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Club taking registrations through Feb. 20 for Heart of Texas Classic

Registration is now open for the third annual Heart of Texas Classic Tennis Tournament, presented by the Austin Tennis Club March 11-14.

Divisions include Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, at Levels from 2.0-5.0 NTRP (A-D and Open). Registration will be open through Feb. 20. Fees are \$85 for one event and \$95 for two.

Social events include a draw party on March 11, and a banquet. All proceeds benefit AIDS Services of Austin.

More information and registration forms are at www.austintennisclub.com/hot3/hot3 info.html.

HOUSTON

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'Fat Girls' booted from Canton

Independent film's gay lead apparently too much for city fathers

Reported by Tammye Nash

Special Correspondent Written by Dennis Vercher

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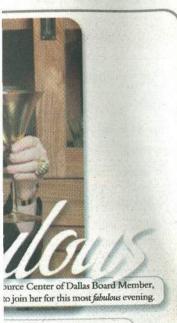
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Religious leaders of various faiths will preside. Couples who plan to participate must register in advance by calling 713-227-1717.

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Texas Supreme Court won't dismiss custody suit

Van Stavern allowed to continue to seek joint custody of child borne by her former partner

A woman whose daughter was adopted by her former lesbian partner has lost a court battle to regain custody.

The Texas Supreme Court declined Friday to hear a request by Julie Ann

GALVESTON Hobbs of Galveston to dismiss a lawsuit filed in May by Janet Kathleen Van Stavern for joint custody and standard

visitation of the 6-year-old girl.

Hobbs and Van Stavern were together for eight years, ending in February 2004. Hobbs conceived the girl through artificial insemination and gave birth in 1998. Van Stavern legally adopted the child in 2001

The 1st Texas Court of Appeals in November declined a request by Hobbs to dismiss Van Stavern's lawsuit.

State District Judge Janis Yarbrough ruled in October that Van Stavern has parental rights to Hobbs' daughter.

Hobbs' attorneys then argued that Van

Stavern's lawsuit should be dismissed on the grounds that the adoption is illegal because Texas law does not permit coparenting by same-sex couples.

Van Stavern has been making monthly child-support payments.

Shannon Warren, an attorney representing Van Stavern, said Hobbs' only legal option is to file an appeal after a trial in family court.

A court date regarding Van Stavern's request for joint custody and standard visitation is set for April 4.

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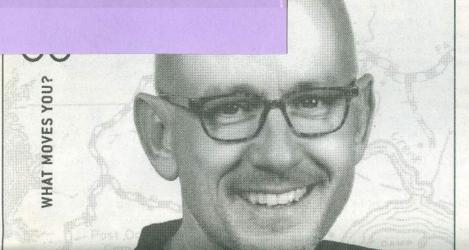
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Ribbon-cutting marks opening of GLBT chamber of commerce

North Texas group plans program designed to increase commerce for gay, gay-friendly businesses

By Dennis Vercher
Staff Writer

The North Texas Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce is officially open after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its offices in Dallas last week.

Real estate agents Jack Evans and George Harris, a prominent Dallas couple, cut the ribbon on Jan. 25.

The new organization will kick off a membership drive with an event, Charter 300, next month. The new group will hold programs on professional development and education and a weekly e-mail system will keep members abreast of business-related developments. The chamber is already planning a business expo they hope will become an annual event.

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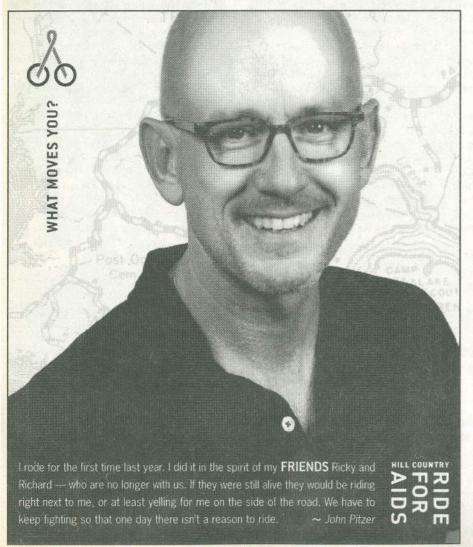
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Last fall, the Montgomery County circuit court threw out Hedberg's motion without holding hearings or making findings of facts. As a rule, custody orders are not revised unless something has "materially changed" in the child's life. In this case, the judge ruled from the bench that no significant change had occurred. Even the move from Virginia to Maryland was an inconsequential 26 miles.

