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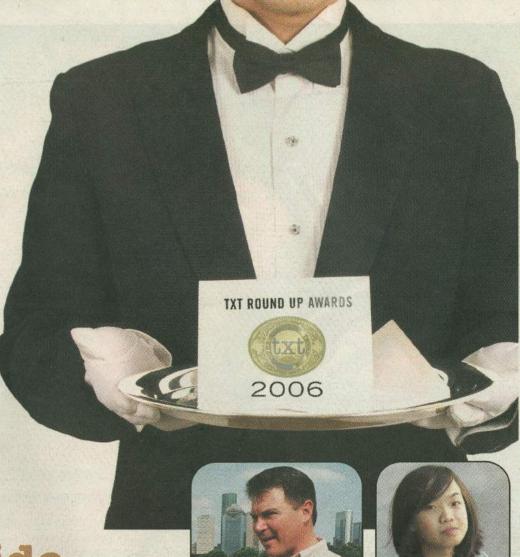
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## Monthly queer bingo nights will benefit the programs of the GLBT Community Center

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

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

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

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By Nancy Ford Staff Writer

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#### Charles Armstrong Investments celebrates 12 Days of Christmas with contributions

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

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

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

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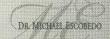
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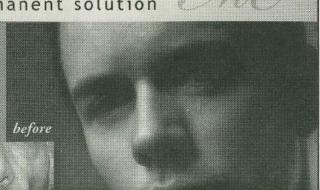
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### A hand for homeless GLBT youth

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

By Deborah Moncrief Bell Contributing Writer

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

The first phase of the program is to locate GLBT or GLBT-affirming adults to become foster parents to youth who are homeless or at

risk of becoming homeless due to their family's reaction to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Once a list of approved potential foster parents are found the matching process will begin.

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

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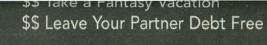
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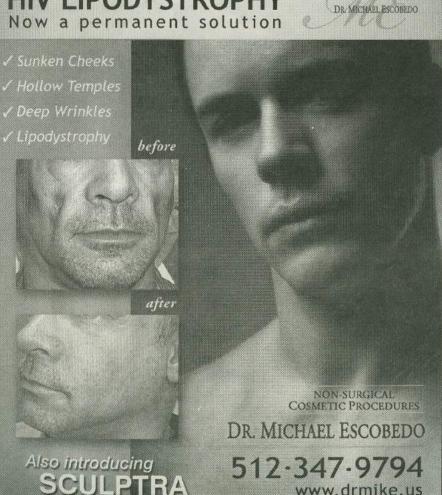


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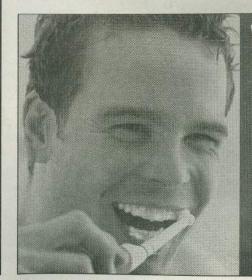
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It was not a snap decision, Reilly explained. "but we had to think through the special challenges of taking in a child who may have been rejected by their family of origin and the other issues that come along with adolescence," he said.

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

healthy living and independent thinking."

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

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

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

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### **Chamber to reassess Empower GLBT business expo**

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

By Deborah Moncrief Bell Contributing Writer

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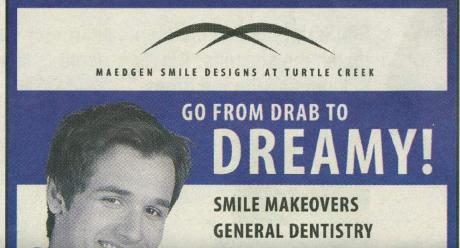
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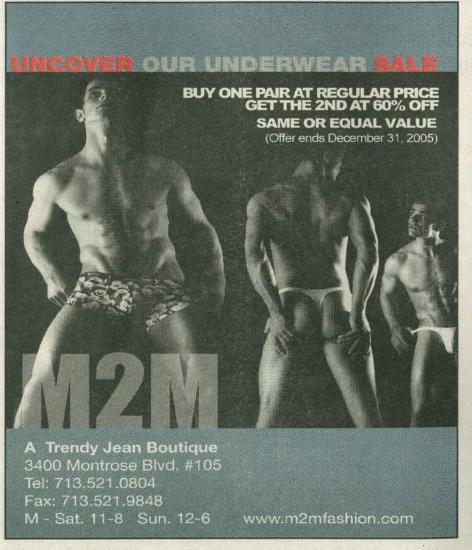
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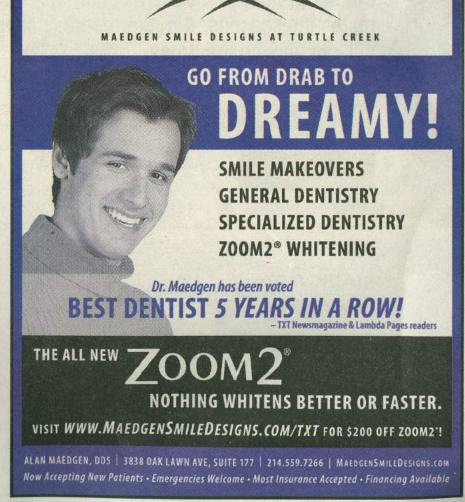
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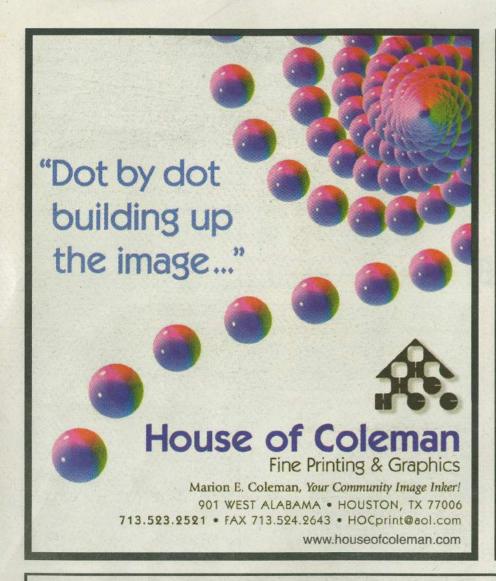
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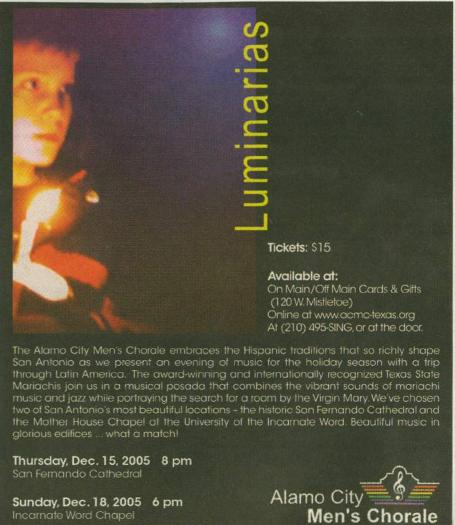
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"As we begin 2006, we want to remind the community that supporting one another is a critical element to our communities' longterm success," Tow said.

