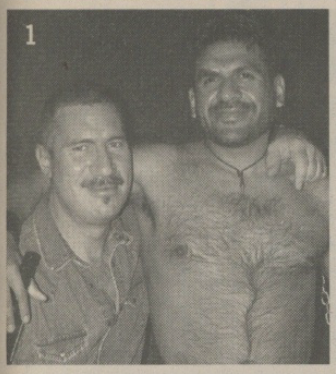
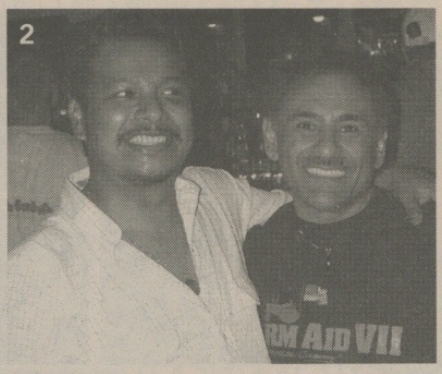
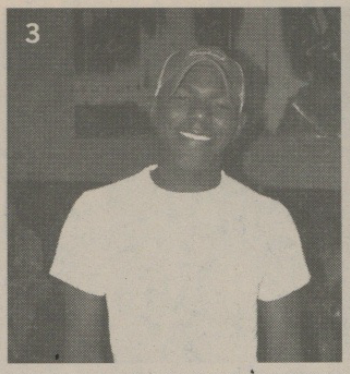
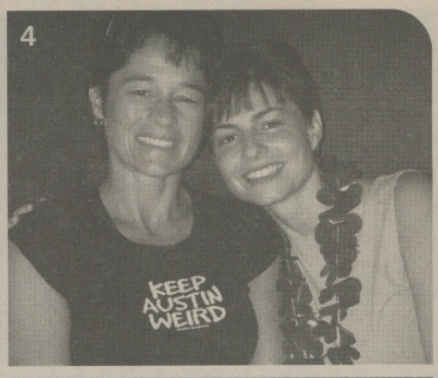
## austin

1. Matt and Sef at Chain Drive. 2. Julio and Rat at Charlie's. 3. Tyrone at Rain. 4. Sherry and Leticia at Rain. 5. Bryan and Daniel at Chain Drive. 6. Garland at 'Bout Time. 7. Tristan at Fabric. 8. Will and Josh at Rainbow Cattle Company. **Photos by Guillermo Garza**



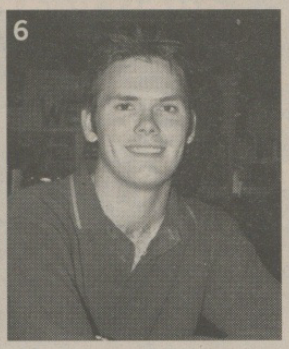

















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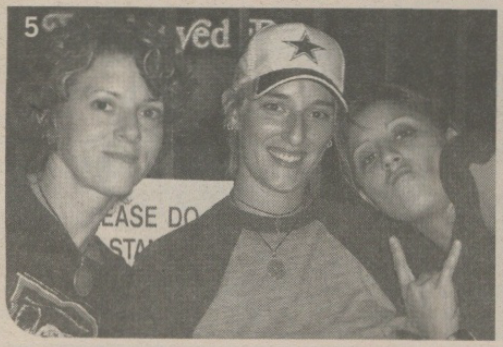





