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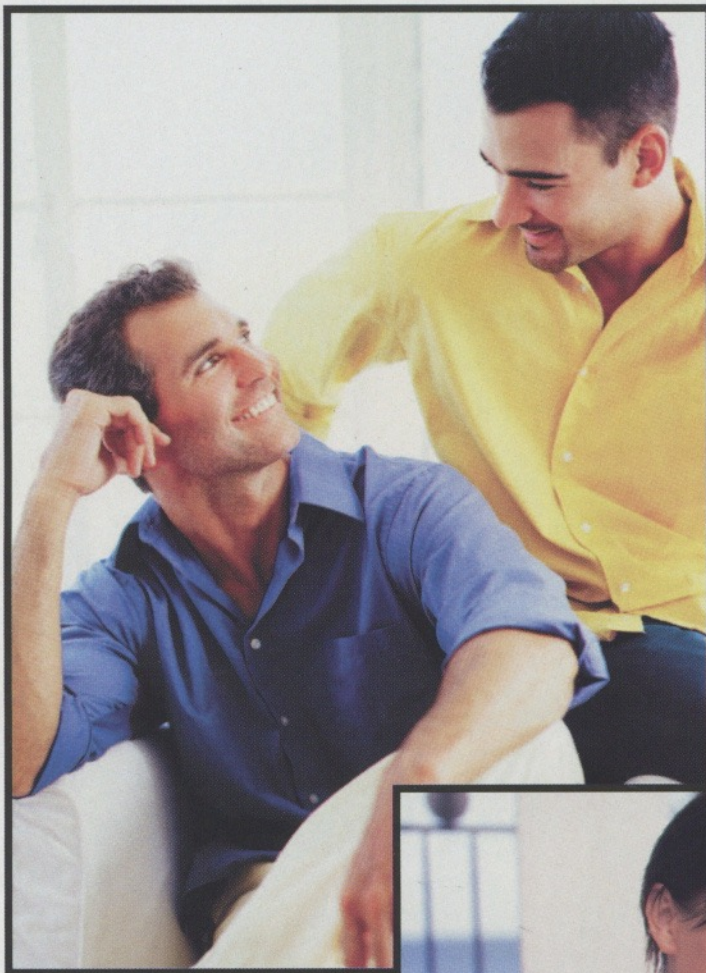
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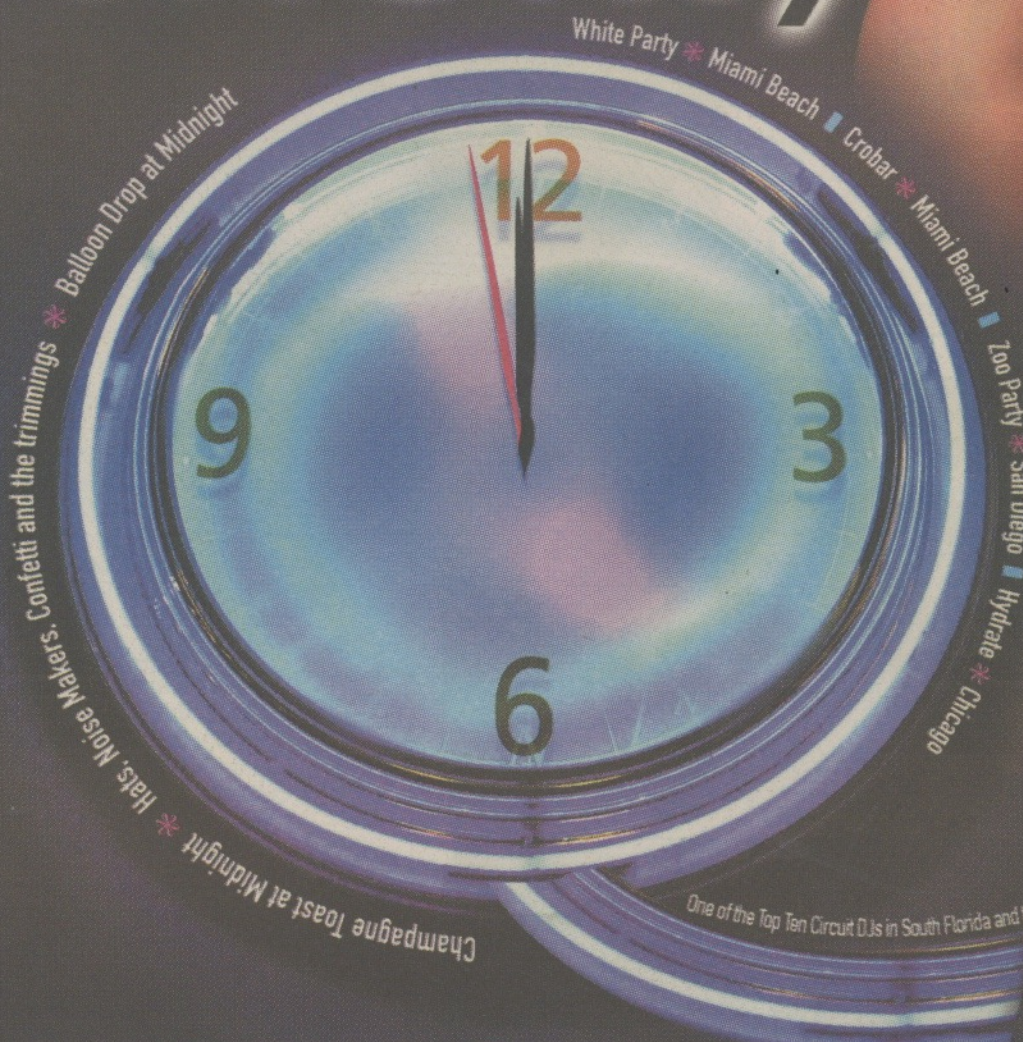
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HOUSTON

Monthly queer bingo nights will benefit the programs of the GLBT Community Center

After receiving an official license from the State of Texas, Houston GLBT Community has announced it will host a series of monthly Queer Bingo games.

With the theme, *We Need a Little Gayness, Right This Very Minute*, the first game will begin Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Club 1415, located at 1415 California St. Chanel Cartier, AKA Sean Carter, will host.

Players will compete for cash prizes of \$100, \$250, and \$500, and other gift items.

"Expect plenty of other festive surprises and generous amounts of holiday swag for individual game winners," said the community center's president, Chris Bown.

Sponsors for December include the Foundation for Family and Marriage Equality, Nechman, Simoneaux, and Frye, and *OutSmart Magazine*. More sponsors are being sought, Bown said.

Tickets start at \$15. All funds will go to support the Community Center. For more information about bingo sponsor opportunities, call Bown at 713-227-1717.

Man arrested after videotape proves unsavory activity in woman's apartment

A man was arrested after being caught on tape by a woman who noticed repeated inexplicable disarray in her apartment.

After the resident noticed strange things happening in her north Houston apartment, she purchased a video camera and caught Shawn Morris Rogers on tape, trying on her clothing and masturbating. After the resident showed the tape to local news media, Crime Stoppers received a tip that helped identified the suspect.

Rogers, 37, was arrested on Dec. 3 and was charged with two counts of burglary of habitation.

Male Uwear's Big Basket raffle to benefit Bayou City Boys Club's annual toy drive

Male Uwear, located at 415 Westheimer Rd., has announced it is holding a raffle to make the holidays more pleasant for children. Called the Big Basket Raffle, a big basket now on display at Male Uwear is filled with merchandise in excess of \$800 from Male Uwear, Crossover Gifts, Eclipse Sunless Tanning, and Sorrento Ristorante, with \$1 raffle tickets available at the store.

The raffle ends Dec. 15; the raffle benefits Bayou City Boys Club's Red Ribbon Toy Drive.

Charles Armstrong Investments celebrates 12 Days of Christmas with contributions

In the spirit of the Twelve Days of Christmas, Charles Armstrong, President and CEO of Charles Armstrong Investments has announced donations of \$1000 each to 12 local charitable organizations.

"These organizations work hard 12 months a year to provide services to both men and women in Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community," Armstrong said.

Organizations receiving the funds include AIDS Foundation Houston, The Assistance Fund, Amigos Volunteers in Education & Service, Bering Omega Community Services, the Center for AIDS, Gay & Lesbian Switchboard-Houston, HATCH youth group, Houston Transgender Unity Committee (in memory of Joanne Roberts), Pride Houston, Houston SPCA, Lesbian Health Initiative and the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.

Saying he believes it is important to support and recognize these 12 organizations, Armstrong challenged other business owners and nightclub event promoters "to reach deep into their pockets and donate to any and all of these non-profit organizations."

Candidates in council runoff battle to the finish

Saturday's election will decide race pitting Lovell, Aiyer, 4 other contests

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

Following nearly a month of campaigning, candidates involved in Houston City Council runoffs will go before voters Saturday.

Voters will decide Saturday who will become Houston's next City Council member in the at-large Position 2.

Neighborhood activist Sue Lovell and lawyer and management consultant

HOUSTON Jay Aiyer emerged as the top contenders for the council seat during the general election on Nov. 8.

On Dec. 1, the Houston GLBT Political Caucus's political action committee, which has endorsed Lovell, asked Aiyer to publicly reject an informal endorsement he received from conservative local talk show host Edd Hendee.

Two days earlier, Hendee said on his radio show that Lovell was pushing the "gay agenda" and that he was supporting Aiyer.

"Jay has promised to help us with the conservative fiscal responsibility on city council," Hendee said, according to a transcript of the program.

Aiyer also screened with the caucus in an attempt to get the organization's endorsement.

"We find it interesting that Jay Aiyer would actively solicit our endorsement and then seek the endorsement of an anti-gay talk show host," said caucus president Maria Gonzalez. Gonzalez said Aiyer was very personable and articulate and responded to the caucus's questions, but was not as strong as



Courtesy Aiyer Campaign

Jay Aiyer, left, with former State Representative Debra Danburg. Danburg, who represented Montrose for more than two decades, endorsed Aiyer.

Lovell on GLBT issues.

When both candidates were asked if they support the right for people of the same sex to marry, Lovell's response was, "Yes," Gonzalez said.

Aiyer replied that he supports civil unions and fair treatment for everyone under the law, and opposed the constitutional amendment defining marriage currently on the ballot.

"We score people on a 100 percent scale," Gonzalez said. "Sue got a 96 percent and Jay got a 76 percent."

Aiyer's campaign later accused a Lovell campaign staffer of making racist remarks against Aiyer, a charge Lovell's camp has denied. Aiyer is an Indian-American and was the first person of Asian descent to serve on the Houston Community College board of trustees.

Former State Representative Debra Danburg, a Democrat who represented Montrose and the Heights in the Texas



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Sue Lovell speaks to Houston's GLBT Political Caucus earlier this year. Afterward, the group endorsed Lovell's bid for the council's at-large Position 2.

Legislature for more than 20 years, has endorsed Aiyer.

In a statement released Nov. 28 by Aiyer's campaign, Danburg said she was endorsing Aiyer because of his intelligence, competence and honesty. She said she gave Lovell her first job after Lovell's printing business failed.

Gonzalez said that she was disappointed that Danburg endorsed Aiyer. "Debra's claim that Sue's printing business was a failure is not true," Gonzalez said. "Sue turned that printing business around and then sold it. I do not understand why Debra would not support the grassroots community activist."

For a list of candidates endorsed by the Houston GLBT Political Caucus Political Action Committee, log on to Hglbtpc.org.

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GO, TEAM!

Team Houston is sponsoring two events this weekend to sign up competitors and spectators who plan to attend Gay Games VII in Chicago, scheduled July 15-22. Details are below.

WHAT: Gay Games VII registration with special guest Sanford Smith, a Gay Games official and the coach for CheerSF.

WHEN: Saturday, 4-8 p.m. in the Santa Fe room at JR's Bar & Grill, 808 Pacific St., and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. at Decades, 1205 Richmond Ave.

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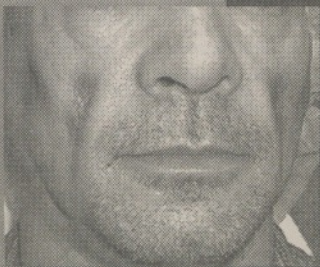
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A hand for homeless GLBT youth

Counseling center developing program to match foster parents with teens kicked out of homes for being gay

By Deborah Moncrief Bell
Contributing Writer

Next holiday season may be a brighter one for many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth in Houston who might otherwise be homeless — thanks to a new program being developed at the Montrose Counseling Center.

The first phase of the program is to locate GLBT or GLBT-affirming adults to become foster parents to youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to their family's reaction to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Once a list of approved potential foster parents are found the matching process will begin.

Houston youth currently have limited options, such as staying with friends, using shelters where their sexuality could be a problem, or resorting to life on the streets. About 30 percent of homeless youth in Houston are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. About a quarter of youth who come out to adults at home before the age of 18 risk being thrown out, statistics show.

"If we can prevent youth from turning to the streets we may be able to catch them before they fall through the cracks," said Deb Murphy, the counseling center's youth services worker.

The program got started when the counseling center contacted several licensed foster care placement agencies it occasionally worked with and proposed the idea. The foster care agencies agreed to provide home study, training and background checks as required of all foster parents, as well as the actual placement, based on the strengths and needs of the youth and the foster family. In addition, the agencies will provide life-skills training for the youth to help ease them into living independently once foster care ends.

The youth will be supervised by Child Protective Services division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective



Courtesy Barbara Young

Sally Huffer and Deb Murphy are working to establish the Montrose Counseling Center's new foster care program for homeless gay youth.

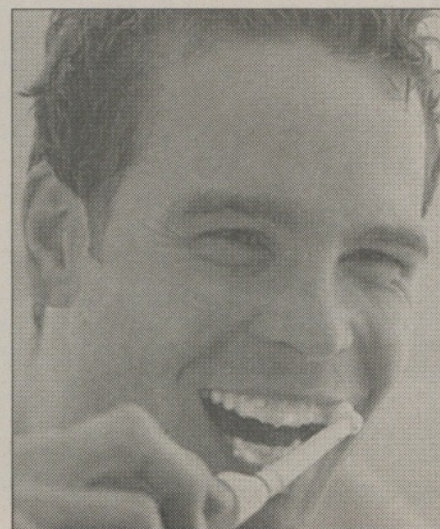
Services, which will provide funding for the foster care.

The reality is that life at home may be so difficult and abusive for some queer youth that they believe living on the street actually might be safer. But on the street they're at greater risk for alcohol and drug abuse, violence and suicide. Many have "survival sex," prostituting themselves to earn money to survive.

Officials hope the new program will lead youth into a productive and supportive home situation, one that could make a huge difference in their futures.

Sean Reilly, a pharmacist, and Charlie Finch Jr., a professor of psychology and a fitness instructor, are ready to open their Montrose home to a child. They were the first couple to step forward.

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we became partners three years ago," said Reilly. "At first we thought in terms of adopting a baby, but decided an older child might be a good first option for us."

It was not a snap decision, Reilly explained. "but we had to think through the special challenges of taking in a child who may have been rejected by their family of origin and the other issues that come along with adolescence," he said.

Reilly said their approach will be "to give love and emotional support, and thereby create an environment that encourages

healthy living and independent thinking."

Sally A. Huffer, the counseling center's community projects specialist, said the center is helping the licensed foster care agencies identify people to participate in the program.

"The real heroes are the adults who are willing to take on the responsibility of opening their homes and hearts by helping these youth," Huffer added.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent in the program, contact the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard at 713-529-3211.

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Deb Murphy
Montrose Counseling Center
Youth services worker

Chamber to reassess Empower GLBT business expo

If it continues, changes apparently in store for Chamber's top event

By Deborah Moncrief Bell
Contributing Writer

The coming year promises to bring changes to the Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce as the organization begins its second decade.

Just what form those changes will take is not yet clear.

Empower, a GLBT business exposition, has been the signature event of the chamber for the last eight years. But the group's executive director, Coy Tow, acknowledged that



Coy Tow

the board will reassess the exposition at next month's annual planning retreat.

"Empower will be reviewed," he said.

"Opportunities for collaboration with other organizations

and chambers are being considered to explore ways to increase participation, overall visibility and maximize participant benefit."

Empower highlights businesses and other resources in the GLBT community. Visitors to past expos had the opportunity to investi-

gate a myriad of services and products of businesses and community groups. Gay and gay-friendly businesses have taken part over the years.

One board member said the chamber would take a hard look at Empower and whether future editions of the event are worth the energy it takes to produce them. If the board decides to proceed with the event, it may require significant changes, the board member said.

The retreat is scheduled Jan. 21, 2006.

The gay and lesbian chamber is looking to 2006 with newfound energy and an ongoing desire to do everything it can to promote the Greater Houston GLBT community, Tow said. In order to better serve its growing

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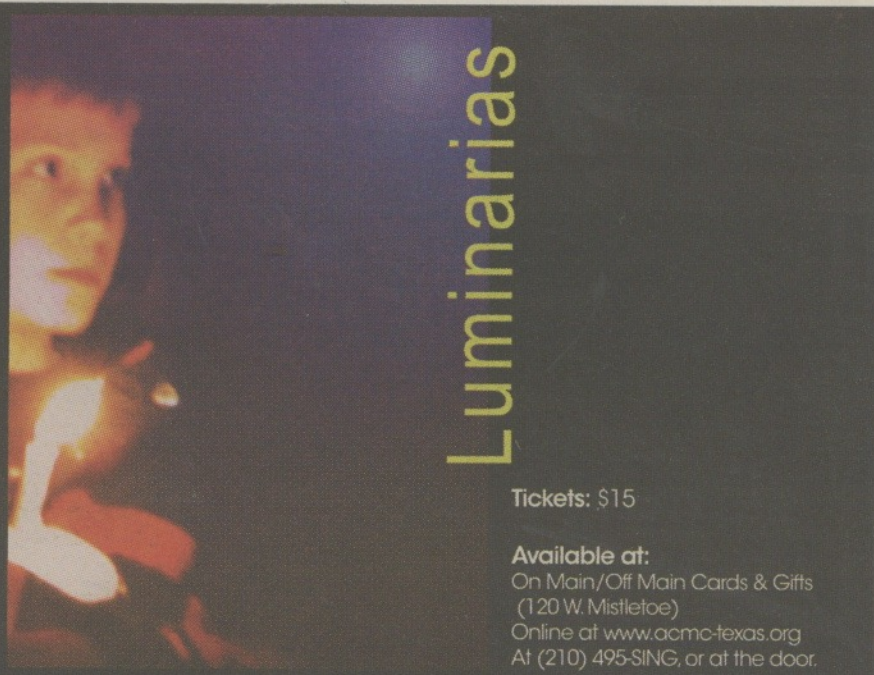


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membership, it has expanded the board from 10 to 16 members. The chamber has also created a new committee structure that will give the membership a greater voice, and is currently operating the group's first-ever sponsorship drive involving businesses and nonprofit groups, to help members capitalize on exposure throughout the year.

"As we begin 2006, we want to remind the community that supporting one another is a critical element to our communities' long-term success," Tow said.

The chamber's Web site, Thechamber-

houston.org, carries a directory of members. Tow said many help the community by contributing to nonprofit groups, serving in leadership roles, mentoring GLBT youth, and helping to develop new allies in the quest for equal rights.

"We are not just about business. The GLBT community is our business," Tow said. "And if what happens to the community as a whole is your business, then you should be a part of the Greater Houston GLBT Chamber."

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Passion and comfortable shoes

Those ingredients, among others, fuel the activism of Houston couple Jerry Simoneaux and Christopher Bown

By Nancy Ford

Staff Writer

"Comfortable shoes."

That's gay lawyer Jerry Simoneaux's answer when he's asked about the most important aspect of being a role model.

