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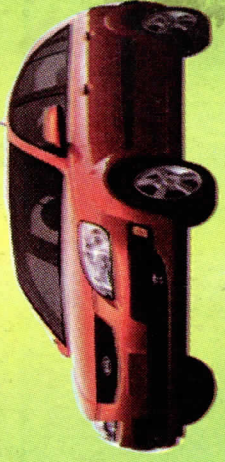
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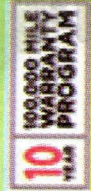
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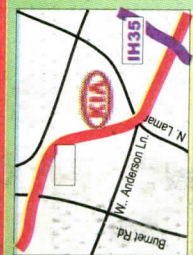


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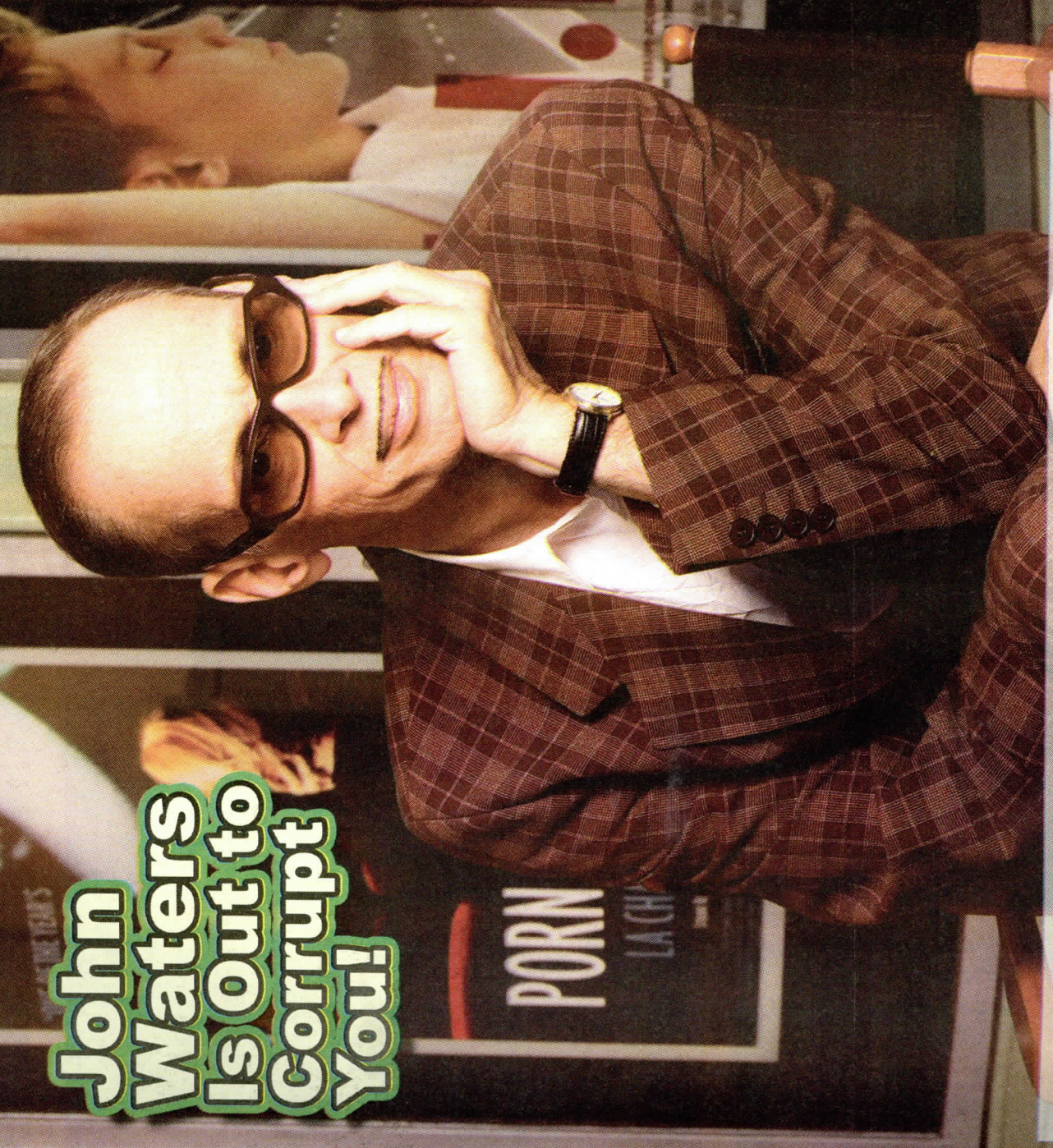
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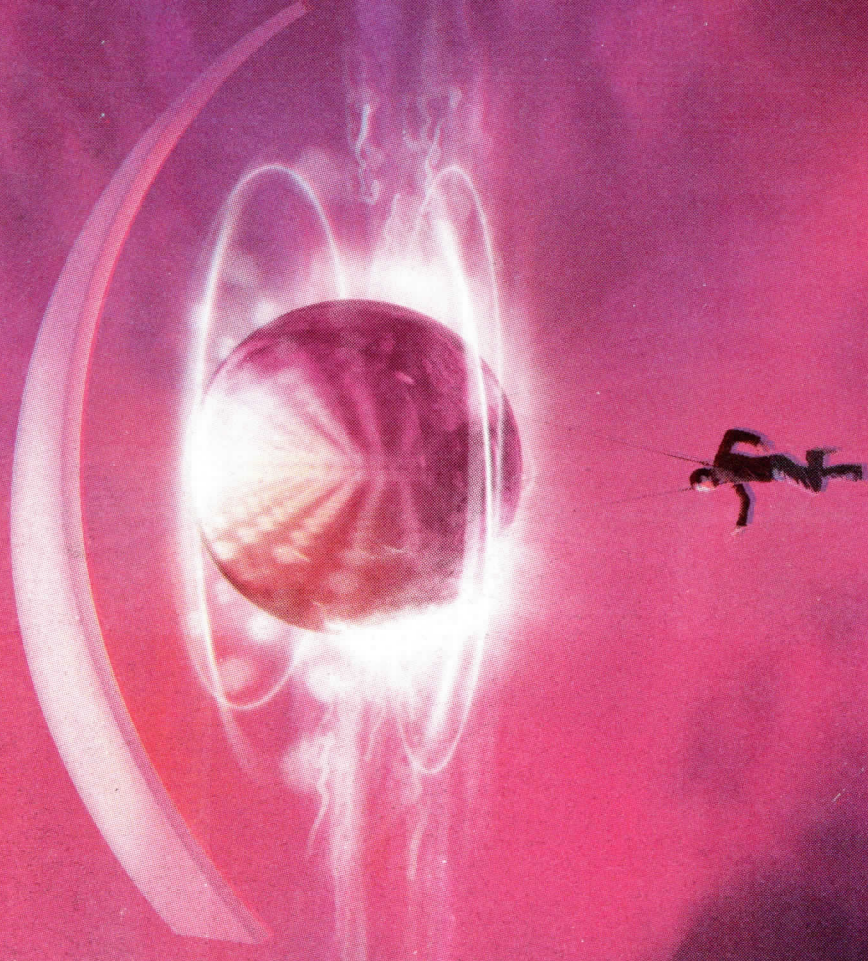


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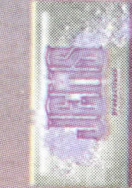
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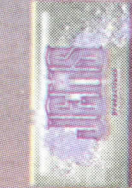
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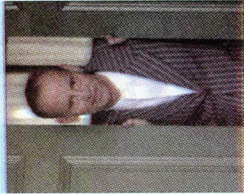
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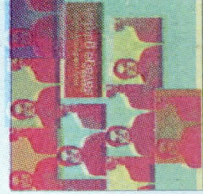
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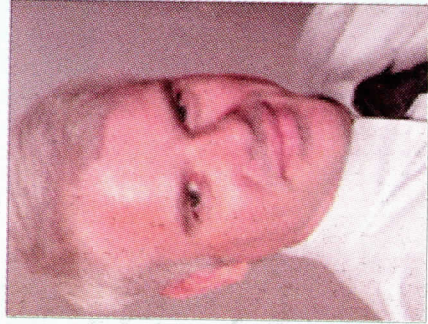
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Many of my peers fear that the next generation will be apathetic when it comes to political and social issues. But a new study shows that we have little to fear.

A national poll of high school seniors shows that young people are twice as likely as adults to support the legal recognition of same-sex marriage. According to a Zogby International study of 1,000 high school students, three-quarters of the high school seniors throughout the country favor the legal recognition of same-sex relationships, either as marriage or civil union. The study also found that three in four seniors oppose a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, and 63 percent support adoption by gay couples.

Unfortunately, our public personalities are not setting very good examples for those who will follow in our footsteps. Take San Antonio's KENS-5 anchor Chris Marou, for example. During a recent 5 p.m. news broadcast - where the film *Brokeback Mountain* garnered substantial recognition - his co-anchor mentioned that Reese Witherspoon received the award for Best Actress for her role as June Carter in the movie *Walk the Line*. Marou commented "They should have given the guys in *Brokeback Mountain* the Best Actress award."

Or how about *American Idol* judge Simon Cowell's recently broadcast homophobic comments to several male aspirants, telling one he looked like the Incredible Hulk's wife and commenting that another should wear a dress.

No wonder parents, advocacy groups and education officials are looking to the Texas Legislature for ways to keep students safe from being bullied and harassed. A recent report shows that although only seven percent of students surveyed said they were lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, 64 percent of Texas students reported bullying, name-calling or harassment at school because of their perceived sexual orientation.