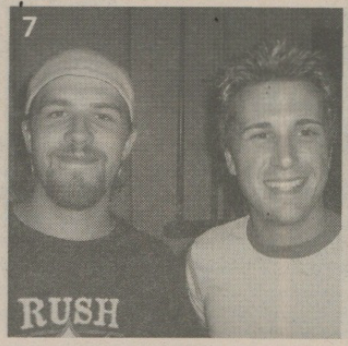






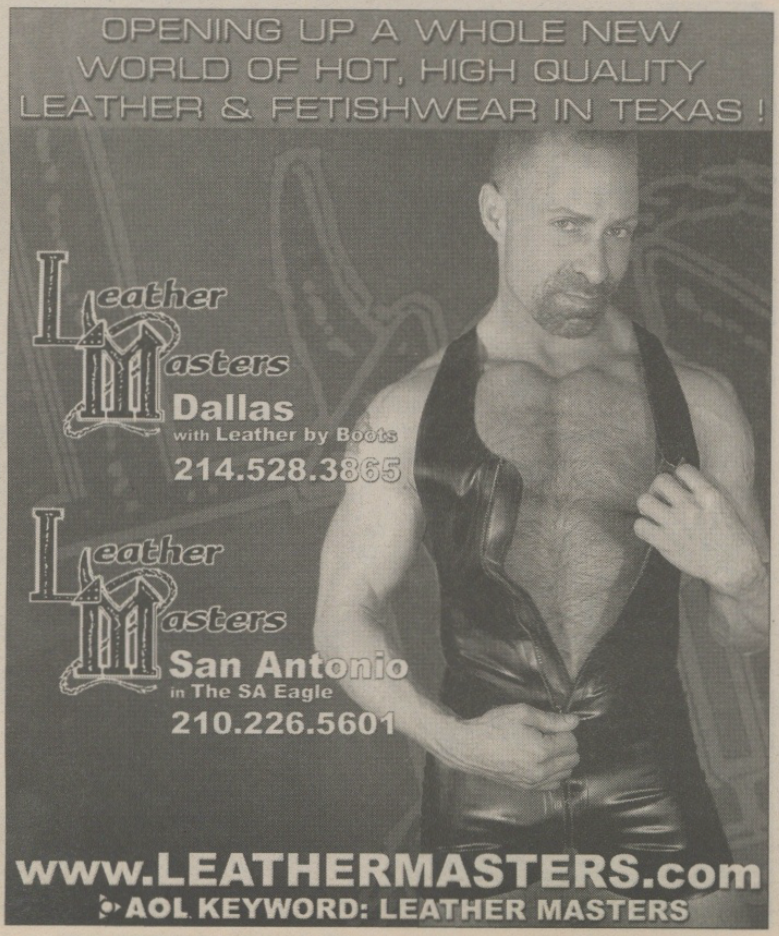



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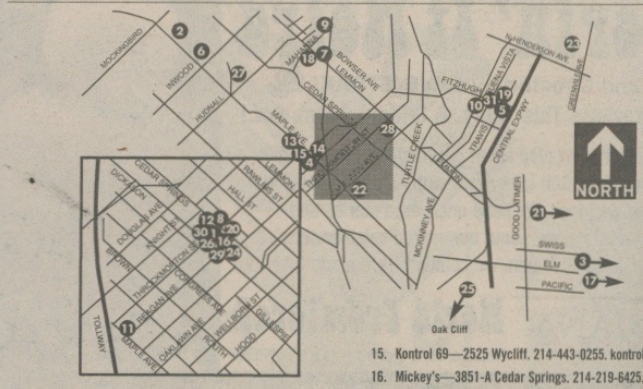


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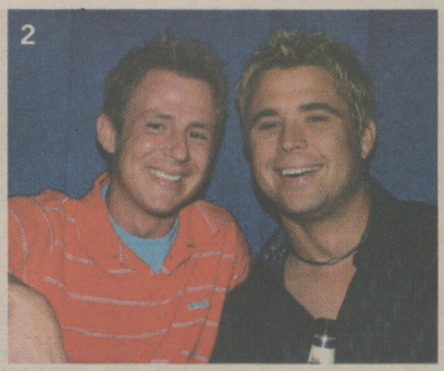