Simoneaux, a founding partner in the Montrose law firm of Nechman, Simoneaux & Frye, said he is not really used to being considered a role model.

But readers of this publication beg to differ. Simoneaux was selected by the readers of

HOUSTON *TXN* *Newsmagazine* as the best lawyer in Houston, and his partner, Christopher Bown, was chosen as best GLBT activist.

Lesbian footwear and numerous community accolades aside, Simoneaux said he and Bown do what they do "because we are passionate about our community and the achievement of the rights we should all enjoy."

The two men got their start by volunteering for various organizations they admired, moving quickly into leadership positions in PFLAG Houston, Pride Houston, Houston's GLBT Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Equal Rights Alliance and the Houston GLBT Political Caucus.

"We gained knowledge and courage through those groups," Simoneaux said, adding "passion, knowledge, and courage" as important ingredients as attributes of a successful GLBT leader.

"I would also add that sincerity, humility, and the ability to listen to others are just as important, because they will sustain the message," he said. Bown added a couple ingredients of his own.



Simoneaux said he and Bown have said vows four times since their relationship began in the late '80s.

"You have to listen," he said, adding that another requirement for the fledgling activist is to "follow through."

Earlier this year the men festabished an organization dedicated to family equality, appropriately named Foundation for Family and Marriage Equality.

Their own family includes a son, Chad, 19.

Bown, president of Houston's GLBT Community Center, said it's difficult to determine precisely how long he and Simoneaux have been together.

"I stalked Jerry for three years before he finally said yes," he said.

Simoneaux and Bown met in the summer of 1987.

"Like any gay couple, we have never agreed on which date is our anniversary," Simoneaux said.

But on December 12, 1991, the two men flew to San Francisco to show their support for the Domestic Partnership Ordinance that had just passed.

"Chris popped the question to me under

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deaths

Tracy Karl Silverberg

Tracy Karl Silverberg died in the early morning of Dec. 7, 2005, at Park Plaza Hospital in Houston, after a lengthy battle with AIDS.

His partner, John Joseph Painter, was at his side.

An accomplished artist and photographer, Silverberg had most recently worked



as an administrative assistant at the Houston office of *TXN* *Newsmagazine*. He was also a member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston.

On July 9, he and Painter were joined in a commitment ceremony attended by a host of friends and family, commemorating their five-year relationship.

A memorial service is being planned.

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the dome of San Francisco's City Hall," Simoneaux said.

They said vows again in Washington, at the Millennium March on Washington.

The couple also renewed their vows at two of the Houston Freedom to Marry celebrations they have organized annually.

"So we have been married or domestic partnered four times since 1987," Simoneaux said.

The public ceremonies are important, Simoneaux said.

"We are showing real couples in real relationships — many with children and grandchildren," he said. "The point is that we will continue to form our unions, in spite of our laws. We need to recognize this reality and deal with it legislatively so these families will receive the same legal protections as their married opposite-sex neighbors.

Another purpose, Simoneaux said, "is to show that the Christian right does not have a monopoly on God or morality. Many faith traditions support and bless the holy unions of their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender

congregants."

Houston's event is consistently the nation's largest, led by more than 20 ministers from various faith traditions.

Simoneaux said that he and Bown were more affected by the passage of Proposition 2 than either expected. The measure amends the Texas Constitution's Bill of Rights, forbidding gay marriages.

"How else can I say it? Proposition 2 hurt," Bown said. "What keeps us going is the strong belief that the Texas Marriage Amendment is unconstitutional under the

U.S. Constitution, and it will eventually be overturned."

And when it is overturned, Simoneaux and Bown have advice for other same-sex couples who want to follow in their comfortably shod footsteps:

"You must have love, patience, understanding, compromise, respect, tenderness, and more love," Simoneaux said.

"I would like to add 'listening,'" said Bown.

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Team Houston prepares for 2 international competitions in '06

By Nancy Ford

Staff Writer

This weekend Team Houston is sponsoring two registration events, recruiting participants and spectators for Gay Games VII, set for July 15-22 in Chicago.

"Houston has been well-represented at nearly all of the prior Gay Games," said David Fagan, Team Houston's president, who attended Gay Games VI in Sydney, Australia in 2002, and Gay Games V in Amsterdam in 1998. "Now that the Games are only eight months away, we expect Houston's GLBT sports community will again send a strong group of athletes, volunteers, and spectators."

Team Houston is the organizing body that

sends teams to large sporting events like the Gay Games. Its e-mail distribution list currently has 125 subscribers. Many are officers of more than two dozen Houston GLBT sports groups which together represent as many as 1,500 to 2,000 athletes, Keith Wright, secretary for Team Houston, estimated.

Wright became involved with the group through some friends who competed in Gay Games VI. Next year's Gay Games VII in Chicago will be his first trip to the Games, where he will compete as a cyclist.

Gay and lesbian athletes have the opportunity to compete in two world-class events in 2006. In addition to the Gay Games, the World OutGames will be held in Montreal a

scant two weeks after the Chicago event closes.

Montreal was initially selected to host next year's Gay Games. But Montreal organizers and representatives of the Gay Games Federation locked horns over the budget. With a string of Gay Games racking up deficits, federation officials thought Montreal's plans were far beyond what they could afford. When they insisted on budget-cutting, the Montrealers balked. Eventually, the federation pulled the contract and re-bid the 2006 games.

That's the short story behind the two international competitions next year. The children are learning to play together, and have announced that after next year, the OutGames

will have its second event in 2008 and every four years after that. The federation's Gay Games will continue on schedule in 2010.

But the infighting that produced dueling events next year is a boon to many gay sports participants. Team Houston and Team Dallas say they plan to send athletes to both.

Wright will also go to the OutGames, he said, competing in roller racing.

Team Houston is also working to form new GLBT sports groups where there is interest. "The gay basketball team has existed for almost a year now, including winning a recent tournament in Atlanta," he said.

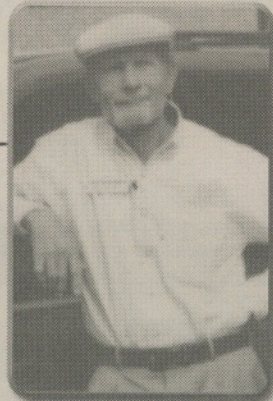
New GLBT groups for swimming, golf, and badminton will start in January, Wright added.

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Justices likely to back military recruiters

Government says schools that receive federal money must cooperate with military recruiters

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

The case of *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights*, argued Tuesday before the United States Supreme Court, has been tagged by some as a gay rights lawsuit. In fact, although the dispute involves a consortium of law schools trying to avoid assisting the military with its on-campus recruiting, the matter is more a question of the extent to which Congress can restrict federal funds while respecting the First Amendment rights of the recipients.

In this case, Congress has told law schools that unless they make an exception to their anti-discrimination policies and allow the military full access to their students, their parent universities will forgo all federal money with the exception of student loans. For some universities, the tab for noncompliance reaches the hundreds of millions; \$300 million for Yale, the same for Harvard.

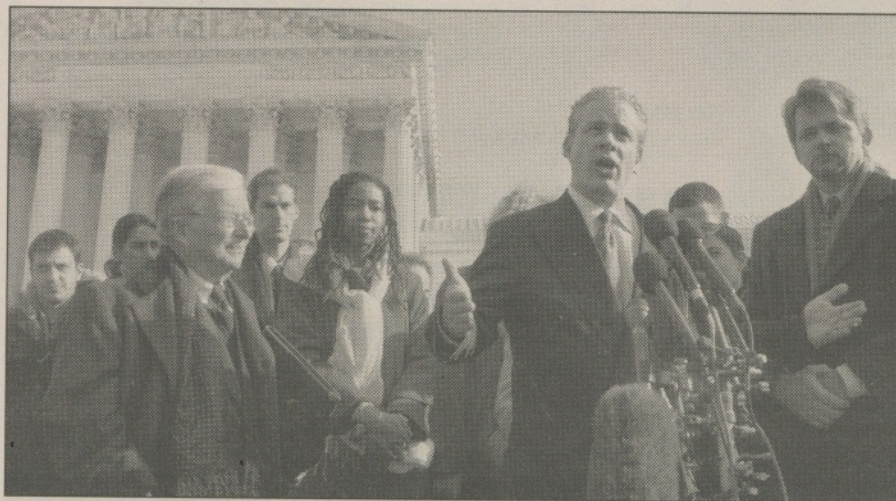
Faced with this post-Sept. 11 dilemma, it's not surprising that the universities have

elected to cooperate with recruiters despite their rules against welcoming employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Protections against sexual orientation discrimination have been in place in the majority of U.S. law schools since 1991.

Congress first tied the recruitment strings onto school funds in the 1995 Defense Department appropriations bill through a rider called the Solomon Amendment. They tightened the strings in subsequent revisions to the law, and closed any remaining loophole after the World Trade Center attacks. As a last resort, a group of schools under the umbrella of Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights sued the Defense Department in a challenge to the Solomon Amendment.

The case made its way up through the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, where a 2-1 panel ruled in favor of FAIR late last year. But if the press reports of Tuesday's arguments are any guide, the High Court seems prepared to reverse the Third Circuit and restore the Solomon Amendment's force.

Writing for the *Los Angeles Times*, David G. Savage said that after the one-hour debate



E. Joshua Rosenkranz, at microphone, speaks to the media along with H. Kent Greenfield, right, after arguing before the Supreme Court on Tuesday. The lawyers represent the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights and a coalition of law schools challenging the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. The law requires universities receiving federal funds to grant full access of military recruiters to students, despite the universities' nondiscrimination policies.

"there was little doubt the Supreme Court would reverse the decision of the lower court and uphold the Solomon Amendment." Linda Greenhouse of the *New York Times* called the argument "lopsided," while *Legal Times*'s Tony Mauro said the Court "seemed poised

to uphold" the federal law.

Justices from both ends of the bench questioned why the admission of military recruiters would curtail the First Amendment rights of law schools, who were free to

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express objections to the ban on gay soldiers through signs, protests, e-mails and disclaimers. Nor did it seem obvious to the Court that the mere presence of Armed Forces personnel on campus automatically implied that the law schools embraced the message that their gay and lesbian students were less favored than others.

Chief Justice John Roberts suggested that the law schools could make their opposition to "don't ask, don't tell" crystal clear by rejecting federal funds, an onerous option not likely to be seriously considered by any of the nation's universities.

Meanwhile, a true test of "don't ask, don't tell" was argued before a federal court in

Boston last summer. That case, *Cook v. Rumsfeld*, will no doubt work its way through the system and may eventually be picked for analysis by the justices. To date, the Supreme Court has not reviewed the military's policy governing service by gay men and lesbians, which has been upheld in a handful of cases that have reached the federal appellate level. However, *Cook v. Rumsfeld* is the first "don't ask, don't tell" challenge since the 2003 ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, in which the justices destroyed a key support for sexual orientation discrimination.

In *Lawrence*, the court struck the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision affirming the right of the states to pass laws governing citizens' participation in sodomy.

Lambda sues to block draconian Oklahoma adoption law

State's measure violates Full Faith and Credit Clause, attorneys tell federal court

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

An amendment to Oklahoma's adoption code that slipped into law without much notice last year gave the Sooner State the distinction of running the most anti-gay parenting policy short of Florida, where state statute forbids adoptions by gay people.

Not a simple ban on gay adoption, Oklahoma declines to recognize the parental rights of adoptive gay families from out-of-state.

Although the provision has yet to claim a specific victim, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has asked a federal court to strike the law on constitutional grounds before it can wreak havoc on gay parents and their children. Lambda is representing three couples, two Washington State men who adopted a child born in Oklahoma, and two lesbian families who moved to Oklahoma with their adopted children.

The Oklahoma Legislature added the measure after the men, Gregory Hampel and Edmund Swaya, jumped through several hoops in order to wrest a revised birth certificate out of the state bureaucracy. In the end,

the state attorney general informed the Oklahoma Department of Health that they were legally obligated to forward the paperwork, a decision that inspired lawmakers to "fix" the state policy.

The amendment to the adoption code fore-stalls recognition of "an adoption by more than one individual of the same sex from any other state or foreign jurisdiction." It was intended, the legislature explained, "to protect Oklahoma children from being targeted for adoption by gay couples across the nation" and to "ensure that children are raised in traditional family environments."

Lambda argues that the measure compromises the status of every gay adoptive family that sets foot in the state, whether or not one or both parents have adopted. Moreover, the law is an outrageous violation of the Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause, that guarantees a judgment in one state is respected elsewhere. A court-ordered adoption, once issued anywhere in the nation, creates a legal parent on par with a biological parent. Just as Oklahoma could not mandate that the state refuse to recognize the status of biological parents who happen to be gay or lesbian, the Sooners have an absolute obligation to recognize adoption decrees regardless of location or the parents' sexual orientation, Lambda says.

Lambda's brief was filed Dec. 1 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Anti-gay-marriage amendment advances

A split Senate committee in Madison, Wis., approved an amendment that would prohibit gay marriage and civil unions, clearing the way for a vote by the full body on Tuesday.

The Senate Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy Committee voted 3-2 along party lines with all Republicans supporting the amendment, according to votes tallied Monday. Members sent in their votes by paper ballot, which were collected by the

committee chairman by a Monday deadline.

Senate leaders then voted later Monday to schedule a vote for the bill Tuesday. Wisconsin law already defines marriage as a union between a man and a wife, but amendment supporters fear a judge could invalidate the statute and order the state to recognize gay marriage, as happened in Massachusetts.

Opponents say the amendment would write discrimination into the state constitution and could strip gay couples of any legal recognition, such as health care benefits.

California student outed by principal can proceed with suit

Superior Court calls principal's action an invasion of privacy, permits suit against administrators

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Can a school principal inform a mother that her daughter is gay, even when the student is openly gay only on campus? In an order dated Nov. 28, a federal court in California's central district said that such a breach is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy, clearing the way for an ACLU lawsuit against the school authorities.

Judge James V. Selna rejected a motion to dismiss the suit, which was lodged last September on behalf of Charlene Nguon, an A student at Santiago High School in Garden Grove, California. Santiago Principal Ben Wolf disciplined Nguon for holding hands

CALIFORNIA and kissing her girlfriend, suspending the pair for a week and eventually ordering either Nguon or her girlfriend to leave his school. In the process, Wolf called Nguon's mother, who was initially upset by the news but later rallied to her daughter's side.

Nguon left the school, but was allowed to return to Santiago after the ACLU sent a letter to administrators last July. She and the school's Gay Straight Alliance are now asking the court to clear her record and institute clear anti-discrimination policies.

In his ruling, Judge Selna dismissed federal and state claims against the school district itself, but left intact Nguon's constitutional and state law complaints against individual school staff members acting in their personal capacities, including Wolf. He also allowed the plaintiffs to sue the individuals for punitive damages under state law.

Selna firmly rejected the defense argument that Nguon relinquished her privacy rights by being openly gay at school. In what may be a legal first, the judge called Wolf's



Charlene Nguon, 17, of Garden Grove, Calif., can go forward with a lawsuit against officials at her high school, a judge ruled Nov. 28. The suit claims the officials violated her privacy rights when the principal, Ben Wolf, revealed to her mother that Nguon is a lesbian.

revelation a "serious invasion of her privacy interest," and cited precedent for the premise that "the fact that an event is not wholly private does not mean that an individual has no interest in limiting disclosure or dissemination of information." Selna also ruled that the school's double standard on public displays of affection supported Nguon's equal protection arguments.

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Activists accuse Ford of secret deal with AFA

Ford Motor Co. said on Tuesday that its luxury Jaguar and Land Rover brands will no longer advertise in gay publications, but

MICHIGAN denied that the nation's second largest automaker made the decision under pressure from Christian evangelical groups.

"The decisions with regard to advertising was a business decision," Ford spokesman Mike Moran said. He said Ford's Volvo brand would continue advertising in gay publications.

Moran said Jaguar and Land Rover, which are part of Ford's money-losing Premier Automotive Group, have decided to cut back on their advertising across the board. The group reported a pretax loss of \$108 million in the third quarter.

Ford's move came nearly a week after the Tupelo, Miss.-based American Family Association canceled a boycott of Ford vehicles that began in May, when the group criticized Ford for being too gay-friendly.

The American Family Association first announced the boycott against Ford on May 31.

The group said Ford gave money to gay rights groups, offered benefits to same-sex couples and actively recruited gay employees.

After a spring meeting with a group of Ford dealers, the association said in June that it was suspending its boycott until at least the beginning of December. Gay rights groups expressed concern about reports there was a secret deal between Ford and the American Family Association.

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South Africa court orders gay marriage in one year

By **Tammye Nash**
Staff Correspondent

The Constitutional Court of South Africa issued a unanimous ruling on Nov. 30 that same-sex marriages must be recognized there. The court gave the South African government a year in which to implement the necessary legal changes.

Judge Kate O'Regan, while agreeing that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry, disagreed that they should have to wait a year.

The South African government has noted the ruling and will respect it, spokesman Joel Netshitenze told South African media on Dec. 1.

The court issued the ruling in response to an appeal by the government against a Supreme Court ruling last year that said a lesbian couple's union should be recognized.

Marie Fourie and Cecelia Bonthuys, a couple from Pretoria, brought the original application after the government refused to recognize their October 2002 wedding on the basis of the common law definition of marriage.

South Africa recognized the rights of gay people in the constitution adopted after apartheid ended in 1994 — the first in the world to prohibit discrimination on the basis

of sexual orientation. But government has opposed attempts to extend the definition of marriage in court to include same-sex couples in the mostly Christian country.

Judge Albie Sachs, who delivered Thursday's ruling, said the common law and Marriage Act definitions of marriage as a union between a man and a woman "are accordingly inconsistent with sections ... of the Constitution to the extent that they make no provision for same-sex couples to enjoy the status, entitlements and responsibilities they accord to heterosexual couples."

The court instructed Parliament to extend the definitions within a year, or else the words "or spouse" would automatically be added by the courts, the South African Press Association reported.

Judge Kate O'Regan agreed with the other 10 members of the court that same-sex marriage should be legal, but argued in a separate opinion that the court should effect the changes immediately, a view shared by gay rights groups.

Fikili Vilakazi of the Forum for the Empowerment of Women said she is worried lawmakers could attempt to water down the decision by introducing a different category of marriage for same-sex couples. Previous

proposals before Parliament included the introduction of "civil unions," which would provide the same legal benefits as marriage but would not oblige religious institutions to solemnize them, Vilakazi said.

Judge Albie Sachs read the ruling in court, noting that the court had made five previous decisions highlighting South Africa's multitude of family formations.

He said that excluding same-sex couples represented a harsh statement by the law that gay and lesbian couples were outsiders and their relationships less important than their heterosexual counterparts.

Cathi Albertyn, a director at Centre for Applied Legal Studies, called the ruling "a proud day for South African and the human rights of all its citizens."

The African National Congress also applauded the move, saying in a statement that the ruling is "an important step forward in aligning the laws of the country with the rights and freedoms contained in the South African Constitution."

Others took a different view.

John Smith of Doctors for Life said same-sex marriages were physically and emotionally unnatural and had no innate ability to procreate and so lacked the same value as heterosexual marriage.

The African Christian Democratic Party called for a constitutional amendment to "preserve and protect the traditional concept of marriage," and Ray McCauley, pastor of Rhema Church, told the Associated Press the ruling "totally undermines marriage as we know it and the cherished formation of healthy, loving families."

But Anglican Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane called the court's ruling a carefully considered judgment and said it does not compel any religious denomination or minister to approve of or perform same-sex marriages.

"Therefore it should not cause alarm," the archbishop said. "We recognize that we live in a country which is home to many beliefs, cultures and practices."

It would be arrogant and presumptuous of us to attempt to force our values and viewpoints on people who think differently from us. We would wish to value diversity in the way demonstrated today by the Constitutional Court."

