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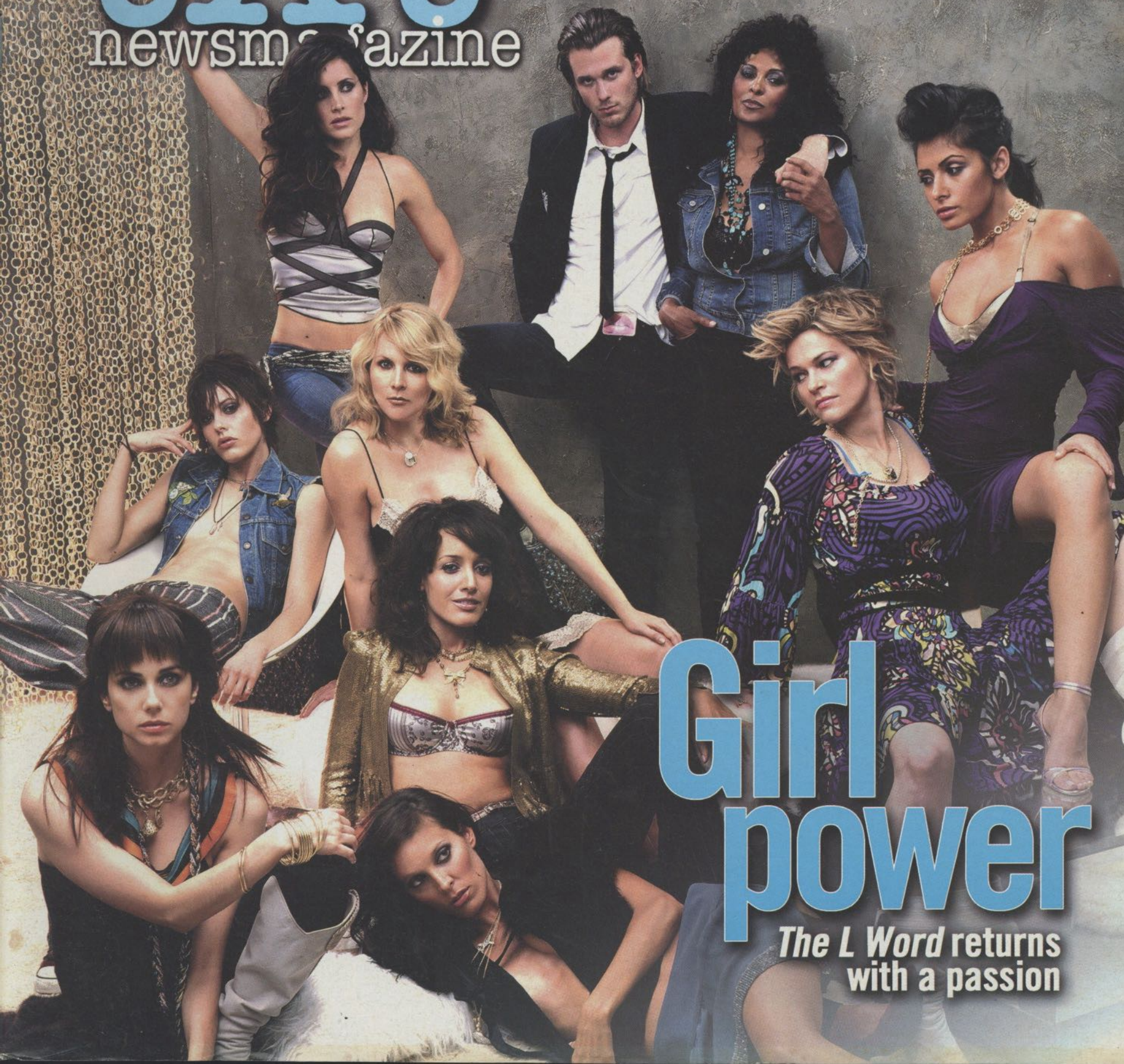
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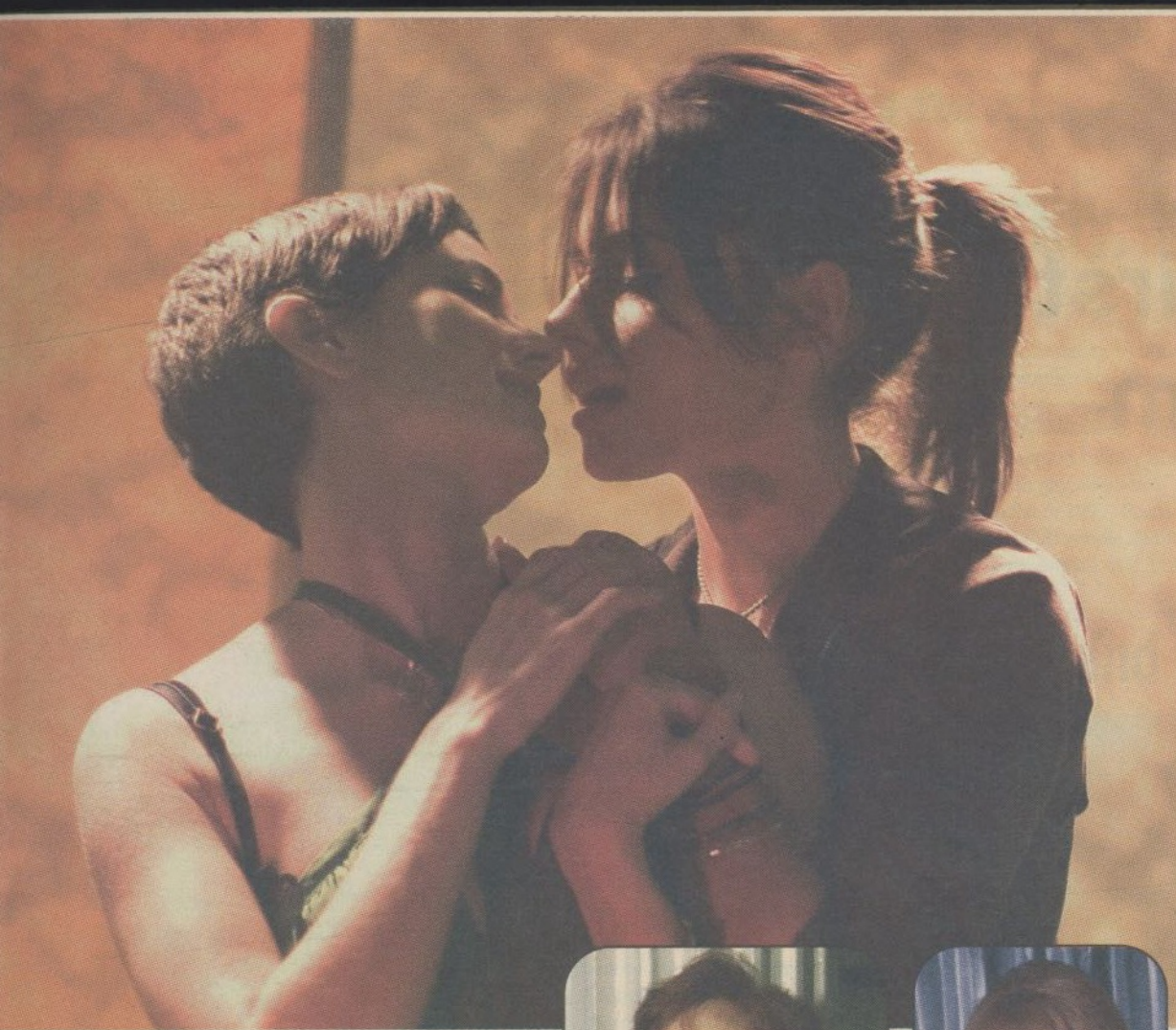
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Lambda Legal taps Dallasite Marlett as board co-chair

Chuck Marlett of Dallas, a board member of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund for the past three years, was elected co-chair of the organization during a board election last month. Marlett, who was selected by the full board, will serve a one-year term. He is associate general counsel and corporate secretary of AMR Corporation, American Airlines and various subsidiaries of the company.

Cynthia Homan of Chicago was re-elected to her post as the other board co-chair.

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Hill Country bike ride recruits Houstonians for 2005 event

An AIDS bicycle ride in the Hill Country is barely more than two months away, and coordinators will kick off its rider recruitment campaign in Houston this week. The effort gets underway Thursday, 5-7 p.m. at Farrago's Restaurant, 318 W. Gray at Bagby Street.

Money raised from riders' pledges is more critical than ever, said David Smith, executive director of the 115-mile Hill Country Ride for AIDS. "We need to top half a million dollars this year," he said. Last year's event put \$417,000 in the bank accounts of Central Texas AIDS organizations, but spiraling caseloads mean the agencies need even more money this year.

The two-day event, from Austin to Spicewood, is scheduled April 30-May 1. People of all skills levels are welcome to participate and will be fully supported during the ride. The ride organization also provides free training and assistance with raising pledges.

For more information, call 512-965-7433 or visit Hillcountryride.org.

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GLBT Community Center seeks artists to participate in benefit

Houston's GLBT Community Center seeks artists to participate in *An Art Affair*, a money-raising event featuring a silent and a live auction of art and other treasures. Money collected at *An Art Affair* will support the community center's operations and programs. The event is scheduled March 19 at Club 1415, 1415 California St.

David Aylsworth, Alan Hurwitz, Troy Broussard, Yvonne Feece and David Lewis are artists already signed up to participate. Artists interested in taking part should contact the community center's president, Christopher Bown, by calling 713-524-3818 or sending an e-mail message to Info@houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

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Gay men's chorus is organizing choral group for women singers

At last month's board meeting, the directors of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston voted unanimously to form a women's chorus, after determining a high level of interest among Houston women. Board member Flo Perry is spearheading the effort.

A woman's chorus has been on the gay men's chorus long-range strategic plan for years. But the groups recent visit to Dallas, where they heard the Women's Chorus of Dallas perform, renewed interest in a Houston chorus.

Women who are interested in joining may call 713-521-7464 or log on to Gmch.org.

Focus on the Family, PFLAG to lock horns

Gay family group says it will confront conference-goers peaceably Saturday

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

The *Love Won Out* "ex-gay" conference on Saturday will bring two opposing family-oriented groups face to face.

Light years separate the goals of Focus on the Family, the Colorado Springs-based group sponsoring Saturday's conference, and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and

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Gays, the Washington-based group composed mainly of mothers and fathers with gay children.

Founded in 1977, Focus on the Family employs 1,300 people and its magazine claims a readership of 2.3 million, according

to the group's Web site. Its founder, Dr. James Dobson, aims to "turn hearts toward home" by reasonable, biblical and empirical insights so people will be able to discover ... the creator of families: Jesus Christ."

PFLAG began in 1972 when Jeanne Manford marched beside her gay son Mortie in New York City's pride parade. From the group's first meeting, at a New York church in 1973, new chapters formed

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42 couples unite at gay and lesbian wedding service

Symbolic ties form part of Houston's observance of Freedom to Marry Week

By Lorinda Robb

Contributing Writer

In a show of respect for their brand of traditional family values, 42 same-sex couples were united last Saturday in a wedding ceremony at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church in Houston's Heights.

Two hundred supportive friends and family members looked on as the couples took their commitment vows and exchanged rings.

Clergy members from 12 area churches officiated at the nondemonimational event.

The group marriage service kicked off Freedom to Marry Week, a national celebration started in 1998 by gay-rights attorney Evan Wolfson.

Same-sex wedding ceremonies have been held in Houston since 2003.

Although an anonymous caller telephoned a bomb threat at the first celebration, no threats or visible signs of protest affected Saturday's ceremony.

The service's coordinator, the Rev. Chris Chiles, pastor of Community Gospel Church, said the service was a collaborative effort of churches varying from Bering United Methodist Church to the Center for Spiritual Living. Chiles credited the Rev. Janet Parker, the pastor of Maranatha Fellowship House of Glory, with introducing to the service the water bowls couples used when symbolically washing their hands of past relationships before taking their vows.

Chiles and his 27-year partner, John Paluch, who renewed their vows during the ceremony, said they look to their own mothers and fathers as models for the life they've chosen.

"Our parents showed us how to be families," Paluch said. "We're not different from any other family."

Chiles said extending civil marriage rights to gay men and lesbians would not threaten the institution.



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The Rev. Chris Chiles, pastor of Community Gospel Church, officiates and participates at the Freedom to Marry same-sex wedding service. Chiles, left, renewed vows with his partner of 27 years, John Paluch. Forty-two couples participated in last Saturday's service at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection.

"There's no intent to change it," he said. "We just want what we're entitled to."

Jennifer Rojas, 22, and Arnita Seals, 25, live together in a north Houston apartment. The women, who have been a couple for three years, said they discussed participating in the ceremony for several weeks before registering a few days in advance of the service.

Rojas said she believes that their marriage will provide "a stronger foundation to start a family" of adopted and biological children.

Seals said that their next step will be to get legal help to draw up a set of documents,

including wills and powers of attorney, to protect legal aspects of their relationship.

Rojas said she believes that lawmakers are "using religion as a crutch to say false things about what we deserve."

But Bruce Aleksander, who renewed his vows with Dennis Milam, his partner of 30 years, chose to focus on what unites rather than what divides.

He said the same challenges await any newly-married couple: "Going to work on Monday morning. Paying the bills. And making a life with each other."

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quickly, and within 25 years chapters existed in practically every metropolis and many smaller cities around the country. The organization has 250,000 members, according to PFLAG's interim executive director, Ron Schlittler. Most chapters are fiercely queer-supportive and many are activist-oriented.

BILLBOARDS ADVERTISING THE *Love Won Out* conference say "change is possible," a hotly-disputed claim. As the conference has become increasingly well-known in recent years, a range of American psychological and mental health organizations have condemned the methods it promotes.

For example, the American Psychological Association adopted a position paper saying that homosexuality is not subject to change:

"Some homosexual or bisexual people may seek to change their sexual orientation through therapy, sometimes pressured by the influence of family members or religious groups to try and do so. The reality is that homosexuality is not an illness. It does not require treatment and is not changeable."

The group also said claims of success by therapists using "conversion" therapy are dubious and fail to meet professional standards of review.

That view parallels the experience of Daniel Tighe, a Houston man with a 20-year affiliation with reparative therapy and the "ex-gay" movement.

Tighe, 41, said he spent those years read-



Billboards placed in an area ranging from South Houston to Galveston advertised the *Love Won Out* conference message and enraged gays, who plan a multipart response to Saturday's "ex-gay" event.

ing the Bible and other religious books and working with a youth ministry, trying to reconcile the teachings of his Episcopal faith with his attraction to men.

"I hated myself," he said. "I couldn't understand. God made me so good with ministry. Why wouldn't he fix me?"

Tighe said his first experience with reparative therapy came when he was 26. Methods used during therapy sessions included laying out of hands during prayers, asking forgiveness of the people with whom he'd had sex or fan-

tasized about and "grabbing" his thoughts — grasping at his head when he had lustful thoughts and symbolically throwing the thoughts away.

Chris Kerr, a licensed professional counselor with the Montrose Counseling Center, believes that reparative therapy is not only ineffective but harmful. "It relies on internalized homophobia," he said.

PFLAG HOUSTON MEMBERS and their allies plan to mount a peaceful protest of the *Love Won Out* conference. The demonstration is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on I-45S just past exit 30 (for Dixie Farm Road and Ellington Field). Participants are encouraged to bring church banners and signs bearing polite language.

Melissa Fryrear, a *Love Won Out* conference speaker who claims to have "recovered" from homosexuality, is a gender-issues analyst for Focus on the Family. She knows the

group's beliefs are soundly rejected by people in the queer community.

"We expect protest," she said. But she added that the message of the conference is important to gays and their families: "The truth and grace is that homosexuality is not immutable or genetic."

Pointing out that many conservative churches have responded unkindly to gay members, Fryrear said her organization was trying to be sensitive to the emotional needs of homosexuals.

But "sensitive" is the last word that would occur to Sue Null, PFLAG Houston's advocacy chair and the coordinator of Saturday's demonstration.

"It is highly offensive to the gay community to be told they need to be 'fixed' or 'repaired' as if there is something broken or that there is something wrong with them," Null said. "Focus on the Family's message is useless, bigoted and potentially dangerous to gays who cannot meet the demands of the program and become depressed and even suicidal. Years are wasted as gay people try to become who they are not."

