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EDITOR'S NOTE

No other time of year is quite as liberating as Pride Month — especially the last weekend in June when Lower Westheimer is officially gay instead of just by default. The streets will literally crawl with thousands of gay boys and our Sappho sisters.

Of course, we here at *eclipse* advocate always being yourself, being out and being proud. But there's something special about this weekend that really lets our hair down. That's why this issue is dedicated to all things Pride.

The 25th anniversary celebration is extra special, with a calendar chock full of daytime and nighttime revelry. Check out our lowdown on special events (**Page 20**) that will keep you bopping well into the night. The ever ready nightlife calendar breaks it down even further (**Page 18**), and the handy bar map (**Page 22**) gets you there.

Of course, "Bitch Session" still lets you vent (**Page 24**), and Woody gets all hot and bothersome (**Page 30**). And don't forget "Our Guy" Michael (**Page 12**).

Enjoy this issue, Happy Pride and as always, let us know how we're doing at editor@eclipse-mag.com.

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Gays anticipate TX Sodomy law ruling

Gay activists have prepared for months for the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the challenge to the Texas sodomy statute. The court is expected to issue its ruling in the case of *Lawrence v. Texas* sometime in June. Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which is helping lead opposition to the Texas "homosexual conduct" law and assists gays across the country in legal battles, charges that the Texas sodomy statute violates lesbian and gay Texans' constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection. Lambda asked the high court to review that statute and declare it unconstitutional.

The Texas law bans intimate relations, including oral and anal sex, between consenting adults of the same sex. It does not apply to heterosexual couples. In 1998, sheriff's deputies, responding to a false report of an armed intruder, entered John Lawrence's Houston apartment and found Lawrence and Tyron Garner having sex. Both were arrested and jailed overnight. Both pleaded no contest to the Class C misdemeanor and

paid a \$200 fine. The case was appealed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which refused to consider the matter. U.S. Supreme Court justices agreed last fall to hear the case, and oral arguments were given before the court in March.

A number of events have been planned with the anticipated Supreme Court decision in mind. Gay groups plan celebrations or protest rallies for the afternoon and evening of the decision, depending on the court's ruling. Lambda Legal is working with community activists to coordinate these events and disseminate up-to-the-minute information on the case and the decision, according to a Lambda press release.

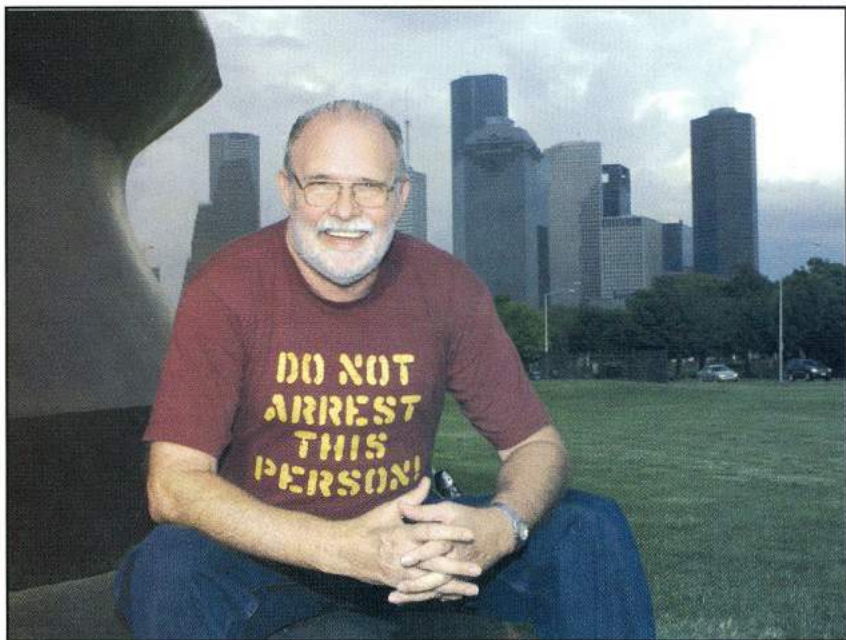
Lambda Legal asked the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the Texas sodomy law for two reasons: first, that it is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy; and second, that by singling out gay people, it violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law. A victory on either or both claims will affect all 13 remaining sodomy laws in the nation and will be a powerful tool for securing equality for lesbians and gay men in all 50 states, according to Lambda Legal.

Events planned for the day of the Supreme Court decision on the Texas case include rallies in West Hollywood, Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Charleston, S.C.

In Texas, activists plan a 5:45 p.m. rally in Dallas on the day of the decision. Houston leaders plan a 5 p.m. rally on the steps of City Hall, 901 Bagby St., in reaction to the decision when it is made public.

'Father of the Houston gay rights movement' presses on in his own unique style

Ray Hill was a gay activist in Houston at a time before "gay activist" could have been a term said out loud. He remembers the day when a gay man got assaulted and a sheet was spread out on a pool table in a bar so that those present could treat the victim themselves. They had to, Hill relates, because to call in emergency medical technicians would mean that the victim would have to tell where, how and why he was beaten up. If he did that, the best case scenario would be that he would



Ray Hill continues the activism that has made him part of the foundation of gay Houston.
Photo by Kimberly Thompson

lose his job for being gay.

Hill dipped his hands into the blood of a gay-bashing victim in the days when HIV/AIDS was new and fear of the disease was overwhelming. He was a high

school quarterback, an evangelist, served time in prison and conquered alcoholism.

Think 1991, the Paul Broussard case and the "Woodlands 10." Hill

was personally involved in reacting to that infamous Houston gay beating. In the early morning hours of July 4, 1991, Hill received a phone call that a young gay man, Broussard, was the victim of a gay bashing, was lying in a parking lot and the emergency team refused to pick him up. Hill got on the phone and demanded that Broussard be picked up. When Hill arrived, Broussard's blood was still wet on the ground and many in the GLBT community just stood around in stunned silence, Hill recalls.

Knowing that the stigma and mystery surrounding HIV and AIDS made even gays frightened of their own spilled blood, Hill walked up, put both of his hands in Broussard's blood, wiped them on his shirt, and then proceeded to talk to those on the scene, he relates.

He still says that gays are individuals and need to be seen in all their messy, multi-faceted diverseness. Hill's desire is that those who have had such a pivotal impact in the GLBT movement, though perhaps having untidy lives like his own, not be written out of GLBT history. He doesn't always go with the flow. He doesn't fear struggling upstream to bring about change. He wants to make people think, and he certainly succeeds.

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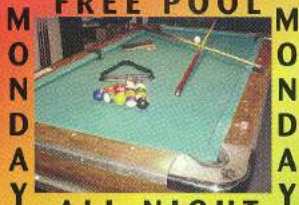
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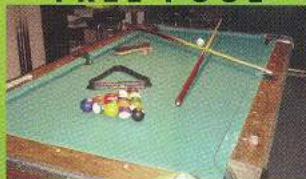


