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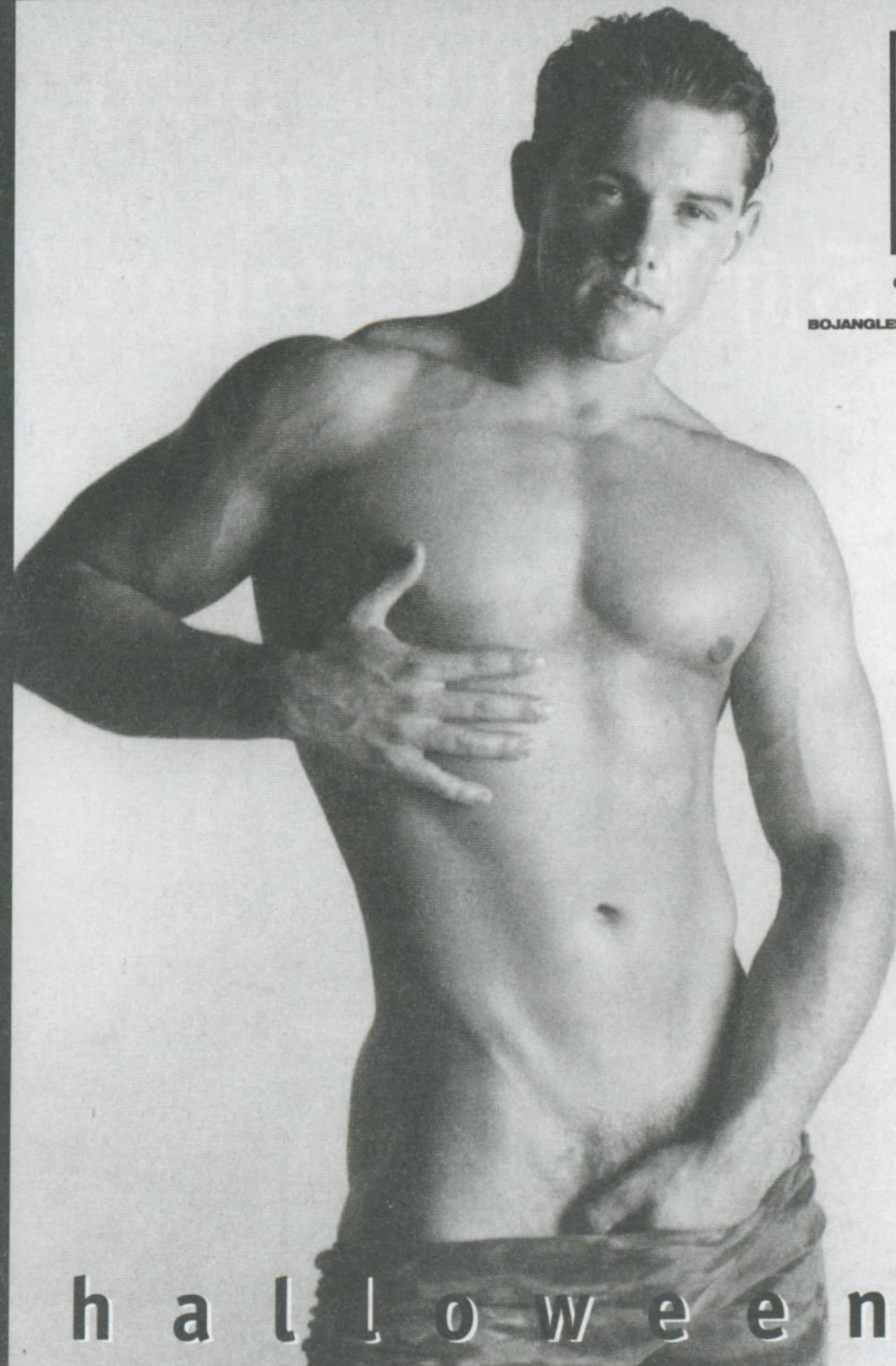
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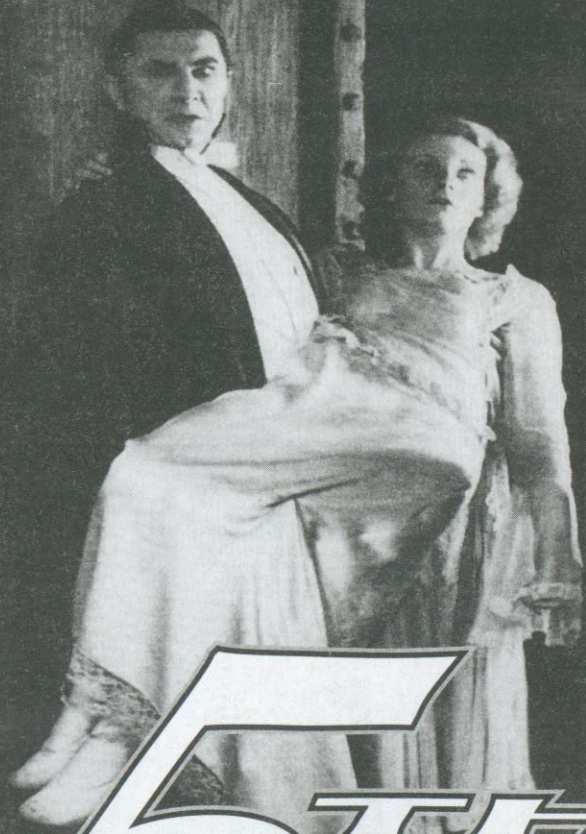


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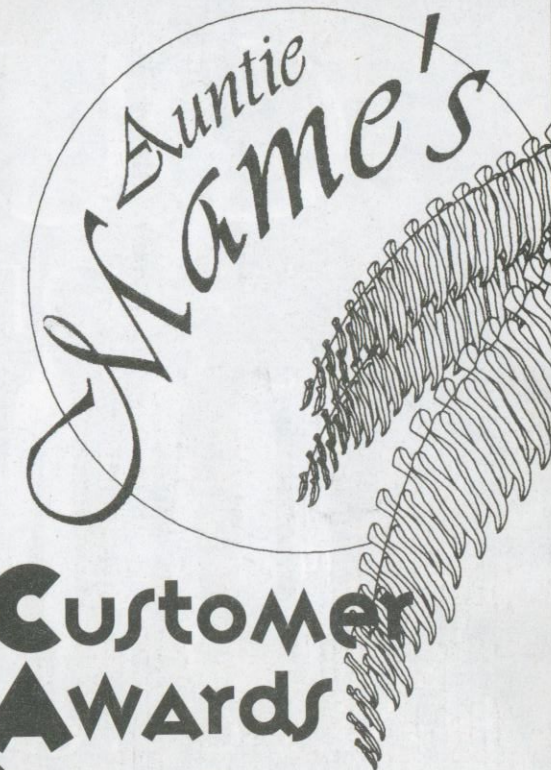
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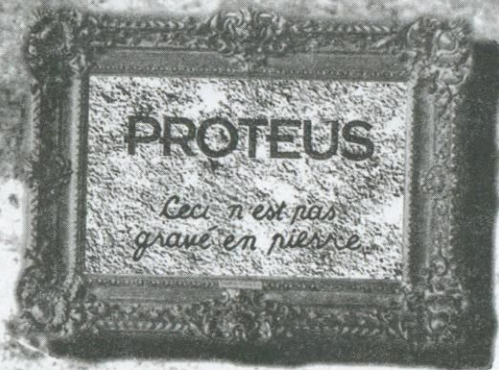
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What a gas! It's not even November yet but already night air has a bit of a wintery nip to it — and you know what that means: a whole new banquet of possibilities to consider when picking out what to wear! Gotta love it...

