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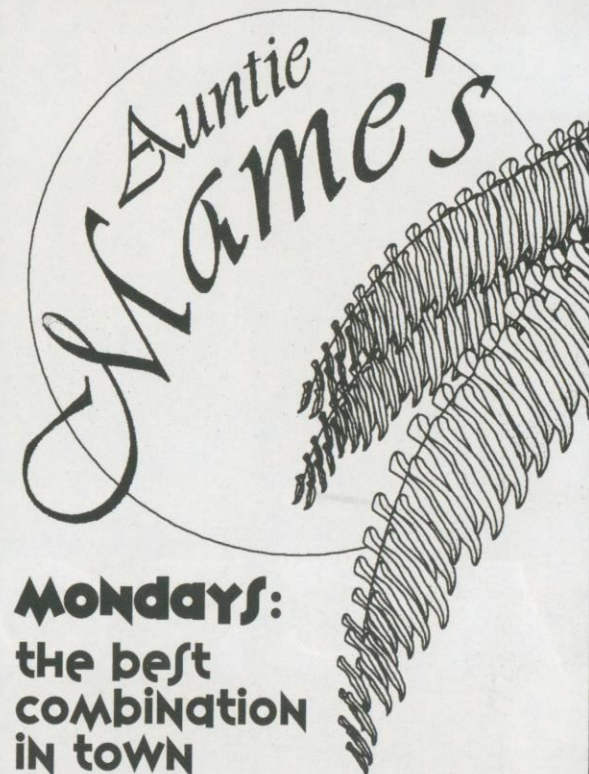
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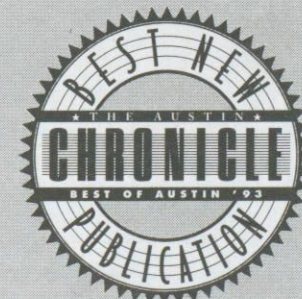
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We're quite the homos these days! Although we've been steering clear of the bars a bit these past couple of weeks (it's good to occasionally give the liver a break), we've still been galivanting about town like the crazed, thrill-seeking queens that we pride ourselves on being.

We have the good fortune of having friends in high places who blessed us with tickets to the recent **Sade** concert at the **Frank Erwin Center**. Our entourage consisted of the never so humble **Rag Editors**, a certain **Huckababy**, and one of our favorite on-air personality/audio tech types. We've always been fans of her music, and were most enthusiastic about not only seeing one of our favorite female sleaze vocalists perform live, but also about the pre-show cocktails and buffet we received tickets to as well. Like we always said, show us a tasty morsel-filled buffet and we'll show you a couple of very happy girls! We arrived early (for a change) and helped ourselves to heaping portions of roast beef, chicken florentine, piles of vegetables and salads, and cabernet sauvignon in small plastic cups. It was an elegant affair, with a flutist playing classical music in the center of the room. The only unsettling part was that the giant round dining tables meant we had to sit with other folks we didn't know. Our hopes were that some delicious studs would arrive and share our table, but instead found ourselves seated with buffet-goers who reminded us of our parents. They glared at us silently throughout the meal as we hogged all the iced tea, coffee, sugar packets and rolls on our table, and properly gorged ourselves. Call us anything you want, just don't call us late for the *buffet*... The concert began a little later and we were ushered upstairs to our reserved seats, from which we promptly wandered. The opening act, **Me Phi Me**, performed a rather lengthy but not particularly distinguished set of rap with an almost jazzy R&B lean. Had it not been for several of the band members' outstanding musculature, our attention span might have been exceeded... After a short break, and at long last, the sultry chanteuse took the stage with a blaze of lights and music. She performed songs from her four albums, notably "In Paradise," "No Ordinary Love," "Smooth Operator" and many others. Sade was very glamorous, clad in a sparkling white torso-revealing



On the cover: Model: Taylor, courtesy of Third Coast Male Revue.

number and barefoot throughout the evening. And while we're on the subject, we had to deduct several points from her glamour quotient when she left the stage as the band performed an extended instrumental verse and then reappeared moments later in the same outfit, missing a very obvious opportunity to throw on new duds. Everyone knows that the second rule of glamour is to change clothes as often as possible. We'll tell you what the first rule is later... We saw lots of familiar queer faces in the audience, including 404 frontman **Timm Groovy**, flamenco worshipper **RA**, Musicmania proprietor **Bernard Vasek**, **Renee**, **Michael**, and many other cute boys and girls with whom we haven't become acquainted—but there's still time. The show ended after she reappeared onstage to do two encores—in a new ensemble... with shoes!

ANONYMOUS TIDBIT: What local party boy recently got so simultaneously drunken and enraged that he stormed out of his

home at 3am without his wallet or keys to get away from his roommate? He wandered down the road and encountered a vagabond sitting on a log who beckoned him over to smoke a joint with him. Bear with us, it gets a little complicated. Our friend didn't want to deal with him so he pretended he spoke only spanish in spite of the fact that he is a total wasp. But his plan backfired when the vagrant spoke more fluent español than himself. So he further explained in broken spanish that he was actually visiting from Holland and merely espeaked a little espanish left over from school. They blew a couple of bones and somehow wound up walking over to some queen's apartment where he was forced to continue his charade long into the afternoon hours through multiple doobies... Yes we know, it's a totally absurd story, but as Baron Munchausen would say, every word of it is absolutely true...

Heard the rumors flying around town about a certain club closing? Well it's true!

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Queer Dish

No, not **the 404** you fools! They're staying open. The club that is closing is... **Socials, etc.**, and they're going to go out with a bang! This Thursday, the last day of the month will be their last day open for business. **Waren** has sold the place for a tidy sum and reports that it will soon be opening as a titty bar with all-new name, owners and management. But what will happen to the good folks at **Socials**? They're currently looking for a suitable space in town to open a new bar. Stay tuned for details...

Anonymous Tidbit: Which male erotic dancer gave audiences more than they bargained for when he accidentally exposed himself during his striptease? It seems his member had slipped out of his t-back and when he opened his pants it just popped right out! He went on dancing for several moments with it flapping in the breeze before realizing the problem, as onlookers roared.

We went to the preview of "**Dazed and Confused**," the second feature from the local director who made "**Slacker**," at the super-glamorous **Paramount Theatre** last Thursday. We were initially a little miffed

when couldn't come up with a scheme to weasel our way into the 5pm cast and crew screening, but forgot all about it when we showed up for the 8pm show and saw the crowd waiting to get in, consisting largely of absolutely beautiful young men. After seeing the cast of the film in the latest issue of *Interview* magazine and in *Playboy* (we read it for the articles) we knew we'd see some hot guys on the screen, we just had no idea that we'd see so many cute boys at the screening... Inside the lobby, we drank wine and milled around admiring the views. We saw quite a few people we knew or recognized, including fab director **Richard Linklater**, co-producer **Anne Walker-McBay**, several members of the cast including the young star, and many of our friends and acquaintances. The film takes place on the last day of high school in 1976, and while it doesn't address any gay issues, it brought back quite a few memories for us, despite the fact we were in early grade school in the mid-seventies. The flick is filled with hilarity and likable characters, and much slicker than "**Slacker**." "**Dazed and Confused**" will be playing at a theater near

you by the time you read this.

Although we said we haven't been out to the bars, actually we did go to **Charles** last Saturday to see just what their silly celebration of the cow was all about.... We found the bar and its employees all decked out in black and white cow spots. Very snazzy... The silliest of all was bartender **Rodney**, who somehow scooped up the honor of wearing the cow suit and walking around handing out cowbells to everyone. He proudly told us that he was nude under the flimsy cotton costume, and proceeded to prove it when we expressed our skepticism. Nice udder, girl—it looked like it needed milking, though! We decided to pass on the milky bovine libations though and instead did a shot with one of our favorite bartenders, Arnie, who is now back behind the bars at **Charles's** after a several month stint at **the 404**. (Employee Badminton scorekeepers, update your tallies now...)

