

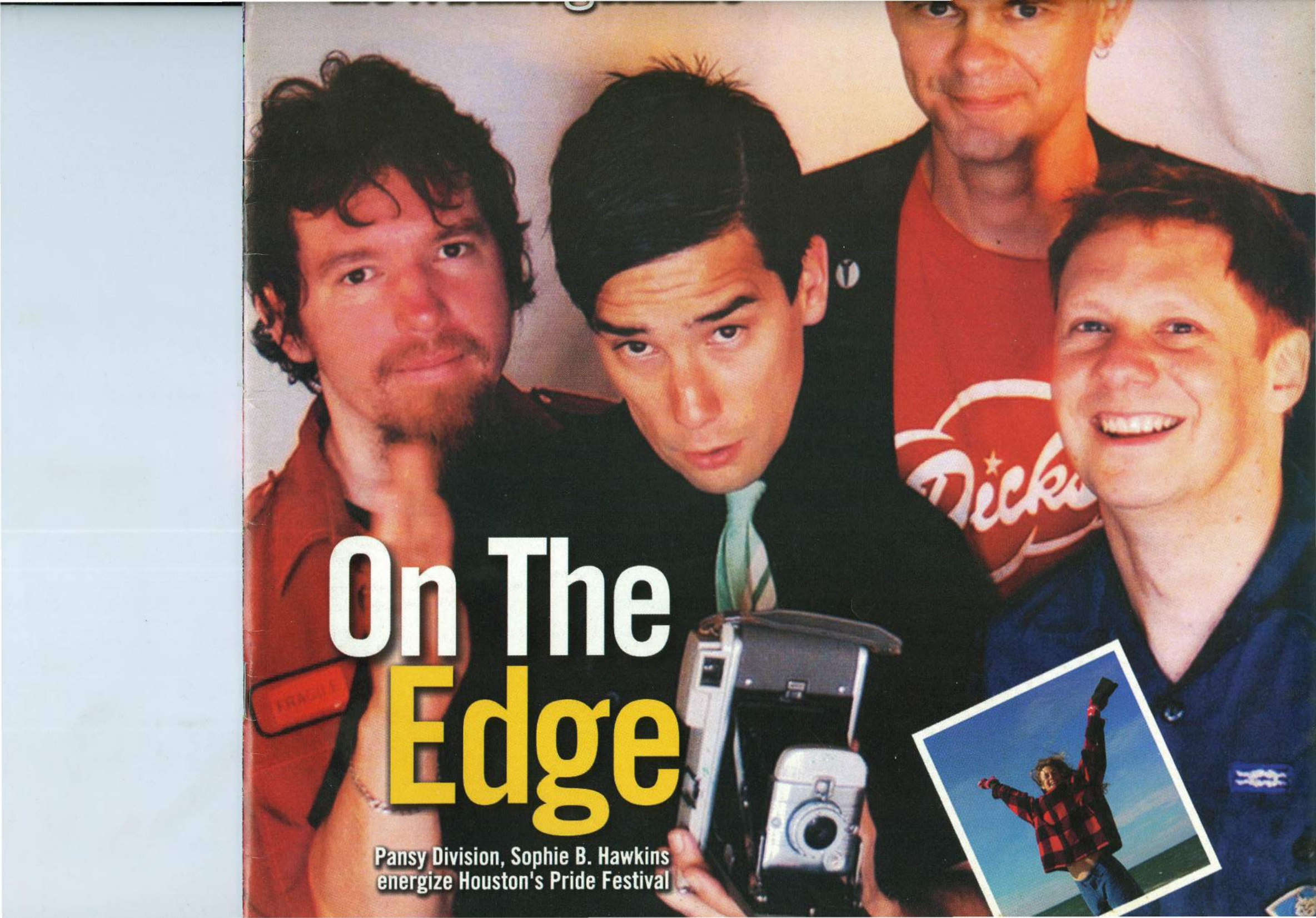
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SMU law professor gets probation for running down bicyclist who blocked way

Jane Dolkert, a well-known Dallas lesbian and tenured Southern Methodist University law professor, was sentenced by a Dallas County jury on Wednesday to five years of probation and two years of community service. The same jury on Tuesday had found Dolkert guilty of aggravated assault after they determined that she used her car as a deadly weapon when she intentionally struck a bicyclist riding at White Rock Lake.

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Going for the proud bucks

GLBT chamber gets busy with Empower business exposition

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

Trying to draw Houston's GLBT community to a business exposition can be like trying to scoop all of the minnows from Lake Houston with a teacup strainer.

But for Coy Tow, the challenge of pulling off such an event in the current political climate is important to everyone, gay and straight.

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policies and expenditures in support of gay events. The association — a right-wing religious group that just ended a boycott of the Walt Disney Company — temporarily suspended its boycott earlier this month after Ford acknowledged receiving feedback from some of its concerned dealers.

But Ford also publicly reaffirmed its anti-discrimination policies.

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Center for AIDS accepting applications for Project LEAP 2005; 35 to be enrolled

HIV-positive people who want to get involved in the HIV grant allocation process are invited to apply for Project LEAP 2005, said representatives from Center for AIDS.

Project LEAP — an acronym for Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy, and Participation — is rated by people living with AIDS as one of the most comprehensive advocacy training programs for HIV-positive individuals in the nation. It provides graduates with the knowledge and opportunities to get involved in the community and to serve on the Ryan White Planning Council, coordinators said.

The free training program is scheduled each Wednesday for 17 weeks, beginning July 6 at the Center for AIDS, located at 1407 Hawthorne St. Attendance at all sessions is required.

Only 35 people will be enrolled. To apply, contact Bernie Vázquez at 713-527-8219 or Bernie@centerforaids.org. Applications are also accepted online at Centerforaids.org/leapapp.pdf.

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Veteran activists gear up for Saturday's Futures Conference at Empower

By Lorinda Robb
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, members of greater Houston's queer and supportive community will peel off a slice of history to make their way into the future.

Since December 2004, the Conference for the Futures of LGTIQA Residents of the Houston Metropolitan Area has held monthly meetings to prepare an ambitious presentation of the eight-county region's official gay agenda.



Saturday's presentation includes a 49-page document of resolutions that paint broad strokes for the community's hopes and plans for concerns such as the legal treatment of GLBT families, elderly care, youth and political goals.

The conference has its historical roots in Town Hall Meeting I in June 1978. A group of activists and their supporters met at the Astro Arena in response to a yearlong battle begun by

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Anita Bryant's nationwide tirade against homosexuals.

The 1978 meeting bore fruit with the formation of long-standing organizations like the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard, Gay Hispanic Caucus, Montrose Clinic and Montrose Softball League, coordinators said.

Longtime community activist Ray Hill, one of the founders of the original meeting and also one of three main coordinators of Saturday's event, said that the conference's purpose is to give birth to upcoming needs and prepare a battle plan for the future of existing organizations.

"We're now dying of and dealing with things other than AIDS," Hill said of the aging community. "There's breast cancer and physical mobility combined with other concerns."

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Frye. She said that the finished work will be made available to conference attendees.

"This is now the gay agenda, and it's extremely important," she said. "Frequently, the Christianites point hatefully to some mysterious agenda in a derisive tone."

Montrose Counseling Center is one of the groups born of the 1978 meeting. Sally Huffer, the clinic's community projects specialist, wrote or co-wrote eight of the resolutions regarding inclusion of bisexuals, safe schools for youth and care for the homeless.

"Just one youth concern is that queer youth are getting kicked out in the streets with no place to go," she said.

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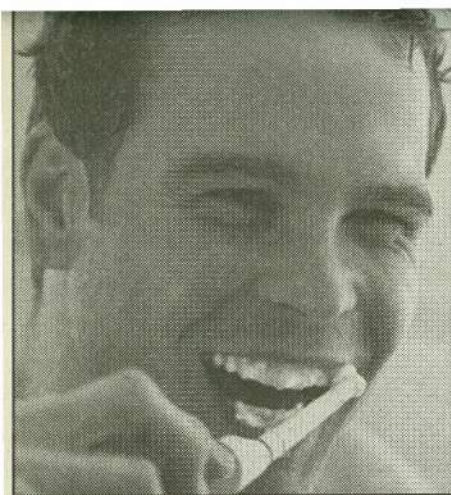
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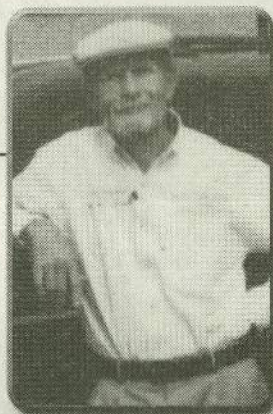
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The 52-year-old retired Southwestern Bell Telephone Company engineer won nearly 55 percent of the 16,250 votes cast in last Tuesday's runoff election. She defeated Noel A. Suniga, an immigration attorney, to claim the District 7 council seat. The incumbent, Julián Castro, vacated the seat after serving two terms in order to run for mayor.

Guajardo said she was excited about her victory and the coming opportunity to serve. "What makes me excited is the makeup of the new council," Guajardo told the *San Antonio Current*. "We have such a potential to serve, and for me to be a part of that team is amazing for me."

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Association of Social Workers, Tejano Democrats and Stonewall Democrats, along with several other groups.
Guajardo earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University, a 2,000-student private university in San Antonio.

Guajardo's race was also noteworthy for another reason — it featured the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's first-ever "independent expenditure campaign."
Since it was established in 1991, the Victory Fund has primarily gathered contributions from gays and lesbians around the country and contributed them to the campaigns of selected out-of-the-closet office-seekers on local, state and national levels.

But in Guajardo's race, the group created a political committee that operated independently of Guajardo's campaign. The committee spent \$20,000 to get in touch with voters by telephone and mail in support of Guajardo, said Robin Brand, the Victory Fund's vice president of campaigns and elections.

Including Guajardo, the last three people elected to the council from District 7 have been Latino.

The San Antonio City Council includes a mayor and 10 council members. Each of the members is elected from single-member districts.

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PROM ROYALTY King Desire, left, Queen Jasmine. Prince Yvan and Princess Krystina Vixen, seated, are dressed for a special performance at the 2005 HATCH Alternative Prom.

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Dancing queens — and kings

2005's HATCH Alternative Prom breaks previous attendance records

By Nancy Ford
Staff Writer

Though competing for attendees with several other Pride-related events, the 2005 HATCH Alternative Prom for youth, held June 10, was a huge success, coordinators said.

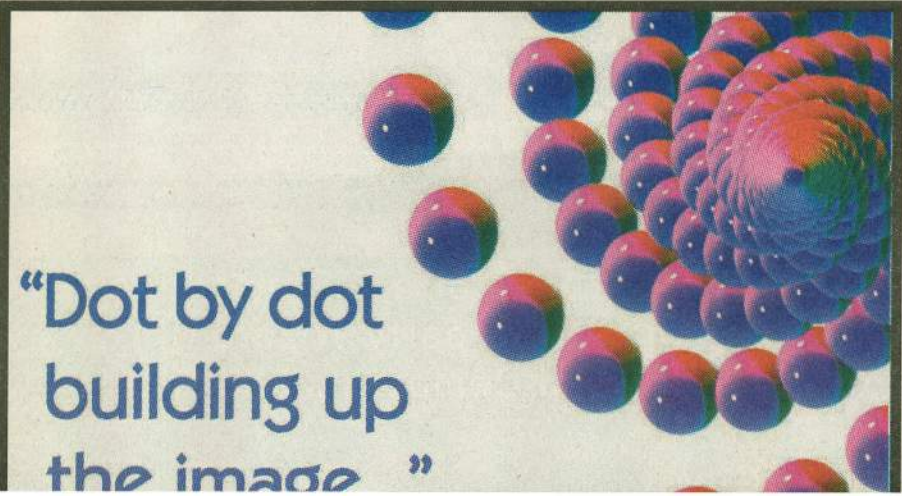
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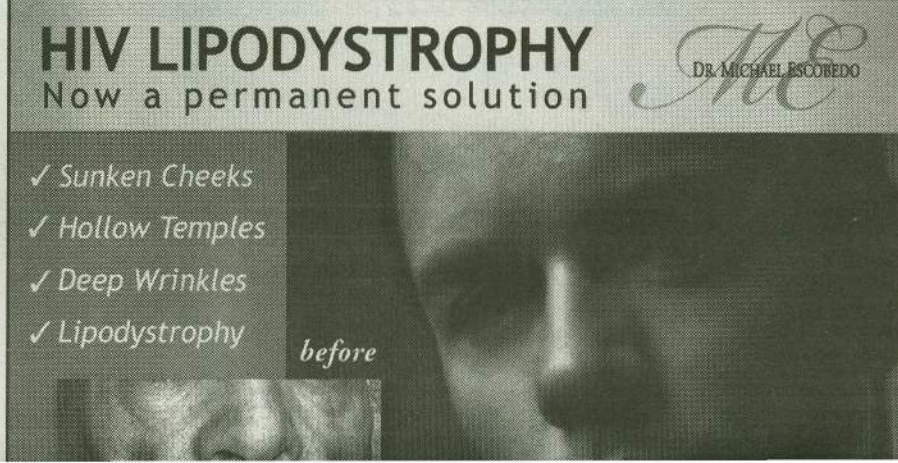