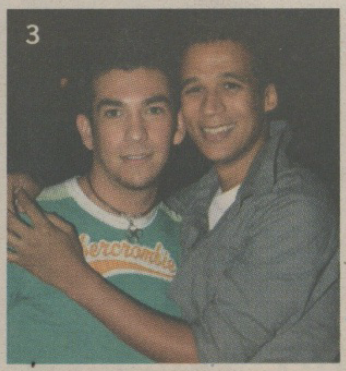








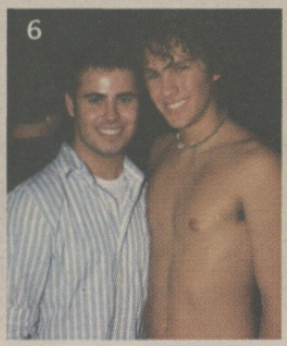


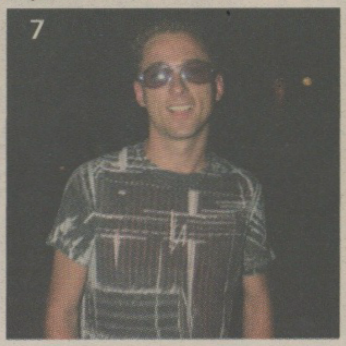


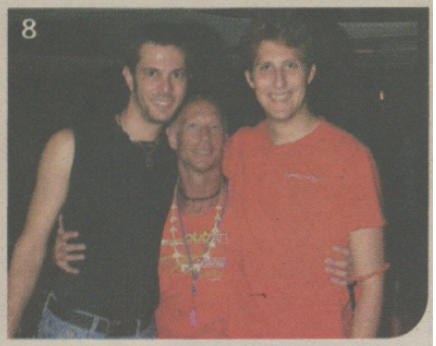


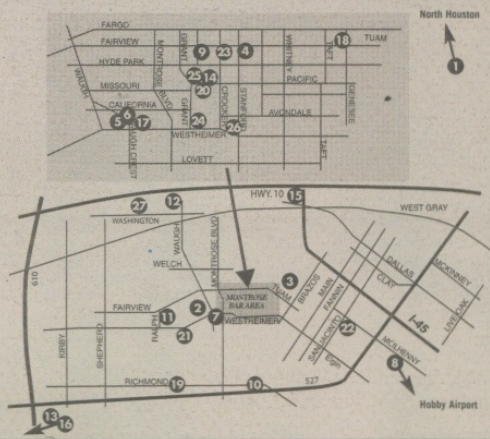


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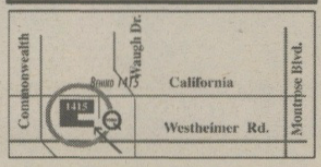


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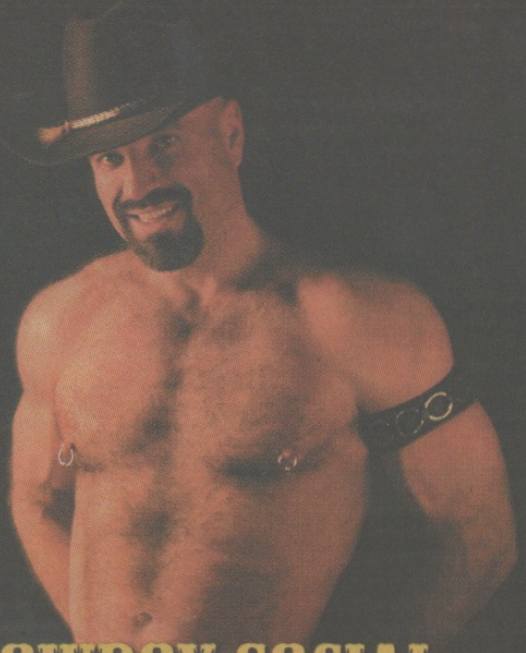

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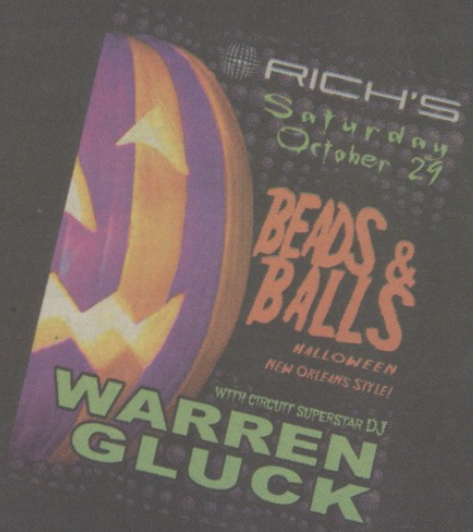


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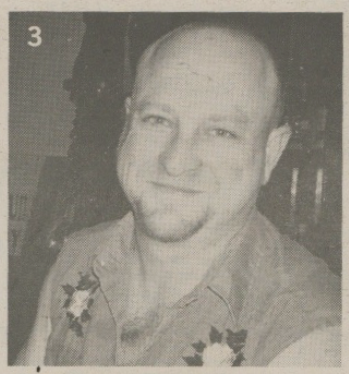


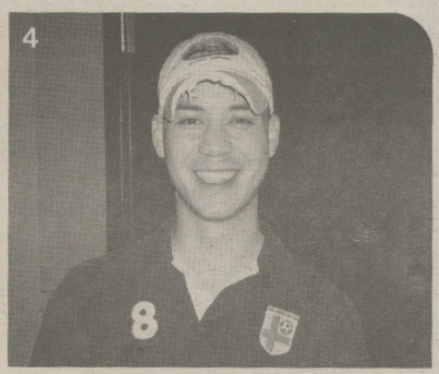








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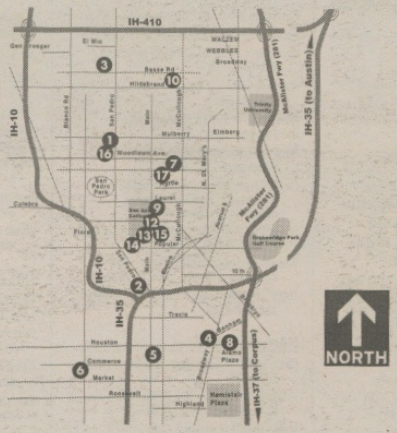


