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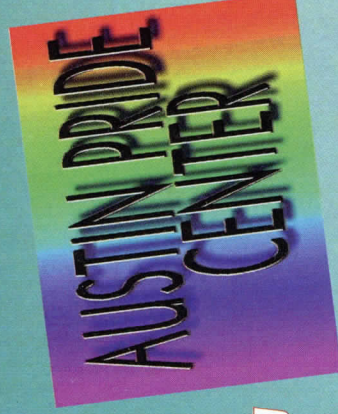
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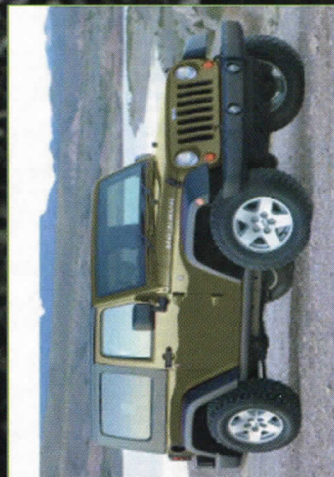
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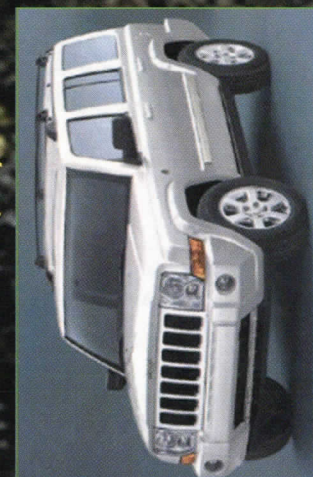
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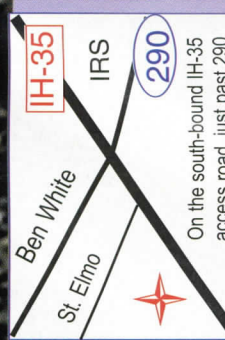
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girl In A Coma

DJ Chris Allen talks to the San Antonio band about their new album and upcoming Vans Warped Tour

Girl In A Coma is a rapidly-rising all girl alternative/punk trio from San Antonio. They are signed to Joan Jett's indie label Blackheart Records and were recently booked to appear on the Texas stops of the Vans Warped Tour for this coming summer.

The group features the talents of siblings Nina and Phanie Diaz, as well as their BFF Jenn Alva. That's guitar, drums, and bass, respectively.

The band's new album - *Both Before I'm Gone* - was released on May 2nd. I recently caught up online with Girl In A Coma drummer Phanie for a quick chat.

Chris Allen: Well, if being signed to the legendary Joan Jett's Blackheart Records wasn't enough, you had to go and get yourself booked on the Warped Tour! Congratulations, ladies. Are you pleased with the positive direction and momentum your career is taking?

Girl In A Coma: Things are great right now. We are growing as a band and learning a lot, as well as meeting some great people.



CA: Is this your first time to play the Vans Warped Tour?

GIAC: Actually, this will be the second time. We did a couple of dates on the Shira Girl Stage, as well as the Ernie Ball stage. Warped Tour is always fun - really hot, but fun.

CA: Thus far, what turned out to be the best gig ever - the dream come true gig?

GIAC: We've had so many amazing gigs, from opening for Frank Black to The Pogues in Chicago. A definite highlight would have to be at SXSW when Nina got to play guitar and sing backups on stage during Joan Jett's encore. Our mom (Nina's and Phanie's) was in the audience, and I could see the happiness and pride in her eyes when Nina was up there. She was the one that introduced me to Joan's music, so it was great.

CA: For the tech heads and musicians reading, what kind of gear are you girls partial to when playing live?

GIAC: I use Tama Rockstars right now, with Sabian cymbals. I've had the set for a while now, and I'm really happy with it. I love the sound of Sabian's as well, because I like to crash the hell out of the ride - and I really dig the sound.

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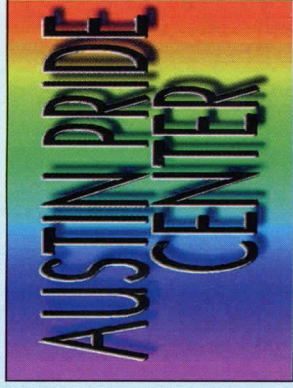
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New GLBT Center Opens in Austin

Austin now has a place to call home - the new Austin Pride Center, located at 427 Sterzing Street, just off Barton Springs Road behind Chuy's restaurant. The grand opening is slated for Saturday, May 6th, with food and entertainment beginning at noon.

"The Center will provide support groups and be open seven days a week for people of all

ages - with activities planned for them - as well as job support, a food bank and The Austin Pride Hotline," said Director Nick Papotonis. "The center will be self-supporting through local fundraising, dances, bar-b-ques, membership fees and a weekly community get together."



The new Austin Pride Center, located at 427 Sterling

Papotonis said the monthly budget for rent and operations is \$800. He expects donations to cover the expenses. He said the Center will support itself through fundraising events, Sunday community dinners, Pride dances on Friday nights, donations, and small fees for non-profit groups using the Center.

Organizers say the Center will serve the Austin GLBT community by providing support groups, meeting space, and events. The Center will host support groups specific for men, women, community, and seniors. In addition, a media center and loaning library is also being planned.

Papotonis said the decision to open the Center was simple - every other major city outside of Austin has a GLBT Center. He said the landlord of the new Center made the group a special deal and allowed them to move in earlier than expected, which allowed the May 6th opening.

The Center will also produce a weekly cable-access show providing event information news and for the Central Texas GLBT community. Papotonis said a recent grant provided video equipment for the project, and the first episode should be ready to air as soon as mid-May.

The grand opening will be free to the public, and will feature community groups and a special performance by recording artist Jacinta. For more information, call (512) 902-0657 or visit the Center's temporary website at <http://Hometown.aol.com/AustinGayPride>.