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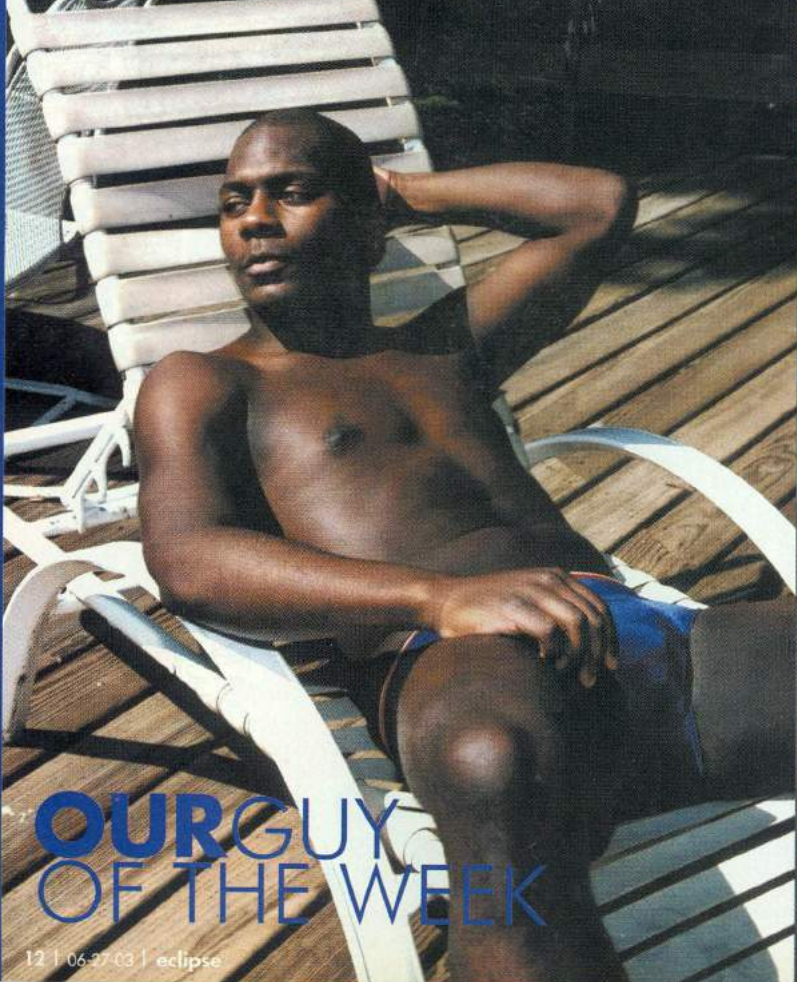
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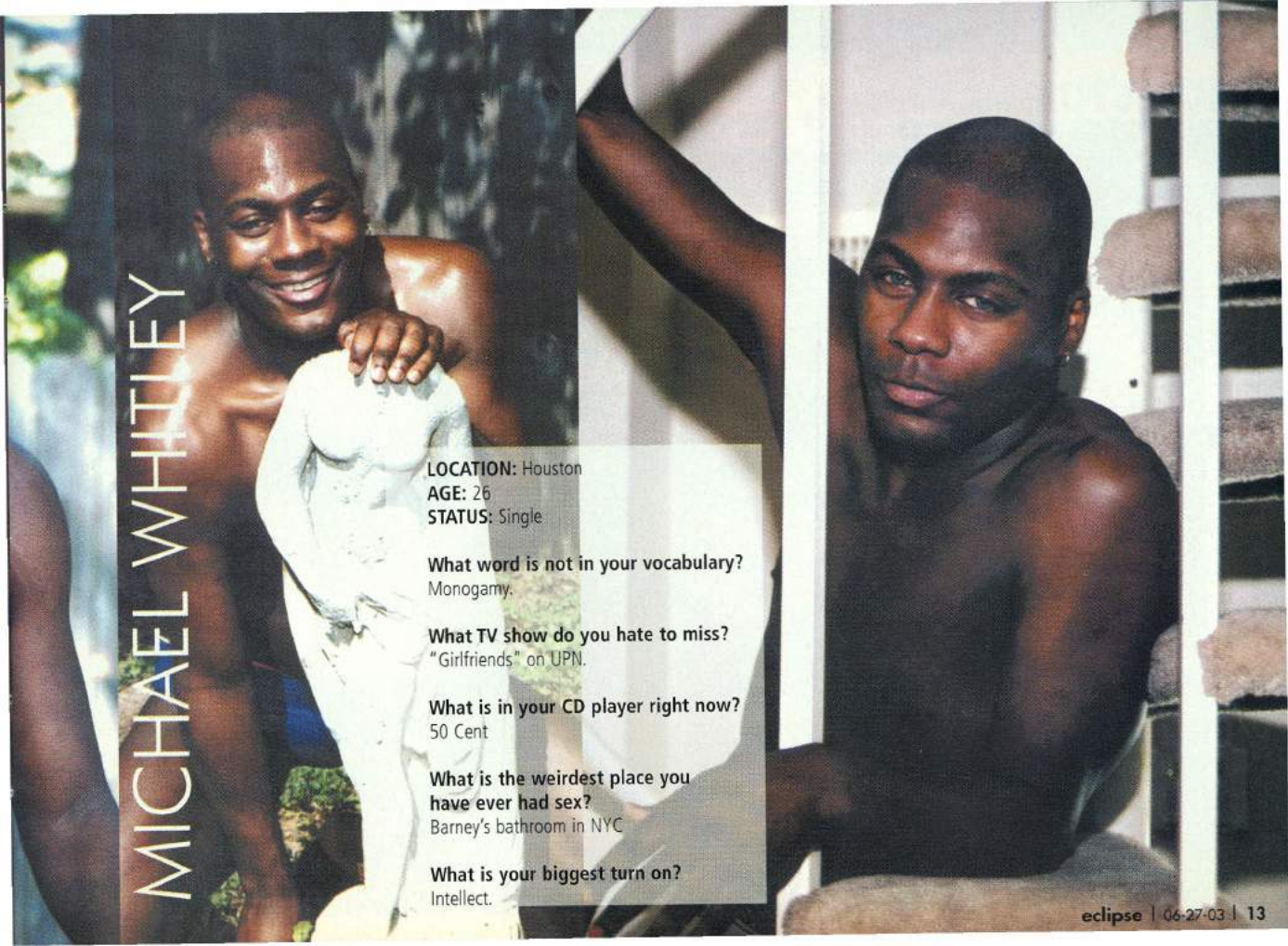
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A black and white photograph of a man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing blue swim trunks, relaxing on a white lounge chair on a wooden deck. He is looking off to the side with a slight smile, his right hand behind his head and his left hand resting on his thigh. The background is dark and out of focus.

OUR GUY OF THE WEEK

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MICHAEL WHITLEY

LOCATION: Houston

AGE: 26

STATUS: Single

What word is not in your vocabulary?
Monogamy.

What TV show do you hate to miss?
"Girlfriends" on UPN.

What is in your CD player right now?
50 Cent

**What is the weirdest place you
have ever had sex?**
Barney's bathroom in NYC

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Please submit calendar entries no later than 5p on Monday to make the following week's issue. Fax your calendar schedule to **eclipse magazine**, 713-529-9531, or e-mail editor@houstonvoice.com, or call 713-529-8490. The first listing in the week for each bar includes a phone number for further information. Call for drink specials and scheduled DJs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

611. Free buffet, 5:30p. DJ Tom Warp and male dancers, 9p. 713-526-7070.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a. 713-527-9071.

Guava Lamp. Complimentary Buffet, 5p. 713-524-3359.

JR's. CD release party for Season Three of "Queer As Folk" double CD by DJ Chris Cox, 9p with DJ/VJ Doug Barnes. Hors d'oeuvres, 6p. 713-521-2519.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest, 9:30p. 713-571-7870.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD testing, 10p-2a. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. "Steel Pride Party," 9p-2a. 713-521-0123.

Michael's Outpost. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. 713-520-8446.

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. 25th Anniversary, 9-11p. Giveaways from Joey and William. 713-529-7488.

Rich's. "Silver," the Official Pre-Parade Party, with Lady Bunny, 12:30a and 1:30a showtimes. Virginia Slymm's show at 12a. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. DJ Michael Tank through after hours until 5a; 18 and

Special guest **Lady Bunny** performs at "Silver," the Official Pre-Parade Party that is part of Houston's Pride 2003 on June 27, 9p-3a at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. 713-759-9606. www.richs-houston.com

up after 2:30a. 713-529-SOBE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p. After Parade Party, 10p.

Club Inergy. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 9p-12a.

Cousins. Drag show featuring Raven, Sheena, Kara Dion and Diane Jackson, 11p.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side.

Keys West. Open dart tournament, 4p. Piano singalong with Clay Howell, 9:30p.

MeatRack. Club Night.



Meteor. Open at 6p.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

O. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. "251", the Official Pride Party, featuring recording artist Amber. Doors open at 9p, showtime 1a.

South Beach. After Pride Parade Dance Party. Resident guest DJ David Knapp of White Party Miami. Advance tickets \$15, or \$20 at the door. Tickets on sale at JR's, South Beach and M2M Fashions. After Hours until 5a.

Viviana's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

1415 Bar & Grille. Brunch, 11a-3p. T-Dance with DJ Tucker Dawson, 2p. \$2 mimosas. 713-522-7066.

611. \$1 brunch, noon-2p.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke contest, 10p.

Keys West. Open dart tournament, 4p. Miss Honeybee 2003 hosts benefit show, "(Garden) Party On," 8p.

Mary's. Ladies' Night on the patio, 2-7p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Cyber Night - 1/2 price with Web site password.

Meteor. Open at 3p. "Sex and the City," 8p.

Michael's Outpost. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 3p.

O. Tea dance. Courtyard and

upstairs bar open at 1p.

South Beach. Official North America Babylon Dance Tour, with special appearance by "Queer As Folk" actor Robert Gant, 10p. DJ Tracy Young from Miami. Advance tickets \$15, or \$20 at the door. Tickets on sale at JR's, South Beach and M2M Fashions.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes. 713-528-9192.

Bricks. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. 713-528-8102.

Guava Lamp. Service Industry Night (S.I.N.), with half off for service industry workers who show a recent paystub to qualify. 713-524-3359.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. Professional dancer contest, 11p.

Keys West. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

Meteor. Mucho Macho Mondays. Expert manicure and a professional massage.

Michael's Outpost. Dart tournament with cash prizes, 7p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-off room price, 12p-12a.

O. Bourbon Street Tea Party. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

611. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free dance lessons with Rainbow Ranglers, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4p-midnight. Half price for 18-24 y.o. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a. 713-659-4998.

Guava Lamp. "Queer As Folk," 10p.

Keys West. Free pool. Piano singalong with Steve Wheaton, 9:30p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Drag Bingo hosted by Southern Comfort and Lillian Deveroux, with free prizes; benefits local charities.

Midtowne Spa. Latin Night and half-off locker price, 12p-12a.

O. Rewind '80s retro. Happy hour, 3-10p. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Club Houston. Half-price lockers, 4p-midnight.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke contest with

cash prize.

JR's. Papi underwear strip contest, 11p. Hosted by Kofi and Kourtney Van Wales. Cash prizes.

Keys West. Beverly Siscoe sings old-time favorites, 9:30p.

Mary's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

MeatRack. "Anything Goes Night." Check Web site for schedule.

Meteor. Professional Women's Happy Hour, 6p. Total Request Night, 9p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-price rooms, 12p-12a. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a.

O. The O Show. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 9p-12a. 713-521-2792.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, 18 and up, \$5 cover.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free dance lessons with the Rainbow Ranglers, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

EJ's. Roxxanne Collins show with special guests, 11p.

'Queer As Folk' The Babylon Tour' recreates the nightclub featured in the television series and welcomes cast member **Robert Gant** on Sunday, June 29 at 10p at **South Beach**, 810 Pacific. 713-529-SOBE.



Guava Lamp. Performance by Shaun and Kim, 10:30p.

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay "Lovey" Howell, 9:30p.

MeatRack. Party Night: Anything Goes Fetish Party. Pre-registration is requested at www.meatrack.org.

Meteor. Malebox Night for singles hosted by Lana Blake, 9p.

