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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's officially hot in Houston, but the infusion of queer culture into mainstream American society continues to make cool, steady headway. It's not just sodomy laws being thrown out in the U.S. via the landmark Texas decision. It's the growing comfort of non-gays to watch our lives portrayed on TV or to blend our trends and style with theirs.

The July 15 debut of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" set new ratings records for cable channel Bravo, averaging some 1.64 million viewers. That's new evidence to support the popularity of gay-themed shows. See our cover story on "Gay Hollywood" (**Page 14**) for more on how gay men are breaking out in "the business."

Our culture, even if sometimes based on stereotypes, is gaining wider attention and acceptance. Like winning the legal wars, our victory laps in the culture wars can prove to be just as effective. Sometimes, even more so.

Stay cool in the Houston heat, and send your feedback to editor@eclipse-mag.com.

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Details emerging on life, death of Montrose trans victim

Details are slowly coming to light in the July 20 shooting death of Kendrick Perry, who police now confirm was a prostitute known on the street as "Cinnamon." "The good news is that several leads are coming in on the case," said M.A. Rodriguez, an HPD officer working on the case. Witnesses told police July 20 that Perry was gunned down about 6:30 a.m. from a car that pulled up as she walked down the 1200 block of Lovett Boulevard. At that time, further information on Perry's identity and the incident were unclear. But since then, police began to piece together details that they say could help solve the crime. Perry, 33, was a prostitute who lived full time as a woman. The few witnesses near the scene early that morning told police that they heard gunfire after an early '90s sedan — possibly a champagne-colored Buick — pulled up alongside Perry. Perry reportedly had a brief conversation with the driver before shots rang out. "We are following a lead right now on a white male," Rodriguez said. Perry's family con-

'I don't care what your sexual preference is. If that appeared in "Friends," and we knew about it in advance, we would have moved it, too.'

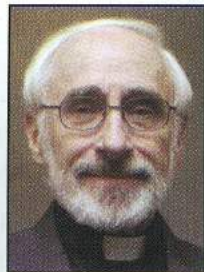
John Mann, station manager at the NBC affiliate in Augusta, explaining his decision to move 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' from prime time to 2:35 a.m. (New York Times, July 29)

firmed for police that she frequented Montrose area bars including Cousins, but police did not confirm that Perry was there on the night of the shooting. They do know that she was wearing knee-high boots and a short dress and frequented bars as part of her regular routine. Since the best leads come from the public, anyone who knew or saw "Cinnamon" from those details is encouraged to contact HPD Homicide at 713-308-3600.

Pastor at gay Houston church celebrates 50 year career

Ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1953, Rev. Ralph Lasher of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church not

only celebrated his 75th birthday this year, he also celebrates teaching the Word for 50 years — and he has no intention of quitting. Shortly after ordination, he was assigned as rector in Brunswick, N.J., where he met Harry Gibson, the man who would become his partner for the next 45 years. Gibson died in July 2000. Lasher later had to choose between the Episcopal Church and his partner. "Harry was more important than living a lie," Lasher says. The couple made their way



Ralph Lasher

to Houston in 1968, and Lasher worked as a consultant in public relations and personnel affairs. Then in 1987, Lasher took over the reins of the Montrose Clinic and volunteered at various other gay organizations — including offering up his services at Resurrection MCC as minister. In 1994, Lasher went to work for the Kolbe Project, a gay Roman Catholic Franciscan ministry. He is now a member of the clergy at Resurrection and has seen the church through a struggle following the devastation of Hurricane Allison in June 2001. Lasher has no plans whatsoever of slowing down, he says.

Houston teams ready for action at gay softball World Series

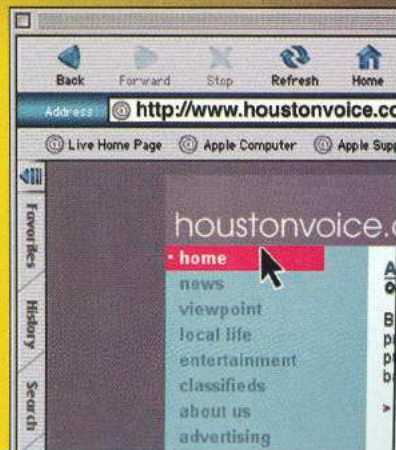
The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association holds its 27th annual tournament in Washington, D.C., beginning Aug. 17. Several local teams are set to play against representatives from all over the United States and Canada. D.C. reps are expecting over 5,000 people for this spectacular event. In an effort to defray expenses for representing Houston in the World Series, teams across town are holding fundraisers such as car washes and raffles. Ask a local bartender where, when and how



More than 5,000 people are expected for the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association's annual tournament Aug. 17

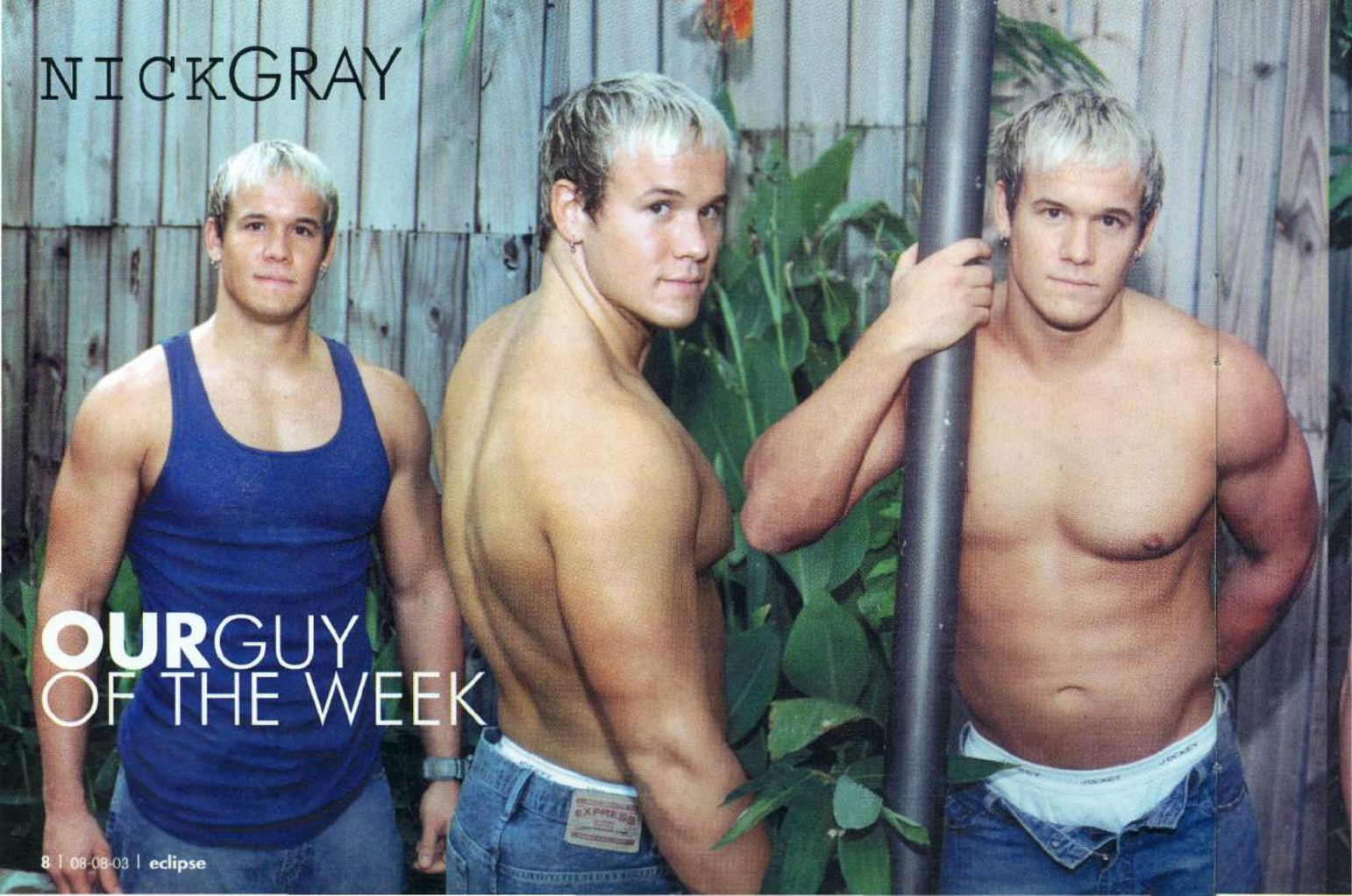
you can support these local gay teams. Round robin play begins on Aug. 19 with opening ceremonies at 8 p.m. at Freedom Plaza, with play continuing the following day. The double-elimination rounds begin Aug. 21 with championship games on Aug. 23. The tournament also hosts extracurricular events like the Ms. Gay World Series Pageant on Aug. 18. Bars host events throughout the week, including the men's division at JR's on Tuesday, the DC Eagle on Wednesday, Hamburger Mary's & Titan Bar on Thursday, Green Lantern on Friday and the Men's Victory Party at Velvet Nation on Saturday. The Women's Victory Party is at Apex on Saturday. The NAGAAA Talent Show is Wednesday.