But Ndungane also said the Anglican Church's remains steadfast in its view that partnership between two people of the same sex is not "a marriage in the eyes of God."

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We'll trade your waiting period for our anti-gay amendments

Long engagements

Some South African activists are grouching about the Constitutional Court's one-year delay on implementing its ruling in favor of marriage equality for gay and lesbian couples. They have a legitimate philosophical point, but please! I haven't read the zillion-page opinion, but the excerpts are profoundly touching. Recognizing that marriage is far more than a collection of rights, Justice Albie Sachs told the press that offering anything less to same-sex couples "signifies that their capacity for love, commitment and accepting respect is by definition less worthy of regard than that of heterosexual couples."

So it won't become law for at least 12 months! Compare that to the much-ballyhooed Civil Partnership Act (which-

sounds like an extended domestic partner plan) that finally took effect in the United Kingdom after three years of dilly-dallying. And then take a look around the United States where, increasingly, we can't even offer a lousy insurance policy to life partners without some conservo-creep filing a lawsuit based on these proliferating constitutional amendments.

And while we're on that subject, the Wisconsin legislature is on the verge of sending a bash-a-gay measure to the 2006 fall ballot this week, and others are not far behind. I've actually lost track of which states are doing what in terms of amending us out of their constitutions, but I'll figure it out after Christmas.

Ho ho ho

You know, by the way, that the religious right has manufactured a seasonal *cause célèbre* by claiming American retailers and institutions are deliberately trying to replace the spirit of Christmas with generic holiday rhetoric. I'm on their e-mail lists, and I can tell you they started in on this thinly disguised fundraising tactic back before the plastic pumpkins hit the drugstore shelves. Yes, we've got a politically correct thread running through the national Santa suit, but we're in no danger of killing Christmas, for God's sake.

It's here. It's unavoidable. It's ubiquitous. If anything, these people should be up in arms about the secularization of Christmas, which has turned the holiday from a religious event into an eight-week festival of conspicuous consumption where all things bright, beautiful, tasty and alcoholic must be garishly displayed, greedily purchased, gluttonously eaten and freely imbibed. (I confess to participating in the final category with some enthu-

siasm.) In fact, I read an opinion piece the other day by a historian who noted that the early Puritans disdained Christmas, banned decorations and merrymaking, and limited the entire occasion to somber worship. (Cue: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence.")

Come on, sing with me! "And with fear and trembling stand!"



Ann Rostow

Climb every mountain

Toyota every stream. While we're hobnobbing with the religious right, you should know that Focus on the Family has severed ties with the homosexual activists at Wells Fargo, while the American Family Association has revoked its boycott of Ford cars and trucks. Why? Well, it helped that Ford announced that they will pull the bulk of their advertising scheduled

for the gay press, specifically ads for Land Rover and Jaguar. On Monday, a collection of 18 GLBT organizations signed a statement condemning the automaker for entering into a secret pact with the association.

"If there is an agreement with the AFA, we expect Ford to disavow it," they wrote. "We expect Ford to publicly reaffirm its historic support for our community. And, we expect Ford to meet with GLBT representatives this week to resolve these concerns."

Ford, in turn, told the press that the decision was just business, that the company is cutting ad costs across the board, and that they would continue to promote Volvos in the gay media. I don't know about you, but I've bought my last Jaguar. Volvos indeed.

Gay penguin sex scandal

My list this morning contains three separate items on the thrilling topic of university domestic partner plans. Perhaps a titillating headline will draw you in. Hah! Gotcha!

University of Florida regents voted 12-1 in favor of a program that will start Feb. 1, while discussions are underway at the University of Nevada and revived at Utah State. Look for the bad guys to challenge anything positive that might emerge out of Nevada or Utah, where constitutional amendments could play havoc with partner plans. There's already a lawsuit challenging an executive order by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson that extended perks to the partners of city staff.

Wait! I haven't gotten to the penguins yet.

In Florida, there is no constitutional amendment in place, although a version is slowly making the rounds as a citizens' petition. That language is under review by the Florida Supreme Court at the moment, and our advocates have high hopes that the jus-



Gay rights activists must have wondered which Ford they were talking to after the automaker bowed to pressure from the American Family Association and canceled much of its scheduled advertising in the gay media for 2006. Ford said the cutback was part of an across-the-board reduction in spending on advertising. The automaker had previously insisted that a threatened boycott from the American Family Association would not affect its policies.

tics will kill the measure based on the state's strict interpretation of rules governing such things. I agree that the amendment sounds vague. But I want you to know that I am aware of the smallest details in this case and I actually read the ACLU brief many weeks ago. If pressed I could produce a cogent summary of the legal issues raised by this litigation, but I sense no psychic vibrations from my readership urging me in this direction. In fact, you're still pissed off about the *faux* penguin headline, aren't you?

Masturbating judge delays trial

-To atone for that deception, I will digress into the latest news on the judge who was kicked off the bench for masturbating with a penis pump during a trial. It's been many moons since we last discussed Donald Thompson, 58, the former jurist from Creek County, Okla., who has skillfully managed to delay a trial on indecent exposure charges for over a year. On Friday, Judge Gary Maxey was obliged to recuse himself after Thompson's lawyers claimed Maxey had discussed the case with a potential witness. Previously, the Associated Press reports, an entire jury pool of 350 people had to be dismissed after another judge was obliged to step down for the same reason.

In fact, there seems to be no one in the extended region who has resisted the opportunity to gossip about Thompson's alleged antics. If memory serves, several witnesses reported hearing sucking sounds during their testimony in Judge Thompson's courtroom,

and his assistant plucked used condoms and soiled tissues out of the judicial trash can. One phrase in a news report from at least 18 months ago that particularly sticks in my mind described Hiz Honor "oiling his nether regions" in full view of third parties. Mmmm hmmm.

Bad guys lumber along in California

Finally, let's end on some relatively good news from California, where reports indicate that the two groups trying to place anti-gay ballot measures before the electorate are having problems collecting names for their petitions.

According to a MediaNews Group article, Randy Thomasson and the Campaign for Children and Families has already missed the deadline for the June primary, and may not make the deadline for next November. His wordy measure, promoted on VoteYesmarriage.com, would outlaw same-sex marriage, and go on to specifically repeal domestic partner rights that are tantamount to marriage in California.

A rival anti-gay group, operating under Protectmarriage.com, is pushing two amendments, and has also missed the deadline for June. One of the versions has a December 27 deadline to reach the November ballot, and seems to be falling short. Their second version must qualify by April 13 to reach the fall election. May they fail miserably and never be heard from again.

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The Solomon Amendment and Gay Rights

As partisans debate military's right to access, the federal behemoth grows ever larger

May the federal government deny funds to universities that ban military recruiters from campus?

That's the issue the Supreme Court began considering with oral argument Tuesday in *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights*, which challenges the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. While gay-rights groups are strongly backing the universities, it's not a simple question of pro-gay vs. anti-gay. The case implicates gay rights only because it involves a larger phenomenon: the federal government throwing around its enormous economic weight to curtail the exercise of individual rights and federalism.

Currently, military recruiters can come to campuses, but the law schools' placement offices won't assist them. The Solomon Amendment denies almost all federal funds to any university that fails to grant military recruiters equal access to school-sponsored employment events. An entire university loses this funding, even if only a sub-element within the university — such as a university's law school — denies recruiters full access.

The Solomon Amendment runs afoul of nondiscrimination policies at many universities. The military bans service by openly gay personnel. Thus, many universities would like to prohibit military recruiting on their campuses, just as they exclude other employers that discriminate for reasons they believe are invidious.

At the same time, as a practical matter, universities can't afford to lose federal funding. The Solomon Amendment puts at risk more than \$35 billion annually for, among other things, critical university-based scientific and medical research. For some schools, it amounts to as much as 20 percent of their budgets.

The constitutional argument against the Solomon Amendment entails two steps. First, do the schools have a constitutional right to exclude military recruiters? Second, assuming they do, is it violated when the federal government threatens to withhold funds if they exercise the right?

The schools, backed by gay-rights groups, claim that excluding military recruiters is part of their First Amendment freedom of association. This claim rests heavily on a 2000 decision, *Boy Scouts v. Dale*, in which the Supreme Court held that the Boy Scouts had

a constitutional right to exclude a gay assistant scoutmaster despite a state anti-discrimination law requiring that he be admitted.

Here is where some irony begins. When *Dale* was decided, most gay-rights activists denounced it as "anti-gay." Yet it is the very freedom recognized in *Dale* that they now invoke. Thus, a decision defending the right to exclude gays is now being used to defend the right to exclude those who exclude gays.

Conservatives on the Supreme Court will probably uphold the Solomon Amendment because it involves the claimed needs of the military; liberals and moderates on the Court may uphold it because they don't want to undermine federal power.

At the same time, some conservatives who hailed *Dale* as a great victory for freedom five years ago are now arguing for a crabbed interpretation of it.

If the Supreme Court is serious about associational and speech rights, the schools should win on the first question. The government could not *mandate* that universities allow military recruiters to use their facilities.

But can the government *deny them funds* when they don't provide access to military recruiters? That's the second and much harder question.

Generally, the federal government can tell the states or private entities how to use specific grants they receive. For example, it can require that

education funds be spent on education, not road projects.

However, the government generally may not condition the receipt of a government benefit on the relinquishment of an unrelated constitutional right. For example, it cannot give food stamps only to people who agree not to criticize the war in Iraq. This is called the "unconstitutional conditions" doctrine.

The Solomon Amendment is closer to an unconstitutional condition than to a constitutional limit on the use of funds. It attempts a sweeping denial of almost all federal assistance to an entire educational institution merely because one part of it — a part that might itself receive no federal money — refuses to assist the military with its on-campus recruiting. The condition — the university must allow on-campus military recruitment — and the purpose for which the conditioned funds are spent — say, for cancer research — are unrelated.

If that's right, it might call into question the government's power to deny federal funds to universities that discriminate on the basis of race or sex, a funding condition the Supreme Court has approved. Perhaps a principled distinction can be made between the military-recruiting condition and the anti-discrimination condition.

The anti-discrimination condition directly relates to all aspects of life, including

criminal punishment. In an age where its budget reaches the trillion-dollar mark, federal power is now exerted most effectively through the conditions attached to that spending. Such economic might has a decisive effect in both the marketplace of goods and in the marketplace of ideas and other freedoms.

The federal government thus "buys" what it could not directly regulate. The result is the same: less freedom and diversity. In this case,

research and employment, in every university that receives federal funds; the military-recruiting condition does not relate directly to, say, a study on improving soybean production.

But my guess is that the justices will not even try to make the distinction. Conservatives on the Court will probably uphold the Solomon Amendment because it involves the claimed needs of the military; liberals and moderates on the Court may uphold it because they don't want to undermine federal power.

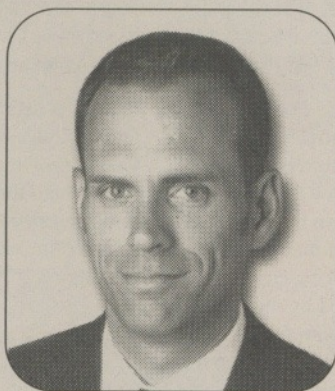
Meanwhile, few seem to have noticed the real issue. Federal power nowadays is not exercised primarily through the threat of

every major educational institution in the country has been cowed on an important matter of principle. The states, too, can be brought to heel by such conditions.

Gay rights are at stake in this case not because one side is necessarily anti-gay, but because the future of freedom in the age of the federal behemoth is itself at stake.

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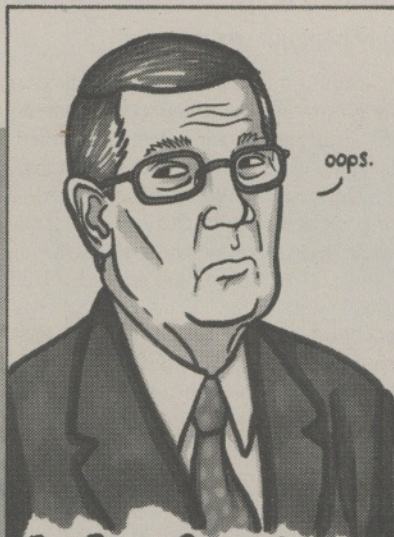
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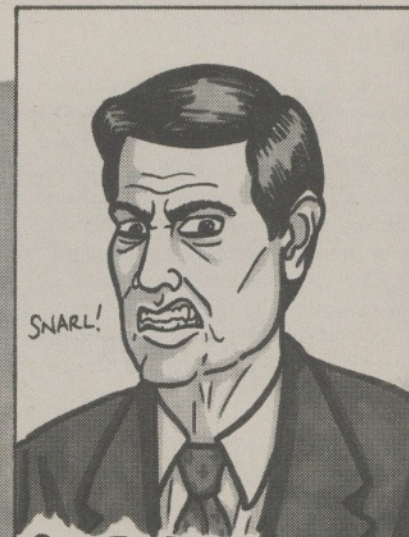
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With a song in their hearts

Gay Texas artists led by Christian Andreason help Katrina relief with the release of new benefit CD

By Joey Guerra

This year's record-breaking hurricane season has reached its official, bitter end, but the wounds remain fresh for its victims, many of whom relocated in Texas. The ongoing need is what drives the local and national artists featured on *The Katrina CD, Vol. 1*.

The project was spearheaded by Houston-based inspirational singer Christian Andreason. The openly gay performer started compiling tracks just a few weeks after Hurricane Katrina decimated New Orleans.

"There are so many calling out for help right now. So many feel forgotten," Andreason says.

But the Texas recording industry stepped up to the plate. Essential Sound Mastering in Houston donated time and materials to master the disc. Every artist donated his or her song free of charge.

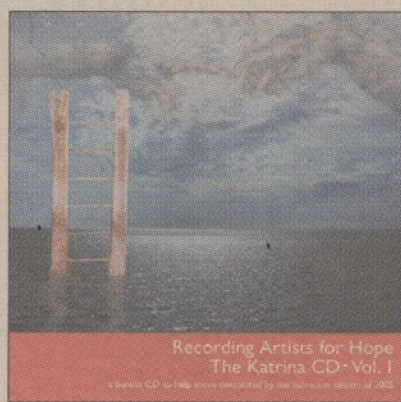
Andreason says he postponed promotion of his own solo album, *The Rhythm of Life*, because he felt compelled to do something more than donate clothes and food to help survivors. He used his own savings to get the disc started, and found songs and contributors. All proceeds raised from CD sales beyond production costs will be distributed to charity.

"The moment I made up my mind to do this CD, I grabbed the phone and rarely removed it from my ear for six weeks," Andreason says. "I sat down and made a list of songs I wanted to listen to during a time like this. I wanted music that included powerful lyrical content, strong melodic lines as well as moving vocals."

What makes the disc an ultimately affecting gift is the variety in sounds, the diversity in singers and the package's overall professionalism. *The Katrina CD* features original songs from several gay artists, including Houstonian Alan Lett, photogenic couple Jason & deMarco, gospel crooner Jeanie Cunningham, Grammy-winning producer Joe Hogue, Broadway star Billy Porter and sexy soul singer Ari Gold.

"When it came to choosing the artists, I guess I subliminally figured that folks who are actually from the Gulf Coast area would be more apt to donate their music. I didn't necessarily plan on using so many artists originating from Texas; it just happened to turn out that way," Andreason says. "Not to brag about my home state or anything, but artists from Texas just seem to be more generous with their music."

"When the Katrina disaster happened, and I saw how the people who were affected were



Recording Artists for Hope

The Katrina CD, Vol. 1

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Messages of hope and understanding come in wildly diverse sonic packages. Just take a listen to *The Katrina CD, Vol. 1*. The eclectic, electric disc features pop, dance, country and Latin rhythms united for similar goals: relief, recovery and redemption.

Good intentions are one thing, but any disc should deliver on the ears as well, and this one does.

Houston's former KHOU-TV 11 consumer reporter (turned quirky diva) Eileen Faxas snaps and crackles on the salsa ditty "Vivelo," and singer Jez rides a swirl of complex guitar riffs and soaring vocals on "Prodigal." Even better is the haunting simplicity of Glenna Bell's "Tumbling Down," a duet with country-rocker John Evans. Jason & deMarco preview their upcoming album with the sultry dance track "Just in Time," a song written and produced by 21-year-old Houston native Alan Lett. Lett's own "From Now On (Second Chance)" is accessible and adventurous.

Ballads from Katrina Parker and Cameren Dezen provide moments of grace, but the disc's most resonant track comes from Kim Carson, who lived for 15 years in New Orleans and still had a home there when Katrina laid its path of destruction. "I'm going back to Louisiana/I gotta get there just as fast as I can," Carson sings on her gumbo-flavored country romp. It's a sentiment survivors can likely relate to all too well.

—Joey Guerra

being treated, I wanted so badly to find a way to help in any way that I could," says Gold, an emerging gay icon whose angelic face and toned physique have graced countless magazine covers and fashion spreads. His song "Space Under Sun" is a highlight of the CD.

"Space Under Sun" is a song about the journey we go through to find out how we fit into this world and allowing the universe to guide us," Gold says. "I thought that this journey would resonate with the victims of Hurricane Katrina, as they have been displaced and many lost their homes."



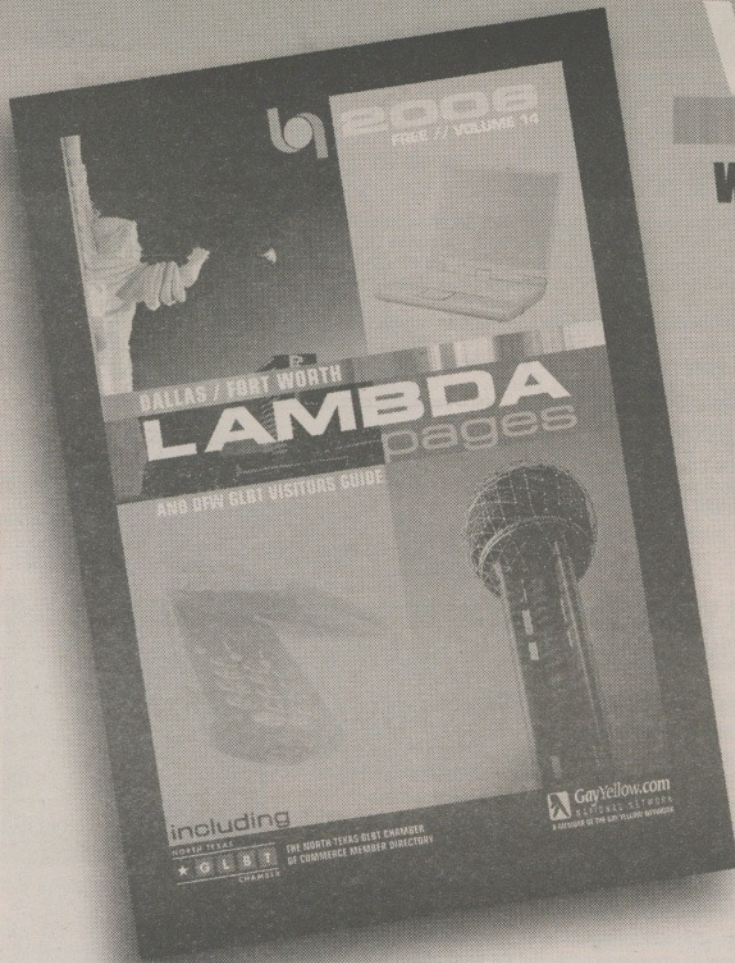
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Plenty of friendly straight folks have also rallied for the cause. The kitschy Kitten K. Sera (formerly Houston-based performer Pinque) twinkles and shines on "All That I'm Looking For," a campy gem that features backing vocals from Destiny's Child divas Beyonce and Kelly Rowland. Dance-floor favorite Jenna Drey also kicks up the energy on the insanely catchy "Why Should I Believe You," which is already poised for a big splash on *Billboard's* dance club play chart.