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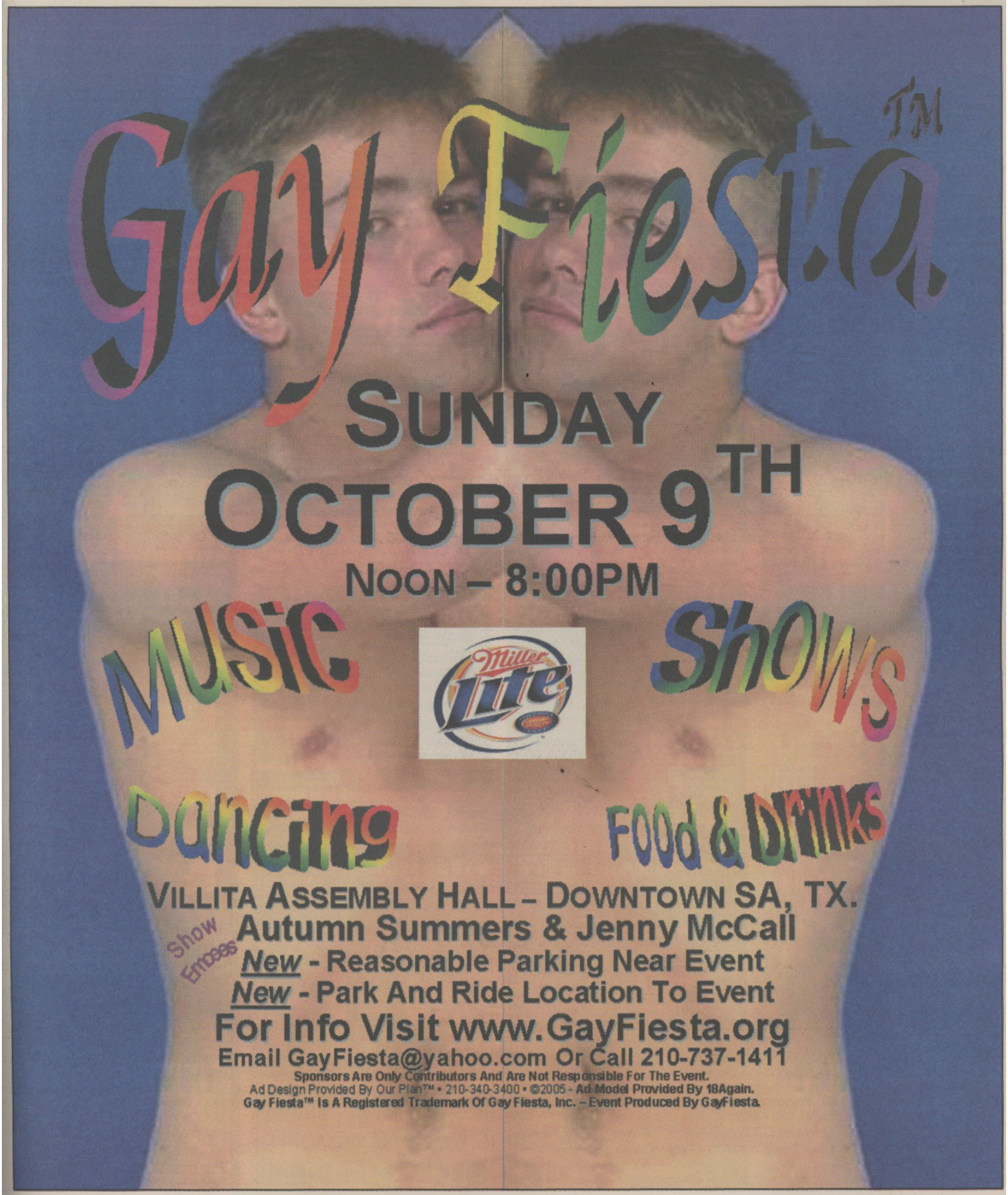
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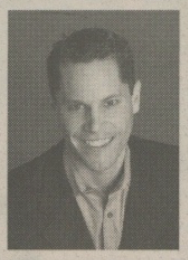

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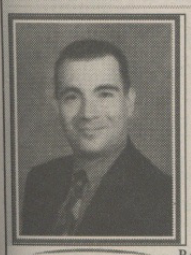

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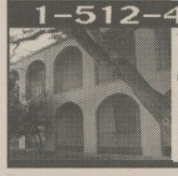

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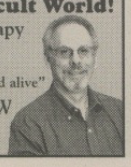

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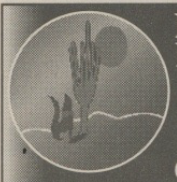

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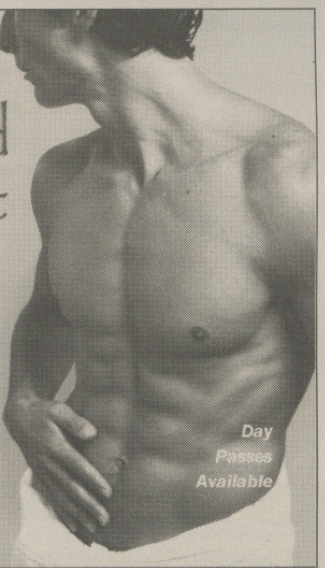


