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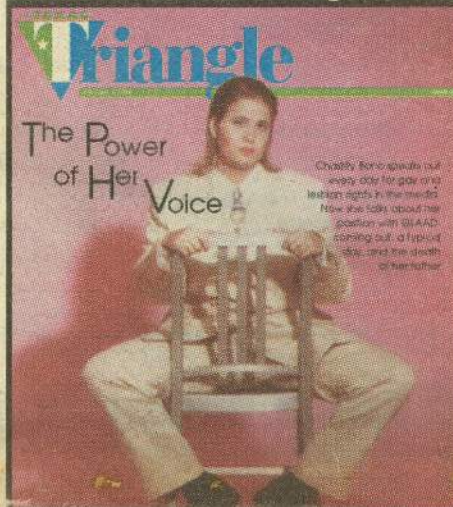
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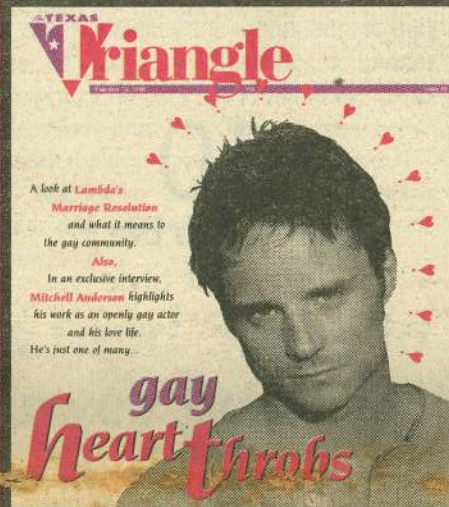
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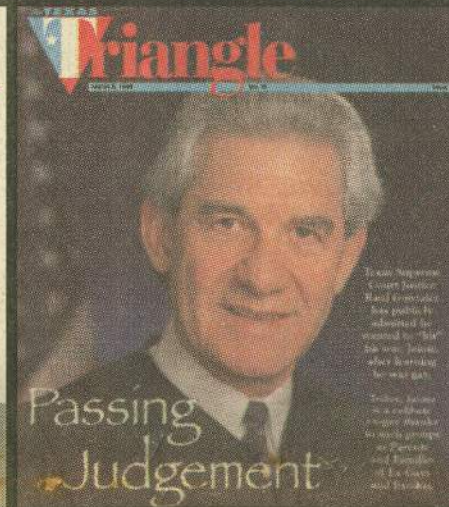
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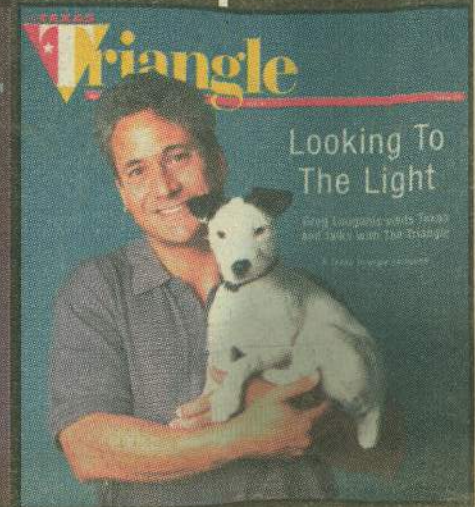
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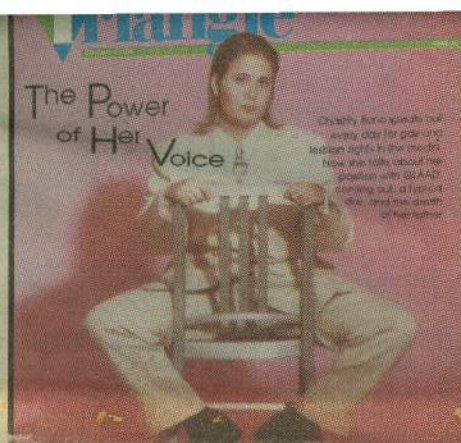


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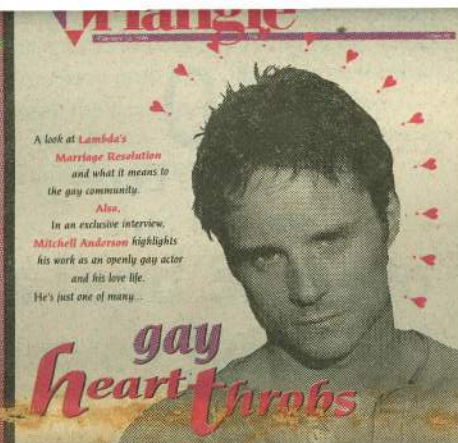


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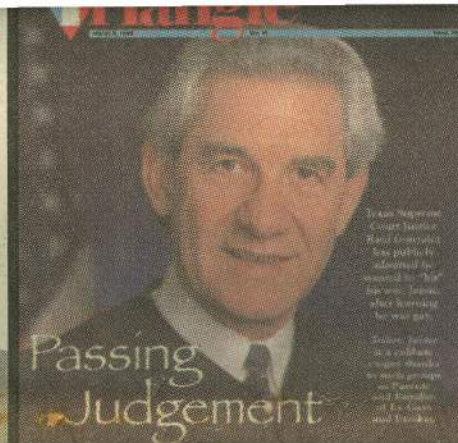




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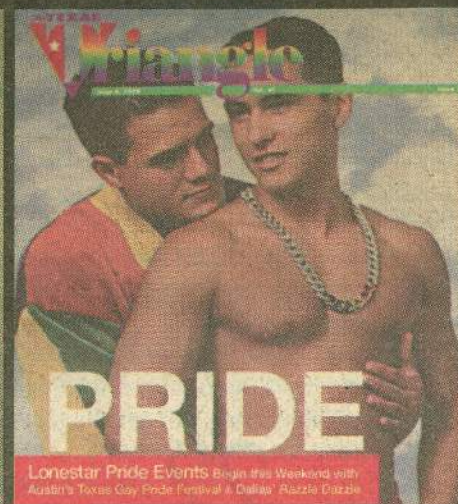
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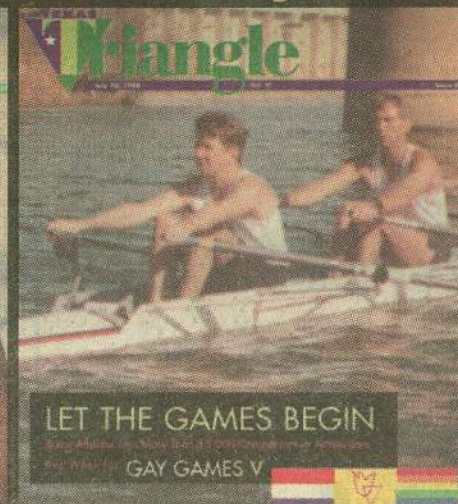
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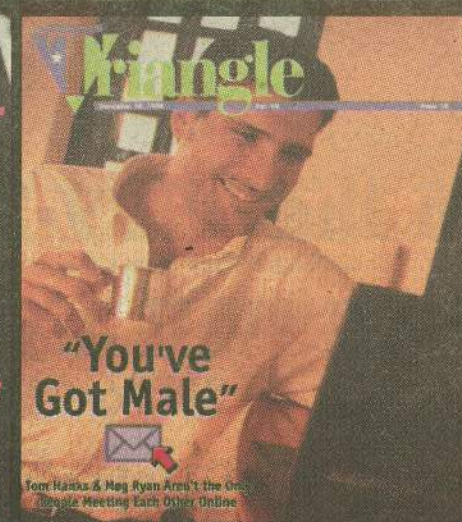
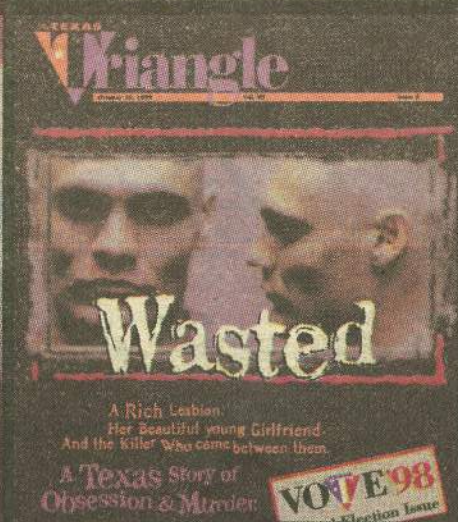
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Woman Pleads Guilty to Aiding Gay Murder in Wyoming

LARAMIE, Wyo. - A woman whose boyfriend is accused of killing a gay University of Wyoming student has pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to first-degree murder.

Attorneys said Chasity Vera Pasley, 20, did not plead guilty as part of a plea bargain, and she will be called as a witness if the case against the other defendants goes to trial.

"The impetus behind this plea was Ms. Pasley's alone," her lawyer, Maribeth Galvan, said at last week's hearing. Ms. Pasley had pleaded innocent two weeks earlier.

Ms. Pasley is one of two women accused of helping Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson dispose of bloody clothing Henderson wore during the Oct. 7 attack on Matthew Shepard, 21, who was

beaten and left to die on a fence near Laramie. Shepard's beating was denounced nationally as a hate crime.

McKinney and Henderson, both 21, have pleaded innocent to the killing.

Ms. Pasley was Henderson's girlfriend. Kristen LeAnn Price, 19, the other female defendant, was McKinney's girlfriend, and also was charged with being an accessory after the fact to first-degree murder. No date was set for Ms. Price's trial.

Henderson's trial is to begin March 22, and McKinney's is set for Aug. 9. Both men are charged with first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping. Prosecutors have until Dec. 31 to decide whether to seek the death penalty against them.

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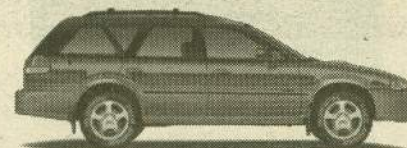
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Gay men living in states that already report names were more concerned about privacy. Thirty-five percent of that group said name reporting was one reason they avoided testing.

Still, the CDC found the most common reason for not getting tested was that people were afraid of learning they were HIV-positive.

Study: AIDS Care Costs Less than Thought, Researchers Say

WASHINGTON - Treating people infected with the AIDS virus in the United States costs about \$20,000 per person per year - less expensive than generally believed, according to a study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine. The study estimated a total cost of \$6.7 billion annually, or less than 1 percent of all U.S. medical expenditures on patients.

"Compared to what we spend on all kinds of other things, it's just not that much

money" for the government to spend, said project co-director Dr. Samuel Bozzette, a health care researcher at RAND, the Santa Monica, Calif., think tank overseeing the government-sponsored research.