The chamber's Web site. Thechamber-

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

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

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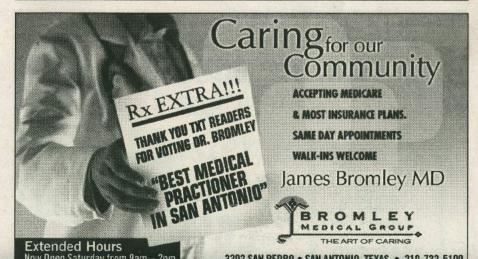
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Tracy Karl Silverberg

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

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

An accomplished artist and photographer, Silverberg had most recently worked

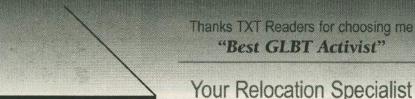


as an administrative assistant at the Houston office of TXT Newsmagazine. He was also a member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston.

On July 9, he and Painter were joined in

a commitment ceremony attended by a host of friends and family, commemorating their five-year relationship.

A memorial service is being planned.



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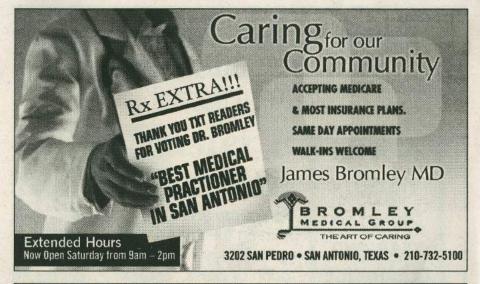


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the dome of San Francisco's City Hall," Simoneaux said.

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

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

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

The public ceremonies are important, Simoneaux said.

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

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

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

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

"How else can I say it? Proposition 2 hurt," Bown said. "What keeps us going is the strong belief that the Texas Marriage Amendment is unconstitutional under the U.S. Constitution, and it will eventually be overturned."

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

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

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

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## Team Houston prepares for 2 international competitions in '06

By Nancy Ford

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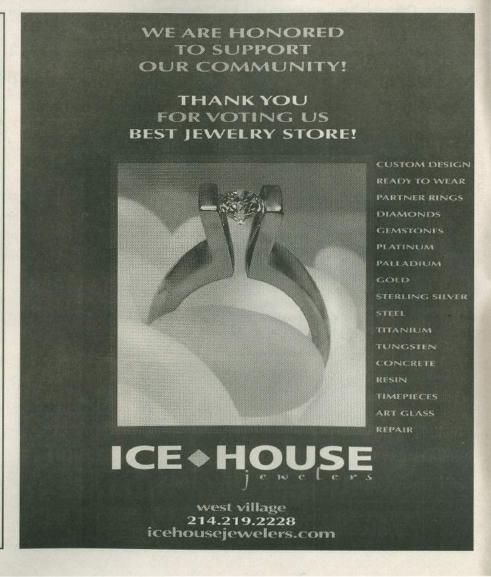
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## Justices likely to back military recruiters

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

By Ann Rostow Senior Staff Writer

The case of Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, argued Tuesday before the United States Supreme Court, has been tagged by some as a gay rights lawsuit. In fact, although the dispute involves a consortium of law schools trying to avoid assisting the military with its on-

washington campus recruiting, the matter is more a question of the extent to which Congress can restrict federal funds while respecting the First

Amendment rights of the recipients.

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

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

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

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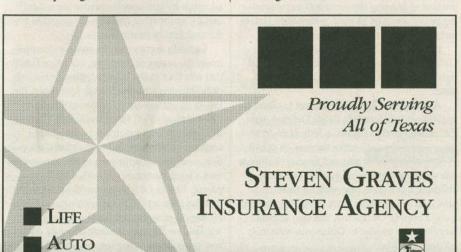
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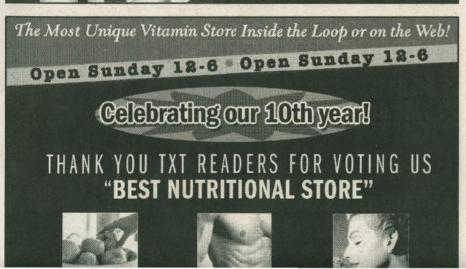
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express objections to the ban on gay soldiers through signs, protests, e-mails and disclaimers. Nor did it seem obvious to the Court that the mere presence of Armed Forces personnel on campus automatically implied that the law schools embraced the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

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

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

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

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By Ann Rostow Senior Staff Writer

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

#### **Anti-gay-marriage amendment advances**

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

The Senate Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy Committee voted 3-2 along party

lines with all WISCONSIN Republicans supporting the amendment, according to votes tallied Monday. Members sent in their votes by paper ballot, which were collected by the

committee chairman by a Monday deadline.

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

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

## California student outed by principal can proceed with suit

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

By Ann Rostow

Senior Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



#### international news

## South Africa court orders gay marriage in one year

By Tammye Nash Staff Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

South Africa recognized the rights of gay people in the constitution adopted after apartheid ended in 1994 — the first in the world to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. But government has opposed attempts to extend the definition of marriage in court to include same-sex couples in the mostly Christian country.

Judge Albie Sachs, who delivered Thursday's ruling, said the common law and Marriage Act definitions of marriage as a

south Africa union between a man and a woman "are accordingly inconsistent with sections ... of the Constitution to the extent that they make no provision for same-sex couples to enjoy the status, entitlements and responsibilities they accord to heterosexual couples."

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

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

Fikili Vilakazi of the Forum for the Empowerment of Women said she is worried lawmakers could attempt to water down the decision by introducing a different category of marriage for same-sex couples. Previous proposals before Parliament included the introduction of "civil unions," which would provide the same legal benefits as marriage but would not oblige religious institutions to solemnize them, Vilakazi said.

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

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

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

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

Others took a different view.

John Smith of Doctors for Life said samesex marriages were physically and emotionally unnatural and had no innate ability to procreate and so lacked the same value as heterosexual marriage. The African Christian Democratic Party called for a constitutional amendment to "preserve and protect the traditional concept of marriage," and Ray McCauley, pastor of Rhema Church, told the Associated Press the ruling "totally undermines marriage as we know it and the cherished formation of healthy, loving families."