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GROOVE LINES

BY DJ CHRIS ALLEN

Just in time for your upcoming Pride or early summer gathering are three totally slamming mix CDs from three of the industry's greatest DJs. First up is David Knapp's latest, simply titled *Global Groove: Live*. This energy packed offering features songs from Pepper Mashay, Joi Cardwell, Suzanne Palmer, and more.

David Knapp will be spinning live in Dallas at Club Seven on June 10th and his Global Groove partner in crime - Kimberly S - will be playing in Houston at Rich's on July 3rd. For more info - and to download a free track from David Knapp's *Live* CD for your MP3 player, stop by www.SoundPost.com/gg.

Next up is the GLBT fave DJ/remixer Tracy Young,

who recently played The Purple Party in Dallas. Tracy's new party disc is called *Danceculture 2*. My first listen to *Danceculture 2* was on a road trip from Austin to Houston. I found it so enjoyable that I didn't take it out of the player the entire trip. *Danceculture 2* features hits from Bob Sinclair, Offer Nissim, Amuka, and more. Check out www.MySpace.com/DJTracyYoungMusic for more information.

Saving the best for last, it's all about the latest from Super Chumbo - a.k.a. Tom Stephan - entitled *Let's Go Chumbo!* This delightfully dark compilation comes to us from Star 69 Records out of New York City and features not just one, but two fierce discs - and is 100%



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guaranteed to blow your speakers if you're not careful. *Let's Go Chumbo!* has been described as a mix full of "edgy, energetic, dark, dramatic, high octane, electro tribal house music." I simply call it "bad ass."



Highlights on disc one include tracks from Ralph Falcon, DJ Pierre, and Frank Garcia. Disc two highlights include hits from Nitzer Ebb, Pet Shop Boys, and Marc Rambo.

Also available from Star69 is the first of their new series called *New York Club Anthems*. Volume 1 features several rarities, including the unreleased Peter Rauhofer dub of Donna Summer's "Power Of Love." Other highlights include Goldfrapp's "Ooh La La," Starkillers' "Discoteka," and Peter Rauhofer's "Believe In Me." New York City Club Anthems is a must have for all fans and DJs of the deep, the dark, and the (Continued on Page 8)

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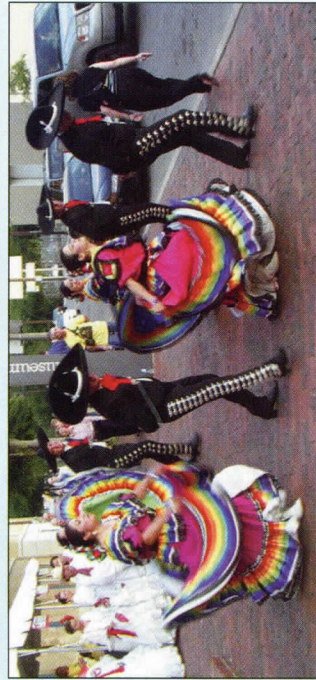
lovely. Learn more about *Let's Go Chumbo!* and *New York City Club Anthems* at www.Star69Records.com - where you can also visit the label's online MP3 store.

Disco house artist Jimmy James' latest single "Summer Sun" features some damn fantastic mixes. I highly recommend the energetic "Bailey's Filter Mix" - dance floor filler for sure! The "Breezin Beach Vocal" has more of a summer afternoon by the pool or on the boat type of feel while the "Terranova 3rd Street Vocal" mix possesses an incredible trance feel about it.

You can pick up your copy of the Jimmy James single "Summer Sun" as well as "Kissing A Fraud," "Fashionista," and more at www.BeatPort.com. Visit www.MySpace.com/JimmyJames to learn more about Jimmy James.

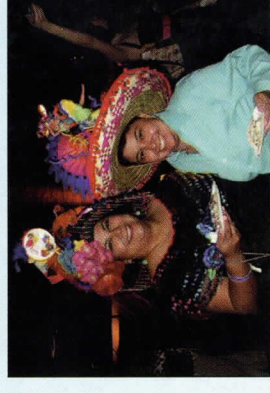
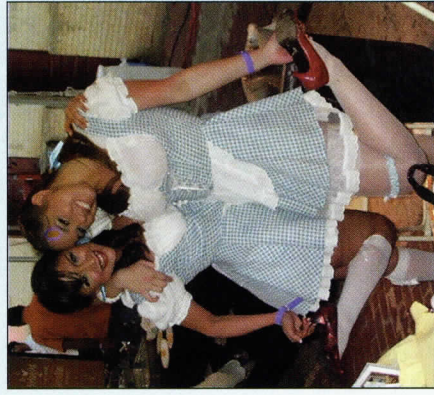
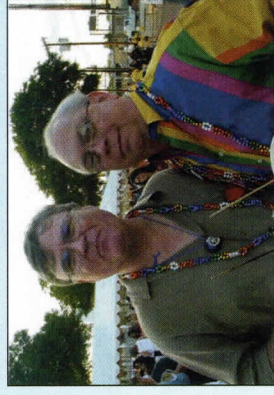
Deep in the heart of Texas, that's the groove lines for now. Remember: life may not always be the party we had hoped for, but while we're here, we might as well dance.

Chris Allen is a Texas-based DJ, musician, radio personality, and writer. Visit him online at www.Myspace.com/DJChrisAllen.



Out and About

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More than 2,500 "friends of Dorothy" spent a Night in Oz at the annual WEBB Party in San Antonio on April 20th. The official kick-off party for the Alamo City's 10-day FIESTA celebration filled the San Antonio Museum of Art with lively participants and great entertainment - and raised tons of money for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

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BY AMY FORD, CTC

European Vacation

The verdict is in - Europe is THE place to be for summer! According to numerous travel industry reports, the Caribbean market is soft for the summer and Europe - instead of the Caribbean - is the hot ticket of the year.