The \$20,000 tab is about one-third of the estimates from the early 1990s, when exact figures were hard to come by, and before AIDS drug cocktails that have proved effective in fending off the disease

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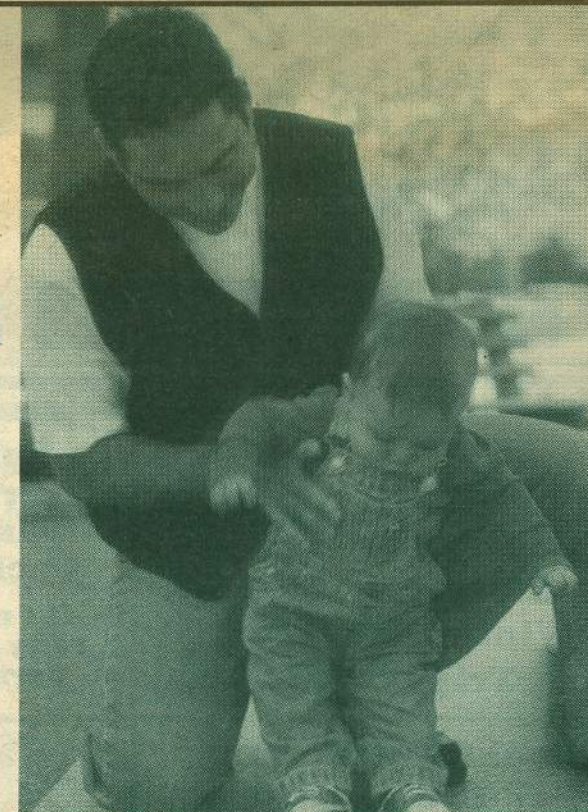
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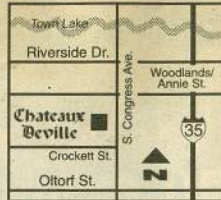


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Vaccine, Hoping to Inspire Others

NEW YORK - Troy Masters has lost 15 friends to AIDS in the decade he's lived in New York.

"I had a circle of friends," he said. "They're all gone now."

Masters believes the last, best hope for eradicating the disease lies with the possibility of immunization. And that's why Masters is going public with his own participation in a study of 5,000 people nationwide to test the effectiveness of an AIDS vaccine.

"This is the most important thing we can do right now," said Masters, 37, a few minutes after getting his first injection last week from New York University researchers. "This is the new frontier of activism. Any gay man who has lived through what I've lived through has to get involved."

Michael Marmor, a NYU Medical School professor and a lead researcher on the study, said there is no risk that people immunized with the vaccine will develop AIDS. "The subjects are being exposed to a very small part of the virus that has been bioengineered and cannot reproduce in the system and cannot cause infections," he said.

Marmor said the publicity surrounding Masters' enrollment "will help a great deal in getting other people aware of the trial and getting them to take part. ... We're communicating with physicians and putting fliers around but it's a low-budget operation.

"Half of the 5,000 volunteers will receive placebos, the other half will get the real thing - seven injections over 30 months. The vaccine will be considered effective if the rate or severity of HIV

infection is higher in the group that got placebos.

Both groups will get counseling and will be urged to practice safe sex. But Marmor acknowledged that "the trial depends on some number of people exposing themselves to HIV. ... In study after study of gay men, slip-ups occur no matter how conscientious or how well-counseled they are. They seem to come out with a minimum of 1 percent of infections per year. We're anticipating that and perhaps more. It seems like an unavoidable outcome."

Masters agreed, saying that he usually - but not always - practices safe sex. "Whether that behavior is for me to accidentally slip up in the future, or because of being too into it and wanting something badly - that's just part of life," he said.

About 600 people nationwide have already received injections. NYU plans to enroll a total of 150, and has between 20 and 30 people signed up already. Masters is the third to be injected, but the first to go public with his participation. Mount Sinai Medical Center and the New York Blood Center plan to enroll another 350 in New York City.

Earlier versions of the same vaccine have already been found to induce an antibody response, according to Dr. Mary Vogler, co-investigator of the NYU study. "The purpose of this study is to try and find out whether the antibody response is protective," she said. "We are somewhat optimistic."

If the vaccine can be shown to prevent or minimize HIV infection, the Food and Drug Administration would then license it for mass distribution.

Court-at-Law Judge Sherman Ross dismissed their motion quickly at the hearing. "The court has reviewed the motion, has considered same and respectfully denies it," Ross said.

Under an agreement reached with prosecutors, Lawrence Garner again pleaded no contest. The judge fined them \$200 each and allowed the immediate filing of appeals. The case may end up before the Supreme Court, because the Garner and Lawrence are both gay and federal constitutional questions of privacy rights.

New York attorney Suzanne Goldberg, who is helping Garner and Lawrence, said the Texas sodomy laws give the state the power to invade bedrooms. Ms. Goldberg said during the hearing. "That should not be in this age." Ms. Goldberg cited precedents in Georgia. The Georgia Supreme Court threw out that state's sodomy law three days after Garner and Lawrence filed their first no-contest pleas. Garner contends their privacy rights were violated.

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Gay Man

SAN ANTONIO - In a case classifying as a hate crime, a 29-year-old gay man was stabbed in the back outside a gay bar early on Sunday morning, according to the San Antonio Police Department. The victim brings to six the number of crimes in San Antonio this year that are gay related.

The San Antonio paper reported the victim was getting into his vehicle at the popular nightclub. The San Antonio Police Department said the victim was stabbed at approximately 2:30 a.m. when he was alone. Three men who stabbed him were arrested. Police, who didn't indicate the victim was gay.

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Couple Accused of State Sodomy Violations File New Appeals

HOUSTON - A challenge to the state's 119-year-old anti-sodomy law headed to a state appeals court last week after a judge denied motions to quash the charges against two men convicted of homosexual conduct. John Geddes Lawrence, 55, and Tyrone Garner, 31, were arrested Sept. 17 in Lawrence's apartment and charged with engaging in homosexual conduct, a misdemeanor. The two pleaded no contest last month, but appealed to the next court with a motion to quash the charges.

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rights of all citizens. Would you like someone busting into your house?"

Harris County deputies entered Lawrence's apartment and found the men engaged in consensual sex. The deputies were responding to a false report that, according to court documents, "a black male was going crazy in the apartment and he was armed with a gun."



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Roger David Nance, also known as Robert Royce Eubanks, 30, was charged with filing a false police report and pleaded no contest to the charge. Nance, who authorities suspect had a grudge against the two men, served 15 days in jail as a result.

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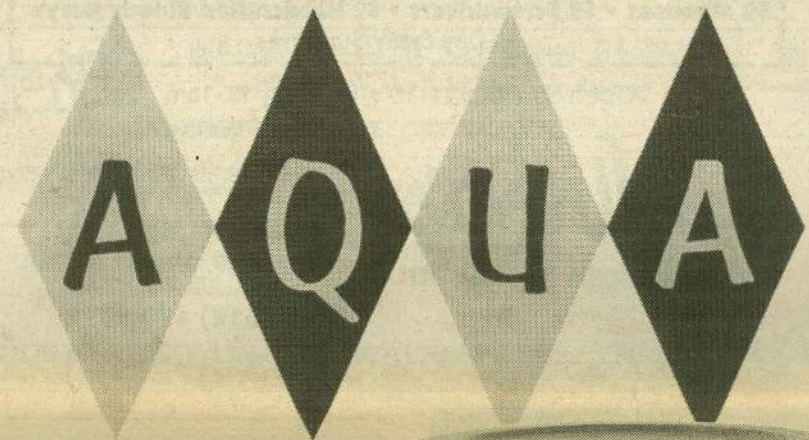


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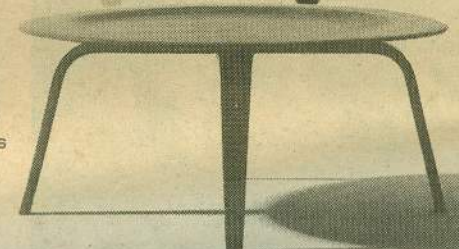
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Two or three other sodomy cases have been prosecuted over the past 30 years in Houston, although those cases involved homosexual contact witnessed by others in a public jail, District Attorney John B. Holmes said.

Gay Man Stabbed in Hate Crime

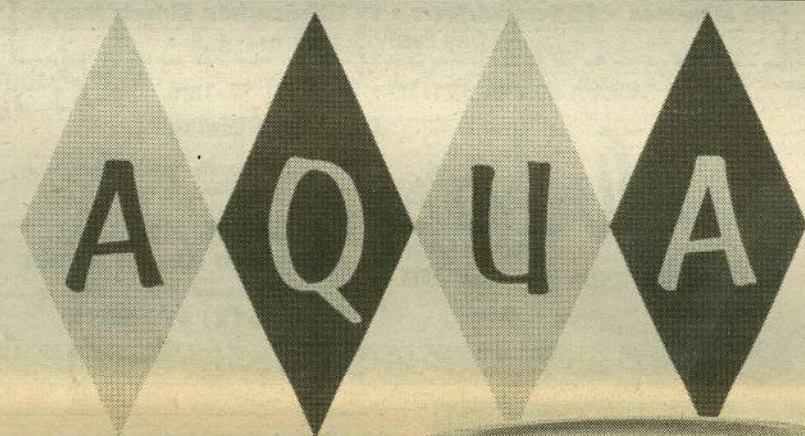
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The San Antonio paper reported that the victim was getting into his vehicle outside of the popular nightclub, The Saint, at approximately 2:30 a.m. when he was approached by three men who stabbed him in the lower back, said police, who didn't indicate whether the victim was gay.

"They targeted that club," Lt. Edward Quintanilla said of the 2:30 a.m. attack. The assailants are not believed to have known the victim. Police said the assailants then attacked two witnesses about to get into their vehicles in the parking lot of the bar, in the 1400 block of North Avenue.

According to the paper, one of the witnesses, a 36-year-old man, suffered a 6-inch cut to his right cheek. He was rushed to Baptist Medical Center. Police said his injuries weren't life threatening. The 22-year-old was treated at University Hospital and released later on the same day of the attack, according

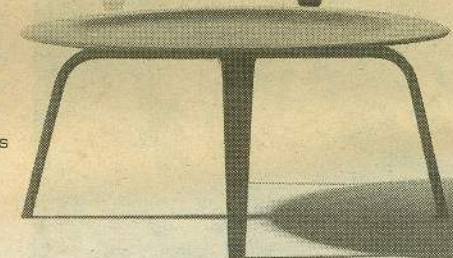
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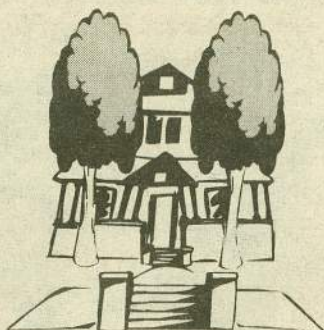
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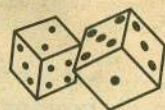
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San Antonio's gay leaders assailed Sunday morning's stabbing and said the number of violent attacks against gays and lesbians is higher than what's reported to police.

"Most (victims) don't want it reported," said Rob Blanchard, state vice president of the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay political group. "My educated guess is that there are a lot more cases in the city this year."

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victims' report the incident because they are not willing to publicly acknowledge that they go to gay bars or, for that matter, that they are gay. "They are in the closet," he said. "We can't blame the police entirely for underreporting gay-related hate crime."

In 1993, Gov. Ann Richards signed legislation that increases punishment for hate-motivated crimes that target a victim's race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or national origin. According to Blanchard, the law does not specify any particular groups and certainly doesn't specify gays.

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Cunningham said he feels particularly honored that *The Texas Triangle* has been chosen by PCOH to produce next year's Pride Guide. "I know a great deal of effort went into this decision by the committee. The staff at *The Triangle* considers our being selected not only a compliment but also somewhat of an

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The 1999 parade carries the theme "Pride, Power, and Pizzazz," and is scheduled for the evening of Sat., June 27. For more information on the nominating process, call the Pride Line at 713-529-6979.

Volunteers are actively being sought to help orchestrate the numerous events which last year spanned more than six weeks, beginning with the Houston Gay and Lesbian film Festival and culminating in Fourth of July fundraisers. To become involved visit the PCOH office at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 803 Hawthorne, or access www.pridehouston.org

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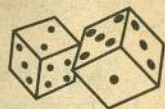
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Alleged HIV Transmitter Jailed for Ten Years

A 30-year-old man in Perth, Western Australia, was sentenced to 10 years in prison last week for allegedly transmitting HIV to a teen-age boy he had sex with in a railway-station toilet several times in 1995 and 1996.