And our last couple of weeks have been a whirlwind, beginning with that chaotic Friday frenzy we here at the **FAG RAG** offices call "distribution day." You know, the one where we send our crack team of homosexuals out on the town with the hot-off-the-press latest issue to visit every fun-lovin', gay-toleratin' spot from here to Pflugerville, laughing all the way. It's actually a highly structured process of dissemination designed not only to get the new Rag in your hands before the ink is completely dry, but also to have our teams hit every Happy Hour in town. It's not really such a bad job. (And hey — give us a holler if you think your site should be on the route and isn't already, as many of you already have.)

Anyway, the completion of our route found us at **5th Street Station**, which actually was on one of the other teams' routes, but who cares because we wanted to see one of our favorite bartenders, **Robby**, who whipped us up a few of his special surprises. We kibbitzed with the always gracious managers **John** and **Dan**, visited **Kyle** and **Paul** in the deejay booth, a gazed upon the dancing studs of the **Lone Star Male Revue**, including personal trainer/go-go hunk **Taylor**. The next thing we knew, several hours had passed, and found ourselves initially puzzled watching **Auntie Mame's Kevin Campbell** parade around the bar in a curly brunette wig, black fishnets, and a spandex corset.

Finally feverishly reasoning that it must be another 'Rocky Horror' Friday night at **Mame's**, we made our way up Red River to that 'friendly, neighborhood bar' where our umpteenth viewing of the cult classic proved as highly entertaining as ever. It was 'standing room only' for the duration of the movie and the crowd, led by **Robert Smith** knew all the hilarious interactive dialogue to shriek at the monitors at the top of their lungs. **Kevin** and **Paula** circled the bar distributing items to hurl skyward at the appropriate moment in the narrative; in fact, the high moment of the evening was surely lobbing handfuls of rice and confetti upon wary but strapping bartender **Brian**, who had been loaned from his post at **5th St. Station** for the evening. He admirably kept our Saucy Shirleys filled to the brim all

night. If you have not yet witnessed this Friday midnight spectacle at **Mame's**, now may be a good time what with Halloween coming up and all...

Also coming up quick is the premiere night of **Boy Bar** at **Proteus**, a truly opulent new club on 6th Street, owned and staffed by some sexy hunks that we haven't seen around before... Anyway, they're intent on providing a fresh new vista for sophisticated party-goers Wednesdays through Sundays, with hot deejays and amazing drink specials. We here at the Rag know a good thing when we see it, and promptly offered to host the gala premiere of their **Boy Bar** Sunday nights. This will be an overblown affair in the traditional **FAG RAG** vein, and should only be missed by those who hate a great time. The club, formerly **Picasso's**, is elaborately and beautifully decorated in purple neon, stone and steel, and features hot lights and sound. This to-die-for party will take place this Sunday the 24th, with doors opening at 8pm. We've got three of Austin's hottest deejays to crank out the tunes well into the after hours, along with buffed go-go boys shaking their stuff, plus \$1 wells and drafts all night long. Dress to impress, as this will be the event of the season at which to see and be seen. **Fag Hag** and **Cuntessa** already have their outfits selected...

Did you catch **National Males** in their recent performances at **the Crossing** and **Oilcan Harry's**? We caught their show at **Oilcan's** and found it to be quite arousing, if a bit drawn out. Three handsome studs took turns working the appreciative crowd, but the show-stealer was definitely nasty boy **Chad**, whose charming yet perverse antics had queens drooling, and even left outspoken emcee **Dale Jordan** speechless at one point. Two tipsy girls in the audience just couldn't get over **Chad**, especially after he lifted her dress over her head as she undulated, revealing her perky bare breasts and thong-style underwear to a packed roomful of shocked onlookers. The finalé of their show centered around a large box-shaped construction against one wall of the dance floor. All three dancers

disappeared inside, the house lights were extinguished, and a light came on inside the box dynamically revealing them in silhouette. The proceeded to strip out of their t-backs and act out all manner of erotic madness in silhouette, with the help of some extremely long and bouncy dildos acting as stand-ins, we strongly suspect. Nonetheless, there were undoubtedly more than a few real flesh-and-blood boners among spectators. Next the trio emerged from the box (though now thong-clad and fully flaccid) and announced a lottery. Everyone interested wrote their name on a dollar bill and gave it to the boyz, who selected one lucky winner to accompany their favorite dancer into the box to examine his credentials, so to speak. How tawdry and fabulous! The Chicago-based three-

some absolutely adored our little Capital city, but then who doesn't? And boy did they get around — we spotted them at **Suzi's Chinese Kitchen** and at **Highland Mall** in the space of one week-end, and even heard tell of some more private appearances they made... They may even be thinking of relocating here, to Austin, but again, who isn't? These strapping young men were booked locally through **Fletcher-Ryan Entertainment**, in case anyone was wondering.

Depeche Mode's long-awaited recent appearance at the **Frank Erwin Center** was great, although not as heavily queer-attended as one might expect, at least from what we could surmise. But no matter, there were ample young lovelies to gaze upon as we waited for the supergroup to take the stage. The opening act, **The The**, did a quick set climaxing with their hit from a few months back, "Dogs of War." As the stage was reset for the main event, we cruised perimeter of the stadium, sucking down cappuccinos and surprisingly mudgey espresso. The group took the stage in a blaze of light and sound and performed a lengthy, charged set from their vast repertoire, leaning more toward guitar and other physical instrument-laden compositions like "Personal Jesus" and "I Feel You," while steering clear of some of their more synth-intensive favorites like "Strangelove" and "Master & Servant." The lighting and effects were complex and brilliant, the per-





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formances energy-charged.

After the show we dashed over to **Acropolis** where disco divas were scheduled to perform at midnight. Or at least half of our contingent dashed. It seems that our scatterbrained editor, **Craig Edwards**, and his gorgeous date **Ernest** had forgotten to note exactly where in the parking garage they had parked. After a half-hour long search of the entire parking facility they finally located the vehicle in question — right where they'd left it!

Claudja "Boogie Woogie Dancin' Shoes" Barry and **Thelma "Don't Leave Me This Way" Houston** were slated to perform, but were canceled that afternoon for some reason. Perhaps they thought **Depeche Mode** would be too tough an act to follow. No matter, we had a simply fabulous time at **Acropolis** anyway. After sucking down multiple chilled Sambvka shooters and dancing like frenetic dervishes we cornered owner **Stacy** to beg for free drinks. He fabulously indulged us and told us that the boys in the band would be stopping by for an after-hours party. What band? Why, **Depeche Mode**, of course! Frankly we were a bit skeptical, but lo and behold they did materialize, and proceeded to party down into the wee hours. Unfortunately a previous engagement the following morning (and a whopping great buzz) didn't allow us to stay for the full duration of the festivities, but it was later revealed that the band was so ecstatic and in such high spirits that some folks became concerned that they'd miss their next night's gig. One witness told us they saw the band members dancing barefoot in Acropolis' fabulous bathrooms... Sorry we missed it!

We try awfully hard to make it to all the right parties but another grand soirée we seem to have missed out on was the party

the Triangle threw to celebrate their first anniversary. After a wee bit of groveling we were added to the guest list, which consisted mostly of their advertisers and other friends of the paper who have helped make their first year such an outstanding success. The fête was at **Fonda San Miguel**, which is almost universally acknowledged as the premier source for authentic Mexican food around town; food whores that we are, our palates were wet with anticipation. The evening of the party arrived and we started thinking about what we would wear. We decided to call a friend who we knew was attending to ask for input, and were chagrined to learn that it was already over! Oh, poop! We hear we missed a good time. Now I guess we'll have to wait until next year...

