

Calendar of Events

Deadline for OutSmart's October issue is 5 p.m., Friday, September 12.

SEPTEMBER

Daily (Mon.-Fri.)

HIV Testing. HCHD Thomas Street Clinic is offering HIV testing free to the public, 9 am-1 pm. There is no need to establish eligibility ("gold-card"), no donation will be asked of the person seeking testing, and the test is free. Thomas Street Clinic, 2015 Thomas, 713/873-4157 or 713/873-4026.

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HIV Testing. The Montrose Clinic offers free confidential HIV testing at these locations. **Monday:** Bricks, 617 Fairview, 4-8 pm; Q, 710 Pacific, 9 pm-1 am. **Tuesday:** The 611, 611 Hyde Park, 4-8 pm; Club Houston, 2205 Fannin, 8 pm-midnight. **Wednesday:** Mary's, 1100 Westheimer, 4-8 pm; Ripcord, 715 Fairview, 9 pm-1 am; EJ's, 2517 Ralph, 10 pm-1 am; Midtowne Spa, 3100 Fannin, 10 pm-1 am. **Thursday:** All-Star News, 3415 Katy Frwy, 4-8 pm; BRB, 2400 Brazos, 8 pm-midnight; Cousins, 817 Fairview, 8 pm-midnight. **Friday:** EJ's, 2517 Ralph, 10 pm-1 am; Midtowne Spa, 3100 Fannin, 10 pm-1 am; The Meatrack, 2915 San Jacinto, 10 pm-2 am; Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, 10 pm-1 am. The clinic offers classes for those newly diagnosed with HIV or Hepatitis C. For more info: 713/830-3000.

5-7 (Fri.-Sun.)

Tibetan Medicine. Dr. Barry Clark studied under Dr. Yeshe Donden, personal physician to the Dalai Lama, and

is the only Westerner to master the complete Tibetan medical system. On Friday he speaks on Tibetan medicine; Saturday and Sunday is his diet and nutrition workshop. Free. At the Shaolin Boxing Academy, 901 Richmond Ave., Suite 100. More info: 713/526-0044 or www.drbarryclark.com.

10 (Wed)

Stomp. DiverseWorks kicks off the downtown visual arts season with its 5th annual Downtown Stomp Around, a see-and-be-seen tour of six downtown art galleries. With free transportation and parking available at every stop, the junket includes visits to Vine Street Studios, ArtScan/Rudolph Projects, O'Kane Gallery, Inman Gallery, Joan Wich & Co., and, of course, DiverseWorks. 6-9 pm at DiverseWorks, 1117 East Fwy off N. Main at Naylor. For info: 713-223-8346 or www.diverseworks.org.

12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)

If Ever So Humble. The Houston Home Show offers thousands of products, services, and ideas for the home and garden. How-to seminars, cooking shows from local restaurants including Sambuca and McCormick & Schmick's, appearances from local radio personalities, and gobs of discounts make the Home Show a good value for your DIY dollar: \$7.50 adults (children under 12 free), buy-one-get-one-free for senior citizens on Friday only. Fri. 2-8 pm, Sat. 10 am-8 pm, Sun. 11 am-6 pm

at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A. Info: 1-800-654-1480 or www.HoustonHomeShow.com.

13 (Sat.)

Toxic Waste. Are toxins impairing your health? Well, we do live in Houston. While there's little we can do immediately to fight pollution, we can make healthy food, drink, and life choices to improve and detoxify our health. This seminar led by Nellie Grose, MD, Richard Boye, CND, and Eric Grose, Lac, can show you how. \$25, 9:30 am-noon (registration 9 am), at the Aegis Building, 230 Wescott. Info: 713/660-6620.

13 (Sat.)

A Little Italy. Let the Houston Symphony take you on a trip through sonic Italian wonderment, from Ottorino Respighi's *Fountains of Rome* and *Roman Festivals* to the sounds of Bottesini played by violinist Robert McDuffie and bassist Timothy Pitts. 7:30 pm at Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. For info: 713-344-5617 or www.houstonsymphony.org.