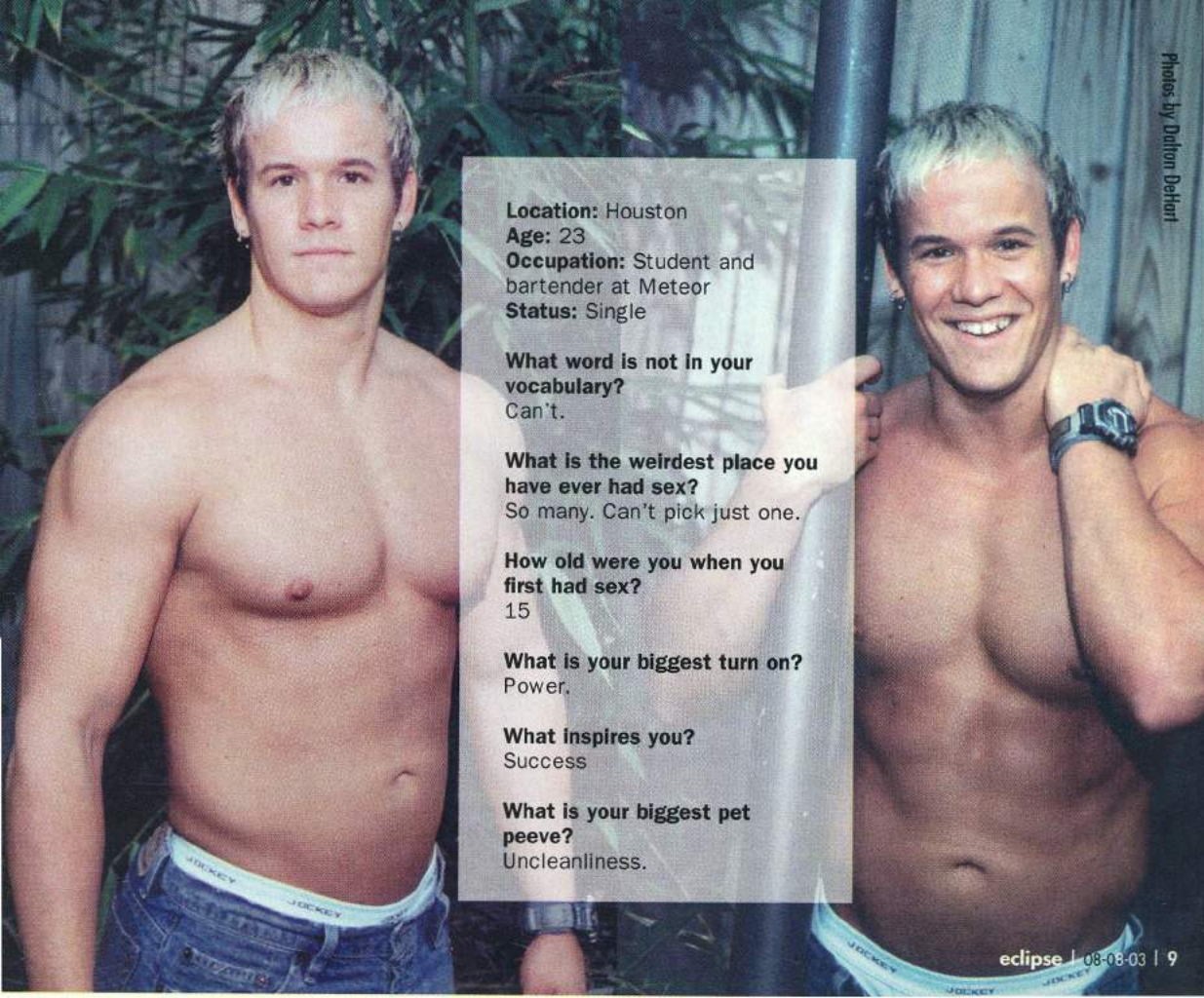
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NICK GRAY

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OF THE WEEK





Location: Houston

Age: 23

Occupation: Student and bartender at Meteor

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Briar Patch. Piano singalong with Warren Chase, 9:30-11:30p. 713-665-9678.

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. 800 Pacific Block Party at Santa Fe Bar & Patio side, 9-9:30p, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. 713-521-2519.

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.

Montrose Mining Co. 800 Pacific Block Party, 9:30-10p. 713-529-7488.

Rich's. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Block Party with

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free cover, 10:30-11p. 713-529-SOBE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

Apollo I **Sean Carter** and his empress prepare to crown their successors as voting heats up for Space City Empire's Reign 2. Absentee voting is open to area residents at EJ's on Aug. 14 from 4 p to 7 p. www.spacecityempire.org.

Briar Patch. Piano singalong with Derrick Silva, 9:30p-1:30a.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Block Party at Santa Fe Bar & Patio side, 9-9:30p, and 10-10:30p on JR's side.

Meteor. Open at 6p. 713-521-0123.

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

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold. 21 and up.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Block Party with free cover, 10:30-11p.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Briar Patch. Musical Movies with Michael, 4p. Laurie Gage LIVE,

6:30p. Kim Yvette, 9:30-11:30p.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke contest, 10p.

Mary's. Ladies'



Night on the patio, 2-8p. 713-527-9669.

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, AUGUST 11

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

Briar Patch. Free pool. Karin McFarlin LIVE.

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.

Meteor. Mind Mend Mondays. Expert manicure and a professional massage.

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

Briar Patch. Foxxi Boxxi Contest, 11p, with \$25 cash prize. Kim Yvette with special guest Jerry Atwood, 9:30p.

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

Meteor. Drag Bingo hosted by Southern Comfort and Lillian Deveroux, with free prizes; benefits local charities. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," 11p.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Briar Patch. Geoffrey Cuellar,
7p. Marcy Rae, "Sweet
Mama Cotton," 9:30p.

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

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

Guava Lamp. Karaoke con-
test with cash prize.

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

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

Meteor. Total Request
Night, 9p.

O. The O Show.
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bar open at 3p. 18 and
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cover and ID.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Briar Patch. Free pool.
Derrick Silvan and
Warren Chase, 9:30p.

EJ's. Absentee voting
for Space City
Empire's Apollo
Emperor and Gemini
Empress, 4p to 11 p.
Roxanne Collins
show with special
guests, 11p.