We did make it to a gala fundraiser thrown to kick off state representative **Glen Maxey's** campaign for re-election. Held at ultra-swanky **Mezzaluna**, we had the honor of being invited to sit at the head table, where we hobnobbed with the always personable rep Maxey, head of ASA **Jana Zunbrun**, **The New Voice's Jim Rawson**, Imperial Court members **Tom Turbeville** and **Marc Alexander**, as well as pillar of the Austin gay community/writer/lawyer **Tom Doyal**. Entertainment was provided by **Donnie Everett**, who magnificently sang the Star Spangled Banner *a cappella*, plus a rousing gospel set by those inimitable and unfathomable **Babst Women**. And the food was incredible, of course!

Last Wednesday we attended a festive birthday celebration for everyone's favorite midget, **Ronnie**, who was in full form that evening with female midget spuddy sidekick **'Doan.'** **FAG RAG** photographer **Shawn Childress** was in the house with diva **Carolyn** and significant other **Britt Nieto**. After way too many strong drinks (thank

you very much, **Robbie**) half the party departed to check out what's going on at **Ωhms** on Wednesdays, since **Roger Wilson**, former **Planet 9** deejay, has started spinning his fabulous early 80's mix there. We were literally stunned to walk in and find that they have increased their lighting on the dance floor with so many lasers you can hardly count them all. It was very reminiscent of the good old **Backstreet** days. They have made some really great changes at this club, so if you haven't seen them, go check it out.

This year's **Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** wrapped up last Thursday with their special final screenings which were kept secret until the last moment. One was "Patient Zero," a hilarious and steamy musical about the Canadian steward who may have originally introduced HIV to North America. The flick garnered high praise in LA and SF, and was equally well-received here. The other was... oh, fuck, we forgot the title, but it featured the cinematic debut of **k.d. lang**. (See how we are?) This year's festival was bigger and better than ever — every screening we got anywhere near was totally mobbed and fabulous. Congratulations to **Scott Dinger** and the staff of the **Dobie** for another job well done.

In the legal drug department: Have you heard about that fabulous new mind-numbing alcohol **Goldschlager**? This stuff is unbelievable 107 proof cinnamon schnapps which really packs a wallop — but here's the twist: it has real flakes of 14K gold in it! This stuff is so good that we nearly missed our press deadline on this issue! At first we wondered why in the world anyone would make liquor with gold in it, but after several shots the answer was obvious: so fags would buy it! Thanks to hunky **Charlie's** bartender **Dan** for bringing it to our attention, and to hilarious

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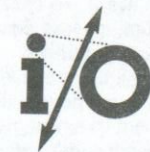
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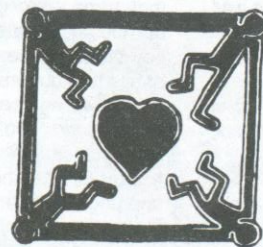
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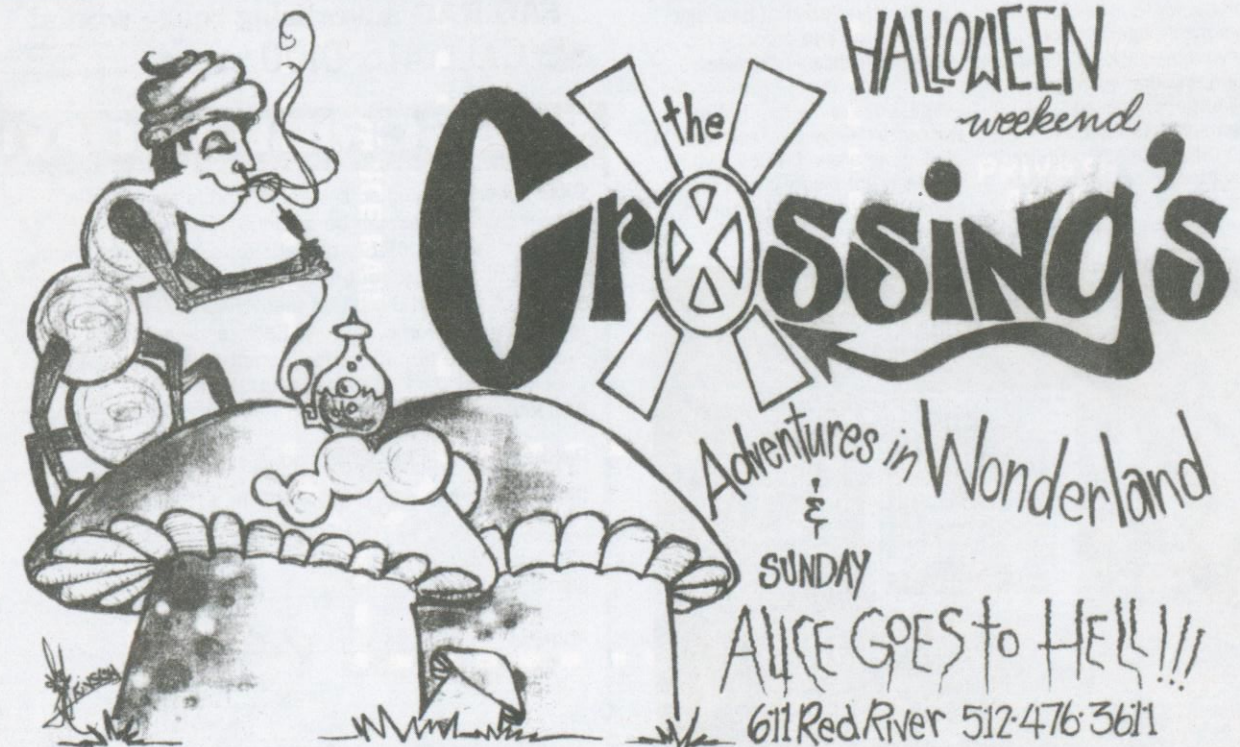
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Gerald for driving it home! We were going to say something about anticipating sparkly gold-flecked turds at this point, but nearly thought better of it...

DYKE DISH: I had my biggest brush with fame while working one of my very last shifts at **Whole Foods**. One of my co-workers quickly realized that my customer was **Mary Stuart Masterson**. While she does not really get me worked up, my friend **Aly** was just over the edge after Mary handed her the remains of her banana. That soft moist interior of that banana peel was just too suggestive for Aly. She had to go out back for a cigarette after Mary left just to get herself under control.

Once again I found myself at **Club 404**. Things are really changing. Patio bartender **Biss Mitch** now has his very own mini stereo system, and they took away the frozen drink machine. Mitch is really happy with both changes. Inside they've moved the couches around, but no big changes, yet. I forgot to check in the basement—but I hope they trash that tasteless oversized vase. While most of the sluts must have all been hiding Saturday night, **Lickable Lynn**

was not shy about giving out treats. Her blonde friend just pinned her up against the wall and got us all excited. I just love to watch women going at it in the bars.