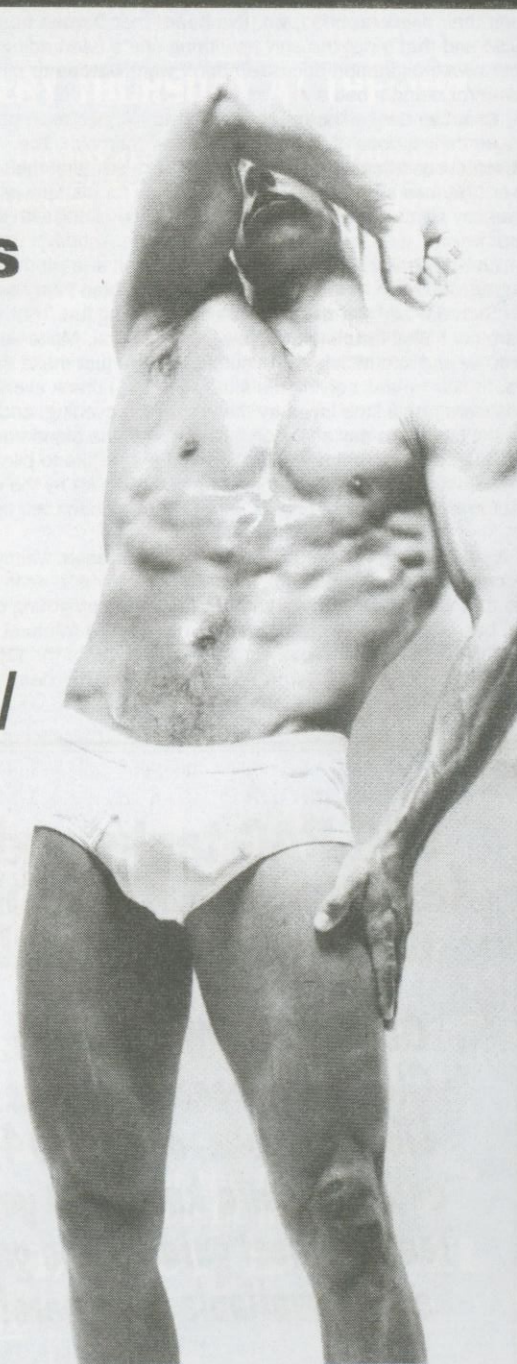
Now onto matters more lesbianic in nature, we turn things over to a girl who never seems to miss a trick: the bold, brazen and beautiful **Cuntessa**, mistress of the...

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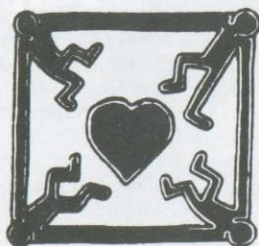
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DYKE DISH: In my quest for all of that dyke dirt around town, I've learned that it's been going on right under my nose. Those motor-cycling women **Francine** and **Darcee** have been lubing up more than their bikes around town. I've heard that **Darcee** has a new cycle and that's not the only new thing she's been riding. Use your own imagination because I don't want **Darcee** to pin me down for being a bad girl.

Chances deejay **Darlin' Don** has done skipped town to go onto bigger things, none of which will be bigger than him. The **Mischievous Michelle** and **Lady Linda** were strutting their stuff all over **Chances** as **Don** gave a few last spins for his farewell party on Tuesday night. Don't miss **Don's** appearance, along with several of your favorite girls, in the new gay soap opera *Nobody's Children*, which was filmed in part at **Chances**. You can see clips from this outrageous soap at the **Doble's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival**.

Saturday night at the **404** was clit bumping fun. That fabulous bartender **Bliss Mitch** knows how to mix a drink. Make sure you stop by and see **Mitch** at the outside bar, or just make several visits. I think he was serving me slut juice, and I drank every drop. My lips were just a little loose by the end of the evening, and unfortunately I forgot to pay attention to the rest of the slanderous slut activities. Although it does seem that the girls like to pile into those bathroom stalls together. One can tell a lot by the way those feet are pointing—lots of girls sure like to freshen their lipstick!

...As we're sure you do as well, darling, **Cuntessa**. Mercy buttercups for another stimulating report. We're going to wrap this up so that we can dash off to another fabulous something or another, but we'll leave you with this tidbit: we heard **Michael Jackson** is back in the studios, busy at work on a cover of the **Elton John** tune, "Don't Let Your Son Go Down On Me"... Oh, dear. Stay out of trouble, queens! **FR**

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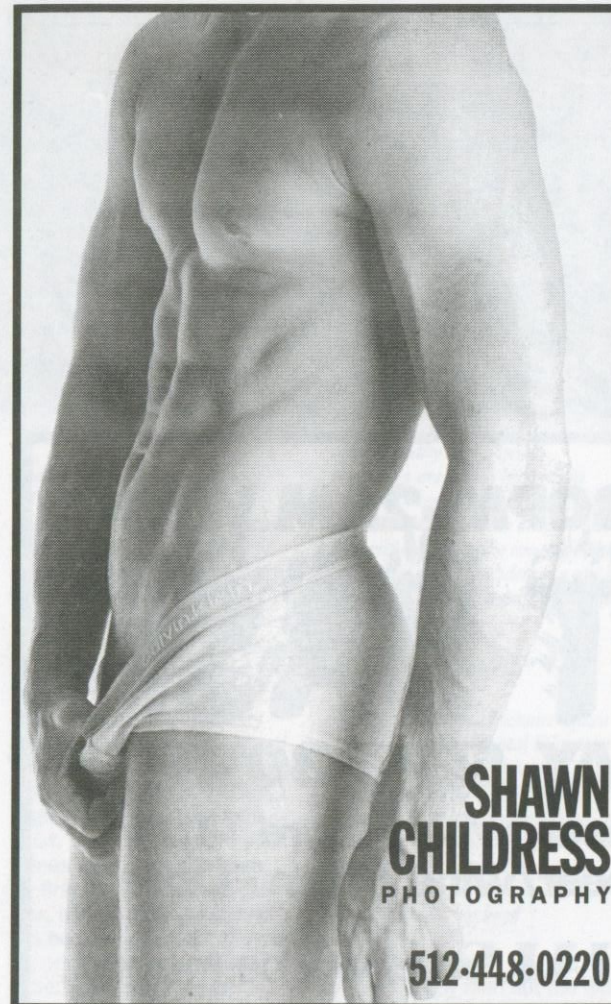
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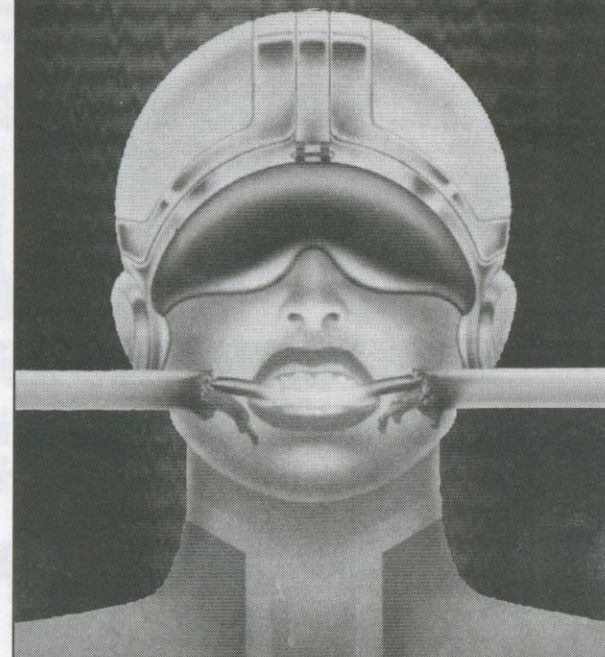
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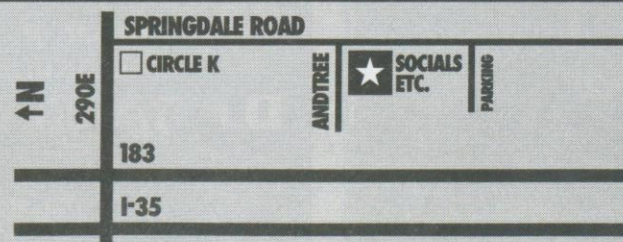
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Howdy, my favorite fondlings! Believe it or not I've actually finished my column more than a week ahead of deadline. Needless to say, it has been a rather slow and uneventful week, in fact the highlight was probably the dream I had last night. In it, Carol Channing starts to scream "Raspberries!" and then all of a sudden I find myself in a pool of jello, spanking the bare bottom of my fifth grade science teacher with a giant slotted spoon. I think I really need to get out more often...