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

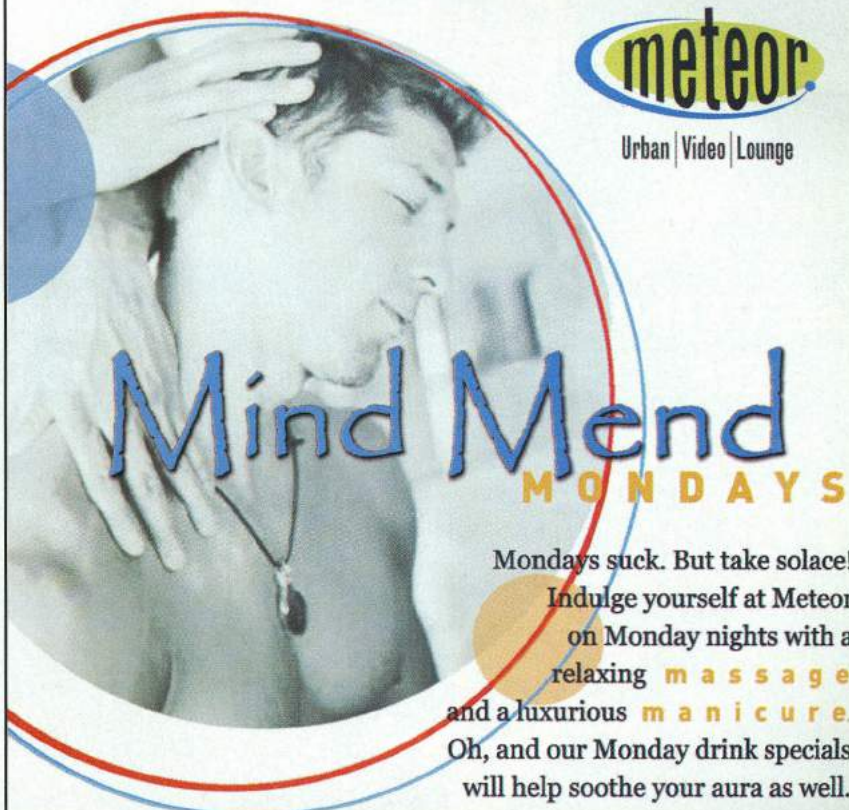
Meteor. Malebox Night
for singles hosted by
Lana Blake, 9p. Free
giveaways.

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

O. "O Boy!" calendar
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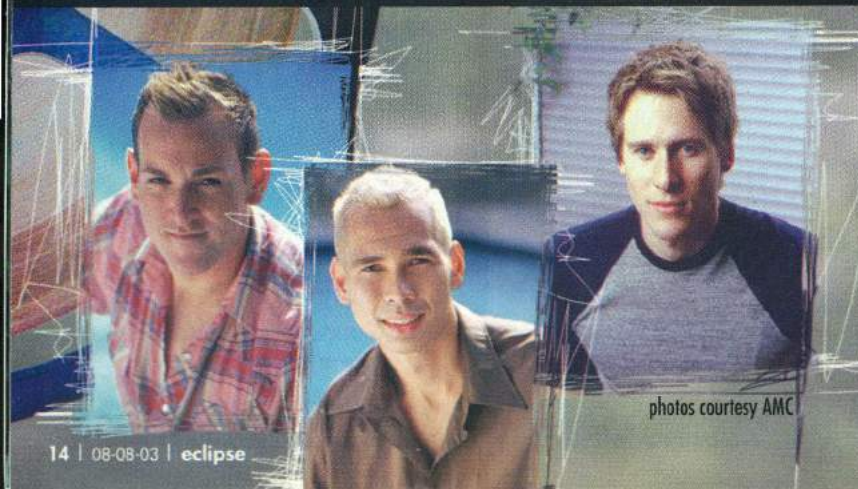
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GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF 'GAY HOLLYWOOD'



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Documentary profiles
gay men who want to hit
it big in show biz

By Lawrence Ferber

"Why isn't Kevin Spacey [in it]?" ponders director Jeremy Simmons with a laugh, regarding AMC's new documentary, "Gay Hollywood." "I don't know if we reached out to him."

In the highly entertaining, often funny must-see show, which airs Aug. 11 at 10 p.m., Simmons trails five queer up-and-comers over a seven-month period as they struggle to "make it" in Tinseltown.

Among the hopefuls, Robert Laughlin, 32, whose acting/modeling career landed him in Italian Vogue and on TV's "Cybill," is pitching a sort of ubergay, "The View"-style series to network suits.

And 27-year-old Micah McCain's drag alter-ego, Bridgette of Madison County, has achieved local fame so much so that he decides to elevate to international stardom through standup comedy. Writer Benjamin Morgan, 31, is hot to work on shows like "Will & Grace" — like every other gay scribe hopeful.

Filmmaker Allan Brocka, 30, is known for his suc-

cessful series of satirical short films like "Rick & Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple In All The World." But he's hungry to direct the ever-elusive first feature — and earn enough money to eat. Lance Black, 28, whose features ("On The Bus," "The Journey of Jared Price") and short films have met great success in the gay market, is trying to mount his first big Hollywood production.

Over the course of the two-hour show, the five gay men encounter frustrations, difficulties, inspirations, successes and major life changes.

They compare notes, dish, philosophize, take meetings with successful gay professionals. In the process, they ascertain whether being gay in Hollywood makes a difference while forging a career.

"Just like with any group, you can use what you have to try to take advantage," Simmons says.

Case in point, he landed the "Gay Hollywood" directing job, and many other gigs with the show's production company, World of Wonder, thanks to a connection

he forged with WOW's Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato at Los Angeles' gay film festival.

"There are gay people in Hollywood who you're gonna naturally get along or hang out with, and that's going to create relationships and business relationships," Simmons says. "So I think that it can help you."

Bailey and Barbato ("The Eyes of Tammy Faye," "Party Monster") initially pitched "Gay Hollywood" as a history piece. The concept eventually evolved to a look at contemporary gay hopefuls in the process of "making it" — or not.

And there are certainly nails to be bitten in "Gay Hollywood."

McCain quickly discovers that it won't be an easy road to success. And having once appeared in his own documentary, Black admits being apprehensive about taking part in "Gay Hollywood." It took a month of convincing by one of the show's producers to finally agree.

His fears were actually justified to a



degree. An incident involving his contract negotiation was blown up for dramatic effect, and he comes off as self-loathing and phobic of queery gays. Many of his successes didn't make the final cut.

"I had fears from the get-go that the filmmakers were less interested in who we were and more interested in what they could catch us doing that would be 'dramatic,'" Black says. "It pulls some punches on a few characters, and amps up the stakes on others. They definitely took liberties in the editing room."

The subjects were also prone to their own manipulations in front of the cameras.

"Morgan went for the tears right away" whenever a lens was

aimed his way," Brocka says. "Not every time, but a lot of times."

Simmons insists that it's impossible to pretend that cameras aren't running and adjust one's behavior.

"[But] I feel the documentary presents them very true to who they are," he affirms.

Meanwhile, if "Gay Hollywood" proves successful, sequels could be in the works.

"'Lesbian Hollywood' is the next one," Simmons says.

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Because I'm gay, does that mean that I have to worship Cher or Barbra? Where are all the gay rockers? I hate this darn house music. You can't tell me that there are no gay guys into Metallica and WWE wrestling, or can you?

The "gay churches" are "gay" because if they weren't, they would be empty.

To all the beautiful but aggressive drag-queens: I know that some of the boys are pretty and have nice bodies, but please don't feel the need to always stick your hand down our pants! Thank you, and I still love you.