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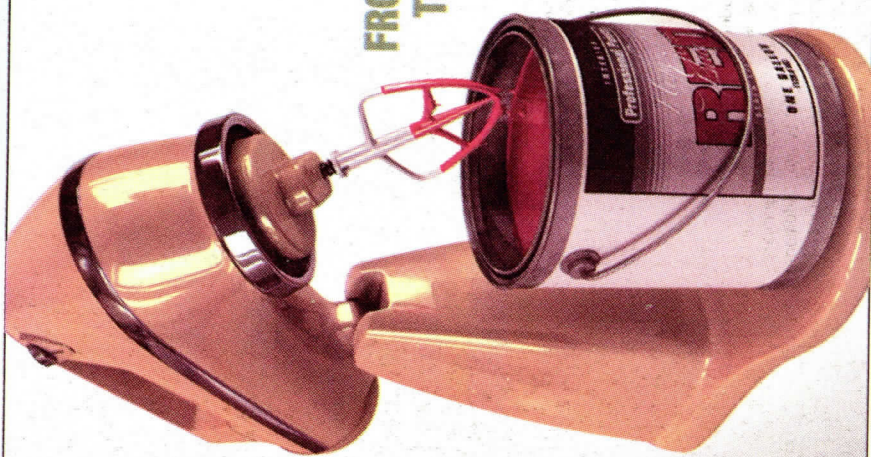
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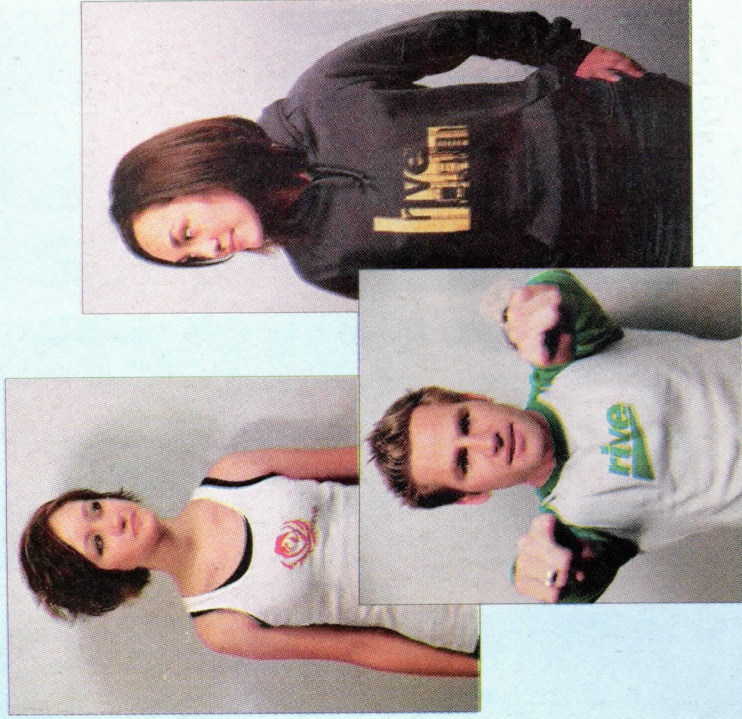
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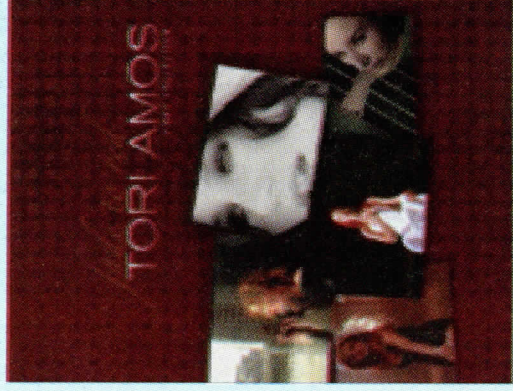
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Cinematic Corruption

**Interview with Director John Waters
By Andrew Hicks**

The great cult director that gave the world such cinematic masterpieces as *Pink Flamingoes*, *Hairspray*, *Serial Mom*, and *Cecil B. Demented* has a new series on Here! TV, the gay television network - "John Waters Presents Movies The Will Corrupt You." Each film in the series will feature an introduction and after thoughts by the eccentric director.

The series will begin in February with *Fuego*, a sort of south-of-the-border, low-budget-Jacqueline-Susann steamy/trash epic starring the big haired/big chested Isabel Saru. The film is worth seeing, if for nothing else than the impassioned reading of the word "Fuego" by the singer in the opening credit (which is repeated each of the 50 times Saru undresses throughout the movie).

The openly gay Waters is without-a-doubt one of the most important figures in cinema history. His major break came in the mid-70s, when the ultra-campy - and ultra-sick - *Pink Flamingoes* became a midnight movie hit and eventually played throughout the country. The film starred the flamboyant and spectacular Divine, who is now iconic in the gay world.



The film is most famous for the final scene, where a dog relieves himself on a sidewalk and Divine - to show she is "the filthiest person alive" - walks over, sticks the feces in her mouth and chews; the image freezes on Divine's filth-filled open mouth as the credits roll. *Pink Flamingoes* is a classic of subversive humor and a landmark in independent cinema.

By the mid-80s, Waters had broken into the mainstream with *Hairspray*, and his films were moved from the cult section of the video stores to the comedy section. The former rebel became one of the old masters. While he couldn't get anymore offensive and outrageous - he had pretty much taken the concept to the limits - Waters sat down with *SHOUT Magazine* at the end of the holiday season to talk about his upcoming cable series and gay cinema in general.

"I worked right up to Christmas day," Waters said. "I was on this Christmas tour with the 'It's John Waters Christmas.' It's an hour long spoken monologue, and I did it in eight cities. I opened at the Fillmore in San Francisco and closed at the 930 Club in D.C., so it was like being in a rock and roll band."

"I feel like a drag queen at Halloween," he said. "When you have a Christmas album out, you have to work at Christmas. If you have a drag queen that doesn't have a job on Halloween, you know her career is in trouble. I feel the same way about Christmas."

Waters talked about his "Movies The Will Corrupt You" series, which features such films as *Freeway* - the

white trash retelling of Little Red Riding Hood - and *Fluffer*, which follows the journey of a "straight" man who becomes a gay porno star and his male fluffer, who helps him remain erect.

"It's thirteen episodes and monologues about each one of these movies that I think certainly push the boundaries on what a gay audience is used to seeing," Waters explained. "I wanted to pick movies that I would show if you came over to my house."

"I didn't pick all obvious gay movies, because some gay movies are terrible; progress is admitting that. I picked films where the subject is even gayly incorrect but then my mission was to pick movies that intelligent gay people would like and really cool straight people. That's who I would invite to my house."

"*L.I.E.* is about a very nice pedophile. *Baxter* is an S&M dog movie about a French dog. *Clean, Shaven* is a movie about schizophrenia. Yeah, it's tough to come out of the closet, but not compared to being schizophrenic. Try coming out of the closet, where even youth doesn't count, hunkyness doesn't count, even a big dick doesn't matter if you're schizophrenic."

When asked what he hoped people would get out of the series Waters answered "An altered state of mind...and hopefully a willingness to look at all kinds of people and not to judge before you hear the whole story. Every one of these movies is about people who don't fit in their own minority; that has always been my subject matter and my fascination in a way."

Though the series is on the gay cable channel Here! TV, Waters pointed out that these films don't necessarily represent current gay cinema.

"What they do is show the kind of movies that John Waters likes," he said. "Since it was on a gay network, I certainly kept that in mind. I didn't pick movies that I thought no gay people would ever like, but there are going to be some gay people that I promise you are going to hate these movies. The gay people I know would like them - the gay people that are into movies that are unformalistic movies and like movies that push the edge and make you a little nervous sometimes."

"I like a feel-bad movie sometimes," he explained. "I don't have a problem with any movies that horrify me - I'm delighted if that happens, if they're smart and intelligent."

The director noted that while networks like Here! TV - which show all gay programming - are important to the GLBT community, he doesn't necessarily think they help or hinder the advancement of queer cinema.

"Basically, once it's all similar, there will be no need to have Here! TV," he noted. "It's like having a black TV



station, or a schizophrenia TV station. I guess once it's all assimilated, all shows will be both gay and straight.

"I think this (Here! TV) started as a gay network, and I think that even though I am openly gay and quite up-front about it, I think they wanted me to bring some straight people to it. So I am counter-programming, and I am for that - I am against separatism. I think its much more interesting when it's all kinds of people together."

"I knew I wasn't going to do the cliché of a gay channel and show *All About Eve*, because I think people have seen that and people would expect it. I like *All About Eve*, but I don't think that's what people expect from a show called 'John Waters Presents Movie That Will Corrupt You.' I am using 'corrupt' in joyous way, as a compliment. I like being corrupted, and I wish that I could still be."

Waters said that technically it's easier to make a film today with the digital breakthroughs, but the real problem is getting people into the theaters.

"I think less people are seeing all movies, and less people are seeing independent films, too," he said, "but there are very few that did well. I think *Napoleon Dynamite* and *Garden State* were the only two real breakthrough independent hits."

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BY JENNIFER PARELLO

The Missing Bra: A Dateland Mystery

Chapter 2: The Biography of a Favorite Bra

(In the last episode, we learned that my favorite bra disappeared shortly after I moved in with my Lady Friend. If you missed the first chapter of this riveting who-done-it, you can read it on-line at www.JenniferParello.com)

The morning after my favorite bra disappeared, I met Gregory at brunch to discuss the situation. I had spent hours searching for the bra and a sleepless night mentally retracing its last known movements. I was counting on Gregory to help me figure out what happened to it.

But Gregory wasn't interested in talking about my bra. Instead, he wanted to spend the morning obsessing about some fool he lured home from a bar the previous evening.

"He had the most magnificent set of nipples," Gregory said, dreamily stirring sugar into his coffee. "I think you can tell a lot about a person's character from his nipples."

"Yes, I'm sure you can," I said impatiently. "Now, can we get back to my bra?"

"Oh, for God's sake! Just buy another bra," he said.

I raised my hand to my chest in shock. I had long believed that gay men had a more meaningful connection with underwear than the rest of the population. Apparently, I was wrong.

"You can't simply replace your favorite bra with a new one," I said. "It's much more complicated than that."



You need to live with a bra - weather some rough times together - before you can judge whether it's special. Does it simply punch the clock in the morning, hoisting up your breasts with indifference, counting the seconds until it is released at the end of the day and returned to the soft comforts of the lingerie drawer? Or is it a friend?

