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## Chastity Bono outraged at press coverage of 'Ellen' flap

Says soon-to-be canceled show 'too gay' for mainstream America

LOS ANGELES—Lesbian activist Chastity Bono says she's outraged at the way the national press reported her comments that the ABC-TV series "Ellen" is too gay.

"('Ellen') is so gay it's excluding a large part of our society. A lot of the stuff on it is somewhat of an inside joke. It's one thing to have a gay lead character, but it's another when every episode deals with pretty specific gay issues," she told *Daily Variety* in an interview published Monday.

Bono, the entertainment media director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and last season a bit player on "Ellen," said creators of the show need to slow down and chart a more moderate path, according to the story in *Variety*.

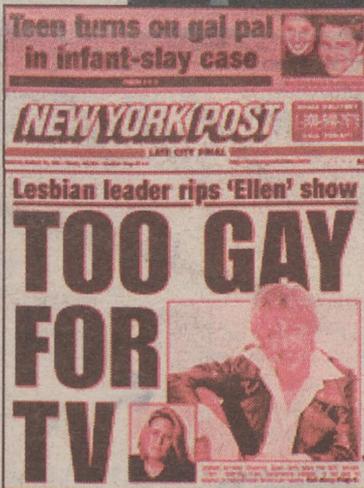
ABC sees "Ellen" as a betrayal, the daughter of the late Sonny Bono and Cher said.

"Ellen (DeGeneres) has gone in a totally different direction than she said she would," Ms. Bono said. "Originally, she said this wasn't going to be the 'Gay

Ellen Show,' that every episode wasn't going to deal with gay issues. But it pret-



Chastity Bono



ty much has. And this is something ABC hasn't been happy about."

After the story hit the streets and was picked up around the country, Bono issued a statement, through GLAAD, clarifying her remarks in *Variety*: "Since the moment I learned

Ellen's character might come out, I recognized the extraordinary opportunity to use my position and GLAAD's resources

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## PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT

### Right-wing sweeps GOP primaries; Caucus candidates win Dem races

Low turnout benefits Hotze's anti-gay candidates

by TERRY MURPHY

While all Harris County candidates endorsed by Houston's gay political action committee won their races, a slate of Republican candidates endorsed by anti-gay religious right kingmaker Dr. Steven Hotze made a virtual clean sweep in this week's primary election.

Urged by gay leaders to turn out to vote in the March 10 primary elections, gay voters in Harris County stayed away in droves. That reflected the trend statewide, in which an estimated 13 percent of all eligible voters turned out for the election Tuesday, an all-time low.

In Harris County, the low turnout combined with the exceptional efficiency of Hotze's organization to put 11 of 15 religious right candidates over the top in Harris County. A chart in the March 12 *Houston Chronicle* analyzing the results of candidates endorsed by Hotze's political action committee, Conservative Republicans of Harris County, was titled "Kingmaker."

"I think we were surprised at the magnitude of the religious right," said Gary Van Ooteghem, president of Log Cabin Republicans-Houston. "If even a handful of gay people had voted Republican with us in a few key precincts, we could have turned them back."

Things were much rosier in the Democratic primaries, where the entire slate of candidates endorsed by the non-partisan Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

Political Action Committee were victorious.

Caucus PAC-backed candidates included Jim Mattox for Texas Attorney General and state representatives Ron Wilson, District 131; Senfronfa Thompson, District 141 and Rick Noriega, District 145.

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### Gays continue to win party influence

by TERRY MURPHY

HOUSTON—While final results weren't in by press time, it appears the on-going Precinct Initiatives by local gay activists to join the leadership of both parties at the local level was fairly successful after this week's primary elections.

Under the Precinct Initiative plans of Log Cabin Republicans Houston, and Houston Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus, gay Democrats and Republicans have been getting elected as local delegates to their respective parties in Harris County's 30 election precincts.

Those local delegates help shape a policy platform at the precinct

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## New magazine focuses on gay families

by HARRIET L. SCHWARTZ

Like many other publishing entrepreneurs who have started their own magazines, Kelly Taylor believes she will fill a void with her new publication, *Alternative Family Magazine*. And she aspires to chart new advertising territory.

*Alternative Family Magazine* will provide profiles, advice, and political updates relevant to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents and their children, as well as to individuals and couples hoping to start a family. Each issue will also include resources and a children's section offering games, pen pals, and articles.

"I really want to see a lot of interaction with our readers," Taylor says. "I'm very interested in stories about families, not just in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York and Washington, I'm looking

for the mid-western family. I've heard about a family that's living on a farm in the Midwest — those types of stories, I would really like to share."

Taylor also hopes to break advertising boundaries. "What we're trying to do is reach advertisers who may not have considered a magazine in the community," Taylor says. "We're trying to reach diaper companies, baby food companies — our readers are buying those products. I know that we have a lot of challenges ahead in reaching those types of advertisers. I will be very excited if I can see that happen."

The bi-monthly *Alternative Family Magazine* debuts with the March/April issue, a 44-page publication. Taylor had 3,500 copies printed initially, and may do a second press run in response to the

quick popularity of her new publication.

The Human Rights Campaign, Alyson Publications, Mountain Meadow Summer Camp, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and Surrogate Mothers, Inc. are among advertisers in the premier issue. Taylor says she is working with an ad agency to reach more mainstream companies for future issues.

Because the magazine includes a children's section, Taylor will not accept ads from alcohol or cigarette companies, nor will she publish sexually-explicit ads.

Taylor's interest in starting a family-related magazine emerged as she and her partner sought out resources on starting a family. She came to believe that the gay, les-

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## LOCAL

### Night in Black Leather 98 kicks off Friday night

Steven's House is the beneficiary of this Night in Black Leather '98, a weekend of fun, contests and fundraising for Houston's leather community and out of town guests.

The event, which last year raised \$5,500 for the Colt 45s, kicks off Friday night with a complimentary buffet from 8 to 10 p.m. at Night Hawks (formerly Venture-N), 2923 Main St. "We're talking big food," said organizer Don Gill. "Smoked salmon, shrimp, brisket, meatballs...it will be a huge spread."

That is followed by a one-hour, one-man show by Carmen Del Rio that Gill says will get everyone in the mood for the main event Saturday night.

Starting at 9 p.m. (also at Night Hawks), NIBL'98 will feature a star-studded lineup that includes current Mr. International Drummer '98 Jeff Adler of Miami, Florida, as well as Mr. International Drummer '97 Kyle Branden.

This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Mike Geinzer, and Gill said he hopes NIBL'98 will raise \$8,000 for Steven's House in Geinzer's name.

Waiters for Saturday night's big event will be the contestants in the Mr. Prime Choice contest, which is limited to 40-plus participants. Gill said the waiters will make it easy for everyone at the packed event to get served, and that all the waiter's tips will contribute to the fund-raising kitty.

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### LOBO Cafe to celebrate grand opening

After 25 years of serving the gay and lesbian community of Texas, LOBO Bookshop is expanding to include coffee shop at its new location.

According to owner Larry Lingle, LOBO "has gone to the next level" and he says he is happy to announce a grand opening celebration for the LOBO Cafe on March 16. The highlight of the special night will be a visit from Houston City Councilmember Annise Parker, who will preside at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

LOBO, a Montrose fixture for the 12 years, has always known that change is necessary in order to meet the needs of its customers, according to owner Lingle.

Throughout its history, the bookstore has undergone many changes, but nothing as extreme as its move to a new location, he said. Having outgrown its 1424 Westheimer location after 10 years, and realizing that yet more could be done to meet the needs of the community, LOBO not too long ago moved to 3939 Montrose, more than doubling the space and providing a customer friendly atmosphere with ample parking.

Now, LOBO is taking the next step, according to Lingle. By expanding and opening the cafe, Lingle said he hopes LOGO will provide an alternative gathering place for those in the community who desire such. With comfortable seating, soft lighting, freshly brewed coffee, pastries baked on the premises and a wide selection of desserts, LOBO has provided a comfortable environment for relaxing and visiting with friends, he said.

On Monday, March 16, Parker will preside over a ribbon cutting ceremony. Complimentary fresh brewed coffee and pastries will add to the festivities, which begin at 6:30 p.m.

### BRIEFLY

• Bering Memorial United Methodist Church has announced its annual Spring Festival, featuring the popular Pancake Breakfast, for Saturday, April

18. The event will include a Health Fair, Rummage Sale, Drawing and Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Plant Sale and entertainment. All proceeds benefit Bering's extensive community ser-



*Anything Goes With Pumps* was the theme of the '98 Deb-U-Not Ball, held March 8 at City Streets. Angie Lada, above, (a.k.a. Ralph Leal) was crowned by the Miss Camp America foundation that evening, after a festive revue by two dozen dazzling debs.

vice organizations.

• DiverseWorks presents "Al Rojo Vivo (Bare Bones)" a video and spoken word performance by Hispanic HIV-positive women at 8 p.m. March 20, 21 and 22. "Bare Bones" is the second work by performance artist and film maker Elia Arce, who wowed audiences with her 1997 performance, "Don't Tell Anybody." Tickets are \$7, or \$5 for seniors, students and disabled.

• AIDS Housing Coalition Houston invites all community members to join

in Operation FiX iT uP '98 on Saturday, March 21. Volunteers will gather that day to help open 12 more units of low income, safe housing for PWAs by doing grounds work and cleaning up of donated apartments. The event takes place at 6207 Teirwester (288 south, exit OST, turn east 2 lights, and left on Teirwester). Donations of paint, a picnic table, swing set and appliances are needed. Call (713) 521-1613 for more information.

• Pride Committee of Houston hosts parade floating building seminar at its general meeting at 6 p.m. Tues., March 17, at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. An special Events Planning seminar will follow the general meeting at 7 p.m., during which Phil Dickens, a financial strategist with American Express, will present successful strategies for organizing a successful event. The Krewe of Olympus and Lights Bulbs Unlimited will lead the float building seminar from 8 to 9 p.m. They will answer questions and demonstrate how to build a winning float for entry in the Pride parade.

• Houston Body Positive Wellness Center, a community non-profit dedicated to empowering HIV-positive people, has elected new officers. Anthony Bianchi was named president. Other new officers include: Scott Wendland, vice president-programming; Richard Wiederholt, Ed.D., vice president-fund raising; Pete Sharpe, treasurer; and Nelson Vergel, secretary.

• The Rainbow Fishing Club has booked reservations for Pride Week charters. Twelve-hour fishing excursions have been booked for 60 people on Sunday, June 21 and for 40 on Wed., June 24. Call (713) 523-6381 for more information.

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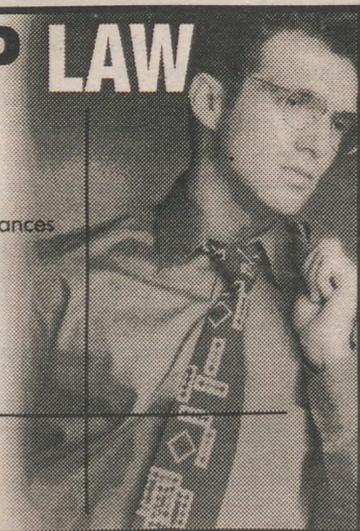
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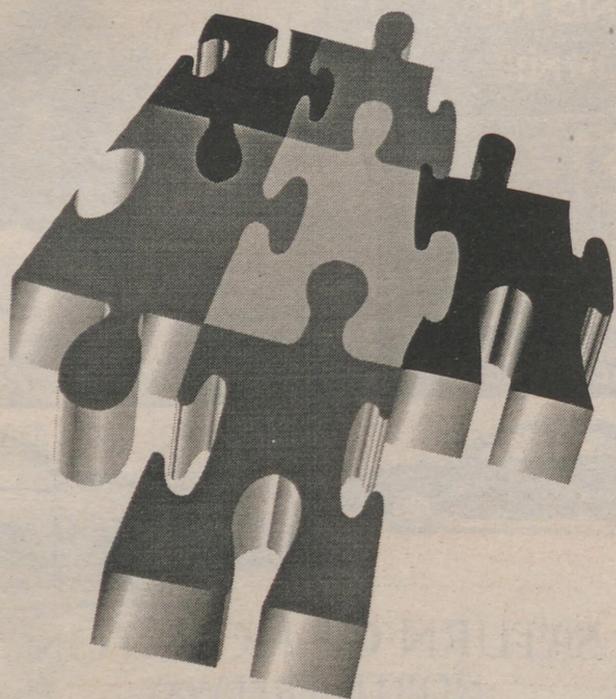
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## REGIONAL

### Brownsboro man gets 30 years for "queer hunting"

TYLER, Texas (AP)—A Brownsboro man who bragged to his friends about "queer-hunting" was sentenced to 30 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for shooting a man just because he was gay.

The case was the first test in Smith County of the 1993 state hate-crime law, assistant district attorney Craig Schumacher said.

The panel of 10 women and two men took about three hours Wednesday to sentence Billy Glenn Adams, who must serve at least 15 years before he is eligible for parole.

Adams pleaded guilty earlier this week to aggravated assault as a party in connection with the wounding last April of Kevin Adams—who is not related to him—on Texas Highway 31 west of Tyler.

The shooting left the victim partially paralyzed in one arm.

"I take no personal pleasure in the fact that you are going to prison. I do not hate you," Kevin Adams told his attacker in 114th District Court.

"I do accept your apology from yesterday ... but I know from the look on your face that day that your act was intentional."

The defendant says he does not remember most of the incident because he was drunk, but he insists it was not a hate crime. In addition, his lawyer claimed codefendant James Dickerson was the shooter and Adams was just the driver.

Prosecutors said Adams told others he had been "queer-hunting" that night and bragged about doing the shooting.

Because the incident was determined to be a hate crime, the range of punishment increased from two to 20 years in prison to five to 99 years or life. The jury settled on 30 years.

Kevin Adams said he would pray for the defendant and his family, and hoped Glenn Adams would get counseling and learn to be more tolerant.

"When God looks at the world, he doesn't see different groups ... he sees one group, one race—the human race," the victim said. "I believe you have some redeeming qualities."

Glenn Adams responded by saying, "I'm just sorry."

No trial date has been set for Dickerson, who remains in custody.

Brownsboro is about 20 miles west of Tyler.

### Anti-gay judge trounced in San Antonio election

SAN ANTONIO—A state district judge who gave probation to the confessed killer of a gay man and called the victim an "SOB [who] got what was coming to him," was on the losing end of a landslide vote in his primary bid for re-election Tuesday.

The loss by Judge Terry McDonald ends a long campaign against him by San Antonio gay activists.

Challenger Mario del Prado, who sought support from the gay community, trounced McDonald by almost 20 percentage points. The drubbing, which the *San Antonio Express-News* called an "upset," came despite McDonald's strong backing from leading Democratic elected officials and prominent defense attorneys in both political parties in Bexar County.

"We vowed never to rest until McDonald was booted out of office," said Dan Castor, co-chair of the San Antonio Equal Rights Political Caucus, which led the gay community's efforts against the judge. "It took us nearly eight years because McDonald had incredible support

from defense attorneys.

McDonald became infamous to the gay and lesbian community in 1991 when he gave probation to Nicolo Giangrasso, a U.S. Marine stationed in San Antonio, who beat a gay schoolteacher Charles Resendez to death after the two had met in a gay bar.

"A young, physically fit Marine from a wealthy New Jersey family told McDonald that he had been raped by this short, middle aged, Hispanic school teacher," said Castor. "McDonald claimed he believed this story, and only a few weeks ago in a campaign debate reiterated that the 'son-of-a bitch [Resendez] got what he had coming to him.'...This was despite the fact that there was no physical evidence collected to substantiate the Marine's story that he had been raped.