Michael's Outpost. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-off locker price, 12p-12a.

O. "O Boy!" calendar boy contest. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID. No cover for those over 21.

Rich's. "Hedonism2," with DJ JD Arnold, 9p.

Houston parties with

PRIDE

25th annual Pride festival culminates with famous nighttime parade Saturday

By PENNY WEAVER

Pride 2003 climaxes this weekend with Houston's raucous nighttime parade.

The Pride Committee of Houston leads this month's celebration of 25 years of Pride festivals with activities ranging from health fairs to parties, dances and more.

June is synonymous with Pride for gays across America. The New York City Stonewall Riots that began June 27, 1969, are considered the beginning of the modern gay rights movement and are commemorated each summer. Houston's own annual Pride celebration began with organized activities in 1978.

This year, PCOH hosted "25 Days of Pride." Major events include the annual Nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 28 and parade Trophy Awards on Sunday, June 29.

Remaining Pride activities this year are listed here.

Friday, June 27

Pride Cabaret: Before the Parade Passes By...Again!

8 p.m.

Alley Theatre, 615 Texas Ave
\$50

A VIP Reception follows the night's performance by some of the most popular local talents.

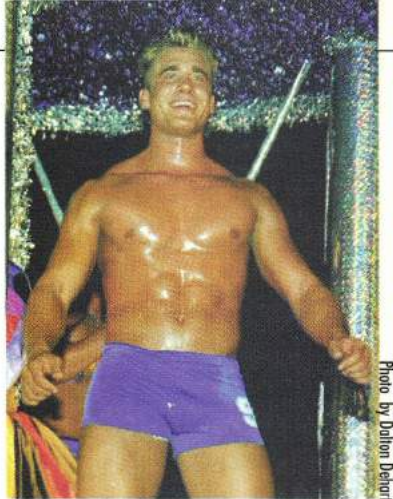


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Baile 2003

9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Radisson Astrodome, 8686 Kirby Drive
\$30 in advance, \$35 at the door
A black-tie event and Hispanic celebration, including dance with musica latina. The fund-raiser benefits gay organizations and includes a silent auction from 9 p.m. to midnight, and reception hors d'oeuvres at 9:30 p.m.

Steel Pride

9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Meteor, 2306 Genesee
Donations accepted at the door
Grey Party Inc. presents a night of pride, music

and entertainment to announce Steel Weekend, the group's new October GLBT fund-raiser.

Out of the Bars and into the Streets with Q Patrol

9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Houston GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose, Suite 207

Join Q Patrol on a special patrol through Montrose. For information, call 713-528-SAFE.

Official Pre-Parade Party

9 p.m.-3 a.m.

Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto

"Silver" is the theme, with special guest performer Lady Bunny. Shows at 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on the main stage.

Saturday, June 28

Pre-Parade Concert

6-8:15 p.m.

Westheimer at Yoakum

DETAILS

Pride Committee of Houston

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Houston, TX 77266-6071

Phone: 713-529-6979

Fax: 713-529-6929

www.pridehouston.org

e-mail: info@pridehouston.org

Headlining the Budweiser Stage is Amber, singing her top dance hits, including "Sexual (Li Da Di)."

America's Original Nighttime Pride Parade

8:45 p.m.

Parade runs on lower Westheimer from Woodhead to Whitney

25th anniversary parade includes a synchronized light show and pyrotechnics display at the grandstand, located at Yoakum Street across from Mary's...Naturally. Bleacher seating with a prime view is available for a \$25 donation to the Pride Committee.

Official Post-Parade Pride Party

9 p.m.-3 a.m.

Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto

"25" is the theme, with recording artist Amber. Showtime is 1 a.m. on the main stage.

Sunday, June 29

SterlingPRIDE03

3:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

The Gatsby, 2540 University Blvd.

Cost: \$20

Spoiled Boyz presents the official Houston Pride Afterhours Party, featuring DJ Dawna Montel.

Pride Parade Awards Ceremony

4 p.m.

O Houston, 710 Pacific

Parade emcee Ernie Manouse and "Queer As Folk" cast member Robert Gant present trophies honoring the best of Houston's Pride Parade entries.

'Queer As Folk: The Babylon Tour'

South Beach, 810 Pacific

Tour recreates the vibrant nightclub featured in the television series at South Beach, with music provided by DJ Tracy Young and a special appearance by "Queer As Folk" cast member Robert Gant.



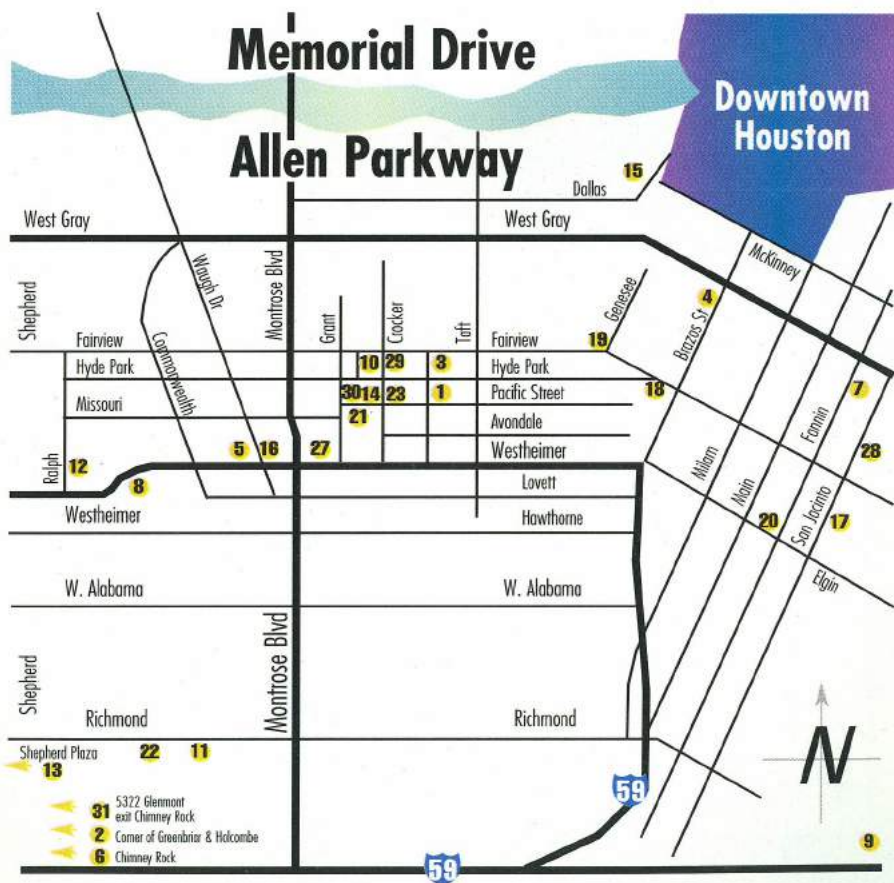
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How disillusioned can you be if you're gay and have a "W 2004" bumper sticker. It's getting worse sweeties, not better.

If a guy is straight-acting, how would you know that he was gay?

All those gays who shave their bodies should hear this from a doctor: Body hair is the mark of a man with a fully functioning biochemistry. So tell your smooth-chested friends they're a bunch of nancies.

Don't you just hate gay men who are into jazz, wine tasting, antiques and foreign films. Honey, your class and style do not make up for your ugly face and soft bodies.

I'm sick and tired of people always bitching about how they "don't want to be a stereotype." Live how you want to, and admit that Madonna really is the greatest!

I'm your typical troll: short, overweight, plain and every day's a bad

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hair day. Then I discovered I could have the hottest guys in any club or bar if I offered him a 3-way with me and Tina. Now, even though I'm still a troll, I'm a troll who gets laid — for less than it used to cost to hire a top-shelf escort and I'll get more than just an hour.

As someone with both a lover and a f*-buddy,** experience tells me that love doesn't necessarily equal (regular) sex, and (hot) sex certainly doesn't equal love.

What's up with the trolls in the steamroom at the gym? Have some

decency and put on a towel, or better yet don't enter at all!!

Even in "Bitch Session," do we have to refer to a certain undergarment by the sexist and classist term "wife-beater"? I think if you are gay, then by definition they are "husband-beaters." And for that matter my husband likes being beaten.

To the guy complaining about dance music: If you'd take your CD player off of "repeat," you wouldn't be hearing the same ol' thing.

Bitch Boy responds: *The first three times this poor queen tried to slur his way through this message at 3:43 a.m., it wasn't any more coherent.*

What is the deal with all of the heterosexuals coming to gay bars? They even walk hand in hand with their partners. Now there is truly no place where I can escape their hetero values and bullshit. It's amazing how many gays aren't affected by the hetero influx. Those same fags wouldn't be allowed into any mainstream straight bar if they were holding hands with someone of the same sex.

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Dispelling the 'opposites attract' myth when it comes to physical types

Hey Woody!

Whatever happened to opposites attract? I happen to be a not-bad-looking, smart and funny 25-year-old who's a bit on the slim side and attracted to larger men: muscle bears, bears in general. Big guys get my motor revving.

And yet, they all seem to only have eyes for each other. Am I all that rare about liking men who are different than I am, or am I just not meeting other men who do? Is there a "gay opposites attract" personals Web site I don't know about, or is that my first million?

— Skinny for not so skinny

Dear Skinny:

No, it's your first half million. The other half goes to me for approving and promoting your idea.

There's some evidence to the contrary, but I think the "opposites attract" theory applies mostly to personalities, not bodies.

by Woody Miller

A better theory might be that people are physically attracted to the kind of bodies they want to have. That pretty much explains why the only people dining on the rumps of ground-pawing steers are other nostril-flaring queers. If you value muscle on you, you're going to value it in your partners.