Dear Fag Hag,

You probably get sick of people writing you with penis questions, but I couldn't resist. I have two friends with whom I have sex regularly. They both have similar cocks—about eight inches long, roughly as thick as a Ball Park Frank (after it plumps when you cook it), and very straight, smooth and pretty. If they both stuck their wieners out through holes in the wall I might not be able to tell them apart. The noticeable difference comes when they ejaculate. My first friend, whom I'll call Alex, comes like a flood and has been known to hit the ceiling or the far corner of the room. My second friend, Quinton, shoots only a couple of small pearls which usually don't make it past his navel. Both claim that it feels really good when they get off, but how can it be the same? How do you account for this vast difference? —**Shooting Party**

Dear Ejac-U-Judge,

If a roman candle sputters helplessly at its base rather than emit impressive showers of sparks in the air, it would be considered a dud. This analogy, however, doesn't hold true for the erupting male member. Since I received your letter I have taken it upon myself to research the subject exhaustively and have concluded those delicate pea poppers seemingly have just as intense an orgasm as those gushing guy-geysers, so to speak. I personally pop nary a

single pea when I come, being that I am female, yet I am certain my orgasms equal if not exceed any man-based climax. As to the physics and physiology behind this phenomenon, I was forced to consult with Dr. Dick Enhiney, a renowned urologist I met on my last flight to South America. He feels that heredity and physical make-up are largely responsible for the volume and velocity of ejaculant, and that neither attribute necessarily enter into the sexual pleasure equation, which incidentally can be represented by the mathematical formula:

$$P = \frac{S}{M} (A^b - p + L)^m$$

which can be read Pleasure equals Skill divided by Mental Distractors times Arousal to the power of humpiness minus physical distractors plus Level of fantasy compatability, all raised to the power of mind altering substances. —**FH**
ps: I never tire of penis letters! Bring 'em on, big boys!

Dear Fag Hag,

I am a gay man but the type of guy I'm attracted to isn't usually the openly-gay, spot-'em-a-mile-away fag that I see in the bars. The men that float my boat are so butch that it's tough to discern their sexual tastes. After nearly getting my ass beat several times I'm turning to you in hopes that you can suggest a discreet method for screening potential targets for my lust. —**Fraught**

Dear Butch Hunter,

Oh, dear, here we go on the straight-acting and appearing trip once again. Despite popular belief amongst queens, the reason most of these hunks you encounter look straight and act straight is because they are straight. While it is possible to seduce some of these straight guys, at least once, it is a tedious process



which can take months or years, and if you think you're going to turn them gay, 99 out of 100 times you're riding a selfish ego trip. On the other hand, there are quite a few queers who conduct their affairs much like their straight counterparts. Pinning these guys down without making an ass of yourself can be quite a trick. Say you've been

hanging out with a relatively new friend who hasn't given you an indication of his sexuality. You can start your assessment by asking a few innocent questions. Start with his musical tastes. If he mentions Madonna you should go for it immediately, but if he says Guns n' Roses or Metallica, proceed with caution. And if he says Nelson or Billy Ray Cyrus, its probably better to just cut it off right there. Another indicator would be to ask his favorite hardware store. If the words Breed & Co. come out of his mouth, attempt to kiss him posthaste. If you find yourselves in the grocery store together, ask him what aisle the cornishons are in, or where they keep the candied violets. If he answers correctly, invite him to dinner at your place, but if he responds with a blank stare, say you meant to ask what beer was on sale. And almost any queen's bathroom will give him away, no matter how straight-acting he purports to be. Lock yourself in there and take a good look around. Frilly grooming products are a pretty clear signal: Aveda, Princess Marcella Borgnese and any assorted eyeliners or Dermablend-type products are a dead giveaway. If, on the other hand, you find Brut, Old Spice or Aqua Velva, he's probably straight or just a fag with bad taste; in either case I recommend sudden-ly remembering a previous engagement and excusing yourself immediately. The bottom line here is, why waste your time with such uncertainty when you can go to bars, respond to personals, and network through friends more easily and effectively? —**FH**

Dear Fag Hag,

One afternoon, I stopped by a public restroom known to be cruisey. As I tended to my own business, I noticed movements coming from the other stall. No sooner was my curiosity aroused, when voilà! From under the stall divider appeared a most tasty morsel, or should I say entrée!? Foolishly, I began to do more than nibble, and as one thing led to another, I soon had a creamy dessert in my mouth. I know I should have used a condom. My questions: can one contract HIV through unprotected oral sex as long as the tissues of the mouth are healthy? Does saliva and stomach acid kill the virus? Should I be tested soon? —**Worried Palate**

Dear Danger Mouse,

Oh, good Christ. You go slurping on the first piece of trade that comes flopping under the divider and then run to me for help? Well, at least your heart is in the right place even if your mouth isn't... According to the latest information I've heard, the chances of contracting HIV through oral sex are not particularly great if you do not allow your partner to ejaculate in your mouth, even though HIV has been found in precum. If you do find yourself with a mouthful of warm, salty spunk, the best thing to do is spit it out at once. This is supposedly still a little less risky than swallowing. And while saliva and stomach acids are known to help neutralize the virus, you should never rely on it—remember, the idea is not to allow anyone else's bodily fluids to enter your body. The politically correct agenda these days is to get tested for HIV every six months if you are sexually active and engage in any risky behavior whatsoever. If you feel you must play with free willies in public lavatories, use a condom or hands-only to be completely safe. You'll thank me in a few years when you're still alive! —**FH**

Send your questions about love and sex, comments and personal problems to: Ask Fag Hag, P.O. Box 1034, Austin, TX 78767 or fax to 512-416-6981. Letters may be edited for brevity or clarity.

Whoroscope

by Diva, Ida Slapater and Ida Dunhim

Southern stargazers, there are so many changes taking place, what with the start of fall. But first, a big happy birthday to Alex (sorry it's so late, Daddy)- and happy birthday to all you Libra girls! On September 23rd, the sun moves into Libra with Mercury- that's a conjunct. All our thoughts will be clear (no more cloudy heads) and commitments will abound.



great Buckwheat, you're "Wookin' pa nub..."

CANCER (Jun 22- Jul 22) With the conjunct in your fourth house, you'll be remodelling soon. Install that hot tub and snatch yourself a houseboy.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)

The third house conjunct makes you feel that you can sell anything. We hear that tamales are a hot commodity...

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) Oh no, Miss Mitzi! The conjunct in your eighth house heightens your sexual activity. Don't let your toes hit that ceiling fan!

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) With the conjunct and Venus in your seventh house, romance comes- maybe an old relationship. Deal with old loose ends. Speaking of which, where is Jurassic Pussy?

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19) The conjunct in your seventh house makes you reassess your identity. We have found that Miss Clairol and a shopping spree work wonders in identity crises.

TAURUS (Apr 20- May 20) It's a good time to start a fitness program, judging from the conjunct being in your sixth house. It's a very good time, in fact- you know, those love handles aren't getting any smaller, and that trick you can do with your belly is just NOT attractive.

GEMINI (May 21- Jun 21) The conjunct in your fifth house makes you think you're in love, but you're not. To quote the late

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22) The conjunct in your second house and Venus in your first house bring a new you and a good job. Child, call about that makeover and say goodbye to East 11th!