Every cruise line is sending at least one ship to Europe for the summer to accommodate the number of international tourists wanting to spend seven or more days in the Mediterranean. Are you one of them?

Not so long ago, a European vacation involved renting a car, joining a tour, checking into multiple hotels, and reading numerous maps - all while translating directions into another language.

Today, the Number One way to see Europe is from the balcony of a cruise ship. A transatlantic flight is still necessary, but it is Easy Street from there!

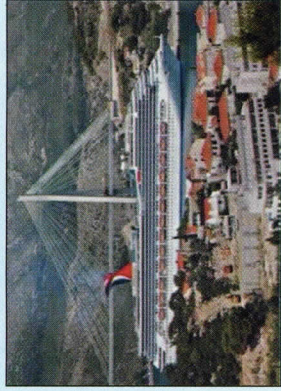
Rather than renting a car at a European airport, a

representative from the cruise line will pick you up and deliver you safely to the pier. Some passengers will choose to spend a few nights in the departure city prior to boarding the ship - no problem! The cruise line can arrange for your hotel as well.

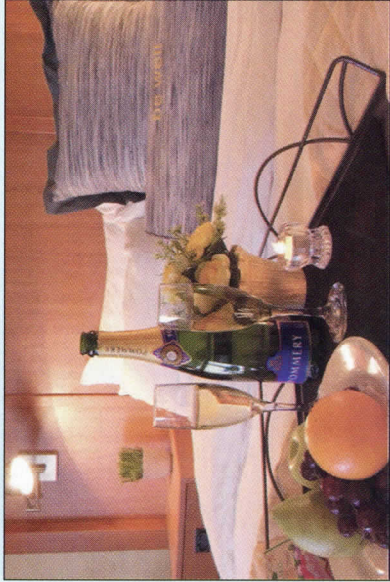
Upon arriving at the pier, you will board the ship and unpack your suitcase only one time. Your vacation begins immediately and doesn't end until the cruise is over.

The crew of the ship will transport you to each port of call, while you spend your days in the pool, the casino, the spa, the disco, one of many lounges, or anything else your heart desires! The crew also offers presentations on each port of call, so that you feel equipped to experience everything the city has to offer.

Did I mention the shore excursions? Every port of call has a lengthy list of shore excursions from which to choose, so you can visit every ancient point of interest in the safety and security of a licensed tour operator.



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European cruises come in many shapes and sizes and - for this reason - it is the most popular way to experience the continent. There are Mediterranean cruises, Baltic cruises, transatlantic cruises, and even river cruises. There is a cruise for every budget and every preference.

Mass market cruise lines - such as Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Holland America, and Princess - offer seven to ten day cruises in the Mediterranean, visiting ports such as Istanbul, Venice, and the Greek Isles. Norwegian, Holland America, and Princess offer cruises in the Baltic, visiting ports such as Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and St. Petersburg.

Specialty companies - including RSVP and Olivia Cruises - also have European cruises this summer. Join

thousands of other gay and lesbian vacationers on these full ship charters to the Mediterranean.

Olivia has an incredible Culinary Adventure aboard Holland America's Veendam, departing May 29th. This sailing will feature celebrity chefs from around the country, comedian Vicki Shaw, and musician Suede.

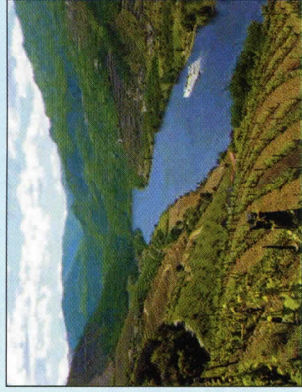
There is also the opportunity to be part of RSVP's historic full ship charter of the Queen Mary 2, the largest cruise ship in the world. This cruise departs New York on May 29th and arrives in Southampton, England on June 4th.

Prices start at only \$758 per person and - depending on the cabin you choose - you may qualify for free airfare. Yes, I said it - FREE. RSVP is offering free return air on certain categories of cabins. FREE - what a deal!

If paying for a specialty charter cruise isn't in your budget, take advantage of the incredible offers from Carnival and Royal Caribbean. Carnival has a brand new ship in Europe this summer, and she is not to be missed. The Carnival Freedom debuted a few months ago, and the itinerary of the Greek Isles is fabulous. Call your professional travel agent to determine which one is right for you.

There is absolutely no reason to sit home this summer or visit the same Caribbean ports you have visited a dozen times. To quote Royal Caribbean - "Get out there!" - and I say, "Amen!"

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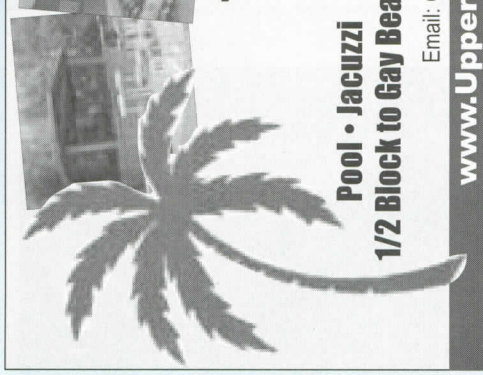
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DATELINE

BY JENNIFER PARELLO

An Affair to Forget

I went to my neighborhood coffeehouse - Malaise - this morning. I generally avoid this place, because Malaise lives up to its name in every respect: the staff is disenchanted and glum, and they bitterly resent the fact that they have to stop scribbling nonsense in their journals just to wait on your sorry ass.

I stood at the counter for several minutes before a stick figure with a buzz cut and a minefield of facial piercings finally approached me. She walked to the counter warily, like a sick dog would, doing her best to avoid eye contact.