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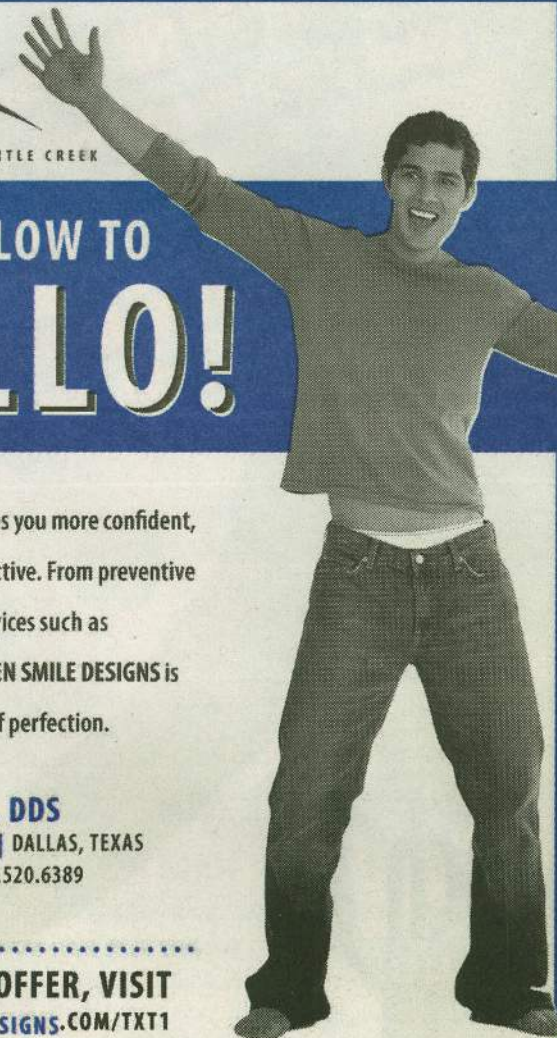
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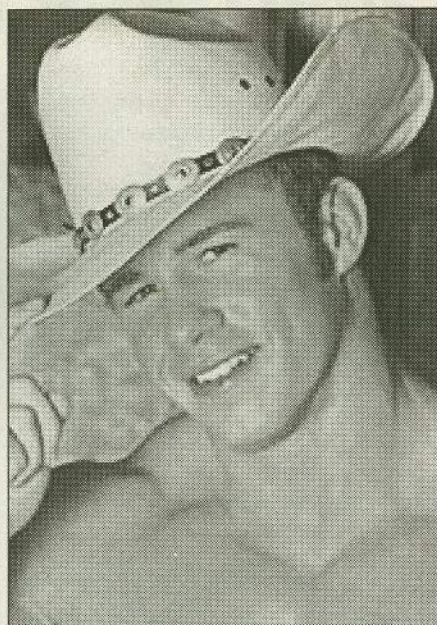
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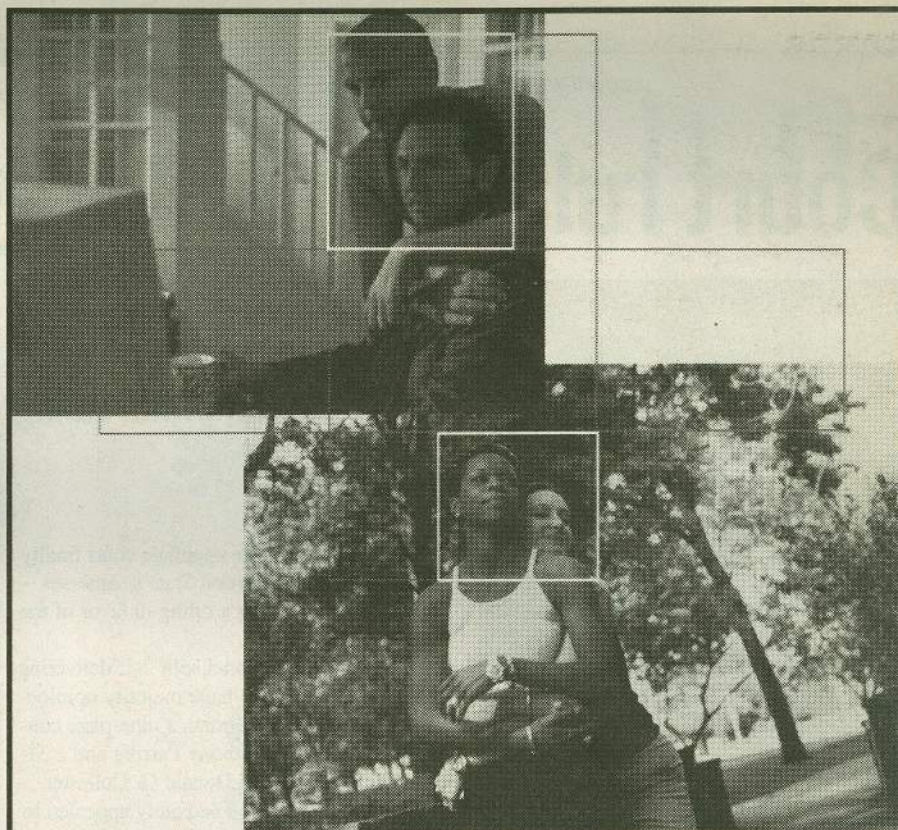
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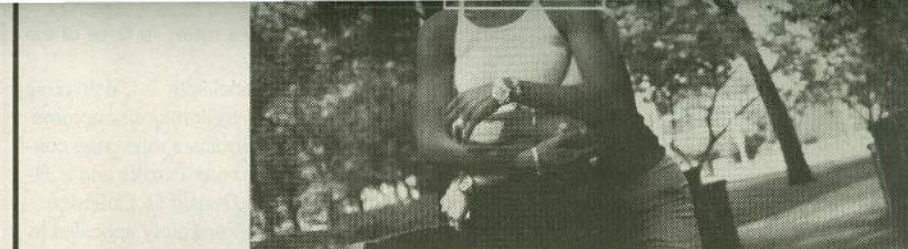
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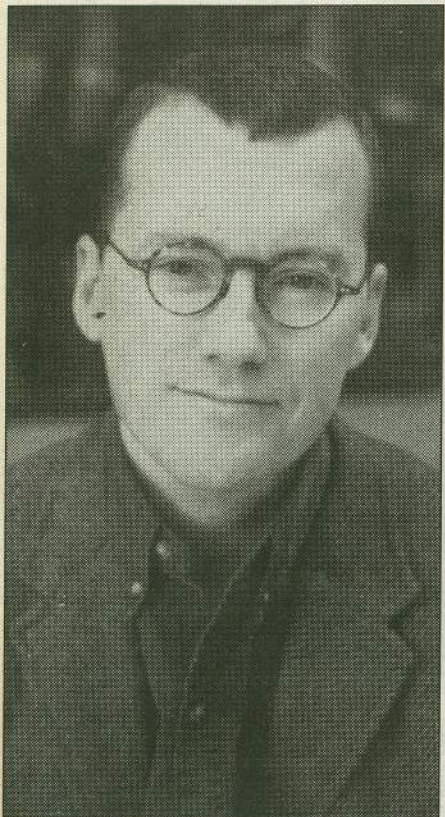


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Divided decision in case; New Jersey's Supreme Court to make final ruling

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The phenomenon of rogue cases is bad enough when they break out in state courts. Federal suits are even worse. The GLBT legal community has only filed one federal marriage case, and that is a highly specific challenge to Nebraska's anti-gay-marriage constitutional amendment. But last week, a woman named Jessie Olson launched her own federal

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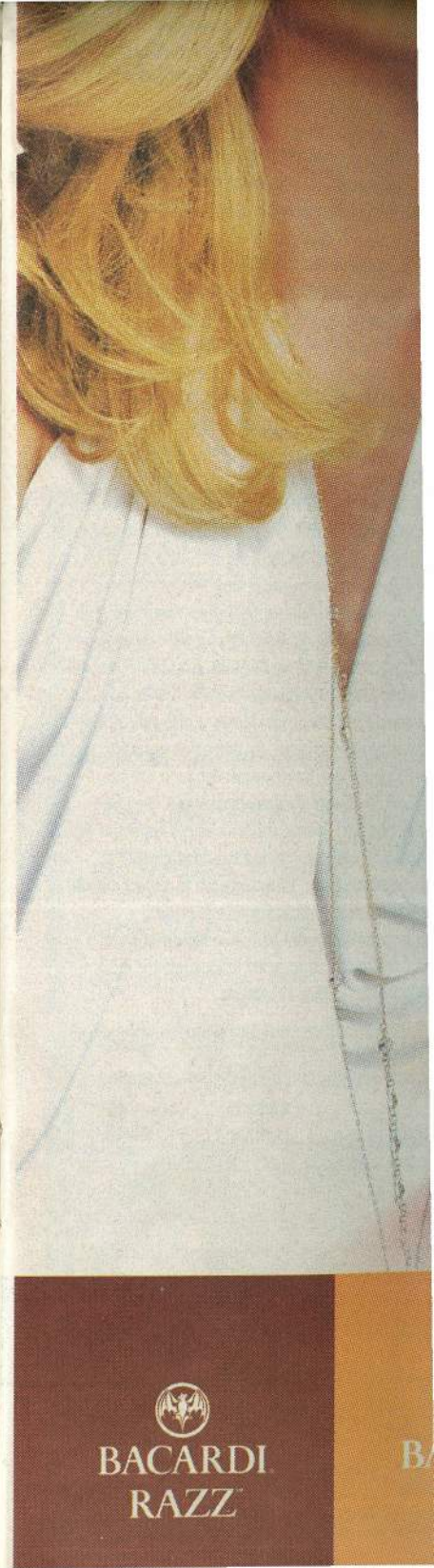
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Michigan's constitutional amendment, like its 17 cousins in other states, is nothing to sneeze at. Earlier this year, Attorney General Mike Cox wrote an opinion telling the city of Kalamazoo that a domestic partner plan that categorized people on the basis of sexual orientation would now be illegal. In response, the ACLU filed suit in state court to clarify the scope of the amendment. Nevertheless, a federal lawsuit — if bungled — risks creating a bad precedent that in this case could expand throughout the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky), influence other federal appellate courts, and maybe even wind up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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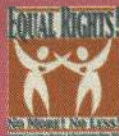
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NEW YORK STATE

'Don't ask' opponents pick up new allies amid recruitment woes

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As part of their strategy, opponents of the policy are now highlighting the ongoing struggles of Army and Marine recruiters. The Servicemembers Defense Network says in a new report that the military is involuntarily discharging highly trained specialists, including combat engineers and linguists capable of speaking Arabic and Farsi, while the Pentagon is facing "extreme challenges in recruiting and retaining troops."

