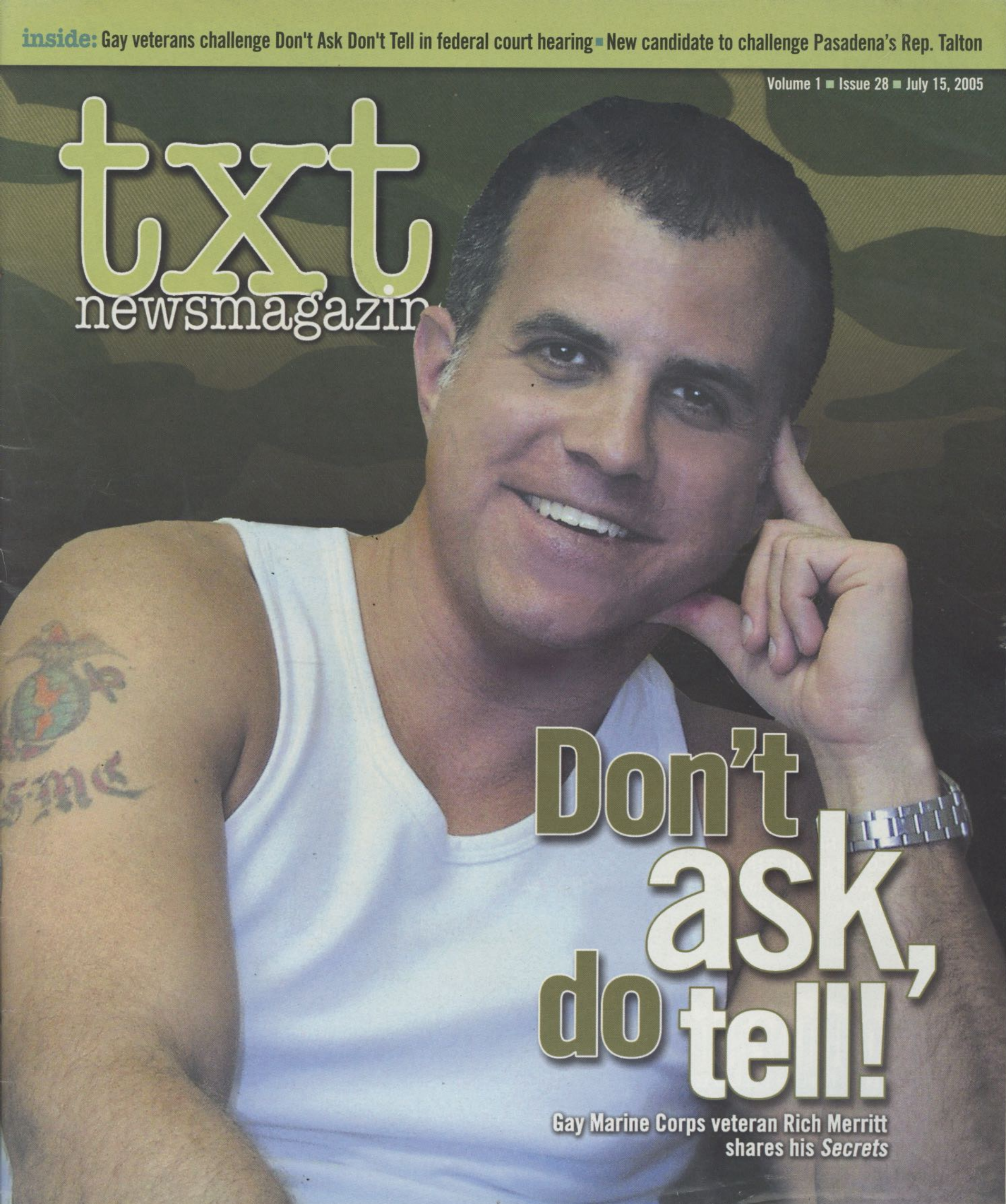


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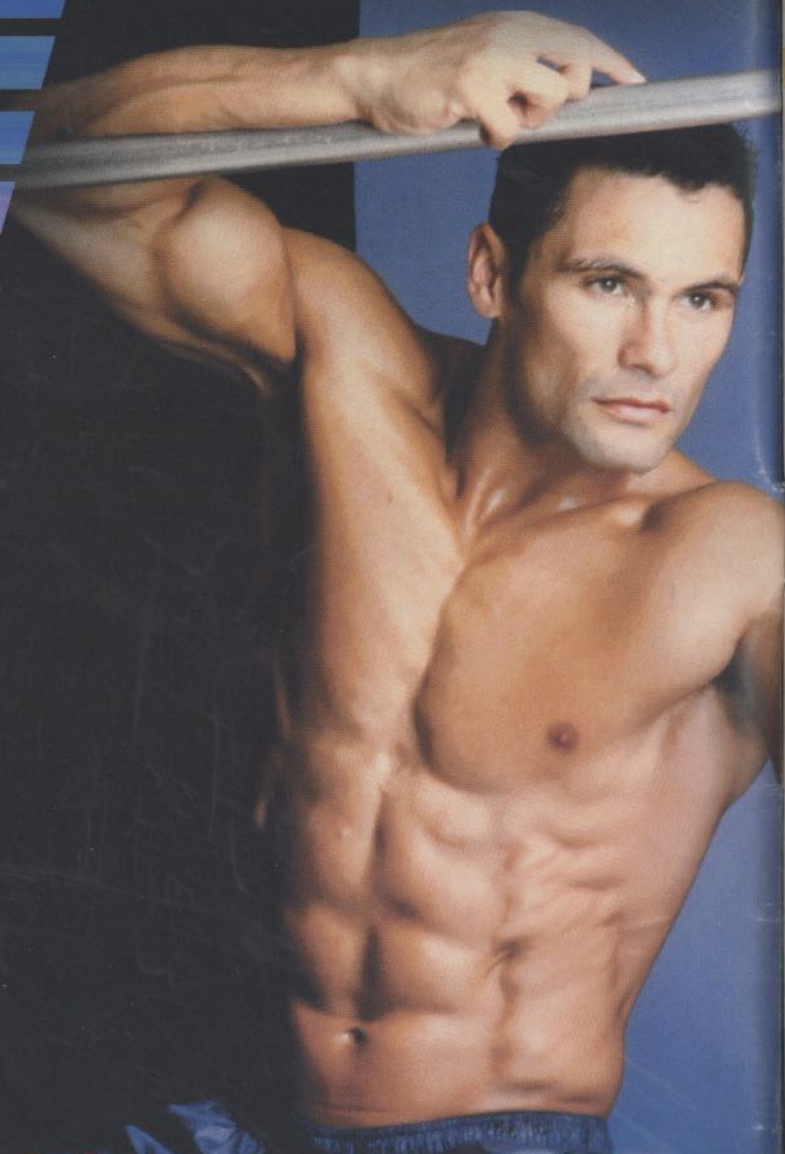
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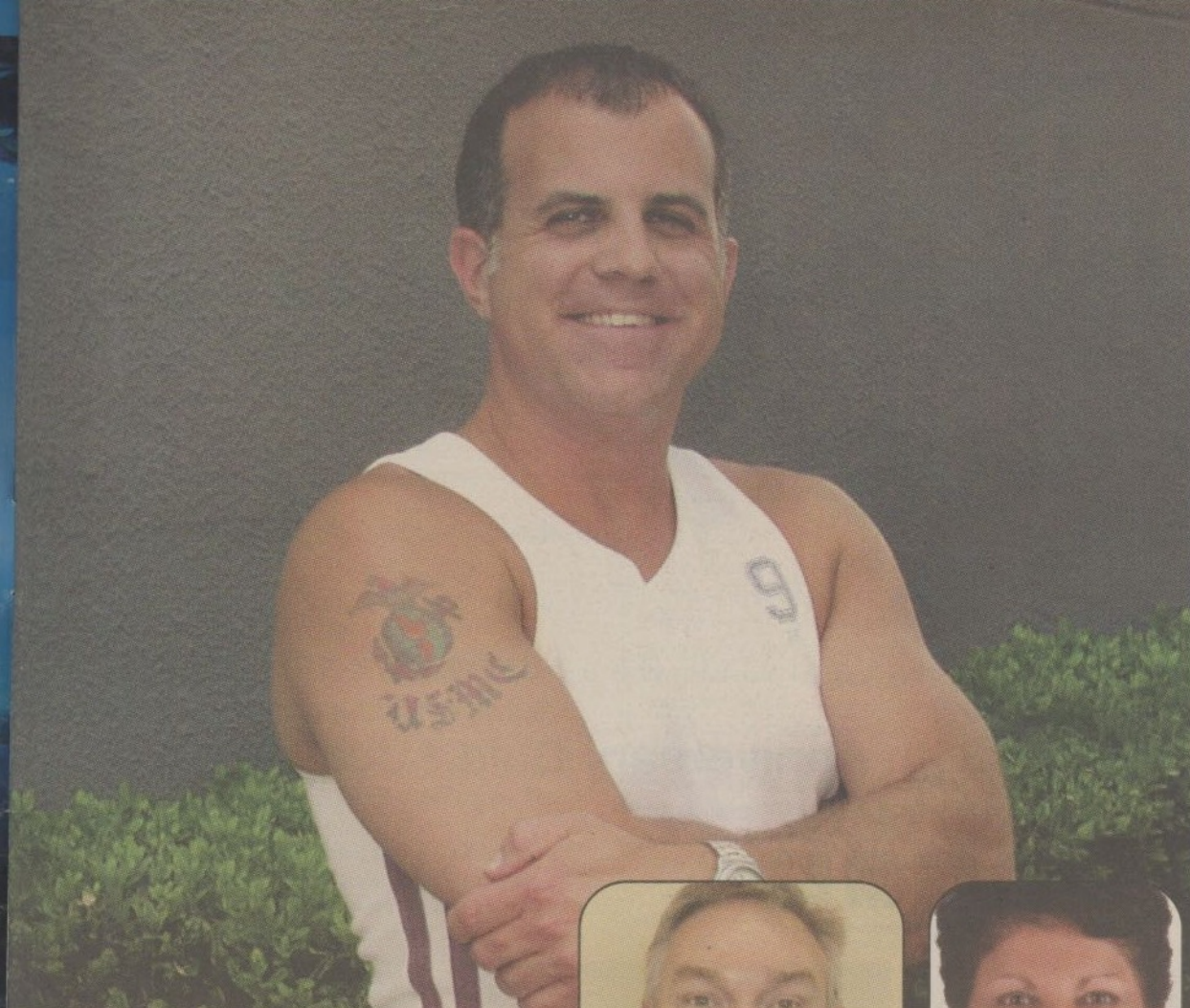
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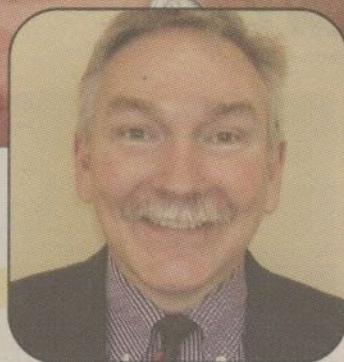
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AUSTIN

Political caucus says farewell to longtime leader Baker, welcomes new co-chairs

Coordinators for Austin's Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus have announced that Allan Baker has stepped down as co-chair of the steering committee of the group. First elected in May of 1995 to that position, Baker decided not to seek re-election, stating that it was time for "new energy and ideas for ALGPC." In 2003, Baker received the Political Activism Award (now called the Bettie Naylor Award), from the Human Rights Campaign for his work on GLBT rights.

Frank Genco and Cecile Hay were elected co-chairs of ALGPC's steering committee on June 13, replacing Baker.

DALLAS

Black Tie Dinner to honor AIDS activist, actress Sharon Stone with Birch award

The Dallas/Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner Committee has announced that actress Sharon Stone will be the recipient of the 2005 Elizabeth Birch Equality Award. The award will be presented at the Dallas/Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner on Oct. 22 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The committee presents the award, named after the former Human Rights Campaign president, each year to an individual, organization or company that has made a significant contribution of national scope to the GLBT community.

Stone, a Golden Globe winner, is being recognized for her work as a volunteer with the American Foundation for AIDS Research. She has been chair of amFAR's Campaign for AIDS Research since 1995, and has twice been a host and auctioneer for amFAR's Two by Two for AIDS and Art event in Dallas.

The committee announced last month that actress Lily Tomlin will be the guest speaker at this year's dinner.

Tables for the dinner go on sale via a lottery on Aug. 22. Individual and corporate table sponsorships are available. For information call Sheila Bryant at 972-733-9200 ext. 8 or visit www.blacktie.org.

DALLAS

Gubernatorial hopeful Chris Bell to speak at Stonewall Democrats' July meeting

Former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell, who is considering running for governor of Texas, will speak at the July meeting of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Avenue.

Bell was born in Abilene and grew up in Dallas. He received a degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and was named "Reporter of the Year" by the Texas Associated Press in 1990. He earned a law degree from the South Texas College of Law in 1992 and opened his own practice. In 1997, Bell was elected to the Houston City Council, and to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002.

Bell has called for "a new mainstream" that includes all who "share an optimistic vision of freedom, responsibility and accountability."

HOUSTON

Imperial Court announces Apollo Emperor and Gemini Empress co-presidents tonight

The Imperial Court of Houston - The Space City Empire says will announce its candidates tonight for Apollo Emperor and Gemini Empress. The Apollo and Gemini candidates will serve as co-presidents for Reign IV of the organization from November 2005 to October 2006.

The announcement will be made July 15 with a light buffet beginning at E/I's at 7 p.m., followed by a show at 8 p.m. E/I's is located at 2517 Ralph Street.

ICOH representatives say the election is open to any resident of Harris and surrounding counties. Candidates meeting membership requirements work on a four-week campaign with voting beginning August 6. The campaign culminates at the Prince and Princess Ball set for August 20 at Rich's.

All proceeds benefit AIDS Foundation Houston Camp Hope Camp Hug Program. For more information, call 713-226-2220.

Former gay legislator to lead charge against anti-gay marriage amendment

Glen Maxey is praised for his ability to rouse GLBT community out of apathy

By David Webb

Staff Correspondent

The Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas has appointed former state Rep. Glen Maxey of Austin to lead the campaign against the anti-gay-marriage amendment that will appear on the November ballot.

The ballot measure, which would also prohibit the recognition of civil unions in Texas, is useless because state law already prohibits same-sex marriage, said Maxey in a statement released this week by the gay lobby.

Maxey, 53, was the state's first openly gay legislator. He was elected to the Texas House in 1991, serving six terms before retiring in 2003.

Maxey said he planned to bring a broad coalition of fair-minded Texans together to "say no" in November.

"Most Texans are embarrassed that they are being asked to ratify this kind of bigotry," Maxey said. "We will mobilize them to act this November and vote to stop this nonsense."

The ballot measure, known as House Joint Resolution 6, has received the support of Republican Gov. Rick Perry and conservative religious leaders.

Gay political leaders around the state hailed Maxey as the best the state's gay community has to offer to lead the battle as campaign director.

Steve Atkinson, a former chair of the gay lobby's board of directors and a community activist who lives in Dallas, said Maxey has the "perfect mix of qualities" to lead the effort.

"I think he is an excellent choice

because he knows state politics and he is well connected," Atkinson said. "He brings a lot of assets to the table that are going to be very valuable to his organizing this whole campaign to defeat the amendment."

Maxey enjoys respect from all quarters of the state, and he has the ability to rouse the state's gay community out of apathy and empower it, Atkinson said.

"He's a good motivator and inspiration for our own GLBT community," Atkinson said. "I also think he is respected by the people on the other side of this battle."

Atkinson said that as an openly gay legislator Maxey was able to accomplish many goals that benefited the state's gay community, despite the prejudice that many legislators felt about his sexual orientation.

"There are Republican leaders in the state who respect Glen Maxey because he was a very good and very effective legislator," Atkinson said. "They respected him even though he was openly gay, and that was a stretch for some of them to show respect to someone like that."

Texas lobby officials called Maxey a "premiere political organizer."

"Glen Maxey will bring his 35 years of experience to this critical civil rights battle to stop the enshrinement in our state Constitution of this unnecessary and discriminatory ballot measure," said Jill Ireland and John Hintz, co-chairs of the lobby's board of directors, in a statement.

Jack Valinski, vice president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, called Maxey a "natural" for the job of leading the campaign against the amendment.

"I think Glenn is a perfect match for this campaign," Valinski said. "I think this is a great thing for our community."

Valinski said Maxey is the best



RETURNING TO BATTLE Glen Maxey, Texas's first openly gay legislator, served six terms as a state representative before retiring in 2003. He will lead the charge against House Joint Resolution 6.

choice to motivate the gay community. But all of Texas' gay leaders must ask themselves how they can help inspire the gay and gay-friendly residents of their community

"We understand that there were about 200,000 people who showed up for Houston's Pride parade a few weeks ago," Valinski said. "How do we move those people to vote? That is something I'm pondering."

Valinski said too many gay people are not even registered to vote at this time. They must be inspired to register to vote, vote and encourage their family and friends to join the battle against the anti-gay-marriage amendment, he said.

Valinski said that the odds are against the gay community, but it must meet the challenge.

"We have to do our best to fight this thing," Valinski said. "Nothing is unwinnable."

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Woman to oppose Talton for state representative

Candidate 'for the people, for a change' to seek GLBT caucus's endorsement

By Joshua Cleveland

Contributing Writer

Seeking to unseat State Representative Robert E. Talton, R-Pasadena, democratic hopeful Janette Sexton has begun the long road to the Texas Capital.