Del Prado and the only Republican primary election candidate for the judgeship, Sam Katz, sought and received SAERP's endorsement. Gay leaders say they are unsure whether or not they will endorse a candidate in the general election.

Leaders of the local chapters of Human Rights Campaign (HRC) held a highly successful fundraiser for Del Prado at which members of LCR also made substantial contributions..

SAERP and LCR members operated a phone bank for Del Prado. In the final days of the campaign, SAERP sent out an professionally produced mailer to 15,000 Bexar County Democratic women voters that included photocopies McDonald's hot checks for child support.

—Rob Blanchard

### Austin Baptists continue to welcome gays

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Outside the University Baptist Church, across the street from the University of Texas, the sign proudly proclaims: "Our Doors Are Still Open."

Inside over a chicken dinner, about 50 church members talk out their feelings after the Baptist General Convention of Texas voted Feb. 24 to oust the small congregation for embracing gays and lesbians.

Church members are not happy about how they were treated. But neither are they deterred from what they see as their ministry to spread God's love for all people.

Ken Steele, chancel choir director, tells of support from friends across the state and down the block—including a mother who visited with her gay son.

"She is so proud of the fact that we are giving him a place to come worship where he knows that he will not be excluded from everything the moment that they find out his sexual orientation," says Steele. "I can't help but feel that God is working through what we're doing."

In a majority vote, the convention's executive board severed ties with the 90-year-old church, condemning the church's ministry as an affirmation of the homosexual practice. An estimated 10 percent of the church's 200 active members are openly gay, says the Rev. Larry Bethune, church pastor.

"It's not accurate to say we endorse homosexual behavior, but we do embrace homosexual persons as persons beloved of God," he says.

The church was ousted from the Austin Baptist Association after the 1994 ordination of Hans Venable, a deacon who is gay. Since then, the church has invited homosexuals participate in Open Circle, a ministry for gays and lesbians.

Bethune himself embraces the church's difficulties. "Thank God," he

says, "for what we have learned by standing with a group of people who have been marginalized and shamed." And Venable and his partner, David Stahl, laud the discussion surrounding the executive board's action as a chance to broaden the debate.

"It's a very open and accepting congregation, and the people involved are some of the nicest young men and women you'd want to know," says church member Vera Lee. "Their lifestyle to us was they were devoted Christians and good friends."

One of the older churchgoers at 76, Ms. Lee sees the inevitability of change. "This is a situation we're all going to have to face—not only University Baptist, but all denominations and all churches—because it's a reality," she says. "Someone always has to be first."

A 20-year church member, Anthony Chapple expects University Baptist to continue a tradition it began 50 years ago when it invited blacks to share church pews with whites. "I see us ... staying the course of including everyone in the love of Jesus Christ," says Chapple, who is gay and black.

And, as the pastor adds: "As our sign says outside, our doors are still open, and they're going to stay open."

### Tempe, Ariz., re-elects gay mayor

TEMPE, Ariz.—Despite last-minute vandalism of his campaign signs, openly gay Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano won re-election by a comfortable margin in Tuesday election.

Under cover of darkness, blood-red spray paint was used Sunday night to scrawl the word "GAY" across six of Tempe campaign signs.

City police and legal officials weren't immediately sure if the vandalism could be considered a hate crime because vandalism is a misdemeanor offense.

Giuliano, who came out in 1996, said he's been expecting some personal, gay-related attacks during the campaign. "It bothers me personally a bit. But it bothers me even more that people can't respect different views of an issue," he said.

Giuliano said the vandalism is no less disturbing than recent physical attacks on three suspected homosexuals in Phoenix. "It's disappointing, but not surprising. A lot of it is coming from people with strong right-wing views," he said.

The Arizona Christian Coalition is making its first-ever push in Tempe-area elections, although the group denies targeting Giuliano.

As for the vandals, the mayor said there aren't any suspects at the moment. If anyone is caught, he plans to press charges. Damage to the 6-foot-long wooden signs totaled about \$400. "It's absolutely outrageous to have these kind of tactics. There are a lot of hateful people out there who will try anything, especially if they think things aren't going well for them," he said. "It's the wrong way to

express their displeasure about someone's life."

For almost the first time in the campaign, mayoral challenger Jay Mansperger agrees with Giuliano. "I don't tolerate that garbage," Mansperger said of the sign vandalism. "It's totally wrong and it makes me look bad, too."

### Army Sgt. faces gay harassment charge

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP)—A Fort Bragg sergeant could face jail time and other penalties if a military panel convicts him of sexually harassing male soldiers.

Court martial proceedings began Tuesday against Sgt. Irving Myers, who is charged with cruelty and maltreatment of subordinates, specifically by sexual harassment.

Four soldiers told a military judge that Myers expressed a desire to perform sex acts with them and others in exchange for money, WTVD of Durham reported.

Myers has denied the charges.

The soldiers said the incidents occurred between September and December of last year. At least three of the men are members of Myers' unit.

If convicted, Myers would face six months in jail. He could also have his rank reduced, lose two-thirds of his pay for six months and receive a bad conduct discharge.

### SF Mayor presides at 2nd mass gay wedding

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown will marry 50 gay couples in a mass ceremony at City Hall March 25, a bid to put a human face on same-sex relationships, officials said Wednesday.

The mass gay wedding, the second

Brown has performed, will be open to the first 50 gay couples who have paid the city's \$35 fee to register as domestic partners and another \$30 for the ceremony.



San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown

"San Francisco will once again take the lead on the discussion around same-sex marriage," Brown said in a news release.

"On March 25th, we will put a

human face on same-sex relationships, challenging America to look at these couples who pay the same taxes, share the same hopes and dreams, contribute equally to society, and yet are denied equality under the law."

Brown performed a civic wedding ceremony for 163 gay and lesbian couples two years ago. Since then, 27 states have banned the recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Under the Defense of Marriage act signed by President Clinton, the only marriages recognized at a federal level are those between a man and a woman.

Nevertheless, San Francisco officials say support for same-sex marriage has peaked at about 38 percent in the polls and Brown has publicly embraced the city's politically-powerful gay community.

San Francisco enacted a domestic partners ordinance in 1992, allowing couples to register their relationships with City Hall. So far, more than 3,000 couples have done so.

Other city ordinances now allow gays to have civil ceremonies performed at the county clerk's office,

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and to extend retirement benefits to their domestic partners.

The city has also enacted a law requiring businesses that have contracts with the city to provide the same benefits to workers with domestic partners as to those in traditional marriages. That law is being challenged in federal court.

**'Seinfeld' menu offers gay slur**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—You might want to think twice before ordering at the "Seinfeld" diner.

The menu board at Monk's, the fic-

tional hangout for Jerry and the gang, tends toward unappetizing and even profane fare in a photograph printed in the April edition of *Swing* magazine.

Besides a grilled burger "on Lice" and "C— Salad," the menu includes a "Double Chili B— Burger" and "2 Large Fresh Homos," according to the photo.

It's enough to drive a hungry customer into the arms of the Soup Nazi.

The picture was shot on the "Seinfeld" set in early December as part of a profile of series producers Jeff Schaffer and Alec Berg. *Swing* spokeswoman Tory Johnson said Tuesday.

It was unclear if the menu board, tucked into a corner of the set, has ever made it into an episode of the



Jerry Seinfeld

show with off-color listings intact.

According to *Swing's* photo caption, Schaffer and Berg devised the menu. A call for comment from the pair and from series producer Castle Rock Entertainment was not immediately returned Tuesday. NBC declined comment.

Whether intended as an in-house gag or not, the display's reference to homosexuals tasted sour to some.

"It sounds fairly anti-gay to me and certainly not in keeping with the show's progressive outlook on life," said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization.

"At the same time, in the context of that entire menu, it sounds ridiculously juvenile," he said Tuesday.

There probably won't be repercussions for the sitcom, Smith said. "Seinfeld," the No. 1 comedy on television, is wrapping up its nine-season run this May.

"I doubt very seriously there will be protests outside of the 'Seinfeld' set

for anti-gay bias," Smith said. "However, it's clearly offensive and juvenile and should be taken down."

*Swing*, a 100,000-circulation, New York-based magazine, is aimed at readers in their 20s. The April issue will be on newstands within a week.

**Alaska gays pack anti-marriage hearing**

JUNEAU (AP)—Advocates for same-sex marriage packed a Senate hearing Monday to testify against a proposed constitutional amendment banning such unions in Alaska.

The amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman was prompted by a judge's ruling last month that choosing a life partner is a fundamental right regardless of the person's sex. If the amendment passes by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature, it would go before voters in November.

Sarah Boesser of the Committee for Equality in Juneau warned the campaign for the amendment would unleash an "angry anti-gay onslaught" against longstanding relationships like the one she has shared with another woman for 17 years.

"This bill, whether you mean it to or not, builds a podium for hate speech," Boesser told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski's ruling did not legalize same-sex marriage in Alaska, but he ordered the state to show compelling evidence why it should regulate the choice of a partner. The state plans to appeal the decision.

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Loren Leman, R-Anchorage. "Should some unelected and unaccountable judge in Anchorage decide social policy for the entire state?"

Several people testified against the bill, criticizing Leman and the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee for trying to amend the constitution.

"Your job is to guard this, not the Bible," Liz Dodd, the president of the board of the Alaska Civil Liberties Union, said to Leman, brandishing a copy of the constitution.

Although dozens of people signed up to testify around in Juneau and around the state, committee Chairman Robin Taylor cut off testimony after less than two hours. The measure passed out of the committee 5-1. The Senate Finance Committee will take up the measure next.

## Maine Gov. denounces anti-gay attack

FALMOUTH, Maine (AP)—Gov. Angus King denounced violence and reaffirmed his support of gay rights at a rally prompted by concern about the recent beating of a gay doctor.

"Violence under any guise is wrong," said King, who urged leaders of the successful effort to repeal Maine's gay rights law to send their supporters the message that the referendum outcome does not pave the way for harassment of homosexuals.

The governor pointed to the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two years ago as an extreme example of the violence that can take place when impressionable followers act on what they interpret as the beliefs of their leaders.

"You cannot unleash these dark

forces and then disclaim responsibility," said King, noting that there has been a rash of reports of incidents targeted at gay people since the referendum.

A standing-room crowd of about 200 packed the Falmouth Congregational Church for what organizers billed as a community speakout against fear and violence.

The Thursday night meeting was near the spot where Dr. Charles Mitchell was attacked while jogging. Although police have found no evidence that the daylight attack was motivated by Mitchell's sexual orientation, the van he was driving was decorated with gay symbols and investigators have not ruled out the possibility that he was the target of a hate crime.

The Portland psychiatrist, who suffered a concussion, facial injuries and a broken jaw, didn't talk about the beating. Instead, he focused on the importance of rearing children so that they grow up to be kind and tolerant, not filled with hatred.

## La. queen arrested in bizarre sex scam

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—A transvestite who posed as a college football recruiter and his female assistant lured high school athletes to a church gymnasium and performed a sex act on one of them, police said.

Cpl. Don Kelly said the suspect told investigators he'd played the roles many times. While dressed as a woman, he took body measurements from football players and said he needed them for recruiting purposes, Kelly said.

"He told us he's been doing this for years," Kelly said. "That apparently

gave him some thrill to do that."

Police don't know if any sexual activity occurred in the other encounters, Kelly said.

Tommy McDowell Jr., 44, was arrested Wednesday at Dufrocq Elementary School, where school officials said he was a substitute lunchroom worker.

McDowell, who was on parole for a forgery conviction, was booked for crime against nature and held on \$250,000 bail.

McDowell had obtained the home phone numbers of three Ponchatoula High School players by calling their coach, Kelly said.

Principal Lawrence Thompson said both he and his coach were fooled, even though the impostor called the school collect.

"He sounded like a pro. He was evidently good because he fooled us all," Thompson said. "The parents bought it hook, line and sinker. They are enraged. The jeopardy that these kids were in was mind-boggling."

Kelly said McDowell claimed he was Ray Williams, a coach and recruiter at Grambling University and the brother of head football coach Doug Williams. He then set up a meeting with the three players Monday night at the Cornerstone Ministries gym.

When the players arrived, they were greeted by "Alicia Owens," who explained that Ray Williams couldn't make the meeting, but had sent "her" in his place, Kelly said.

McDowell said "she" needed to take their measurements and brought them upstairs one by one. The players partially undressed and McDowell, after measuring one player's thigh, performed oral sex on him, Kelly said.

The players told their parents what happened. Investigators quickly

tracked McDowell, who lived at the gym where the crime occurred.

## Ariz. gays upset over college paper cartoon

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Members of the gay community are upset over an editorial cartoon in Arizona State University's student newspaper depicting a Boy Scout leader carrying a purse and asking scouts if they wanted to "earn their FIRST-AIDS merit badge."

"All the group members that I've talked to are extremely frustrated and disappointed that the State Press would use the gay community to increase participation in the paper," said Matthew Heil, co-chairman of the Lambda League—a coalition of student groups for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

"Something that cruel is incomprehensible to me. There is no place to accommodate hate in society."

The cartoon appeared in Friday's paper and was drawn by State Press staff cartoonist Brian Fairrington.

"It's just a cartoon and not to be taken seriously," he said "I'm sorry if people took it the wrong way."

The cartoon comes on the heels of apparent hate crimes aimed at homosexuals, including two deaths in Phoenix and the vandalizing of an ASU West faculty member's car.

"I'm not making light of the situation," Fairrington said. "I oppose gay bashing and I'm not anti-gay. Gays in the Boy Scouts is just one of those issues that needs to be commented on."

Jodi Bafundo, managing editor of the State Press, declined comment on the cartoon.

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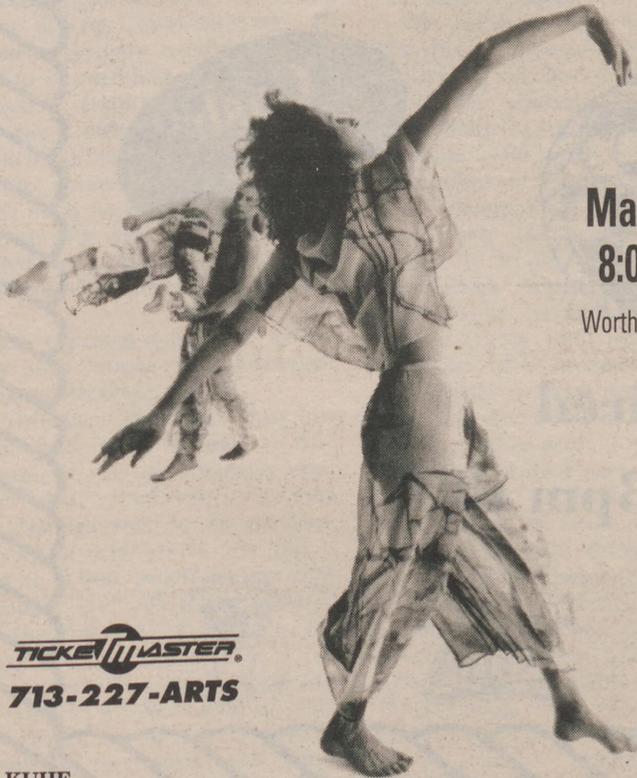
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**No Time For Gay People or AIDS:**

The much-publicized 75th Anniversary special issue of Time (March 9), tells the story of the last three-quarters of a century of history, and according to its telling, neither the struggle for lesbian and gay people's equal rights nor AIDS ever happened. It is understandable that Time would not include the 1969 Stonewall Riots (the symbolic kick-off the modern movement for gay civil rights) because the magazine's early coverage of gay issues was scant at best. But during the 1980-1989 section, entitled "Comeback," neither gay issues nor, shockingly, AIDS, is ever mentioned in any of the sections, from "Nation" to "World."

