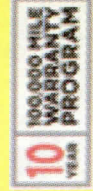


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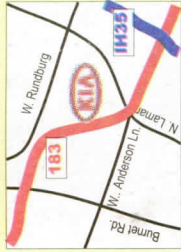
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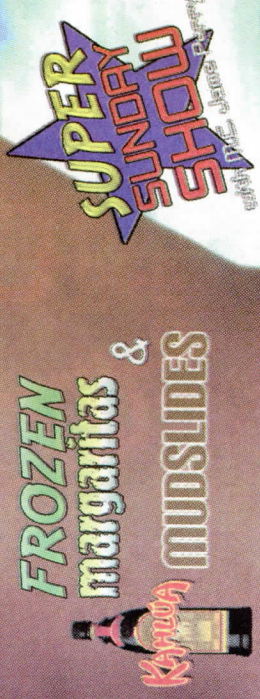
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The Show's Almost Over

Well, it's all over but the finger pointing. And I hate to say "I told you so," but I did.

The 79th Texas Legislature just finished up 140 days of inactive - and often questionable - political thumb-twittling that resulted in only three major accomplishments: an overhauled state's workers' compensation program, adjustments to the obviously-broken Child Protective Services systems, and a proposed constitutional ban on gay marriage.

But figuring out a way to pay for Texas children's public education and an equitable means for lowering school property taxes just didn't seem to excite the Republican-led lawmakers. Nor was addressing the state's critical water problems, or addressing further limits that corporate money can play in elections. I guess the fact that GOP groups are in hot water for misusing corporate money in 2002 gerrymandering elections just didn't resonate with them.

No, our elected leaders showed they were much more interested in attacking gays and lesbians - again - and trying to regulate high school cheerleaders. And then Governor Perry not only picks Gay Pride week to stage his signing of the legislation that will put the gay marriage ban on the November ballot - in a church no less - he tells the Fort Worth Star Telegram that gay veterans returning from Iraq should leave Texas.

I'm so glad our elected officials have their priorities are in order.

Rob Faubion, Editor of *SHOUT Magazine*

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DATELINE

By Jennifer Parello

The doorbell woke me at 1 a.m. I peeked out the window. There was my friend Greta, crying her eyes out, drunk out of her mind, and thumbing my doorbell with her considerable German might. "I guess your date didn't go well," I said as she heaved herself onto the couch.

"Ssshheeeebrrrookkkkeeeuuupppwwiiitt thhhmmmeeee," Greta wailed, choking on the words as if they were loaded with fish bones. "I'm through with women. I mean business this time. No more women!"

Lesbians have the curious habit of swearing off women at the slightest provocation. Threatening never to sleep with women again is well and good if you are not, in fact, a lesbian. But for those of us who are, what other options do we have? And, no, cats are not the answer.

After the first couple of years in a relationship with a cat, there's really nothing left to say. So you start doing stuff like knitting them little hats and smelling their paws just to fill those awkward silences.

I stared at Greta, now passed out on the floor, with her bloated tongue lolling out of her wine-stained lips. My first thought was that she would never have to worry about dating again if she continues to sleep with her tongue hanging out of her mouth - who'd want her? After giving up hope that she'd ever sober up and go home, I flopped onto the couch and considered her predicament.

Most of Greta's dates end in tears and empty vows of celibacy. Yet, for Greta, the only antidote to being rejected and humiliated by one person is to be rejected and humiliated by a completely new person. So, every Saturday night, she slips on a fresh pair of socks and marches herself to Girlbar.

She had met her latest disaster - Joan - the weekend before.

"I got her phone number!" Greta exclaimed as we left the bar that night. She pulled a soggy cocktail napkin from her pocket and danced it in front of my face as if it were a pair of silk panties. "Gimme that," I said, snatching the napkin. The scrawl on the napkin read: "Joan: 819-6558; Dinner?!?!!"

I knew immediately that Joan was trouble. Any person who punctuates a cocktail napkin with anything more exotic than a comma is a fool. But as I watched Greta dance happily down the street, looking as fetching as a milkmaid, I realized it was not the time to prepare her for the inevitable fall.

The morning after Joan broke Greta's heart, Greta sat hunched over my kitchen table, sipping an ice cream soda - the most potent hangover remedy known to man. I tried to boost her spirits by suggesting we reenact her bad date with hand puppets.

"You know what would cheer me up?" she said finally. "Let's go to the bar tonight. Maybe that Amish-looking girl will be there."

Greta has a thing for the Amish. Occasionally, she'll disappear for the weekend, returning with a trunk full of quilts.

"I thought you were through with women," I said.

Greta ignored me and took a thoughtful sip of her soda. Then she asked, "Do the Amish dance?"

"Yes," I said wearily, adding ice cream soda ingredients to the grocery list in preparation for her next visit. "I understand they're quite good. They win awards."

Jennifer Parello is a nationally-syndicated humorist and journalist. You can reach her via her web site: www.JenniferParello.com.

Booty Call

I love to people watch, and Austin's Gay Pride Parade gave me a great opportunity to do that. I saw some guys with big chiseled chests, bulging biceps, huge triceps, and ripped abs, but I was also shocked to see how many of these same guys couldn't fill out a nice pair of cargo shorts.

Last month, I addressed what could be done to get that summer six-pack, but apparently a lot of us need to work on our booty as well. What would I recommend you do to create a butt that gets noticed (touched, pinched, grabbed...)? One word - squats.

If you only have time to do one exercise for your legs and glutes, make sure this is the one. No other exercise gives you more "bang for the buck" than squats.

If done correctly, this one exercise can work out your glutes, hamstrings, quadriceps, abdominals, and lower back. That's more than half of your body at one time! Best of all, you don't need to lift a lot of weight to see and feel the difference. Try doing four sets of 12-15 repetitions and see if your butt doesn't feel a little firmer.

How do you do them?

Use a bench. Before you start to squat, make sure you have a sturdy and well-padded bench behind you. This will give you peace-of-mind in case you lose your balance and start to fall backward - as well as a way to gauge how low you are squatting.

Lead with your butt, not with your knees.

The squat movement starts from your hips - not your knees - and you move backward, not forward. Your hips should push back to the bench while your knees stay over your heels. (I have most of my clients start sitting down on the bench with their knees at a 90 degree angle so they can visualize the down position of the squat).