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 23) The conjunct in your first house brings changes in the personality and the physical body. Grrrr! It's Sibyl at the gym!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 21) The conjunct in your twelfth house brings financial problems. Watch your checkbook and pay those tricks in cash. No questions asked.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) Venus and Virgo in your tenth house may bring a new job, but you better take your arm out of your shirt and go fill out a job application! Job application! Job application!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) The conjunct in your tenth house and Venus in your ninth bring travel and a payraise. Pack your bags, girl, that daddy's going to be taking you on a vacation! FR

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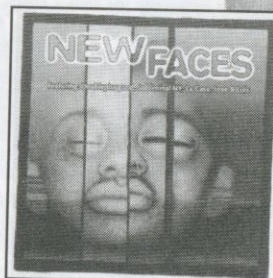
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Queer Beats

Now prance... prance I said! Ok, Ok, just between you and us, this one just don't work as hard as **Supermodel** did. But who cares? We're back to give you more high poop on what's what as far as music goes. Speaking of Miss **RuPaul**, seems her next single, "**A Shade Shady**" is out and includes four mixes with a bonus track of "**Back To My Roots**."

Grace Jones comes back with "**Sex Drive**," produced by **Mark Pistel** of **Consolidated**. Now, we haven't gotten the chance to lend an ear to this one, but have heard it's fire, and in record stores as of late. For all you queens drooling to get your hands on **D:Ream**'s album, "**On**," it's going to be released October 5, and will include all of their latest hits. Also new and very noteworthy is **Kate Bush**'s latest CD single, "**Eat The Music**." Did somebody say new **Madonna**?! Well, it's true... Kind of. She does the background vocals on **Jose and Luis**'s (**Madonna**'s **Blonde Ambition** dancers) new track titled "**Queen's English**." Not entirely new, though, because a year ago on **MTV**, we caught a clip of a fashion show where they used the song on the runway. It was going to be released as her new single, but wasn't. Anyway, it's not that great.

New by **Rock 2 House** is "**That Disco Thang**" remixed by **XPress** on the **Mousetrap** label. This is a very good track to compliment the current releases from **XPress II** on **Junior Boy**'s own, with pumping percussive garage inflected house grooves and soft, funky disco elements. **Masters At Work** release "**Can't Stop The Rhythm**" featuring **Jocelyn Brown** on vocals, with four mixes and the track "**All That**". Also new is "**Disco Monster**" by **Hope**, following the big selling "**Tree Frog**", using the bassline from **Giorgio Moroder**'s "**The Chase**" as its premise, this is good house with an NRG twist. New by **Matter** is "**Underground**" on the **Guerilla** label, it's a remake of **Curtis Mayfield**, and very good progressive house with subtle acid trance backings. **Freda Payne** releases "**Band Of Gold**" a 1993 Remix of the classic on the **Almighty** label, it's strong pumping NRG house. New by **The Real Thing** is "**Can You Feel The Force**" 1993 Remix. This is an all new 1993 remix in retro classic disco style, maintaining sax throughout with full vocals.

On the trance note, **Resoraz** has released "**Art Of Trance**" on the **Warp** label. This has really good computerized sound effects in the intro, bursting into a spacey acid house jam. Also new is "**Pacific Dance**" by **State Of House** with new remixes by **Slam**. Very good trance house version using **Jaydee** influenced hollow organ effect over hypnotic 303 trancey feel. **Death Before Disco** releases "**Mimistry**" produced by **Dub Federation** on the **Nova Mute** label. This is good hypnotic styled trance. All you **Wishdokka** fans, be on the lookout for his new release with **Vibes**, "**Don't Rush**." Good pumping drum and bass break beat with hollow sounding bassline. **Deez** has released "**Seduction**" which is

really good acid tinged deep house with a male vocal loop repeating "party." **Element 109** has released "**The Punch**" (which is really **Sono Lakota** in disguise.) Very good hard techno house with an acid overlay. More good varied trance house with an ambient feel is **Project One**'s new release, "**E.P.**" Check it.

Lush has released "**Stray**" remixed by the **Drum Club**, and you're lucky to catch one of these trancey-ambient dub house vinyls, they're a limited DJ only release, so keep your eyes open. The B-side contains commercial piano house with female vocals. "**U Know It's Good**" is released by **Illusive** on the **Rumor** label. This is pumped trance house with a female vocal overlay. Also check out **Thunderpussy Sampler Vol. 1**, a new compilation from the **Thunderpussy** label featuring all their releases, including **Hallucination Generation**, **Nutrogen**, **Time Distortion**, etc...

For all you compilation queens, check out **Trance Europe Express**, with 24 tracks from such groups as **Orbital**, **Bandulu**, **Black Dog**, **Cosmic Baby**, **Orb**, **Barbarella**, and lots more. That's all the room we have this issue, so keep the peace! And a very special thanks to **Clubland Records**, and their continued support of the **Queer Beats** we all know and love. Kisses! FR



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Queer Events

September 10 - October 10

Freedom Photos

Beyond Art, 8103 Brodie Lane

Make sure you go check out **Paul Carey** and **Dan McNeill's** photo exhibition of the **1993 March On Washington** on display for a whole month.

September 22-26

The Twilight Of The Gods

Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Avenue

This is a play that should not be missed, as it delves into a story about a couple who find out through genetic testing that their soon to be born son will be gay, and of course, the impact society plays on accepting homosexuality in America. Out on Broadway in a month, we are privileged to get a chance to view it here in Austin! Wednesday through Sunday, 8pm. Info: 472-5470. A **Charles H. Duggan Presents** production, directed by **Arvin Brown**.

September 24-26

The Crossing's Thirteenth Anniversary

The Crossing, 611 Red River

Come celebrate at the place that's been partying for thirteen strong years all weekend long, and don't forget to catch the traditional **Picture Auction** on the 26th, when those fabulous pictures on their walls will be auctioned off to benefit **Project Transitions**.

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Sunday, September 26

Vocal Auditions

The Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd.

Vocal auditions for men and women for a new musical revue based on the words and music of **Tom Wilson Weinberg** are being held from 10am-2pm. Casting is for three men and women, and auditioners should be prepared to do up to eighteen measures of a ballad and a "belt" number, accompanist provided. Also needed will be a percussionist and string bass player. To make an appointment for an auditions, call 443-4607.

TGRA's Second Annual Garage Sale is today with all proceeds donated to local Aids Charities. Info: 472-0925. Pick through your brother's and sister's gay stuff, you never know what you may find!

A Celebration Of Life

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th, 478-6065

Miss TGRA 1994 candidate **De Shannon** and **5th Street Station** proudly present **A Celebration Of Life**, a **Gala Fund-raiser** benefitting the **Christopher House** and **Pediatric AIDS League** at 10pm. Featuring special guests **Amos Ewing**, Comedian, **Austin Babbist Women**, and Current reigning **Miss Gay USA Sweet Savage**. \$2 cover.

Free Anonymous HIV Testing

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35, 832-5339

Come in for a cocktail and get tested anonymously at 6pm.

Go-Go Boy Strip-Off Contest

the 404, 404 Colorado, 499-0088, 1am

Third Coast Male Revue presents an exciting strip contest open to professionals and amateurs alike. Show up and register by midnight to compete for the cash prizes, or just come suck down drinks and watch the studs compete.

Monday, September 27

Open Rehearsals For Capital City Men's Chorus

Grace United Methodist Church, 205 E Monroe St.

Open Rehearsals For **Capital City Men's Chorus** are being held at 7pm. The **Capital City Men's Chorus** is composed predominantly of gay men, and this rehearsal is in preparation for **"Five Centuries-A Holiday Concert"** scheduled for December. Info: 477-SING.

Wednesday, September 29

As The Worm Turns

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35

Come in, take your seat, and watch the hilarity of the next exciting episode of **Bout Time's** version of their own soap opera. Catch all the trashy goings-on of the bar, its staff and just about anything else that comes to mind. A real screamer.