To the kid who said no one over 25 should wear a baseball cap: Princess, just because you're using a baseball cap for a fashion statement doesn't mean the rest of us are. Some of us are wearing them for sunny days or bad hair days, or even for playing baseball!

Who cares if you are sporting a killer six-pack stomach? Look at

It's been so long since I last went out that I can't remember who I like and who I don't.

your mug; you have a face only your mother could love!

The only article of clothing that should have an age limit is a diaper.

To the twink waiter who plays with guys hearts and then discards them at his convenience: One day it's going to come back to you, and you'll deserve every bit of it.

To gay black men, hear my cry: I get tired of coming home at night because my man wouldn't keep his promises of fidelity and truthfulness. Where are all the strong black men? I'm sleeping by myself because another man didn't know himself.

Don't assume that just because I'm short and cute and only weigh 120 pounds that I'm a bottom.

Bathhouses used to be fun. Now no one has sex. Everyone uses it as an extension of the clubs. There are attitudes, head games and sorry clique-ish queens who use the baths as a place to try to get the attention they can't get on the dance floor.

I'm so depressed that Pride is over. I can't wait for next year when everyone can jump around like monkeys, walking down the street for civil rights while the normal people are pointing at them and laughing. When Martin Luther King Jr. marched on Selma, people didn't wear clown noses.

What's all the griping about Abercrombie & Fitch? I remember 10 years ago when it was Tommy Hilfiger. And 20 years ago when it was all Polo. So what if a guy wants to wear a ballcap and A&F? I think it's hot.

To the moronic imbecile who thinks the "Scarlet A" should still be used today. I'm not a slut; I'm a whore. I give it away.

Did I pick up the wrong men's fashion magazine? Seems like the ones I read, all the men wear shirts. Put your shirts on, boys. Not all guys like to be approached by shirtless guys. No matter how good those pecs look.

To the jerk who thinks all diabet-ics are lardass couch potatoes: He should do what I do everyday: walk 10 miles to catch public transportation, or ride my bike that far and run the stadium steps on a hot and humid Sunday afternoon. Then I go out dancing. If that is not some sort of exercise, then what is? Don't judge people.

I'm in a lifelong committed rela-tionship, and I would never have committed in the first place and stayed in the relationship for 12 years if my partner had expected monogamy. And I don't consider either of us to be hypocritical.

There's no place like home, there's no place like home. Damn, I knew better than to buy these red shoes on sale!

Do I stand alone when I say the geeks, freaks and tweaks at Gay Pride do not represent the majority of the real gay community?

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 REALLY? THAT'D BE AWESOME, MAN. THANKS.
 IT REALLY SUCKS NOT HAVIN' A CAR HERE ON LONG ISLAND. EVERYTHING'S SO FAR. I ALWAYS GOTTA BUM RIDES OR TAKE THE BUS.



YEAH...IT AIN'T LIKE WHERE I GREW UP... IN BROOKLYN.
 YOU COULD TAKE THE SUBWAY EVERYWHERE THERE.
 BROOKLYN. WOW. THAT'S SO COOL.
 YEAH, I GUESS, KID.



HEY, NICK, UM... ARE
YOU, LIKE... **GOIN'**
OUT WITH ANYBODY
OR ANYTHING?

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BEEN BACK FOR
HOW LONG NOW?
FOUR WEEKS?

HAVE YOU **SEEN**
ME GOIN' OUT
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UM... NO.

YEAH, WELL...
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OKAY.

WHY DO YOU ASK,
ANYWAY?



I DON'T KNOW... I JUST
THOUGHT MAYBE WE
COULD... YOU KNOW...

... **HANG OUT** SOMETIME.

"**HANG OUT**"?

YEAH... YOU KNOW, GO
OUT TO **THUNDERS** OR
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IS THIS YOUR WAY OF
BUMMIN' RIDES OUT TO
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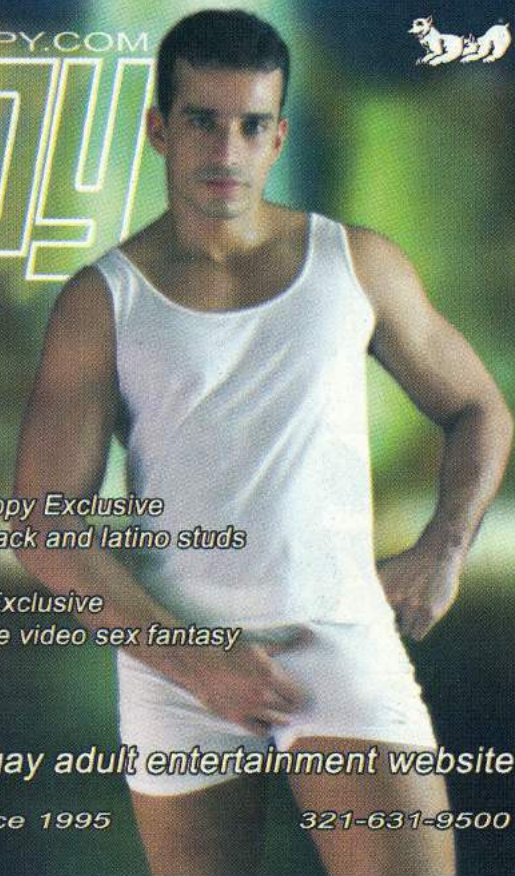
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Herpes another good reason to have safe sex; boyfriend has a problem with partner masturbating

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It took doctors three months to determine what exactly was causing a sharp pain deep inside my rectum. Since the diagnosis, I have had safe sex with three different guys. Even as mortified as I was, I confided in them about it before we hooked up.

I have always been asymptomatic and never had it break out on the outside of my anus and have never had herpes on my genitals. It was only deep inside.

Since I technically have herpes and haven't had breakouts thus far, could

I pass it to someone else while the virus is dormant? Is it necessary for me to go into the gory rectal details before anything happens at all? If so, at what point should I say something?

by **Woody Miller**

The thought of having to discuss this with a potential mate makes me a nervous wreck and is keeping me from getting out and meeting someone special. I have scoured the Internet for info about my particular problem and found next to nothing. The last thing I ever want to do is infect someone.

— *Feeling tainted*

Dear Feeling:

First, thanks for caring enough

about other people not to infect them. You're one of the good guys, and I mean that.

Yes, you could pass rectal herpes on, and no, you don't have to disclose it — as long as you take the right precautions. Obviously, if you engage in receptive anal sex without a condom, you're going to expose someone to the virus. So don't do it.

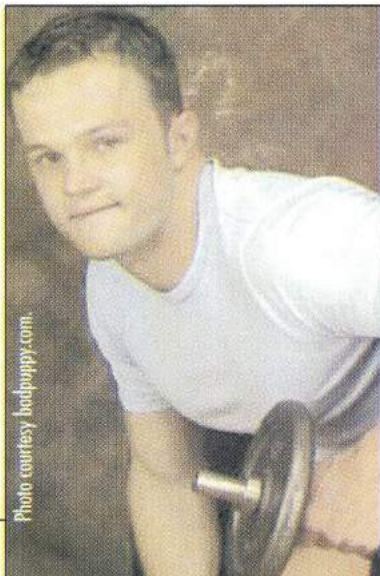


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Also, you can't let anybody finger you without a glove. If somebody gives you a digital massage and touches their genitals, there goes his health, along with your conscience.

Get to a doctor and get the situation checked out twice a year.

Hey, Woody!

My boyfriend and I have been in a committed relationship for seven years. We have a great sex life, but it isn't unusual for me to wake up to find him masturbating.

Don't you think I have a right to be hurt or that this is a sign that he's not happy with our sex life?

