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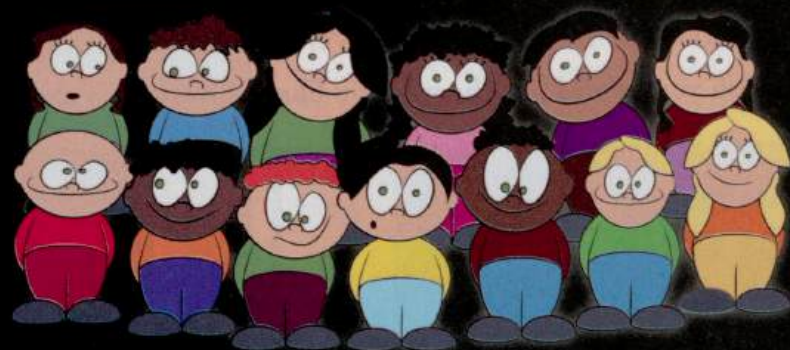
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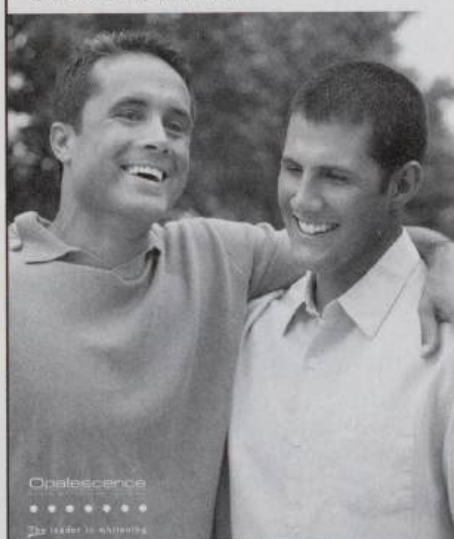
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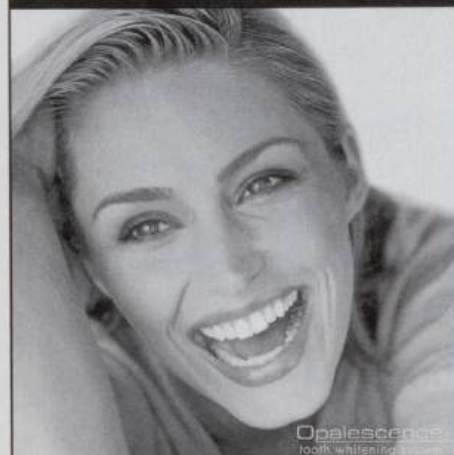


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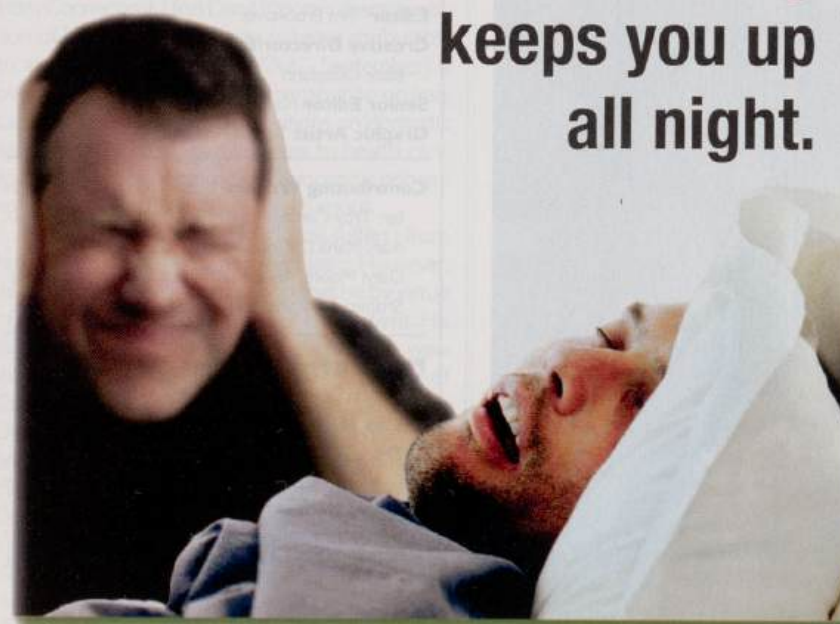


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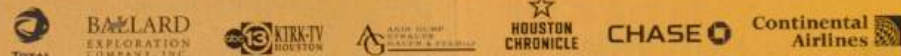
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THERE'S MORE TO LAMONT

I had the pleasure to attend this year's Democracy for America [the Vermont-based political-action committee] convention and to rekindle my acquaintance with a number of Ned Lamont supporters from Connecticut. I feel Daryl Moore's characterization of Ned's primary victory as being attributable to anti-Iraq sentiment ["LeftOut," September] is overly simplistic. In addition to his position on Iraq, Lamont has also articulated positions on domestic issues such as urban blight, access to health care, and poverty, that appealed to Democratic primary voters in an election with record turnout.

Joe Lieberman suffered (and still suffers) from his closeness to the Bush administration. However, he also suffers from a perception that he by virtue of his incumbency feels a sense of entitlement. His independent bid is the logical extension of his view that the seat belongs to him, not to the people of Connecticut. It's a question of hubris. When Jim Dean [Democracy for American chairman and brother of Democratic National Committee chairman and former presidential candidate Howard Dean] was in Houston last year, he said there is a struggle between a culture of incumbency and a culture of entrepreneurship within the Democratic Party. The culture of entrepreneurship naturally engages a broader cross-section of people, many of whom have never been involved in politics before. And in the context of this culture of entrepreneurship, it is to be expected that "neophytes" such as Ned Lamont (and our own Hubert Vo) will make inroads against the incumbents. At base, candidacies like Lamont's tell people who are disaffected with special-interest politics as usual, that their voice counts—if only they will use it.

Sarah Berel-Harrop
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CORRECTIONS

In our fall arts preview coverage ["Get Your Art On"] in the September OutSmart, we mistakenly listed October 5 as the date for the Carol Burnett performance presented by Society for the Performing Arts. The correct date was September 29. We also misstated the dates for the Theatre Under The Stars production of West Side Story, which are October 24–November 5.

The deadline for voter registration is October 10, not October 7, as we indicated in our August and September issues.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Thomas Blanton, Aaron Coleman, and Eric A.T. Dieckman, who regularly write for OutSmart, contribute work to Montrose, the new online journal of writing and art published by the Houston GLBT Community Center that debuts later this month. OutSmart is the publishing partner for the new venture (see page 112).

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- **Bone changes:** It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA causes damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, talk to your healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA

Changes in body fat have been seen in some people taking anti-HIV medicines. The most common side effects of TRUVADA when taken with other anti-HIV medicines are dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, depression, rash, and gas.

Skin discoloration (spots and freckles) may also occur.

Discuss all medicines you take with your healthcare provider and be aware:

- Your healthcare provider may need to follow you more closely or adjust your therapy if you are taking Videx®, Videx® EC, Reyataz®, or Kaletra® with TRUVADA

For more information, please visit www.truvada.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5 (1-800-445-3235) and select option 2. There is additional information about TRUVADA on the next page.



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Patient Information

TRUVADA® (tru-VAH-dah) Tablets

Generic name: emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
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Read the Patient Information that comes with TRUVADA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You should stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA. **Do not change or stop your medicine without first talking with your healthcare provider.** Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about TRUVADA.

What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?

• **Some people who have taken medicine like TRUVADA (nucleoside analogs) have developed a serious condition called lactic acidosis** (buildup of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of lactic acidosis.**

- You feel very weak or tired.
- You have unusual (not normal) muscle pain.
- You have trouble breathing.
- You have stomach pain with nausea and vomiting.
- You feel cold, especially in your arms and legs.
- You feel dizzy or lightheaded.
- You have a fast or irregular heartbeat.

• **Some people who have taken medicines like TRUVADA have developed serious liver problems called hepatotoxicity**, with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of liver problems.**

- Your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice).
- Your urine turns dark.
- Your bowel movements (stools) turn light in color.
- You don't feel like eating food for several days or longer.
- You feel sick to your stomach (nausea).
- You have lower stomach area (abdominal) pain.

• **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking nucleoside analog medicines, like TRUVADA, for a long time.

• **TRUVADA is not for the treatment of Hepatitis B Virus infection.** Patients infected with both HBV and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) who take TRUVADA need close medical follow-up for several months after stopping treatment with TRUVADA. Follow-up includes medical exams and blood tests to check for HBV that could be getting worse. **Patients with Hepatitis B Virus infection, who take TRUVADA and then stop it, may get "flare-ups" of their hepatitis. A "flare-up" is when the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before.**

What is TRUVADA?

TRUVADA is a type of medicine called an HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI). TRUVADA contains 2 medicines, EMTRIVA® (emtricitabine) and VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or tenofovir DF) combined in one pill. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines to treat people with HIV infection. TRUVADA is for adults age 18 and older. TRUVADA has not been studied in children under age 18 or adults over age 65.

HIV infection destroys CD4 (T) cells, which are important to the immune system. The immune system helps fight infection. After a large number of T cells are destroyed, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) develops. TRUVADA helps block HIV reverse transcriptase, a chemical in your body (enzyme) that is needed for HIV to multiply. TRUVADA lowers the amount of HIV in the blood (viral load). TRUVADA may also help to increase the number of T cells (CD4 cells). Lowering the amount of HIV in the blood lowers the chance of death or infections that happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

TRUVADA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of TRUVADA are not known at this time. People taking TRUVADA may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV infection. Opportunistic infections are infections that develop because the immune system is weak. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infection. **It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while taking TRUVADA.**

TRUVADA does not lower your chance of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

Who should not take TRUVADA?

Do not take TRUVADA if you are allergic to TRUVADA or any of its ingredients. The active ingredients of TRUVADA are emtricitabine and tenofovir DF. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- **are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.** We do not know if TRUVADA can harm your unborn child. You and your healthcare provider will need to decide if TRUVADA is right for you. If you use TRUVADA while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can be on the TRUVADA Antiviral Pregnancy Registry.
- **are breast-feeding.** You should not breast-feed if you are HIV-positive because of the chance of passing the HIV virus to your baby. Also, it is not known if TRUVADA can pass into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- **have kidney problems or are undergoing kidney dialysis treatment.**
- **have bone problems.**
- **have liver problems including Hepatitis B Virus infection.**

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

• COMBIVIR®, EMTRIVA®, EPVIR-HBV®, EPZICOM™, TRIZIVIR®, or VIREAD. **TRUVADA should not be used with those medicines.**

• Drugs that contain didanosine (VIDEX®, VIDEX EC®). Tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) may increase the amount of VIDEX in your blood. **You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and VIDEX together.**

• REYATAZ® (atazanavir sulfate) or KALETRA® (lopinavir/ritonavir). These medicines may increase the amount of tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) in your blood, which could result in more side effects. You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and REYATAZ or KALETRA together.

Keep a complete list of all the medicines that you take. Make a new list when medicines are added or stopped. Give copies of this list to all of your healthcare providers and pharmacist **every** time you visit your healthcare provider or fill a prescription.

How should I take TRUVADA?

- Take TRUVADA exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed it. Follow the directions from your healthcare provider, exactly as written on the label.
- The usual dose of TRUVADA is 1 tablet once a day. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines. If you have kidney problems, you may need to take TRUVADA less often.
- TRUVADA may be taken with or without a meal. Food does not affect how TRUVADA works. Take TRUVADA at the same time each day.
- If you forget to take TRUVADA, take it as soon as you remember that day. **Do not** take more than 1 dose of TRUVADA in a day. **Do not** take 2 doses at the same time. Call your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure what to do. **It is important that you do not miss any doses of TRUVADA or your anti-HIV medicines.**
- When your TRUVADA supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to TRUVADA and become harder to treat.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking TRUVADA without first talking with your healthcare provider. Stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA.
- If you take too much TRUVADA, call your local poison control center or emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking TRUVADA?

- **Do not breast-feed.** See "What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?"
- **Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection** since TRUVADA doesn't stop you from passing the HIV infection to others.
 - **Do not share needles or other injection equipment.**
 - **Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them**, like toothbrushes or razor blades.
 - **Do not have any kind of sex without protection.** Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to reduce the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.
- COMBIVIR, EMTRIVA, EPVIR, EPVIR-HBV, EPZICOM, TRIZIVIR, or VIREAD. **TRUVADA should not be used with these medicines.**

What are the possible side effects of TRUVADA?

TRUVADA may cause the following serious side effects (see "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?"):

- **Lactic acidosis** (buildup of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your doctor right away if you get signs of lactic acidosis.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")
- **Serious liver problems (hepatotoxicity)**, with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any signs of liver problems. (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")
- **"Flare-ups" of Hepatitis B Virus infection**, in which the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before, can occur if you stop taking TRUVADA. Your healthcare provider will monitor your condition for several months after stopping TRUVADA if you have both HIV and HBV infection. TRUVADA is not for the treatment of Hepatitis B Virus infection.

• **Kidney problems.** If you have had kidney problems in the past or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider should do regular blood tests to check your kidneys.

• **Changes in bone mineral density (thinning bones).** It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA will cause damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bone mineral density or may prescribe medicines to help your bone mineral density.

Other side effects with TRUVADA when used with other anti-HIV medicines include:

- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking TRUVADA and other anti-HIV medicines. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

The most common side effects of EMTRIVA or VIREAD when used with other anti-HIV medicines are: dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, depression, rash, and gas. Skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) may also happen with TRUVADA.

These are not all the side effects of TRUVADA. This list of side effects with TRUVADA is **not complete** at this time because TRUVADA is still being studied. If you have questions about side effects, ask your healthcare provider. Report any new or continuing symptoms to your healthcare provider right away. Your healthcare provider may be able to help you manage these side effects.

How do I store TRUVADA?

- **Keep TRUVADA and all other medicines out of reach of children.**
- Store at room temperature up to 77 °F (25 °C).
- Keep TRUVADA in its original container and keep the container tightly closed.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. If you throw any medicines away make sure that children will not find them.

General information about TRUVADA:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use TRUVADA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give TRUVADA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about TRUVADA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about TRUVADA that is written for health professionals. For more information, you may also call 1-800-GILEAD-5 or access the TRUVADA website at www.TRUVADA.com. Do not use TRUVADA if seal over bottle opening is broken or missing.

What are the ingredients of TRUVADA?

Active Ingredients: emtricitabine and tenofovir DF

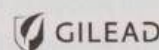
Inactive Ingredients: Croscarmellose sodium, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and pregelatinized starch (gluten free). The tablets are coated with Opadry II Blue Y-30-10701 containing FD&C Blue #2 aluminum lake, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, and triacetin.

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OBJECTS LESSON. Look at household appliances in an entirely new way this month by visiting the splendid exhibition *Designing Domesticity: Industrial Design for Modern Living, 1930-1960*. The show of mid-century household items at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture at the University of Houston through October 28 is the brainchild of designer Donald Emmite (pictured), who organized it with UH curator and lecturer Stephen James. Many of the perfectly preserved and displayed objects, which range from a Singer vacuum cleaner built by the great American designer Raymond Loewy to gleaming toasters, waffle irons, and mixers inspired by the nascent space age, are from the extensive collection of everyday treasures assembled by Emmite and his partner, Jim Power.

Photographed by Nathan Haase



MAGIC TIME. Every year about this time, savvy community folks make sure they book their seats for Halloween Magic, the annual comedy spoof that benefits local HIV/AIDS organizations. Over 18 years, the group has raised more than \$1 million for the cause. The title of the show this year—October 21 and 22 at the Hobby Center—is *M-U-R-D-E-R at the 16th Annual Montrose County Spelling Bee*. The cast includes (standing, from left) James Fore, Scott Sawyer, a.k.a the high-haired, scene-stealing Wanda June, Wes Crain, and (seated) John Copous. Proceeds benefit Bering Omega Community Services, Center for AIDS, and Legacy Community Health Services. Read details, and Wanda June's blog, at www.halloweenmagic.org.

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News Briefs

DATEBOOK

The annual meeting of the **National Organization for Women** Texas chapter is Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at South Shore Harbour Resort, League City. Register: www.nowtexas.org.

Latino HIV Task Force offers free HIV testing on Oct. 15, noon-5 p.m., in observance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Testing sites: Alameda Mall, Club Carnival (8150 Southwest Frwy.), Clinica Santa Cruz (8345 Long Point), Alis Beauty Salon (804 Hogan), Westward Square Apartments (233 Gupton), and Primavera Soccer Club and Reception Hall (1030 Aldine Mail Route). Details: 713/772-2366.

Backstreet Café hosts a benefit dinner for **Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company** on Oct. 9, 7 p.m. \$97. The theater group presents *A Long History of Neglect*, Oct. 12-Nov. 4, at Midtown Art Center. Tickets: 713/942-7089, www.mildredsumbrella.com.

Oct. 11 is **National Coming Out Day**. The theme of the Human Rights Campaign-sponsored Coming Out Project this year: "Talk About It." So tell somebody today about your life and the importance of full rights for all people. Details: www.hrc.org



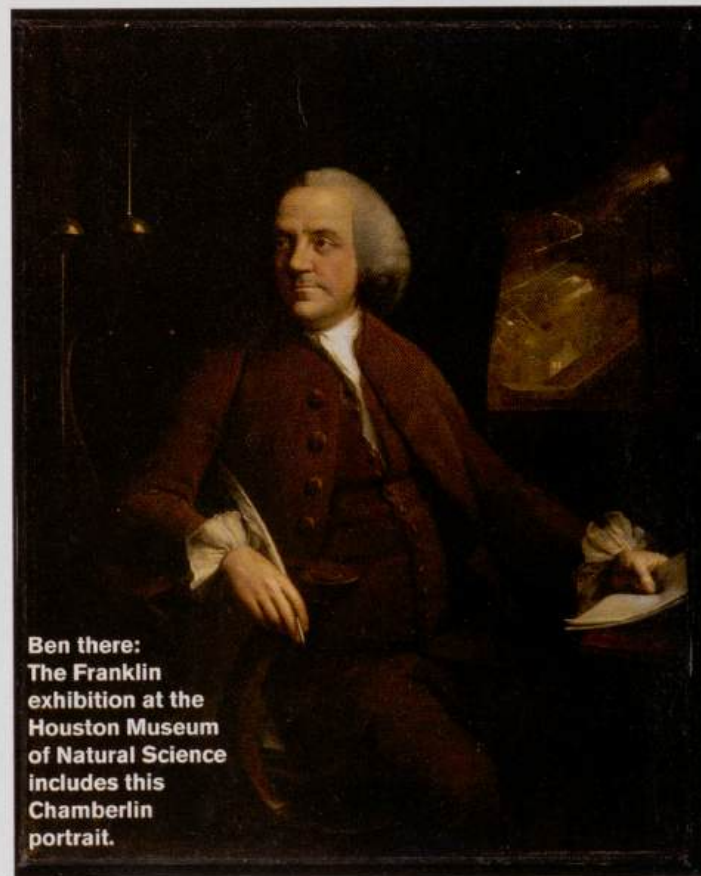
Missed Dinah Shore Weekend this year? Inspired by the annual Palm Springs event, Human Rights Campaign Austin hosts the first annual **Dinah Lakeshore Party** fundraiser on Oct. 14, 8-11 p.m., in the state capital. \$45. Details: Lynn Yeldell, 512/608-2626, lynnyeldell@yahoo.com.

Note how the other half lives at the Oct. 15, noon-5 p.m., centennial home tour of **Courtlandt Place**, the historic, Montrose-adjacent gated neighborhood established in 1906. \$65, \$55 in advance. A portion of ticket sales benefits The Hermann Park Conservancy. Details: 713/523-3911.



The architecturally acclaimed Live Oak Friends Meeting House, which features the James Turrell work *Skyspace*, is the site of the **Mukuru Art for AIDS** concert, *Starry Night: French Impressionism Under the Open Sky*, on Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m. (viewing), 7:30 (concert). \$20, \$10 for students. Proceeds support AIDS Foundation Houston prevention programs. Details: www.mukuru.org, 713/623-6796 ext. 278.

More: www.outsmartmagazine.com



Ben there: The Franklin exhibition at the Houston Museum of Natural Science includes this Chamberlin portrait.

BEN COMES TO TOWN

We had to smile when we got word of the exhibition *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* because it reminded us of a *Will & Grace* gem: Jack asks for a financial windfall in 20s (getting the denomination wrong, of course). The reason: "I'm rather partial to one Benjy Franklin. He wasn't afraid to wear his hair up—and away from the face." Think about that gay bon mot when

touring the show at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, opening October 13. Details: www.hmns.org.

Main Street Theater also marks the tercentenary of the practical patriot—who we think would be on our side were he alive today—with the one-man show *Benjamin Franklin: Printer*, October 11-22. Details: www.mainstreettheater.com.

CAUCUS EYES ELECTIONS



District 134 hopeful Ellen Cohen is one of the candidates who will speak at the political caucus meeting on November 1.

Houston GLBT Political Caucus president Jenifer Pool called with word about the final two general caucus meetings prior to the November 7 elections:

• **October 4:** James E. Robertson Jr., chairman of Blackdems, the African-American political organization.

• **November 1:** Candidate mixer with many of the politicians endorsed by the caucus (see list, and our pre-election coverage, beginning on page 66). The caucus meets at the Houston GLBT Community Center. Details: www.hglbtpc.org.

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Milestones



Tyrone Garner, 39, one of the petitioners in the *Lawrence vs. Texas* sodomy case, died on September 11. "Because Tyrone Garner and John Lawrence had the courage to challenge homophobic sodomy laws, the Supreme Court, in its historic ruling, recognized that love, sexuality, and family play the same role in gay people's lives as they do for everyone else," wrote Keith Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal, which defended the men before the high court. "That's a colossal legacy and one for which we will all be forever thankful."



Jack Jackson, who was the Pride Parade grand marshal in 1991, died on July 29. Jackson, 81, was an early AIDS advocate and was well known as a fundraiser in his leprechaun costume at annual Bringing in the Green benefits for Montrose Counseling Center. (We profiled him in "Just Jack," March 2005 *OutSmart*.)

Joel B. Nichols, 50, died on August 13 in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Nichols studied voice at Rice University and worked for American Airlines.



Brenda Thomas, executive director of the Houston Transgender Unity Committee and a longtime HIV/AIDS activist and educator, died on August 6. Thomas, who was 63, was selected for the *OutSmart* People To Watch list in 2005 ("12 Worth Watching," January 2005 *OutSmart*).

Tony Wadford, who was known as the entertainer Eartha Quake, died on August 14. Wadford, who was 47, helped raise money for community causes through his work with the Empire of the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star and the Sundance Cattle Company.



Anne Brooke Wilson, 59, known in the community as Tiger, died on July 14. Wilson was founder of the punk-rock group The Average Dyke Band, which performed in Houston and Austin, and co-owned the first two tattoo shops on Westheimer, the Velvet Underground and Tattoos by Tiger.

ON THE WEB: Read more about these community individuals at www.outsmartmagazine.com.

SEND YOUR NEWS

Send information regarding commitment ceremonies/marriages, births, deaths, or other events regarding people in the community to editor@outsmartmagazine.com.

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ONE OF THE WOODLANDS 10: 15 YEARS LATER

Gay Houston banker Paul Broussard was murdered in Montrose 15 years ago this year. It was a shocking event that galvanized a community.

In another event that is sure to stir up controversy within the community, activist and writer Ray Hill and Gayland Randall, one of the 10 young men from The Woodlands implicated in the hate-crime murder of Broussard, will speak in a forum on restorative justice on October 15 at the Wirt Road Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Randall's mother, Ruby Randall, will join them.

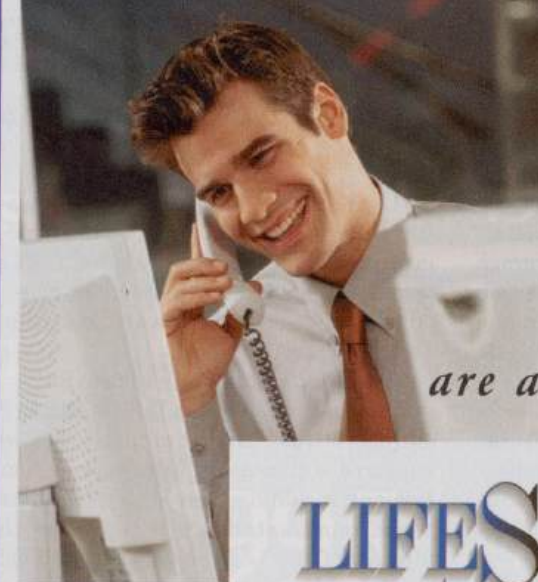
Hill, who served time in the '70s for theft, is an activist for prisoners (read his review of a new prison book, page 94) as well as the gay community. He has been involved with the Broussard case since the murder. Hill, who hosts and produces the Friday-night *Prison Show* on KPFT-FM, has kept in contact with several of the convicted Broussard assailants, particularly Randall and Jon Buice, who remains in prison for his role in the murder.

"Ten would be identified, ten convicted, and seven would ultimately go to prison," Hill says. "I began to communicate with the inmates I had help send to prison to help them deal with their prejudice and support them and their families as they served their sentences."

Now as members of the Woodlands 10 are getting out of prison and re-entering society, Hill is working with some of them, including Gayland Randall and his mother. The presentation will be recorded for a Logo network program and a documentary being made by a Canadian filmmaker. "There is a story rich enough with irony to rust," Hill says, "and will expose the listeners to justice as it should be rather than as it is." Not everyone who remembers the Broussard murder will agree, but the conversation is a worthy one.

ON THE WEB: Read more about the Broussard case with the report that educator John Aston wrote on the 10th anniversary of the murder ("Ten Years Later," July 2001 *OutSmart*). His research on the Broussard case and the Woodlands 10 resulted in the dissertation "Deconstructing Heterosexism and Homophobia in our Schools: Case Study of a Hate Crime by an Adolescent Offender."

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ANN RICHARDS, WARRIOR PRINCESS

An appreciation of the former governor and political star

It's not often that a memorial service can be thought of as good television, but last month the televised coverage of Ann Richards' celebration of life was one of the best shows I've seen since Suzanne Pleshette woke up in Bob's bed in the finale of *Newhart*.

Updating those of you who have somehow escaped the bitter news, former Texas governor Ann Richards died on September 13 after a bout with esophageal cancer. She was 73, chronologically; maybe 35 or 40, emotionally. Cosmically, she is eternal.

Thousands of her old friends and admirers turned out to honor her at the September 18 gathering at the University of Texas Erwin Center, including Senator Hillary Clinton, Richards' beloved granddaughter, Lily Adams, and the former mayors of Dallas and San Antonio, Ron Kirk and Henry Cisneros, all of whom eulogized her with humor and love.