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NEW YORK — A tormer Suffolk County police officer who said he was subjected to death threats and harassment because he is bisexual was awarded \$270,000 last Friday by a federal jury. John Weeks, a 10-year veteran of East Islip, claimed in the lawsuit that he had been harassed and discriminated against because of his sexual orientation. "The Suffolk County Police Department turned a blind eye when superior officers violated Officer Weeks' constitutionally protected rights," said attorney Rick Strove. Weeks will continue a separate action through his union to appeal his firing.

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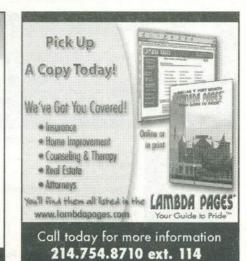
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Marriage cases on a collision course

Gay groups' lawyers join state in asking delay in **Orange County lawsuit**

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In that suit, lawyers from the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the ACLU are challenging state marriage law on behalf of 12 same-sex couples. The lawsuit, Woo v. Lockyer, has been coordinated with several related cases under the jurisdiction of Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer. Kramer is expected to issue a ruling soon in a case sure to wind up at the California Supreme Court.

If Kramer were to rule that California should make marriage available to same-sex couples, the two men in Orange County would no longer have a federal claim, court motions say. But beyond that technicality, gay advocates from the three main legal groups, as well as the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, are unanimous in their opposition to filing federal lawsuits.

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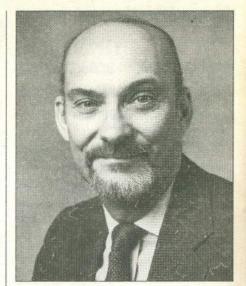
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Last month, a federal challenge to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act by two Florida women who were married in Massachusetts was dismissed by a federal judge in Tampa. After a discussion with Matt Coles of the ACLU, lawver Ellis Rubin agreed not to appeal to the conservative federal appellate court that governs Florida, and he also dropped a second federal case out of Miami.

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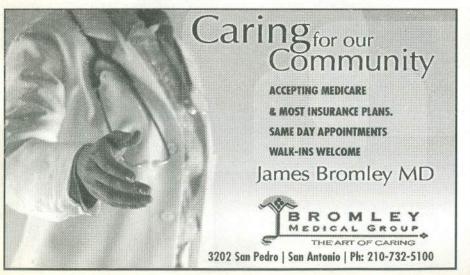
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Letters

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Thanks to the San Antonio chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association for a great state meeting and for making us feel so at home not only in your city but in your community. Congratulations on winning the Battle of the Chapters!

Miss TGRA 2006 Candidate Trisha Davis

Cowtown Rodeo a go despite rumors

I'm writing to stop some rumors that are making the rounds in Fort Worth.

Yes, we are having a rodeo at W.R. Watt arena. We paid the down payment last year.

Yes, we will have a program.

Yes, we do have vendors. As a matter of fact, we have 16 vendors who have prepaid.

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Same-sex marriage vs. civil unions

Separate and unequal, civil unions deny gay couples social legitimacy

Is there anything important at stake in the debate over whether to recognize gay relationships as marriages or as civil unions?

I asked that question to a group of gay friends not long ago. Out of 10 people, no one could come up with a

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But beyond these legal matters, recognizing gay marriage offers the promise of something at least as important: social approval and support. Marriage has a long history. It is woven into our cultural fabric. It comes with common expectations and a common language that couples and their families and friends readily recognize.

As practiced in Vermont, civil unions confer on gay couples all of the rights, benefits, and responsibilities

think of us. The expressions gay and faggot may describe the same sexual orientation, but they are miles apart in their meanings.

While the difference between marriage and civil union is not nearly as large, it is large enough to matter. How do we know that? Just consider the numbers of good people who bristle at calling our relationships "marriages" but are willing to call them "civil unions" — and give us the same legal rights under either.