Speaking of Fitness

By Jon Speakman

Keep your upper body from leaning forward. As you learn to squat by pushing backward, the natural tendency will be to have your upper body lean forward to counter-balance your hips. Avoid this bad form and keep your shoulders back and chest up. Try holding a weighted bar (use it like a cane) to help you balance as you squat.

Put your hands behind your head. This will help keep your chest open and your upper torso from leaning forward. It will also force you to balance better.

Take a wide stance with your feet. A wide base of support will help you balance, and it will open up your hips so that you may squat deeper. The lower you can squat, the greater the number of muscles that you will activate.

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Alamo City Two Weekends

The Alamo City is coming out of the closet. For two weekends, San Antonio celebrates gay pride with two big city-wide events.

The annual Pridefest San Antonio celebration takes over the historic Sunset Station near downtown San Antonio on Saturday, June 18th, from noon and 8 p.m. Events scheduled include a first-ever gallery art show, live music, vendor booths, local organization booths, a health fair and other events.



"The event will be opened formally with religious services and the American Veterans for Equal Rights color guard and the activities will not stop for the rest of the day," said Ron Clarke, Pridefest spokesman. "This entire day will be fun, entertainment and event filled. Our organizers have worked very hard with our sponsors to assure that there will be entertainment for the entire duration of the event."

Proceeds from the festival will benefit local non-profits. Beneficiary organizations include Alamo Couples, Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio, Unity Foundation, Alamo City Men's Chorale, American Veterans for Equal Rights, Hope Action Care, Alamo Area Resource Center, B.E.A.T. AIDS, and the Diversity Center.

Celebrates of Gay Pride

To volunteer for Pridefest, call (210) 845-1638. For event updates more information, visit the Pridefest website at www.PrideSanAntonioTexas.org.

On Saturday July 3rd, the second annual Block Party energizes downtown San Antonio. Hosted by Gay Pride SA, the event will fill The Strip along Main Avenue from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Local organizations and agencies will provide food, game and information booths during the day. Soft drinks and draft beer will also be available. Organizations that wish to host a booth should contact Fran Mendez via email at gayfiesta@yahoo.com.



Again this year, the San Antonio Gay Pride Parade will take to Main Street. Participants will line up at the SA Eagle, 1010 North Main, and travel up the street to Petticoat Junction. Parade applications are available at The Saint, 1430 North Main.

Evening entertainment at the Block Party includes a big outdoor show beginning at 7 p.m. In addition, San Antonio DJ Live Wire is scheduled to spin during the Party.

Gay Pride SA 2005 is presented by Petticoat Junction, HEAT, The Saint, Pegasus, Silver Dollar Saloon, and Celebration Rentals. For more information on the Block Party, call Alfonso at (210) 225-7330 or (210) 317-3301, or call Kenny Gorman at (210) 264-5523.

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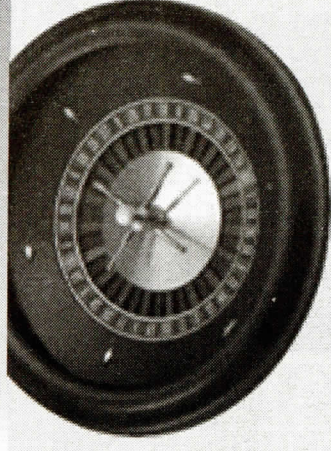
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Austin Tavern Guild Hosts Annual Fourth of July Pincic

An Austin tradition returns for Independence Day when the Austin Tavern Guild (ATG) hosts the annual Fourth of July Picnic in Waterloo Park on Monday, July 4th from noon to 4 p.m. The annual event provides a social and entertainment opportunity for the Central Texas GLBT community.

This year's picnic will include a volleyball tournament, music by many of Austin's best DJs, and lots of food from ATG member businesses. Cafe Caffeine will offer bottled water, sodas, and iced coffee, while the United Court of Austin will check I.D.s and dispense the draft beer. In addition, Bout Time will be grilling hamburgers and cheeseburgers, Katz Deli will offer desserts, Oilcan Harry's will be making brisket sandwiches, Rain on 4th will serve up hotdogs and chili dogs, and Fabric will create fruit bowls and nachos. Rainbow Cattle Company will man the dunking booth while Charlie's Austin runs the volleyball tournament.

Established in 1989, the Austin Tavern Guild (ATG) is a nonprofit corporation made up of nightclubs, businesses and organizations focusing to engage in educational, charitable, fraternal, social, benevolent and civic activities for the benefit of citizens of the Central Texas GLBT community. Each year, the ATG sponsors four major events - the Bean Awards, First Splash Day, the Fourth of July Picnic, and Last Splash Day - within the city of Austin.

Last Splash Day will be held this year on September 4th at Hippie Hollow. The popular event draws thousands of visitors to Central Texas for Labor Day weekend.

Waterloo Park is located downtown at 403 E. 15th Street across Red River Street from Brackenridge Hospital. For more information, visit on-line at www.AustinTavernGuild.com.

VIVA! Las Vegas "Stirs It Up" on June 25th

The 12th annual "VIVA! Las Vegas" is poised to shake, rattle and roll, the Austin Music Hall on June 25th beginning at 8 p.m. The annual casino-themed event benefits AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) and the Capital Area AIDS Legal Project (CAALP).

In true Las Vegas style, "VIVA! Las Vegas!" emcees Paul J. Williams and Troy Kimmel will be "stirring it up" along with extravagant entertainment by Black 21, the Austin Babist Women, Mr. Fabulous & Casino Royale, and Hedda Layne. Other Sin City excitement will include faux gaming with craps, blackjack, roulette, Texas Hold'em and slot machines. In addition, food and desserts by more than 20 of Austin's best restaurants and hundreds of live and silent auction items will keep guests busy throughout the night.

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Mrs. Boynton (Paula Gilbert) and Dr. Sarah King (Nikki Zook) in *Appointment with Death*.

Photo by Bret Brookshire

dragomans, and resentful step-children, audiences will have a hard time guessing who is responsible for the very strange death of the very rich Mrs. Boynton.

Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets and information, call (512) 478-5282.

Arthouse, located

in downtown Austin presents their *New American Talent: The Twentieth Exhibition* at the Jones Center, 700 Congress Avenue, through August 21st. The twentieth in a series of annual juried exhibitions, New American Talent features the work of emerging national artists working in a variety of media including sculpture, painting, photography and new media.

This year's *New American* talent showcases the work of 28 artists from the United States - 13 of whom currently live and work in Texas. The collection was curated by Dan Cameron, Senior Curator at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York.