Sexton, who has lived in Pasadena for the past 23 years, is a 55 year-old

divorced Hispanic woman. A graduate of Houston Community College in 1998, Sexton was an active member in the Dean for America Campaign in 2003.

"My campaign is going to be about doing something for people in need," she said. "I am very upset about what is

HOUSTON happening in Austin," Sexton

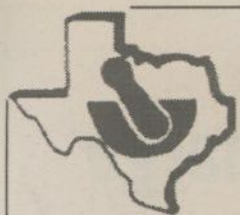
said. "Rep. Talton has done nothing in Austin except work for the small group of people that are exactly like him, meanwhile, pushing every one else aside."



READY FOR BATTLE Janette Sexton hopes to unseat conservative Texas state representative Robert Talton (R-Pasadena) in the November election.

In his tenure as a legislator, Representative Talton has distinguished himself as a major opponent of GLBT

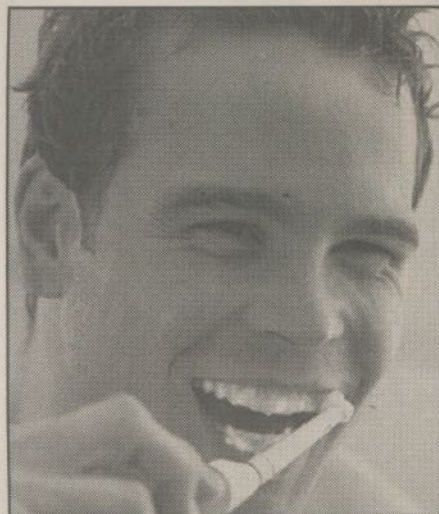
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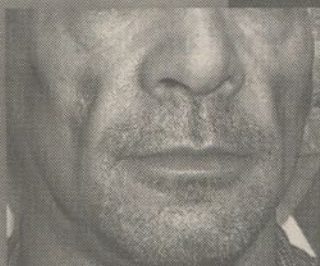
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equality, spearheading measures that would deny gays and lesbians the rights to marry and to adopt or foster children.

"Robert Talton has a long history of treating people who are not like him like they are worthless," Sexton said. "He is close-minded, and cares nothing for women's rights."

On June 25, Sexton marched in Houston's record-breaking GLBT Pride Parade. She said the experience was very gratifying.

Sexton also said although she is not gay, she believes all human beings deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, she said. A Christian who does not believe the Bible condemns homosexuality, she said, "we are not here to see through one another, we are here to see one another through."

"I also don't think people are doing enough for those living with HIV," Sexton said. "Healthcare funding has always been a problem for those with limited income."

Sexton said she will seek the endorsement of Houston's GLBT Political Caucus because she feels that she stands for many of the same equal rights as the organization.

Sensing new hope on the horizon, Tammy Wallace, a spokesperson for the caucus and president of the newly-formed Houston Equal Rights Alliance, said, "We look forward to meeting with Ms. Sexton and discussing the issues she stands for. We are very delighted that she has decided to run against Robert Talton."

Sexton said she will also seek the endorsement of the labor union and other democrats in Austin with a platform consisting of stronger environmental laws, better healthcare for all, more opportunities for women, and increased educational funding.

"Robert Talton doesn't seem to want to increase funding for education and help the school districts that are really in need," Sexton said. She said she believes education is the key to the future of Texas, and that she also wants to increase minimum wage, and fight for equal rights.

A fiscal conservative and social progressive who pledges to uphold "all the ethical, moral values of honest citizens," Sexton said she will be dedicated to the service of her constituents. If elected state representative, she says she will "sincerely try to make a positive impact" in Austin.

The candidate, originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, was the first person in her family to attend college. She has one son and a four year-old granddaughter.

A volunteer deputy voter registrar since the summer of 2003, Sexton also participated in the Democracy for America Meet Up, serving as chair of Precinct 279. A sustaining member of the Harris County Democratic Party, Area 5 Democrats, Mothers for Clean Air, the Sierra Club, and the Society for Technical Communications, Sexton currently works as a technical writer and editor, having served two consecutive terms as president for the Houston chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. In 2004, she led a protest against global warming.

"I don't know how long I will want to serve, but right now I feel like this is my calling," Sexton said, adding that she wants to return a firm belief in equal rights and constitutional freedom to the House of Representatives. "I will be for the people, for a change," she said.

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Liberty Church offers spiritual and financial hope to London

Parishioners reach out to support victims of terror bombings on bus, subway

By Tammye Nash
Staff Correspondent

Liberty Church, a GLBT church in Dallas led by the Reverend Jerry Cook, has established the London Relief Fund in an effort to aid victims of last week's terrorist bombings in London.

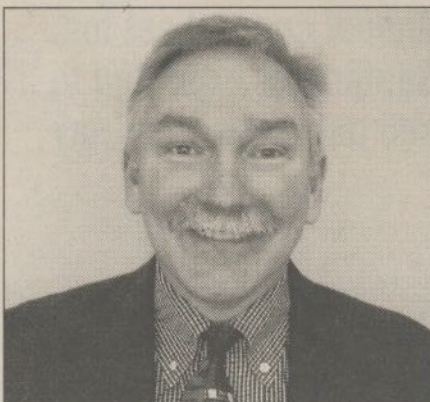
"Within a few hours after the attacks on 9/11, British Prime Minister Tony Blair was in the United States to lend moral support, offering the United Kingdom's help in any way possible," Rev. Cook said in a press release this week. "Now the tables have turned, and London experienced its worst terrorist attack ever on July 7."

Rev. Cook said the church has opened an account at Bank One, and all money donated to the account will be sent to Great Britain to help Londoners bury their dead, recover from their wounds and go on with their lives.

"Regardless of your position on the war on terrorism, the people of London need your help," Rev. Cook said. "I want to reiterate that 100 percent of all the funds collected will go to the victims of this tragedy. People may think, 'My donation isn't much in the greater scheme of things.' But with Americans all over the U.S. responding in kind, it will make a big difference to those who receive these donations."

Rev. Cook said donations can be made at any Bank One location and that donors should let tellers know their deposits are for the London Relief Fund, account number 1835819895. Donations also can be mailed to London Relief Fund c/o Bank One, KYL-0900, NBBM Bank One, P.O. Box 3650, Louisville, Kentucky 40233-6520.

The Rev. Ken Ehrke, pastor of Agape Metropolitan Community Church in Fort



A HELPING HAND Jerry Cook, minister of Dallas's Liberty Church, has established a bank account to aid victims of the assault on London's mass transit system.

Worth, said his church hasn't made any plans to raise funds for victims of the London bombings. But he said his church has been in contact with members of three Metropolitan Community Churches in London.

"They have asked for our prayers and we are sending them our prayers," Rev. Ehrke said.

"For the first several hours after the attacks, there were a lot of people — including members of these churches — who were unaccounted for, and that was a very difficult time for them. But from what I understand now, none of these three churches lost any members in the bombings," Ehrke said.

The blasts occurred during the morning rush hour on July 7, with bombs going off in three subway stations and on a city bus. At least 52 people were killed with about 700 injured in the blasts.

On Tuesday, London police said that it has identified the four men responsible for the bombings, and that it is very likely at least one, if not all four, died in the blasts.

The attack has been linked to Islamic militants loyal to the al Qaeda movement.

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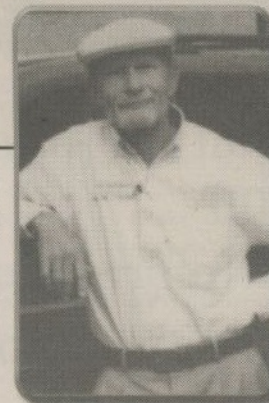
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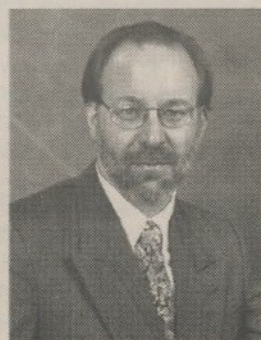
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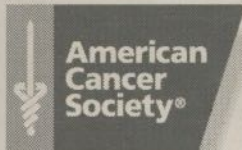
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Bering Omega taps Janet Clark as honorary chair of 'Sing for Hope'

Annual concert set for September expected to sell out, organizers say

Janet F. Clark, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Marathon Oil Corporation, recently welcomed guests and supporters of Bering Omega Community Services to a kick-off reception at JPMorgan Chase for Sing for Hope: An Evening of Art Songs and Arias.

Held in Heritage Hall, an exhibit room in the lobby of JPMorgan Chase building in downtown Houston, the reception introduced Clark as honorary chair of Sing for Hope, a benefit concert scheduled to take place Sept. 17 at Hobby Center for the Performing Arts' Zilkha Hall.

"This is truly an honor" Clark said, praising Bering Omega as an outstanding organization.

"I am proud to serve as honorary chair for this event," Clark said.

"Sing for Hope not only raises a great deal of critical financial support for one of our area's most important and effective charities, but also is one of the most unique and truly enjoyable evenings on Houston's fall social calendar," she said.

Sing for Hope was founded 11 years ago by Bering Omega hospice volunteer and American soprano Camille Zamora.

It is a musical evening with selections performed by rising stars of the international opera world.

Following the performance, the artists will



present an Encore supper on stage for all event sponsors and VIP guests.

"I believe that together we will sell out all 500 seats at this spectacular event this fall," Clark said.

The reception, which included opening remarks from Kenneth J. Bohan, chair of the Bering Omega board of trustees, also included a display Expressions of Hope, an art exhibit highlighting the spirit of volunteerism and hope at Bering Omega.

SINGING BERING'S PRAISES Marathon Oil's Janet F. Clark has been named honorary co-chair of Bering Omega's annual concert fundraiser, Sing for Hope.

The exhibit, currently hanging in JPMorgan Chase's Heritage Hall, was designed and created by Bill Lanigan, chair of the Interior Design Department at the Art Institute of Houston. The exhibition depicts the vitality and hope of volunteerism through Bering Omega' volunteers.

Some of the early corporate sponsors for Sing for Hope were also recognized at the reception, including Compass Bank, Continental Airlines, Dynegy Inc., Liberty Search, Personnel & Screening Services, Marriott Houston Westchase, Texas State Bank, Paul Strand Thomas Financial Service Network, LLC.

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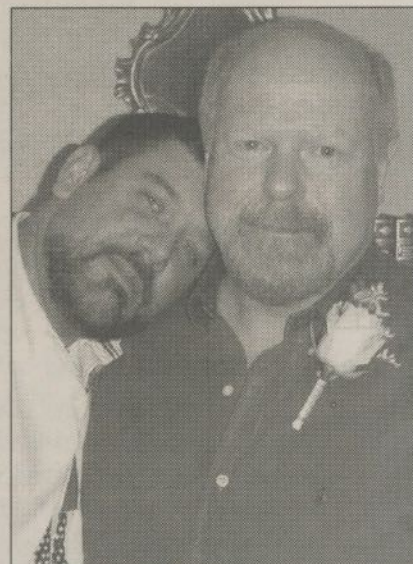
Donald R. Nenadal and Glenn D. Reynolds, Jr. were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The double-ring civil ceremony was performed by the Reverend Laura Stangret at Toronto's historic Bonnevue Manor.

Following the ceremony, the couple spent their honeymoon enjoying the festivities associated with Toronto's 25th Annual Gay Pride Week celebration. They were also interviewed on

AUSTIN Canadian national television as a couple who came from the States to get legally married in Toronto during Pride Week.

The couple said they would like to express their appreciation to the people of Canada for the warm welcome and for "advancing civil rights and equality among all human beings while practicing the true meaning of God's word."

A reception will be held in Austin for family



and friends at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel on July 23.

Nenadal, 52, works as a quality control supervisor and Reynolds, 42, is a corporate travel agent.

By Ann Rostow
Senior Staff Writer

Procedural move gives California marriage bill 2nd chance

Oregon Senate passes combination civil unions/non-discrimination bill

California State representative Mark Leno has brought his same-sex marriage bill back from the dead, six weeks after he lost a close vote in the state assembly. Although the assembly deadlines have expired, Leno and his allies found an insignificant bill that had passed the assembly and was pending in the senate, in this case a measure to encourage

NATION cooperation between state researchers and fishermen that had passed the assembly without opposition. Leno stripped the language from that proposal, and inserted the text of his same-sex marriage bill, which will now proceed through the state senate.

On Tuesday, the bill passed the senate judiciary committee on a 5-2 vote. After the summer recess, it will be heard by the senate

appropriations committee, before heading to the senate floor, where it is expected to pass. At that point, the bill will return to the assembly, where Leno hopes to do a better job of consolidating the 41 votes required for passage. Last time around, on June 2, Leno reportedly had 40 votes in hand, but lost three of those votes when it was clear the marriage bill would not pass. One of the missing votes may have been a logistical misunderstanding.

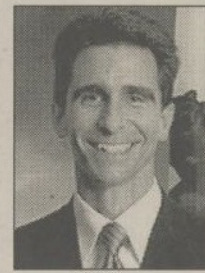
The California legislature will reconvene in mid-August.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles city council voted 11-0 to support Leno's bill, putting the nation's second-largest city squarely on the side of the angels. "Why is the Los Angeles City Council taking this action?" asked councilman Jack Weiss. "The answer is as follows. This is a matter of state law. It is being debated by state lawmakers in Sacramento. We represent the largest city in the state of California. We want lawmakers in Sacramento to know the official position of this city. It's very important we do that."

In other state legislative news, the Oregon senate has passed a combined civil union and anti-discrimination bill that sources say will have a tough time surviving in the GOP-led house. The bill is a high priority for Governor Ted Kulongoski, who watched his state pass a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage last November. That vote derailed a freedom-to-marry lawsuit that was pending before the Oregon Supreme Court. By the time the justices finally got their hands on the case, they had been tied by the intervening amendment, and the question of marriage rights had become moot.

Oregon activists and their allies then began a push for civil unions, with all the rights and responsibilities of marriage. But after the 19-10 senate vote, it's not clear if the bill will even get a house vote. A spokesman for House Speaker Karen Minnis told KOMO TV news that she has no plans to bring the bill forward in her chamber.

Finally, Hawaii governor Linda Lingle has vetoed a gay employment rights bill, while



TRY, TRY AGAIN California State representative Mark Leno hopes that the second time around will prove successful for his same-sex marriage bill.

allowing a housing discrimination bill to become law without her signature.

The workplace bill, which would have added sexual orientation and gender identity to the state anti-discrimination code, was apparently considered too vague, while the housing bill, that used the same definitions, was acceptable.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, the state legislature is taking no action to override the veto, even though the workplace measure passed with a large majority.

Lawsuit challenging military policy gets hearing in federal court

Defense Fund files suit for a dozen gay and lesbian former soldiers

Lawyers pursuing a major challenge to Don't Ask, Don't Tell gave arguments last week in a federal court in Boston. The case, brought by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund on behalf of 12 gay and lesbian former service members, is the first such challenge since the pivotal Supreme Court opinion in *Lawrence v. Texas* was handed

MASSACHUSETTS down two years ago. The 6-3 Lawrence opinion not only made clear that laws against consensual adult gay intimacies were unconstitutional, it also reversed the 1986 precedent of *Bowers v. Hardwick*. In previous federal challenges to Don't Ask,

Don't Tell, the government had relied on *Bowers v. Hardwick* to justify the military's restrictions on homosexual behavior.

On Friday, the lawyers in *Cook v. Rumsfeld* were arguing against the government's motion to dismiss their suit. As they pointed out in court papers, the legal debate over the anti-gay law is riddled with the type of factual disputes that do not allow the case to be dismissed as if it were straightforward legal matter. Further, they point out, the government's motion relied on a number of legal precedents that were decided prior to *Lawrence v. Texas* and based on the outdated *Bowers v. Hardwick*. (Writing for the Lawrence majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said flatly that *Bowers* was "not correct when it was decided and it is not correct today. It ought not to remain binding precedent. *Bowers v. Hardwick* should be and now is overruled.")

Finally, the government argument assumed judicial deference to Congress on matters of national security is absolute, gay rights lawyers said. But such deference, they wrote, "operates within the constitutional inquiry, not as a replacement for it."

Don't Ask, Don't Tell has survived lawsuits based on the First Amendment in the past, again for the most part thanks to the strength of the *Bowers* precedent. Now, however, its flanks are unprotected from a multi-pronged constitutional assault on equal protection, due process and free speech and free association grounds.

It seems likely that *Cook v. Rumsfeld* will survive the motion to dismiss and proceed in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge George A. O'Toole. Eventually, an appeal out of O'Toole's court would be heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Meanwhile, two related cases are pending.



ONE FOR OUR SIDE U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy agreed that sodomy laws were unconstitutional in *Lawrence v. Texas*. Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund hopes he'll do it again with Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

A challenge to the military's internal sodomy law is before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. And when its next term begins, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the appeal of a Third Circuit court ruling in favor of a consortium of law schools that refused to cooperate fully with military recruiters. The law schools are challenging the Solomon Amendment, a statute that withdraws federal funds from universities that fail to help military recruiters on civil rights grounds.