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

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

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

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

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

#### Long engagements

Some South African activists are grousing about the Constitutional Court's one-year delay on implementing its ruling in favor of marriage equality for gay and lesbian couples. They have a legitimate philosophical point, but please! I haven't read the zillion-page opinion, but the excerpts are profoundly

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



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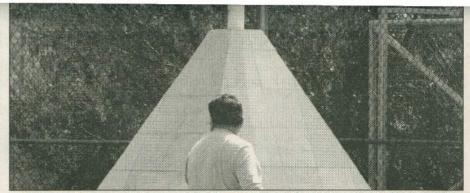
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University of Florida regents voted 12-1 in favor of a program that will start Feb. 1, while discussions are underway at the University of Nevada and revived at Utah State. Look for the bad guys to challenge anything positive that might emerge out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

Wait! I haven't gotten to the penguins yet. In Florida, there is no constitutional amendment in place, although a version is slowly making the rounds as a citizens' petition. That language is under review by the Florida Supreme Court at the moment, and our advocates have high hopes that the jus-



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

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## The Solomon Amendment and Gay Rights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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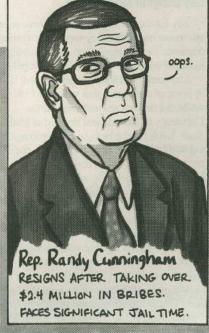
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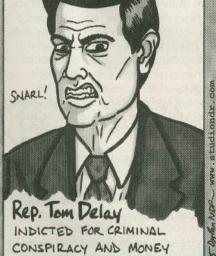
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## With a song in their hearts

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By Joey Guerra

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

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Wonderboy Records

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

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

Ballads from Katrina Parker and Cameren Dezen provide moments of grace, but the disc's most resonant os from Kirn Carson, who lived for 15 years in

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

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

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

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



#### Recording Artists for Hope The Katrina CD. Vol. 1

Wonderboy Records

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

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

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

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

- Joey Guerra

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

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

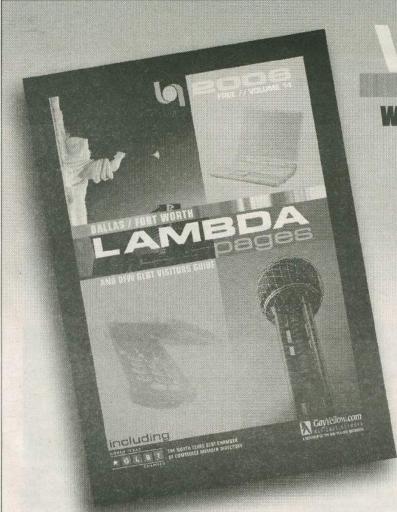


Plenty of friendly straight folks have also rallied for the cause. The kitschy Kitten K. Sera (formerly Houston-based performer Pinque) twinkles and shines on "All That I'm Looking For," a campy gem that features backing vocals from Destiny's Child divas Beyonce and Kelly Rowland. Dance-floor favorite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

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

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

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



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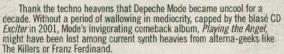




#### tracks

#### Depeche Mode Playing the Angel

Sire Records



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

The album works as a single unit — a compliment considering the cur-rent saturation of single-single wonders. Even so, each track satisfies indi-

vidually, especially the first single, "Precious," which swells and ebbs discreetly, even hypnotically, until you find you're tapping your feet.

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

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

- Ryan Short

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#### The East Village Opera Company The East Village Opera Company

Decca Records

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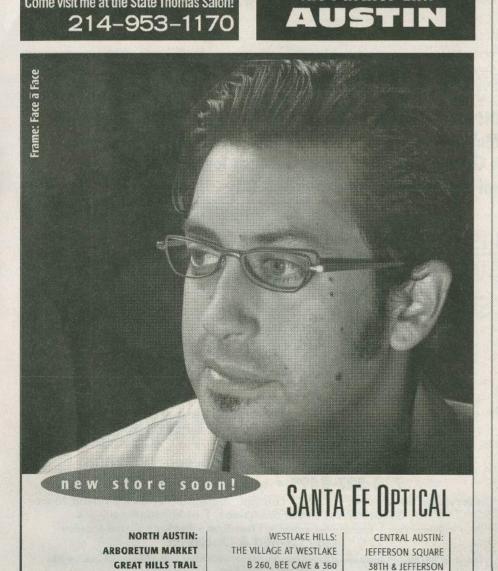




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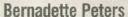
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Sondheim Etc. Etc.

Angel

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

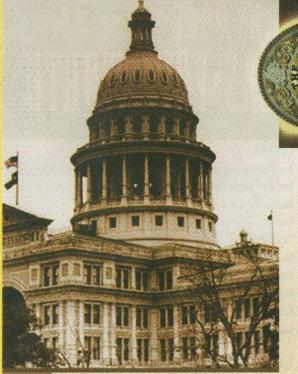
The 12-track disc kicks off (after an obligatory overture) with a bubbly and entertaining medley of "We're in the Money" and "Pennies from Heaven,"

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

-Scott Huffman



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**Best Thing To Happen GLBT:** 

Worst Thing To Happen GLBT: **Best Local Official: Best State Official:** Best Place Of Worship:

Best Radio (General): Best GLBT Friendly Radio: Best TV General: **Best GLBT Friendly TV:** 

**Black Tie Dinner** Steve Atkinson HRC

North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce

**Proposition 2 Ed Oakley** Rafeal Anchia Cathedral Of Hope **KERA 90.1 KDGE 102.1** WFAA ABC 8

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Austin

**Places** 

Best Bed and Breakfast: Best Weekend Getaway:

**Best Neighborhood:** Best Park:

Best Bike Walk Trail:

**Best Tourist Destination:** Best Place To Meet Somebody: JR's

Kessler Park White Rock Lake Katy Trail

Nasher Sculpture Center

**Arts & Entertainment** 

Best Indie Film Theatre: **Best Local Stage Production:** 

Best Touring Stage Production: Wicked Best Entertainer (Drag):

Best Entertainer (Other): **Best Museum:** 

Best Live Music Venue: **Best Festival**:

**Best Local Sports Team: Best GLBT Family Web Site:** 

Best GLBT Adult Web Site:

Angelika Film Center

Southern Baptist Sissies (Uptown Players)

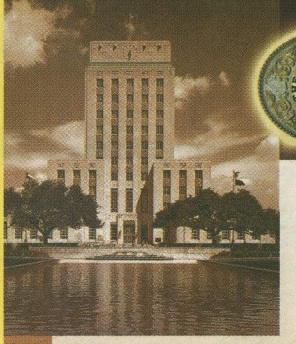
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Best Breakfast Spot:

Best 24 Hour Restaurant:

Best Brunch:

**Best Vegetarian:** 

Best Greek: **Best Chinese:** 

Best Italian:

**Best Mexican:** 

**Best Their** 

**Best Sushi:** 

Best Pizzo: **Best Sepfood:** 

**Best Steakhouse:** 

Best Margarita:

**Best Burger:** 

**Best Patio:** 

**Best For People Watching:** 

Most Romantic Restaurant:

**Best To Take Family:** 

Best Barbeque: **Best Buffet:** 

Best Take Out:

**Best Ceasar Salad:** 

Baby Barnaby's House Of Pies

Baba Yega

Baba Yega

Niko Niko's

Hollywood Carrabba's

Cafe Adobe

Nit Noi

Cafe Japon Star Pizza

Pappadeaux

Vic & Anthony's

Cafe Adobe

Barnaby's

Baba Yeaa

Galleria

Mark's

Little Pappasito's

Goode & Company **Aladdin Mediterranean Cuisine** 

Barnaby's

La Madeleine

Best Martini:

**Best Theme Night:** 

Best Drag Show:

Best Club Di:

Best Karaoke:

Best After Hours: Best Place To Shoot Pool:

Best Weekday Hanaout:

Best Straight Bar:

Meteor

JR's Wednesday

JR's

J.D. Arnold

IR's

South Beach Slick Willie's

JR's

Deco

#### Services

**Best Pet Supply:** 

**Best Pet Adoption:** Best Video Rental:

Best Adult Video Rental:

Best Bookstore:

**Best Furniture:** 

Best Art Gallery:

Best Apparel:

Best Piercing/Tattoo:

Best Gift/Boutique:

Best Tov Store (Adult):

Best Second-hand Consignment: Buffalo Exchange

**Best Grocery:** 

**Best Antique Shop:** 

Best Computer/High Tech:

**Best Jewelry Store:** Best Health Food/Nutrition:

**Best Leather Shop:** 

**Best Liquor Store:** 

**Best Tux Rental:** 

**Best Athletic Apparel: Best Cellular Service:** 

**Best Auto Dealership:** 

Petsmart

SPCA of Texas **Hollywood Supercenter** 

**OVideo** 

**Hollywood Supercenter** 

**Gallery Furniture Bering & James** 

Mole Uwear

Shaw's Tattoo Studio

Crossover Gifts Cindy's

Kroger

**Antiques On Nineteenth** 

**Best Buy** 

I. W. Marks **Houston Buyers Club** 

Black Hawk Leather

Spec's

Al's Formal Wear

Academy Cinqular

De Montrond

**Best Mechanic:** 

Best Mortgage Company:

Best Bank:

Best Insurance Agency:

Best Real Estate Agency:

**Best Real Estate Agent: Best Travel Agency:** 

Best Airline:

**Best Florist:** 

**Best Cosmetic Surgeon:** 

**Best Apartment Locator:** 

**Best Attorney:** 

Best Photographer:

Harvey Jenkins, Sooner Auto

**Lighthouse Mortgage Consultants** 

**Washington Mutual** 

State Farm Insurance

Suzanne Anderson Properties

Danny Pleason, Karpas Properties

Concierge Travel

**Continental Airlines** 

Lexis Florist

Dr. David Luetcke

**Tirey Counts** 

**Jerry Simoneaux** 

David Lewis

#### Community

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**Rest GLRT Activist** 

**Best GLBT Organization:** 

Best Thing To Happen GLBT:

**Worst Thing To Happen GLBT: Best Local Official:** 

**Best State Official:** 

**Best Place Of Worship:** 

Best Radio (General):

**Best GLBT Friendly Radio: Best TV General:** 

**Best GLBT Friendly TV:** 

Bayou City Boys Club Jungle Party

Chris Bown

Bayou City Boys Club

Pride Parade

**Proposition 2** 

Annise Parker Senfronia Thompson

Resurrection MCC

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#### **Places**

Best Bed and Breakfast: Best Weekend Getaway:

**Best Neighborhood:** Best Park:

Best Bike Walk Trail:

Austin Montrose Memorial Park Memorial Park

The Lovett Inn

#### Restaurants

Best Breakfast Spot: Best 24 Hour Restaurant: Best Brunch: **Best Vegetarian:** Best Greek: Best Chinese: Best Italian: Best Mexican: **Best Thai: Best Sushi** Best Pizzo: **Best Sepfood:** 

**Best Patio: Best For People Watching:** Most Romantic Restaurant:

**Best To Take Family:** Best Barbeque: Best Buffet:

Best Take Out:

**Best Steakhouse:** 

**Best Margarita:** 

Best Burger:

**Best Ceasar Salad: Best Fast Food: Best Coffee House: Best Wait Staff:** 

#### **Bars and Clubs**

**Best All-Around Bar: Best Leather:** Best Lesbian: **Best Dance: Best Country Western:** Sexiest Staff: Friendliest Staff:

Best Off The Beaten Path:

**Best Happy Hour:** 

JR's - Houston Ripcord Chances South Beach **Brazos River Bottom** South Beach JR's El's

JR's - Houston

Baby Barnaby's

**House Of Pies** 

Baba Yega

Baba Yega

Niko Niko's

Hollywood

Carrabba's

Cafe Adobe

Cafe Japon

Star Pizza

Pappadeaux

Cafe Adobe

Barnaby's

Baba Yeaa

Galleria

Mark's

Barnaby's

La Madeleine

Whataburger

Starbucks

Barnaby's

Little Pappasito's

Goode & Company

Aladdin Mediterranean Cuisine

Vic & Anthony's

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Best Place To Shoot Pool: Slick Willie's Best Weekday Hangout: Best Straight Bar:

JR's Deco

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**Best Tux Rental:** Al's Formal Wear **Best Athletic Apparel:** Academy **Best Cellular Service:** Cingular

**Best Auto Dealership:** De Montrond **Best Eyewear Optical:** Spectacles **Best Music Store:** Soundwaves **Hotel Derek** Best Hotel: Best Bathhouse: Club Houston

Etheria Solon & Day Spa **Best Hair Salon: Best Hair Stylist:** Alyson Bass-White

Best Massage: **Brad Brandt, Sunset Bodyworks** 

**Fitness Exchange** Best Gym: **Best Personal Trainer:** Coach Kimmie **Best Tanning Salon: Eclipse** 

Potrick McNamara **Best Medical Practitioner:** 

**Bruce Smith Best Dentist:** William Lester **Best Chiropractor:** Montrose Vet Clinic Best Veterinarian:

Best Iravel Agency: Concierge iravei **Continental Airlines** Best Airline: **Best Florist:** Lexis Florist Dr. David Luetcke **Best Cosmetic Surgeon: Tirey Counts Best Apartment Locator: Best Attorney:** Jerry Simoneaux **David Lewis** Best Photographer:

#### Community

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

#### **Places**

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

#### **Arts & Entertainment**

**Best Indie Film Theater:** River Oaks

Honky Tonk Angels (Stages Repertory) **Best Local Stage Production:** 

Best Touring Stage Production: Medea Kofi Best Entertainer (Drag): Best Entertainer (Other:) Christing Ross

**Best Museum:** Museum Of Natural Science

Best Festival: Pride Houston **Best Local Sports Team: Houston Astros** 

Best GLBT Family Web Site: Out.Com Best GLBT Adult Web Site: Manhunt, Net

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**Best Breakfast Spot:** Best 24 Hour Restaurant:

Best Brunch:

**Best Vegetarian:** 

Best Greek:

**Best Chinese:** 

Best Italian:

Best Mexican:

Best Thai:

**Best Sushi**: Best Pizza:

**Best Seafood:** 

**Best Steakhouse:** 

**Best Margarita:** 

Best Burger:

**Best Patio:** 

**Best For People Watching:** Most Romantic Restaurant:

**Best To Take Family:** 

Best Barbeque: Best Buffet:

Lulu's Mi Terra

Madhatters

Gini's

John The Greek

Asia West Caparelli's

Los Barrios

Thai Kitchen Samurai Sushi

California Pizza

Sea Island

Little Red Barn

Chacho's

Chris Madrid's

La Fonda Riverwalk

Piatti's Riverwalk

Rudy's

China Sea

Sexiest Staff: Friendliest Staff:

Best Off-The-Beaten-Path Bar:

**Best Happy Hour:** Best Martini:

**Best Theme Night:** 

**Best Drag Show:** Best DJ:

Best Karaoke: Best After Hours:

Best Place To Shoot Pool:

**Best Weekday Hangout:** 

Best Straight Bar:

Heat

Saint 2015

Annex

Swigs Saint

Saint

DJ Gonzo/Heat

Pegasus Heat

Pegasus Annex

Planet Bar-Rio

#### Services

Best Pet Supply:

**Best Pet Adoption:** 

Best Video Rental:

Best Adult Video Rental:

**Best Bookstore:** 

**Best Furniture:** 

Best Art Gallery:

**Best Apparel:** 

Best Piercing/Tattoo: **Best Gift Boutique:** 

Best Toy Store (Adult):

**Best Grocery:** 

**Best Computer High Tech: Best Jewelry Store:** 

Best Health Food/Nutrition:

**Best Leather Shop: Best Liquor Store:** 

**Best Tux Rental:** 

**Fintique** 

Bexar Co. Humane Society

Blockbuster **Encore Video** 

Borders Books, Music, Tapes

John William Interiors

**Blue Star** 

**Jive** 

Honest Charlie On Main/Off Main

**G** Spot

**Best Second Hand Consignment: The Green Door** 

Central Market **Apple Store** 

Pat Gavin

Sun Harvest Leathermasters

Northridge Al's Formal Wear Best Massage: Best Gym:

**Best Personal Trainer:** 

**Best Medical Practitioner:** 

**Best Dentist:** 

**Best Chiropractor: Best Veteringrian:** 

**Best Mechanic:** 

Best Home Repair:

**Best Mortgage Company:** 

Best Bank:

**Best Insurance Agency:** 

Best Real Estate Agency:

Best Real Estate Agent:

Best Airline: **Best Florist:** 

**Best Attorney:** 

Best Photographer:

**Best Fundraiser: Best GLBT Activist:** 

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**Best Radio General:** Best GLBT Friendly Radio:

Best TV (General): **Best GLBT Friendly TV:**  James Bromley

Spencer Wyrick DDS

**Edward Rodriguez** 

Tom Pasemante

Golds

Courtney Owen **Gary Sartor DVM** 

**Rhine West** 

Ms. Fix It

**Wells Fargo** 

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**Farmers** Keller Williams

Randy Rice

Southwest Airlines

Alamo Plants & Petals William (Bill) Goodman

**Angela Bartels** 

#### Community

Sizzle/ACMC **Daniel Gainey** 

> Alamo City Men's Chorale **Wedding Cake Liberation Front**

> > Proposition 2 Elena Guajardo

Mike Villarreal Madison Square Presbyterian

JAM 94.1 Jam 94.1

KSAT Bravo

#### **Arts & Entertainment** Roct India Film Theater: Rijos



#### Restaurants

Best Breakfast Spot: Lulu's Best 24 Hour Restaurant: Mi Terra Best Brunch: Madhatters Best Vegetarian: Gini's John The Greek Best Greek: Asia West **Best Chinese:** Best Italian: Caparelli's Los Barrios **Best Mexican: Best Thai:** Thai Kitchen **Best Sushi**: Samurai Sushi Best Pizzo: California Pizza **Best Seafood:** Sea Island **Best Steakhouse:** Little Red Barn Chacho's **Best Margarita:** Chris Madrid's Best Burger: **Best Patio:** La Fonda Riverwalk **Best For People Watching:** Most Romantic Restaurant: Piatti's **Best To Take Family:** Riverwalk Best Barbeque: Rudy's Best Buffet: China Sea Best Take Out: Lucky Burger **Best Ceasor Salad:** Timo's El Pollo Loco **Best Fast Food:** Candlelight **Best Coffee House:** Timo's Best New Restaurant:

#### **Bars and Clubs**

**Best Country Western:** 

**Best Wait Staff:** 

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

Jim's

**Best Drag Show:** Saint Best DJ: DJ Gonzo/Heat Best Karaoke: Pegasus **Best After Hours:** Heat Best Place To Shoot Pool: **Pegasus Best Weekday Hangout:** Annex Best Straight Bar: Planet Bar-Rio

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**Best Veterinarian: Gary Sartor DVM Rhine West** Best Mechanic: **Best Home Repair:** Ms. Fix It Best Mortgage Company: Wells Fargo Wells Fargo Best Bonk: **Best Insurance Agency: Farmers** Keller Williams **Best Real Estate Agency:** Best Real Estate Agent: Randy Rice **Best Airline:** Southwest Airlines **Best Florist**: Alamo Plants & Petals William (Bill) Goodman **Best Attorney: Angela Bartels** Best Photographer:

#### Community

Best Fundraiser: Sizzle/ACMC **Best GLBT Activist: Daniel Gainey Best GLBT Organization:** Alamo City Men's Chorale **Wedding Cake Liberation Front** Best Thing To Happen GLBT: Worst Thing To Happen GLBT: **Proposition 2 Best Local Official:** Elena Guaiardo Mike Villarreal **Best State Official:** Best Place Of Worship: Madison Square Presbyterian Best Radio General: JAM 94.1 Jam 94 1 Best GLBT Friendly Radio: KSAT Best TV (General): Best GLBT Friendly TV: Bravo

#### **Arts & Entertainment**

Best Indie Film Theater: Bijou **Best Local Stage Production:** Gypsy Best Touring Stage Production: Mamma Mia Best Entertainer (Drag): Jenny McCall Best Entertainer (Other): Michael R Best Museum: San Antonio Museum Of Art Best Live Music Venue: Jazz Festival **Best Festival**: **Gay Fiesto** Best Local Sports Team: Spurs **Best Tourist Destination:** Riverwalk **Best GLBT Family Web Site:** Out In San Antonio Best GLBT Adult Web Site: Manhunt Net Best Place To Meet Somebody: Candlelight Coffeehouse



By Steven Lindsey

## Coming out of their shells

Loggerheads uses turtles as metaphor

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

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

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#### ON SCREEN

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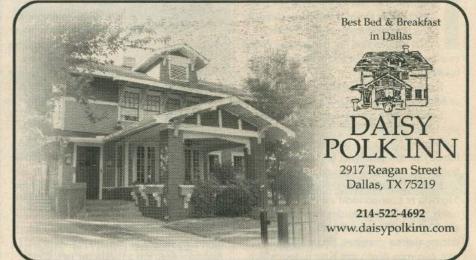
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As these stories unfold and the people grow closer to intersecting, the sorrow that inevitably accompanies unconditional love becomes overwhelming.