Even in "Milestones," instead of mentioning the death of Rock Hudson, the significant historical marker is "Divorced. Elizabeth Taylor Hilton Wilding Todd Fisher Burton Burton Warner." "1989-1998: Transformation," ignores the global pandemic of AIDS which has left millions dead and many others living with HIV, and the critical discovery of protease inhibitors is also ignored. Yet the Heaven's Gate cult suicide of 39 gets space.

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**60 Minutes Wrestles With Issue of "Ex-Gays"** On March 1, a "60 Minutes" segment with Leslie Stahl began with the question, "What happens when your son tells you he's gay and doesn't want to be?" Stahl then introduces an anti-gay radical religious group called Exodus "which claims to change the sexual orientation of gay people, with a course of Bible study,

behavioral modification and peer counseling." They presented a "PFOX" (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays) meeting where several parents ask what they did to "make" their children gay. The main PFOX mom interviewed is so ashamed that she remains in shadow with her voice disguised. Her son has been in Exodus for two years and she claims he is happier now. She states her stereotypical view on being gay: "It's the end of life as far as I'm concerned.... you've no family, no children, no life....God didn't make anybody gay."

Then the show features John Polk, a current spokesman for Exodus (the two founders of the organization have long since condemned the organization and become comfortable with their real sexual orientation). Polk has been married for four years to a "former" lesbian and they have one child. Stahl asks for Exodus' success rate, but not surprisingly, they refuse to provide it.

Then Stahl interviews Cathy Tuerk, whose son came to her when he was eight years old and said, "I hate myself—I think I'm a fag." Tuerk tells a deeply moved Stahl about trying to toughen him up, concluding, "I abused my son."

Doug, an openly gay man, relates his own experience with two exorcisms and five years of religious-based "conversion therapy" without success. He tells Stahl that, "Being an ex-gay is like being an ex-black."

Stahl then refocuses on Tuerk, who eventually went to PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), found herself among other parents who care deeply about their children, and is now president of a PFLAG chapter. The closing shot is of her at last year's Youth Pride Day telling the crowd "I am a proud mom of a gay son, and I am here to tell you, you are not alone."

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**Anne Heche Gets A Life** The March issue of the fairly conservative magazine "Life" features Anne Heche discussing her sexual identity and her relationship with Ellen DeGeneres. Entitled, "What's Love Got to Do with It? Everything,," the introduction states, "When Anne Heche and Ellen DeGeneres went public as a couple, Heche was accused of latching on to the comedian's star. Never mind Heche's own resume and the roles waiting for her in the wings.... Looking back, Heche talks about why she risked it all for love."

The article features a Herb Ritts photo of the couple from behind, walking down the street arm in arm. "It's amazing to be what I call the last minority to come out," Heche says, adding that lesbian, gay and bisexual people are "an inside minority, not an outside minority. But...this is as much a part of me as my skin color, yet I'm not allowed to say it? We're as O.K. as anybody else."

When asked if she defines herself as a lesbian or bisexual, she responds, "Neither. I didn't know I was open to women. The definition of gay is that you're attracted to the same sex; there are people who are born attracted to the same sex." When asked if she thinks she was born that way, she responds, "No, I think I was born attracted to a human soul....I knew the second I met Ellen I would be with her forever."

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**Newsday Profiles Two Gay Dads**

The Sunday, March 1 edition of Newsday contained an extensive profile of Jon and Rob Cooper, a gay male couple who adopted five children and whose family exemplifies the modern definition of an American family.

"[T]he Coopers present an idyllic image of a well-adjusted family," writes Newsday reporter Ching-Ching Ni, who also quotes the couple's oldest son, Daniel, who said: "It's just like a regular house. Everybody cares about you. Everybody loves you."

Throughout the piece, Ni shows the family to be just what it is: loving, healthy, and "normal."

Ni examines the factors which have enabled the Coopers to create such an exceptional environment, including their financial prosperity, their devotion to one another, and their commitment to their family. But he paints the picture as "a lucky exception" to a harsh reality, and lauds their efforts not only toward fostering such a positive environment, but also towards effecting change in their community's attitudes.

He looks at the discrimination which the parents themselves often face and the prejudice which can affect the children, but focuses mostly on dispelling the notion that children of lesbian or gay parents will necessarily suffer.

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level and can get elected at the Senate District Convention level to become state party delegates, who then, in turn, can get elected as national party delegates.

Thus, the more gay and lesbian party members elected as delegates at the precinct level, the more likely that pro-gay policies will show up on the state and national party platforms.

It is a strategy the Christian Coalition used with great alacrity to take over the national Republican Party; a phenomenon that resulted in reactionary presidential candidate Pat Buchanan making his famously anti-gay "cultural war" speech on prime time TV at the 1992 GOP national convention here in Houston.

After the polls closed last Tuesday, anyone who voted in either the GOP or Democratic primary was eligible to return to the polling place and participate in the party precinct conventions. Approximately 600 delegates were elected in each party, and any number of resolutions addressing any political issue could be put forward and passed at any party precinct convention. These platform proposals are then presented at the Senate District conventions of each party later this spring.

A number of pro-gay resolutions regarding employment protection, hate crimes and repeal of Texas' sodomy law, were put forward by gay delegates at precinct conventions of both parties throughout Houston.

"We're very pleased with the results of our Precinct Initiative this time around," said Gary Van Ooteghem, president of Log Cabin Republican-Houston. "Our members and friends showed up in strength at numerous precincts in this city and made their presence felt."

Van Ooteghem reported that more than three dozen Log Cabin members and friends were elected to attend Republican senate district conventions to be held March 28. "We're

bound to get some state convention delegates out of this process," he said.

"It our impression based on phone calls and informal networking, that we did extremely well in electing gay and gay-friendly Senate District Convention delegates and also did quite well in adding to the number of gay and gay-friendly Democratic precinct chairs and sustaining the ones we already had," said Clarence Bagby, president of Houston Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus. "And it also appears, from talking to the Log Cabin Republicans and to our people in the Republican Party, that there was some success there as well."

Of course, not everything went according to plan.

Log Cabin members who attended precinct conventions did so incognito; i.e., they were not previously known to Harris County Republican Party leadership as Log Cabin members. The religious right did the same thing, and the two factions sometimes clashed. In precincts where Log Cabin members were in the majority, they elected as many gay delegates as possible and passed pro-gay resolutions, according to Van Ooteghem. In precincts where the religious right was more successful in turning out its members to the convention, things did not go so well, he said.

In one, where a Log Cabin member found himself the lone gay representative, the religious right Republicans were particularly harsh in voting down his resolutions. "He said they tried to humiliate him at every turn," said Van Ooteghem.

However, he also got a report from a precinct where the pro-gay and anti-gay votes, both on delegate election and resolutions, was split evenly. In that case, he said, the precinct chair casts the deciding vote. "It just so happens that this precinct chair was a Log Cabin member," said Van Ooteghem. "And when the religious right saw the way he was voting, they all got up together and stormed out in protest."

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Noriega will face Republican Michael Bunch in the November general election, while Wilson and Thompson will be unopposed.

All Caucus-endorsed candidates were Democrats.

According to Jay Seegers, HGLPC PAC Screening Committee chair and a member of Log Cabin Houston, all Republican primary candidates were invited to be screened by the Caucus for possible endorsement but none took the offer. Seegers said Republican primary candidates often refuse to screen with the Caucus because such an endorsement would hurt them with right-wing social conservatives who typically make up almost half of all Republican primary voters.

Seegers expected some GOP candidates to seek Caucus endorsement for the general election.

In Noriega's election, the low turnout may have worked to the advantage of the community, said Caucus PAC President Clarence Bagby. Noriega won by an approximate vote of 1,200-800. "We did a mailing to 2,000 people in his district," Bagby said. "We may have provided the margin of victory for Noriega."

"I am especially excited about the major support we were able to offer Rick Noriega's in his race for state representative for District 145," said PAC Board Vice Chair Clair Koepsel. "Rick will work hard in Austin in pursuit of the goal of equality for all

Texans."

Incumbent Wilson promised the HGLPC PAC that in the next session of the Legislature he would sponsor hate crimes legislation that includes enhanced penalties for crimes committed on the basis of the victim's sexual orientation, as well as legislation ensuring that gay couples in Texas can adopt children.

"We had hoped that our targeting of the three contested state house races would pay off, and it did, largely due to a high concentration of gays in those districts and an overall low voter turnout," said Bagby.

Republican members of the Caucus were disappointed by the results in their party, Bagby said: "The virtual sweep in the Republican primary by candidates supported by extreme right wing activist Steven Hotze demonstrates the urgent need for everyone who supports equality for gay people to come together to support the fair-minded candidates on the November general election ballot, regardless of their party affiliation."

Victorious judicial candidates endorsed by the Caucus included Ron Johnson, County Criminal Court 1; Susan Spruce, County Criminal Court 7; Steve Herskowitz, County Civil Court 1; Dalia Stokes, County Probate Court 3; and Terrance Windham, 183rd Criminal District Court; Also, Keith King, District Clerk; Sue Schechter, Harris County Democratic Party Chair; Michael Jozwiak, Precinct 34 Chair; and Brian Keever, Precinct 39 Chair.



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**Same-sex harassment ruling is no civil rights triumph**

by CHRIS CRAIN

It is a strategy sometimes on the U.S. Supreme Court to assign consensus opinions to the justice least associated with the cause at-hand. For example, unanimous civil rights opinions are often assigned by the Chief Justice to more conservative justices, the idea being that the opinion will have all the more influence if it comes from an unlikely source.

Such may be the case with last week's Supreme Court opinion approving lawsuits brought by victims of same-sex harassment under Title VII, the federal civil rights law prohibiting sex discrimination. With all nine justices ready to reverse a Louisiana appeals court decision that would permit lawsuits only from victims harassed by co-workers of the opposite sex, Chief Justice William Rehnquist assigned the opinion to the most conservative, anti-gay justice of them all: Antonin Scalia.

National gay leaders immediately proclaimed Scalia's handiwork a civil rights victory, since the Supreme Court made Title VII available and applicable to everyone, regardless of their sex or their sexual orientation. That's a result difficult to criticize.

Before last week's decision in *Oncale v. Sundowner*, a federal appeals court in Virginia had ruled that same-sex harassment suits could go forward under Title VII only if the harasser is gay. That bullet was worth dodging, since it would have encouraged the perception that sexual harassment is about sexual attraction, not power.

But a closer reading of Justice Scalia's opinion suggests that we may have popped the cork a little early.

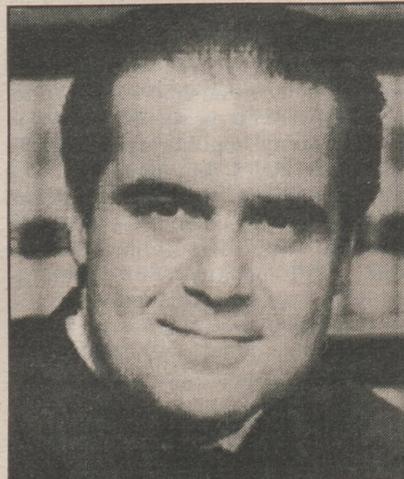
Justice Scalia's opinion in the *Oncale* case may have rejected the blatant double standards suggested by several appeals courts, but it made life tougher for most gays in the workplace, especially in the absence of a federal law prohibiting employment discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Although the court's ruling is complicated and its application by lower courts will be even more complex, one thing is pretty clear: the decision sets up legal standards that will make gay workers much more vulnerable to sexual harassment lawsuits than their heterosexual co-workers.

As one legal scholar has pointed out, heterosexuals will always view

conduct by gay workers differently than they would the same behavior from straight workers.

Justice Scalia suggested as much in his opinion. He acknowledged that it is "easiest" for courts and juries to see harassment as a form of sex discrimination—a requirement under Title VII—in "male-female" situations because the sexual innuendo is directed only at women in the office.



Justice Antonin Scalia

Juries could make that same "easy" inference in same-sex harassment cases, according to Justice Scalia, "if there were credible evidence that the harasser was homosexual." And the hearts of more than a few career-minded homosexuals just skipped a beat.

Scalia's double standard—one rule for straight workers and another for gays—makes heterosexuals more likely to sue gay co-workers, and heterosexual juries more likely to reach verdicts against gay defendants, says Gary Spitko, openly gay professor at Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis.

For those who disagree, believing our judicial system will ensure gay defendants are dealt with under the same legal standard as heterosexuals, Scalia's "common sense" examples of same-sex harassment are chilling evidence to the contrary.

It's acceptable in the workplace, according to the Scalia, for there to be "male-on-male horseplay or intersexual flirtation." What's the message here? Men should reasonably expect that other men will engage in horseplay, including the inevitable slights about perceived effeminacy and homosexuality. Flirtation is also

acceptable, under Scalia's example, if the parties involved are of a different sex.

But he leaves it to heterosexual judges and juries to decide whether its reasonable for a male employee—especially a straight male employee—to endure flirtation at the hands of a male co-worker—especially a gay male co-worker. The same would hold true for a lesbian co-worker standing accused of harassment by a female co-worker.

Add in the tendency of most straight folks to "sexualize" everything that lesbians and gay men say and do, and you have a recipe for lawsuits galore. And without protection from federal civil rights laws, some employers may well decide that the litigation risk is not worth hiring gays or putting them in management roles.

Unfortunately, Justice Scalia's double standard has one last trick in store for victims of same-sex sexual harassment, whether they be gay or perceived as such. Lawyers will undoubtedly argue that abusive behavior by men toward men in the workplace is simply "horseplay" of the type approved of by Scalia. And even if it seems more abusive than playful, harassers can claim they were motivated by homophobia, which is legal, not bias against men, which is not.

All in all, it looks more like Chief Justice Rehnquist assigned the *Oncale* opinion to Justice Scalia not to heighten its impact, but with a more sinister motive in mind. Maybe the conservative Chief Justice decided that if the court was going to expand federal civil rights laws to cover same-sex harassment, where homosexuality is such an undercurrent, the opinion should be assigned to a justice who would make sure that gays couldn't make the result into a civil rights triumph.

Justice Scalia, who filed such a vehement, hate-filled dissent in the case of Colorado Amendment 2, appears to have been the perfect choice.

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Only a handful of sites nominated for this award actually receive it, so feel proud that you stand out among many. We appreciate the dedication it takes to maintain such an endeavor and it is our way of saying thank you to the men and women of our community who care. So, once again, outstanding job!

Rev. Mattie  
Lesbianmoms and Gaydads  
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**THE MARCH OF GAY SCIENCE: CHAPTER 27**



# Millennium March Madness A compendium of opinion about the proposed March on Washington in 2000

## HRC/UFMCC: National March fits new gay America

We believe our community has an opportunity to welcome the new century in a fresh way with a Millennium March for Equality in the year 2000.

In the year 2000, the entire nation will be looking for new trends and fresh messages. We have an opportunity, if not an obligation, to use this wave to effectively shift the paradigm of perceptions about gay people.

We believe that in the early 1990s, gay American entered an entirely new period that has gone largely unnoticed and unanalyzed. Shaped partly by the AIDS crisis and partly by the ground swell of people coming out and living honestly, the priorities of our community have changed dramatically.

We are looking for ways to find stability in our relationships, health, homes and communities. We are in the middle of a gay baby boom. The desire to legally marry has emerged as an extremely important goal for many gay Americans. Many of us are returning to churches of our youth or finding new ways to express our spirituality.