THE FOUNDATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY EQUALITY will offer an event Saturday afternoon in response to the *Love Won Out* conference.

A seminar titled *Love Won! I'm Out: Mind, Body and Soul*, will feature speakers discussing homosexuality and the Bible, updating what's known about the biological causes to homosexuality and discussing the damaging aspects of "ex-gay" therapies.

The seminar, which is free, is scheduled Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Community Gospel

Church, 4305 Lillian St., Houston. To reserve a seat, call 713-277-1717.

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New HIV strain worries AIDS experts

Doctors in New York City uncover gay patient with previously unseen 'super strain' of HIV

Patient advanced to full-blown AIDS in 3 months, is resistant to 3 of 4 classes of antiviral drugs; gay organizations see 2 ways to respond

By Dennis Vercher
Staff Writer

Doctors in New York City announced Feb. 11 that they had found a man with a previously unseen strain of HIV that is resistant to three of the four classes of anti-retroviral drugs used to combat the disease. The unidentified patient progressed to full AIDS in as little as two or three months after becoming infected, the city's health department said.

City health officials are working furiously to track down sex partners of the man, who had unprotected anal sex with at least 100 anonymous sex partners and possibly many more during periods when he used crystal methamphetamine. The illegal drug — known colloquially as "tina," "glass," "ice" and other names — is in widespread use by gay men with a "fast-track" lifestyle, who say it stimulates erotic feelings and their capacity for sex.

New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said the new strain "holds the potential for a very serious public health problem." He said the strain is "difficult or impossible to treat."

Antonio Urbina, medical director of HIV education and training at St. Vincent's Medical Center, which has one of New York's largest AIDS clinics, said the patient's use of crystal methamphetamine, a highly addictive stimulant, shows that the drug "continues to play a significant role in facilitating the transmission of HIV."

WHILE DRUG RESISTANCE is common among patients who have been treated for HIV for any length of time, cases where a

newly infected, previously untreated patient shows resistance to three of the four classes of anti-retroviral drugs are extremely rare. In fact, the combination of the pattern seen in the New York patient, and his rapid progression to AIDS, may not have been seen previously, the health department said.

The strain is "highly unusual," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of the National Center for HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We are not aware of another case like this in the United States or elsewhere," Valdiserri said. "We're talking about a single case, but clearly the fact that we are dealing with such broad resistance of drugs and the rapid clinical progression is quite alarming."

U.S. health officials are contacting clinics across the country and will set up a surveillance system for the HIV strain. Municipal health officials are working to identify, contact and counsel the patient's sex partners, Frieden said.

THE NEW CASE comes amid experts' growing concern about the potential of drug resistance to make over AIDS as a virulent killer, just as protease inhibitors tamed the disease in the mid-90s.

Responding to Friday's announcement, doctors in Boston said they have treated several patients with early infections who had complete resistance to two of the four classes of anti-retroviral drugs.

"There is a global concern that there may be an increasing amount of patients who have a resistant virus," said Dr. Gregory Robbins, an infectious-disease expert at Massachusetts



Dr. Ron Valdiserri

General Hospital.

Valdiserri acknowledged that many patients, particularly those who have been on drug therapy for several years, have developed

some resistance to most anti-retroviral drugs. But he said public health officials have confirmed no other cases where the patient was resistant to drugs in three classes and progressed to AIDS within three months.

The four classes of anti-retroviral drugs used to treat those with HIV infections are nucleoside analogs, like Retrovir; non-nucleoside analogs, like Sustiva; protease inhibitors, like Crixivan; and fusion inhibitors, like Fuseon.

The man discovered in New York City was resistant to all drugs except Fuseon, public health officials said.

WHILE OFFICIALS ARE TESTING two other men in an attempt to find the source of the virus, AIDS activists want to focus on how to combat the its spread.

"It makes a community stronger when we take care of ourselves," Ana Oliveira, executive director of Gay Men's Health Crisis told *The New York Times* in Tuesday's editions. "And if that means that we have to be much more present and intervene with people who are doing this to themselves, then so be it."

But others want to be careful of how far

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prevention methods go.

"We don't want public health vigilantes going out and taking matters into their own hands," said Jon Givner of the HIV Project at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

SOME AIDS EXPERTS were skeptical about the announcement. Dr. Robert C. Gallo, a co-discoverer of the AIDS virus and director of the Institute of Virology at the University of Maryland, said some patients progress rapidly to AIDS because they are more susceptible, not because they have more deadly strains of HIV.

"My guess is that this is much ado about nothing," he told *The New York Times*.

But Dr. James Braun, president of the Physicians Research Network, a New York nonprofit organization of clinicians serving HIV patients, said doctors have been worried for some time about the possibility of a more resistant strain:

"We believe that the transmission of treatment-resistant HIV was a disaster waiting to happen, particularly in communities where safer sex is not practiced regularly and in light of people using drugs like crystal meth."

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Fake White House reporter exposed

Conservative press corp member, apparently a plant, was allied with gay porn sites

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

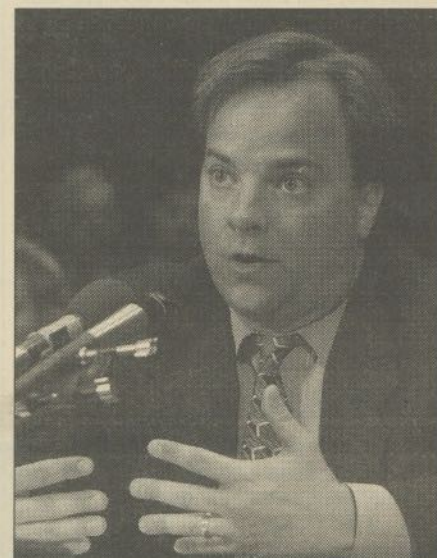
A conservative member of the White House Press Corps appears to be a "ringer," with limited background in journalism and a secret life as a gay hustler to boot.

As reported throughout the print and broadcast media last week, White House correspondent "Jeff Gannon" has been part of the press corps for the last two years, ostensibly operating as a reporter for Talon News. But Talon News is little more than a cyber news front for GOPUSA, a Web site with a mission to "spread the conservative message throughout America." The site is operated by Texas GOP activist, Bobby Eberle.

Gannon, whose real name is James Guckert, avoided an FBI background check by obtaining temporary press passes on a daily basis, Salon's Eric Boehlert reports. It remains unclear how Guckert even qualified for the day passes. Boehlert says Guckert was rejected when he applied for Capitol Hill credentials, based on the fact that he did not work for a legitimate news organization. Since White House credentials are even more difficult to obtain, Guckert would likely not have qualified even if he could pass an FBI check. Boehlert speculates that someone in the White House press office must have given him help.

Once established in the elite group of West Wing journalists, Guckert served up fat pitches, including a recent underhand to President Bush asking how the President could possibly work with Democrats, whom he described as "divorced from reality." Real reporters grew suspicious, and on Feb. 9, Representative Louise Slaughter, Democrat of New York, broke the story in a letter to Bush, citing the *Niagara Falls Reporter*.

Guckert was soon under scrutiny by the gay community's investigative bloggers, including John Aravosis and others, who scrounged up evidence that the "reporter" used to be a Web designer. Some of the domains registered by his company, Bedrock Corporation, included names like hotmili-



The president's press secretary, Scott McClellan, met Tuesday with representatives of the White House Correspondents Association. McClellan has denied that Gannon, whose real name is James Guckert, was deliberately "planted" by White House operatives.

tarystud.com and militaryescortsm4m.com.

Guckert told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that he was nothing more than a software consultant, but Guckert's former collaborators claimed otherwise, sending copies of invoices and other documents to Aravosis, including dozens of X-rated photos of Guckert himself which, Aravosis said, "look remarkably like Jeff Gannon."

According to Salon.com, Guckert agreed to an interview on Sirius Radio with Michelangelo Signorile, but refused to comment on whether or not he had been "an escort" in the past. "I'm just not going to address it," he said. Aravosis, meanwhile, had posted evidence on Americablog that Guckert used some of his Web sites to offer his own services for \$200 an hour.

A meeting to discuss the growing scandal was scheduled Tuesday between Bush's press secretary, Scott McClellan, and representatives of the White House Correspondents Association, Salon reports. McClellan has denied that Guckert was a deliberate plant.

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As gays mark Freedom to Marry Day, evangelicals discover "Day of Purity"

Massachusetts state amendment could fail on its second vote later this year

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Same-sex couples from all over the country made symbolic efforts to apply for marriage licenses last week as the annual Freedom to Marry Day attempted to keep the country's focus on the fight for marriage equality. This year, conservatives hopped on the Valentine's Day bandwagon to celebrate everything from a "Day of Purity" for teenagers to a push for more covenant marriages in Arkansas.

Covenant marriages, which oblige couples to go through counseling and eschew no-fault divorce, are encouraged in a handful of states, including Arkansas, where Governor Mike Huckabee and his wife Janet renewed their vows in a "fun-filled and romantic evening," and urged other couples to "go the distance." So far, the Associated Press reports, less than two percent of the state's newlyweds have selected the covenant option in the three years since it has been available.

Marriage news continued apace, beginning with a comment by Senator Bill Frist, the majority leader, on one of the Sunday talk shows. Frist said that while the federal marriage protection amendment would eventually be brought up for another Senate vote, it would probably not happen this year.

Meanwhile, in Massachusetts, sources told the *Boston Globe* that the state Senate president, Senator Robert Travaglini, plans to delay a joint legislative vote to amend the Bay State's Constitution. Travaglini reportedly believes that a contentious free-for-all over same-sex marriage will distract both chambers from other pressing matters. According to the *Globe*, there will be a vote on the question, but perhaps not until fall.

Last year, the state Legislature passed a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage but mandating civil unions. That amendment would have to be passed again by both houses of the Legislature — in identical form — in order to be put on the ballot for voter approval.

Since last year, however, the powerful and conservative speaker of the house, Thomas Finneran, resigned, and was replaced by Salvatore F. DiMasi, an ally of the GLBT community. Travaglini, in turn, is considered a fair man. Since same-sex marriage has gone into effect in the interim, and since many lawmakers who voted against the constitutional amendment have been re-elected despite the dire warnings of conservatives, there is reason to hope that the Massachusetts amendment will not pass its second test this year.

But GLBT leaders warn against complacency. "We still don't have the votes, and we are still far from having the votes" to kill the



Senator Robert Travaglini, left, president of the Massachusetts Senate, is said to be wavering on the state constitutional amendment. But Arlene Isaacson of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus warned, "Expect a huge battle."

amendment, Arlene Isaacson of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus told the *Globe*. "We fully expect a huge battle from the other side. It won't be an easy vote at all."

The amendment's fate is complicated by the fact that arch conservatives have not willingly supported the creation of civil unions, with all the rights of marriage, that has been built into the proposal. Faced with the specter of permanent marriage rights in the Bay State, however, they may swallow the bitter civil unions pill.

In a final piece of related news, two Massachusetts women who married last June have won spousal benefits from the state of Rhode Island. Cheryl McCullough worked in the Rhode Island school system as a health teacher and guidance counselor until 1997. According to the Associated Press, after she married Joyce Boivin, she asked the pension system to extend retirement benefits to Boivin, just as they would to a new husband.

Tiverton School Department lawyers asked a state superior court to sort out their legal obligations, but before that could happen, Rhode Island's attorney general, Patrick Lynch, issued an advisory opinion, stating that Rhode Island does indeed recognize a legal same-sex marriage conducted beyond its borders. Tiverton's lawyer, Stephen Robinson, said the message was "pretty clear." The school committee has now withdrawn their request to the court and voted to extend coverage to Boivin.

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Another animal story: A pernicious pug named Spam

Sometimes I even gather my shirttail up and hold it above my waist when I see my precious pug coming

The latest technique that spammers use to elude spam blockers is to include a large amount of random text in the hearts of their e-mails. I just opened a message seductively titled "Geronimo!" that said: "To knock a thing down, especially if it is cocked at an arrogant angle, is a deep delight to the blood. Perhaps he was a bit different from other people, but what really sympathetic person is not a little mad? I have deserved neither so much honor or so much disgrace."

Interesting. Elsewhere in the text, the Geronimo spammer observed that "the dog is the god of frolic." How true. In particular the pug.



Pando

Especially my own pug, Pando. Every morning as I leave, she hurls herself against the door, crying and howling with dismay at my departure. Sometimes she catches up with me before I escape and she leaps up and grabs my shirttail. Many of my shirts are ripped in the back now.

I scream when this happens. "God damn it, Pando!" I scold. Sometimes I even gather my shirt up above my waist if I see her coming.

Cock and bull story

I guess we should turn our attention to GLBTLMNOP news, and I have just the story to ease our transition from the very fascinating discussion of Pando to the monotonous accounts of state legislative hearings that I am planning to present in due time.

It's not a story really. It's more like gossip,

because newshound Rex Wockner has just forwarded to my attention a whole bunch of naked photos of Jeff Gannon (allegedly), our favorite male prostitute cum White House correspondent. Since we are not going to publish them here in this family newspaper, except for a part of just one naked torso, you will have to take my word for it that Mr. Gannon is very well endowed, and would no doubt be well worth the \$200 he allegedly charges for an hour of his company.

What a bad boy. There is mucho Internet speculation that our friend Scott McClellan had a hand in getting all those day passes for ole Jeff, and some nameless cyber blabbers insist

Scott was observed at a gay bar in Austin in the mid-nineties.

What Ever. The same source said his mother was mayor of Austin at the time, which was untrue. She was mayor many

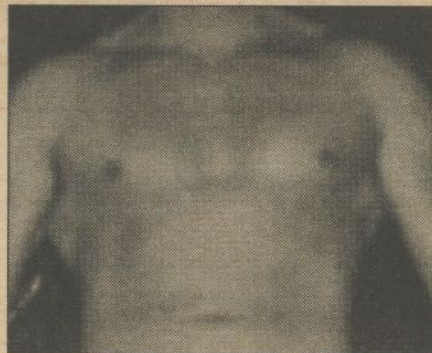


Carol Keeton Rylander. Did mama raise a source who asked to remain unidentified?

years before that, and she is now the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and wannabe Governor.

Mysteries

What, for the record, is a "comptroller?" According to the Illustrated Oxford Dictionary, it is a "controller." That's a very unsatisfying definition. There was no illustration for the term. Nor was there an illustration for "pug," which I just checked.



Alleged journalist Images like this one are circulating on the internet and are said to be of Jeff Gannon in his pre-journalist days, when he is suspected of operating pornographic Web sites.

On the other hand, they went ahead and included an illustration for "pumice stone" which just looks like a tan blob in the picture. Why waste a precious illustration on "pumice stone?" Who made that decision?

Don't you sometimes watch a stupid commercial and wonder: "Who made that decision?" You can almost imagine them in the conference room. The nervous advertising agency rep who knows deep inside herself that the concept is dumb. The mid-level executives who just want everything to be OK. And the man in charge, JB.

"What do you think, JB?"

"Good concept. Let's go with it."

The advertising woman hides a sigh of relief. The idiots bought it! She'll have a liquid lunch and take the afternoon off.

Six months later, we're left staring at an incomprehensible montage of unrelated images, flashing out of synch to a jarring technomusik soundtrack and fading into a one-line slogan that makes no sense. Like "Run with it," or "Come and get me," or "Find your cloud," and that's it! No product, no company, no message. It's like something out of Dilbert. But I digress.

Gay penguins reject arranged vows

I'm not going to write about state legislative news, so you can relax. I'll skip a week and come back to it next time.

On the other hand, I will tell you that gay animal lovers were appalled by the news that a German zoo was going to separate three devoted gay male penguin couples and attempt to breed them with four female penguins imported from Sweden.

Ya! Iss true! Svedeen!

The poor zookeeper was inundated with outraged calls, and told the press that she was only trying to get them to reproduce since this particular penguin species was endangered.

Hey, I'm a gay activist of sorts and I totally agree with her. Let's get real, folks! These are penguins, not troubled teenagers. They are possibly becoming extinct. These gay penguins can get it on with their new girlfriends,

knock em up and go back to each other if they so desire.

As a matter of fact, the experiment was unsuccessful, so make of that what you will.

Daughter Knows Best

Moving on, I have been reading about poor Maya Keyes, the lesbian daughter of a certain crazed fanatic zealot of the same surname. I mean "poor" literally, since her parents have just disowned her and refused to pay for her tuition at Brown University based on the theory that to do so would be subsidizing her abhorrent political philosophies.