October 1

Opening Night For Orlando

Village Cinema Art, 2700 W Anderson Lane,

Based on the book by **Virginia Woolf**, this journey through time tells of a character who lives for 400 years, first as a man, then as a woman. **Tilda Switon** gives a remarkable performance as **Orlando** from the film's opening in the court of **Queen Elizabeth I**, (**Quentin Crisp**), to the speed and noises of contemporary London. **Billy Zane** co-stars. Info: 451-8352.

Baby Picture Contest

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35

Tonight's the night, folks! Can you guess how many baby photos there are on the walls inside the bar? If you think you can, show up tonight and collect the \$50 cash prize.

Queer Events



October 1-14

The 6th Annual Gay And Lesbian Film Festival

Dobie Theatre 21st & Guadalupe

This two-week film festival is so much fun, you have to go to every show! But if you can't, make sure and check out at least one, girl. There are a lot of films to see, and some guest speakers. Call the **Dobie Theatre** for shows and times at 472-3240. Tickets: \$5 each program, or festival passes for 6 programs available at **bookwoman**, **Liberty Books**, and the **Dobie Theatre Box Office** for \$25.

October 1, 2, 3

Lone Star Women's Music Festival

Three days and nights of music, theatre, comedy, workshops, and camping on the beautiful whitewater Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country. Hmm, sounds enticing! But make sure you're a real girl, first, this one's only open to women. There's a lot of fun and interesting things going on at this event, including **Matina Davis**, **Texana Dames**, **Zoe Lewis**, **Power Snatch**, **Sister Beat**, **Girls In The Nose**, **Gypsy Eclipse** and much more. Tickets \$75-95, plus \$20 cash workshop deposit, get them early for discounts, available at **Inklings** in Houston, **bookwoman**, and **Celebration!**

October 3, 4

Betty

Esther's Folie's, 525 E 6th

The all-girl trio that wowed thousands at the **1993 March On Washington** will be performing live. Call for information, tickets: 320-0553.

October 1-30

Space Trek: Lost On Gilligan's Planet

First State Bank Tower, 3rd Floor, 400 W 15th St.

A sci-fi parody of everyone's favorite oldie, **Bouton Jones** and **Paul Garlinghouse** have put this gem together. Shows every Friday and Saturday at 8pm. \$1 off the \$6 admission price if you dress as your favorite sci-fi character! \$5 for students, seniors and ACOT members. Info: 479-8157.

October 8

Conference On Feminist Ethics & Feminist Approaches To Addictions

UT Thompson Conference Center

AWARE and the **Women's Counseling & Resource Center** present **Natalie Porter**, Ph.D., president of the **Division of the Psychology of Women of the American Psychological Association**, and **Gayle Owens**, Ph.D., Psychologist and **Certified Chemical Dependency Specialist**. This is an all-day conference, from 8:30am-4:30pm, for ticket information, call 322-0125.

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October 9

Second Annual Gala Ball & Art Exhibit

The Waterloo Room, Four Seasons Hotel

The **Museum Of Fine Arts** is holding their **Second Annual Gala Ball** 7pm-Midnight. Tickets are \$25/person. Info: 860_2965.

Sunday, October 3

Banding Together

La Zona Rosa, 4th and Rio Grande

Aids Services Of Austin hosts the first annual **Banding Together**, an upbeat, live music event to benefit **ASA** and sixteen other organizations providing AIDS care, education, and research serviced in the Austin area. Tickets \$8 in advance at **ASA** or at the door, call **Kathy Taylor** 406-6115.

Saturday, October 9

The Big Wig Revue

Divas, 523 E 6.

For one night only, it's the second show of the smashing success, the **Big Wig Revue!** In the second part of the series, the **Big Wig Revue** will be presenting their finest collection of performers. Starring **Fausto Fernos**, with **Laura Hawkins**, **Elaine Dove**, **Talia Fernos**, **Thu Doan**, **Michael King** and special guests. Tickets are \$8. Info: 495-WIGS.

Wednesday, October 15

Depeche Mode: The Devotional Tour

The Frank Erwin Center, \$22.50 & \$24.50, 7:30pm

These boys have always been one of the most popular alternative dance bands among gay and straight fans alike. Tonight's long-awaited appearance will hopefully include older material as well as songs of "faith and devotion" from the new album. The opening act, **The The**, will undoubtedly perform cuts from their highly successful recent "Dogs of Lust" album.

Lovve / Rituals & Rage

The Vortex, 1921 E Ben White

Performances held October 15, 16, 17, and 22, 23 and 24 at 8pm. Presented by **root w'y'mn theatre company**, written by **Sharon Bridgforth**, call 794-9361 for reservations and information.

November 4 - 7

The Tenth Annual TGRA Rodeo

Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, Texas

One of the events most looked forward to in the gay community, don't miss the **Texas Gay Rodeo Association's Tenth Annual TGRA Rodeo**, just an hour's drive in beautiful San Antonio. With events like the **TGRA Royalty Contest** on the 4th at 8pm (location TBA), the **TGRA Rodeo Kickoff Dance** at 8pm, The announcement of **MR, Ms & Miss TGRA** at 10:30pm on the 5th, the **Grand Parade** at noon, the **Grand Entry** at 12:30pm and the **Rodeo Performance** at 1pm on the 6th, and the **Grand Parade** at noon, the **Grand Entry** at 12:30, the second **Rodeo Performance** at 1pm, and the **Rodeo Award Dance** at the **Hilton** at 8pm on the 7th. An event no one should live without participating in! For ticket information, call **Rainbow Ticket Master** (210) 244-3000. Info:(713) 270-TGRA.

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Fridays

Happy Hour Buffet & Dancers

The Crossing, 611 Red River
Dinner and dick... the perfect combination! Join the weekly party early, ogle the hot dancers, and take advantage of happy hour drink prices. Male dancers 5-9pm.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
The original interactive cult classic shows at midnight on multiple screens in stereo surround sound. Feel free to bring all the props you like—just no water guns for the rain scene! Enjoy the free buffet at 5:30, with \$2 wells and domestics 2-2am.

Return To Trash Disco

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Every Friday indulge in your favorite trash disco tunes from the 70's and 80's with 75¢ well all night.

Return Of 25¢ Drinks

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca (13th St.)
Back by popular demand, 25¢ well drinks all night long are back in full force! \$5 cover gets you in the door, then let your laundry change do the rest.

Communion

Qhms, 611 E 7th
The sacrifice begins! Music by The Chamber's DJ Mike Lawder. Dancers by Surreal Feel. 5¢ draft all night, and \$1 bottled Shiner.

5th Street Fridays

5th St Station, 505 E 5th
478-6065, 21+
Drop in to party at Austin's newest gay dance club. Munch on the free buffet 5-8pm, let your wallet enjoy happy hour prices 2-10pm while you feast your eyes on the studs of the **Lonestar Male Revue** 10pm-2am. Deejays **Kyle Grey** and **Little Debbie** keep the joint jumpin' with the hottest house and NRG, while **Paul Labeaud** works those fabulous lights. No cover before 1:30am. Open for after-hours dancing till 4am. **Weekend White Sale** \$1.50 vodka, gin, rum and tequila well drinks.

Channel 404

the 404, 404 Colorado, 18+
DJ **Danny Cardiel** cranks out his special blend of fierce dance tracks. Lights by **Larry The Lightman** and 25¢ wells all night long. The next best thing to an open bar!

Happy Hour Buffet

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
Enjoy the free buffet 6-9pm with happy hour prices.

Happy Hour At Bout Time

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg)
Come out for Happy Hour prices Friday and Saturday nights with \$1.75 well and domestics 10-11pm.

Happy Hour Buffet

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th (off Colorado St.)
Enjoy the complimentary buffet 5-8pm and happy hour prices 2-10pm.

Saturdays

Techno Trance

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Every Saturday DJ **Eclipse** from Dallas plays the best in techno trance music, and with amazing 75¢ well drinks all night, there's no excuse not to step into the future of music.

Happy Hour At Bout Time

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg)

Come out for Happy Hour prices Friday and Saturday nights with \$1.75 well and domestics 10-11pm.