ACLU revives suit against Kentucky school over gay/straight alliance

School system in Boyd County refusing to honor agreed-upon settlement

The American Civil Liberties Union has decided to reopen a lawsuit against a

KENTUCKY Kentucky school district that has not complied with a court approved settlement. The Boyd County school system fought the ACLU for

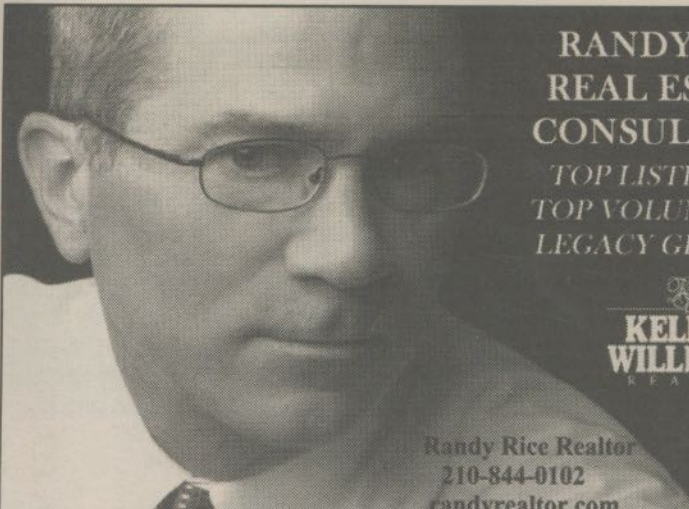
several years over the status of a Gay Straight Alliance. In an ugly demonstration of bigotry, both parents and students protested the small gay support group, while school officials tried every tactic they could think of in order to avoid recognizing the organization. In the end, the ACLU had the law on their side, and after several federal court rulings in their favor, the Boyd County schools agreed to a truce.

Under a settlement hashed out last year, the schools agreed to set up a training pro-

gram that would educate faculty, employees and students about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. But according to the ACLU, the end result was an insufficient video that wasn't even required viewing for the students. Students who didn't feel like watching the "training," could simply skip it and be tagged with an unexcused absence. Even the one who did watch the film did not have any follow up discussion, and one student told the *Louisville Courier Journal* the exercise was "pointless."

The original organizers of the Alliance have graduated, the faculty advisor has left, and even the principal from those days has gone. But the underlying fight continues nonetheless. In February, the *Courier Journal* reports, the conservative Alliance Defense Fund sued the local Board of Education on the grounds that the forced training program violates the religious freedom of students who dislike gays on religious grounds.

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With so many things to do in Galveston it is no wonder the interest in the 33 mile-long island has begun to peak. Tropical and warm most of the year, the beaches are the main attraction. But Galveston also provides a rich history for people who like to explore.

The Strand area, which dates back to pre-1900 times, is the shopping and restaurant hub of Galveston. The Strand becomes a giant nightclub after dark crawling with locals and tourists dancing at clubs or socializing at one of the many bars. Many visitors tour the Elissa, a three-masted, iron-hulled sailing ship built in 1877. The Moody Garden's Aquarium and Rainforest pyramids and 3-D IMAX movies offer wonderful 21st century activities year round, as well.

No matter what you want in a vacation, Galveston can offer it, from the space science tours of nearby Johnson Space Center to simply reading a book while lying in a hammock. You can also spend a day going to the various art galleries and museums by way of the trolley. There are many different tours you can take with friends and if you like antiques, Galveston has a wide variety of unique spots for the perfect find.

Galveston has a surprisingly gay-friendly community and many different gay attractions to whet your whistle. If you are a nature lover, Galveston is a fantastic location for bird watching, largely because it contains great land birds, as well as water birds. In winter, huge numbers of waterfowl and other swimming birds fill up our aquatic areas, shorebirds such as sandpipers, plovers, gulls and terns grace our beaches, and waders stalk all over the wetlands.

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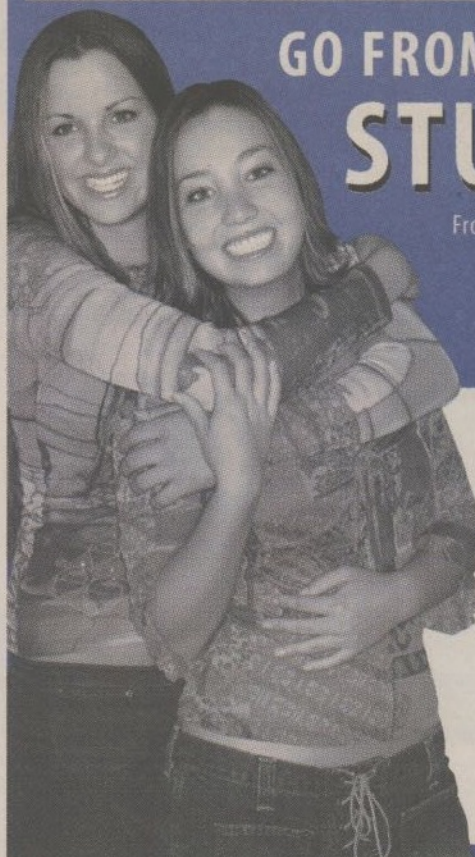


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Good news from New York, but bad news from Uganda and Brad Pitt

Don't you have work to do?

I just read that slacking off on the job costs employers \$760 billion a year, and that Missouri workers are the worst offenders, averaging three hours and 12 minutes a day of said slacking. This information comes to us via an AOL poll of 10,000 people, most of whom were presumably at "work" with nothing better to do than to mess around with online surveys.

Now, I'm not paid by the hour, so my side trips into Internet entertainment do not count. But just today, for example, one of my friends sent me a link to a video game that involves injecting sheep with a tranquilizer as fast as possible. If you jump the gun, however, you're frozen for three seconds during which time the sheep can escape from their pen at will. Just makes you wonder, doesn't it? This was sent to me by a theoretically responsible, professional woman. A small business owner! Hasn't she got some tax paperwork to do? The monthly accounting? One would think! I improved my rating from "snail" to "bobcat," and I spent far less than three hours in the process.

The governor of Missouri, by the way, insisted that Missouri workers were "among the most productive in the world," and that with the exception of the ne'er do wells who skewed the results, they were all too busy to "waste their time" with the AOL survey. So there! Aside from fooling around on the computer, the desk potatoes enjoyed socializing, conducting personal business, "spacing out," running errands, and talking on the phone to friends in Jefferson City. Go ahead. Drain the economy, why don't you? Lazy bastards.

The world is my mussel

Prince Edward Island is going to go ahead and allow same-sex couples to tie the knot, even though the new Canadian law that will oblige them to open the gates to marriage equality has not yet gone into effect. Did you know, by the way, that there is a 13 kilometer bridge that links PEI, as we insiders call it, to the mainland, and that you can click on "bridgcam" to watch a live feed of cars? Wouldn't that be fun? Hey, all of you wage slaves in Branson, check it out!

Oh, and even Alberta, the reddest province in Canada, has finally thrown in the towel and will start issuing licenses to same-sex couples, "much to our chagrin,"

as provincial Premier Ralph Klein put it. The Canadian senate still has to take a final vote on the marriage law, but that appears to be just a formality.

West off the hook

Let's see what else. The Ulster County district attorney has wisely decided to drop the case against Mayor Jason West, who faced a bunch of misdemeanor charges for presiding over the unlicensed marriages of 24 same-sex couples last year. It's illegal for an official to "solemnize" a marriage if he or she knows that the couple does not have a license, so the local DA decided to throw the book at the twenty-something mayor. This week, the Associated Press reports, DA Donald Williams said

criminal proceedings would be unnecessary and divisive.

Bulletin: According to the AOL news page, Brad Pitt has checked himself into a hospital with "flu-like symptoms." Hey, Brad. Have you ever tried a bowl of chicken soup and a couple of Tylenol? Better yet, buck up and be a man. Flu-like symptoms! Spare us.

Out of Africa

In other marriage news, Uganda's parliament has amended the country's constitution to make same-sex marriage a crime. It's not clear what this means. Since it's obviously not legal to marry in Uganda to begin with, the language stating that "it is unlawful for same-sex couples to marry" must refer to commitment ceremonies. Although the punishment hasn't been decided as yet, Ugandan law already calls for years behind bars for having gay sex, up to a maximum of life. That's a step up



BED-RIDDEN BRAD Flu-like symptoms overcame Brad Pitt following a trek to Africa with Angelina Jolie.

from Nigeria, where Reuters reports that a 50-year-old man has just been sentenced to death by stoning for having admitted the he had sex with another man at some point in the past.

These of course are the same countries that are host to madcap Pentecostal offshoots of the Anglican Communion which are pressuring the Anglicans to distance themselves from the sinful North American branches that have elected a gay bishop and called for respect for same-sex unions. You know what? There's something wrong with this picture, *n'est-ce pas?*

At least South Africa proves that there is hope for gay civil rights on the continent. The nation's highest court, the Constitutional Court, is expected to rule shortly on a same-sex marriage case that was argued last May. The lower court had ruled in favor of two women who sought the right to marry, and the government appealed. Under the South African constitution, sexual orientation discrimination is illegal, and there's an excellent case to be made for marriage rights.

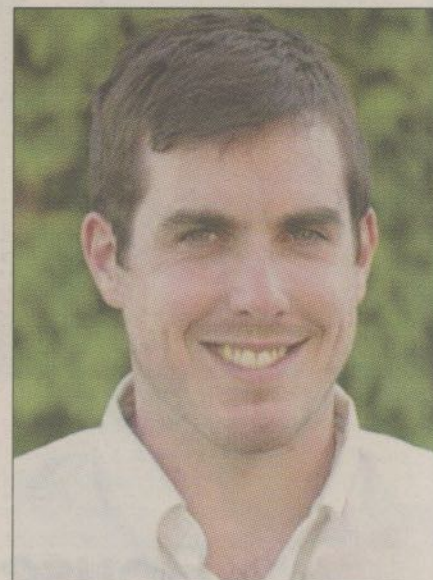
Do you believe in magic?

I don't know if I mentioned that the Tulsa zoo was planning a creationism exhibit that would illustrate how God created the animals on Day Five, or whatever it was, but that plan is out the window thanks to a "public outcry," the *Dallas Morning News* reports. That's refreshing, don't you think? The whole idea was triggered by a Hindu elephant statue on zoo grounds that some zealots thought should be countered by a Christian display of some sort. Not! After voting in favor of the Genesis-based exhibit last month, two recreation board members changed their minds last week.

Meanwhile, a "Creation Museum" is under construction in Kentucky, but not with public funds (one assumes). "We believe that dinosaurs were created alongside man on day six of creation," explained spokesman Mark Looy. "They did not die out 65 million years ago." Ver Ry In Ter Est Ting. "The other day I shot a Streptosaurus in my pajamas," Looy added. "What he was doing in my pajamas, I'll never know."

If it's Thursday, it must be Wroclaw

There was a touching scene in Wroclaw, Poland, the other day, when the Boston Gay Men's Choir had to negotiate through an anti-gay demonstration, and needed a police escort past the League of Polish Families in order to reach their concert. The protesters called the singers



CHARGES DROPPED New York's Ulster County district attorney has announced he will not pursue charges against Mayor Jason West for marrying same sex couples without a marriage license

pedophiles and disease carriers as they entered the building, according to a news report that doesn't include the source (because I threw that part out by accident). Once inside, however, the men received standing ovations, and were called back to the stage twice. "Hundreds of people were visibly in tears," said the executive director, Steve Smith.

Michigan lawyer de-fanged

Finally, I am happy to report that the vampire lawyer who filed a copycat lawsuit against the state of Michigan in federal court a month ago has withdrawn the ill-advised complaint. Jessie Olson (who is signed up for the Grand Rapids vampire and Wiccan "meetup.com" groups) filed suit against Michigan's new anti-gay constitutional amendment on behalf of herself and her partner on June 8. The only problem was, she copied the complaint from a two-year-old suit filed by the ALCU against Nebraska, even though much of the suit against Nebraska did not apply to Michigan. Plus, her suit ran roughshod over another suit in Michigan state court, filed by the ACLU earlier this year.

And let's not even discuss whether it's sound legal strategy to casually launch constitutional cases into the federal court system, where — if mismanaged — they could create harmful binding precedent that harms our cause for years to come. It's not. According to the Associated Press, Olson was talked down from the ledge by staff from the ACLU's Michigan chapter.

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Letters

Politics as usual?

The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 is a law that's older than most Washington interns. And since its enactment, it's ensured that federal employees are protected from anti-gay discrimination.

Now President Bush's appointee is refusing to investigate claims of sexual orientation-based bias because he thinks the law is unclear. On June 30, members of the U.S. House introduced a bill that would clarify things for Scott Bloch, who manages the Office of Special Counsel.

Under no public pressure from the White House to do otherwise, Bloch is apparently single-handedly rolling back protections for gay employees that have existed for almost three decades.

I want to be clear about our position on this bill. We're not happy about it. Congress should be focusing on enacting protections for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees, not renovating a law that's in perfectly good shape already — that five administrations have interpreted to protect lesbian and gay federal employees from job discrimination.

But this is where we're at: politics as usual with the Bush White House.

It would not be necessary if President Bush would quit doing one thing and saying another. In April of 2004, President Bush said he supports protections for gay federal employees. Today, he's either turning a blind eye as his own appointee in charge of enforcing these protections is refusing to do so or he's providing backroom approval of the rollback in protection for federal workers.

Our message to President Bush is clear: enforce a law that your father's administration enforced and President Reagan's administration enforced before that. This bill serves to remind the President of the importance of this non-discrimination legacy.

Because the federal workforce is the nation's largest employer, any attempt to rollback protections there has a chilling affect on efforts to achieve protections elsewhere. As we work day in and day out to ensure protections from discrimination against gender identity and expression as well as sexual orientation, both at the federal level and in businesses across America, we must do everything we can to keep protections we have intact. This bill would do this.

But, sadly, there's nothing new to this bill. It merely works to ensure that there's no lost ground when it comes to protections for the federal workforce. More must be done.

The Human Rights Campaign remains fully and unequivocally committed to new law that would protect all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees from workplace discrimination.

With a decade of support for sexual orientation-based legislation in Congress, we're working to bolster support for gender identity protections.

As you read this, we are preparing a publication for legislators detailing the challenges faced by transgender Americans, in the workplace, in health care and in communities across the nation. We're continuing a campaign on Capitol Hill that sheds light on stories of gender identity-based discrimination on the job. And we're mounting an in-district lobbying campaign so that members of Congress can't use their constituents as an excuse.

Yes, we must go further than this bill. But we can't do it alone. The dire need for broader, comprehensive workplace legislation must be a priority for every gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender American.

Indeed, when we stand together, we stand strongest.

David M. Smith/Human Rights Campaign

Post-Pride gratitude

Thank you, Houston, for an outstanding season of Pride!

Pride Houston wants to thank our volunteers, corporate sponsors, Friends of Pride, event sponsors, parade participants, festival booth sponsors and entertainers and all of the event attendees for a great season of Pride. You all played an important role in helping Houston's GLBT community celebrate our Pride, commemorate our heritage and educate society about the justice of our cause — "Equal Rights! No More! No Less!"

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Like the song says, 'I want my GLBT TV'

Twelve show ideas for Logo, the new gay cable network

I am very excited about the launch of Logo, the MTV-sponsored all-gay cable network that will initially be available in 10 million homes. For the first time, a corporate giant, Viacom, has put the money and muscle into making a gay cable channel work.

This is also a big risk for the GLBT community. If the network tanks, other corporations will be afraid to invest money into gay programming.

Therefore, I propose that Logo play it safe and initially stick to mimicking successful mainstream television shows, but with a lavender twist. Here are twelve shows that would be a safe bet to succeed.

The White Party CSI Forensics experts investigate and track down an evil drug dealer who sold a lethal combination of poppers and Viagra at a Miami circuit party.

Metro Guy For the Queer Pig Sty This show is dedicated to all the beer guzzling, plaid-shirt wearing, fat, pale gay men who think Universal Gear is a shop that fixes tractors. In this stereotype-breaking show, a gang of five straight metrosexuals enters a Bear's house and teaches him how to properly shine his leather thong and trim his back hair.

Survivor In this highly anticipated show, 10 "ex-gays" will be airlifted and placed on an island stocked with sex addicted A&F models. Each time an ex-gay breaks down and sodomizes, he is booted off the island. This show should have extraordinary ratings, but there is a reasonable fear that none of the ex-gays will make it to the second episode.

The Practicing Homosexual A knock-off of *The Practice*, this follows the legal travails of closeted Spokane Mayor Jim West and closeted right wing talk show host Armstrong Williams, as they try to fend off allegations of gay sexual harassment and abuse.

American Idol Scratch this idea. After Clay Aiken, there is no way Logo can make this show any gayer.

Larry Kramer Live This is the perfect antidote for those tired of Larry King's passive questioning style. ACT-UP founder Larry Kramer will always get the most out of his guests with his probing questions. Here is an excerpt from the pilot: "Answer the question, asshole!! You're Killing Us!!! KILLING US!!!! One more word and I'll have 50 ugly, bald queens in combat boots picketing on the goddamned manicured lawn of

your insipid suburban Connecticut shit hole of a house."

Morning Aerobics Scratch that idea. After Richard Simmons, there is no way Logo can make a show any gayer.

The Fake World Five young, hot men share a brownstone in Chelsea and talk about botox, boys and Britney Spears. Watch them prattle

about Tina and Connie, while admiring how steroids have ballooned their calves!

The Apprentice A host of aspiring young drag queens perform in a cut-throat competition to win over a powerful Drag Momma. When a contestant loses, Drag Momma snaps her fingers, rips off the losers wig, and says, "Miss Thang, you are so fired."

The West Hollywood Hillbillies In this show, a gay hillbilly wins big in a drunken night of riverboat gambling and moves to West Hollywood in a doomed effort to make the A-List.

Out That Cartoon This is a spin-off of '70s hit, *Name That Tune*. In this show, Jerry Falwell, James Dobson and other Religious Right figures get a quick glimpse of various cartoon characters and have ten seconds to decide if the animated figures are homosexual.