A Millennium March provides a remarkable opportunity to dramatically demonstrate what it means to be gay in this nation at the turn of the century. This march absolutely should be inclusive: gay, lesbian,

bisexual, transgender and straight.

Some critics of the march have used the recent loss in Maine to argue that a national march shouldn't take place because some other plan would produce the fund-raising needed at the state level. But there are millions of dollars available in the community not accessed by any organization.

Others have argued that a Millennium March would detract from a 50-state action planned for 1999 by the Federation of Statewide Organizations. We see the two events as complementary, and we believe that state actions alone will not capture the imagination of most gay Americans.

Critics of the march concept have argued that the state houses are where all the action is, but the fact is we need to be strong, bold and strategic as a movement at every level. Gay citizens of many states will never win their civil rights without a national effort.

Rather than become mired in the mud fight that has emerged among those who would criticize this idea, we would like to invite them—and you—to participate in what we believe will be the most exciting demonstration of our unity and power at a seminal moment in time.

*Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign ; Rev. Troy Perry, Metropolitan Community Church*

## NGLTF: March where the action is—state capitols

I want to talk about a part of the debate that is sorely missing. I believe that it is much more crucial to the success of our movement that we mobilize in the states than in Washington, DC.

Our marches in 1979, 1987 and 1993, focused our country's attention, for good reason, on building visibility and power in Washington. But the political landscape has changed dramatically, and with that, our focus must also change.

Over the past several years we have seen the center of gravity shift from action at the federal level to movement at the local and state level. Let's use the dawn of a new millennium as the time to make our activism count at the local and state level.

We find ourselves at a time where our communities have made enormous cultural gains. Despite these gains, most gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Americans live in states that allow discrimination based on sexual orientation, that ban same-gender consensual sex, and that do not consider violence

directed at the gay community as a hate crime. Many states ban same-gender marriage. More and more queer youth find their school groups the target of right-wing legislators.

Last year, a record number of bills affecting the gay community were introduced in state legislatures. Many bad bills were defeated and a record number of good bills were passed.

NGLTF has widely distributed its proposal for 50 state marches and actions to be held in 1999. It was first discussed at a gathering of more than 30 leaders of statewide gay organizations, and a separate meeting attended by more than 30 executive directors of national gay organizations.

The process of discussing the 50 state actions has been lengthy and not always perfect. But it has reflected the belief that no one organization can control an entire movement's agenda.

The road to our freedom is a long one, and the process is as important as the result. A national movement is fueled by the collective energy and spirit found in towns and cities across America.

It is there that our futures lie.

*Kerry Lobel, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force*

## No dress code

If a march is to take place, we all want it to be effective and powerful. But much in Rev. Mel White's check list doesn't apply to the realities of queer life at the turn of the millennium, and many of his suggestions would be counterproductive.

Imposing a dress code and using march "monitors" would be particularly problematic in our community because it fails to recognize that it is our very diversity and semi-anarchic quality that is the source of our strength.

Had these points been applied literally in the past, not only would previous queer marches on

Washington never have happened, neither would virtually all of the assorted marches, demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience staged by ACT UP and other activist groups over the years—actions that have quite literally saved thousands of lives.

The queer movement, if it is about anything, is about freedom.

Do we really want "carefully trained monitors" enforcing a dress code at our march? Discipline and focus are useful, but freedom of expression and individuality are not optional frills. They are core values of our movement that we ignore at our own peril.

*Bruce Mirken, San Francisco*

## March organizer: History repeats

In the spring of 2000, our lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community will once again "March on Washington." This is a crucial time in our history, and we need to have a National March. Although we have received some cultural acceptance and are finally recognized as a community by the media, and certainly are targeted by corporations as consumers, the plain and simple fact is we have no rights.

On the Federal level, we have not passed ENDA, and do not have the right to work. DOMA (the defense of marriage act) is to stop us from marrying. James Hormel's confirmation as an ambassador is almost dead, not because he isn't qualified, but because he's gay. The 'don't ask, don't tell' military policy has escalated the number of gays and lesbians who are being forced out of the military. Because we have become more visible, violence against us has increased enormously.

Many organizations want to do state marches in 1999. They feel that more work needs to be done to bolster statewide organizations.

I agree.

We have been working at all levels,

city, state and national, for decades. We have had state marches and we must continue to organize on the state level. We must continue to keep the pressure on at every level of government.

To March on the States in 1999, and to follow this with a March on Washington in 2000 will be very, very powerful. There is nothing as moving as the visibility of hundreds of thousands of us gathered together in Washington, and a National March allows those who will not come out on a state level, to participate.

The last March was held after the presidential elections. That was too late. We relied on the promises of political parties that were not kept. This time, we will show our strength, our unity and our commitment, and our goals before the elections.

In 1979 and 1989 we were told we would threaten the gains of our movement and "drain the resources of our community." We heard that again in 1993, and further that it would conflict with our celebration of Stonewall in 1994. But we felt it was up to the community to decide where to spend their money.

All three times, despite being battered by the forces of our own people who did not want us to have a National March,

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## National Latino/a: Build it & they'll come

The current national discussion of the upcoming Millennium March on Washington 2000 by leaders and national organizations is very productive for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement.

As an activist who was involved in all three previous Marches, I can honestly say that this same type of public discussion and debate preceded every one of our previous marches, with most national organizations and leaders

coming on board almost at the end.

In fact, when Harvey Milk became one of the most vocal activists calling for the first March on Washington in the late 1970's, he was roundly criticized. But then his assassination became a rallying cry by many for our first March in 1979.

Our Marches on Washington really never have been about the leaders and national organizations, but more about the grassroots members of the community wanting to go to Washington and, like other Americans, to be seen and

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## ACT-UP/D.C.: Angry over exclusion

First, let me say that I was shocked and angered that the Human Rights Campaign and the Metropolitan Community Church made a decision to call a march without consulting the gay community.

Second, organizations that refuse to use the words gay or lesbian in their name and come up with a name that says nothing about the gay and lesbian struggle for equal rights and liberation, not to mention the horrific death tolls we have faced as a result of AIDS, cannot be considered leaders in the gay and lesbian movement.

Even though we have not been invited by the Elizabeth Birch Society to participate in a march, we stand

ready to do what we can to help facilitate an event that will move our community forward.

As a Washington, D.C. resident and community activist, I stand ready to do what I can to help those of you who do not live in Washington in any way that I can. We are working on the creation of a Gay and Lesbian March on Washington Host Committee. I have already communicated with officials in D.C. government, who are excited about the prospect of a million Americans coming into Washington D.C. in support of democracy for an oppressed people.

Expect support and alliances from a broad range of community groups, both gay and not gay.

*Steve Michael  
ACT UP Washington, D.C.*

## Coalition: What about 2001?

The millennium approaches. And as it does, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is right to focus on it as an opportunity.

Coupled with an election year, the turn of the century will present us with an opportunity to make history. Considering our recent losses in Maine and Washington, we must be smart, work together and bolster our statewide organizations.

Educating swing voters will be key, and polls tell us that us that these voters are predominantly married and live

primarily outside of urban areas.

It is in the context of these lessons that any proposed tactics for welcoming in the millennium must be evaluated. Several ideas are currently being considered, including a national march on Washington in the spring of 2000, a 50-state initiative in 1999.

If we are going to educate the public—with an eye on those swing voters—about hate-driven initiatives, we must have strong operations at the local level. What strategy best addresses this?

In the year 2000, we have the opportunity to re-shape the political face of America by electing both national and local candidates supportive of our civil

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we continued to organize successful Marches on Washington. These marches acted as reinforcing fuel to the life force of our movement. They energized us for years.

In 1979, 100,000 of us attended the first march, and we wept as we embraced each other by the Washington Monument, faced the White House, and demanded our Rights. I emceed and line-produced the main stage. The rally was heard over National Radio. We knew we had made history.

The second March gave birth to "The Quilt" and the then-controversial "Wedding Ceremony." Little did we know that only a decade later we would fight for this to become a reality for our community. I produced the Main Stage Rally.

By the 3rd March in 1993 (which I co-produced), we still had no rights, but more and more people, including famous personalities, were beginning to come out. Melissa Ethridge, Martina Navratilova, and the Indigo Girls, as well as straight celebrity supporters appeared on that stage. We honored those who had been forced out of the military, and wept as the mother of Alan Shindler (the young gay man who was murdered in the navy) paid tribute to his memory. For the first time CSPAN covered us, and we were seen all over the world on CNN.

Since that third March, the media has given us tremendous coverage and recognized us as a community.

But we are more than just a community; we are a movement, and movements, in order to survive and thrive, must move. We must mount a successful state-wide action in 1999 and we must March on Washington in Spring of 2000.

We have received overwhelming support from grassroots members of our

community who attended other Marches on Washington, or who have heard of them and want to participate in the next one. UFMCC and HRC came aboard immediately, and the National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organizations have been unwavering in their support.

This should not be a battle over state marches vs. a national March. I presented a financial plan to HRC and MCC that I believe will raise enough money not only to cover the March, but to possibly raise money for organizations who are fighting for our rights on every level.

This march will be televised nationally and all over the world, so millions of people who cannot afford to come to Washington can be a part of this great experience.

We will put our children on stage, and our parents, and show our diversity, and our unwavering commitment. We will honor our youth and our elders.

Our courage, our will to live, and our strength through the struggle, while maintaining our humor and our ability to love, have made us extraordinary. We will not stop until we have equal rights. This includes the right to work, to live without violence, to marry, to keep our children, to serve our country, to support our health issues, and all of the other benefits non-gays have in this country.

And until that happens, like the Phoenix, against all odds, we have and will continue to rise, again and again, and to March on Washington, and to never stop the struggle until we have full equality. We owe it to our future generations.

We will do it with dignity and self-esteem and love.

And we will win.

*Robin Tyler, Executive Producer Millennium March on Washington for Equal Rights 2000 (LGBT)*

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rights. Perhaps our money needs to stay in the trenches, where we can focus efforts on fighting local and state ballot initiatives and electing supportive candidates.

Who will we be speaking to in the spring of 2000? When you consider that a new president and many new members of Congress will be elected later that year, a national march may be more effective the following year.

Is there ample time, funding and organization to mount successful statewide actions around the country? The year 1999 is just around the corner, and there is much work to be done.

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heard regarding the issues important to us. We have come by the hundred of thousands, and we want to March on Washington once again in the year 2000.

I am presently National Co-Chair of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization which was founded during the weekend of the 1987 March. This is but one example of the many inspiring results of our marches.

As a person of color, I more than see the importance of a Millennium March on Washington because it is not only the l/g/b/t community, but also the Latino/a community which has become the focus (and the new whipping boy) of the Radical Right.

The previous marches brought Caesar Chavez, Jessie Jackson, the directors of the NAACP and the National Organization for Women and other civil rights leaders and organizations to appear and join us in our continuing battle for equal rights. The national Marches produced unprecedented coalition building.

The Millennium March on Washington once again gives us a great

We look to this letter as a means to expand a vigorous scrutiny of all ideas under consideration. We believe strongly that decisions are richer for the debate.

We can set a new tone for a new century. But we must all be careful to avoid setting our tactics before we have agreed on our goals.

*Joan M. Garry, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Brian K. Bond, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund; Lorri L. Jean, L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center; Kevin M. Cathcart, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; Jubi Headley, National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum*

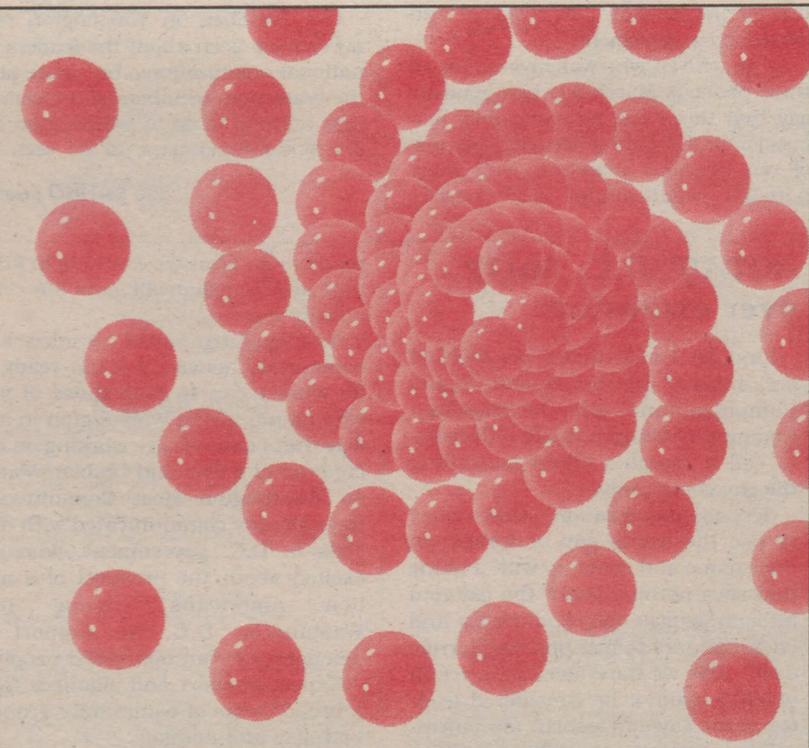
opportunity to show America the determination of our movement and our allies in our struggle for equality.

The facts are that the Million Man March and the Promise Keepers March brought the world's attention to Washington, D.C., and we will do so again for our March in 2000.

The idea and vision for the Millennium March on Washington was brought to San Diego to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 10th Anniversary "Creating Charge Conference" by veteran activist, pioneer, and previous march producer Robin Tyler. The Human Rights Campaign and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches have become the lead organizations, and we as the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization have joined them as equal partners. We call upon others to join this historic undertaking.

History has proven that when it comes to l/g/b/t National Marches on Washington, "build it and they will come."

*Nicole Ramirez-Murray, National Co-Chair, National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization*



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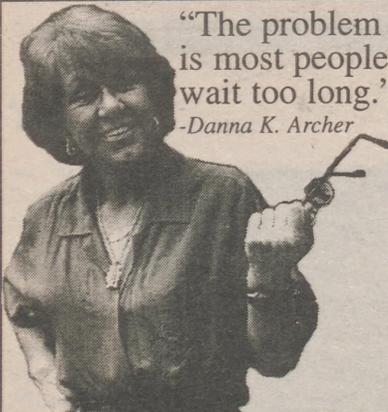
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- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.
- Faith and Hope Fellowship Service at 11:00 am. 713-520-7847.

**Monday-March 16**

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**Tuesday-March 17**

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# HOUSTON VOICE OSCAR CONTEST

Pick the winners in the Top 10 Queer Oscar categories and win dinner for two at Riva's!

by STEVE UNDERWOOD

So what's a better distraction from the presidential crisis than a war with Iraq? The Oscars, of course! And Houston Voice has dreamed up a fun contest in anticipation of the 70th Annual Academy Awards to be broadcast Mon., Mar. 23, on ABC-TV.

And there is plenty of queer interest in this year's parade of Hollywood royalty.

Actor Greg Kinnear gets the Academy nod for Best Supporting Actor for the gay character Simon Bishop opposite Jack Nicholson's Melvin Udall in "As Good As It Gets." Kinner's nomination is historic in that he is the 12th such actor to receive a nomination for an explicitly gay role. Could it be that Kinnear might just walk with the idolized golden boy? And if he does, will Hollywood write more gay roles in mainstream films, if only to nab a nomination? Or is the Academy just rolling over a "gay" quota just to be a little more PC?