To the rescue has come the Point Foundation, the relatively new organization that awards scholarships to GLBT youth and graduate students.

"Most parents," Keyes wrote, "would be thrilled to have a child who doesn't smoke, have sex, do drugs, hardly drinks ... does well in school, gets good grades, gets into the Ivy League ... goes to church, spends free time mentoring kids."

Well, yes. I think most parents would go for that. Keyes says she still loves her father, even though his resume as a Dad isn't looking too good.

Remember when Alan Keyes jumped into a mosh pit? That was kind of inexplicable.

Warning: True Story

Finally, I just read an extraordinary story in the *Washington Post* about a conference on suicide. It's scheduled in Portland and being financed by a unit of the Department of Health and Human Services. According to the *Post*, someone from the agency was reviewing the list of workshops, and encountered one called: "Suicide prevention among gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals." A functionary named Brenda Bruun called and asked the presenters to delete the words "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered." The organizers reluctantly changed the name to: "Suicide prevention in vulnerable populations."

You know, this is crazy. There was a story floating around this week that came from a satiric website, and fooled quite a few people before it was exposed as a joke. It concerned a school where the parents became upset at the idea of children giving Valentine cards to classmates of the same sex, and where authorities decided to ban Valentine cards in the future. I thought it was a real story, and I am not easily fooled. But I fell for it because these things *are* happening! Reality has caught up with satire. Brenda Bruun is real. And some crazy kristian kook is going to tap into that grapevine and think to herself: "Hmmm. I don't think I want Bryan sending Valentine's Day cards to the other boys next year. It's not healthy. I think I'll give Principal Smith a call." Mark my words.

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Civil unions: Compromise or dead end?

Some contend civil unions don't smooth the way to gay marriage — they finish it off

As a political compromise, are civil unions harmful to the cause of gay marriage? This is a question likely to confront many gay-rights activists in the coming years as a few states move toward legally recognizing gay relationships.

Just last fall, Connecticut seemed poised to enact a civil-unions law giving gay couples all of the protections, benefits, and responsibilities of marriage under state law. But in January the state gay-marriage advocacy group, Love Makes a Family, began lobbying legislators to oppose the bill.

Now legislators are uncertain whether it can pass. Since a gay-marriage bill has no chance of passing this session, the result is that gay couples may get nothing in the short-term.

On its Web site and in public statements, the Connecticut gay group offers two plausible reasons for its all-or-nothing strategy.

The first is that civil unions are not a steppingstone to marriage but a dead end. "Make no mistake, if we fight for civil unions, the marriage conversation will end just as it has in Vermont," says Anne Stanback, the group's president, in a statement posted on Love Makes a Family's Web site.

Stanback notes that Vermont "is the only place where we have an example of what civil union leads to — and it leads to civil union."

The dead-end argument is troubling. It's true that Vermont has made no progress toward gay marriage since its legislature — under the gun of the state Supreme Court — created civil unions in 2000. Although a gay-marriage bill was filed in the state's Legislature, it is going nowhere. Even gay advocates in the state seem content to stand pat.

But Vermont is a special case. The fight over civil unions there was a traumatic and divisive one, manifested in unusually bitter election campaigns, angry letters-to-the-editor and nasty billboards. That should be no surprise: Vermont did not come to the issue incrementally or democratically.

Instead, the state Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to recognize gay

unions and to do so quickly. The people had no opportunity to adjust themselves gradually to the idea, or to have their voices truly heard. The resulting wounds are deep, and will take long to heal.

Civil unions adopted legislatively, in Connecticut and elsewhere, would yield much better results in the gay marriage story. They would be adopted by a legislature acting on its own, not under court order. There is no reason to believe a civil-union law would have the politically paralyzing effect it has had in Vermont. Instead, adopting civil unions will add a strong weapon to the arsenal of arguments for gay marriage: "We've got the legal benefits, now why not marriage?"

The path of progress for the legislative recognition of gay relationships has been an incremental one, with no single step being a dead end. That has been true in California, where largely symbolic domestic partnerships first created five years ago have grown gradually into something approaching full marriage.

It has also been true in foreign countries taking a legislative path, like Sweden and Norway, which enacted limited legal benefits for same-sex couples before moving to comprehensive registered partnerships. It was true in the Netherlands, which implemented domestic partnerships before moving to full marriage.

There is little reason to believe that a democratic conversation about the rights of gay couples, once begun, will end with civil unions.

The second argument against civil unions as an intermediate step to marriage is that civil unions send the unacceptable message that gays are second-class citizens. Civil unions, says Stanback, are "a firm message that we are less deserving of dignity, respect and rights than other citizens and taxpayers."

Marriage, by contrast, "is a universally respected cultural, legal and social institution," she notes. "Very, very few opposite-sex couples would trade their marriage for something called a civil union."

All of that is true and counsels against being satisfied with anything short of marriage. But it is not an argument for an all-or-nothing strategy. While second-class citizenship (civil

unions) is worse than first-class citizenship (marriage), it is far preferable to third-class citizenship (nothing), at least if we think that attaining second-class status will actually move us forward in the battle for first-class status.

A related and more serious concern is that creating an alternative status for civil unions may entrench public attitudes hostile to gay marriage, leading to the feared dead end.

In a forthcoming book, University of Minnesota Professor Kathleen Hull, who teaches sociology, notes the danger: Civil unions might "further normalize the treatment of gays and lesbians as a separate class of citizens." If civil unions could be expected to have this effect, they should be resisted while we wait for marriage.

The risk of entrenching gays' separate status through civil unions or other marriage-lite proposals, preventing all

Compromise is the rule of politics. During what promises to be a decades-long struggle for gay marriage, a struggle still in its infancy, we'd do well to remember that. Civil unions are not where we want to be, but they're a lot better than where we are.

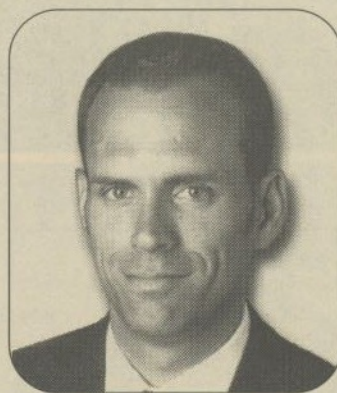
further progress, is real but probably not very large.

The experience of California and of other countries has been the opposite. Gay couples and their families, having tasted legal legitimacy for the first time, are unlikely to be satisfied for long with anything less than full equality. Heterosexuals, having lived through the nonevent of recognizing gay relationships by something short of marriage, will begin to wonder what the fuss was about.

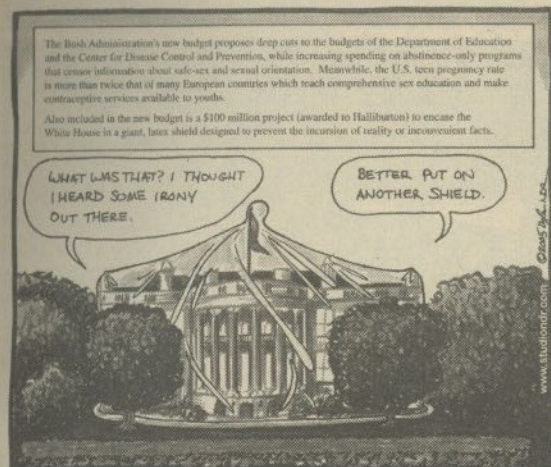
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Letters

March to protect GLBT families

On Sunday, March 13, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas will organize its March on Austin to protest the proposed anti-gay-marriage amendments to the Texas Constitution. LGBT Texans and allies from across the state will gather to March down Congress and rally on the south steps of the state Capitol to show opposition to this discriminatory legislation. The next day is LGRL's Lobby Day, when interested people will have the opportunity to descend upon the Capitol *en masse* to speak with their state legislators individually and voice their concerns about the bills going through the legislature this session.

Two competing versions of the proposed amendment banning marriage for gay and lesbian couples were referred to the House Committee on State Affairs last week. The first, HJR 6, filed by Rep. Warren Chisum, would put unequal treatment for gay and lesbian Texans in our Constitution by banning marriage for gay and lesbian couples. The second, HJR 19, was filed by State Rep. Robert Talton (R-Pasadena) and uses even harsher language. HJR 19 would change our Constitution to ban both marriage and civil unions for gay and lesbian couples.

This legislation threatens to write unequal treatment into our Constitution for gay and lesbian couples and their families. The amendments, if passed, would deny these families access to health care, fair inheritance, and survivor rights, and the ability to make medical decisions for loved ones. The constitution is not the place to settle disagreements over social issues such as marriage.

The statewide March and Lobby Day unifies the Texas LGBT community, and puts a face to the issues affecting real Texas families. These activities will demonstrate the strength of the LGBT community, and our staunch refusal to accept anything less than full equality.

For more information on the march and lobby day, visit: www.lgri.org.

Bren Gorman/Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas

Lesbian Web death

Just wanted to take a moment and let you know that I truly hate the new on line forum. It is difficult to navigate and painful to read. I am not able to get the magazine out here in BFE so I have grown to depend on the web to read it on line. Sorry, but after years of following you on line the change in the format will prevent me from reading any further.... I am sad.

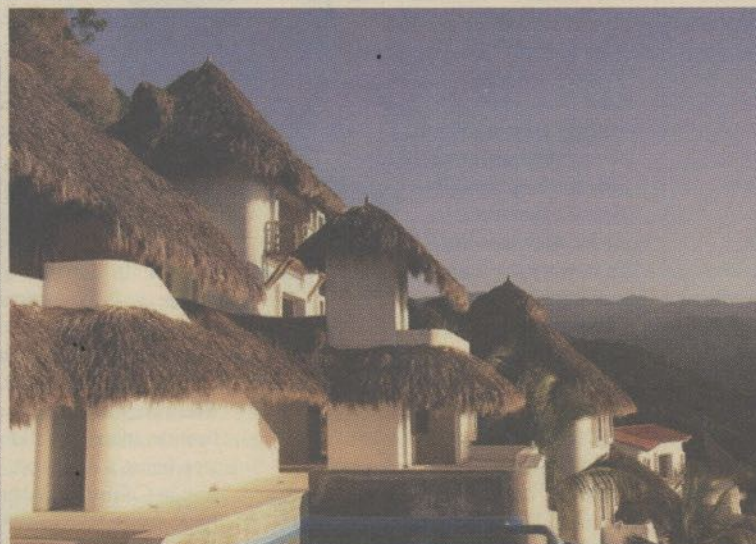
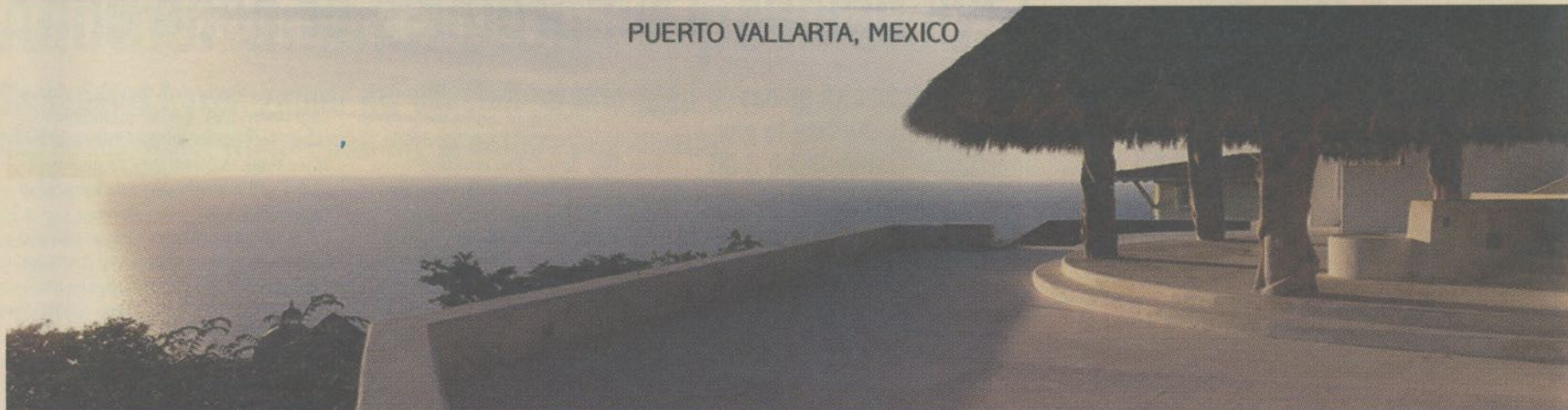
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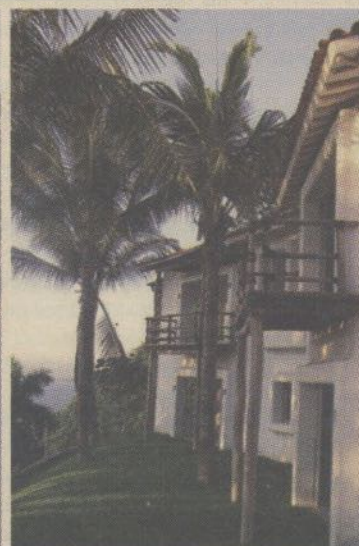
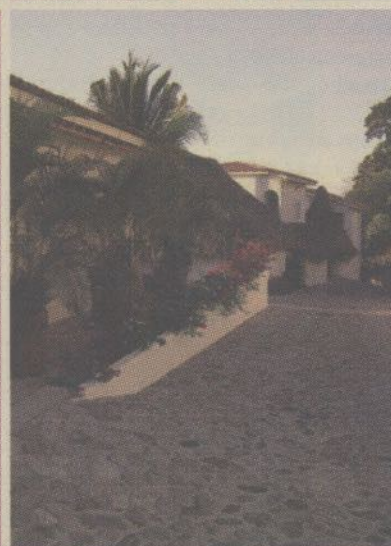


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Gay Mexico

As the real estate market in American GLBT vacation meccas soar, there's a particular destination that has seen a remarkable rebirth in affordable yet luxurious housing: Puerto Vallarta. This Mexican resort, once the playground to Hollywood's rich and famous, is forever a quaint gay and lesbian hideaway.

Puerto Vallarta has now become the hottest ticket for discerning second-home buyers looking for more space and value.

Once a frequent visitor to Puerto Vallarta, Mark Venegas decided to purchase there. He said he never looked back.

"I fell in love with Puerto Vallarta when I first laid my eyes on it" said Venegas. "The jungles, the warm waters of the ocean. I knew one day I'd make Puerto Vallarta my home."

With direct flights from Dallas, Houston and other cities, the trip to Puerto Vallarta — less than three hours in the air — has practically become a commute for the burgeoning Texas contingent who have recently bought homes there. With the "High Season" running from October through April, Puerto Vallarta has turned into a year 'round tourist destination, with affordable luxury during the low season.

An extremely gay-friendly city, Puerto Vallarta offers same-sex couples the freedom to roam about the quaint colonial cobblestone streets without fear, and the sharp nightclubs, restaurants and boutiques provide plenty of distractions.

"I feel like I just died and went to heaven with all these fine boys walking about," Gary Jones, a recent visitor, said. At night Puerto Vallarta sizzles with the simmering Latin sensuality that keeps gay Canadian and American tourists coming back for more.

Nestled on the south shores of Banderas Bay, the areas of Amapas and Conchas Chinas are now well-traveled by gay singles, couples and groups, not only looking to rent during the temperate high season, but to buy supremely luxurious villas and condos that are going for near a fraction of what a comparable home would go for on Fire Island, South Beach or West Hollywood. And with Puerto Vallarta's proximity to the United States, most gay Angelinos are starting to prefer the two-and-a-half hour flight to Puerto Vallarta rather than the three-hour-plus traffic jam to Palm Springs.

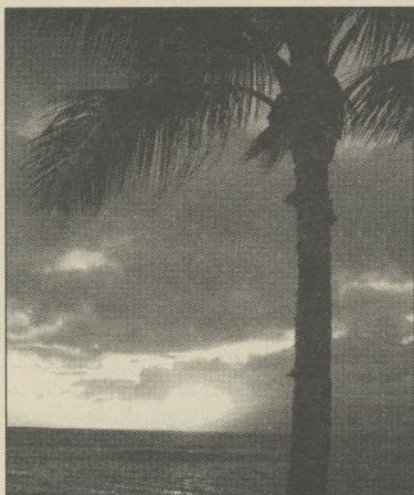
"When I saw the designs and amenities that are taken for granted here in Puerto Vallarta [Sub-zero refrigerators, Viking stoves, Infiniti Pools], I just sold my house in WEHO, bought a condo in

Alta Vista, and I'm set for life," Sean Graham, a septagenarian, said. "I feel reborn!"