Crossflamer Michelangelo Signorile and Andrew Sullivan are lowered into a pit of mud and argue

In a revised version of Survivor, each time an ex-gay breaks down and sodomizes, he is booted off the island. This show should have extraordinary ratings, but there is a reasonable fear that none of the ex-gays will make it to the second episode.

about politics until they either fall in love, or one of them cries Uncle.

We can only hope that Logo takes my sage advice and incorporates these themes into their programming. With such safe and milquetoast shows, how could they go wrong?



Wayne Besen
Contributing Columnist



A few gay men

Author Rich Merritt spent years as a gay, closeted, evangelical Marine porn star. Hasn't everyone?

By Arnold Wayne Jones

For someone who spent years hiding who he was, Rich Merritt has a very low tolerance for hypocrisy — and a unique view of what being a stereotype means.

"There's nothing more cliché than being a gay white male Republican — enjoying all the benefits of being in the majority without any of the sacrifices. Putting up with the arrows that get thrown your way — that's radical," he says.

Merritt's own radicalization was somewhat slow in coming.

It started while he was a personnel officer in the Marine Corps. At least once a month, an enlistee would come to his office to file the paperwork to add his new bride on his health insurance coverage.

"He would have met a girl off base, then run to Vegas and married her," Merritt recounts. "And always she had a couple of kids. Now he's 19, 20 years old and has a family on base housing. All this is paid for by the taxpayers because she married this kid. But I can't even acknowledge that my partner exists."

That glaring inconsistency not only drove him out of the military, but out of the closet.

His first foray into the media was when he wrote a column under a pen name for the *Navy Times*, calling for the repeal of the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. That triggered some interest in the mainstream press.

In June 1998, six weeks before he left the service, the *New York Times Magazine* ran a story about the gay Marine and his double life. Although they never named him, "there were enough facts in there that someone could figure out it was me. I started worrying — what the hell was I thinking telling the reporter all this stuff?"

That was followed up by an article in *The Advocate*.

That story got revived several years later when it was eventually discovered the gay veteran was also "Danny Orlis," star of several gay porn videos with titles like *Bad Moon Rising*. *The Advocate* knew it was Merritt and wanted to do a follow-up, but his lawyer told him not to cooperate. The cover story ran anyway — without giving his name.

Why, then, has Merritt decided to come out once again, and this time so publicly, by writing his own memoir, *Secrets of a Gay Marine Porn Star*? (Merritt will be doing a book signing in Austin on Tuesday.)

"One of the reasons I wrote this book is to

break stereotypes: The Marines are full of rednecks and gays. They join the Marines to get out of their small towns. But Marines aren't supposed to be gay, and lawyers aren't supposed to be porn stars," he says.

In fact, lawyers *can't* be porn stars — at least not at Merritt's law firm. When publication of his book was announced, Merritt, who had graduated from law school after leaving the Marines, was summarily fired from his job at Atlanta's Powell Goldstein.

The firm, he says, "is very progressive — it has openly gay partners, staff and associates." But there is a line in the sand, even for the seemingly enlightened. It's popular to be gay-friendly in Atlanta; but it isn't popular to acknowledge gay porn in the boardroom.

"There are things in the book that the knowledge of which would diminish my effectiveness with clients — that's what they told me. But it was the publication of the book that was problematic for them."

It was yet another line Merritt crossed because, simply, he's never had a strong sense for where the line is drawn. It was that way for him when he first made the leap between being gay and doing X-rated movies in the first place.

"I had had sex with one guy at one point but had never had sex with a woman," Merritt says when he found himself among some fellow soldiers, drinking beer and talking about sex.

"This cute little Italian guy said 'you suck cock once, you're a cocksucker.' That stuck with me, because I had already sucked cock," he says. He was branded as gay and saw no distinction between having sex in the privacy of his bedroom and on video.

"Once I'd crossed that line, once I had already [had sex with a man], porn wasn't such a big step for me," he says, explaining the skewed

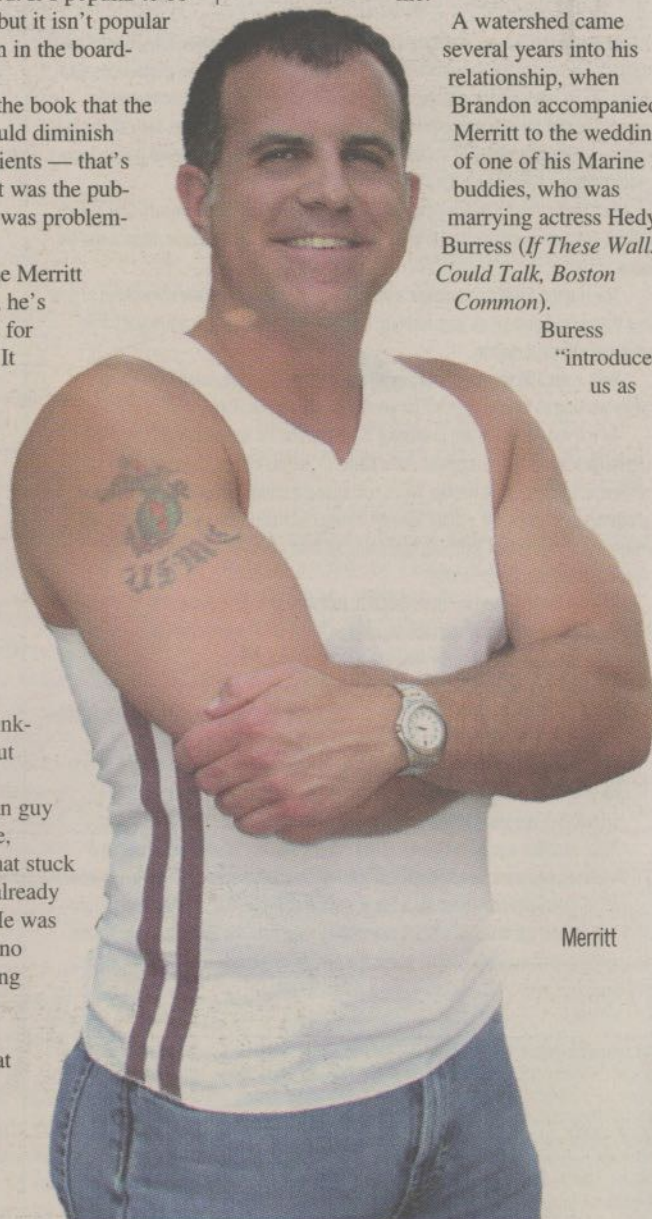
processes he went through. Still, each time he did a video — he made eight over four months in 1995 — "I always said, 'I'm never doing another one.'" But he didn't stop.

Then he met someone, identified in the book as Brandon. And things began changing for him.

"One thing on the long list of justifications, rationalizations and denials I used to do the porn was that I had no success [romantically]," he says. "I would not be happily married to a woman, and I would never be able to marry a man. But once I met my partner it became clear I was not living my life just for me."

A watershed came several years into his relationship, when Brandon accompanied Merritt to the wedding of one of his Marine buddies, who was marrying actress Hedy Burress (*If These Walls Could Talk*, *Boston Common*).

Burress "introduced us as



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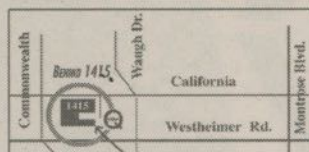
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Rich Merritt and his partner, Brandon. That was the first time outside of a gay setting our relationship had been acknowledged," he says.

He thought it especially ironic that they were there not as the gay friends of the Hollywood actress but as the friends of the blood-and-guts Marine.

That afforded him the opportunity to be more open with others. "When you do have a partner, there's a natural way to get you into the door. You can say, 'I have a domestic partner in California.'"

The relationship was not always a success. It straddled the years before and after Merritt's service. When he was in the Marines, they couldn't be seen in public together, at least around the base. ("I didn't even dare have him call the office, because we had one shared line," he says.) What he calls the glaring inconsistency, stupidity and hypocrisy of military policy about gays drove him out.

But on the outside, things weren't any better—not for him and Brandon, anyway.

"I had been doing too many drugs, going to too many parties, having sex outside the relationship. I had a friend who committed suicide—and I tried to commit suicide," he says.

Merritt parked his car in the garage, closed the door and turned on the engine. Luckily, Brandon discovered him after spotting his own car on the street and hearing the engine running. Brandon called the cops.

Merritt doesn't have any memory of what

happened, but he spent three days in a mental hospital in Anaheim.

"When I got out is when I started writing this book. I did it as therapy to figure out why I'd done it," he says.

Finishing the book proved extremely therapeutic. But even his closest friends and family expressed qualms about it.

"My mother's reaction is, 'Why did you have to write a book about it?' And some people have said, 'We see why you had to

IN PERSON

Rich Merritt will be doing a reading and signing at Book People, 6th and Lamar Sts., in Austin on Tuesday at 7 p.m. 512-472-5050. His book *Secrets of a Gay Marine Porn Star* is available at retailers nationwide.

write this, but did you have to get it published?" he says.

But the clear answer to that question was yes.

"I'm in a 12-step program and the 12th step is, 'carry this message forward to others,'" Merritt says. Sharing his story is a way of expurgating his demons, but also letting others learn they are not alone.

"The silver lining of the antigay backlash is that there are so many openly gay people to backlash against," he says.

He doesn't mind being held up as a bad example. Young men who find themselves in situations like his can find hope.

"They can read my book and say, 'at least I didn't do gay porn,'" he smiles.

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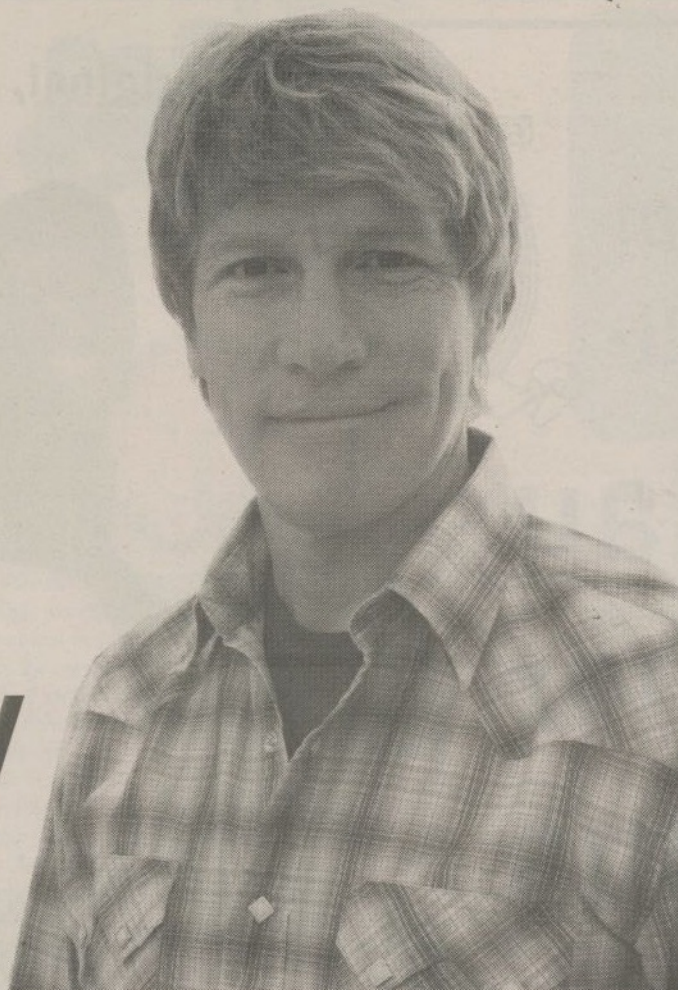
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C'mon get Happy

Gay filmmaker Don Roos brings his vision of life to the screen



The first thing that strikes you about *Happy Endings* is how twisting and complex the plot is — a series of stories that at first seem only tangentially related, but which weave together more seamlessly than a game of Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon.

But Don Roos, the film's openly gay screenwriter and director, dismisses the admiration modestly.

"It looks hard when you see it after, when it's done, but all of these things are pretty easy when you sit down to write it," he says. "There are three stories, each with a scheme — people who are manipulating others to get what they want, covering up what they have done."

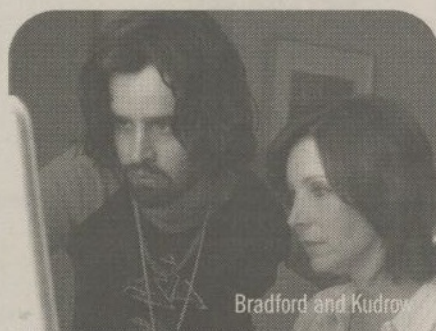
One plotline, he points out, follows a typical golddigger arc: Girl enters a relationship for money, but things change as she gets to know the guy. End. They're all like that when you think about it. "It's really very simple when you boil it down to its essentials," Roos says.

But if it really were that simple, *Happy Endings* would not have been the opening night film at this year's Sundance Film Festival — and it wouldn't have played 13 times to enthusiastic audiences. "That was a huge deal for me as an independent filmmaker," Roos says, finally willing to bask in some much-deserved praise.

Even if the stories themselves aren't all that extraordinary, what comes in between in where the artistry rests — it's not the tale, but the telling.

It is all the more remarkable that he was able to create such a film under the constraints he faced. It took two and a half years

to get the film made, and the budget was so small they had only 30 days to shoot it. "We had very little money — everyone worked for scale," Roos says.



ON SCREEN

Happy Endings

Written and directed by Don Roos. With Tom Arnold, Jesse Bradford, Bobby Cannavale, Steve Coogan, Lisa Kudrow, Jason Ritter, David Sutcliffe and Maggie Gyllenhaal

Rated R; run time: 128 minutes

Opens today at the Angelika Film Centers in Dallas and Plano, and the Landmark River Oaks Theatre in Houston. Coming soon to the Landmark Dobie in Austin.

The script, Roos admits, was not something that set the studios on their heads with excitement. It's an ensemble piece whose biggest star is a sitcom veteran (Lisa Kudrow), and touches on a type of incest (sex between stepsiblings), adoption and abortion, and has lots of gay and lesbian characters. Not exactly the recipe for a blockbuster.

"Movie audiences like to be uncomfortable in very certain ways. They like to be scared, and they like to be scared by people with knives. That's about it," says Roos.

Challenging the social norm — asking audiences to adjust their mindset and see characters in their natural environment — tends not to go over well. At least as far as the studio bosses are concerned.

"*Happy Endings* doesn't have the kind of 'gay' Hollywood likes," Roos says. "They do men in drag and men dying of AIDS and people coming to grips with coming out. They'll treat it like a social problem to cure. It's the same for all minorities."

But Roos made the film he wanted — gay sex and all.

"It's important for me to put my world on the screen — which means both gay people and straight people are in it. I would *never* do an exclusively gay movie, or an exclusively straight one. A lot of filmmakers do make 'straight' movies. That's the life they want to see. Not me."

Roos had a successful career as a screenwriter (*Single White Female*, *Love Field*, *Boys on the Side*). But it was his script for the remake of *Diabolique*, a Sharon Stone bomb based on the classic French murder mystery, that got him behind the lens.

He originally jumped at the chance to write it and explore the lesbianism that was only hinted at in the original. But the director bastardized his vision.

"I learned that many things happen between script and screen — one of the reasons I went into directing was because of my experience on *Diabolique*," he says. "I became a director defensively."

His first film, *The Opposite of Sex*, was well-received, but *Happy Endings* has generated serious buzz. Critics have gotten firmly behind the film, heralding it for its scope and drawing comparisons to Robert Altman, P.T.

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The real comeback

Lisa Kudrow returns to greatness in *Happy Endings*

After a creative setback with her anticlimactic television vehicle *The Comeback*, Lisa Kudrow puts forth the performance of her career in *Happy Endings*. As part of a frighteningly talented ensemble cast, Kudrow rises above the rest as the film's true star.

She'd better: Writer/director Don Roos wrote the part of Mamie specifically for the quirky actress. And what a part it is. Mamie is being blackmailed by Nick (Jesse Bradford), a documentary filmmaker who wants to film a reunion between her and the child she gave up for adoption as a teenager.

Devastated by this turn of events, Mamie turns to her massage therapist boyfriend Javier (Bobby Cannavale) who convinces Nick to make Javier the subject of his documentary instead. Soon, they're shooting a film about Javier and his reputation for bringing female clients to orgasm on the massage table.

Then there's Charley (Steve Coogan) and his hot-hot partner Gil (David Sutcliffe), who slowly become convinced that their sperm donation to lesbian best friends (Laura Dern and Sarah Clarke) may have been used to make a baby, even though the women claim they didn't. Charley cooks up a scheme to uncover the truth.

Meanwhile, Otis (Jason Ritter) is working overtime to convince his dad (Tom Arnold) that he's not gay (though he is), while his bandmates take advantage of his wealth to bankroll their existence. Their search for a new lead singer leads them to a rebel named Jude (Maggie Gyllenhaal) who ends up seducing both Otis and his dad.

The plot and characters are purposely complicated — a gargantuan improvement over this summer's Hollywood fare that doesn't require any brainpower whatsoever. Roos's wit is sharp and his sense of how far to push black comedy is uncanny. In addition to the unsettling darkness Kudrow brings to her part, the director notably elicits career-making performances from Gyllenhaal and Arnold, but praise can be heaped on every member of the cast.

In a cinematic world created around chaos, dysfunction, and the most taboo of day-spa rituals, Roos has created a film that truly lives up to its title.

— Steven Lindsey

Anderson and Todd Solondz. But Roos brushes off too many such comments.