Columnist and best friend forever Liz Smith compared Richards to Eleanor Roosevelt, Mother Teresa, Katharine Hepburn, and Xena, Warrior Princess. You could almost see the hairs on the back of the religious right's collective neck stand straight up when Lizzie dared to compare her buddy to Jesus, saying that she would now make decisions based on the question, "What would Ann Richards do?"

Smith remembered the laughter that always accompanied Ann Richards like a sixth sense. The Tom DeLay piñata. The Menopause Awareness Ball. An idea for a talk show with Smith called *Two Old Broads Talking* that never got off the ground. Talk about premium cable.

When the two would go out to dinner or to a Broadway show in Ann's second city, New York, "men crawled all over themselves—and women, too," for a chance to meet her, Smith recalled of her old pal.

Perhaps it was her appeal to both sexes, coupled with the fact that she made talent instead of sexual orientation the criteria to working in her administration, which made Ann Richards an easy target for rumors that she was gay. (Ha—if only!)

Never mind that her 30-year marriage to

civil rights attorney David Richards spawned four children. (OK, OK, that marriage ended in divorce, but it took her 30 years to file. Can anyone envision Ann Richards waiting even 30 minutes to tell the truth about anything, especially herself?)

Blithely flaming the gay fire, Richards was keynote speaker at Dallas' Black Tie Dinner—twice. Her administration was peppered with capable openly gay men and lesbians, including Glen Maxey, the former Texas representative and first executive director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby (now Equality Texas).

And she had the foresight to appoint a young Mitchell Katine to the Texas Real

Just as she made no apologies for her inclusive treatment of gay men and lesbians, Richards championed the struggle of women, minorities, and the poor.

Estate Commission. Katine would later go on to be the lead local attorney for *Lawrence v. Texas*, the 2003 landmark case in which the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state sodomy laws as unconstitutional.

Houston City Councilmember Sue Lovell reminds us that Richards, as governor, appointed the first openly gay person to a state board—in this case, the board that governed the funeral home industry. Quite a concept considering that only a few brief years before, some Texas funeral homes refused services to people with AIDS.

And that 1992 *Texas Monthly* cover-girl shot depicting Ann straddling a Harley in matching white leathers probably didn't do much to promote her hetero image. But we loved it. Loved it.

Some say Richards' "pandering to the gays," coupled with her self-admitted alcoholism (though she had been sober since 1980), was just enough fodder to help a relatively unknown GOP operative named Karl Rove shove George W. Bush past her into the Congress Avenue office in 1994, and then into the Oval one in 2000.

And the rest, as they say, is American history.

Just as she made no apologies for her inclusive treatment of gay men and lesbians, Richards championed the struggle of women, minorities, and the poor. The *Austin American Statesman* reported of her nearly 3,000 appointments, approximately 46 percent were female, 15 percent were black, 20 percent were Hispanic, and 2 percent were Asian American. Compare that to her gubernatorial predecessor, Bill Clements, who gave more than 80 percent of his appointments to white folks, primarily men.

And get this: At the end of her eight-year stint as state treasurer, Richards had generated more than \$1.7 billion in non-tax revenue raised for Texas. That figure represents more than all our previous treasurers combined, by the way.

And if you've ever won anything in the Texas lottery, thank Ann Richards. Our state's coffers are \$1 billion+ fuller each year because of her vision in introducing it in 1992.

All four candidates currently vying for Texas governor—Chris Bell, Kinky Friedman, incumbent Rick Perry, and Carole Keeton Strayhorn—attended Richards' memorial service. Regardless of who wins the contest to fill her seat next month, I hope that he or she will place on their gubernatorial "to do" lists the challenges Ann Richards wrote in one of her final letters to Smith:

"You've got to fix the environment... you've got to work for minorities, you've got to make women keep the right to choose, you've got to work for sex education and fight AIDS... and turn the young women into leaders in this country."

"And don't forget to have a hell of a good time, just like I did."

IN ANN'S MEMORY

Ann Richards' family and friends have asked that contributions be made to the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders (opening August 2007 in Austin) through the Austin Community Foundation, P.O. Box 5159, Austin 78763. Details: 512/472-4483, www.austincommunityfoundation.org.

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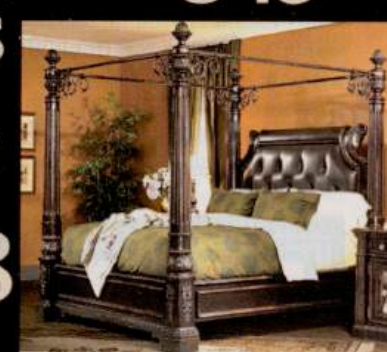
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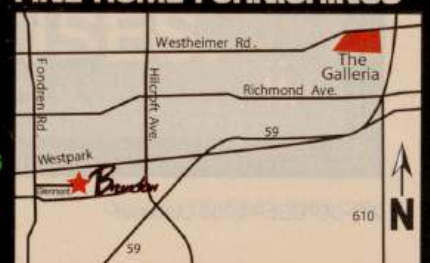
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TOO MANY SECRETS

How many more does the Bush administration have to reveal?

Secret wiretapping programs of Americans' phones. Secret investigations of Americans' banking data. Secret CIA prisons. How many more secrets does the Bush administration have? What else will we discover that has been going on before Bush is finally gone?

There is a simple concept about the government and transparency: Without transparency, there is no accountable government. The Bush administration gets that concept in spades. That's why it has so many secret programs. By adopting secret programs for just about everything, this administration has extended its middle finger to Congress and the Supreme Court.

When Bush said he was "the decider," he really meant it. And he has decided that he wants to decide everything all by himself, without anyone looking over his shoulder. He doesn't want congressional oversight of the War in Iraq or the War on Terror. And he doesn't want the Supreme Court judging

the constitutionality of his actions. So he just adopts secret programs and runs the country from a great big secret closet.

When those secret programs are leaked or somehow discovered, the administration always provides the same response. Regarding the secret wiretapping program—that "was necessary to protect us." Regarding secret CIA prisons where suspects were taken and interrogated by means not compliant with international law (e.g., subjecting detainees to temperature extremes and "water boarding," a torture technique in which a subject is lowered into water and held there until he believes he is drowning)—those secret prisons and questionable interrogation techniques are "a vital tool in the War on Terror."

Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore. Hell, I'm not even sure we're still in the United States of America. In America, there is a Constitution that insures three separate and co-equal branches of govern-

ment: the executive, the judicial, and the legislative. In America, there is a Fourth Amendment that protects Americans from government intrusion without its first obtaining a warrant.

It is surreal to me that, in the name of protecting America, this administration has simply declared itself exempt from the Constitution and the Fourth Amendment.

Specifically, it has declared void that part of the Constitution that created the three separate and co-equal branches of government. By adopting and running secret programs, the executive branch has given itself unfettered discretion. No congressional oversight. No Supreme Court review. No problem.

By adopting a secret wiretapping program, even though a congressionally approved wiretapping program already existed, the administration unilaterally deemed itself exempt from the Fourth Amendment.

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SAVING OUR HISTORY

A project launches to preserve the archives of a gay pioneer

Franklin Kameny was, as they say, a pioneer of the early days of the modern gay civil rights movement. Before even the Stonewall riot in New York in 1969, in days when 49 of 50 states banned sodomy (and meant it), when the police routinely raided gay bars and arrested patrons for dancing together or for no reason at all, when the American Psychiatric Association still considered homosexuality a mental disorder, when homosexuality was a disqualification from any federal employment, when the FBI was busy monitoring and harassing nascent gay political groups, Kameny was leading the very first demonstrations of homosexuals in front of the White House and generally giving the government hell for its antigay policies.

Now an octogenarian living in Washington, D.C., Kameny has kept almost all of his letters and other documents and pictures from those days—from the early 1960s on. That's very fortunate for anyone interested in the history of the movement. What's wor-

risome, however, is that none of this precious material has yet found a permanent and safe home in a library or other collection where it can be made available to researchers and, most importantly, be preserved for posterity. An effort is under way to change that.

Some of Kameny's archives have now been collected at a website called The Kameny Papers (www.kamenypapers.org), established by D.C. public relations consultants Charles Francis—also the founder of the Republic Unity Coalition (this writer serves on the advisory board of the organization)—and Bob Witeck. They are raising money for the effort to preserve this original source material.

The website is worth a visit if you have any interest in the subject at all. The pictures, including marvelous color photos of the original 1965 White House pickets, can be accessed by clicking the Memorabilia tab to the left on the home page of the website.

Much more interesting and often heart-

breaking, however, is the material under the tab Correspondence. These materials have been photocopied and are presented in their original form. Some highlights:

- In 1961, Kameny founded, with Jack Nichols, the Mattachine Society in Washington, D.C., which was a more radical branch of the Mattachine Society originally founded by Harry Hay and other activists in Los Angeles in 1950. Kameny wrote polite letters to members of Congress introducing himself, explaining the purposes of the society, which was ending discrimination against gays, and offering to meet with them. Rep. Paul C. Jones (D-MO) responded by scribbling the following note on the letter and returning it to Kameny: "I am unalterably opposed to your proposal and cannot see how any person in his right mind can condone the practices which you would justify. Please do not contaminate my mail with such filthy trash."

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Wiretapping without a warrant. No congressional oversight. No Supreme Court review. No problem.

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That's what the administration says. It says that those young men and women have not died in vain, but have died to give democracy in Iraq a chance. But what about democracy at home?

I have a secret for the Bush administration: Secrecy and democracy cannot coexist. They are mutually exclusive. This administration needs to get out of the closet.

Writing from the liberal side, Houston attorney Daryl Moore has a general practice and is board certified in civil appellate law.

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after him in Grand Rapids, responded to the same letter from Kameny with this: "Your letter of August 28 has been received, and in reply may I state unequivocally that in all my six years of service in the United States Congress I have not received such a revolting communication."

- A letter from the APA in 1963, 10 years before it would remove homosexuality from its list of disorders, refusing even to meet with Kameny's group or to "publicize your meetings."

- Vice President Hubert Humphrey writing to Kameny in 1965 that federal civil rights laws are not "relevant to the problems of homosexuals."

- A 1962 letter to an employee of the Library of Congress informing him that the library had "received a report concerning you," asking whether he had performed a homosexual act, whether he was attracted to other men, whether he had been in bed with men, and whether he "enjoyed embracing them." The letter concludes, "I am quite shook-up over this matter" and requests an interview with the employee as soon as possible. I can only imagine how terrified the employee must have been.

- A 1962 letter from Kameny to Attorney General Robert Kennedy asking him to "halt immediately" the FBI investigation and infiltration of Mattachine and the interrogation of its members.

- A memorandum from the FBI (headed by J. Edgar Hoover at the time) urging that the attorney general not respond to Kameny's letter and justifying its harassment of Mattachine as part of the investigation of "crimes

perpetrated by sex deviates," as homosexuals were commonly called at the time. Alas, large parts of the memo are blacked out.

- A 1973 memo from Kameny to his supporters describing the sequence of events that led the APA to remove homosexuality from its list of disorders or, in his words, "curing" us all, instantaneously, en masse, in one fell swoop, by semantics and by vote, rather than by therapy."

There's much more on the website.

Let's hope the entire archives will be publicly available soon. You can help make that happen by donating to the effort.

Writing from the conservative side, Dale Carpenter began his column for OutSmart in 1994, when he lived in Houston. Now residing in Minneapolis, Carpenter is a University of Minnesota Law School professor.

LOCAL HISTORY

Here at home, the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History works to collect and preserve our heritage. On October 3, the museum presents Tortilla Heaven, a one-man show performed by Texas-born Jade Esteban Estrada, as a fundraiser at 1415 California (read more online in "Get Your Art On," September 2006, at www.outsmartmagazine.com). Details: www.gcarn.org.

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'TIS THE SEASON

For elections and recycling

It's fall. The nights are shorter, the leaves are turning, there's a hint of coolness in the air. Well, we can imagine that, anyway, even if it's still sweltering in Houston. But it is election season. By October the action in the more competitive races has gotten hot and heavy. What's in it for us?

A race to watch is District 134 (Montrose, River Oaks, West U, Bellaire, Meyerland, southwest Houston). Many expect Ellen Cohen, a Democrat, to give conservative Republican incumbent Martha Wong a tough contest. I've worked with Ellen on projects over the years and can't imagine a more qualified public servant. She is currently on leave from her post as executive director of the Houston Area Women's Center. I served on Council with Martha and know her to be a tough and tenacious campaigner.

Also interesting will be District 149, where two years ago Democrat Hubert Vo squeaked by powerful incumbent Republi-

can Talmadge Heflin. Heflin now wants a rematch. Vo got high marks for his first term, particularly from the GLBT community.

Of great concern is the governor's race. With four major candidates, and no runoff, anything could happen. This is a *plurality* vote. Whoever gets the most votes, no matter how few, takes the prize. Voters looking to replace incumbent Republican Rick Perry, who brought us the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, have multiple choices. Long-time community favorite Chris Bell, a former Houston City Council member and Democratic congressman, seems to have the most traction.

But don't forget Democrat/Republican/independent Carol Strayhorn, currently state comptroller, and humorist Kinky Friedman, also an independent. Many folks seem intrigued by Friedman's campaign, but I would caution them to actually try to discern his real positions on issues. A former wrestler

being elected governor of Minnesota was amusing a few years ago; a former wrestler governing Minnesota was less so.

Go Green

Stepping away from campaign politics for a minute, fall also means Go Green in the city. The competition is on. Will your neighborhood win \$5,000 for most-improved recycling, or could it lose recycling service and make way for neighborhoods on the recycling waiting list?

It's all part of Go Green, the city's new recycling program. Recycling has fallen off the past few years. The recycling program loses a million dollars a year and only offers curbside recycling to 160,000 households. Too often I drive down the street and spot trash cans full of tin cans, plastic bottles, and cardboard, all of which can easily be recycled in your green bin or at a city recycling center. Tune into *Money Matters*, my Municipal Channel →

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Go BARC

Talk about someone who is a great cheerleader for animals. New Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care director Kent Robertson isn't shy about using the media to get the word out: It's a new day at BARC. Robertson is determined to adopt more animals and reduce euthanasia as he moves the city's adoption program into the no-kill movement that's spreading across the country. It's going to take time, but he is making all the right moves to involve the community as well as raise awareness and money.

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Oh! How could I forget the important community event that caps off October. Happy Halloween.

Annise Parker is the second-term city controller and the highest-ranking openly GLBT elected municipal official in any of the 10 largest U.S. cities. Her website is www.houstoncontroller.org. Parker's television program, Money Matters, airs Monday on the Municipal Channel (Time Warner Cable 16) at 2 and 8 a.m. and 2 and 8 p.m.

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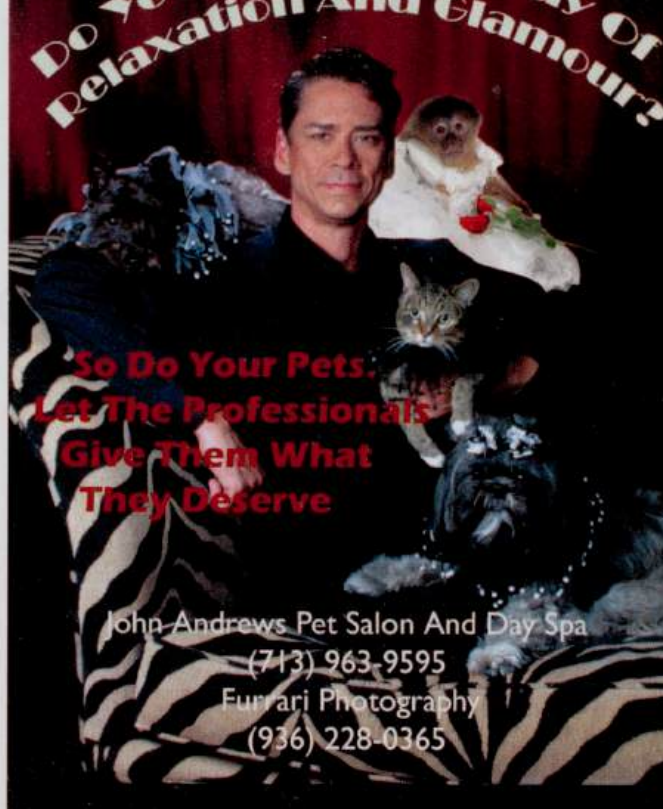
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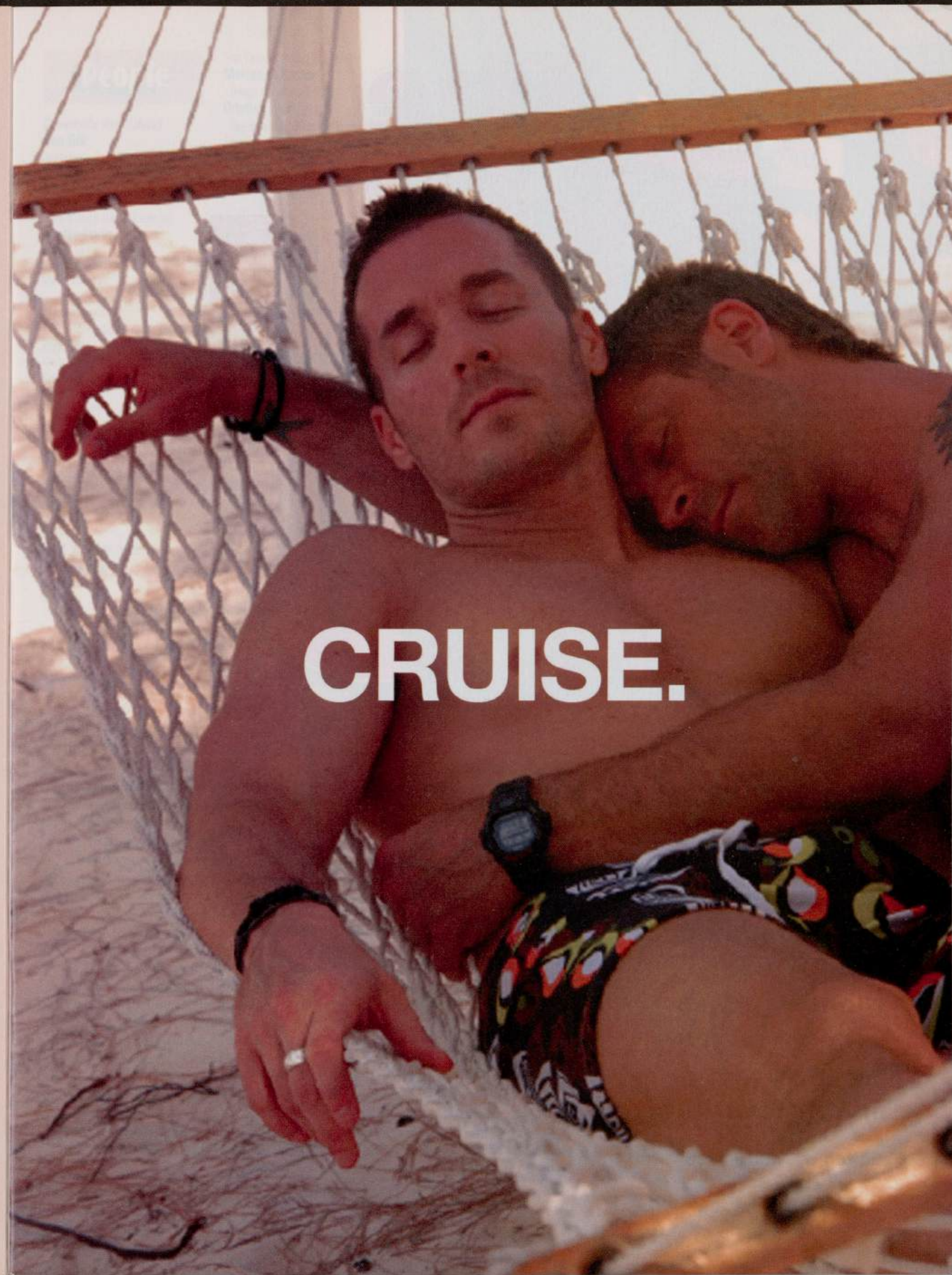
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The BIG 10

We celebrate a decade of the **Gayest & Greatest** reader poll by spotlighting 10 top-notch winners, along with our annual list of your community favorites

Edited by Nancy Ford

The quest for greatness is a fact of life: the quest to be the first, biggest, baddest, prettiest, strongest and, well, *the best*, has driven civilization way before Pepsi first challenged Coke.

Since *OutSmart* introduced its Gayest and Greatest poll a full decade ago, this list has seen many repeat performers: Folks like our brave and brilliant city controller Annise Parker, and granddaddy of all things gay, Ray Hill, without both of whom Houston would be so much less gay—and gay powerful—than it is today. You have declared time and time again over the years that restaurants like Baba Yega and Barnaby's are as much neighborhood institutions as they are eateries. Your perpetual allegiance to Café Adobe's margarita renders it truly gold, and not just in the Jose Cuervo tequila sense. And it comes as little surprise that perennial performance favorite, Kofi, reigns supreme once again as your choice for favorite drag queen.

Slightly more surprising were readers' choices when it came to other categories: Despite his lack of checks in the win column, Houston Texans pretty boy quarterback David Carr is still your favorite male professional athlete. And despite failure to launch her much-ballyhooed nightclub, Swoopes 22 Nightclub and Sports Bar (not to mention a less-than-stellar 2006 season), Houston Comets' Sheryl Swoopes remains your number one pick for top female professional athlete. Go figure—Houstonians are loyal.

But now that your votes have been cast and the ballots are counted, it becomes crystal clear that Houston is a city of champions. Your choices reflect that Houston's GLBT community is indeed the hardest working, most resilient, first, biggest, baddest, prettiest, strongest and, well, *the best* GLBT community in the whole wide world. And we're not the least bit biased.

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Katie Caldwell
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Leading Male Fundraiser

Don Gill
Runner-up
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Runners-up
David Genac, Ph. D
Miles Glaspy, L.M.S.W.-A.C.P.

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Best TV Guy
Ernie Manouse
www.houstonpbs.org

PBS' Other Ernie

Nationally, when folks think PBS, they think children's educational programming, pithy British comedy, and (yawn) fundraising marathons. Locally, they think Ernie Manouse. A fixture of KUHT Channel 8 for more than 10 years, Manouse (who tied in this category with Frank Billingsley of KRPC) brings style and a discreet gay sensibility to Houston television with his interview programs, *InnerVIEWS* and *The After Party*.

In the spirit of classic soap operas, *The After Party* ended its second season earlier this year with a cliffhanger: As Manouse was seen exiting the studio, a hooded gunperson approached him, aimed and fired, whereupon our brave host crumpled to the floor. Who shot Ernie? Perhaps a jealous Charlie Rose, that other PBS interviewer whose austere set can only aspire to Ernie's?

Fans tuned in at the end of last month to learn the shooter was local Channel 11 anchor Lisa Foronda (co-incidentally, Gayest & Greatest Best TV Gal).

Manouse's *The After Party* airs Wednesdays and *InnerVIEWS* airs Thursdays, both at 11 p.m.

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Best Male Massage Therapist

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Runners-up

Ken Claude

Alan Davidson, Essential Touch

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Suzanne Anderson Properties

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Best Male Hairdresser

Don Gill, Studio 911

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Runners-up

Michael dela Cerda, Adytum

Greg Decker, Azur Salon

Tony Gonzales, Legends



Favorite Fundraisers

Don Gill (male)

Fiona Dawson, Carol Wyatt (tie, female)

Follow the Money

Pictured here are Don Gill (left), who was also voted Male Community Hero, Most Valuable Volunteer runner-up, and Favorite Male Hairdresser; Bering Omega Community Services' Fiona Dawson (seated); and Pride Houston's Carol Wyatt, who was also voted Most Prominent Female GLBT Activist. Together, these three individuals have helped raise well over \$1 million for local charities via the combined efforts of the organizations they represent.

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Best Female Hairdresser

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Runners-up

Vicki Fraychnaud, The Shop

Susan Romeo, Bogart's on the Boulevard

Favorite Community Photographer

Dalton DeHart

www.daltondehart.com

Runners-up

Yvonne Feece

David Lewis

Best DJ

JD Arnold

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Runners-up

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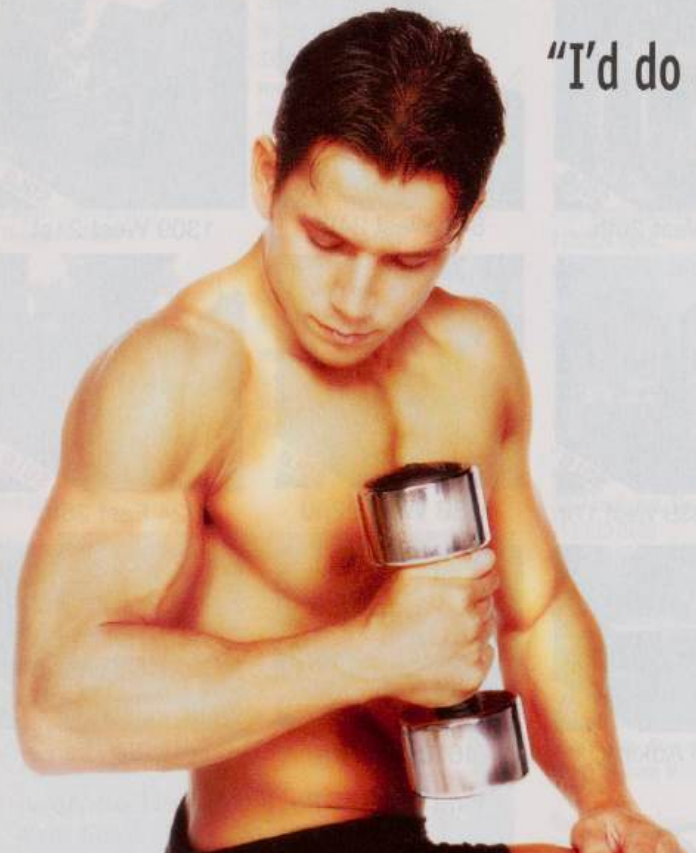
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He Loves a Parade

This community doesn't run on checks alone. It takes imagination, creativity, and more than a little elbow grease from a cadre of volunteers. Outstanding among those volunteers is Jason Ayala, the man in charge of Pride Houston's 2007 GLBT Pride Parade. Ayala has worked with Pride Houston (www.pridehouston.org) for three years, this year taking the parade reigns from the capable hands of Lynn Sixkiller, who organized the annual charge down Westheimer through Montrose for four years.