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The vote was 211 to 134 with 34 abstentions.

Taiwanese Police Raid Sauna

Police in Taipei, Taiwan, raided the gay sauna AG Club Dec. 20, according to the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights

Commission.

They arrested two men who were necking in a private compartment, charging them with "obscenity in public." The officers also reportedly ordered the couple to demonstrate how gay sex is performed and took pictures of the demonstration.

The manager of the club was arrested later after he refused to sign an arrest report that was not factual, IGLHRC said.

Activists said the sauna has experienced several similar raids in recent months.

IGLHRC urges gentle protest letters to Mayor Ma Ying-Jiu, Mayor's Office, Taipei City Government, Post Code 110, Taiwan. Send a copy to Hotline for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay People in Taipei, P.O. Box 21-143, Pan-chiao 220, Taipei, Taiwan.

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Gay Youth Center Opens in Germany

Germany's first gay-youth center opened in downtown Cologne Dec. 20, financed by local and state governmental agencies.

The "Anyway Center" offers a cafe, social activities and assistance in coming out to people age 14 to 25.

"There was a real need for a center like this because young gays and older people have very different needs," said Karl-Heinz Hagendorf, head of the German Federation of Homosexuals.

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Maryland Court Upholds Child's Visits with Gay Dad

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Two young children may visit their gay father when the man's lover is present, Maryland's highest court ruled last week. The Court of Appeals upheld a ruling of the Court of Special Appeals, which said there was no evidence that the girl and boy, ages 10 and 7 respectively, were harmed by Robert Boswell's sexual orientation or the presence of his live-in lover.

The children have been visiting their father, Robert Boswell, without restrictions since the Court of Special Appeals in October 1997 overturned a 1996 ruling by Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Lawrence Rushworth. The children could not see their father if his lover, Robert Donathan, was present or if anyone with homosexual inclination were present, the judge had ruled.

Cynthia Young, lawyer for Kimberly Boswell, the children's mother, had asked the highest court to reverse the Special Appeals Court's ruling. But the Court of Appeals ruled that visitations can only be restricted if a parent can prove they harm or could harm the children.

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Boswell, welcomed the ruling, saying it is significant for gay and lesbian visitation rights.

Two Men Charged in Beating of Gay Man

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Two men were charged late last week with a hate crime in the assault of a man leaving a gay and les-

bian bar in Providence. On Nov. 26, 19-year-old David E. Sheldon of East Providence and 18-year-old Taylor Grenier of Warren allegedly initiated the attack by yelling anti-gay slurs at Diana Obidowski, The Providence Journal reported.

Obidowski is a tall transvestite who wears ladies' size 13 shoes, but was not dressed as a woman on the night of the attack, television station WJAR in Cranston reported Saturday. Police report that the two teens had gotten bored at a party in East Providence and had driven downtown.

When they saw Obidowski, they got out of their car, ran to him, knocked him down and kicked him in the head and ribs, police said. When Obidowski tried to run, the teens allegedly knocked him down again, kicked him and punched him in the face. The incident ended when two Providence police cruisers arrived.

Obidowski, a 44-year-old Air Force veteran, was treated at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Providence. He had cuts that he said required 12 stitches. He was released the same day. The teens accused in the beating face simple assault charges in District Court under the state Hate Crimes Sentencing Act. The law, passed by the state legislature in July, requires offenders to receive sentences of at least 30 days in jail.

NY Delays Start of HIV Reporting Program

ALBANY - State Health Department officials said the start-up of a sweeping new HIV-reporting and partner notification program, slated to begin next month, will be postponed until spring. The delay was prompted by the complexity of the regulations and the large number of groups involved in drawing up a workable plan,

according to state Health Department spokeswoman Frances Tarlton.

"This involves physicians, clinical laboratories, local health departments and the state health department," Tarlton said. "And the regulations we have to develop are extensive."

Putting off the start of the program will allow for state officials to launch and respond to a 45-day public comment period, Tarlton said. Draft regulations are expected to be released in mid-January and the program is expected to start in April. News of the program's delay was first reported in last Thursday's editions of the New York Times.

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1997 overturned a 1996 ruling by Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Lawrence Rushworth. The children could not see their father if his lover, Robert Donathan, was present or if anyone with homosexual inclination were present, the judge had ruled.

Cynthia Young, lawyer for Kimberly Boswell, the children's mother, had asked the highest court to reverse the Special Appeals Court's ruling. But the Court of Appeals ruled that visitations can only be restricted if a parent can prove they harm or could harm the children.

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Boswell, welcomed the ruling, saying it is significant for gay and lesbian visitation rights.

Two Men Charged in Beating of Gay Man

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Two men were charged late last week with a hate crime in the assault of a man leaving a gay and les-

bian partner. The incident ended when two Providence police cruisers arrived.

Obidowski, a 44-year-old Air Force veteran, was treated at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Providence. He had cuts that he said required 12 stitches. He was released the same day. The teens accused in the beating face simple assault charges in District Court under the state Hate Crimes Sentencing Act. The law, passed by the state legislature in July, requires offenders to receive sentences of at least 30 days in jail.

NY Delays Start of HIV Reporting Program

ALBANY - State Health Department officials said the start-up of a sweeping new HIV-reporting and partner notification program, slated to begin next month, will be postponed until spring. The delay was prompted by the complexity of the regulations and the large number of groups involved in drawing up a workable plan,

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Utah's compulsory-education law requires children ages 6 to 18 to attend school. But Wright said that should be changed to allow parents to take control of their children's lives. He is uncertain whether he will propose eliminating or weakening the law.

Wright said that U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins' ruling that the Nebo School District violated teacher Wendy Weaver's constitutional rights of free speech and equal protection prompted his request to introduce a bill. The district illegally imposed a gag order forbidding her from discussing her sexual orientation with anyone in the school community, the judge said.

Core to the ruling is a determination that state agencies cannot discriminate against a person based on sexual orientation. The teacher of nearly 20 years lost her volleyball coaching assignment last year after school administrators learned she is a lesbian.

Meanwhile, the Nebo School District has decided not to appeal the federal judge's ruling in favor of Weaver. "It's always been the school district's decision all along, and the school district has decided not to appeal," Assistant Utah Attorney General Martha Stonebrook, who argued the case for the district, said last week.

Two Schools Defy District Ban on Military Recruiters

PORTLAND - Two high schools that have broken the nation's only ban on mili-

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The Portland School Board, however, says that allowing military recruiters onto any of its 10 high school campuses supports discrimination. In passing the ban three years ago, the Portland board said that the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for homosexuals in the military was discriminatory.

Superintendent Ben Canada said he will urge the board to review the policy. Only the school board can change the policy, but military commanders hope Canada can sway board members. Last year, the Legislature approved a bill to lift the ban, but Gov. John Kitzhaber vetoed it, saying the decision should be left up to local school boards.

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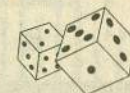


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New Year's Eve - Lone Star Style

by Nancy Ford
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If any one knows how to party, it's a Texan. And if any Texan knows how to party, it's a queer Texan. So when a holiday like New Year's Eve rolls around, expect statewide glbt celebrations that make most other champagne-poppin' gatherings seem weak in comparison.

When revelers say they'll ring out the old and ring in the new at this New Year's Eve at Houston's Warwick, they aren't kidding.

This year the sixth annual New Year's Eve gala benefiting Bering Community Memorial Community Foundation, traditionally held in the tony Hermann Park/museum area hotel, is aptly themed "The Last Hoorah."

"This is going to be our last one, so we're looking to make it a special one," said Bering Community Service Foundation executive director Bill Kersten. Kersten cited two major reasons for the change. "One was, we couldn't get the hotel to commit to the year 2000," he explained.

"And also, the merger of Bering with Omega House: at midnight, Bering Omega Community Service (BOCS) will come into

existence at that moment. The way the legal documents are drawn up, Jan. 1, 1999 is when the new organization begins to exist," said Kersten.

The new foundation joins together two highly respected Houston-based AIDS service organizations, the former Bering Community Service Foundation and Omega House.

Kersten indicated that the BOCS's premier 1999 fundraising event would be one that has become an annual Omega House favorite. "Next year our focus is going to be on the 'Art Songs and Arias' event," Kersten said. Spearheaded by vocalist Camille Zamora, a former bedside care volunteer for Omega House now enjoying a prolific operatic career based in New York City. "She gets friends of hers to come and they put on a show, [featuring] very well-known opera singers," said Kersten.

A number of Houston-area organizations traditionally designate Bering as the recipient of their fundraising efforts, including Halloween Magic, Soiree Aubergine and Miss Camp America. Kersten thanked members of the Bayou City Boys Club, a charitable organization previously involved in producing the New Year's Eve fund-raiser.

"They've been great supporters in working with us," said Kersten, estimating the popular event historically netted Bering between \$20,000 and 25,000.

The Last Hoorah includes a four-course dinner, open bar, music provided by the David Carceres Jazz Band, and full breakfast on New Year's Morning. \$150 tickets, with 100 percent of proceeds benefit Bering, are available by calling 713-524-9304, extension 100.

Some believe that this year's annual new Year's Eve party produced by LiB will be the most well-attended ever. As many as 800 lesbians and friends have attend the semi-formal holiday event which benefits the Houston-based women's empowerment organization. But this year organizers anticipate an even larger crowd at LiBerate '98, due to the 1998 demise of Plaza 9200, Houston's sprawling nightclub complex which played host to at least 1,000 lesbians each New Year's Eve.

The party which serves as LiB's most prominent annual fund-raiser will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, at 6 Greenway Plaza, and features a live DJ with a variety of music, two dance floors, buffet, cash bar, and a champagne toast at midnight.

"We have the whole downstairs at the Renaissance," said Laurie Jones, responding to questions about "breathing room" - and privacy. At one memorable LiB New Year's Eve party in the recent past, a Christian group - one not sharing MCC's inclusive philosophy - shared the lobby space with LiB. "You can imagine how that went over," chuckled Jones, a volunteer on LiB's social committee. "That's what inspired them to get both ballrooms, so there will be no other group down there."

Unlike at LiB monthly meetings, men are welcome to attend LiBerate '98. By the time this is read, tickets are available at the door for \$45. For more information call 713-529-0077 or access the LiB website at www.libhouston.org

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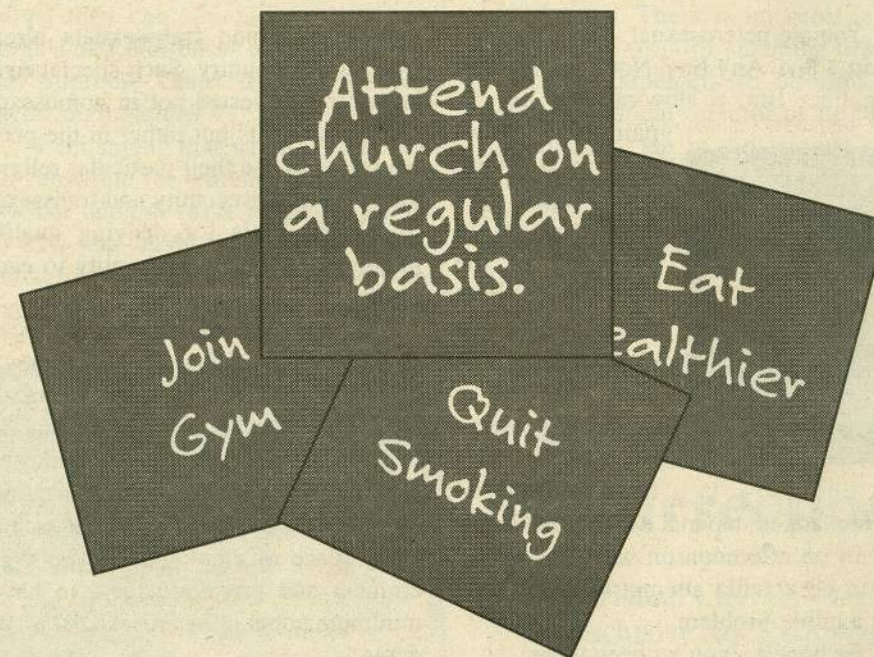
piercing too." And as Seinfeld used to say, "not that there's anything wrong with that."

