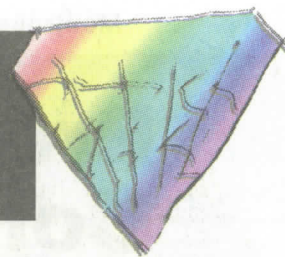
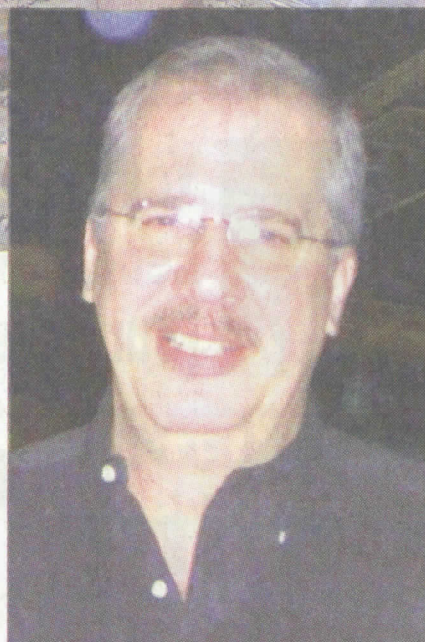
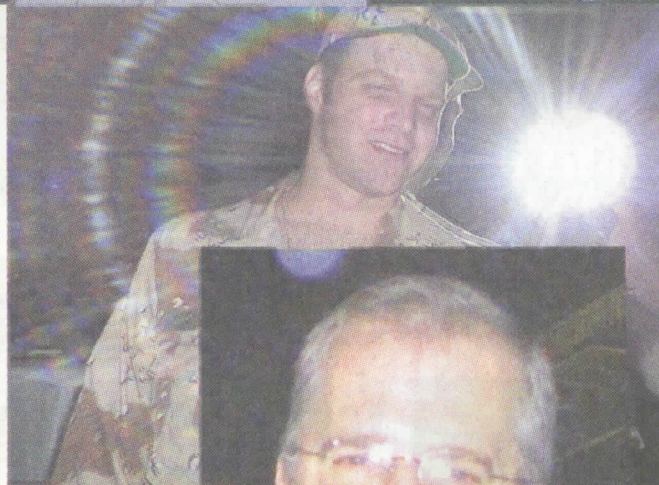
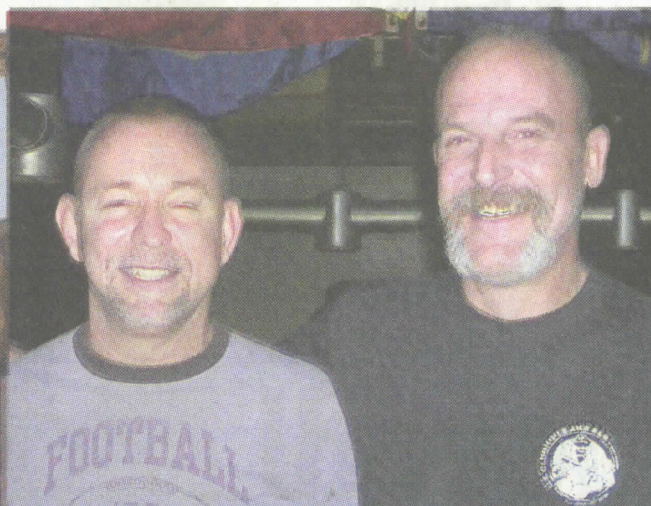


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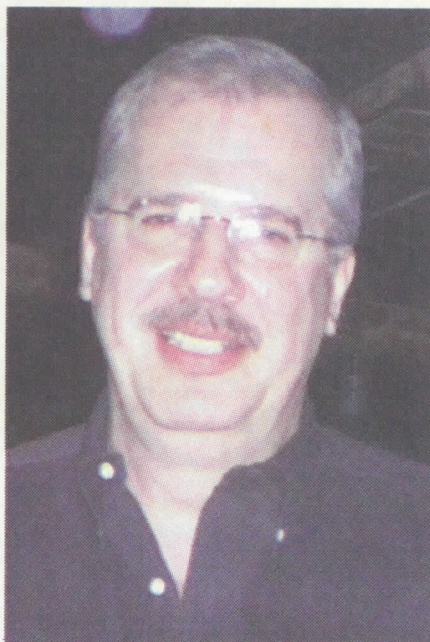
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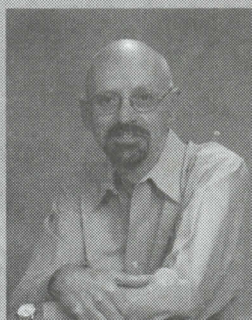
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## *Star Trek's Mr. Sulu and HRC to Stage 'Equality Trek'*

*PRESS RELEASE from Human Rights Campaign*

The Human Rights Campaign has announced that George Takei, Star Trek's Mr. Sulu, will embark on a

nationwide speaking tour through six cities, speaking about his life as a gay Japanese American and encouraging others to share their stories.

Takei will also serve as a spokesman for HRC's Coming Out Project throughout the tour and beyond. Takei made international headlines last fall when he announced to the press that he and his partner Brad Altman have been together for nearly 20 years.

"For 40 years, George Takei has beamed into living rooms through the television sets of generations of Americans. His unique role in pop culture history will help him reach

new audiences with messages of understanding," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "We are tremendously excited to officially and publicly welcome George and his partner Brad into the Human Rights Campaign family."

As a child, Takei and his family were held in American internment camps during World War II because of their Japanese ancestry, even though Takei and his mother were born on American soil and his father came to the United States as a child.

Takei will speak on the tour about the ways that his life has been touched by both

discrimination and by the healing that takes place when prejudice is replaced with understanding and open communication.

"In my own life, I have felt the discrimination that used to separate Japanese Americans from the rest of the country melt away," said Takei. "I believe that by sharing our stories GLBT Americans can break down the walls that separate us and help build a more understanding and truly diverse nation for us all."

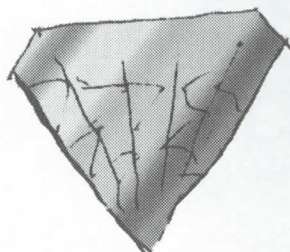
Takei has been increasingly in the public eye speaking on GLBT issues since coming out in the press.

The national speaking tour does not include Houston.

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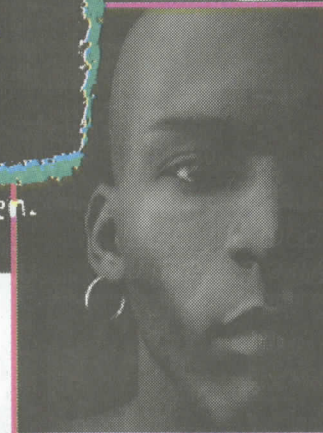
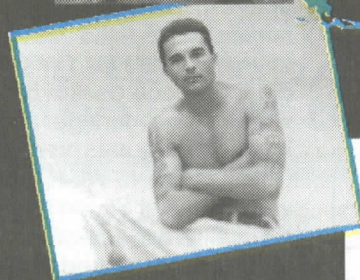
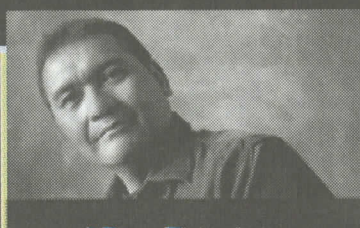
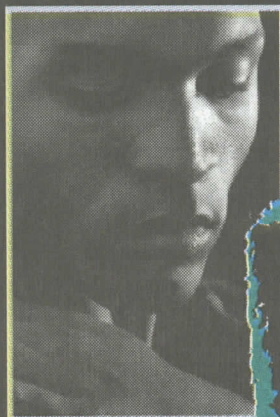
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## Quickies

Community volunteer Bob Bouton will be roasted (with an apple in his mouth) May 10, 7:00 p.m., at the BRB.