Pride Houston's 2007 parade takes place Saturday, June 23, beginning at 8:45 p.m. Be sure to wave to Ayala as he rides by. And say "Thank you!"

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Heather Rayner, South Beach

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Runners-up:
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Roula Christie, KRBE-FM
Atom Smasher (formerly of KRBE-FM)

Best TV Guy

Frank Billingsley, KPRC (tie)
www.kprc.com
Ernie Manouse, KUHT (tie)
www.houstonpbs.org
Runners-up:
Owen Conlenti, KPRC
Greg Hurst, KHOU

Best TV Gal

Lisa Foronda, KHOU
www.khou.com
Runners-up:
Debra Duncan, KHOU
Dominique Sachse, KPRC

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David Carr
Houston Texans
www.houstontexans.com
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Lance Armstrong, cycling
Brad Ausmus, Houston Astros
Roger Clemens, Houston Astros

Favorite Female Pro Athlete

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Houston Comets
www.wnba.com/comets
Runners-up:
Martina Navratilova, tennis
Tina Thomas, Houston Comets
Venus Williams, tennis

Community

Favorite Social Organization

Bayou City Boys Club
www.bcbc.info
Runners-up:
Executive & Professional Association
of Houston
Krewe of Olympus
Montrose Softball League

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Runners-up:
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Bunnies on the Bayou
Hollyfield Foundation

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Krewe of Olympus
Pride Houston

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Wells Fargo

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www.glyp.com
www.pridehouston.org

Best National Website

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Runners-up:
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www.manhunt.com
www.myspace.com



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Can't Smile Without Them

Tony Carroll and Bruce Smith and have long been giving Houstonians something to smile about—and with. Carroll, a therapist offering psychotherapy and guidance for both individuals as well as couples, assists in maintaining his patients' mental health while Smith, a prominent dentist, attends to the dental needs.

The two married in Toronto back in 2003, yet are tireless in their support of their own country's GLBT community, whether helping underwrite a political organization, providing cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as a stop for one of AssistHers progressive dinner, or generously opening their home as a comfort station to weary Pride Parade participants each June.

Smith and Carroll have earned the community's respect as individuals and professionals, frequently showing up on OutSmart's Gayest & Greatest rosters. They are pictured here with activist Chrissie Gephardt, the openly lesbian daughter of former presidential hopeful and congressman Dick Gephardt.

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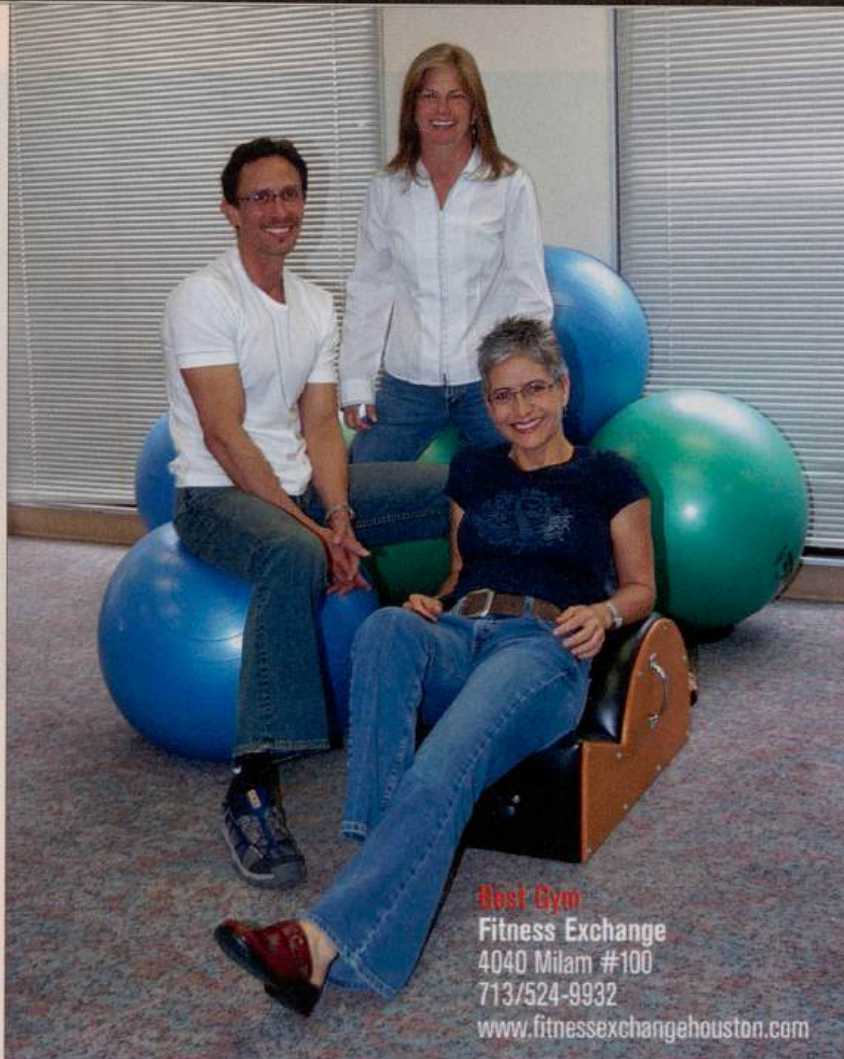
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On the Ball

For the last several years, when it came time to announce which American city can claim to being "the fattest" based on the average weight of its citizens, Houston always lands in the top three. Oh, why be coy? We're usually Number One.

Working diligently to help our city reduce (ha ha ha—get it? reduce?) the tendency to be awarded that distinction for more than 25 years is the Fitness Exchange (which tied with Houston Gym in this category). Located on the lip of Montrose, *OutSmart* readers' favorite gym is currently in the middle of remodeling, making it a state of the art facility "to better service our members," McBee said.

Pictured are Fitness Exchange owners John Mendoza, Mary Ann McBee, and Shana Ross (also runner-up, best female personal trainer). Fitness Exchange's Anthony Ramos was also chosen runner-up as *OutSmart* readers' favorite male personal trainer.

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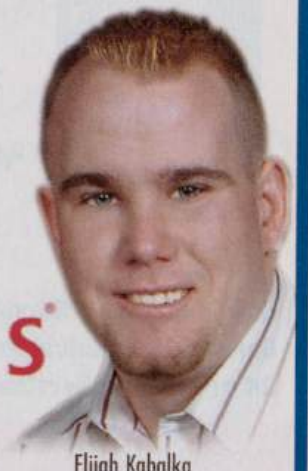


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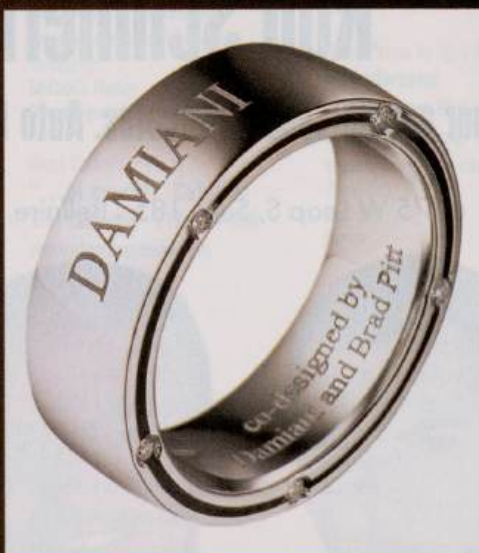
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But lately the focus has turned to him, and deservedly so. Prior to his retirement in August from San Jacinto College's central campus in Pasadena, where he taught language skills since 1983, DeHart was not only named 2006 teacher of the year, but he also received the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Award, a national accolade. And in addition to being named *OutSmart's* Gayest & Greatest Photographer, DeHart will receive the Barry Petree Community Commitment Award, presented by Imperial Court of Houston, on October 8. Well-deserved kudos, all.

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Nordstrom

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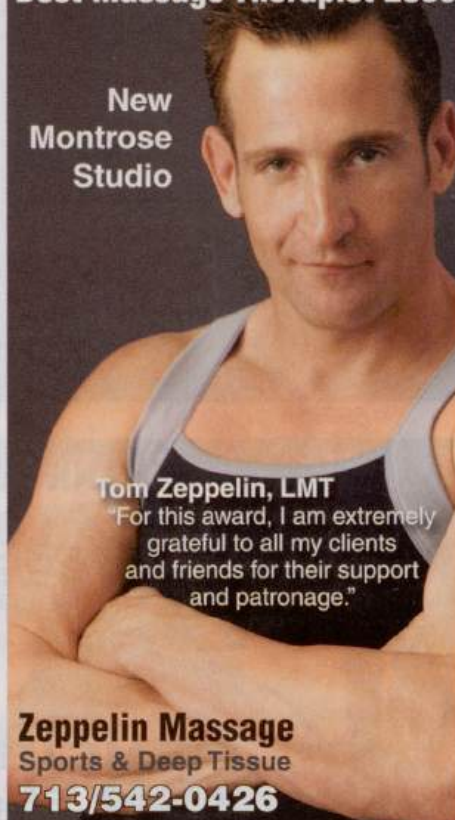
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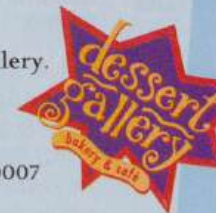
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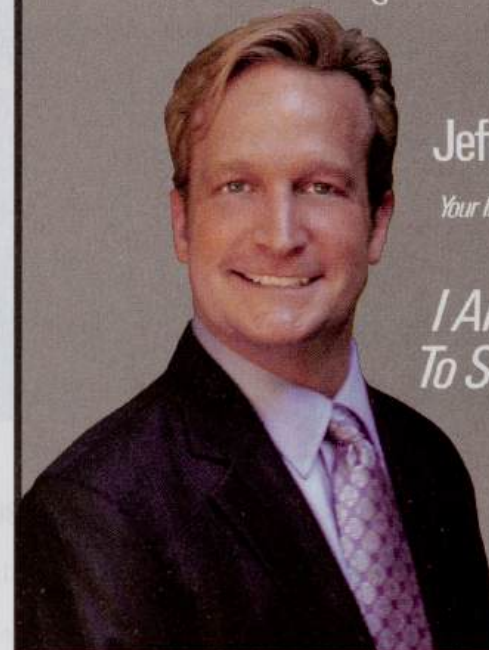


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Home Base

Like the old adage goes, the three most important things in real estate—and perhaps in life—are “location, location, location.” After local leaders worked for years to establish a consistent hub where the community could center itself, the aptly named Houston GLBT Community Center finally took root. A decade ago, the center was established, soon opening its doors at 803 Hawthorne.

Four years ago, the organization moved to the second floor of 3400 Montrose Blvd., where it now provides space for other community groups to office and meet and offers a range of programs.

This month, the community center launches an online journal featuring musing and art by local GLBT talent. The webzine, titled *Montrose* (the logo, pictured), will premiere in late October, with *OutSmart* acting as its publishing partner.



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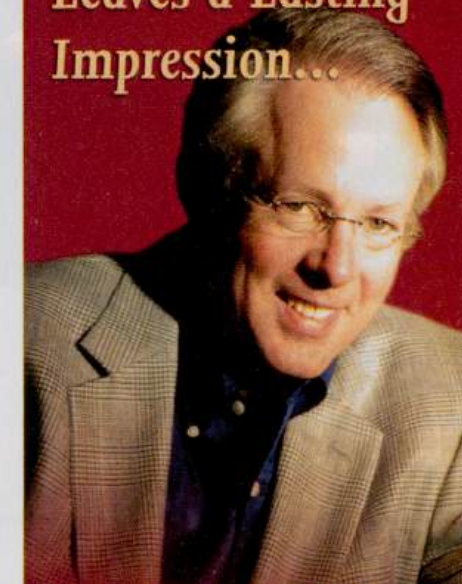


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Community

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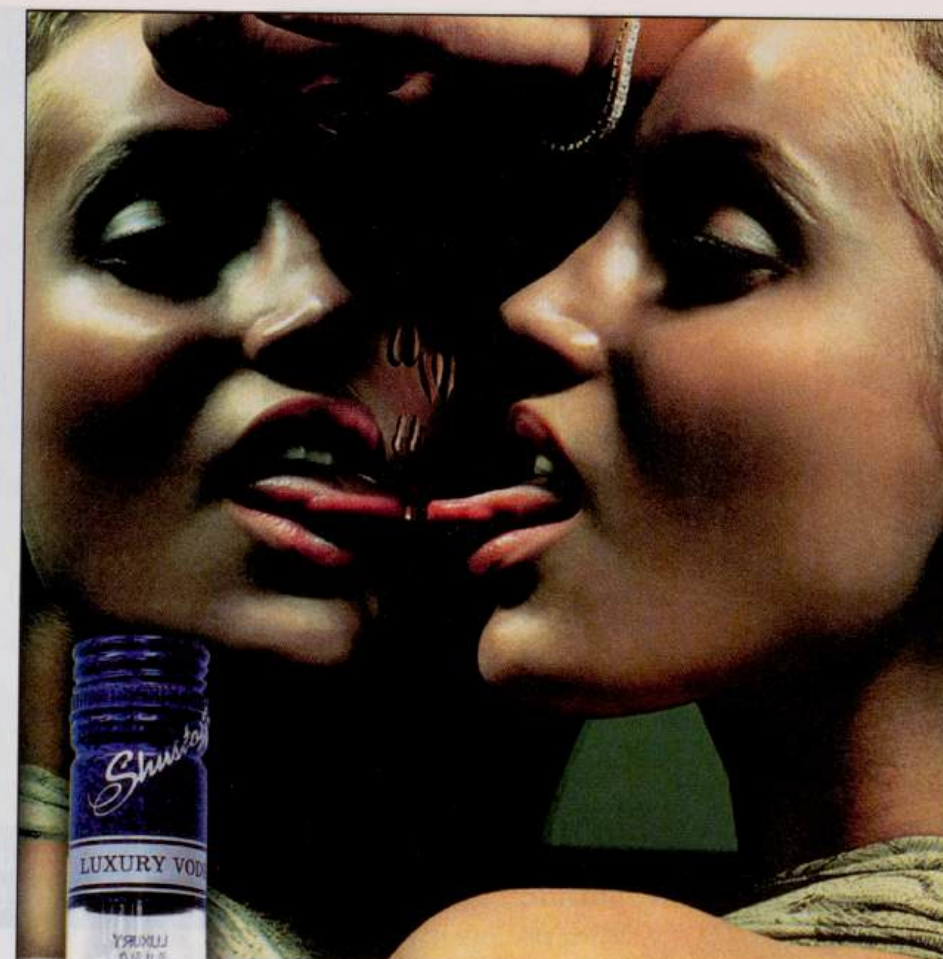
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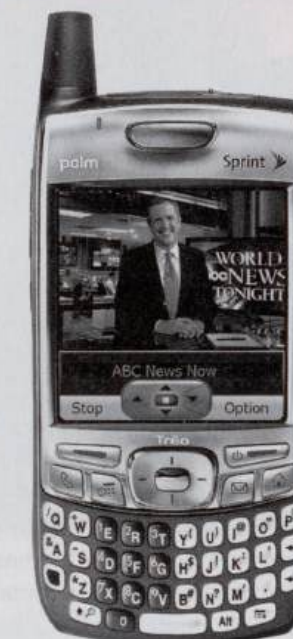
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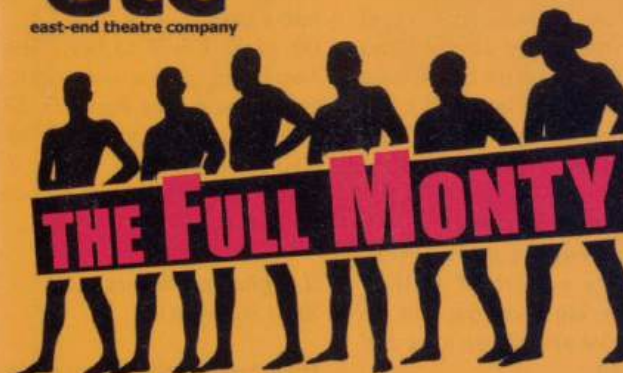
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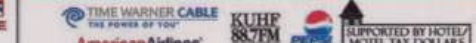
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If you only know Leslie Jordan from his role as Beverly Leslie (the nemesis of Megan Mullally's character Karen) on *Will & Grace*, you might just want to expand your knowledge. The Emmy winner has starred in and directed his own film, has his own one-man show, is touring with Delta Burke in a play, has been in prison with Robert Downey Jr., and has been nine years sober (no,

his jail time with Downey isn't what sobered him up). • When I spoke to Jordan by phone, he was in Phoenix, "then Miami and then Dallas and then Chattanooga and who knows," he says. "You know, they just trot me out like an aging show pony." The busy, busy boy has finished a TV pilot in which he plays a drag queen and, by the time you read this, is starting another pilot in which he plays a realtor, starring opposite Lily Tomlin. • Jordan will appear here on November 4 as the headliner at the Houston Black Tie Dinner, the annual fundraising gala that this year benefits nine community organizations including Lazarus House and the PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation. (Details and tickets: www.houstonblacktiedinner.org.)

by Blase DiStefano

Blase DiStefano: Hi Leslie. I wanted to start off with the nighttime soap *Hidden Palms* [a television pilot written by openly gay Kevin Williamson (*Dawson's Creek*, *Scream*) for The CW in the 2006-2007 season, scheduled as a mid-season replacement in 2007]. What kind of soap opera is it similar to?

Well, it's sort of like *My So Called Life Meets The O.C.* It's through the eyes of a 16-year-old kid, who has recently moved to Palm Springs with his mom and her new husband. He's just kind of a freak and doesn't really fit in. He's befriended by this insane drag queen. I play the drag queen. We meet at AA, and I become his sponsor, much to the horror of his family.

[Laughs]

I have another series that I'm shooting that Linda Bloodworth-Thomason [*Designing Women*] has written called *Twelve Miles of Bad Road*, and it's Lily Tomlin and Mary Kay Place and I. We start shooting that for HBO the second week of October.

What part do you play?

We are realtors in this very exclusive suburb of Dallas. We drive big Bentleys, and we drink a lot and smoke a lot and cuss a lot.

It's a real coup to get Lily, so

that's exciting. That is only a pilot, but I can't imagine them not picking it up.

Your Emmy win [for guest actor in a comedy series for his work on *Will & Grace*] was just great. I happened to turn on the TV, and I got the Creative Arts Emmy Awards. You gave a lovely speech.

I had hoped that they would show my speech at the big Emmys, but they didn't. There was such a big backstage flurry [at the "big Emmys"]—someone stepped on Cloris Leachman's dress and ripped it all the way up her leg, and she refused to go out. They were stapling it as we were going out. The guy was going "in five, four, three, two," and so they just literally shoved us out there.

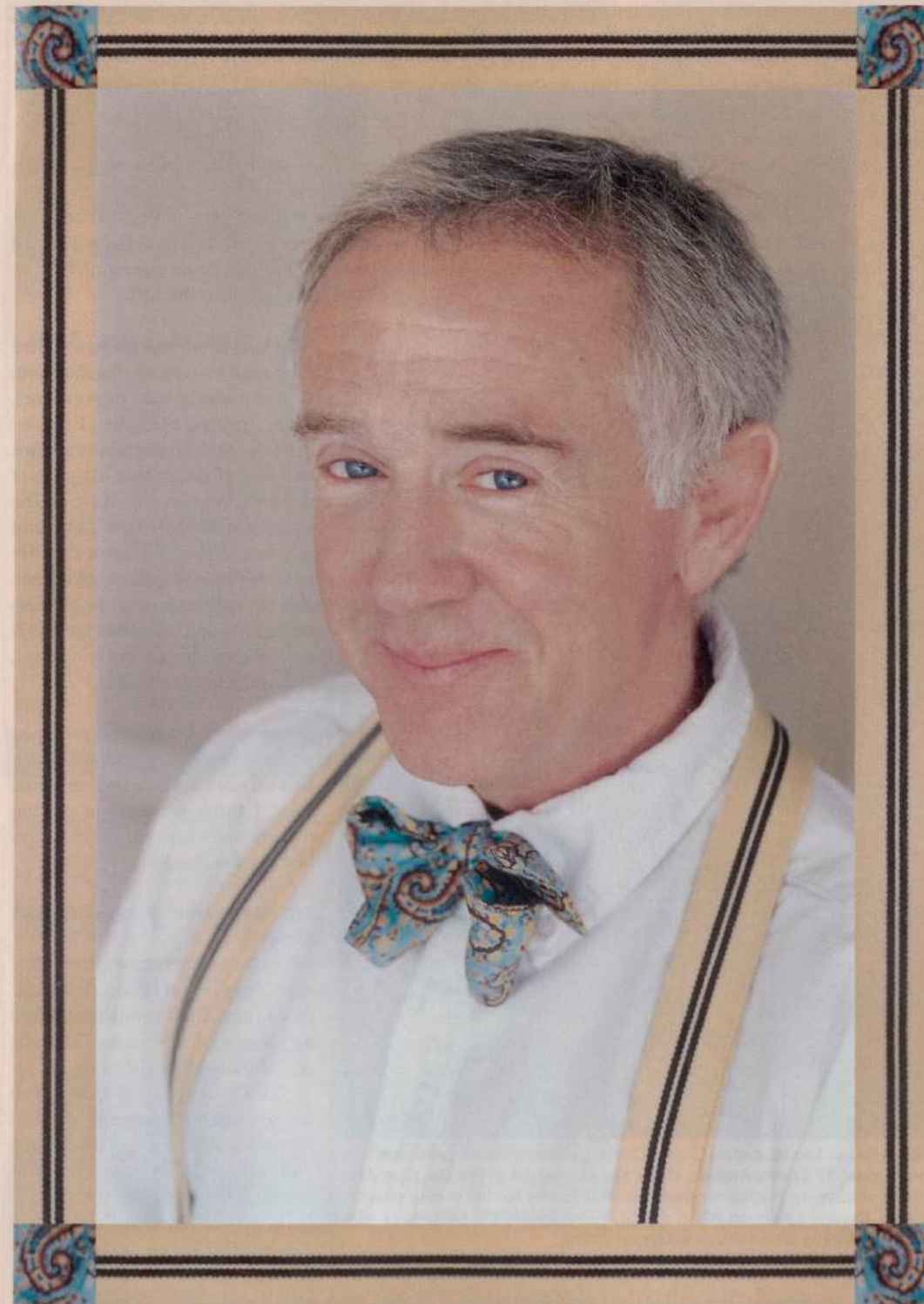
You were both very professional. I doubt the audience had a clue.

Oh good. I said to her, "Miss Leachman, you've won eight of these. I'm on my first one. I'm just gonna follow your lead." And she said, "Well, honey, if I hadn't got it down pat by now, we're f--ked."

[Laughs uproariously]

She's 80 years old.

I didn't realize that. What did the two of you say at the podium?



Miss Leachman said, "I've had eight of these, but I never forget the first one." And I said, "Well, I take mine everywhere I go. I even sleep with it." And I said, "That's the first woman I've ever slept with," and that got a big laugh.

[Both laugh] Yes, that was really great. I'm just so happy for you. What is your favorite story concerning *Will & Grace*?

I think my favorite story is when they asked me to come in and do the finale. I didn't know I was going to fly out the window. They rigged up this sort of Tinker Bell wire, and the producers and writers wanted me in a smoking jacket. Well, the costumers had to go all the way to England to order one, and it was \$4,000, and they had to cut tiny holes in the back. They rigged me up, and I literally just flew through the air. They'd pull this lever, and it would just pull me through the air, and I would fly, fly, fly.

Well, it was the very last shot of *Will & Grace*, and I don't know what happened. I guess they pulled the lever too hard, and I flew so fast that I flew out of my shoes. My opera slippers lay there on the floor.

But what happened was that I was floating about 20 feet above the whole audience, and I looked down and everything became kind of muffled. It's →

The comic actor LESLIE JORDAN, who comes to town next month for the Houston Black Tie Dinner, chats about *Will & Grace*, Delta Burke, booze, growing up gay, and more

HERE COMES MR. JORDAN

Here Comes Mr. Jordan continued from previous page

almost like an out-of-body experience. I just sort of hovered there, and I looked down and I saw Debra [Messing] and Eric [McCormack] and Sean [Hayes] and Megan [Mullally], and they were clapping and laughing. I looked down at the audience and saw my twin sisters, and I got kind of teary-eyed because I thought, *What a way to go out, just floating above it all.* Then all of a sudden, everything just went zhump! And it went right back.

I didn't talk about it for two or three days, and then I tried to explain it to my sister, who is very pragmatic, and I said, "I think it was an out-of-body experience." She said, "The blood rushed to your head." I said, "No, I floated above it all." She said, "The blood rushed to your head!"

[Laughs]

Debra and Megan and Eric and Sean were all so supportive. They're very close, those four. They do 24 episodes a year. They've had children together. They've gotten rich together. They've gotten real famous together. There's a bond there. And they just brought me in about three or four times a year, so I was really moved when they called about the finale. Before I knew about it, a friend asked if I was going to be in the finale, and I said, Well, I don't know. They've had everybody from Elton John to Cher to Jennifer Lopez to Madonna, so who knows? They probably got the Pope lined up.

[Laughs]

Then they called and said that it was just going to be the family. "It's just going to be the four of them and you and Rosario," and I was so moved. Like I said in my speech, I think to win an Emmy is a wonderful thing, but to win an Emmy for something being openly gay like I am . . .

There are two ways to combat homophobia. One is through humor, which I learned during dodgeball. I think we all learned that. But also to put a face on it. And I think America welcomed these characters into their homes, and we laughed and we loved, and I think a lot of progress was made, and I'm so honored to have been a part of that.

Didn't they write the part for Joan Collins?

Originally, the script called for a catfight,

and Miss Collins, I'm not sure why, refused to have her wig pulled off. I don't know what happened exactly. So they said, "Well, fine, bye bye." My agent called and said I needed to get over to *Will & Grace*, that they had added this character—it was just one episode—and they wanted sort of Truman Capote. I had this white suit that John Ritter gave me years ago when I worked on *Hearts Afire* with him. I put that on, and I went parading over there and ran my big



Seven to go: Leslie Jordan (l) and Cloris Leachman were presenters at the August 27 Emmy Awards show. On August 19 at the Creative Arts Emmy ceremony, Jordan received his first Emmy for his guest-starring role as Beverly Leslie on *Will & Grace*. Leachman is the performer with the most Emmy wins (eight) solely for acting.

mouth as I was walking in the door, and they just said, "You're it." They didn't even really audition me.