Music, it seems, does indeed make the people come together. It can also make a difference in the lives of people who so desperately need a ray of hope, as several contributing artists have indicated.




"When it comes to humanity, we are all the same; we are all equal. In times of hardship, if I can help anyone, I will," says Hogue, whose inspirational song "Dreamer" closes the album. "God teaches us to love one another. That's it — it's that simple. And when you love, you heal. That's what I believe. I hope that many more people reach out. Gay, straight, whatever! We are all human and deserve respect and love."

The Katrina CD can be purchased online at Katrinacd.com or at Cactus Music & Video. More outlets will be added in the coming months, and Andreason plans to produce additional volumes — "as long as there is a need," he says.



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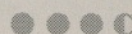
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Depeche Mode

Playing the Angel

Sire Records



Thank the techno heavens that Depeche Mode became uncool for a decade. Without a period of wallowing in mediocrity, capped by the blasé CD *Exciter* in 2001, Mode's invigorating comeback album, *Playing the Angel*, might have been lost among current synth heavies from alterna-geeks like The Killers or Franz Ferdinand.

But fear not: the Mode is back. *Angel* brims with an earnest, hip glee and a natural, rolling pulse.

The album works as a single unit — a compliment considering the current saturation of single-single wonders. Even so, each track satisfies individually, especially the first single, "Precious," which swells and ebbs discreetly, even hypnotically, until you find you're tapping your feet.

But "Precious" is no fluke. The whole album delivers Moments of schmaltz rear up, as in the obvious "Lilian," yet without them, the CD could collapse. That's a testament to Mode's talent and longevity.

Depeche Mode was the original stadium-filling techno band, as parents remember well. With *Angel*, their kids are about to realize why.

— Ryan Short



The East Village Opera Company

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Decca Records



No doubt some purists will be horrified by this collection of classical operatic arias and overtures arranged for a-rock audience. (I don't seem to recall Puccini using a steel guitar in the original orchestrations for *Turandot*.) But for those who think *La Boheme* benefited — or at least didn't suffer — from being reimagined as *Rent*, this could be a dream come true.

The redux versions of Delibes's "Flower Duet" from Lakme (ripe with its lesbian subtext), Bizet's "Au font du temple saint" (with a woozy alt-rock vibe, and "Habanera" with additional lyrics by its queer singer, AnnMarie Milazzo) and Puccini's "Un bel di" from *Madama Butterfly* offer intoxicatingly groovy variations on the staid world of opera.

The irony is, you probably have to be an opera fan to fully enjoy the disc, and fans are likely the ones most easily scared away from its unconventionality. But the musicality is solid and for those interested in the classic sound without the patience for its stuffiness, this is an ideal primer.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



Madonna

Confessions on a Dance Floor

Warner Bros. Records



La M's latest disc is being hailed as her glorious return to glitterball heaven, but any good gay boy know she never went away in the first place. Madonna's last album, 2003's *American Life*, was labeled a mainstream flop, but its torrent of singles — "Hollywood," "Love Profusion," "Nobody Knows Me," the title track — all topped the club-play charts.

Confessions on a Dance Floor cuts a straight path from disc to disco heaven, and it's even being offered in a 12-track continuous mix. Choice cuts "Hung Up," "Get Together," "Sorry" and "Future Lovers" bleed effortlessly into each other, and the beats come fast and hard. There are shades of Donna Summer here, sprinkles of Kylie there, but in the end, *Confessions* is pure, essential Madonna. She offers a defiant tribute in "I Love New York," and contemplates the price of celebrity during "Let It Will Be" and "How High."

Vocally, she's never sounded so seductive, particularly during the intoxicating strains of "Forbidden Love" and the electric vibe of "Jump." Madonna closes with the tribal thrust of "Push," a love letter to those who have made her a better person; and "Like It or Not," a rousing declaration of self-acceptance. Dance divas are a dime a dozen, but Madonna's rousing *Confessions* proves why she's still worth her weight in gold, sequins and glitter.

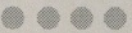
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Bernadette Peters

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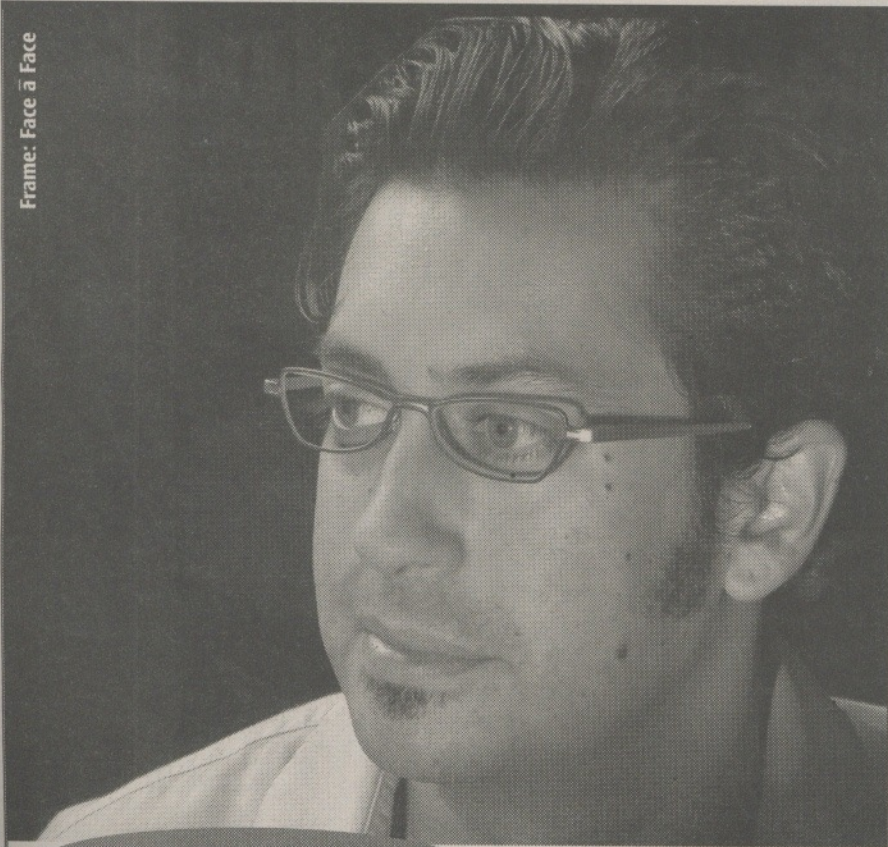
Though some may be reluctant to admit it, we all love a collection of Broadway show tunes. And we especially love show tunes performed by legendary Tony-winning vocal dynamos like Bernadette Peters. *Sondheim Etc. Etc.* (a follow up to *Sondheim Etc.*), recorded live in December 1996 during a solo performance by Peters at Carnegie Hall, is nothing short of a mesmerizing journey.

The 12-track disc kicks off (after an obligatory overture) with a bubbly and entertaining medley of "We're in the Money" and "Pennies from Heaven," shifts into torch song territory with "If You Were the Only Boy," and manages to strike deeply emotional chords with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Unexpected Song" and a haunting rendition of John David Souther's "Faithless Love." As the album's title suggests, there are also a number of Sondheim favorites, including "Later" and "Children Will Listen." The disc concludes with a cheery "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" sing-along, a fact that makes it the perfect holiday gift for the closeted show tune lovers on your holiday list. And don't forget an extra copy for yourself.

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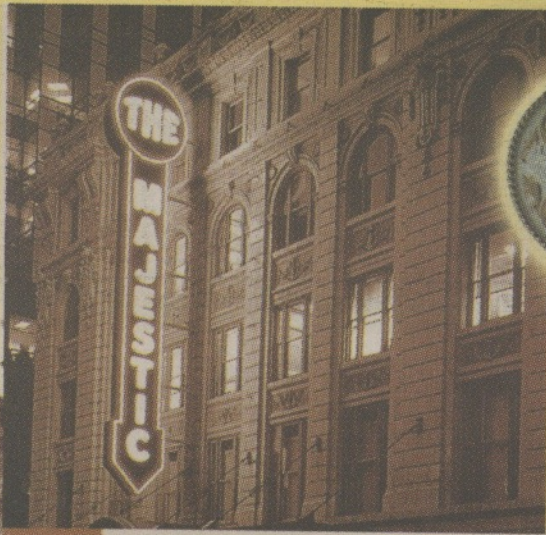
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Best Travel Agency:	Pride Travel
Best Airline:	American Airlines
Best Florist:	Bishop Arts Floral
Best Cosmetic Surgeon:	David Martin
Best Apartment Locator:	Promove
Best Attorney:	Cynthia Asensio
Best Photographer:	Shawn Northcutt

Community

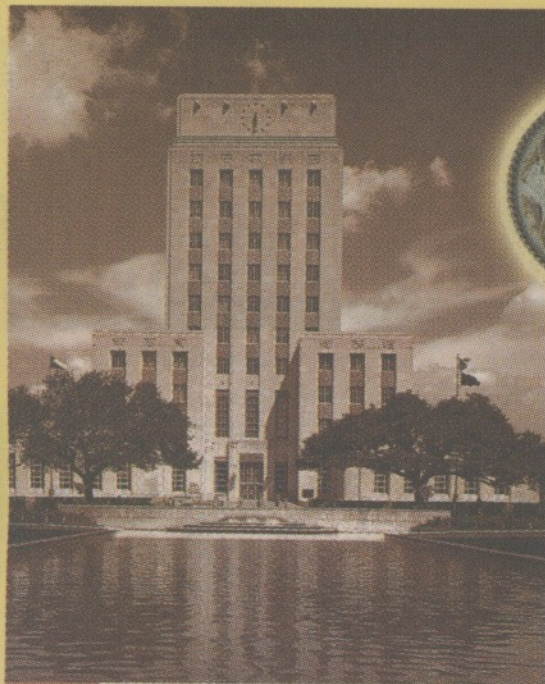
Best Fundraiser:	Black Tie Dinner
Best GLBT Activist:	Steve Atkinson
Best GLBT Organization:	HRC
Best Thing To Happen GLBT:	North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce
Worst Thing To Happen GLBT:	Proposition 2
Best Local Official:	Ed Oakley
Best State Official:	Rafeal Anchia
Best Place Of Worship:	Cathedral Of Hope
Best Radio (General):	KERA 90.1
Best GLBT Friendly Radio:	KDGE 102.1
Best TV General :	WFAA ABC 8
Best GLBT Friendly TV:	Logo

Places

Best Bed and Breakfast :	(Tie) Daisy Polk Inn, Lockhart Gables
Best Weekend Getaway:	Austin
Best Neighborhood:	Kessler Park
Best Park:	White Rock Lake
Best Bike Walk Trail:	Katy Trail
Best Tourist Destination:	Nasher Sculpture Center
Best Place To Meet Somebody:	JR's

Arts & Entertainment

Best Indie Film Theatre:	Angelika Film Center
Best Local Stage Production:	<i>Southern Baptist Sissies</i> (Uptown Players)
Best Touring Stage Production:	<i>Wicked</i>
Best Entertainer (Drag):	Cassie Nova
Best Entertainer (Other):	Denise Lee
Best Museum:	Nasher Sculpture Center
Best Live Music Venue:	Smirnoff Music Centre
Best Festival:	Halloween On Cedar Springs
Best Local Sports Team:	Mavericks
Best GLBT Family Web Site:	Dallas Voice
Best GLBT Adult Web Site:	Manhunt.Net



ROUND UP AWARDS 2006 BEST OF HOUSTON

Restaurants

Best Breakfast Spot:	Baby Barnaby's
Best 24 Hour Restaurant:	House Of Pies
Best Brunch:	Baba Yega
Best Vegetarian:	Baba Yega
Best Greek:	Niko Niko's
Best Chinese:	Hollywood
Best Italian:	Carrabba's
Best Mexican:	Cafe Adobe
Best Thai:	Nit Noi
Best Sushi:	Cafe Japon
Best Pizza:	Star Pizza
Best Seafood:	Pappadeaux
Best Steakhouse:	Vic & Anthony's
Best Margarita:	Cafe Adobe
Best Burger:	Barnaby's
Best Patio:	Baba Yega
Best For People Watching:	Galleria
Most Romantic Restaurant:	Mark's
Best To Take Family:	Little Pappasito's
Best Barbeque:	Goode & Company
Best Buffet:	Aladdin Mediterranean Cuisine
Best Take Out:	Barnaby's
Best Caesar Salad:	La Madeleine
Best Fast Food:	Whataburger
Best Coffee House:	Starbucks
Best Wait Staff:	Barnaby's

Bars and Clubs

Best All-Around Bar:	JR's - Houston
Best Leather:	Ripcord
Best Lesbian:	Chances
Best Dance:	South Beach
Best Country Western:	Brazos River Bottom
Sexiest Staff:	South Beach
Friendliest Staff:	JR's
Best Off The Beaten Path:	EJ's
Best Happy Hour:	JR's - Houston

Best Martini:	Meteor
Best Theme Night:	JR's Wednesday
Best Drag Show:	JR's
Best Club Dj:	J.D. Arnold
Best Karaoke:	JR's
Best After Hours:	South Beach
Best Place To Shoot Pool:	Slick Willie's
Best Weekday Hangout:	JR's
Best Straight Bar:	Deco

Services

Best Pet Supply:	Petsmart
Best Pet Adoption:	SPCA of Texas
Best Video Rental:	Hollywood Supercenter
Best Adult Video Rental:	QVideo
Best Bookstore:	Hollywood Supercenter
Best Furniture:	Gallery Furniture
Best Art Gallery:	Bering & James
Best Apparel:	Male Uwear
Best Piercing/Tattoo:	Shaw's Tattoo Studio
Best Gift/Boutique:	Crossover Gifts
Best Toy Store (Adult):	Cindy's
Best Second-hand Consignment:	Buffalo Exchange
Best Grocery:	Kroger
Best Antique Shop:	Antiques On Nineteenth
Best Computer/High Tech:	Best Buy
Best Jewelry Store:	I. W. Marks
Best Health Food/Nutrition:	Houston Buyers Club
Best Leather Shop:	Black Hawk Leather
Best Liquor Store:	Spec's
Best Tux Rental:	Al's Formal Wear
Best Athletic Apparel:	Academy
Best Cellular Service:	Cingular
Best Auto Dealership:	De Montrond
Best Eyewear Optical:	Spectacles
Best Music Store:	Soundwaves
Best Hotel:	Hotel Derek
Best Bathhouse:	Club Houston
Best Hair Salon:	Etheria Salon & Day Spa
Best Hair Stylist:	Alyson Bass-White
Best Massage:	Brad Brandt, Sunset Bodyworks
Best Gym:	Fitness Exchange
Best Personal Trainer:	Coach Kimmie
Best Tanning Salon:	Eclipse
Best Medical Practitioner:	Patrick McNamara
Best Dentist:	Bruce Smith
Best Chiropractor:	William Lester
Best Veterinarian:	Montrose Vet Clinic

Best Mechanic:	Harvey Jenkins, Sooner Auto
Best Mortgage Company:	Lighthouse Mortgage Consultants
Best Bank:	Washington Mutual
Best Insurance Agency:	State Farm Insurance
Best Real Estate Agency:	Suzanne Anderson Properties
Best Real Estate Agent:	Danny Pleason, Karpas Properties
Best Travel Agency:	Concierge Travel
Best Airline:	Continental Airlines
Best Florist:	Lexis Florist
Best Cosmetic Surgeon:	Dr. David Luetcke
Best Apartment Locator:	Tirey Counts
Best Attorney:	Jerry Simoneaux
Best Photographer:	David Lewis

Community

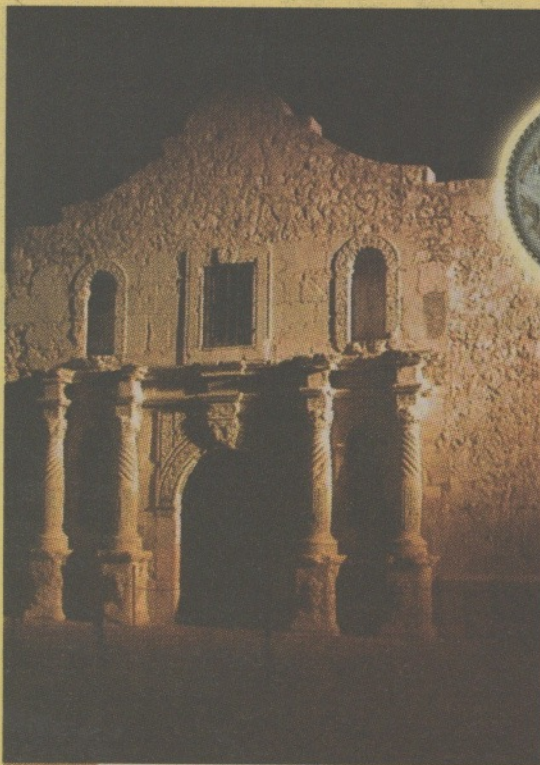
Best Fundraiser:	Bayou City Boys Club Jungle Party
Best GLBT Activist:	Chris Bown
Best GLBT Organization:	Bayou City Boys Club
Best Thing To Happen GLBT:	Pride Parade
Worst Thing To Happen GLBT:	Proposition 2
Best Local Official:	Annis Parker
Best State Official:	Senfronia Thompson
Best Place Of Worship:	Resurrection MCC
Best Radio (General):	104.1 KRBE
Best GLBT Friendly Radio:	KPRT 90.1
Best TV General:	KPRC Channel 2
Best GLBT Friendly TV:	KPRC Channel 2

Places

Best Bed and Breakfast:	The Lovett Inn
Best Weekend Getaway:	Austin
Best Neighborhood:	Montrose
Best Park:	Memorial Park
Best Bike Walk Trail:	Memorial Park
Best Tourist Destination:	Galleria
Best Place To Meet Somebody:	Starbucks

Arts & Entertainment

Best Indie Film Theater:	River Oaks
Best Local Stage Production:	Hanky Tonk Angels (Stages Repertory)
Best Touring Stage Production:	Medea
Best Entertainer (Drag):	Kofi
Best Entertainer (Other):	Christina Ross
Best Museum:	Museum Of Natural Science
Best Festival :	Pride Houston
Best Local Sports Team:	Houston Astros
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BEST OF SAN ANTONIO

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Best Chinese:	Asia West
Best Italian:	Caparelli's
Best Mexican:	Los Barrios
Best Thai:	Thai Kitchen
Best Sushi:	Samurai Sushi
Best Pizza:	California Pizza
Best Seafood:	Sea Island
Best Steakhouse:	Little Red Barn
Best Margarita:	Chacho's
Best Burger:	Chris Madrid's
Best Patio:	La Fonda
Best For People Watching:	Riverwalk
Most Romantic Restaurant:	Piatti's
Best To Take Family:	Riverwalk
Best Barbeque:	Rudy's
Best Buffet:	China Sea
Best Take Out:	Lucky Burger
Best Caesar Salad:	Timo's
Best Fast Food:	El Pollo Loco
Best Coffee House:	Candlelight
Best New Restaurant:	Timo's
Best Wait Staff:	Jim's

Bars and Clubs

Best All-Around Bar:	The Saint
Best Leather:	Eagle
Best Lesbian:	Bermuda Triangle
Best Dance:	Heat
Best Cabaret/Piano:	2015
Best Country Western:	Silver Dollar