It hit home all the more for me not only because I'm a major Celt and coming to love all that woeee-woeee stuff, but because the two girls remind me of my sister and I. While I may have spent some time in a hedonistic Kidman stage, I early on beat a retreat into the home-spun Sandra territory, home, hearth, health. And that's where I've stayed. Meanwhile my sister, though less determined to objectify herself all to hell, has stayed wholeheartedly on the offbeat track. She becomes more counterculture by the day. She has become one of those people who belong out after dark, and should withdraw to darkened rooms during the daylight hours. However, she is who she is, and you can't argue with that, though I am grateful not to be living with someone who wears a bull ring through his nose.

But how this movie shook me (as I said, I'm gullible) is that it made me question again how natural it is for me to be wandering around blending with the other mothers. Perhaps it brought me back to my eccentric roots. I am after all, the same person who as a girl wandered around barefoot dressed as a gypsy. For months. Often with live snakes across my shoulders. Our son loves that. For some silly reason I swallowed wholesale an image of motherhood that involves no-care hair, natural fibres and sensible shoes. Of course, that's the Oregonian lesbian thing to do so I've got pressure coming from all sides. But in my heart I'm not really quite that kind o' lesbian.

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way of expressing humor, and is a cross
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And so I was the perfect audience
member for this fall's addition to the
occult genre with Practical Magic star-
ring Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock.
This is a movie that I would have seen
just for the visuals, because I am a sexist
pig dog in the biggest way and there is no
denying that seeing those two women
sashaying around in hip-huggers and
wrap-around skirts is my idea of a good
time.

But the cool thing about the movie,
in addition to the aforementioned chance
to sit, slack-jawed with awe, is the alle-
gory that the movie makes for lesbians,
gays and Trans in America, a society
based on external freedom and internal-
ized Puritanism. And while I have a huge
affinity for the whole witch deal, having
had a distant relative burned (which
probably means she did abortions or
helped women birth babies which is mag-
ical enough), the best thing was what it
said about being different.

There are situations in the movie that
hit really close to home. Children raised
in non-traditional household of women,
townsfolk suspicious, rhyming epithets
hurled at children "witch, witch, you're a
bitch", which is not a far cry from
"wussy, wussy, your mothers eat pussy".
There's even a part in the movie where a
friend of one of the witches refers to her
as "coming out" because she's finally
admitting her witchhood. The Bullock
character, who just wanted to have a
place at the table, couldn't, because she
and her sister were considered outsiders
no matter what they did. They could pur-
sue the American dream all they wanted
and still have horrible couplets fly. Kind
of like all of us. And the Kidman charac-
ter understood this and reveled in her dif-
ference- oozing around in slinky skirts
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because I didn't want to be one of those
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children (though lately it seems I'm just
delaying the inevitable). Or perhaps
because it's hard to express your inner-
self in any way that takes more than five
minutes or one hand when you've got the
care of young. Or even because I wanted
the other mothers (and lesbians) to speak
to me, because it's lonely being eccentric.
And yet despite my sensible shoes and
canvas coat, the het moms still send their
boys to scouts without thinking a second
thought. They still accept my wife as a
husband because that's the only way they
can see her and grasp any understanding
(i.e., "you stay home, that makes her the
man"). I'm still not "one of them",
because I am "one of us", and it becomes
fruitless to try to blend. And while I
probably won't be casting any spells, or
raising anyone from the dead, I may just
slink on down to the tattoo parlor and
raise a little hell.

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Resolve This: A New Year's Message to Heterosexuals

You are heterosexual. You are standing in a line. Any line. Not a particularly long line. But, a slow-moving line. A



Katrina C. Rose

painfully slow-moving line. After what seems like days, you get to the front of the line. The attendant there is, to be charitable, an idiot - devoid of anything resembling a clue. You

leave in a state of intense anger, having wasted the better part of an afternoon on what has turned out to be a futile attempt to solve what was a minor problem.

Be honest - you've been there.

Now - just think. As employment law now stands, it is beyond conceivable that the only reason that the aforementioned idiot is employed in that position is because a better-qualified homosexual or transsexual (or a person thought to be such) was turned down for the job for no other reason than for being (or even seeming to be) homosexual or transsexual - turned down for employment for reasons totally and completely related to the ability to perform the job.

Can you now understand that you indirectly suffer from this reality - the reality of discriminatory hiring practices - as well? "The best" means just that - the best, not the straightest.

"But you're just wantin' special rights!"

Special rights? Please don't insult me - or yourselves. Special rights regarding

homosexuals and transsexuals already exist in this country. Such special rights, however, are vested not in homosexuals and transsexuals but rather in the people who wish to use their particular religious views on homosexuality and transsexuality as the basis for denying qualified members of society the ability to earn a living.

If you still do not see the picture clearly enough, I'll put it another way. To do so, though, I must play the quota card.

Those who exercise the special right to discriminate on the basis of homosexuality and transsexuality are the quintessential quota queens. They want each and every place of employment - both government and private-sector - to have a minimum quota of heterosexuals: a 100% quota.

You don't accept quotas that are drawn on racial lines, do you? You fiercely fight them. Why? Because you feel that they give jobs and educational opportunities to the undeserving. Why, then, are you willing to accept a quota that give jobs and educational opportunities to the undeserving heterosexuals?

Is it that you want to keep us out of the workplace because you think that we recruit?

No group of people wants your children except the purveyors of anti-homosexual and anti-transsexual hate. They want your children's minds; and yours, too.

We do not want your children. All that any of us want is the ability to compete for jobs for which we are qualified.

To that end, brusque as it may sound, I demand an end to your special right to

hinder the economy and governmental operations of the United States of America by placing under-qualified heterosexuals in jobs that could be filled by fully-qualified homosexuals and transsexuals.

The only reason that I can fathom for certain straight people being afraid of true equality is fear of not being able to compete on a level playing field to attain the positions that they now occupy - positions from which they are currently reaping benefits which may, in reality, be ill-gotten.

Please look in the mirror the next time that you get the urge to use the phrase "no special rights." Think about all that you have acquired, or even may have acquired, because of the special right to exclude me and people like me from the economy.

Now, I'm sure that you've heard that gays are remarkably well-off financially - so well off, in fact, that none of us really need job protection.

There are rich non-heterosexuals. There are rich heterosexuals. There also were a few rich racial minorities prior to passage of civil rights legislation. All of the above, however, represent exceptions to the rule, rather than the rule itself. No more of us are well-off than any other group of people. Statistics saying that we are can not be trusted.

Why? Those at the bottom of the economic ladder have less (or, more likely, nothing) to fall back on upon if they are identified as non-heterosexual. Melissa Etheridge can be out with little worry. The minimum wage-earning lesbian who sweeps up the aisles after an Etheridge concert likely can be fired for being out -

or being outed.

I know that most of you, irrespective of your feelings about homosexuals and transsexuals, are not the vicious, hate-filled people who defiled Matthew Shepard's funeral with "God Hates Fags" pickets. However, you should be willing to understand the effect of a collective structure of laws and regulations that, as it now exists, allows unfettered discrimination against us when we try to compete in the job market. And, you should be able to understand that, by allowing discrimination against us to continue, you are, in fact, aiding those vicious hate-filled people.

I am in no way over-exaggerating by calling such discrimination an economic hate crime against us. Job discrimination does kill us - albeit slowly.

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Now, you don't want to hear me sing. Please trust me on this - you really don't. But one day you might actually want to hear me speak - to speak on your behalf in a court of law. How comfortable can you be knowing that a law firm that you may ask to represent you makes hiring decisions based solely on the gender of a person's mate or the gender designation assigned to a person minutes after being born - a person who might well be the person most capable of representing you?

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The most obvious example is equality-through-courts in Hawaii. Five years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the constitution guaranteed the right to marry. Gay marriage was quickly praised the judge's historic victory.

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How comfortable can you be knowing that the government agency that hired the civil servant to whom you just handed a pile of paperwork similarly refuses to hire qualified people based on the same irrationality?

The best means the best, and only the best. Equal means equal, not separate-but-equal.

What is good for me is good for our nation, and for all of us - and that includes you, Mr. and Mrs. Heterosexual America.

The discrimination tango is a rancorous, dissonant cacophony of hate. The day has come for that music to die - and for the dancing to stop.

Katrina C. Rose is an attorney in Houston, Texas. She encourages each and every Triangle reader to make a New Year's resolution to be more active in the struggle in 1999. Her suggestion for a first bit of activism: give a copy of this column to two straight acquaintances. And they'll tell two friends, and they'll tell two friends...

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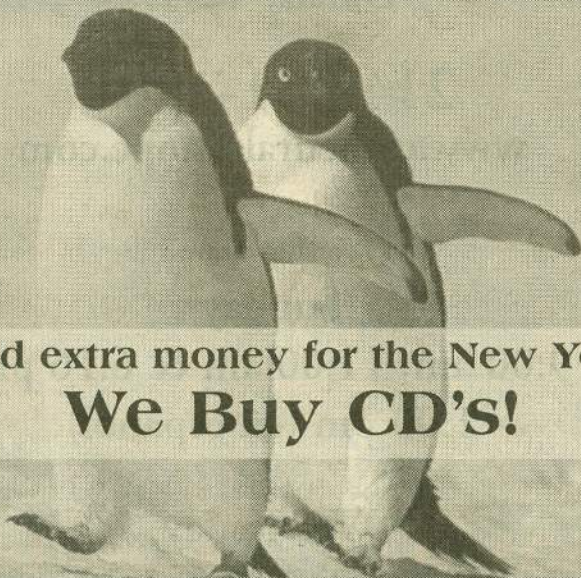
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Subject: No Legal Shortcut to Equality



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As we start a new year, it is clearer than ever that there will be no shortcut on the road to equality for gay women and men. Too often in the past we have relied on victo-

ries in courts of law - rather than in the court of culture - to secure full equality. The result has been that we have gotten lazy about the need to change social attitudes on issues affecting us. Even when we win in court, moreover, the victories are frequently limited and ephemeral. The past year showed dramatically just how inadequate a courts-based strategy is.

The most obvious rebuke to the equality-through-courts method came in Hawaii. Five years ago, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution guaranteed gay couples the right to marry. Gay marriage advocates quickly praised the judges' decision as a historic victory.

Historic perhaps, but also short-lived. After opponents of gay civil rights forced a referendum on the issue, the result was a six-month public relations battle characterized by Dan Foley (the attorney who represented the Hawaii gay marriage advocates) as "a crisis-driven ballot fight." On the side of gays: a \$1.4 million cash infusion raised through the Human Rights Campaign to fight the measure. On the side of anti-

access to marriage. Legal fiat, accompanied by ringing judicial rhetoric about equal rights and privacy, has not changed that. We are on our way, but we are far from there.