"For me, it's too challenging to look at contemporary filmmakers for inspiration. It's much more comfortable to look at films from 20 years ago," he says. "Movies get into people's brains and become part of their mental landscape and dreams. Scarlett O'Hara has as much reality for me as my sixth grade teacher — perhaps more. That's a big responsibility."

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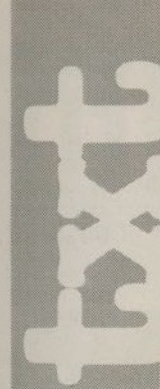
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Broadway babies

Queer-friendly shows dominate New York theater



Avenue Q



The Light in the Piazza

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Happy hookers, sarcastic Southern belles and pornographic puppets are currently making Broadway a great place to be. Smash-hits *Doubt*, *Spamalot*, *Wicked* and a certain musical spelling bee are creating daily frenzies for tickets, but an enjoyable week of New York theater can be had without seeing those current favorites. All it requires is a little imagination and a desire for diversity.

Sweet Charity. Christina Applegate is absolute perfection as the irrepressible title character in Cy Coleman's charmer, which features the classic tunes "Big Spender," "If My Friends Could See Me Now" and "There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This." The former *Married... With Children* vixen is backed by an able supporting cast, but the show is hers entirely. Applegate blossoms onstage into a singing, dancing butterfly, and

by the end, she has flown straight into the rapturous audience's heart. (Al Hirschfeld Theatre)

The Light in the Piazza. Sublime, beautiful and elegant are fitting words to describe this bittersweet new musical from Adam Guettel, which follows the complex relationship between a protective mother (Tony winner Victoria Clark) and her childlike, adult daughter (Kelli O'Hara), who are on vacation in Europe. Clark and O'Hara are wonderful, as is the lovely-voiced Matthew Morrison as a handsome Italian suitor. (He's particularly swoon-worthy during "Love to Me.") *Piazza* is a gem among Broadway's sometimes-overwhelming mix of rusty revivals and empty spectacles. (Lincoln Center)

Steel Magnolias. An all-star cast headlines this mix of Southern-fried sarcasm and sentiment at a Texas beauty parlor, which is bowing on Broadway for the first time. Delta

Burke, Christine Ebersole, Rebecca Gayheart, Oscar-nominee Marsha Mason, Frances Sternhagen and newcomer Lily Rabe make up the cast. It's a treat to see a slim Burke onstage, even though her hammy performance would be better-suited to a sitcom. Mason is woefully miscast as the cranky Ouiser, but Gayheart steals the show with a sincere, shaded performance. (Lyceum Theatre; closes July 31)

Altar Boyz. Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham make up the titular Christian-pop boy band in this inventive Off-Broadway musical, which chronicles the cute quintet's first concert in New York City. *Altar Boyz* is silly, satirical and surprisingly sincere, thanks to a zippy book, catchy songs and plenty of hard work from the talented cast. Tyler Maynard is a standout as closeted Altar Boy Mark, who pines comically for love and acceptance. Maynard, a Drama Desk-nomi-

nee, gives the show its emotional center. (Dodger Stages)

Avenue Q. There's no easy way to describe this zany, hilarious and often-brilliant musical, which mixes human characters with foul-mouthed puppets for an R-rated version of *Sesame Street*. Every song is memorable, and each puppet character is sharply drawn, including confused bachelor Princeton, the lovable, lovesick Kate Monster and uptight accountant Rod, whose reluctant coming out of the closet provides one of *Avenue Q*'s many potent subplots. (Golden Theatre)

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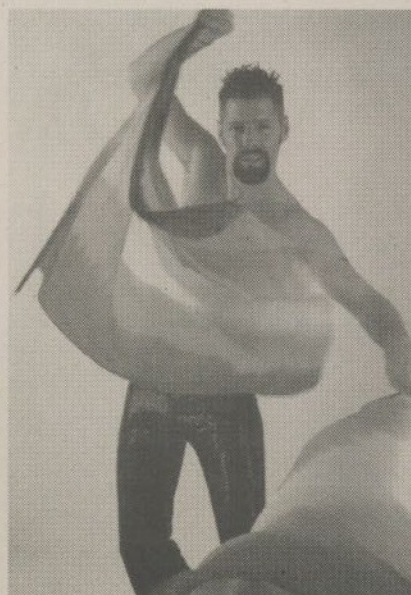
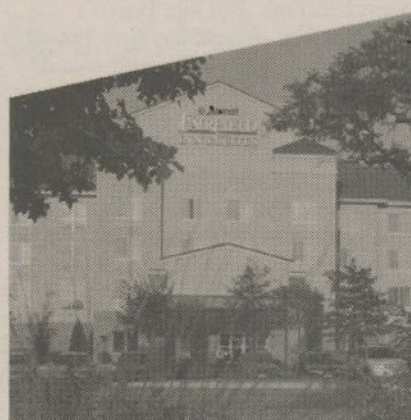
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By Billy Masters

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Dallas Strip Search contestant has gay connection

Sometimes I feel outta the loop. Like, when did visors come back? Did I miss a meeting? Or was I not cc'd a memo regarding this indispensable fashion accessory? Either way, I demand a recount.

And when did **Charlotte Church** become a gay icon? Better yet, when did she become a big ol' lusty gal who talks about boffing her boyfriend and binge drinking?

I thought Charlotte was some little insipid twit singing "Panis Angelicus." But according to the U.K. gay magazine *Attitude*, the strapping songstress tops the poll of gay icons. "I love it. I love gay men. I find them easy to talk to. I'm a gay icon? Bring it on!" was 19-year-old Charlotte's response to the news.

I publicly dismissed VH-1's *Strip Search* as junk. But like Bravo's *Manhunt* last season, any time hot guys are willing to go on TV semi-naked, they've probably had some experience showing skin in public or on camera.

We already revealed sexy **Sean**'s past as a stripper (who can still be hired by the hour). Now we find out that Dallas bartender (and recently cast off) **David** has extensive experience as an erotic dancer — in gay bars! Prior to the show, he worked as Tristan at The Maleboxx. The boys there don't dance naked, but they do get themselves to "full attention" and "tie-off" before putting on very

tight, very see-through undies.

What that means is that you can clearly see the outline of David's fully erect penis in the photos now on Filth2Go.com.

I just came back from seeing the biggest piece of trash in decades: *War of the Worlds*. I actually feel violated. I'm willing to blame the rushed schedule for **Steven Spielberg**'s inability to end the flick plausibly. But this movie proves the theory that the more we know about actors, the harder it is for them to disappear into their roles.

I couldn't look at **Tom Cruise** without thinking, "This guy is a wacko." And speaking of wacko, was I the only one who thought of **Jacko** and **Lisa Marie** during Tom and Katie's awkward kisses on *The View*? That little twit is up a creek without a paddle — but not without a contract and a check, from what I hear.

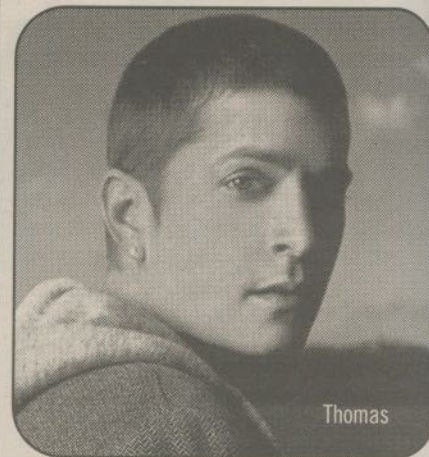
Rumors continue to circulate about Cruise and numerous men — although I'm beginning to become convinced that he's never slept with *anyone* (male or female). All of these recent same-sex stories are equally similar (only the partner changes).

The generic version is that Tom was in bed with another guy and they were 'caught by the paramour's wife, who threatened to go public. That's the reason he's been desperate for some positive publicity in the hetero romantic liaison department.

In one story, the other guy is identified as a pro-football player. In another, he's an Asian pilot for a major airline. In another, he's singer **Rob Thomas** (whose wife probably would have screamed "Dios Mios" and dropped dead of shock).

I've now decided that Rob Thomas is a helluva guy. When asked during a radio interview about the rumor, Robbie denied it (of course) and added that the story offends him — not because he's linked with a man, but because the man is a Scientologist! I mean, is that not the best thing you've heard all week? Rob went on to say that if he was gay, the guy at the top of his list would be **Brad Pitt** — who'd be on top of most of my readers (their lists, I mean).

Another couple who may or may not be having sex is **Rob Estes** and **Josie Bissett**. You remember them from *Melrose Place*: She was the little blonde who was married to the sleazy doctor and had the psycho sister, and he was in and out of **Heather**



Thomas

Locklear's bed (on the set, I mean).

Rob never took his shirt off during love scenes because he was born with only one pectoral muscle. Did you know that? I haven't examined Rob up close, but that's the rumor. No matter how much he works out, only one side pumps up — he was like the **Ann Jillian** of *Melrose*. Allegedly, his shirts were padded to "even" him out, although by now, he may have gotten a pec implant to fix this problem.

But that has nothing to do with the current gossip about the couple. Several of my reliable sources tell me that Rob and Josie are kaput. That's not the shocking part. Allegedly, Josie left Rob for another woman! But it's just a rumor... right?

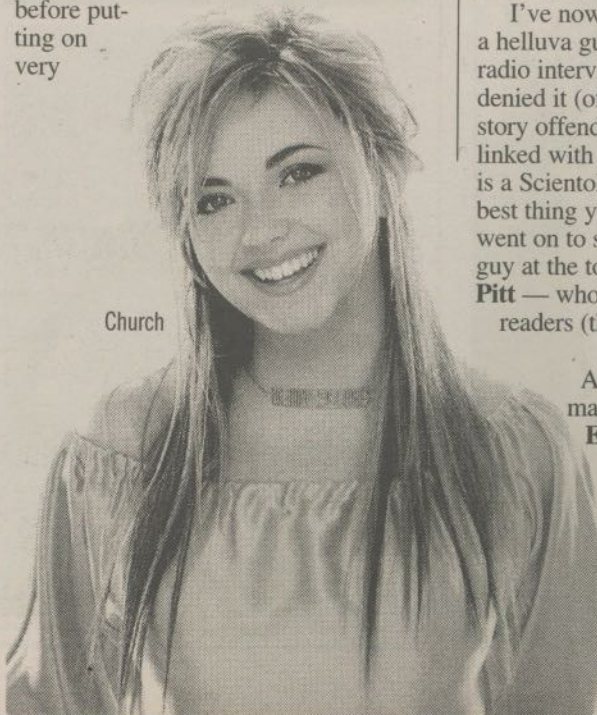
Someone whose breasts are, I believe, the same size is **Jenny McCarthy** — and she's ready to show 'em on film. Isn't it interesting that an "actress" (I love her, but I still have to put "actress" in quotes) who made a name for herself by posing naked in *Playboy* a dozen times has always had a "no nudity" clause in her film contracts?

Since the offers aren't coming in like they used to, she's suddenly ready to bare all in her new movie, *Dirty Love*. Since she lost over 80 pounds post-pregnancy, Jenn was proud of her physique and figured some nudity in the film (which also stars **Carmen Electra**) would help the foreign sales (I'm sure it'll go direct-to-video domestically). Maybe she has a piece of the gross.

When I can compare Rob Estes and Jenny McCarthy's breasts, it's definitely time for me to end yet another column.

One thing I can always fit in is answering fan mail. Whether you want a public or private response, send your e-mails to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Brad and Angie's engagement!

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



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14th Annual Red Hot with buffet, silent auction, Manwatch dancers and more. 5-9 p.m. \$5. Benefits Project Transitions. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. 4th St. 512-454-8646.

Appointment with Death, by Agatha Christie. Presented by Different Stages through July 16. 8 p.m. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. 512-478-5282. Main.org/diffstages.

DJ Jason Jenkins, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

Gypsy Cowgirls perform at SappFire's regular third Friday night meeting. \$3. 7 p.m. Celebration, 108 W. 43rd St. 512-453-6207. Sappfire.org.

TGIB socials. Bisexual Network of Austin 7 p.m. 512-370-9573. Main.org/binetaustin.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

2005 Arts Center Theatre Festival, presented through July 31 by A to Z Girls, Firestarter Productions, Runway Theatre and Stage West. Thursday through Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. \$15. Fort Worth Community Arts



The Allergist's Wife, through 7/31

Center, Hardy and Betty Sanders Theatre. 817-335-9000. Centralticketoffice.com.

Après Vous, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern through through July 17. 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. \$5.50-\$7.50. Rated R for language; French with English subtitles.

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

Festival of Independent Theatres, through Aug. 6. Wednesdays through Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2, 5 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 5 p.m. \$5-\$45. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Dr. 214-528-5576. Bathhousecultural.com/fit2005.html.

Free syphilis and oral HIV testing, 5-9 p.m. Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center, 4012 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-540-4414.

Gypsy, presented by Texas Star Theater. Thursdays through Sundays, through July 24. 133 E. Pearl St. in Granbury. 817-573-9191 Texasstartheatre.org.

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.

Shabbat service, Congregation Beth El Binah. 8:15 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1784.

Truth Be Told by Victoria Loe Hicks, through July 16. 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. McKinney Avenue Contemporary's Heldt Hall. 214-681-2440. The-mac.org.

HOUSTON

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/I's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, through July 17. Main Street Theater, 4617 Montrose Blvd. 713-524-6706. Mainstreettheater.com.

TGRA Houston Bar Crawl. 9 p.m.: Bricks II, 617 Fairview; 9:45 p.m.: Michael's Outpost, 419 Richmond Ave.; 10:30 p.m.: Chances, 1102 Westheimer Rd.; 11:15 p.m.: BRB, 2400 Brazos. TGRAHouston@yahoo.com.

The Tale of the Allergist's Wife, by Charles Busch. Through July 30. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. July 24 and 31, 6 p.m. \$20. Theater Lab Houston, 1706 Alamo. 713-868-7516. Theaterlabhouston.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde, through July 17. 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. \$12-\$20. San Pedro Playhouse's Cellar Theater, W. Ashby Place at San Pedro Park. 210-733-7258.

Art for Life's Sake: An Evening of Music, Poetry, Dance, and Fine Art. 6 p.m., with viewing beginning at 2 p.m. Confidential HIV testing available. Benefits the Mayor's State of Emergency Task Force against HIV and AIDS. Historic Eldorado Ballroom, 2310 Elgin. Oosix.com/art-forlife.htm.

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/I's, 2517 Ralph. 713-527-9071.

Black Party with DJs Jimmy Skinner and Manny Lehman. South Beach, 810 Pacific Ave. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

Montrose Soccer Club practice. 10:30 a.m. Woodrow Wilson School, Fairview and Windsor. Montrosesoccer.org.

Mr. and Ms. Trailer Trash 2005 Pageant, presented by TGRA Houston. 8:30-10:30 p.m. Mary's, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

Rugby Boot Camp, presented by Houston Roughnecks Rugby RFC, through July 17. 9 a.m.-Noon. Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. British School of Houston, 4211 Watonga. Bacompton@yahoo.com.

TGRA committee and board of trustees meetings. 8:15 a.m. Resurrection MCC, Fellowship Hall, 2025 W. 11th St. TGRAHouston@yahoo.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Back to Basics: A Big, Gay, Summer-long Party for men and women with swimsuit and tan line contest with cash prizes. Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham. 210-271-3811. Bonhamexchange.com.

Single Lesbian Mothers. 12-1:30 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro. 210-225-7330. Diversitycentersa.org.

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.

Sunday, July 17

AUSTIN

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

Patio cookout. 5 p.m. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charlesaustin.com.

Sunday Super Show hosted by Jame Perry. Charlie's Austin, 1301 Lavaca. 512-474-6481. Charlesaustin.com.

YOGAy presents YOGAy Sundays, 1 p.m. \$12. Austin Yoga School, 1122-C S. Lamar. 512-220-6353. YOGAyTexas@yahoo.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers general meeting and social. 2 p.m. Souper Salad, 3848 Oak Lawn. DFWPrimeTimers@comcast.net.

Jubilee Fellowship worship. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. La Quinta Inn, 1001 W. Airport Freeway, Euless. 214-520-3223. JubileeTX.org.

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.

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS 4th Free Training Ride, 7 a.m. Cravens Park, 400 Cravens Park Rd. in Arlington. 214-521-2412.

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

Summer barbecue. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Ave. 214-821-1990.

Trinity United Methodist Church Triangle Fellowship

Saturday, July 16

AUSTIN

Boing-Boing, the bouncing lesbo bar, presented by Ultra-ultra. 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Progress Coffee, E. 5th St. at San Marcos. Beatsagogo@aol.com.

DJ Jason Jenkins, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Fabric, 101 W. 5th St. 512-322-9333.

QueerWaves with Taylor Cage, a weekly showcase of queer music and musicians on 91.7FM KOOP. 4:30 p.m. Koop.org. 512-472-5667.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Conspicuous Production: The First Two Years of the UTD/SouthSide Artist Residency, on exhibit through Aug. 1. McKinney Avenue Contemporary, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1212. The-mac.

Robert Bechtie: A Retrospective, through Aug. 28. \$4-\$6. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

Summer barbecue. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2616 Swiss Ave. 214-821-1990.

HOUSTON

After Hours, pre-dawn GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

lunch. 12:45pm. 512-459-5835.

HOUSTON

HATCH youth group. 6-9 p.m. Call for location. 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

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

Michael's Variety Show. 8 p.m. 1419 Richmond Ave. 713-520-8446.

Miss Mint Julip Pageant with entertainers from throughout Texas. 3 p.m. Benefits Montrose Clinic. Club 1415, 1415 California. 713-522-7066.