> Obviously, for these people, something important is communicated by the word marriage that has nothing to do with legal rights. For the same reason, something very important is denied to a gay couple by calling their relationship a civil union rather than a marriage.

The culture that denies us the word marriage denies us more than a word. It denies us the full

measure of respect that accompanies the word, and that our relationships are entitled to have.

Where equivalent legal standing is otherwise a given, the semantic difference between marriage and civil unions could serve no purpose except to stigmatize and isolate previously disfavored relationships. The analogy is not perfect, but much the same could be said about the difference between gay civil unions and gay marriages.

No matter what gay relationships are called, a significant part of the population will not regard them as equal to heterosexual marriages. To that extent, gay marriage will not initially provide the same degree of social acceptance

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And although civil unions have no history and no commonly accepted language or expectations, this too can change. Gay couples in Vermont, and perhaps soon elsewhere, are literally making history with civil unions.

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Let us have a celebration that welcomes all and not be offensive to those who may disagree.

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As practiced in Vermont, civil unions confer on gay couples all of the rights, benefits, and responsibilities conferred on opposite-sex married couples under state law. What civil unions cannot offer is the social approval and support that come with marriage. Civil unions have no history. They are not woven into the fabric of our culture. There are no common expectations or language that come with them.

To family and friends, a civil union cannot be asserted. It must be explained. Even after the explanation, a civil union is unlikely to be regarded as the equivalent of a marriage.

This difference between gay marriage and civil unions cannot be dismissed as merely semantic. Words are the way we frame and experience our lives. They reflect and reinforce what we think of others and what others



OUTRIGHT Dale Carpenter

Obviously, for these people, something important is communicated by the word marriage that has nothing to do with legal rights. For the same reason, something very important is denied to a gay couple by calling their relationship a civil union rather than a marriage.

The culture that denies us the word marriage denies us more than a word. It denies us the full

measure of respect that accompanies the word, and that our relationships are entitled to have.

Where equivalent legal standing is otherwise a given, the semantic difference between marriage and civil unions could serve no purpose except to stigmatize and isolate previously disfavored relationships. The analogy is not perfect, but much the same could be said about the difference between gay civil unions and gay marriages.

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But attitudes are not static. Law has an educative function, and the sooner the law regards gay couples as the full equivalent of married heterosexuals, the sooner people will come to see them as equivalent.

And although civil unions have no history and no commonly accepted language or expectations, this too can change. Gay couples in Vermont, and perhaps soon elsewhere, are literally making history with civil unions.

The problem is, they are millennia behind marriage.

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Newly single (for a sec), Suzanne Westenhoefer dusts off the ashes of heartbreak and crafts a whole new act

By Nancy Ford

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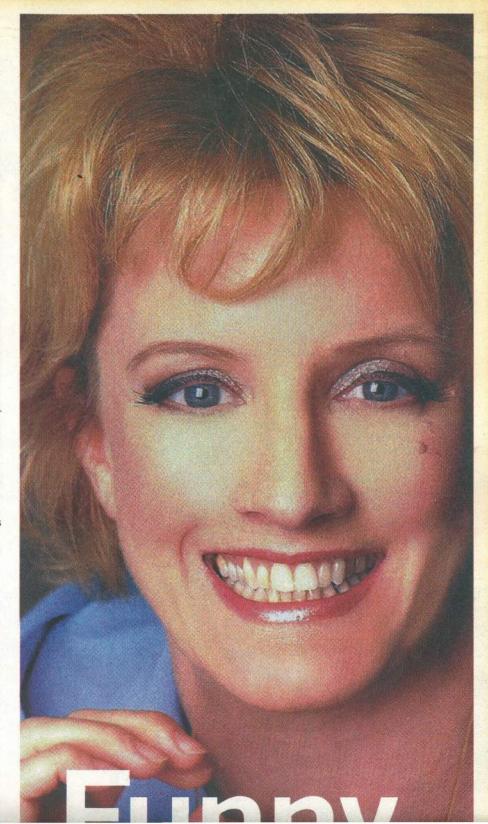
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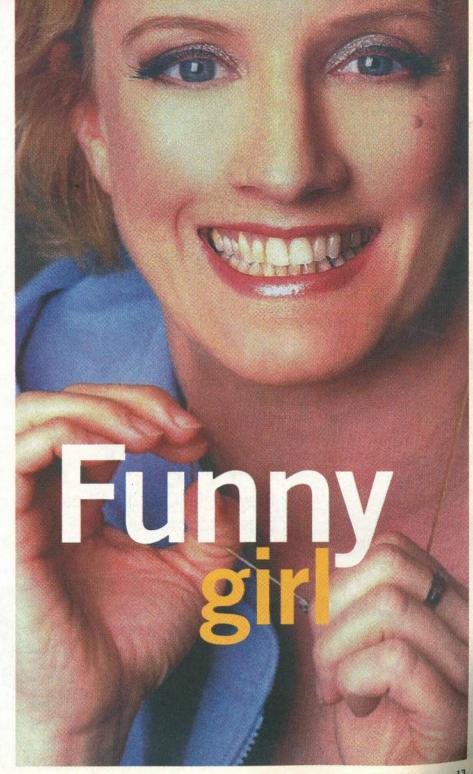
One upside to an emotional trial like that: You find out who your real friends are.