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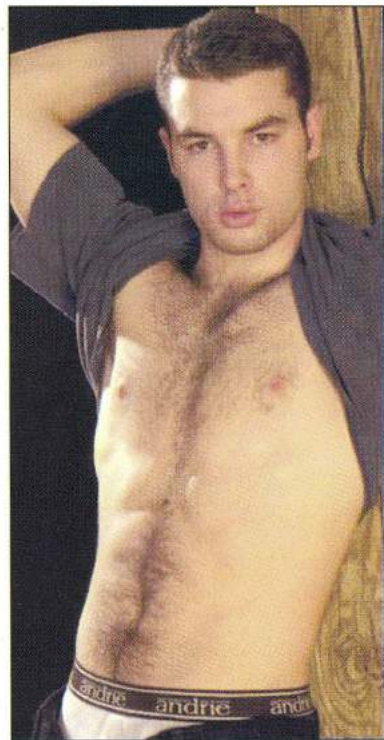


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to gym rats and bears are generally attracted to other bears.

It's pretty rare to see physical opposites connect. Most guys are attracted to guys they want to look like. They're attracted to people who have the qualities they can't have but want to possess.

Even within interracial attraction, you rarely see the physical "opposites attract" theory in action. When was the last time you saw a short skinny white guy with a tall beefy black guy?

Your options are pretty standard: spelling out what you want in personal ads and chat rooms, paying for it — or worse, sweating for it: Hit the gym and become what you want to attract.

Need Wood? Ask woody how to spice up your sex life. E-mail him at woody@menpigs.cc.

Hey Woody!

Can you douche more than once before sex if you just don't feel that "spring freshness" after the first time?

And if so, how long should you wait before engaging in anal sex?

— *Quivering with anticipation*

Dear Quivering:

Douche away, baby. As many times as you want. It's women that have to worry about douching, not men. Women who douche at least once a month are more than 40 percent more likely to get vaginal infections.

Hey, wait a minute. How did the word "vaginal" get in a gay men's sex advice column? I gotta get a new spellchecker.

Anyway, just be careful not to cause trauma with whatever apparatus you use. Some tips can cause small abrasions and bleeding — a big, blinking welcome sign to HIV. So make sure the

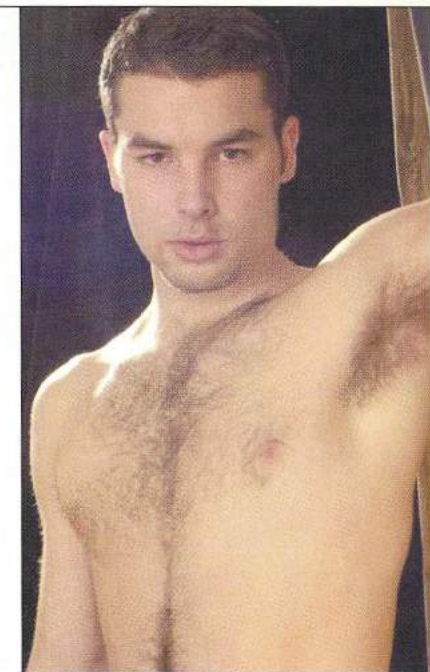
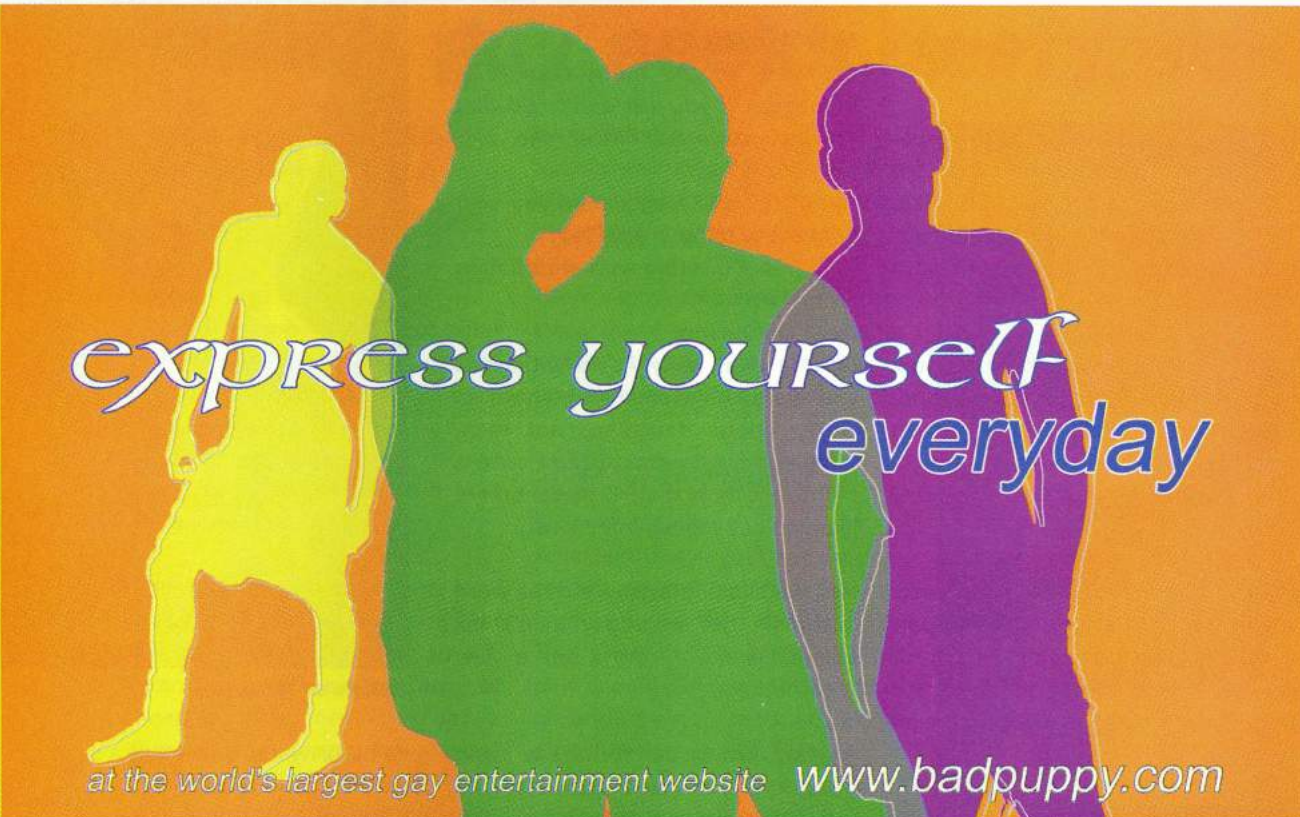


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enema or water bottle has a soft tip, and use lots of lube.

You can have sex immediately after douching without danger.

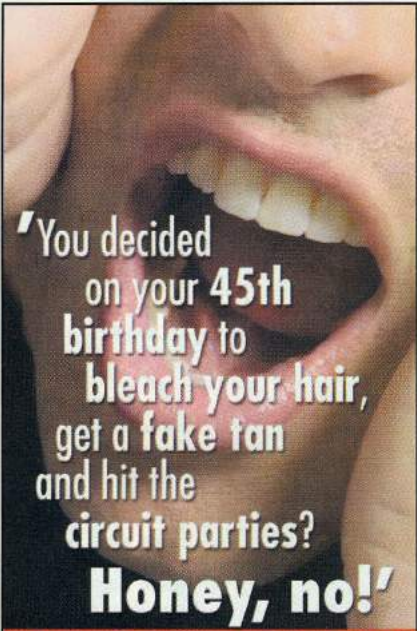


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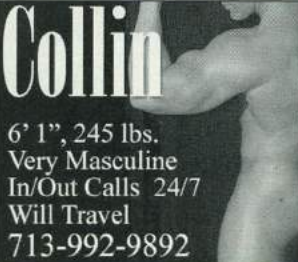
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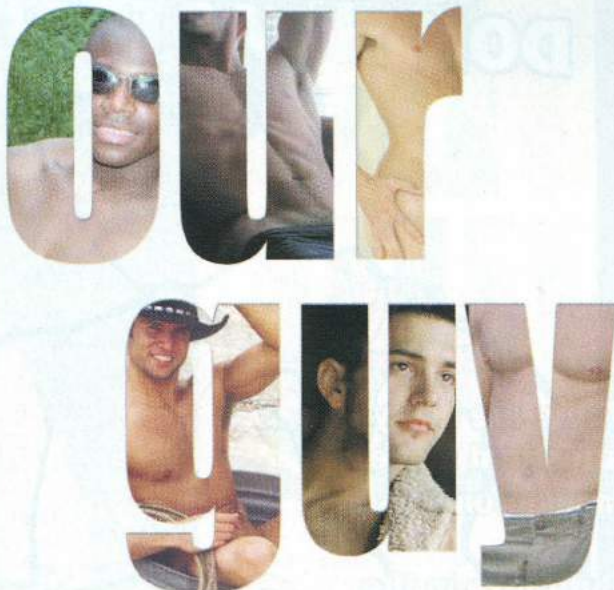
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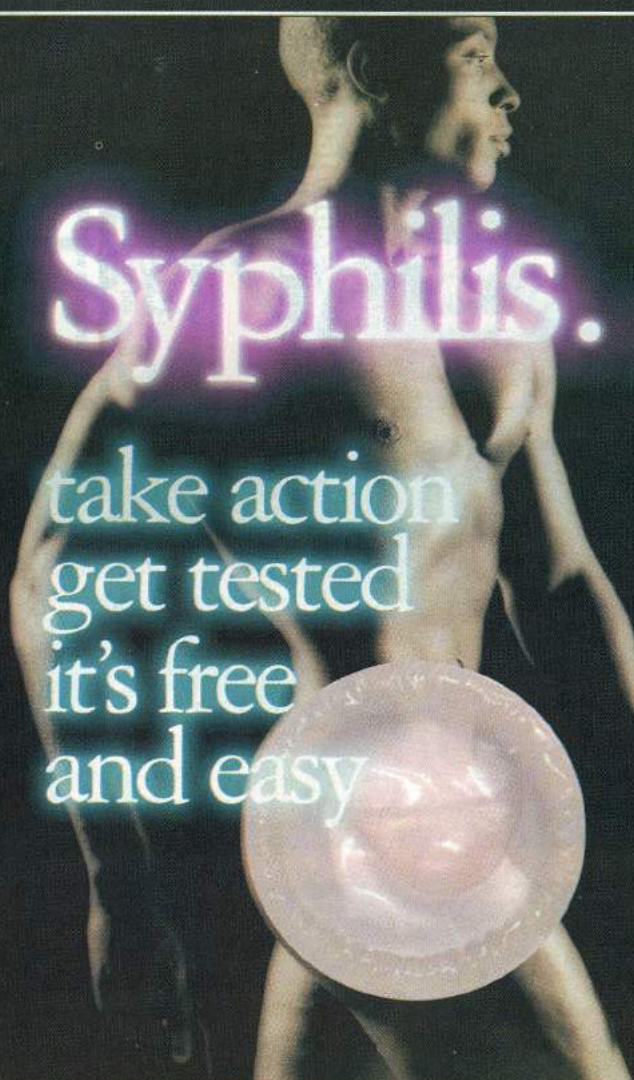