Then they had me back once more that season, and then over the summer my agent called and said, "Well, you've scored a coup. They want you for the season opener." After that, I ended up doing about four a year.

You usually stole the scene, even though it's hard to steal a scene from Megan Mullally.

Oh, my God, it was like verbal ping pong.

[Laughs]

When I met her, I said I have met my match, because I'm used to being able to steal the scene, and I thought, *No matter what I toss her way, that bitch hurls it back at me faster, higher, funnier.*

[Laughs] So what's the status on *Southern Baptist Sissies*?

We're still on tour. We did San Diego last weekend, and we just sell out. Delta [Burke] and I . . . I guess our names . . . we just sell it to the hilt.

How long is the tour going to take?

Well, right now we're booked into Dallas [which was September], Palm Springs, St. Louis, Ft. Lauderdale, and Nashville, and that will sort of do for this little leg of the tour. We can only do it on the weekends, because both Delta and I have so much TV work that we can't work Monday through Friday. But the ultimate goal is to raise enough money to do the movie version. We've already got the script, and we're ready for that.

We're ready for it, too.

We shot *Sordid Lives* for \$400,000, so we'll need a whole lot more than that. I think a couple of million dollars we're looking for. So we're looking for investors.

What is it like working with Delta Burke?

I love Delta. I've known Delta forever. She is in rare form right now. She's thin. She's beautifully lifted all over, and she looks fabulous and she's happy.

She's very accessible. You know it got a little crazy. I sat Del Shores [openly gay playwright and director of *Southern Baptist Sissies*] down and had a talk with him. We had decided we were going to celebrate her 50th birthday

in every city, and she agreed to have these birthday parties, which would kind of kick off the week in each city we were in.

Well, I don't think anybody except myself realized that it has to be handled with care. Last weekend we were in San Diego, and they just sort of paraded Delta in, and no one stayed by her side. Well, I looked back there, and they had trotted in a *live* pig. They had found an enormous pig, because Delta had apparently had a pig on *Designing Women*. There were drunks all around her, and that pig was going a little crazy. I said to Del, "You got to go rescue her. That is not fair. →

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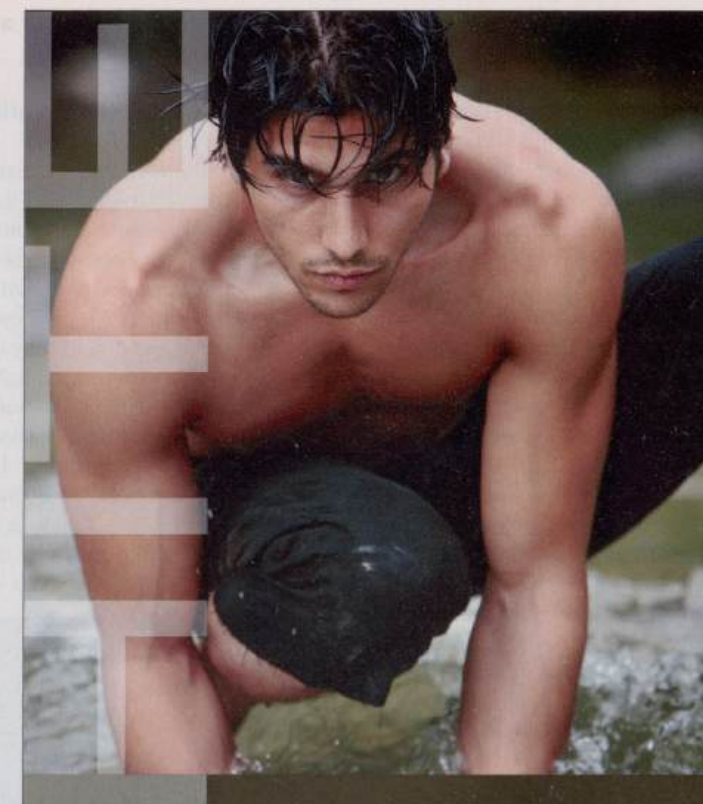


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Here Comes Mr. Jordan continued from page 62

You cannot let that happen."

So I think in Dallas it's going to be handled a little bit different. They'll bring her onto the stage, where she's not quite so accessible to the crowds.

But, you know, she never complains. So I complain for her.

Good for you. On the web I noticed that there were different dates for your birth and where you were born. So can you...

I know. I don't know where that got started. I was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and I was born April 29, 1955. I'm 51.

When you were growing up, weren't you allowed to play with dolls?

My mother and my grandmother sort of created a secret garden, and I played with dolls, I twirled the baton, and I read Nancy Drew instead of The Hardy Boys. And thank goodness. They didn't stifle my creativity in any way. My dad was an army man, a man's man, but he loved my mother so much, I guess he sort of put up with it. We kept it from him. He wasn't around much.

He wasn't around much in the sense that you weren't able to get close to him or he wasn't able to see you doing that kind of stuff?

He just didn't see me do that stuff. When he came home from work, my parents spent a lot of time with me.

I think I read that you said you feel that you were born gay.

I fell out of my mother's womb and into her high heels.

[Laughs]

There's no choice s--t here at all. No ma'am. It's not what I do, it's what I am. I read that that idiot Doctor Laura Schlesinger said that she thinks we're genetic mistakes. What I'd love to say to her is, "Well, Doctor Schlesinger, there are 3.9 million of us in the United States alone, so I choose to believe in a God who has a little better quality control."

[Laughs uproariously]

That's a pretty busy God. 3.9 million mistakes. What an idiot.

So how many years sober?

It'll be nine October 20. Nine years sober,

and, honey, that's a long time between cocktails.

[Laughs] Do you still find it difficult to be around booze?

Oh, gosh, no. The obsession to drink and do drugs was lifted so quickly with me, and I don't even think about it any more. I'm still very, very active in recovery programs, and I go all around the country and give talks. My big charity is The Stepping Stone, which is a group out of San Diego that does a lot of work with crystal methamphetamine and gay men and sex addictions and stuff. I know there is a huge problem in the gay community.

But as for myself, I have to say that when you get sober, you have to take a journey into yourself and look at why it was that you abused alcohol, why it was that you abused drugs and acted out sexually. I know that



Three sisters: Karen Walker (Megan Mullally), Jack McFarland (Sean Hayes), and Beverly Leslie (Leslie Jordan) were usually at odds on *Will & Grace*, but Jordan says the entire cast was very supportive. He was asked to join them in the final episode.

mine was that there was so much shame, and I was just so much more comfortable drinking. I'd never been in a gay bar sober in my life until I got sober. I just had so much shame about it. So my journey into sobriety has also been a journey into my queerness, being openly gay, being comfortable with who I am and what I am. I was raised in the Baptist church and, Lord knows, I've been baptized 14 times, and it never did take—every time the preacher would say, "Come forward, lost sinner," I'd go up there and get baptized.

[Both laugh]

I do a lot of talks around the country in gay churches and things. I'd never thought that I'd see the day that I could sit in a house of worship with my tribe. We're making so many strides in that area. I think in my lifetime gay people will... I hate to say marriage. I hate that word. We just want our civil unions. If we drop that word marriage, we could sanctify our unions in our

own churches. We don't need their stern punishing god, the bastardization of God that they've come up with from their book. We just want the rights, and I have no doubt it will happen. I bet you if you sat down with the Bush twins... their generation... they couldn't care less. They've grown up with gay people, and we just got to get these old fogies out. It's happening.

One more question. Is it really true that you shared a cell with Robert Downey Jr.?

Uh huh. Eight years ago, I got two DUIs in one year, and they sentenced me to four months—120 days in prison, honey. Not jail, prison. They put me in sort of like the celebrity tank, and after 17 days, they came upstairs and they said, "We have some wonderful news. We have Robert Downey Jr., and we don't have anywhere to put him.

And so we are going to let you out, because you're just here for drunk driving." They put us in a holding tank, and we were in the same cell for about two hours maybe. And we didn't really even speak to each other.

And then four years later, I got a part on *Ally McBeal*, and I asked my mother to go through the script with me and help me know who's who. All my scenes were with this character named Larry Paul. I said, "Who plays that?" She said, "Robert Downey Jr."

[Both laugh]

I said, "Oh, my God, momma! I was in jail with him." I decided I wouldn't tell anybody.

I showed up for rehearsal, and I was introduced to Calista Flockhart, Jane Krakowski, etc. When I was introduced to Robert Downey Jr., he said, "Uh, have we met?" And I just about died. I just kept looking at him and kind of shushing him. He said, "What?" Finally, I pulled him aside, and he said, "How do I know you?" I said, "We were in jail together."

[Both laugh]

He's a dear man. A very sweet man.

He seems like a really sweet person. And so do you. Thank you. Well, thank you.

ON THE WEB: Read more of the interview at www.outsmartmagazine.com.

Blase DiStefano interviewed Tim Robbins for the September issue.

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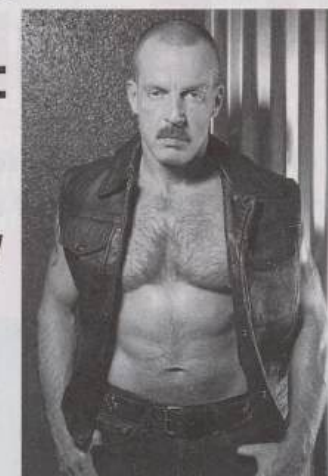
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The Allied Front

Two political activists weigh in on reasons that voters should get behind a community supporter in a prominent state race

The District 134 battle between the incumbent Republican Martha Wong and challenger Ellen Cohen, the Democrat, has developed into one of the most-watched contests in the state. The race is especially significant for GLBT voters, because Wong supported the antigay marriage amendment to the Texas constitution in 2005.

As we look toward Election Day on November 7, we turned to a couple of our go-to political experts, April Ayers and Tammi Wallace, for comment on the race. Wallace is president and Ayers is vice president of Houston Equal Rights Alliance, which does yeoman work with voter identification and candidate support in the community. Theirs is certainly a partisan view, though we expect that even queer Republican voters (we know you're out there) would prefer to elect officials that support full civil rights for GLBT citizens.



Power women: City Council member Sue Lovell (l) and City Controller Annise Parker (r) co-hosted a fundraiser for Ellen Cohen on September 7 at the home of Tom Taylor (who also co-hosted the event).

Why should I care about this race?

Because our community has an incredible opportunity to send a message to Austin that voting against the GLBT community will not be tolerated. If we lose this race, this will give conservative legislators in Austin another boost and another free pass to attack this community. Ellen Cohen will serve in Austin as a pro-equality legislator and will represent all her constituents. She will take a stand for GLBT rights. Ellen reached out to our community early on to shore up support and let us know that she will fight for GLBT civil rights.

Can we really make a difference in this race?

Absolutely! The analysis is showing that this race will be won by literally hundreds of votes. Hundreds! Every person we talk to in these key precincts becomes part of the equation to take Ellen Cohen to victory.

Can you tell me about the incumbent legislator, Martha Wong?

Martha Wong ran on a "moderate Republican" agenda with the promise to represent her entire district. She has failed miserably by pandering to conservative, right-wing, homophobic legislators in Austin

including Tom Craddick. She has failed to represent her GLBT constituents. In fact, she voted in committee to send HJR6 (the antigay marriage constitutional amendment) to the house floor. Once the bill was on the house floor, she abstained from voting (present, not voting). She had the opportunity twice to say no to discrimination and voted yes once for discrimination and showed no backbone the second time. And Martha Wong has half of the Montrose in her district—and District 134 was one of the few districts in Texas to vote against the antigay marriage amendment.

Ellen reached out to our community early on to shore up support and let us know that she will fight for GLBT civil rights.

I don't live in District 134, so why should I help?

This race is not about this single district. It's an opportunity to defeat an antigay legislator, and that is something we all should care about. During the primary, it was District 146 and District 147. Now it's District 134. As we move forward, it will be your district, and we will be asking everyone to help as we target other districts in the future.

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How can I get involved before Election Day?

Our work is not finished. We will need to start our Get Out The Vote efforts, since early voting begins on October 23. We will need help with Houston GLBT Political Caucus endorsement card distribution at local events. The caucus endorsement card is critical. People count on it to direct them at the voting booth. We need people to work on Election Day, distributing the endorsement card at various polling locations. We don't stop until November 8—the day we can see a pro-equality legislator elected to represent District 134.

We have been anticipating this race for over two years. We couldn't have a better candidate than Ellen Cohen. The time is right for change. We must do the work necessary to get out the vote.

See next page for caucus endorsements



Sign of the times: Ellen Cohen (standing) welcomed supporters, including (l-r) Bob White, Leigh Leasure, and Julia Vincent, at an August 26 birthday celebration and barbecue at her headquarters in Bellaire.



Neither rain nor...: Braving a Saturday drizzle, Houston GLBT Political Caucus president Jenifer Pool (l) and past president Maria Gonzalez participated in a recent block walk to encourage voters to support legislature candidate Ellen Cohen.

POLITICAL ACTION

Throughout October, the Houston GLBT Political Caucus and the Houston Equal Rights Alliance political-action committees continue to organize block walks to support District 134 candidate Ellen Cohen as well as District 149 incumbent Hubert Vo (see page 74) and phone banks to encourage voter turnout. Dates for block walks, which begin at the Houston GLBT Community Center, include October 7 (for Cohen) and October 14 (for Vo). Phone-bank evenings, held at the community center, include October 9. Details: www.houstonera.org, www.hglbtpc.org.



THE WONG WAY

April Ayers edits the lively blog Martha Wong Is Wrong (www.firemarthawong.com). In addition to frequent posts and links to other progressive-left blogs, the site features politically correct sportswear and tchokes for sale (sample message: "Martha Wong Thinks Rights Are Wrong").

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POLITICAL CAUCUS ENDORSEMENTS

The Houston GLBT Political Caucus political-action committee has endorsed 27 candidates for the November 7 election. And, yes, you can take this list with you to the voting booth.

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Texas State Legislature, District 129

Sherrie Matula

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Alma Allen

Texas State Legislature, District 133

Kristi Thibaut

Texas State Legislature, District 134

Ellen Cohen

Texas State Legislature, District 137

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Texas State Legislature, District 138

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Janette Sexton

Texas State Legislature, District 146

Borris L. Miles

Texas State Legislature, District 147

Garnet Coleman

Texas State Legislature, District 149

Hubert Vo

Texas State Legislature, District 150

Dot Nelson-Turnier

Judge, 1st Court of Appeals, Place 9

Jim Sharp

Judge, 14th Court of Appeals, Place 6

Leora Khan

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Randall Kallinen

District Judge, 189th Judicial District

Chuck Silverman

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Connecting Dot

Out and out loud Spring resident Dot Nelson-Turnier hopes to unseat a right-wing incumbent and reach the Texas House of Representatives.

*"A lot of people are just fed up," the candidate states.
"There's a lot of discontent, and I represent change for the better."*

by Brian Martinez
Photo by John Conroy

It's hard not to notice
Dot Nelson-Turnier.

With her hearty laugh and razor-sharp wit, Nelson-Turnier is immediately charming and accessible, and she easily captures the attention of people nearby. It's that presence that she hopes will help her capture a seat in the Texas House of Representatives next month.

Nelson-Turnier is running for state representative from District 150, carved out of northern Harris County and encompassing Humble, Tomball, and Spring, as well as a large chunk of unincorporated area. A lifelong activist, Nelson-Turnier says she realized that the time was right to make a bid for public office. Backed by the support of her family, this publicly out candidate, who has been endorsed by the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, is working to unseat incumbent Republican Debbie Riddle, co-author of the state constitutional amendment blocking gay marriage. (Riddle is also notorious for stating in a 2003 legislative hearing, "Where did this idea come from that everybody deserves free education, free medical care, free whatever? It comes from Moscow, from Russia. It comes straight out of the pit of hell. And it's cleverly disguised as having a tender heart. It's not a tender heart. It's ripping the heart out of this country.")

A native of the Northeast, Nelson-Turnier has made her home with her family in Texas, the state she says she fell in love with years ago. Her background is in international banking, and she runs a consulting business.

As the fall campaign neared its most intense months, Nelson-Turnier—the first Democratic candidate to run in her district since 1990—visited Austin to meet with Democratic leaders and sat down for an interview.

Brian Martinez: It's really easy for people to sit back and complain about politics, but then do nothing. What made you decide that you would do something more and actually get into this race?

Dot Nelson-Turnier: I'm 49. I have a four-year-old daughter. Things are really messed up right now. Bigotry is acceptable against non-white people. Texas passed an antigay constitutional amendment. People died in New Orleans. 250,000 kids were knocked off CHIPs [the state Children's Health Insurance Program]. You hear about the widening gaps in the classes all the time. The top 3 percent is getting richer and the rest of us . . . I'm not there. You're probably not there. I've been through a lot. I lost my business after 9/11. My home has been flooded. I'm in a wheelchair. But I have lots of energy and hope. I want to share that hope with other people. One day I noticed that there was a Republican running unopposed for two terms in my district. A Republican running unopposed! Not on my watch! I've always been an activist. I decided I had talked the talk. It was time to walk the walk.

What role did your sexual orientation play in your decision to run?

I really don't have a gay agenda, as they say. I've been active since the '70s, and I've never seen a gay agenda. I am not any more concerned with GLBT rights than I am with the rights of other ethnicities. All

rights need to be protected. My opponent co-authored the amendment to make gay marriage illegal. She's very conservative. I'm a Christian, but she is very right wing. If she tries to make this election about my being a lesbian, I'm going to ask her about all the other issues. Molly Ivins says something like, "With a 10 billion-dollar deficit, the Legislature decided to focus on an antigay marriage bill?" [Riddle is] concerned about my being a lesbian? What about health care? I'm not a lesbian that happens to be a Democrat. I'm a Democrat who happens to be a lesbian. I want to talk about what's really important. I want to change the things that can be changed, not the things that can't be changed. I can't control who I am. She can't control who I am. An antigay marriage act doesn't make people not gay. She can't change the fact that people are gay. But we can change things like education, the environment, the economy.

Tell me about the Killer EEEEEEs, the five issues you highlight on your website, votedot.org.

Well, I'm an Astros fan, so from the "Killer Bs" [the popular lineup that included players Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, and Lance Berkman] came the Killer EEEEEEs. I call them that because they're killing us. There are five main areas I focus on: economy, education, environment, equity, and equality. But everything starts with the economy. Even the property-tax issue would not be an issue if people had enough money that the property taxes were not causing a burden. The economy drives everything. When people have good-paying jobs, other issues are easier to deal with. You combine small business →

The candidate:

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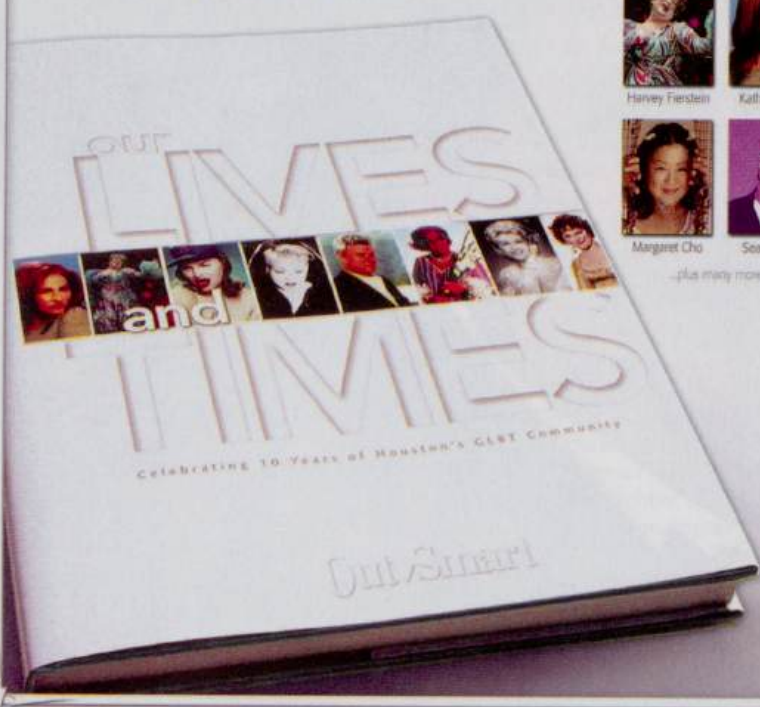
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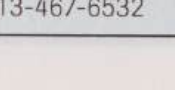
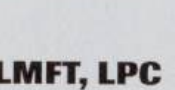
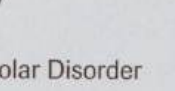
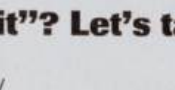
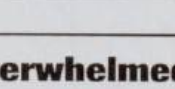
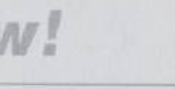
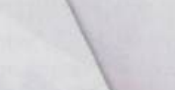
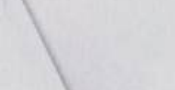
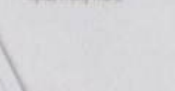
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development with a higher than average unemployment rate. Once you factor back in the unemployed who are no longer collecting unemployment, and provide job training, you get some results. In my district, we have a great opportunity for business growth—lots of retail space—and we can use job training to combine with those and improve the local economy. Education is important to me, too. After everything the legislature did, we did not get school reform. We have such a mess with state finance. The state has seriously mismanaged the budget. Spending has increased at a disproportionate rate, and we are taking from designated funds to pay other bills. We need to start over with

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Dot Nelson-Turnier
says. "I want to talk about what's really important."

a zero-base budget. You start from scratch and put your "must pays," your necessities, in one pile. You put the things you want to have in another, and then you have your income. And you start reorganizing, beginning with matching your income to your necessities and then moving on to the other things. When it comes to the environment, Houston is number-one or number-two in the country in pollution. Equity means health care for all to me.

Tell me about your district and why you think you would be the better choice to represent it.

I understand diversity. I have had a lot of diversity in my background. I have been rich, I've been poor, I'm disabled, I'm a minority, I have an African-American child. I have the ability to pay more attention to turning this district into a community. The district is eclectic. It runs from middle to upper class to poor. There are 10,000 apartments, 100,000 eligible voters,

150,000 residents. There's a lot of work that can be done, not in only in Austin, but here in the community. A lot of people are just fed up. There's a lot of discontent, and I represent change for the better.

How are you going about mobilizing voters?

We're going to do some town halls, some fundraisers, some block walking—the standard stuff. We have a fundraiser in Montrose on Saturday, October 14 [see sidebar]. I was in the Pride Parade with the Texas Democrats. People were cheering. People were coming up and hugging me. It was really moving.

A lot of our readers are politically active as well. What would you like to say to them?

On my way to a HGLBT [Houston Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Political Caucus PAC] event one night, I started thinking. I'm the only openly GLBT candidate running for office in Texas. I'm the first GLBT candidate ever from Houston [for the state legislature]. I thought that was a great thing, and then I thought, *That's awful! Why aren't there more?* There are 150 seats in the House, so we should have 15 people running—10 percent, right? I had two to three minutes in front of the group, so I used it to say that. We have to stand up and be counted. We cannot let them intimidate us into silence or else they have won. We are not fighting for our lifestyles here. We are fighting for our lives. We need to stand up and start being more visible. After the election, I'm coming back to you. I'm going to do what I can to bring up these issues.

Brian Martinez interviewed Glen Maxey, the openly gay former state legislator and executive director of the No Nonsense In November campaign to defeat the antigay marriage amendment, for our October 2005 issue. Martinez recently moved to Austin from Kingwood.

DOT SPOT

On October 11, from 5-7 p.m., lieutenant governor candidate Maria Luisa Alvarado and former state representative Glen Maxey host a fundraiser for District 150 candidate Dot Nelson-Turnier at Rouge (812 Westheimer). The invited guest is District 141 rep Senfronia Thompson (attendance not confirmed by press time). \$25 at the door, additional donations requested. The first drink is free, and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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CALL IT COURAGE

The former Houston GLBT Political Caucus president writes an appreciation of state representative Hubert Vo, who is running for re-election in District 149 and who stood with the community against the antigay marriage amendment a year ago

by Maria Gonzalez

Photo by Nathan Haase

"Perhaps if the American people more fully comprehended the terrible pressures which discourage acts of political courage, which drive a Senator to abandon or subdue his conscience, then they might be less critical of those who take the easier road—and more appreciative of those able to follow the path of courage."

—John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*, 1956

Such is the experience of our state representative, Hubert Vo. Mr. Vo's act of courage to go on record and vote against the antigay marriage amendment last year in the Texas legislature was a vote that many in his own district would declare as very foolish and unnecessary. Even after many of his own supporters, including assistants, said voting for the antigay marriage amendment would not hurt him, Mr. Vo could not "abandon or subdue his conscience" as others so easily had done. Mr. Vo's "path to courage" was on behalf of the GLBT community in a fight many would argue had nothing to do with him, was not in his political interest, and could endanger his future political career.

As a member of the GLBT community working with legislators to assure the safety of our community, I was surprised and deeply touched by the vote Mr. Vo offered in support of our community. Having won his seat by a mere few votes against a long-term incumbent with no

love of the GLBT community, Mr. Vo was a first-term legislator in 2005. In his first legislative session, he was faced with a very difficult choice. He knew his district overwhelmingly supported the antigay marriage amendment. His own staff advised him that voting for the antigay marriage amendment would not hurt him, but voting against it, could. And everyone knew that his opponents would use any vote against the antigay marriage amendment as reason to not elect him again in his re-election campaign in the fall of 2006. In spite of this, when asked by the Houston GLBT Political Cause why he voted against the antigay amendment, Mr. Vo's response was very simple: "It was the right thing to do."