And what about that other historical event? By now, everybody knows that "Titanic" sailed away with 14 nominations, tying "All About Eve" as the most nominated film in Academy history. And by now everybody also knows "Titanic" has already topped \$1 billion in ticket sales worldwide. But do gay Houstonians think "Titanic" is that great of a movie?

That's what we want to find out at *Houston Voice*. In fact, we want to know your opinion about 10 categories on the official Academy ballot that we think are of the most interest to

lesbian and gay movie goers. So, we've dreamed up this fab contest where this time around, *you* are the Academy.

Here's how it goes:

1. Select your favorite nominee from each category.
2. Completely fill out your ballot, including your name and contact number, and mail it to *Houston Voice* Academy Awards Contest, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. All ballots must be received by Fri. Mar. 20, 1998. (You can bring it by hand to the office.) One entry per person (no photocopies), no faxed entries, no e-mails. Your personal information will not be released for any reason.

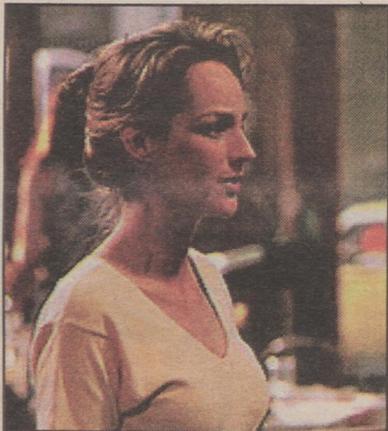
3. We will publish the ballot results and the name of the winner in the March 27 issue of the *Voice*, and compare your Academy choices with the official Academy results and the *Houston Voice* Critic's Choice.

4. And here's the best part: your ballot gets you a chance to win a fine Italian dinner for two at Riva's Restaurant, 1117 Missouri. In the event that more than one entry has all 10 correct predictions, the staff at *Houston Voice* will pick one winner at random from among those correct submissions. Our selection is final.

Good luck!



## BALLOT



Helen Hunt: "As Good As It Gets"



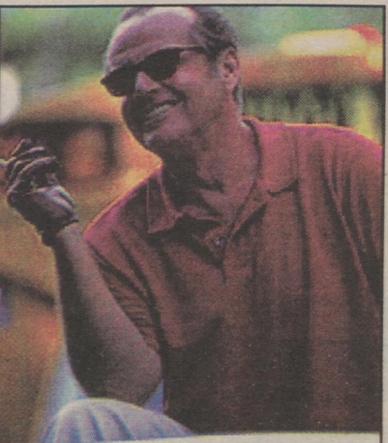
Kate Winslet: "Titanic"



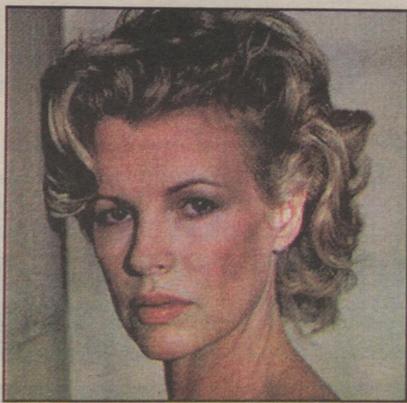
Helena Bonham Carter: "The Wings of the Dove"



Matt Damon: "Good Will Hunting"



Jack Nicholson: "As Good As It Gets"



Kim Basinger: "L.A. Confidential"

### Best Picture

- As Good As It Gets*
- The Full Monty*
- Good Will Hunting*
- L.A. Confidential*
- Titanic*

### Best Director

- Gus Van Sant, *Good Will Hunting*
- Curtis Hanson, *L.A. Confidential*
- Atom Egoyan, *The Sweet Hereafter*
- James Cameron, *Titanic*
- Peter Cattaneo, *The Full Monty*

### Best Actor

- Jack Nicholson, *As Good as It Gets*
- Dustin Hoffman, *Wag the Dog*
- Peter Fonda, *Ulee's Gold*
- Robert Duvall, *The Apostle*
- Matt Damon, *Good Will Hunting*

### Best Actress

- Kate Winslet, *Titanic*
- Helen Hunt, *As Good as It Gets*
- Judi Dench, *Mrs. Brown*
- Julie Christie, *Afterglow*
- Helena Bonham Carter, *The Wings of the Dove*

### Best Supporting Actor

- Robin Williams, *Good Will Hunting*
- Burt Reynolds, *Boogie Nights*
- Greg Kinnear, *As Good as It Gets*
- Anthony Hopkins, *Amistad*
- Robert Forster, *Jackie Brown*

### Best Supporting Actress

- Julianne Moore, *Boogie Nights*
- Minnie Driver, *Good Will Hunting*
- Joan Cusack, *In & Out*
- Kim Basinger, *L.A. Confidential*
- Gloria Stuart, *Titanic*

### Costume Design

- Amistad*
- Kundun*
- Oscar and Lucinda*
- Titanic*
- The Wings of the Dove*

### Visual Effect

- The Lost World: Jurassic Park*
- Titanic*
- Starship Trooper*

### Makeup

- Men in Black*
- Mrs. Brown*
- Titanic*

### Original Song

- "Journey to the Past," *Anastasia*
- "How Do I Live," *Con Air*
- "Miss Misery," *Good Will Hunting*
- "Go the Distance," *Hercules*
- "My Heart Will Go On," *Titanic*

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# 'Love and Death On Long Island' Falls Flat

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

"Love and Death on Long Island" is a film about the disordered love of an aged, stoic British laureate attracted to a young, vibrant American B movie actor. Based on Gilbert Adair's same-titled novel, a widowed Giles De'Ath (John Hurt) accidentally discovers teen movie idol Ronnie Bostock (Jason Priestly) when a careless movie clerk issues a ticket for "Hot Pants College 2"—a sophomoric, "Porky's"-esque flick in which Bostock costars. De'Ath finds himself mesmerized by Bostock's tattered characterization of a defenseless, too-good-to-be-true college boy working nights at a pizza shop to put himself through school. Something magical occurred on that day, and De'Ath goes about hunting pop press on Bostock like a giggling school girl groupie in a fiery hormonal rage.

De'Ath lives the life of an intellectual hermit. He even has trouble telling the difference between a microwave and a television. But to feed his growing obsession for Bostock, De'Ath gets a TV and a VCR and rents Bostock's other "hits" ("Skid Marks" and "Tex Mex"), cuts his maid's hours in half to hide his fixation, and hibernates with the boob tube for a ritualistic study of Bostock's lousy acting. De'Ath could care less how bad the acting really is; he has fallen in love.

That predictably ancient plot gives it the ol' college try, but the movie seems it would fair better had it been left a monologue like the novel. For one thing, the enormously competent Hurt is surrounded by a substandard cast of "90210"-ish nitwits, the principal of which is Priestly. Priestly's portrayal

betrays less confidence than Bostock's idiotic B movie performances. If "Beverly Hills 90210" were a bath, it's left some nasty soap scum on Priestly's lily white world, and it just serves as more evidence that good acting requires much more than a pretty face.



John Hurt and Jason Priestly

Audrey (Fiona Loewi), Bostock's gorgeous bimbo domestic partner, dispenses platitudes a la Tori Spelling. Her self-editing conceit becomes transparent when De'Ath crashes into her grocery cart in order to get a meeting with Bostock. Audrey's coldness melts once she discovers De'Ath is a famous British author interested in advancing the teen-idols' career. That Machiavellian sense of self-interest comes across as merely sickening. De'Ath wouldn't get the time of day had there not been something in it for Audrey or Bostock.

De'Ath gets his meeting with Bostock and manages to quickly develop a lively friendship with him and his

girlfriend. Thanks to the good weather, De'Ath gets a ride into the Hamptons with his dream boy and his tempered fanaticism is released in full force. Later, De'Ath meets with Bostock to lay his card squarely on the table.

What he offers—and what won't work on this side of the Atlantic—is a chance for Bostock to leave his "mundane" existence in America for a marvelous future in Europe—as long as De'Ath can "take care" of him. Unfortunately, Priestly's acting mangles this episodic crescendo so poorly that any chance of connecting emotionally to the film's pinnacle is severely diminished. With such a loss, one can only wonder why a potentially fantastic film like this was allowed to deteriorate with such ineptitude.

Director and screen play writer Richard Kwietniowski attempts to marry up those trans Atlantic differences like class, style, and sexual orientation but things get more mired than rush hour traffic on Highway 59.

Roles with gay oriented characters are chartered waters for Hurt. Just recall Hurt's splendid performance opposite Ryan O'Neal in "Partners". They played a mismatched pair of cops investigating gay murders. Or perhaps you may remember Hurt's acclaimed "Masterpiece Theater" performance as the eccentric Quentin Crisp. But to cast Priestly with Hurt is almost an unforgivable miscue. Is this movie for gays, or straights, or bisexuals, or widowed old men, or intellectuals, or "90210"-type frat girls, or liberals, or conservatives, or just who? Perhaps you can figure it out.

Kwietniowski certainly didn't cast Priestly for his acting ability—there is none. And it borders on offense to the gay community that the movie's marketers might think that gays would cram a movie theater just to get a look at an old man lusting oh-so-politely at Priestly's classic hetero-naiveté. Even so, Priestly must have come cheap—or he needed to pay some bills—to allow himself to be talked into such a radical shift in his capabilities.

"Love and Death on Long Island" may have been much better had the casting of Ronnie Bostock not gone to Jason Priestly. His Canadian good looks can't mask his lack of skill. But in a world of gay cinema dependent on pretty boys and fatal attractions, the formula, it seems, is well worn. If Priestly had any talent beyond admiring his own reflection, perhaps his acting would somehow eclipse his narcissistic fakeness. Actors need to generate emotion for viewers to buy into their vibe—and Hurt certainly does. But if Priestly is capable of feeling anything, it is desperately missing here.

**HOUSTON VOICE RATING:** ★★★★★ for Hurt; ★ for Priestly

**Rated:** PG-13

**Run Time:** 98 minutes

**Genre:** Drama

**Director & Screenplay:** Richard Kwietniowski

**Cast:** John Hurt, Jason Priestly, Fiona Loewi, Maury Chaykin

**Theaters:** opens today at the Greenway Plaza 3

## 'Dark City': Sophisticated Sci Fi

by STEPHEN R. UNDERWOOD

When Tim Burton interpreted the '60s noir "Batman" as a dreary, decadent fantasy, Gotham City ran amuck amid sunless skies and diminished primary colors. The city was ugly and exhausting exhibition—unlike the beaming electric hues so prevalent in the celebrated cult original.

But Burton's rich, darkened hues managed to transform humorous depravity into a provocative and entertaining genre in a league all its own.

Likewise, Australian-born Alex Proyas' "Dark City" generates sinister overtones of galactic proportions, that set up a contrast between the survival of a race of aliens on the one hand, with the mystical promise of human immortality on the other—all within a mechanized, Gothamesque setting.

The alien race, identified as "The Strangers," seeks to unearth the source of the human soul to draw upon its immortal qualities for use by their dying, nomadic space-tribe.

The Dark City is a living, breathing space-machine that evolves perpetually through a telepathic process called "tuning" (a metaphysical power that drastically alters matter at will). The Strangers "tune" during a bizarre, midnight séance causing their human subjects to collapse on the spot, allowing the aliens to inject their plebeians with restructured memories with new wardrobes, homes, and memorabilia tailored to the new animation.

Once the genetic mutations are complete, the city restarts as if nothing happened, only to await the next shutdown, while drifting through perpetual darkness in the cosmic mist.

Proyas studied Fritz Lang's 1926 film "Metropolis" before he began work on "Dark City," and the thematic parallels are unmistakable. In "Metropolis," the thinkers (who don't know how any-

thing works) and the workers (who don't have any vision) are inseparably united because neither could survive without the other. The workers are mere cogs in the endless industrial wheel, but they destroy various machines (and almost their children) in a calculated revolt to shut down the concrete colossus. In the end, the love between Freder (a thinker) and Maria (a worker) transcends the social structure.

Similarly, the plot of "Dark City" revolves around a fatal flaw in The Strangers' iniquitous manipulation. John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell), a human pawn, resists reprogramming during one of the shutdowns, frightening the only "normal" human, Dr. Daniel Schreber (Kiefer Sutherland), who collaborates with the Strangers to conduct his pet-memory experiments.

Murdoch awakens extremely confused about who he actually is, but one memory centers his dazed, distorted wandering. He remembers childhood days on a bright, sandy seashore called Shell Beach. If he can return there, he thinks, perhaps he will rediscover his identity.

Unfortunately, Murdoch's mind suffers from disassociations from his previous programming as a prostitute killer, and Inspector Frank Bumstead (William Hurt) is in red-hot pursuit of the "old" Murdoch. Murdoch discovers part of his identity in a recovered wallet, except he can't recall the manufactured memories of his marriage to Emma (Jennifer Connelly), his adulterous wife, who frantically initiates an unsuccessful "total recall." All the while, The Strangers grow increasingly nervous that Murdoch aborted his programming and, in the process, developed telepathic powers just like theirs.

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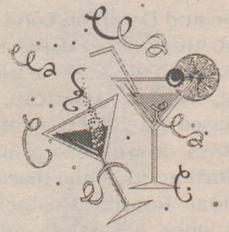
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# Former Houston Voice editor publishes popular book of poems

by ELLA TYLER

Former Houston Voice editor Billie Duncan will be reading her poetry at Bookstop, 2922 S. Shepherd, at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13. Her first book, "Beneath the Desk," has just been published by Wings Press under its Wolfbird Imprint.

Duncan wrote for and edited the Voice at various times from 1981 to 1988, covering entertainment, sports, news and politics. She has spent her time since then writing, acting, singing and, most recently, editing *Houston Jazz*. She performs at and produces Instant Karma's open showcase on Tuesday nights.

I hadn't seen Billie since we went bar hopping one election night in 1988, so I enjoyed catching up with her and visiting about her poetry.

**Houston Voice: I love the poem with the line 'shocked that he had died with such a cliché on his lips'.**

Billie Duncan: That's one of my cowboy poems. I fell in love with cowboy poetry several years ago. I think it's some of the most creative poetry being written today.

**H.V.: Have you ever performed at a Cowboy poetry event?**

B.D.: No, I'm not sure they'd like it.

**H.V.: It is unconventional to have the wife and the girlfriend riding off into the sunset together after the wife shot the husband.**

B.D.: (Laughing) I do put my own spin to it.

**H.V.: You also write very urban poetry, like the one about the Vietnamese storekeeper.**

B.D.: I've lived in Montrose for more than 20 years and it is based on real people and incidents I've read about in the paper. A lot of my poetry is about

people I've met.

**H.V. It felt very real.**

B.D. Thank you. It was a tough poem to write.

**H.V. Is this your first book?**

B.D. Yes, and Joanne Whitebird came to me. I asked her to read one of my poems, and she called my back and said, 'It's time for a book.'

**H.V.: Has much of your poetry been published?**

B.D.: Some has been published in other places, but this is the first major publication. I have the Emily Dickinson syndrome. As long as it's in a box on the shelf I can think it's wonderful and not have to listen to other people's opinion.

**H.V.: Do you think Emily Dickinson felt that way?**

B.D.: I don't know, but I played her in "Belle of Amherst" and have great empathy for her. I love to garden like she did, and I suffer from agoraphobia too.

**H.V.: How do you manage to perform so regularly?**

B.D.: I've gotten treatment, and you learn what your limits are and how to make yourself comfortable. Still, I get terrible stage fright.

**H.V.: Why do you do it?**

B.D.: That's what my husband says, but I tell him I have to perform.