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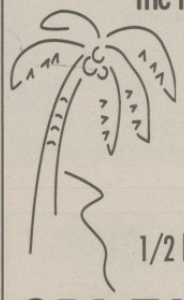

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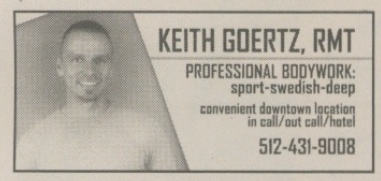








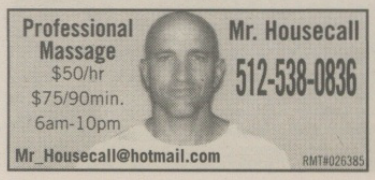


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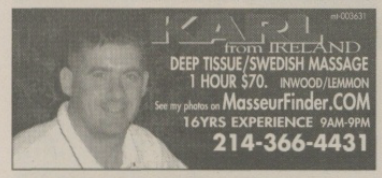


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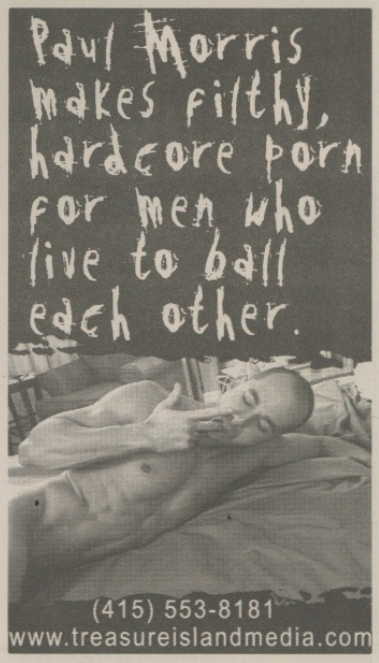





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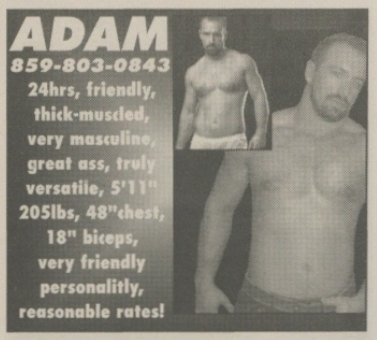





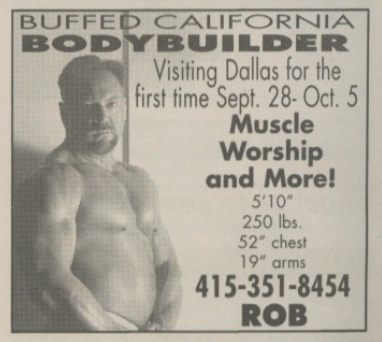


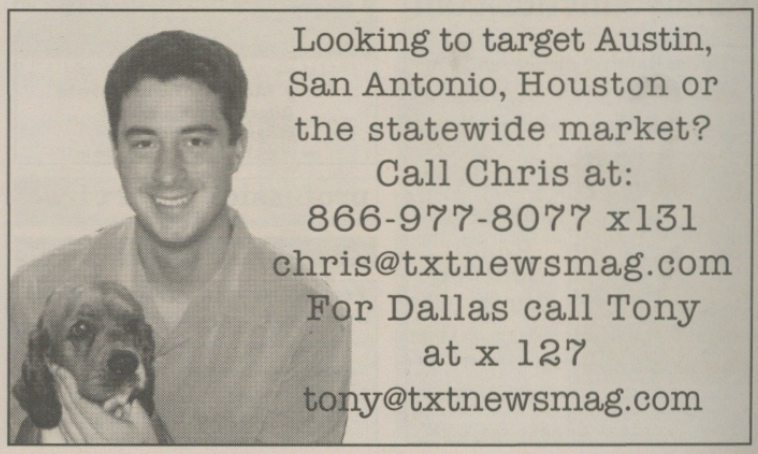

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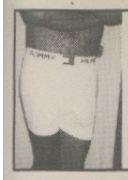

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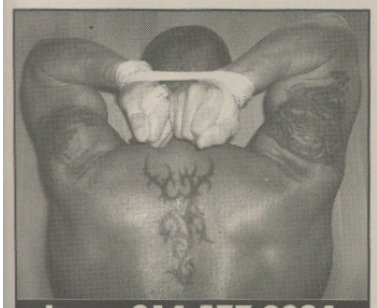