Then she slouched her way to the coffee pot and groaned when she lifted a cup, as if the action was draining the last of her life force. In retaliation, I rapidly tapped my fingernails on the counter - a gesture I picked up from my mother, who uses it quite effectively to intimidate pokey clerks, bridge opponents, and my father.

My impatience was lost on Miss Anemia, who was like a superhero armed with spectacular powers of passive-aggression - which she used to defy all laws of motion and civility. When she finally shuffled over with my coffee, I handed her a ten-dollar bill and told her to keep the change, hoping she'd use it to buy herself some multi-vitamins.

As I was leaving the shop, I heard someone call out my name weakly. I turned to find my friend Ingrid huddled at a tiny table in a dark corner, looking more like a smudge mark than a girl.

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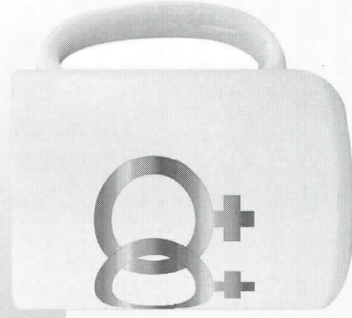
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she said, "trying to figure out how I can have an affair without hurting Wendy. And I think I've come up with the perfect plan."

She handed me a notebook filled with manic scrawl that clearly charted her harrowing journey through caffeine-induced psychosis. The penmanship swerved dangerously across the pages, spelling out her crackpot justifications for engaging in a "purely sexual" affair with a woman she has had a long-simmering flirtation.

On her laptop was a spreadsheet that graphed the planned lifeline of the affair. It would begin with some frantic groping in a piano bar and end six months later with a handshake and hearty good wishes all around - no harm, no foul.

"The beauty of the plan is that it doesn't include any emotional involvement," she said, looking up at me with crazy eyes. "It's just sex, so no girlfriends will be injured in the process. What do you think?"

I was touched by her notion that infatuation can be tamed through careful planning and the use of sophisticated software programs. The sad truth was that she had as much hope of controlling the wild emotional trajectory of the affair as I did of convincing the coffee waitress to stop sniffing her fingers and fetch us a refill.

But I'm rarely asked to be the voice of reason. And from the desperate look in Ingrid's dilated pupils, it was clear she wasn't in any mood to be talked off the ledge.

So I said, "It seems like a fool proof plan," trying not to place too much emphasis on the word "fool."

And as her shaky hand reached for the cold dregs of an espresso, I noted that she'd be in need of something much stronger than coffee the next time we met.

You got somethin' to say to me? Contact me at my web site:

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NATURALLY HEALTHY

BY DR. JEANNE GALLOWAY

Get Your Vitamin D - Your Whole Body Will Thank You

Vitamin D deficiency is a common - but unrecognized - problem. According to various studies, Vitamin D deficiency could be as high as 90% among the general population.

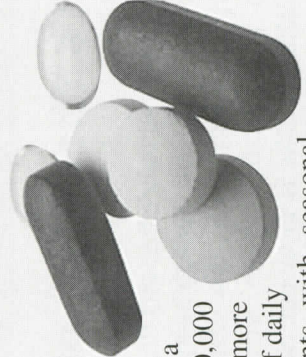
It is well known that severe Vitamin D deficiency causes bone loss, or osteoporosis. Most people - and a lot of doctors - don't know that even a mild deficiency may cause problems such as muscle weakness, fibromyalgia, impaired balance, and depression.

The main source of Vitamin D is usually exposure to sunlight; the body is able to create Vitamin D from the sun's rays. Many of us have indoor work and activities, so we may be cutting ourselves off from a ready source of Vitamin D.

Food is a poor source of the vitamin. Studies have shown that even Vitamin D -fortified milk - often contains much less than the label indicates, and sometimes none at all!

Vitamin D has been shown in studies, and in actual patient care, to reduce muscle disease. Even in patients with severe muscle wasting, there has been success with high-dose Vitamin D treatments that led to resolution of body aches and a return of normal muscle strength. Fibromyalgia and generalized aches and pains have also been attributed by some investigators to Vitamin D deficiency.

Vitamin D deficiency also might be a contributor to depression, particularly Seasonal Affective Disorder - or winter depression - which occurs during the time of year



when Vitamin D levels are the lowest. In a small randomized trial, a one-time dose of 100,000 IU's of Vitamin D was more effective than a month of daily light therapy in patients with seasonal affective disorder.

Numerous studies have shown that Vitamin D supplementation helps prevent age-related bone loss and reduces the risk of fractures. Part of the benefit of Vitamin D in relation to fracture prevention appears to be due to an improvement in balance and/or muscle strength, which leads to fewer episodes of falling.

Vitamin D can be taken safely on a daily basis. Your naturopathic or medical doctor can do a simple blood test to check how much Vitamin D you already have.

A safe dose for most all adults is 400 IU per day. Some studies have shown that 800 IU per day is more effective for maintaining bone density. While researchers had long believed that doses higher than 1,000 IU per day are potentially toxic, more recent evidence has suggested that doses up to 4,000 IU per day are safe.

You can also get your Vitamin D by daily exposure of the hands, face, and arms, or arms and legs, to sunlight for a period equal to around 15 minutes. This is a great time to have your Vitamin D evaluated and to boost your Vitamin D resources. So get out there and soak up the rays - and your Vitamin D.

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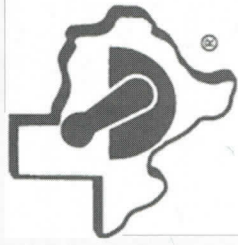
It's That Time of Year Again

If you all remember, this time last year we were in a drought. And even though many of you had some pretty typical allergy issues, this year it's much worse - due in part to all the rain we've had, which means **EVERYTHING** is in bloom. Subsequently, I have had quite a number of requests on the subject of allergies.