Montrose Men's Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, rear parking lot entrance.

Montrose Softball League. Slo-Pitch City Softball Park, 1826 Gault Rd. Montrosesoftballleague.com.

Queer as Folk and karaoke. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

Social Sundays Party On The Patio with buffet and drink specials. 6 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. 281-701-8931. Clubbartini.com.

South Beach Beach Party with DJ JD Arnold. See your favorite bartender for a Sunday pass for free cover. 810 Pacific Ave. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

Spoiled Boyz After-Party with DJ Scotty K from Ellen DeGeneres's show. 3:30 a.m. \$15 advance tickets available at M2M Fashion. Clarks, 314 Main St.



Chris Bell,
7/19

Spoiledboyz.net.

Summer barbecue. 1-4 p.m. The Club, 2205 Fannin St. 713-659-4998.

TGRA walk-through of Space City Stampede arena, 10-11 a.m. Houston Farm & Ranch Club, 1 Abercrombie St. TGRAHouston@yahoo.com.

Women's Group. 10:45 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church's Sojourner Truth Room, 3rd floor, 5200 Fannin. 713-529-8571. Houstonwomensgroup.com.

SAN ANTONIO

Queer as Folk. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Super Sunday Show. Midnight. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Monday, July 18

AUSTIN

Leanne Kolnick, a UT alumna, seeks gay men for a focus group regarding volunteerism. 6-7:30 p.m. Interfaith Care Alliance, 7215 Cameron Rd. 512-459-5883. Leanne@interfaithcarealliance.org.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Bernie Siben. 8 p.m.-12 midnight. Alexandre's, 4026 Cedar Springs. 214-559-0720. Alexandresdallas.com.

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

HOUSTON

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Food Addicts In Recovery. 7-8 p.m. Bering Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St. 713-523-7361. Foodaddictsrecovery.com.

Grief Support Group, through Aug 22. 6:30-8 p.m. Bering Support Network, 1440 Harold. Register with Beryl Kaminsky. 713-526-1017. Beryl@beringumc.org.

Lesbianas Latinas L2 Night with free pool, drink specials, and \$250 cash and prizes in a piñata. 9 p.m. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amaoniacub.com.

Queer Voices, GLBT radio with Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell and various GLBT co-hosts. 7-9 p.m. KPFT-FM 90.1.

You Can be a Star talent contest. 8 p.m. Michael's, 1419 Richmond. 713-523-2828. Missmichaels05@sbccglobal.net.

SAN ANTONIO

Shady Lady hosts Talent Night. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

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

Tuesday, July 19

AUSTIN

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

hole, a world premiere, presented by Ethos, Tuesdays through Aug. 2. 8:30 p.m. \$10-\$25. The Yard at The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. 512-478-5282. Vortexrep.org.

Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament. 7:30 p.m. Rain, 217B W. 4th St. 512-494-1150.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

Former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell, possible candidate for Texas governor, addresses Stonewall Democrats at Dallas. 6:30 p.m. Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave.

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

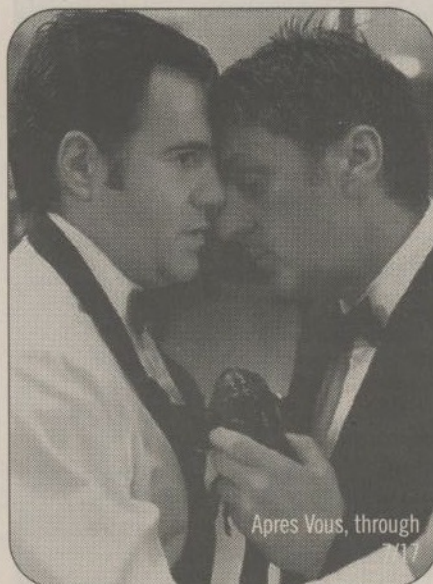
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Academia del Amor, a Jesse Love production, with DJ William Fuentes. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885.

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

Queer as Folk. 10 p.m. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

RSICSS presents Drag Queen Bingo. 9 p.m. Meteor,



2306 Genesee. 713-710-0268.

Tight Tush contest. 8 p.m. Mary's, Naturally, 1022 Westheimer. 713-527-9669.

SAN ANTONIO

Amateur Talent Night. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

Layla Larue's Male Strip-off with \$100 in prizes. 9 p.m. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Wednesday, July 20

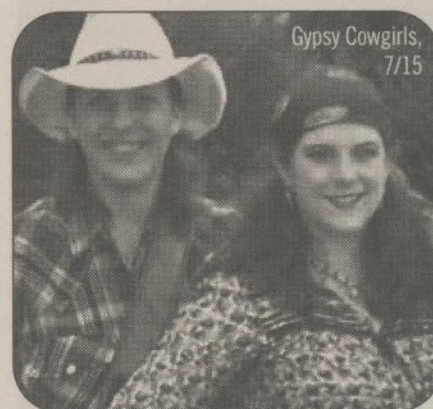
AUSTIN

I've Got Something to Say! open mic. Sidekicks, 110 E. Riverside Dr. Sidekicksaustintx.com.

Safe Space. 7 p.m. University of Texas, Jester West Fireplace Lounge. Demeureguy@yahoo.com.

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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



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

Mundo Latino with Ivana Tramp and Lindsay Adams and drink specials. Throckmorton Mining Company, 3014 Throckmorton. 3014 Throckmorton. Caven.com.

HOUSTON

Big Money Pretty Boy Amateur Strip Contest. 10 p.m. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

Café con Leche. South Beach, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE. Southbeachthenightclub.com.

GLOBO. 7 p.m. Resurrection MCC 2025 W. 11th St. 713-710-0268. Globo.org.

Karaoke. Guava Lamp, 570 Waugh Dr. 713-524-3359.

Karaoke, with \$1.50 well drinks. 7 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

OutSkate Roller Skate Club. 8 p.m. \$5. Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Rd. 281-933-5818. Dobie367@aol.com.

Professional Women's Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

SAN ANTONIO

2015 Place presents karaoke. 9 p.m. 2015 San Pedro. 210-733-3365. 2015place.com.

Free HIV Testing with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

King Mary's Bridge Club presents party bridge and free lessons. 6:45 p.m. \$4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.

The Boys of HEAT with 75¢ well drinks. Heat, 1500 N. Main Ave. 210-227-2600. Heatsa.com.

Thursday, July 21

AUSTIN

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

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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

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

S4 presents DJ's Inzo and Phinatik. \$5 for 21+. 3911 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-559-0650. Caven.com.

HOUSTON

Ibiza Night with DJ Nacho. Amazonia, 11449 I-45. 281-260-9885. Amaoniacub.com.

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

Latino and House music, with S2 wells and domestics. Amazonia: Amazonia.com

Professional Men's Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

Talent Night with host, Cookie La Cook. 10 p.m. Bartini, 1318 Westheimer Rd. Clubbartini.com.

SAN ANTONIO

1st annual Summer Bash Party with DJ CiCi. 8 p.m. The Saint, 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

Fiesta Frenzy Auction and musical. Josephine Theatre. \$5. 210-737-1411.

San Antonio Gender Association, 6-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Pammartin.pam@gmail.com.

Women's Support Group discusses relationship issues, facilitated by Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

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By Howard Lewis Russell

AskHoward

How to do the wrong thing right

There are many classic films to love

Dear Howard,

I'd like to ask you your favorite Bette Davis movie and your favorite Joan Crawford movie, but I figure that would probably be pushing the gay thing a little too far. I'll settle for your favorite Elizabeth Taylor movie instead, if you don't mind? Also, would you mind telling me your favorite movie of all time? Do you have a top ten list?

Obsessed With Hollywood

I don't mind. My favorite Elizabeth Taylor movie is *Elephant Walk*. (It would have been my favorite Vivien Leigh movie had she not gone crazy halfway through pro-

duction and had to be replaced by Liz, who is so miscast next to Peter Finch as to make the whole film even campier than *Cleopatra*.) My favorite Bette Davis movie is *The Little Foxes*. I don't have a favorite Joan movie — never liked her much. *Strange Cargo*, maybe.

My favorite movie of all time is — take a deep breath — *Rosemary's Baby*. Polanski's direction is shot-by-shot perfection — one of the few films ever made that is actually superior, by far, to the novel. If the definition of a favorite movie is how many times one has seen it, then my list of favorite, all-time top ten movies, goes, *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Poseidon Adventure*, *Gone With the Wind*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Little Foxes*, *Alien*, *The Rose* and *What's Up, Doc?* God, I'm gay!

Dear Howard,

I deliver room service at a large hotel and I get hit on constantly. I try not to cheat on my girlfriend, but it's hard when some horny businessman waves \$200 in my face and says, "Just five minutes." I've never declined the dough. All the other guys I work with do it, too. The gay ones are at least discriminating — they won't unzip their flies for just any old fart waving Franklins at their crotch.

I think of it as an extra tip — keep the guests happy, my boss always says. I reckon I should feel morally ashamed, or abused or something, but I just don't. I need the money too bad. I wouldn't even call it being on the down-low. Am I just a cheap hustler fooling myself?

Full Delivery

Amazing, isn't it, how very far a couple of crisp Ben Franklins will go toward a clean conscience? I wouldn't necessarily call you a cheap hustler — \$200 a pop does, after all, raise you up a few rungs from street-trade. If it's any consolation, I don't know of any kid who would actually refuse \$200 just for unzipping his fly for five minutes. But then again, I'm morally bankrupt.

Dear Howard,

Not that it's any of my faggoty business, but are you a creationist or a Darwinist?

Walt

A dazzling collection of fairytales, the Book of Genesis is.

Dear Howard,

I follow your column weekly, and I have to say that I'm always amazed at the variety of rather (forgive me) stupid and inane ques-

tions that you bother answering. What color sash should some lesbian wear with her lemon dress to get married in? Whom was the most cruel Roman emperor to gays? What color is your own personal aura? I mean, Howard, really, why do you answer this tripe?

Melinda

I love these questions, are you crazy? Keep the tripe flowing.

Dear Howard,

My 20th high school reunion is coming up. I was the total jock in high school and I don't want people to see how sorry I've gone to seed. Is there any diet where you can lose, like, 50 pounds in a month?

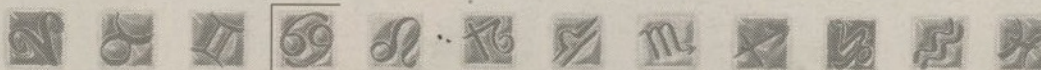
Former Stud Muffin

Genius, you didn't gain 50 pounds in a month, and you're not going to lose them in a month, either.

HAVE A QUESTION FOR HOWARD?

Do you have a question for Howard? Send e-mail to askhoward@txtnewsmag.com, or write to Ask Howard, P.O. Box 191362, Dallas TX 75219

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Cancer

In her 29.5-year orbit, Saturn moves from Cancer to Leo this week. Emotional issues and territorial struggles will lighten up, but egos will become frail and defensively assertive. If you can remember personal struggles from either 1975-1978 or 1946-1949, those will offer clues to struggles on the horizon.

CANCER — June 21-July 22

Your self-mage may be suffering right now, but chalk that up to passing malaise. To shore up your ego, throw yourself into your work. Your efforts or your insecurity are sure to be noticed, so roll up your sleeves and dig in!

LEO — July 23-August 22

Could it be that you're a little too assertively playful? You? Yeah, you! Your fertile imagination is a great place to play quietly and out of the way — not your favorite mode or place, but trust that it will prove enriching.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

You're the zodiac's secret sexpot — you of the golden tush! This week the secret is out. Is your fun distracting you from domestic duties, or are your housemates just jealous? Duty before pleasure, darling! There's time for both.

LIBRA — September 23-October 22

Try to avoid courts of law and other situations where you may be judged — and if you can't do that, try to be quiet, or at least calm. Your insistence on what you see as fair balance will tempt those judges to slap you in the fulcrum!

SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

Foreign cuisines should assuage, if not satisfy, your current urge for exotic adventure. Buckle down and focus on the tasks that are staring you right in the face. New ideas are probably more distracting than helpful right now.

SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20

You are now both especially sexy and especially playful. Alas, you find yourself in a lot of situations where being sexy is really not appropriate. Restraint was never one of your stronger virtues. Now is a good time to practice.

CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19

Problems with your partner now raise ghosts from your childhood — perhaps fears of becoming or marrying a clone of one of your parents. Focus on the good qualities being echoed, but remember also the many differences!

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Meddling or being helpful? Just to be safe, concentrate your efforts into volunteering for a larger social event where your energies will be a lot more appreciated! Also, be careful — you're especially accident-prone this week.

PISCES — February 19-March 19

Try to focus on your work. Value input and suggestions from your immediate supervisor or other authorities in your field. A creative edge can always be helpful, but you could easily get yourself into trouble by overdoing it.

ARIES — March 20-April 19

Your hunger for adventure erupts with a vengeance, with volcanic consequences at home. Start practicing discipline. Even though you don't want to hear it right now, focusing your playful urges will serve you well in the long run.

TAURUS — April 20-May 20

Open up to your partner and express your most secret and erotic desires. (Of course, there's a time and a place for everything!) You will stir up some challenges with this revelation, but that's how you get what you want. Don't be shy!

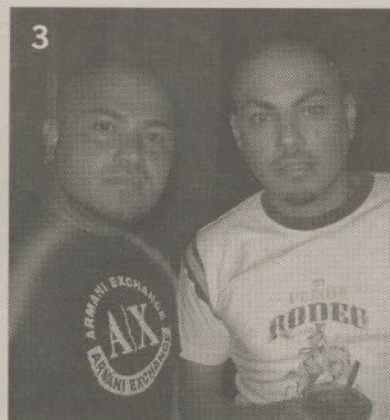
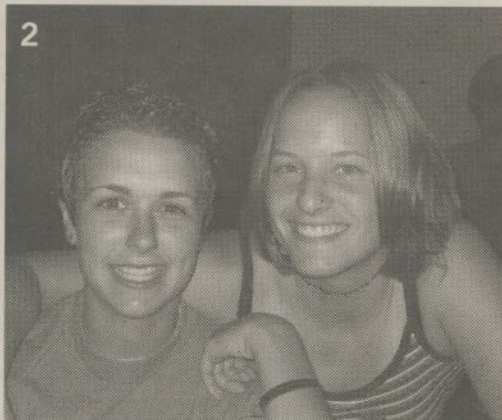
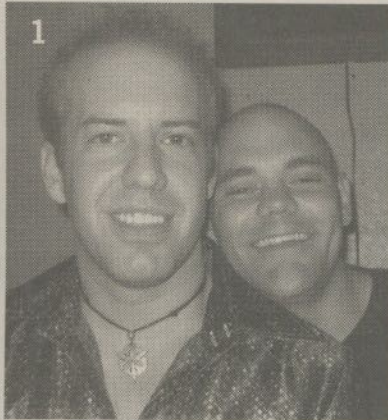
GEMINI — May 21-June 20

Social activity now stirs up questions about your values and sense of priorities. If thinking too much spoils your fun in the short run, it will push you to more satisfying and meaningful friendships farther down the road.