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But a favorite bra will never let you down. It will silently stand by you, giving you far superior support than it was designed for.

At the time my favorite bra came into my life, I was still recovering from the loss of another favorite bra. That bra had grown limp from overuse, and I had to put it out of its misery. It taught me an important lesson about rationing the powers of a special bra.

Like Superman's cape, a favorite bra should be reserved for special occasions when you need an extra boost. The temptation is to wear it around the clock, but that will only exhaust its magic.

The last time I wore my favorite bra was to an out-of-town bridge tournament, where my bridge partner and I were pitted against our arch-enemies - Sal and Leon - who I was beginning to suspect played a role in the disappearance of my bra.

Next Time- Chapter 3: The List of Suspects Grows

(Do you know what happened to my bra? Send your theory to jenfjen@aol.com. If you guess correctly before the last chapter in this saga, I'll send you an excellent prize.)

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New Civil War Museum Opens in Fort Worth

For all you history buffs, the largest collection of Civil War artifacts west of the Mississippi River just went on display with the opening of the new Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. With more than 3,000 artifacts - which will rotate on display - the museum is sure to be a must-see for North Texas visitors.

The museum is a collaborative effort involving private collectors Ray and Judy Richey and the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Housed in its 15,500 square foot building, the Richey collection is one of the largest private Civil War collections in the nation.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy formally ran the Texas Confederate Museum, which was housed at the State Capitol and Old Land Office in Austin from 1904 to 1988. For the past 17 years, those artifacts have been in storage and conservation, but they will now be a part of the Texas Civil War Museum collection.

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Relics from the Sanitary Commission - the mostly female medical corps of the war - are also on display. After the war, the women of the Commission had strong participation in the suffrage movement as well as many philanthropic groups. The Commission influenced Clara Barton to create the American Red Cross.

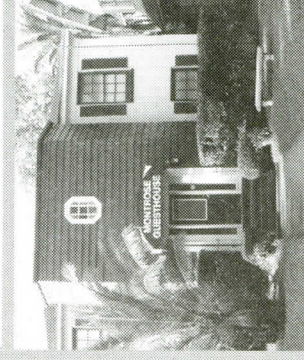
Anyone who has seen *Gone with the Wind* will remember the scene where the soldier has his leg amputated. The museum includes field doctors' kits; doctors in the war only attended three semesters of medical school. Three out of four operations were amputations using a scalpel and saw. Ironically, the procedure - which lasted about 15 minutes without the aid of anesthesia - saved more lives than it killed.

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2. Reduce Oxidation. If you have HIV or some other autoimmune problem, vegetables reduce "oxidation" - a confusing word meaning "cell damage." Oxidation is what happens when you set a tin can out in the rain: it rusts.

Well, in a way, rust is happening inside our bodies, too. This rusting inside the body becomes things like cancer, or cataracts, or kidney failure. If you or a friend has HIV, the

more oxidation you have, the quicker you progress toward AIDS.

3. Increase Your Immune Function. A pair of vitamins - called beta-carotene and lycopene - have been shown to boost your immune system. But, the response is not immediate, as it takes a couple of weeks for the immune system to respond to carotene and lycopene.

So, you need to eat them all the time. Lycopene is found in tomatoes. Beta-carotene is in carrots, yams, and orange veggies.

4. Fiber. Veggies are a great source of fiber, which reduces your cholesterol levels and regulates blood sugar. Women, if you are having hormonal problems (raging PMS, hot flashes, etc.), fiber helps reduce symptoms by eliminating the cause of the problem. If you have diabetes, fiber is a must.

So the big question: how many vegetables should I eat?

Imagine your dinner plate. Take a marker and cut it in half. The top half of your plate should be veggies.

Eat veggies and fruit that are all the colors of the rainbow - yellow, green, red, orange and dark blue/purple. The bottom half of your plate should be split in half also, with one side being starchy foods - like rice, beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes. The other bottom half is for protein sources, such as meats, etc.

Be a good kid, and eat your veggies. Your heart, lungs, joints and all your many parts will thank you.

Dr. Jeanne Galloway, ND is a medical-school trained naturopathic physician with a practice in Austin and Dallas, Texas. Natural medicine has many tools to help you with chronic disease. Contact her with questions at: AustinsNaturalDoctor.com

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WOMEN'S HEALTH

BY ROBYNN BETZ

Panic Attacks!

A couple of months ago, I wrote on the subject of menopause. Since then, I have been asked many questions regarding perimenopause. This - if you didn't know - is a pre-menopausal state where your body is in the midst of hormonal changes. Over the next several issues, we'll look at some of more annoying side effects you might experience during this adjustment time.

I have chosen, for my first installment, a side effect which can bring even the toughest dyke to her knees: panic attacks! In my research, I found many different clinical discussions about the subject. The easiest to understandable definition was found at MayoClinic.com.

According to the website, panic attacks can happen anytime and anywhere - when you're alone, with others, at home, in public, or waking from a sound sleep. You heart suddenly begins to race, your face flushes, and you experience shortness of breath. You feel dizzy, nauseated, and out of control - a sudden episode of intense fear that prompts physical reactions in your body.

Although panic attacks were once dismissed as nerves or stress, they're now recognized as a potentially disabling but treatable condition. Approximately 2.4 million American adults experience a panic attack each year, and women are twice as likely as men to have panic attacks.

Signs and symptoms may include rapid heart rate, sweating, trembling, hyperventilation, chills, hot flashes, abdominal cramping, chest pain, tightness in your throat, trouble swallowing, and/or a sense of impending death. Other health problems - such as an impending heart attack, an overactive thyroid gland (hyper-thyroidism), or drug withdrawal - can cause symptoms similar to those of panic attacks. In addition, it's not unusual for panic attacks to occur together with depression.

If your panic attacks are frequent (four or more a month) or if fear of having them affects your activities, you may have a condition called panic disorder. This condition can greatly interfere with your life.

If you suspect you have a panic disorder, your doctor will want you to undergo a complete physical exam so that he or she can determine whether health conditions

other than panic attacks could cause your symptoms. If you have no underlying health problems, your doctor may diagnose panic disorder based on your signs and symptoms and their frequency.

Panic disorder can become debilitating and destructive. Fear of recurrent attacks can lead you to adopt avoidance behavior, such as leaving your house alone. Having panic disorder also increases your risk of depression, suicide, and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

A variety of approaches can help you control or prevent panic attacks. Your doctor may prescribe an antidepressant medication, which is usually effective in preventing future attacks.

Cognitive behavior therapy, during sessions with your psychiatrist or psychologist, can help you learn to better understand and deal with your panic attacks. Some people do well with either antidepressant medications or therapy, but the combination of the two seems to work best.

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In 1997, Aussie boys Darren Hayes and Daniel Jones released their debut album, *Savage Garden*, and quickly took the world by storm. This album made it to Number One in Australia and the United Kingdom before earning

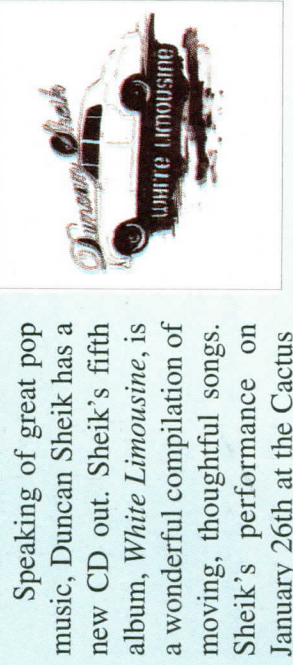


11 times platinum status the world over. This album also spawned three global hits - "I Want You," "To The Moon & Back," and "Truly Madly Deeply." For this recording they also received an unprecedented 10 ARIA awards.

The duo's second album, *Affirmation*, met equal success. They scored their second *Billboard* Number One with "I Knew I Loved You." The singles "Animal Song," "Affirmation," and "Crash & Burn" met similar victory.

To date, Savage Garden's total worldwide sales are

well above 23 million. Even though Daniel and Darren parted ways four years ago to pursue solo ventures, that number continues to grow. It will surely skyrocket with the band's latest release - *Truly Madly Completely: The Best of Savage Garden*. All the hits are there, alongside two brand new tracks from Darren Hayes. This collection is a must have - such great pop music! Be sure to checkout www.SavageGarden.com or www.DarrenHayes.com for more details.

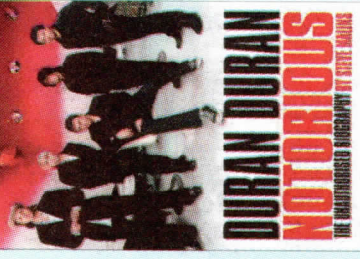


Speaking of great pop music, Duncan Sheik has a new CD out. Sheik's fifth album, *White Limousine*, is a wonderful compilation of moving, thoughtful songs. Sheik's performance on January 26th at the Cactus

Café in Austin was absolutely remarkable.

Duncan Sheik, now sporting a beard, is best known

for the 1996 hits that launched his career - "Barely Breathing" and "Reasons For Living." Learn more about White Limousine and listen on-line at www.DuncanSheik.com.



Author Steve Malins has released *Notorious*, the unauthorized biography of Duran Duran. This 280-page book focuses primarily on Duran in the 80s and really only touches on the band's activity in the 90s and their recent reunion. It includes some fun pics, a detailed discography, and an extensive index that lists everything from AC/DC to Frank Zappa.

This book is an easy entertaining read. Malins' previous publications include Gary Numan's authorized autobiography, as well as biographies on Depeche Mode, Paul Weller, and Radiohead. He has worked with such artists as The Future Sound of London, Sparks, and Siouxsie Sioux - and produced three of Gary Numan's albums. Not a bad resume at

all. Malins' *Notorious* is available online from Amazon.com.

Dead Or Alive lead singer Pete Burns is still holding strong on *Celebrity Big Brother* in the UK, despite the fact he is a raging bitch. It seems that in mid-January, police raided the *BB* house (which Pete describes as "Ikea on a bad acid trip") and confiscated his lovely gorilla fur coat. Apparently, they received so many complaints about it from whiney activists and such that, in order to stop the madness, action needed to be taken.