Arthouse is located at Congress and 7th Street and is open Tuesday through Sunday, and admission is free. For information and hours, call 512-453-5312 or visit on-line at www.ArthouseTexas.org.



Joey Hood, Katherine Catmull, and Ken Webster in Hyde Park Theatre's *The Water Principle*. Photo by Bret Brookshire

Eliza Anderson's dark comedy *The Water Principle* runs through July 2nd at Austin's Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W. 43rd Street. In this apocalyptic tale full of passion and dark humor, Addie guards the secret of her land from an entrepreneur named Weed who wants to build an amusement park. When there's nothing left to bargain with, every deal is a matter of life and death.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call the theatre at (512) 479-PLAY or visit on-line at www.HydeParkTheatre.org.

San Antonio's annual Shakespeare in the Park offers the Bard's immortal Midsummer Night's Dream for one week, running June 29th through July 2nd. The show will appropriately be staged at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 555 Funston at North New Braunfels.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m., and curtain time is 8 p.m. The Magik Theatre and ARTS San Antonio are co-producing the event, which is directed by Tony Ciaravino with the cast from The Magik Theatre Acting Company and other local actors. Admission is by cash donation to support Arts San Antonio. For more information, visit on-line at www.ArtsSanAntonio.com.

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Off the Shelf DVD Reviews by Ryan Stevens

Reno 911 (Season Two)

- Release Date: June 14, 2005
- Not rated - bonus features unrated.
- 3-disc DVD box set, 340 minutes
- Paramount Home Entertainment

The deputies of Reno 911 are back with a second season more absurd than the first. Whether they're hunting down an uppity Milkshake Man or fighting to save their mustaches, the Reno, Nev., Sheriff's Department does their job in a style that's like *COPS* meets *Super Troopers*. Special guest stars include Wayne Brady, Lou Ferrigno, Martin Mull, Kenny Rogers, and Sean Young. **EXTRAS:** More than two hours of bonus material including 90 minutes of alternate/deleted scenes, an audio commentary from the cast, and hilarious "Drug Arrest Prevention Seminar" performed by the cast. **Grade: B-**



Tarzan II

- Release Date: June 14, 2005
- Rated G - Bonus features unrated.
- Single disc, 71 minutes
- Buena Vista Home Entertainment

Tarzan returns in this "prequel" to Disney's animated classic *Tarzan*. This time around we join young Tarzan in his adventures with Terk the ape and Tantor the elephant. The voices of Glenn Close and Lance Henriksen return from the original *Tarzan* film,



as well as new voices from George Carlin, Brad Garrett, and Estelle Harris. Of course, a Disney movie isn't complete without having Phil Collins return with two new songs for the film. Not as good as the original, but then, when are they ever. **EXTRAS:** "The Making of Tarzan II," a music video performed by Tiffany Evans, optional jungle facts pop-ups mode during the film, and several games for the kids. **Grade: B**

Walker, Texas Ranger (The Final Season)

- Release Date: June 14, 2005
- Not rated - Bonus features unrated
- 6-disc DVD box set, 1070 minutes
- Paramount Home Entertainment

For as long as I can remember, Chuck Norris has always been an action-packed fighting machine.

Not one of my all-time favorites, but he always managed to have a strong following. So why after having a seven year run of a popular TV series would he release his final season without any extras? I guess he forgot the difference between DVD



and VHS. **EXTRAS:** None. **Grade: D**

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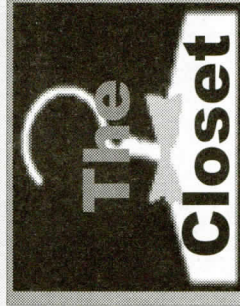
Get Outta Town!

By Kee McDaniel

The Texas Hill Country Railfair (THCR) and Festival 2005 promises a fun-filled weekend for everyone, with festivities kicking off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the Burnet Community Center. The THCR will feature everything from model trains to real trains, as well various displays of rail cars and locomotive equipment.

Exhibits featuring transportation, its history, and preservation will be featured. A railroad memorabilia museum will also be open for spectators, and railroadiana and model railroad vendors will be on site for railroad connoisseurs.

Free railroad motor car rides will be available throughout both days of the Railfair, and train rides will be offered daily for a small fee at 10 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. on the Bertram Local. During the THCR, the Hill Country Flyer will offer daily round trip service from Cedar Park to Burnet.



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For more information and directions to the Railfair, log on to www.AustinSteamTrain.org.

While in Burnet for the weekend, be sure to check out Simple Sounds, the Cavern Concert Series presented at Longhorn Caverns on Friday, June 24th. This unique concert - featuring singular tunesmith Jeffrye Glenn Tveraas - allows visitors to experience the beauty of simple music: the musician, his instruments, and the acoustics of Longhorn Caverns. The cost of the concert is \$12.00 and also includes a mini-tour of the caverns that leads to the concert site. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are highly recommended. For more information call toll free at 1 (877) 441-CAVE.

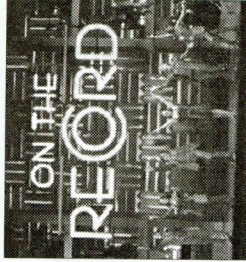
Burnet's annual Rodeo will also be taking place on June 24th and 25th, featuring everything from bull riding competitions to ladies' barrel racing and team rope sports. On both nights, the rodeo festivities kick off at 8 p.m.

In addition, plan time to enjoy the Vanishing Texas sight-seeing cruise, billed as the "premier ecological tour of Texas." The boat captains educate passengers about the history of the Colorado River while guests enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, including bald eagles. Several different trips are available, including sunset dinner cruises, waterfall and winery cruises, and eagle touring cruises. Visit www.vtrc.com for details and itineraries.

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located at the corner of the corner of S. Alamo and Probandt, West Coast-based performance artist Elia Arce presents her solo show *The Fifth Commandment*, playing June 24th through 26th. The multimedia and interdisciplinary show explores the complexities of the military community. For more information and reservations, call (210) 227-5867

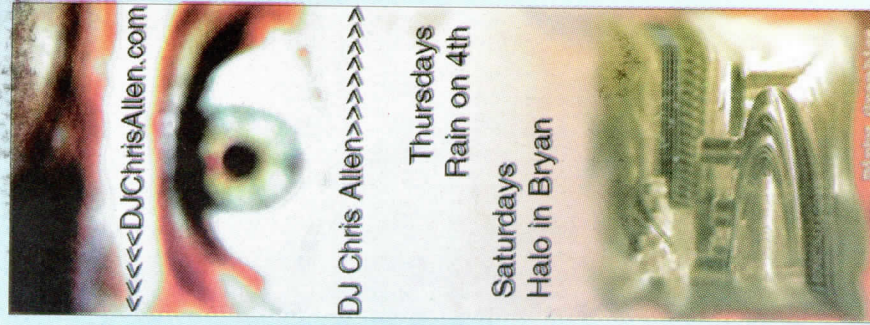
This summer, more than 500 artworks from the Amon Carter Museum's renowned permanent collection of American art will be on view in 12 installations featuring media from the museum's library and archives. The museum is located at 3501 Camp



Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth. For information on the summer events and exhibitions, call (817) 738-1933 or visit on-line at www.CarterMuseum.org.