Saturday night was just a strange night of wanderings all about town. My companion and I made an unusual trip down to Sixth Street. Several times we thought we might actually go inside a few places, but once we got really close to seeing what was inside, we just ran screaming back towards fourth street. Next we ended up at **Nexus**, which is yet another unusual place for me to frequent. The bartender working the front bar was just as sweet as honey. And there were a few girls who were really workin' it. This one little girl was wearing a very tight, minimal outfit, and her butt was just so tight you wanted to go up and squeeze it. Thankfully, summer is not over yet and I got one last dash of bare skin to send me into dreamy autumn nights. —*Cuntessa*

Well, boys and girls, that's about all we've got room for this time around. But we've already got plenty o' dirt for next time 'round. Stay tuned, you bitches!! **FR**

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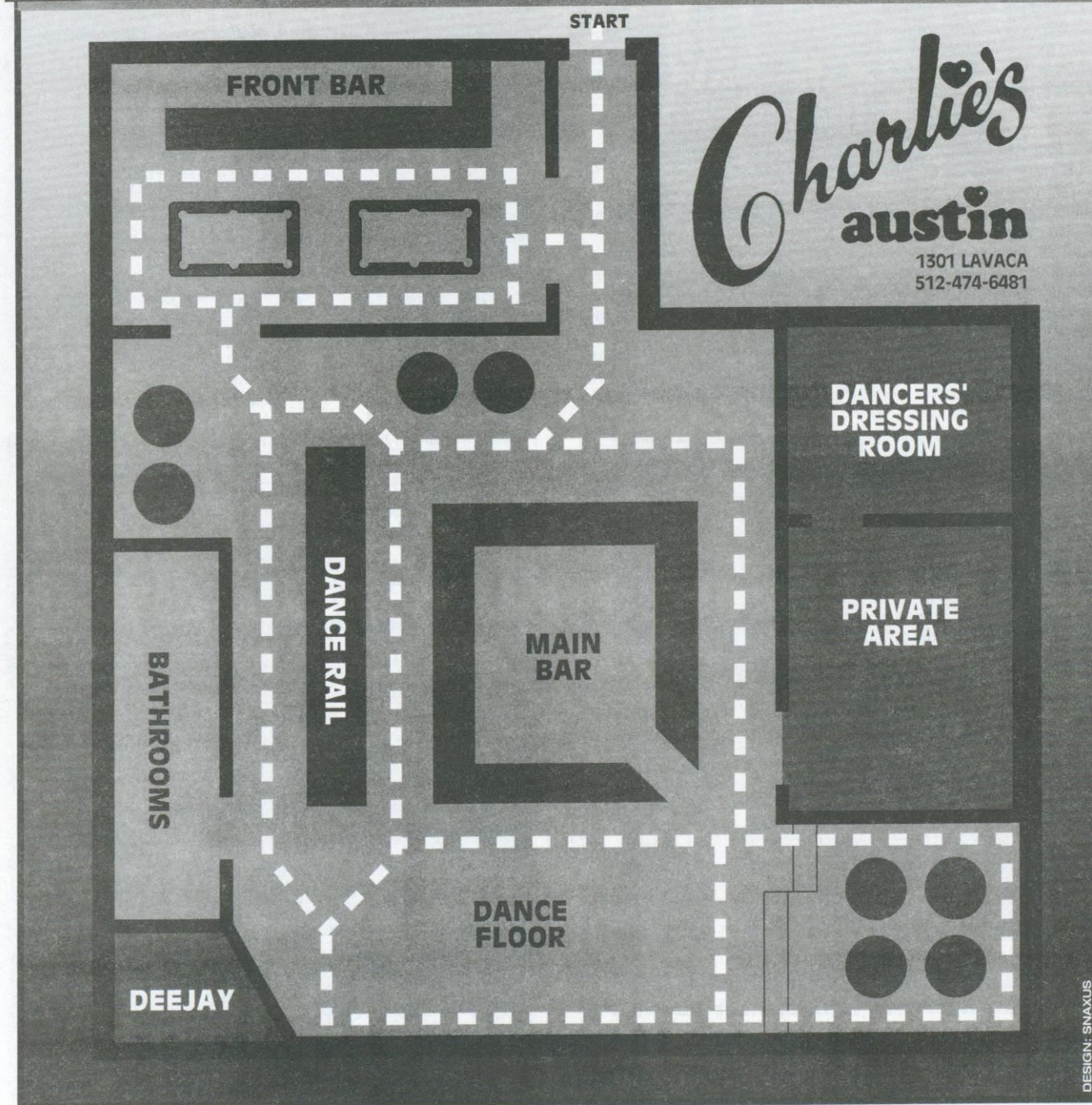
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Greetings gentle readers. Good God! It's two days past deadline and I seem to have been up all weekend partying with my out-of-town trick. Although I learned a great deal about Nautical Archaeology, I am in no shape to prattle lengthy diatribe about who knows what frillies. Subsequently I am blessed this issue with a substantially shorter column. So let's get on with it...

Dear Fag Hag,

I am a straight girl whose roommate is gay so I get to read Fag Hag all the time. My problem is one I think may appeal to gays as well so I am writing for your help. In today's sex world where disease and in my case pregnancy are such an issue, it is important to always practice safe sex. This works well enough in theory. But when I find myself in a hot and heated situation with a guy I don't know that well, I find it

often difficult to discuss the use of condoms. How can I do this gracefully in any circumstance?
—Jiffy Jive

Dear No Glove No Love,

It always seems strange to me that someone can perform any number of strange bodily functions with a stranger, and yet when intercourse becomes verbal, they turn red-cheeked with shame. After all we're not talking about covering the genitals with three inch thick foam rubber (although that may be interesting to some of you). No, the object of controversy is simply a barely noticeable, wafer-thin sheath of latex, which I might add could save your life or prevent uncomfortable situations that otherwise might result. ("I must have picked that up from a toilet seat".



"Guess what mom, or should I say, 'Grandma'." So how do you get that little Johnny where you want it with out having to engage in philosophic, theological, or social dispute? Most men that I know get to a certain point of sexual arousal were they will do just about anything to prevent a tormenting case of blue balls. Just whip out your handy rubber buddy and stick the damn thing on his eager, swollen love-pope. I doubt he'll argue. If he does, tie him to the bed, stick a ball gag in his mouth and proceed as described above. Remember, a few hours of pleasure should only be to die for in a figurative sense.
—FH

Dear Fag Hag,

I'm a 24 year old GHM, and have a question I wish to ask all Texas fags. Are you proud of yourself? You know, are you proud of being gay? Then if so, why don't you show it? I don't quite understand Texas fags. I have been here in Austin one year, and have moved here from the Golden Gateway of

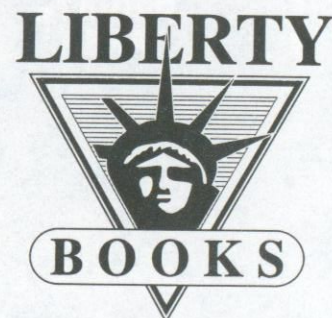
the south (Atlanta.) And have noticed that almost all Texas fags are 'closeted.' They are so afraid of who they are, and to top it all off, when I approach someone, they treat me as if I'm an alien from another planet. I'm not flamboyant, ugly, or obnoxious. I'm just a plain fag like everyone else and proud of who I am, and the excuse I get is that this is Texas, this is just the way we are. Am I wrong for being who I am, and being proud of it? Why is it I can't meet anyone, when I'm proud of who I am?—Golden Shower

Dear Pissy Fit,

Obviously you haven't attended our Splash Weekends, the Austin Gay Pride Celebration, a From All Walks of Life parade, or any of the myriad of activities commemorating the joie de vivre that is uniquely gay. But since I am not currently a Texas Fag, I have asked for input from a friend who is. Matt thinks that your problem might stem from simple chronic halitosis or poor hygiene. —FH