The Gills will be performing their first show May 12 at Bricks, 8:00 p.m. It will be a benefit for PWA Holiday Charities. Who are the Gills? Don Gill's groupies!

3rd Coast anniversary part is Saturday, April 15.

Southern Country is have a hoe-down Friday & Saturday, April 7 and 8, at the BRB.

Still watching your erotica on VHS? Stop by Black Hawk Leather on Fairview. They're having a sale on VHS. Most are just \$5.00.

## Arrogant Justice

I am going to tell you the story about U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. You're not going to like what you read.

1. Last January Scalia skipped the swearing in of Chief Justice John Roberts so he could be the guest of the Federalist Society at a meeting in Colorado. They put him up at a luxury hotel. Many of your right-wing officials belong to this group, including Justice Clarence Thomas, Judge Robert Bork and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, whose main claim to fame as Nixon's man was to bust pornography "rings" and then have the busts declared illegal.

2. Justice Scalia in February referred to those who think the U.S. Constitution should be an evolving document, rather than set in stone 200 years ago never to be changed, as "idiots."

3. In March, he shot the bird at a reporter who asked a question he didn't like, the reporter snapped a picture of him doing that one-finger salute, to which Scalia supposedly said, "You're not to print that."

Later, Scalia, in the tradition of Houston's own Louie Welch, denied shooting the bird. He lied. (Welch got caught in a mayoral race saying all of us queers should be shot. He then denied he said it. He lied.)

4. Speaking in March at a university in Switzerland, he said the idea that military detainees are entitled to jury trials as "crazy." And that prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay were not entitled to rights set out by the Geneva Conventions.

5. And, at that same conference, as reported on CNN, Scalia told students at the University of Freiburg, "Question comes up: Is there a constitutional right to homosexual conduct? Not a hard question for me. It's absolutely clear that nobody ever thought when the Bill of Rights was adopted that it gave a right to homosexual conduct. Homosexual conduct was criminal for 200 years in every state. Easy question."

This man is full of himself.



## James R. (Jay) Verdon

With deep regret we announce the passing of Jay Verdon on March 23, 2006.

Jay just turned 46 this past March 2. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Western Carolina University where he was very active in their art program. He soon after moved to Houston where he worked for many years for TWT magazine and did free-lance design projects. He later worked as a manager at various Kinko's locations. Jay was preceded in death by his dad Vincent Verdon and his beloved water spaniel Simon (pictured with him).

Jay lived in Houston for 20+ years and recently moved to Galveston with his friend Gary Masse and pets Sandy (a mixed Sheltie) and nine-month-old Sterling (a raucous Siamese kitten) at a condo directly on the beach. He loved the water and the beach.

He is also survived by his mother Sue, his twin sister Ginger Parker and a niece and a nephew, all in North Carolina. They have been very supportive during his illness. Gary would like to thank the numerous members of the Houston and Galveston communities, the Family Protective Services in Galveston and the Hospice Care Team based in Texas City. Their support during this difficult time has been tremendous and is very much appreciated.

A Celebration of Life is being planned. Further information is available from Gary at (409) 765-7535. Thanks to all of the above for your continued support.

In lieu of flowers, a donation would be very much appreciated in Jay's name to: Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary, County Road at 210 at Austin Bayou, P.O. Box 307, Liverpool, TX 77577. Telephone 281-330-5238.

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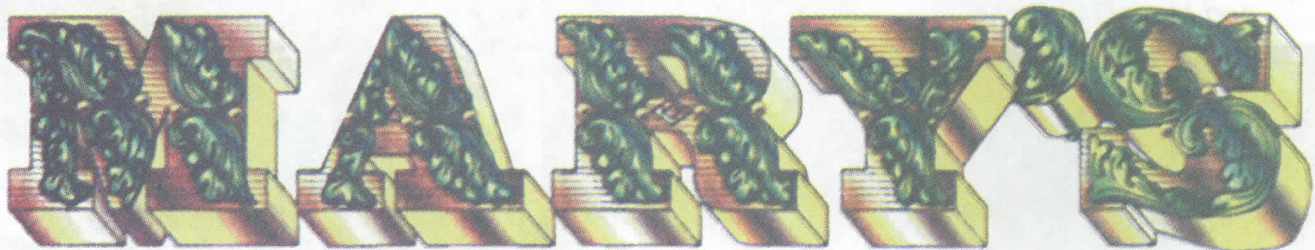
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*Fadhel & Mike bartending  
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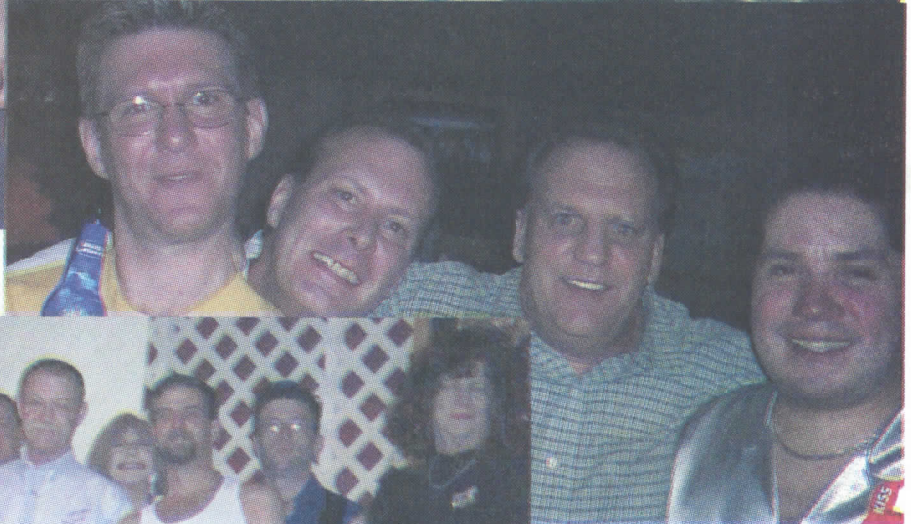
*Hedda Layne at Meteor*



*Val turns 40 at Decades*



*D.J. Kimberly S  
and Mark D at Rich's*



*Libations at Decades*

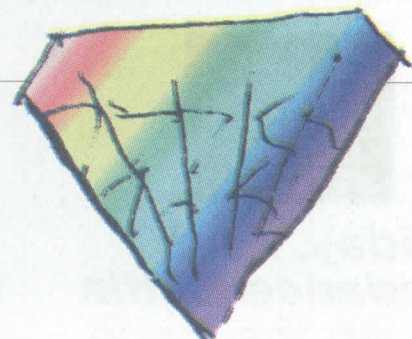


*Keys West cast show raised \$6,450 for E.R.S.I.C.S.S.*

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# Cancer Should Look for Blue