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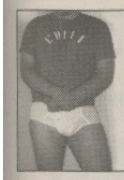

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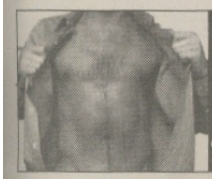

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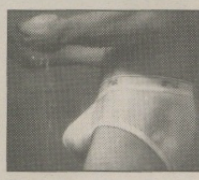

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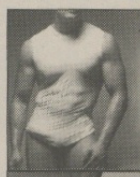

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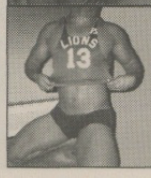

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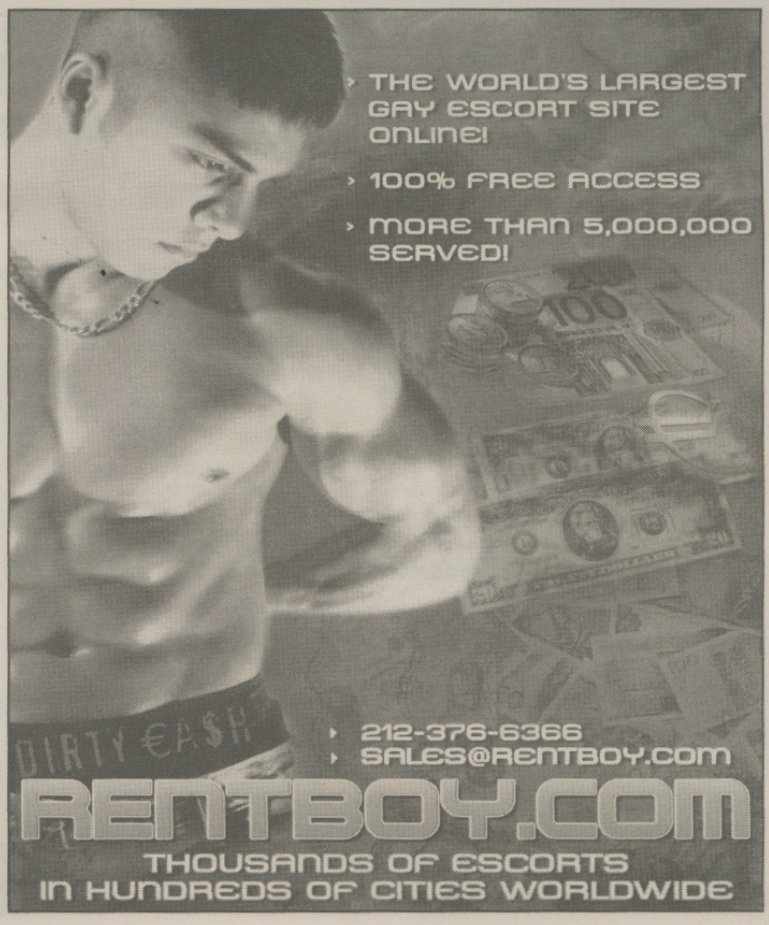