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Get set for some amazing fireworks in Houston this weekend — and not just the kind that explode in bright colors in the sky.

Clubs like Rich's and South Beach have special Independence Day celebrations to make it a fabulous Fourth. Get the lowdown on the biggest events to help plan your three days of recreation (**Page 14**).

Pride 2003 is history, but what a historic week! Gaydar picks up details on the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down the Texas "homosexual conduct" law, and other blips on the screens of gay Houstonians (**Page 6**).

If you're suffering from post-Pride letdown, check out this week's upcoming events in the Nightlife Calendar (**Page 12**). And go Behind the Scene with EJ's bartender Jarred Mac Adam, who's new to Houston via South Africa. All we can say is ... thanks South Africa! (**Page 8**)

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Attorneys, clients in Texas sodomy case 'thrilled'

The historic June 26 U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down Texas' so-called "homosexual conduct" law sent ripples of joy throughout the country last week, but nowhere was the excitement more palpable than in Houston, where the case originated. Gay Houston attorney Mitchell Katine, who has worked on Lawrence and Garner v. Texas for five years — and on the move to eliminate the Texas sodomy law in political arenas — rejoiced at the news. "This is a much further reaching decision than I could have imagined," Katine said. The Supreme Court struck down the state's ban on gay sex, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy. Gay

activists and attorneys had argued that the Texas statute was not only a violation of right to privacy but also a violation of equal protection guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. Katine said gay Houstonians John Lawrence and Tyron Garner, the two men arrested in 1998 in Lawrence's bedroom, are amazed at the nationwide reaction to the decision. "They are thrilled," he said. "They understand the significance of this decision on the country."

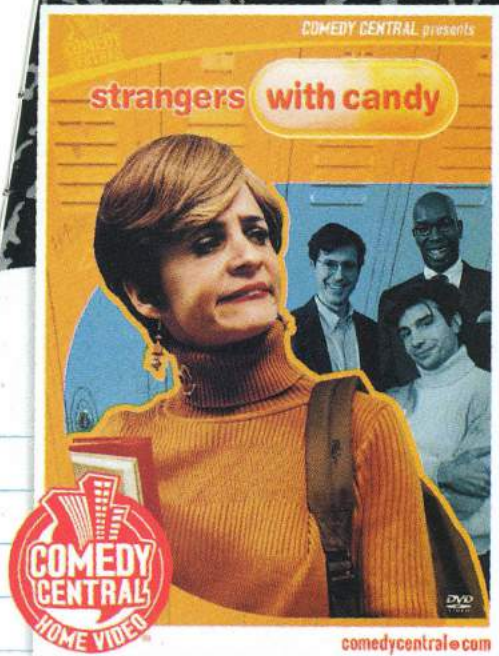
'Sleeping lawyer' case ends for gay Houston defendant

A gay Texan and former death row inmate who won a new trial because his lawyer allegedly slept through parts of his first trial pleaded guilty June 19 to capital murder and will spend life in prison. Calvin Burdine, 50, was convicted in 1984 of capital murder and given the death penalty for the 1983 stabbing death of his lover and roommate, W.T. "Dub" Wise. A federal judge reversed the conviction and granted a new trial because evidence showed his trial attorney, Joe Cannon, slept for up to 10 minutes at a time during testimony. Cannon, who has since died, denied ever falling asleep during the trial. In the latest phase of the case, Burdine

pleaded guilty to capital murder, aggravated assault and felony possession of a weapon in exchange for life in prison, and state District Judge Joan Huffman levied consecutive life sentences for the crimes. When Huffman asked Burdine if he understood the deal, witnesses said Burdine replied, "It means we're going to do a lot of time."

Former gay magazine publisher goes from 'Hero' to porn star

Remember Hero magazine? It was that conservative gay men's publication that had a strict policy against adult content. Hero was geared toward men in committed relationships and had a general "we're gay, but we're so normal" flavor. In late 2001, the magazine closed its doors for good after three years. But Genre magazine now reports that Sam Francis, one of Hero's co-founders, became "Sam Tyson" — a gay porn star in movies such as "Goldenrod" and "The Hole." "[Hero] really served a market of men who felt alienated from the heavily sexual vibe of other gay men's magazines," Tyson said in an interview with Unzipped.net, a porn magazine. Tyson said there was always a part of him that wanted to do gay porn.



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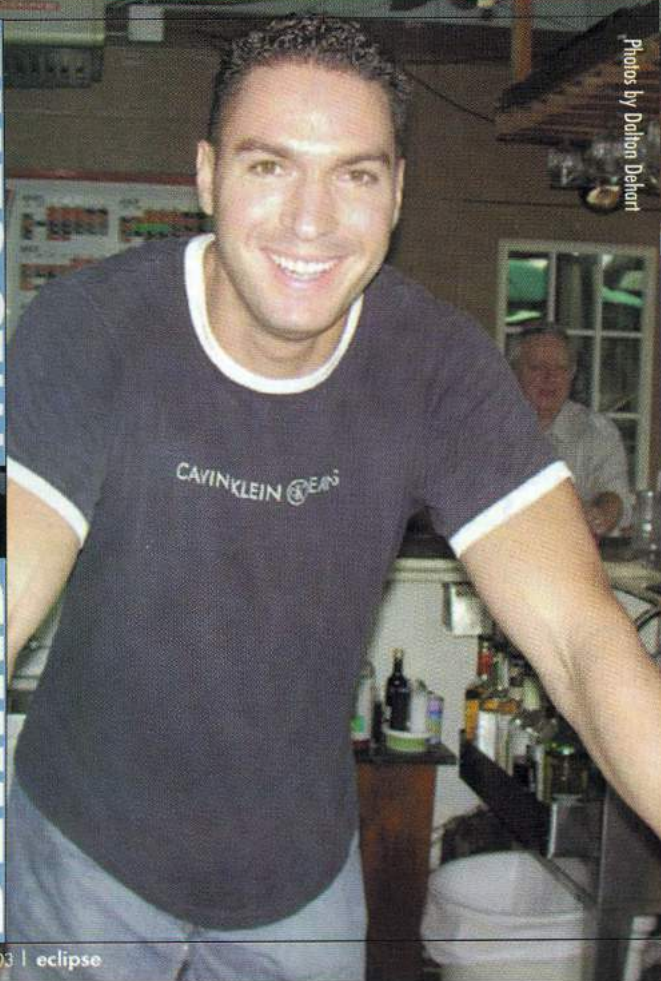
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Name: Jarred Mac Adam
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Mac Adam is a newcomer to both Houston and to EJ's, where he has been a bartender for two weeks. He moved to the Bayou City a year ago.

Interview by Penny Weaver

And don't miss that accent when you talk to him behind the back bar at EJ's — he's from South Africa. Mac Adam tends the bar from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and on Friday, as well as from 8 p.m. to close on Saturday night.

What brought you to Houston?

Job opportunities, says Mac Adam. He points out the fast growth of Houston.

After all, it is the fourth largest city in the United States. 'Nuff said.

How do you rate the Houston gay scene?

"It's pretty good. The people are pretty cool. It's a pretty relaxed atmosphere. Everybody's friendly."

What's in your nitelife crystal ball?

"I don't really have much of a life right now," says the hard-working Mac Adam. The stint at EJ's is his first time tending bar. He previously worked in marketing. For now, he's enjoying serving up drinks. "You get some weird and wonderful people," Mac Adam admits.

Where can you find the hottest men?

Aside from at EJ's, of course (hey—the guy has to stay employed), Mac Adam votes for South Beach as one of the hottest spots in Houston to find men.