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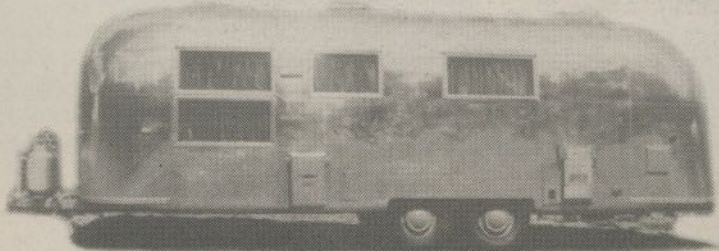
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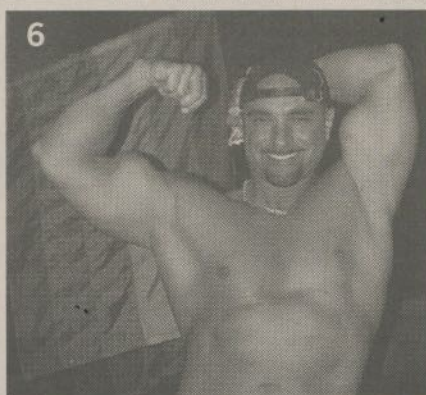
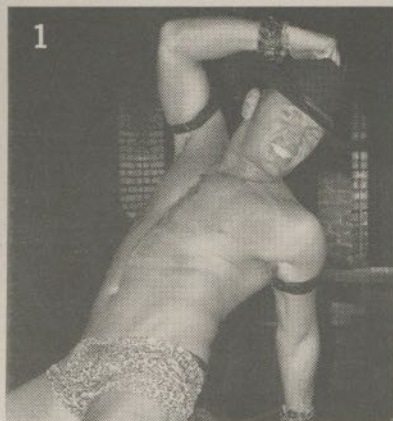
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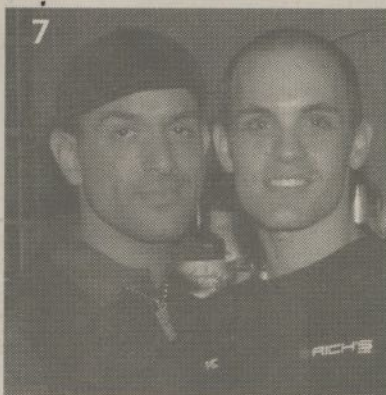
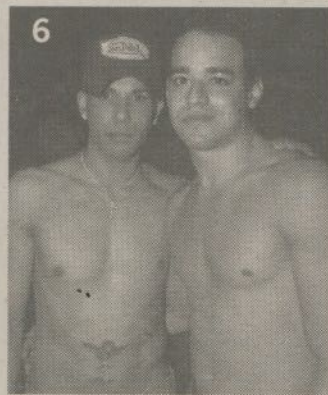
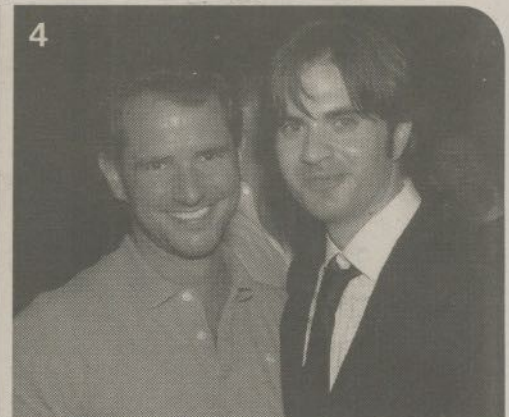
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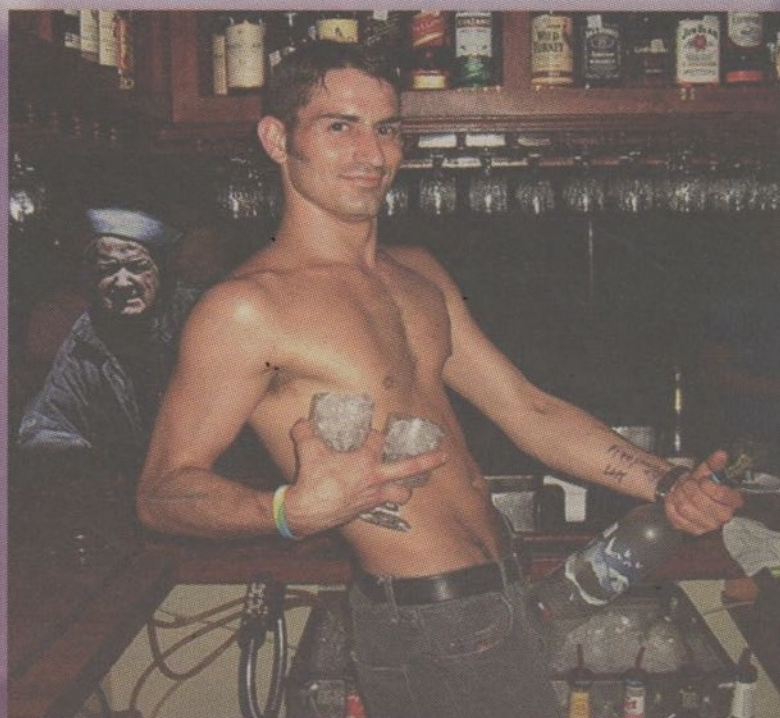
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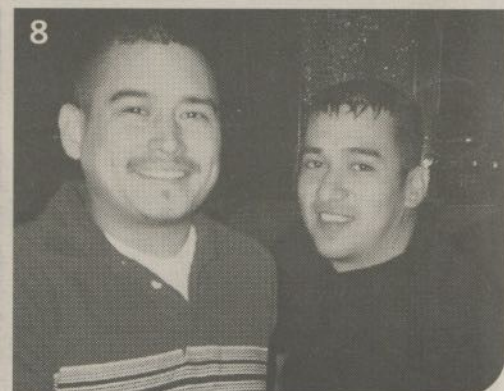
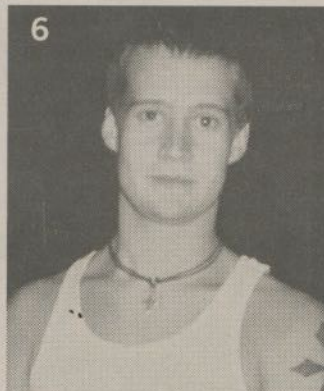
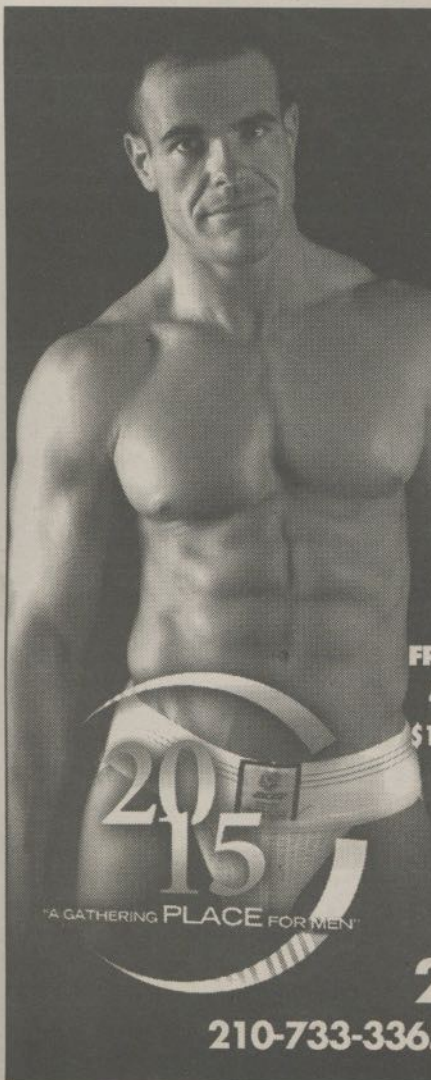
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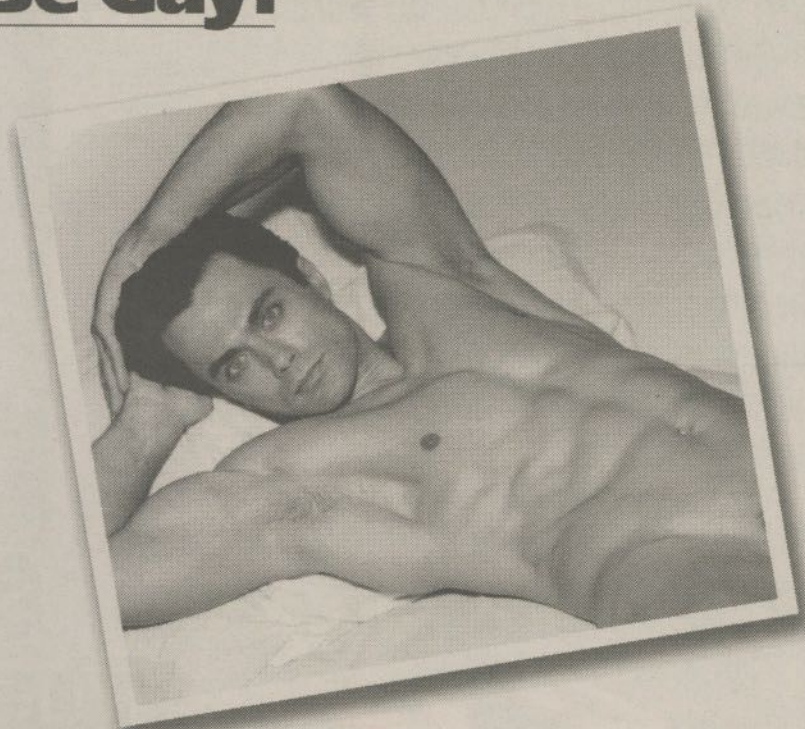
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Cathedralofhope.com
Celebration Community Church
817-335-3222
Celebration-community-church.com
Christian Gays in Fellowship
817-446-1555
City Church
214-559-4021
Citychurchdallas.org
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
972-424-8989
Uuplano.org
Congregation Beth El Binah
214-521-5342 Bethelbinah.org
Crossroads Community Church
972-669-5777
Dignity/Dallas (Catholic)
214-521-5342

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Disciples of Christ
214-946-2184
Faith Community Church
972-530-3900
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
214-528-3990, Dallasuu.org
MCC of Greater Dallas
888-212-4763
MCCGreaterDallas.org
Sanctuary of Love
214-520-2260
White Rock Community Church
214-320-0043
Whiterockchurch.org

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Agape Metropolitan Community Church
817-535-5002
Agapemcc.com
Jubilee Fellowship
214-520-3223
JubileeTX.org

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Bering Memorial United Methodist Church
713-526-1017
Beringomega.org
Community Gospel Church
713-880-9235
Communitygospel.org
Congregation Beth Israel
713-771-6221
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866-841-9139
Mishpachah@onebox.com
Covenant Church
713-688-8830
Covenanthouston.org
Dignity/Houston
713-880-2872
Dignityhouston.org
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
713-526-5200
Firstuu.org
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
713-528-3269
Office@gracelutheran-houston.org
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan
Community Church
713-528-6756
New Covenant Christian Church
713-984-5806
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Church of The Woodlands
281-298-2780
Northwoodsuu.org
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
713-861-9149
Resurrectionmcc.org
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
713-528-6665
Ststephenshouston.org

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210-445-5156
Dignity/San Antonio, St. Ann's Church
210-340-2230
First Unitarian Universalist Church
210-344-4695
LGBT Interweave
210-344-4695
MCC San Antonio
210-472-3597, Mccsa.org
River City Living Church
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Rclc@rivercitylivingchurch.org
Travis Park United Methodist Church
Travispark.org

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Adventuring Outdoors
512-236-7176
Main.org/adventuring
Austin FrontRunners
512-473-8334, Frontrunners.org
Austin Gamblers Bowling League
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Austin Gay Softball
512-477-7116
Tx@hotmail.com
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club
512-796-0716
Lonestarsrugby.org
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club
Austinnightflyers.org
Austin Tennis Club
Austintennisclub.com
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club
Austinvalkyries.com
Fast Track
512-453-8878
Geocities.com/fasttrackrunners
Houston Fly Boys
www.houstonflyboys.com
Team Austin
512-447-6408
Texas Gay Rodeo Association
Tgra.org

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DFW Rainbow Skate
972-641-0661
214-478-2649

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Friday Night Out Bowling League
972-702-0058
Oak Lawn Soccer Club of Dallas
214-366-2565
Oaklawnsoccerclub.org
Team Dallas Aquatics
TeamDallasAquatics.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - Dallas
214-346-2107 Tgra.org
Texas Twisters
972-983-2021 Texastwisters.org

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FrontRunners
713-522-0899
Home.swbell.net/larathon/houfr.htm
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club
832-741-7125
Houstonrugby.org
Houston Invitational Tournament
Texasinvite.com
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club
Roughnecksrugby.org
Houston Women's Softball League
713-502-5799
Lone Star Volleyball Association
713-717-5782 LLSVA.org
Montrose Soccer Club
Montrosecoccer.org
Montrose Softball League
713-867-3913
Montrosecsoftballleague.com
OutSkate Roller Skate Club
281-933-5818
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Texas Gay Rodeo Association
713-523-7663 Tgra.org

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PFLAG-Austin
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Pflag-austin.org
Out Youth
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Waterloo Counseling Center
512-444-9922 Waterloocounseling.org

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Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
214-528-0022
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network
972-669-5777 Glsendallas.org
Lambda AA
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699
Lambda Group of Al-Anon
214-363-0461
Dallasal-anon.org
PFLAG Dallas
214-233-0977 Pflagdallas.org
Positively Young
972-283-0468
Pride Institute
817-404-2205 Prideinstitute.com
Purple Light Trans Support
Goldleopard.com/purple
Resource Center of Al Dallas
214-528-0144
Resourcecenterdallas.org
Youth First Texas
214-879-0400
Youthfirsttexas.com

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Bering Support Network
713-526-1017 Beringumc.org
Community Awareness for
Transgender Support
281-624-7056
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation
713-528-1748
Donaldrwatkins.org
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston
713-529-3211
Gayswitchboardhouston.org
Hollyfield Foundation
713-523-6900
Hollyfield.org
Kolbe Project
713-861-1800
Kolbeproject.org
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous
713-521-1243
Lambdahouston.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-0037
Montrosecounselingcenter.org
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713-467-3524
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Diversity Center Spectrum
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Hotel Za Za — 2332 Leonard St., 214-468-8399, HotelZaZa.com.
The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, Melrosehoteldallas.com.

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Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy, 713-523-8448.
Kilworth Manor — 109 Stratford, 713-520-5526, kilworthmanor.com.
The Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd., 713-522-5224, 1-800-779-5224.
Montrose Inn — 408 Avondale, 713-520-0206, 800-357-1228.

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Arbor House B+B — 109 Arciniega, 210-472-2005.
Christmas House Bed & Breakfast — 2307 McCullough, 1-800-268-4187.
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David McDavid Acura — 13553 Research Blvd., 512-335-5555.
First Texas Honda — 1301 W. Koenig Lane, 512-381-1333, firsttexashonda.com.
Gillman Subaru — 6809 South I-35, 512-444-6044.
Suzuki-Isuzu of Austin — (Jules Gollins) 4738 S. IH 35, 512-583-4000.

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Advantage Auto Lease — (Marty Malliton) 400 Chisholm Pl., Ste. 100, 972-423-0723.

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Freeman Mazda — (George Johnson) 1800 E. Airport, Irving, 972-438-2121.
John Eagle Honda — 5311 Lemmon Ave. 214-904-3247, EagleHonda.com.
Saturn of Mesquite — (Miki Holtz) 15900 I-635 at Dates, 1-800-723-0714.

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Jeff Haas Mazda — (John Griffin) 11222 Old Katy Rd., 713-932-6004.
John Eagle Acura — (Pete Ramirez) 281-589-0600, johnagleacura.com.
Land Rover Houston — 7019 Old Katy Rd., 713-293-6100.
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Adult Video Megaplexxxx — 7111 S. I-35, 512-442-5719.
Midtowne Spa Austin — 5815 Airport, 512-302-9696, midtowne-spa.com.

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Alternatives of New Fine Arts — 1720 W. Mockingbird, 214-630-7071.
Club Dallas — 2616 Swiss, 214-821-1990, the-club.com.
Midtowne Spa Dallas — 2509 Pacific, 214-821-8989, midtowne.com.
Mockingbird Adult Video — 708 W. Mockingbird, 214-631-3003.

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Adult Video Megaplexxxx — 10006 Gulf Frwy., 713-944-8111.
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Club Houston — 2200 Fannin St., 713-659-4998, the-club.com.
Eros 1207 — 1207 Spencer Hwy., 713-944-6010.
Executive Adult Video Store — 14002 N.W. Frwy, 713-462-5152.
Midcity Video — 2043 Southwest Frwy., 713-522-3530.
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Alternative Clubs, Inc. ACI — 827 East Elmira, 210-223-2177.
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Zachary Scott Theatre Center — 512-476-0541, zachscott.com.

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Angelika Film Center — Mockingbird Lane 214-841-4700.
Magnolia Theater — 3699 McKinney Ave. at West Village, 214-520-0025.

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Alley Theatre — 615 Texas Ave., 713-228-8421, alleytheatre.org.
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Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, landmarktheatres.com
After Hours — 713-526KPT, www.kpft.org
Saturday midnight - Sunday 4am
Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.
Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, houstonstsymphony.org.
River Oaks Theatre — 2009 West Grey, 713-528-4608, landmarktheatres.com.
Theatre Under The Stars — 713-558-8887, tuts.com.

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Majestic Theatre — 210-224-9600.

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Silva Psychiatric Care — 3101 Bee Cave Rd., #310, 512-327-3810, silvapsycho.com.
Waterloo Counseling Center — 3000 South I-35, 512-444-9922.
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Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery — 3317 McKinney, 972-774-1777.
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Carole Ann Boyd, D.D.S. — 4514 Cole, Ste. 905, 214-521-6261, drboyd.net.
David Brand, M.D. — 801 N. Zang Blvd., 214-941-4000.
Dr. Mark Hayes — 3100 MacArthur, 972-258-6400, www.tylock.com.
Pride Institute — 817-404-2205 Pride-institute.com.
Southwest Infectious Disease Associates — 3801 Gaston, Ste. 300, 214-828-4702.
StatScript — 3818 Cedar Springs, 214-522-4006.
Stonewall Behavioral Health, Inc. — 3626 N. Hall, 723, 214-521-1278, 1-888-828-TALK.
Eugene Tseng, D.D.S. — 3003 Carlisle, Ste. 106, 214-855-0789.
Uptown Psychotherapy — 4144 N. Central Expy, Ste. 520, 214-824-2009.
Uptown Vision — 2504 Cedar Springs at Fairmount, 214-953-EYES.

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Chimney Rock Chiropractic - (Art Keller, DC) 3033 Chimney Rock, 713-781-3344.
Greenbriar Health — Patrick McNamara, MD, 4101 Greenbriar, 713-524-4837.
Holmes Chiropractic — (Randall Holmes, DC) 1235 N. Loop W., 713-862-2440.
Houston Department of Health & Human Services - 8000 N Stadium 713-794-9092.
Montrose Clinic — 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000.
Montrose Counseling Center - 701 Richmond, 713-529-0037.
Skin Renaissance Laser Center — 106 Westheimer, 713-942-SKIN.
Bruce W. Smith, D.D.S. — 1006 Missouri Street, 713-529-4364.
Southwest Houston Women's Center - (Myrtle Oates, MD) — 4747 Bellaire, 713-779-6626.
STAT Home Health Care — 711 Hyde Park Bld. 713-520-9997, www.stathomecare.com
Statscript Pharmacy — 3407 Montrose, 713-552-7373
Tony Carroll Psychotherapy — 1006 Missouri St., 713-529-4364.

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Bromley Medical Group — 3202 San Pedro, 210-732-5100.
CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, casa-sa.com.
Counseling Works — (Joan Wells, LPC) mooreworks.net/cw, 210-203-2057.
FFACTS Clinic — 507 North Leona, 210-358-3710.
Hill Country Psychotherapy Associates — 11118 Wurzbach Rd., 210-558-0409.