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PENNSYLVANIA

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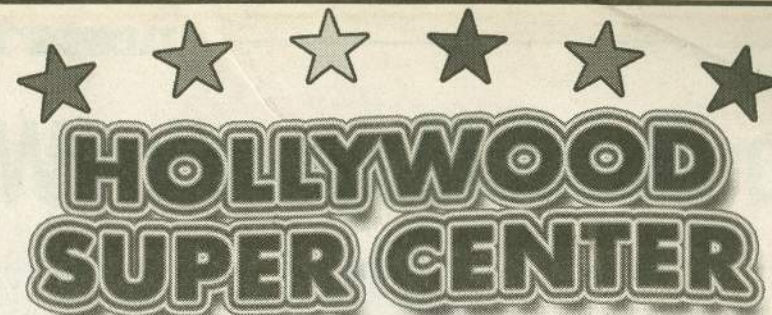
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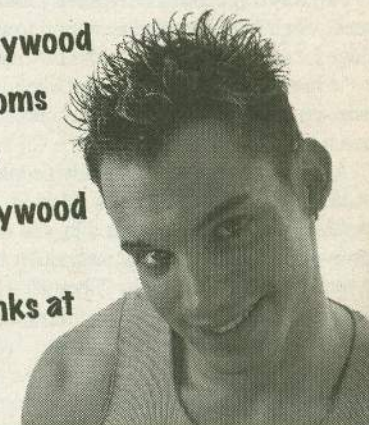
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Spokane Mayor Jim West: born again, still gay

At the end of each of their daily online newsletters, Focus on the Family puts in a little quotation. A few weeks ago I was struck by their selection of a remark by Benjamin Franklin: "Where liberty is, there is my country."

The nerve! This from a group that tries relentlessly to cram America's exuberant social corpus into a corset of Victorian morals on abstinence, G-rated television, banal movies, prim cheerleaders, goody-two-shoes teenagers, bland books and alcohol-free Sunday socials. Not to mention the fact that Franklin himself was a Deist, like most of the founding fathers, believing that God created the universe and then had nothing further to do with it. Franklin even had his doubts about whether Jesus, whose philosophy he admired, was actually divine. As for that question, he wrote pragmatically to Ezra Stiles a month before his death: "I think it needless to busy myself with that now, when I expect soon an Opportunity of knowing the Truth with less Trouble."

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Bug pride

and move to San Francisco, "where your lifestyle is accepted."

Aside from the fact that San Francisco is not too crazy about alleged pedophilia, the city that knows how has also never been big on (proven) nutcase narcissistic sociopaths like our friend Mr. Mayor. West wrote the citizen a rambling, self-serving reply, filled with talk of seeing the light and finding the Lord.

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Meanwhile, in other (alleged) pedophilia news, what do you make of Michael Jackson?

the lower house in order to become law. In other international news, a neighborhood council has banned rainbow flags from London's gay Soho district, prompting London Mayor Ken Livingstone to call the councilors "Neanderthals." And two kittens peed on a fax machine in the Japanese city of Kobe, causing a spontaneous fire that damaged two rooms in a house. Reuters reports.

"If you have a cat or a dog, for that matter, be careful where they urinate," advised fireman Masahito Oyabu. "Especially keep them away from electrical appliances and wires."

The kittens "quickly ran to safety," the wire service said.

Eyes on Wisconsin

Here's something. Democrats in Wisconsin threatened to take the Coalition for America's Families to court over false and misleading advertising that targeted Governor Jim Doyle. The television ads, which were eventually pulled for lack of funds, said that Doyle raised hunting and fishing fees "to give partners of gay state employees free health insurance." In fact, Doyle urged lawmakers to add partners to the state university insurance plan, but the GOP-led legislature declined. But had they agreed with Doyle, the benefits would not have been free and they would not have been paid for by fishing or hunting fees.

That reminds me that for two months I have avoided covering of big lawsuit against Wisconsin, filed by the ACLU, that seeks domestic partner benefits for state workers. At

one point, the aforementioned Legislature decided that the Democratic attorney general, Peg Lautenschlager, could not be relied upon to defend properly the state's habit of discrimination, so they hired some right wing extremist legal group to represent the state! I can't remember how they managed to do that. Doesn't really sound kosher.

OK. I looked it up. A cohort of conservative lawmakers have convinced the Alliance Defense Fund to represent them for free, and to petition the court to let the legislature intervene in the defense. So, we'll see. At any rate, I apologize for avoiding this story, but I had too many lawsuits and too little time.

Before we leave Madison, you should keep an eye on the state Legislature and see if they advance the anti-gay constitutional amendment that passed last session. In Wisconsin, amendments have to pass two consecutive sessions in order to go before voters.

Czech it out

Oh. I forgot to include the news that the prime minister of the Czech Republic favors a registered partnership bill, and that the European Parliament voted to support a position paper that, among other things, urged the entire European Union to recognize legal same-sex marriages.

I got distracted from international news by the incident with the naughty kittens and the fax machine. Understandably so.

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Is it time

With hate-filled Republicans simpering Democrats and no single right to lose, it's time

By Robin Tyler
Special Contributor

I quit the team organizing the 2000 Millennium March on Washington then watched as our community ripped one another apart.

I swore I would never call for another LGBT march. I came away from that debate swearing I would never again get caught between the insanity of the politically correct left, on the one hand, and the need for marriage organizations to dominate, control and financially gain from any and every event.

At the beginning of march organizing, I watched Elizabeth Birch, then the president of the Human Rights Campaign, get caught up in what escalated into a screaming argument with Kerry Lobel, then the executive director of National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. It gave me the first indication that I did not want to be caught in the crossfire of major egos.

I went on to happily co-found StopDrLaura.com, and then, to work on marriage equality, through my own, all-volunteer organization, DontAmend.com. For the first time in my political life, I was at peace.

But we are under siege. And still we do not have one civil right on a federal level, the radical right industry is raising tens of millions and political capital by making us the ultimate scapegoats.

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Pug pride

Did you go to Austin Pride? I saw some of you, and thank you all for saying hi. Did you see my pug, Pando? There were so many gay and lesbian pug owners that I believe we can start our own club, a subset of the regular Austin pug club, (otherwise known as Heart of Texas Pugs, or HOT Pugs). Our pugs will dress in rainbow halters and learn to perform line dances, while their mistresses and masters sip exotic cocktails from under the shade of the Tiki bar and toss them little pieces of Pupperoni sticks.

Go east, young men

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Meanwhile, in other (alleged) pedophilia news, what do you make of Michael Jackson? Think he's a pedophile? Think he's gay? Think he's out of his mind and defies categorization of any sort? I didn't follow the case, but I read in the paper today that the mother of Jackson's accuser insisted the singer was trying to kidnap her in a hot air balloon, and subsequently wagged her finger at the jury box in an obnoxious manner. Take this, bitch. Not guilty! I also read that Jackson has decided not to allow any more young boys to share his bed in order to avoid future misunderstandings. Now, there's a sensible plan.

Let's just say that there was no dearth of fruitcakes in that courtroom.

Life outside these United States

What else do we have here? Spain's same-sex marriage law passed a Senate committee and is heading to the full Senate next week. It's expected to pass and will have to return to

fireman Masahito Oyabu. "Especially keep them away from electrical appliances and wires."

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Eyes on Wisconsin

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As the worldwide Internet is hitting a gay apogee, why are we stuck on a protest model created by Bayard Rustin nearly half a century ago?

Past marches should be remembered in the museums along the national Mall, but let's get our compatriots to stay — and fight — in the real America that exists far outside the beltway.

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Let the festivities begin

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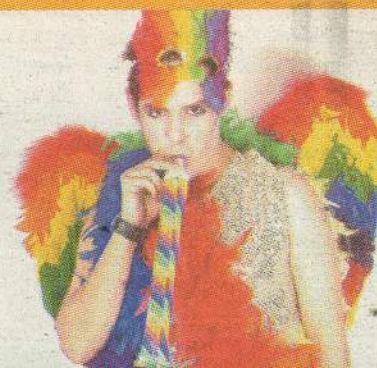
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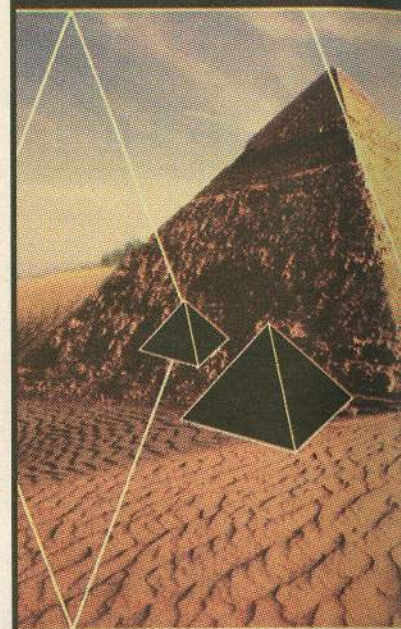
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celebrate their Pride, as well as to be entertained and connect with GLBT organizations and businesses."

In addition to having two stages of music, coordinators "have expanded our community market to more than 75 groups and added attractions such as a giant, air-conditioned dance tent," Stone says.

Pansy Division has played its share of Pride festivals, but it hasn't always been an easy road. The San Francisco-bred quartet found that its aggressive, albeit cheery, rock sound didn't always go over too well.

"I remember the first time we played a Gay Pride event," says Jon Ginoli, rhythm guitarist, singer and Pansy manager, on the phone from his home in San Francisco. "That was in Madison, Wis., in '95. I think that the idea of a gay rock band was still just too far out for a lot of people, and we weren't

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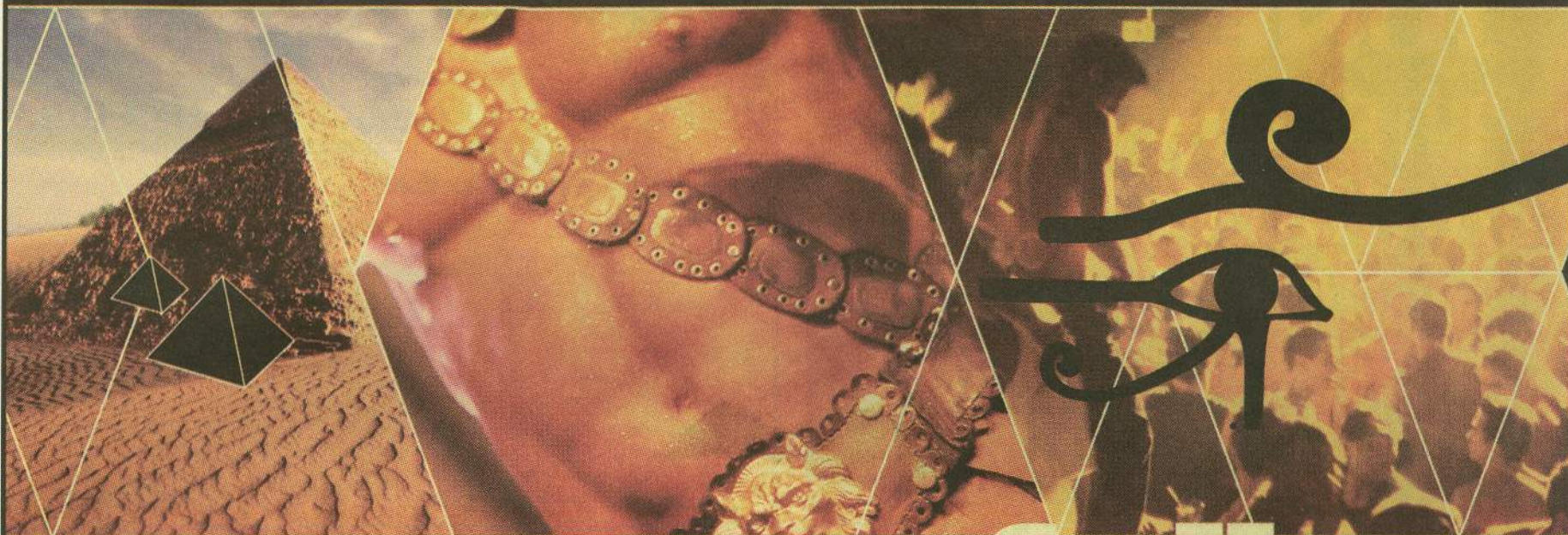
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"I think at one point you could put on the D.J. and play the dance music, and that would satisfy most people. Over time, people got rather tired of that," Ginoli says. "The diversity of gay people keeps broadening, and the music scene keeps getting more and more diverse. We just thought there should be room for more bands like us and other things that weren't really being heard, not just the same old thump, thump, thump."

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But it wasn't all rock-star parties and red-carpet schmoozing, Hawkins says.

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Hawkins received some major prime-time exposure on the new NBC show *Hit Me Baby One More Time*, which showcases past hit-makers performing one of their classics and another tune by a contemporary chart-topper. Audience votes determine the winner, who donates money to the charity of their choice. Previous contestants include mall-queen Tiffany, rapper Vanilla Ice and CeCe Peniston, whose pop tune *Finally* still fills dance floors.