The North Texas premiere engagement of Disney's new musical *On the Record* begins June 21st at the Music Hall at Fair Park in Dallas. The elaborately-produced musical review showcases 64 well-known Disney movie tunes - including "When You Wish Upon A Star," "Someday My Prince Will Come," and "Hakuna Matata" is touring the country prior to its Broadway opening in the Fall and is part of the Dallas Summer Musicals series.

Single tickets range from only \$11 to \$69. Tickets may be ordered in person at The Box Office, Preston Royal Shopping Center, without a service fee, or by phone at (214) 631-ARTS (2787), or online at www.Ticketmaster.com with a service fee.



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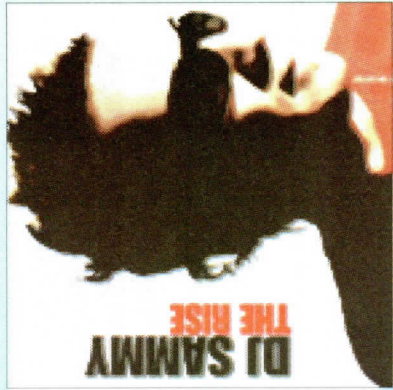
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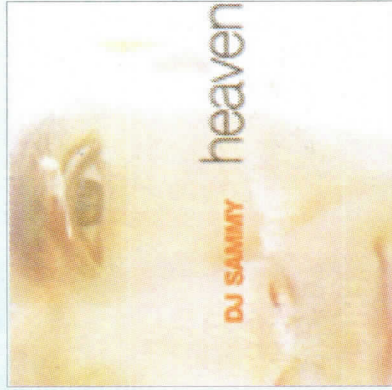
By DJ Chris Allen

Pop trance artist DJ Sammy is back with his new CD *The Rise*. It is uplifting, it is brilliant, and it touches you. Full of anthems, *The Rise* is the perfect CD for the summer season! And there's more. Yes, lick your lips - this is super tasty!



Born in Mollorca, Spain, DJ Sammy released his first single back in '95 called "Life Is Just a Game." The tune was followed by five more singles and a mix CD.

Seven years later - after tagging his own name to his work - DJ Sammy hit it big in 2002 with his pop trance anthem "Sunlight." The single went to Number Eight on the U.K. charts and thus paved the way for a series of chart topping hits - including his phenomenal collaboration with Dominique van Hulst, the world wide smash "Heaven," and an album of the same name.



The single "Heaven" - a cover of a classic Bryan Adams hit - made to Number One overseas and Number Two here in the states. The album was in the Top 10 in more

than 25 countries worldwide. His cover of the Don Henly smash "The Boys Of Summer" went to Number Two in both the U.K. and the U.S.

Global success and recognition aside, DJ Sammy's latest creation *The Rise* demonstrates a

maturity in composition, theme, and an understanding of the pop structure and its proper place in dance music. If you think it was visible on *Heaven*, you see it defined on *The Rise*.

Knowing the formula is one thing, mastering it is another. Following a cool orchestral intro, DJ Sammy cleverly samples U2's classic "Where The Streets Have No Name" to introduce "Rise Again," an entirely pleasing pop trance anthem as well as the first single. This track sets the tone as the journey begins.

Each track firmly grounded, and *The Rise* is a fantastic release. This music is a reflection of a soul that loves living and all that life has to offer. Raised on the glorious sunny beaches of the Mediterranean, that is no surprise. I think that DJ



Sammy is one of those folks that does pause, and actually takes it all in - if even for just a second.

Like the moments that make up our lives, each song has a beginning and an ending. As an album, it flows effortlessly with familiar themes growing and changing throughout - some taking you forward, others taking you back - but always returning to a familiar place that feels good to groove along with.

My faves on this one are "Long Way To Go," "Highest Mountain," "Summer's Here," and "Living In A Dream." The second single, a bright bouncy cover of Annie Lennox's quizzical

ballad "Why," features mixes by Parker and Hanson, Phunk Investigation, and Breeze & Styles. To learn more, be sure to check out www.djsammy.de or stop by www.robbinsent.com. You can get your copy of DJ Sammy's *The Rise* right now at Amazon.com. Yum!

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

Chris "Dig'm" Allen is a journalist and DJ who spins at Rain in Austin, Halo in Bryan/College Station, and Guava Lamp in Houston.

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San Antonio Happenings

Wedding Cake Liberation Event Addresses Gay Marriage on June 16th

In conjunction with the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) meeting to be held in San Antonio in June, the Alamo City GLBT community takes on the anti-gay marriage amendment debate with the Wedding Cake Ceremony and Consciousness Raising. The satirical event will be held in the Joan Grona Gallery at the Blue Star Art Complex, 1414 S. Alamo, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The beautiful and talented Martha Oestreich has asked me to join her in planning a LGRL event in San Antonio," said event organizer Gene Elder and HAPPY Foundation Archives Director. "We decided that June would be a good time to gather our community together. We need to get everyone

on the same page with this new marriage amendment battle."

At 6:30 p.m., speaker Randall Ellis, Executive Director of LGRL, will address attendees. Then at 7 p.m., author Toby Johnson will preside over the Cutting the Wedding Cake Communion Ceremony and Harry W. Haines will lead the "congregation" in singing his Texas premier performance of *The Breeders Anthem* - sung to the tune of *Ode to Joy*.

"We think that people who reproduce don't get enough credit in this society," Haines said wryly. "So we have dedicated *The Breeders Anthem* to all human body parts used in reproduction,

regardless of sexual orientation, gender, marriage status, hygiene, and so on."

"The wedding cake has become the chosen method of protest against the Marriage Amendment in Texas," Elder said. "Never has battle tasted so good, or a wedding cake been so fierce."