**HOROSCOPES by HELGA**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): From just about anything, you will be able to create situations and opportunities to your advantage over the next few weeks. Pay attention to the signs, most subtle, that will direct you to this.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): The person who knew too much? Sounds like a movie. But it's a close friend of yours. Gently let it be known that others are just as smart about the subjects that are spoken of constantly. Then ask to be joined at an encounter and you will get your way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): The light of understanding glows in the dark, and in the flowering fields of sunlight. This you will comprehend shortly. There will be a door that will open. Peek in. Then step in. Play the roles that you desire.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Do it right for the next few days and you will learn to be more wise and more profitable. It will be lucrative. You will understand when a power taps your ego. It will. And watch for blue.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone with an inferiority complex will try to bring you down. Helga sees that you will simply slap them silly. They will pretend surprise but they will know they deserved it. You, now, will move on your way with satisfaction. Oh, and there will be a mystery that I cannot mention at this time.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remember cupid? Those arrows are about to fly through the air. Bend over and you might catch one. In fact, Helga sees that you will be a target from an admiring person in a light red outer garment. Watch out!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Someone with a goofy smile needs your guidance. By all means provide it and see the character beyond the grin. Actually, Helga sees quite a satisfying relationship about to present itself.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Fireworks in April? Yes, lovely fireworks are about to explode for Scorpio. Your clues not to miss: Gold, Tall and Toes. Or two out of three. Helga sees that you will be paying attention. Kaboom!

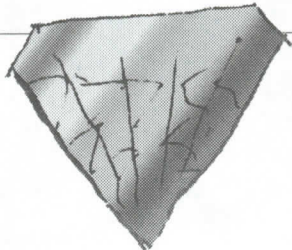
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Recently you created a stir in a certain social circle. Now you are about to be reminded. There's no need to be shy. You will remember that, yes, you did do that. Confess and be proud.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A horror movie coming up? Yep. Grab your closest other and head for the cinema. There will be a big picture that will, actually, remind you of things just recent. And will predict new things to come. Boo!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travelling as we are through all that is, a realization will appear. Stop and stand still. You will look at the ground, and life and surroundings will come into focus. Then you will move on.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You will grab a friend and head out for a foolish time in April. You will not care what others think. There's no need to. It will be just you and friend enjoying the events. Others will only give a small glance. You will dance and jump.

*Helga's lottery results from last issue: Not a damn thing. So if you've kept up with Helga for about a year now, you've placed two bets every other week. And you're down only \$51. It's a small price to pay in order to win one of the big ones coming up. Here are Helga's picks for April 7 and 8, 2006. Mega Millions Friday: 23, 48, 24, 23, 3. Mega Ball: 17. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 35, 41, 1, 6, 35. Bonus Ball: 8.*



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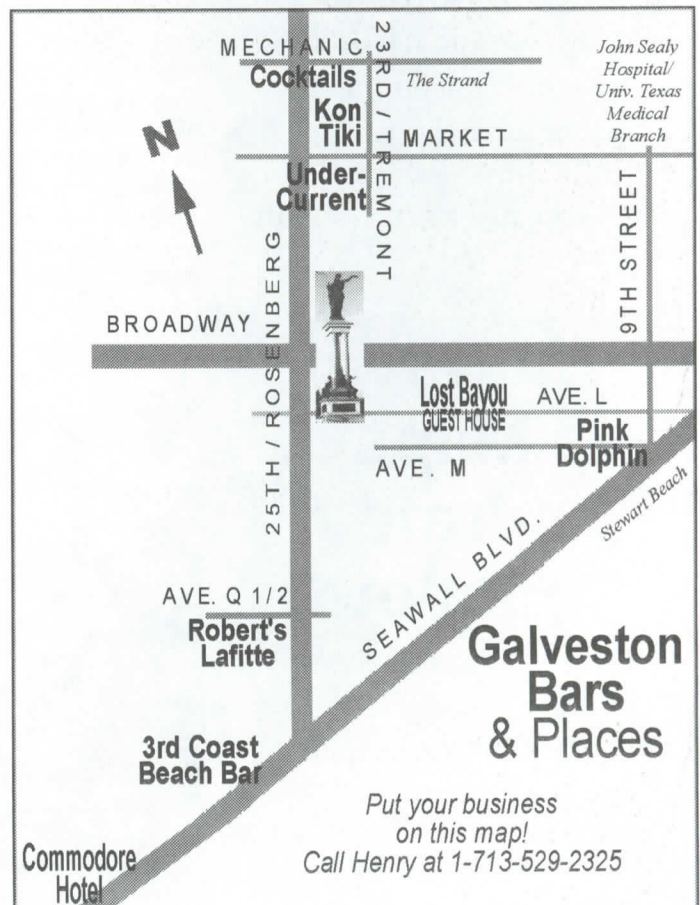
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## Family Planing is a Natural Extension of Services

*PRESS RELEASE from Legacy*

When family planning services sought competitive bids for contracts beginning Jan. 1, 2006, Legacy Community Health Services saw this as an opportunity to expand the services they were providing in Houston for over 20 years.

Legacy, formerly known as Montrose Clinic, began as a sexually transmitted

disease clinic and later added HIV specialty care. Most recently added was general health care services for its clients.

Traditionally, family planning service providers offer screening for STDs and other infectious diseases including HIV as part of their overall service. Legacy has provided these services for years and can now provide more extensive family planning services, including birth control, for clients who are already being seen for STD/HIV screening, diagnosis and treatment.

Legacy is uniquely positioned to offer this service to its clients, underserved people who historically have not sought health services elsewhere.

"Family planning is a much needed

service for the inner-city areas" stated Jay Slemmer, associate executive director of clinical services, "Family planning services will allow us to reach a larger part of the community offering preventive care such as birth control for women and men."

Legacy is a "Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike," an important distinction in serving underserved populations. Harris County residents have been the primary target population for Legacy, which prides itself on helping individuals of all races, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status, regardless of their ability to pay. Over 90% of Legacy's clients are below 200% of the federal poverty level which equates to an income of \$19,600 a year.

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## Remodeling at E/J's

*By Brian Kever*

Later this month E/J's will be finished with its extensive remodeling and we can all go back inside, although drinking daily on the patio has its own rewards.

Ed (the "E" in E/J's) has some of the most loyal customers in Houston.

Among the new features is a marble floor throughout and new chairs and tables in the expanded sitting area. And the pool tables have been moved to a more open area with a view of the patio.

When reopened E/J's will have five bars with five different moods. This is where "elegance meets nasty." Really. They will have martinis. They will have

male dancers.

The patio is large and there are cookouts just about every day. Manager Christian wants you to feel as this is your home away from home.

The club has been at this location over 19 years. Previously, believe it or not, E/J's was located in what is now Decades' parking lot. When Ed and Jeff moved to Ralph Street, they not only opened the bar, they bought the property.

As you may have noticed, condos have been sprouting around the Ralph Street area but Ed makes sure new neighbors and builders are aware that he was there first and will continue to be there for years to come.

The grand re-opening party will come toward the end of April with Manwatch dancers from Austin, New Orleans and elsewhere.

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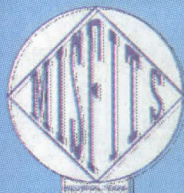
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## DiBella's Offers Italian Food and Atmosphere

By Henry with help from Brian

Okay, I can write serious news. I can write comedy. But I cannot (or never have) written a review. Not a movie review and not a restaurant review. But here goes.