This remarkable shift to purchasing in Puerto Vallarta came about because of the Mexican government's shift toward encouraging foreign ownership within Mexico. In 1996, the government established the "Fidecomiso," or Trust, wherein accredited Mexican banks are able to actually purchase property for foreigners, and hold the property in a trust. The owner then becomes the beneficiary of that trust, and can sell, live in, or dispose of the property, even willing the property as they see fit.

Gays from around the world have rediscovered Puerto Vallarta, turning the town into one of the hottest destinations anywhere, and affording homeowners rental income, which is a completely lucrative way to maximize their investment.

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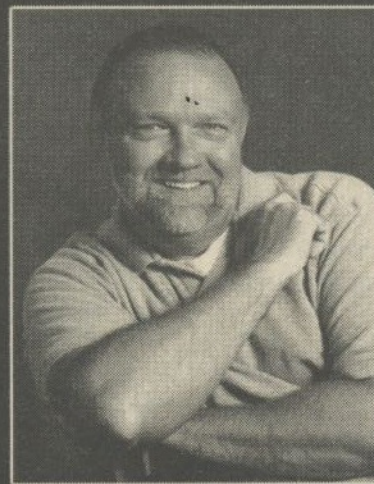
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The best interest rates are generally for conforming loans. A conforming loan is one that adheres to FNMA's strict lending guidelines. Conforming loans generally require strict proof of income, assets and other debts. If, for example, you cannot prove income to a lender, whether it be you are self-employed for a short time or can't otherwise prove income, there are non-income verification (NIV) loans.

NIV loans are not just for people that are self-employed. In fact, I often use NIV programs because the loan process is faster. Because I have many rental properties, documentation for the loan process becomes more and more cumbersome each time I apply. The NIV loan makes the process smoother and easier.

NIV loans (also known as "stated income") require less documentation than traditional conforming loans. Lenders often advertise these programs as "no doc" loans, meaning the borrower does not have to come up with any documentation other than a credit report and a loan application.

Some loans are called "no ratio" loans, in that you don't have to justify your total debt (mortgages plus other continuing obligations, such as car loans and student loans) compared to your income.

Few, if any loans are true "no documentation" loans. Most of these offered programs are either "bait and switch" tactics; the lender says they don't need documentation, but when the loan is being processed, the lender will ask for more and more documentation. Often times the lender will see some red flags

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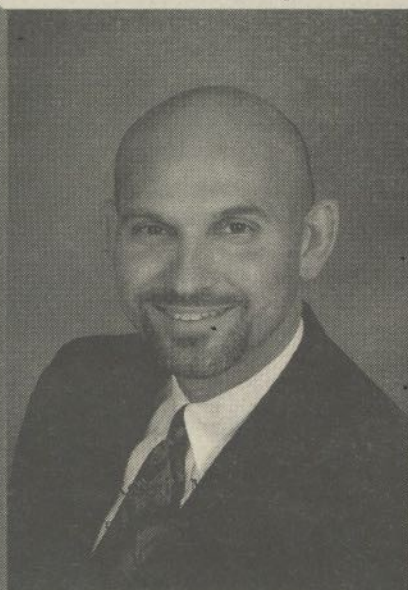
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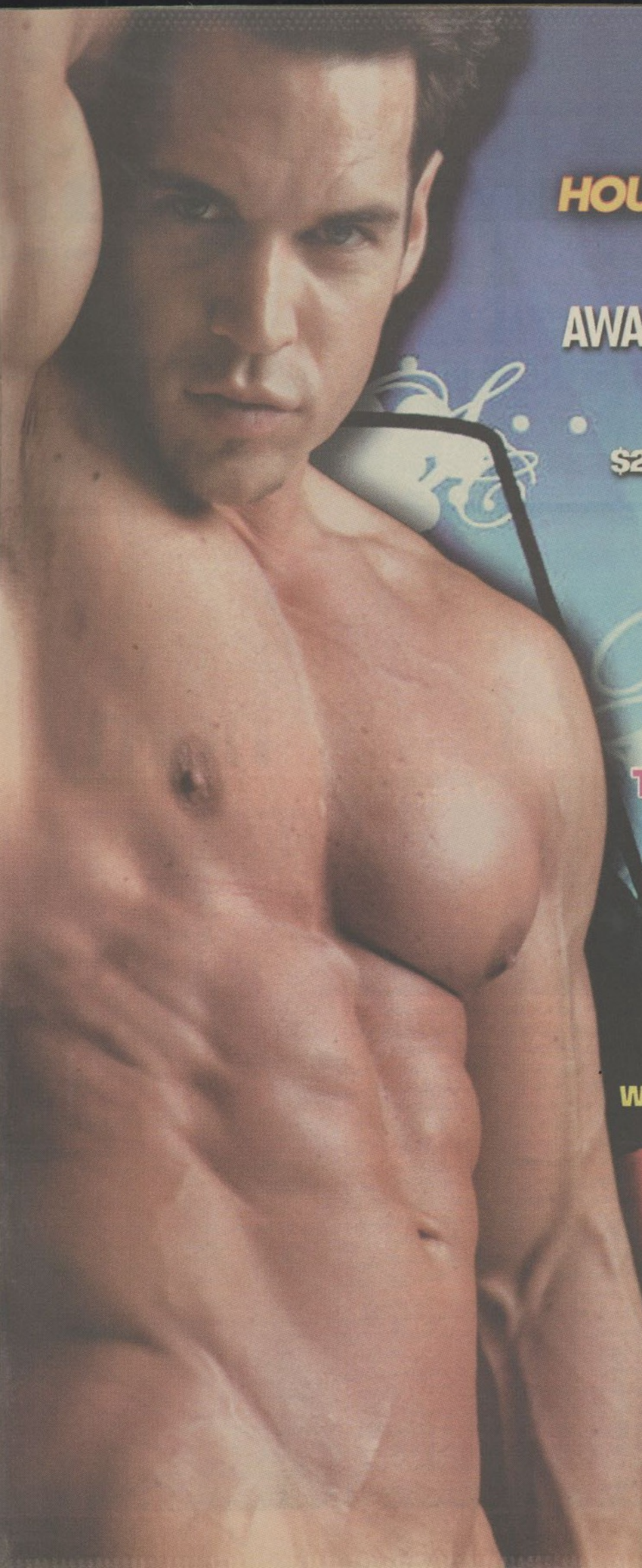
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Arts & Leisure

Showtime's leading lesbians return for a second lustful season

By Steven Lindsey

It really isn't fair. The vast number of TV shows I already watch for pleasure has rendered my three TiVo boxes completely full with not enough hours in my days to watch them all. The last thing I need is another show to obsess over and anxiously await for, risking crack addict-like withdrawals. That's what shows like *Lost*, *Desperate Housewives* and *Nip/Tuck* are for — not Showtime's *The L Word*. Do I really care about the lives of a group of constantly naked lesbians?

Oh my god, I care. And I care badly.

Last season, I did my duty reviewing a few early episodes of the new show, enjoying it enough to give it a good grade. Then I forgot about it completely. When the six episodes of Season 2 were made available to me recently, the L word in my mind was "low," as in expectations.

I couldn't have been more wrong. Not only did I enjoy the premiere episode, I watched all six back-to-back, holding my remote, mouth agape, at 3 a.m. I was desperate to find out what happens next. Someone get me to a Starbucks fast; I need my lesbian fix.

There were plenty of cliffhangers when we last left our favorite gaggle of gal pals, and while many are put to rest early on, there are even more twists and revelations than you can shake a pregnancy-test stick at.

Bette (Jennifer Beals) is still spiraling from the repercussions of her affair with Candace (Ion Overman). An unsuccessful attempt to get Tina (Laurel Holloman) to come back puts into motion a series of destructive events for her. Tina, of course, has a doozy of a secret that she's been keeping, which complicates many friendships.

Meanwhile, Alice (Leisha Hailey) and Dana (Erin Daniels) are lusting after each other even though Dana is about to have the "world's biggest corporate-sponsored lesbian wedding" to Tonya (Meredith McGeachie); Kit (Pam Grier) is trying to buy the coffee bar/group hangout, while trying to understand her attraction to transgender Ivan (Kelly Lynch); perpetually confused Jenny (Mia Kirshner) says good-bye to her former husband; and Shane (Katherine Moennig) lands yet another one-night-stand that might turn into more if only she'd let her guard down. Caught up yet?

Proving its vast popularity and unprecedented support from Showtime for new season renewals, *The L Word* shines like few series

ON AIR The L Word

With Jennifer Beals, Laurel Holloman, Mia Kirshner, Katherine Moennig, Leisha Hailey, Erin Daniels and Pam Grier

New episodes begin Feb. 20 on Showtime at 9 p.m., with rebroadcasts throughout the week



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Ned

In this week's sweeps-a-rific episode of *The Simpsons*, "There's Something About Marrying," somebody's coming out of the closet and Fox promises a shocker. When Springfield legalizes same-sex marriage, Homer is ordained as an Internet minister and begins performing ceremonies.

But which Springfieldianites are gay? The network is carefully guarding the biggest *Simpsons* secret since "Who Shot Mr. Burns?" rocked the town back in 1995.

The d'oh!-mosexual is rumored to be very close to Homer, with speculation running rampant. A wedding for fruity Smithers or Marge's butch sister, Patty, wouldn't be very surprising — or interesting. Yet there are a few citizens whose homosexuality would cause more controversy than Michael Jackson's Neverland Bathroom for Pre-Teen Boys.

Rev. Lovejoy and Ned Flanders would make a righteous, God-fearing pair of Pottery Barners. And what neighborhood wouldn't welcome lesbians like Crazy Cat Lady and Lunch Lady Doris? Then there's potential bear Comic Book Guy, Latin lover Bumblebee Man and abs-of-steel Groundskeeper Willie, although they're not exactly the most eligible bachelors in town.

But there is one guy who would make plenty of gay men pirouette with glee. Svelte, financially stable and owner of a happening bar, all gaydar signals point directly to Moe. Besides, his name says it all.

Check out our predictions on Sunday at 7 p.m.

— Steven Lindsey

with its array of guest stars. Learning a lesson from *Will & Grace* of how *not* to use guests, the writers leave us wanting more of them rather than wishing they would just leave already. (Yes, Janet Jackson, I'm talking about you.)

Among the highlights this season are Arianna Huffington as herself, Sandra Bernhard as a prickly writing instructor, Camryn Manheim as an egotistical movie producer, Charles Dutton as a motivational speaker and Jane Lynch as a ruthless gay-rights lawyer. Even Holland Taylor briefly reprises her role as wealthy, wonderfully eccentric Peggy Peabody.

As always, there's an abundance of sex in bathrooms, swimming pools and other public places, plus the conspicuous absence of men — at least until Episode 4, when Mark (Eric Lively) arrives on the scene to stir up some nasty trouble that will inevitably shatter the lives of many of the women.

The series' style and production value is still top-notch, and the writers so deftly weave plotlines together that the show puts the far inferior *Queer As Folk* to shame with its simplistic, clichéd, one-episode story arcs. That's not to say that *The L Word* isn't without its faults or that *QAF* is completely without merit, but in its sophomore season *The L Word* has quickly found its stride and is near pitch-perfect in execution.

Looks like I'm gonna need another TiVo.

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Comedy

By Arnold Wayne Jones

Reality Check

Kathy Griffin thumbs her nose at everyone - except Simon Cowell

Kathy Griffin isn't a lesbian, but she might as well be. Like Margaret Cho and Eddie Izzard, the in-your-face comedienne is queer-friendly with a sense of campy humor that makes her popular among gay audiences.

"I've always identified with gay people," Griffin says. "I was that girl in high school who went to the prom with the gay guy. In fact, my prom date is [now] a choreographer at Walt Disney World. Also, some things just aren't as fun with straight people — watching the Miss America Pageant, for example."

Griffin will bring her no-holds-barred riffs to Texas this weekend for four shows at the Houston Improv, which she promises will offer something different than her fans will find on her DVD, *Allegedly*, or her Bravo special, *The D List*.

"My favorite targets are people that don't seem to have a sense of humor about themselves," she says, adding, "Have you met Julia Roberts?"

Griffin is a woman to who zingers come as effortlessly as most people draw a breath. So considering her counterculture ethos — her standup audiences expect "a lot of fun, swearing and negativity," she admits — how is it that Griffin is an unabashed devotee of that most prosaic of mainstream American culture: the reality TV show?

She waxes romantic about many shows (she says *American Idol*'s Simon Cowell is hilarious), but thinks *The Amazing Race* is the best of the lot — although she was disappointed no gay couples were on the last installment.

"I especially enjoyed the couple [a few seasons ago] with the gay son and the father that never understood him," she says. "But after they rappelled down a building, the dad joins PFLAG."

Griffin emerged victorious on the first *Celebrity Mole*, although a downside of her appearance was not having the series' original host, Anderson Cooper, declare her the winner.

"I am in love with Anderson Cooper — he

is yummy on a stick," she says. "But I fell in love with [new host] Ahmad Rashad, too. He's one of the funniest people I've ever met, although he doesn't wear Prada as well as Anderson."

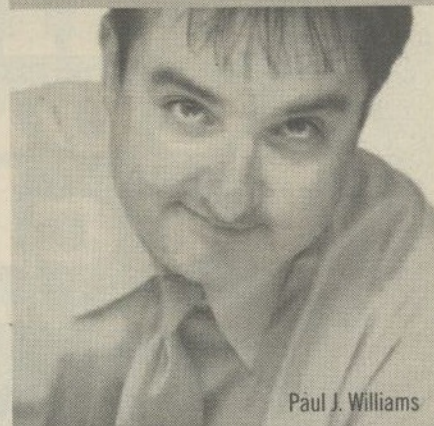
Griffin is even taken her fascination with reality TV to the next level: As the star of her own six-episode program on Bravo, which will premiere later this year.

"It's an *Osbournes/Newlyweds*-style show which basically shows how my life is the polar opposite of Nicole Kidman's," she quips. "I hope it's funny; I really let it all hang out."

In the meantime, Griffin will continue to poke fun at the establishment. She recently caused a stir while co-hosting the Golden Globes red carpet show for E! after making wacky asides that got her in some hot water. (Her tongue-in-cheek suggestion that pre-teen actress Dakota Fanning was in rehab for a drug addiction triggered a humble retraction from E! the next day.)

Does she revel in being mischievous, or was she surprised that people took her seri-

yuks



Paul J. Williams

Paul J. Williams brings his comedy back to San Antonio

Paul J. Williams has spent much of his professional career plying his comedic skills in Dallas, but he cut his teeth in the clubs of the Alamo City.

But the man who is one of San Antonio's funniest exports couldn't stay away forever. He returns for a two-weekend run of his new one-man show, *Dishing It Out*.

San Antonians may remember Williams as far back as his days as a member of the Alamo City Boys Choir, but the veteran performer may be best known for his standup and improvisational comedy. As one-third of the troupe *Less Miserable*, Williams performed hilarious riffs, while his cabaret act *Left, Out... and Not Right!* combined musical numbers with his trademark humor.

But *Dishing It Out* is something of a departure for him. His first solo theatrical piece, it's a character-driven show in the vein of Lily Tomlin. Set in a Luby's cafeteria, Williams plays a slew of personas, many of whom interact with the audience.

Contrary to his other shows, which can sometimes get a bit scatological, "There's no adult content," Williams says. "It doesn't really have a gay theme either, other than I'm a gay actor. It's just good old-fashioned Southern family fun."

It's been more than two years since his last sold-out performances in San Antonio — don't wait another two years to catch him.

Jump-Start Performance Company, 108 Blue Star, Feb. 18-27, Fri.-Sun. at 8 p.m. \$10. 210-227-5867. Williams will also perform the show next month in Dallas as part of the Out of the Loop Festival.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

ously?

"I'm always surprised when someone doesn't get it if I'm joking — I'm talking to you, Kanye West," she says. "You would have to be an idiot to really believe that Dakota Fanning, who's 10 and is missing a front tooth, went to rehab. I don't mind controversy one bit, but it does seem to scare off corporations and networks. Fuck 'em!"