— Not Happy

Dear Not Happy:

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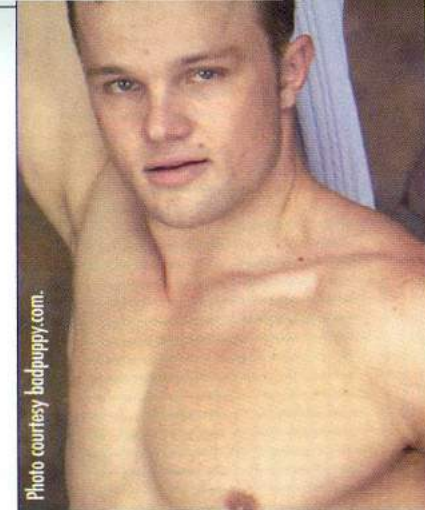


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that guys like to shake the steak whether they're single or married. Or as most of my coupled friends like to think of themselves, "married at home/single online."

Anyway, your boyfriend could be masturbating in the middle of the night for several reasons:

He may not want to wake you. He may think you don't want to have sex again. He may just want a sexual experience

without you getting in the way. He can do what he wants when he wants for as long as he wants without taking into account your needs.

Or it's always possible that you're lousy in bed. Remember what Woody Allen said: "Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand."

It's obvious that masturbation isn't important to you, but apparently it is to him. Respect that, and quit thinking it's a reflection on you.

Instead of perceiving his masturbation as a threat, think of it as another part of him that you can discover. The next time you wake up to a rocking bed, ask him if you can watch. Ten bucks says you'll learn to pleasure him better if you became a witness instead of a judge.

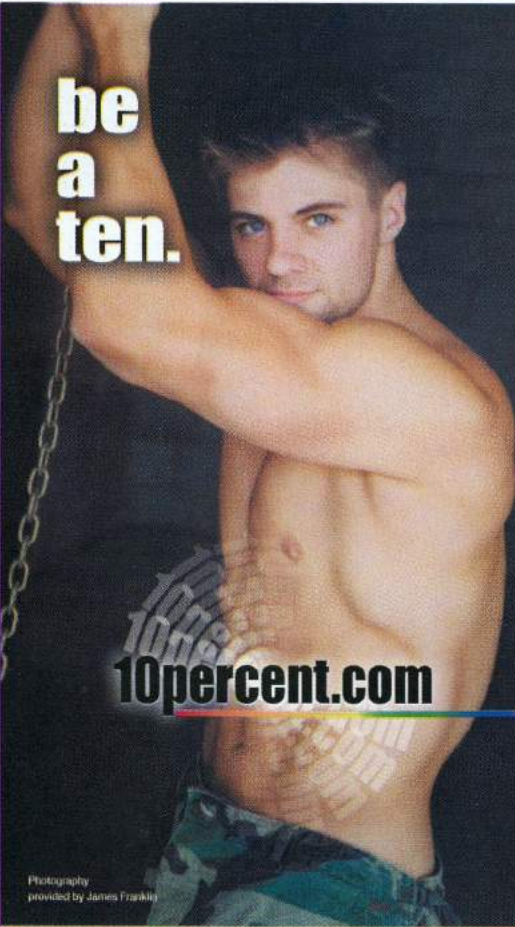
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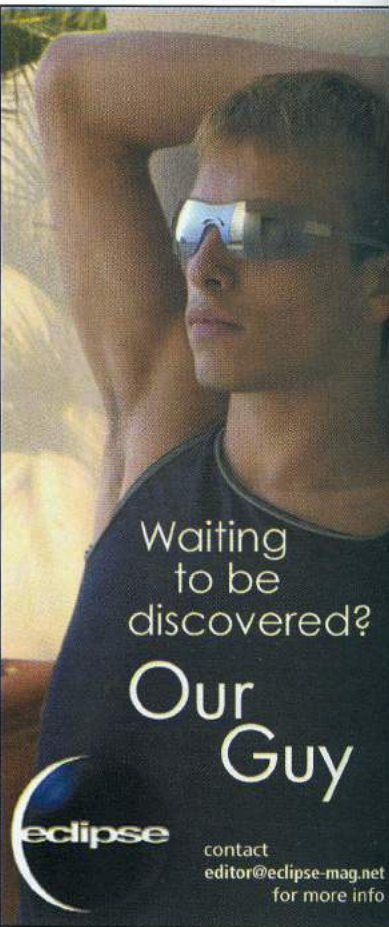
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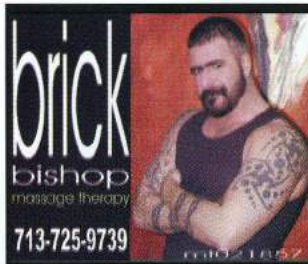
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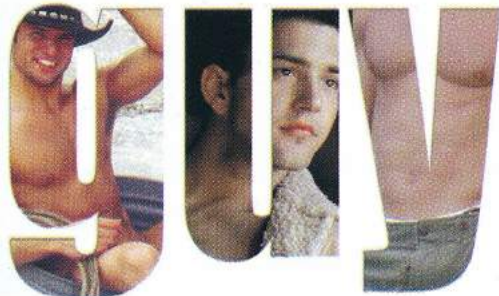
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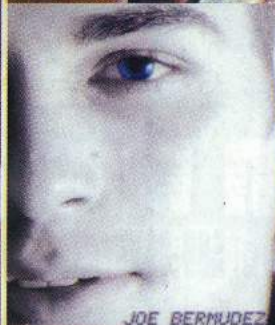
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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's been a summer of legal and cultural victories. But no matter what the political climate, we still gotta eat, right? After a night of partying off daily woes, we profile five of the best places in town to get late-night sustenance. **(Page 14)**

And renowned lesbian DJ Wendy Hunt throws in her circuit towel after more than 25 years. Her farewell performance in Houston is set for Aug. 16 at Rich's Houston. We caught up with her on the eve of the performance. **(Page 8)**

Check out the local news blips that should be on your Gaydar, including U.S. Rep. Chris Bell's support of gay immigrant partners. **(Page 6)**

As always, eclipse lets you blow off steam in Bitch Session **(Page 18)**, and Woody has irreverent advice for your sex life **(Page 24)**. And the nightlife calendar offers a day-by-day guide to the hip happenings at local bars and nightclubs. **(Page 12)**

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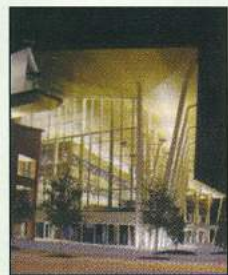


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Cool new venues help locals weather summer swelter

Houston's summer heat index is following that familiar sweltering path, but a few cool venues and day stops are available to help Houstonians beat the heat. The sleek new Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is perfection, a glittering jewel of a building, inside and out. The huge three-story, glass-



walled lobby, crowned with a painting by Sol Le Witt, is magnificent, instantly transporting visitors to the land of make-believe. Perched atop the blue and red hall is a

smattering of twinkling stars and a huge red velvet curtain that's like sitting in a scene from "Moulin Rouge." There simply is no better place to experience a splashy Broadway show than at the Hobby Center. Luckily for Houston, "The Graduate," "42nd Street" and the mega-hit "The Producers" are on their way. In addition to the Hobby, two really terrific new spots in

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Houston Congressman signs on to Partners Immigration Act

Former Houston City Council member and current gay-friendly U.S. Rep. Chris Bell (D-Houston) joined Houston Congress member

'By the time I put on my hair and my face and squeeze my body into something, I feel like a different person, too.'

Actress Delta Burke, explaining why drag queens have an affiliation with her and her "Designing Women" character Suzanne Sugarbaker ("The View," July 14)

Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Houston) and more than 100 other House members last month by signing on as a co-sponsor of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act.