I have driven past DiBella's Italian Restaurant at 1902 31st Street in Galveston dozens of times on the way from 3rd Coast to The Strand. I have always noticed, on the right, a very inviting restaurant. It looks really out of place, though. Every other structure around it is someone's house. From the outside, the neighborhood and the restaurant looks like this should be a place in New Jersey.

The Island's infamous and flamboyant Dr. Dave had invited us (Brian Keever and Mel of 3rd Coast) to lunch. On him. Meet at the Pink Dolphin at 10:30 a.m.

Brian and I were there but there's no Mel, no Dr. Dave. Phone calls ensued. Both had forgotten. But, never-the-less, said the doctor, come get me and we're going.

It was a rainy day in Galveston so the crowd was a little light. That was okay with us because they had time to give us the royal treatment. (Dr. Dave didn't keep it a secret



that we were "the media.")

The atmosphere is, as I hinted above, "New Jersey Italian." There are booths and tables and a bar.

We started with appetizers and an Italian beer, whose name I have forgotten. (Was it Azzurro?) And another beer. And another. This brand has a distinctive sweet beer flavor like I have never tasted before. ("Another round, please.")

The artichoke hearts were covered in a creamy dipping vinegar-like sauce. (I love vinegar. I can eat a salad with nothing but vinegar, salt and pepper on it every day.)

The shrimp also had it's own distinctive sauce. Of course, we used the bread to soak up whatever juices were left from the appetizers.

I had a steak (medium) and it was just right, topped with crab meat and extra steak juices. The combination works well.

The doctor had salmon also with a crab meat sauce on top. Brain, who is allergic to crab meat, could not sample either of ours. That was fine with us.

Brian had fish-of the day with six huge shrimp (yes, jumbo shrimp, an oxymoron) over a bed of angel hair pasta.

DiBella's seafood comes fresh from the Galveston area. The restaurant is owned by Charles DiBella and managed by Kay Booqaerts. Robert Rodriguez is the talented chef.

They will make you feel as though you are eating with family. (They will sit down with you to chat.)

Of course, they pile your plate with more than you can consume at this one sitting. "We're not offended if you don't eat it all. Most of our customers take a home a bag."

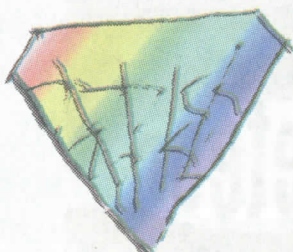
Our desert was strawberry cake, which, of course, went into the to-go bag.

Most entrees are a little less than \$20.00. This, folks, is a deal.

As they told us, DiBella's is a "well-known secret" on The Island. That too, like jumbo shrimp, is an oxymoron. You should discover it.



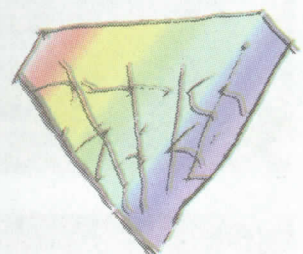
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## Flirting with the Devil

DATELAND By Jennifer Parello

I spotted the devil last week. She was sitting in front of me at a baseball game, drinking a Lite beer and wearing a black halter top.

"Look," I whispered to Greta, "it's Mephistopheles." Greta pulled out her program and frantically leafed through it, searching for a player by that name.



"Not on the field, you idiot," I said, grabbing the program and hitting her over the head with it. "It's the woman sitting in

front of you."

"Hmmm," Greta said, hungrily, "she's cute."

"Don't look directly at her!" I exclaimed, covering Greta's eyes with my palm. "She'll steal your soul."

"Yeah, like that's never happened before," Greta said with a snort. She thumped her chest, which produced an eerie echo.

"Hear that? It's all hollow inside. Nothing left to steal."

Greta moistened her lips and fluffed her hair. She hopped over a couple of drunken boys and landed in the seat right next to the devil.

I put my head in my hands and groaned. I should have never pointed out the devil to Greta. It was like waving a piece of prime rib in front of a fat guy.

Just then, Stacy returned with a couple of beers. "Where's Greta?" she asked.

"Flirting with the devil," I said, jerking my thumb at Greta and Satan, who had quickly moved beyond polite small talk, and were now on the verge of sniffing each other.

"How do you know that she's the devil?" Stacy asked with only mild interest. She was sipping a beer and squinting out at the game, as if anything happening on the field was more fascinating than the fact that one of her friends was chatting up Satan.

"Well, for one thing, she has fangs," I said, pointing at the sharp canines peeking out of the corners of the devil's mouth. "And, secondly, she looks exactly like Patti, Greta's ex-girlfriend. Remember how Patti would stand in a corner at parties and quietly judge us?"

"Ooooh, she was evil," Stacy said, finally turning her attention away from game and focusing on the darker action taking place in the seats in front of us. Greta and the devil were now thumb wrestling, one of Greta's patented courtship rituals. It was a sure sign that they'd be kissing within the hour.

"Do you think the devil is good in bed?" Stacy asked.

"It's got that special forked tongue," I said, with a shrug, "so draw your own conclusions."

"OK, I can see what Greta sees in the devil," said Stacy, "but what does the devil see in Greta?"

"Maybe she's just using Greta to get to us," I said as the devil turned her head 360 degrees and batted her red-eyes at me.

"Would you go on a date with the devil?" asked Stacy.

"With the devil? Yes," I said, watching Greta absently play with the string that held up the devil's halter top. "With a woman who wears halter tops? Never! Unlike Greta, I have my standards."

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# The Montrose Puzzle

## Amtrak train through Houston

34 ACROSS, 13 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg

### ACROSS

1 cocktail: \_\_\_ and Coke

5 Irish band ("Think before You Think"); anagram of AND U

6 missing letters: \_\_\_ s u e (disagree)

7 dismantle

9 Capt. Kirk's nickname for Dr. McCoy

11 village; hamlet; anagram of PROD

15 to cast a ballot

16 farthest point in an orbit

18 an unattractive or inept person, unlike us

20 \_\_\_ &amp; \_\_\_ Root Beer; now Lucky Burger

21 British for "bye," said twice

22 telling this is not what right-wing politicians usually do

26 wreck

28 small child

30 beginner

31 positioned

32 record album

33 rubbed with a wiping motion

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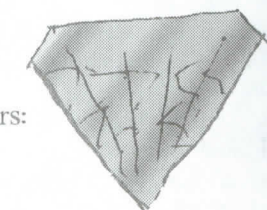
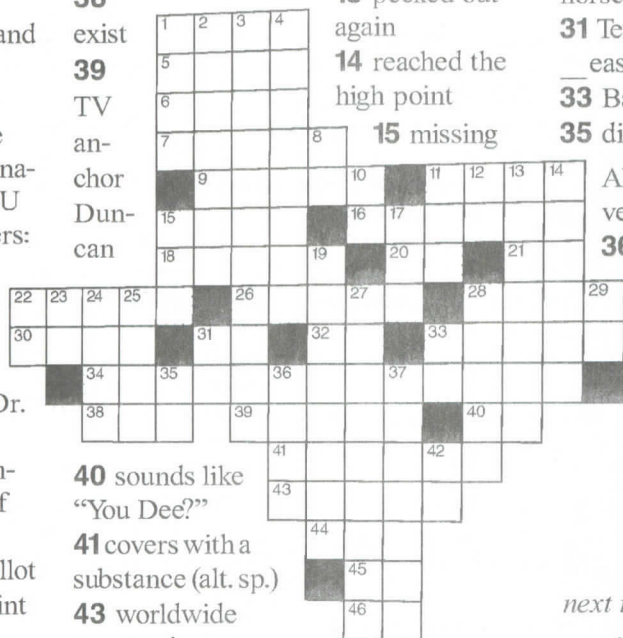
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## Pride Festival & Parade Around the Corner

PRESS RELEASE from Pride Houston

Plans are underway for the Houston Pride Festival.