Proof of her steadfastness: She did the preview show at the Grammys earlier this week and will be at the Oscars later this month. She even has a few questions in mind already.

"I would love to ask Jude Law how he got to be such a pretty girl," Griffin says.

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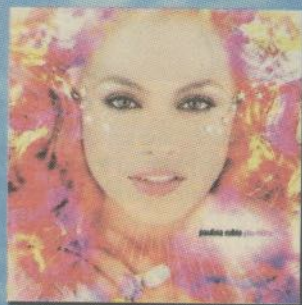
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Beat

By Jimmy Smith

Ringside seat

This hot duo has musical chops

Ringside is the creation of Scott (singer/songwriter) and Balt (beat master), two kindred musical spirits who first met during their teen years. Their debut is a testament to the power of artistic experimentation and friendship.

In the case of Ringside, those two elements blend effortlessly to staggering results. Their paths first crossed at a birthday party for Timothy Leary. While everyone hung out downstairs, Scott, Balt and Dr. Tim listened to a vinyl recording of the Bulgarian Women's Choir upstairs. Scott and Balt bonded over a mutual love of good music. While their full-fledged collaboration wouldn't happen for years, they became best of friends.

Many moons later, each rented a unit in a non-descript Hollywood apartment building. While Balt worked out rhythms upstairs, Scott wrote songs on his acoustic guitar downstairs. Call it osmosis — music seeping through the stairwells, pipes and ventilation ducts — that laid the foundation for Ringside, without either member realizing it. Scott and Balt would check in on each other from time to time and listen to the other's music.

Balt's hypnotic beats and layered rhythms interplay with Scott's deft songcraft, soaring melodies and introspective lyrics. Gorgeous acoustic guitars, Motown-worthy bass lines, atmospheric keyboards, tasty electric guitar riffs, strings, horns — all the work of Scott. Once Balt completed the final production



tweaks, they created and designed the demo's artwork.

On the merits of these recordings alone, Flawless Records signed the band. Scott and Balt wrote, engineered and produced their entire debut album. In keeping with their original ideal and vision, they recorded everything in Scott's garage.

The conditions weren't always ideal — the garage was once so cold that Scott recorded the flamenco guitar on "Spanish Faster" while wearing a parka and cut-off gloves. But the songs testify to their collective years of life experience. Scott wrote guitar hook and lyrics to the aptly titled "Struggle" while working night shifts as a limo driver.

Ringside is the first experiment by two friends who've always shared a love of good music. Ya gotta have this one.

discotheque

After three years of turning up the heat in San Antonio, it's time for a cool-down. Heat, the San Antonio nightclub, opened three years ago, and to celebrate its anniversary is holding a chilly party. The Ice Party gets underway on Feb. 19. The club's resident spin doctor, DJ Rich Jones, will be providing the music. ... Tickets for New York City's Black Party, which features music from Chus & Ceballos and Victor Calderone, go on sale Friday. The event — one of the biggest circuit parties in the nation — takes place on Mar. 19.

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Cross denies gay rumors, and dude, you're getting a same-sex kiss!

"Lance Bass, size queen."

— Funnyman **Jason Alexander**'s snappy retort on *Celebrity Blackjack*, after fellow contestant Bass asked the waitress for a big straw "because I can't drink out of those little bitty things."

Rarely am I glad *not* to be responsible for a rumor — even when it attracts mainstream attention. After several less-than-reputable Internet sites speculated that *Desperate Housewives* star **Marcia Cross** would come out on the cover of *The Advocate*, newspapers here and abroad reported it as a *fait accompli*.

This was news to Marcia, whose publicist issued a cryptic statement: "In response to the recent rumors about Marcia Cross, they are completely untrue."

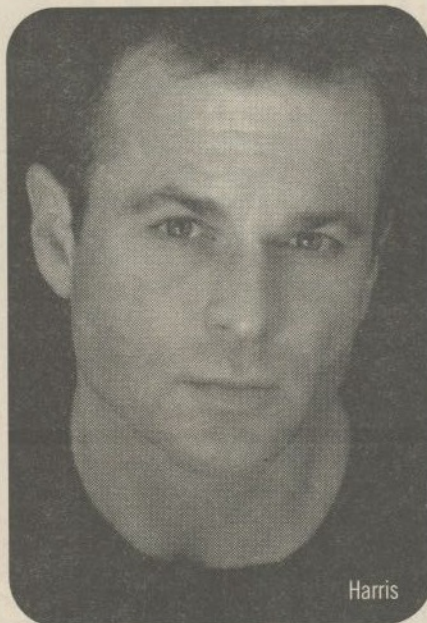
This left room for even more speculation — was she denying that she's gay, or denying that she's coming out? Coincidentally, Cross found herself co-hosting *The View* the very next day, and **Barbara Walters** was chomping at the bit to ask the big question. After Marcia quipped, "I assume this is what comes of being 42 and single," **Joy Behar** interjected, "So, you're not a lesbian?" Marcia answered, "I'm not," which led Joy to follow-up, "So, tonight is off then between us?" Marcia laughed and said, "Joy, I could come around, honey."

Joy discussing gay sex reminds me of **Ben Curtis**, otherwise known as Steven from those Dell commercials. He's enjoying some gay sex — in the off-off-Broadway production of *Joy* (previously called *The Joy of Gay Sex*). Be forewarned: Although Ben is prominently featured in the ads, he has a small supporting role. In addition to his couple of dozen lines of dialogue, he gets to kiss another guy and moon the audience. All that for 15 bucks — this is my kinda theater!

You may not know the name, but **Mark Sendroff** is a New York-based attorney who represents some of the biggest names in showbiz. Last week, he was in Los Angeles to celebrate his birthday with some close friends, including **Fran Drescher** (and her ex-husband), **Bob Mackie**, **Michael Feinstein**, **Roslyn Kind**, **Gavin McLeod** and *moi*.

We all hit *Pippin*, which was presented in concert. Musicals with somewhat creaky books seem to thrive in these semi-staged productions, and the superlative cast didn't hurt.

There is nothing that **Sam Harris** can't do,



Harris

and he was simply divine in the role of the Leading Player (if you're in NYC for Gay Pride Weekend, head to Joe's Pub to catch his solo act on June 27). **Michael Arden** (from the off-Broadway production of *Bare*) sings effortlessly and plays befuddled with unerring conviction.

But the show was ably stolen by **Mimi Hines**, the same woman who took over *Funny Girl* after Babs left Broadway (for good, as it turned out). She knows a thing or two about timing, presence and star quality, and her voice is in remarkable form. A delicious night.

"Delicious" brings us to our first "Ask Billy" question of the week. Greg from Somewhere in cyberspace writes: "I guess you've long ago talked about **Steve Sandvoss** when *Latter Days* came out, but I somehow missed it. Now that I've finally seen the DVD (and loved it), do you have any scoop on this über-throb?"

I previously ran some information (and provocative photos) of Steve on Filth2Go.com. But recently, someone sent me a picture of Sandvoss wearing a pair of loose shorts and crouching down. Once the photo was viewed at full size, it was clear that his scrotum is dangling from his tabernacle.

Our next letter comes from Carl in Baton Rouge: "I was able to sneak onto the set of *The Dukes of Hazzard* and **Seann William Scott** is too hot for words. Phew! Have any photos come in from the set? Or any other hot pics of Seann?"

Seann may be a limited actor, but he stands out with his phenomenal physique — to say nothing of the ease with which he carries himself. Only a couple of photos have surfaced from *Dukes* (which also stars **Johnny Knoxville** and **Jessica Simpson**), but he certainly looks hot in his tight T-shirt.

We've got other skin pics on Filth2go.com of Seann, from his shirtless spread in *Teen*

People to his Justin Timberlake Undies at last year's MTV Movie Awards.

While researching this question, I came across some tantalizing shots from the original *Dukes of Hazzard* series. One forgets how hot **John Schneider** and **Tom Wopat** were — and they showed quite a bit of skin!

People outside the U.S. tend to be much less uptight when it comes to male nudity. Thank God, or *G* magazine in Brazil would be out of business. (You may recall that *G* brought us the fully nude, fully aroused **Warren Cuccurullo** photos.)

The February issue features someone named **Alexandre Gauchon**, who is described as a very famous soccer player. I couldn't care less about that. I perked up when I saw that Alex is a *major* hottie who has no problem showing off every inch of his sexy, ripped bod — including quite a few inches of his impressive nether regions (you'd have known he was Brazilian even if I didn't tell you — wink, wink).

Could it be that **Melissa Gilbert** has lost her mind? For the second year in a row, the Screen Actors Guild president appeared on the awards show in a dress more appropriate for the Golden Globes. Why isn't anyone calling for her impeachment?

I think **Valerie Harper** might want to get in on this. I'm probably jeopardizing my SAG membership by bringing attention to Missy's jugs, but it looks like Half-Pint is now sporting a couple of liters.

Could it be that a couple of pooped performers have been indulging in a bit of partner-swapping? It's all just for show, because neither one is interested in the opposite sex. Group dating has become

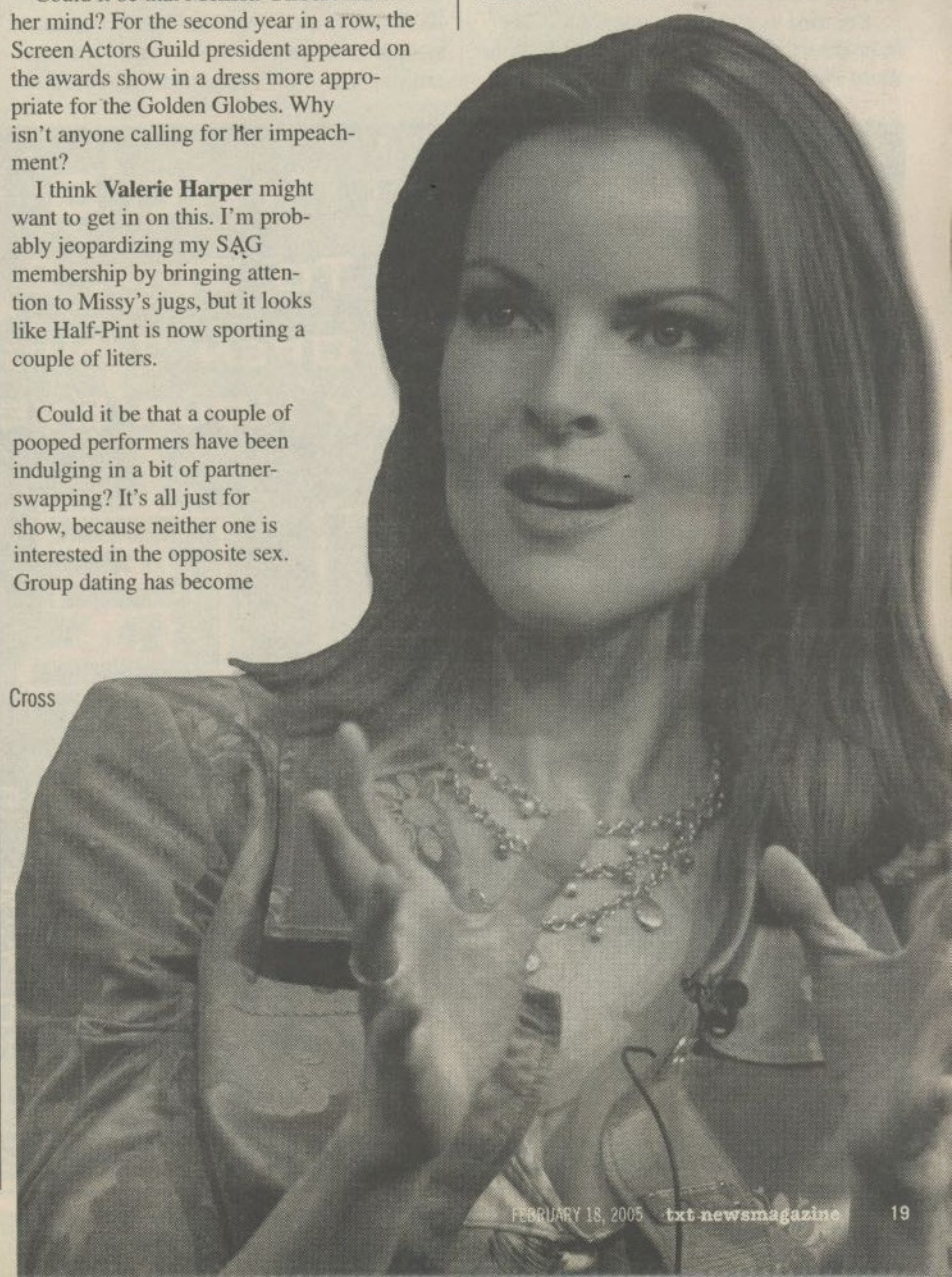
way of life when one is trying to keep up appearances in public. These co-workers are more than happy to help each other out — especially with all the practice they've had. And, no one wants to be caught with a hand in the honey pot.

When I can speak authoritatively about international soccer one minute and someone's store-bought puppies the next, it's definitely time to end yet another column.

For the last two weeks, I boosted my cardio routine and dumped all carbs from my diet. Someone at Filth2Go Central speculated that losing 10 pounds in 10 weeks is probably unhealthy. Since when does looking good have anything to do with being healthy? I'll stick with what I know and be sure to deliver the best in gossip each and every week.

If you have any questions, concerns, or diet tips, send a note to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before anyone on *Desperate Housewives* comes out (there are numerous possibilities).

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



Cross



'Anticipation' of Carly Simon songs can be damaging

Dear Howard,

I consider myself a tolerant person when it comes to taste in music, but there is only so much Carly Simon I can stand on a given day. My boyfriend listens to Carly every waking minute. Babs I could understand, or Judy, but Carly? Is it just me, or do all her songs sound exactly the same? We have nearly broken up over this obsession.

I've tried to get him to compromise, but he insists on blaring her music throughout the house 24/7. When he came home from work

the other day and saw that all his Carly CDs were gone, he ordered that I replace them all immediately or I should move out.

We've been together five years, but either he has gone crazy or I'm the asshole he says I am. All I want is a little peace from Carly! Should I replace his CDs just to save the relationship?

I'm So Vain

If Jack insists on forcing his taste of music onto you, with no compromise on his part, then I say that leaving him is the right thing to do. You haven't got time for the pain, and although it may be true that nobody does it better, it's not you who is being so vain here.

Dear Howard,

I am a gay woman of a certain age and have only recently come out. Well, actually I guess I'm not really "out," since I've only just now acknowledged to myself that it's women who turn me on.

The truth is, I'm not ready for the clubs or bars or even Internet dating. I would love to meet a nice lady, but it's so damned scary, and I don't really know how to go about it. I don't look "butch," so I can't really ever tell if women in the grocery store or at the mall are cruising me, or if I'm just thinking wishfully.

Any suggestions?

Lovelorn

I don't think it's a requirement in the lesbian community that you appear "butch" in order to attract a potential mate any more than a gay man should appear "femme." My experience has always been that when it feels like a person is cruising you, they usually are. In any case, it never hurts to smile back and strike up a conversation. Suggest coffee. If she's interested, you'll find out at Starbucks, and if she was only admiring your beautiful sweater, then what have you lost? You've gained the knowledge that you're a snazzy dresser!

Dear Howard,

I'm tired of going out every weekend, drinking too much and partying too hard, all in the name of finding the perfect lover. I'm 35 and feel like Charlotte in *Sex and the City*: "I'm so hung over my hair hurts. I've been dating for 20 years. Where is he already?" Is there a better way than just trial and error? What is the magic fix?

Exhausted

I'm never one to point a finger at the party life, but from what you've told me, I'd say that maybe it's the Rob Roys in your highball

How to do the wrong thing right

glass that might be compromising your pursuit of the real thing. There's no magic fix, trust me. But after 20 years of hurting hair come Sunday mornings, I'd think about re-evaluating why you're really out.

Dear Howard,

I am perplexed. It's actually a little embarrassing. I am a white guy with a super endowment. I mean a real monster truck. My dates usually start out well, but when it comes to the part afterwards where he stays over, he takes one look at Jumbo and his sphincter slams shut tighter than the doors of Fort Knox! What am I to do?

Tennessee Tombig

If only we could all have such problems.