Toby Johnson is a renowned author of several books on homosexuality and religion. He and his partner of 21 years, Kip Dollar, are the first male couple to be registered as Domestic Partners in the state of Texas.

In an event organized by LGRL in 1991, Dollar and Johnson applied for marriage licenses in Travis County. They were reluctantly refused by County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir, who used the event to make a public declaration of support for then legislation to delete references to gender in the state's marriage laws.

Two years later, Dollar and Johnson again went before Ms. DeBeauvoir; she happily issued them a Declaration of Domestic Partnership in Travis County in what was - at that time - a major political victory. Johnson will speak about his experiences during the Wedding Cake event.

"In the end, what this will do is improve the power of our community," Ellis said. "For the next five months this will be an issue that will be talked about constantly. The more we talk about this issue, the more people will realize marriage equality is not a scary thing."

On Friday, June 17th, LGRL will host a lunch with Ellis at Madhatters, 320 Beauregard, at 2 p.m. Seating for the event is limited.

Both events will serve as fund-raisers for LGRL's fight against the marriage amendment. For more information on the Wedding Cake Ceremony and to RSVP for the lunch, call Gene Elder at (210) 732-3238.

Austin Happenings (Continued from Page 21)

In the spirit of sing-along film showings, the Mommie Dearest Roast features audience participation along with the screening of the cult camp classic film. Attendees are encouraged to shout out and dress in costume, and prizes will be awarded for best Joan Crawford costumes and audience participation. Wire hangers are passed out to the crowd for the appropriate - and classic - scene reconstruction.



Now in its 18th year, aGLIFF is one of the largest gay and lesbian film festivals in the nation. This year's festival runs September 30th through October 8th.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for aGLIFF members. Tickets are available in advance by phone at (512) 476-1320 or on-line at www.drafthouse.com.

4th Annual "My Gay Movie" Competition Announced

The Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF) announces the 4th Annual My Gay Movie (MGM) event. MGM is a workshop, competition and screening designed for the new filmmaker to showcase GLBT work in a fun environment.

Each year aGLIFF receives hundreds of entries from across the nation, but only 10-15 entries are selected to debut on the "big screen" at the Regal Arbor Cinema in Austin. aGLIFF encourages participants to attend two workshops designed to give burgeoning filmmakers the knowledge they need to write, produce, direct, and edit film. The workshops will be happening on June 25th at 2 p.m., and again July 9th at 2 p.m.

Film submissions should be postmarked by July 22; drop-off submissions will be accepted until July 26, 2005. Films should be mailed to: aGLIFF c/o MGM; 1216 E. 51st Street; Austin, TX 78723.

Winning films will be screened on Wednesday, August 24th, at both 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., at the Regal Arbor Cinema, located at 9828 Great Hills Trail. For more information on the competition, call (512) 302-9889 or visit on-line at www.aGLIFF.org.



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Fort Worth Happenings

Annual Gay Country and Western Dance Convention Comes to Metroplex

The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex has long been known as a center for country and western dance enthusiasts. That reputation will be solidified during the Fourth of July weekend when "The Best Little Hoedown in Texas" comes to the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas from June 30th through July 4th.

The 12th annual convention of The International Association of Gay/Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs (IAGLCWDC) is a four-day event bringing together more than 500 two-steppers, line dancers and country and western music enthusiasts from across North America and Europe. The convention, which is held in a different city each year, will be organized locally by Texas Twisters, the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of IAGLCWDC.



Passers-by at the event may be surprised to see the dance floor filled with cowboys dancing with cowboys and cowgirls dancing with cowgirls. For Dan Sigale, a member of the Steering Committee for "The Best Little Hoedown in Texas" and a former Chair of Texas Twisters, the shock of seeing same-gender two-stepping for the first time gave way to an appreciation of its advantages.

"I can't think of another type of social dance in which a man is able to hold another man in his arms," Sigale said. "Most dancing in the gay community is done without much contact, but country and western dancing is pretty much full-contact, which makes it that much more fun."

All dancers, from the novice to the more-experienced, will feel at home at "The Best Little Hoedown in Texas," organizers said. The convention features more than 50 workshops for every skill level

of dance in both couples and line dancing. Other events during the weekend include competitions and exhibitions for couples, solo line dancers and dance teams from around the country, as well as nightly country and western dances and other social events.

The convention will also raise money to benefit organizations that serve the Dallas/Fort Worth gay and lesbian community. The beneficiaries for the event include the Resource Center of Dallas and Youth First Texas.

Registration for the entire weekend is \$95. Admission to individual events will also be available. For more information about the event and to register, visit on-line at www.hoedown2005.com.

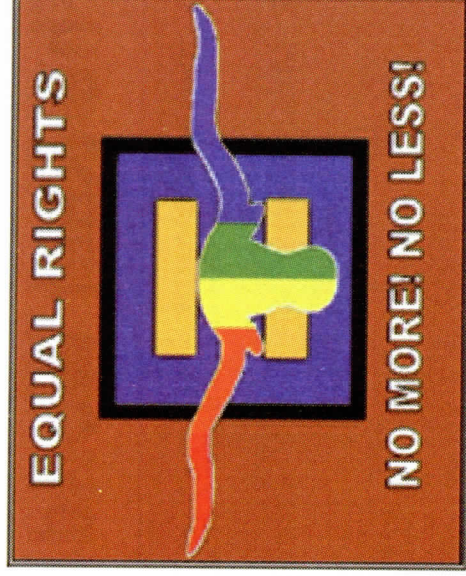
Cruise Benefits Fort Worth AIDS Organization

The Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network's (TCAIN) 2nd Annual Cruise Against AIDS will be sailing from Galveston on October 23rd for a seven day Western Caribbean Cruise to raise awareness and support for TCAIN and people living with HIV/AIDS. The trip includes stops in Progreso and Cozumel, Mexico, plus the new hot spot of Belize.

The cruise takes to the seas from October 23rd through the 30th aboard the Fun Ship Elation. Deposits for room reservations are now being accepted for the trip.

The Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network not only serves those living with HIV/AIDS, but also delivers medicine to homebound clients and educates the community on disease prevention. The organization manifests a spirit of love and service, exemplified by the core values of service, compassion, community, and inclusiveness.

Inside cabins for the cruise start at \$558.50 per person (double occupancy), and ocean view cabins start at \$658.50 per person (double occupancy). For information and to book a room, call Suzanne Meredith with Journeys with Suzanne at (817) 222-3900 or toll free at 1 (866) 561-3900.