"Your real friends are the ones who can actually hear you say for six months, 'I don't know what haaaaaaappened" - she wails in full Lucy Ricardo crying mode — "without wanting you dead. Your real friends will listen to you say the same thing 15 times. And your real friends will not say, 'I always hated her anyway,' because you might get back togeth-

We didn't delve into who-did-what-towhom-and-who-got-the-dogs details. We did discover that the two split way back in May. Who knew?

"Well, it's not like it's something you put on the Web site," she says of the secretive-

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ness, "although I understand that Cris Williamson did when she broke up with Tret Fure."

But the split doesn't mean that Westenhoefer is available for drinks and companionship following the show. This 43-yearold hottie wasted no time in hopping back on the horse.

"Of course, I have a new girlfriend," she says. "I'm like that; that's how it works for me. I've never been single — not one day of my life. Never been on a date. I just went from one girl to the next girl to the next girl."

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"I have a whole life," she quips. "I have all new comedy stuff, so it's all different now. I'm not in a long-term relationship — I'm in a brand new relationship for the first time in 12, almost 13 years. That's huge!"

And plenty has changed in that time. "Thirteen years ago when I started my relationship with Annie, nobody was out," she says. "And Clinton was just elected president. It was like a totally different world."

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Agape Metropolitan Community Church, 4615 California Parkway, Ft. Worth, Feb. 11 817-535-5002

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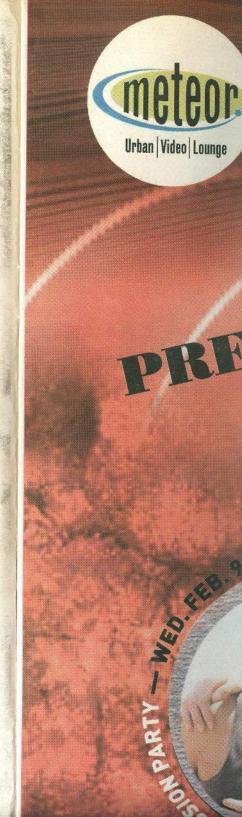
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Shear's insightful one-woman play records an ultimately startling look at the inner lives of those who serve us. But for anyone who has held countless jobs to support the upstart of an artistic career, Blown Sideways will seem like therapy, offering a thought-provoking and witty glimpse of the nameless workers who make the world go

round in the service industry. The play begins with a recounting of Shear's first job, when she lied about her age to become a hardware store stock girl at age 12 (a job that eventually included cleaning the toilets). She moves through her 65 jobs at lightening speed, from her joy working as a brunch chef on Fire Island, as a nude model for a painter and as a brothel receptionist (where she expresses her despair at having to sleep in a cathouse to avoid a long train ride home to Brooklyn in the middle of the night).

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Shear is no stranger to dynamic playwriting she also wrote Dirty Blonde, a hybrid work that is part Mae West docudrama, part love story. Both plays reminds fans that Shear is truly a vaudevillian at heart.

Blown Sideways Through Life

Written by Claudia Shear Directed by Dave Steakley With Barbara Chisolm

Zachary Scott Theater, 1510 Toomey Road, Austin Through Mar. 6. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. matinee at 2:30 p.m. 512-476-0541, ext 1.