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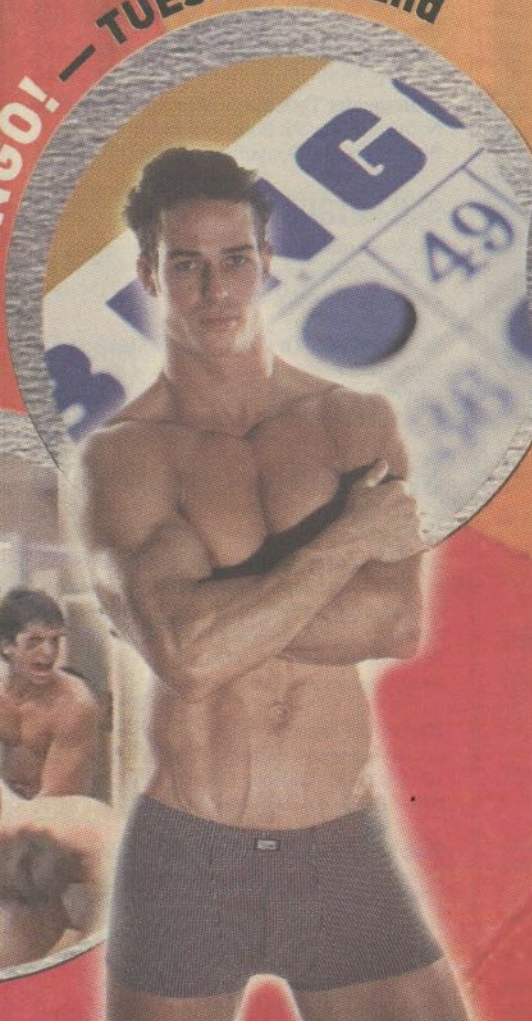
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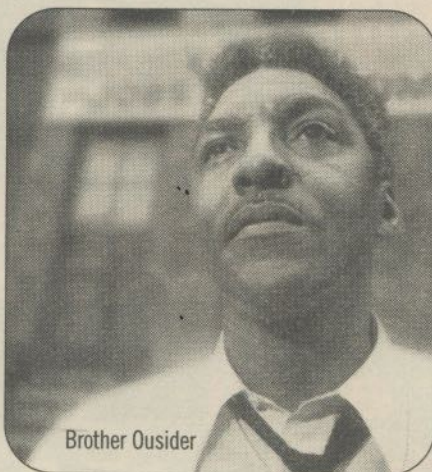
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Station 4 presents the White Party Countdown. 3911 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-559-0650. Caven.com.

Stonewall Professional and Business Association luncheon, 11:25 a.m. \$25. Melrose Hotel, 3015 Oak Lawn Ave. 214-521-5342, ext. 2940.

Teatro Dallas presents Girl Meets Girl, through March 13. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. \$20-\$25. 1331 Record Crossing Road. 800-965-4827.

Triangle Networking Tarrant. 6 p.m. Dos Gringos, 1510 University Ave., Ft. Worth. 817-496-3479.

Uptown Players presents A Man Of No Importance, through March 6. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. \$22-25. 214-219-2718.

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Country Playhouse presents Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Weekends through Feb. 26. 12802 Queensbury. 713-467-4497. Countryplayhouse.org.

Groove Girlz Productions presents Groove Girlz Gone Wild, Mardi Gras Style with DJ's Farah Cox and Jessica Partin. 8:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m. \$8-\$10. Club 1415, 1415 California. Benefits Pride Houston. 713-520-1622. Groovegirlz.com.

HATCH GLBT youth group. 7-10 p.m. 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents bowl. 6:30 p.m. Main Event Entertainment Complex, 1-45 at Shenandoah. \$3. Chris, 281-681-0697.

Pride Night With the Houston Aeros vs. Chicago. 7:35 p.m. \$5-\$15. Totyota Center. Benefits Pride Houston. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

Transgender Task Force Meeting. 3 p.m. 8000 N. Stadium Dr. 5th floor. 713-794-9113. Brenda.Thomas@cityofhouston.net.

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GaySanAntonio.net radio show with news, events, commentary and music. 2 p.m. Gay-sa.net/gsaair.htm.

Spectrum yOUTH Group, a social group for young people ages 13 to 18 meets at the Diversity Center, 7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Saturday, February 19 AUSTIN

Everywoman's Self Defense presents a personal safety workshop focusing on defense against an armed attacker. 2-4 p.m. \$25; scholarships available. Sun Dragon Martial Arts, 203 E. Riverside Dr. 512-416-9735. Everywomans-selfdefense.org.

Heroes of Comedy present Micetro, elimination-style Improv Comedy, through March 12. 10:30 p.m. \$5. Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress Ave. 512-H-I-D-E-O-U-T.

SapphFire presents its 2nd Annual Valentine Dinner for lesbian singles and couples. 6:30 p.m. \$20. St. George's Episcopal Church's Kleberg Hall, 4301 IH-35N. 512-251-7482. Sapphire.org/valentines.htm.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

DFW Bi Net. Brunch. 10:30 a.m. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 214-521-5342, ext. 1761.

Dallas FrontRunners fun run with runners and walkers at all levels welcome. 9 a.m. Meet on the patio of the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park.

Dallas Illusions presents the Triple Crowning of Miss Gay South East TX International at Large, Miss Gay Mid Texas International at Large and Miss Gay South West International at Large. 10 p.m. 4100 Maple Ave. 214-252-0552.

Dallas Museum of Art exhibits Splendors of China's Forbidden City, through May 29. 1717

N. Harwood St. 214-922-1200.

Dignity Dallas meets for liturgy. 6:30 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-521-5342, ext. 1732.

Human Rights Campaign Dallas/Ft. Worth Open Forum, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Resource Center of Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144. Jsharringtontx@yahoo.com.

Toast to Life benefits Resource Center of Dallas. 7-11 p.m. \$125. Republic Center, 325 St. Paul St. 214-540-4450. Toasttolife.org.

HOUSTON

Final voting for 2005 Pride Parade Grand Marshals. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 1415 California, Suite 110. 713-529-6979. Pridehouston.org.

Foundation for Family and Marriage Equality presents Love Won! We're Out: Mind, Body and Soul. 1-4 p.m. Community Gospel Church, 4305 Lillian. 713-227-1717.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Mail-out and Games Day. 2-5 p.m. Chris and Janet's house. 281-681-0697.

Nurture Health Clinic offers free HIV testing. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4101 Greenbriar, Suite 355. 713-524-4837.

PFLAG Houston presents its Sweetheart Gala 7-10 p.m. 902 Kipling. \$10-\$15. 713-702-5894

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Heat celebrates its third anniversary with the Ice Party with resident DJ, Rich Jones. 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

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Tri Ess-XDressers Support/Social Group. 6-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Sunday, February 20 AUSTIN

Austin Frontrunners. 7:45 a.m. 512-473-8334. Frontrunners.org.

The OZ Parties presents its fifth annual Dinner Party. 4-7 p.m. \$5-\$10. 34th Street Café, 1005 W. 34th St. 512-406-6408. Theozparties.com.

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Dallas FrontRunners fun run with runners and walkers at all levels welcome. 3 p.m. Meet on the patio of the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park.

Dallas Ft. Worth Prime Timers general meeting. 3 p.m. John Thomas Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144.

Dallas Transgender Alliance Expressions, a free gender support group facilitated by volunteers for both men and women. 7 p.m. Gay and



To submit an event listing All listings of upcoming GLBT meetings and events and of arts openings should be sent to the managing editor, in the Houston office. They must be received no later than noon on Monday to be included in Friday's newsmagazine. We prefer to receive them earlier. They may be e-mailed to nancy@txtnewsmag.com, or faxed to 713-529-0327, or mailed to TXT Newsmagazine, 4617 Montrose Blvd., Suite C229, Houston TX 77006.

Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-528-0144.

Family Pride Coalition meeting. 214-521-5342, ext. 1708, for time and location.

Gay Pride Week Cookoff. 4-7 p.m. Corral Club, 621 Hemphill, Fort Worth

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

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

Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association. 3 p.m. Tcgpwa.org.

Human Rights Campaign and Showtime screen the season premiere of The L Word. 6 p.m. Sue Ellen's, 3909 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-559-0650. Caven.com. Also at: Manhattan Bar, 3005 Routh St.

Turtle Creek Chorale presents The Evolution of A Chorus, 8 p.m. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. 214-526-3214. Turtlecreek.org.



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

Human Rights Campaign and Showtime screen the season premiere of The L Word. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123. Meteorhouston.com. Also at: 8 p.m. Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet.

Museum of Fine Arts Houston exhibits Raphael Sanzio's La Fornarina (c. 1520), through April 17. 5601 Main St. 713-639-7550.

Lone Star Volleyball Association open play, 4-9 p.m. Willowbrook Sports Complex, 12539 Perry Rd. 832-723-6866. Lsva.org.

Texas Queer Collegiate Alliance. 5 p.m. GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose, Ste 207. BSirious@yahoo.com.

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Bermuda Triangle screens the season premiere of The L Word. 9-10 p.m. Benefits Diversity

Center. 119 El Mio. 210-342-2276.

Human Rights Campaign and Showtime screen the season premiere of The L Word. 6 p.m. The Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham St. 210-271-3811.

Monday, February 21 AUSTIN

Chris Lee and Suzy LaFollete host Xtreme Poetry Slam. 8 p.m. \$100 in cash prizes. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

Keyska's Divas features Keyska Diva, Satine and Nadine. 12 midnight. Xtreme Stage at Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Leadership Lambda Toastmasters. 6:30 p.m. Oak Lawn Public Library, 4100 Cedar Springs. 214-219-1908.

HOUSTON

KPFT-FM 90.1 airs Queer Voices with Jack Valinski and various GLBT co-hosts. 8-10 p.m.

Pride Houston merchandise committee. 6:30 p.m. 1415 California, Suite 110.

SAN ANTONIO

Texas Tradition Cloggers offer classes at 5:30 p.m. Turner Club, 120 9th St. 210-535-6155. Texastraditioncloggers.com.

San Antonio American Veterans for Equal Rights social. 7 p.m. Jacala Mexican Restaurant, 606 West Ave. 210-844-2297. Aversanantonio.org.

Tuesday, February 22 AUSTIN

Austin Gamblers Bowling League. 8:20 p.m. Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover. 512-647-7073. Austingamblers@yahoo.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Cathedral Business Network breakfast. 7:30 p.m. \$9. Princeton Grill, DoubleTree Hotel Campbell Centre, 8250 N. Central Expressway.

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

Dallas Fort Worth Prime Timers Prime Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Celebration Restaurant, 4503 Lovers Ln. 972-504-8866.

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

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HRC Federal Club of Houston and the African American Art Advisory Association of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston cocktail reception, celebrating the 9th Annual Citywide Emerging African American Artists Exhibition. 6-8 p.m. Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet St., Caroline Wiess Law Building. Fedclub@hrchouston.org.

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

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

SAN ANTONIO

Diversity Center's Midweek Movie Mixer presents Where Are We? 6-9 p.m., 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Majestic Theatre presents Chicago, through Feb. 27. Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$18-\$67. 224 E. Houston St. 210-224-9600. Majesticempire.com.



Chicago

Wednesday, February 23 AUSTIN

Safe Space. 7 p.m. University of Texas, Jester West Fireplace Lounge.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Common Bond, an alternative lifestyle book group. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 362 E. F.M. 1382, Cedar Hill. 972-293-9367.

Fusion Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Resource Center of Dallas. 214-521-5124. Rcd.org.

Prime Timers Prime Time Bridge. 7-9:30 p.m. 972-504-8866.

Risk Theater Initiative presents Marisol, through March 5. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Bath House Cultural Center, 5221 E. Lawther Dr. 972-943-8915. Risktheinitiative.com.

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

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

HOUSTON

Community Awareness for Transgender Support. 7 p.m. Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. 281-624-7056.

Holocaust Museum Houston presents Claudia Stevens performing her solo show, A Table

Before Me. 7:30 p.m. Benefits for Holocaust Museum Houston. \$3-\$8. Stages' Arena Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-942-8000, ext. 104.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Family Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Café Express River Oaks, 1422 W. Gray. 713-528-2085.

Meteor Women's Happy Hour, followed by Queer Eye for the Straight Girl, 7 p.m. 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

OutSkate Roller Skate Club's gay skate night. 8 p.m. \$5. Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. 281-933-5818.

SAN ANTONIO

Midweek Movie Mixer. 6-9 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

Thursday, February 24 AUSTIN

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

Conspirare, Craig Hella Johnson and Company of Voices present Conversations from Opposite Sides of the Room (Mirror Images), through Feb. 27. 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 410 E. University Ave., Georgetown. \$20-\$25. 512-476-5775. Conspirare.org.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Dallas Bears Bear Eats. 7 p.m. Snuffer's, 3526 Greenville Ave.

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

University of North Texas' Division of Equity and Diversity presents its 8th Annual Equity and Diversity Pre-conference and Conference. Developing Others to Expand the Journey. Carmelita Pope Freeman discusses The Art of Being Uncomfortable, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Daniel Hernandez discusses Culturally Mobile Individuals Create Culturally Mobile Institutions: Managing Diverse Cultures at the Speed of Change, 12:45-4:45 p.m.; and Dr. Harriet Cohen moderates World Religions, Communities and Campus Environments, 5:15-7:15 p.m. 940-565-2456.

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

Hill Country Ride for AIDS recruitment kick-off party. 5-7 p.m. Farrago's Restaurant, 318 W. Grey. 512-965-7433. Hillcountryride.org.

Houston Ballet presents Rock, Roll and Tutus, through March 6. Wortham Theater Center. 713-227-ARTS. Houstonballet.org.

SAN ANTONIO

HRC Federal Club presents a private viewing of a show by Boerne artist Mark Nanney, benefiting HRC. 7-9 p.m. Anarte Gallery, 5800 Broadway. 210-764-7747.

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

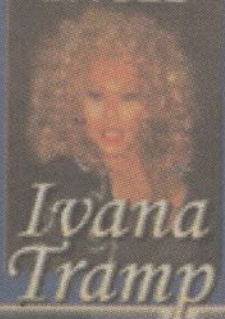
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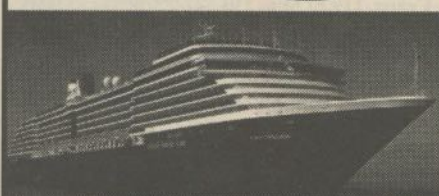
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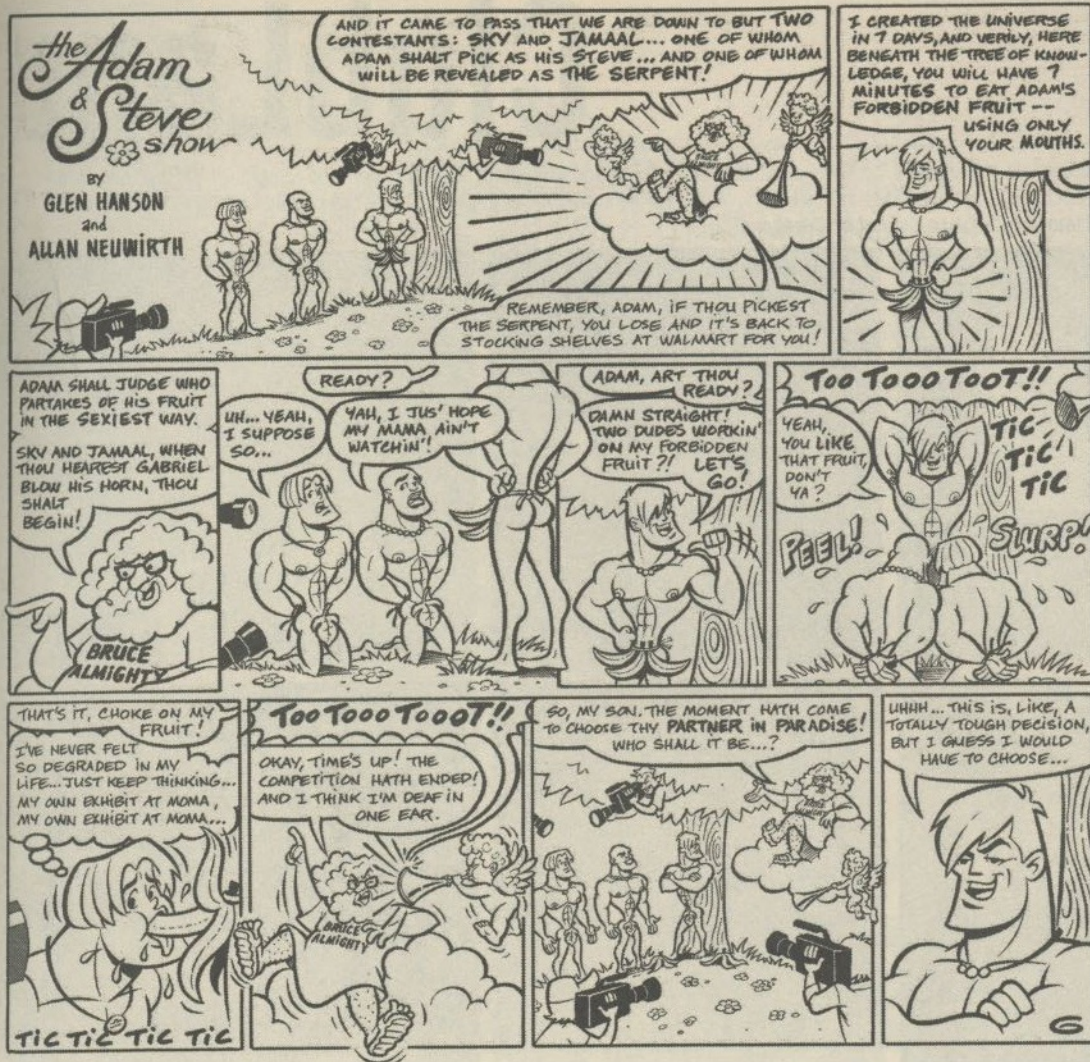
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Venus in Aquarius provokes novel aesthetics and quirky flirtations. With Jupiter in Libra, she easily finds ways to harness those individualistic impulses into coordinated social efforts. With a little effort, this should be great fun!