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The Oak Cliff advantage

By Brian Howell

Twenty years ago when I moved to Dallas, the gay and lesbian community had begun to coalesce in Oak Lawn. It was an exciting time in our community and, over the next several years, it was thrilling to see how we developed our own identity and began to have an impact on "our" part of town. Shops, restaurants and clubs began to cater specifically to us. Looking at Oak Lawn today, I am struck by the dramatic difference in our once-shabby little corner of Dallas.

About 10 years ago, I made a big decision and left the incubator of Dallas' gay culture, moving south to Oak Cliff. Back then when you told someone you lived down here, you were certain to get one of two responses.

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In those 10 years, both neighborhoods have made dramatic changes. Oak Lawn has become a much-loved part of Dallas. When you frequent one of the neighborhood's many restaurants, you're as likely to be seated next to a couple from a far-off suburb as you are to be seated next to an Oak Lawn local. It has become "trendy" to play or reside in 75219.

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bling and tripling in some cases. Many businesses have taken advantage of the changing populations in this area and have opened new storefronts in our neighborhood.

Today, there are few reasons to move to Oak Cliff. We have grocery stores, home improvement stores and nearly all of the other service-related businesses that you'll find throughout Dallas. The number of restaurants here has gone from just a few to literally dozens. The best part is that many of these are locally owned and have real personality. They reflect the look and feel of Oak Cliff.

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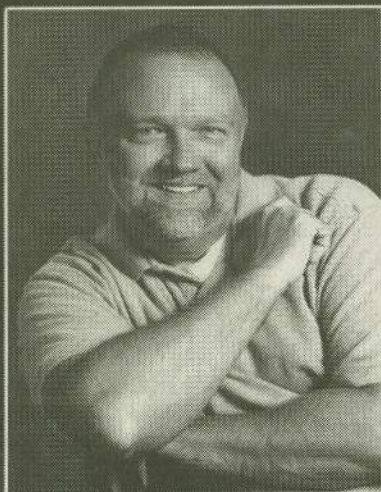
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The interesting way these two neighborhoods diverged is in the cost of residing in either of them. Oak Lawn has truly seen a dramatic shift to high-dollar, luxury homes. A few years ago, one would not risk walking through the neighborhoods between Cedar Springs Road and Lemmon Avenue at night. Today, those same streets are lined with \$300-to-500-thousand homes.

Here in Oak Cliff, the improvements in our neighborhoods have been a bit more subtle, but no less substantial. Those of us who bought into our neighborhoods have watched our property values rise steadily year after year, dou-

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I invite you to consider Oak Cliff the next time you start looking for a new neighborhood. The values that can be found here really do make this the last affordable neighborhood in Dallas where our community already has such a dramatic presence.

The future of gay Dallas will surely continue to include Oak Lawn, but the real gay community has begun to mature here in Oak Cliff. Come see for yourself.

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By Arnold Wayne Jones

Sex and the small city

POV's new documentary looks at Lubbock's antiquated sex-ed policies

Lubbock, Texas, doesn't have a great record when it comes to sex education. The teen pregnancy and gonorrhea rates are among the highest in the nation, and the school district's only official line in terms for teaching students is "abstain from sex entirely."

Shelby Knox, 15, a virginal Southern Baptist from the town, wanted to fix that. Shelby is devout — she even took an abstinence-until-marriage pledge — but she's also a self-described liberal Democrat. She sees no conflict in being both Christian and open-minded, and she doesn't think her conservative community should have a problem with that.

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The Education of Shelby Knox, which inaugurates the 18th season of the PBS documentary series *POV*, may be the most unusu-

al exploration of topics such as gay rights and sex ed you're likely to see. Shelby admits she's naive — she has never seen an adult male's penis or even a condom — but that naivete serves her well in her quest to educate her fellow students.

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before marriage if no one's listening. (On the downside, she says her ideal man is someone who enjoys musical theater — she's in for some real dating disappointments.)

Shelby's a poster child for a tolerant Christian who believes strongly in her faith but also balances it with an abiding devotion to social justice. But she is also conflicted.

Ed Ainsworth, a minister whose only mantra is sexual abstinence, is the documentary's de facto antagonist. "The terms 'Christian' and 'liberal' are like oil and water," he tells Shelby, suggesting that her faith cannot be reconciled with the educational work she does as part of the Lubbock Youth Commission and in looking into forming a gay-straight student alliance.

Here, abstinence is equated with being raised in "the right family" and "in church"; those who are sexually active, the argument goes, are irredeemable sinners. But as with many *POV* episodes, the facts are presented dispassionately, without overt manipulation.

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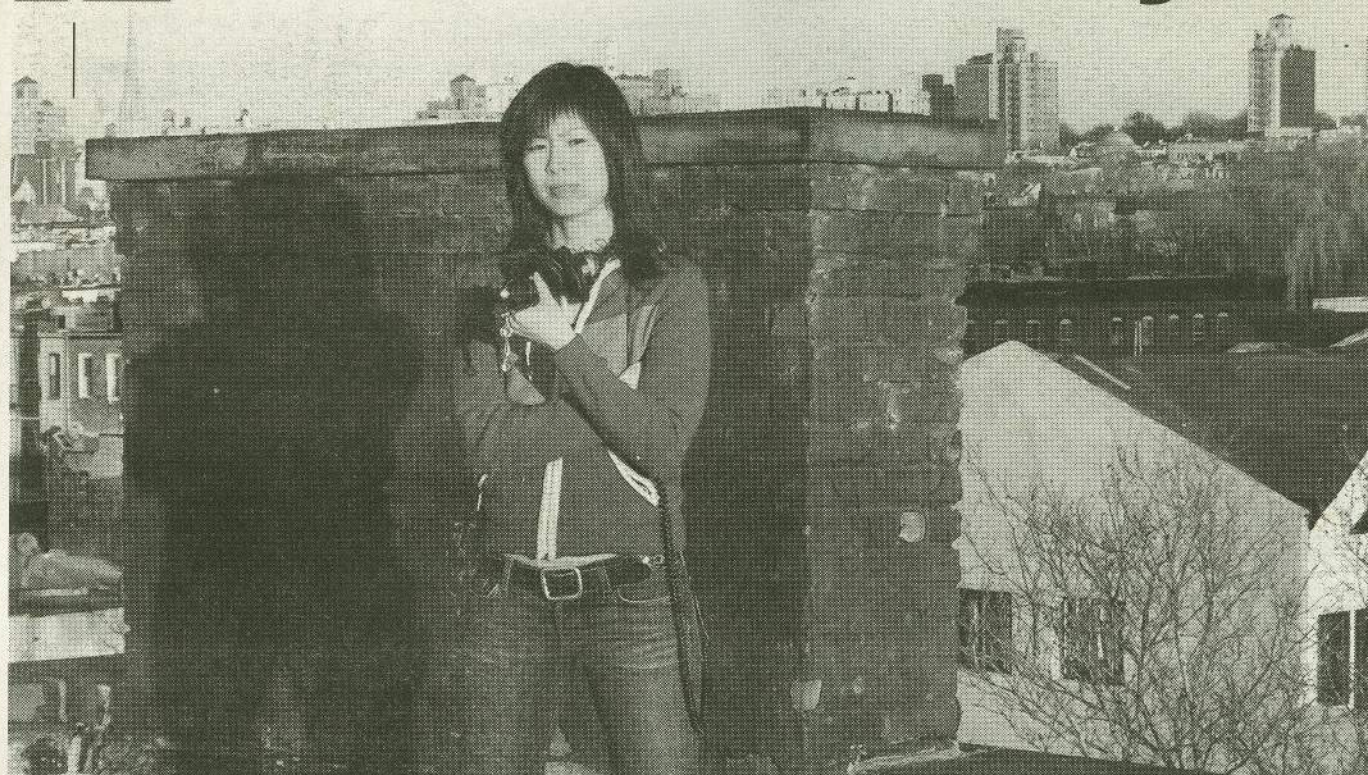


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By Joey Guerra

Facing reality



Lesbian filmmaker Alice Wu looks at two cultures in *Saving Face*

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ly ostracized by her family and community.

While the specifics of the story aren’t biographical, Wu identifies closely with the film’s relationships and emotions and thinks anyone can.

“The funny thing is, I don’t actually think it’s just a gay or just an Asian film. I think it’s a surprisingly universal film that happens to have very specific characters. I think, in a way, people connect to your characters because they feel so human and real,” Wu says.

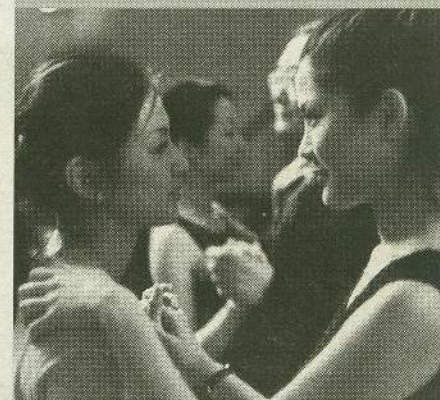
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ing. The two romantic leads are charismatic, photogenic performers. But it is legendary actress Chen who surprises in a rare comedic role.

Chen’s credits as an actress include *The Last Emperor*, *Heaven and Earth* and *Twin Peaks*, and she directed the critically acclaimed *The Sent-Down Girl* — sterling work, to be sure, but Wu wasn’t convinced that Chen was a perfect fit for her light-hearted film.

“Joan read the script and wanted to meet, but I rejected it at first,” Wu says with a laugh. “I thought she was amazing, but she’s

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Saving Face

Films don’t get any more charming than this culture-clash comedy in the vein of *The Wedding Banquet* or *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. Despite their heavy cultural influences, each movie brings universal appeal in the plight of their characters to find their place in their community and the world.

Director Alice Wu creates a delightfully witty, vivid love story about Wil (Michelle Krusiec) and Vivian (Lynn Chen), as well as Wil’s challenging relationship with her equally outcast mother (Joan Chen), who becomes pregnant out of wedlock at age 48. Both Wil and her mom face separate issues of shame that they must deal with before reclaiming their lives and happiness.

There are moments that are laugh-out-loud, but more importantly, there are times when you can’t pry the smile off your face simply in anticipation of what comes next. Not in a long time has my desire for happily-ever-after been so powerful — and even longer since there’s been a movie that deserves its own storybook ending at the box office.

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Wu then moved to Brooklyn, gave herself a five-year deadline to get the movie made, worked for free on various film shoots and trained with an editor.

Then, one week after shooting began, Wu realized she had just hit her cut-off date.

“We shot the film in 27 days, and I’ve never felt more alive,” says a clearly excited Wu, speaking by telephone from San Francisco during a break from her promotional tour. “Those were the best days of my working life, ever. It was very worth it.”

The film opens Friday at Landmark Theatres in Houston and Dallas.

Saving Face follows Wil (Michelle Krusiec), a successful physician, as she cautiously embarks on a new relationship with gorgeous dancer Vivian (Lynn Chen). At the same time, Wil’s widowed mother (Joan Chen) discovers she is pregnant and is quick-

ly ostracized by her family and community.

While the specifics of the story aren’t biographical, Wu identifies closely with the film’s relationships and emotions and thinks anyone can.

“The funny thing is, I don’t actually think it’s just a gay or just an Asian film. I think it’s a surprisingly universal film that happens to have very specific characters. I think, in a way, people connect to your characters because they feel so human and real,” Wu says.

That’s also what helped drive her to make

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Saving Face

Written and directed by Alice Wu. With Joan Chen, Michelle Krusiec and Lynn Chen
90 minutes; rated R
At the Angelika Film Center in Dallas and the Landmark River Oaks Theatre in Houston.

Batman Begins

Written by Christopher Nolan and David S. Goyer; Directed by Nolan. With Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Liam Neeson
145 minutes; rated PG-13
In wide release.

the movie at all. “I care so much about the story,” she says. “It’s every bit me as an Asian-American lesbian versus me as a filmmaker trying to make this movie.”

Part of the film’s success lies in its cast-

ing. The two romantic leads are charismatic, photogenic performers. But it is legendary actress Chen who surprises in a rare comedic role.