19 (Fri.)

Real Funny. Improvisational comedy troupe ComedySportz presents its tribute to reality TV. In this audience-interactive match between two teams of improv comics, no one knows who will be the Last Comic Standing. \$10, 8 pm at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. @ 17th St. For tickets: 713/868-1444.

20 (Sat.)

Serve's Up. Pack your sunscreen and

INFO NEEDED FOR YOUR EVENT LISTING: a few lines of info about your event; date/time; cost; location/address; organization name; AND two phone numbers—one for OutSmart to reach you for questions and one for OutSmart readers to get more info on your event. **Mail info to:** OutSmart Magazine, 3406 Audubon Place, Houston 77006. **Fax info to:** 713/522-3275. **E-mail info to:** calendar@outsmartmagazine.com. **NO LISTINGS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE—FRI., SEPT. 12.**

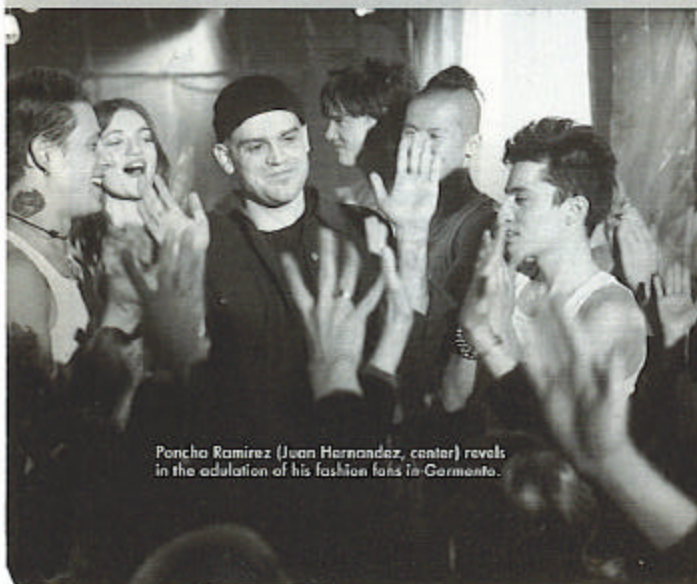
inflate those balls. The Lone Star Volleyball Association hosts its next annual beach party in Galveston at Pirate's Cove. For more information: beachparty@lsva.org.

22 (Mon.)

StoryTime. Being a kid has its benefits. People read to you and give you candy. But what about when you're a grown-up? One of the most highly regarded literary programs in the country, Inprint brings Pulitzer Prize-winner Jhumpa Lahiri to the Alley Theatre to read from her new novel, *The Namesake*, a multi-generational story of a Bengali family in the US. An on-stage interview and book sale and signing follows the reading. Now if only she had some candy... \$5 (free for students and seniors). 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm) at the Alley Theatre, 615 Texas Ave. For tickets and information, call 713/521-2026 or visit www.inprint-inc.org.

GARMENTO IS IN FASHION

A film about fashion finds its way to Houston



Poncho Ramirez (Juan Hernandez, center) revels in the adulation of his fashion fans in *Garmento*.

A young woman (Katie MacNichol) with childhood memories of idolizing Poncho Ramirez designer jeans, moves to New York City and gets her big break, the chance to work at fashion house Poncho Ramirez, Inc. But the formerly high-flying company from the '70s is now near bankruptcy due to a failed product line of padded-erotch underwear for men (the padding is ridiculously large). • Rival company Romeo Jeans proposes a joint feature, and the result is PR Jeans, which is introduced with a risqué advertising campaign, stimulating controversy in the media and a buying frenzy among teenagers. Sales skyrocket, launching the company into overnight success and its executives on a mission to take the company public. But that takes lying, counterfeiting, backstabbing, and foul play, which are not lacking in *Garmento*. —Troy Carington

What: *Garmento*

When: Starts Sept. 12

Where: Angelika Film Center, 510 Texas Ave. @ Smith

Info: 713/225-5232 or

www.angelikafilmmcenter.com/houston