Levi, Leather & Latex Night

Chain Drive, 504 Willow (off Red River South of Ist)
Enjoy the bottle beer bust 2-8pm and don't forget the dress code for Sat 9-2am!

Fusion

Qhms, 611 E 7th
A euphoric frenzy of tribal trance beats not intended for the weak at heart. \$1 bottled Shiner.

Carefree Dancing

The 404, 404 Colorado
Austin's most complete Saturday evening club experience. Deejay **Michael Hernandez's** fierce blend of house and NRG on the main floor keeps you pumped and primed long into after-hours. Visit the **Subterranean Love Lounge** in the basement where you'll find 50¢ draft and guest deejays.

Bernie Siben

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Amazing pianist **Bernie Siben** plays alongside the bar every Saturday 9pm-1am. \$2 wells and domestics 2-2am.

Shut Up & Dance Party

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th, 10pm-4am, 21+
Let **Little Debbie** and **Kyle Grey** work you with their butt-bumping mixologies while **Paul Labeaud** keeps you spinning with the dizzying array of swirling lights until 4am. No cover before 1:30am. Happy hour prices 2-10pm. **Weekend White Sale** \$1.50 vodka, gin, rum and tequila well drinks.

Sundays

Laser Karaoke Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
There's a new buffet in town, and it's at Mame's during the new laser karaoke night starting at 6pm. Be a star and show 'em what you got, or just go and check out the local talent.

Disco 2000

The 404, 404 Colorado
DJ **Michael Hernandez** spins all the hits of the 70's, 80's, and 90's. Hot male dancers courtesy of **Third Coast Male Revue** shakin' their thangs all night. \$1.75 well drinks, and 50¢ draft beer all night long.

Heart Fire Tribe Sunday Gatherings

3355 Bee Cave Road #101, 8-9:30pm
Explore our experiences of spirit as gay people, sharing words, songs, drums, prayers, dreams, and community service. The focus is individual and community empowerment and enchantment through heart and spirit, mind and body, earth and sky. Non-dogmatic, non-definition-al. All kind and gentle people welcome. Contact: **John at Liberty Books** 495-9737 or **Dipam** 443-3551.

Weekly Cookout

Chain Drive, 504 Willow
Enjoy the weekly cookout on the patio hosted by a different organization every week 4-9pm. Liquor bust 2-7pm, draft bust 4-9pm, and another liquor bust 7-11pm.

Happy Hour Dancers

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
Happy Hour drink prices 2-9pm with \$2.25 well and \$1.75 domestics 9-11pm. Hot male dancers 6-8pm, 13:30 and midnight.

Out Youth Austin Support Groups

Out Youth, 2330 Guadalupe
Outsmart, a women's and men's support group meets 5:30- 7:30pm. Info: 476-0880.

The Latex Generation

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Acropolis is pumping with DJ **Brad Himes** from **Clubland Records** spinning all your favorite dance music. All crowds welcome. 75¢ well drinks all night.

Liquor Bust

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Come put for the liquor bust for \$5 cover and 50¢ refills, or the beer bust for \$2 cover and 25¢ refills. Take your turn on the open volleyball court tonight.

Super Sunday Show

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
Enjoy \$1.75 domestics and well all day and night. Catch the **Super Sunday Show** at 10:30pm with **DeShannon, Heather Thomas, Nicole, Paris Chanel** and special guest.

Texas Gay And Lesbian Review

Cable Channel 10, 11pm.
Stay home tonight and watch Austin's most informative and entertaining hour of television focusing on our community. Every Sunday night, new shows every month.

Amateur All-Sex Strip Show

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
Don't miss the **All-Sex Strip Show** at 10pm. It's for amateurs, so go show 'em who's bigger and better and try to snatch the prize!

Beef & Chicken Fajita Night

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
The **Imperial Court Of The Capitol City Empire** cooks beef and chicken fajitas for \$1 each 6-9pm. Pool and air hockey tournaments begin at 9pm. Happy hour prices all night.

Mondays

Gay Monday Nights

Moondance Diner, 706 Congress
Check out their bold, new renovations and come out for this fabulous weekly gay and lesbian event. Good drinks, great food and fun company. And back by popular demand, their old menu is reinstated.

Margaret Wright / Steak Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Flawless pianist **Margaret Wright** works her magic through happy hour, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a fabulous steak dinner for only \$5 every Monday night 6-9pm. \$2 well and domestics 2-10pm.

Beginner / Intermediate Dance Lessons

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
All beginners wanting to learn how to two-step, or intermediates wanting to brush up on their skills, join **Colton** at 8pm for free lessons every Monday night. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestics.

Monday Night Football

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
Watch the game every Monday night at 8pm on one of all of the 7 video screens. Pool and dart tournaments 9pm. \$1.25 domestics and \$1 draft all day, all night.

Volleyball Tournament / Potluck Sunday

'Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Watch the boys and girls compete in the weekly volleyball tournament, or sign your team up at the bar. Cabaret style piano indoors. At 5pm, come in for a **Food Feast Potluck** dinner while enjoying the liquor

Queer Weeklies



bust for \$5 cover, 50¢ refills or the beer bust with \$2 cover, 25¢ refills.

Family Bereavement Group

Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm.
Project Transitions, Inc., Austin's residential AIDS hospice, provides this group for people who have experienced a loss a loved one to AIDS. For more info and to reserve a place in this group, call 454-8646.

Third Coast Male Revue Dancers

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Emcee drag diva **Nicole** presents **Third Coast Male** boys strutting their stuff at 10:30 and 12:00. \$1.25 wells/domestics 7-10pm. Optional 25¢ draft bust with \$2 cover.

Lone Star Male Revue

The Crossing, 611 Red River
Watch the boys of **Lone Star Male Revue** at 11pm and midnight.

Happy Hour Buffet

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
Free buffet 5-8pm with incredible happy hour prices all day, all night.

Tuesdays

Peer Support Group

For HIV+ Youth
Out Youth Austin welcomes all HIV+ Youth to attend the Living (HIV) Positively group. 7pm. Call 476-0880 or 472-9246 for more info.

Amateur Talent Show

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
Comedians, Dancers, Jugglers, Magicians, Miss Things, Singers... Bring your talent, your thirst, and your friends to watch or participate in the **Amateur Talent Show** at 11pm, winner gets \$100 prize. \$2.00 well and domestics all day all night.

Happy Hour Prices All Day

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Enjoy \$1.50 well and domestics 2-2am.

Prize Night

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Prize Night starts at 7:30pm with \$20 given away at one hour intervals, totalling \$110 given away just for showing up and partying at **Bout Time**. See ya there!

Amateur Strip Contest

The Crossing, 611 Red River, 11pm
For the last eleven years this weekly affair has turned up a lot of local male talent. \$100 cash to the hot bod that works the hardest. Always a scandal in the making!

The Chamber

Qhms, 611 E 7th
Submit to **The Chamber** every Tuesday night 10pm-3am. Industrial music with DJ **Mike Lawder**. Two bondage shows and dancers all night, it's the most alternative thing to do on Tuesdays! 25¢ draft and \$1.25 well all night.

Steak Night / Amateur Male Strip Contest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, Midnight
Steak dinners for \$5 from 6-8pm, join the hourly cocktail wheel specials, turn out for Amateur Night and see who scoops up the cash prize by shakin' their booty. Entertainment by hard workin' Miss Thing **Jame Perry**. 25¢ draft bust with \$2 cover.

Country Dance Lessons

Nexus, 305 W 5th

Learn how to dance country at 9pm.

Middle Eastern Dancers

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
Drop in to check out the exotic belly dancers doing shows at 7pm, 10:30pm and 1:30am, including Zerohade, Shahkti and friends.

Polynesian Dance Class

South Austin Recreation Center, 1601 Cumberland, 7pm.
Men's Polynesian dance & drumming class. For info call **Kieto** 445-HULA.

Wednesdays

Wild Wednesdays

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th
\$5 optional buy-in gets you 50¢ wells and \$100 domestic beers all day all night. And check out five hot dick dancers from **Lonestar Male Revue** working those t-backs 11pm-2am.

