

## 5 Questions

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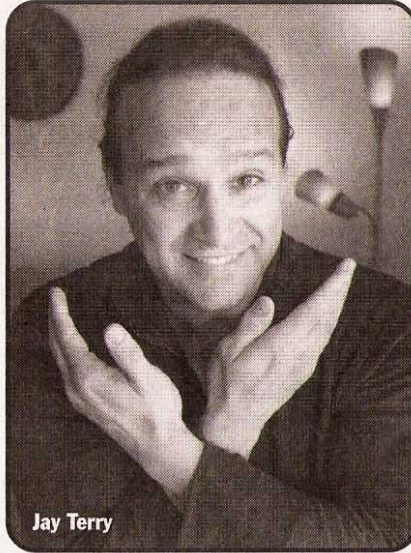
As a licensed massage therapist, Jay Terry, proprietor of Somawurks By Jay in San Marco, heals those who are overstressed, in severe pain or suffer chronic illness. Terry recently spoke with Folio Weekly about animal massage, accidental flatulence and rubbing people the right way.

**F.W.: What are the most common things people come in for?**

J.T.: In my practice it's 50/50. I'd say 50 percent for [stress reduction], 50 percent for chronic problems. They're trying to avoid dependency on syringes and drugs and trying to catch a problem that would lead to an orthopedic surgeon, for example.

**F.W.: Has anyone ever brought a pet in to be massaged?**

J.T.: [Laughs.] Yes, they have. It's funny you say that. ... I mean I thank them for thinking of me, but I send them to specialists — massage therapists that specialize [in animals].



**F.W.: Ever been hesitant to touch someone, maybe a patient you were attracted to?**

J.T.: I'd be lying if I said no. In my early years ... I was hesitant. I am human, and I think human thoughts, but not when it comes to my work. I see just about every way, shape or form with people. ... I have been flatulated on by some of the prettiest women and handsome men in the city.

**F.W.: Do you have any embarrassing stories to share?**

J.T.: There was a time when one of my clients had a prosthetic leg and forgot to tell me. This is, again early in my career, and I was working on him and as soon as I got down to that area — I think they were playing a joke on me and wanting to see how I would react — I grabbed a leg and ended up pulling it off. [Laughs.] He thought it was funny.

**F.W.: Have you ever happened upon a client who had a vestigial tail?**

J.T.: No, I haven't, but I've heard of them. Well, I've had clients that have had them surgically removed. I didn't get to see it. I haven't actually seen one. But they exist.❖

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