Sexiest Staff:	Heat
Friendliest Staff:	Saint
Best Off-The-Beaten-Path Bar:	2015
Best Happy Hour:	Annex
Best Martini:	Swigs
Best Theme Night:	Saint
Best Drag Show:	Saint
Best DJ:	DJ Gonzo/Heat
Best Karaoke:	Pegasus
Best After Hours:	Heat
Best Place To Shoot Pool:	Pegasus
Best Weekday Hangout:	Annex
Best Straight Bar:	Planet Bar-Rio

Services

Best Pet Supply:	Fintage
Best Pet Adoption:	Bexar Co. Humane Society
Best Video Rental:	Blockbuster
Best Adult Video Rental:	Encore Video
Best Bookstore:	Borders Books, Music, Tapes
Best Furniture:	John William Interiors
Best Art Gallery:	Blue Star
Best Apparel:	Jive
Best Piercing/Tattoo:	Honest Charlie
Best Gift Boutique:	On Main/Off Main
Best Toy Store (Adult):	G Spot
Best Second Hand Consignment:	The Green Door
Best Grocery:	Central Market
Best Computer High Tech:	Apple Store
Best Jewelry Store:	Pat Gavin
Best Health Food/Nutrition:	Sun Harvest
Best Leather Shop:	Leathermasters
Best Liquor Store:	Northridge
Best Tux Rental:	Al's Formal Wear
Best Athletic Apparel:	Academy
Best Cellular Service:	T-Mobile
Best Auto Dealership:	Cavender Cadillac
Best Eyewear/Optical:	Today's Vision
Best Music Store:	Hog Wild
Best Bed Breakfast:	Painted Lady Inn
Best Weekend Getaway:	Austin
Best Neighborhood:	Monte Vista
Best Park:	McAllister Park
Best Bike Walk Trail:	McAllister Park
Best Hotel:	St. Anthony Hotel
Best Bathhouse:	Alternative Clubs
Best Hair Salon:	Americano Canales
Best Hair Stylist:	John Zamarripa

Best Massage:	Edward Rodriguez
Best Gym:	Golds
Best Personal Trainer:	Tom Pasemante
Best Medical Practitioner:	James Bromley
Best Dentist:	Spencer Wyrick DDS
Best Chiropractor:	Courtney Owen
Best Veterinarian:	Gary Sartor DVM
Best Mechanic:	Rhine West
Best Home Repair:	Ms. Fix It
Best Mortgage Company:	Wells Fargo
Best Bank:	Wells Fargo
Best Insurance Agency:	Farmers
Best Real Estate Agency:	Keller Williams
Best Real Estate Agent:	Randy Rice
Best Airline:	Southwest Airlines
Best Florist:	Alamo Plants & Petals
Best Attorney:	William (Bill) Goodman
Best Photographer:	Angela Bartels

Community

Best Fundraiser:	Sizzle/ACMC
Best GLBT Activist:	Daniel Gainey
Best GLBT Organization:	Alamo City Men's Chorale
Best Thing To Happen GLBT:	Wedding Cake Liberation Front
Worst Thing To Happen GLBT:	Proposition 2
Best Local Official:	Elena Guajardo
Best State Official:	Mike Villarreal
Best Place Of Worship:	Madison Square Presbyterian
Best Radio General:	JAM 94.1
Best GLBT Friendly Radio:	Jam 94.1
Best TV (General):	KSAT
Best GLBT Friendly TV:	Bravo

Arts & Entertainment

Best Indie Film Theater:	Bijou
Best Local Stage Production:	Gypsy
Best Touring Stage Production:	Mamma Mia
Best Entertainer (Drag):	Jenny McCall
Best Entertainer (Other):	Michael R.
Best Museum:	San Antonio Museum Of Art
Best Live Music Venue:	Jazz Festival
Best Festival:	Gay Fiesta
Best Local Sports Team:	Spurs
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Film

By Steven Lindsey

Coming out of their shells

Loggerheads uses turtles as metaphor

Moral dilemma: You find a hot, young homeless man living on the beach, protecting the eggs of sea turtles. Do you have sex with him there or take him home with you instead?

Alas, this isn't one of *those* movies.

Despite the pornographic potential and utter dreaminess of star Kip Pardue, the film doesn't fulfill any fantasies, but rather portrays a love triangle of sorts between a son, his birth mother and the mother who raised him. (And of course, it's not *that* kind of triangle, either.)

Pardue stars as Mark, the turtle-saving drifter taken in by local motel owner George (Michael Kelly), who finds him attractive. Across the state, Grace (Bonnie Hunt) decides to search for her son after years of



Kelly and Pardue

speculation and regret. Meanwhile, his adoptive parents — a conservative minister (Chris Sarandon) and his wife (Tess Harper) — cope with the estrangement from Mark, who ran away after they disapproved of his homosexuality.

As these stories unfold and the people grow closer to intersecting, the sorrow that inevitably accompanies unconditional love becomes overwhelming.

Pardue gives a good performance in one of his meatier film roles, but it's the mothers who shine. Hunt, as always, is brilliant. Equally skilled at drama and comedy, the actress never gets the recognition she deserves. Harper also makes the most of her role and brings depth to a character who could be a one-dimensional religious fanatic. If there's one thing writer Tim Kirkman does extraordinarily well, it's creating complex, layered characters capable of often unexpected compassion.

Loggerheads is slow and methodical, which may translate to boredom for some moviegoers, but its message is more than worthwhile — and the scenery's not bad, either.

ON SCREEN

Brokeback Mountain

Written by Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana. Directed by Ang Lee. With Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal. Rated R. Running Time: 134 min. Opens wide Dec. 16.

Loggerheads

Written and directed by Tim Kirkman. With Tess Harper, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Kelly, Kip Pardue and Chris Sarandon. Not rated. Running Time: 95 minutes. Opens today at the Angelika Film Center in Dallas.

shorts

Homo on the range

I've never been much of a camper, but then again, Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal weren't my tentmates. In *Brokeback Mountain*, the two young actors take on the challenging and vulnerable roles of cowboys who become lovers among the desolate and picturesque vistas of Wyoming during 1963. Despite the obvious obstacles, the men conduct a clandestine relationship through periodic "hunting trips" away from their families.

Director Ang Lee, working from an adaptation of a short story from Annie Proulx, has created an epic motion picture about the power of love and the tragedy of separation. The chemistry between the stars is intense and tender. The relationship is so believable and relatable for any gay person who's ever kept his or her sexuality a secret that the film's underlying sadness resonates loudly.

But while the kissing and brief nudity may be getting everyone's attention, the performances of Ledger and Gyllenhaal, as well as terrific turns from Anne Hathaway and Michelle Williams as their well-aware wives, are the compelling reason to rush to see this monumental achievement.

Brokeback Mountain isn't likely to enlighten conservatives, but it is guaranteed to make gay viewers appreciate how far we've come — and how much we have to lose.

Gyllenhaal and Ledger

—S.L.



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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Clean sweep

Soapsuds by Finola Hughes and Digby Diehl (Ballantine, 384 pages, \$23.95)

It is too easy to get involved in watching soaps. The first day, you figure you're only going to watch for a minute. The second day, you just want to check in to see if that nasty character got her comeuppance. The third day, you need to find out if those two cuties ever hooked up. By the fourth day, you're hooked.

Reading *Soapsuds* is just like that — three or four pages in, and you're a fan.

London stage actress Kate McPhee has just landed a job on daytime's *Live for Tomorrow*. Kate left a broken heart, a cheating boyfriend and a lying best friend back home, and she has no intention of returning.

Kate's TV character, Detective Devon Merrick, is a car-accident survivor who narrowly missed being murdered and is now pursued by several men and a cult of blood-thirsty, vicious vampires. Because Devon is gay, everyone thinks that Kate is, too, which



further complicates her life. In fact, Kate's life is getting more and more like a — well, a soap opera.

Hope Canyon, the fictional setting for *Live for Tomorrow*, is populated by a strange group of characters, but they're nothing compared to the real people

who work on the show. Meredith Contini is the grand diva who joined the show 30-plus years ago and whose character is still thirty-something, although Daphne del Valle, the show's producer, wants to change that. The town's resident doctor is always drunk, so he uses sticky notes to remind him of his lines. There are several Barbie-doll look-a-likes on the set, too, each one more clueless than the last.

Everyone gossips about everyone else. Eavesdropping is an everyday occurrence. And now Kate has a handsome new co-star

on the set, and she's smitten but he's married. Will Kate ever find true love? Tune in tomorrow.

Emmy-winning actress Finola Hughes used to be on *General Hospital* and *All My Children*, and fans of either of those shows are going to have a great time trying to figure out who the thinly-disguised characters are in *Soapsuds*. You'll no doubt wonder how much is real and how much is fiction. Either way, *Soapsuds* will make you laugh out loud.

Chore Whore: Adventures of a Celebrity Assistant by Heather H. Howard (HarperCollins, 304 pages, \$23.95)

You think you have a bad job — the hours are awful, the tasks are boring, the boss is an idiot, customers have no clue and the pay is low.

Well, things could be worse. You could have a spoiled Hollywood star as an employer. Read *Chore Whore* and you'll never complain about your boss again.

It's Christmastime, and Cornelia "Corki" Brown is trying to find a perfect gift for Steven Spielberg's birthday. While nothing has to be expensive, gifts to Steven usually are. More important, they need to be memorable. Corki's clients, some of the biggest in Hollywood, want her to really surprise Spielberg for them, so they send her to L.A.'s most exclusive stores. Such is the life of a chore whore.

Jock Straupman, one of Corki's clients, is a major star. Women come and go through Jock's house almost weekly, and Jock pays



Corki to break up with them. He also pays her to arrange his mail pick-up, clean his guns and buy his food.

Lucy Bennett, a two-time Academy Award-winning actress, thinks of Corki as part of the family — that part that cooks for Lucy's dinner parties

and schedules vehicle maintenance for her, that is. But Corki doesn't mind. Lucy pays her well to do these things, and with Lucy around, it's easy to get a table in some of the better restaurants.

By working nearly around the clock, Corki makes just enough money to pay the mortgage and raise her son. Then the new year arrives, and with it, a wedding, a scandal, a blackmail scheme and one celebrity assistant who's tired of it all.

True story or just a novel? Author Heather H. Howard was a real-life celebrity assistant for many years, which leaves you wondering how much of Corki's tale really happened and how much is fiction. This book is filled with juicy, gossipy insider-type stories that seemed rather thinly-disguised, and more fact than fiction. Most of Hollywood is probably busy trying to figure out who's who.

If you've ever been tempted to browse through a tabloid magazine in the check-out line at the grocery store, you must read this book. *Chore Whore* is scandalous, fun and definitely not a chore to read.

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By Arnold Wayne Jones

Austin city limits

The state capital gets into the spirit of the holidays with music and camp appeal

Everyone knows Austin is a weird city — it could officially change its name to Funkytown and barely raise an eyebrow outside the Capitol. And hip places tend to do hip things for the holidays. After all, what could be campier than a time of year when fat men wear red velvet, adults don reindeer antlers and jingle bells are attached to everything as far as the eye can see?

Gay Austin gets into the spirit of the holidays with a number of entertainment events that aren't just weird — they're queer.

Although the 17th annual holiday concert from the **Capital City Men's Chorus** takes place at a Christian church, it combines songs



La Cage

from different seasonal traditions, including Hannukah and non-denominational Yule-tide standards.

Many Austinites are familiar with the monthly **La Cage: Vegas in Austin** fundraising drag show, but for December the delightful divas have conjured up a whole new spectacle. The slate of female impersonators — including illusions of Liza, Diana, Dionne and Whitney — will be joined by Flaming Desire, a male *a cappella* quartet based in Austin. Proceeds benefit Project Transitions.

For 20 years, the Austin Baptist Women haven't been about illusion — they've been about camp. For their landmark anniversary, the gals present the **Very Pink Christmas** variety show.

Garry Holley, the only one of the original four members still performing, says it all started



Austin Baptist Women

as a lark. "We dressed up like old ladies for fun — don't ask me why — and we've been doing it ever since," he says. A few times, Holley thought about retiring the show, but the needs of charity groups around town have kept it going — ABW have helped raise "just shy of \$6 million for charity," Holley says.

This year's show is a benefit for the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Austin. There's no cover, but donations are accepted, and there will be a live auction in addition to

ON STAGE

Capital City Men's Chorus Holiday Concert. Central Christian Church, 1110 Guadalupe St., Austin. Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 4 p.m. \$15-\$18. 512-477-SING.

La Cage: Vegas in Austin. The Cockpit Club, 113 San Jacinto St., Austin. Sun. at 8:30 p.m. \$5 donation requested. 214-457-8010.

A Very Pink Christmas: Austin Baptist Women's 20th Holiday Spectacular Show, Rainbow Cattle Company, 305 W. 5th St., Austin. Dec. 18 at 7:45 p.m. Free. Babbistwomen.com.

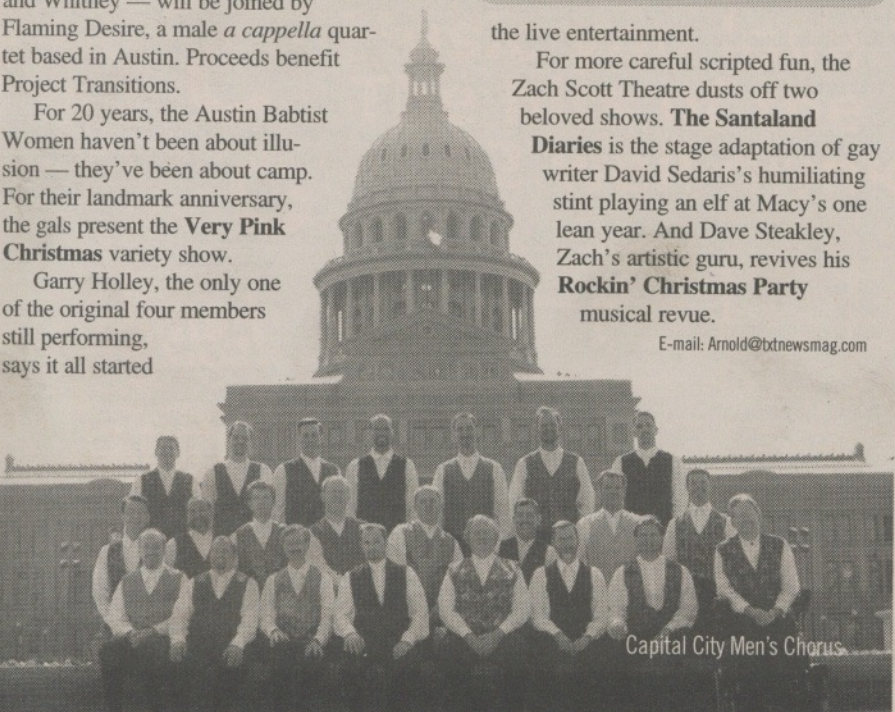
The Santaland Diaries and Rockin' Christmas Party. Zach Scott Theatre Center, 1510 Toomey Road, Austin. *Santaland* through Jan. 8; *Party* through Jan. 1. \$28-\$38. 512-476-0541, ext. 1.

the live entertainment.

For more careful scripted fun, the Zach Scott Theatre dusts off two beloved shows. **The Santaland**

Diaries is the stage adaptation of gay writer David Sedaris's humiliating stint playing an elf at Macy's one lean year. And Dave Steakley, Zach's artistic guru, revives his **Rockin' Christmas Party** musical revue.

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Friday, December 9

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A Christmas Carol Roasting on an Open Fire, written and performed by Rob Nash. Thursdays through Sundays, through Jan. 7. 8 p.m. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. \$10-\$30. 512-478-5282.

Black Nativity, by Langston Hughes. Presented by Pro Arts Collective through Dec. 18. Thursdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. Austin Playhouse at Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress Ave. 512-474-TIXS.

High Tech Happy Hour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Havana Lounge, 4006 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-526-9494.

Jingle Belles & Jingle Balls, presented by united Court of Austin. 10:30 p.m. 'Bout Time, 9601 N. IH-35. Benefits Breast Cancer Resource Center. Cesavells1976@yahoo.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

La Morenita, a Virgen de Guadalupe art exhibit co-curated by Viola Delgado and Jesús Cháirez, through Dec. 17. Studio 2225, 2225 Kelly Ave. 214-293-1790.

HOUSTON

2nd annual Heights Holiday Market, 5-9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring a new unwrapped toy for AIDS Foundation Houston's Red Ribbon Toy Program. The Artful Corner, 3423 White Oak Dr. 713-426-4ART

Basquiat, through Feb. 12. Museum of Fine Arts Houston, 1001 Bissonnet St. 713-639-7300. Mfah.org.

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

Cats, presented by Theatre Under The Stars, through Dec. 18. 8 p.m. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-TUTS. Tuts.com.

Diana, A Celebration, through Feb. 5. \$9.50-\$17.50. Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Dr. 713-639-4629. Hmns.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.

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

Photography in Houston Galleries, presented by FotoFest, through Dec. 17 at various galleries. Fotofest.org.

Thornton Dial in the 21st Century. Presented by Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, through Jan. 8, 2006. 1100 Bissonnet St. 713-639-7300. Mfah.org.

Saturday, December 10

AUSTIN

17th annual Holiday concert, presented by Capital City Men's Chorus. 8 p.m. Dec. 11, 4 p.m. \$15-\$18. Central Christian Church, 1110 Guadalupe St. 512-477-SING. Ccmcaustin.org.

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar, with various artists, through Dec. 24. \$3-\$5. Austin Music Hall, 208 Nueces St. 512-447-1605. Armadillobazaar.com.

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9th Annual Blue Yule Holiday Party and Ornament Sale, presented by McKinney Avenue Contemporary. 5-7:30 p.m. 214-953-1212. The-mac.org.

Dallas Ft. Worth Primitimers Christmas dinner, 5 p.m. \$15. 972-504-8866. Rsvp@primitimers-dfw.org.

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

Face of the Month, presented by COPA Productions. 7 p.m. Keys West, 817 W. Dallas St. 713-571-7870.

Gay Games VII Registration with Gay Games VII Key Cities Manager and Coach for CheerSF, Sanford Smith. Presented by Team Houston. 4-8 p.m. JR's Bar & Grill's Santa Fe, 808 Pacific St. GayGamesTeamHouston@yahoo.com.

It's Only Rock 'n' Roll, through Jan. 22. Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 5216 Montrose Blvd. 713-284-8250.

Rosas Para La Virgen, presented by Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization and Noche Espiritual. 7 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th St. HoustonGallo@yahoo.com.

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An Evening with the Stars, the 13th Annual Holiday Gala with Shady Lady, Erica Andrews, Kourtney Deveraux, Amber Nix, Sweet Savage and Jessica Marx. Presented by People Who Care. 6 p.m.-1 a.m. \$7.50-\$25. St. George Maronite Banquet Center, 6070 Babcock Rd. 210-699-0313. Dcorrea3@Satx.rr.com.

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

Sunday, December 11

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Angels Sing! Presented by Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. 8 p.m. for all performances. More performance Dec. 13, 15 through 18, with 2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 11, 17 and 18. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St.

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Gay Games VII Registration with Gay Games VII Key Cities Manager and Coach for CheerSF, Sanford Smith. Presented by Team Houston. 12-6 p.m. Decades, 1205 Richmond Ave. GayGamesTeamHouston@yahoo.com.

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

Snowbunnies 2, with DJ Ted Elison and FlyBoys of Flag Troupe Houston. 5-10 p.m. \$10. Benefits Bunnies on the Bayou. Hue, 202 Tuam St. Bunnies.org.

Tamale Dinner, presented by Gay and Lesbian Latin Organization. 1-4 p.m. \$6. Benefits GALLO. E.J.'s, 2517 Ralph St. HoustonGallo@yahoo.com.

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

Monday, December 12

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 Community Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 713-521-SING. Gmch.org.