ARIES — March 20-April 19

True love may be awaiting you at some avant-garde arts event, or anywhere art and politics are mixed. If you already have true love, then you should take your darling to such an event.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

It's only kissing up if it's not sincere. As much as sincerity allows, socialize with any higher-ups. Your work is getting good notice and your teamwork skills may get you into a classier team.

GEMINI — May 21-June 20

You are hungry for adventure, but to everyone else you look like an adventure waiting to happen. Seize any opportunity for new thrills, including educational jaunts — museums, lectures, etc. Follow your own idea of fun!

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Your little love nest should be where it's happening. If you're partnered, this is the time to spice things up. If you're single, your boudoir may need a revolving door or it could get you the lover you really want.

LEO — July 23-August 22

Take your love on a little journey — anything from hot-air balloons to bumper cars. You could even have a surprise picnic in the country. If you have no love, the Internet is a good resource for finding one.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Your prowess at economy is showing very well. Learning even more or teaching colleagues will prove helpful and demonstrate your value at work. That boosts your confidence and attractiveness in nonprofessional efforts.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Lucky Jupiter is in your sign, getting a sweet boost from your ruler, Venus, and raising your good luck in any new investment, risk or game. At the very least, buy a few lottery tickets!

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Whether you're looking for love or deepening ties with one you already love, the best way to build a relationship now is through community service. Anyone you love should share your values and concerns.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

Your social graces are now at their peak — you could even show Libra a thing or two! Whether you use this boost to excel in politics or merely to dazzle friends, colleagues and lovers is up to you.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Your boss loves you now more than ever. This is an ideal time to push for a raise or promotion. Your strong suits are your innovative use of resources and cultivation of important connections.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Venus in your sign adds to your natural beauty, but a daring new look will help even more. Ask your partner or a friend to help you pick some new, foreign accents for your wardrobe.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

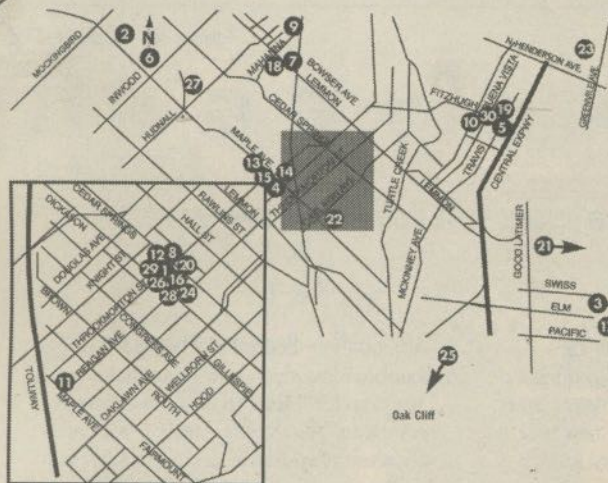
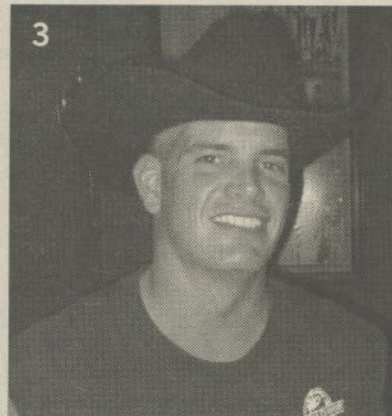
The duality of your sign includes a very complex madonna/whore polarity. The two ends can reconcile in a sacred sexuality that requires profound exploration within and without. That's an ongoing dialectic, and this is a great time to go with it.

Jack Fertig, a founding member of the Association for Astrological Networking, became a professional astrologer in 1977. He can be reached for consultations at 415-864-8302 or at www.starjack.com.

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1. Shay and Dee Dee at Buddies II. 2. Kevin and Donna at JR.'s Bar and Grill. 3. Brad at the Round-Up Saloon. 4. Marshall and Todd at DeWayne's Oasis. 5. Chris and Lidett at Sue Ellen's. 6. Miss Mine at the Dallas Eagle. 7. Miguel and Alforda at Havana. 8. Mark at Mickey's. Photos by Christian Colbert and Gregory Hayes



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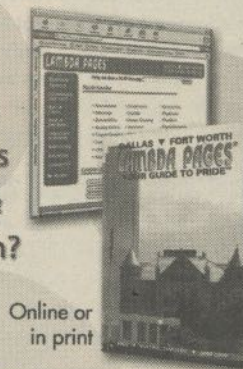
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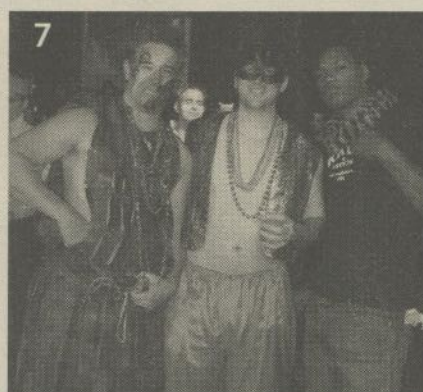
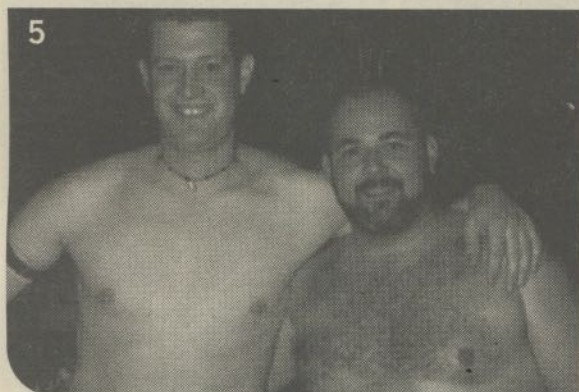
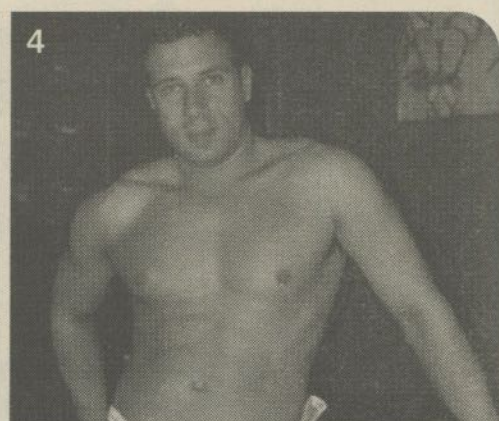
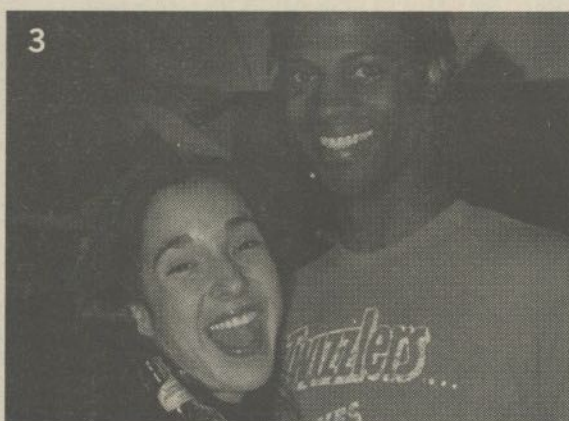
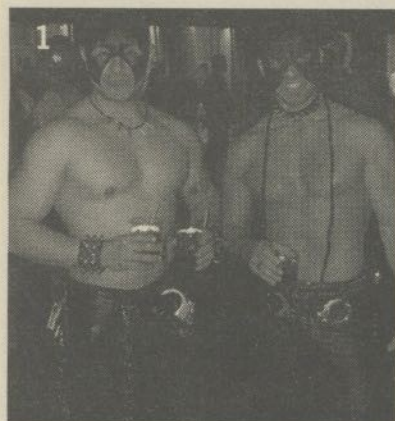
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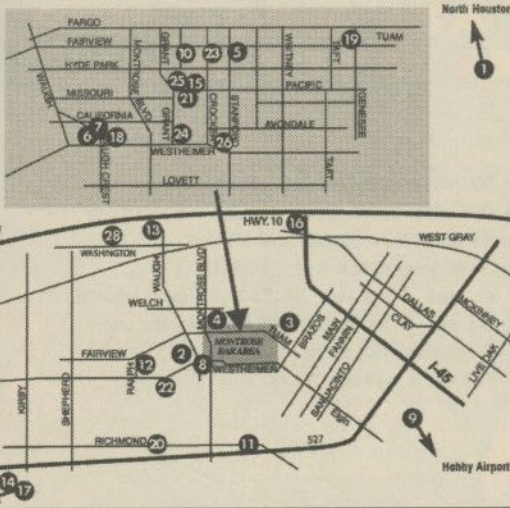
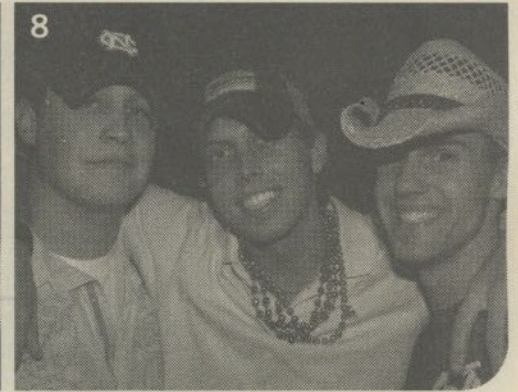
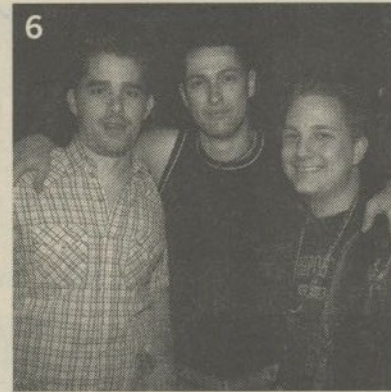
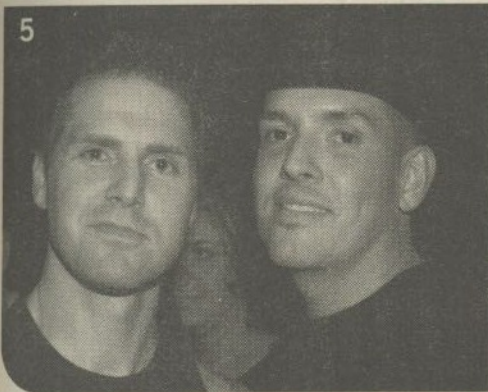
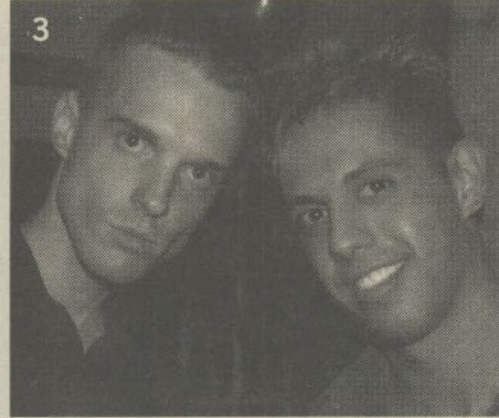
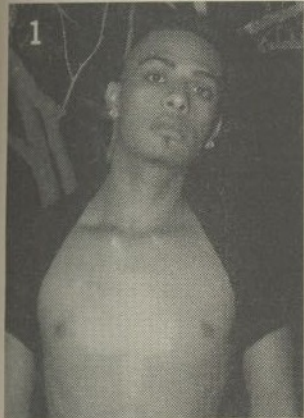
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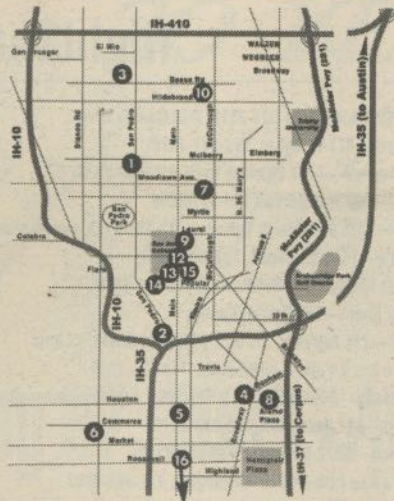
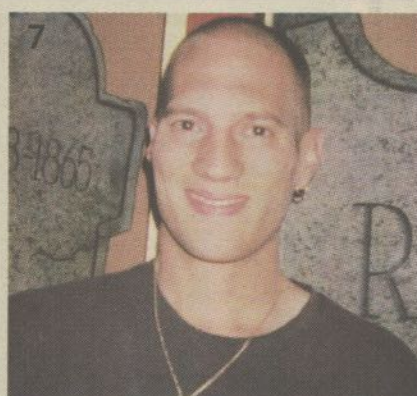
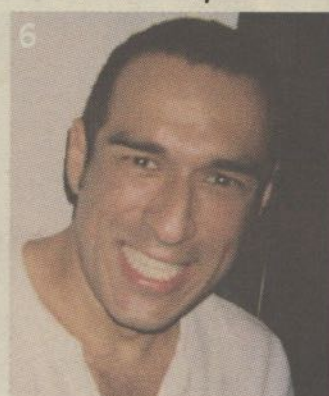
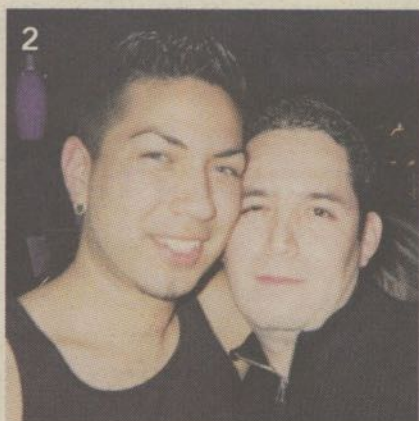
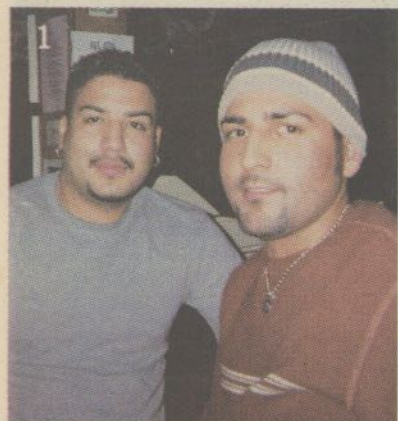
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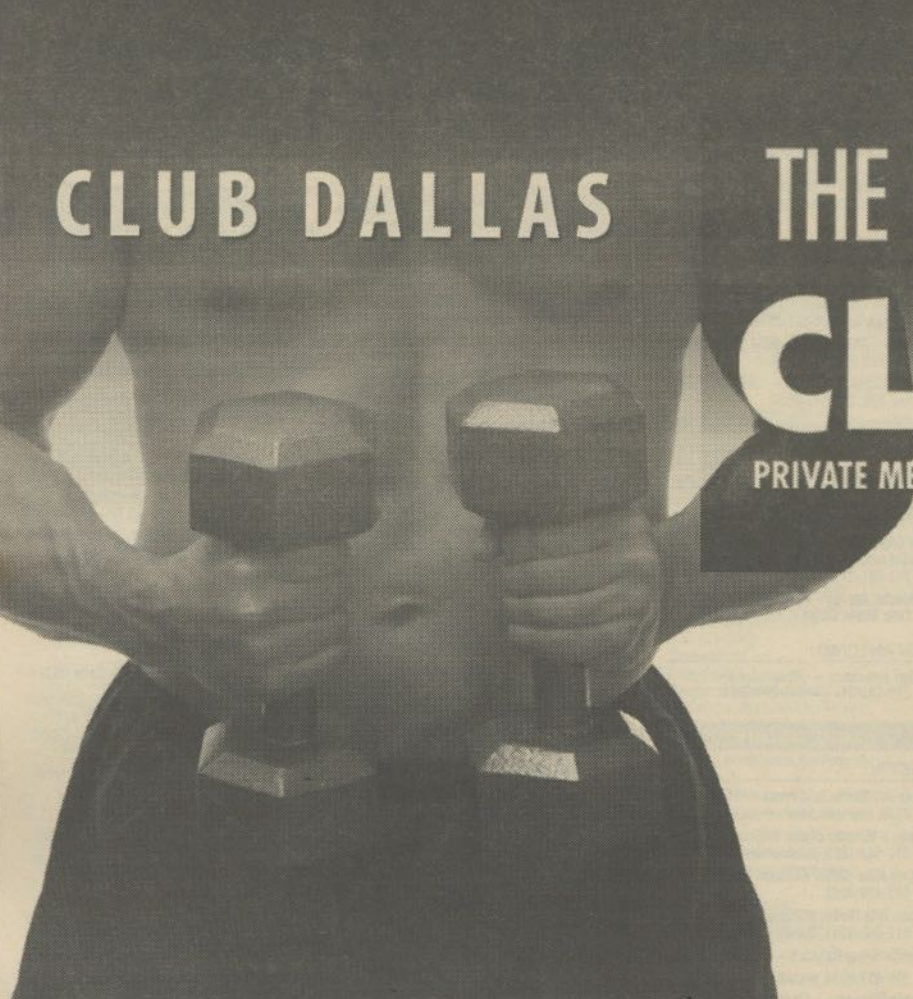
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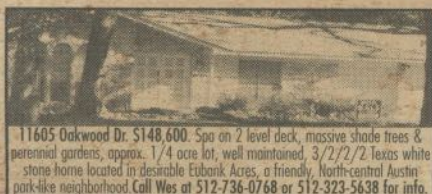
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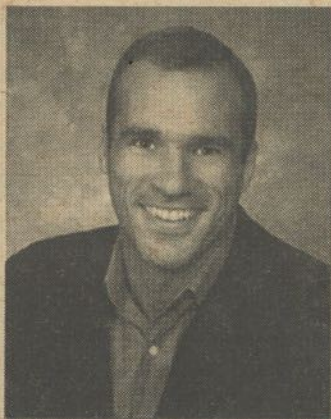