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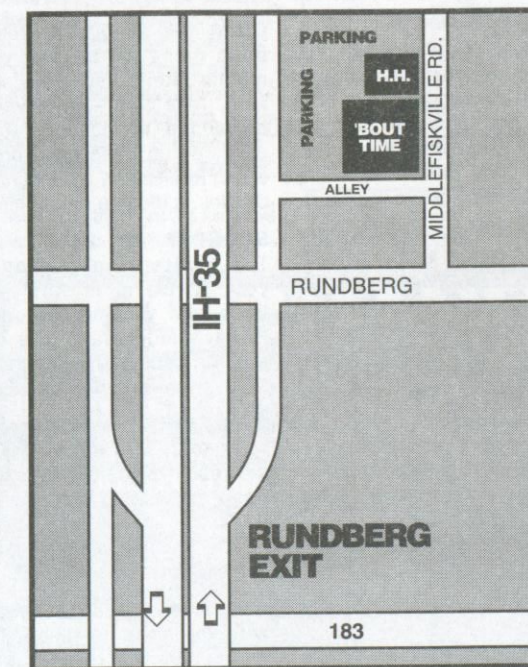
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by Diva and Ida Slapser

My little starstruck flowers, I keep getting the same question: what is an aspect? Well, my com-post-soaked children, I'll tell you. There are nine aspects, a full 180°. I'll give you one each issue to try to help your soiled minds find clarity. We'll start with an easy one. A conjunction is 0° in any house. When both the Sun and Jupiter are in the first house, they are conjunct. This may or may not be favorable, depending on the house.



more control in a dispute. But your Mercury conjunct in the fourth makes now a great time for much needed heavy duty home cleaning. Scrub that fungus off your toilet and get that crusty mattress steam-cleaned, girl.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)

It's time to check into having a party for the upcoming holidays. Now is also a good time to hit up your siblings for money. Go ahead and make those long distance calls, just be sure and reverse the charges!

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Travel may be in your future, possibly because of job pressures, whether real or perceived. But before you leave, you'll get schnoekered at work, publicly wax your nipples — oops too late! Been there, done that.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)

You may be the recipient of very strange and unusual gifts. Mars causes you to abstain from religious practice. While you're skipping church, remember to boil that funky dildo before you use it.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)

Influenced by Venus in your seventh, you'll be overwhelmed by attention from a lover and will receive a ridiculously huge amount of sex — even more than you can handle, you bitch!

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)

You need to watch the attitude, Miss Woman, as Mars makes fights with a lover almost inevitable. Might be easier simply to ditch the bitch and make the switch.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 21)

Your peculiar planetary alignment may cause you to overdo exercise programs. You might try Seniorcizing with Ruth on cable access.

CANCER (Jun 22-Jul 22)

Your Venus-Mercury conjunction in the fifth means you'll have

but that's just the same old, same old, now isn't it? **FR**

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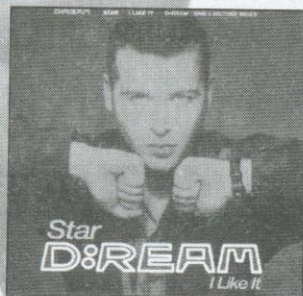


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Queer Beats

by Gyna Lotrimen

Greetings, music lovers. Prepare to indulge in the latest offerings found planet-wide that will either move you or lose you. So get ready...

NRG - HOUSE - DANCE

One of the hottest tracks in the clubs right now is "Mr. Vain" by Culture Beat, the group responsible for that infectious yet inane tune "I Like You" a couple of years ago. Their new track really jams, and has a hook you just can't keep out of your head. Everybody's one time favorite, **Black Box** has released another single, "Rockin' To The Music," which is a different style than before, but is still built around that powerful "Martha Wash" sounding vocal. **David Morales & The Bad Yard Band** have a new single out, entitled "Gimme Luv," and is hot! This is house with major club potential, and the B-side is more of the older Morales style, with mind-bending house grooves and incredible vocals.

Pajama Party have released "Kinky People" which is extremely catchy house with lots of synths and vocals that sound very similar to **Eartha Kitt**. **The Boys** have released "The Crying Game," and let me tell you, after hearing this one, you'll want to chuck your **Boy George** version out th' wind! "This Is It" by **Dannil Minogue** is out, and you must listen to the second mix on side A by **Phil Kelsey**, this NRG remix is hot! **Paul Lekakis** fans, beware: his new single, "Let It Out" is not that hot. Unless of

course, you are a die-hard fan. Too much fluffy dance and not enough strength to be in the same class as his early day hits "Boom Boom" or "My House." But he's just so gorgeous, we love him anyway. Check out "Coming" by **Jimmy Somerville**, this excellent cut from the **Orlando Soundtrack** is out and is quite haunting. Majorly downtempo and probably not worth playing before 4am, but definitely worth giving a listen.

TECHNO - AMBIENT - TRANCE

"Baked Beans" by **Baked Beans**, is truly stunning. These tracks will be consistently played, with titles ranging from "Bake Daga," "Desert Bean," "Heinz 1," "Has Bean." Along the lines of ambient, you should check this out. **Cosmic Baby** have released "Heaven's Tear," and is good for **Cosmic Baby** fans, with a nice Hi-NRG trancey feel. "Abduction" by **Eat Static**, this record is fierce! Lots of spacey sounds, it's ten tracks of beautifully mixed beats and rhythms that have gotten rave reviews everywhere. New by **His Boy Elroy**, is "Chains." Go immediately to the **DJ EFX Jungle Trance** version, it's hot. The whole record is incredible. "Frontiers," by **Nico** is out, and is pure trance. Any trance lovers will love this release, with three versions. **N-Joi** have a new release (finally!) entitled "Drumstruck." These mixes are quite mind-blowing, so be careful. Along the ravey side of music, but definitely with a different twist. Check out the remixes of "A Fever Called Love" by **Rising High**

Collective, they're hot! Very groovy, just when you think it might get repetitive, it shocks you. A dance floor hit.

QUEER BEATS HOT PICK:

If you haven't checked out the new release "Tales Of Ephidrina" by **Amorphous Androgynous**, get off yer butt and go get it! This full-length album is truly one of a kind. Not really techno, not really ambient, just a deliciously different perception of everything. And there's even 12" mixes on vinyl, so make sure to look for those!

COMPILATIONS

Extra Sensory Perception has released "The Trance Groove, Vol. 2," that tends to be quite a bit more subtle than the first effort. Full of beautiful, ambient, dreamy tracks to trance to. With artists such as **Nico**, **Ken Ishii**, **Blake Baxter**, **Cosmic Baby**, **Paradise 3001**, **The Nighttripper** (hot), and **Format**, etc. The names alone should tell you to look for this one. **Futuritythms** is a very good compilation on the **MCT** label. Varying levels of techno and ambient tracks on this release, ranging from **Young American Primitives**, **Moby**, **Eskimoos & Egypt**, **Leftfield**, **The Prodigy**, **Ohm**, **The Tripp**, and lots more...

Well, kids that's all the room we have this time, so without hesita-



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Sunday, October 24

FAG RAG Presents Boy Bar

Proteus, 501 E 6th, 472-8922

Those saucy darlings of the club scene, **Craig Edwards** and **Stephen Williams** bring you another fabulous extravaganza to benefit... what else? **FAG RAG** itself! Yes, this Sunday for the weekly **Boy Bar** at **Proteus**, you'll find all the hottest men and women of the gay scene dancing feverishly to the beat of **Seville**, **Craig Edwards** and **Mark Dean** as the editors throw their second bash to help bring in the cool nights of fall. You'll find amazing \$1 well drinks and \$1 beers all night every night, so get yourself together and go! \$3 cover before 11pm, \$5 after.

The Incredible CoCo Performs Live

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th Street, 478-6065, 18+

De Shannon, **Heather Thomas**, **Nicole**, and **Paris Chanel** welcome **CoCo** at 10:30pm.

6th Annual From All Walks Of Life

Waterloo Park

Get on out and walk for life as **AIDS Services Of Austin (ASA)** hosts the 6th Annual Walk, benefitting **ASA** and sixteen other organizations. Join the city for a 5 kilometer walk today at 3pm. Opening ceremonies begin at 1:30, and after the walk, enjoy the music and refreshments in the park until 6pm. If you still don't have a brochure or need a pledge sheet, they're found at such places as

Liberty Books, **Amy's Ice Creams**, **Texas French Breads**, and probably all the bars in town.