Latinos Apoyando Latinos, a Spanish-speaking HIV support group, presented by Bering Support Network. 6 p.m. Bering United Memorial Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St., Room 201. 713-526-1017, ext. 211.

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

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San Antonio Chapter of AVER-SA. 7 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church, 611 E. Myrtle St. PMembershp@aver-

sanantonio.org.

Tuesday, December 13

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Ft. Worth Primitimers Prime Diner. 6:30 p.m. Spring Creek Barbeque, 12835 Preston Rd. 972-504-8866. Rsvp@primitimers-dfw.org.

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

HOUSTON

GLBT Night, presented by Houston GLBT Community Center. 6:30 p.m. Hollywood Vietnamese & Chinese, 2409 Grant St. Houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce holiday dinner. 6-9 p.m. Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd. \$20-\$25. Bring a Christmas tree ornament. 713-523-7576. Thechamberhouston.org.

Zumba Fitness with Jerry Maese. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fitness Exchange, 4040 Milam St. 713-524-9924.

Wednesday, December 14

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

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North Texas Chapter - American Veterans for Equal Rights. 7-9 p.m. John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-540-4480. Aver-northtexas.us.

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GLOBO. 7 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 713-710-0268. Globo.org.

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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.

Movie Night at the Center, presented by Diversity Center. 6-9 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Thursday, December 15

AUSTIN

Holiday party, presented by Austin Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. 6:30 p.m. \$30. Zachary Scott Theatre Center, 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-419-9696. Aglcc.org.

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Holiday Vacation Spots concert with tour guide, Coy Tow. Presented by Houston Pride Band. 7 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 832-265-3346. Houstonprideband.org.

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

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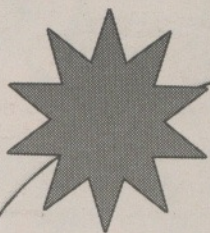
Luminarias, a holiday concert presented by Alamo City Men's Chorale. 8 p.m. San Fernando Cathedral, 231 W Commerce St. Dec. 18, 6 p.m. at Mother House Chapel at the University of the Incarnate Word, 4301 Broadway St. \$12-\$15. 210-495-SING. Acmc-texas.org.

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

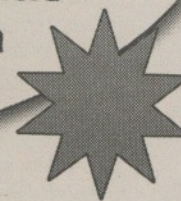
Women's Support Group with Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

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Meet the Wawies: The First What a World Awards

Given that this week's issue of *TXT Newsmagazine* is devoted to lauding the best and the brightest that GLBT Texas has to offer, it is appropriate that we present some awards of our own: The What a World Awards, or Wawies.

Winners are based not on reader acclamation, but on my own whim and desire in categories that somehow didn't appear in the original balloting.

The She's Here, She's Queer, Let's Have Another \$7 Beer Award goes to the Houston Comets' Sheryl Swoopes for coming out publicly as lesbian. In one fell swoop, she neutralized the sting of the Houston Astros' World Series shut-down-and-out, followed by a sorrysorry ass performance this season by the Houston Texans. Most valuable, to say the least.

The Rosie O'Donnell "You Call That 'News?'" Coming Out Award also goes to Swoopes. No elaboration necessary.

The Is That an Eclipse or Did You Just Step in Front of the Sun? Award goes to *Fat Actress*. We loved Showtime's limited series hysterically chronicling Kirstie Alley's weighty ups and downs, giving hope and dignity (well, *hope*) to fat girls

everywhere that there truly is life after 3x.

The Dionne Warwick "Knowing When to Leave May Be the Smartest Thing That Anyone Can Learn. Go" Award goes to the gang at *Queer As Folk* (another fine Showtime product) who had the presence of mind to end the series before all of its previously party-centric cast turned in their amyl, married off and replicated.

The Singing Soothsayer Award goes to Melissa Etheridge. Now that she's back on stage, fully recoeffed and recovered from her bout with breast cancer, Mel has displayed undeniable prescient gifts. Revisit the lyrics of her 1994 Grammy Award winner, "Come to My Window," and then try to tell me this woman can't predict the future: *I would stand inside my hell and hold the hand of death/You don't know how far I'd go to ease this precious ache/You don't know how much I'd give or how much I can take.../Nothing fills the blackness that has seeped into my chest. Spooky, huh?*

The Wonka This Willie Award goes to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Johnny Depp turned in his finest drag performance since he minced his way across the high seas in *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

The Maybe These Really Are the End

Times Award goes to *citizen provocateur* Ray Hill, who announced his retirement from GLBT activism in June following a decades-long career of fighting injustice aimed at queers, convicts, people of color and other minorities.

The Who You Gonna Call, Regardless Award goes to Hill, too. He is still the first person most of us would call from jail despite said "retirement." Two words of advice, Ray: Unlisted number.

The Pinkies, You're Doing a Heck of a Job Award goes to AIDS Foundation Houston, Montrose Clinic, Montrose Counseling Center and Pride Houston for the agencies' humanitarian response to hundreds of GLBT and HIV-positive evacuees displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The international acclaim these groups received during the emergencies left Michael Brown and FEMA looking even more lame-a.

The Gays Gone Wild/We Will Survive Award goes to the handful of stalwart partiers who slogged through the French Quarter in a mini-version of Southern Decadence, the city's annual queered-up answer to Mardi Gras, mere moments after God (as some said) tried to wipe New Orleans off the map. Blow *this*, Katrina.



Illustration By Chris Edwards

The Look Ma, I'm Channeling Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award goes to State Representative Senfronia Thompson from Houston, who earlier this year explained why her colleagues in the Texas Legislature should reject a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. In part, she said:

"I have served in this body a lot of years, and I have seen a lot of promises broken. ... Now that blacks and women have equal rights, you turn your hatred to homosexuals, and you still use your misguided reading of the Bible to justify your hatred. You want to pass this ridiculous amendment so you can go home and brag — brag about what? Declare that you saved the people of Texas from what?"

"From what," indeed. Thanks for trying.
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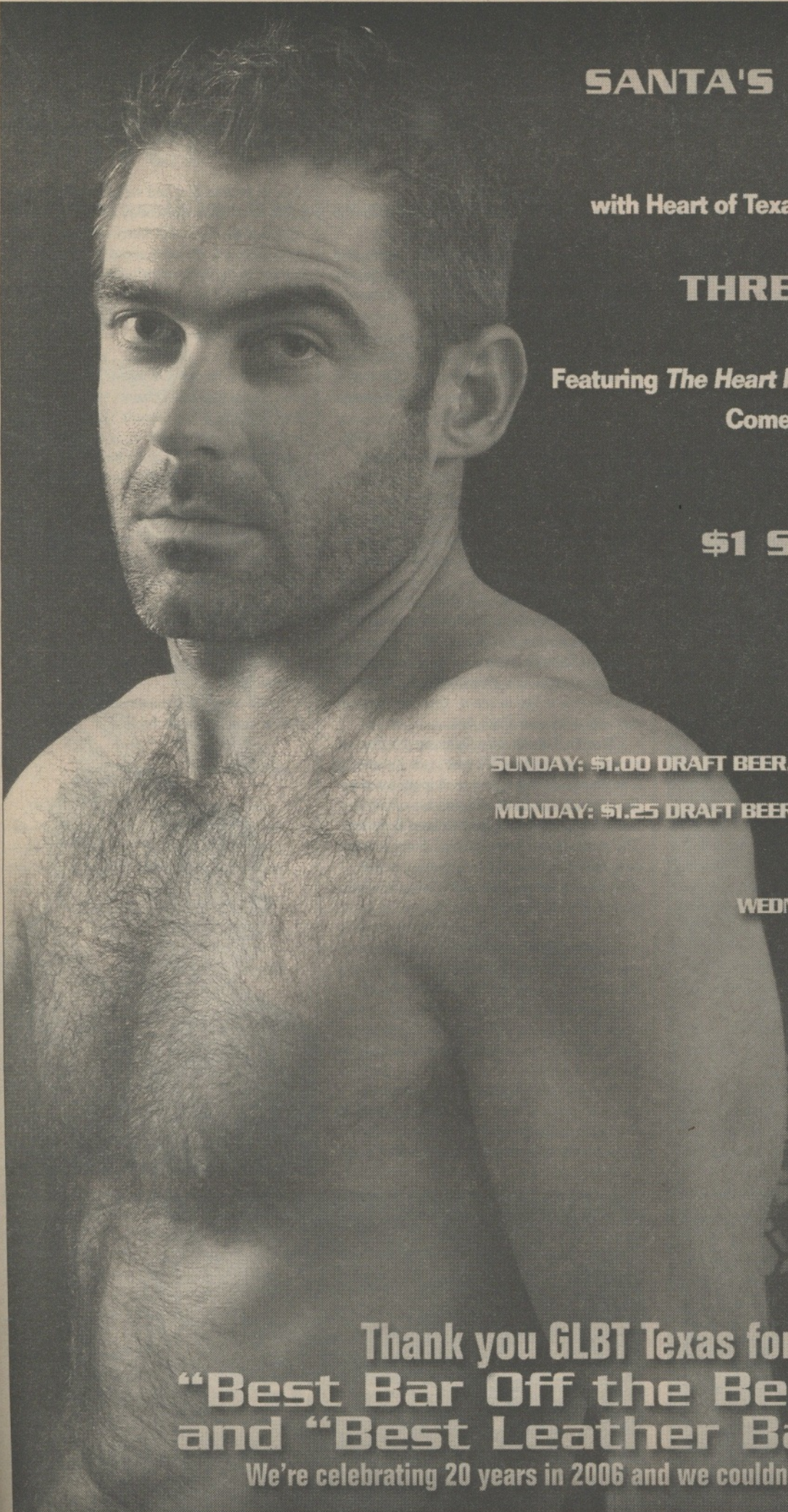
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Gay Brits say they'll tie the knot

On Dec. 21, **Elton John** will tie the knot — legally — with longtime companion **David Furnish**. The ceremony itself will be very low key, witnessed by only the parents of the happy couple.

The reception afterwards will be attended by several notables, including **George Michael** and his mate, Dallas gallery owner **Kenny Goss**. (They plan to follow Elton and David's example; their marriage is planned for January.)

Elton has turned down an \$11 million donation to his AIDS foundation to televise the event and has used this moment to give **Madonna** a rare compliment: "Madonna got it right when she married. Nobody has seen one photo. Our relationship isn't up for grabs. Our love is sacred to us — it doesn't come with a price tag."

Clearly, nothing is sacred to **David Hasselhoff**. He's going into the studio to record one of Madonna's hits: "La Isla Bonita." Hasselhoff explains that his fans are eagerly awaiting this release: "It's the one track that gets talked about by my fans, so why not?" Those must be three mighty happy people!

Blender magazine features an interview with **Ricky Martin** that is raising some eyebrows. In it, Ricky discusses his sex life and shares some tantalizing items like this: "I love giving the golden shower. I've done it before in the shower. It's like so sexy, you know, the temperature of your body and the shower water is very different." When asked about his last one-night stand, Ricky states, "We met, we did it, we left. I don't know if we're going to meet again." Note the undefined gender of said sexual partner.

This is a strange week for rockers. **Billy Joel** spoke to a group at the 92nd Street Y in New York and revealed that he has a Sirius satellite radio in his car. What does he listen to? OutQ — the gay channel! This prompted Sirius star **Lynn Samuels** to quip, "Put that together with the fact that when he's driving, he's drunk all the time!"

Stranger yet, **Jerry Hall** is fronting a British campaign for erectile dysfunction — which speaks volumes to *moi*.

As previously reported, big ol' **Chastity Bono** will be featured on the next *Celebrity Fit Club*. Reportedly, Chas confronted fellow fatty **Jeff Conaway** about his erratic behavior. Conaway exclaimed, "I did a show called *Taxi* — one of the biggest shows ever!"

Since this had nothing to do with anything, Chastity accused Conaway of being on drugs, saying, "You are acting like you're loaded." Conaway's defense was, "I supported a fucking family from the time I was 10 years old. I went through a pedophile at seven. At three years old, I slit my fucking wrists, so keep your fucking mouth shut." Chastity should have said, "**Sonny and Cher** are my parents — top that, asshole!"

Kathy Griffin never misses an opportunity to stand up for her loyal gay fans, and Hollywood's Christmas Parade was no different. There was Kathy, proudly wearing a T-shirt that said "We All Have AIDS" in honor of World AIDS Day. If you are wondering, her on-again/off-again hubby, **Matt Moline**, was by her side.

My friends and I often spend endless hours trying to come up with the perfect person to play a role. One such discussion involved casting **Fran Drescher's** mother (often mentioned but never seen) on *Living With Fran*.

Renee Taylor played Fran's mom to perfection on *The Nanny* — who could fill those shoes? **Barbra** comes to mind, but this is *The WB*. I suggested **Lola Mason**, but none of

my friends ever heard of her.

We all agreed that the ideal person for the part is **Lainie Kazan**. Lainie previously played Fran's Aunt Frieda on *The Nanny*, but so what? Lainie just taped an episode playing Fran's mother that will air once the show comes back from hiatus.

For this week's Filth2Go gift-giving suggestions, I'm recommending four CDs that you have to get from England: **Will Young's** *Keep On* (the dual CD/DVD disk), **Anastacia's** *Pieces of a Dream* (the special edition with the extra remix CD), **Robbie Williams's** *Intensive Care* (the CD/DVD combo) and **Rick Astley's** *Portrait* (sorry, just a normal CD). All of these will make any music lover on your list wanna put out, and isn't that what the holidays are all about?

This week's first "Ask Billy" letter comes from Gil in Cyberspace, who has turned the tables on me: *I just love you, Billy! I saw Antonio Sabato Jr. in a hot gay sex scene from his new movie, Deadly Skies, and I thought you'd like to see it. You can share this clip with your Filth fans.*

Thanks, Gil. *Deadly Skies* aired a few months ago on Here TV and stars Antonio as a military scientist trying to stop an asteroid from hitting the Earth. During his off time, he's having gay sex with **Michael Boisvert**. The scene in question features Antonio topping Boisvert, and Gil is right — it's *hot*, with lots of Sabato butt action! As Gil suggested, it's on Filth2go.com. Enjoy.

Larry in Salt Lake City brings up someone I don't normally consider a hunk: *A friend of mine told me that Adrien Brody has turned himself into a muscle god. Is this true? I thought he was great in The Pianist, but isn't he just a scrawny guy? When did he become a hunk?*

The talented Mr. Brody reportedly lost about 30 pounds to play the Jewish pianist in Nazi Germany. Since then, he has not only gained back that weight, but gone on a very

serious protein diet and weight-training program to transform his body into its current ripped look. He is still fairly skinny, but far more defined. He talks about his workout routine in the December issue of *Men's Health*. We'll run some very revealing photos for you at Filth2go.com. In fact, I think I have a penis shot or two...

Could it be that **George Clooney** is an ass man? So says **Matt Damon**, who appears with Georgie in the current *Syriana*. "George grabs my ass every day — at least once a day. That's why I've done three movies with him." Who'da thunk Clooney was a top?

When Antonio and George could tag-team Matt, it's time to end yet another column.

You people had me really worried — 12 days after the publication of my last blind item, an AOL member finally figured it out! Phew! If you want to grab me, just send an e-mail to Filth@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Chastity plays Fran's lesbian sister.

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



John and Furnish



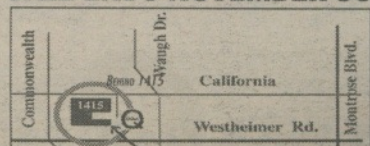
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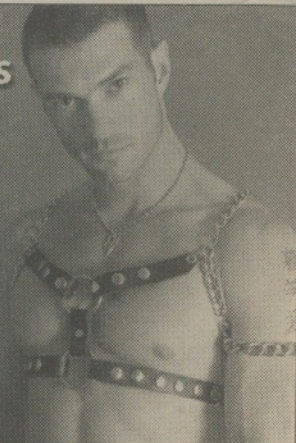


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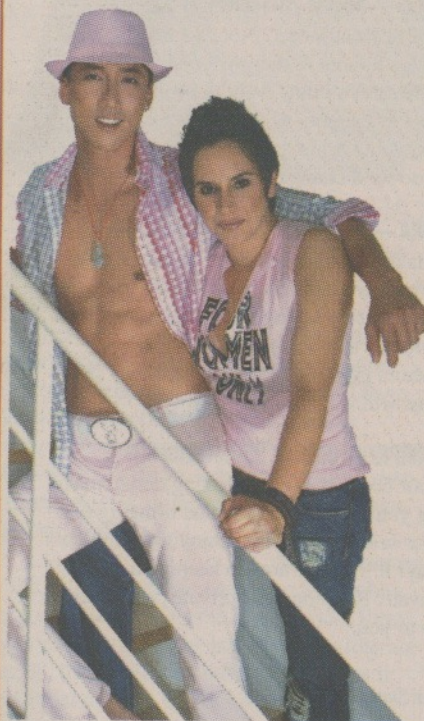
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Silver and gold

New GLBT record label hopes to put gay artists into the mainstream



Earlier this year, Tommy Boy Records launched Silver Label, the world's first GLBT lifestyle and culture imprint. Conceived and co-founded by Victor Lee and Rosie Lopez, Silver Label's goal is to develop artists and products that give voice to the gay aesthetic.

In its first few months, Silver Label has acquired the rights to soundtracks for the TV shows and movies *The L Word*, *Queer as Folk*, *Goldfish Memory* and *The Heights*, as well as *American Pride*, which will highlight the final contestants in a reality-show search for America's first out country singer.

Lee and Lopez share their journey to help bring gay entertainment into the mainstream.

Question: Why do you think the gay community was in need of a specific label?

Lee: Tommy Boy has always looked for artists who go against the grain. We also strive to be the first in proclaiming and exposing new music genres. We focus on artists that are original and different — De La Soul, Afrika Bambaataa, RuPaul, Fannypack and Information Society were all ahead of their time. Silver Label is an outlet for creativity. We've started with music, but we intend to get involved in all aspects of entertainment.

Q: Why is it important to you to develop gay artists?

Lee: For the same reasons we want to develop straight artists: because we are passionate about their music, who they are and what they represent. We want the rest of the world to see how brilliant and talented they are. We are proud of who we are and passionate about what we do.

Q: Do you feel that gay people lack a voice in the entertainment community?

Lee: Gay voices are certainly getting louder. Look at where we were 12 years ago, before Tommy Boy launched RuPaul to the mainstream. Who would have

thought that a 6-foot-3 drag queen would be all over MTV, sponsored by cosmetic companies and eventually have her own show on VH1? We need more role models like Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres, Rosie O'Donnell and George Michael. We need more straight artists who will support equal rights, like Kanye West, who spoke up on MTV about the hip-hop community's tolerance and encouragement of homophobia. We need more representation not just in the mainstream entertainment community, but in all communities.

Q: Is the rest of the world ready for a flood of gay entertainment?

Lopez: We don't think it's a question of the world being ready — this is something we want to do. It's just like anything else, the more people become desensitized to differences, the more they accept and see beyond those differences. Eventually it won't matter if we're gay or straight. We have to be ourselves.

Q: It seems that actively searching for gay hip-hop and country artists might yield people who base their careers more on their sexuality than their musical ability. How can gay artists make their sexuality second to their talent?

Lee: Why should they have to? For some artists, their sexuality is intertwined with their music. For many of our artists, this is not the case at all. In the world of music, sexuality is more like character or personality. An artist who is an entertainer is very much like an actor — he or she can use their sexuality if they choose to, or they can be funny and witty and not sexual at all.

Q: Is it possible that a lot of gay artists' successes are directly related to them being gay? In other words, do you think the gay community would support the artist and their art if they weren't gay?

Lee: We would hope so! We encourage people to support our community: We think we should shop in gay-owned businesses, wear gay designers, travel to gay and gay-friendly destinations, bank and invest in gay and lesbian businesses. If we intend to rise within society as a whole, financial power and responsibility is essential.