It turns out, British police are handing over details on the pop singer's coat to prosecutors after tests revealed it was made from the skin of monkeys that may have been illegally imported. OMG - this show is hysterical!

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!

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Dressing Up Your Flower Beds for Spring

It's still too early in the season to plant your flowerbeds, but you can "sow the seeds" for lots of blooms come springtime. Now is the time to get those late spring bulbs into the ground.

First, make sure the soil has an ample amount of fertilizer, bone meal, potash, etc., for your region. Check with your area's Texas Cooperative Extension Agent for soil information in your part of the state.

Buy bulbs for late spring and early summer bloomers. It's too late to plant for early bloomers, such as hyacinth, daffodils, and narcissus. Remember - just because the bulbs are for sale at the store does not mean they will grow and bloom this late in the season.

But the time is perfect for the showy flowers, such as gladiolas, cannas, lily of the valley, day lilies, amaryllis, and ranunculus. Plant these bulbs now, and you should have lots of blooms by mid-March.

This is also the time to plant trees and shrubs. Lots of Texans plant crepe myrtles this time of year, but be sure to select varieties that are mildew-resistant. They adaptive species have Native American tribe names - Sioux, Natchez, Hopi, etc.

When selecting shrubs and bushes, pass up the popular - but high maintenance - varieties, such as flowering hawthorn and ligustrums. These ornamentals look nice, but they come with lots of problems. Not only do they require a lot of water to get started, but they also cause allergies for lots of your neighbors.

Instead, opt for the showy native species. Butterfly bush and mountain laurel are two of my favorites. American Beautyberry, Mexican (Texas) sage, and bush lantana are also excellent choices.

Even bushy perennial native plants, such as Turk's Cap and yellow-bell Esperanza, make wonderful shrub selections. As natives, they require less water and will grow more proficiently. However, wait until the threat of freezing weather has past to add them to your yard.

And it's not too late to have your own miniature field of bluebonnets in your flowerbed. Get a packet of seeds and "scar" them by making a small, shallow cut on each individual seed, just cutting into the seed coat. Soak the seeds for 24 hours, then plant them about one-quarter inch deep. Physically plant the seeds in the ground instead of just dispersing them, as you would in the fall. In about eight weeks, you should have your own state flower field in bloom.

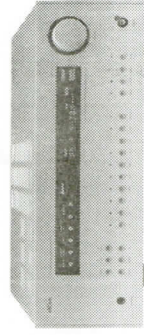
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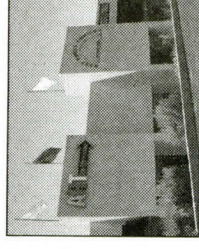
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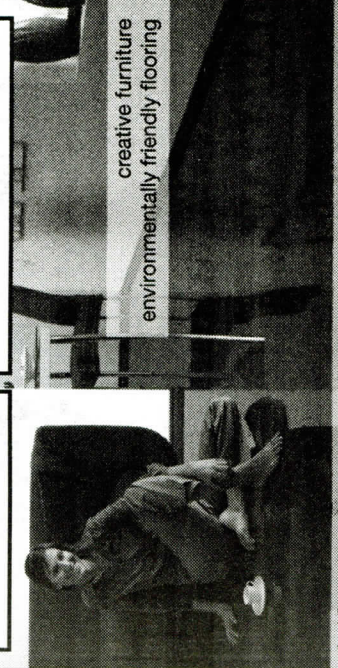
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PINK PARTS - Urinetown

Frequent readers know that we've been anticipating the opening of Zachary Scott Theatre's production of the unlikely hit Broadway musical *Urinetown*. Now that the show is open and running through March 12th, don't miss the opportunity to experience one of the best stage productions ever mounted in Austin.

A loving send-up of classic Broadway musicals and

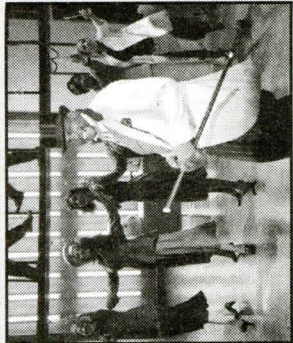


David Sattler (center) as Bobby Strong leads the revolution "Les Miz" style in "Urinetown," photo by Kirk R. Tuck.

notable Hollywood films, the hilarious satire on political oppression features one of the best cast of entertainers ever put on the Zach Scott Kleberg Stage. Every moment of the show shines, and the musical numbers had the opening night audience cheering for more.

The premise of *Urinetown* is the classic "little people versus big business" story. A decades-long drought has forced citizens to pay for the privilege to pee. Run by the corrupt omni-corporation Urine Good Company, the public facilities utilities provide the flash point for a rebel revolution led by hero Bobby Strong and his band of rag-tag Everymen. Throw in a Fosse-obsessed policeman, assorted characters, and the hilarious, innocent "voice of truth" Little Sally, and the resulting stew is rich with humor, hubris, and humanity.

Zachary Scott Theatre is located at 1421 Riverside Drive at South Lamar in Austin. Visit www.ZachScott.com or call (512) 476-0541, ext. 1 for tickets.



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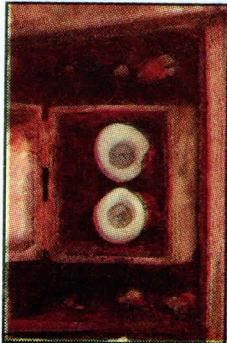
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Dario Robleto's multimedia piece "A Color God Never Made"

Arthouse at the Jones Center in Austin presents *The Gospel of Lead: Dario Robleto and Jeremy Blake*, on view now through March 12th. The exhibition brings together the recent work of San Antonio sculptor Dario Robleto and Los Angeles

painting/digital media artist Jeremy Blake. The exhibition invokes a sort of parallel reality by imagining what objects and ephemera might have actually inhabited the Winchester House, a bizarre 160-room 19th century Victorian mansion built by Winchester Rifle heiress Sarah Winchester. Visit www.ArthouseTexas.org for more information.

Over on the UT campus, The Sarah and Ernest Butler Opera Center presents the world premiere of *The Scarecrow*, with music by Joseph Turrin and libretto by Bernard Stambler. Based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's last short story, "Feathertop," the work premieres February 24th and 26th, then plays again March 3rd and 5th at in UT's McCullough Theatre, located at 2350 Robert Dedman behind Bass Concert Hall. Visit www.UTPAC.org or call (512) 477-6060 for tickets.

Only a few weeks remain to enjoy the San Pedro Playhouse's big stage production of the musical *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. The legendary show plays through February 26th at the Russell Hill Roger Theatre at 800 West Ashby in San Antonio. Call (210) 733-7258 for tickets.

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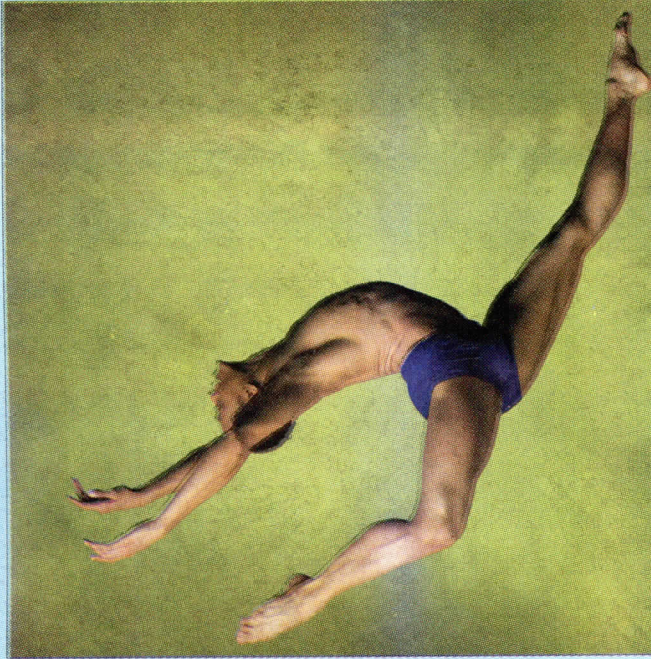
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also plays San Antonio through February 26th at the Josephine Theatre, located at 339 West Josephine Street. Featuring more than 40 hits by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, the show rocks with musical numbers

such as "Hound Dog," "On Broadway," "Love Potion Number 9," "Jailhouse Rock," "Stand By Me," and many more. The show is sure to have those Josephine signature

musical moments that make the theatre's reviews so popular. For tickets and reservations, call (210) 734-4646 or visit www.JosephineTheatre.org.

The Renaissance Guild presents the classic American drama *A Raisin in the Sun*, playing February 10th through 26th at Jump Start Theatre, 108 Blue Star in San Antonio. Written by Lorraine Hansberry and set in Chicago's South Side during the 1950s, the plot revolves around the divergent dreams of and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family. The powerful stage work has been made into a movie and



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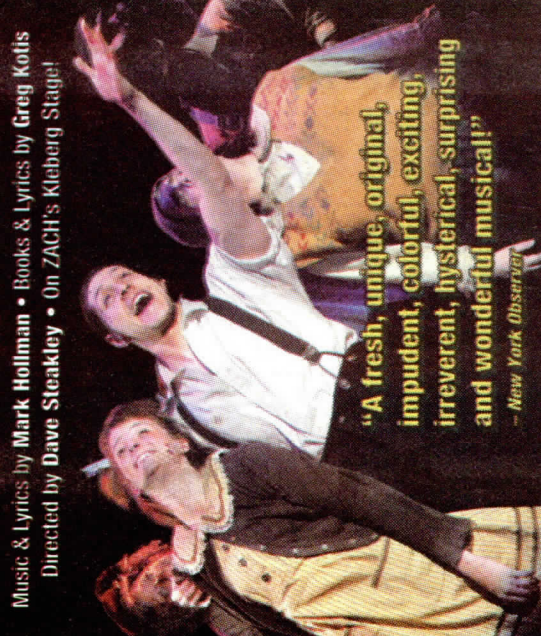
Ballet star Carlos Acosta

World-renowned dancer Carlos Acosta from the Royal Ballet and Zhang Jian from National Ballet of China will guest start with the Texas Ballet Theater for *Stars and Premieres*, taking to Fort Worth's Bass Performance Hall stage on February 17th through 19th. Three premieres will be presented, created by Texas Ballet Theater's own Ben Stevenson, Tim O'Keefe and Peter Zweifel. The program represents a unique turning point for Texas Ballet Theater, in that the company is now positioned to attract such superior international talent. For tickets and information, visit www.TexasBalletTheater.org or call 1-877-212-4280.