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

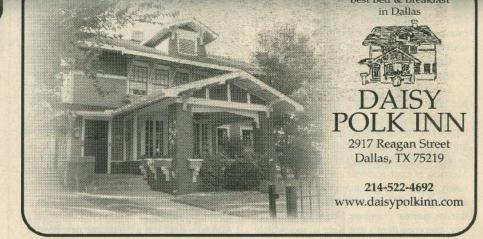


Director Ang Lee, working from an adaptation of a short story from Annie Proulx, has created an epic motion picture about the power of love and the tragedy of separation. The chemistry between the stars is intense and tender. The relationship is so believable and relatable for any gay person who's ever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

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

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

- S.L.







#### **Booknotes**

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

# Clean sweep

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

t is too easy to get involved in watching soaps. The first day, you figure you're only going to watch for a minute. The second day, you just want to check in to see if that nasty character got her comeuppance. The third day, you need to find out if those two cuties ever hooked up. By the fourth day, you're hooked.

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

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

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



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

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

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

Everyone gossips about everyone else. Eavesdropping is an everyday occurrence. And now Kate has a handsome new co-star on the set, and she's smitten but he's married. Will Kate ever find true love? Tune in tomor-

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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#### Performance

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## **Austin city limits**

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

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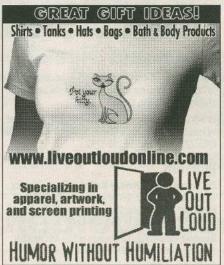
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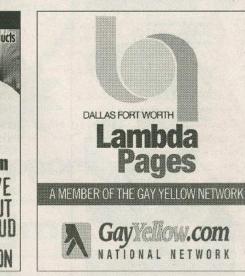
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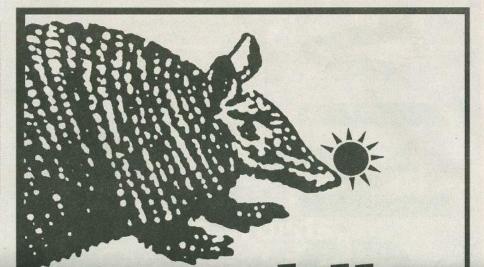
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#### Friday, December 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### HOUSTON

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

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Gav Men's Chorus of Houston rehearsal, 7-10 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 713-521-SING, Gmch.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Is That an Eclipse or Did You Just Step in Front of the Sun? Award goes to Fat Actress. We loved Showtime's limited series hysterically chronicling Kirstie Alley's weighty ups and downs, giving hope and dignity (well, hope) to fat girls everywhere that there truly is life after 3x.

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

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

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

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

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

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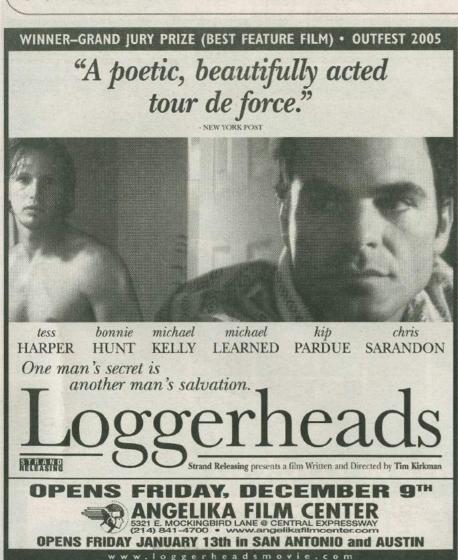
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## Gay Brits say they'll tie the knot

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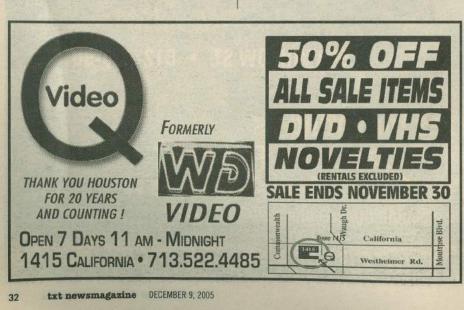
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thought that a 6-foot-3 drag queen would be all over MTV, sponsored by cosmetic companies and eventually have her own show on VH1? We need more role models like Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres, Rosie O'Donnell and George Michael. We need more straight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

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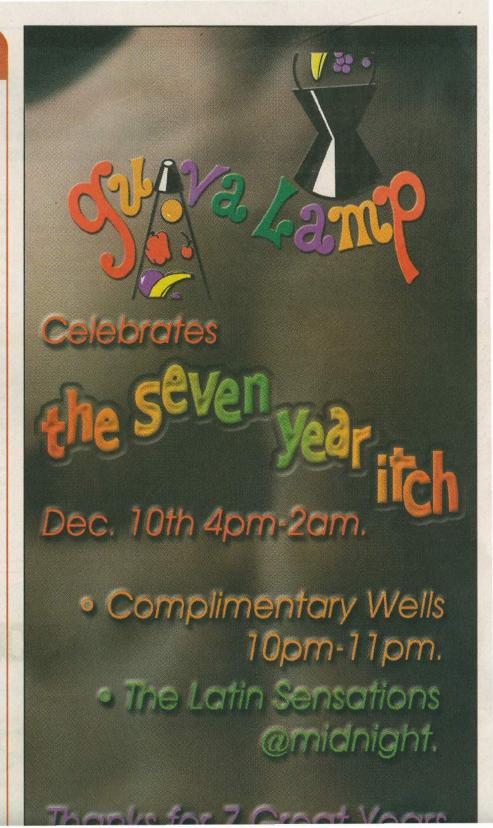
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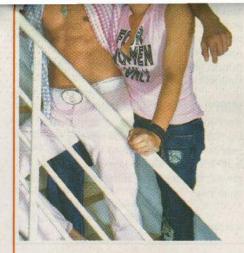
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Q: Why is it important to you to develop gay artists?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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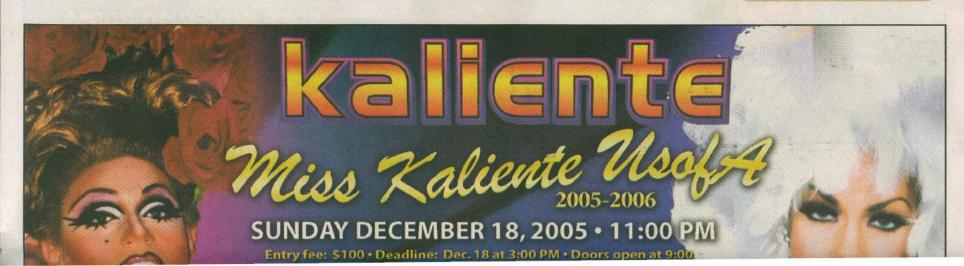
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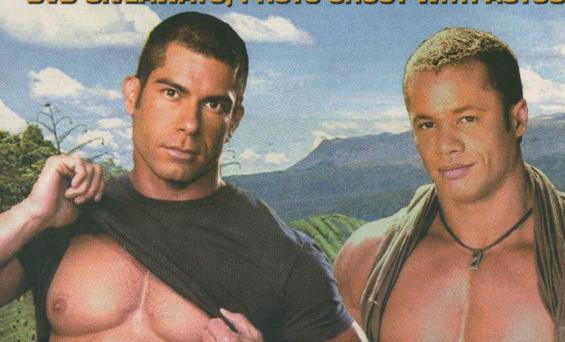