Many others in that legislative session knew it was the right thing to do as well, but they, unlike Mr. Vo, chose to do the wrong thing anyway. They were more than willing "to abandon or subdue [their] conscience," ignore the hope of the GLBT community to become full citizens, and

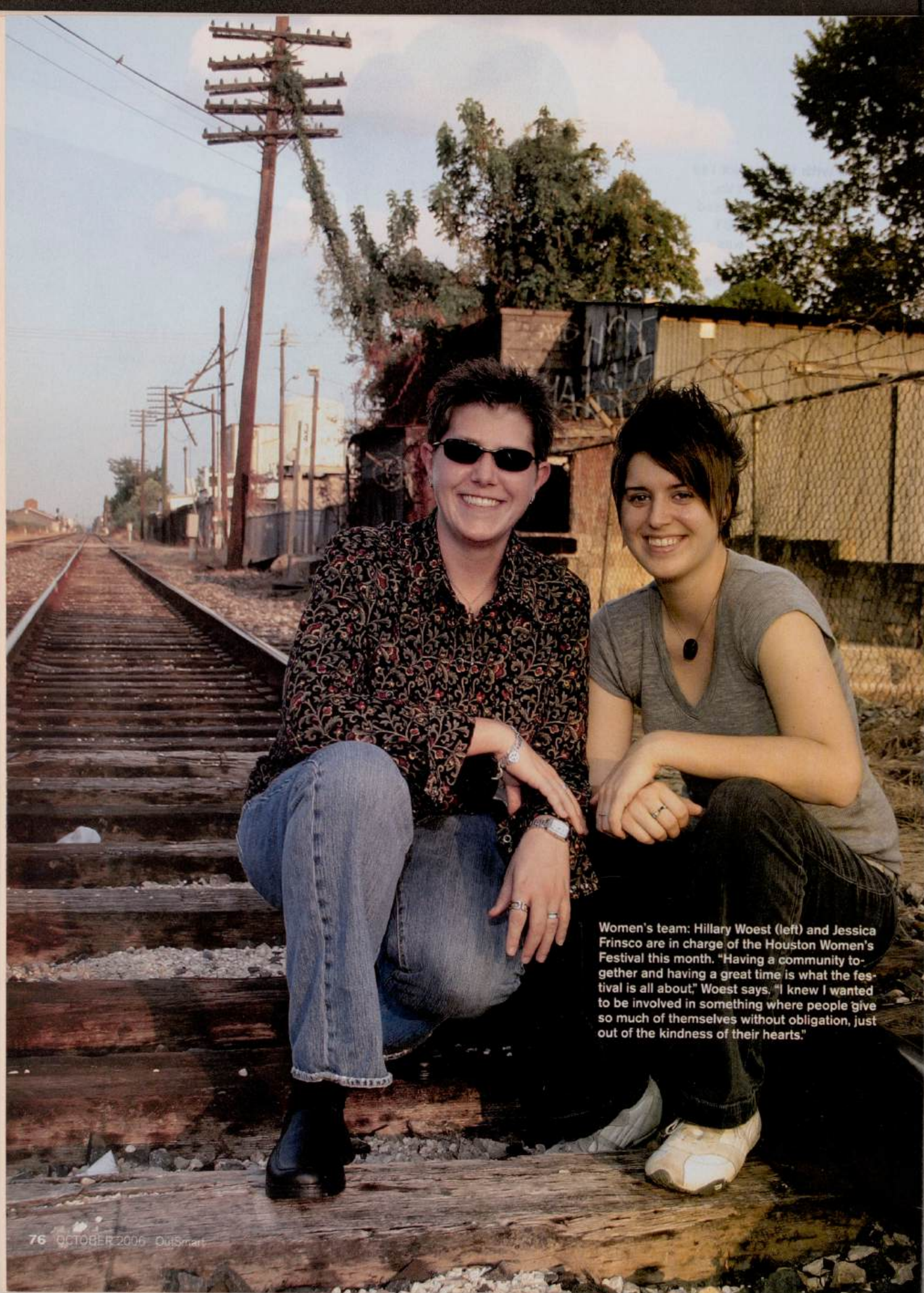
allow a divisive piece of legislation to appear on the fall 2005 ballot. The Republican-dominated Texas legislature used the GLBT community's vulnerability in the state to eke out narrow wins in the 2005 elections. And while the GLBT community valiantly fought against Proposition 2, the voices wanting us to remain second-class citizens prevailed.

I wish all legislators were as courageous as Mr. Vo. I wish all legislators had a moral compass like Mr. Vo. I wish we could count on our representatives to include us as part of their constituency. But we can't. Hence, when someone like Mr. Vo does the unimaginable in the Texas legislature, votes to represent all his constituents, we have to celebrate his ability "to follow the path of courage."

Maria Gonzalez serves on the board of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus and is an associate professor of English at the University of Houston. In 2003, Gonzalez was named to the first OutSmart People To Watch list.

Go with Vo: District 149 incumbent Hubert Vo, who has been endorsed by the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, was photographed at his campaign office on the west side of Houston.





Women's team: Hillary Woest (left) and Jessica Frinsco are in charge of the Houston Women's Festival this month. "Having a community together and having a great time is what the festival is all about," Woest says. "I knew I wanted to be involved in something where people give so much of themselves without obligation, just out of the kindness of their hearts."

A FESTIVAL COUPLE

Partners in both life and community involvement spearhead the Houston Women's Festival, which rocks downtown on October 21

by Natasha Avey

Photograph by Giselle Monte

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illary Woest and Jessica Frinsco aren't the kind of people to sit around for very long. Between their careers in the local school districts and their charitable work, it's amazing they had the time to sit and discuss the October 21 Houston Women's Festival—another one of their projects that they have taken head-on.

Woest is the producer and Frinsco is the director for the 12th annual festival. Together they make a great team, and a great couple.

It took less than five minutes in a coffee shop to understand why they are able to facilitate an endeavor such as the festival with grace and poise. It was clear because they have been so involved in the community outside of the festival that the scope of this task, though large, wasn't enough to scare them.

They sat there talking about their lives and accomplishments thus far with such charisma and charm that it was virtually impossible to stay on track. Every story led

to another story, usually more interesting than the last—whether it was the battle with cancer that Woest won over five years ago, the year working with AmeriCorps for Frinsco, or even the funny story about how they started dating over a misunderstanding about dinner with a mutual friend and an oh-so-clever pick-up line by Woest, I was intrigued. Their passion for the arts and helping others was evident and seemed slightly contagious.

Woest—who has either been involved with or helped form several local charities, including Leisure and Arts Promote Healing (LAAPH), the annual Kindred Spirits Reunion, and the yearly Bewitched Ball, an event held every year around Halloween in honor of her cancer remission—encourages others to get involved.

"I roll where the need is. There is so much need," Woest says. "This time it was with the Women's Festival. My father taught me a long time ago that there is always someone out there in more need than you."

Both Frinsco and Woest give credit to their families for their lives thus far.

"I have such a loving family who always reminded me of how fortunate we all were, and that has a lot to do with why I want to give back so much," Frinsco says. "I know how lucky I am and I know that there are others who aren't as lucky as me." Frinsco has been involved with many nonprofit organizations since she joined AmeriCorps, the federally connected service network, directly after college.

Woest has been involved with the festival for the last five years. Ironically, she got involved in the festival when an ex-girlfriend of hers needed her to help her out with what she was doing that year. So Woest did, loved it, and has been a part ever since.

After working very closely with Shirley Knight, the founder of the festival, Woest was asked to be the producer. Between graduate school, the start of the school year, and other commitments, Woest accepted the job but informed festival →

A Festival Couple

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organizers that "she could not do it alone." Knight agreed, and that is where Frinsco's involvement began. In regards to Knight's involvement, Woest and Frinsco say they are grateful of her help and pointers.

"Shirley has been a godsend through all of this," Woest says. "She has been so helpful even with the smallest things. You can really tell that this festival is her baby. Anything we have needed she has been there."

The two of them have helped change a few things with the 2006 festival. They wanted to change things up a little bit with how the festival was promoted, but stay true to the mission established by the Athena Art Project. That mission is that "art can and does change the world, women are worthy, and the Gulf Coast region, Houston in particular, is fertile ground for creativity and art appreciation of all kinds."

Fans of the festival appreciate it for great music, its support and love of the arts, and the sense of community for all who attend. All of that is still very much in store for this year's festival, Woest and Frinsco say. This year, however, the producer and the director, along with other festival hands, wanted to involve all women, and not just lesbians, a little more than in previous years.

"We wanted to reach out to women at large," Woest says. "Family dynamics

are changing more and more every year. There are a lot more people who want their kids to be a part of more diverse environments. We want the festival to be for everyone."

Another change is the return of an art contest for local female artists. The winner of the contest receives a scholarship, and three will receive space at the festival where they can display and sell their work. Along with the contest, a September 17 kick-off party at Chances featured local musicians and members of the festival staff who promoted the upcoming festival. The proceeds of the kick-off party supported the scholarship. Woest says these two things are the biggest change in this year's festival.

Despite these changes, some familiar faces will be back at the festival. OutSmart's own Nancy Ford, comedian and emcee of the first festival in 1995, returns to emcee the 2006 festival. Ford, who has worked with Woest and Frinsco in other organizations, has also accepted the invitation to be the speaker at Woest and Frinsco's commitment ceremony planned for January.

Ford praises the job Woest and Frinsco have done with the festival. And as for the commitment ceremony, she says she is happy for them and jokes that she hopes she doesn't curse them. Ford, whose work is improvisational, hasn't yet planned anything for the ceremony, but she is sure to have the crowd laughing, which is exactly how Woest and Frinsco say they want it.

Ford says the biggest change in the festival under Woest and Frinsco is the diversity of the music.

"Old festivals in the past had one type of music. Women and music has changed dramatically throughout the years, and I think you will definitely be able to tell that with this year's lineup," Ford says. "There's a lot more rock involved."

Woest agrees and is very excited about the people scheduled to play at the festival. "There is something for everyone this year."

Artists performing at the festival include headliner Patrice Pike, Garrison Starr, The Ginger Leigh Band, along with many others.

Woest and Frinsco are extremely proud to be a part of the festival and look forward to seeing it all unfold at Jones Plaza downtown. "Having a community together and having a great time is what the festival is all about," Woest says. "I knew I wanted to be involved in something where people give so much of themselves without obligation, just out of the kindness of their hearts."

Many people feel the same way about the two of them. Roger Woest, Hillary's father, has worked with his daughter in many organizations and in volunteer work. Woest, who performs regularly at the club Keys West, does charity work himself for Bering Omega Community Services, which provides care for those living with HIV/AIDS. He says that Woest and Frinsco not only support the arts through their work with nonprofit organizations, but are also phenomenal artists themselves.

"Hillary is a very giving person with a huge heart—always has been," Woest says of his daughter. "She never asks anything from anyone that she wouldn't do herself. She not only directs projects but is the workhorse for the projects."

In regards to the upcoming ceremony for the two, he looks forward to it and feels that Woest and Frinsco are perfect for each other.

"I am really excited for them. Jessica seems to be a great soulmate and everything you would want for your child."

That evident match, just like their enthusiasm and passion, was true from the moment I sat down with my coffee that evening when Woest shared with me that Walt Disney once said, "If you can dream it, you can do it."

She, along with Frinsco, believes that maxim to be true in both life and love.

Natasha Avey is the former editor of The Collegian, the Houston Baptist University college newspaper. This is her first contribution to OutSmart.

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Rock Out



Patrice Pike (pictured), who recently made some noise as one of the finalists on the CBS program *Rock Star Supernova*, headlines the Houston Women's Festival on Saturday, October 21, in Jones Plaza downtown. Additional performers are The Ginger Leigh Band, Ericka Lockett, and Garrison Starr. Details: www.hwfestival.org.

COURTESY PATRICE PIKE



DO THE FAIS DO DO. For the past 35 or so years, the charitable Krewe of Olympus has donned countless opulent costumes and held many an extravagant and entertaining ball, witness the lovely **Kaye Sedilla** (a.k.a. **Tim Martinez**) at the group's recent Trash Disco event. The Krewe's next big do, the annual Fais Do Do (say "fay doe doe") and French Market is scheduled October 7, 7-11 p.m., at the French Alliance Center. The event offers Cajun food, handmade crafts, entertainment, and a chance to win a Sony 32-inch high-definition LCD flat panel television (the big winner will be declared that evening). Raffle tickets for a \$5 donation are available from Krewe members. Details: www.mardigrastexas.com.

SPEAKING OF FRENCH THINGS. It's time once again for the Imperial Court of Houston's Enthronement Ball. Held at the downtown Crowne Plaza on October 7, "Vive La France! From the French Revolution to the Modern Day Runways of Paris!" will be emceed by KHOU anchor **Lisa Foronda**. Proceeds benefit Lazarus House and the Lexy Bowen Community Fund. Tickets: \$40-\$100. Details: www.spacecityempire.org.

MID-WEEK TALENT. GoGirls-Music.com is branching out once again. The women's music collective is producing a monthly open mic at Bocados. Women have long gathered at that West Alabama restaurant on Wednesday nights for cocktails and dancing, so the collaboration with GoGirls' producer **Madalyn Sklar** is a natural fit. **Katie Stuckey** hosts the open mic sessions, 7-9 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. Details: 713/523-5230.

NIGHT OF COLEMAN. Local poet **Aaron Coleman** returns to the spotlight for "An Evening of Jazz, Poetry and Art" at one of our favorite creative spaces, Bering & James gallery, located on Rhode Place at Taft. There is no admission charge for the October 20, 6-9 p.m., event, though donations benefiting the Houston GLBT Community Center are welcomed. Details: 713/524-0101.

PET PROJECT. Need a blast from the past, but can't justify your own pleasure unless it benefits a good cause? Then get a sitter for the dogs (the cats can fend for themselves) and head on over to SNAP-a-Go-Go. The show and silent auction are set for October 28 at the Stafford Centre Performing Arts and Convention Center and benefit the programs of the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program. Felix Cavaliere's Rascals (remember when they were the Young Rascals?) is the event's featured act, preceded by Houston's own Harley's Angels. Details: 713/862-3863 or www.snapus.org.

TABLES FOR TEN. Our friend **Alton** (with an A!) **LaDay** brings news that the kick-off and table captain registration party for the 10th annual Human Rights Campaign Gala is set for October 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts' Cullen Sculpture Garden. Details: www.hrchoouston.org.

STRIKE UP THE BOO! Houston Pride Band is busy this month. First, the group has been added to the entertainment line-up at AssistHers' annual yumfest, Decadent Dessert and More, October 8, 4-7 p.m., at South Beach. Details: www.assisthers.org. • Then the band gets scary with Spooked on Classics, a special Halloween-themed concert. The program, set for October 19, 7:30 p.m., at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, includes the chilling *Danse Macabre* as well as selections from *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Psycho*, and the *Harry Potter* movies. **Jason Stephens** is interim artistic director. Details: www.houstonprideband.org.

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Salma Hayek

(TV Guide, 9/06)

Re: Ugly Betty, based on the Colombian telenova Yo Soy Betty, la Fea, which premiered in September on ABC.

Executive produced by telenovela vet Salma Hayek, the original's over-the-top flavor has been toned down (think less eye shadow and sequins, more Crackberries and poncho jokes), but it retains a campy, couture-drenched appeal. "I don't think anything is being lost in the translation," Hayek says. "Definitely women will love this show . . . and gay fashionistas!"

Rufus Wainwright

(Fashion Rocks, a supplement to Vanity Fair, 9/06, Liza Ghorbani)

Re: Fashion designer Marc Jacob's quote, "I had a huge crush on [Rufus]," he says. "But I got over it."

Wainwright's reaction [to the quote by Marc Jacobs] is anything but surprised—or surprising. "I had an inkling," he says. "But breaking hearts is part of my business," he says with a laugh. "So I have to maintain my razor-sharp cheekbones."

Marilyn Manson

(Fashion Rocks, a supplement to Vanity Fair, 9/06, Vanessa Grigoriadis)

His childhood . . . was the quintessential American nightmare. It was birthed into one of the most coherent messages of any rock star working today, at least if you consider this explanation, given by Manson himself years ago: "It's been designed to speak to the people who understand it and scare the people who don't. A lot of what I say to our fans is 'Stop worrying about trying to fit into the status quo of what is beautiful and what is politically correct. Believe in yourself and stick to what's right. If you want to be like me, then be like myself.'"

Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie

(Esquire, 10/06)

Angie and I will consider tying the knot when everyone else in the country who wants to be married is legally able.

2 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Dustin Hoffman

(A&U, 10/04, Dann Dulin)

"I've been working on a movie for four years now called *Personal Injuries*. I want to direct and act in it. I've been co-writing it. I bought the book and spent my own money. It's a subtle relationship between a womanizer and a lesbian—a love story. I've interviewed lesbians in the same way I interviewed women for Tootsie. One woman said a wonderful thing during our conversation. She said, 'I've also had sex with men.'"

"Did you enjoy some of them?" Dustin asked.

"Yes."

"Did you have orgasms?"

"Yes."

"Then you're not gay, you're bisexual."

"No, I'm gay."

"Explain it to me," Dustin urged.

"And she said it very simply: 'I reach a deeper place with another woman.' And I got emotional. I couldn't ask any more questions. That's quite beautiful, isn't it?"

Queer Quotes

Compiled by Blase DiStefano

Weeds' Mom & Daughter

(TV Guide, 8/06, Rochell D. Thomas)

This season Celia [Elizabeth Perkins] got into a car accident while arguing with Isabelle [Allie Grant] over pretzels. And when she caught her daughter kissing a girl, instead of being concerned or talking to her about sexuality, Celia said, "You cannot become a lesbian just because you don't want to lose weight."



Jai Rodriguez

(TV Guide, 8/28/06, Deborah Starr Seibel)

Re: Jai Rodriguez' (one of the Queer Eye guys) backup plan if he doesn't win the competition in Celebrity Duets.

"Maybe I can do *American Idol* as a judge. If Paula's [Abdul] out sick one day, I'll replace her. I'll just put on a wig and go with it."

▲ Wigg'n' out: Is Jai Rodriguez (front) ready to be an *American Idol* judge, along with (back row, l-r) Simon Cowell, Ryan Seacrest, and Randy Jackson?

◀ Overbearing mom: Would Elizabeth Perkins (l) wig out more over her daughter's (Allie Grant) hairdresser (Paul Mithcell's John Paul DeJoria) or her daughter's lesbianism?

10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

'Roseanne'

(Roseanne, 10/1/96, ABC)

Re: Leon, the gay character played by Martin Mull on *Roseanne*. Jackie (Laurie Metcalf): Has anybody seen Leon lately? Ever since he won the lottery, he looks like hell.

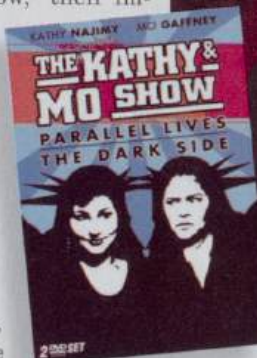
Darlene (Sara Gilbert): I know. I saw him the other day—he looked like such a slob, I thought he was straight.

MO BETTER LAUGHS

The Complete Kathy & Mo Show looks very, very pretty tonight

Before *Sister Act*, before *Absolutely Fabulous*, even before *Veronica's Closet*, comic actors Kathy Najimy and Mo'Nique had earned unshakable reputations as comedy legends. A duo operating under the generic umbrella name "The Kathy & Mo Show," their improvisationally-based, '80s-era performance pieces, *Parallel Lives* and *The Dark Side*, garnered a slew of off-Broadway OBIE and Cable Ace awards.

Chances are, thanks to the magic of premium cable TV, most of you have already enjoyed the timeless, acerbic, politically-skewering entertainment both shows provide. But this collection's bonus features, including audio commentaries and two-decade-old, heretofore-unseen clips, are stand-alone classics. The



Gender benders: Kathy Najimy (l) and Mo'Nique play a wide variety of roles to hilarious results in this new DVD release.

basis for one of the bonus skits is the actual transcript of an unidentified state representative's arguments before the legislature for a rape bill, presented in the early 1980s. That chilling/hysterical/telling inclusion is reason enough to deem this collection a must-possess for fans.

Also included are two new sketches recently taped at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, illustrating the women's ongoing support of GLBT equality.

But the programming isn't the only funny thing about this double-disc release: the outer packaging carries with it a Tipper Gore-like warning, insisting "the view and opinions expressed ... are those of the participants

and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of Image Entertainment." That type of caveat in itself can usually be interpreted as a big endorsement. From Image Entertainment (www.image-entertainment.com). —Review: Nancy Ford

MORE DVD/VHS PREVIEWS

Let's Get Frank

This fun and thought-provoking doc follows Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass), one of the country's few openly gay politicians, practically everywhere. Whether speaking on gay rights at Capitol Hill or speaking to revelers at Fire Island, his outspoken views, down-home politics, and sharp wit are apparent. • 2003. Directed by Bart Everly. • From First Run Features (www.firstrunfeatures.com). —Preview: Eric A.T. Dieckman

Gypo

Tasha (Chloe Sirene) is a young refugee of Romany Czech descent, who escapes with her mother from her oppressive husband and falls in love with a working-class British housewife, Helen (Pauline McLynn). While Helen must endure her bigoted husband and out-of-control teenage daughter, Tasha and her mother (Rula Lenska) must await their British passports while coping with the intolerance for "Gypsos," the British epithet for Gypsy/Roma-Sinti people. • 2005. Written and directed by Jan Dunn. • From Wolfe Video (www.wolfefideo.com or 800/GET-WOLFE). —Preview: E.D.

Say Uncle

Peter Paige (*Queer as Folk*), OutSmart covergirl Kathy Najimy (November 2003), and comedian Anthony Clark liven up this comedy. Paige's directorial debut. Paul (Paige) is a gay artist whose godson is the center of his life. When the kid and his fam move away, Paul frequents the local playground, leading to controversy, then outrage by local parents, led by a hysterical Najimy. • 2005. Written and directed by Peter Paige. • From TLA releasing (www.tlareleasing.com). —Preview: E.D.

Summer Storm

Best friends Tobi (Robert Stadlober) and Achim (Kostja Ullmann) have led their rowing team to a big regatta in the German countryside. Achim bonds romantically with Sandra (Miriam Morgenstern), causing Tobi's suppressed feelings for Achim to surface. During this inner turmoil, a team of young, athletic gay men join the competition, bringing out the prejudices and hidden desires of Tobi and Achim's teammates as a storm gathers over the regatta. • 2004. Co-written and directed by Marco Kreuzpaintner, who is openly gay. German

with English subtitles. • From Genius Products (www.geniusproducts.com). —Preview: E.D.

Guys and Balls

A feel-good comedy about learning and acceptance, Ecki (Maximilian Brückner) is a passionate goalie. After he loses an important match for his team and is outed by them, he decides to form an all-gay soccer team. He gets more than expected, however, when his new crew must face his old one in a heated grudge match. • 2004. Directed by Sherry Horman. German with English subtitles. • From Genius Products (www.geniusproducts.com). —Preview: E.D.

Girl King

A drag king pirate movie? Ay, matey! It's a virtual "Pirates of the Isle of Lesbos" in this cheeky tale of queer identity and dyke desire. Butch (Chrystal Donbrath-Zinga), Easy (Joyce Pate), and Captain Candy (Raven Courtney) must find the Queen's (Victoria Deschanel) lost treasure and restore the line between butch and femme. • 2002. Written and directed →

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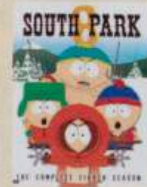
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South Park: The Complete Eighth Season



Embarking upon its 10th season this month, the sweet-cheeked, gutter-mouthed fourth graders offer a nod to their recent past with 14 episodes from '04. Paris Hilton gets a contemptible skewering, Mel Gibson's madness is foreshadowed in "The Passion of the Jew," the boys nearly kill Butters with a ninja throwing star—in a nutshell, mayhem ensues with every episode. • From Comedy Central (www.comedycentral.com). —Preview: E.D.

MUSIC DVDs

Barbra Streisand
One Voice



The first stirrings of Streisand's political activism became apparent in September 1986, when she performed in her Malibu backyard for 500 of her closest friends. The event raised millions for the Democratic Party, placing her securely on the list of wild-eyed liberals with deep pockets. Twenty years, two Bushes, and her own .com later, *One Voice* is available on DVD. Perfection. Available now from Rhino Records (www.rhino.com). —Preview: N.F.

Roy Orbison
In Dreams



Texas' favorite rockabilly son would have been 70 this year. As a tribute, *In Dreams* contains reflections from fans/collaborators Willie Nelson, the late Johnny Cash, and others, as well as performances spanning his four-decade musical career. But best of all, the DVD contains the jaw-dropping performance of Orbison's heretofore unavailable "Crying," with k.d. lang. Available Oct. 31 from Legacy (www.legacyrecordings.com). —Preview: N.F.

BOO! DVDs

Elvira, The Mistress of the Dark
Elvira's Movie Macabre



She's bold, she's bad, and she's back in black. Just in time for Halloween. Elvira, Mistress of the Dark has a great plan for your hellish holiday viewing. Elvira's Movie Macabre couples the classic horror flicks *Frankenstein's Castle of Freaks* with *Count Dracula's Great Love*; *The Devil's Wedding Night* with *Legacy of Blood*; and *The Werewolf of Washington* with *The Doomsday Machine*. All are accompanied by commentary (or "wrap-arounds," as they're called in the biz) by Elvira herself. The DVD sets are available in individual double-feature packages, or all together at a slight discount. Booo-tiful! Available now from Shout! Factory. Details: www.elvira.com. —Preview: N.F.

Hellbent



As one of the originators of *Halloween* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*, Joseph Wolf seems to have a natural calling to create cult horror classics. And now, just in time for your holiday tricks and treats, Wolf's gory-with-a-gay-twist *Hellbent* is now available from here! Films. Details: www.heretv.com. —Preview: N.F.

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Look no further than your very own television set on Halloween for a place to get your sexy spook on. On All Hallows Eve, Sundance, our favorite indie channel, offers a three-course pulsating meal from European sexploitation filmmaker, Jess Franco.

The fright fest begins on Oct. 31, naturally, at 9 p.m. with the U.S television premiere of *She Killed in Ecstasy*, showcasing a woman going mad as she seeks to avenge her husband's death. (Insert Ken and Linda Lay punchline here.)

The Devil Came from Asakava rolls at midnight, focusing on a British spy dispatched to Africa to solve a case involving a magic stone, zombies, and some creepy Europeans. (Insert Girard Depardieu punchline here.)

The primary function of these two films, however, are to frame the evening's main event, *Vampyros Lesbos*, airing at 10:30 p.m. All about a seductive descendent of Count Dracula, *Vampyros Lesbos* actually premieres on Sundance on Oct.



Anne Rice might have titled it *Interview and a Cocktail with the Lesbian Vampire*. Ewa Stromberg, left, as Linda Westinghouse and Soledad Miranda as Countess Nadine Carody/Susann Korda in Jess Franco's *Vampyros Lesbos*.

20, but the network has wisely double-scheduled it to also run on the bloodsucking community's favorite High Holy Day.

All three Halloween films star Franco's favorite thespian, Soledad Miranda, who is a dead ringer for Barbara

Hershey, by the way. Though Miranda had already made 30 films by the tender age of 27, it was *Vampyros Lesbos* that established her as "the next big thing" by European filmmakers.