The bill seeks to offer residency to immigrant same-sex partners of U.S. citizens, much as citizens of other countries who marry Americans are allowed to stay in the country. Proponents of the bill laud the bill's assertion that gay couples in committed relationships should be allowed to live together in the United States, but conservatives see the proposed law as a back-door effort to legalize gay marriage. Bell,



who faces a GOP-led redistricting push that could turn him out of office in the next election, waffled for months as to whether he would support the controversial bill. But he told reporters last month that after closely analyzing the issue, his conscience made him "do the right thing." John Nechman, a gay Houston immigration attorney who has pushed the bill with legislators, applauded Bell and said his support could convince other Congress members to sign on to the bill.

Gay community center meets success with spacious new digs

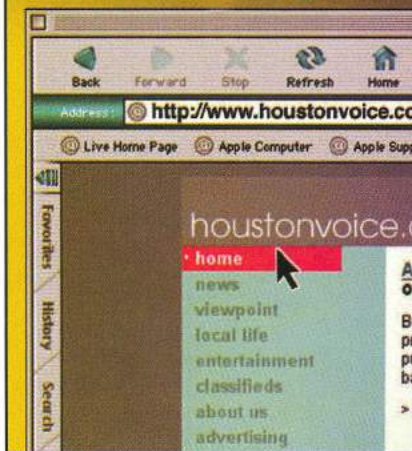
On a historic day in June, national media attention focused on Houston as the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision in the sodomy case of Lawrence v. Texas, but to talk to the attorneys, journalists from



across the nation first had to find them. Enter the revitalized Houston GLBT Community Center. As the site for the attorneys' press confer-

ence, the center found itself playing host to a historic moment. It was a fitting occasion for an agency moved in February 2003 to the second floor of 3400 Montrose Blvd. with the mission to increase its impact. "Moving to our new location was a huge milestone," says Clarence Burton Bagby, the center's board president. Now the community center has spacious, inviting quarters, with a main meeting room seating more than 100 people, and the site also includes a conference room, lounge, welcome center and offices for the center's non-profit tenants. High profile tenants include the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, the Black LGBT Coalition of Houston, the Texas Human Rights Foundation and the Houston chapter of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Many other gay groups meet there as well. Groups now offered at the center include an emerging writer series, Lesbian Cinema Arts, an alcohol and substance abuse prevention program, an AIDS bereavement program and the Center Library, Houston's largest gay lending library. There are also programs for gay youth and the largest gay voter registration program in the country. The center also maintains an online community calendar, listing a wide range of GLBT events of interest throughout the Houston area. Visit www.houstonglbtcenter.org

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Calling it quits

Longtime circuit DJ entertains
Houston for the last time

DJ Wendy Hunt doesn't beat around the bush. In a bold move, she recently announced that she is retiring from the circuit. After playing the scene for more than 25 years, she says she is tired of the drugs, greed, reckless competition and infighting in the organized party scene.

Her Aug. 16 performance at Rich's Houston for "Hot & Wild Weekend" marks her last scheduled local event as part of a farewell tour.

Hunt is known for her feel-good vibe, always pleasing the audience with music they want to hear. Her musical taste is influenced by more than 25 years in the business. She experienced funk and disco in the '70s and evolved into club music in the mid-1980s.

eclipse: How did you get your start as a DJ?

Wendy: I made my start as a DJ at Club 1270 in Boston in the early '70s. I was the first DJ for that club. I basically replaced

the jukebox. In 1978, I began spinning at Metro, which is now Avalon. This was the hottest club in Boston at that time.

by Arjan Timmermans

eclipse: How would you like to describe your style?

Wendy: A lot of people try to pigeonhole me and want to find out what type of DJ I am. A house DJ, a techno DJ or whatever DJ. I like to play all kinds of dance genres. As long as it is a happy vibe with lots of vocals, it is DJ Wendy Hunt.

eclipse: You recently announced that you will retire from the circuit. Why did you make this decision?

Wendy: Overall, I am very bothered by how circuit parties have changed. In the beginning, it was all about having fun, dancing and raising money for AIDS charities. Now, it is mostly big business with people want-



DJ Wendy Hunt

ing to make a quick buck. Also, the excessive use of drugs is very disappointing.

eclipse: How do you feel about the younger generation of circuit party DJs?

Wendy: I think many of them are very talented, but they have grown up in a different time. I believe there is a lot of peer pressure to play certain things or behave in a certain way.

I have been through a lot of shit in my life, and I have learned my lesson to appreciate where I am. I recommend all the young DJs out there to always be flexible.

eclipse: Is it hard for younger DJs to break into the circuit?

Wendy: It is not easy right now. If you read the boards and visit circuitpartyinsanity.com and sites like that, you will see that many of the featured DJs are the same.

Club owners and promoters do not take a lot of risk. They go with familiar names to make sure they pull a crowd. In the meantime, there are a lot of people that complain about the same old DJs that are recycled for the main events.

eclipse: What are some of the DJs that you like right now?

Wendy: I love Susan Morabito. She is great. She does not take shit from anybody. She does her own thing no matter what. I also like Steven Oliveri from San Diego. He is extremely talented.

eclipse: What musical style do you currently particularly like?

Wendy: Right now, I am really excited about some of the '70s that is rehashed to make it sound up-to-date again. I recently heard a new remix of one of Donna Summer's old hits. It sounds amazing. It is like she recently recorded it.

eclipse: What is in your future?

Wendy: I am planning to leave my home in Provincetown and move to Ft. Lauderdale in the fall. I will be able to hang out with Julian Marsh and Don Bishop all the time. They're good friends of mine.

eclipse: What can people expect from you at Rich's?

Wendy: A great night of dancing to whatever music the crowd wants to hear. I take requests, and I want to make the audience happy. I am there for them, so let me entertain you!



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FRIDAY, AUG 15

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

Briar Patch. Piano singalong with Warren Chase, 9:30-11:30p. 713-665-9678.

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

EJ's. Final candidates show for Space City Empire, Reign 2, benefits Camp Hope and AssistHers, 8:30p. 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. 800 Pacific Block Party at Santa Fe Bar & Patio side, 9-9:30p, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. 713-521-2519.

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

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

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

Meteor. Puretone promotion with free CD giveaways. 713-521-0123.

AIDS Foundation Houston's Camp Hope for kids affected by HIV benefits as Space City Empire presents its final candidates show on Aug. 15 at 8:30 p. at EJ's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. 800 Pacific Block Party, 9:30-10p. 713-529-7488.

Rich's. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Block Party with free cover, 10:30-11p. 713-529-SOBE.

SATURDAY, AUG 16

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

Briar Patch. Piano singalong with Derrick Silva, 9:30p-1:30a.

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 Block Party at Santa Fe Bar & Patio side, 9-9:30p, 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.

Montrose Mining Co. 800 Pacific Block Party, 9:30-10p.

O. Courtyard and upstairs bar open at

3p. 18 and up welcome with \$5 cover and ID. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold. 21 and up.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Block Party with free cover, 10:30-11p.

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

SUNDAY, AUG 17

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

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

Briar Patch. Musical Movies with Michael, 4p. Laurie Gage LIVE, 6:30p. Kim Yvette, 9:30-11:30p.

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, 2-8p. 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, AUG 18

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

Briar Patch. Free pool. Karin McFarlin LIVE.

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

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

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

Meteor. Mind Mend 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, AUG 19

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

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

Briar Patch. Foxxi Boxxi Contest, 11p, with \$25 cash prize. Kim Yvette with special guest Jerry Atwood, 9:30p.

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

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. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "Boy Meets Boy," 11p.

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.



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WEDNESDAY, AUG 20

Briar Patch. Geoffrey Cuellar, 7p. Marcy Rae, "Sweet Mama Cotton," 9:30p.

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.

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.