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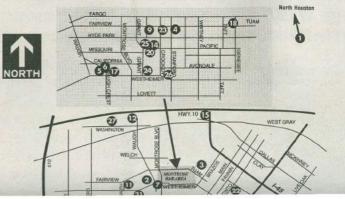




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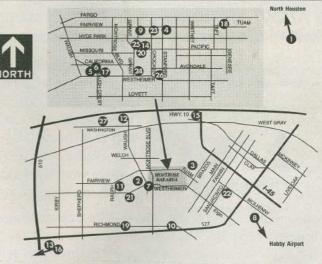


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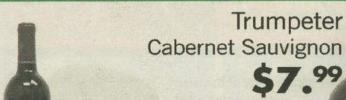
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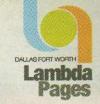
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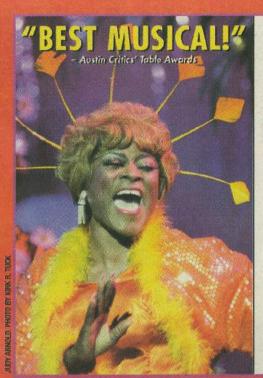
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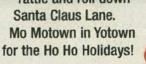
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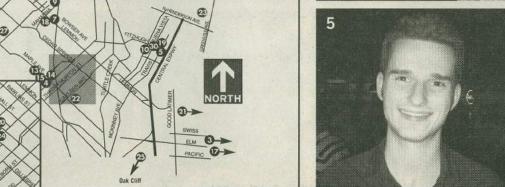
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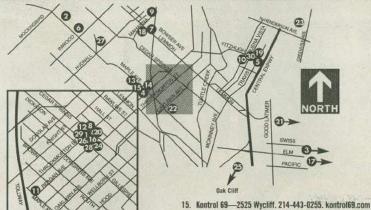








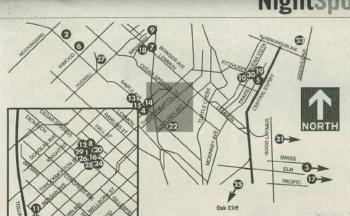
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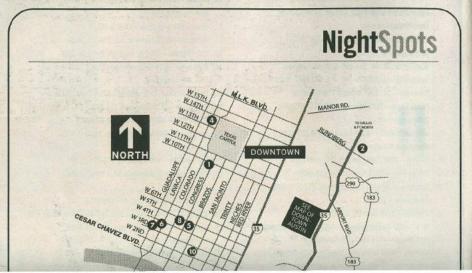


















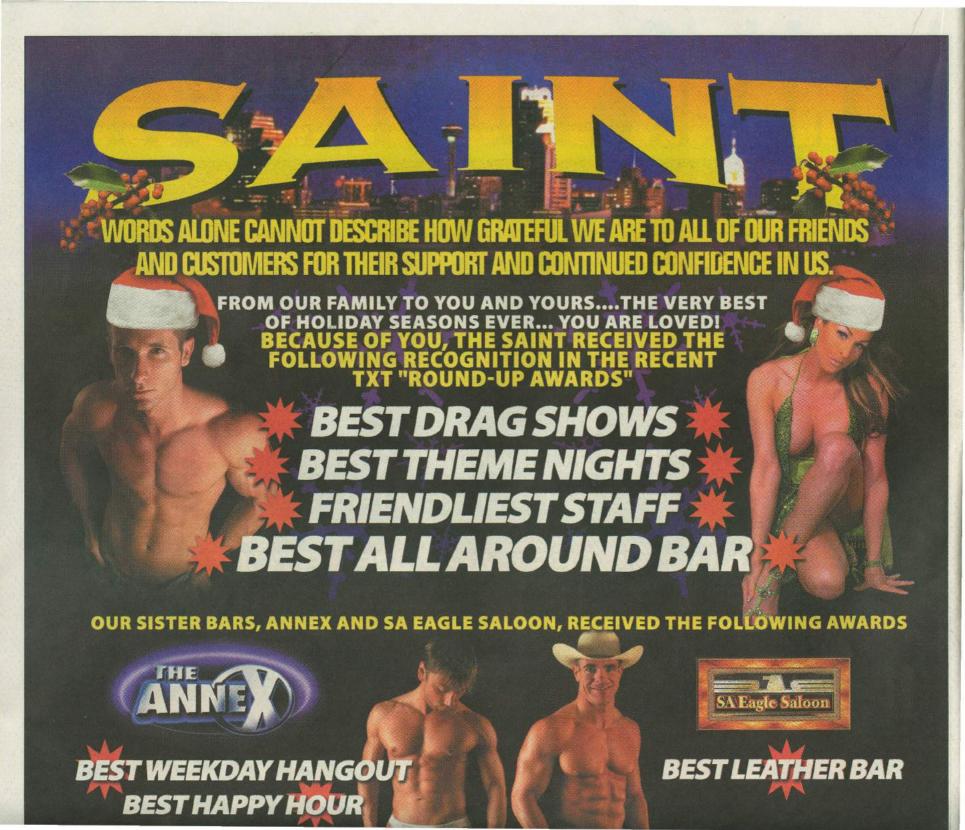




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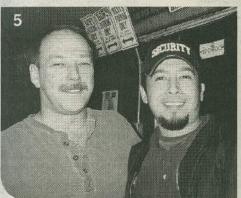
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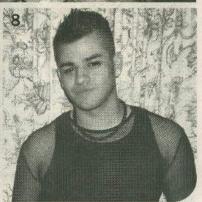












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Bronx - 3835 Cedar Springs, 214-521-5821. Busters Mexican Grill - 4001 Cedar Springs, 214-443-0999.

Cafe Brazil - 2221 Abrams, 214-826-9522, 3847 Cedar Springs, 214-461-8762.

Chan Thai - 312 W. 7th St., 214-948-9956.

Cuidad - 3888 Oak Lawn, 214-219-3141. Hunky's - 4000 Cedar Springs.