Further evidence of the harm wrought by our indolent reliance on courts came in Texas last year. For years, gay civil rights advocates in the nation's second-largest state have ignored its sodomy law. The largest statewide gay civil rights group, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, has refused to work actively for repeal of the state's sodomy law on the grounds that a state appellate court had held the law unconstitutional. Just three years ago, members of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus voted to proclaim that the sodomy law did not even exist.

I'm sure that came as news to the police officers who arrested two Houston men in September for sodomy in a private home. The men are now challenging the law in the state's court system with the help of some very able attorneys, including the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Despite the obvious merits of their arguments that the sodomy law is an outrageous intrusion on the right of privacy and an affront to equal protection under the law, the problem they will face is that Texas judges, from the lowest to the highest court, are elected in partisan contests. The state's sodomy law was re-enacted in 1993 by a strongly Democratic legislature and signed by a Democratic governor. For its part, the Texas GOP leadership has made a fetish of backing the sodomy law. Sexual repression in Texas, as in other states, is a bi-partisan sport.

Therein lies the problem for our judicial advocates. Because the gay civil

can't vaporize the cultural biases supporting those laws. And, on rare occasions, they can spur debate that helps forge a new consensus about an issue (as the Supreme Court did in outlawing racial segregation).

I am saying that winning in court is no substitute for winning in the culture. It's not enough for a judge somewhere to say you ought to be free. It's not enough to sit back and hope the lawyers make the right arguments to the right

courts at the right times. It's not enough to issue feel-good proclamations that we're equal. There is no substitute for the grueling work of changing hearts.

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the American Association of Retired
Persons, which had initially opposed the
ballot measure. Still others attributed
the defeat to the state's sour economy.
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time explaining why on the same day
voters in Alaska, where none of those
factors was present, rejected same-sex
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ment in challenging the law in the court
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have a steep climb in the courts of law.

The past year demonstrated that
even our resounding courtroom tri-
umphs can have limited practical value.
The U.S. Supreme Court's 1996 deci-
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Moses that would lead us out of the
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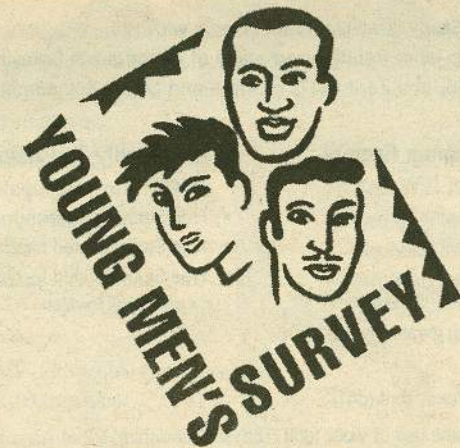
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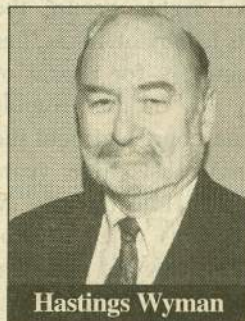
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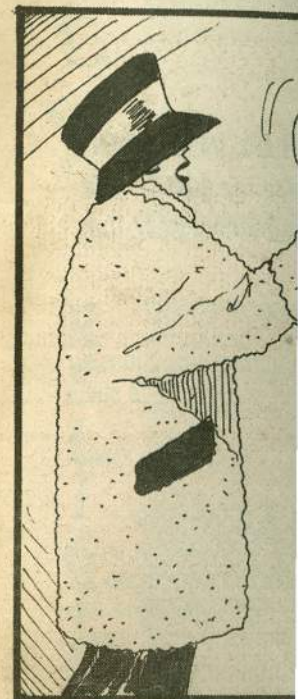
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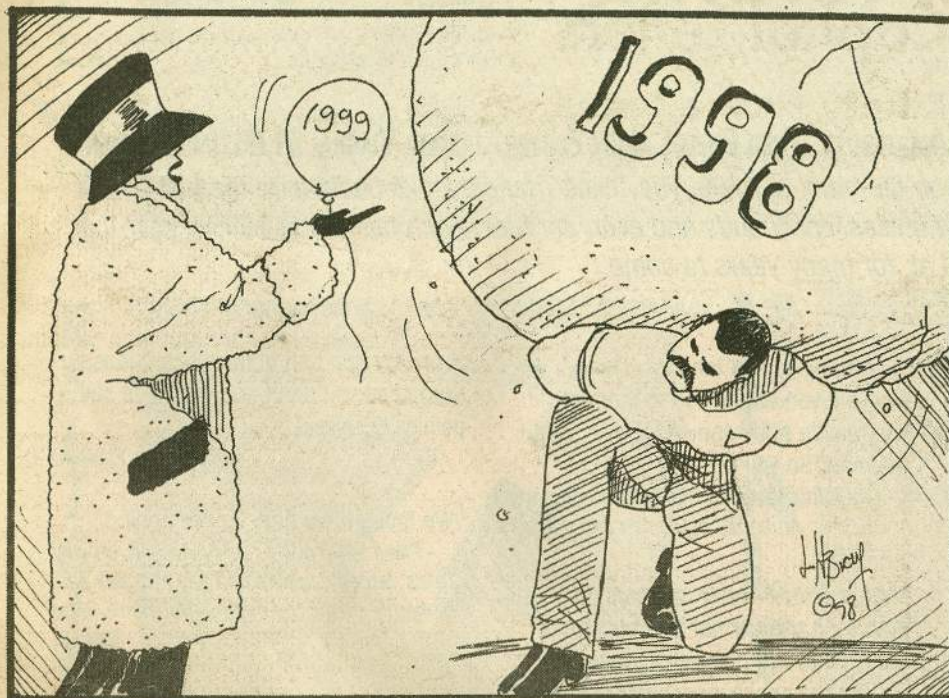
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"Anytime they say gay men and lesbians and bisexuals and transgenders are not qualified, that



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- John Geddes Lawrence, one of two defendants on trial for violating Texas' sodomy law. Houston Police Officers arrested Lawrence and Tyrone Garner for having consensual oral sex in a private home. Police entered the home in response to a false burglary report.

RELIGION

"Churches should seek to minister to all persons, including those who continue in sinful practices.... We cannot, however, approve of churches' endorsing homosexual practice as Biblically legitimate."

- statement adopted by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Administrative Committee upon expelling

from its ranks University Baptist, an Austin church that actively supports practicing gays and has a gay deacon.



"The big secret is that being

gay is a gift from God."

- Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch at Dallas Town Hall Meeting.

HEALTH

"I guess from a high-brow perspective, there's a sensible argument there, but I don't think it's real-world. Even the Ballet Ball or an AmFAR event serves alcohol. To me, what difference does it make whether you're wearing black tie or shorts, and what type of music's being played. It's still a party."

- Bayou City Boys Club President Matt Krol, responding to critics of liquor company-sponsored AIDS fundraisers.

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- Austin bodybuilder and Gay Games competitor Clifford Ueltschey. Ueltschey was diagnosed with AIDS nearly five years ago.

"Anytime that we are not making sure that our children are educated and know what's going on, then what we are doing is exchanging ignorance for innocence. What we call innocence is nothing but ignorance. And because of that our children die, they get HIV, they get STD's, and they get pregnant."

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"We don't allow pedophiles, transves-
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"I have no different of an impression on
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"You should show them a way to deal
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- Ret. Col. Margarette Cammermeyer during
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"If the Aggies can beat Nebraska, I can
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Garry Mauro.

"You can turn away from the Republican
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of lesbians and gay men like us."
- Paid political ad parodying "Truth in Love"
anti-gay campaign, urging glibt voters to vote
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"Okay, they had their fun with gay
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faith in Democrats.... Then the
Democrats lost every state-wide race,
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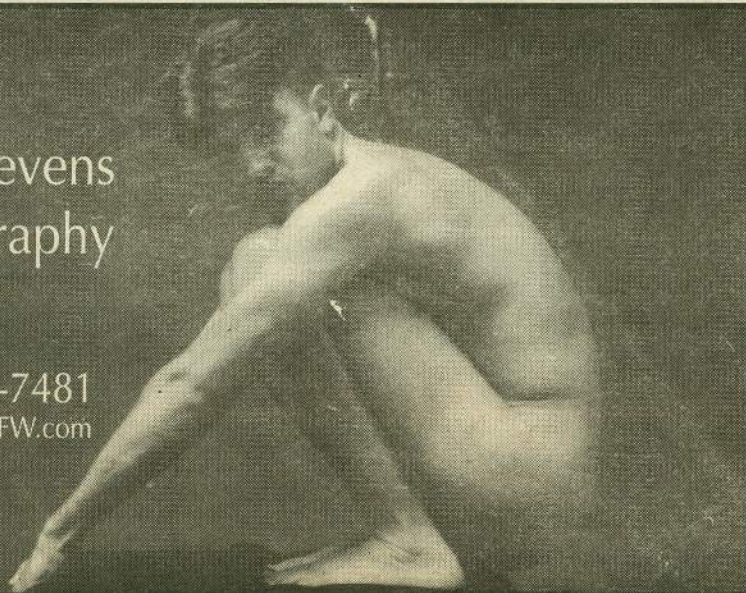
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"Funny Girl" At Stages

By Stephen R. Underwood
TRIANGLE Arts and Entertainment Editor

There's hardly a commercial entity in the country that offers total escape from the jing, jing, jingle of ol' Kriss Kringle and his merry, hairy band of elves. Christmas is everywhere. In malls, in bars, in restaurants. It's inescapable! To make matters worse, it's not like Christmas began sometime after Thanksgiving. No, it actually began in some stores several weeks before Halloween. What the hell is going on? Has free enterprise gone stone-cold crazy? Where's the holiday from the holiday parades, the storefront displays and all the free booze?

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Golden, like an unbelievable Jewish accent that gets a finer treatment by Peg Glazer in the role of Mrs. Brice, Fanny's mother.

Ultimately, Ms. Golden may not be the supreme Fanny Brice. (But we might have to ask, 'who is?') She's stocky, so perky at times she's annoying, and she leaves us with the impression that her acting style is like a light switch, either on or off. It would at times have helped for her to act more like a dimming dial, raising and lowering her timbre gradually, rather than shifting most times from black to bright. Even so, she is

endearing at first as the can-do girl wanting to graduate from the New York's boroughs to the big time. With the help of an admirer, Nick Arnstein, a high-society gambler portrayed by the dashing David Grant, Fanny gets her big break with the Ziegfeld Follies, a troupe of prancing anorexics en vogue at the first-quarter half

of this century. But when her ship arrives, Fanny becomes unlikable. She's bossy, saucy and on the verge of becoming an eclipsing prima donna. She even has the nerve to direct Florenz Ziegfeld, the Follie's founder, on changes she wants in his shows. Later, Fanny dumps the Follies tour and leaves Ziegfeld high and dry once the gamester hints he's matrimonially interest-



Holli Golden (l) as Fanny and David Grant as Nick.

The Buzz on

By Gregg Shapiro
Contributing Writer

It's been a while since the ad on debut disc was as powerful as it is for openly gay singer/songwriter Wainwright's self-titled album. Even before the release, Mr. Wainwright had a featured in preview pieces in "The" and "Details." After the release, a The Denver Post said that the album of this year's best debuts, a showcase for his casually suave, material."