Living in the great state of Texas certainly seems to come with some of the most spectacular foliage in the nation. However, we must pay a price - and that can appear as an allergic reaction when plants and trees are in bloom. Releasing pollen is Mother Nature's way of protecting the species - and reminding humans of how vulnerable we are to the environment.

HealthyWomen.org states that the most common allergic responses are breathing problems - including congestion, sneezing and wheezing - along with itchy eyes and skin irritation, redness, hives or itch. If you suffer from allergies, you may have only one of these symptoms - or several.

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lead to the more painful and dangerous sinusitis.

If you suspect you have an allergy and it bothers you to the point that you want to seek treatment, you can see a general practitioner or an allergist. If you have cold-like symptoms that last for more than two weeks, you should definitely seek professional treatment - because these symptoms can lead to sinusitis, which may require more aggressive treatment.

Your health care professional will discuss your medical history, your symptoms, and when they occur. Your health care professional will examine your nasal mucous membranes, which often appear swollen and pale or bluish in women with allergies. If you have a suspected food allergy, he or she may ask you to keep a food/diet diary.

Health care professionals often use skin tests to determine the exact nature of each allergy. He or she will inject diluted extracts from allergens - particular foods, pollens, dust mites, etc., under your skin or to a tiny scratch or puncture on your arm or back. With a positive reaction, a small, raised,

reddened area with a surrounding flush will appear at the test site - indicating antibodies to that specific allergen are present in the skin.

Your health care professional might also do a blood test, which is not as sensitive as a skin test to identify allergens. Using a sample of your blood, the test looks for levels of antibodies to particular allergens.

No matter what type of allergy you have, most symptoms can be relieved with simple over-the-counter medications. For more severe symptoms, there are many good prescription medications your health care provider can recommend.

And in the most extreme cases, I have heard of people moving to areas such as Arizona or New Mexico, where the desert has less greenery. In any case, take solace in knowing that the seasons change - and relief will return.

Robynn Betz is a nurse living in Austin. Send her your questions at WomensHealth@shouttexas.com.



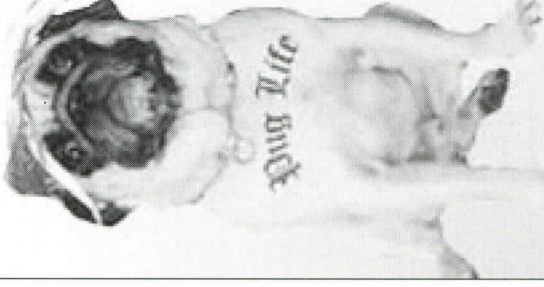
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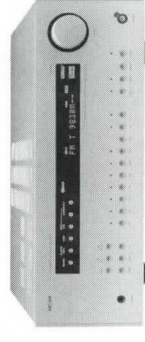
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Houston Ballet Stages Free Performances of Don Quixote

Houston Ballet welcomes the summer arts season with three free performances of Ben Stevenson's *Don Quixote*. The free performances will be staged on May 11th, 12th, and 13th at 8 p.m. at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park.

Set in sunny Spain, *Don Quixote* tells the lively story of Kitri and Basilio, two young lovers are brought together by one very unlikely matchmaker - the Don himself. The ballet features passionate and sizzling choreography, staged with lavish costumes and spectacular scenery.

Considered one of the great classics of the ballet repertory, *Don Quixote* was first presented by Moscow's Bolshoi Theater in 1869. Set to music by Alois Louis Minkus, the ballet has long been a showcase for virtuosic dancing and a star vehicle for dancers.

Houston Ballet's production contains many of the hallmarks of Ben Stevenson's stagings of story ballets: strong, vivid characters; exquisite classical dance pieces; and a delightful sense of comedy.

Stevenson's version premiered in 1995, and was praised by critics. Houston Ballet most recently performed Stevenson's version in June 2006.

"*Don Quixote* is bright, fun and energetic," said Houston Ballet Artistic Director Stanton Welch. "The dances are exciting and athletic, and it's a wonderful ballet to showcase the company."

While the three May performances are free of charge, the shows require tickets to the seated area. Tickets are available on the day of the performance from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Miller Theatre Box Office, and any tickets remaining are distributed one hour before curtain.

There is a limit of four tickets per person. For more information, call (281) FREE-FUN (281-373-3386), or visit www.HoustonBallet.org.



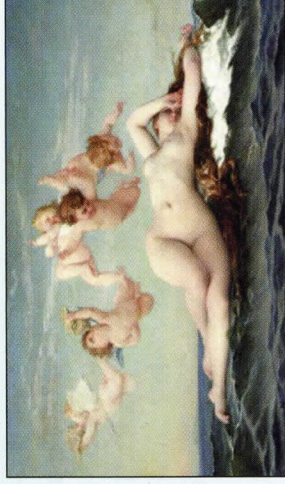
Dancer Randy Herrera in *Don Quixote*; photo by Drew Donovan

Blanton Museum Celebrates One Year Anniversary with Special Exhibit

Celebrating the first anniversary of its new building, the Blanton Museum of Art kicks off summer by hosting its first major exhibition of nineteenth-century European masterpieces direct from New York. The University of Texas at Austin institution presents *A Century of Grace: 19th-Century Masterworks from the Dahesh Museum of Art, New York* from May 18th through August 5th.

Grand in scale, rich in detail and highly finished, curators say

the objects on view at the Blanton provide an expanded view of nineteenth-century art, which in the minds of many art lovers become synonymous with impressionism. The exhibit features paintings, sculpture and drawings by such beloved artists as Adolphe-William Bouguereau, Jean-Léon Gérôme, Antoine-Louis Barye, Lawrence Alma-Tadema, and Frederic Leighton.



Alexandre Cabanel (French, 1823-1889) and Adolphe Jourdan (French, 1825-1899) - *The Birth of Venus*, ca. 1864; picture courtesy Dahesh Museum of Art.