Free HIV Testing

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River, 469-0014

The **Texas Department Of Health & Human Services** are offering free anonymous testing for anyone 6-9pm.

October 26 - 31

'Bout Time 2nd Annual Haunted House

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

Yes, that's right! **'Bout Time** is hosting its **2nd Annual Haunted House Benefit** for adults, all proceeds benefit **Christopher House** and the **HIV Wellness Center**. Get spooked for a good cause! 8pm-10pm, cost is \$3, 10pm-1am, cost is \$5.

Friday, October 29

Boot Scoot 8

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto, 479-6939

Southern Country Austin hosts **Boot Scoot 8** every other Wednesday, 8-10pm. They are a country-western dance/social group that everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, October 30

Austin Raedical Faeries Join In The Gaiety At Renaissance Festival

Magnolia, Texas

Always enjoying old-world outdoor activiteis, the **Raedical Faeries** will be taking a trip to Magnolia, Texas to partake of the festivities of the **Renaissance Festival**. Period costume is strongly encouraged, and a frolicking attitude is a requirement. Those wanting to join are encouraged to contact the organization and arrange for their own transportation to the festival, which is near Houston. For more information and directions, call **Mike** or **Steve** at **Casa de Esteban** at 837-1596.

Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th St., 478-6065, 18+ welcome.

The **Imperial Court Of The Capitol City Empire** presents a **Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza** 6pm-2am tonight, with a carnival on the patio including food, fun, and games provided by local gay organizations, and benefits **The Christopher House**. There will be a special **Empire** show 8-10pm, and a **Costume Contest** at 10pm with cash prizes.

Halloween Costume Ball

Radisson on Town Lake

Saturday, October 30, prepare for the **Dead Man's Curve** theme party with popular music from the 50's and 60's. Participants are encouraged to go in costume, especially those reflecting a 60's prom night and the deadly ride home after. Music by **Johnny Dee** and the **Rocket 88's**. Special appearance by the cast of **Beehive**. Tickets available through the **ZACH** ticket office at 476-0541 and are priced at \$125 per couple, or \$75 individually, or \$550 for a reserved table of 10. Free parking at hotel and Franklin Plaza. You can rent a costume for the ball or other Halloween events at the **ZACH** costume shop.

Spectacular Midnight Hi-Tekk Light Show / Basement Dungeon

Club 404, 404 Colorado, 476-8298

Both Saturday and Sunday nights at midnight, feast your eyes on the newly installed Hi-Tekk light show, as seen on **Michael Jackson** and **Garth Brooks** Concert Tours! A must-see! Also, enjoy \$1.25 Bloody Mary's all week long. Meet Team Austin Athletes on the patio tonight! Visit the **Basement Dungeon**, and watch Posterboy **Jim Horrigan** do his **Chain Dance**!

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Miss Gay USA Sweet Savage / Costume Contest

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

Come in for \$1.75 well and domestic beer all day and night, then see current reigning **Miss Gay USA Sweet Savage** perform at 10pm, followed by a **Halloween Costume Contest** with cash prizes.

Queen of the Damned

Oilcan Harry's, 211 W 4th St., 320-8823, 21+

Join in the spooky fun all weekend. Tonight, enjoy happy hour prices 2-9pm and a haunted cookout on the patio from 5-8pm. Come in costume to compete in their big **Costume Contest**, with prizes going to the most original, the best vampire, and the best group.

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.

Saturday, November 6

C.A.N.

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River, 478-4511

Auntie Mame's presents its **Customer Awards Night** at 8:30pm tonight. With 30 different categories and awards, and a free buffet. Drink specials all night. Check out the newly remodeled game room and patio!

Saturday, November 13

The 5th Annual Human Rights Foundation Dinner and Festivities

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, San Antonio, 7pm.

The **HRCF** is the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization, which through bi-partisan political actions, lobbying, and grassroots mobilization, exerts its power on National politics and legislation. It's a statewide non-profit organization that seeks to end discrimination against lesbians, gay men, and those living with HIV, through education and high-impact litigation and attorney referrals. A black-tie event! Call (210) 829-5761 or 826-0094. Special arrangements for out of town guests.

Sunday, November 14

Open House For Completion Of The Christopher House

Christopher House, 2820 E Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The Austin community is invited to celebrate the completion of **Christopher House** from 1pm-5pm. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

Christopher House is a non-profit corporation, a state-licensed nursing facility

designed to provide 24-hour care for people with AIDS. For information about adopting a room, phone 479-0257.

Tuesday, November 16

Open House For Completion Of The Christopher House

Christopher House, 2820 E Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The Austin community is invited to celebrate the completion of **Christopher House** from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live music and refreshments will be provided. Info: 479-0257.

Thursday, November 18

Open House For Completion Of The Christopher House

Christopher House, 2820 E Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The Austin community is invited to celebrate the completion of **Christopher House** from 5:30-7:30pm. Live music and refreshments will be provided. Info: 479-0257.

Saturday, November 20

Fundraising Dinner For The Christopher House

Four Seasons, 98 San Jacinto Blvd.

The Austin community is invited to attend a fundraising dinner for **Christopher House**. Seats for the affair are \$100. A silent auction and pre-dinner reception begin at 6:30pm. **Christopher House** is a non-profit corporation, a state-licensed nursing facility designed to provide 24-hour care for people with AIDS. For information about adopting a room, phone 479-0257.



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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.

25¢ Well Drinks All Night

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. Call drinks only \$2.50. Hot male dancers on the side stage 5-9pm during the **Free Happy Hour Buffet**.

Communism

Qhms, 611 E 7th
The sacrifice begins! Progressive Industrial music by The Chamber's **DJ Mike Lawder**. Dancers by **Surreal Feel**. 25¢ draft all night, and \$1.50 well before 11pm.

5th Street Fridays / Liquor Bust

5th St Station, 505 E 5th
478-6065, 18+ welcome.
Drop in to party at Austin's newest gay dance club. Munch on the **free buffet** 5-8pm, then wet your thirst with the optional \$5 liquor bust with 50¢ well and \$1 domestic beer all day and night 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.

Channel 404

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

Pfunkadelic Fridays

Proteus, 501 E 6th St., 472-8922, 18+ welcome.
Get Pfunky at **Proteus** every Friday night with \$1 well drinks and draft beer all night. 10pm-4am.

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

Clubland House Party

Acropolis, 208 Nueces
Every Saturday **DJ Brad Himes** from Clubland Records spins a HI-NRG / House mix with amazing 75¢ well drinks all night.

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Levi, Leather & Latex Night

Chain Drive, 504 Willow (off Red River South of 1st)
Enjoy the bottle beer bust 2-8pm and don't forget the dress code for Sat 9-2am!

Gelatinous

Proteus, 501 E 6th St., 472-8922, 18+ welcome.
10pm-4am. \$1 well drinks and draft beer all night.

Fusion

Qhms, 611 E 7th
A euphoric frenzy of progressive dance beats not intended for the weak at heart. 75¢ Kamikazis.

Carefree Dancing

Club404, 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.

Special Happy Hour Prices

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Come in for Happy Hour prices from 2-10pm.

Live Music

Blue Flamingo, 617 Red River
You never know who'll end up playing at our favorite local hole-in-the-wall, but the result is always loud and rockin'. Shows start around 10:30pm.

Shut Up & Dance Party

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th, 10pm-4am, 18+
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. Happy hour prices 2-10pm. **Weekend White Sale** \$1.50 vodka, gin, rum and tequila well drinks 2-9pm.