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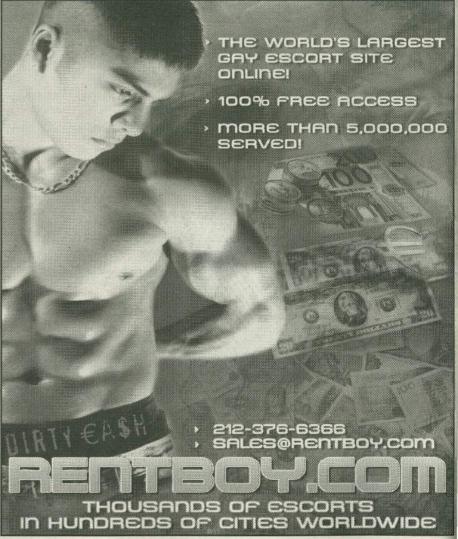
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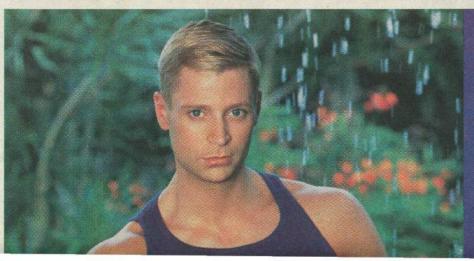
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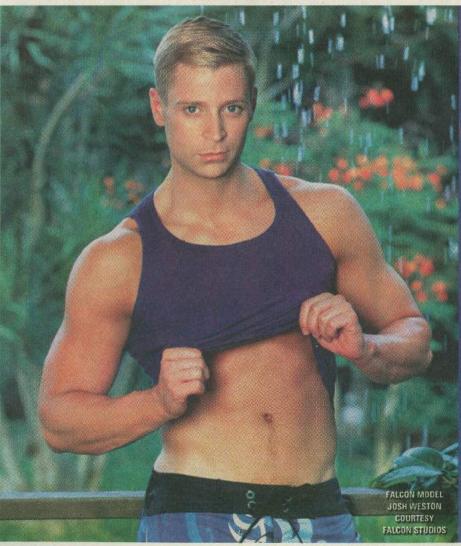
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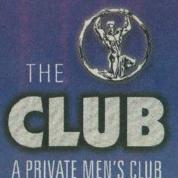
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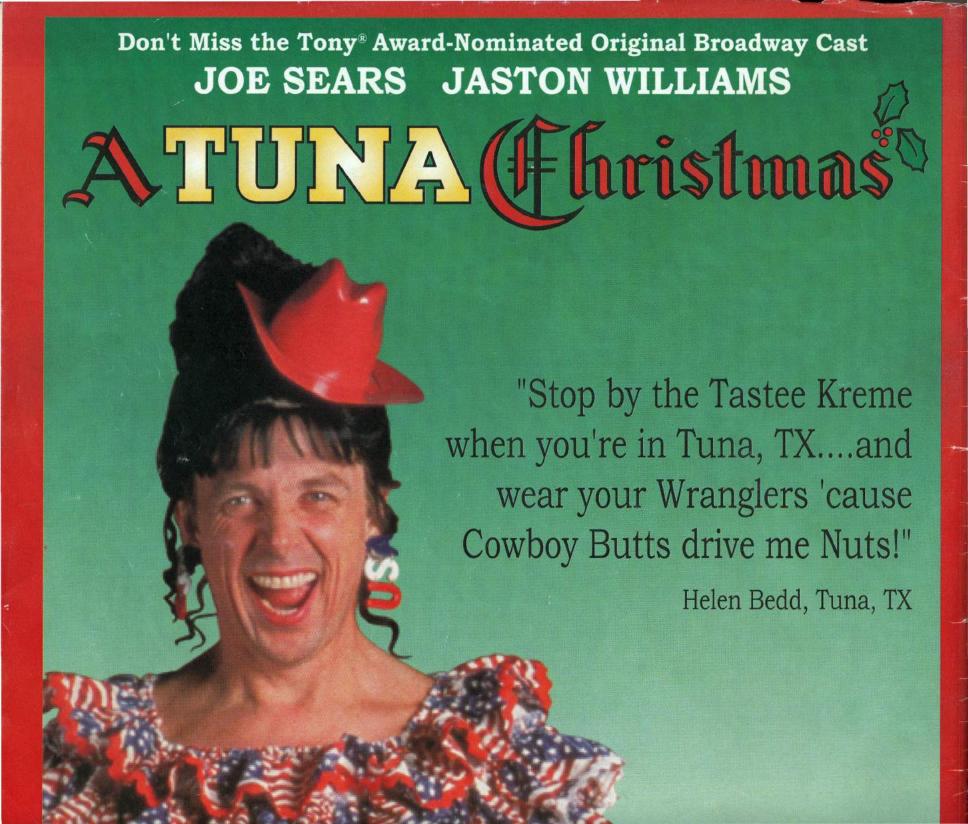
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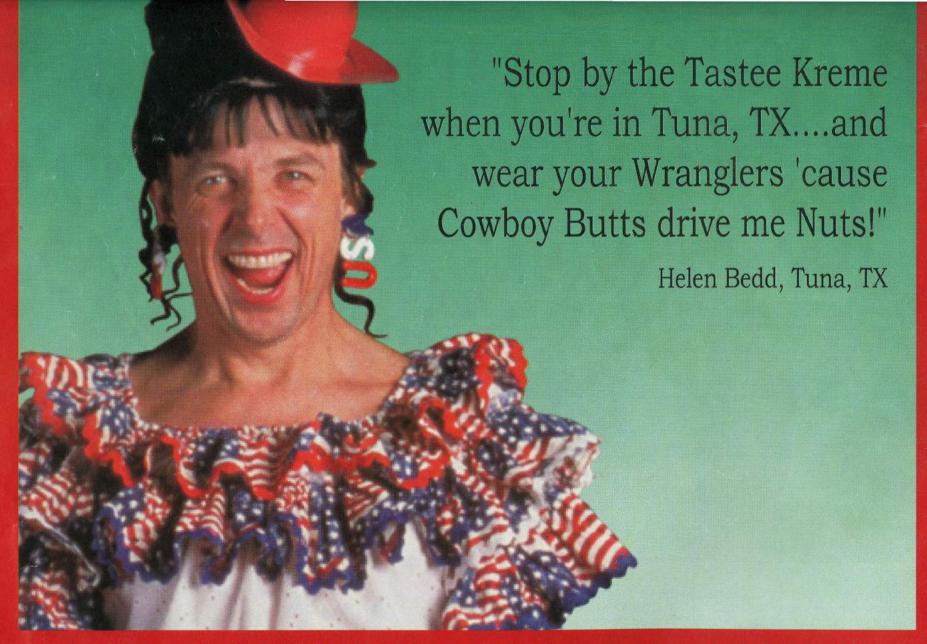
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