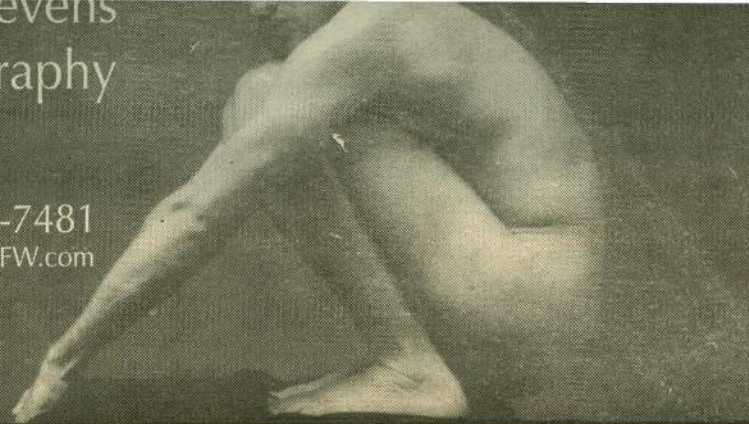
For sure, Mr. Wainwright's debut is unlike anything you've. As classical as it is contemporary, believe that the man who wrote isn't even twenty-five years old. He be in the genes: His mother is McGarrigle and his father is Loudon Wainwright 3d. But always guarantee rock stardom. Chastity Bono's band Ceremony, yet, do.

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Can any production escape the inevitable comparisons with Ms. Streisand's Academy Award-winning performance as Fanny Brice? Probably not. Therein lies the problem for this production's lead, Holli Golden. We can see from the get-go why she was chosen for the part. For one, she imbues the self-assured resilience of a wanna-be star personality central to the protagonist role of Fanny Brice. Whether it's an act on her part or a personal trait, that's another story. For another, Ms. Golden possesses just enough spark to pump the role along, which hinges at particular points on those unavoidable anthems "People" (who thought you'd ever want to hear that song again) and "Don't Rain on my Parade." She sings well enough. There are, of course, a few irritating lifts from the film by Ms.



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As for the rest of the production, scenic designer Thom Guthrie has kept the staging respectfully sparse, but not completely unadorned. He has avoided cramming too much stuff into too little space, leaving the dancing sequences ample room to breathe. Matthew Bartkowiak's costumes remind us of the absurd fashions forced on performers of that day. Still, we wish he had chosen a wardrobe more complimentary to Ms. Golden rather than contradicting.

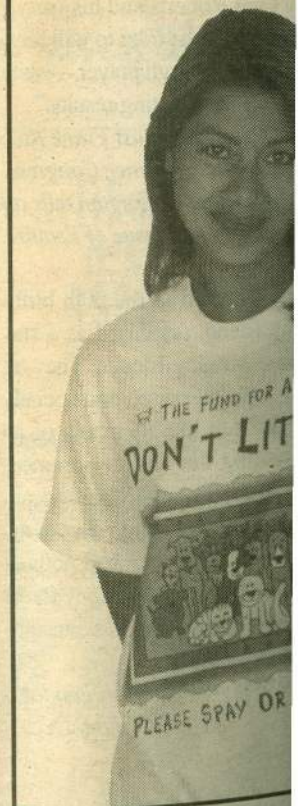
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by Rex Wockner

"All the evidence would indicate this is the way people are born. We treat disease, not the way people are. The very existence of therapy that is supposed to change people's sexuality, even for people who don't take it, is harmful because it implies that they have a disease. There is evidence that the belief itself can trigger depression and anxiety."

—Dr. Nada Stotland, head of the American Psychiatric Association's Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The APA Board of Trustees

voted unanimously Dec. 11 to reject therapy aimed at turning gays into heterosexuals.

"The potential risks of 'reparative therapy' are great, including depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior, since therapist alignment with societal prejudices against homosexuality may reinforce self-hatred already experienced by the patient. Many patients who have undergone 'reparative therapy' relate that they were inaccurately told that homosexuals are lonely, unhappy individuals who never achieve acceptance or satisfaction. The possibility that the person might achieve happiness and satisfying interpersonal relationships as a gay man or lesbian is not presented, nor are alternative approaches to dealing with the effects of societal stigmatization discussed. ... The APA opposes any psychiatric treatment, such as 'reparative' or 'conversion' therapy, which is based on the assumption that homosexuality per se is a mental disorder or based on the a prior assumption that the patient should change his/her sexual orientation."

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"People tell me — invariably heterosexuals — that being gay is a choice. I haven't found one heterosexual who remembers when they made the choice. Nobody remembers making that choice. [Besides,] when did it become the rule that it's okay to torment people because you don't like their choices?"

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., in a Dec. 2 speech at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth.

"I ... don't like the rise of the Christian Coalition anti- everybody movement. They'd like to get rid of us all, frankly, and that's very scary. And I think we have to confront this wherever it occurs and do whatever we can. This terrible murder of this boy in Wyoming is a horrifying testimony to what goes on in the name of morality. It's total bullshit."

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Taurus April 21st to May 21st
This is a social time of the year. There are many activities you and you enjoy with friends whose tastes are close to your own. Spend some time thinking about your long term. You will be ready to pursue matter most to you after this year. You will find yourself motivated. A trusted co-worker you set a game plan.

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You are very focused on your week, particularly if you are vacationing and realize the time to put your nose to the grindstone. You have so many things to do and you want to be recognized. Socializing with friends is a good idea when you want to maintain them in your home. Networking for some big way!!!

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—New York Daily News, Dec. 8.

Georgia: You owe me big time for that.
 Ally: Oh, I don't know about that, Georgia. What was with the tongue?

Georgia: I didn't give you tongue.

Ally: I felt it.

Georgia: Oh, you wish!

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—Dialogue on TV's *Ally McBeal* Nov. 23 after Ally and Georgia staged a passionate kiss to dissuade a man who was pursuing Ally.

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—New York Times columnist Frank Rich Dec. 9 on the coming out of former Congressman Michael Huffington. Huffington tells all in the January issue of *Esquire*.

"I was recently invited to the 50th birthday party of a gay friend, organized as a surprise by one of his own gay friends. They all looked terrifically relaxed, poised and socially at ease. We straights felt like members of an Albanian choir, touring the British provinces and being given hospitality after the concert. Everyone was terrifically kind and welcoming, though it soon became clear they had nothing really to say to us, and were quite happy for us to grab a plate of food, and talk among ourselves in our own language."

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It's NEW YEAR'S EVE! MO AND SYDNEY HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM VISITING THEIR FAMILIES AND IN CONSEQUENCE ARE FEELING A BIT FRACTIONAL.

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OH, COME ON! YOU'RE NOT GONNA TELL MO! MAYBE SHE ALREADY KNOWS. MAYBE THEY HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT.

AND IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A REAL AFFAIR.



Sistersage's Horoscopes

Aries March 21st to April 20th

This is a relatively quiet week in your life. You may need time alone to think and plan the future. You will need more rest as this year winds down. You will soon be filled with a sense of the new year and starting all over again. Think about all that you can accomplish with a little planning right now! This is the right time to examine the months just ending and how your life has changed.

Taurus April 21st to May 20th

This is a social time of the year for you. There are many activities available to you and you enjoy connecting with friends whose tastes are compatible with your own. Spend some time this week thinking about your long range goals. You will be ready to pursue things that matter most to you after the first of the year. You will find yourself extremely motivated. A trusted confidant helps you set a game plan.

Gemini May 21st to June 20th

You are very focused on your career this week, particularly if you have been vacationing and realize that it is now time to put your nose to the grind stone. You have so many things to accomplish and you want to be recognized for your talents. Socializing with business contacts is a good idea whether you entertain them in your home or go out together. Networking for success pays off in a big way!!!

Cancer June 21st to July 22nd

You are so determined to take a trip this week, or at least start planning for one. You're in the mood to visit places as far away as you can possibly manage. Interacting with people from other places is very rewarding. If travel is not possible, then at the very least go see a foreign film so that part of your life can be enriched. This is a great time to take a class. You need intellectual stimulation and want to learn now!

Leo July 23rd to August 22nd

Emotional interaction is more important to you now than ever. You have been contemplating your one-to-one relationships for a while and you want greater intimacy in your life this week. You have stronger sensitivity and understand what your mate is thinking and feeling. It doesn't hurt to have more conversation as communication is just as important as great sex. Saving money is also on your mind.

Virgo August 23rd to September 22nd

You have been working hard this week and now you realize that you need to spend time concentrating on the other people in your life. Romantic relationships are very important because they give you a sense of being part of something greater than yourself. If you are not attached to anyone special, you will want to date and this would be a good time to go out with friends to meet someone new!!!

Libra September 23rd to October 22nd

You are absorbed in the day-to-day events of your life and you have fun with friends and lovers! This week, you realize that it's time to get serious. You have quite a few deadlines and you will need to entertain business contacts and network for success. Pay attention to your health as well. When you work hard, it is important that you eat right and exercise so that you have the energy and rest you need. Balance in all things!

Scorpio October 23rd to Nov. 21st

This week, life is more fun when you focus on romance. Your stay-at-home tendencies can be comforting, but you have been home-bound for far too long. Now you are ready to get out and have fun. This is an excellent time to attend social events of all types. If you are single, plan on spending quality time with the special people in your life now—perhaps even doing something artistic together.

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Capricorn Dec. 22nd to January 19th

You are in a social frame of mind this week. It can be fun to take a stroll through the neighborhood and connect with exciting people who want to know you better. Cultural activities appeal to you now and it can be fun to see a local museum or art gallery. The theater or even a midnight screening of an old classic movie can be extra fun. Taking a class in an unusual subject is another good way to pass time.

Aquarius Jan. 20th to February 18th

You focus on making more money this week. You have many interesting talents and feel that as you fulfill your potential, you deserve to have prosperity. If your job is low paying, you consider adding a part-time endeavor or even looking for new work. It is also worthwhile to re-examine your budget so you can make the most of what you have. If you count your blessings, they will multiply. Expand your thinking.

Pisces February 19th to March 20th

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Judy Collins to the Phoenix gay newspaper Heatstroke, Dec. 3.

termath of the Wyoming killing, ps that worked overtime to stigmatize people have mounted a furious protest to assert that their words and actions against gay people have nothing to do with gay crimes. Given that these are groups that claim the 'pro-gay' label, Ellen DeGeneres or Joycelyn Kover's homosexuality, it isn't easy for us to know that their own words have been used. So they instead attack those who are on their game, hoping we might be intimidated and shut up. As one of their critics, Bradley Arkes, wrote in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece, my columns on the subject are 'vibrant with a hatred of the gay community' and the Church Council and evangelical groups.

New York Times columnist Frank Rich, Dec. 5.

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New York Times columnist Frank Rich, coming out of former Congresswoman's Huffington. Huffington tells all in the January issue of Esquire.

Recently invited to the 50th birthday party of a gay friend, organized as a surprise for his own gay friends. They all seemed relaxed, poised and socially confident. I felt like members of an elite club, touring the British provinces and receiving hospitality after the concert. The atmosphere was terrifically kind and welcoming. It became clear they had nothing to do with the homophobic rhetoric of the media, and were quite happy for us to be there, and talk among our own language."

Simon Hoggart in London's The Guardian, Dec. 5.

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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel





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ART

The Skylight Gallery welcomes Travis Lindquist and his exposition "Human Transactions and Consumption," a "neo-expressionist" exhibit. Opens Jan. 17. 307 E. 5th St. Info: 512-474-9005.

CHURCH

In a wonderful display of holiday spirit, The Greater Tuna Corporation, the parent company that manages the Tuna trilogy, has donated 200 seats for the Sunday matinee performance Jan. 3 of "A Tuna Christmas" to MCC-Austin. You can help the church out and have a great time in the process by buying tickets for this performance directly from the flock by calling 512-708-8002. The church plans to use the money for its building-fund drive.