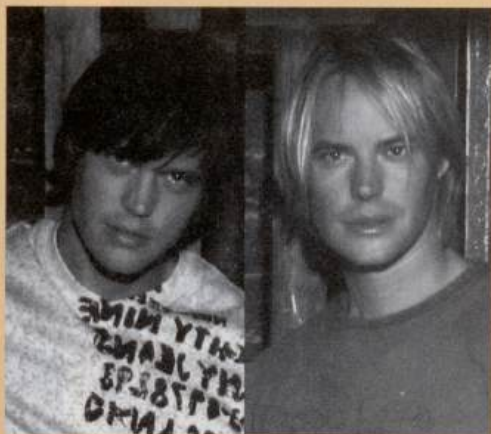
The film was to be her last,

however. Miranda perished in an auto accident in Portugal shortly after *Vampyros Lesbos* was released. Sad and not just a little scary, right? (Insert Katherine Harris punchline here.)

Details: www.sundancechannel.com.

Finding 'Nemesis'

Rocker/brothers Jacob and Joshua lead a band called Nemesis, a term they should be quite familiar with: Not only are they brothers, they're also twins. Not only are they twins, they're also gay. And not only are they gay, they're also Jehovah's Witnesses. Did someone say "reality show"? *Jacob & Joshua: Nemesis Rising* premieres on Logo, Oct. 16, 9 p.m. Details: www.logoonline.com.



Quinceanera for 'In the Life'

In 1992, before the first episode of the thoughtful GLBT newsmagazine *In the Life* debuted on one of only six affiliate PBS stations, then-Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) publicly denounced the show, stating: "It seems that the broadcasting apologists are hiding behind Big Bird, Mr. Rogers, and *Masterpiece Theatre*, laying down their quality smokescreen while they shovel out funding for gay and lesbian shows." Fifteen years and 264 PBS affiliates later, *In the Life* is still here, still queer, and still shoveling. Actress Cherry Jones returns to *ITL* as guest host when the new season begins Monday, Oct. 9, 1 a.m. on Houston's PBS affiliate, KUHT/Channel 8. Details: www.itltv.org/.

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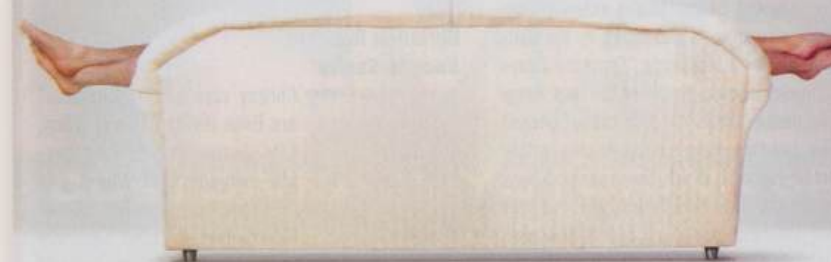
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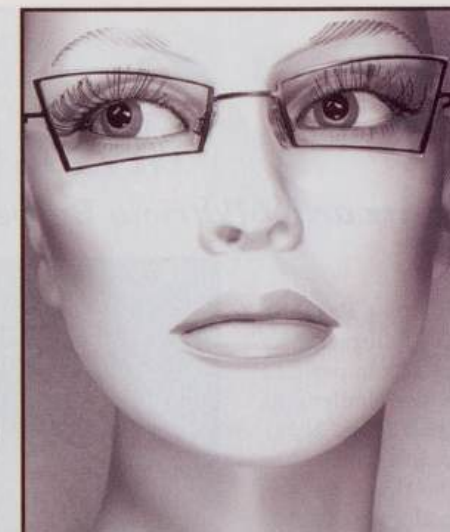
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Out jazz artist Patricia Barber releases her CD *Mythologies*

Celebrated, out jazz artist Patricia Barber put her 2003 Guggenheim Fellowship for music composition to good use, resulting in the challenging and rewarding *Mythologies* (Blue Note). Drawing on both her distinctive composition and performance skills, the Greek mythology song cycle, featuring characters from the Ovid *Metamorphosis*, may or may not have you scrambling for your beat-up copy of Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*. More than likely, it will further endear Barber to her considerable following in the contemporary jazz world and beyond.

Gregg Shapiro: I had the honor of attending the last few days of the Montreal Jazz Festival in early July—it was my first time attending. I know that you performed at the jazz fest as well this summer. What was your experience like?

Patricia Barber: Montreal is always good to us, like Paris. The people are enthusiastic and open to new sounds or old favorites of mine. We love playing Montreal.



Le jazz hot: Patricia Barber

How many times have you performed at the Montreal Jazz Festival?

I would be guessing, perhaps five times.

When you performed in Montreal, did you include songs from *Mythologies*?

We've been performing songs from *Mythologies* as long as I've been writing them, about three years. Certainly now with the release [of the CD], I do more of them per set.

How were they received?

They have been received very well. They're just songs, mostly love songs.

It might seem to some like an unlikely pairing, but ultimately Greek mythology and jazz do sound as if they belonged together all along. Was it an easy match, or did you struggle with finding the right music for the subject?

I only struggled in the way that all songwriters struggle. It wasn't harder to use this subject matter, and I placed the characters in contemporary times. Some of the forms I used were difficult—the sonnet form, for instance—but the mythological characters were rich fodder. →

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Indigo Girls
Despite Our Differences



This recording from the consummate lesbians-with-guitars duo brings their number of releases to an even dozen. Its catchy opener, "Pendulum Swinger," is stamped with Emily Saliers' signature suspended chord progressions. "Three County Highway" is more Amy Ray-influenced: electric, yet mellow. And smartly reaching out to a new demographic, producer Mitchell Froom opens Girls' studio mic to pop rocker Pink on the whimsically titled "Rock and Roll Heaven's Gate." All in all, it's a comfortable and predictable disc (and we mean that in a good way). From Hollywood Records (www.hollywoodrecords.go.com). —Review: Nancy Ford

Michelle Malone
Sugarfoot

There's something that makes us think Houston Women's Festival alumna Michelle Malone was trying to purge herself of some serious baggage while recording *Sugarfoot*. If so, Malone likely feels better



now. Every selection on this intense, driving blues-rock CD left us panting and spent, yet renewed and begging for more. Love that. (BTW, M.M. used to date IG's A.R. Who knew?) Available now on iTunes and Oct. 10 from Valley Entertainment. Details: www.michellemalone.com. —Review: N.F.

Elton John
The Captain and The Kid



This is intended as a sequel to the landmark 1975 concept album *Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy*, on which Elton and his lyricist Bernie Taupin examine their struggles as musicians in the early days. That album contained the single "Someone Saved My Life Tonight," which was easily one of the best songs the pair has ever penned together. This album doesn't contain such a hit, but they were amazingly able to turn on the same sort of fire with which they recorded back in 1975. Sure, the production is different, and the men authoring it all are older and softer, but in a lot of ways it sounds just like classic Elton. And with that, it makes you want to ask of the man—just why didn't you give us this

record years ago? From Interscope (www.interscope.com). —Review: Lance Scott Walker

Jimmy James
Jamestown



Texas homeboy Jimmy James had a well-deserved *Billboard* Magazine club hit with "Fashionista," this CD's first cut and unmistakable tribute to Madonna's "Vogue." What follows is a fun collection of dance tunes, mostly, showcasing the mercurial James' capable vocals. Can't wait to see the videos, Gurl! From Made Records (www.maderecords.com). —Review: N.F.

Christina Aguilera
Back to Basics



Chrissy says her "touchstones" are Billie Holiday, Otis Redding, Etta James, and Ella Fitzgerald—whispers of whom can be detected here. The former Mouseketeer is at her surgically accurate vocal best on nearly all of this double-disc's tunes, with "Enter the Circus/Welcome" jumping →

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War is a prevalent theme in Greek mythology. At this time of war, did you feel as if it was a way for you to make political comments through the subject matter?

Parallels between certain of the characters and contemporary political times were so obvious. I didn't have to draw the comparison. Out of 11 songs, only two are political unless you count [queer love song] "Narcissus," which would make it three.

You've spoken about "Narcissus" becoming a "gay wedding song." Would it have significance to you if it did, in fact, come to be used in same-sex marriage ceremonies?

If somebody wrote me a note and told me they had used it, I would be pleased.

As the press materials say, the album is comprised of "varying musical styles." For

instance, I really loved the different voices on "Persephone." Can you please say something about that?

I wanted a male singer doubling me at the octave on this. A pop sound... perhaps George Michael, and I wanted a different-sounding voice for the verse on "Persephone" as the verse is quite different than the rest of the song and I think one of the most beautiful verses I've ever written. Lawrice Flowers is a 15-year-old man from the Chicago Children's Choir. He sang the verse beautifully.

Hip-hop is also a presence on the album, as we can hear on "Whiteworld" and "Phaethon." What was it like working in that genre?

We have the drum beat on a few things and use it regularly now in live sets as it is a part of the contemporary soundscape. The rapping of the endangered species, I left up to the kids.

The gospel on "Phaethon" and "The Hours" reminded me of the '80s Broadway musical *The Gospel at Colonus*. Please say something about incorporating those influences on the album.

Choral Thunder, the choir, has been with me since my CD *Modern Cool*. I wrote "The Hours" with their sound in my head. I wanted the sound of humanity.

When you tour in support of *Mythologies*, will you be performing the album in its entirety or just selections from the disc?

We couldn't find a sponsor for bringing the entire ensemble on the road—you can imagine the costs—so the quartet can cover eight of the songs very well.

Gregg Shapiro is a past recipient of the annual *OutMusic* award that recognizes contributions by non-musicians in furthering the work of GLBT performers.

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Persephone's Bees Notes from the Underworld



Angelina Moysov grew up in Southern Russia. For that reason, she's got a different perspective than your standard rock 'n' roll singer. Musically, that upbringing was priceless, because she's been able to infuse the music of her home country into her band, creating a rock record that at times sounds like the soundtrack for *Rocky Horror*, at times like Joan Jett with honey poured all over her voice, and all the while bringing to mind the sexual subtleties of Astrud Gilberto. To top it off, the album ends with the heavy epic "Home," which could easily be an album in itself. An impressively complete, all-encompassing work. From Columbia (www.columbiarecords.com). —Review: L.S.W.

Jody Watley The Makeover



Considering that she broke out all the way back in 1987, it's amazing that Jody Watley is even still making records. That she's been able to keep up with the times is even more outstanding. More great work on this dance-laden release, including a smoking cover of the Reggie Lucas tune "Borderline," popularized by Madonna just a few years before Watley got her break. From Avitone (www.jodywatley.net). —Review: L.S.W.

Four Broadway Revivals

South Pacific, *The King and I*, *My Fair Lady*, *Candide* One of the silliest and most inexplicable clichés attached to gay males is their supposed predilection for Broadway show tunes. Personally, I've never seen much evidence of this,



and I'm reasonably certain that most of the straight men I sleep with would find something to like in at least one of four new CD releases from Sony's Masterworks Broadway catalogue...

Two Rodgers and Hammerstein titles, revivals of *The King and I* and *South Pacific* recorded in 1964 and 1967 respectively, are of particular interest for R&H fanatics. Both are superb Music Theater of Lincoln Center productions on CD for the first time and are said to be the only stereo recordings of the shows to receive direct input from composer Richard Rodgers. Darren McGavin subs for Yul Brynner in *The King and I*, and Mama Brady herself, Florence Henderson, will almost make you forget Mary Martin's contribution to the original *South Pacific*. . . . The 1976 20th anniversary of Lerner and Loew's *My Fair Lady* was a big deal at the time, and this cast recording probably (technically) sounds better than the Broadway original, but while you're listening to it you might wonder why you're listening to Ian Richardson, Christine Andreas, and George Rose when you could be listening to Rex Harrison, Julie Andrews, and Stanley Holloway. It's a matter of both taste and nostalgia. . . . And taste is definitely a factor in appreciating or tolerating the 1974 Harold Prince "reinterpretation" of *Candide*, a musicalization of Voltaire's satirical novelette. With this two-disc set you get dialogue and music numbers. Halfway through it I was longing for rap music. From Sony BMG Masterworks (www.sonybmgmasterworks.com). —Review: Jack Varsi

Neil Cohen Day Off



You know how actors want to be directors, directors want to be singers, and singers want to be actors? The openly gay Cohen is an acclaimed fashion designer, yet 20-some years ago also pulled gigs at famed New York cabarets, Eighty-Eights and The Bitter End. And there's not a damn thing wrong with this collection dominated by soft-pop classics. We'd like to see some of his designs, though. Available now at www.cdbaby.com. Details: www.neilcohensings.com. —Review: N.F.

Madeleine Peyroux Half the Perfect World



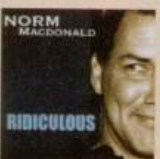
More attention continues to be lavished on composer Leonard Cohen, who penned the title tune, as well as another selection, on this collection of classic and Peyroux's original love songs. Come Christmastime, expect to hear her duet with k.d. lang of Joni Mitchell's "River," so keep the Thorazine handy. From Rounder Records (www.rounder.com). —Review: N.F.

Jihad Jerry & The Evildoers Mine Is Not a Holy War



If you were a member of DEVO and you decided to do a solo album after having been a member of DEVO for nearly 30 years, it would probably sound a lot like DEVO, just more watered-down, right? Well, Gerald Casale was a founding member of DEVO, and this is his first solo record. Nuf said. From Cordless (www.cordless.com). —Review: L.S.W.

COMEDY CD Norm MacDonald Ridiculous



This sketch comedy CD includes a few fictional gay figures: There's "Tex Hooper," a country-music legend recording a comeback (and coming out) album, and "World's First Two Gay Guys" reveals two men (MacDonald and Will Ferrell) who love sex but are repulsed by women. Shortly after MacDonald penetrates his pal, he asks if he hears something. Ferrell cries, "I think it was anal tearing." Ferrell's hilarious terror—and MacDonald's pleasure—is spread through several tracks in the CD. From Comedy Central Records (www.comedycentral.com). —Preview: Eric A.T. Dieckman

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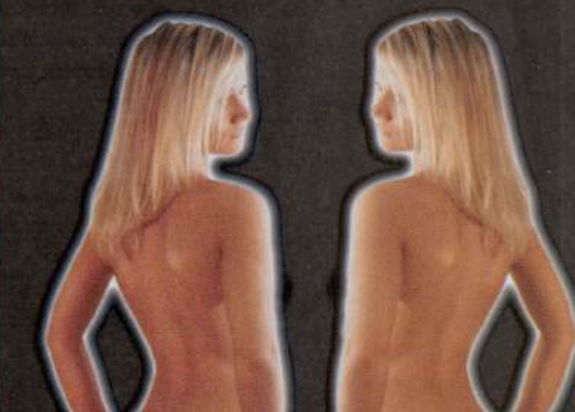
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BEHIND THE WALLS

An activist with his own prison background comments on a new memoir from a gay psychologist who worked in a penitentiary

I met Bernard Mazie, author of the memoir *Prison Manifesto: Recollections of a Queer Psychologist Working in a Maximum Security Prison*, in the relic of his former place of employment, Eastern State Penitentiary. It is now a shrine, a historic site and museum. When I was approached by the theatrical producer Lee Pucklis to perform Ray Hill, *The Prison Years* in Philadelphia during the 2005 Fringe Festival, I asked if the venue could be the penitentiary, which was built by the Quakers in the 1820s as a



Jail birds: Author Bernard Mazie's ID photo (l), when he was a penitentiary psychologist in 1966, matched with activist Ray Hill's 1970 prison photo.

work there." The opening of that institution marks the beginning of the Utilitarian Era in corrections evolution. I include mention of it in my lectures of the history of crime and punishment in Western societies.

Mazie and I experienced prison from different points of view. We were both gay when we started and are both still gay and growing more proud with the passing of time. He worked at Eastern State Penitentiary from 1966 to 1969. I was a Texas convict in prison from 1970 to 1975.

grand experiment in a more humane approach to punishment. At the time, it was the largest public structure on the continent. The experiment proved a failure, because as the Quakers themselves would later say, "Prisons destroy the spirits of those who are sent there and corrode the character of those who

Those dates are close enough that our experiences could have been very similar. You see, there is only one culture in prison, and it is shared by convict and prison staff alike. One value system is recognized and shared by inmates and staff, one rough language, one pecking order with inmates and staff overlapping in their struggle upward. →

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ReadOut Shorts

The House Beautiful
Allison Burnett

Avalon Publishing Group (www.avalonpub.com)

Adrian moves to New York on a personal quest. He rents a room from the mentally ill, alcoholic, and gay B.K. Troop, who pays his taxes by renting rooms to struggling artists. Full of great characters, charming devices, and happy endings for all, this novel is one of the best of the fall season. —Review: Angel Curtis

50 Ways of Saying Fabulous
Graeme Aitken

Green Candy Press (www.greencandypress.com)

Billy is growing up fat and gay on a farm in New Zealand. He escapes to a fantasy world where by donning a purple bed jacket he becomes Judy Robinson in Lost In Space. Aided by his cross-dressing female cousin, the farmhand, and

the boy in school no one wants to know, Billy manages to find his true self. Well-plotted and -written, this book is the perfect end-of-season beach read. —Review: A.C.

I Have Chosen to Stay and Fight
Margaret Cho

Riverhead Books (www.riverheadbooks.com)

Fans of Cho's blog won't be surprised by this title. It echoes that memorable '70s era quote from Patty "Tanya" Hearst when she declared her support of the Symbionese Liberation Army kidnappers. Hearst later recanted, saying she had been brainwashed. But don't expect Cho to soften her views in these pages. She remains one of our most vehement—and funniest—proponents of equal rights, and this book proves it. Details: www.margaretocho.com. —Preview: Nancy Ford

Doo-Long Love

Chad Sosna

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"Can a bunch of fat, middle-aged drag queens out-do

the Supremes?" Seeking a definitive answer to that age-old question, our 23-year-old protagonist Rex Muncey is the reluctant manager of a trio of middle-aged men trying to become latter-day Ronettes. If you prefer a hint of bisexuality with your girl groups and big hair, chances are Doo-Long is your kind of read. —Preview: N.F.

The Book of Boy Trouble

Edited by David Kelly and Robert Kirby

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The Book of Boy Trouble is a collection of "greatest hits" comics from 10 years of the popular alternative zine, *Boy Trouble*, with a generous sampling of new comics by old-time contributors and newcomers as well. Settings range from the waters of the Amazon to the suburbia of Long Island, from a train in Japan to a classroom in London, from sex emporiums to sunny beaches: It's all here and it's all queer. —Preview: Troy Carrington

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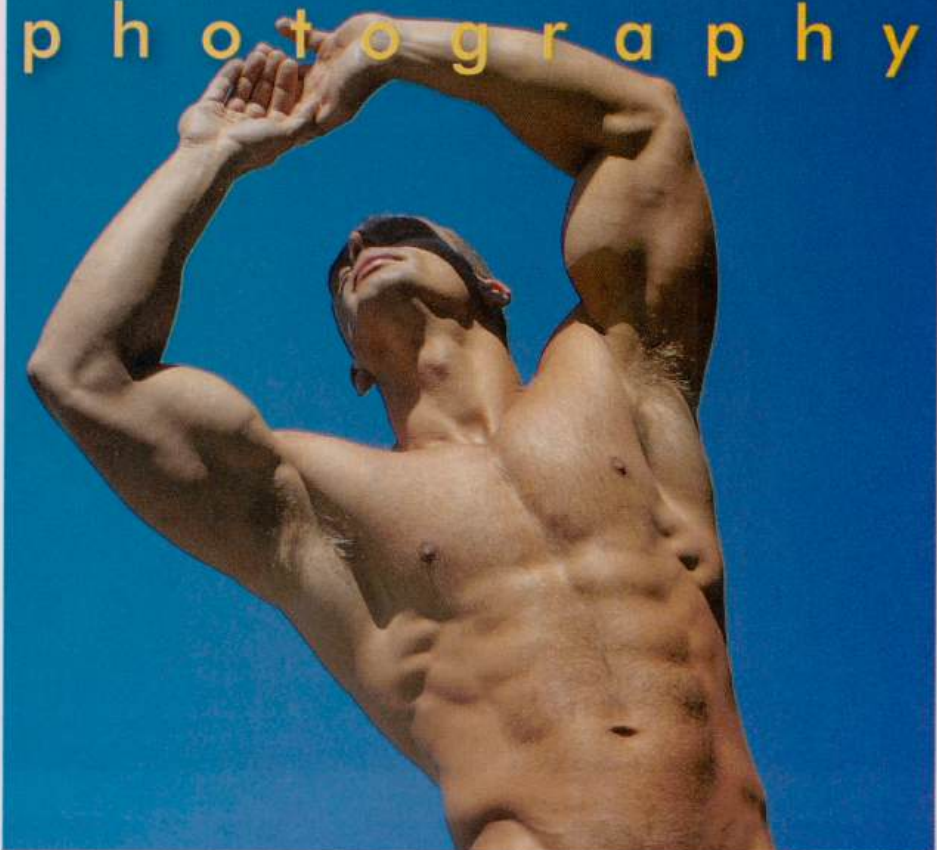
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There was a difference between Mazie and me. He was closeted (though his closet was not very successful). I was not (though I did not have sex the whole time I was locked up). In his self-published book, he frequently falls into the sexual fantasies he experienced in seeing naked bodies. In all prisons, there are always a lot of naked bodies. The sight of them wasn't as important to me as it seems to have been to him. Mazie was not very sexually active in his off hours, as I would have been had our roles been reversed, but he accepts the word of a ranking officer that "85 percent of the men in prison are homosexually active." That is just not true. Mazie also accepts that most of that sex is consensual and mutual. That is not true. In prison, sex is a commodity to be traded for commissary or other items and services of equal value. Most "real" gay men do not have sex at all while in that atmosphere of no trust and no privacy. Prisons are not at all like the Jeff Stryker DVD you forgot to take out of your player last night.

After reading the whole book, I found our experiences were very similar in one aspect. Life in prison for inmate and staff member alike is about 98 percent seriously boring, about 1.8 percent somewhat interesting, and .2 percent terrifying. I could have remained in prison for my entire 160-year sentence had I had enough graph paper to chart the ebb and flow of the pecking order rituals of the compact society within the institution. Similarly, as a psychologist, Mazie's searches through the webs of Freudianism take up much of his book.

The above report may not make *Prison Manifesto* sound worth reading, but I strongly recommend it for a different reason. Bernard Mazie and Ray Hill were also in different prisons at the same time. The oppression of all GLBT people of that era (the closeted and non) whether by the ignorance and prejudice of those around us or our own self-imposed poor image, was no less a prison than those created by the stone walls, iron bars, and razor wire. We take so much for granted, and our progress thus far is so fragile. Reading this book takes us back to where we came from before the Stonewall Rebellion and gives us justification for the work done in the last 35 years.

The activist Ray Hill wrote the essay "Three Years of Freedom," marking the third anniversary of the historic Lawrence v. Texas decision, for our June issue. Hill produces and hosts the weekly Prison Show, which airs on Friday night, 9-11 p.m., on KPFT-FM.

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With family, you just have to know the language, Sally explains

Ah, the family visit. What a bizarre custom. We leave the comfort of our homes, travel to places we escaped ages ago, and spend time with people from whom we've moved thousands of miles away—for a reason.

This year Wifey and I visited her mother in Cleveland—summer vacation destination of, well, nobody. I brave the muggy season in my gal's homeland out of spousal loyalty, proving that same-sex marriages threaten nobody but the people in them.

It's part of the bargain. After 18 years of unsanctioned matrimony, visiting in-laws—or, in our case, out-laws—ranks right up there with love, honor, and accompany to colonoscopy.

We buzzed apartment 206 of the senior housing unit.

"Who is it?" Mom's voice crackled through

the intercom.

Didn't we just call from the airport to announce our arrival?

Maybe she was joking. I've learned to translate Momspeak and assume the best away—for a reason.

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intentions.

A couple of years ago, when Wifey and I last took on the Midwest—the only out-queers at a cousin's opposite-sex wedding—Mom said, "You should visit again before I

drop dead." Who could resist such an alluring invitation? Not us.

"Hi, Mom," we said into the wall.

"Oy, I'm not even dressed." She clicked off the intercom.

If this was her *Guess What I Really Mean* secret code, Wifey wasn't amused.

My lifemate tends to go catatonic around her bio family anyhow, and the cross-country redeye didn't exactly bolster her spirits. Standing in the humid heat wasn't helping.

Mom greeted us at her apartment door. "What took you so long?"

Translated, she was saying *Welcome, Sweethearts, I'm so glad to see you.*

My mother-out-law is a perfectly nice woman—if you consider complaining perfectly nice—but she does push her daughter's →

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buttons. Poor Wifey. She glazed over, leaving me to engage Mom in conversation.

I commented on how nicely she had arranged her apartment.

"These candlesticks are yours when I'm gone," she said. "Then you'll see me every day." Rough translation: *You two are important to me.*

Wifey sighed and curled up on the couch.

"My one chance to see you and you're going to sleep?" Meaning: *I appreciate your making the long trip.*

Ya gotta feel for this woman. She's old, raised three kids who rarely visit, outlived her husband and all her siblings, and survived breast cancer. Isn't she entitled to complain a little?

Wifey hugged a throw pillow.

Mom gave me a tour of her kitchen. I realized that our last meal had been several time zones ago. Despite the airline's generous serving of nearly one dozen miniature pretzel sticks, I was hungry. Wifey came to and offered to take us out for lunch.

Mom said "What? My food isn't good enough?" Translation: *Great idea! I haven't been out to eat in a long time.*

I suggested she might enjoy a drive in our rented convertible. She responded with "I'm not sitting in the back!" Translation: *How fun! I haven't ridden in one of these for years.*

We ate at Cleveland's best Jewish deli. "Oy, I'll gain 10 pounds and have a heart attack." *I love the food here.*

Took her shopping. "My feet are killing me." *How nice to get out and about.*

Toured the sights. "With what you're paying for gas you could afford to call me once in a while." *Such a luxury! I'm having a terrific time.*

And so it went for the next few days, me translating in my head, Wifey zoning out, and her mom kvetching about, well, pretty much everything.

On our last evening, Mom said, "Next time you come it'll be for my funeral." Translation: *It's been wonderful.*

I thanked Mom for her hospitality, and we all hugged goodbye.

Ten hours and another pretzel feast later, Wifey and I arrived to a message on the answering machine. "It's Mom. Just wanted to make sure you got home okay. I really enjoyed our visit."

No translation necessary.

Sally Sheklow received both first- and second-place honors in the magazine column category in the 2005 Houston Press Club Lone Star Awards. She contributes a regular segment, "That Time of the Month," to the Air America radio affiliate in Eugene, Oregon.