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

THURSDAY, AUG 21

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

Briar Patch. Free pool. Derrick Silvan and Warren Chase, 9:30p.

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

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

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. "Queer Eye" and "Boy Meets Boy," 8 p.m. Singles with Lana Blake, 9p. "Verve 2" promotion with free giveaways.

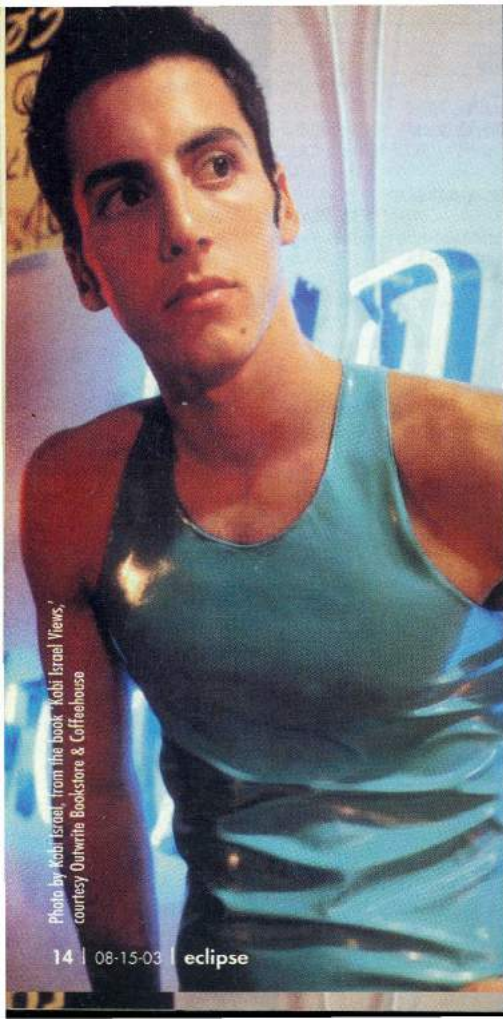
Michael's Outpost. Space City Empire's Idol Competition, 7:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

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 DJ Arnold, 9p.

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

A photograph of a young man with dark hair and a light complexion, wearing a teal tank top. He is looking off to the side with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a bar or club setting with blue and white lights.

Late Night Eats

Five picks on where to go when the appetite lingers well after the music stops

By J.A. Chapman

Where can partiers go when they're ready to leave the clubs, but not quite ready to head home? To one of Houston's late night dining spots, of course. In a city this large, there's something for everyone. Here are a few gay favorites.

Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant

813 Richmond Ave.
713- 522-2365

This 24-hour Montrose institution has been serving up quality Tex-Mex for over 25 years at the same location. Photos of past customers line the walls and ceiling of the indoor dining room, and a rustic patio provides plenty ambience. Pick a few tunes

from the eclectic jukebox, and dig into that basket of chips with tasty homemade salsa.

The food is good, made with fresh ingredients and without lard. But it's the top-notch margaritas that bring the customers back. The crowd ranges from college students to Montrose regulars. Need to nurse that hang-over? Stop in for a plate of migas beginning at 4 a.m. and all will be right with the world.

Mai's Restaurant

3403 Milam St.
713-520-7684

When you're craving spring rolls with peanut sauce, head for this popular Vietnamese restaurant on the edge of downtown. If the neon

lights, mirrored walls and televisions don't wake you up, then be sure to try the Vietnamese iced coffee with sweetened condensed milk for a real caffeine jolt.



All the usual Vietnamese dishes are available at prices that don't break the bank. Service can be variable, but it's usually efficient. The vermicelli dishes are a good bet, as is the pho (Vietnamese soup). Popular with everyone from families to students to friends out on the town, this place is frequently packed late at night.

Katz's Deli & Bar

616 Westheimer Road
713-521-3838

This New York style deli serves up hearty portions 24 hours a day and is just a hop-skip-and-jump from the Pacific Street bars. A large bar area and seating on two floors means plenty of room for post-dubbers to enjoy a late night meal. The loud and boisterous crowd is there to have a good time, and the

efficient servers help bring it to them. Massive portions of deli food from matzo ball soup to classic sandwiches can really fill you up.

Breakfast is always available, or try one of their sinful desserts for a real indulgence. There's usually a short wait for a table, but an instant photo booth is available to keep diners occupied. Or go ahead and peruse the souvenirs for sale. Offering a dose of New York attitude along with the food, as the slogan for the place reminds you, Katz's Never Closes.

House of Pies

3112 Kirby Drive
713-528-3816

This classic 24-hour diner situated between the River Oaks area



and West University has a charm all its own. And with a large gay clientele for many years, there's a reason it's long been known as "House of Guys."

With vinyl and Formica décor and a menu of classic diner items virtually unchanged since the 1970s, the place seems almost stuck in a time warp. The greasy spoon fare is just the thing after a night out and comes with generous portions.

The pies are excellent, and the wide variety — ranging from classic fruit favorites to meringue-topped wonders — means there's something for everyone. It's packed late at night with a diverse clientele ranging from high school kids to adults leaving the clubs.

Baba Yega

2607 Grant St.
713-522-0042

The Grand Dame of Montrose eateries doesn't stay open as late

as she used to, but still offers the same great food and ambience that's made her popular with gays since 1974. The place is now only open until 11 p.m., so make sure to stop there on nights when you quit bar-hopping early, or for dinner before you head out for serious partying.



The menu leans toward healthy, with an extensive vegetarian section and a wide variety of

American favorites. Daily specials are a good bet, as are the vegetarian sandwiches and the superb dill potato salad.

The interior of this transformed bungalow may be a bit dark, but outdoor seating offers plenty of options. With abundant potted plants and the occasional parrot, the covered back patio, porch by the garden and front patio under the trees provide lush, tropical atmospheres.

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To the guy who says smoking stains your teeth and stinks up your breath: How was that bump you did in the stall last night? Worry about your own vices and bad habits.

To the ignorant fag who assumed gay men who like antiques, enjoy wine tasting and fine food are hiding their ugliness behind an epicurean taste: Darling, a refined taste does not determine whether you are cute. Gay life has more "fabulous" things to offer than a Saturday night of uncontrolled dancing to a constant boom-boom-boom under the influence of some drug with a girl's name.

There is no doubt that most of those bitches about those of us not being monogamous are from guys who are single and desperately looking for a boyfriend.

I don't care if you can speak French, Vietnamese and English. Darling, you're still a crackpot with a mother complex.

Truth in advertising: Effeminate queens are the best tops because

Have you ever seen someone try so hard to prove he's heterosexual as Ben Affleck is now? And yet he still hasn't set a wedding date. Things that make you go 'Hmm.'

they have to work harder. Butch bottoms are the best because they have something to prove as well. Quit falling into heterosexual stereotypes.

To the little girl who thought she knew more about my life than I did: Drama should be on TV; pity about your face, though.

To the "generous guy" who is advertising for a housekeeper: Since you aren't looking for a "lover," why is it important that applicants be 25- to 35-years-old and white? Are you racist, ageist, or just a liar?

To the person who suggested using this publication to prevent a

son or daughter from becoming gay: We got the point the first 9,000 times someone said it. Try being just backward and bigoted instead of backward, bigoted, and unoriginal.

Can't these dykes wear a nice floral dress for once? Honey that vest, white shirt and blue jeans went out of style once the Brat Pack stopped making movies.

To the older gentlemen who wants to know where to meet younger guys: That's an easy one. You just have to go up and talk to them, rather than just assuming they're not interested.

I'm so tired of obviously much

older guys who hit on me and then get bent out of shape when I ask them their age. My desire to date within my age group isn't weird or mean-spirited. It's just practical and more likely to work out.