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A WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TEXAS DEC. 18 THROUGH DEC. 30

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The Paramount Theatre Extraordinary Series celebrates Milton Berle's "90th Birthday Celebration" Jan. 23. 713 Congress, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$24-\$47, 512-472-5470. Web: www.austin360.com/paramnt/index.htm.

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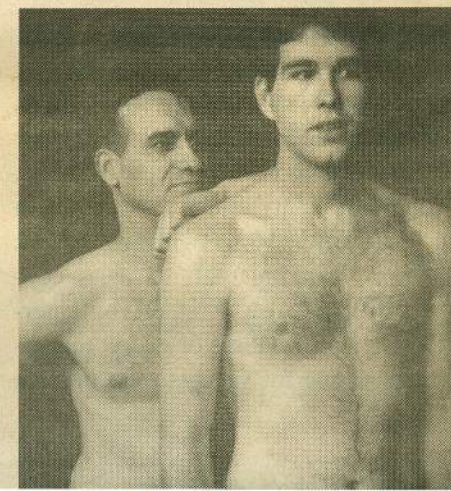
Kitchen Dog Theater is soliciting entries for its New Work Festival. Your full length script must be for a cast of 1-5 members, include a self-addressed, self-stamped postcard for verification, and must be mailed to Artistic Director Dan Day, Kitchen Dog Theatre, 3120 McKinney Ave., Dallas, 75204 no later than Feb. 15. Info: 214-953-1055.

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ORGANIZATIONS

The Bisexual Women's Support Group meets the third Tuesday of every month. Biscurious are welcome. Info: 512-370-9573.

STAGE

Public Domain artistic director Robi Polgar is awfully proud of what's going on at PD. So much so, it's hard to keep up with it all. But take a look at Karel Capek's "R.U.R." Jan. 9. Got a screenplay? Robi wants it. Send them over to PD at P.O. Box 2192, Austin, TX 78768. Info: 512-474-2448.

Zach presents David Sedaris' "The Santaland Diaries" through Jan. 3. 1510 Toomey Rd. Tickets: \$12-\$15, 512-476-0541.

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Now that the president stands impeached by the House of Representatives, the last thing you might want to hear about is politics. That is, of course, unless it's a story about legendary U.S. Representative and former Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn from Texas. Rayburn's congressional career stretched from the presidency of Woodrow Wilson to the election of John F. Kennedy. When asked by one colleague about whether he should run for the Senate, Rayburn retorted, "Why would you want to do that? You're already here." That home-spun wisdom is just a similar sample of what David R. Jarrott performs in Clay Nichol's one-man play "The Speaker Speaks, An Evening with Sam Rayburn." Opens Jan. 31. Closes Feb. 16. Public Domain Theatre, 807 Congress. Tickets: \$10-\$12, 512-474-6202.

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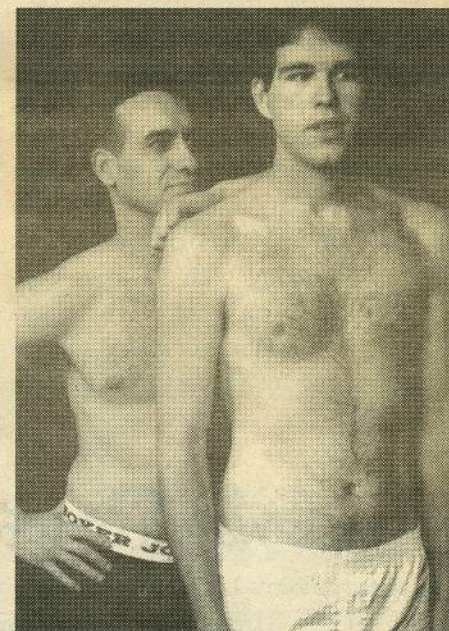
Grab five bucks and boogie down with the DFW Roller Skating Club, which meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. at 1900 Great S.W. Parkway in Grand Prairie. Info: 214-660-0100.

Join the Rainbow Roller Skating Club, which meets every Wednesday from 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. at the Forum Roller World, 1900 Great S.W. Parkway in Grand Prairie. Personal skates and in-lines are welcome. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Dylan Valdez at 214-836-7362.

Positive Personals invites you to their New Year's Eve Party Dec. 29 at the Brick, 4117 Maple, at 8 p.m. Info: 214-521-5444, ext. 151 or 250.

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Fort Worth Theatre opens 1999 with Terrence McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" directed by Texas Triangle contributing writer Steven Alan McGaw. The production is a component of the Labor of Love series, an HIV fund-raising organization. Opens Jan. 7. Closes Jan. 23. Tickets: \$10, 817-921-5300.

"The Complete History of America (abridged)" is held over till Feb. 14 at Casa Manana's Theatre on the Square, 109 E. 3d St. Tickets: \$16-\$24, 817-332-CASA, metro 972-647-5700.

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COMMUNITY CENTERS

HLGCC invites you to Centennial. 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday. 803 Hawthorne. Info: 713-730-0000.

FILM

The 3-D IMAX at Moody Gardens is cracking the holidays with a 6-story screen with its wide-angle, dimensional version of "The Godfather." Closes Jan. 18. Tickets and info: 4673.

MUSIC

Join the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston for their weekly rehearsals every Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church, 2501 Missouri. Rehearsals run 7-9 p.m. members may join in at any time. Call 521-SING (7464) for more info. www.gmch.org.



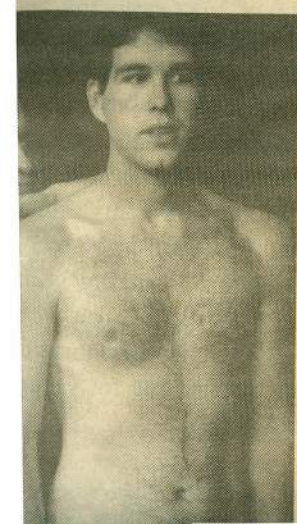
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With an intensely loyal following among drag queens and drama queens, gays can't seem to get enough of Patti LaBelle. For that reason, you might want to scrape up your pennies left over from the holidays and get tickets to her performance Jan. 28 at the Arena Theatre, 7326 SW Freeway. Gerald Levert joins Ms. LaBelle in the round. Tickets: \$55, 713-988-1020.

STAGE

Houston political hound and social circle troublemaker Ray Hill continues his one-man monologues with his latest show "Ray Hill and the Sex Police." Opens Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at One's A Meal, 647 W. Gray. Tickets: \$8-\$10. Info: 713-524-0715.

The Alley Theater begins 1999 with Martin McDonagh's "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," which was nominated for six Tony Awards. For mature audiences only. Opens Jan. 8. Closes Feb. 6. Downtown, 615 Texas Avenue. Tickets: season rates from \$80-\$256, call 713-228-8421. Web: www.alleytheater.com.

Main Street Theater presents William Shakespeare's "Othello." Opens Dec. 31. Closes Jan. 17. The musical "Leave It To Jane" opens Dec. 30 and closes Jan. 17. Site: Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose. Tickets: 713-524-6706.

Main Street Theater presents the WWII Nazi drama "Watch on the Rhine." Opens Jan. 14. Closes Feb. 14. 2540 Times Blvd. Tickets: 713-524-6706.

"Radio Daze" looks back at the Golden Age of Radio with Sunday performances through Dec. 27; Tickets: \$5. The musical classic "Funny Girl" closes Jan. 3; Tickets: \$10-\$30. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Park

MUSIC

Christopher Wilkins, conductor of the San Antonio Symphony, gets his digs in with the Mozart odyssey "Eine Kleine Mozartmusik." Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio joins in on solo violin. Jan. 8-9, 8 p.m., Majestic Theatre, 226 E. Houston St. Tickets: \$13-\$46, 210-224-9600.

STAGE

The San Pedro Playhouse presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King and I." Closes Jan. 3. Tickets: \$8-\$20. In the Celler Theatre, enjoy "Christmas Melocarl." Closes Jan. 30. Tickets: \$15. 800 W. Ashby Pl. Info: 210-733-7258.

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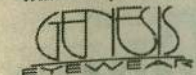
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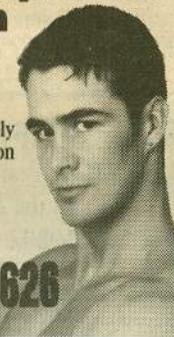
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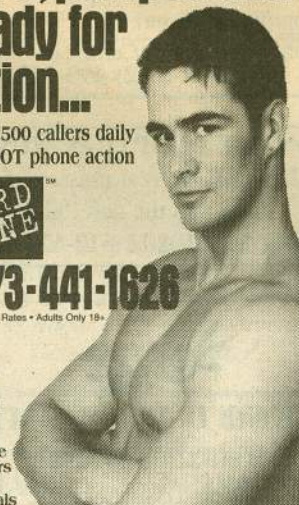
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Positive. Asymptomatic. Down
To Earth. Open-Minded,
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types of men attractive as long
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sassy men a definite plus. No
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**YOU AND ME AGAINST THE
WORLD** 31yo GWM 180lbs.
5'11" 1/2 K, BR/HZL, HIV+
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slim cowboy looking for the
same. I'm 42, but look 30. I
live in Cleveland Texas. Look-
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Some one who would like to
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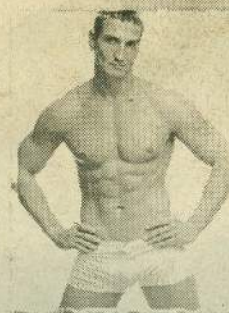
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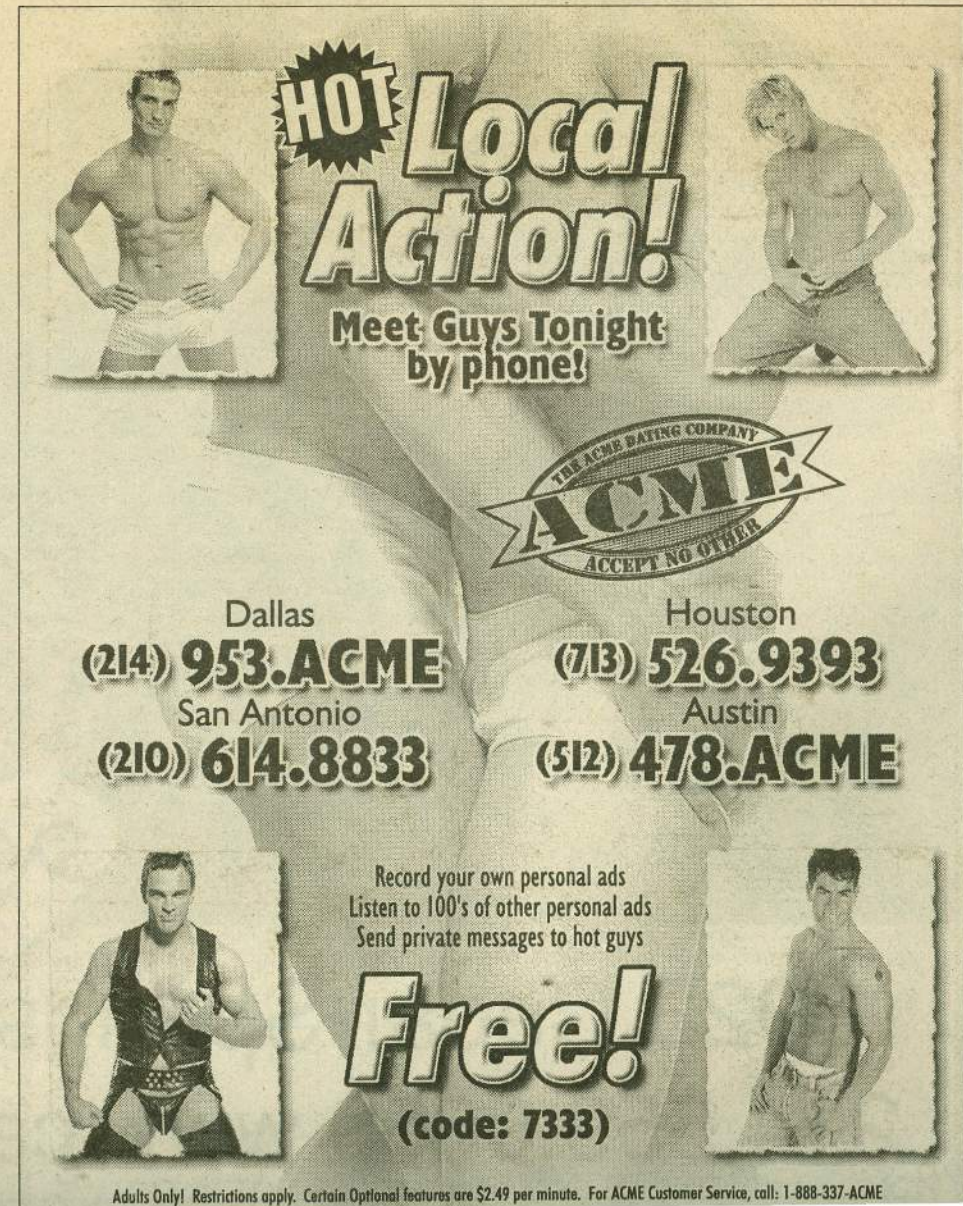