"It will be an honor for the Blanton to present an exhibition of such high quality and aesthetic beauty as we celebrate the completion of our hugely successful first year in our new building," said Blanton Director Jessie Otto Hite. "This is a wonderful example of the kind of major, broadly appealing exhibition we are able to present in our expanded facilities."

Hite said the exhibition of some fifty works explores nineteenth-century ideals of beauty as embodied in realistic depictions of the human figure, and the ways in which traditional artists fought to sustain these ideals in the face of the revolutionary style of impressionism and other modern styles.

Curators said all of the works were selected to demonstrate the power and beauty of the human figure (Continued on the next page)

and its importance in nineteenth-century art. For more details, visit the museum online at www.BlantonMuseum.org.

Fort Worth's Amon Carter Museum to Close for Repairs

Amon Carter Museum Director Ron Tyler recently announced that the museum will close to the public beginning May 21st for a period of approximately three months to undergo preventive maintenance and repairs on the building's fire suppression system. The museum will reopen for the special exhibitions *Chimneys and Towers: Charles Demuth's Late Paintings of Lancaster and Accommodating Nature: The Photographs of Frank Gohlke*.

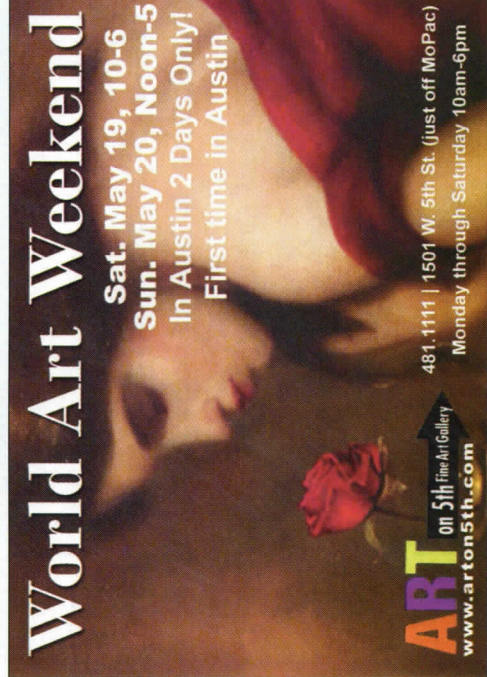
"The museum's priority is always to the care of the collection, as well as our visitors, and we have determined that both the artwork and our guests are best protected by closing the museum for this period of repair," Tyler said. "The alternative would have been to close the galleries in stages over a much longer period of time, which would have required additional art handling and a much longer period of disruption for the visitor."

Architect Philip Johnson designed the Renaissance-style loggia museum building, which first opened in 1961. A 14,250-square-foot addition was completed three years later.

No traveling exhibitions or public programs were scheduled for this summer, so cancellations have not been necessary. For updates and more information, visit www.CarterMuseum.org.

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Jump Start in San Antonio Stages Three New Plays

Jump-Start Performance Co. in San Antonio is rolling out the red carpet with the world premiere of three short plays by Sterling Houston who - in his last finished work for the stage - continued his career-long commentary on contemporary culture in his signature satirical style. The plays run May 18th through 20th, and again the 25th through 27th, at the Jump-Start Theater, located at 108 Blue Star in the Blue Star Arts Complex at the corner of South Alamo and Probandt.

On the world famous corner of Hollywood and Time, aging action stars, fading playwrights and failing marriages rage against the dying light. Audience members will eavesdrop on the secrets and struggles of Lupe Velez, Johnny Weismuller, Tennessee Williams, Gore Vidal and other stranger-than-fiction characters.

The opening night gala on May 18th features food, drinks and the show at a glamour-themed gala honoring the latest work by Sterling Houston. For tickets and information, visit www.Jump-Start.org or call (210) 227-5867.

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AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service to Light Up and Remember on May 20th

The International AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service returns to Austin on Sunday, May 20th, with a somber observation at Republic Square Park, located at 4th and San Antonio Streets in downtown Austin. The ceremony will take place from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This year's theme

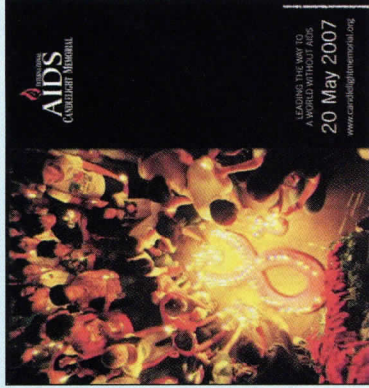
- selected and sponsored by the Global Health Council (GHC), the Voice of Global Health - is "Leading a Way to a World Without AIDS." The annual service marks its 24th year in 2007, and this is the 8th year it has been held in Austin.

With events held simultaneously in more than 4,500 other communities in 93 countries, the International AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service is world's largest and oldest annual grassroots HIV/AIDS event. Organizers say the program is designed to honor the memory of those lost to HIV/AIDS, show support for those living with HIV/AIDS, raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, and mobilize community involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Austin's service will feature musical performances by the Capital City Men's Chorus, the Daniel Link Band, and Big Daddy G, and other performers. In addition, various groups and individual speakers will offer prayers, remembrances, statistics, community literature, and declarations of commitments.

A Wall of Remembrance will be on display at the service, to memorialize individuals lost to HIV and AIDS. Participants are encouraged to participate in the Wall and memorialize their loved ones' names, pictures and memorabilia.

Also new at this year's service will be local AIDS quilts on display in memory of those who have passed. Organizers note that since the HIV virus that causes AIDS was discovered in 1981, more than 22 million people around the world have died from AIDS and some additional 40 million are estimated to be infected today.



All portions of the service are free and open to the public. For more information on the Austin observation, email Eric A. Crabtree - Austin AIDS Candlelight Coordinator - at ozparade@aol.com or call (512) 707-2384. Information is also available online at www.CandleLightMemorial.org.