Return To Planet 9

Acropolis, 208 Nueces, \$5
Alternative mixed crowd on a packed dance floor throbs to early 80's retro music in Austin's largest dance club. Work the cute bartenders and the 25¢ draft from 10-11pm.

Cheap Beer With James

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Now you can enjoy \$1.50 domestic beer and Tecate all day and all night every Wednesday with your favorite bartender, **James**.

ACT UP Meeting

Grassroots Peace Bldg., 227 Congress, 8pm. Info: 477-AIDS

18-22 year-old Support Group

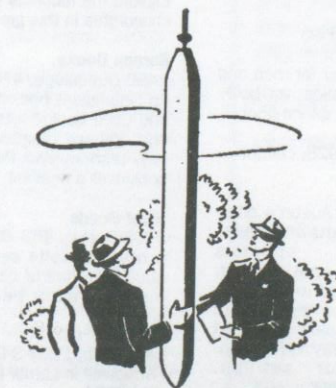
Out Youth Austin, 2330 Guadalupe, 7pm. For info: 476-0880

First Run Movie Night

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
Forget the theater, come into the bar and have a cocktail or two while enjoying a first run movie. 2-2am enjoy \$1.50 wells and domestics.

Customer Appreciation Night

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Come in for a drink and pick the drink special of your choice from the list of fabulous specials at the bar.



What a concept!

Austin's Original 25¢ Well Drinks/ Wet Underwear Contest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, 21+
25¢ well drinks all night long. (50¢ gets you a tall double!) Get boozed up for a measly couple of dollars and catch a glimpse of the new wet underwear contest at midnight. If you're feeling adventurous, let them wet your drawers and see if you have what it takes to win the cash!

Happy Hour All Day / Night

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th
Wednesdays are always hot with amazing \$1.75 well and domestics all day and all night.

Thursdays

Pool Tournament

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Join the weekly tournament. 1st Place: \$50, \$2 entry. \$1.75 well and domestics all day, all night.

Partners Bereavement Group

Thursdays, 7pm-8:30pm.
Project Transitions, Inc., Austin's residential AIDS hospice, provides this group for people who have experienced a loss a loved one to AIDS. For more info and to reserve a place in this group, call 454-8646.

Pro-Am Fight Night

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Professional dancers vs. amateur dancers... what a show! Begins at midnight. Cash prizes to the winners: \$200 for first place, \$75 second, and \$25 for third. \$2.25 well/domestics all day.

Dance Classes

Call 445-HULA for location, 7pm
Latin partner dancing from the Caribbean. Cha-cha, salsa, Merange.

BYO Steak Night

Nexus, 305 W 5th St
Bring your own beef and grill it here, girl. All other condiments provided. 7-9pm.

GENESIS

Qhms, 611 E 7th
The beginning of a new era with DJ **Brad**. 75¢ well drinks and \$1.50 anything in the house all night long. Info: 472-7136.

Trance Fusion

The 404, 404 Colorado
Stephen Williams presents **Trance Fusion**... a trance-tribal-techno-house excursion delving into the future of music. DJ **Danny Cardiel** spins upstairs with a special guest deejay every week, and DJ **Kevin Krahn** spins in the **Subterranean Love Lounge** all night long. \$1.75 well drinks all night. "It's so big... it's scary!"

Grand Ole Opry Night

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
Join **Tina Morgan** and **Scarlet Leigh** weekly at this **Christopher House** benefit show featuring performances by **TGRA** candidates **Chad Martin** and **De Shannon** at 10:30pm. \$1.50 well/longnecks all night.

Karaoke Night

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th St
You pick the song, we provide the music. You start singing, you're the star. Show at 10pm. Always a barrel of laughs! Enjoy \$2.00 well and domestic beer and \$1 Karaoke Kamikazes all day all night.



Queer Index

BARS & CLUBS

The 404, 404 Colorado (4th), 499-0088, 10pm-4am (5am Fri/Sat), 18+

Multi-level mostly male dance club with urban feel and hi-tech lighting plays hot house and techno music. Catwalk surrounding dance floor for prancing and preening. Outdoor patio.

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th (Red River) 478-6065
Spanking-new dance club with happy hour daily from 2pm-9pm. Slick dance floor with a great light show. Free, safe parking.

Acropolis, 208 Neuces (2nd St) 472-7253, 10pm-2am, 18+
This extra-large (over 10,000 sq ft.) dance club attracts a mixed crowd, and boasts one of Austin's most dazzling light shows. Dance the night away or just hang out on the couch in the fabulous bathrooms.

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River (10th St) 478-4511, 21+
Mon-Fri 2pm-2am, Sun noon-2am, Neighborhood bar with periodic live entertainment, pool table, video games, and a fabulous patio overlooking neighbor Chances.

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River (7th St) 469-0014, 12noon-2am daily, 21+
A peculiar mix of young and old clientele patronize this hetero-tolerant bar which offers the some of the lowest drink prices in town (serving beer, wine and light liquors), the strongest coffee this side of Louisiana, and actually sells beer to go!

'Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35 (Rundberg) 832-5339, 2pm-2am daily, 21+
Mixed G&L tavern-style bar. Relaxed, casual atmosphere. Pool & Video games, Large Screen TV, and check out the new volleyball court.

Chain Drive, 504 Willow (off Red River south of 1st) 480-9017
A fabulously seedy Levi's and Leather bar. Dance floor, patio, pool table. Store inside bar stocks homoerotic art, various leather and rubber items, sex supplies.

Chances, 900 Red River (10th St) 472-8273, Tues-Thurs 5pm-2am, Fri-Sat 7pm-2am, Sun 5pm-Mid.
A laid back women's club (men welcome) with dancing, pool tables, video games, jukebox. Large mixed turnout for live local music (Th-Sun), fundraisers, plays.

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca (13th St) 474-6481, 2pm-2am
Popular men's dance and cruise bar. Pool table and video games by the front bar, main bar has deejay and dancing.

The Crossing, 611 Red River (above 6th) 476-3611
9-2am Mon-Sat, noon-2am Sun
Men's dance and cruise bar with a front and back bar, pool tables, video games and pinball, and a large dance floor. Beautiful patio area now open, with full bar and lots of corners for schmoozing.

Diva's, 523 E 6th St, 320-0553
Weekend shows at 8pm and 10pm, \$6.
Right next door to Esther's Follie's, this outrageous comedy entertainment club is sure to have you giggling your wigs off.

Esther's Follies, 525 E 6th St, 320-0553 Thurs 9pm, \$10. Fri-Sat 8pm/10pm, \$12.
Large, queer-friendly Saturday Night Live-style comedy club draws a diverse crowd. All ages welcome, reservations accepted.

Nexus, 305 W 5th (Lavaca) 472-5288 6pm-2am daily
Along with its sister bar in San Antonio, the largest women's bar in Texas. Spacious bar, large-screen TV, roomy elevated dance floor and sexy women.

Ohms, 611 E 7th, Tues, Thur-Sat 10pm-?, 472-7136
An array of trance, tribal, and house beats designed for a universal experience. Mixed crowd, underground atmosphere with stimulating lighting.

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th (off Colorado) 320-8823, 2-2am daily
Crowded, preppy "upscale men's" dance bar.

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto (2nd St) 479-6939
Country & western bar for men and women with pool tables, air hockey, and a good sized dance floor.

Socials, etc. 929-7928, call for directions. Wed-Sat, 8:30pm-2am.
Sun 2pm-midnight. Austin's alternative to the downtown scene. Nightly drink specials 8:30-11pm. Free, safe parking, two dance floors, and room to run around. Outdoor volleyball and horseshoe courts plus showers! Beer bust every day till 11pm. Beer and liquor set-ups. Wheelchair accessible.