Q: What is one thing you would you change about the music industry?

Lopez: We need more outlets for new music, we need a true video music channel that supports indie artists and plays videos based on how creative they are or on how great the song is.

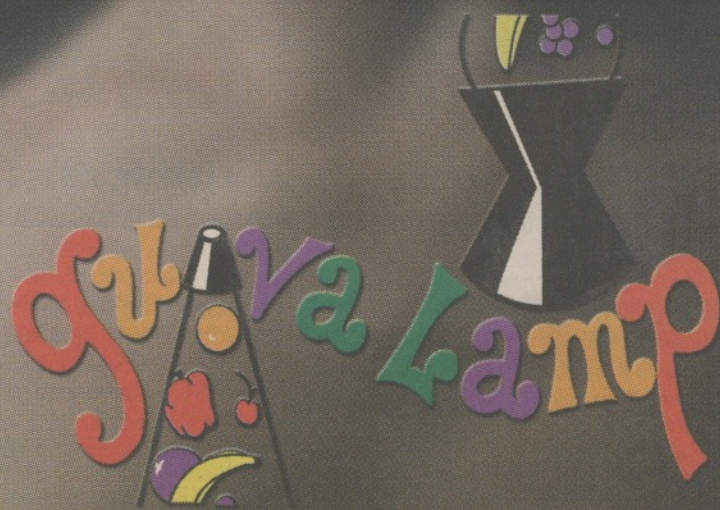
Q: What projects do you have coming up that you're completely stoked about?

Lopez: Chavela Vargas, La Chavela as she's known in Mexico. At 87, she's the oldest openly gay recording artist in the world. I see her as the *Buena Vista Social Club* of our community. We're releasing her CD *Chavela Vargas En Carnegie Hall*.

Q: Perhaps you can answer this age-old question: Who's easier to work with, gay men or lesbians?

Lopez: I find that they are equally difficult! The more brilliant the artist, the more difficult they can be at times. It's frustrating when things don't happen immediately. Artists are accustomed to applause at the end of the song. In our business, the applause sometimes comes years later, so I try to be understanding.

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Just before leaving Scorpio, Mercury is sextile Venus in Capricorn, offering a few days of shrewd, calculated charm (think Dorothy Parker and the Algonquin Round Table). Then when Merc blows into Sagittarius, it shifts from sharp wit to boisterous cheeriness.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Party monster though you are, you're better advised to stick to quiet, intimate gatherings right now. Meaningful talks with close and trusted friends will offer great insight on all sides, and prove you a helpful, dedicated friend.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Get into helping others to plan all those holiday parties coming up. The networking and the chance to show your effectiveness will prove you to be a valuable social asset and provide you with many terrific opportunities.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Showing trust in the boss (or as the boss) will help to inspire confidence, but there are different kinds of trust. Secrets will get out, and everyone will be better for that! This is also a good time to reorganize with an eye toward efficiency.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Discuss new ideas freely, open-endedly and without committing to a particular perspective. You can learn a lot from friends who adopt stronger positions than you. And your questions and feedback can help them learn, too!

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Your now-sharpened tongue can get you into any bed and/or up a few steps on the ladder of success. Scope out your opportunities and make your commitments quickly. Subtlety only lasts so long — soon your maneuverings will be clear to all.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Don't be shy or too set in your ways. The one you love — or someone sweet on you — wants to offer you something new and different. At least be open to discussing the possibilities. Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained!

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Work will lighten up soon. In the meantime, asking for assistance can help build stronger cooperative relationships. Workplace flirtation is generally a bad idea, but right now some innocent, playful banter would be fine.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Opening up and telling your partner (or any prospective partner) things you want, but have never admitted to, will create delightful opportunities. You may not get exactly what you asked for, but the discussion will lead somewhere really good!

LEO — July 23-August 22

It's a great time to fix up your home, even if your impulses run to recreating historic bordellos. You could also get involved in any kind of community work to bring latent skills to the surface and make some great new friends.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Shy, reticent Virgo? Not this week! You have a famously sharp wit and know how to use it. You may want to be gentle or not quite as naughty as your impulses would lead you. Or just go where you can let loose for a change!

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

This is a lovely time to air domestic issues, perhaps even to resolve them. At least you can count on saying and hearing important concerns in a constructive manner. A mature, practical approach to money problems will also bring progress.

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Your cool reserve is breaking down, making you more accessible and bringing out your seductive charm. Enjoy it while you may! It's harder now to keep your secrets private. Keeping your private parts secret is up to you.

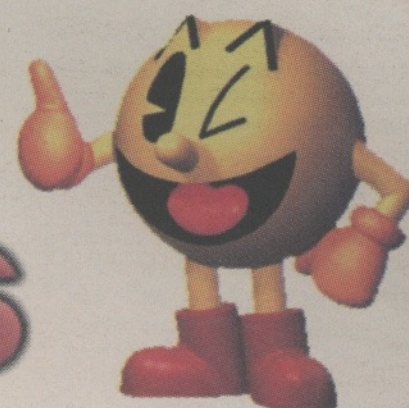
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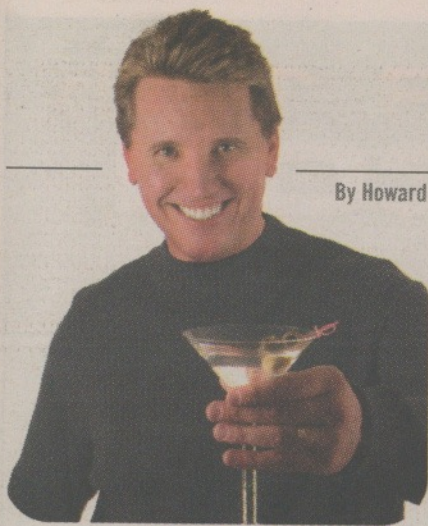
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Rose of Sharon

It still depends on where you live (urban or rural) and your degree of education. Rural Vermont, for example, is every bit as tolerant as, oh, San Francisco, but rural Alabama is not (trust me — I'm from Alabama).

Nonetheless, I'm older than you and I likewise can't say that I've ever been discriminated against. . . to my face.

However, most of my adult life I've lived in urban, gay-friendly areas like Atlanta and Dallas. Discrimination still flourishes everywhere, I assure you. But strides have been great in recent years, and I do believe that one day in the near future people will view homosexuality in the same light as, say, wavy hair, left-handedness and brown eyes — a characteristic of the person as a whole, as opposed to a whole person's character.

Dear Howard,

I adore my boyfriend to the very marrow of my bones, but I don't think it's reciprocal to the same degree. I think he likes me and respects me, but I just don't think he's *passionate* with ardor. I don't think it's love undying. We've been together nine months now, and I do so many little things for him that he never notices. I keep all his favorite foods stocked in the fridge. I pick all his clothes up off the floor, wash them and stack them neatly in the closet. I rent the movies *he's* interested in — little things, you know? All he's ever done for me is say, "I picked up a new bottle of Wet today." How very

thoughtful! Am I being spurned?

How Do I Make Him Love Me?

Somebody has been renting too many Lana Turner movies. *Passionate ardor? Love undying? Spurned?* The dude bought you lube — hello? He's not interested in having you fluff his pillows or alphabetize his hair products. Either enjoy the relationship for what it's obviously about (steady sex) or take a chill pill and head to your local Laundromat. I'm sure you'll find plenty of grateful men there more than willing to exchange *undying ardor* for having their unspurned Calvins regularly washed and primly stacked.

Dear Howard,

I got into a knock-down, drag-out fight with my lover the other night. I mean, major-league drama — Tony Award Edward Albee style drama. He stormed out, so I decided to stand in the driveway. Bad idea. He backed out anyhow. By the time we returned from the hospital it was daylight and both of us were sober. I have to wear the cast on my foot for at least two months. Our public story is that I was rearranging the furniture and dropped a lamp on my ankle. I think we both may need to start considering AA. This may

have been a wake-up call. What do you think?

Midnight Blue

You think? If ever something elevated you to Alcoholics' Anonymous Platinum Membership status, this is it.

Dear Howard,

I picked up *TXT* for the first time recently at Tower Records and flipped through it. Ask Howard and Filth instantly made me a convert to gay weeklies. Filth made me go, "Oh, no you didn't say that!" and Ask Howard made me go, "Oh, yes you said it!" You and Billy Masters should team up.

Abracadabra

Your enthusiasm is noted, Abra, but I'm afraid Ask Howard's Filth Masters might be even too much for *TXT*, unless it came shrink-wrapped.

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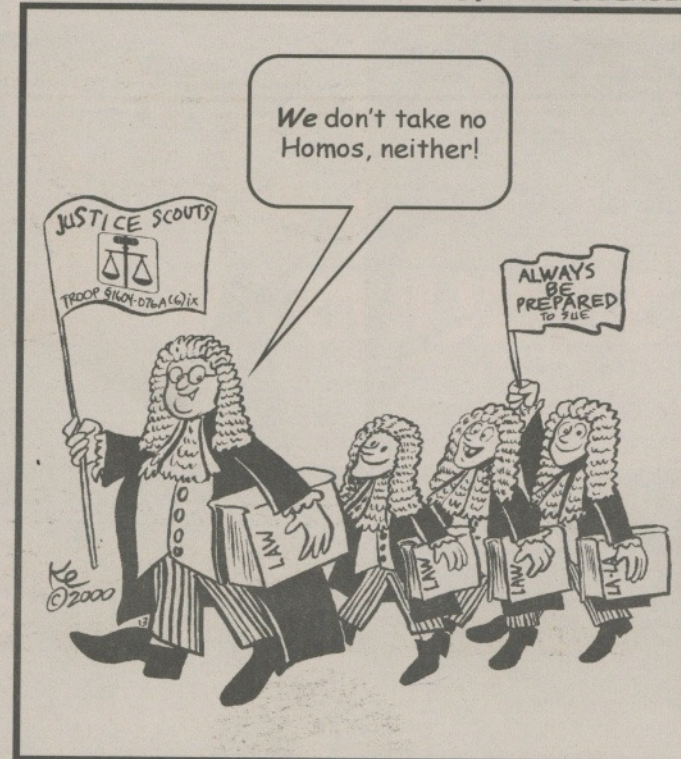
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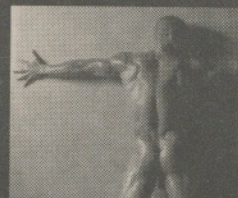
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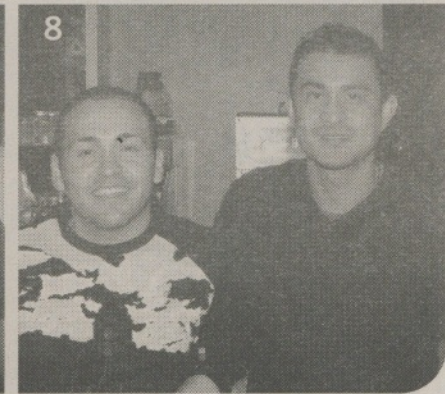
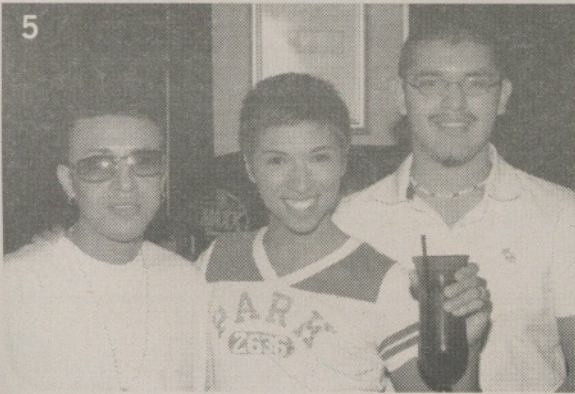
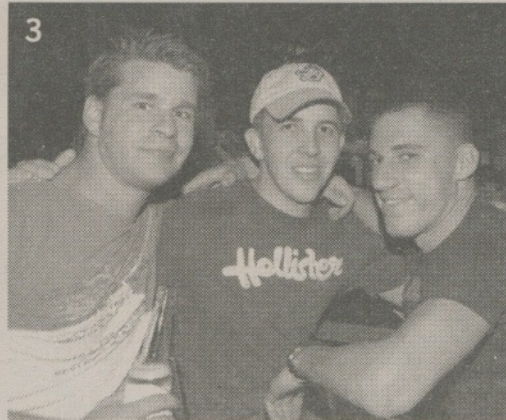
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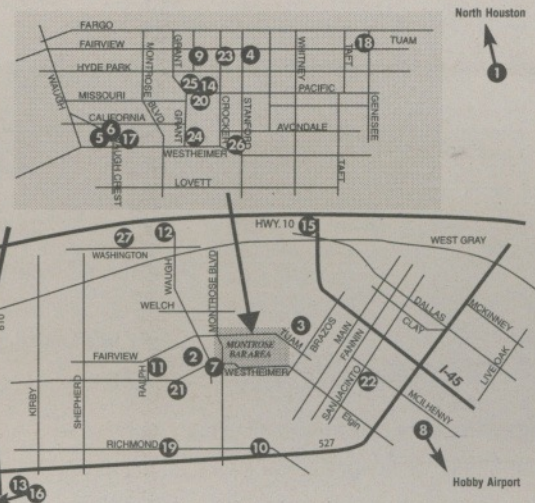
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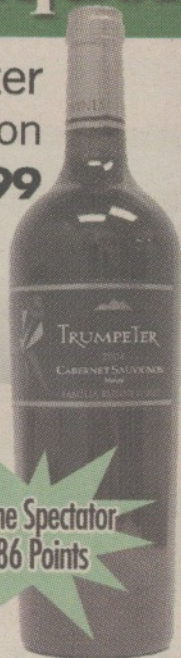
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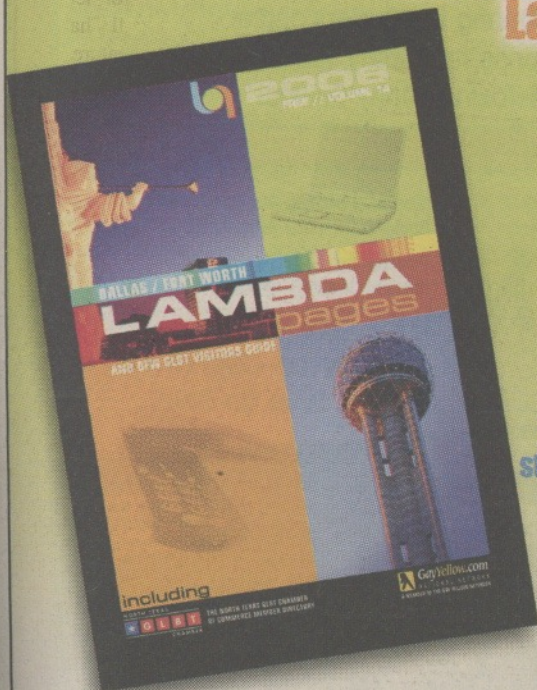
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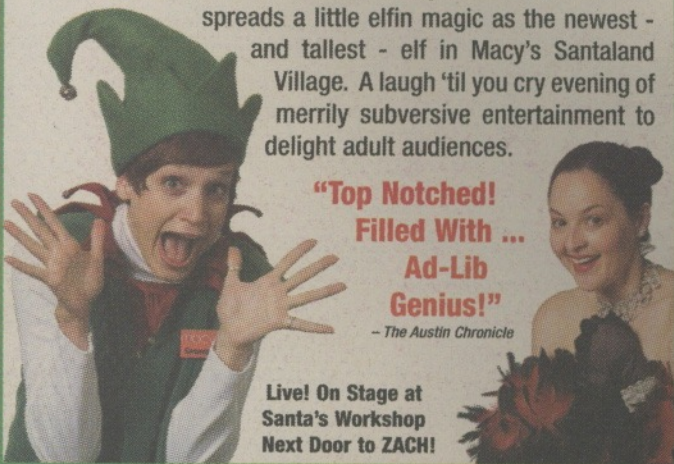
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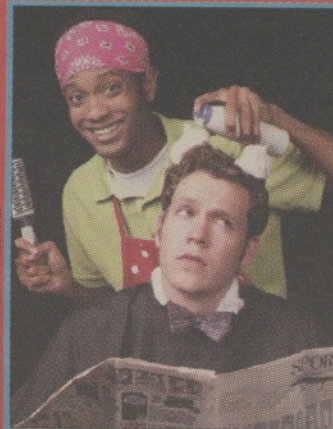
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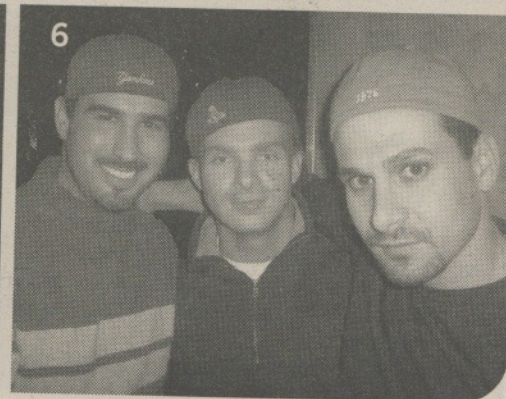
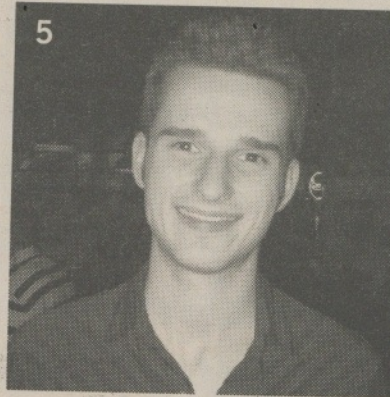
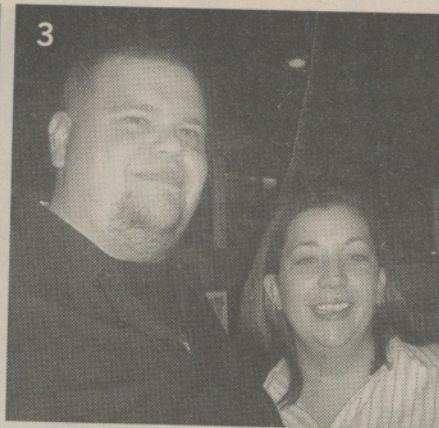
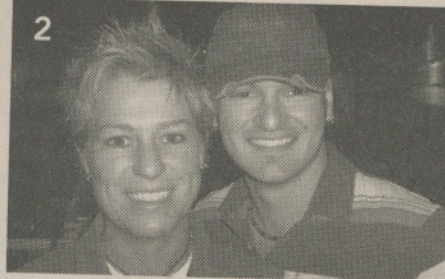
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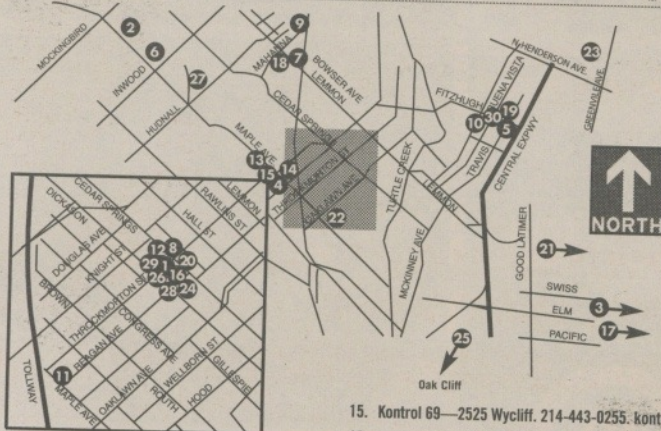
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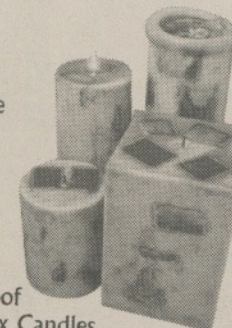
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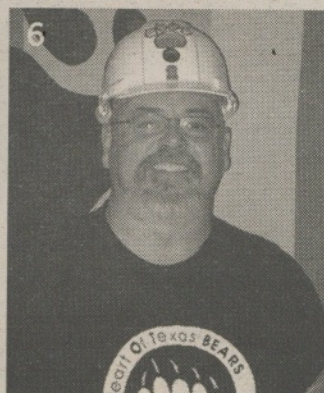
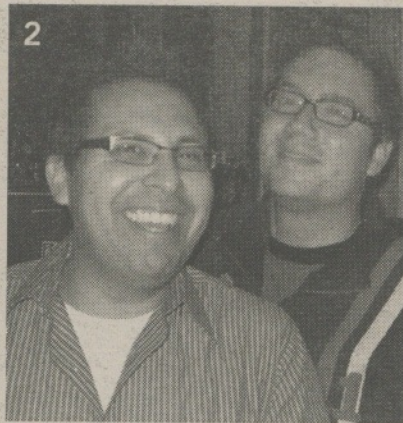
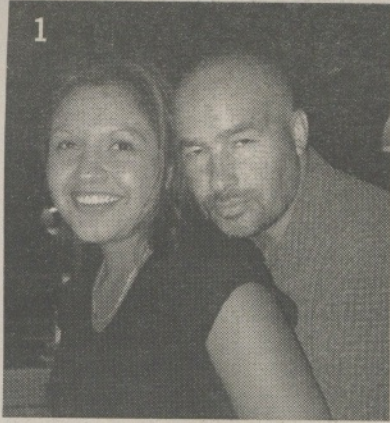
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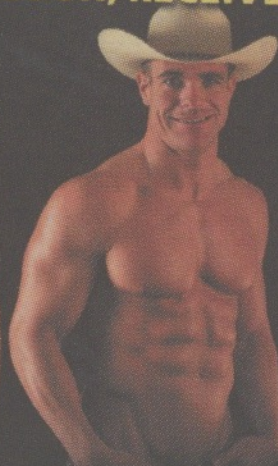