Chen’s credits as an actress include *The Last Emperor*, *Heaven and Earth* and *Twin Peaks*, and she directed the critically acclaimed *The Sent-Down Girl* — sterling work, to be sure, but Wu wasn’t convinced that Chen was a perfect fit for her light-hearted film.

“Joan read the script and wanted to meet, but I rejected it at first,” Wu says with a laugh. “I thought she was amazing, but she’s never done comedy before. There’s something overtly sensual, sexual, sexy about her that I didn’t see for the mother. I mean, the mother can be beautiful, but she needs to be, like, a *mother*.”

In the end, however, Chen proved suitably convincing as a downtrodden widow, and her subtle work provides many of the film’s finest moments.

A legendary actress and a well-received first film — what more could a girl ask for?

“The audiences were all laughing at the same jokes, and that’s the thing that I love,” Wu says of the movie’s warm-hearted reception at screenings.

“Every film that gets made, whether it gets distribution or not, is a small miracle in and of itself. I just want to be able to make films I really care about. If I’m lucky, I will. And if not, then at some point I’ll have to find a third career.”

ture-clash comedy in the vein of *The Wedding Banquet* or *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. Despite their heavy cultural influences, each movie brings universal appeal in the plight of their characters to find their place in their community and the world.

Director Alice Wu creates a delightfully witty, vivid love story about Wil (Michelle Krusiec) and Vivian (Lynn Chen), as well as Wil’s challenging relationship with her equally outcast mother (Joan Chen), who becomes pregnant out of wedlock at age 48. Both Wil and her mom face separate issues of shame that they must deal with before reclaiming their lives and happiness.

There are moments that are laugh-out-loud, but more importantly, there are times when you can’t pry the smile off your face simply in anticipation of what comes next. Not in a long time has my desire for happily-ever-after been so powerful — and even longer since there’s been a movie that deserves its own story-book ending at the box office.

— Steven Lindsey



Batman Begins

The idea of a conflicted, schizophrenic Batman has been around at least since Frank Miller’s graphic novel in the 1980s. But the director of *Batman Begins*, Christopher Nolan, had done what no other recent films in the franchise have: Put Batman front and center, not peripheral to the villains.

Nolan adapts a whiz-bang comic to a postmodern era, taking his time telling the story of how billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne (a ripped Christian Bale, his biceps the size of cocker spaniels) goes from orphan to avenging angel with the help of a mysterious mentor (Liam Neeson), who teaches him the ways of the Ninja.

The technical aspects are deft, especially the sound and cinematography (although the editing gets a bit frantic in some of the bigger action sequences). But what really works is how Gotham exists in a world apart from our own. This is probably the Batman movie Tim Burton wishes he’d made: Brooding, contemplative, paced like a novel.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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By Jimmy Smith

Summer grooves

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Summer is here, and I have the perfect party CD for you. Get the barbecue fired up and rock the lawn torches, then throw on your copy of *Superstars #1 Hits Remixed*.

All too often we get these CD compilations that come out with long extended remixes on them that, unless you are a total clubhead, might not be for you. I've gone off many times about labels that spend so much money for remixes and never make them commercially available.

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But it also serves up a clever dose of hits from the past, like Deborah Cox's "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Toni Braxton's "Unbreak My Heart" and Mariah's "Dreamlover."

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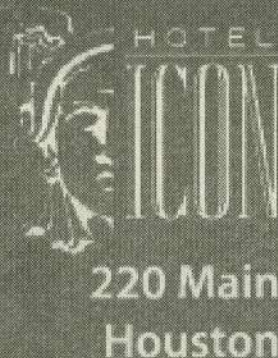
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And that's the beat.

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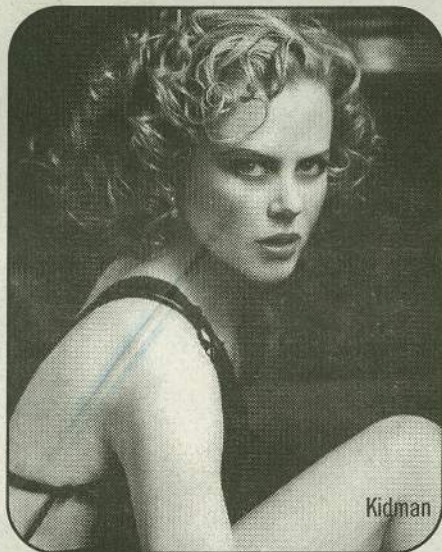
What's up with Tom Cruise? Plus, a theater wrap-up

I think **Tom Cruise** is going nuts. I watch Cruise in interviews and at events, and I see frightened desperation. There used to be a hunger in his eyes when it came to his work. Now there seems to be a hunger when it comes to his public image — as if he's trying so hard to convince us that he's happy, that he's in love, that he's on top of the world.

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DVD: "You know the musical numbers that switch between reality and fantasy sequences? Now you'll get to see them all the way through."

Also included is "Class" (the deleted duet for **Catherine Zeta-Jones** and **Queen Latifah**), behind-the-scenes footage, a couple of documentaries, commentary tracks and something with **Chita Rivera**. All for less than 35 bucks!

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Mark in Ft. Lauderdale asks: "I've been a member of Filth2Go.com ever since you posted photos of **Steven Weber**'s big ole shlong from *Hair*. It looks like those were stills from a videotape. Since you now post videos on your Web site, is there any chance you'll share the goods?"

There's a very good chance. Steven Weber and **Sam Harris** appeared in a semi-staged production of *Hair* in L.A. in 2001. Since I knew this production would include the infamous nude scene at the end of the Act 1, I was prepared.

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Charles in Chicago sent this theater-related "Ask Billy" question: "I heard a while ago that **B.D. Wong** and his partner split up about a year after they adopted their kid. What was the story on that? Weren't they together for about 10 years?"

This is a complicated story. While both B.D. and **Richie Jackson** adopted the child, the offspring, **Jackson Wong**, was the result of Richie's sister's egg and B.D.'s sperm! So, technically, B.D. is the father and Richie is the uncle. (Why Lifetime hasn't jumped on this story yet — perhaps with **Melissa Gilbert Brinkman Boxleitner** as the sister — is beyond me.)

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When I can fit in Steven's cock but not a blind item, it's definitely time to end yet another column.

I am going to *beg* every single person reading this column to run out Friday to see *The Perfect Man* with **Heather Locklear**. Why? Because I want Heather to be the star of a *hit movie*! If this bombs, she could end up back with **Tommy Lee**, and I simply won't allow that.

If you have a question for me, just drop a note to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before my lawyers talk to Tommy's lawyers!

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

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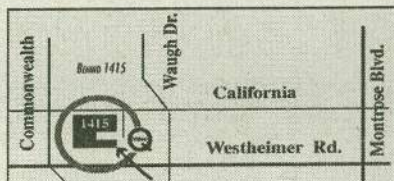
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DJ Jason Jenkins, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

Hank Williams: Lost Highway, by Randal Myler and Mark Harelik. Through June 19. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541. Zachscott.com.

The Mikado, presented by Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin, through July 3. Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$5-\$22. Austin High School Performing Arts Theatre, 1715 W. Cesar Chavez St. 800-494-TIXS. Gilbertsullivan.org.

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3-Iron (Bin-jip), presented by Magnolia at the Modern film series, through June 19. Rated R. Korean with English subtitles. Friday, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. \$5.50-\$7.50. Modern Art Museum of Ft. Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215.

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

Lambda Weekly Radio, gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Ft. Worth, airs on KNON 89.3FM. 1 p.m. Geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

Name That Frame movie trivia with Wayne Smith. 10:30 p.m. Mickey's, 3851 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-219-MICK. Mickydallas.com.

Shabbat service, Congregation Beth El Binah. 8:15 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1784.

[sic] by Melissa James Gibson. Presented by Stage West, through June 26. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$5-\$28. Sanders Theatre, 1300 Gendy St., Ft. Worth. 817-784-9378.

The Producers, presented by Dallas Summer Musicals. Through June 19. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. \$27-\$74. Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st Ave. 214-631-2787.

Valiente, the Latino LGBT group, membership party with food, drink specials and raffle prizes. 6-8 p.m. Havana,

through July 17. Main Street Theater, 4617 Montrose Blvd. 713-524-6706. Mainstreettheater.com.

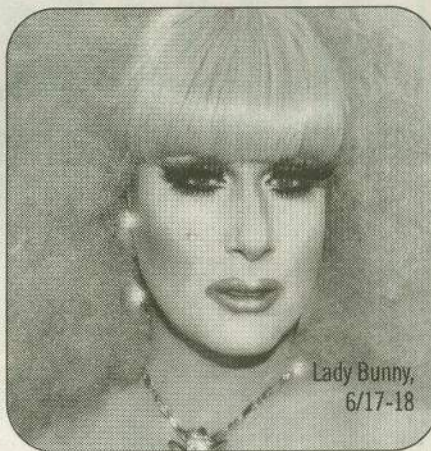
Lady Bunny performs at Guava Lamp's grand opening. 10 and 12 p.m. 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

Late: A Cowboy Song, by Sarah Ruhl, through June 19. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 3 p.m. \$10-\$35. Stages' Yeager Theater, 3201 Allen Prkwy. 713-527-0123. Stages theatre.com.

Raised in Captivity by Nicky Silver. Presented by Unhinged Productions through June 26. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$15-\$20. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-0123.

Tarnation, directed by Jonathan Caouette. 7 p.m. Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet. 713-639-7515. Mfah.org.

The Wizard of Oz, special Pride screening. Midnight through June 18, with an Over the Rainbow Costume Contest on Saturday. Landmark River Oaks Theatre, 2009 W. Gray. 713-866-8881.



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Saturday, June 18

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Discovery Channel tapes Pop Nation: America's Coolest Stuff, a new TV series showcasing hip memorabilia from the '60s to today. 8 a.m. Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez St. Registration: Discovery.com/popnation.

DJ Jason Jenkins, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

QueerWaves with Taylor Cage, a weekly showcase of queer music and musicians on 91.7FM KOOP. 4:30 p.m. Koop.org. 512-472-5667.

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Brilliance of Seasons, the artwork of Daniel-kayne, through June 30. Opening reception, 7-9 p.m. Mind Puddles Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy. Daniel-kayne.com.

Broadway Legends, the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, presented by Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. 8 p.m. June 19, 3 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater, 501 Texas Ave. \$15-\$34. Boxofficetickets.com/gmch. 800-494-TIXS.

Conference for the Futures of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexed, Questioning and Allied Residents of the Houston Metropolitan Area. 3-6 p.m. \$10. George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Convention Center Blvd. 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms, Exhibit Hall B. 713-523-7576. Ghglcc.org.

Empower 2005, with arts and entertainment, home and garden, career, professional development, pets and more. Through June 19. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. Benefits the Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce. George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Convention Center Blvd. 713-523-7576. Ghglcc.org.

Equality 101 Learning Conference, presented in conjunction with Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce's Empower 2005. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$15. George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Convention Center Blvd. 713-523-7576. Ghglcc.org.

Houston Pride 5K Fun Run, sponsored by Houston Montrose Athletic Association. 7:30 a.m. Registration: \$23. Benefits AssistHers. Sam Houston Park at Allen Parkway. 713-661-8919. Geocities.com/houstonpride5k/index.html.

Hang out with Lady Bunny and DJ Limey. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

It's A Family Affair with Texas Leatherboy 2005-06, Brad Olson and raffle. 7-9 p.m. Keys West, 817 W. Dallas. 713-571-7870. Thirdcoastfamily.com.

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

Queer as Folk Ancient Babylon Tour with DJ Abel and RKM. 10:30 p.m. \$15. South Beach, 810 Pacific.

Viva Las Vegas, presented by ICOH's Stephen Bunch and Sara Sjölander. 8 p.m. Benefits AFH's Camp Hope and Camp Hug, and the Lexy Bowen Fund. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071.

SAN ANTONIO

Pridefest San Antonio, with gallery art show, live music, vendor booths, local organization booths and more. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunset Station, 1174 E. Commerce St. 210-845-1638. Pridesanantoniotexas.org.

Single Lesbian Mothers. 12-1:30 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro. 210-225-7330. Diversitycentersa.org.

Rain presents The T-Dance with Hedda Layne and fajita buffet. 4 p.m. 217B W. 4th St. 512-494-1150. Rainon4th.com.

Retro hits with DJs Trent and Willis. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

Sunday Super Show hosted by Jame Perry. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

YOGAy presents YOGAy Sundays, 1 p.m. \$12. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. 512-220-6353. YOGAyTexas@yahoo.com.