Beat

By Jimmy Smith

Frankie goes to Chicago

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records, the gay and black underground kept right on dancing. D.J.s, always looking for new ways to excite their floors, continued to try new things. In Chicago, Frankie and others began to loop breaks from favorite records into full tracks (it was always the breaks which drove the floors wild in the first place).

Drum machines were added to beef up the kick, keyboards were brought in and skeletal vocals were added. Soon the disco loops were dropped and all new tracks were being created from scratch, incorporating innovations from brethren Italian and German producers and pushing even further this new minimalist aes-

Clubs flipped for these dark, throbbing tracks. And many of the most revered were created or remixed by Frankie Knuckles and released on Trax Records in the late '80s.

On Frankie Knuckles Presents His

Greatest Hits From Trax Records, you'll find seminal favorites, particularly those brilliant collaborations with Jamie Principle ("Baby Wants to Ride," "Waiting on My Angel," "Cold World"), the darkly glittering "Your Love" and that house track that even your friends who think they don't know house recognize, "Move Your Body."

Knuckles

Other gems lurk on the disc: Frankie's trippy acidic remix of "Boom Boom" by Dezz, the fierce "Children of the Night" by Kevin Irving, the clever gay Prince-ish ditty "Bad Boy" and a rare alternate version of "Waiting on My Angel" titled "You Got the Love." Trax president Screamin' Rachael even makes an appearance with "La Vie."

This is a great little collection for D.J.s of all kinds — club, bedroom, car or iPod.

And that's the beats.

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Brazil nuts

Austin residents samba their weekend away at Carnaval

By Sandra Beckmeier

Eyes light up all over the world upon the mention of Rio's Carnival. The nearly 300year-old Brazilian celebration is a rich mosaic of African, European and South American cultures. It was first introduced to Rio de Janeiro in 1723 to commemorate the beginning of Lent.

But a carnival has become a cultural institution in Austin, too. The city's Carnaval



Brasileiro, a Brazilian style Mardi Gras celebration, grew from small local crowds in 1978 to an event that now hosts partygoers from all over the United States. Musical guests are always featured, offering the rare opportunity to experience live Afro-Brazilian sounds.

This year features a mix of samba, frevo, marchinha and bloco-afro performed by New York City's Grupo Saveiro, who were hailed by the Brazilian Press Association as the best Brazilian band in the U.S. Austin's own Academicos de Opera, a 20-piece drum group, will perform authentic carnival music.

Bring your costumes and energy to the Palmer Events Center, for this samba sensation is Austin's wildest ride.

EVENT Carnaval Brasileiro 2005

Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. Feb. 5. Door open at 8 p.m. \$30 512-452-6832. Sambaparty.com





Get Tickets At Tickets also available at .629-3700 (automated) is added to each ticket

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Friday, February 4

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

First Friday Dinner Club. Joshloker@prideofaustin.com.

Hideout Theatre presents the Austin Improv Co-op. 8 p.m. \$6-\$10. 617 Congress Ave. 512-H-I-D-E-O-U-T. Hideouttheatre.com.

Sidekicks/Xtreme presents Texas Gay Mardi Gras, through Tuesday, Feb. 8. 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

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Dallas Theater Center presents Pluck the Day, through Feb. 13. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. \$12. Frank's Place, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 214-679-2692.

Men's Fellowship potluck dinner. 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-693-1123.

Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery presents Properties of a Collector, through March 12. 3115 Routh St. 214-969-1852. Photographsdonotbend.com.

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Theatre Too presents Dear Liar, through Feb. 13. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. \$25-\$30. 2800 Routh St. 214-871-3300.

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Salute to Broadway, through Feb. 6. Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. \$20-\$60. 210-224-9600. Majesticempire.com

Saturday, February 5

Carnaval Brasileiro, a Brazilian-style Mardi Gras. 9 p.m. Palmer Events Center. Sambaparty.com.

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

Texas Gay Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball and Coronation, Hidden Fantasies: Imaginations Gone Wild, with face painting, psychic readings, shows, costume contents, male and female dancers and Mardi Gras festivities. Sidekicks/Xtreme, 110 E. Riverside. 512-804-2707. Sidekicksaustin.com.