STORES

Austinuts
2900 W Anderson Lane, 323-6887
Austin's own and only variety nut store. On site dry roasting of all nuts from almonds to watermelon seeds, no oil used. Pick your own trail mix or choose one of theirs, also dried fruits and sugar-free & low-cal candies.

book woman, 324 E 6th, 472-2785
Cozy women-oriented shop features an extensive selection of Gay & Lesbian books, magazines, T-shirts and gifts.

Bark-n-Purr, 4604 Burnet Road, 452-3883
Complete pet supplies center sells lams, Eukanuba, Science Diet, and other finer brands of pet supplies. Tres gay-friendly.

Burning Books
51st & Duval, 450-0787
Not your everyday bookstore, you'll find lots of alternatives here, and an extensive magazine collection.

by George men
2346 Guadalupe, 472-5536
Unique and stylish men's clothing.

The Condom Store, 509 E 6th, 476-0123
Austin's first condom boutique, featuring a full line of condoms, both usual and exotic, as well as gifts, novelties and accessories.

Celebration!, 108 W 43rd St, 453-6207
An inviting bookstore with a varied assortment of cards, t-shirts, incense, oils, candles, crystals, jewelry, beads, and more.

Dr. Chocolate
413 E 43rd St., 454-0555
Explore the fabulous world of fine chocolates in this great shop.

Europa Books, 2406 Guadalupe, 476-0423
An "intelligent bookstore" with new and used books, lots of interesting and unusual magazines, including gay, lesbian and foreign titles. A booklover's heaven!

Killer Beads
5408 Burnet, 453-8250
A truly exquisite selection of just about any kind of bead imaginable, inside Origins beads and fine crafts.

Let's Dish, 1102 S Lamar (Treadwell in Lamar Plaza) 444-9801

Strictly fabulous collectables and vintage clothing. A fun place to browse, you'll always find something you need!

Liberty Books, 1014-B N Lamar (11th St behind Sound Warehouse) 495-9737
Austin's most comprehensive selection of Gay & Lesbian literature, photography, magazines and T-shirts. A cornerstone of Austin's G&L community.

Lovecat
809 W 12th, 477-5224
Groovy retro clothing, shoes, accessories, and more.

Planet K
9407 N IH-35 (North) 1516 S Lamar (South)
A great novelty shop carrying lots of strange and unusual things like jewelry, T-shirts, hard to find magazines, posters, toys, smoking accessories, and more. But no inflatable sheep!

Sparks, 1014 W 6th (Lamar) 477-1014
A groovy greeting card shop that also sells an exquisite selection of gifts, T-shirts, calendars, jewelry and objets d'art. Flawless wrapping paper sold by the sheet and lots of other cool stuff.

Zoom
812 W 12th, 472-3316
One of the newest alternative clothing stores to hit Austin, specializing in used Levi's, groovy T-shirts, jewelry, neat-o neckwear (Where's Waldo neckties), and also ear, nose, and body piercing. Ooh la-la!

MUSIC

Clubland Records
217B W 4th Street (Lavaca) 474-1133 / fax: 478-5263
Located strategically next to Oilcan's, specializes in hot dance music. Used section. DJ Remix labels and imports. Extra gay-friendly, run and staffed by local deejays.

MusicMania
3909D N IH-35 #1 (by Fiesta) 451-3361
This continually-expanding store has a huge, varied collection of new and used music and boasts Austin's best collection of old NRG and retro 12" singles. Many out-of-print treasures in mint condition.

Sound Exchange
21st & Guadalupe, 476-2274
Large alternative selection. Buys and sells used CDs at bargain prices. Near campus on the drag

and heavily trafficked by students. Also boasts large import dance single collection.

Technophilia, 504 W 24th St, 477-1812
Also near the heart of campus, stocks new and used imports and domestics. Sells only CDs, with CD players and headphones stationed around the store so you can sample before you purchase.

Tower Records
2402 Guadalupe (24th), 478-5711
One of Austin's largest music stores, much like it's New York and L.A. counterparts, is always sure to stock the most sought, chart topping favorites, with a healthy dose of new and alternative music as well.

Waterloo
600A N Lamar, 474-2500
A large, busy store with a diverse selection of music leaning towards new and progressive. Video section has music videos, cult, and regular titles. Vinyl Annex around corner stocks dance and 12" imports.

EATING OUT

Chuy's, 1728 Barton Springs Road, 474-4452
10520 N Lamar, 836-3218
Our favorite source for imaginative Tex-Mex food at reasonable prices. Great fajitas, drinks, salads. Friendly staff. Popular during dinner/happy hour stretch;.

City Grill
9th and Sabine, 479-0817
This restaurant is great for seafood and steaks! When you want to have a nice, romantic dinner, this is the place. Hot tip: try the Besotes Calientes (or Hot Kisses) as an appetizer, they're hot! Dinner only, reservations accepted.

East Side Café, 2113 Manor Road, 476-5858
A charming restaurant with a great menu. Fresh produce grown in their very own garden adds that extra fresh zeal to many of their fine dishes. Popular for lunch and dinner.

Hyde Park Bar & Grill, 4206 Duval St, 458-3168
An imaginative menu and intriguing wine list add to the ambiance of this snazzy restaurant. Many health-conscious dishes available, but be sure and try their french fries, made in a herb buttermilk batter and served with a zingy horseradish sauce: Yum, Yum! A smoke-free environment.

Chuy's Huia Hut, 3826 Lake Austin Blvd 476-4852,
Chuy's newest addition to Austin restaurants, a fabulously chic place to eat and be seen. A blend of Tex-Mex and Polynesian foods make for a very unusual dining experience. Outdoor dining and even parking for your boat.

Katz's Deli & Bar, 618 W 6th St (Rio Grande) 472-2037
An upscale New York deli-style restaurant with complete Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner menu served 24 hours a day. "Katz's never Kloses." Ask to sit at the ASA Benefit table, and 10% of your check will be donated to AIDS Services of Austin. If only more restaurants would do this...

Mars Restaurant & Bar
1610 N Antonio (17th St), 472-3901
Featuring an eclectic menu with Thai and Indian tendencies, this new restaurant serves excellent food at moderate prices. Nifty fire-red walls and gorgeous ceramic tile mosaic installations throughout give the place a racy, uptown charm.

Moondance Diner & Bar, 706 Congress, 474-6605
Recently remodeled diner-style eatery with a delicious selection of home-style, health-oriented food sure to fill your tummy. In-house bakery serves up delectable rolls, cornbread muffins, etc. at their freshest. Their long-running gay Monday nights brings out all the girls and sisters.

Olive's Gourmet Pizza, 1112 W 6th, 320-8400
Delicious pizza with a style all its own. A tad pricey perhaps, but arguably worth every cent: the pizza topped with roasted garlic rules! Great salads, appetizers, and entrees with an Italian flair. The fashionable see-and-be-seen outdoor patio dining ranks high with us as well.

Shady Grove, 1624 Barton Springs Rd, 474-9991
Family-oriented restaurant dishes out hearty portions of American favorites. Their whopping big hamburgers and patented "Hippy" sandwiches never disappoint. Fun young staff keeps the place hoppin'. Hot tip: try a side of noodles with peanut sauce! Best patio in Austin.

Cafe Spiazzo
5416 Parkcrest Drive 459-9960
7736 Bee Cave Road 328-7919
Fancy, yet reasonably priced gourmet Italian restaurant serves up satisfying portions from their artful menu. Fabulous wine list and friendly, knowledgeable staff.

Z Tejas Grill
1110 W 6th, 478-5355
From the delicious menu to the friendly staff to the slow but reliable service, this place ranks up there as one of our favorites. The fabulous patio overlooking W 6th Street is a great place to see and be seen.

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Austin Six
521 Thompson Lane, 385-5328
Deluxe auditorium with an all-male theatre, selection of gay & lesbian videos, magazines, and movie booths. 24 hours.

Cinema West, 2130 S Congress 442-5719, 11am-2am daily
Austin's only All-male theater, large selection of videos for sale and rent.

Pleasureland, 613 W 29th Street (Guadalupe) 478-2339, 24 hours.

CULTURE

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Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
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