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HIV Testing. HCHD Thomas Street Clinic is offering HIV testing free to the public, 9 am-1 pm. There is no need to establish eligibility ("gold-card"), no donation will be asked of the person seeking testing, and the test is free. Thomas Street Clinic, 2015 Thomas, 713/873-4157 or 713/873-4026.

Daily (Sun.-Fri.)

HIV Testing. The Montrose Clinic offers free confidential HIV testing at these locations: **Decades**, 1205 Richmond, 713/521-2224, Mon. 6-10pm (Dennis); **EJ's**, 2517 Ralph, 713/527-9071, Wed. & Fri. 10pm-1am (Rhonda & Lourdes); **Mary's, Naturally**, 1022 Westheimer, 713/527-9669, Wed. 4-8pm (Jack); **Midtown Spa**, 3100 Fannin, 713/522-2379, Tues. 9pm-1am (Carlos), Wed. 10pm-1am (Juan), Fri. 10pm-1am (Quincy); **Ripcord**, 715 Fairview, 713/521-2792, Wed. 9pm-12am (Matthew); **Inergy/Mango Lounge**, 5750 Chimney Rock, 713/660-7310, Mon. 9pm-12am (Carlos); **1415 Bar & Grill**, 1415 California, 713/522-7066, Thurs. 9pm-12am (Carlos); **611 Hyde Park Pub**, 611 Hyde

Park, 713/526-7070, Tues. 3-7pm & Sun. 2-6pm (Matthew); **All Star News and Video Emporium**, 3415 Katy Freeway & Studewood, 713/869-7878, Mon. & Thurs. 4-8pm (Jack); **Brazos River Bottom**, 2400 Brazos, 713/528-9192, Thurs. 8pm-12am (Matthew); **Cousin's**, 817 Fairview, 713/528-9204, Thurs. 8pm-12am (Jack); **Club Houston**, 2205 Fannin, 713/659-4998, Tues. 8pm-12am (Dennis). More info: 713/830-3000.

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Weekly (Thursdays)

Depression & Bipolar Support Group. Don't let depression or bipolar disorder dig its bleak claws into what little hope you've managed to hide from the shadows. Bering Support Network helps those in need to connect with others who are learning to cope. You are not

alone and can benefit from the experience of others. GLBT friendly. Free. Groups meet at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, Room 232, 7:15-8:30 pm. Info: 713/526-1018.

Weekly (Fridays)

Los Viernes Latinos! La Orquesta Salmeron spices up the Houston skyline with live salsa, merengue, bachata, and cumbia. In addition to the 12-member band making the night *mas caliente*, salsa performances and free salsa lessons for adults and kids get everyone involved. All that music and dancing make you hungry? Have some empanadas and tacos, then let a mojito or seven get you feeling the rhythm again (we hear it's gonna get you). Ay, sabroso! Free. 7-11 pm at the Downtown Aquarium Plaza, 410 Bagby at Memorial. Info: 713/223-FISH or www.aquariumrestaurants.com.

Weekly (Saturdays)

Saving Animals partners with the City of Houston to save loving, adoptable animals from the pound and find them permanent homes. Adoptions take place at Northwest Mall every Saturday from 10:30 am-4:30 pm near entrance B. Information or to volunteer: 713/527-4490 or www.savinganimals.org.

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Monthly (Tuesdays)

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6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)

Wild Women and the Wolves They Run With. Sr. Lois Dideon, R.C., leads this retreat for women, based on Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes' book *Women Who Run with the Wolves: Myths and Stories of the Wild Woman Archetype*. \$75 (includes lodging and meals). At St. Paul's

Church, 5501 Main Street. Information: gailwilliford@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

8, 15, & 29 (Sun.)

Making a Difference. The three-week study for adults, "History, Humanity, Responsibility: You Can Make a Difference," is based on a program developed by the Holocaust Museum of Houston. Begins Oct. 8 after a 5 pm supper in St. Paul's Activity Center. Begins 5:30 pm, Oct. 15 and 29 (without supper). Activities and childcare provided for children through fifth grade. St. Paul's Church, 5501 Main Street. Info: dadair@stpaulshouston.org, ksullivan@stpaulshouston.org, or 713-528-0527.

11 & 12 (Wed. & Thur.)

Catch the Wave. The Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour, the biggest literary touring event of 2006, is an independent poetry press based in Seattle, Washington, dedicated to publishing the best in American poetry by new and established authors. The Aurora stop will feature poets Joshua Beckman, Matthew Zapruder, Dara Wier, and Gillian Conoley. \$5. Oct. 11, 8 pm at the Aurora Picture Show, 800 Aurora St. The Menil Foundation holds a second free engagement of the tour entitled "Surrealist Lunch." Five poets lead a walking tour of the museum's Surrealist galleries, highlighting the impact the works have had on American Surrealist poetry, then present short readings. Oct. 12, at noon at the Menil Foundation, 1515 Sul Ross. Info: 713/868-2101, www.aurorapictureshow.org, www.menil.org, or www.wavepoetry.com.

14 & 15 (Sat. & Sun.)

ArtCORE. The Art Colony Association, Inc. and Several Dancers Core present the premiere of *Agua Azul: Blue Water* by CORE Performance Company at the Bayou City Art Festival Downtown. The site-specific piece appears within, around, and through the festival grounds. Free with festival admission. Begins 2 pm each day at the festival grounds at City Hall and Sam Houston Park in downtown Houston. \$8 adults, free for children under 12. Info: 713/521-0133 or www.bayoucityartfestival.com.

15 (Sun.)

Skates & Scavengers. Houston Heights Association sponsors this new event, the first Heights Bike & Skate Rally and Scavenger Hunt. Participants will receive a packet containing a rally card, map, and scavenger hunt clue list. Rally route is a 15-mile course on City of Houston bike trails through several inner-loop neighborhoods. \$10 on or before Oct. 12. \$15 beginning Oct. 13. Starts at 8 am and ends at 5 pm with a party, awards, and door prizes. Info/registration: 713/861-4002, opt. 6, or www.houstonheights.org.

19-21 (Thur.-Sat.)

Shake Your Bon-Bonhoeffer. The conference, "Bonhoeffer Today: Peace, Ecology, and Christian Ethics," celebrates the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and their application to today's world. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian who was executed by the Nazis for leadership and participation in resistance against Hitler. Bonhoeffer left remarkable writings about his faith and ethical beliefs. The conference will be held at Holocaust Museum Houston, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and Christ the King Lutheran Church, all located close to each other in the Museum District/West University Village area. \$75 per person, plus \$7 for Sat. lunch, \$25 for Sat. dinner. Registration: www.melanchthon-institute.org. Info: 713/523-2864, ext. 1030, or MelanchthonDirector@ctkelc.org.

20 (Fri.)

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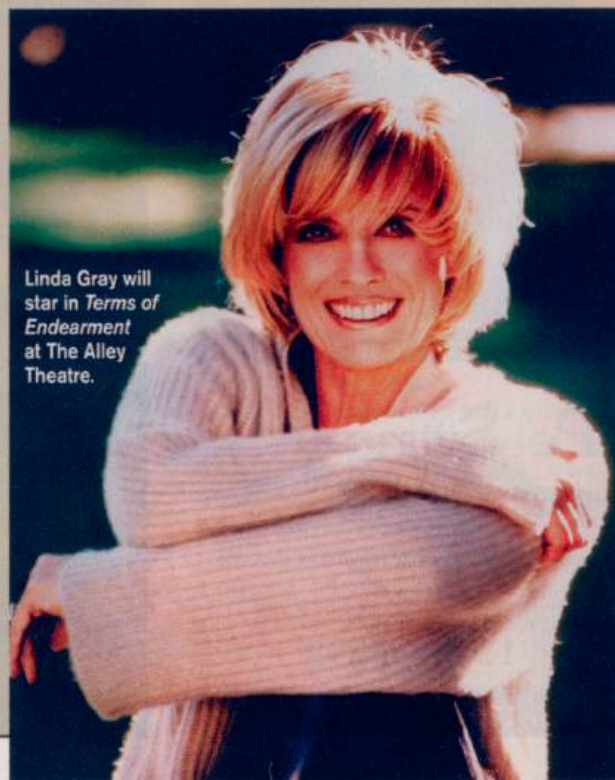
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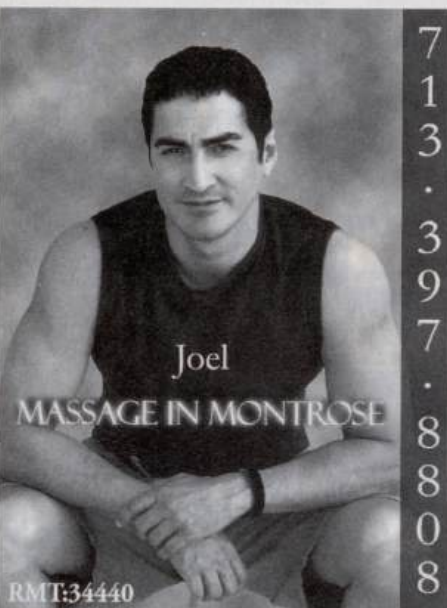
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22 (Sun.)
Onward Critter Soldiers. Worried about the souls of your beasts? Pondering whether or not all dogs really do go to heaven? Assure your pet a positive perch in the hereafter at the annual Blessing of the Animals. (Don't forget a leash or crate.) The Houston Police Dept.'s mounted patrol division and K-9 division have been invited. Children may bring stuffed animals. Free. 4 pm, Jones Plaza and adjacent lawn, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main St. Info: dadair@stpaulshouston.org, terryt@stpaulshouston.org, or 713/528-0527.

22 & 29 (Sun.)
The Gift That Keeps On Giving. The two-part "Gift of Life" seminar features physicians and attorneys examining end-of-life issues. Free. 9:45 am in the Activity Center, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main St. Info: dadair@stpaulshouston.org, terryt@stpaulshouston.org, or 713/528-0527.

24 (Tues.)
The Klee Klub. Da Camera of Houston presents "The Musical World of Paul Klee," an examination of the Swiss artist's painterly concerns and his musical contemporaries Webern and Stravinsky. \$30. 7:30 pm at The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. Info/reservations: 713/524-5050 or www.dacamera.com.

24-26 (Tues.-Thur.)
Migratory Words. Prizewinning author Ha Jin speaks on "The Writer as a Migrant" at Rice Univ.'s Campbell Lecture Series. Born in China in 1956, Xuefei Jin (Ha Jin is his pseudonym) was a teenager when China entered the Cultural Revolution. As Jin settled into his immigrant life in America, he eked out a living as a waiter, a busboy, and a night watchman, while continuing to pursue his writing. Free. 7:30 pm at Hamman Hall, Rice Univ. Info: 713/348-4998 or www.rice.edu/campbellecture.

24-29 (Tues.-Sun.)
STOMP Your Feet. STOMP is back, blending dance and percussive music yet again. Using brooms, garbage cans, plungers, and drumsticks, these beat-busting Brits can make music with anything. Showtimes vary. Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. Info/reservations: 713/227-4SPA or www.spahouston.org.

26 (Thur.)
There's No Work Like Network. The Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce hosts a chamber networking event. Get to know other businessfolk in your community and build your enterprise into an empire. Info/location: 713/523-7576 or www.TheChamberHouston.org.

26 (Thur.)
Kid Testing, Mother Approved. Dr. Merie S. Holland leads the "brown-bag lunch" program, "How to Prepare Your Child for Testing," enabling children to have positive experiences while testing. Free. 12:30-1:45 pm, Jones Building, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main St. For childcare, make reservations by 5 pm, Oct. 24 to 713/528-6779 or spschool@stpaulshouston.org. Info: dadair@stpaulshouston.org, terryt@stpaulshouston.org, or 713/528-0527.

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October 21 (Sat.)
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October 21-November 26 (Sat.-Sun.)
El Día de Muertos. Experience this unique holiday and celebration of life and explore the cultures from which it originates. The holiday is particularly important in Mexico, Oaxaca, and Michoacán. On this day people celebrate reunion with members of the family who are no longer with us. See a traditional Día de los Muertos altar, admire its *ofrendas* (decorations) and *pan de muerto* (loaves of bread resembling skulls or skeletons). Free with general admission, \$9 for general admission, \$6 for kids (3-11). Hall of the Americas, Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Center. Info: www.hmns.org or 713/639-4629. Información en Español: 713/639-4603.

October 27 & 28 (Fri. & Sat.)
ComedySportz. "Hysterical Horrors" pits two fiendishly funny teams of improv comedians in a horrific battle for points and laughs, while a sharp-tongued referee keeps the momentum going. The whole evening is haunted by a Halloween theme in this all-ages show. A costume contest offers a selection of scary prizes. \$14, \$7 for costumed patrons. 8 p.m. at the ComedySportz Arena, 901 Town & Country Blvd. Information and reservations: 713/868-1444 or www.comedysportzhouston.com.

October 31 (Tues.)
Wiley and the Hairy Man. For the kids, here's a spine-tingling tale of a boy and his worse fears. Produced by Express Theatre, this African-American folk tale is a lesson in self-reliance. 11 a.m. at Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. Information: 713/284-8350 or www.milleroutdoortheatre.com. —E.D.

28 (Sat.)
Jazz Riffs and Reeves. Da Camera kicks off its Jazz Series with Grammy Award-winning vocalist Dianne Reeves. You may have seen Reeves chanteusing it up in the film *Good Night, and Good Luck*. \$26.50-\$45. 8 pm at Cullen Theater, 500 Texas. Info/reservations: 713/524-5050 or www.dacamera.com.

28 (Sat.)
Winey Little Dockheads. The 5th Anniversary South Shore Dockside Food and Wine Festival offers two pavilions, one with unusual wines and one featuring upscale, premium varieties. Enjoy live entertainment includes Zydeco Dots and The Navigators. \$5 general admission, \$15 VIP admission. 11 am-10 pm, South Shore Harbour Resort and Marina, League City. Info: 281/334-4900 or www.southshorefestival.com.

PLANNING AHEAD

November 2 (Thur.)
The Kaiser of Atlantis. Viktor Ullmann's critically acclaimed work is performed by the Houston Grand Opera in association with Holocaust Museum Houston, The Jewish Community Center of Houston, and Congregation Beth Israel. *Der Kaiser von Atlantis*, or *The Kaiser of Atlantis*, was being prepared for performance in September 1944 when a Nazi SS delegation visited the camp and found satiric allusions to Adolph Hitler and anti-Nazi sentiments within the piece. The performance was shut down, and Ullmann and others were sent to the Auschwitz death camp, where they perished. \$36. 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd. Info/reservations: www.jcchouston.org.

November 3 (Fri.)
Imani Winds. These five accomplished musicians expand the boundaries of the traditional wind quintet and explore the links between European, African, and American music traditions. The name Imani means "faith" in Swahili. \$22-\$38. 8 pm, Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby. Reservations: 713/524-5050 or www.dacamera.com.

November 4 (Sat.)
ComedySportz' 16th Anniversary Show. CZs marks their joyous occasion with a special match featuring all available Houston "actlete" players since 1990. A reception allows fans to mingle with the players after the match and a silent auction will help raise money benefiting Texas Children's Hospital. 8 pm (doors open at 7), ComedySportz Arena, 901 Town & Country Blvd. Info/reservations: 713/868-1444 or www.comedysportzhouston.com. Goods or services may be donated to the auction by contacting Dianah Dulany at 713/868-1444.

November 4 (Sat.)
Imani Winds: A Musical Journey Around the World. Music lovers of all ages are invited to this interactive introduction to chamber music and wind instruments. Young people get an introduction to wind instruments and some short classical and world music pieces. Free. 2 pm, Museum of Fine Arts' Brown Auditorium, 1001 Bissonnet. Info: 713/524-5050 or www.dacamera.com.

November 6 (Mon.)
Flanders Recorder Quartet. With effortless virtuosity and expressive interpretation, the Belgian ensemble performs music from the Golden Age of England, Byrd, Morley, Dowland, and Ferrabasco with texts from Shakespeare and Ben Jonson. 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Holman. Info: 713/432-1744, www.HoustonEarlyMusic.org, or www.flanders-recorder-quartet.be.

November 11 (Sat.)
 Ann Reed, Minneapolis based singer/songwriter Ann Reed tours in support of her latest 2-disc CD, *Telling Stories*. 8 pm, Heinen Theater, 3517 Austin. Reservations: 800/947-9180 or www.annreed.com.

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RADIO

◆ **After Hours.** Sunday mornings, 1-4 am. Featuring the QMZ (Queer Music Zone) with Jimmy Carper. KPFT 90.1 FM, 713/526-5738.

◆ **Queer Voices.** Mondays, 8-10 pm. Features, news, music, interviews, reviews, and commentary. KPFT 90.1 FM, 713/526-4000.

◆ **Reach Out in the Darkness.** Houston's only transgender radio host and her partner present selected music from the '60s, played like it was in the '60s, exclusively from vinyl pressings. Every Wednesday morning, 3-6 am, KPFT Pacifica radio (90.1 FM).

◆ **World of Opera.** Houston Grand Opera returns to the airwaves for its 8th season beginning Oct. 14 with highlights from last season's performances. Saturdays, 12:30 pm on 88.7 FM, KUHF. Info/radio guides: 800/62-OPERA or www.npr.org.

PERFORMING ARTS

◆ **A Bad Night's Sleep.** Radio Music Theatre's most popular pieces from their 22-year history make up this revue. Phony commercials, goofy songs, and a Fertle family one-act fill the night with hilarity. \$20. Through Nov. 18, 8 and 10:30 pm, at Radio Music Theatre, 2623 Colquitt. Reservations: 713/522-7722.

◆ **Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto.** Jeffrey Kahane conducts this dramatic classic concerto that begins with a hush then flows through a breadth of emotion. \$25-\$99. Oct. 19, 21, and 22, Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. Info/reservations: 713/224-7575 or www.houston-symphony.org.

◆ **Benjamin Franklin, Printer, Etc.** Ben Franklin's 300th birthday is celebrated with a dramatization of his life and writings. \$20-\$35. Showtimes vary. Oct. 11-22 at Main Street Theater, Rice Village, 2540 Times Blvd. (Purchase a combo package for a ticket to Main Street Theater and to the Benjamin Franklin exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and save. Museum ticket is only \$7.50 extra or bring your museum ticket stub for \$5 off a ticket to Main Street Theater.) Info/reservations: 713-524-6706, www.mainstreettheater.com, or www.ticketweb.com

◆ **Don Giovanni.** The famous tale of the insatiable womanizer whose lust knows no bounds returns. Tickets start at \$20. Oct. 28-Nov. 11 at the Wortham Center's Brown Theater, Texas Ave. at Smith St. Reservations: 713/228-OPERA, 800/62-OPERA, or www.houston-grandopera.org.

◆ **The Great American Trailer Park Musical.** Double-wides, big hair, mullets, bad makeup, and fun songs. The trashiest musical of the summer has extended into the fall. (The entire cast will remain with the production for the extension.) Through Oct. 29 at Stages Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy. Reservations: 713/527-0220 or www.stagestheatre.com.

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♦ **West Side Story.** Some of Broadway's most cherished show tunes call this musical home, "Somewhere" to "Maria." \$27-\$87. Oct. 24-Nov. 5 at the Hobby Center, 800 Bagby. Info/reservations: 713/558-8887, 888/558-3882, or www.tuts.com.

PERFORMING ARTS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

♦ **Babes in Toyland.** Mother Goose, Tom, and Mary have quite a task before them—they must save Toyland from the pernicious clutches of Silas Barnaby. Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Oct. 2-6, 11 am, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. Info/covered seating reservations: 713/284-8350 or www.milleroutdoortheatre.com.

♦ **La Bohème.** Granted, this is not traditionally a kids' show, but Opera in the Heights' abridged, family-friendly rendition of Puccini's classic is performed in English, making it a great introduction to opera for young, uninitiated minds. Oct. 8, 1:30 pm, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. Info/covered seating reservations: 713/284-8350 or www.milleroutdoortheatre.com.

♦ **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.** Young Audiences of Houston presents the children's classic by C.S. Lewis. Whether in print, on screen, or on stage, the story is beloved by kids of all ages. 11 am, Oct. 10, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. Info/covered seating reservations: 713/284-8350 or www.milleroutdoortheatre.com.

♦ **Pippi Longstocking.** The new family musical adapted from Astrid Lindgren's book tells the story of the irrepressible, irreverent, and irrefutably delightful girl with the wily pigtails. \$9 for kids and students, \$11 for grown-ups (no one under 3). Through Oct. 27 (showtimes vary) at Main Street Theater—Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose Blvd. Tickets: 713/524-6706, www.mainstreettheater.com, or www.ticketweb.com.

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♦ **Ball-Nogues.** Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues collaborate to create an inhabitable floor-to-ceiling installation, a rolling cavernous space of 4,000 sheets of precision cut cardboard. Free. Through Oct. 29 at Rice Gallery, Sewall Hall, off entrance 1 at Main St. and Sunset Blvd. Information: 713/348-6169 or www.ricegallery.org.

♦ **Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World.** America's first international celebrity is celebrated with this exhibition that explores the extraordinary life and astounding accomplishments of one of this country's greatest citizens—a celebrated scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, diplomat, philanthropist, and humanitarian, who was also one of this country's most-quoted and affable humorists. \$5-\$15. Oct. 13, 2006-January 21, 2007, at the Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Drive. Info: www.hmns.org or 713/639-4629. Información en Español: 713/639-4603.

♦ **Book of Fire.** Using printmaking, painting, and mixed media, American-born college professor Murray Zimiles captures the emotional experience of the Holocaust and violent destruction of Eastern European Jewry during the period. *The Book of Fire* is a 25-page, large-format book installed accordion-style. Zimiles will speak at a free public reception at 6:30 pm, Thurs., Oct. 5, at the museum. Oct. 6-March 4 at Minberg Gallery, Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St. Info: 713/942-8000 or www.hmh.org.

♦ **Crafting a Collection.** Approximately 50 sculptural and functional pieces of craftwork dating from

1937 to 2005 adom the MFA. Ranging in materials from wood to glass to metal and beyond, the American and international artists represented include Tom Patti, Iwata Kiyomi, Laaura de Santillana, and many others. Through January 7, 2007, at the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet. Info: 713/639-7300 or www.mfah.org.

♦ **DEVOUT: Divas Everywhere Visualizing Our Unfolding Truths.** The Fourth Friday Divas' first group exhibition explores personal truths through art with the goal of inspiring others either to create or to change or to create change. Included in this exhibition are Roxanne Claire, Debby Hiebert, and Sarah Gish, among others. October 8-27 at Super Happy Fun Land, 2610 Ashland Street in the Heights. Info: 713/880-2100 or www.superhappyfunland.com.

♦ **Early Stuff 1971-79.** Art League Houston presents this exhibition of Al Souza, Texas Artist of the Year 2006. Comprised of conceptual pieces, the show represents the initial period of Souza's career. Through Oct. 27 at Art League Houston, 1953 Montrose Blvd. Info: 713/523-9530 or www.artleaguehouston.org.

♦ **A Fiction of Authenticity: Contemporary Africa Abroad.** New works in painting, sculpture, photography, video, performance, and more are on exhibit from some of the most prominent African Diaspora artists to be found in Europe and the U.S. Free. Through Nov. 19 at Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Fine Arts Building, entrance 16 off Cullen Blvd. Info: 713/743-9530 or www.blaffergallery.org.

♦ **Greece: Secrets of the Past.** Unlock the mysteries of ancient Greece in the latest IMAX adventure. How and why did civilizations of the Bronze and Golden Age crumble into the ruins that now scatter the mainland and islands of Greece? What happened? Tell us, IMAX, tell us. \$8 for adults; \$5 for kids, seniors, and students. Through Dec. 31 at the Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Dr. Info: 713/639-4629 or www.hmns.org. Información en español: 713/469-4603.

♦ **Light My Fire.** New York artist Lisa Hoke makes Rice Gallery's fourth Summer Window installation, on view through the gallery's front glass wall while the gallery remains closed for the summer. Hoke describes the piece as an "intoxication of color." Information: 713/348-6169 or www.ricegallery.org.

♦ **Mapping Memories: Aboriginal Paintings of Ancient Lands.** A collection of new abstract works, depicts the ancestral country inhabited for thousands of years by Australia's indigenous people. The exhibiting gallery is the only American gallery dedicated exclusively to Australian contemporary and Aboriginal fine art. Through Nov. 2 at Booker-Lowe Gallery, 4623 Feagan St. Info: 713/880-1541.

♦ **Marc Dennis.** Technique and subject matter come together to create images of sensuous mystery in small and large hyper-realistic paintings and drawings. Oct. 21-Nov. 25 at Hooks-Epstein Galleries, 2631 Colquitt. Info: 713/522-0718 or www.hooksepsteingalleries.com.

♦ **Perspectives 153: Demetrius Oliver.** The first solo museum exhibit of the Houston-based artist features five works created in 2006 especially for the exhibition. All have been inspired by the American Transcendentalists and their interest in nature as a divine phenomenon that can teach humanity about life, both literally and metaphorically. Through Nov. 26 at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 5216 Montrose Blvd. Info: 713/284-8257 or www.camh.org.

♦ **Pipilotti Rist.** How many times can you say that name before you start to giggle? About three times for us. Her work in video, however, is nothing to titter at. Sensual, feminist, and emotional, the Swiss artist's feature film and video installations dissolve the line between artist and audience. Oct. 14, 2006-Jan. 28, 2007, at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 5216 Montrose Blvd. Info: 713/284-8257 or www.camh.org.

♦ **Through the Eyes of Children: The Rwanda Project.** Stunning images of children from post-1994 genocide Rwanda are the subjects of a new photo exhibit. What is so unusual about the exhibit is that the photos were taken by children—survivors and orphans of the Rwandan genocide—most of whom never saw a camera before the project started. Free. Through Feb. 18 at Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline. Info: 713/942-8000, www.hmh.org, or www.RwandaProject.org.

♦ **Winter Street Studios Artists Exhibition.** The second annual show and open house displays the works of over 70 artists. Ceramic, glass, jewelry, sculpture, and paintings are among the many media to be seen. Oct. 4-11 at Winter Street Studios, 2101 Winter St. Info: 713/868-2231 or drahmorris@sbcglobal.net.