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Please submit calendar entries no later than 5p on Monday to make the following week's issue. Fax your calendar schedule to **eclipse magazine**, 713-529-9531, or e-mail editor@houstonvoice.com, or call 713-529-8490. The first listing in the week for each bar includes a phone number for further information. Call for drink specials and scheduled DJs.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

611. Free giant holiday buffet, 5:30p. DJ Tom Warp and male dancers, 9p. 713-526-7070.

Cousins. Show featuring Raven, Sheena, Kara Dion and Victoria Nicole, 11p. 713-528-9204.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a. 713-527-9071.

Guava Lamp. Complimentary Buffet, 5p. 713-524-3359.

JR's. Hors d'oeuvres, 6p. 713-521-2519.

Keys West. Watch fireworks from our deck, wristband offered, parking for bar patrons only while at the bar. Piano singalong with Roger Woest, 9:30p. 713-571-7870.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD testing, 10p-2a. 713-528-2028.

Michael's Outpost. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. 713-520-8446.

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. 713-529-7488.

Rich's. Frequency and Kamp Rich's with DJ Chris Sill. Virginia Slymm's show, 12a. Main stage show, 1a. Free cover, 21 and up, from 9-11p. Doors open at 9p. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. Freedom Party with DJ Michael Tank, 9p through after hours. \$5 cover. 18 and up after 2:30a. 713-529-SOBE.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

Club Inergy. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 9p-12a.

Cousins. Drag show featuring Raven, Sheena, Kara Dion and Diane Jackson, 11p.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side.

Keys West. Open dart tournament, 4p. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray, 9:30p.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. Open at 6p.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

O. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. Shock & Awe Military Ball with DJ JD Arnold. Doors open at 9p, show-time 1a. Jessica Blair in the Leopard Lounge, 12:30a. Free cover, 9-11p.

South Beach. Made in the USA M2M Fashion Show, midnight. Win a free trip to Miami's South Beach, four days and three nights at Shelborne Beach Resort, drawing at 1a, must be present to win. DJ Jimmy Skinner. After Hours until 5a.

Viviana's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

'Bob Knox: Non-Fiction Paintings' shows through Aug. 31 at **Blaffer Gallery**, Fine Arts Building on the U of H campus, entrance No. 16 off Cullen Blvd. 713-743-9530. www.blaffergallery.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

1415 Bar & Grille. Brunch, 11a-3p. T-Dance with DJ Tucker Dawson, 2p. \$2

mimosas. 713-522-7066.

611. \$1 brunch, noon-2p.

Cousins. Show featuring Gena, Sivi, Victoria Nicole and Dana, 11p.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke contest, 10p.

Keys West. Open dart tournament, 4p.

Mary's. Ladies' Night on the patio, 2-7p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Cyber Night - 1/2 price with Web site password.

Meteor. Open at 3p. "Sex and the City," 8p.



Michael's Outpost. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 3p.

O. Tea dance. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 1p.

MONDAY, JULY 7

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournament with cash prizes, 8:30. 713-528-9192.

Bricks. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. 713-528-8102.

Guava Lamp. Service Industry Night (S.I.N.), with half off for service industry workers who show a recent paystub to qualify. 713-524-3359.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. Professional dancer contest, 11p.

Keys West. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

Meteor. Mucho Macho Mondays. Expert manicure and a professional massage.

Michael's Outpost. Dart tournament with cash prizes, 7p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-off room price, 12p-12a.

O. Bourbon Street Tea Party. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

611. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free dance lessons with Rainbow Ranglers, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4p-midnight. Half price for 18-24 y.o. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD

free testing, 8p-12a. 713-659-4998.

Guava Lamp. "Queer As Folk," 10p.

Keys West. Free pool.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Drag Bingo hosted by Southern Comfort and Lillian Deveroux, with free prizes; benefits local charities.

Midtowne Spa. Latin Night and half-off locker price, 12p-12a.

O. Rewind '80s retro. Happy hour, 3-10p. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Club Houston. Half-price lockers, 4p-midnight.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke contest with cash prize.

JR's. Papi underwear strip contest, 11p. Hosted by Kofi and Kourtney Van Wales. Cash prizes.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Steve Wheaton, 9:30p.

Mary's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

MeatRack. "Anything Goes Night." Check Web site for schedule.

Meteor. Total Request Night, 9p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-price rooms, 12p-12a. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 10p-1a.

O. The O Show. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 9p-12a. 713-521-2792.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, 18 and up, \$5 cover.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Live country singing and karaoke with Jody. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

Cousins. Show featuring Raven, Victoria Nicole, Kara Dion and Dana, 11p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

EJ's. Roxanne Collins show with special guests, 11p.

Guava Lamp. Performance by Shaun and Kim, 10:30p.

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay "Lovey" Howell, 9:30p.

MeatRack. Party Night: Anything Goes Fetish Party. Pre-registration is requested at www.meatrack.org.

Meteor. Malebox Night for singles hosted by Lana Blake, 9p.



Agatha Christie's classic murder tale 'The Mousetrap' plays through July 20 at the **Alley Theatre**, 615 Texas Ave. 713-228-8421.

Michael's Outpost. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-off locker price, 12p-12a.

O. "O Boy!" calendar boy contest. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at 3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID. No cover for those over 21.

Rich's. "Hedonism2," with DJ JD Arnold, 9p.

South Beach. 18 and up. 20/60: The top 20 hits from the last 60 months.

Toyz Disco. Montrose Clinic HIV /STD free testing, 10p-1a.

Houston clubs burst for the Fourth

Holiday weekend events abound from Rich's to South Beach and beyond

by Penny Weaver

Fireworks both outside and inside are on tap in Houston clubs for the Independence Day holiday weekend.

At Rich's Houston, the festivities begin on July 4 with **Frequency Fridays**, serving up guest entertainers and more. DJ Chris Sill offers his unique high-energy style at the turntable. Doors open at 9 p.m.

This holiday Friday, the establish-

ment also schedules **Kamp Rich's**, including Virginia Slymm's show at midnight in the Leopard Lounge. The Kamp features a main stage show at 1 a.m. Cover is free for those age 21 and up from 9 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, Rich's hosts the **Shock & Awe Military Ball**, featuring DJ JD Arnold and a 1 a.m. military show on the main stage. The club's Leopard Lounge hosts Jessica Blair for a 12:30 a.m. show. Cover is free from 9 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 9.

South Beach hosts The Freedom Party on Friday, with DJ Michael Tank at the helm for tunes from 9 p.m. through after hours. The night's cover is \$5, and entry is limited to those age 18 and up after 2:30 a.m.

Saturday night at South Beach, gay Houstonians can enjoy plenty of eye

Photo by R.O. Youngblood



candy with the **Made In The USA Fashion Show** with M2M Fashions. The event includes 20 models showing off Michael Malik's new summer fashions. Hair and makeup is by Paul and Blake from Great Looks.

The models make magical appearances on the South Beach dance floor, not stopping the party but becoming a part of it.

DJ Michael Tank spins for the event, which features a \$5 cover and \$2.25 drink specials all night. The show begins at midnight.

Other Fourth of July weekend events include a special viewing of fireworks from the deck at Keys West and a free holiday buffet at the 611.

DETAILS

Friday, July 4

Kamp Rich's

Cover: 21 and up free from 9-11p

Showtime: 1a at Rich's

2401 San Jacinto

713-759-9606

www.richs-houston.com

Freedom Party

Cover : \$5 cover 9p through after hours

South Beach

810 Pacific

713-529-SOBE

www.southbeachthenightclub.com

Fireworks viewing from the deck

Keys West

817 Dallas

713-571-7870

Free holiday buffet at 611

611 Hyde Park

713-526-7070

Saturday, July 5

Shock & Awe Military Ball at Rich's

Cover: Free from 9-11p

Showtime: 1 a

Made In The USA Fashion Show

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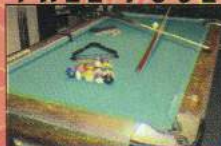
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Sure, we can play, Mr. A-List. And I won't even mind that you don't acknowledge me the next time we see each other. I know my place.

I have a question for the guy who says "monogamy is abnormal": When a guy tells me he wants to spend the rest of his life with me, and all I ask for is monogamy, and he looks at me like I'm from another fucking planet... Can monogamy be anymore "abnormal" than hypocrisy?

I'm the short little muscle guy at the gym, and the reason I don't talk to you is you're not.

If your gym isn't friendly enough to socialize, then you're going to the wrong gym.

Woody has become tired and rude. Enough Republican bashing! If Woody cannot make room for everyone under the gay umbrella, then he has no business being in Eclipse.

To the feminine boys upset because masculine men aren't interested: If we

Is anyone else tired of dudes cheating on their boyfriends? And why do I have to be quiet about it?

wanted a woman, we'd ask them out. Gay men like other men. Stop acting like a woman; maybe you'd get yourself a man.

Have you noticed that Gay Pride parades consist mostly of people you are ashamed of?

Why does every gay bar in this town have to show "Queer As Folk" on Sunday night? Does everyone want to see that tired show? I don't think so. I'm tired of being glared out for talking over that "fantastic dialogue." Please!

"I can never actually meet the Adonis I fell in lust with online," you say. I respond with a sisterly hug, "My dear girl, sweet dreams are made of anything that will get you through the sleep. Now go back to bed." Some are actually sincere, and

you could get lucky. Yeah, ever been struck by lightning?

To the 41-year-old guy who dumped me for the 25-year-old and told me, "I hope you understand": What I understand is that when you said you loved me, you lied; when you said that you could seriously see yourself with me, you lied.

I'm gay, I'm partially deaf and I'm slightly handicapped. Since I know only this life, it isn't an issue.

To all the bitches who read "Bitch Session": Call 1-800-96-JERRY and tell him your story 'cause you don't impress me. All you fags do is bitch. No wonder there's no "gay community."