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Taylor Dayne will be on stage at the Pride Festival

Advance tickets to the festival, featuring pop diva Taylor Dayne, are now available at [pridehouston.org](http://pridehouston.org). The Festival will rock Montrose on that Saturday with continuous entertainment until just before the nighttime parade.

The Festival's "here! TV" entrance will at Commonwealth and Westheimer.

Corporate and nonprofit exhibition space remains available. Applications should be submitted by May 15.

Pride Houston is also soliciting local restaurants and catering companies to be food vendors. Get an application online at [pridehouston.org](http://pridehouston.org).

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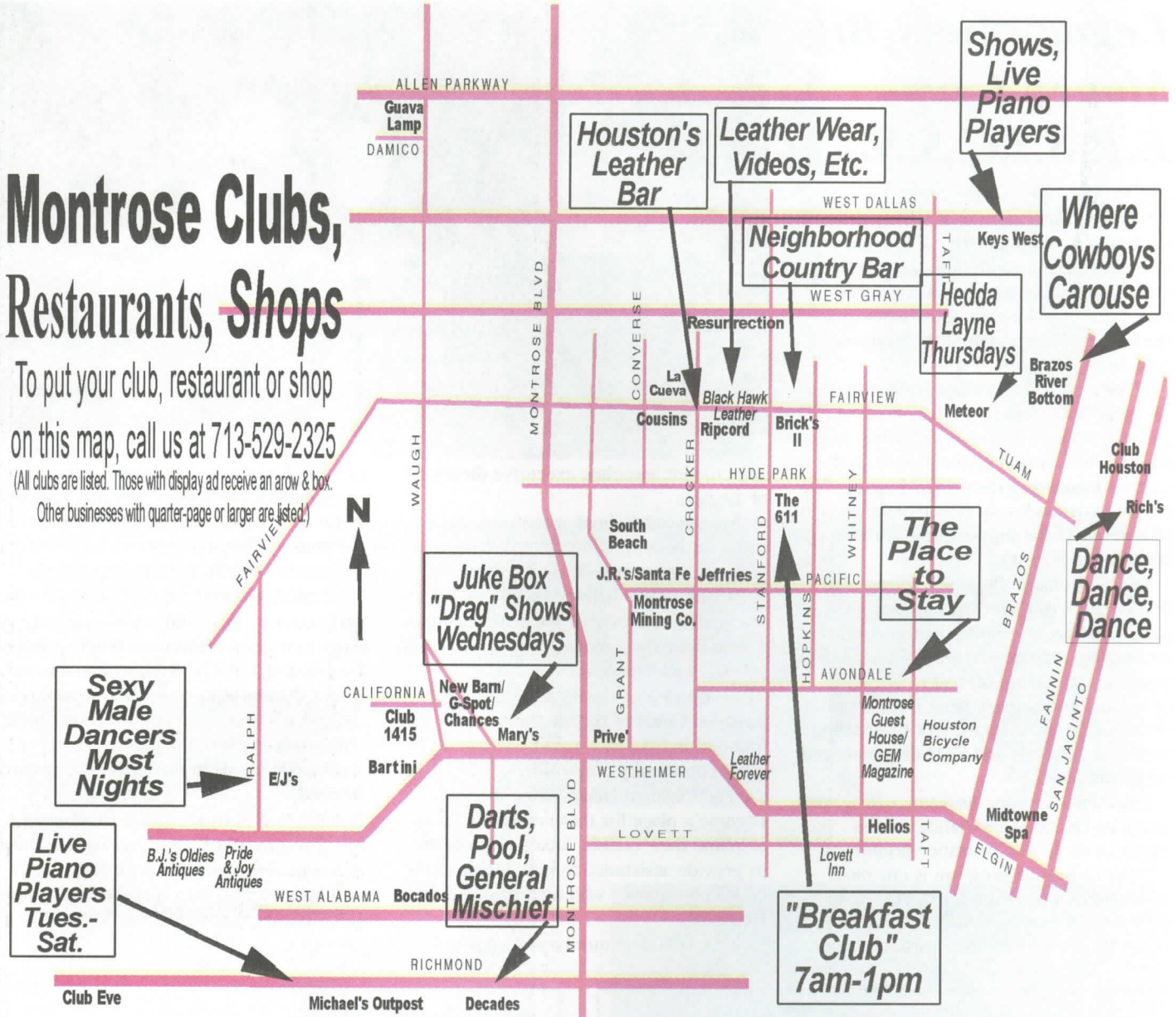
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# Legacy Gets Big Money from E.R.S.I.C.S.S.

PRESS RELEASE from Legacy

Legacy Community Health Services is pleased to announce that The Empire of the Royal Sovereign, Imperial Court of the Single Star has recently donated over \$33,000 to be split equally between the Women's Program and the Insurance Assistance Program.

"Emperor XXI Christopher Garrett and Empress XXI Jackie Evelyn Thorne had an amazing year that will positively touch the lives of so many clients" stated Katy Caldwell, executive director of Legacy. "We are able to provide cost effective services to all because of the support from community based organizations."

LCHS' Women's Program offers a full line of services including pap smears, pelvic and breast exams, contraception counseling, referral resources for abnormal pap smears, evaluation and treatment of vaginal and urinary tract infections, mammography referrals, HIV Counseling, testing & referrals and STD diagnosis and treatment.

Legacy's Insurance Assistance Program provides financial assistance for the payment of health insurance premiums.

"The insurance program is our most under-funded program for the benefits provided," stated Ken Malone, former executive director of the Assistance Fund



and current associate executive director of Legacy.

"We were delighted at the amount of community support that helps make this program so successful. There is nothing more direct than helping people with a co-payment or doctor visit. We realize how hard it is to raise this amount of money. Thank you so much!" he said.