Symphonic fireworks will erupt when Cliburn Gold Medalist Olga Kern shares the stage with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, March 31st through April 2nd - at the Bass Performance Hall. Kern won the Gold Medal at the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2001, becoming the first woman to have achieved this distinction in more than 30 years. She will be featured in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the symphony. Visit www.FWSymphony.org or call (817) 665-6000 for tickets.

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Cast members of the Kings N Things comedy troupe; photo by Beaux Toxic.

Austin Babtist Women Host Valentine's Show

The Austin Babtist Women - the nationally renowned comedy troupe - present "Deep In The Heart..." on Sunday, February 12th, at the Cockpit Club, 113 San Jacinto in Austin. The show will benefit the Texas Gay Rodeo Association.

Appearing with the ladies will be entertainers Alix Courtne, Anne Budd, Christine King, Randy Edlin, Celicity Cash and other surprise guests. The pre-Valentine's Day event will also feature raffle prizes.



Cast members of the Austin Babtist Women comedy troupe

Curtain time is 8 p.m. For more information, call (512) 457-8010 or visit www.BabtistWomen.com

United Court Announces Chocolates for Charity Ball

The United Court of Austin - a local all-volunteer fund-raising group - will host their second annual Chocolates for Charity Ball on Saturday, February 18th, at The Cockpit Club, 113 San Jacinto in Austin.

A 1980s theme will highlight the event, with a "Carrie's Revenge" stage show at 7 p.m. The evening will also include a raffle, 1980s TV trivia with prizes, (Continued on Page 28)

ALLGO Undergoes Major Organizational Changes

In a recent announcement, the board and staff revealed significant organizational changes that will affect the services provided by the non-profit organization ALLGO. In particular, ALLGO will no longer be providing case-management services after February 28th.

"In response to the current political and economic climate as well as financial realities - and in an effort to better fulfill our vision and mission - ALLGO is rising to face new challenges head on and refocusing our programming," said Priscilla A. Hale, LMSW, the Interim Executive Director for the organization.



The changes being made to better create and sustain a statewide network of queer people of color activists, groups, organizations and allies, Hale said.

"As hopeful and thrilled as we are about the new possibilities these changes will bring, additional financial forces and shifts in federal policies and local HIV Planning Council priorities will require us to let go of some of our existing programming," she said. "Case-managers will be working closely with current clients to transition their care and make sure they are successfully connected to all the support and resources available as they navigate this difficult time."

ALLGO works toward a just and equitable society that celebrates and nurtures vibrant people of color queer cultures. For more information, call (512) 472-2001 or visit www.ALLGO.org.

Kings N Things Valentine's Show on Feb. 10th

Kings N Things, Austin's premier drag king troupe, will stage their 2006 Valentine's show on February 10th. Entitled "Love is a Battlefield," the event will be held at Elysium, 705 Red River Street in Austin.

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The United Court of Austin is a member of the International Court System and is dedicated to the betterment of life in and around the Austin area and is committed to providing financial and physical support to other charitable organizations. For more information on the Ball, call (512) 418-9999 or visit www.UnitedCourtOfAustin.com.

ArtErotica Returns February 25th

The 4th annual ArtErotica benefit event returns on February 25th for a night of bawdy fun. Sponsored in part by the Octopus Club, the silent art auction and dessert party benefits the AIDS Services of Austin Emergency Fund.

The Ion Art warehouse space, located 407 Radam Lane in Austin, will be decked out in 1970s hip styles for the three-hour party, which runs 9 p.m. to midnight. Organizers encourage guests to "come as you are" or dress in your favorite 70s outfit with an erotic twist.

Desserts will be handed out in scantily clad men and women, and free spirits will keep the crowd moving. Many pieces of erotic art - in all kinds of mediums and by dozens of well-known artists - will be available to purchase through silent auction.

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Organizers say 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the AIDS Emergency Assistance Fund at AIDS Services of Austin, which gives emergency financial support to Central Texans living with HIV and AIDS. Artwork donations for the auction are currently being accepted; email Tim Young at tyoung2@austinlrr.com for more information.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.OctopusClub.org.

Austin Gay Basketball League Forms

In the spirit of Austin's popular softball league, a new athletic social opportunity starts this month in the Capital City. The Austin Gay Basketball League begins its eight-week season on February 5th.

The co-ed games will be played on Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Zaragoza Recreation Center, located at 2608 Gonzales Street in Austin. Participants can sign up with a team or as a "free agent" by visiting <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/agblgroup>.

Get Outta Town (Continued from Page 13)

The facility also houses a 75-seat theater that will screen a specially commissioned film that will be shown every half-hour. The museum is located at 760

Jim Wright Freeway North in Fort Worth. For more information, call (817) 246-2323 or visit on-line at www.TexasCivilWarMuseum.com.



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Dance will be held on February 4th at the Saint, 1430 North Main in San Antonio, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chuck Hernandez of Arugula Catering will prepare and serve the dinner, which will include brisket, honey-roasted chicken, corn bread, beans, and three salads. A chocolate cake contest will follow the meal, as will a two-step contest. Line dancing and a special show will cap the evening.

Organizers promise gifts and door prizes and many surprises, and proceeds will benefit We Are Alive - a non-profit agency providing assistance for persons with severe chronic and terminal illnesses.

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Miss Gay San Antonio Pageant Returns on February 19th

After several years of dormancy, the Miss Gay San Antonio Pageant returns on February 19th, with a gala event at The Saint, 1430 North Main Street in San Antonio. The competition begins at 10 p.m.

The Miss Gay San Antonio Pageant began on a Sunday following Valentine's Day in 1977, when Pauletta Leigh was crowned the Emeritus. Thus began a monarchy that includes teachers, principals, designers - title holders from every walk of life.

For the 2006 pageant, San Antonian Layla Larue, who is the reigning Miss Gay Texas 2006, will headline this event. Larue is a former Miss Gay USofA and is currently pursuing the crown of Miss Gay America.



Hot Chocolate

In addition, internationally famous star of stage and screen Larry Edwards - aka Hot Chocolate - will be one of the featured guest entertainers. Edwards has been featured in the motion pictures *Miss Congeniality 2* and *What's Love Got To Do With It*, as well as starring with his illusion of Tina Turner at An Evening at La Cage in Las Vegas.

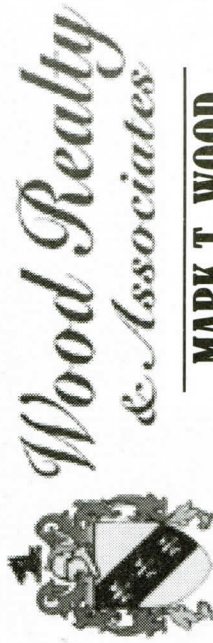
Joining them will be former Miss Gay Texas' Sweet Savage, Alyssa Edwards, Jacqui DeShawn and many former Miss Gay San Antonio title holders. The 2006 pageant celebrates the 25th anniversary of Jacqui DeShawn's crowning and also will be in remembrance of the many former title holders who have passed away.

The 2006 pageant will be locally produced by JEMS Productions, who recently presented the highly successful Beat-Aids benefit - *The Red Party* - in August 2005. For more information on the pageant, call (210) 675-3807.

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Free HIV Testing on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

On Wednesday, February 7th, Hope Action Care will recognize National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day at its Be Wise facility, located at 913 North New Braunfels Street. HIV testing and educational materials will be available for the general public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Our focus is to encourage African Americans - and all others - to get educated, get tested and get involved with HIV/AIDS," said organizer Opal White. "While HIV/AIDS continues to devastate the African American community, this recognition is one event where we take a bold stand to motivate people to do something about this destructive disease."

Other participating organizations will include Mujeres Unidas el SIDA and the Alamo Health Institute. Testing will be confidential and will utilize Rapid Testing, which will provide results in 20 minutes.

Presentation Explores Understanding of Love

Is it possible to fall in love with a person outside your sexual orientation? Psychologist Lisa Diamond says the answer is "yes" and will explore the reasons why this happens in a presentation titled "How Do I Love Thee: Rethinking the Nature and Development of Same-Sex Love and Desire." The free public event will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th, in Trinity University's Northrup Hall, Room 040.

According to Dr. Diamond, individuals are usually classified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual based on their sexual desires. However there is an affectional component to sexual orientation as well.

"The sexual and affectional components are typically assumed to agree, meaning that heterosexual (Continued on Page 32)

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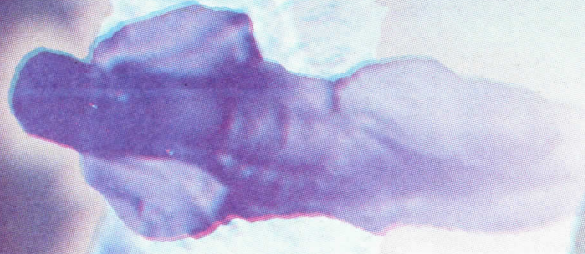
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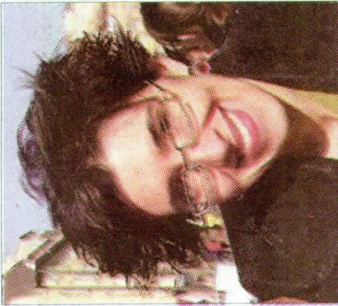
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individuals should only fall in love with other-sex partners and gay-lesbian individuals should only fall in love with same-sex partners," said Dr. Diamond. "But this is not always the case."

During her presentation, Dr. Diamond will argue that sexual desire and affectional bonding are functionally independent. As a result, one can "fall in love" without experiencing sexual desire.