Put your used gym clothes in your locker when you go take a shower.

Nobody wants to see your skanky grundies on the floor.

Since they caught Eric Rudolph, who supposedly bombed a gay bar, I hope he gets a lot of "action" in prison.

In some clubs, attractive bartenders get away with stuff they'd be fired for if they worked anywhere else. So in that sense, they do have it easy.

I'm tired of failing the perky butt test. Situation: I walk into the bar, people look. PASS. I walk by, people look down. FAIL! I'm sorry I wasn't born with the perfect, perky butt. At least it's not huge and fat and looking like cottage cheese.

I don't understand why we have Black Pride events separate from regular Pride events. It just seems like we're diminishing the effectiveness of our community as a whole. I think we can do everything in one place.

To all the ex-strippers with great jobs now: I gave you hundreds when you were working your way through school, and you told me what a good friend I was for helping. Now when I



see you in the office or on the street, you avoid me.

Please don't tell me, "I'm just going to the bathroom," when you're really not coming back.

Why do we bitch about not having special rights, but the only thing different between us and straight people is that we like men? Why don't we all stop bitching and just live our lives?

No, monogamy did not come from religion; it came from evolution in civilized society. Just because you have the urge to kill someone does not mean it's OK to do so. The concept of "survival of the fittest" has evolved. Have you?

That's right, there's no separation of sex and love. You love sex. Single by choice, right?

I'm tired of seeing young male eye candy. I'm 50, and I'd like to see some good-looking men who are 40-plus.

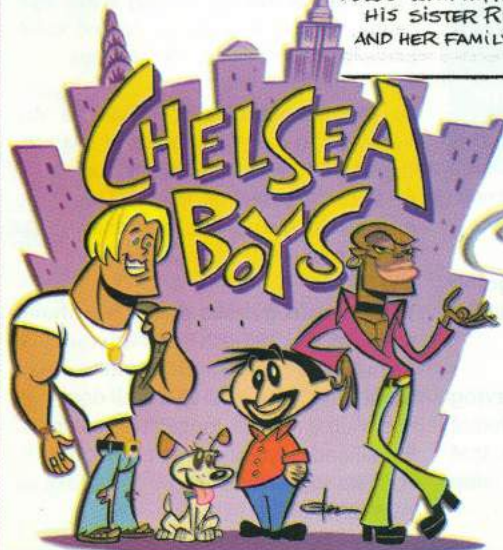
To Mr. Drama Queen: How are we supposed to develop a personal relationship if you keep broadcasting our business to everyone you know? The world may be a stage, but our relationship needs to be kept off Broadway.

To the androgynous dykes: You have so much low self-esteem that you have to put down dom femmes rather than support lesbians of all types. All doms are not thugs, and all thugs are not doms. But all androgynous dykes are snobs. P.S. You're also jealous because doms take all your femmes.

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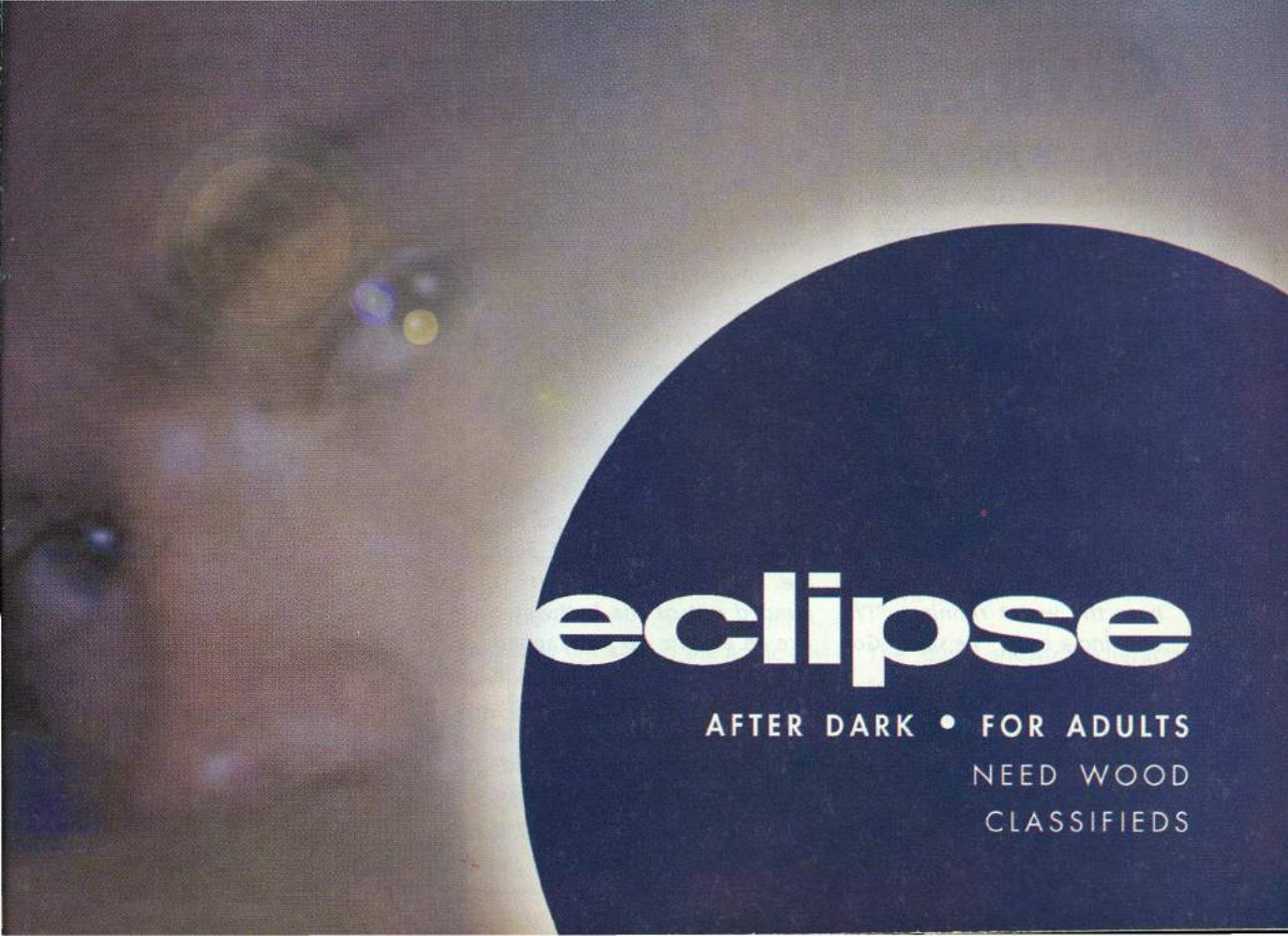
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Giving him a second chance

Twink date from hell vomits, but apology and persistence may make him worth another shot

Hey Woody!

I met this 22-year-old hottie at the bar. He's kinda tipsy, but I enjoy that because it means the underwear's going to come off like a dress on prom night.

I lure him to my house. He uses the bathroom. He comes out. I hear the water running. "I'm drawing a bath," he says. "Got any candles?"

It's 2:00 a.m. I don't want him blowing bubbles; I want him blowing me. But I figure what the hell. So we get undressed.

We get in the tub face-to-face. He looks longingly at me, and I feel this surge of chemistry between us. Slowly, he brings his face closer and closer to mine. Clearly, I was about to receive the most romantic kiss ever.

by **Woody Miller**

My eyes closed, my lips parted and — He threw up all over me. Can you believe it? I jumped out of the bathwater like an electric eel just zapped me, screaming at him while he's just wrenching and wrenching. I calmed down, got him to my toilet, cleaned up and waited for him to finish. Turns out he was so drunk I had to drive him home.



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First, can I catch anything from swallowing his vomit? I managed to spit out most of it, but not all of it.

Second, this guy keeps calling me begging for a second chance. He's been sending me flowers and cards and stuff. Do you think I should? Don't you think vomiting on somebody's pretty much a deal breaker?

— I got the big pieces

Dear Big:

First, let me say this, and I think I speak for the majority of my readers: "G-R-O-S-S!"

Second, how many times do I have to tell you people: spit, don't swallow? Never put other people's gastro-intestinal juices in your mouth. But medically, the chances of catching anything are extremely small.

Let's say your barfer had HIV, syphilis or Hepatitis. Typically, these viruses —

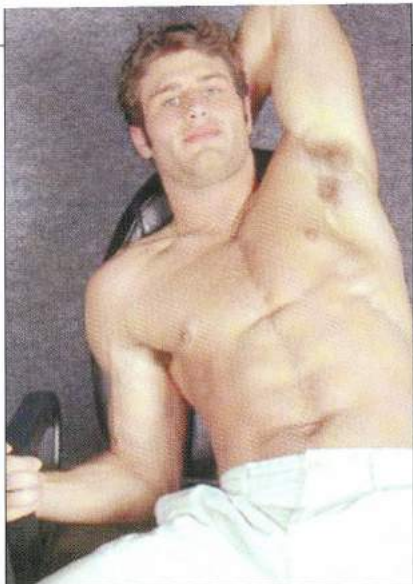


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or bacteria in the case of syphilis — are pretty unstable in the acidic environment of the stomach. Translation: The acid kills them.

But it is possible to catch a bug of some kind. If your twink was throwing up several times throughout the day, there's a chance he could have torn

some vessels in the esophagus and have fresh blood coming up.