**H.V.: Last time I saw you, you had a son at home.**

B.D.: He's left and come back—a boomerang kid. I have three children, that I know of.

**H.V.: Are you writing mostly poetry?**

B.D.: Oh, no. I write lots of different things, and also write music.

**H.V. Do you have a particular form that you like best.**

B.D.: I write lots of different forms, but I especially like poetry that rhymes. It goes against the grain in the poetry world—it's seen as not as good—so I like to try to write it well.

**H.V.: Where did the book's title come from?**

B.D.: I wrote a poem about the drills we had in school about what to do if the Russians dropped the bomb.

**H.V.: What will you be doing at the poetry night at Bookstop.**

B.D.: 'My Darlin' Barry,' the one we talked about first, is a good performance piece. and I'll sing and play my guitar, too.

**H.V.: Thank you. I'm looking forward to finishing the book.**



## DARK CITY/ from page 17

Proyas' metaphysical, mind-altering odyssey generates plenty of confusion about which Murdoch we're dealing with. Is it the pre-programming Murdoch? Or the semi-pre-programmed Murdoch? Or somebody entirely different? And is anybody in the film really who they appear at first to be? If you're confused, you should be—but that's the beauty of it.

Proyas manages splendid cinematography in a series of patchwork, dream-like sequences that require active engagement from the audience.

"Dark City" is not for the faint of mind and requires an active imagination to interpret the fuzzy plot and conclusion. If Proyas intends to leave us questioning our real identity, he has succeeded.

Even so, "Dark City" is sophisticated science fiction noir, where a thin line separates reality from memory—if you can trust your memory at all.

**HOUSTON VOICE RATING: ★★★★★**

**Rated: R**

**Run Time: 143 minutes**

**Genre: Science Fiction**

**Director: Alex Proyas**

**Screenplay: Alex Proyas, Lem**

**Dobbs, David S. Goyer**

**Cast: Rufus Sewell, William Hurt,**

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<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Dyan Michaels</b>
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<b>THUR</b>	<b>3/19</b>	<b>Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Roxanne Lee Love &amp; Granny's Tacos</b>

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to support her and the program.  
 "To suggest that I feel her work has been anything but groundbreaking for the lesbian and gay community is just not true-and to misrepresent my views and ignore the work I've done in support of Ellen for the past 18 months is an outrage."

"Ellen has been one of the single most important events in television and entertainment history," said Joan Garry, GLAAD's executive director. "The show has demonstrated to America themes that transcend sexual orientation in a style that is entertaining and appealing to all audiences. Variety's irresponsible publication of this article overlooked GLAAD's extraordinary body of work on this issue."

During Saturday night's Women's Night '98 honors sponsored by the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, DeGeneres said: "I came out on the show and in my life and the network

that aired it wanted me to go back in the closet."

"They may have won because we're not coming back and they have the power to cancel us. But they can't cancel me. I am going to be here, and I'm going to do as much as I can," the actress told the Beverly Hilton Hotel audience.

Bono, 29, gave extensive interviews after the Variety story appears.

"The show is not too gay for me," she said in a later interview with Associated Press. "But we have to be realistic. This is network primetime. When a show treats gay issues over and over again, it becomes 'a gay show,' and the average viewer says, 'Hey, I'm not gay—I'm not going to watch it.'"

ABC-TV spokeswoman Annie Fort would not comment.

In a schedule change, Chastity Bono will be appearing on "Larry King Live" on Thursday, March 19, 1998 from 9-10 p.m. EST on CNN.

—Associated Press and staff reports

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bian, bisexual, and transgender community needed a more central information source. "I've been very pleased to see some of the other magazines like *Girlfriends*, *Curve* and *The Advocate* address parenting issues," she says. "They have done a great job."

However, they are not really parenting magazines. We want to just focus on the families." *Alternative Family Magazine* will include regular columns written by an attorney and a psychologist. In addition, Taylor hopes to add a column on financial issues. Along with the magazine, Taylor is establishing a web site. "There are some incredible web sites for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender parenting," she says. "Originally I didn't think a web site was

necessary because there is so much available on the internet. However we've had other sites contact us to do a link, so what we're planning on doing is having some kind of site that will highlight some of the stories in each issue."

While Taylor says the magazine has received tremendous support from individuals and organizations, she received one letter from someone questioning the title she had chosen. "They felt that their family was not 'alternative,'" she says noting that she then looked up "alternative" in the dictionary. "I feel it is appropriate because we're fortunate enough to have choices."

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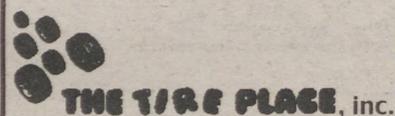
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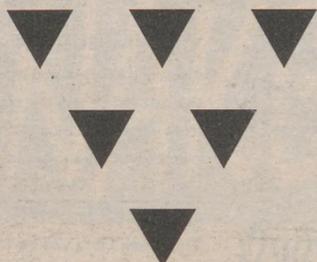
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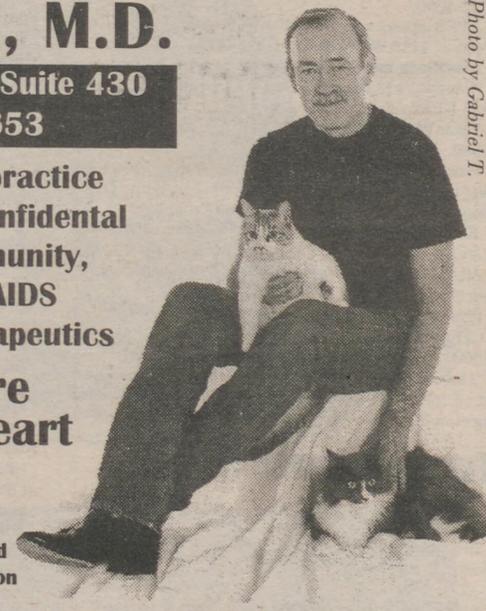


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- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713/864-8468
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
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- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopce's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
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- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 713-861-1800.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club meets for dinner. 768-8793.
- SNAP (Spay and Neuter Assistance Program) . 713/522-2337.
- "Bringing in the Green" annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at 5:30 pm. 1402 Harvard.
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**Saturday, March 14**

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- The Women's Group meets 10:45am. FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
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- Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria at 5:00 pm. 713-629-1432.
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- PFLAG (Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) (Galveston) meets at 2 pm. 713-867-9020.
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**Monday, March 16**

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 713-861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 529-1223.
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- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway. Ste 1717.
- HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- Houston Area Women's Center's Volunteer training. 535-6363.
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**Tuesday, March 17**

- Project Caesar workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 7pm. 495-8009.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling

- Center. 6pm. 529-0037
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
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- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 713-861-1800.
- Project Caesar at AFH. 713-623-6796.
- HIV + Support group for men over 50 meets at 7:30 pm. 713/527-9106.
- HIV/AIDS Treatment Mixer at 7 pm. 713/527-8219.
- Love, Lust, and Intimacy discussion group meets at 7 pm. 713/524-2374.
- AWARE (SW Bell's Corporate Group for Gay and Lesbians Employees) meets at 6 pm. 713-235-7929.
- "Dating and Mating: Erotic Choices in Safer Sex" workshops at 7 pm. 713-524-2374.
- "How to Build a Float" and general meeting at the Pride Committee of Houston meets. 713-529-6979.

**Wednesday, March 18**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Chances 6 to 10 pm. Nighthawks/Venture-N 8 pm to midnight.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:30 pm. 713/864-8468.
- GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the U of H) meets at 4:30pm . 713/791-1412.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopce's at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037/
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Houston Harpices Ice Hockey team recruits at 6:30 pm. 713-802-1248.
- Free Yoga classes at 7 pm. 713-965-9642.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway. Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 713-861-1800.
- Houston Harpices Ice Hockey Team recruits. 713-802-1248.
- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 713-902-2231.
- Rainbow Runglers at 8 pm at the BRB.
- Lambda Rollerskating Club skates at 8 pm. 281-933-5818.
- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 902-2231.
- Healing and Happiness Through Wellness at 7 pm. 623-6796.
- Rainbow Fishing Club goes fishing. 7:30 am 713-523-6381.
- OutVote meets at 7 pm. 713-520-VOTE.
- Roundtable: The Houston Philosophy Forum meets at 7 pm. 713-779-8620.
- Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network meets, at 7:30 pm. 713-942-7002.

**Thursday, March 19**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 713-225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main . 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)
- FrontRunners run at 6:30 pm. 713-522-8021.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.
- HIV Prevention Community Planning Group meets at 9 am. 713-794-9251.
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at 8 pm. 713-629-1432.
- NOW -International Women's Day vigil at 5 pm. 713-665-8NOW.
- Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center organizational meeting at 7 pm. 713-863-7047.
- Gulf Coast Transgendered Community meets. 713-780-4282.

# Galaxy Gayzer

by JOSEPH MOLINA

**March 13 - March 19, 1998**



**Pisces (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**

Happy Birthday Pisces born the week of March 13 -19, I bet birthing never felt so awkward. This week prepare for things to be very moody, expect fluctuations in relationships and confrontations with people in places of power. Your ego is being placed against the world, purging people who needlessly challenge you. A cycle that will last the whole year, remember to employ the idea of discrimination and clear communication.



**Aries (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**

Aries will see some positive readjustment in life this week. Sudden events will stimulate you to aggressively take charge of your life. Over the course of the next two weeks you will notice individuals becoming strangely subordinate to your will: down, roll over, sit. You will have more energy, stamina, and an unusual sense of physical prowess.



**Taurus (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

Delays in life come when we hold ourselves back from fulfilling our desires. By not setting free ties from the past, one limits the potential in the future. If you notice setbacks this week, evaluate what you are holding onto an attitude, a belief, or a philosophy. A situation of the past could resurface to haunt you, be very leery of promises or of being taken advantage by friends.



**Gemini (MAY 21 - JUNE 21)**

This week you will experience an inner urge motivating an awakening or some form of realization. It is a good week to look for a job, write some thought provoking letters, or reconcile an almost lost relationship. You could decide to quit smoking, cut back on red meats, or get in touch with Divinity.



**Cancer (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

True success comes with a lot of hard work. This week, as you come closer to your heart's desire, you will have a sense of being elated and on top of the world. Some of the greatest challenges come when you're one foot in the doorway of fulfillment. Keep your head together and think of how much better you'll feel when this cycle is over.



**Leo (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**

What are you going to want to do this week Leo? Your going to want to eat, drink and be Mary. Friends will be dragging you from one fine restaurant to the other, one barstool to another. You're going to want to reject life and all the seriousness associated with it.



**Virgo (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**

Most of this week you may not feel totally in your element. You should come out of the catacombs and the rocks that you've been under. Frets will occur in everything from your hair and, missed appointments, to a feeling of being too confined or restricted. Out and about you will need to let loose tension and personal insecurity.



**Libra (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**

This week Libra will be forced to learn the idea of sacrifice. Sacrifice will come in the routine of your life, some major changes could occur in your job, you could be forced to give up your money, or have some major compromise occur in a relationship. There is a major restructuring of your life in the works. Shift so you can achieve something greater.



**Scorpio (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

This week some conflict could occur within the realm of personal relationships. Be prepared to experience growing pains as you adjust to a new energy. Relationships that are invalid or unproductive could encounter some friction. Your freedom to experience is going to undergo some rude awakenings. Soon you will see who your true friends really are.



**Sagittarius (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**

Pay particular attention to the way that you handle stress or discord. Bombarded by an unusually large amount of responsibility, prepare to succumb to your lower urges. This week you will be a slave to your desires. You could find yourself dancing in Vogue in the middle of the dance floor, scarfing down a ton of chocolates, or reaching for that lost pack of smokes.



**Capricorn (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**

Take hold Capricorn, this week you have a special influence. You are motivated to initiate goals and put plans under way. You are encouraged to do some healthy organization. At the inception of a new direction or attitude, you will notice an increased ability to focus, achieve your goals, and start projects.



**Aquarius (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**

Get ready Aquarius, an intoxicating influence will surround you everywhere. If it's not one dinner party it's the other, and social setting will put you in your element. Lift that chin high, strap on some tight black pants, and spice yourself with your favorite aroma. Men and masculine figures will catch your eye so prepared for anything to happen.

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**Friday, March 13**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm Buffet at 4:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray plays tonight! Blackjack tables with Bunny open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from noon to 9:00 pm
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Blues Broad Susan Masar sings at 9 pm.
- Club Incognito: Ladies night.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner buffet and drag show until 9 pm.No cover until midnight. BYOB
- Cousin's: Super Friday Night Drag show with fabulous performers at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm; \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Lazy J: Pool tournament
- Incognito: Ladies night!
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$2.25 well \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Stoli and Skyy. Hard Body Male Dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am. \$ 1 well Vodka Juice Drinks.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, and wine until 7pm \$2.50 Cuervo! Night in Black Leather Weekend starts!
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tournament 6pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm.
- Paradise: Open 11 am; \$3.75 Call Martinis, \$2.25 well Martini All day all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Jello Shots \$1 all day and all night! Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2.
- Ranch: Open at 7 pm.
- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: "Fuel" 19 and up. DJ Chris Sill and Fusion.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails, \$2 Cuervo. 9:00
- Vintage Bar has nightly wine tasting. 355-3093.
- XTC: Open at 9 pm.

**Saturday, March 14**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm. Joanne in the afternoons!
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 domestic longnecks.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner buffet and drag show until 9 pm. "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 10:00 pm with costume contest following. BYOB.
- Cousin's: Super Saturday night Drag show with top Houston talent at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.Super Show at 11pm.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Incognito: Alternative night. The Orbit Room!
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer. \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- Ms. B's: Open at 6 pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, and wine until 7 pm. \$2.50 Cuervo. Night in Black Leather!

- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am. Happy House 11 am to 8 pm \$1.50 well and domestic longnecks.
- QT's: Open at 8 am.; Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2. \$ 1 jello shots all day and all night!
- Rascals: "Everybody Dance Night". No Cover before 11pm.
- Ranch: Open at 7 pm.
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm. See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard.; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Vintage Bar has nightly wine tasting. 355-3093.
- XTC: Open at 9 pm.

**Sunday, March 15**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; · BriarPatch: Wayne plays your favorites.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Beer Bust 4 to 8 pm.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm Dinner buffet 7 pm. BYOB.
- Cousin's: Sinful Sunday Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm. \$2.75 Shiner Bock; SRO Karaoke at 6pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. 50¢ draft on the patio starting at 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Bring your own BBQ.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks; \$1.75 well drinks,\$1 vodka well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- Nighthawks:\$2 well, beer, & wine. noon to 7 pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm;
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.No cover 7-9 pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at noon; Happy hours noon to 8 pm \$1.75 well drinks and domestic longnecks.; \$1.75 Bloody Mary all day and all night.
- QT's: Doors open at noon.
- Rascals: Super Sunday Show, 11:00pm - "Rascal's Untouchables". No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's: Trash Disco T-Dance. Doors open at 7 pm. DJ Chris Sill. Super cheap drinks!
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo noon until 7pm; \$2.50 Cuervo; · Vintage Bar has nightly wine tasting. 355-3093.

**Monday, March 16**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all night 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner buffet and drag show until 9 pm. Free Set ups! BYOB.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Male Strip 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table.
- Incognito: Male Strip night!

- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- Metroplex: Doors open at 4 pm. \$2 well drinks and domestic longnecks. Music by Alex C.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover with pass. Lowest regular drink prices in town.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am. Happy Hours 11 am to 8 pm.
- QT's: Killer Bee Shots \$2. Well vodka \$1.50 8 am to 2 pm.
- Ripcord: Boxer Shorts Night Boxer Shots \$1.25.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Table.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm. \$2 Cuervo.

**Tuesday, March 17**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. Variety Show with Ms. Nevada at 8 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner buffet and drag show until 9 pm. "Wizard of Oz" at 10 pm with costume contest to follow. 75¢ set ups! BYOB.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- J.R.'s: 2(x)ist Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, wine, and frozen margaritas. Male strip at 11:00 pm
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$ 1 off all call liquor.
- Mela's Tejano: Free hot dogs and \$1.75 beer.
- Metroplex: Doors open at 4 pm. Music by Alex C.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am Happy Hour 11 am to 8 pm \$1.50 well and longnecks.
- QT's : Open at 8 am. Colorado Bulldogs (Kamora) \$3.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo. Dart Tournament at 7 pm.

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner

- buffet and drag show until 9 pm. No cover until 11 pm. BYOB.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 premium frozen drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night .Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & night \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Mela's Tejano: Amateur Talent Night.
- Metroplex: Doors open at 4 pm; Male Strip contest at 10:00 pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular and video) Noon to Midnight: Amateur Strip at 10 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm.
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am Happy Hours all day and all night \$1.75 well and longnecks.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Honey Dew Me \$2.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Rich's doors open at 9 pm. 18 and up.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Vintage Bar has nightly wine tasting. 355-3093.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, March 19**

- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11pm.
- BriarPatch: Doors open at 2 pm.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Club Triangle: Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner buffet and drag show until 9 pm. \$ 3 cover! BYOB.
- Cousin's: Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Tacos on the patio; Amateur Talent contest @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks \$3.75 all top shelf liquor. \$2.25 Imports and Micro Brews. Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$3 all call vodka.
- Mela's Tejano: Happy hour all day and all night
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Open at 4 pm, Linda Lou with open mike 9-10:30 pm, 10:30 pm to 1 am Karokee
- Nighthawks: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am, \$3 anything in the house.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Classic Martini (Tanqueray or Absolut) \$3.75
- Ranch: Open at 7 pm. Pool tournament.
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Rich's Club Hedo.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Vintage Bar nightly wine tasting. 355-3093

**Important Stuff**

What a weekend this is going to be. Night in Black Leather '98 kicks off on Friday night at Nighthawks. There is going to be food, food, and more food! Don Gill assures me that this is "not your typical bar buffet. The buffet is from 8 to 10 pm." Titleholders!! There are way to many to list that are coming to Houston for this weekend fundraising event. Carmen Del Rio empowers the stage at 10 pm. The fun continues on Saturday starting at 9 pm. Night in Black Leather brings the best of the best that Houston has to offer to the stage. Be there and you will be entertained for hours. All of this of course benefits Steven's House and is in memory of Mike Geinzer. See you there.



Party pals at the 611.

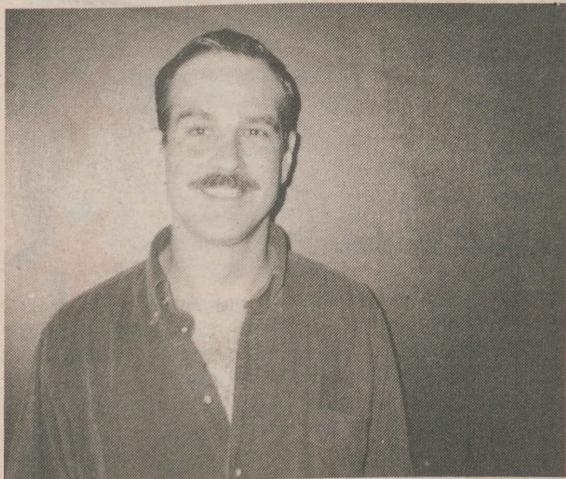
Buy a brick at Brick's III! Want to be a piece of our history. Buy a brick for the patio for \$10 and your name will be emblazoned on a patio plaque. All money will be donated to the PWA Holiday Charities! Way cool!

Happy 20th Anniversary to the Brazos River Bottom! Join them on March 15 at 3 pm for one hell of a party!

The 611 Hyde Park Pub celebrates their 14th anniversary on Sunday, March 15, 6-11 pm.

The Lesbian Angels would like to thank the following for their kind donations of food to help feed the homeless: Keith and Tatia at Einstein's, Ron and Ron Jr. of Thundercloud Subs, Michelle and the crew of the Montrose Burger King, FIST and the RSICSS.

That's a wrap! Soiree Aubergine wraps up their fundraising campaign at Rich's on Sunday, March 15 starting at 5 pm. The raffle drawing is at 9 pm, and shows at 6 & 8 pm. A \$5 donation at the door is requested!



Behind the bar at Nighthawks.

Mr. Prime Choice candidate Randy Ingram's Daddy Auction held at the Ripcord on March 6 raised \$900 to be donated to AFH Stone Soup. His next fundraiser is March 18 in conjunction with the Lambda Roller Skating Club. Leather Skate. For more info, call 218-933-5818.

"Over 40 Lashes and Leather" bar run happens Friday, March 13. Watch out, this should prove to be really scary bar run which will benefit the PWA Holiday Charities and Steven's House. This is part of Dennis Cooney's Mr. Prime Choice fundraising campaign.

Robert DeCola has had to withdraw from the Mr. Prime Choice contest for health reasons. His fundraiser on March 22 at Mary's will go on as scheduled. More details to follow.

Leather Alternatives held their 1st "Master of Leather" contest this past weekend at Nighthawks and Pacific Street. Congrats to Denisa (aka Pebbles) and Jeff McDonald.

The Ms. Gulf Coast Leather Contest was held this past weekend. Congrats to Cougar!



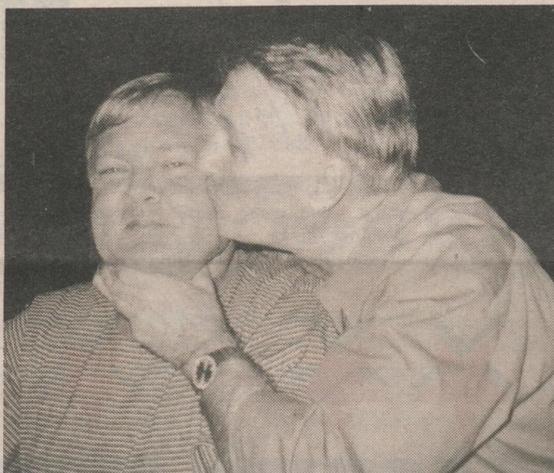
Friendly staffers at Rich's

**Milestones**

Welcome home for the hospital hugs to Ralph of Paradise.

Feel better soon hugs to Robert DeCola.  
Happy birthday to Keith of the Outpost.  
Happy belated birthday to David Sawyer.  
Happy birthdays to CCCC members Kenny W. and Gary M.

Happy birthday to Del McGee-owner of Gentry!  
Happy Buffy Birthday to Walter of Mary's.  
Happy Diva Birthday to Damion of Club Houston.  
Happy (I love a parade) Birthday to Bob Bouton.  
Happy (FIST) birthday to Shadow.  
Happy Birthday to Eric of Gentry.  
Happy birthday to Kelly of Paradise.  
Happy (yes, I have the right date this time 3/12) Birthday to Leon of the 611.



Bear gets a kiss from Wayne at the Brair Patch

**Rodent Droppings**

The usual world coveted disclaimer is in force! Lies, trash and gossip! If you want real news about important issues, please turn to page one and start there.

Dennis C. (Mr. Prime Choice Candidate): I have a message for you: "Your pants are safe, I don't want in them!" Signed, Edward.

Anita Mann (RSICSS): I have a message for you from Coco (your little toad): "Thanks so much! I love it!"

Rod (Basic Brothers): Just what were you doing in the bushes behind Ken's townhouse? Were you alone? I think not! Details, I want details!



At the Ranch

Linda Owens (Montrose Clinic): Congrats on being the newest member of the Bitch Auxiliary of the Garden Party!

Jimmy A. (hangs at Mary's): Did your trick the night before leave you so broke that you could only leave a

5¢ tip for the bartender? And are you ready for your trip to DC?

Vicci (Ranch): We all know you escort only pretty young blondes to their car. But, what is Candaces' favorite escort?

Vanna (formerly the New Barn and now back at Gentry): Well, girl, I foresee a lot of happy hours on Friday afternoon with you!

Larry Wayne (hangs everywhere): Have you been invited to sit on the new deck yet? Curtis has! And what is this I hear about you having a new name? Laura!



I bet these two are Lesbians.

Andie, Susan, Leslie and Rodgers (hangs at Chances): Wild four-way on the floor? Who was wearing who's shirt?

Larry (BRB): Is that stars in your eyes again?  
Leon (611): Wow, boy did I screw up! Did you enjoy your early, early, early birthday cake and presents?

Tequila Rose (resides in Utah aka JT formerly of PS): I'm glad you got to "break in" your new pick-up truck! Getting a "pick-up" with you pick-up! Tramp!

Ricky (hangs at the BRB): We all think your lover looks Nordic, but you say he is Danish because he is so eatable!

Brian Keever (NLA:H): So, is there a trip to DC in your future?

Jim Sorgini: Cat got your tongue?  
JD (BRB): I don't care what Ben (BRB) says, soap and water will remove pecker tracks from green sheets!

Thumper Knight Leigh: We are gonna miss you, girl! Good luck in California!

Uncle Pheobe (Sundance Cattle Company): Did you really get flogged by Cass? And where is your car?

Jeremy (PS): And I quote: "I got felt up at LUEY more time in the past 5 minutes that I ever did at a bookstore!" (See how many tokens you saved!)

Curtis (Misfits): Why are you so bitter after last weekend at someone?

Kim (Black Hawks): I hear thru the leather grape vine that you have very tasty titties!

Zilla (the one, the only): And I quote: "I consider myself a tri-sexual."



Myles - The Magnificent. Owner Ken McNames.

Mike (Club Triangle): I love our fingernail painting parties!

Tiffany (FIST/NLA:H): Gotta love my FIST sister! And how did Dirk taste?

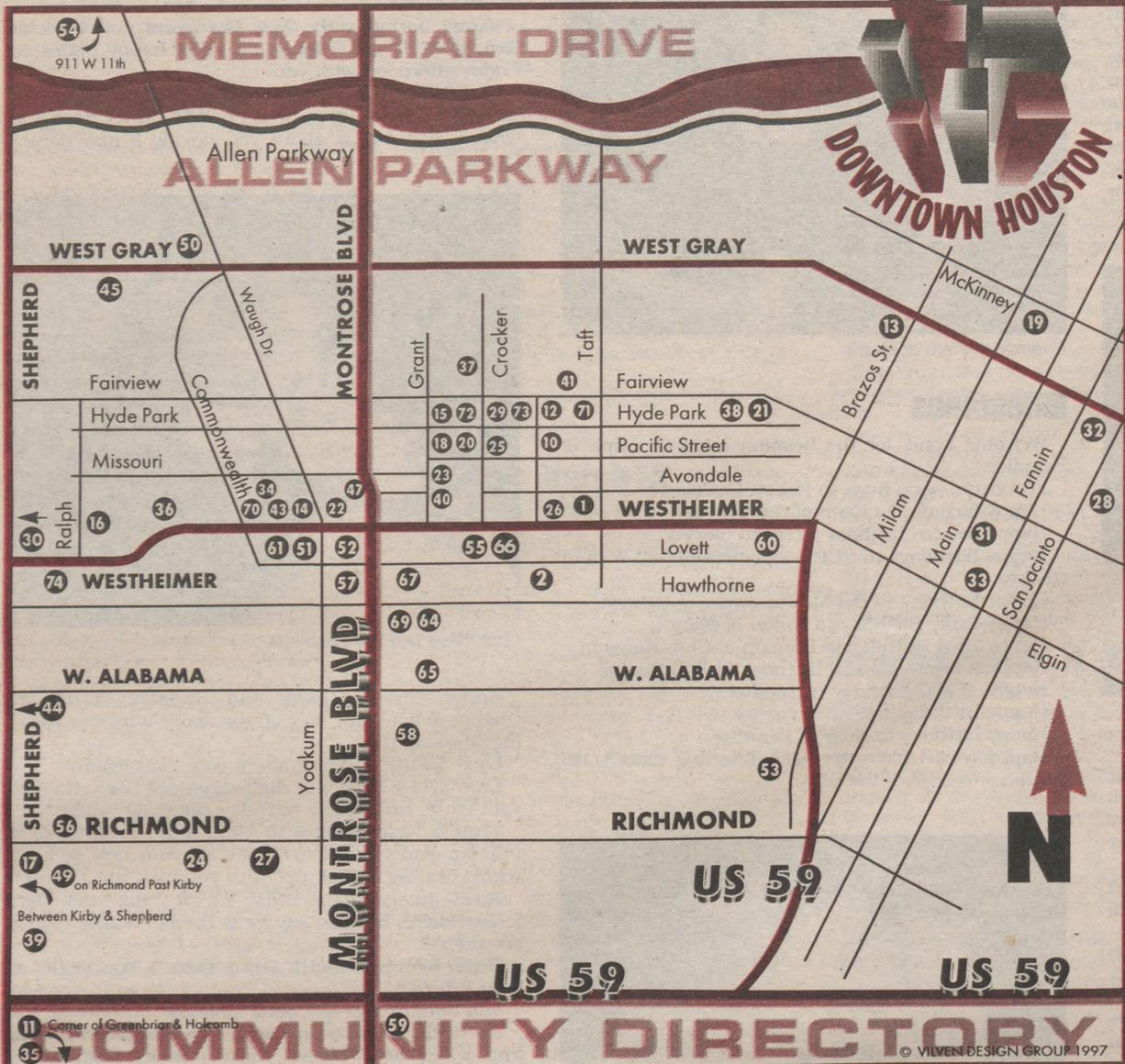
Dirk (Mr. Nighthawks): How did Tiffany taste?

Sam (ex-BRB): I have a message for you: "You have had your fun, now it is our turn!"

I hope you all enjoyed the LUEY photos last week!

Have a great week!