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Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers general meeting. 3 p.m. John Thomas Community Center, 2701 Reagan.

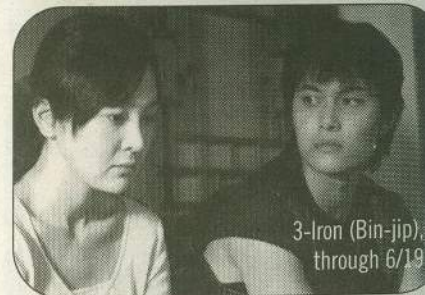
Dignity Dallas liturgy. 6 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-521-5342, ext. 1732.

Jubilee Fellowship worship. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. La Quinta Inn, 1001 W. Airport Freeway, Euless. 214-520-3223. JubileeTX.org.

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Lutherans Concerned (GLBT affirming Lutherans). 7 p.m. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway. 214-855-4998.

Summer barbecue. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Av. 214-821-1990.



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HATCH GLBT youth group. 6-9 p.m. 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

Houston GLBT Pride Interfaith Worship Service, presented by Interfaith Alliance for Inclusiveness, features the liturgy and music of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus faith communities, with Rev. Madison T. Shockley, II, pastor of Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad, California. 7 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th Av.

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

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Shabbat service, Congregation Beth El Binah. 8:15 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1784.

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The Producers, presented by Dallas Summer Musicals. Through June 19. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. \$27-\$74. Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st Ave. 214-631-2787.

Valiente, the Latino LGBT group, membership party with food, drink specials and raffle prizes. 6-8 p.m. Havana, 4006 Cedar Springs Rd. 817-845-8282. Valiente.org.

HOUSTON

A Class Act by Edward Kleban, Linda Kline and Lonnie Price. Presented by Theater LaB Houston. Fridays and Saturdays through June 25, 8 p.m. June 26, 6 p.m. \$23. 1706 Alamo. 713-868-7516. Theaterlabhouston.com.

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

DJ Tucker spins. South Beach, 810 Pacific Ave. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

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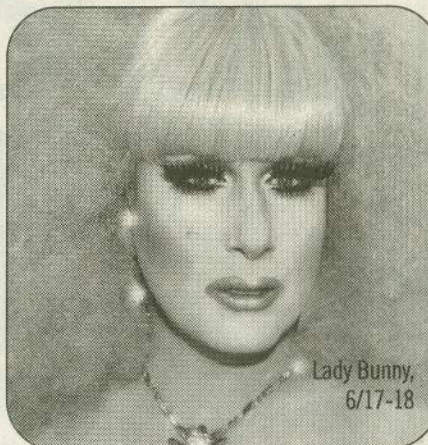
Equality Kick Off, with DJ Surain. Presented by the loft-project. 10 p.m. \$5-\$10. Benefits Pride Houston. Club Glo, 505 Main.

Houston Pride 2005 Kick-off Party, honoring Pride Parade Grand Marshals, with jazz ensemble Bizkit Jonz. 7-11 p.m. Chase Bank Building, 707 Travis. \$10. Pridehouston.org.

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris,

Mfah.org.

The Wizard of Oz, special Pride screening. Midnight through June 18, with an Over the Rainbow Costume Contest on Saturday. Landmark River Oaks Theatre, 2009 W. Gray. 713-866-8881.



Lady Bunny,
6/17-18

Saturday, June 18

AUSTIN

Discovery Channel tapes Pop Nation: America's Coolest Stuff, a new TV series showcasing hip memorabilia from the '60s to today. 8 a.m. Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez St. Registration: Discovery.com/popnation.

DJ Jason Jenkins, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

QueerWaves with Taylor Cage, a weekly showcase of queer music and musicians on 91.7FM KOOP. 4:30 p.m. Koop.org. 512-472-5667.

W.H. Passon Historical Society for African-American Culture open house, celebrating Juneteenth. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Southgate-Lewis House, E. 12th @ Comal. 512-627-2985.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS crew-supported 53 and 65-mile route training rides. Cravens Park, 400 Cravens Park Rd. in Arlington. 7:30 a.m. 214-521-2412. Lonestarride.org.

Summer barbecue. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Ave. 214-821-1990.

HOUSTON

9th Annual Houston Billiard Open, presented by Independent Billiard League of Houston. 10 a.m. \$20-\$25. Benefits Bering Omega Community Services. Slick Willie's Family Pool Hall, 1200 Westheimer. 281-844-8006. Iblhouston.com.

After Hours, pre-dawn GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

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Houston Pride 5K Fun Run, sponsored by Houston Montrose Athletic Association. 7:30 a.m. Registration: \$23. Benefits AssistHers. Sam Houston Park at Allen Parkway. 713-661-8919.

Geocities.com/houstonpride5k/index.html.

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SAN ANTONIO

Pridefest San Antonio, with gallery art show, live music, vendor booths, local organization booths and more. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunset Station, 1174 E. Commerce St. 210-845-1638. Pridesanantoniotexas.org.

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AUSTIN

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Patio cookout with free barbecue. 5 p.m. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

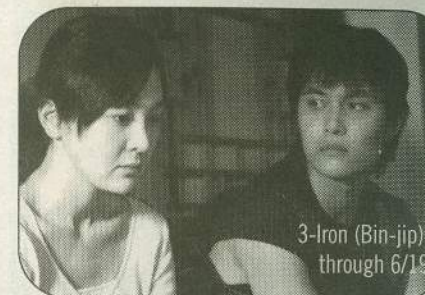
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ance of Seasons, the artwork of Daniel-kayne, June 30. Opening reception, 7-9 p.m. Mind Iles Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy. Daniel-kayne.com.

Midway Legends, the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, presented by Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. 8 p.m. June 19, 3 p.m. Wortham Center's Main Theater, 501 Texas Ave. \$15-\$34. Ticketcity.com/gmch. 800-494-TIXS.

Conference for the Futures of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexed, Questioning and Allied Friends of the Houston Metropolitan Area. 3-6 p.m. George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Convention Center Blvd. 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms, Box 1100. 713-523-7576. Ghglcc.org.

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Trum Youth Group, a social group for young people.

Rain presents The T-Dance with Hedda Layne and fajita buffet. 4 p.m. 217B W. 4th St. 512-494-1150. Rainon4th.com.

Retro hits with DJs Trent and Willis. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

Sunday Super Show hosted by Jame Perry. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charliesaustin.com.

YOGAy presents YOGAy Sundays, 1 p.m. \$12. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. 512-220-6353. YOGAyTexas@yahoo.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers general meeting. 3 p.m. John Thomas Community Center, 2701 Reagan.

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XALT 2005, an interactive praise and worship program. 7-9 p.m. Community Gospel Church, 4305 Lillian. 713-880-9235. Communitygospel.org.

SAN ANTONIO

Queer as Folk. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Super Sunday Show. Midnight. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Monday, June 20

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DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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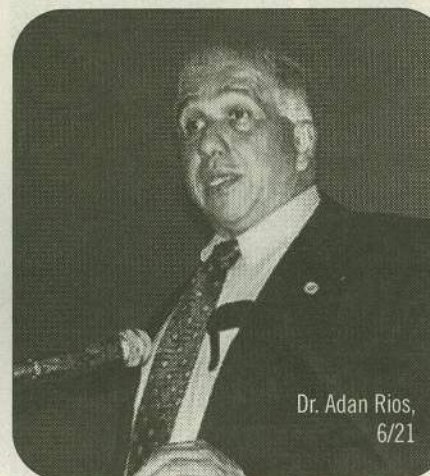
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Tuesday, June 21

AUSTIN



Dr. Adan Rios, 6/21

HOUSTON

Academia del Amor, a Jesse Love production, with DJ William Fuentes. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amazoniaclub.com.

Adan Rios, MD discusses HIV/AIDS and Cancer, as part of the Conversations at The CFA series, presented by OnCol Therapeutics and Bunnies on the Bayou. 6-8 p.m. Center for AIDS, 1407 Hawthorne. Space is limited. RSVP: 713-527-8219. Carlie@centerforaids.org.

Bayou City Women's Chorus. 7-9 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th. Flo Perry, 713-206-9720.

Houston Equal Rights Alliance Announcement Party. 6:30 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-522-4372. Houstonera.org.

Montrose Social Group (MSG), a peer-led community. 7:30 p.m. Bering Church, room 224. Msgouston.org.

Queer as Folk. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

RSICSS presents Drag Queen Bingo. 9 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-710-0268.

Tight Tush contest. 8 p.m. Mary's, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

SAN ANTONIO

Amateur Talent Night. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-sabx.com.

Queer as Folk and Layla's Male Strip-off with \$100 in prizes. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Wednesday, June 22

South Beach, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

HRC Pride Party, presented by Human Rights Campaign, HRC Federal Club and Friends of Pride. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett. RSVP: Pride@hrc-houston.org.

Jade Esteban Estrada in his solo show, ICONS: The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol. 1. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Resurrection Metropolitan Church, 2025 W. 11th St. Benefits Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History. 713-692-8735. Gcam.org.

Karaoke. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

Karaoke, with \$1.50 well drinks. 7 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

OutSkate Roller Skate Club. 8 p.m. \$5. Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. 281-933-5818. Dobie367@aol.com.

Professional Women's Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

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2015 Place presents karaoke. 9 p.m. 2015 San Pedro. 210-733-3365. 2015place.com.

Free HIV Testing with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

King Mary's Bridge Club presents party bridge and free lessons. 6:45 p.m. \$4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.

The Boys of HEAT with .75¢ well drinks. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Thursday, June 23

AUSTIN

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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Dr. Adan Rios, 6/21

HOUSTON

Academia del Amor, a Jesse Love production, with DJ William Fuentes. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amazoniaclub.com.

Adan Rios, MD discusses HIV/AIDS and Cancer, as part of the Conversations at The CFA series, presented by OnCol Therapeutics and Bunnies on the Bayou. 6-8 p.m. Center for AIDS, 1407 Hawthorne. Space is limited. RSVP: 713-527-8219. Carlie@centerforaids.org.

Bayou City Women's Chorus. 7-9 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th. Flo Perry, 713-206-9720.

Houston Equal Rights Alliance Announcement Party. 6:30 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-522-4372. Houstonera.org

Montrose Social Group (MSG), a peer-led community. 7:30 p.m. Bering Church, room 224. Msghouston.org.

Queer as Folk. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Vaughn Dr. 713-524-3359.

RSICSS presents Drag Queen Bingo. 9 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-710-0268.

Tight Tush contest, 8 p.m. Mary's, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

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Amateur Talent Night. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-sabx.com.

Queer as Folk and Layla's Male Strip-off with \$100 in prizes. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Wednesday, June 22

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I've Got Something to Say! open mic. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside Dr. Sidekicksaustintx.com.

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

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Rainbow Roller Skating. 8 p.m. \$5. Forum Roller World, 1900 S. Great Southwest Pkwy., Grand Prairie. 214-478-2649.

Teen Project. 909 W. Magnolia St. Ft. Worth. 817-332-7722.

Mundo Latino with drink specials. Throckmorton Mining Company, 3014 Throckmorton. 3014 Throckmorton. Caven.com.

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Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Café con Leche, with Los Mocosos CD release party.

OutSkate Roller Skate Club. 8 p.m. \$5. Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. 281-933-5818. Dobie367@aol.com.

Professional Women's Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

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2015 Place presents karaoke. 9 p.m. 2015 San Pedro. 210-733-3365. 2015place.com.

Free HIV Testing with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

King Mary's Bridge Club presents party bridge and free lessons. 6:45 p.m. \$4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.

The Boys of HEAT with .75¢ well drinks. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Thursday, June 23

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

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Dallas FrontRunners run on the Katy Trail. 6:30 p.m. Meet at Knox Street entrance.

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

S4 presents DJ's Inzo and Phinatik. \$5 for 21+. 3911 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-559-0650. Caven.com.

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Ibiza Night with DJ Nacho. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amazoniaclub.com.

BiNet Houston. 7 p.m. Hobbit Cafe, 2243 Richmond. 713-467-4380. Flash.net/~bihouse.