Waterloo Counseling Center and UT School of Social Work present the 2005 Advanced Clinical Conference. UT Thompson Conference Center. 512-444-9922, ext. 206. Waterloocounseling.org/conference.htm.

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Dignity Dallas meets for liturgy. 6:30 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-521-5342, ext. 1732. Monthly Planning for Conference on LGBT Future. 3 p.m. GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose, 2nd Floor.

Producers of The Real World and The Simple Life conduct casting for The Cruise, a reality TV series set on a weeklong luxury cruise. Open to gay singles, couples and their friends, 18+. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. South Beach, 810 Pacific St. 713-521-0107. Bunim-murray.com.

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

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

GaySanAntonio.net radio show with news, events, commentary and music.

2 p.m. Gay-sa.net/gsair.htm.

Sunday, February 6 AUSTIN

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

Austin Outlaws Women's Full Contact
Football Team, Lonestar Men's Rugby Team
and the Austin Chapter of the Texas Gay
Rodeo Association present Superbowl XXXIX.
Pool tournament, 3 p.m. Game, 5 p.m. with
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Valentine's Show and Chinese Auction. 8 p.m.
Benefits AIDS Services of Dallas. Illusions,

4100 Maple. HOUSTON

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

Lone Star Volleyball Association open play. p.m. Willowbrook Sports Complex. 832-723-6866. Secretary@lsva.org.

PFLAG Houston presents Dr. Cynthia Chappell discussing the current state of the sci entific research on genetic and biological causes of homosexuality. 2 p.m. St. Paul's Methodist Church, Main and Binz. Pflaghouston.org.

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The Saint, Annex and Eagle present Super Superbowl parties, with \$1 hotdogs and hamburgers, and drink specials. 1430 N. Main. 210-225-7330. Thesaint-satx.com.

Monday, February 7 AUSTIN

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

DALLAS

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

HOUSTON

Bering Support Network presents Grief Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. 1440 Harold St 713-526-1017.

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

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Texas Tradition Cloggers offer classes at 5:30



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Red, White & Blue Mardi Gras continues in Galveston, through Feb. 8. Mardigrasgalveston.com.

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Dragonflies, a social/support group for gay Asians and Pacific Islanders, monthly meeting and social. 6 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center. 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1752.

Human Rights Campaign mixer. 6-7:30 p.m. Minc, 813 Exposition.

Valiente-DFW LGBT Latina/o Alliance business meeting and potluck. 1 p.m. 214-529-4546. Dfw_valiente@yahoo.com.

HOUSTON

Houston Outdoor Group celebrates its 20th Anniversary. 12 noon-3 p.m. Baba Yega Restaurant's Jasmine Room. \$18. 281-829-9532.

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

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

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Gaymsters bridge club. 2 p.m. Congregational Life Center, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Rd.

Interweave lunch. 12 noon. Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 E. Parker Road, Plano, 972-248-9343.

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

Teatro Dallas presents Girl Meets Girl, through Feb. 27. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$20 - \$25. 1331 Record Crossing Rd. Info avaliable by calling 800-965-4827 or visiting Ticketweb.com.

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hly Planning for Conference on LGBT e. 3 p.m. GLBT Community Center, 3400 rose, 2nd Floor.

cers of The Real World and The e Life conduct casting for The Cruise, a TV series set on a weeklong luxury Open to gay singles, couples and their s, 18+. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. South Beach, 810 c St. 713-521-0107. Bunim-murray.com.

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HOUSTON

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

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Cathedral Business Network luncheon. 11:30 a.m. \$10. DoubleTree Hotel Princeton Grill, Campbell Center, 8250 N. Central Expressway.

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Men's Book Club. 7 p.m. alraco@aol.com.

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

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Meadows Opera Theatre presents L'Elisir d'Amore, through Feb. 13. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. \$12. Owen Arts Center Bob Hope Theatre, 6101 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2787.