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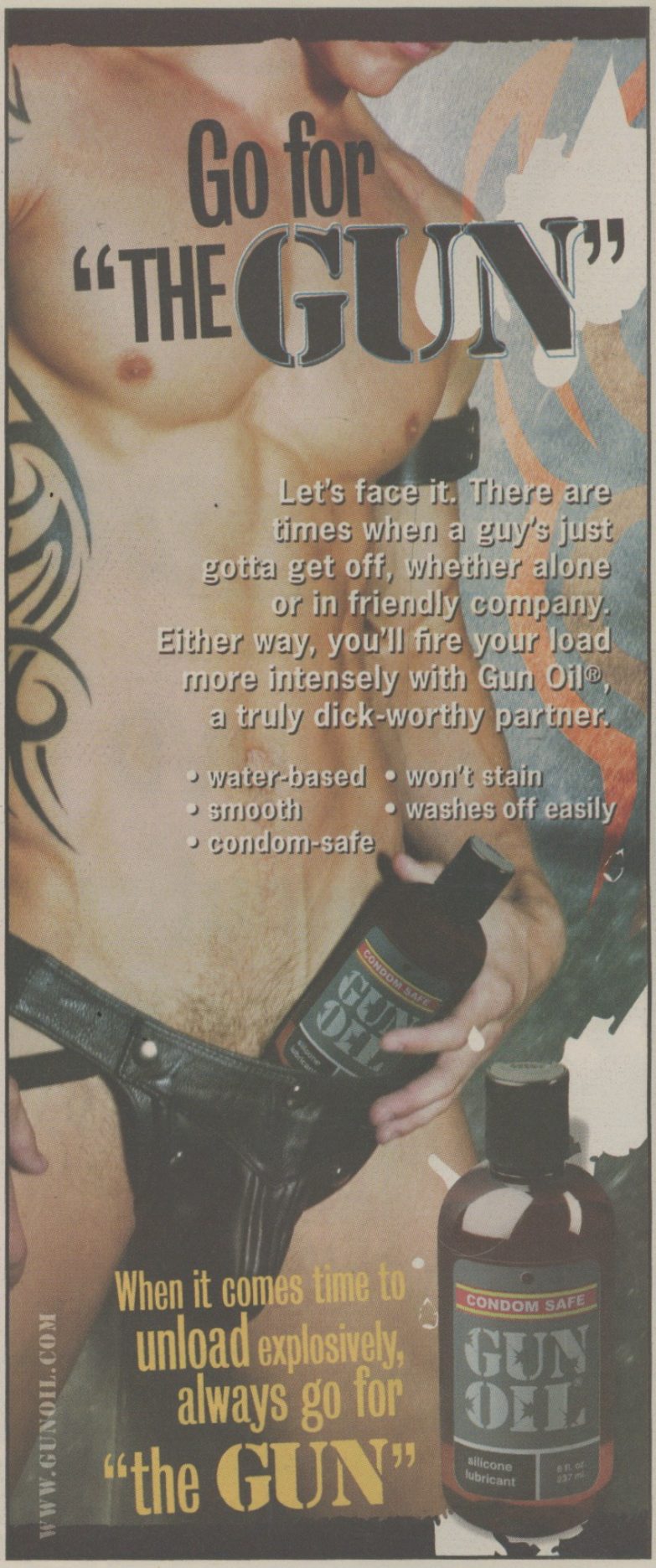
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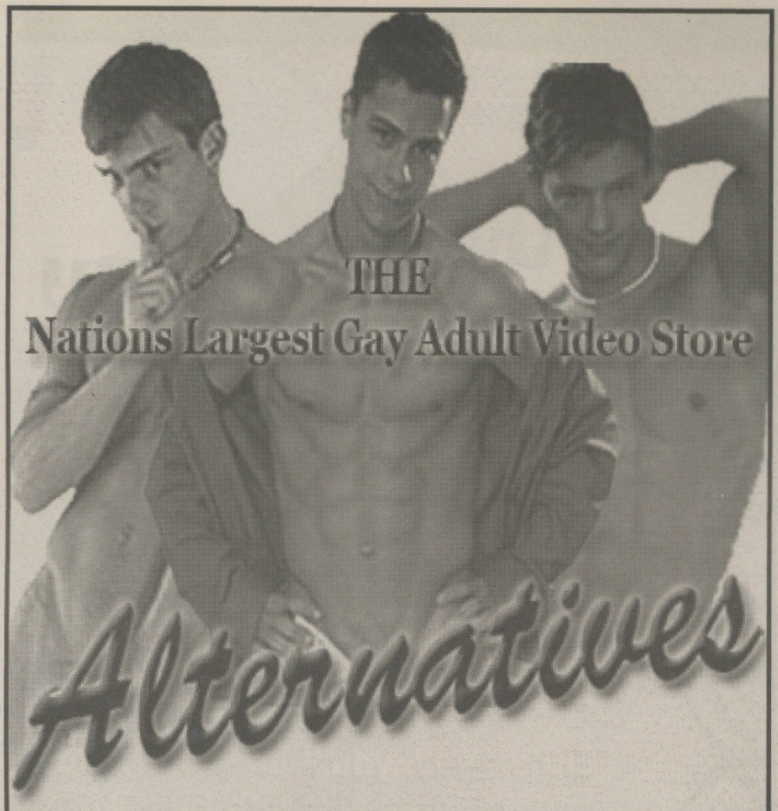

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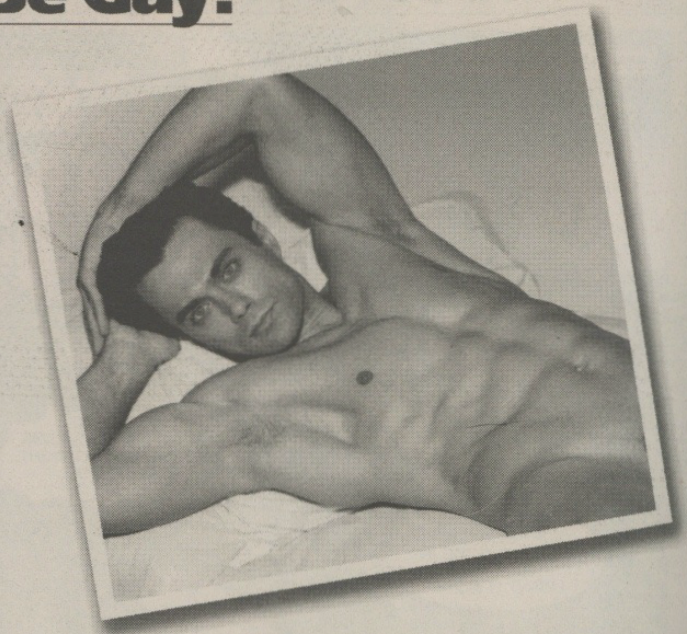