Sundays

Laser Karaoke Night / 5 Course Home-Cooked Meal

Auntie Mame's, 912 Red River
They've kicked over the buffet tables and exchanged them for... are you sitting down? A **5 Course Home-Cooked Meal**! Now at 6pm when you come in for the laser karaoke show, you can feast for days! Be a star and show 'em what you got during the karaoke show, or watch as the bar staff entertains with the local talent. NFL football in the back bar.

Disco 2000

Club 404, 404 Colorado, 18+ welcome.
DJ **Danny Cardiel** spins all the hits of the 70's, 80's, and 90's. **Miss Gay Austin USA Jame Pery** hosts hot male dancers shakin' their thangs all night, courtesy of **Third Coast Male Revue**. \$1.75 well drinks, and 50¢ draft beer all night long.

KO-OP Radio Gay Men & Women Meeting

505 San Jacinto, Info: 443-1819
A **Gay Men and Women's Collective** has formed at **KO-OP Radio** to begin production on Austin's first non-cable gay program. The lesbian and gay men's collective consists of volunteers who will be in charge of everything from writing to broadcasting to engineering to fundraising. Anyone interested in participating should attend these meetings on Sundays.

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-definitional. 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.

Boy Bar

Proteus, 501 E 6th St., 472-8922, 9pm-2am.
Sundays, watch male dancers and down \$1 well drinks and draft beer all night. 18+ welcome.

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 / Beer 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 from 7-11pm.

Special Happy Hour Prices All Day All Night

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca
Enjoy cheap drinks anytime you come in today, watch the steamy male dancers 7-9pm and 10:30pm thru 1:30pm. Optional draft bust 25¢ a mug with \$2 cover.

Super Show Night

5th Street Station, 505 E 5th, 18+ welcome.
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

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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, 18+ welcome.
Watch the game every Monday night at 8pm on one or all of the 7 video screens. Pool and dart tournaments 9pm. \$1.25 domestics and \$1 draft all day, all night.

Liquor Bust

'Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Enjoy a liquor bust with \$5 buy-in / 50¢ refills 7-11pm.

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 12:00am. \$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, 18+ welcome.
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, and then at midnight try for the \$50 giveaway! Enjoy \$2.50 beer and well from 8pm-2am.

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.

Trash Country

San Fran Cisco's, 113 San Jacinto
Every Tuesday dance to fabulous old country! Yee-Haw!

Steak /Chicken Night / Amateur Male Strip Contest

Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca, Midnight
Steak and chicken dinners for \$5 from 6-8pm, join the hourly cocktail wheel specials, turn out for **Amateur Night** and see who scoops up the \$100 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, 18+ welcome.
\$5 optional buy-in gets you 50¢ wells and \$1 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.

Lotto Night

Bout Time, 9601 N IH-35
Come in for a drink and stick around for your chance to win one of three lotto quick picks given away every half hour 5:30-9:30pm. Then enjoy \$2.50 well and domestic beer 8-11pm while waiting to see if you become the million-aire!

Austin's Original 25¢ Well Drinks

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 **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 \$100.

Early 80's New Wave

Qhms, 611 E 7th, 18+ welcome.
DJ **Roger Wilson** formerly of Return To Planet 9, plays his early 80's progressive dance mix all night long. 25¢ draft.

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: \$35, 2nd Place, \$15 with \$2 entry fee. \$1.75 well and \$2.25 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.

Male Pro-Am Strip-Off

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. Happy hour prices 2-10pm.

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 comments provided. 7-9pm.

CORE

Qhms, 611 E 7th, 18+
Live music, cutting edge industrial dance music. \$1.50 anything in the house all night long.

Bring Down The House

Proteus, 501 E 6th St., 472-8922, 18+
DJ **Seville** plays all night long. \$1 well drinks and draft beer all night long.

Trance Fusion

Club 404, 404 Colorado, 18+
A trance-tribal-techno-house excursion delving into the future of music. DJ **Michael Hernandez** spins upstairs with a special guest deejay every week. \$1.75 well drinks all night.

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, 478-6065, 18+
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.

Funk Me, Baby

Acropolis, 208 Nueces, 472-7253, 18+
Come into Acropolis for the new **Funk Me, Baby** night and dance all night to vintage funk and the latest in hip-hop presented by KTFB's **"The Loon," DJ Looney**. 50¢ draft special.



Queer Index

bars & clubs

5TH STREET STATION

505 E 5th (Red River) 478-6065, 18+ Large dance club (known as "the station" to insiders) with happy hour daily from 2pm-9pm. Slick dance floor with a great light show. Big game room with air hockey, pool, darts, video and pinball. Free, safe parking. Noted for great shows.

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, Sat/Sun noon-2am, The "friendly, downtown 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 some of the lowest drink prices in town (beer, wine and light liquors), the strongest coffee this side of Louisiana, and actually sells beer to go! Live music Wed & Sat. 10:30pm.

'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 volleyball court. The only bar up north.

CHAIN DRIVE

504 Willow (off Red River south of 1st) 480-9017, 21+ A fabulously seedy Levi's and Leather bar. Dance floor, patio, pool table. Dress code supposedly enforced on weekends. Fabulous music, and the most dimly-lit bar in town! Store inside bar stocks homoerotic art, various leather items, body jewelry and sex supplies.

CHANCES

900 Red River (10th St), 472-8273, Tues-Thurs 5pm-2am, Fri-Sat 7pm-2am, Sun 5pm-Mid. A laid back, very casual 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 - AUSTIN

1301 Lavaca (13th St), 474-6481, 2pm-2am daily, 21+ Popular men's dance and cruise bar. Pool table and video games by the front bar. Main, large island-style bar in rear is near deejay and small dance floor. The oldest queer bar in town, but still pulls in a humpy young crowd!

CLUB 404

404 Colorado (4th), 476-8298, Thurs-Sun 10pm-4am (5am Fri/Sat), 18+ Multi-level mostly male dance club with urban beat and hi-tech lighting plays hot house and techno music. Catwalk surrounding dance floor for prancing and preening. Outdoor patio. "Subterranean Love Lounge" basement. The definitive after-hours scene.

THE CROSSING

611 Red River (6th) 476-3611, Mon-Sat 9-2am, Sun noon-2am, 21+ 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 with full bar and lots of corners for schmoozing.

DIVA'S

523 E 6th St (Red River), 320-0553, Weekend shows: 8pm/10pm. Right next door to Esther's Follies, this outrageous comedy entertainment club is sure to have you continually 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, 21+ Along with its sister bar in San Antonio, the largest women's bar in Texas. Spacious bar, large-screen TV, roomy elevated dance floor. Sexy women and amazing drink specials.

OHMS

611 E 7th, Tues, Thur-Sat 10pm-2, 472-7136, 18+ An array of trance, tribal, and house beats designed for a universal experience. Mixed crowd, underground atmosphere and over-the-top, recently expanded lighting.

OILCAN HARRY'S

211 W 4th (off Colorado) 320-8823, 2-2am daily Crowded, preppy "upscale men's" dance bar. Large island bar, small dance floor, outdoor patio, and side bar with pool and video games. More consistently packed than any other bar, despite the most expensive cocktails.

PROTEUS

501 E 6th (Neches) 472-8922, Wed 9pm-2am, Thur-Sat 10pm-4am, Sun 9pm-2am. A sophisticated new mixed gay and straight dance bar with varying theme nights. Exquisite decor.

SAN FRAN CISCO'S

113 San Jacinto (2nd), 479-6939, 21+ Country & western bar for men and women with pool tables, air hockey, and a good sized, boot scootin' dance floor. Nice patio area.