She will also explore how the roots of affection between an infant and a caregiver can affect falling in love with members of either sex.

Dr. Diamond is an Associate Professor of Psychology and gender studies at the University of Utah. For more information on the event, call Trinity's Office of Counseling Services at (210) 999-7411.



Dr. Lisa Diamond

Valentine's Dance "Sets Sail"

The Blue Bubble Ballroom will host its first annual Valentine's Day "Cruise," a dance for GLBT couples and singles with a 1970s Love Boat theme. The dance "sets sail" on Sunday, February 12th, for a four-hour tour from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Rainbow Room at the Blue Bubble Ballroom, 9315 N. Broadway in San Antonio.

Organizers say both singles and couples are encouraged to attend, and singles will have the advantage of a Valentine's mailbox to send a special message to the passenger that catches your eye. The evening will be smoke-free, and a full cash bar will be available with drink specials all night long.

The house DJ will play disco favorites, and free disco dance lessons will help guests do the Hustle and Bus Stop like pros. Plus, performances by local dance and vocal acts provide just the right cruise ship flair.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance by calling (210) 829-5155; tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event. For more information, visit www.BlueBubbleBallroom.com and click on the Rainbow Room icon.

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BY TIMOTHY J. NIEHAY

Editor's Note: In the January 19th issue of SHOUT Magazine, we inadvertently publishing the wrong information pertaining to the upcoming Cowtown Rodeo in Fort Worth. The information below corrects that misinformation; we apologize for the errors

TGRA Readies for Cowtown Rodeo

At this year's Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) Cowtown Rodeo, cowboys and cowgirls will pay special tribute to the men and women of this country, and the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. The Cowtown Rodeo 'cowboys up' at 9 a.m. on March 4th, and concludes competition on March 5th, at the W.R. Watt Arena in the Will Rogers Memorial Center, located on 3401 West Lancaster Avenue in Fort Worth.

"This year brings another great rodeo that will pay honor and tribute to all the Armed Forces," said Rodeo Director Mack Williamson. "As we step out on the rodeo floor, we will celebrate and compete with patriotism and safety. This rodeo is for everyone in the GLBT community, and this promises to be the best rodeo yet!"

With an overall record of donating several million dollars to Texas charities for more than 21 years, TGRA



is one of the founding members of the International Gay Rodeo Association. Throughout the organization's long run, TGRA has hosted 24 rodeos, plus one Finals Rodeo.

Entertainment begins at 1 p.m. each day at the Rodeo, with continuous performances throughout the day. This year's TGRA royalty and performers from across the South and Southwest will entertain the crowds and raise additional money for the Rodeo's charities.

Rodeo festivities begin March 2nd at Best Friends Club, 2620 East Lancaster Avenue, with a "Welcome to Cowtown Party" slated for 8 p.m. The party continues on March 3rd at 6 p.m. at the Green Oaks Hotel, 6901 West Freeway, with the TGRA Boot Scootin' Social Mixer.

For more information about rodeo tickets and TGRA, visit www.TGRA.org or call the Rodeo Hotline at (214) 346-2107. In addition, watch the website for updates on the Fall TGRA Rodeo, slated for August 2006 in San Antonio.

TCAIN Needs Volunteers For Tournament

The Texas Roll-Off Tournament celebrates its 10th anniversary tournament, this year, and the Tarrant County Interfaith AIDS Network (TCAIN) is looking for volunteers to assist in this widely anticipated event. The tournament rolls from February 10th through 12th, and will be held at Don Carters Cityview, located on 6601 Oakmont Blvd in Fort Worth.

The Texas Roll-Off Tournament (TROT) is a part of IGBO, an international gay bowling organization that provides educational services, communication avenues, and social opportunities to promote bowling and enrich lives of individuals through leagues and tournaments worldwide. A dedicated committee has been working hard to produce a fantastic 10th anniversary event, but they need additional help, according to TCAIN's Associate Director Curtis Smith.

"We could use volunteers for TROT," said Smith. "We still have positions open for raffle-ticket sales, check-in services, and team assistants."

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Women's Health (Cont. from Page 15)

Relaxation techniques can help lessen the discomfort and duration of the signs and symptoms of stress, such as headaches, anxiety, high blood pressure, trouble falling asleep, hyperventilation, and clenching or grinding your teeth. These steps can help you relax:

1. Sit or lie in a comfortable position and close your eyes.
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3. Tighten the muscles in one area of your body. Hold the muscles for a count of five or more before relaxing and moving on to the next area.
4. Suggest to yourself that you're relaxed and calm, that your hands are heavy and warm (or cool if you're hot), and that you feel perfectly at peace.
5. Breathe slowly and deeply during the procedure.

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Robynn Betz is a nurse living in Austin.

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This year's TROT event includes a \$20,000 payout for competitors and a Texas Hold Em' Poker tournament, which will be held Saturday night the 11th.

According to Tournament Director, Alex Barnishin, the commitment to fellow IGBO bowlers is to pay out more money, have a great time, and produce a fun laid-back event that everyone will want to tell their friends about. For more information on how you can volunteer, contact TCAIN at (817) 335-1994.

Cowtown Leathermen Host Ceremony

Some in the local Fort Worth area may raise an eye when they see a group of leather-clad men walk into a bar. On the road to tolerance, understanding is a helpful ally. How would their perception change if they knew just exactly what these men were doing - and why?

The Cowtown Leathermen will have a Hanging of Colors Ceremony on February 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Stampede, located on 621 Hemphill Street. The club's secretary, Mike Hensley, says this ceremony is very meaningful for his group. It signifies another year as an official club - a club that has a purpose to help out the community.

Since 1984, the Cowtown Leathermen has raised money for local charities, such as the Food Pantry and AOC. They also have provided a service to those struggling with AIDS and HIV.

"It might not seem like much, but we have provided pet foods for people with AIDS," explained Hensley. "As the disease causes so many problems, we thought losing your pet shouldn't be one of them."

At the ceremony, light finger-food snacks will be provided. The group will hold its annual Whack-Off for charity.

"This is where patrons can volunteer to receive a light love-tap from the whip - and in turn, people will donate money to have them whacked," Hensley chuckled.

For more information on this groups activities, visit on-line at www.CowtownLeathermen.com



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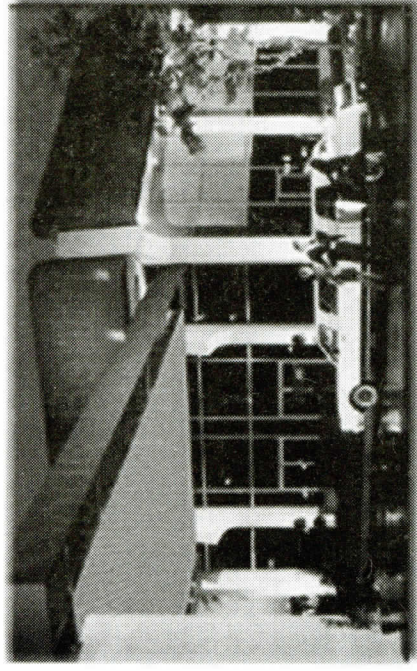
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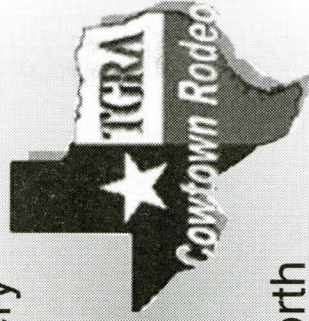
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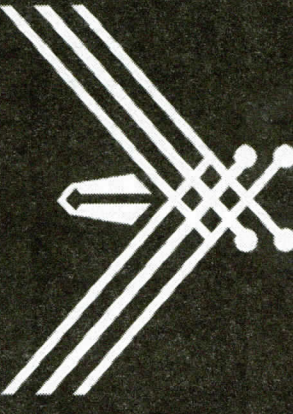
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HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

Dance for Life on Feb. 4th

In conjunction with National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH) and Exclamation Dance Company will present "Dance for Life" on Saturday, February 4th, at Houston Community College's Heinen Theater, located at 3517 Austin. The evening also features the poetry of Langston Hughes set to music by composer Ricky Ian Gordon. Performers include Kenneth Gayle, tenor, and Rodney Waters, piano.

Exclamation Dance Company is a professional dance troupe whose mission is to educate, entertain, and excite diverse audiences using modern and jazz dance techniques. Funded by the Mukuru "Arts for AIDS" Series, the program aims to combine an annual performance series and an extensive network of artists to raise awareness of critical HIV/AIDS issues. All proceeds will benefit Houston through the Community Partnerships in HIV Prevention Program, developed by AFH. For concert and ticket information, please visit www.Mukuru.org.



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LCC Seeks Volunteers

Imagine dying of AIDS and being all alone - no friends nor family to support you and fill your remaining moments with joy. The Legacy Counseling Center (LCC) is seeking volunteers to help make sure that North Texans won't know that pain.

"LCC has a volunteer adopt a client program," said Legacy Founders' Cottage Program Director Amanda Dolin. "Volunteers can help our clients go to movies or even out to eat. There is such a big need for this because a lot of our clients don't have companionship."

Dolin explained that more volunteers are needed to assist at the facility with basic functions, such as cleaning or just spending time with clients. This would free the staff to focus on more of the medical needs of it clients, she said.

"We have two beautiful gardens," Dolin added. "What we want to do is have volunteers with a green thumb come out once a month to take care of them."

The facility is also looking for volunteers to bring one meal a month for six people. Volunteers can either prepare meals at home or at the facility.

LCC is partially funded by grants under the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act and also provides various counseling services to HIV-positive clients and their families. For more information, call (214) 520-6308 or visit www.LegacyCounseling.com

AIN Hosts Speed Dating

The AIDS Interfaith Network (AIN) is playing matchmaker by hosting a Rainbow Speed Dating night on February 9th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For this month, men ages 25-45 are asked to attend.

"We are very excited and want this to be a monthly event," said Mary Marshall, Director of Volunteers and Development. "In March, it will be the ladies turn."