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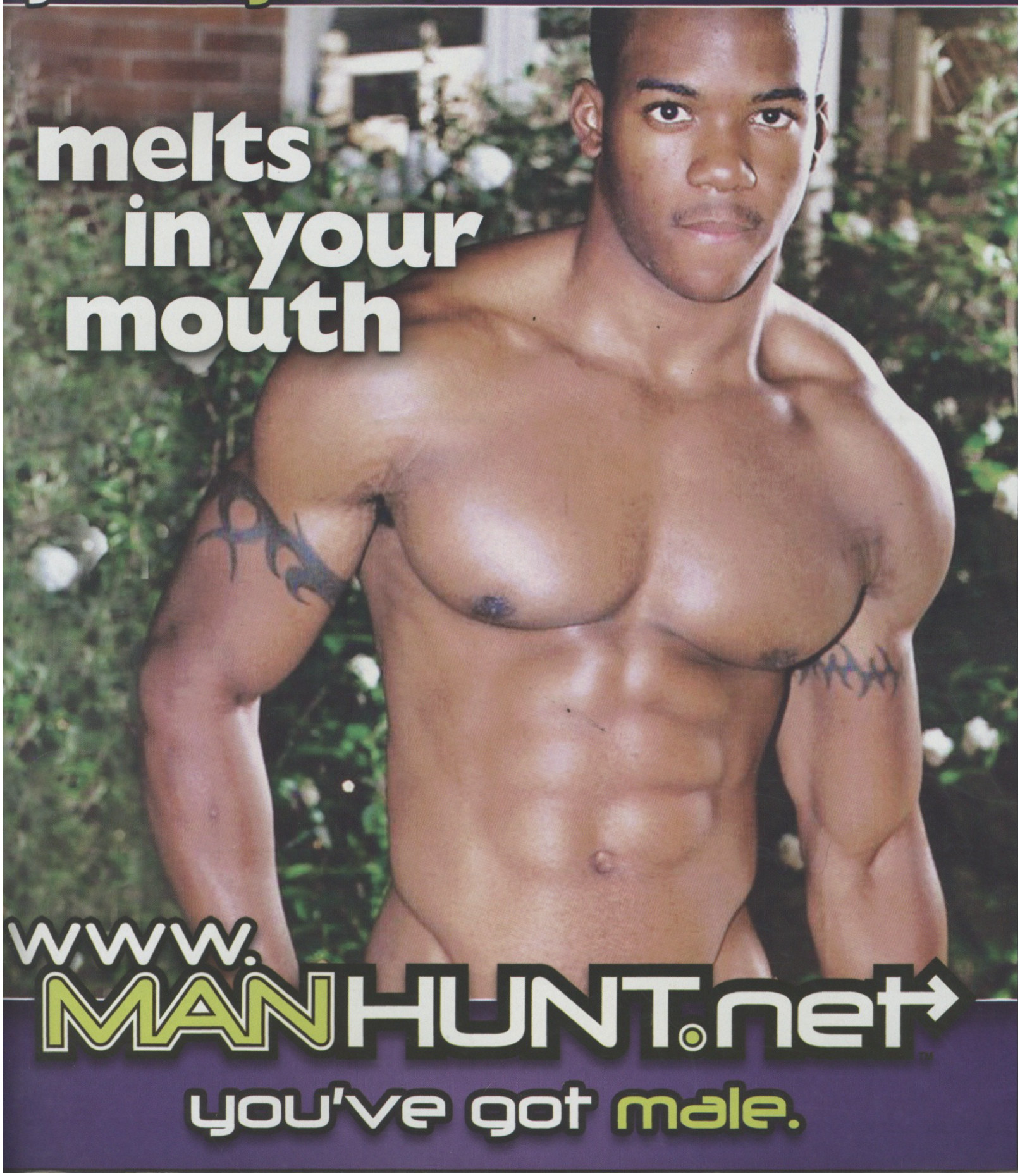


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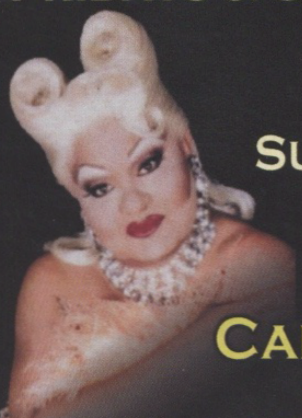

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