Latino and House music, with S2 wells and domestics. Amazonia: Amazonia.com

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Talent Night with host, Cookie La Cook. 10 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

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M2: A Peer Support Group for Young Men. 6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

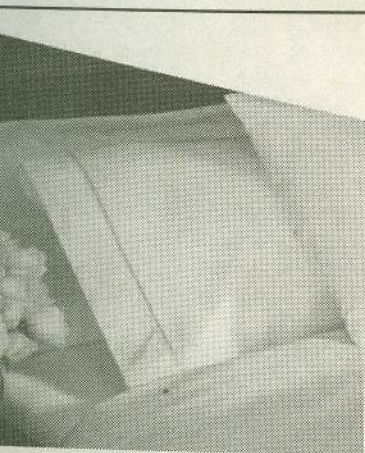
Taco sale, presented by Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of The Alamo Empire. 6-8 p.m. \$3. Benefits Diversity Center. The Annex, 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957.

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

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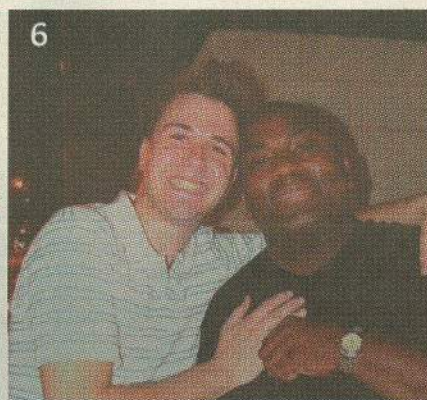
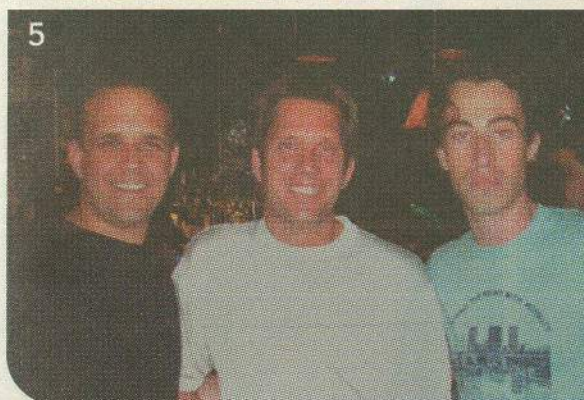
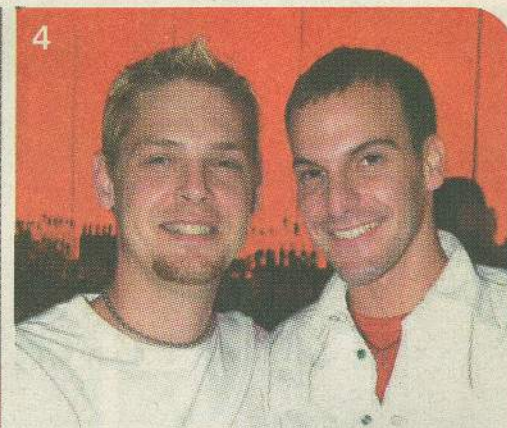
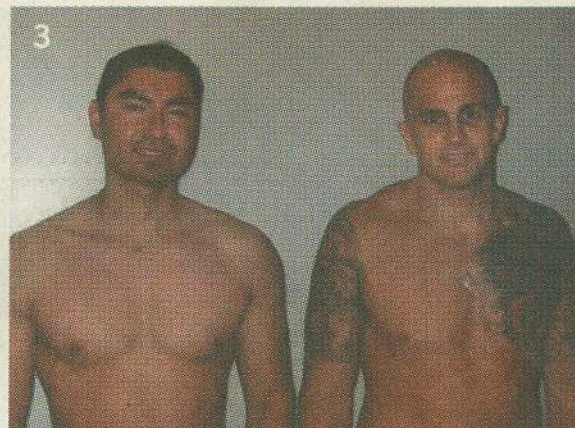
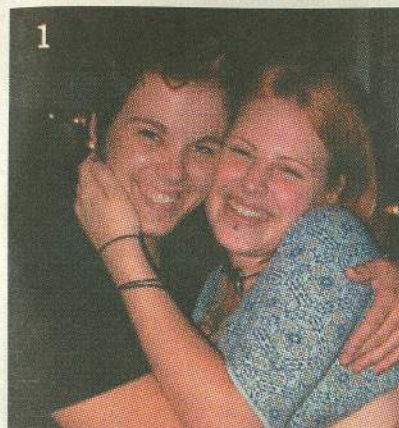


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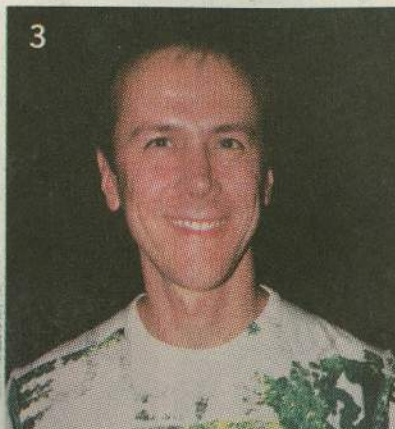
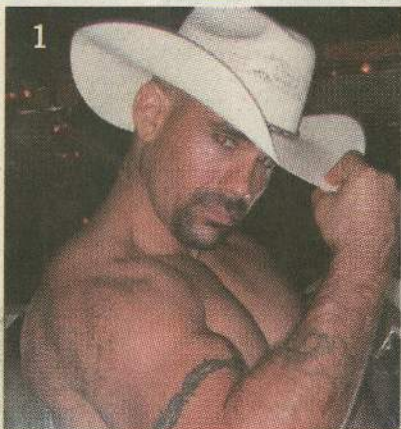
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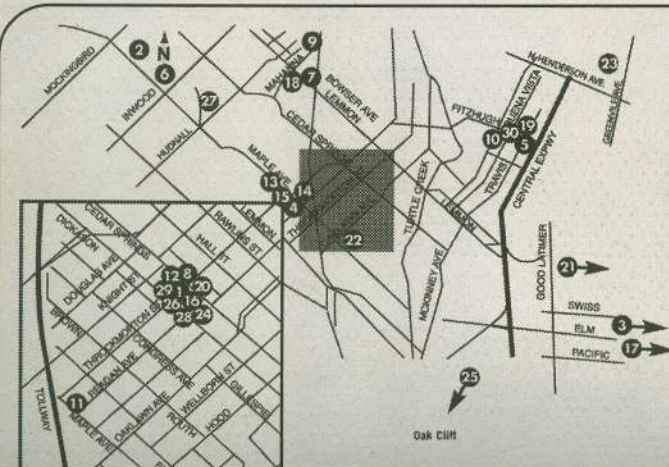
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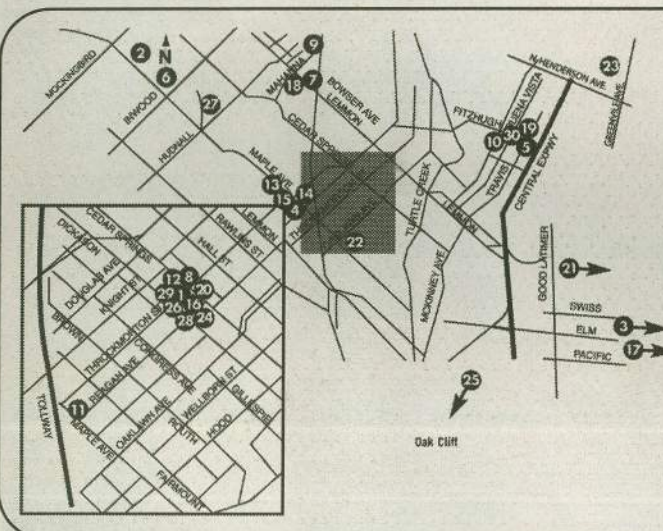
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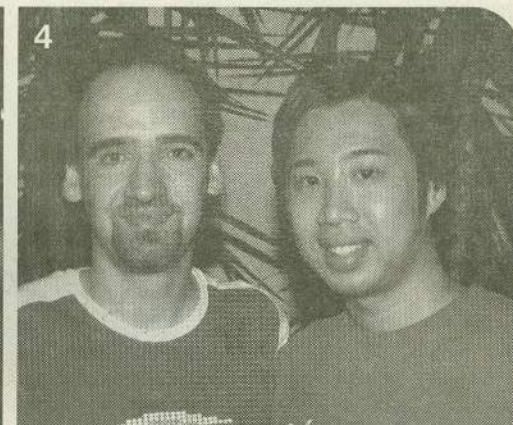
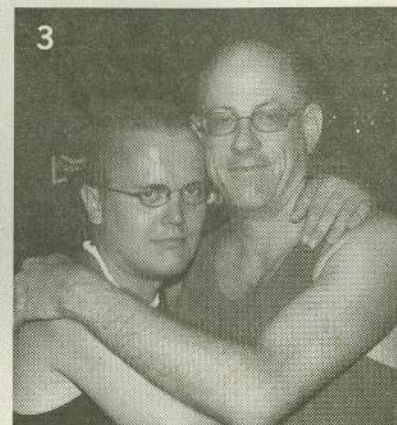
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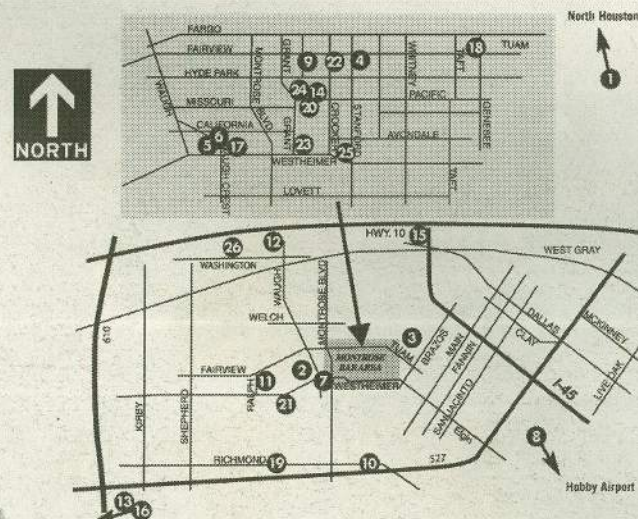
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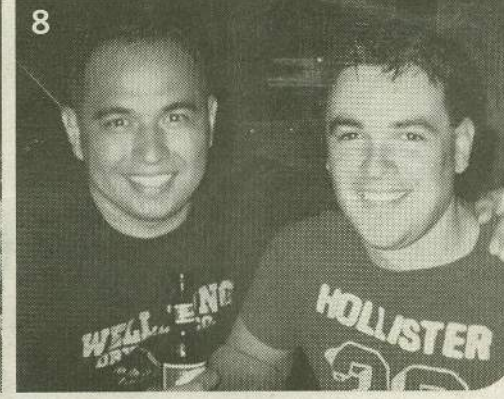
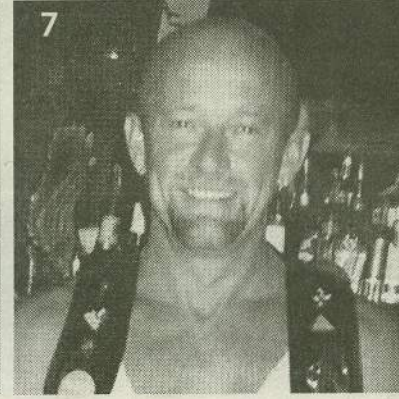
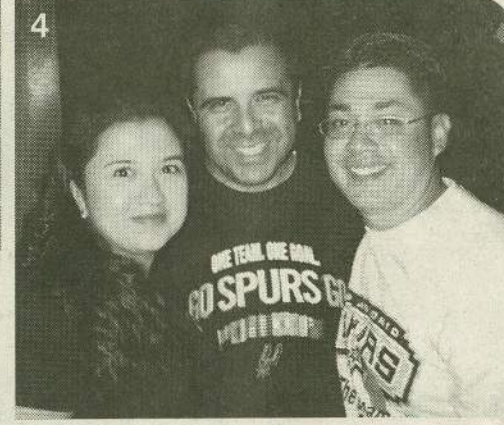
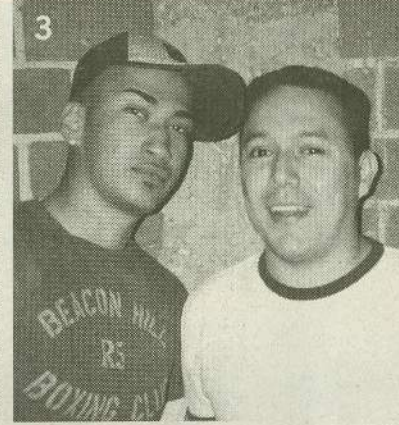
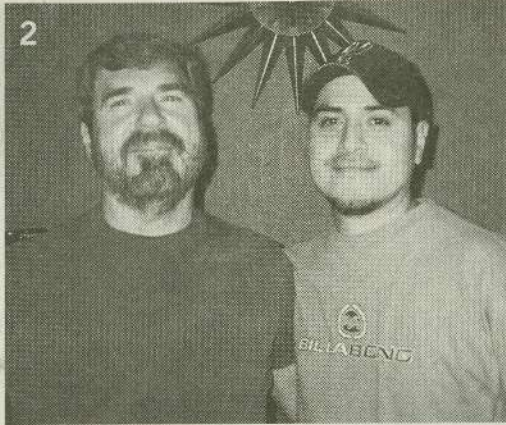
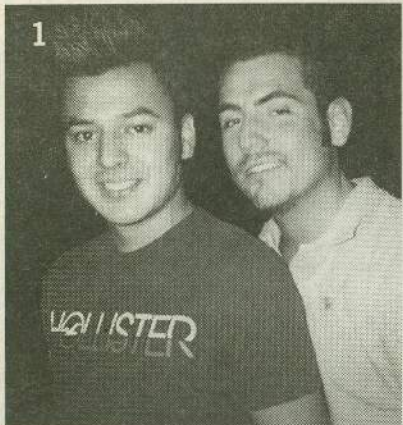
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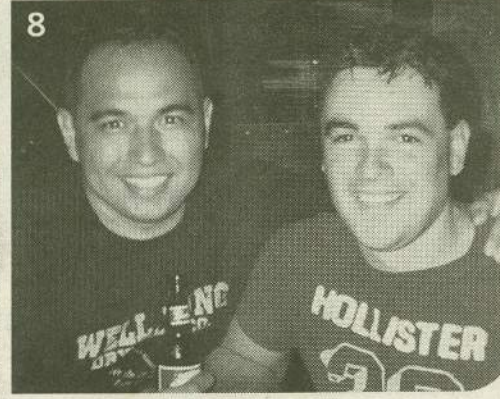
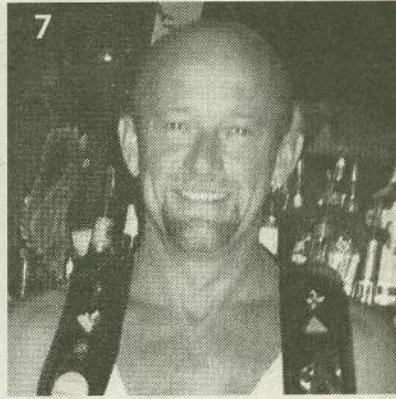
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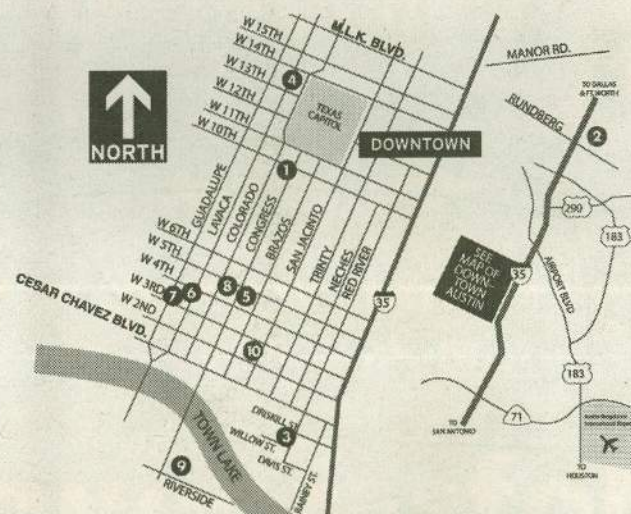
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Southern Ladies Under Tremendous Stress
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United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Impcourt.org/cis/chapters
/dallas.html
Women's Business Network
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Dragonfliesofdallas.org
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Primetimers-dfw.org
North Texas Radical Faeries,
Groups.yahoo.com/group/NTRadfae
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713-867-3903 Primetimersww.org/houston
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214-528-3990, Dallasuu.org
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888-212-4763
MCCGreaterDallas.org
Sanctuary of Love
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214-320-0043
Whiterockchurch.org