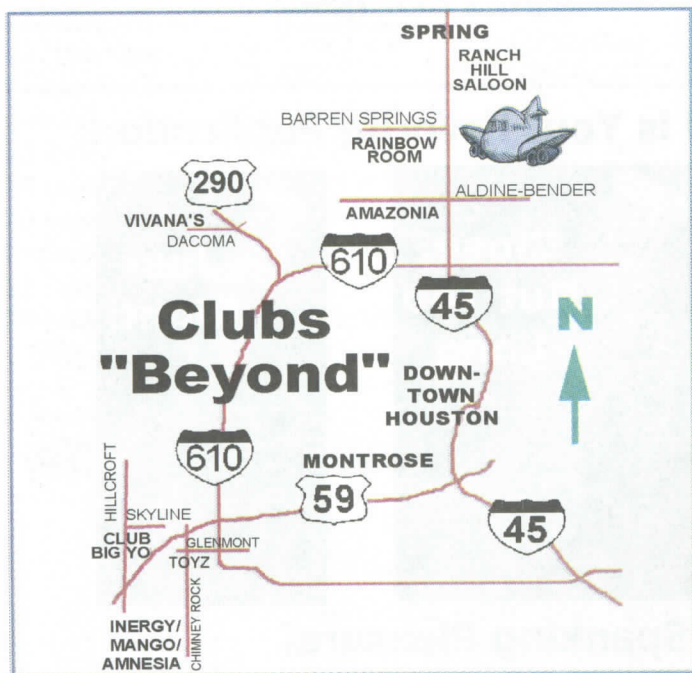
The Empire of the Royal Sovereign, Imperial Court of the Single Star was founded in 1984 by Laura Lee Love and other community entertainers to assist in the fight against HIV/AIDS. E.R.S.I.C.S.S. became a place for these entertainers to combine their talents, ideas, and efforts to provide assistance to individuals in the GLBT community who were affected by HIV/AIDS.

The GLBT community was skeptical

at first. But through persistence by their membership, the "Court" not only took root but began to grow into one of the premiere community-based organizations in the city.

Back in the 80's the community was frustrated, sad and angry. These were the early days of HIV, and people were dying daily. Few knew which direction to proceed. Undaunted, E.R.S.I.C.S.S. continued to move forward attempting to grow and prosper as individuals and as an organization, while helping to improve the quality of life of those individuals in the GLBT community in need.

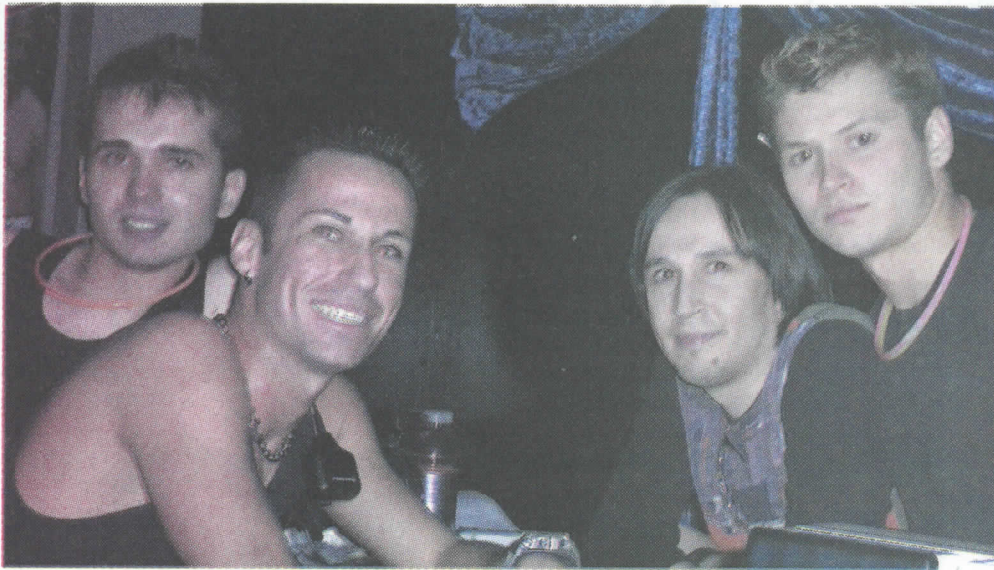
E.R.S.I.C.S.S. now boast a membership of 75 and they still raise money one dollar at a time. Total donations for Reign XXI will be over \$50,000. Over the last 22 years E.R.S.I.C.S.S. has raised over \$700,000 for charities.



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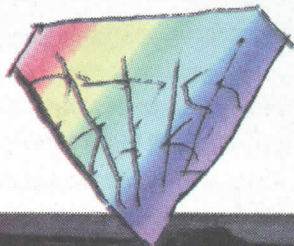
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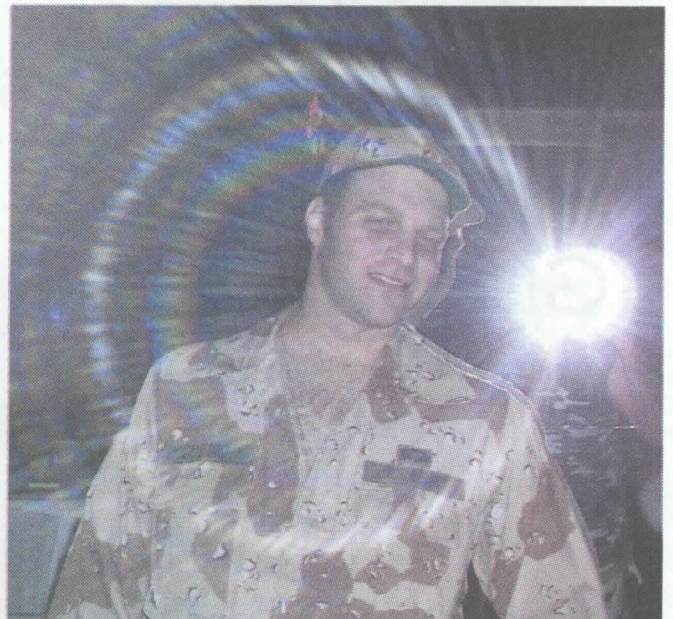
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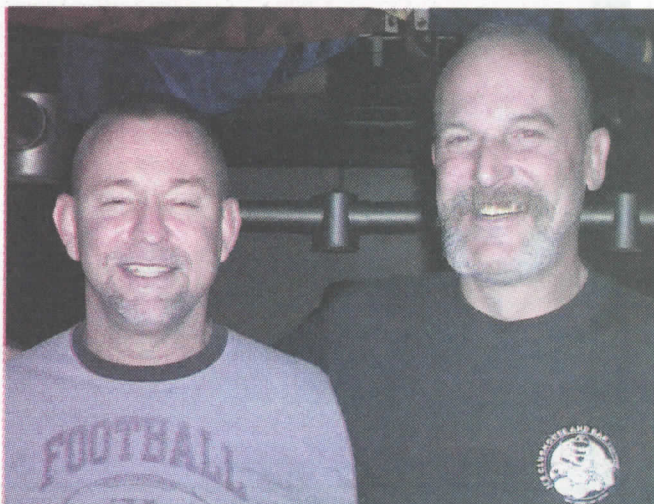
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## One to Watch For

**MOVIE REVIEW** by Keith Vyvial

A remarkable Russian science-fiction/horror epic is currently showing in very limited release. Shown in Russian with English subtitles, "Night Watch" ("Nochnoi Dozor") is the first of the "Watch" trilogy.

These movies constitute the most successful motion pictures ever in Russia. I would go so far as to say that this film is what "Blade" or "Underworld" should have been.

The basic story involves two bands of vampires known as the Others, one good (Light Others) and one evil (Dark Others). For centuries, the Light and Dark have been at war. Seeing no discernible victor, a truce is formed; the two groups coexist peacefully.

The Dark Others can be licensed to feed on humans. The Light Others organize a faction known as the Nightwatch, which patrols to make sure the truce is not broken. But this is merely the background.

Two simultaneous plots

unravel during the course of the film.

In one, a cursed young woman appears, drawing a vortex of destruction that grows over Moscow, and a prophecy appears to be coming to fruition. Byzantine legend says that centuries ago, there was a cursed Virgin, of whom everything she touched died. From this death the

Darkness was born.