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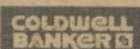
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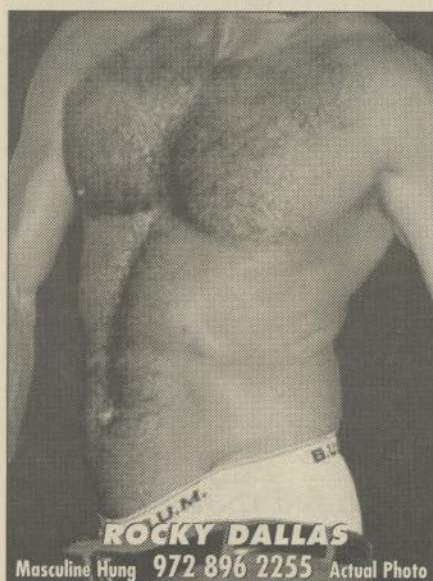
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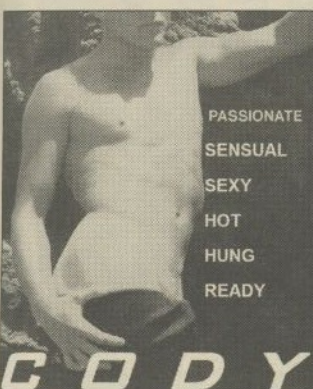
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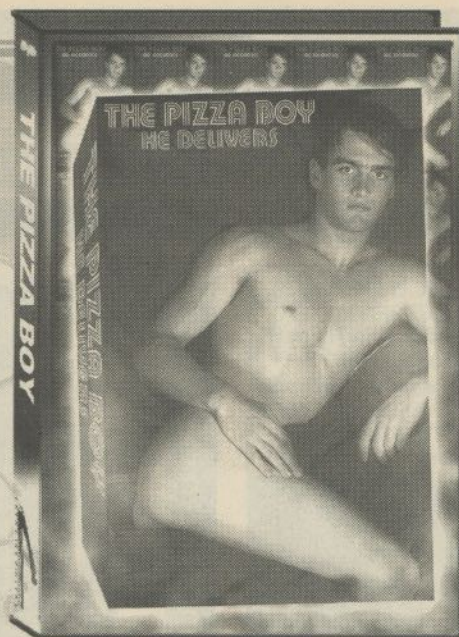
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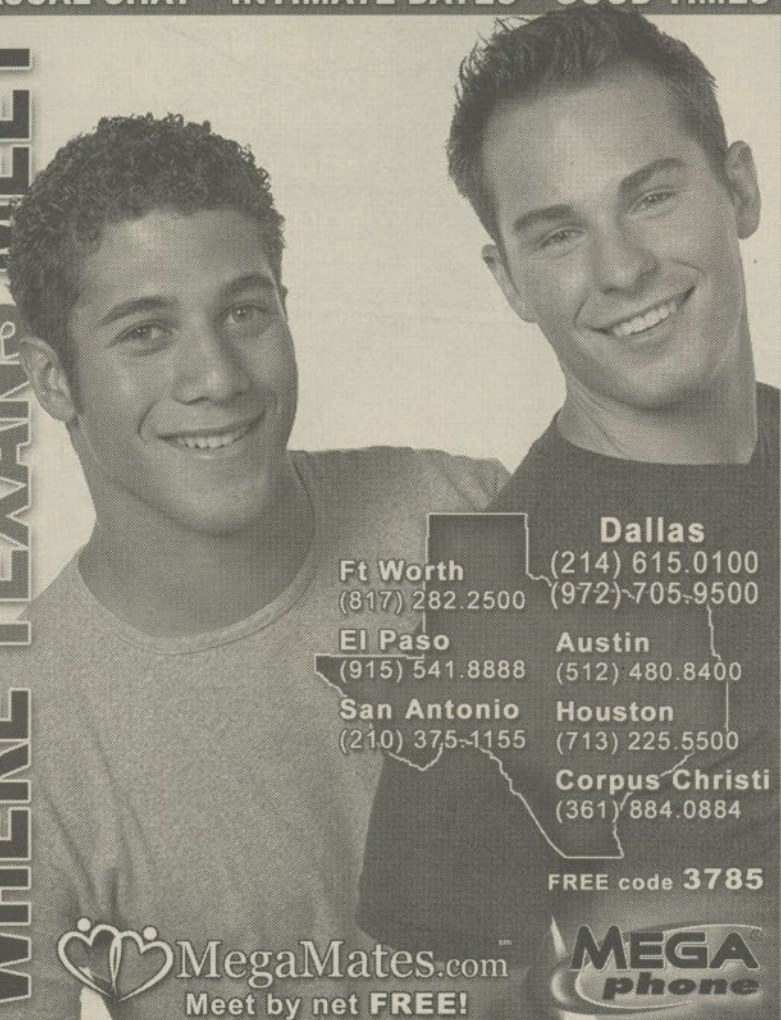
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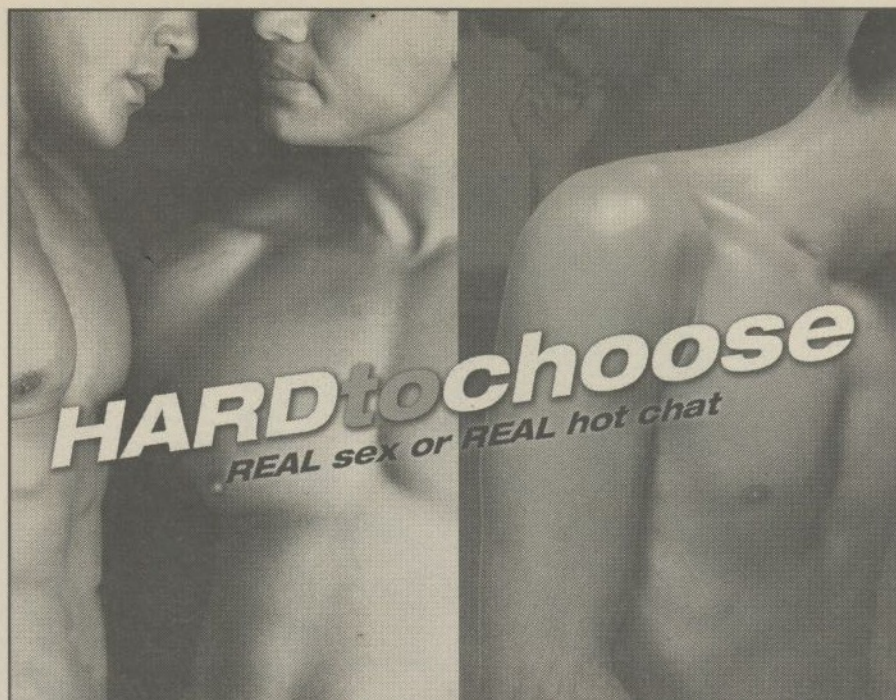
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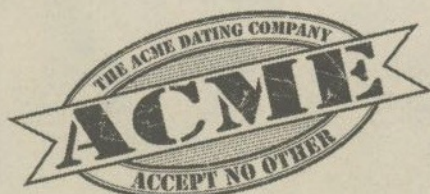
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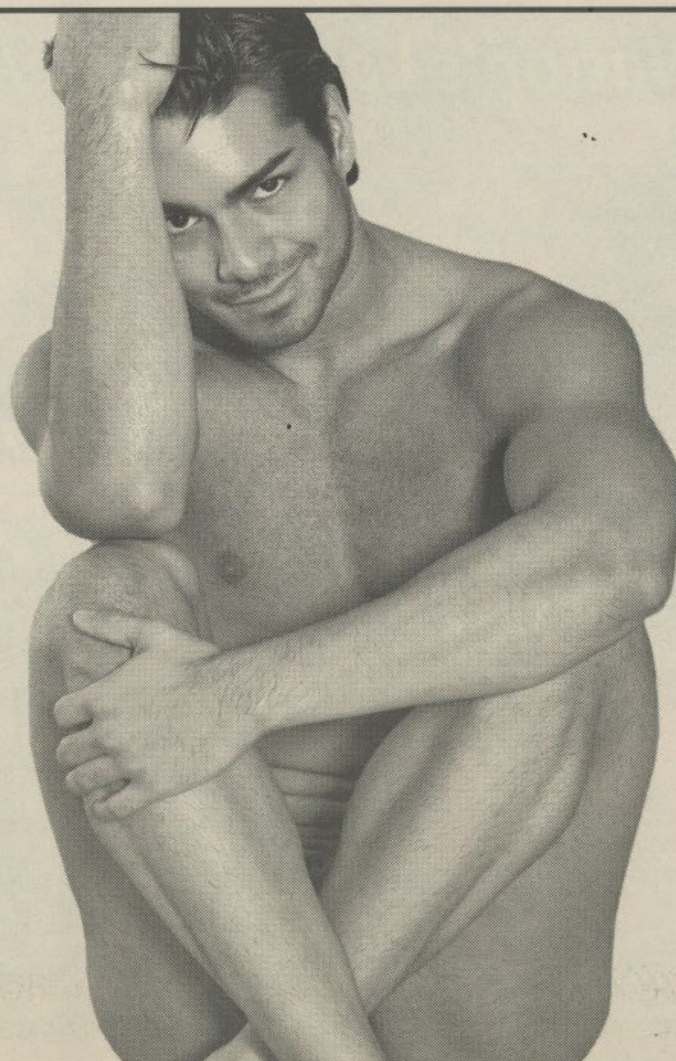
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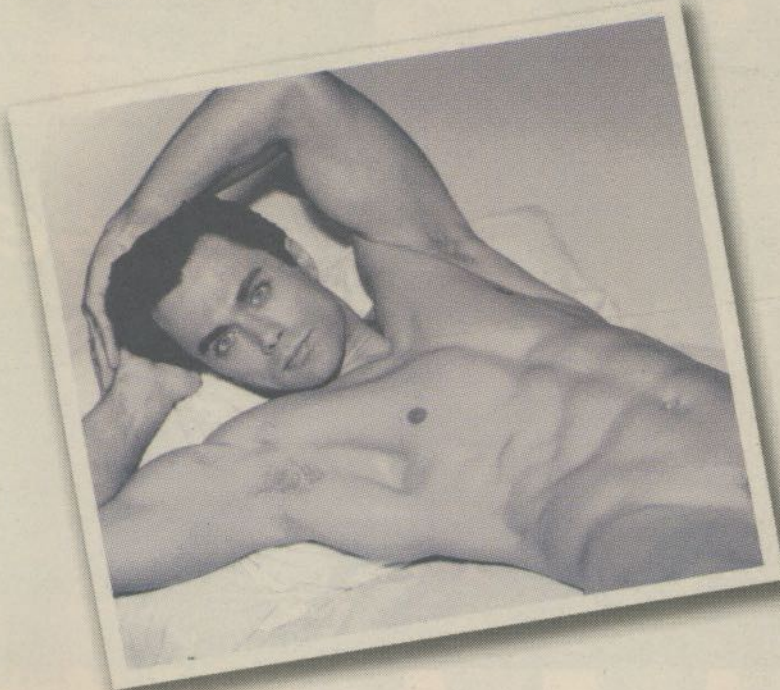
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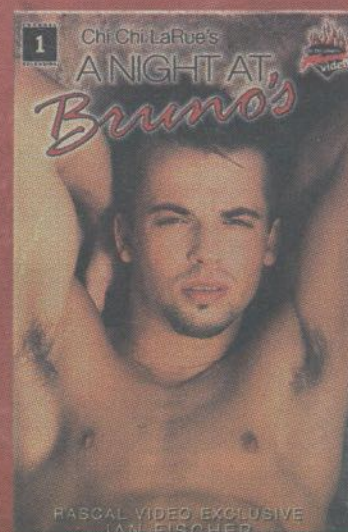
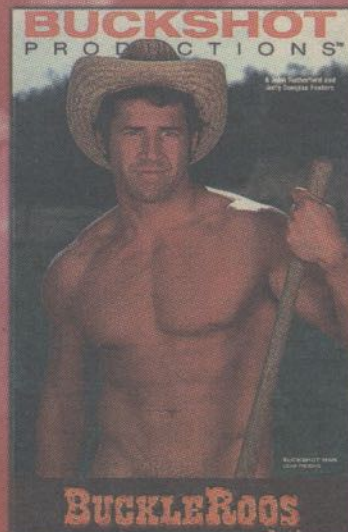
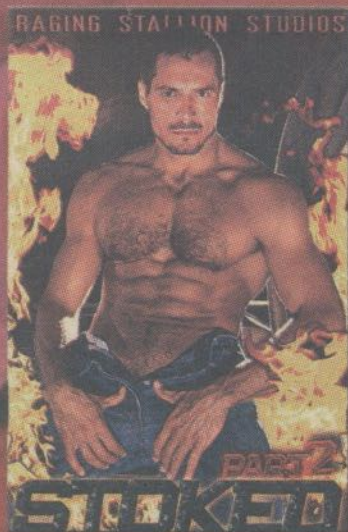
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