Workshop for African-American Men Starting May 12th

The Wright House Wellness Center continues their "Many Men, Many Voices" program - begun in 2004 - to help African-American men learn about the many risks of having multiple sex partners. Lead by peer educator Ivry Newsome, the Saturday meetings begin May 12th and continue for six weeks.

The program is designed to change those statistics through in-depth education, said Gary Godbey, public relations director for the Wright House. Its aim is to modify personal sexual behavior and provide information on safer sex practices, he said.

Newsome will be joined by fellow educators Melvin Walker and Eric Manor.



The object of the weekend discussions is to provide a "safe place" for the men to engage in self-examination, Godbey said. Funded by grants from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the weekends are provided free of charge to participants.

An RSVP is requested for participants. For more information, call The Wright House at (512) 236-8901.

New Siphon Fundraising Group to Make a Splash in Austin

The new Austin fundraising organization - The Siphon Group - will host its first major event on Saturday, May 26th, at Rain on 4th. Formed in the image of the Austin fundraising group the Octopus Club, the Siphon Group will host parties and raise money for many charities in Central Texas.

"Over the years, The Octopus Club has raised

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Actor Leslie Joran to Emcee Spirit of Texas Brunch

Leslie Joran - the Emmy Award-winning actor of television's *Will and Grace*, *Sordid Lives*, and *Boston Legal* - will host Equality Texas' Spirit of Texas Brunch in San Antonio on Sunday, May 20th. The event will be held at Sunset Station, located at 1174 E. Commerce Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The brunch will honor transgender activist Rebecca Lynn Cross of San Antonio. Cross was a doctoral student and instructor in English when she died on July 7, 2006, while returning from a summer session at Diné College in the Navajo Nation.



Actor Leslie Joran

"We are excited about hosting this event, which honors the life and contributions of an important figure in San Antonio," said Paul E. Scott, Executive Director of the Equality Texas. "We are also excited about Leslie Joran being able to share this important moment with us."

Prior to beginning her Ph.D., Cross had taught at Incarnate Word and at Diné College in the Navajo Nation, and had retired after 22 years in the U.S. Army as instructor of preventive medicine and as combat medic in the Special Forces. She also co-founded and continued to facilitate the transgender support group SAGA (San Antonio Gender Association).

Scott says he considers the Anchor Award especially relevant at a time when Texas legislators are attempting to add "gender identity and expression" to hate crimes legislation.

"We hope that naming the Anchor Award after one of San Antonio's dearest transgender activists, we will raise awareness as to the important contributions LGBT Texans have made," he said. "The award makes visible people who are often invisible."

Tickets to the brunch are \$75 and the event is open to the public. For reservations and information, visit www.EqualityTexas.org.

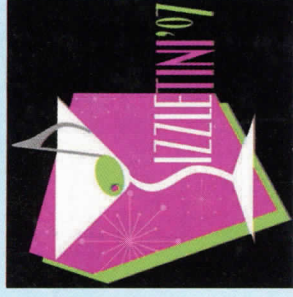
Alamo City Men's Chorale Hosts Annual Fundraiser

The Alamo City Men's Chorale celebrates the beginning of summer and their recent executive staff additions with its annual Sizzle fundraising bash.

Dubbed "Sizzlefest '07," the event will be held on Saturday, May 19th, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Venue, located at 800 Lexington Avenue.

Organizers said the Chorale is planning a high-energy evening of dancing, food, a silent auction, cash bar and of course, the unveiling of the evening's signature drink - The Sizzle-tini. Host sponsorships also include special event recognition, a VIP lounge, and a commemorative Sizzle-tini glass.

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FORT WORTH HAPPENINGS

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Unveils Construction Plans

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History recently unveiled plans for its new building: an innovative work of architecture that blends with neighboring institutions and features a sweeping plaza and campus-like environment at the south end of the Cultural District. Designed by architectural firm Legorreta+Legorreta, groundbreaking on the \$65 million project is scheduled for the fall of 2007.

"We're thrilled with the Legorreta plans," said Van A. Romans, the museum's president. "It is so exciting that our museum's dynamic learning programs and rich collections will be enveloped by a truly remarkable building, one that will serve our community for another 50 years."

Museum officials note that they are building "from the inside out," as the new building will be built around our nationally recognized and dynamic programs. The new facilities will enable the museum to enhance its

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current programs and make them available to a larger audience, they said.
The new plaza design represents the culmination of a long-standing master plan to anchor the south end of the Cultural District as a center for western heritage. The museum is partnering with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation to create a permanent new Cattle Raisers gallery housed within the new facility that will immerse guests in the dynamic history of the cattle and ranching industry in Texas and the Southwest.
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In addition, the new design will close Burnett-Tandy to create a safe pedestrian crossing area between the museum and the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. The museum's ExploraZone exhibit opens in May inside the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame's Featured Exhibit Gallery. The museum's architectural plans extend the new building to the south across Burnett-Tandy by approximately 100 feet.

Construction will begin in the fall of 2007. During the 24-month construction period, the Omni Theater will remain open except for a few months to renovate its seating and sound system. A variety of hands-on exhibits of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will be hosted along with continuing operations at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame during most of the construction period.

Following renovations, the new Noble Planetarium will be transformed into a state-of-the-art facility with 3D digital capability, a larger dome, and a Zeiss Spacegate full-dome digital projection system. A waiting/exhibit area will feature four large viewing screens providing guests with live, up-to-the-minute views of the earth's own star - the Sun - along with real-time images from the Hubble Telescope.

The planetarium will also be able to communicate with other planetariums in the nation for programming, particularly New York's Hayden Planetarium, with whom it shares the same leading-edge Acuvue software. The museum's real Sputnik artifact and meteorites will be on display once renovations are completed.