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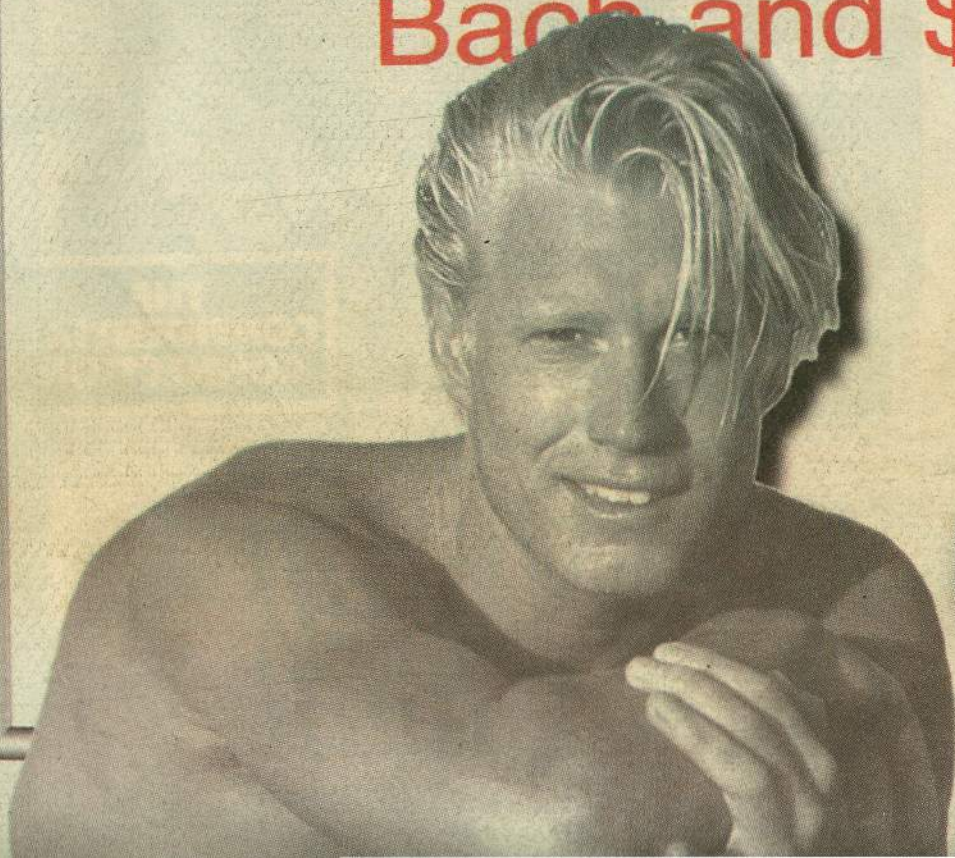
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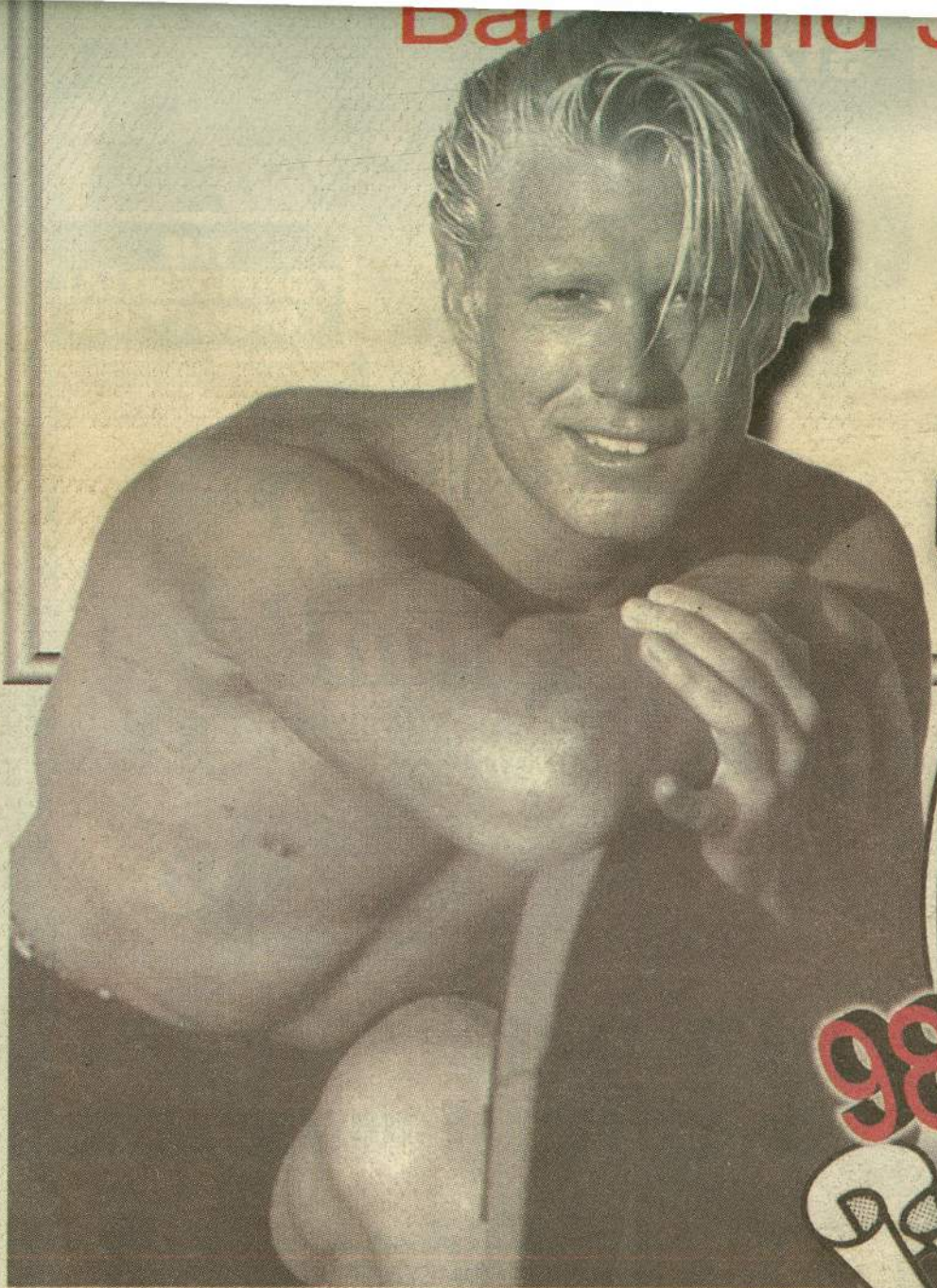
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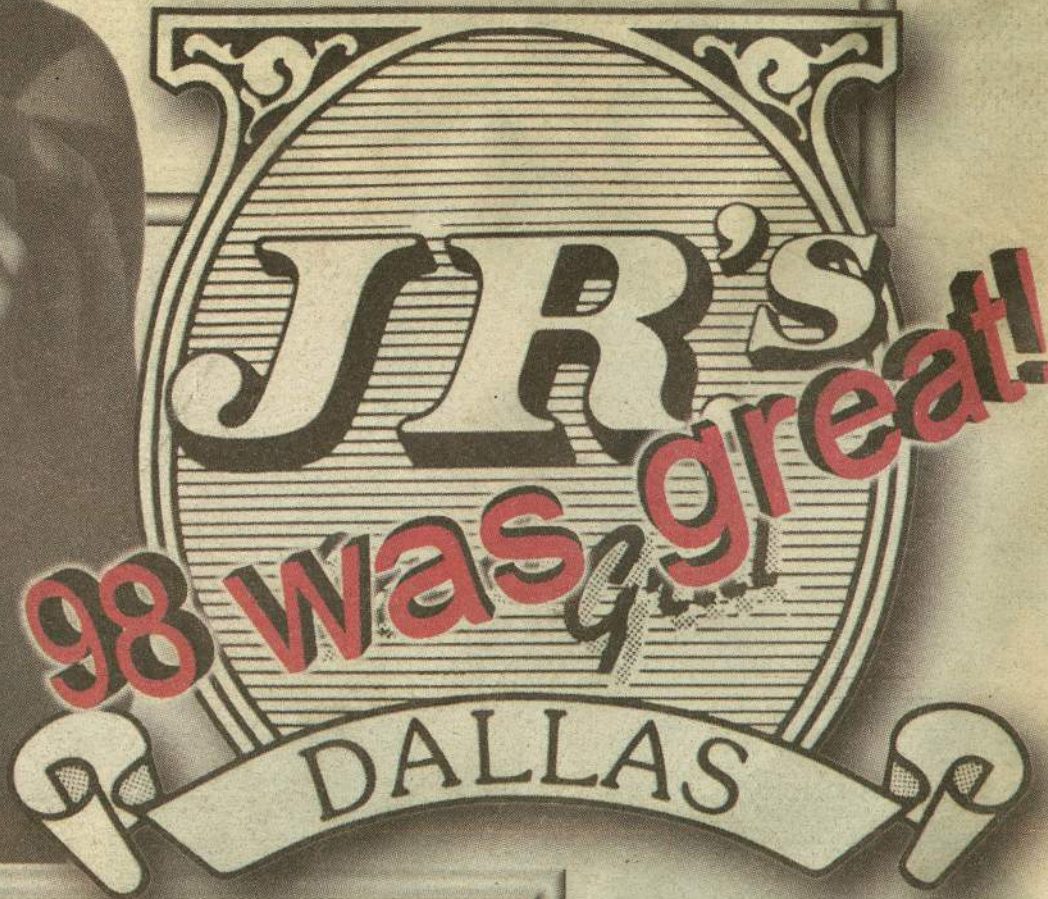
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