All donations go toward providing services for people living with HIV/AIDS and the support and education for people who are at risk of HIV infection. The goal this year is to raise \$20,000.

AIN directly serves more than 1,700 men, women, children, and teenagers who have HIV/AIDS. For more visit www.AidsInterfaithNetwork.org or call (214) 941-7696.

- Timothy J. Niehay



Nanny McPhee

Grade: B-

In this dark and witty fable, Emma Thompson (*Love Actually*) portrays a nanny with an unsettling appearance - and magical powers - who enters the household of the recently widowed Cedric Brown (Colin Firth - *Love Actually*) and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly naughty children.

The children, led by the oldest boy Simon (Thomas Sangster - *Love Actually*), have managed to drive away 17 previous nannies and are certain they will have no trouble with this one. But as Nanny McPhee takes control, they begin to notice their vile behavior now leads swiftly and magically to rather startling consequences.

Her influence also extends to the family's deeper problems, including: Cedric's sudden attempt to find a new wife; the domineering Aunt Adelaide (Angela Lansbury - *Beauty and the Beast*) who intends to take one of the children away; and the sad and secret longings of their scullery maid, Evangeline (Kelly Macdonald - *Finding Neverland*). As the children's behavior begins to change, Nanny McPhee's face and frame appear to change as well, creating even more questions about this mysterious stranger whom the children and their father have come to love.

Emma Thompson, whose first screenplay won the 1995 Oscar for *Sense and Sensibility*, returns to screenwriting with Nanny McPhee, a motion picture adaptation of the *Nurse Matilda* books by Christianna Brand. If you plan on watching this film, you have to take it for what it is: a children's fairy tale. This means the entire movie is told in a way that children will be able to understand.

Though Nanny McPhee is not your ordinary nanny (think of an unattractive Mary Poppins), she uses discipline - with the help of a little magic - to whip these children into shape. Emma Thompson surprises us once again with her amazing talents, and Angela Lansbury returns to the big screen in her first role in two decades.

But what makes this movie worthwhile are the Brown children. All of them are talented in their own

way, and they bring life to the film through their actions and reactions - and their deep-down honesty that comes with being a kid.

Nanny McPhee is not for everyone, but she could be if we all can find the child within ourselves. The film *Nanny McPhee* is one hour and 38 minutes and rated PG for mild thematic elements, some rude humor and brief language.

Big Momma's House 2

Grade: B

Everyone's favorite "Momma" is back for another crime-busting adventure, when funnyman Martin Lawrence (*Bad Boys 1 & 2*) returns as undercover FBI Agent Malcolm Turner in *Big Momma's House 2*, the sequel to the 2000 worldwide box office hit *Big Momma's House*. This time around, Malcolm is out to expose the designer of a deadly computer virus that would allow outside forces access to critical government intelligence files.

Unfortunately, the only way Malcolm can get next to the worm's creator - Tom Fuller (Mark Moses - *After the Sunset*) - is to pose as the new nanny to his three children. Now, Malcolm must once again disguise himself as Hattie Mae Pierce, a.k.a. "Big Momma," to bring down the bad guys.

But once undercover, the job proves to be another tough juggling act for Big Momma as she manages the hectic lives of the three Fuller children, keeps up with their various daily activities,

and handles the household chores - all while secretly trying to dig up information on Tom's computer virus. Along the way, Malcolm develops a newfound appreciation for his own family, which includes stepson Trent (Jascha Washington - *Last Holiday*) and expectant wife Sherrie (Continued on Page 40)



BY HELEN D'SAQUE

Dear Helen: I often go out of my way to be helpful and nice to people. However, recently I was treated really mean by a few people, and I have been thinking about ways to get revenge. What are the best ways to get revenge? - *Plotting in Texas*

Dear *Plotting* - Oh buttercup. Of all the ways to get revenge on small-minded people, the best way is to live well in spite of them. Cooking up a delicious payback can make you feel warm all over, but it is short lived. Just go on and let them get what is coming to them. Mother Nature always balances her books, and they will get their meanness repaid. Go out of your way and be kind to someone. See if it makes you feel better. Be like the rose that perfumes the hand that crushes it. And let me know how it goes. - *Helen*

Dear Helen: The girl I've been seeing for about three months now has also been dating a couple of other women besides me. I knew that she was seeing other people when we got together, and at the time all I wanted was a casual relationship. But now I think I'm starting to really fall for her. How can I get her to give up these other girls and date only me? *Quartet to Duo in Fort Worth*

Dear *Quartet*: Oh honey, it would seem you are in a pickle for being fickle. You could try to keep her so busy that she doesn't have time for other women. The possible pitfall of that route though is that you may drive her away by making her feel smothered. You could just try telling her that you have fallen for her and- who knows - she may have fallen for you. Though again the suffocation factor comes into the realm of possibility.

You might consider making a Valentine's date with her. Then you could bring up the topic; if she doesn't give the response you are looking for, you could say you got caught up in the romance of the holiday.

One route that I have used in the past has been to appeal to good, old fashioned greed. Most people tend to want what they can't have. So you could try dating some other women. See if it makes her jealous. If it does, then you can say that you are looking for someone to date exclusively - and see if she takes the bait. If not, then you at least have met some other potential ladies! Good luck - *Helen*

Email your questions to *DearHelen@ShoutTexas.com*.

Big Momma's House (Cont. from Page 39)

(Nia Long - Are We There Yet?). Interestingly enough, Walt Disney Studios released a similar film last year called *The Pacifier*. *Big Momma's House 2* is exactly what *The Pacifier* wasn't: funny!

In *The Pacifier*, Vin Diesel's character spent too much time trying to be a nanny and forgot about his mission. *Big Momma* is already funny to watch, and by incorporating the nanny duties without losing sight of Malcolm's mission, the film becomes quite enjoyable.

By no means should you expect a gut-busting film with stellar performances. However, what you will get is an enjoyable film for the family, with laughs and hilarity around every "BIG" corner. *Big Momma's House 2* is one hour and 39 minutes and rated PG-13 for some sexual humor and a humorous drug reference.

Annapolis
Grade: C+

When he won a coveted admission spot to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, local kid Jake Huard (James Franco - *Spiderman 1, 2, & 3*) thought all his dreams had come true. But his battle to become the man he wants to be is only just the beginning.

Now, he is uncertain if a regular kid from a poor blue collar family can fit into the Academy's pressure-cooker atmosphere and barely making the grade as a freshman plebe. Jake has one shot at proving he has what it takes to become an officer when he decides to enter the notoriously fierce Navy boxing competition known as the Brigade Championships and face off against his arch-nemesis - Midshipman Lt. Cole (Tyrese Gibson - *2 Fast 2 Furious*).

Even though the trailer of this film makes it look like a younger version of *An Officer and a Gentleman*, it is better described as a *Biloxi Blues* meets *Rocky*. *Annapolis* is all about Jake's emotions and how he deals with all these situations in his life.

If you are looking for a film with explosions and gunfire, this is not it. Instead, what you get is a film that has its moments, both slow and intense. However, the film sometimes loses its touch, because it doesn't give us what we would normally expect from a naval-based film, making us realize this film is way too long. *Annapolis* is one hour and 48 minutes and rated PG-13 for some violence, sexual content and language.

MONDAYS

2015 (SA) - Bartender's Night Out: \$1.75 wells & longnecks, \$1 schnapps

The Annex (SA) - \$1.50 wells and \$1 non-premium longnecks, pool tournament at 8pm

Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$2 longnecks

Bout Time (Austin) - Karaoke with AJ Kline 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Charlie's (Austin) - Wet Underwear Contest hosted by Paris Chanel,

plus \$1 draft and \$3.50 Jack Daniels all night long
The Cockpit (Austin) - Happy hour all day with Finis
HEAT (SA) - Shady Lady Hosts Amateur Drag Night; plus \$1.50 well drinks and \$2 domestic beer

Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - Buffet by Rose, Martini Mondays, with \$5.50 giant specialty martinis open to close

Rain on 4th (Austin) - S.I.N. Night with \$5.50 giant martinis

SA Eagle Saloon (SA) - Free pool, \$1.50 wells, \$1 non-prem. beer

TUESDAYS

2015 (SA) - \$1.25 mugs, \$5.25 pitchers of domestic draft all day

The Annex (SA) - Dart League Team Night; \$1.50 Wells & \$1.75 non-premium longnecks

Bermuda Triangle (SA) - Dart Tournament

Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$1.25 domestic draft beer, \$1.75 imported draft beer, Dart Tournament at 9 pm

Bout Time (Austin) - \$2.75 Frozen Margaritas open to close, plus open volleyball - bring a team or just bring some friends

Charlie's (Austin) - Steak Night 6-8:30 p.m., Amateur Strip contest

with host Jame Perryat midnight, plus \$1 draft all day and night and spin the wheel for drink specials
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Country and Western Night
The Cockpit (Austin) - Amateur Strip at 9pm, Happy Hour until 9pm
HEAT (SA) - Layla Larue and Taryn Taylor host Male Strip-Off, plus \$1.75 well drinks and \$2 domestic beer
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - Retro Night, \$3.25 calls, \$3 wells, \$2 domestics, DJ Scot Free spins Retro all night
SA Eagle Saloon (SA) - Dart League Night, \$1.50 wells and \$1.75 non-premium longnecks

WEDNESDAYS

2015 (SA) - Karaoke Night from 9 p.m. to 1a.m., \$1.75 wells & long-necks and \$2 frozen margaritas all day

The Annex (SA) - \$1 wells and \$1.75 non-premium longnecks

Bermuda Triangle (SA) - Karaoke Wednesdays, \$1.00 schnapps all night

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The Boss (SA) - Blues and jazz night

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Changes (Fort Worth) - Amateur Show
Charlie's (Austin) - Happy Hour 2-9 pm and dancers 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
The Cockpit (Austin) - Texas Hold'em and DJ Chris Allen
HEAT (SA) - Male dancers and \$.75 well drinks all night
Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - 18 & Up (tonight), Mailbox with Brian at 10pm, plus \$3.25 Jack & Skyy, \$2 Miller Lite, with DJ LTD
Petticoat Junction (SA) - \$1.50 wells and \$2 domestic beers
Rain on 4th (Austin) - Karaoke at 10 p, \$2 any beer, \$2.75 cosmos
SA Eagle Saloon (SA) - \$1 cent wells and \$1.75 non-prem. beer