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stores

Austinuts

2900 W Andron 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.

Atomic City

1700 San Antonio, 477-0293 Excellent store packed full of all sorts of great stuff: t-shirts, clothing, an astounding variety of Doc Martens, novelties, retro items and groovy toys

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.

Electric Ladyland / Lucy in Disguise With Diamonds

1506 S Congress, 444-2002 Probably Austin's most comprehensive collection of vintage clothing and costumes of every sort imaginable. Even more fabulous — most items are for sale or rent! Gotta love it, queens!

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!

Flypnotics

1603 Barton Springs Rd, 322-9011

Groovy new and vintage clothing, mod jewelry and hip shoes. Also boasts an art gallery featuring rising local artists. Upcoming coffee house upstairs!

Forbidden Fruit

512 Neches, 478-8358 2514 Guadalupe, 478-8542 This store boasts naughty gifts, exotic and tasteful lingerie, body jewelry, leather and latex, piercer on-site, all kinds of oils and cards to tickle every one's fancy.

Killer Beads

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

Leather Chest

504 Willow (inside Chain Drive), 478-2261, open Weds-Sun 8pm-1am Small but packed shop located inside the popular leather bar stocks homoerotic art, various leather items, body jewelry and sex supplies and other goodies.

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 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) 4-SPARKS 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 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. Stocks accessories, jewelry, t-shirts. Extra gay-friendly, run and staffed by local queer 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. Gay-owned and operated.

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.

Technophilla,

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.

dining 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 perfect! 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 ambience of this snazzy restaurant. Many health-conscious dishes available, but be sure and try their french fries, made in a herb butter milk batter and served with a zingy horseradish sauce: Yum, Yum! A smoke-free environment.

Chuy's Hula 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... Fab martinis.

Mars Restaurant & Bar

1610 San Antonio (17th St), 472-3901 Featuring an eclectic menu with Thai and Indian tendencies, this posh 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, but arguably worth every cent: the pizza topped with roasted garlic is divine! Great salads, appetizers, and entrees with an Italian flair. The fashionable see-and-be-seen outdoor patio dining ranks high with us as well.

Romeo's

1500 Barton Springs Rd., 476-1090 The newest stroke of genius from the company which brought you Chuy's, Shady Grove, and Hula Hut, Romeo's offers scrumptious Italian dining at reasonable prices, funky decor in that inimitable Comida Deluxe style, and some damned cute waiters... Cappuccinos and canolis are our faves.

Ruta Maya Coffee Shop

218 W 4th Street, 472-9637 Handily located to facilitate sucking up some caffeine while staggering between Oilcan's and 404, Ruta Maya serves up delicious, masterfully-brewed "browned juicings of that naughty bean we call coffee," in all it's various permutations. Sit outside on the raised patio and watch the queens prow 4th Street. Open late.

Ruby's BBQ

29th & Guadalupe, 477-1651 Delicious brisket, chicken and ribs done up right, plus all the fabulous sides, make this our favorite spot to slip off and pack our gullets. Searingly hot sauces on each table will please even the most hardcore spiceheads. The homeries rule!

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 Splazzo

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

Shear Madness

Zachary Scott Theatre, Arena Stage, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541 Amazingly held over to pass 200 performances! This is a must-see, and let me tell you, once is never enough. A few character changes, but the plot remains the same. Directed by **Alice Wilson**. Thu-Sat, 8pm, \$13 Thu, \$15 Fri & Sat. Reservations 476-0541.

For A Lost Soldier

Doble Theatre, 21st & Guadalupe, 477-1324, Oct 22-November. An amazing film dealing with a boy's own homosexuality while growing up during the war. Starts October 22.

Beyond Pink & Blue

West Third Gallery, 910 W 3rd Street, Nov 6-26 Photos, Videos, and Art showings of the 1993 March on Washington. A juried art exhibition exploring the imaging of gender definition and presentation. Opening Reception tonight, 6-8pm. Co-sponsored with Capital City Community Center and Austin Visual Art Association.

Space Trek: Lost On Gilligan's Planet

First State Bank Tower, 3rd Floor, 400 W 15th St., Oct 1-30. 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.

What The Buttlie Saw

Austin Community College, Rio Grande Campus 1212 Rio Grande, 3rd Floor, Oct 22-24 In the Gallery theatre. A zany British farce about psychiatrists, repression, and the unfortunate results thereof by **Joe Orton**. Sunday matinees at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$6 general, \$5 Student, Senior, ACOT, \$4 ACC. Directed by Michael Simon. Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm.

Loove/Rituals And Rage

The Vortex, 1921 E Ben White Blvd. Fri-Sun 8pm, performances run through Oct 24. Tickets \$5. The music and rhythms of African-American women. This production deals with all the aspects of being an African-American woman, their emotions, colors, spirit, and music that affects their daily lives. The group desires to celebrate African-American women's life stories and stage them through a multidisciplinary mixture of language, choreography, visual art, music and performance. Catch this one while you can!

Is There Life After High School?

Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W 43rd St, 452-6688 for reservations. Runs Oct 7-Nov 6

Royce Wilson's production of **Jeffrey Kindley's** and **Craig Camella's** musical is a trip down memory lane for everyone who went to high school, with loads of memories from dates, to football games, and just about everything that didn't work out quite the way you wanted it to back then. Tons of songs about being in high school. Performances run through November 6, Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm. Tickets \$12.

nightmares

Nightmare Factory

2101 W Ben White (Behind Bingo Hall) Join in the Halloween festivities and stroll through this extremely scary haunted house if you dare. Sources indicate that it definitely is worth every cent, but make sure you bring along someone that doesn't mind your grabbing them just about anywhere in sheer terror!

Halloween Costume Ball

Radisson on Town Lake Saturday, October 30, prepare for the **Dead Man's Curve** theme party with popular music from the 50's and 60's. Participants are encouraged to go in costume, especially those reflecting a 60's prom night and the deadly ride home after. Music by **Johnny Dee** and the **Rocket 88's**. Special appearance by the cast of **Beehive**. Tickets available through the **ZACH** ticket office at 476-0541 and are priced at \$125 per couple, or \$75 individually, or \$550 for a reserved table of 10. Free parking at hotel and Franklin Plaza. You can rent a costume for the ball or other Halloween events at the **ZACH** costume shop.

Trail Of Fright

Ol' Cactus Jack's, 13433 Hwy 71 West (seven miles from "Y" at Oak Hill), 263-2388. Dare to go on a **Haunted Hayride!** You'll see monsters galore, chasing down your wagon across 300 acres of dark scary woods. The rides run from 6:30-11pm Oct. 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31. Tickets \$6 or \$5 for five or more. Also check out the **Barn Of Fright**, \$3 or \$2 for groups of 5 or more.

Cyber Fright

201 E 6th St. 47-L GHOST Experience the ultimate in visual terror! Open everyday Oct 20-31, 8-11pm. Lights on tour on Oct 31, 1-4pm.

Halloween At Pioneer Farm

11418 Sprinkle Cut-Off Rd, 837-1215 or 327-ANSA The whole farm is scary... Haunted barns and trails everywhere, with storytellers around cauldrons, and mad scientists. Oct. 29-31, 6:30-9:30pm. All proceeds benefit ongoing projects at the Pioneer Farm.

Pumpkin Sculpting Contest

Umlauf Sculpture garden and Museum, 605 Robert E Lee Rd., 445-5582. Get your Jack-O-Lantern judged by visitors at the **Pumpkin sculpting Contest** on Oct. 31, 1-4:30pm.

Halloween On 6th Street

6th St, Austin, Texas Tens of thousands of people gather towards this one ghoulish street as they block it off for blocks, and costumed tricksters parade aimlessly about the street in search of fun, food, and lots of alcohol...