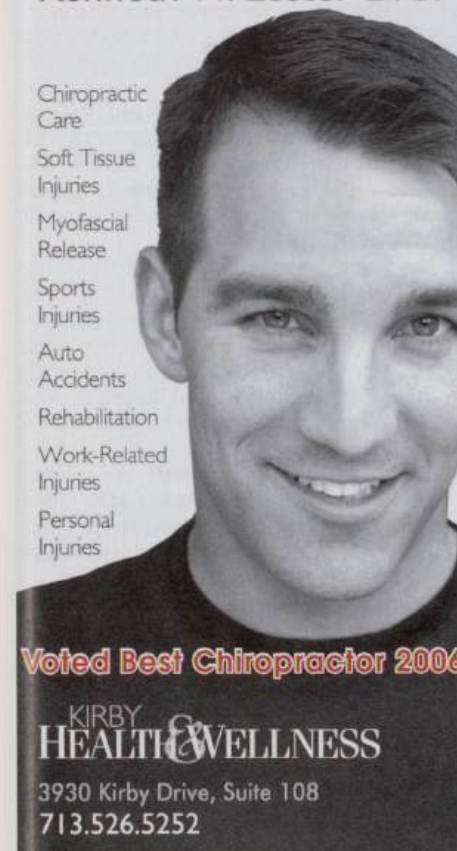
♦ **Yale Street Arts Market** is an exciting Heights market created for local artists to display and sell original works of art. Local musicians entertain all day. It's a mini art festival in the Heights! Every month on 1st Saturday. Now at 548 West 19th at Wind Water Gallery's parking lot. Info: www.YaleStreetMarket.com. Be sure to visit The Artful Corner at 3423 White Oak Blvd., 713/426-4ART.

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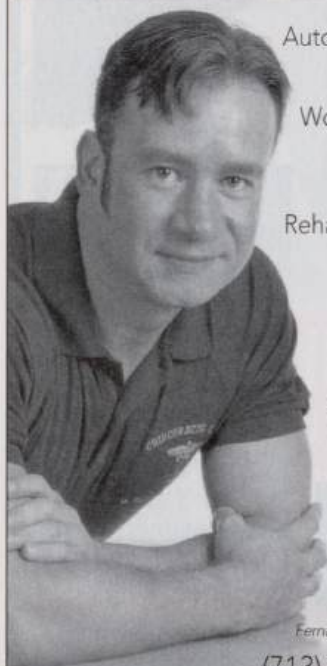
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Business News

BANKING ON PRIDE. The Wells Fargo PRIDE-Houston Team Member Resource Group has elected **Ryan Norris** (pictured, left) as new co-chair of the bank's GLBT group. Norris, a personal banker at the River Oaks Wells Fargo (1404 West Gray, 713/284-5590), was elected August 9.

"Ryan brings professionalism, integrity, creativity, and wit to the position of co-chair," commented **Adrienne Brown** (right), who serves as co-chair with Norris.

"I anticipate great things to occur with the addition of Ryan Norris to the group's leadership," Brown, a private banker serving metropolitan Houston, added.



HELPING SURVIVORS SMILE. There's a reason **Randy Mitchmore**, D.D.S., is among those professionals included in *OutSmart's* 2006 Gayest and Greatest [see page 36]. He has joined the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's Give Back a Smile program, designed to fight domestic violence by providing free consultation and dental treatment to restore the smiles of survivors.

"Through the Give Back a Smile program, AACD members like me assist survivors by treating their dental injuries that were sustained from domestic violence, so that they may reclaim their smiles, their self-esteem, and, ultimately, their lives," said Mitchmore, whose **LifeSmiles** practice is located at 1722 West Alabama (713/592-9300).

To qualify, those who have suffered dental injuries from abuse can contact the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence by calling Give Back a Smile, 800/773-4227. If eligible, an individual is connected with a local volunteer who provides treatment at no charge to the survivor. Details: www.givebackasmile.com. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PHONE HOME. Craig Harper, president and CEO of **VIRPHONE.net**, has announced the launch of a new voice-carrier network based in Houston. One of Harper's goals is to work with the Houston-area GLBT community.

"Many of the local nonprofit organizations experience under-staffed or under-volunteered situations which can limit the effectiveness of their services. By providing a live person to answer their phone lines or hotlines, we can make a difference in people's lives," Harper says.

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TALKING THE WALK. AIDS Foundation Houston has hired **Richard Graber** as its new communications and marketing coordinator.

"We are thrilled to have Graber working with our communications team," said AFH chief executive officer Kelly McCann. "With his previous experience and knowledge of our organization, Graber is a natural fit for this position."



COURTESY AFH

Prior to his appointment, Graber most recently served as a grant specialist at AFH (www.AIDShelp.org) where he oversaw approximately 50 grants. As the coordinator, Graber assumes responsibility for the agency's marketing and communications strategies and initiatives.

BOUTIQUE NEWS. Looking for a new place to shop for apparel, but have a strange compulsion that permits you to exclusively patronize stores with a numeral in their names? Then **Lab 5**, the Midtown shop, is designed just for you. The boutique, located at 309 Gray (713/526-5225), offers men and women's wear that is adaptable to both the office and the club.

If the stock and feel of Lab 5 seem vaguely numerically familiar, it's because **Michael Malik**, of M2M Fashions fame, is the boutique's founder.



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Pictured here are Dominick Soliz (left), Elizabeth Hawes, Kedrik Kee, Courtne Norfleet, Aaron Glass, Ross Rillo, and Victor Purnetes at a recent customer reception at Lab 5.

BREAKING DOWN WALLS AT WAL-MART.

Just when we're sure we were too politically correct to shop at **Wal-Mart** comes news that may change GLBT minds. The worldwide discount retail giant announced in August that it has become a member of **National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce** (www.nglcc.org).

The partnership is a result of the company's ongoing commitment to diversity, a Wal-Mart representative said in a statement. The retailer will sit on the national chamber Corporate Advisory Council as well as sponsor the organization's 2006 events and initiatives. Wal-Mart operates 6,500 stores internationally, including the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 2727 Dunvale (713/977-2099) in Houston.

The national chamber also lists IBM, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, American Airlines, Intel Corporation, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, American Express, Cisco Systems, Avis, Orbitz, Intuit, Kodak, and Fannie Mae among its members. The Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce (www.thechamberhouston.org) is an affiliate of the national chamber.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. One of RE/MAX Metro's long-time top-producing realtors, **Mike Copenhaver**, has returned to Houston after living briefly in Florida. Copenhaver returns after having remodeled a second home that he owns with his partner, Andrew Augustin.

Many people who are looking at retiring somewhere other than Houston can lock in today's prices on a retirement home in another market, according to Copenhaver. "That way, they can reap the benefits of owning a second home while keeping their nest egg for later." Contact Copenhaver at 713/528-1800 or mikecopenhaver@remax.net.

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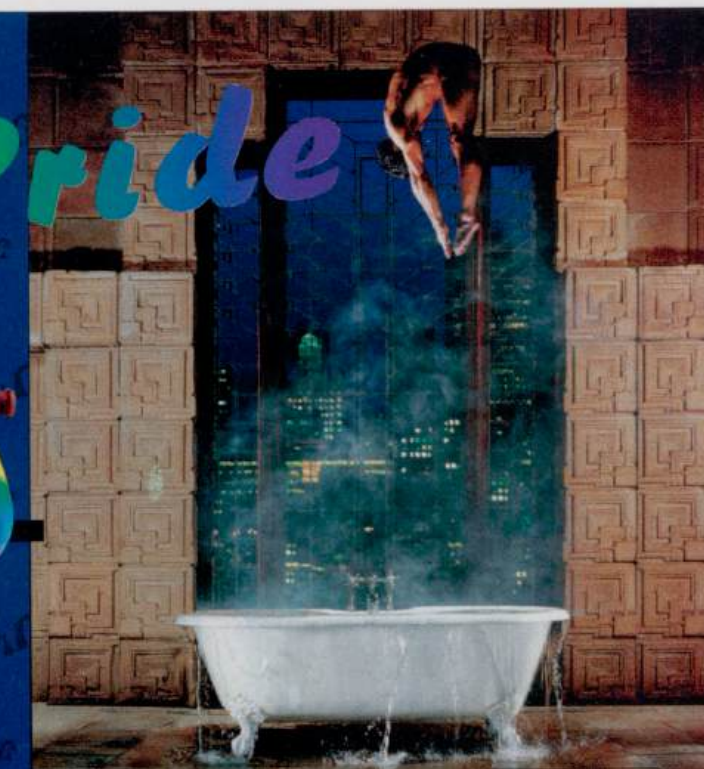


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Info: www.houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

October 21-22. Halloween Magic, the annual show benefiting HIV/AIDS organizations (see page 17).
Info: www.halloweenmagic.org.



A scene from the Halloween Magic show.

MONTROSE DEBUTS

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BAR & CLUB GUIDE

HOUSTON

LA ACADEMIA

This new southwest salsa club welcomes patrons 18 and up, but they'll have to wait a few years to enjoy the Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday drink specials. 5829 S. Gessner • 713/334-5422 • www.myspace.com/laacademiaclub.

BARTINI

This club near the Westheimer curve now features a second ladies' nights, Passionate Sundays on the second and fourth Sunday, in addition to the Exquisite Wednesday ladies' night. 1318 Westheimer • 713/526-2271.

BLUR

This new, multi-level dance club features an upstairs lounge, balconies, expansive patio, and happy hour daily, 8-10 p.m. Sundays pack the dance floor with Trash Disco and drink specials; Wednesdays are Ladies' Night. 710 Pacific • www.blurbar.com.

BOCADO'S

On Wednesday nights, women pack this Mexican restaurant for dancing and socializing. Sunday brunch starts at 11 a.m. and lasts till 3 in the afternoon. 1312 West Alabama • 713/523-5230.

BOOM BOOM ROOM

Manager/chef Kat Mims says business at this new Heights-area lounge is going great (even booming?), but "something was missing." So they introduced "Gay Night" on Tuesdays, with drink specials and tasty munchies. 2518 Yale • 713/868-3740.

BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM

The BRB, Houston's leading gay country-western bar, is located in Midtown, just outside Montrose. Expect to see some lost and fancy two-stepping. Southern Country dance club offers lessons on Thursday night. 2400 Brazos • 713/528-9192.

CHANCES/THE NEW BARN/G-SPOT

This three-in-one women's bar provides a place to two-step, rock, or chat. Check out the 9 p.m.-1 a.m. open mic night on Thursdays. Women-fronted bands perform every Saturday night. 1100 Westheimer • 713/523-7217 • www.chancesbar.com.

CLUB 1415

On Wednesday, Boys & Girls Club takes over the second-floor club space. Papi Chulo night on Thursday features an amateur strip contest. Fridays through Sundays are special event nights. 1415 California • 713/522-7066.

CLUB INERGY

A nightlife institution for 12 years, this Southwest club offers an eclectic mix of Latin rhythms, mainstream

dance, and hip hop. Sunday is special show night. 5750 Chimney Rock • 713/666-7310 • www.clubinergy.com.

COUSINS

Drag fans frequent this club in the heart of Montrose for its camp shows on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 817 Fairview • 713/528-9204.

LA CUEVA TEQUILA LOUNGE

Arturo Cohuiche recently opened this club in the former Briar Patch location, featuring 86 top brands of tequila in the full bar. Though La Cueva is not specifically a gay bar, Cohuiche welcomes all tequila fans. 2312 Crocker • 832/203-8574.

BEHIND THE BAR

WHO:
The Boom Boom Room owner Jackie Harris

WHERE:
2518 Yale • 713/868-3740



WHAT'S UP:

In September, Texas music legend Gretchen Phillips kicked off BBR's monthly Sunday musical events. Expect other local musical legends to follow suit, making the weekend \$1.50 mimosas and tasty panini sandwiches even more inviting at this comfy, groovy neighborhood bar.

VIVIANE PERCE

HOUSE OF FINESSE

Deidre Sam is taking a break from hosting monthly men's and women's socials. She continues to offer her facility near the Texas Southern University campus for special events. 2912 Wentworth • 713/522-6074 • www.houseoffinesse.com.

IN-N-OUT

There's a new bar in town, providing Heights residents with a nearby alternative to Montrose haunts with state-of-the-art large digital displays, internet jukebox, and daily drink specials. 1537 N. Shepherd Dr. • 713/589-9780.

JR'S BAR & GRILL

The features of this Montrose standard include pool tables, go-go boys, and karaoke. Kati, named favorite drag queen in OutSmart's 2006 Gayest & Greatest reader poll, hosts popular shows Sunday through Wednesday. 808 Pacific • 713/521-2519.

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KEYS WEST

Named best piano bar in OutSmart's 2005 Gayest & Greatest reader poll, this nightclub features regular performers and guest entertainers. The deck provides a knockout skyline view. 817 West Dallas • 713/571-7870 • www.keyswest.com.

MANGO VIDEO LOUNGE

Located next to Club Inergy, this Wednesday-Saturday spot has a 15-ft. video screen, dance floor, and pool tables. DJ Kenny Jammiz hosts karaoke night on Wednesday. 5742 Chimney Rock • 713/666-7472.

MARY'S, NATURALLY

The oldest gay club in Houston, this is a legendary nightclub, though not as notorious as in days past. Mary's hosts many community fundraisers, including the Imperial Court of Houston's Jukebox Wednesdays event. 1022 Westheimer • 713/527-9669.

METEOR

A sign on the door says Meteor has closed for remodeling. When it reopens, will it remain a video bar? Go cabaret? Both? Watch this space for details as they develop. 2306 Genessee • 713/521-0123 • www.meteorhouston.com.

MICHAEL'S OUTPOST

This neighborhood hangout has become a sing-along piano bar. A regular roster of keyboardists, including Phil Hooper and Loui Gage, performs nightly. Tuesday-Saturday. 1419 Richmond • 713/520-8446.

MO MONG

Every Wednesday night, the guys and gals pack this Vietnamese restaurant to enjoy the martini specials. 1201 Westheimer #B • 713/524-5664.

MONTROSE MINING COMPANY

Study male dancers bump and grind every night at this leather/denim spot. The two-tier back patio bar provides a perch for viewing the Pacific Street scenery. 805 Pacific • 713/529-7488.

PRIVÉ

The patio of this second-floor spot overlooks the lively Westheimer/Montrose intersection. The mixed crowd includes smartly dressed gays as well as nongays. 910 Westheimer • 713/522-2542.

RAINBOW ROOM

Every Thursday, Heather Moon hosts karaoke at this North Houston club. DJ Kenny supplies music on Friday and Saturday. The club has begun presenting live music. 527 Barren Springs • 281/872-0215 • www.therainbowroombar.com.

RICH'S HOUSTON

After a hiatus as a nongay music venue, Rich's has

returned as the dance club you knew. The club now features Griz, a night of diva music (from Beyoncé to Whitney) with DJ Joe Ross, on Friday. 2401 San Jacinto • 713/759-9606 • www.richs-houston.com.

RIPCORD

OutSmart readers named this spot the best place to show off your leather in the 2005 Gayest & Greatest poll. The Black Hawk Leather shop is located inside the club. Another big draw is the Houston Big Man's Club's bi-weekly hamburger BBQ fundraiser. 715 Fairview • 713/521-2792 • www.theripcord.com.

The 611

This neighborhood club is a popular spot with pool sharks. On Friday and Saturday, the 611 dishes up buffet dinners. Features include a garden-style patio. 611 Hyde Park • 713/526-7070.

SOUTH BEACH

In the 2005 Gayest & Greatest poll, readers named this spot the best club for dancing and JD Arnold favorite DJ. Besides shirtless boys, special attractions include Café Con Leche with DJ Citanito on Wednesday. 810 Pacific • 713/529-SOBE (7623) • www.SouthBeachTheNightclub.com.

VIVIANA'S

This club, in a new location, appeals to fans of Latino music and drag alike. 4624 Dacoma • 713/681-4104.

Spring

RANCH HILL SALOON

The Cantoe club has packed up and moved south to a new home near The Woodlands. The Spring location still features the Wall of Fame and the famous saddle from the old watering hole. 24704 I-45 North, Suite 103 • 281/298-9035 • www.ranchhill.com.

Galveston

3RD COAST BEACH BAR

OutSmart readers voted this Seawall spot the island bar with the best happy hour in the 2005 Gayest & Greatest poll. Thursday is karaoke night, with cabaret/Variety shows on Friday and Saturday nights. 31st and Seawall Blvd. • 409/766-6911 • www.3rdcoastbar.com.

KON TIKI

With the passing of former owner Jesse Garza, new proprietors Trish and JP become the first female owners of the 23-year-old island gay mainstay. This Strand spot features male dancers Friday-Sunday and stellar drag Friday and Saturday nights. 315 Tremont • 409/765-5805 • www.thekontiki.com.

THE PINK DOLPHIN

Opened by Eldridge Langlinais, formerly the Paradise Guest House proprietor, this club in the former 3rd Coast Beach Bar location offers an expansive Gulf view. 9th and Seawall Boulevard • 409/621-1808.

ROBERT'S LAFITTE

A neighborhood bar, the island institution attracts a colorful crowd of regulars and travelers. The private patio includes a swimming pool. On Saturday and Sunday nights, the Ladies of Lafitte show takes the stage. 2501 Avenue Q (at 25th) • 409/765-9092.

THE TREMONT HOUSE

Smart Island visitors stop by the atrium bar in the Strand district hotel to enjoy cabaret music at the grand piano. Note: Oma Galloway, the longtime pianist at The Tremont House, died on May 22 at age 74. From our July 2003 issue: "Galloway doesn't merely tickle the ivories. He performs." A Tremont House spokesman reports that a pianist will continue to perform in the hotel atrium. 2300 Ship's Mechanic Row • 409/763-0300.

UNDERCURRENT

Marvin Grenier and Keith Curry have moved their club downtown. The multi-level, 15,000 square foot space includes two bars with dance floors, a nonsmoking lounge, a game room, and Curry's art studio. The big news this month is a Saturday Night Live character look-alike festival, Sept. 8 and 9. 2409 Market • 409/750-8571 • www.undercurrentgalveston.com.

Beaumont

THE COPA

The hangout for Lamar University students, this two-story dance club has pool tables, a spacious stage, and a staircase that would make Norma Desmond green with envy. 304 Orleans • 409/832-4206.

CHRIS' CROCKETT STREET PUB

Located in the downtown entertainment district, this club received extensive damage during Hurricane Rita and is currently closed. Local sources have informed OutSmart that the owners plan to reopen. 497 Crockett • 409/835-4243.

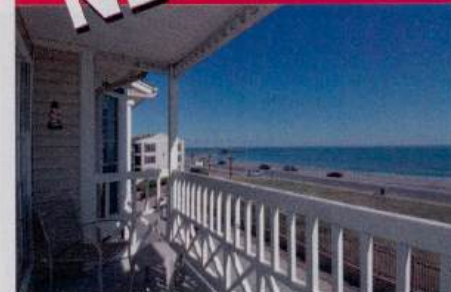
Bryan/College Station

HALO VIDEO BAR

The only GLBT dance club in Bryan/College station, this sleek spot is open Thursday-Saturday. Smack in the middle of Aggieland, "our venue is always packed with the hotties," the owners promise. 121 North Main • 979/823-6174 • www.haloobs.com.

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October should give us a break in the action and allow us to rest. September really kept us on our toes. But we can't rest too much with Mercury retrograde coming up on the 28th. Make sure that you have all new projects started and well under way before the 26th or you will have to wait until November 22 to begin new enterprises. If you plan to travel during the Thanksgiving holidays, you should get tickets this month. • You should find that you accomplish most of what you want without much difficulty or interference. The most challenging time of the month is the 21st–26th. Mercury retrograde follows that period, and a Mercury retrograde is a good time to review the past and finish projects that have been lingering. • The Sun is in Libra as the month begins and enters Scorpio on the 23rd. Mercury is in Scorpio the entire month. Venus is at home in Libra until the 24th when she moves into Scorpio. Mars is floating through Libra and arrives home in Scorpio on the 23rd. The rest of the planets are happy where they are with Jupiter in Scorpio, Saturn in Leo, Uranus in Pisces, Neptune in Aquarius, and Pluto in Sagittarius.

ARIES (March 21–April 19). Relationships are the first thing on the menu this month. You must look at how your relationships function. If they are in need of work or repair, these issues will come to the surface, either as fights or a desire to add some excitement. There is certainly a need for greater intimacy in your current relationship. With your friends and business associates, you may have trouble as you attempt to clear the air. This is a good month for business decisions, especially those associated with financial matters.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20). Work and health agendas are knocking at your door during October. You may find that you want to make your workplace a friendlier and easier place to work. Conflicts could arise as you try to figure out who is in charge of getting things organized. You may have more tension here than you are used to. This is a great time to focus on your health regimens. You are ready to act on them as well. Security issues are still dogging you, and you are not so clear about what direction to head for the future. That becomes clearer as we go through October.

GEMINI (May 21–June 21). You are certainly in your creative realm this month. Ideas and solutions are just flowing. This can be an excellent time to introduce these new ideas to your workplace or even look for a new place to work. Be sure to set aside some time for fun and play. Relationships are still a bit tense as an overall clear-out and rebuild is still working on you. Overall there still needs to be a change in this area of your life. The end of the month will be a time to work on health.

CANCER (June 22–July 22). Home and family is your focus for the month. And since this is the



LIBRA (September 23–October 23). This is your birthday time, or solar return time in astrologese. This time represents a period when you are looking back at the past year and considering what new aspirations you should be setting your sights on. One area that you are looking at is where to put your energies in terms of friends and community associations. You don't want to waste your time or energy in these areas, and you will be making some determinations about that. Creatively, you are still very productive, and this should pave the way for opportunities in your career area. Relationships could be a bit testy, but this is only temporary.

natural focus for Cancers, this can be a time when you really uncover some issues or problems from the past that have been buried. Generally, these are problems that have needed addressing for a while. This is also a great time to clean up your home or office and get things in their place. This can be a time when you can have a party or a group of friends over. There is a slight chance of arguments at home or with family members. Near the end of the month, life will lighten up as you direct your energy to more creative endeavors.

LEO (July 23–August 22). Your communications skills are accentuated this month, so if you need to get your message or point of view across, this is certainly the month to get that done. Last month, communications—especially around relationships—were blocked, and there was just no middle ground with people. You are still willing to put yourself first this month and not give in to pressure from others. Just remember you are the person who has to live with your decisions. Relationships are still problematic, but you will be more decisive over the coming months.

VIRGO (August 23–September 22). This is the month to take an aggressive stance on your finances. Get them in shape, take care of old debts, and look for new ways to invest your talents into ways of making money. This is such a core financial time for many of you. You are looking at ways to find a new direction to make best use of your talents. This would be a good time to upgrade your chosen profession but not a good time to change it. Relationships need to have new goals and directions. Otherwise, boredom and complacency will cause you to drift away from your partner.

SCORPIO (October 24–November 21). October is a month of rest and retreat. You are bit more sensitive to your environment than you are com-

fortable with. Doing some retreating could be a good thing for you. This is still a busy time, and you could have overscheduled yourself with all the good intentions in the world. But this month you will have to cut back on that schedule and get some rest. Your career plans are still right on track, and you are making good progress in that area. At the end of this month, Mercury goes retrograde in your sign. This will be a good period of review for you. Take the time to look back and see what you might have missed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22–December 21). You can rest some this month. I am sure you need it. Friends and business associations will still play a big role in your life, but you just may have to pace yourself better. Activity in the home and family area remains unsettled. You have to choose what you want to do and not just automatically decide that you are supposed to be the one in charge. Be prepared by the end of the month. You are really ready for some solitude. This could be a great time to visit your favorite retreat or getaway.

CAPRICORN (December 22–January 19). With the planets in your career sector this month, you are going to be one happy seagoat. This is an excellent time to seek out a promotion, start your own business, or look for some new adventure to be involved in. Try to get this all started before the 26th. Your circle of friends and business associations are brilliant places to look for help and support with your career and to promote yourself or your products. Relationships can be OK this month, but they are still a bit on the cool side.

AQUARIUS (January 20–February 18). This month, you should look for ways to change your routines and take some mental vacations. Exploring history or philosophy or religion would be a great way for you to escape. A short trip to get away from it all would also be good for your health. Either way, you need some refreshing mental activity. Relationships need some new goals, but you are working on that, and that part of your life seems better. By the end of this month, you are really in a period of looking back.

PISCES (February 19–March 20). Trying to achieve greater intimacy is really what you are working on this month. This can be a great month for sexual activity or a month where you feel a glaring emptiness. That totally depends on how connected you are to your partner. You are supposed to be strengthening those connections. In business relationships, there can be problems if you are on the same path. Your tolerance level with peoples' passive approach is still very low, and you may be leaving those who can't seem to make up their minds. Near the end of the month you will need a vacation.

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OUT IN HOUSTON



1 Buddy Thompson of the Empire of the Royal, Sovereign, Imperial Court of the SingleStar donned a uniform for his "Beyond the Sea" number at a recent Keys West show.



2 Houston Ballet principal dancer **Lauren Anderson** (l) and managing director **C.C. Conner** spoke at the Aug. 27 Theater District Open House.



3 Activist **Vanessa Edwards Foster** (l) spoke at the Aug. 26 Sunday History Series program presented by the Gulf Coast Archive & Museum of GLBT History. **Jimmy Carper** interviewed her at the Houston GLBT Community Center.



4 **Frieda Mitchell** (l) and **Lovie Nolan** attended the Aug. 5 Party Like a Rock Star fundraiser for Planned Parenthood at the Mercury Room.



5 Artistic director **James Knapp** (l-r), **Colleen Fischer**, **Robert Parker**, **Kelly Bennett**, **Tim McConico**, and **Jon Segura** attended the Aug. 31 season kick-off at Guava Lamp for the Bayou City Performing Arts season.



6 **George Appling** (l-r), **Darce Anna Martin**, **Rebecca Lovejoy**, **Bryan O'Leary**, and **Philip Krueger** attended the Aug. 12 Bering Omega Community Services pool party hosted by Appling and O'Leary at their home.



7 On July 29, **Rev. Ralph Lasher** (center, in clerical collar) celebrated his 78th birthday at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church (UCC) with (l-r) **Ricardo DeLeon**, **Marci Castro-Garcia**, **Rev. Walt McFadden**, **Edna Castro-Garcia**, and **Johnny Peden**.



8 The business crowd at the Aug. 3 Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting at Sheraton Suites included (l-r) **Victor Cordova**, **Rick Dickson**, Asian Chamber of Commerce president **Elsie Huang**, **Christina Vasquez**, and GLBT chamber president **Harold Kelly**.



9 At an Aug. 20 reception at Gravitas, Uncommon Legacy representative **Lois Meyer** (c) congratulated 2006 scholarships recipients **Jessica Kelsey** (l-r), **Aliza Rudy**, **Tara Marie Martinez**, and **Nicole Cornevin**. Not pictured: recipient Pamela Palmer.



10 **Tyler Goolsby** (l-r), **Mike Harrison**, **Todd Cassler**, **Anthony Buress**, and **Toby Blanchard** attended the 29th annual Denim Party at Brazos River Bottom on July 30.

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