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Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Pitt and Jolie Are Hot Targets in Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Grade: B+

As the summer begins, the blockbuster movies keep rolling in. We've already experienced smash hit films such as *Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*, *The Longest Yard*, *Madagascar*, and *Cinderella Man*. And as we look forward to the rest of the summer, there are still a number of huge films that will be gracing the silver screen: *Batman Begins*, *War of the Worlds*, *Fantastic Four*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Now as particular battles occur in the previously mentioned films, none of them match up to the conflicts of marriage. From Doug Liman - the director that brought you *The Bourne Identity* and *Swingers* - comes an action-packed face-off between husband and wife, who use heavy artillery and explosives to solve their problems instead of marriage counseling.

As with most couples, after six years of marriage, some of the sparks that once were there are missing and some things (hopefully not most things) become routine. Such is the case in the Smith household. John (Brad Pitt - *Ocean's Twelve*, *Troy*) and Jane (Angelina Jolie - *Alexander*, *Taking Lives*) decide that they have come to a point in their marriage where they feel counseling is the only way to solve their problems.



The Reel World

By Ryan Stevens

What they don't realize is the extent of their problems. As we've all been told, secrets have a way of coming out - especially big ones. And so our story begins with a very comical dialogue during sessions of marriage counseling.

Unfortunately, the marriage counseling does not solve their problems - mainly because neither John nor Jane will reveal their hidden secrets: both John and Jane are top-notch assassins for hire and neither of them knows about each other. But everything comes out in the open when both of their missions collide while trying to eliminate the same target.

The only problem is that the agencies they work for are against each other. Now both John and Jane are given 48 hours to assassinate each other, otherwise their agencies will kill them both. For assistance, John turns to his colleague Eddie (Vince Vaughn - *Be Cool*, *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*) and Jane turns to her coworker Jasmine (Kerry Washington - *Ray*, *Against the Ropes*). As the two sides try to eliminate each other, both John and Jane realize that their marriage is more important than their careers and they will do anything it takes to stay alive.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith is both funny and witty as it is clever and suspenseful. This film kicks some serious butt, and it has everything you're looking for in a movie: action, comedy, action, suspense, action, romance, and of course, action. Both Brad and Angelina steam-up the screen in this ultimate battle of the sexes. Director Doug Liman formulates the film to be like *True Lies* meets *War of the Roses*.

And the great thing about this movie is that you enjoy every minute of it. Every summer, moviegoers look forward to films that give them an escape from reality and keep their attention. *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* does just that; it's entertainment ignited. *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* is one hour and 59 minutes and rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language.

Batman Begins

"Batman Begins" Where the Previous Films Should Have Started

Grade: A-

He's back! Batman finally returns to the silver screen with a dark and sinister story that dives into the depths of how it all began. After watching the original *Batman* film franchise spiral into a pit of destruction - including an even worse spin-off of the beloved character Catwoman - it seemed as if hope was lost for the infamous Caped Crusader. Now after eight long years of anticipation, the *Batman* franchise returns under the helm of director Christopher Nolan (*Insomnia*, *Memento*) with a story that explores the origins of the *Batman* legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham City.

This time around, Christian Bale (*American Psycho*, *Reign of Fire*) plays the billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne, who has been imprisoned in a Bhutanese jail after immersing himself in the criminal underworld. After witnessing his parents gunned-down as a child, Bruce blames himself for his parents' death and is tormented by guilt and anger, which fuel his desire for revenge.

After being released from prison, Bruce is summoned by Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson - *Kinsey*, *Kingdom of Heaven*), who trains him to master the physical and mental disciplines that will empower Bruce to fight the evil he vows to destroy. Soon Bruce finds himself seeking counsel with the dangerous but honorable ninja cult leader known as Ra's al-Ghul (Ken Watanabe - *The Last Samurai*).

Bruce returns to Gotham City seven years later to find it overwhelmed by crime and corruption. Meanwhile, Bruce's childhood friend - and now Assistant District Attorney - Rachel Dawes (Katie Holmes - *Pieces of April*, *First Daughter*) can't convict the city's most ruthless criminals, because the justice system is being run by a notorious crime boss named Carmine Falcone (Tom Wilkinson - *Girl with the Pearl Earring*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*).

Rachel also has to deal with Dr. Jonathan Crane (Cillian Murphy - *28 Days Later*, *Cold Mountain*), a prominent psychiatrist who is the head of Gotham's Arkham Asylum mental facility. What Rachel and

Bruce don't realize is that Dr. Crane has developed a toxin allowing him to tap into and unleash his patients' worst fears. As his alter-ego, the hideously-masked Scarecrow, he uses terror and paranoia as weapons against them.

With the help of his trusted butler Alfred (Michael Caine - *Austin Powers in Goldmember*, *Secondhand Lions*), a detective sergeant named Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman - *Hannibal*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*), and Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman - *Million Dollar Baby*, *Unleashed*) - his ally at Wayne Enterprises - Bruce Wayne unleashes his awe-inspiring alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses strength, intellect, and an array of high tech weaponry to fight the sinister forces that threaten to destroy the city of Gotham.



I have to say this movie was amazing! Christopher Nolan did an amazing job showing the audience how it all began, why Bruce Wayne became Batman, and what we were missing (and wanting) from the previous *Batman* films. *Batman Begins* delivers a very dark side to our hero's past and shows us how he acquires the skills, tools, and technology to create his intimidating alter-ego. Christian Bale brings a very aggressive and animalistic nature to Batman and makes us realize that Batman is actually a human superhero without superpowers. One thing parents should be aware of is that - just like *Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith* - this film is not meant for young children. The action scenes are pretty violent and the film is very dark and brutal.

However, *Batman Begins* has revitalized the franchise, spawning two future sequels that are sure to be just as action-packed and story-driven as this film. *Batman Begins* is two hours and 20 minutes and rated PG-13 for intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.

Ryan Stevens is an industry insider living in Los Angeles who writes for SHOUT Magazine.