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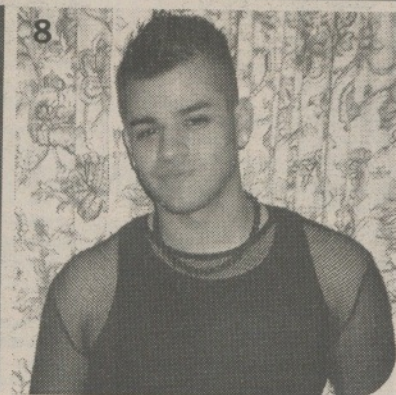
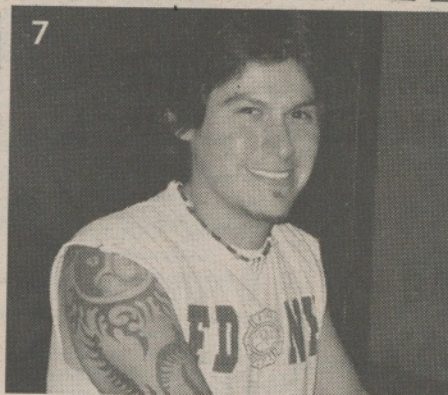
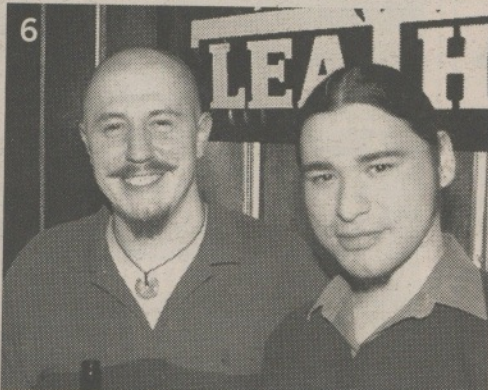
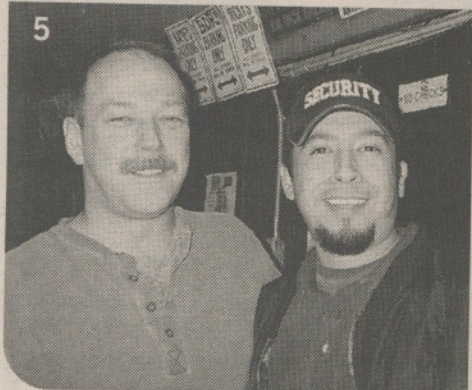
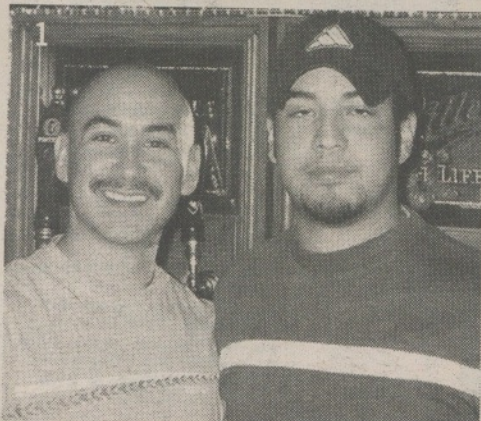


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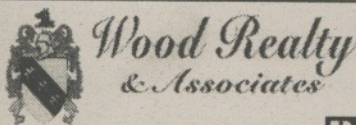


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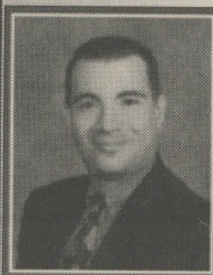
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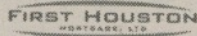
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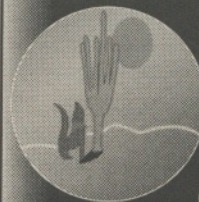
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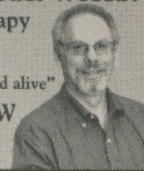
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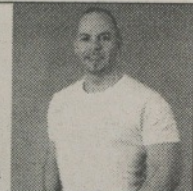
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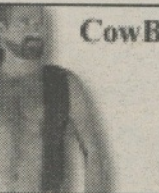
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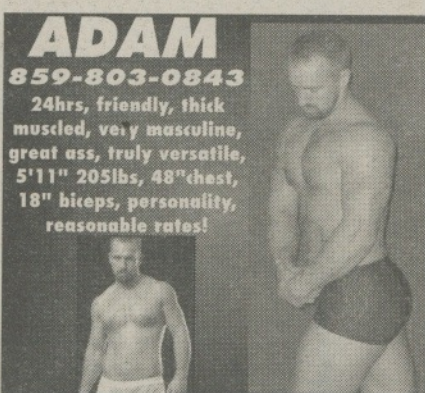
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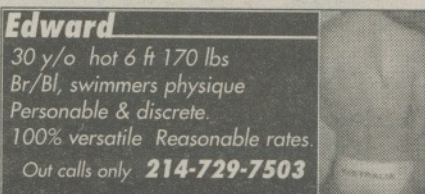
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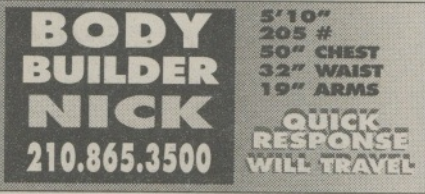


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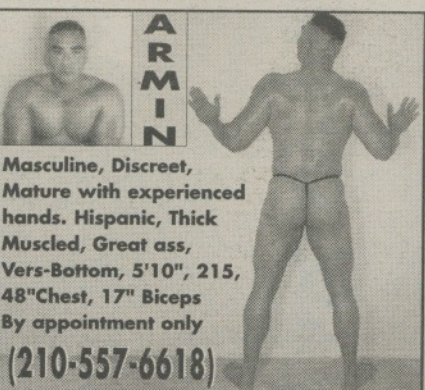
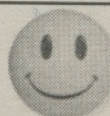
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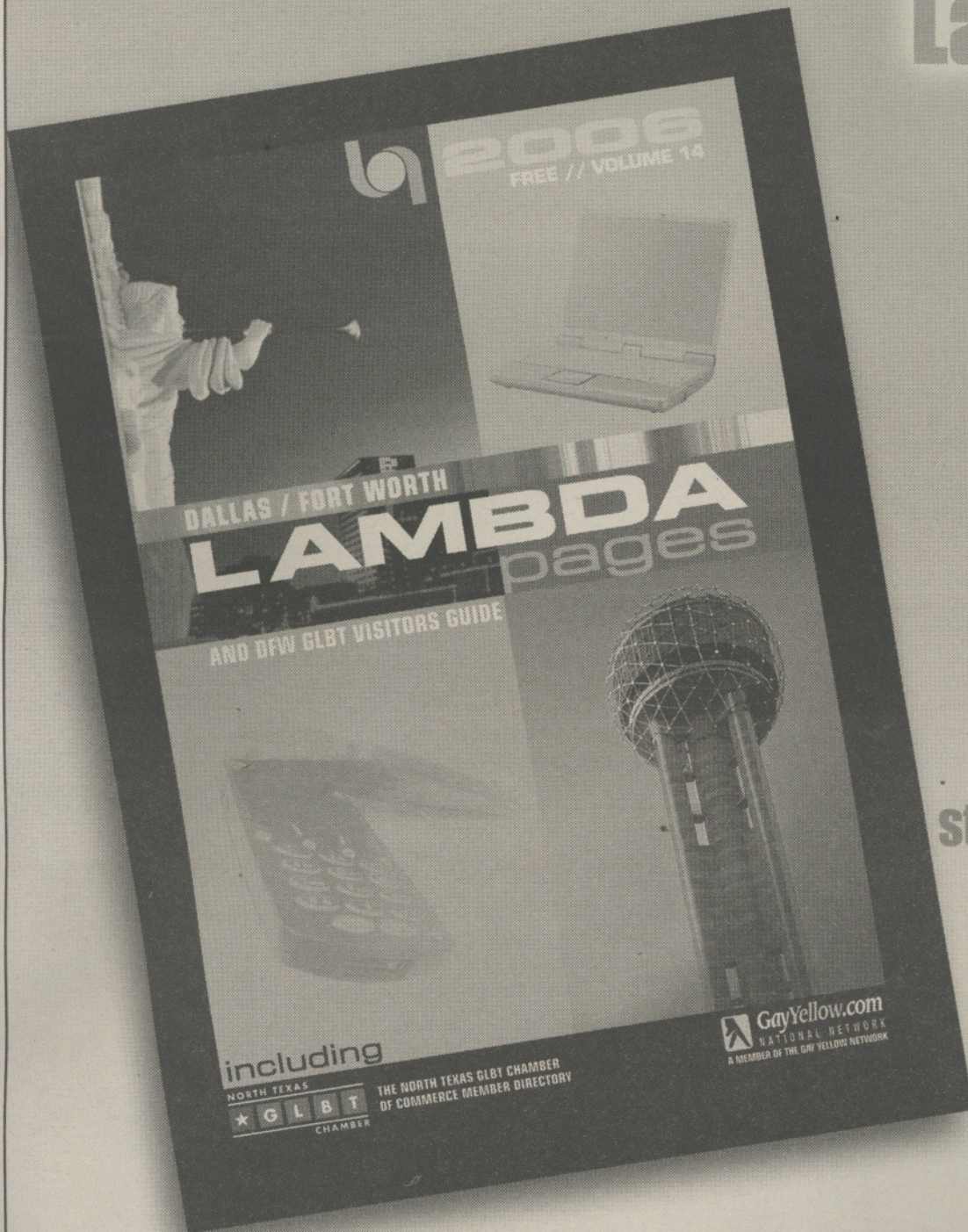
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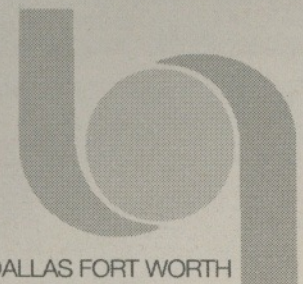
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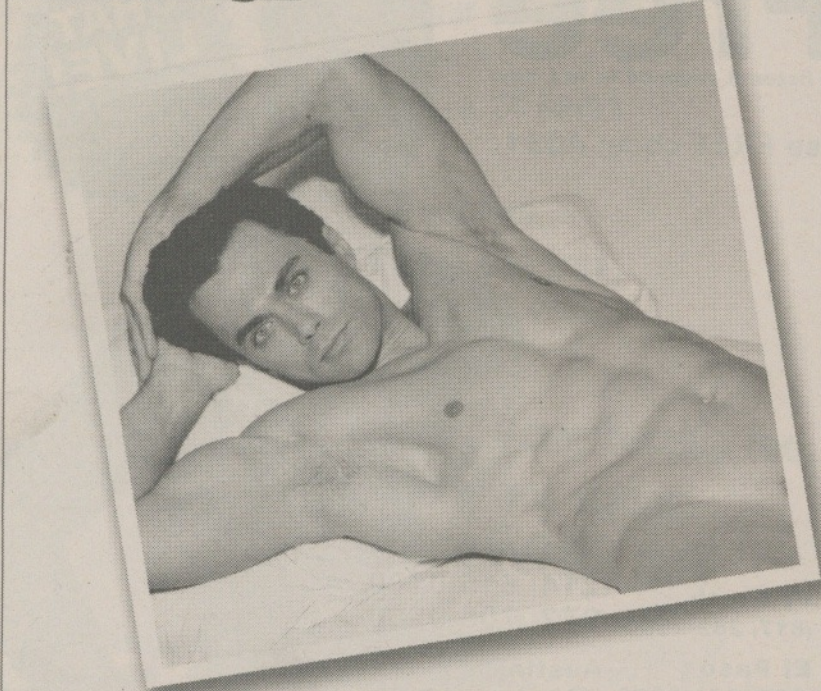
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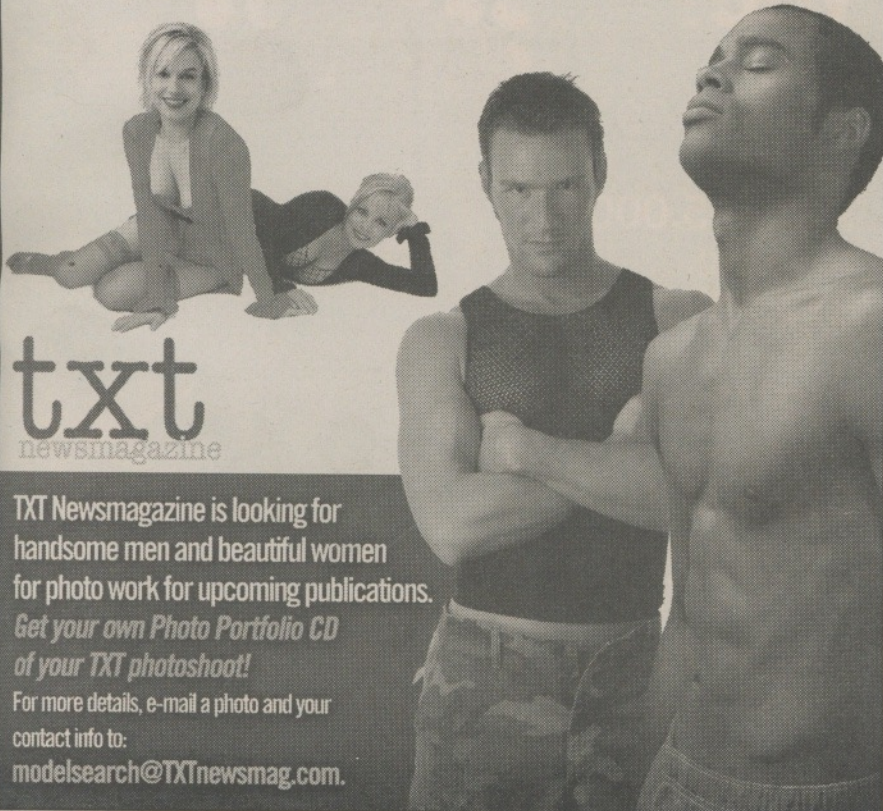
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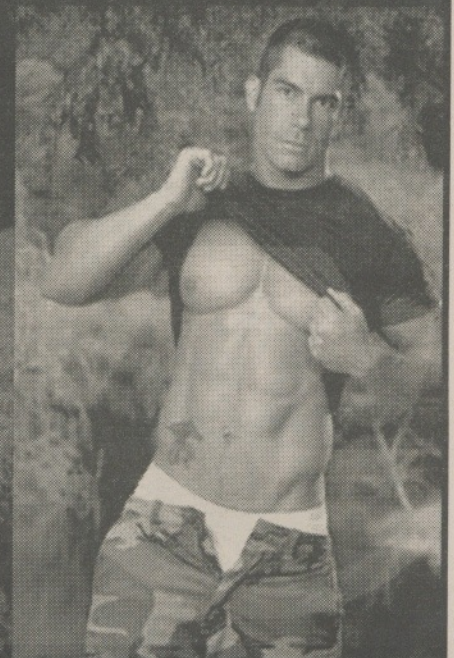
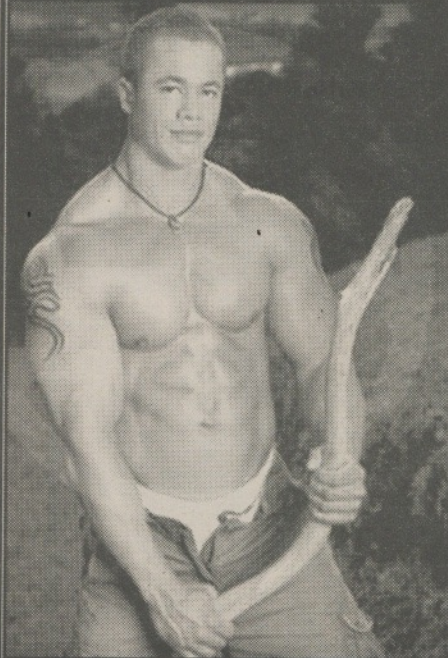
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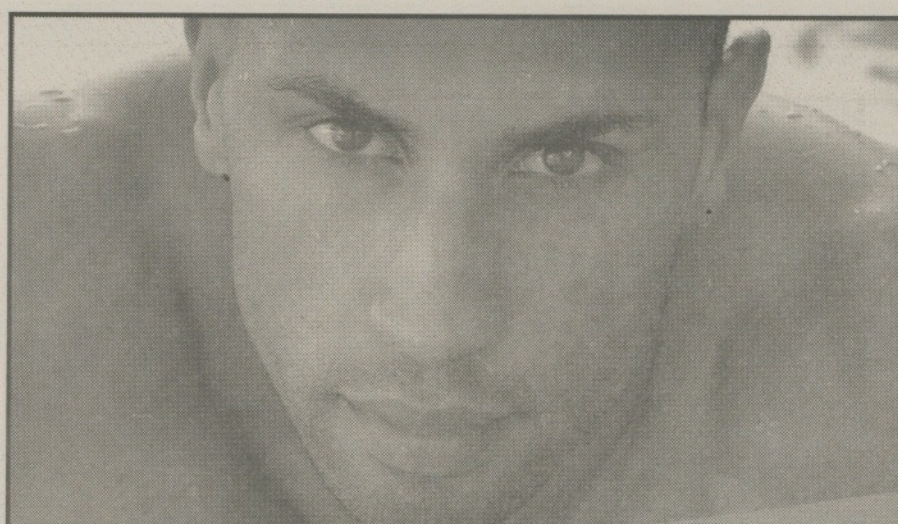


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