The prophecy states that when the cursed Virgin reappears, the final battle between Light and Dark will begin, bringing about the end of the world. The only way to stop its fulfillment is to find out who



cursed the young woman and break it or she must be killed.

The other plotline

begins 12 years prior when a man visits a psychic regarding his wife's infidelity. The psychic tells him that his wife is pregnant with a son by another man. The only way to keep his wife is to allow the psychic to use black magic to

induce a miscarriage.

The attempt is foiled and it is learned that the man is, unknown even to him, an Other (some are born that way, others are turned).

Later the man becomes a part of the Nightwatch and attempts to stop a pair of vampires from feeding on a 12-year-old boy (the child who survived the attempted miscarriage). A series of setups and lies leads us into the second part of the trilogy.

Did I give away too much of the plot? Not by a longshot. The story and the effects are very fresh and inventive, and fascinating use is even made of the written subtitles.

The end leaves you anticipating the next act. I have to say, and don't make me beg, that if you are a genre fan and do not mind subtitles, do not let this film pass you by without a viewing.

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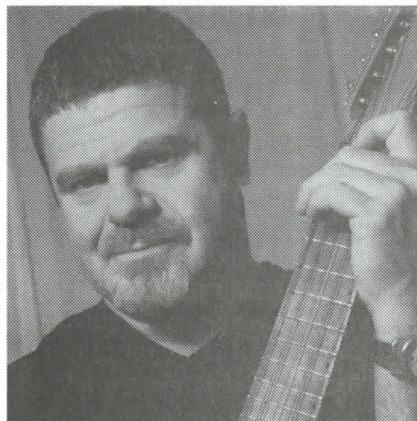
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10. Ferry Corsten  
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## GLAAD Awards Honor Ang Lee, Others

PRESS RELEASE from Gay & Lesbian  
Alliance Against Defamation

GLAAD honored "Brokeback Mountain," David LaChapelle, and the best in journalism, film, television and theater March 28 at the 17th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in New York.

At the ceremony, Oscar-winning actor and producer Michael Douglas presented the award for Outstanding Wide Release Film to director Ang Lee for *Brokeback Mountain*. Lee received a standing ovation as he joined Douglas on the stage.

"To end our *Brokeback* journey here tonight is like coming home," Lee said in his acceptance speech. "The fact is this: that *Brokeback Mountain* has helped to change the world. And it is such a privilege and honor to have joined you, and all the people all over the world, who struggle for compassion and for equality. We should just say together, 'We can change the world.' We really can. We really are. When the world is made better for one gay or lesbian person, it's made better for everyone."

Also at the event, Czech supermodel Petra Nemcova presented the Vito Russo Award to openly gay photographer and director David LaChapelle. The Vito Russo Award is presented to an openly lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender media professional who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for our community.

Fashion designers Richie Rich and Traver Rains accepted on his behalf,



Crystal McCrary-Anthony and Soledad O'Brien  
at the awards. (Photo by Theo Wargo/WireImage)

reading a statement from LaChapelle.

Morgan Spurlock and executive producer R.J. Cutler were on hand to accept the Outstanding Reality Program award for the "Gay/Straight" episode of 30 Days.

Producer Greg Garber and openly gay All-American lacrosse goalie Andrew Goldstein accepted the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding TV Journalism (News Segment) for the story about Goldstein which aired on ESPN SportsCenter.

Marcus Mabry, chief of correspondents and senior editor at Newsweek, accepted the award for Outstanding Magazine Overall Coverage on behalf of Newsweek.

The Rev. Luis Barrios from El Diario/La Prensa received the award for Outstanding Spanish-Language Newspaper Columnist.

In remarks at the event, GLAAD President Neil G. Giuliano emphasized the work of his organization. "The unprecedented visibility that we honor and celebrate tonight does not mean we can rest. It means there's greater need for our work than ever before," Giuliano said.

"We must strengthen and enhance our work, defining ourselves by telling the stories of LGBT Americans. Because in our quest for full equality, how our lives are portrayed in the media doesn't make a bit of difference; it makes all the difference."



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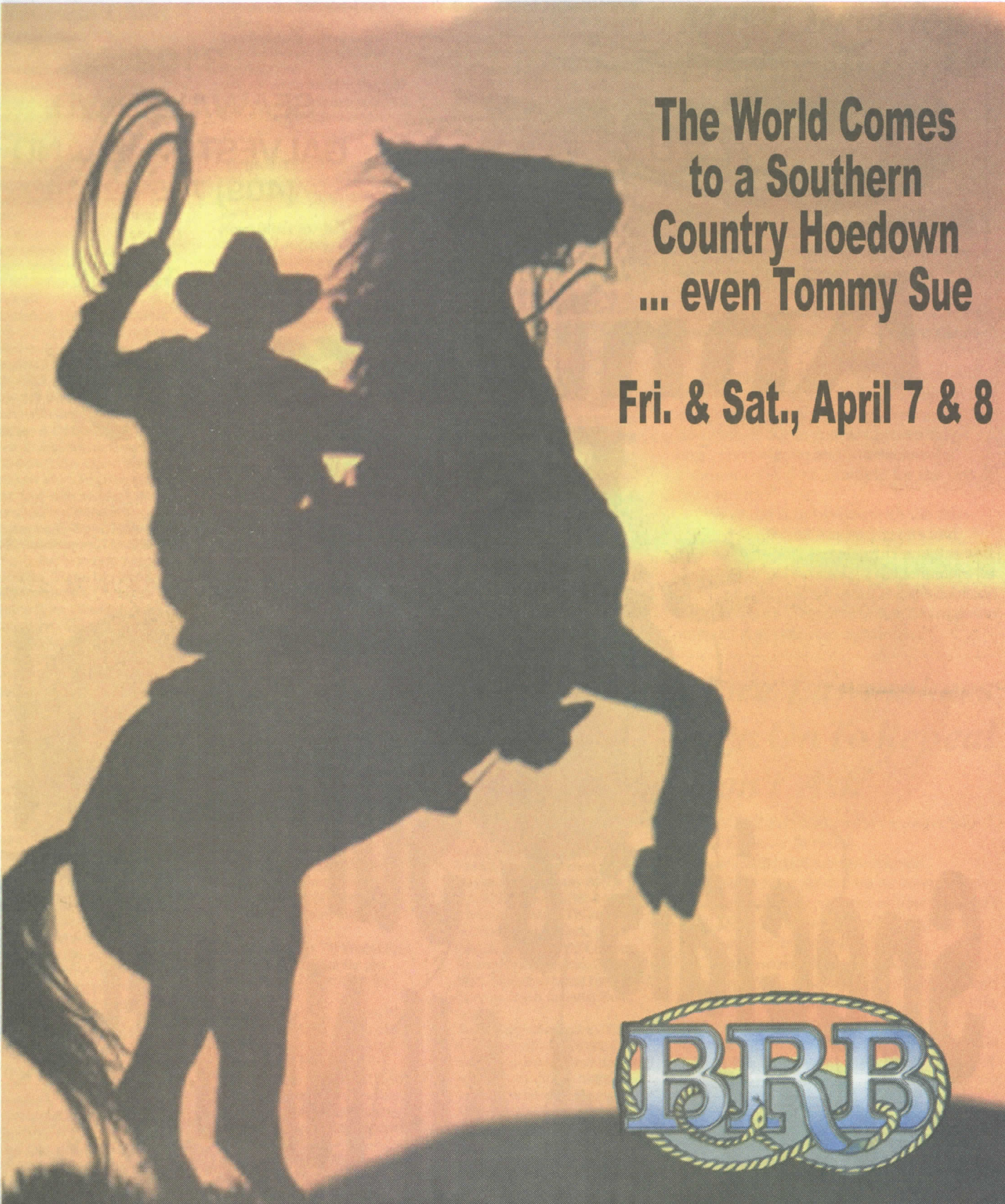
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**Bartini** 1318 Westheimer, 713-526-2271. Lots of soul. Shows on Thursdays & Sundays. Dancing nightly. Open 10pm