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COCKTAIL CALENDAR

Mondays

2015 (SA) - Bartender's Night Out with \$1.75 wells & longnecks and \$1 schnapps
The Annex(SA) - \$1 wells and non-premium longnecks, plus pool tournament at 8pm
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$2 longnecks
Bout Time (Austin) - Karaoke with AJ Kline 9 p.m.-2 a.m., FREE anonymous HIV/AIDS/STD testing 2nd & 4th of the month
Charlie's (Austin) - Wet Underwear Contest hosted by Paris Chanel, plus \$1 draft and \$3.75 Jack Daniels all night
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - Karoke and \$5 giant martinis
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - Martini Mondays with \$5.50 giant specialty martinis from open to close, plus karaoke 8 pm - 1 am
Pegasus (SA) - \$1.75 wells, \$2 frozen ritas, \$1 Jello shots, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - Free pool, \$1 wells and non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - Happy Hour all day and all night and \$3 premium drinks, plus free pool
Tagz (SA) - Martini Madness with \$5.50 giant martinis all day and all night

Tuesdays

2015 (SA) - \$1 mugs and \$4.75 pitchers on domestic draft all day
The Annex(SA) - White Trash Tuesdays and Dart League TeamNight; \$1.25 Wells & \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - Dart tournament
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$1.25 domestic draft beer and \$1.75 imported draft beer, Dart Tournament at 9 pm
Bout Time (Austin) - \$2.75 Frozen Marg's open to close, plus open volleyball - bring a team or just bring some friends
Charlie's (Austin) - Amateur Strip contest with host Jame Perry, plus \$1 draft all day and night and wheel specials til 11 pm
The Closet (Harker Heights) - No cover, open 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - S.I.N. Night with Happy Hour all day and night
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - S.I.N. Night, plus Marci and Mitch present Manwatch Strip Contest and Auditions at 10:30 pm
Pegasus (SA) - Darts tournament, \$1.75 wells, \$2 domestic longnecks, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - Dart League Night, \$1.25 Wells & \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - \$2 Tuesdays, with \$2 well drinks and domestic beer open to close
Tagz (SA) - \$2 well drinks, domestic longnecks and schnapps all day/all night

Wednesdays

2015 (SA) - Karaoke Night from 9 p.m. to 1a.m., with \$1.75 wells & longnecks and \$2 frozen margaritas all day
The Annex (SA) - 75 cent wells & \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - Karaoke Wednesdays, with \$1.00 schnapps all night
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - Free dance lesson at 7 pm, Pool Tournament at 9 pm, Karaoke with JR. at 9:30 pm
Bout Time (Austin) - Frozen Marg's are \$2.75 2-8 p.m., then \$3.75 8 p.m. - close, plus volleyball 6:30-9 p.m.
Changes (Fort Worth) - Amateur Show
Charlie's (Austin) - Happy Hour prices all day and all night
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Hump Night, with Hip Hop, R&B, and Reggae, plus \$4.00 Long Island Teas and .50 cent draft
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - Maleboxxx, prizes and give-aways, \$5 for under 21, no cover over 21
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - Wino Wednesdays, Mailbox at 10 pm, plus \$3.25 Jack and Skyy and \$2 selected beers
Pegasus (SA) - \$1.75 wells, \$2 domestic longnecks, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - Military/Camo Night; 75 cent wells & \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - Wet Wednesdays with Happy Hour all day and all night
Tagz (SA) - \$3 all import beer all day/all night

Thursdays

2015 (SA) - \$1 mugs and \$4.75 pitchers on domestic draft all day
The Annex (SA) - \$3 crispy taco plates, \$1.25 wells, \$1.75 non-premium longnecks and \$1 Long Islands
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - \$1.00 Slam Thursdays, with \$1.00 beer and well drinks all night
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$2.50 domestic longneck and Rain vodka drinks, show at 8:30 pm
Bout Time (Austin) - Pool tournament starting at 9 p.m. with cash prizes and open volleyball court all day
Changes (Fort Worth) - \$3.75 Royal Crown, plus male dancers
Charlie's (Austin) - The Vanessa Gordon Show at 11:30 p.m. with special guests each week
The Closet (Harker Heights) - No cover before 9 p.m., \$1 domestic longnecks and wells all night; open 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - Back to the Six country and western night
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - The Muscle Mechanics male dancers at 10:30 p.m. and midnight, plus \$2.50 well and beer 9-11 pm
Pegasus (SA) - \$1.75 wells, \$2 domestic longnecks, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - \$1.25 wells and \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - Latin Night with DJ Nini, plus \$3 wells, domestic and import beer 9 a.m.-close
Tagz (SA) - \$3 giant margaritas 4-9 p.m.

Fridays

2015 (SA) - Happy Hour 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., with \$1.75 wells and \$1.50 draft, plus \$1.75 longnecks all day and night
The Annex(SA) - Leather Night; \$1.50 wells, \$1.75 non-premium longnecks, and \$1 Sangria
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - 75 Cent Fridays, with 75 cent well drinks all night
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - Reduced drink prices 3-9 pm, Manager Specials 9-11 pm, Dance till 2 am
Bout Time (Austin) - Free buffet 6-8 pm, free pool 4-8 pm, DJ Kimmakazi spins at 9 pm, and open volleyball all day
Changes (Fort Worth) - "Almost" anything in the house for \$2.50 (9-11pm), plus male dancers
Charlie's (Austin) - 5 After 5 Friday, with \$5 cover after 5 p.m. (\$7 after 9 p.m.) and \$1 wells and non-premium beers
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Dance Night
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - College night, with male dancers 10 pm to 2 am; \$10 cover under 21, free 21 and up
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - Boys & Buffet with a happy hour buffet, Muscle Mechanics dancers, and DJ Allan Tolleson 9 pm-close
Pegasus (SA) - \$2 non-domestic longnecks, \$1.75 wells, \$2 frozen ritas, \$1 Jello shots, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - \$1.50 wells and \$1.75 non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - No cover, Fiesta Friday with DJ Nini, male dancers, and \$3 well and bottled beers 9 p.m.-close,
Tagz (SA) - \$2 well and \$2.50 Bud 16 oz. 4-9 p.m., pool tournament at 7 p.m. with bar match

Saturdays

2015 (SA) - Happy Hour 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., with \$1.75 wells and \$1.50 draft, plus \$1.75 longnecks all day and night
The Annex(SA) - Leather Night; \$1 wells and non-premium beer (til 9 pm), then \$1.75 wells and beer and \$1 Sangria
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - \$1.00 Saturday, with \$1.00 well drinks all night
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - Reduced drink prices 3-9 pm, Manager Specials 9-11 pm, Dance till 2 am
Bout Time (Austin) - DJ Kimmakazi spins 9 pm - 2 am, and open volleyball - bring a team or just bring some friends
Changes (Fort Worth) - Male dancers, and dance your butt off (with after hours)
Charlie's (Austin) - \$5 cover after 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. and \$1.50 wells and non-premium beers
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Special events each Saturday, no cover before 9 p.m., open 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - Dance night with hot music and male dancers
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - DJ LTD spins New York to London sounds 9 pm-Close
Pegasus (SA) - \$1 non-premium beer until 9 pm, \$1.75 wells, \$2 frozen ritas, \$1 Jello shots, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - Party Night, \$1 wells and non-premium beer (til 9 pm), then \$1.75 wells and non-premium longnecks
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - No cover, Sabado Sabrosa with DJ Nini, plus \$3 wells & beer 9 p.m.-close
Tagz (SA) - \$1.75 Bud & Bud Light 2-9 p.m.