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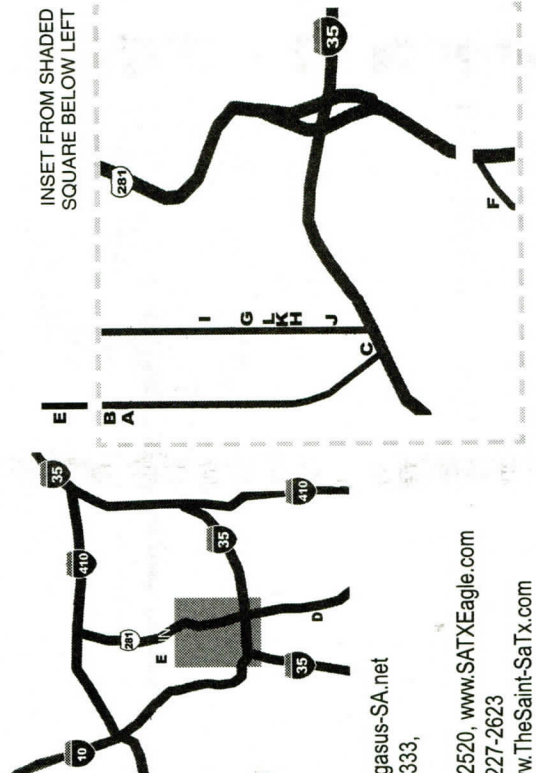
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SA Eagle Saloon (SA) - Dart League Night, \$1.50 wells and \$1.75 non-premium longnecks

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Oilcan Harry's (Austin) - 18 & Up (tonight), Mailbox with Brian at

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; \$1.50 wells and \$1 non-premium beer (til 9 pm), then \$1.75 wells & beer, \$1.50 Sangria.
Bermuda Triangle (SA) - \$1 Saturday, \$1 well drinks all night
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - Reduced drink prices 3-9 pm, Manager Specials 9-11 pm, Dance till 2 am
The Boss (SA) - Party night with DJ Ricky
Bout Time (Austin) - DJ Kimmakazi spins 9 pm - 2 am, and open volleyball
Changes (Fort Worth) - Male dancers, and after hours
Charlie's (Austin) - \$2 cover until 8 pm, with \$5 cover after 8 p.m. and \$1 wells and non-premium beers

SUNDAYS

2015 (SA) - \$2 Bloody Marys 4-9pm, \$1.75 wells & longnecks all day
The Annex (SA) - \$2 Willie Hamburgers 6-9 pm, \$1.50 wells, \$1 non-domestic beer, and \$1.50 Sangria
Best Friends Club (Fort Worth) - \$1.25 domestic draft beer & \$1.75 imported draft beer, charities shows at 9pm
The Boss (SA) - \$1.25 domestic longnecks all day and free pool
Bout Time (Austin) - Rude Sunday with \$2.75 Frozen Marg's 2-8 pm, volleyball 2:30-8:30 pm, karaoke 8pm-1am
Changes (Fort Worth) - Super Show, \$3.25 Absolut Vodka, and \$1.25 draft beer

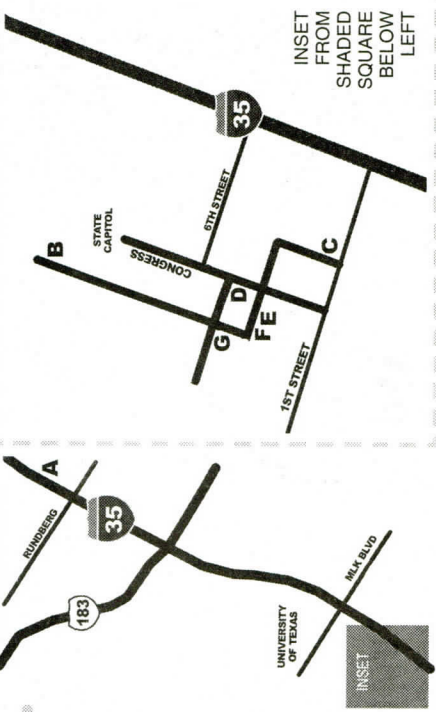
The Closet (Harker Heights) - Special events each Saturday, no cover before 9 p.m., open 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The Cockpit (Austin) - High energy dance night
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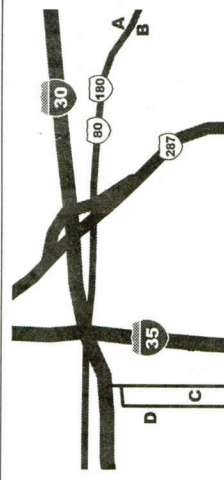
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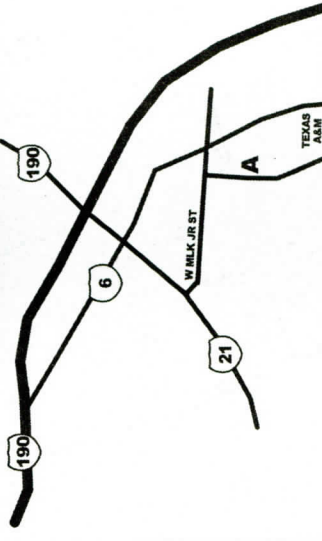
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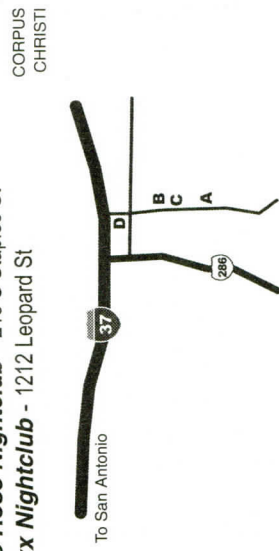
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COVER STORY: John Waters
(Continued from Page 11)

"People aren't going to films anymore, and before you ask why, it's because people want to stay home and eat more. That's the real problem. I still go to the movies all the time, because that is how I like to see movies."



"They send me these Academy tapes to watch, but I would still rather see them at the movies. I like them better if I see them in a theater. I can take a half-star rating, and I like it more at the movies than if I see it at home."

"But I guess we just have to make movies people want to see, and to do that we have to identify the audience we are making movies for. So many movies are

made and marketed so that everyone is supposed to like them, and it ends up being a dud."

Waters was stumped for a second when asked about the future of gay cinema.

"I think *Brokeback Mountain* is going to win the Oscar," he observed. "And then, of course, *Brokeback Mountain* will be the biggest porn of the year."

"I think it would be really radical if a gay person won the Oscar for playing a gay person. That's brave. All straight people want to play gay people, so I think it's the other way around. Maybe if...well, gay people play straight people a lot. A gay person playing a gay person, maybe that would be the future that would be really radical."

For more information about Here! TV, visit www.HereTV.com. For everything you've ever wanted to know about John Waters, visit www.DreamLandNews.com.

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SUNSIGNS

BY TRAVIS ROGERS

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) Well, happy birthday Aquarius! This month, you will discover a new mental energy and a liveliness that you have not felt in awhile. You are probably thinking of all the things that you want to do this year: finally buy a new car, start that new hobby, etc. You will find yourself reflecting on where and what you would like to do during the next year.

Pisces (February 19- March 19) Friendships will mean more to you during these next few weeks. This will go beyond the regular socializing that you have experienced during the last few months. Instead, friendships will take on a spiritual and therapeutic nature. In the next few weeks, you will realize who are your real friends - the ones that love and except you for who you are.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) Hard work has paid off for you. "Higher ups" have noticed your good work, and now they are sending kudos your way. Also, this is a good time to sign contracts or anything that deals with financial or legal issues. You are more mentally aware than usual, and the phone will never stop ringing.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) Taurus, you will find that communication will be hard for you, and it can be so severe that it can express itself physically with problems with cell phones, misconnections, or just misunderstandings with others. This will effect both your work and your home life. If you are a student, it could cause problems with finishing school projects and assignments.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) A planetary transit that will be effecting you for the next few months is the benefits of Saturn solidifying your home life and relationships with family and friends. You will notice that family members and friends are more important to you, and they take on a larger meaning for you in your life. Likewise, any friendship you make in the next few months will be long lasting and stable.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Cancer, your relationship with your significant other will be the focal point in your life for the next month. You have an opportunity here to understand the revolutionary nature of love and how it can be a spiritually renewing force in your life. Keep in mind that love should enhance your reality and not become a distraction.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Leo, opposition from others is a hard lesson to learn, especially when it concerns your love relationships. Remember that opposition from others is not because the other person is malicious. They have other ideas and other concerns that may not be the same as your own. This is why communication and compromise is so important right now.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Virgo, service to others will be a key issue for you. This could express itself in situations where you are able to help and aide others, or it could be that your work environment seems more like a plantation than an office. Either way, you will be put into a work relationship that will be less cooperative and more dictatorial. Also, you feel more mentally alert than usual, and health will be at the forefront of your mind.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) Libra, "laissez les bons temps roulet." People are coming your way, and they see that you are a fun and lively person. People will call you for nights out, dinners, and parties. Also, people will see you as sexier and more charming than usual. Enjoy the good times!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) Your home life will take on much significance for you, both emotionally and physically. Do you have to finally fix that stuck doorknob, do you have to finally clean the trash cans, etc.? You will feel that you need to spend more and more time around the house. This is because on a deep level, you need to communicate with others around the house.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Sagittarius, you may have to take a small trip during the next few weeks, which may have something to do with property or money. This will be an issue for you the next few weeks. You may simply go on a shopping spree, or you may have to sale some of that unused stuff in your garage or attic.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) This is a really good time for you Capricorn with Venus on your side. Venus - the maiden of love, art, and romance - is giving you a new sense of awareness. This can express itself either in a new romance and love affair, or it can express itself in a renewed appreciation in the arts.

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