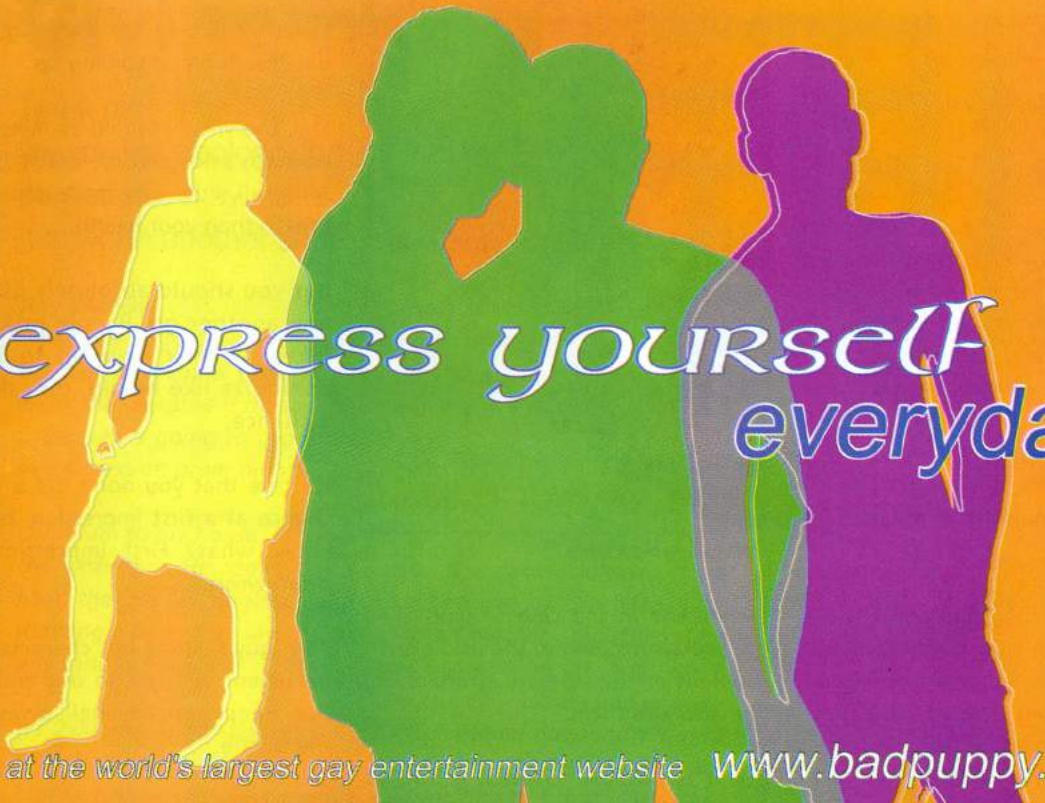
Still, the viruses would be mixed with stomach acids and die pretty quickly. All in all, I'd worry more about your breath than your health.

But you should absolutely give this guy another go. People make mistakes. If they own up to it and apologize like he did, they deserve a chance.

It's true that you don't get a second chance at a first impression, but you know what? First impressions are often wrong.

The guy's showing character and persistence. I say go out with him. Just keep him the hell away from the bottle.

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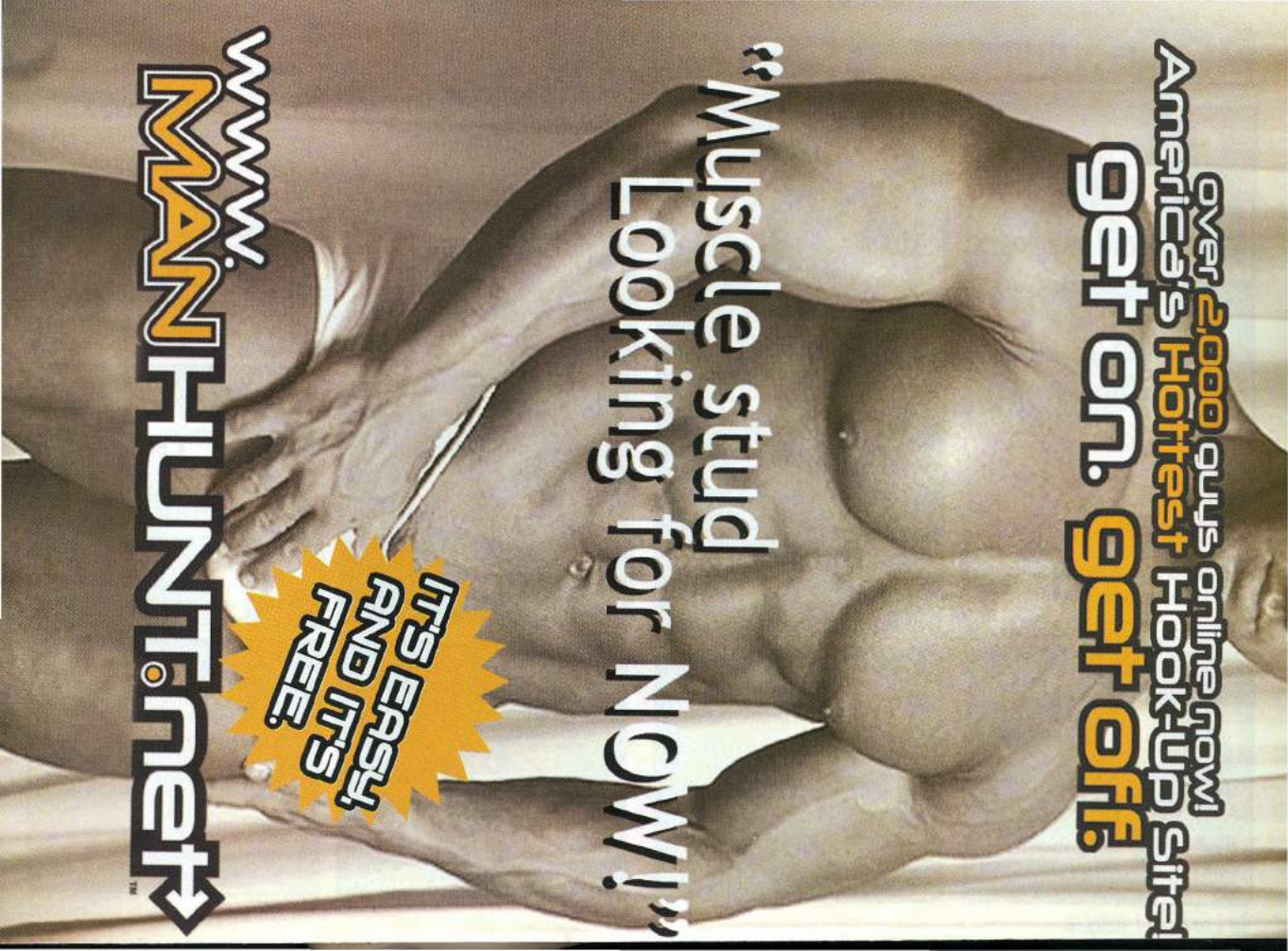


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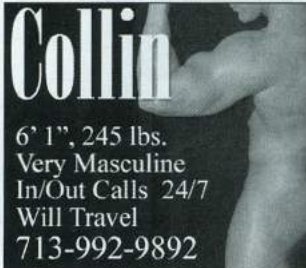
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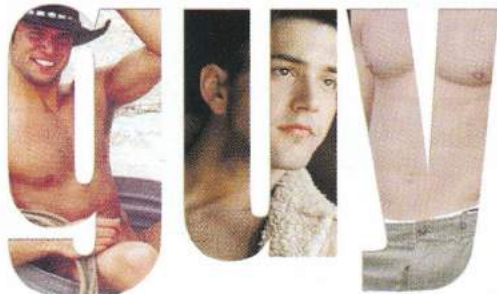
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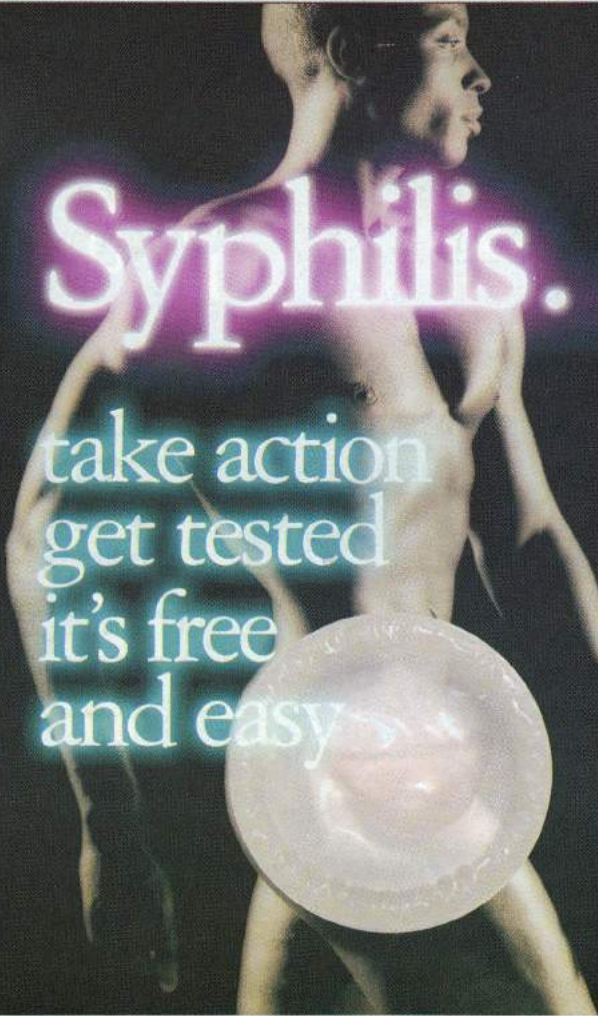
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