Sundays

2015 (SA) - \$2 Bloody Marys from 4pm-9pm and \$1.75 wells & longnecks all day
The Annex(SA) - Champagne brunch 2 pm - 4 p.m., \$2 hamburgers at 6 pm, \$1 wells, Sangria, and beer
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$1.25 domestic draft beer and \$1.75 imported draft beer, charities shows start at 9 pm
Bout Time (Austin) - Rude Sunday with \$2.75 Frozen Marg's 2-8 pm, volleyball 2:30-8:30 pm, and karaoke 8 pm -1 am
Changes (Fort Worth) - Super Show, \$3.25 Absolut Vodka, and \$1.25 draft beer
Charlie's (Austin) - Super Sunday Show with Jame Perry at midnight, \$1 vodka until 10 pm, and \$1 draft all day and all night
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Closed
Hot Shots (Fort Worth) - Divas and dancers with special shows and entertainment
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - \$2 beer & \$1 mimosas 2-7 p.m., Cookout with Margie, and \$2.50 dom. beer & well vodka 7-11 pm
Pegasus (SA) - \$1 non-premium beer until 9 pm, \$1.75 wells, \$2 frozen ritas, \$1 Jello shots, and karaoke on the patio
SA Eagle (SA) - \$1 wells and beer; \$4 calls, \$5 premium calls, \$2 schnapps, and \$1 Jello shots and 50 cent cherry bombers
Silver Spur Saloon (Austin) - Latin Night and Happy Hour all day and night
Tagz (SA) - \$2.50 Bud 16 oz. 2-9 p.m., pool tournament at 7 p.m. with bar match

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Stargazer

by Psychic Norbert

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You are an air sign, and your sister sign is Sagittarius. Dear Gemini's, you are a people of visions; you don't like the small details, but you are wonderful with changes. Health wise, this week please watch your side - especially your kidneys and liver.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) You are a water sign, and your sister sign is Capricorn. Dear Cancers, you can be very selective; you are very protective and we all know about your moods. This week, please pay attention to your patience and I am sensing concern with your hands and your legs.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) You are a fire sign, and your sister sign is Pisces. Dear Leos, you are the kings of insecurities. As we know, you love children, but make sure that you are loved, too. This week, take pride in your work. Watch your diet; are you getting thick in the waist area?

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) You are an air sign, and your sister sign is Aries. Dear Virgos, we love your sensuality and your sexuality. You are very sensitive and connected with your childhood. How often have you checked on your mother? I am sensing a lot of tension on your shoulders.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) You are an air sign, and your sister sign is Aries. Dear Librans, expression is very important to you. Beauty is a Number One friend of yours, and for those who don't know us Libras, please be very aware of what you say and do around us. I understand your mind works rapidly, but take some time for yourself. Colon cleansing would be recommended.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) You are a water sign, and your sister sign is Taurus. Dear Scorpio, you are very business oriented. I have known many Scorpions to go from employee to employer of the company. You are very secretive, just like Libras.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) You are a fire sign, and your sister sign is Gemini. Dear Sagittarians, please stop reassuring yourself; you know that you are all right, and so do we. You are a late bloomer and you are loyal and faithful, and as the Good Lord knows, you love your freedom. This week, please try to pay more attention to your skin, eyes and ears.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) You are an earth sign, and your sister sign is Cancer. Dear Capricorns, you are very detail oriented, very organized, and very analytical. That can sometimes drive us crazy, for you can be very nitpicky. I would suggest you to check on muscle and bone structure. Walking and stretching are a good idea this week.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) You are an air sign, and your sister sign is Leo. I know you love to dance, Aquarians. Body and self image are very important to you, but there is a fine line between workplace and nightlife. You love to fly when you start a new business deal, but some of us have a hard time trying to keep up. This week, focus on pampering your feet and exercising your neck.

Pisces (February 19 - March 19) You are a water sign, and your sister sign is Virgo. In the social world, you are very respectful. I am not sure why, but there is a connection between Pisces and birds, which symbolize freedom. You love reading, but you must finish your chores, too. Body cleansing would be recommended this week.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) You are a fire sign, and your sister sign is Libra. Your personalities can be quite compulsive. You're an honest and truthful sign, and you are the only sign that I know who can laugh about their own and others' mistakes. You need to learn how to live with changes. This week, make an effort to check on the middle and upper part of your back.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You are an earth sign, and your sister sign is Scorpio. Dear Taurus, it is okay for you to take advice from others. Your stubbornness and loyalty can be appreciated, but you still have to take care of yourself. This week, take care of your headaches.

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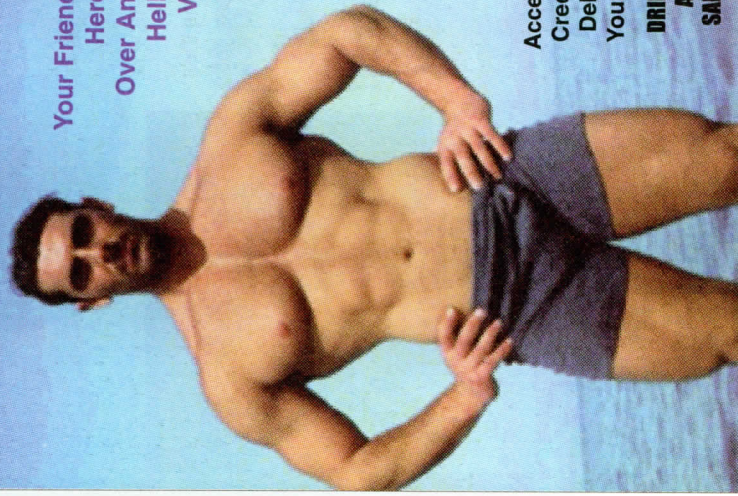
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