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

The Annex serves a complete spaghetti dinner, benefiting Diversity Center. \$3. 330 San Pedro. 210-223-6957. theannex-satx.com

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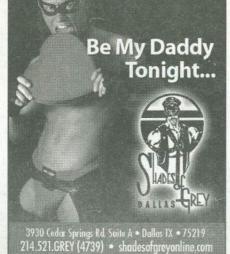
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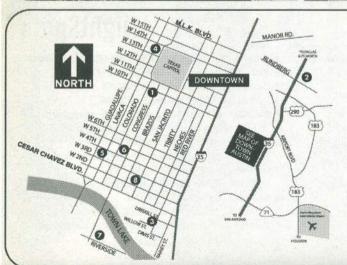












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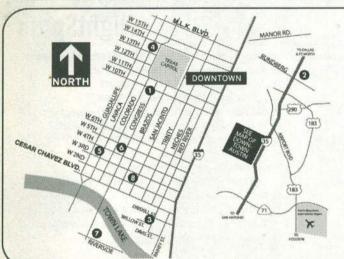








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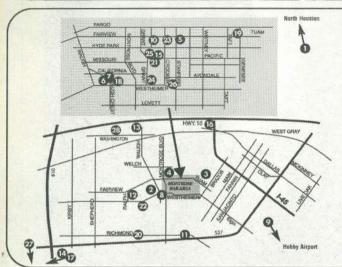








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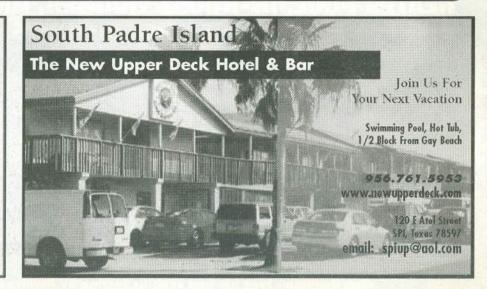


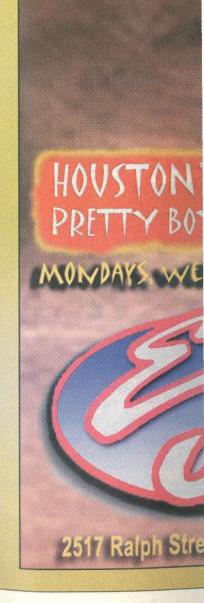
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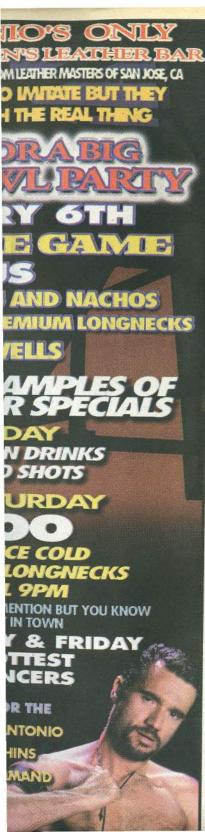
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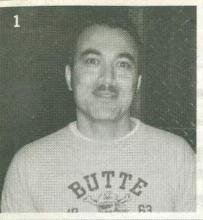




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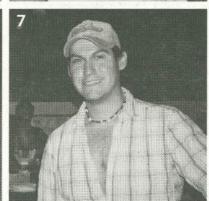












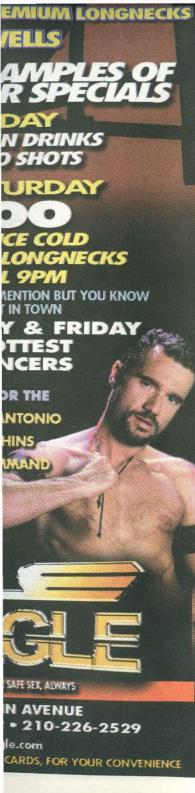


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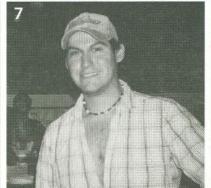
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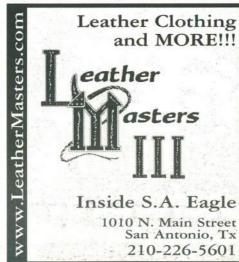
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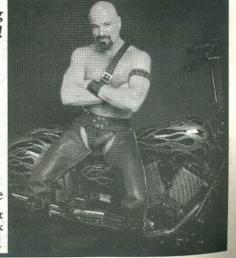
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