Cuervolyn



ACCOMMODATIONS

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| 2 | The Lovett Inn | 501 Lovett Blvd | 713/522-5224 |

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| 11 | The Briar Patch        | 2294 Holcombe    | 713/665-9678 |
| 12 | Bricks II              | 617 Fairview     | 713/528-8102 |
| 13 | Brazos River Bottom    | 2400 Brazos      | 713/528-9192 |
| 14 | Chances                | 1100 Westheimer  | 713/523-7217 |
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| 16 | Els                    | 2517 Ralph       | 713/527-9071 |
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| 22 | Mary's                 | 1022 Westheimer  | 713/527-9669 |
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| 24 | Outpost                | 1419 Richmond    | 713/520-8446 |
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| 26 | QT's                   | 534 Westheimer   | 713/529-8813 |
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| 37 | Paradise                 | 2312 Crocker      | 713/522-7366 |
| 38 | Mela's Tejano Country    | 302 Taum          | 713/523-0747 |
| 39 | Metropolis               | 2165 Portsmouth   | 713/520-5000 |

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| 41 | Barnaby's Cafe            | 604 Fairview      | 713/522-0106 |
| 43 | Charlie's Coffee Shop     | 1100 Westheimer   | 713/522-3332 |
| 44 | Cafe Edi                  | 3102 S. Shepherd  | 713/520-5221 |
| 45 | Mesa Grill                | 1971 W. Gray      | 713/520-8900 |
| 47 | Riva's Italian Restaurant | 1117 Missouri St. | 713/529-3450 |

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| 51 | Crossroads Market          | 1111 Westheimer    | 713/942-0147 |
| 52 | Eckerd Drugs               | 1007 Westheimer    | 713/524-9229 |
| 53 | Fitness Exchange           | 4040 Milam         | 713/524-9932 |
| 54 | Heights Above Florist      | 911 W 11th         | 713/862-2683 |
| 55 | Houston Voice              | 811 Westheimer     | 713/529-8490 |
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| 57 | Kroger Grocery             | 3300 Montrose      | 713/526-7865 |
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| 59 | Main St. Theatre           | 4617 Montrose      | 713/524-6706 |
| 60 | Montrose Clinic            | 215 Westheimer     | 713/520-2000 |
| 61 | Four Star Hair Productions | 1201 Westheimer    | 713/524-7785 |
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| 65 | House of Coleman           | 901 W Alabama      | 713/523-2521 |
| 66 | Synchronized Chiropractic  | 811 Westheimer     | 713/521-7741 |
| 67 | Walgreens                  | 3317 Montrose      | 713/520-8000 |
| 69 | STAT Script Pharmacy       | 3407 Montrose (A5) | 713/522-7373 |

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**GWM 5'9"**, 153 lbs., 38, light brown hair, brown eyes. I like all types of music & movies. I go to the bar on occasions. I'm interested in a gay White or Hispanic male ages 35-45, who likes movies & a hairy chest is a plus. I don't want any man who is feminine acting or cross dresser. Must be sensitive, caring & relationship minded. Must be HIV- because I am. I'm a simple guy & like to go out on dates. Call Ext. 5708

**SM Bisexual**, 5'11", 190 lbs. Looking for a masculine, good looking cowboy around ages 22-25, to help me with my business & party with on my nights off. I'm married, but I'm not to my family. You must be honest, faithful, monogamous & HIV-. Possible relationship full time later, but would like to date first. Call Ext. 5707

**SM 37**, 129 lbs., 5'6", slender. I love sex, but who doesn't. I'm also into music, movies, computers & especially hot, hairy hunks, booze & partying. Let me show you what I'm educated in. Call Ext. 5698

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**SWM 45**, 6'1", 150 lbs. I drink & smoke. My 26 year old White female friend wants to see more than I can just kiss & tell. If you are interested in a little bit of adventure, give us a call. Call Ext. 5355

**SWM Tall**, slim, 46, brown hair, blue eyes. In search of bi or gay dominate cross dressing men. Call Ext. 5647

**SWM Bi**, nice looking, trim, tan. I'm interested in meeting men & even women who love lingerie, frilly things, cross dressing and great indoor fun. I'm looking for you. Call Ext. 5697

**SM** I would like to get in touch with guys preferably with blonde hair, blue eyes, or dark hair, blue eyes, any race is welcome. Call Ext. 5684

**GWM 47**, sandy blonde hair, 6', 205 lbs., hairy, non-smoker. Looking for that special, gay White male 35-50, who is a non-smoker, caring, sincere & likes garage sales, junking, auctions & having friends over for cookouts or just to visit. Someone who likes going to the show or the beach. I'm not into the bar scenes. Call Ext. 5695

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**SWM 45**, bi. In search of dominate & versatile cross dressers, transvestite or transsexuals. I'm not into pain. I'm willing to serve you in any intimate way. Call Ext. 5528

**SM 18**, 5'8", 165 lbs. Looking for a biracial person, mostly Black mixed with White or Black mixed with Hispanic or Black mixed with Asian. They have to be masculine & versatile. I'm a very easy going person & fun loving. Looking for the same. Call Ext. 5691

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**SM 36**, Latin/European, 6', 195 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, very attractive. I would like to meet someone for dating, friendship & possibly more. Someone to go out & have a good time with. I like anything that has to do with water, road trips, good bottles of wine & fine dining. Looking for someone who is single, height/weight proportionate & well hung. Call Ext. 5689

**SWM 37**, 170 lbs., height/weight proportionate, moderately hairy, clean shaven. I'm interested in meeting other hairy, White males late 30's-50, from the woodlands are please. You must be height/weight proportionate as well. I'm easy going with average looks. I don't smoke, but if you do that is OK. Call Ext. 5687

**GHM 35**, 150 lbs., dark eyes, dark hair. I have a 29 inch waist. I love working out. Looking for someone 25-40, who is a non-smoker, likes to go out to dinner & the movies. Call Ext. 5686

**SWM Bi**, tall & slender. In search of a passive, feminine, White males 30-45, who are into cross-dressing, role playing & pleasing both men or women. Call Ext. 5366

**SM** I'm a top Greek man. I am a non-smoker, no drugs, HIV-. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeking a submissive bottom for dating and maybe more. Any age, any race. You must be a non-smoker, no drugs, HIV-, 5'10" or shorter preferred, no mustache. Call Ext. 5685

**GWM 5'11"**, 150 lbs., grey hair, 50, HIV+, very healthy. Looking for a long term relationship with someone over 40. I'm sensitive, thoughtful & considerate. I enjoy the beach, movies, traveling, entertaining friends at home & quiet evenings at home. Call Ext. 5681

**GBM 35**, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair. I'm a competitive body builder. I'm looking for very muscular men, gym rats or athletes, who are interested in extracurricular activities. I do have a partner & I'm looking to hook up with guys for fun. You have to be very muscular, body builder or a major gym rat. I'm only interested in guys like that. Call Ext. 5679

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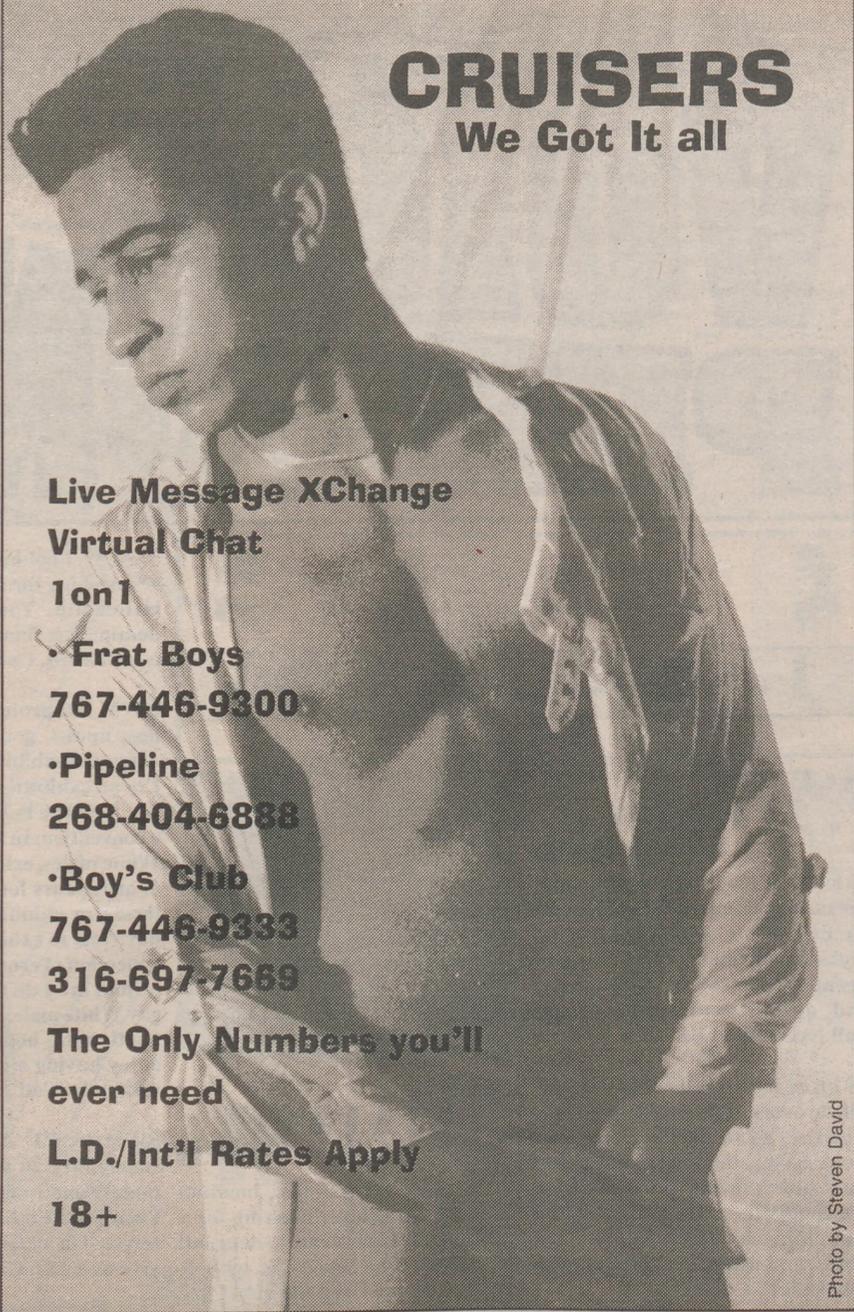
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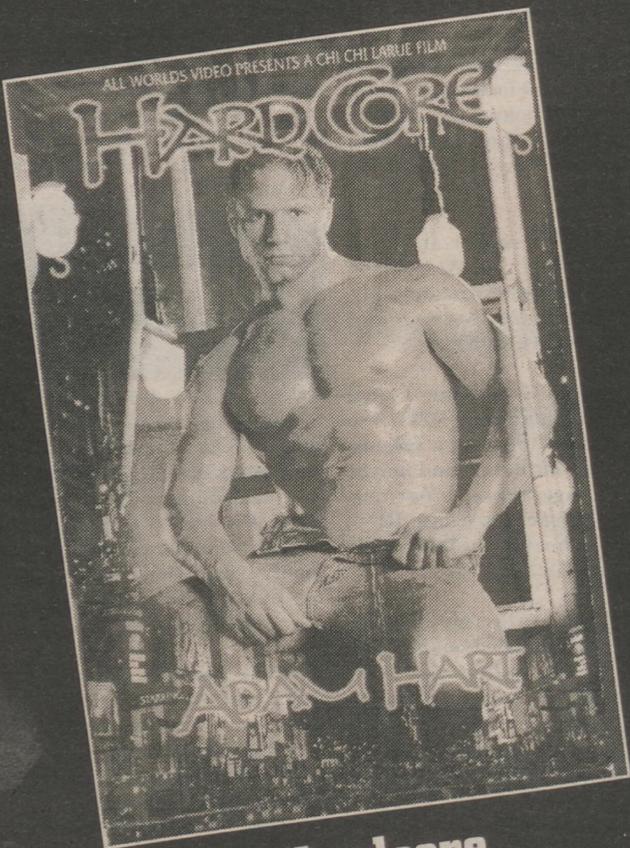
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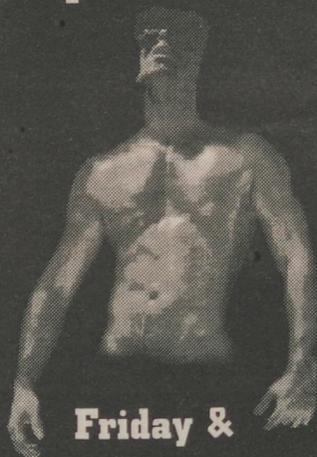
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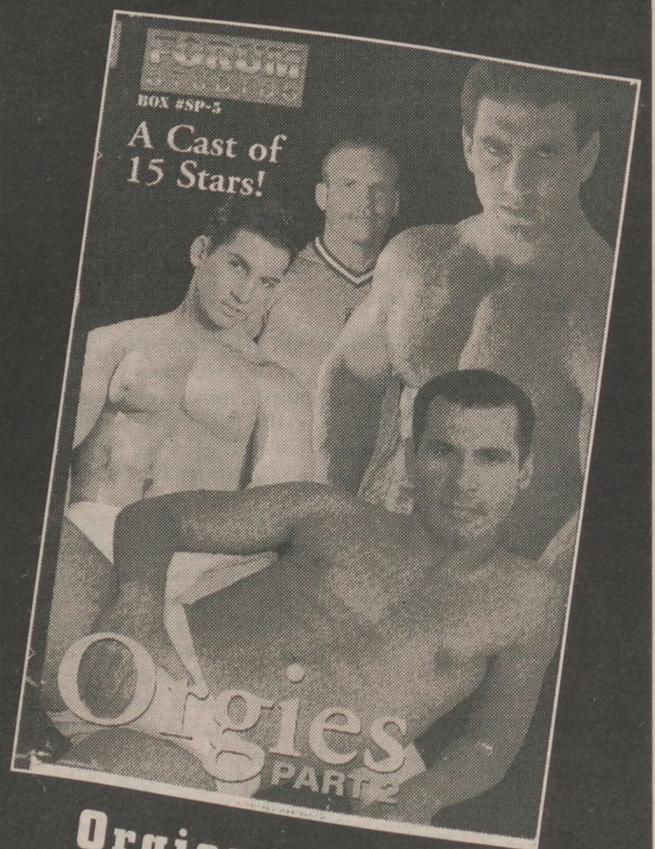
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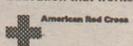


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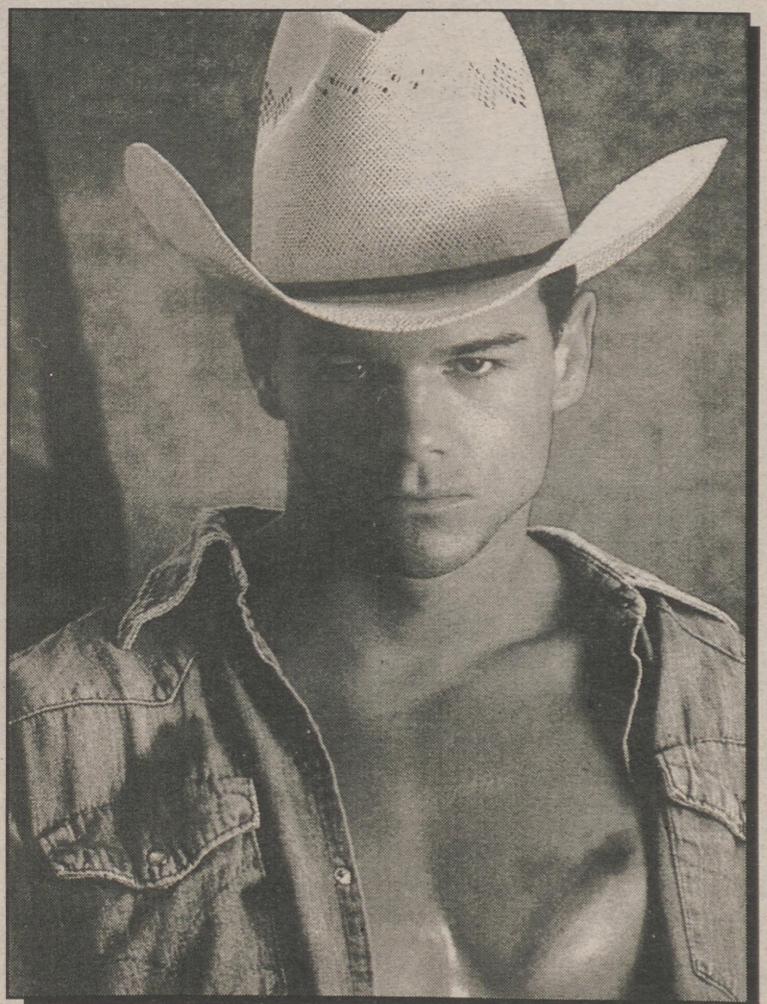
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