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Southtown Dental Group — 930 S. Alamo St., 210-227-0101
Allstate — (Mike Ryals) 12174 N. Mopac Blvd., 512-490-0011.
W. Chad Ballard — (Met Life Auto & Home) 8303 N. Mopac #A100, 512-795-1054.
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A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-1702.
Allstate — (RJ Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2212.
Allstate — (Peter Fisher) 5934 Royal Lane, Ste. 252, 214-361-9870.
Steven Graves Insurance — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ste. 270, 214-599-0808.
The Swartz Agency — (Farmers) 111 S. Story, Irving, 972-258-0922.

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Allstate Insurance — 13231 Champion Forest Dr., 281-895-8181.
Dale Englefield — (Farmers) 888-439-1700.
Elijah Kabalka (Farmers) — 6575 W. Loop South, 713-661-7700.
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Parker Insurance — (Progressive) 210-649-2111, 1-866-649-2111.

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Barnes Jennie — 512-917-4746, moreland.com.
Bollew Scott (Fresh Perspective Lending Team) — 512-328-2225, freshperspectivelending.com.
Copper Eric — 512-350-3921, EricCopper.com.
Nelson Julie (Keller Williams) — 512-848-5881, thenelsonproject.com.
Presidio Group Realtors — (Ron Redder) 512-657-8674, presidiogroup.com.
Re/Max Downtown — (Geroge W. Hughes) 115 W. 8th St., 512-940-4894.
Tebbetts Eric (2K Mortgage) — 2700 Bees Caves Rd. #120 — 512-306-1616, 2kmortgage.com.

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Dream Home Realty — Ray Ortiz, 5151 Belt Line Rd. #610, 214-923-4818.
Elder Deb — ABR, GRI, CRS, Broker (Abio) 3100 Carlisle Ste.104, 972-733-8845.
Hewitt & Hagbood — (Coldwell Banker) 214-752-7070.
Master Realtors — 4235 Cedar Springs. 214-902-9999, masterrealtors.com.
Morris & Moore — (Coldwell Banker) 972-588-8163.
Shelter Mortgage — 2605 Routh. 214-365-0708.
Surrealty — 3615 N. Hall 214-520-2020 surrealtyhomes.com.
Virginia Cook Realtors — 2626 Cole, 214-292-0000, virginiacook.com.
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Partridge Properties (Todd Partridge) — 3230 Yoakum, 713-528-1184, toddpargtride.com.

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Amberstar Properties — 210-614-7818, amberstarproperties.com.
Timothy DeWein — (Keller Williams) 12500 San Pedro 210-842-8452, dewein.com.
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Rainbow Real Estate — (Nancy Russell) 210-860-6092, 1-888-GAY-MOVE.
Hagan Retzliff — 210-286-8032.
Randy Rice — (Keller Williams) 210-844-0102, randyrice.com.

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Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858
Kerbey Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, kerbeylanecafe.com.
Hickory Street Bar & Grill — 800 Congress Ave., 512-477-8968.
Huf's Hamburgers — 807 West 6th Street, 512-472-0693

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Black-eyed Pea — 3857 Cedar Springs, 214-521-4580.
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Buli Cafe — 3908 Cedar Springs, 214-528-5410.
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Chan Thai — 312 W. 7th St., 214-948-9956.
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Tillman's Corner — 324 W. 7th St., 214-942-0988.

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Azteca's Bar & Grill — 2207 Richmond, aztecasbarandgrill.com.
Baba Yega — 2607 Grant Street, 713-522-0042.
Barnaby's Café - 604 Fairview, 713-522-0106.
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Carmello's Italiano — 14795 Memorial, 281-531-0696.
Hollywood Book & Cafe — 2409 Grant, Ste. A, 713-523-8855
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Pang Tai's Stirfry Bistro — 10811 Westheimer, 713-975-7821.
Pepper Tree Veggie Cuisine — 3821 Richmond, 713-621-9488, peppertreeveggie.com
Noche — 2409 Montrose at Hyde Park, 713-529-8559.
Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse — 908 Congress at Travis, 713-226-7210.
Ziggy's Healthy Grill — 2202 W. Alabama, 713-527-8588.

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Crumpets Restaurant — 3920 Harry Wurzbach, 210-821-5800
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Apartment Experts — 512-633-6860
Girl Meats Grill, Gourmet Personal Chef Service — 512-922-9887.
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Q Avenue Web Production — 512-228-6751 Qavenue.net.
Rainbow Photo — 2913 West Anderson Lane, 521-453-4740.
Velocity Credit Union — 512-469-7000, velocitycu.com.

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Creative Elements Salon — 4008 Cedar Springs, 214-252-0399.
Dallas Voice — 4145 Travis, Third Floor, 1-866-977-8077 ext. 114.
Expressive Arts — 507 Exposition, 214-468-9229, expressivearts.com.
Inwood National Bank — (Brian Walsh) 3848 Oak Lawn, 214-351-7322.
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Concierge Travel — 713-661-2117, 877-775-9616, conciergetravel.cc.
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Etheria Salon & Day Spa — 4444 Montrose Rd., 713-526-7751, www.etheriasalon.com
House of Coleman Printing - 901 West Alabama, 713-232-2521.
Houston Gym — 1501 Durham, 713-880-9191, houstongym.com.
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J.P. Morgan Chase Bank — 712 Main Street, 713-216-4775, 1-800-235-8522.
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Leon Valley Veterinary Hospital — 6701 Banderita Rd., 210-681-1391.
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Cheapo Discs — 914 N. Lamar, 512-477-4499.
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Tapelenders Video — 1114 West 5th, 512-472-0844.
Texas Capitol City Antique Show — 214-826-2584.
The Leather Furniture Co. — 9070 Research Blvd., 512-451-4321.
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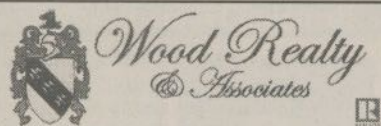
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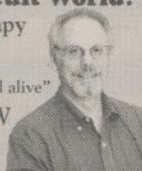
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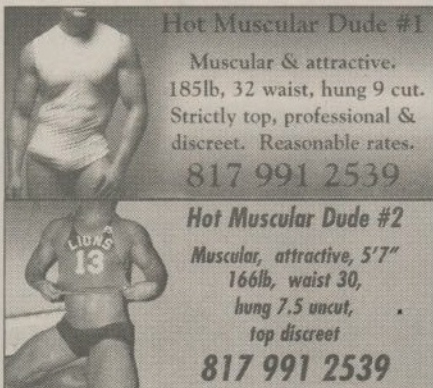
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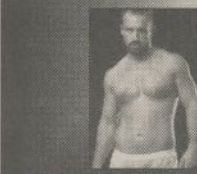
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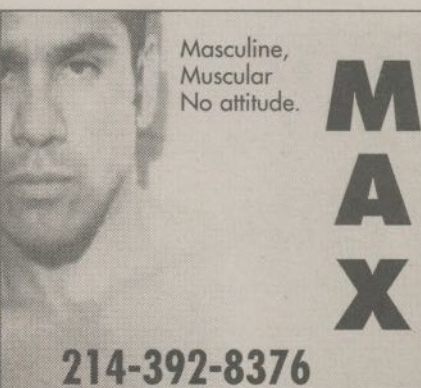
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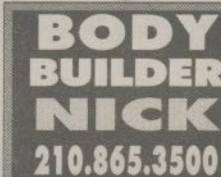
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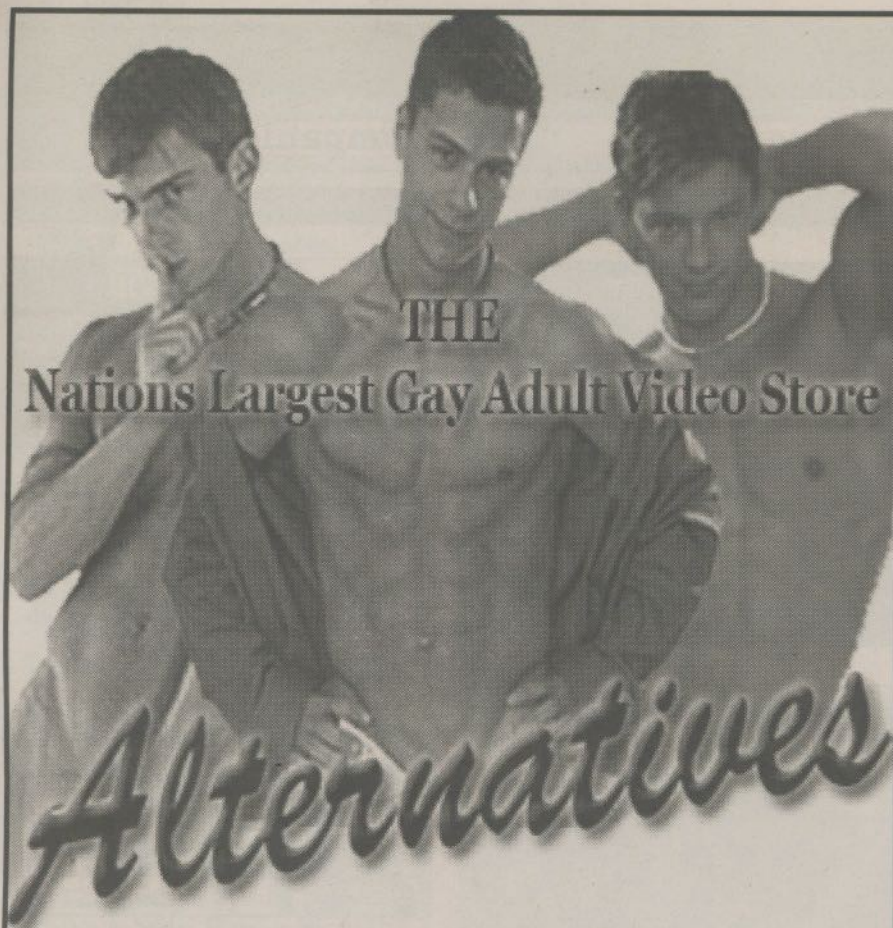
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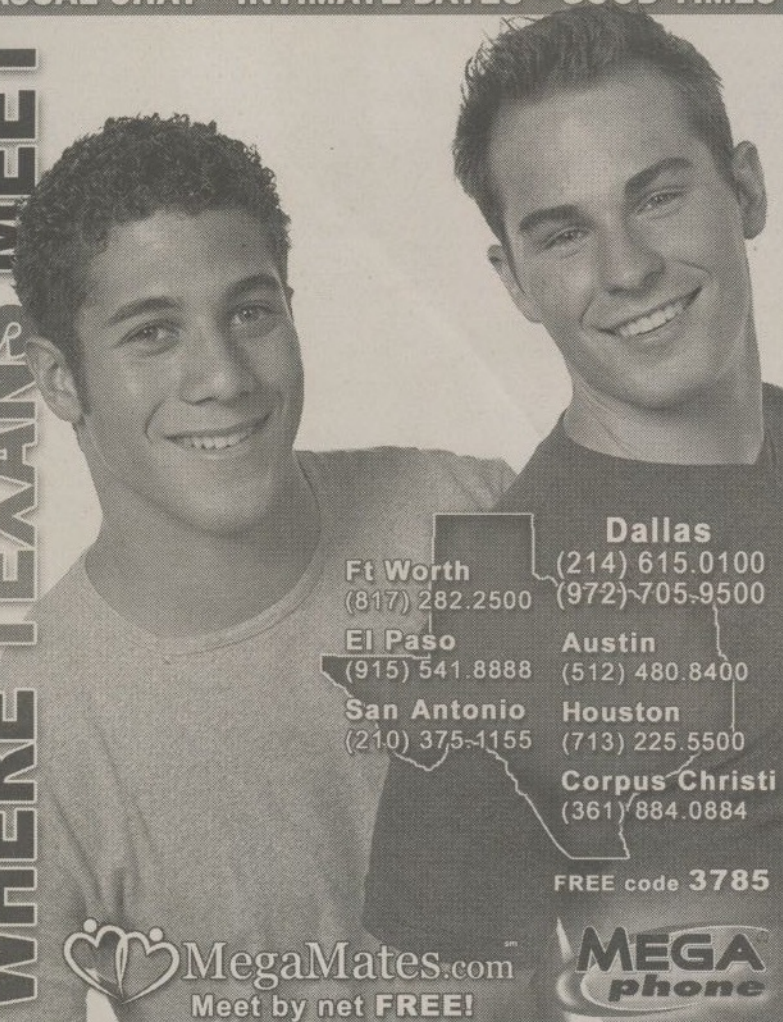
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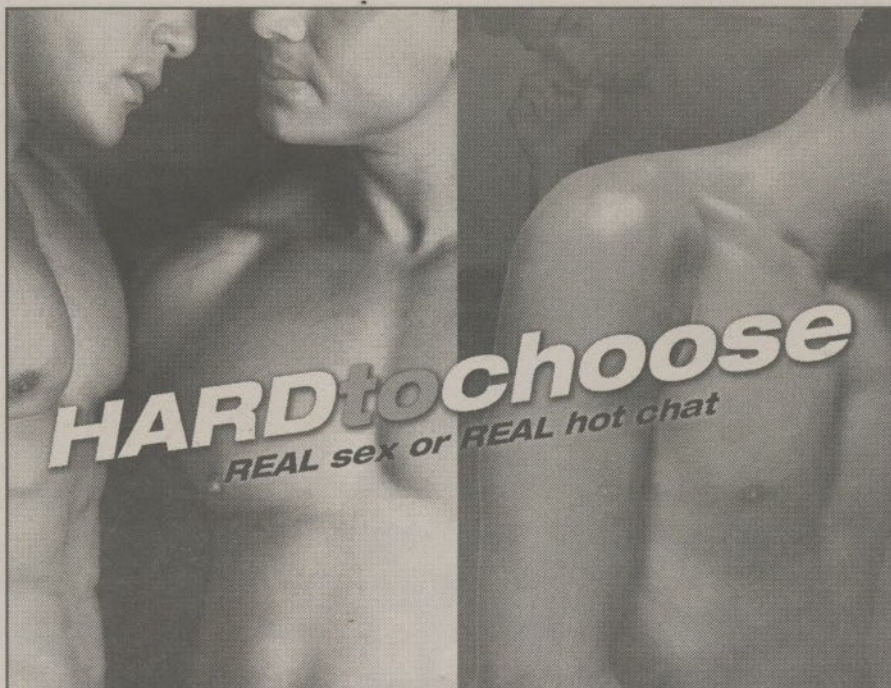
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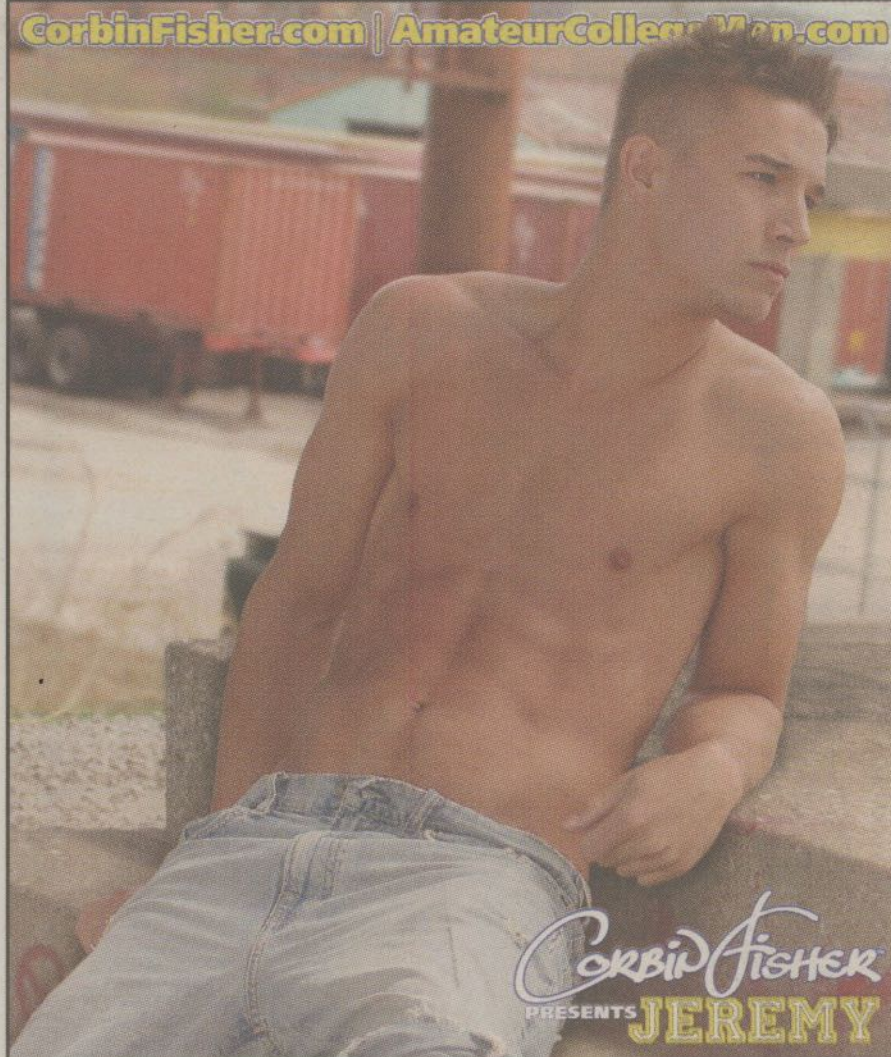
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