**Brazos River Bottom** 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboys are here. Open every day noon-2am. Dancing at night. Various Sunday shows. \$2.50 drinks all day, all night Fridays

**Bocados** 1312 W. Alabama, 713-523-5230. Ladies nights on Wednesdays

**Bricks II** 617 Fairview, 713-528-8102. Your "Neighborhood Country Bar." Open 7am (noon Sun.) with large morning crowd

**Carter & Cooley** 375 W. 19th Ave. at Ashland in The Heights, 713-864-3354. Open 9am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm Sat. Deli with soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts

**Chances/G-Spot/New Barn** 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected. Chances opens 2pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays

**Club 1415** 1415 California, 713-522-7066. Open for theme parties some nights. Male strippers Thursdays. "The Dyke Show" Saturdays with Nancy Ford

**Club Eve** 2209 Richmond, 713-545-4574. Women's bar Thurs.-Sat. above Azteca restaurant

**Cousins** 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

**La Cueva Tequila Lounge** 2312 Crocker. Hispanic club specializing in tequila, of course

**Decades** 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, darts, a good jukebox

**EJ's** 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071. Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers most nights. Frequent shows and benefits

**Griff's** 3417 Roseland, 713-528-9912. Not a gay bar. Irish bar and a neighborhood institution

**Guava Lamp** 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Open daily 4pm. Happy hour 4-8pm, piano playing sometimes, DJ other times

**Helios** Formerly the Mausoleum, 411 Westheimer, 713-526-4648. Eclectic customers. Slightly gay.

House was the home of Howard Hughes as a toddler. Open nightly, every night has a different crowd and atmosphere

**J.R.'s/Santa Fe** 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Always a crowd. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on

**Jeffries** 710 Pacific. Non-smoking gay club (patio open for smoking). Open daily 4pm-2am.

**Keys West** 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open 3pm. Darts, card games, drinking, singing and carousing with frequent shows. Live piano Wed.-Sat. nights

**Lola's** 2327 Grant, 713-528-8342. Not a gay bar but a Montrose neighborhood institution

**Mary's** 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (noon Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays

**Meteor** 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-minded people

**Michael's Outpost** 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Piano players nightly Tues.-Sat. plus Friday happy hour. Open 3pm (11am Sat. noon Sun.) Host of many community events

**Montrose Mining Co.** 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio

**Numbers** 300 Westheimer, 713-526-6551. (Not a gay bar.) Hosts occasional gay events

**Prive'** 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. Slightly gay sometimes. Great music, good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the rooftop patio

**Resurrection** 711 West Gray, 832-816-6315. Slightly gay sometimes. Open only for after-hours.

**Rich's** 2401 San Jacinto, 713-759-9606. Mega dance club open 9pm Thurs.-Sat. After-hours Fri. & Sat.

**Ripcord** 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar, open 1pm daily. Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours Fri. and Sat.

**Slider's** 1424-B Westheimer, 713-528-2788. Not a gay bar. Great daiquiris

**South Beach** 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. Major dance club. Open Wed.-Sun. with after-hours weekends

## Galveston Clubs

**3rd Coast Beach Bar** 3102

Seawall Blvd., (409) 765-6911. Overlooking the Gulf. Frequent shows. Nightly dancing. Always a crowd.

**Cocktails** 2411 Mechanic, (409) 762-7900. Not really gay. 2 clubs, one is a piano bar, other features karaoke

**Garza's KonTiki** 315 Tremont, (409) 765-5805. Open mid-day to 2am. Dance club. Frequent shows

**Pink Dolphin** 904 Ave. M at Stewart Beach, (409) 621-1808. Patio overlooks the Gulf. Brunch and drag show Sundays 11am. Other shows Sat. nights.

**Robert's LaFitte** 2501 Ave. Q, (409) 765-9092. A down-to-earth bar open 7am (10am Sun.). All ages of people. Drag shows Sat. & Sun. nights

**Undercurrent** 2409 Market, (409) 750-8571. Open 4pm. Good weekend late crowd. Two dance floors, a million pool tables, shows and strippers weekends. This place is big

## Outlying Clubs

within 100 miles

**Amazonia** 11449 I-45 at Aldine Bender, N. Houston, 281-260-9885, 832-244-4354. Latin-flavored dance club with male strippers, impersonators

**Club Big Yo** 6305 Skyline, S.W. Houston, 713-953-0268. Women's club open Thurs.-Sun.

**Copa** 304 Orleans, Beaumont, (409) 832-4206. Dancing and shows

**Halo Video Bar** 121 N. Main, Bryan, (979) 260-2437

**House of Finesse** 2912 Wentworth, near T.S.U. campus, 713-522-6074. Only open for special events

**Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia** 5750 Chimney Rock, S.W. Houston, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored dance club just outside The Loop. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows

**Ranch Hill Saloon** 24704 I-45 N., #103, Spring, (936) 441-6426. Open 4pm Mon.-Thurs., 6pm Fri.-Sat., closed Sun.

**Rainbow Room** 527 Barren Springs, N. Houston, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar opens daily at noon, up past Bush airport

**Toyz** 5322 Glenmont, 713-632-2544, 281-451-2094. Open Tuesdays (shows and dancing) and Fridays ("girls night")

**Viviana's** 4624 Dacoma, 713-681-4104. New location, primarily Hispanic. Female impersonators

## Private Clubs

**Club Houston** 2200 Fannin, 713-659-4998. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

**Midtowne Spa** 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

# Mass. Decision Disappointing

PRESS RELEASE from Human Rights Campaign

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese made the following statement regarding the March ruling about Massachusetts licensing same-sex marriage from non-Massachusetts couples.

"The Massachusetts decision is a speed bump on the long road to fairness. While Massachusetts remains a mainstay of fairness, there is clearly more work to be done to bring down the existing walls of discrimination."

"Loving couples in Massachusetts will continue to show the rest of the nation that every marriage is about commitment. The devotion of these couples proves fear-mongers wrong and Massachusetts continues to set an example for the rest of the country."

"We stand side-by-side with the fair-minded leaders in Massachusetts and strongly support the plaintiff couples and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders for bringing this case forward. Today's decision may come as a disappointment, but make no mistake that progress continues."

# More Lawmakers Sign On To Repeal 'Don't Ask'

PRESS RELEASE from Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

Four additional Congressional lawmakers have signed on as co-sponsors of legislation to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual service personnel.

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert of New York became only the fifth Republican to sign on. Democratic lawmakers Cynthia McKinney of Georgia, Julia Carson of Indiana and Michael Doyle of Pennsylvania joined 106 Democrats calling for repeal of the gay ban.

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