For more information and construction updates, visit www.FortWorthMuseum.org.

Austin Happenings

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hundreds of thousands of dollars for AIDS Services of Austin and The Paul Kirby Fund," said Siphon Group Project/Recruitment Coordinator Corey Ingram. "What had been missing was the younger faces in the crowd that have the power to influence and help, but often had not participated."

"With the help of David Owen and several members of the Octopus Club, Siphon would be a new group dedicated to serving the community through the acts of its younger individuals," Ingram said.

The group's name pays homage to the Octopus Club, relating to the part of an octopus that enables the creature to breathe, Ingram said. Organizers hope to help expand the purpose of the Octopus Club by broadening its membership base and breathing new life into the group - while protecting the legacy as well.

The May 26th party will help usher in Austin's annual First Splash celebration. The Beach Ball '07 event will benefit various charities and organizations in Austin. For more information, visit online at www.Myspace.com/Siphon_Group.

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Taurus (April 20- May 20)

A recurring theme for you this next year is bureaucracy, paperwork, and short trips that have a lot to do with necessary errands. This is a time in your life when you have to go through the hoops to make your dreams to come true.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

As the blessings of Venus move out of your sign, transits with Mars are breaking old relationships. A long-distance relationship - or a relationship that has been waning - will finally end.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Two possibilities will come from transits these next few weeks. You may have a short term but interesting sexual relationship with someone who doesn't fit your normal "type." Otherwise, expect a liberating experience that makes you change your views on global and social issues.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Miscommunication of any form can be a problem this week. Others may blame you for errors and delays in emails, notes, etc. You may even question your direction in life, as you very feel frustrated for the next few days.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Transits with Uranus and Mars can be so powerful this time of year that they may express themselves physically. You must watch out for any potential accident, especially involving electricity or transportation. Use these energies to better your world, such as working toward humanitarian causes.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

A long-term transit happening this week will see you benefit from concentrating on global and international concerns. Subconsciously, you may search out foreigners. Another strong possibility is that you may travel abroad.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Obstacles have forced you to reevaluate your dreams and your desires. Your expectations that were once considered "over the top" by others have become more realistic, to take advantage of the situation.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

You may feel weaker than usual and more fatigued during the first of this month. This will be temporary; Saturn is weighing you down, yet offering you chances to gain wisdom from life lessons.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Others see you are a natural leader and someone who will support them during a rough time in their lives. This week, you maybe called to advocate for someone or advocate for a cause based on moral or ethical concerns.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

A long-term transit for you taking place this week concerns the behavior of your ruling planet, Uranus. Uranus in Pisces is creating many exciting and insightful spiritual and psychic experiences right now. You are being called to high pursuits, so prepare to do great things.

Pisces (February 19- March 19)

This month, you have the will to break away from old ways of thinking and old relationships that have become stagnant or oppressive. You are searching for liberation in your daily life, and now is the time to act.

Aries (March 20 - April 19)

Mars, your ruling planet, is passing through Pisces. This is calming you down and lessening your sometimes infamous quick temper. A long term transit for you is that you will spend this next year on large and life-changing projects.

Travis is a bilingual teacher of early childhood with a Masters in Education. He likes to study Astrology and writes children's story in his free time.

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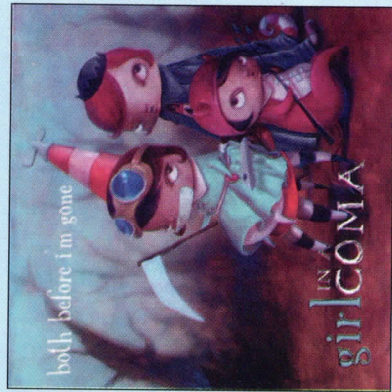
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Jenn has been playing a black and white Gibson ThunderBird bass with an Ampeg bass combo. Nina loves Telecasters and was able to find one that Gibson puts out by Valley Arts - the Brent Mason Signature - so she mainly uses that one. She also uses a Marshall Stack.



both before I'm gone
CA: *Awsome.*
Now that you've had
a taste of success
and touring, what
kind of music do
you enjoy on your
downtime?

GIAC: I've been listening to a lot of The Frerick Kicks, The Isles, and The Magic Numbers. Jenn loves this band called Escape Velocity. She's also been listening to a lot of Rufus Wainwright. Nina has totally submerged herself in Mike Patton's projects.

CA: *Hey thanks so much for taking a moment out of your busy schedule to chat for a second. Anything you wish to add, Phanie?*

GIAC: New album out in May on Blackheart Records!

And again folks, that new Girl In A Coma album is called *Both Before I'm Gone* and is available right now online at www.BlackHeart.com. Girl In A Coma will be playing San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston on July 14th, 15th, and 16th - respectively - as part of the Vans Warped Tour. For Girl In A Coma information, tracks, tour dates, and more, visit the band online at www.MySpace.com/GirlsInAComa.

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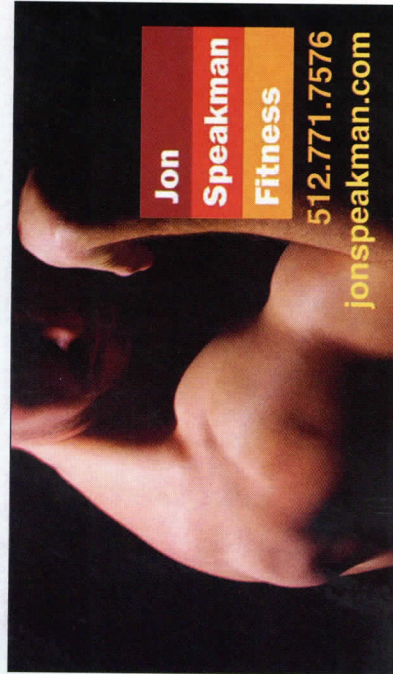
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