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Agapemcc.com
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JubileeTX.org

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Covenanthouston.org
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Northwoodsuu.org
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Texas Twisters
972-993-2021 Textastwisters.org

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832-741-7125
Houstonrugby.org
Houston Invitational Tournament
Texasinvite.com
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club
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Houston Women's Softball League
713-502-5799
Lone Star Volleyball Association
713-717-5782 Lsva.org
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Summit.home.texas.net
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214-468-8399, Hotelzaza.com.
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214-521-5151, Melrosethottel.com.

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713-520-5526, kilworthmanor.com.
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Planet Ford — 2040
1-888-251-9135
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Club Dallas — 2616
the-club.com.
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713-944-6010.
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214-559-AIDS
Rcdallas.org
AIDS Services of Dallas
214-941-0523
Aidsdallas.org
Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center
214-528-2336
Rcdallas.org/nthrc.html
Pride Institute-DFW
817-404-2205
Prideinstitute.com

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713-864-1795
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713-623-6796
Aidshelp.org
AssistHers
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Assisthers.org
AVES
713-626-2837 Aves-health.org
Bering Omega Community Services
713-852-2551
Beringomega.org
Center for AIDS
713-527-8219
Centerforaids.org
Lesbian Health Initiative
713-603-0023
Lhihouston.org
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713-830-3000
Montrosecclinic.org
Montrose Counseling Center
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Montrosecounselingcenter.org
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Pwacch.org
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Lesbian Bisexual Gay Student Association
512-475-6664
Lesbian/Gay Pride Commission of Austin
512-479-9431
United Court of Austin
512-336-8388
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/austin.html

University of North Texas
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Orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle

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Austinfamilypride.home.att.net
Austin Gay Lesbian Leather Social
AustinGayLeatherSocial.org
Austin Latino Lesbian/Gay Organization
512-472-2001
Bisexual Network of Austin
512-370-9573 Main.org/binetaustin
Central Texas Boys of Leather
Ctbl.org
Heart of Texas Bears
heartoftexasbear.org
Heart of Texas Hoedowners
Hoedowners.org
Long Yang Club
Longyangclub.org/newsite
/directory.htm
National Leather Association
512-703-8927
Prime Timers Austin
512-282-2861
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Rainbow Rollerskaters
512-296-0381 Main.org/rainbowskate
SapphFire Group for Women
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Screen Queens
Movies.groups.yahoo.com/group
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Citychurchdallas.org
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Uuplano.org
Congregation Beth El Binah
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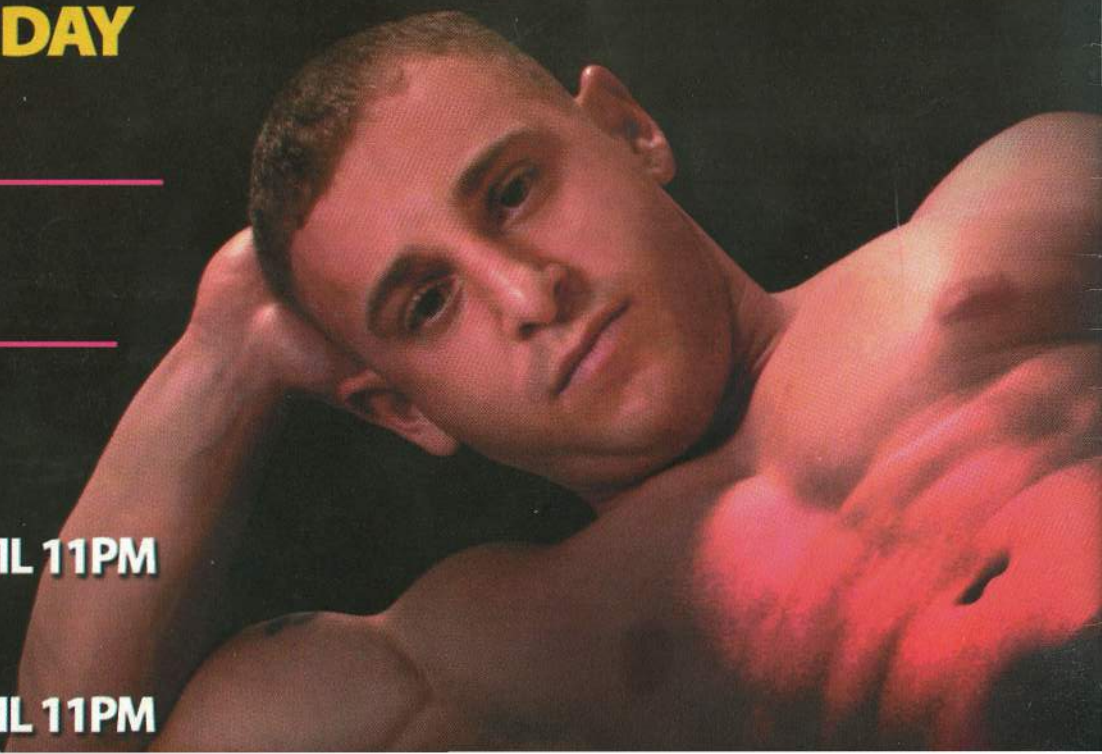
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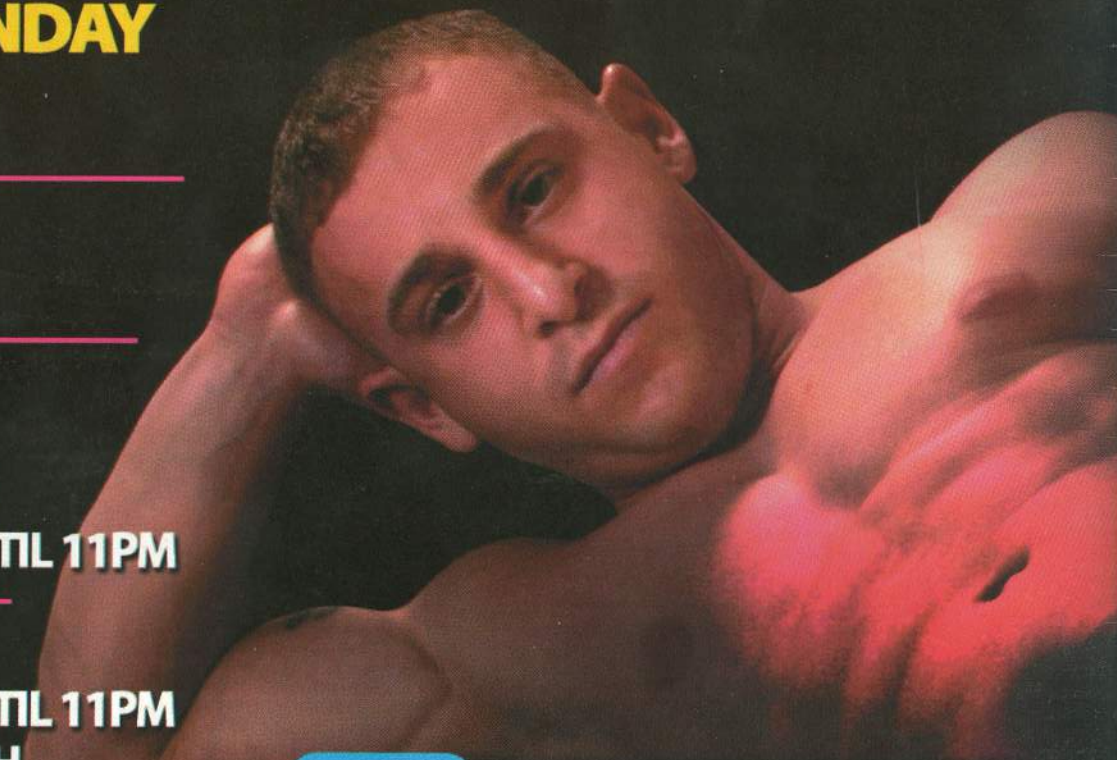
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