Some readers seem to be convinced that every bitch in "Bitch Session" is about them. If you really think that, then you're admitting something about yourself.

I hope the manager of my favorite bar isn't the one who wants to ban people over 40. They wouldn't have anymore paying customers.

To the loser who wears a baseball cap, high heels and a fake Burberry scarf around her waist: If you're gonna call me names, you better check yourself in the mirror before you come out.

Would it be discriminatory to have a Gay White Pride Day?

Skinny white guys whining about double standards: Tell it to the Klan, or should I say the gay white male community.

To people with money to invest: We need a new bar, something totally new, a colorful and well lit place, a lounge where people can go to have a drink with friends, chat without screaming to be heard and where the music is soft and the atmosphere is not pretentious.

If you get your sex online, did you enjoy last weekend spending countless hours in front of the computer, chatting people up only to dump them if someone .001 percent hotter came on line? Did you promise to hook up with someone and not show? Did you get invited to a party to be a top and then show up with tina dick? Did you count on whoever you hooked up to supply you with party favors? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," you're an asshole. Worse yet, you're typical.

I'm just wondering why it is that all these queens are bitching about what's going on in the gay bars and restaurants when there's so much going on around the world. Bush is waging war all over the place. Is that subject too deep for all you shallow people?

To the guy who's all bitter that someone who's HIV positive didn't divulge that to him: Sounds like to me he just sat down on it without a condom. Stupid.

To the "dom femme" calling all androgynous dykes "snobs with low self esteem" who are "jealous" of you and yours: Are you so caught up in your labels that you must dis an entire segment of your own community? Or don't we get enough of this divisive B.S. from the straight world?

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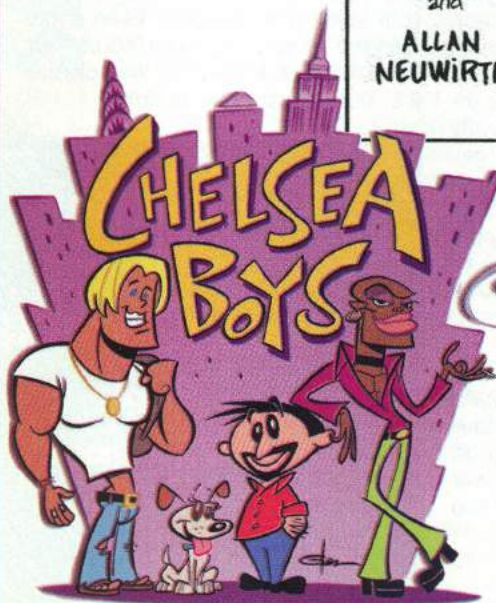
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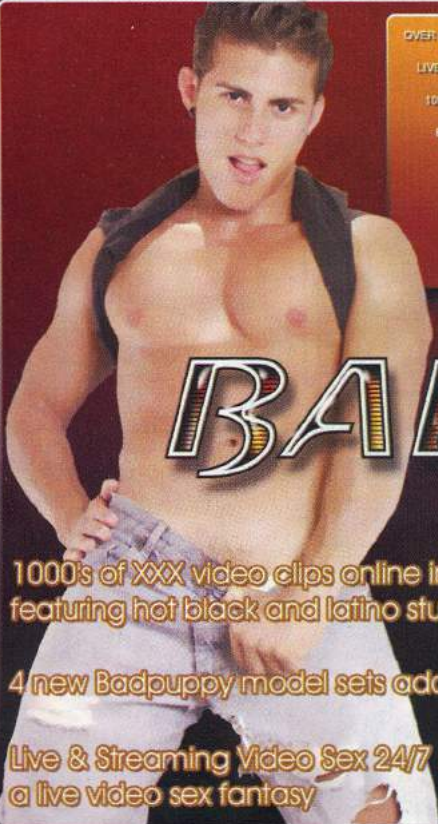
HUH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

WELL, AH STILL SAY THIS WOULD'NA HAPPENED IF THEY'D HAD A BACK ROOM...

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In love with my best friend

Throw hints, but don't drop bombs to preserve most valued friendship

Hey Woody!

I've been best friends with this guy for several years. I've always thought he was a great guy and loved him a lot, but recently I've had to admit to myself that I have fallen in love with him.

We have a great relationship, and we're very affectionate — we hug, we kiss, tell each other how much we mean to each other. His boyfriend is a total loser. He tried to seduce me when my best friend was out of town.

Woody, I don't know what to do. I'm becoming more and more unhappy. Do I tell my best friend in the world how I feel about him, or do I live in silence, forever wondering if maybe he doesn't feel the same way?

—Unhappy in love

Dear Unhappy:

Telling him would be, as funeral directors say when they mess up, a grave mistake.

by Woody Miller

First, to get what you want you have to break up him and his boyfriend. We're fighting for gay marriage in part because we want people to respect our relationships. If we don't respect our relationships, how can we expect others to do it?

Second, you might end up ruining a great friendship. Consider the possibility that you're misinterpreting his affection for you.

It's happened to me. When my friend



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"declared" his love, like you want to do, I was like, "whoa, dude. I love you like a brother, not a sistah."

From then on, I reined in my affection, started putting boundaries around the friendship and things were never quite the same.

You're in a damned-if-you-do-damned-if-you-don't situation. It puts my two life philosophies in con-

flict: Don't Die Wondering and Don't Kill Relationships.

Perhaps there's a way for you to navigate the two. Here's how: Don't tell him directly. Throw hints, not bricks. Next time you're shopping say something like, "You know, if you were my boyfriend, I'd buy you this ring."

See how he reacts to your innuendo. If he says something like, "That's sweet, but I already have a boyfriend," then you'll know you shouldn't bring it up anymore. But if he says something like, "If you were my boyfriend, I'd wear the ring proudly," then it's probably time for a more direct conversation.

By being indirect, you get your answer while preserving your friendship. I predict you'll get a very quick read from him.

Chances are, he already knows you're in love with him. Men are pigs but they ain't stupid.

Hey, Woody!

You've said several times that the average erect dick size is 5.1 inches. But a recent study by Lifestyles Condoms shows that the average length is 5.8 inches. I don't know about you, but I'll take the extra half-inch. And your apology.

— Every inch helps

Dear Every:

An apology from me? You've got as

much chance as a fly in a frog farm.

Yes, it's true Lifestyles did one of the largest penis size studies about nine months ago. And it's true that the average size in their study was 5.8 inches, not 5.1.

But it's also true that they conducted the study in Cancun, Mexico during spring break. Not exactly what I think of as a random sample. They were hoping for 1,000 volunteers; they got 300 drunken college kids.

The methodology was rock-hard — there was a doctor supervising the research and two lovely nurses doing the measuring. But the study hardly rises to the level of scientific acceptance because it was not a good cross-section of the population.

So I stand, kneel or sit on 5.1 inches, which is the result of a peer-reviewed study that appeared in Contemporary Urology.

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



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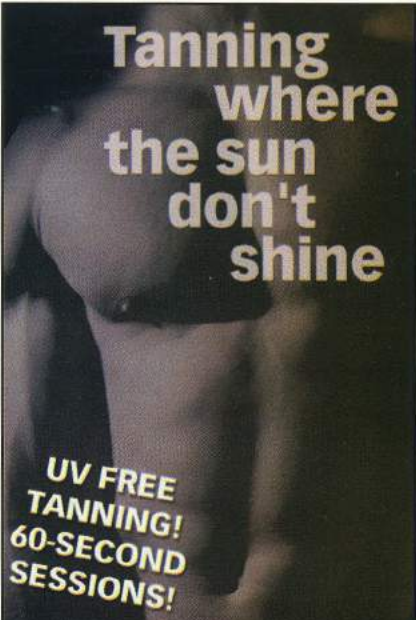


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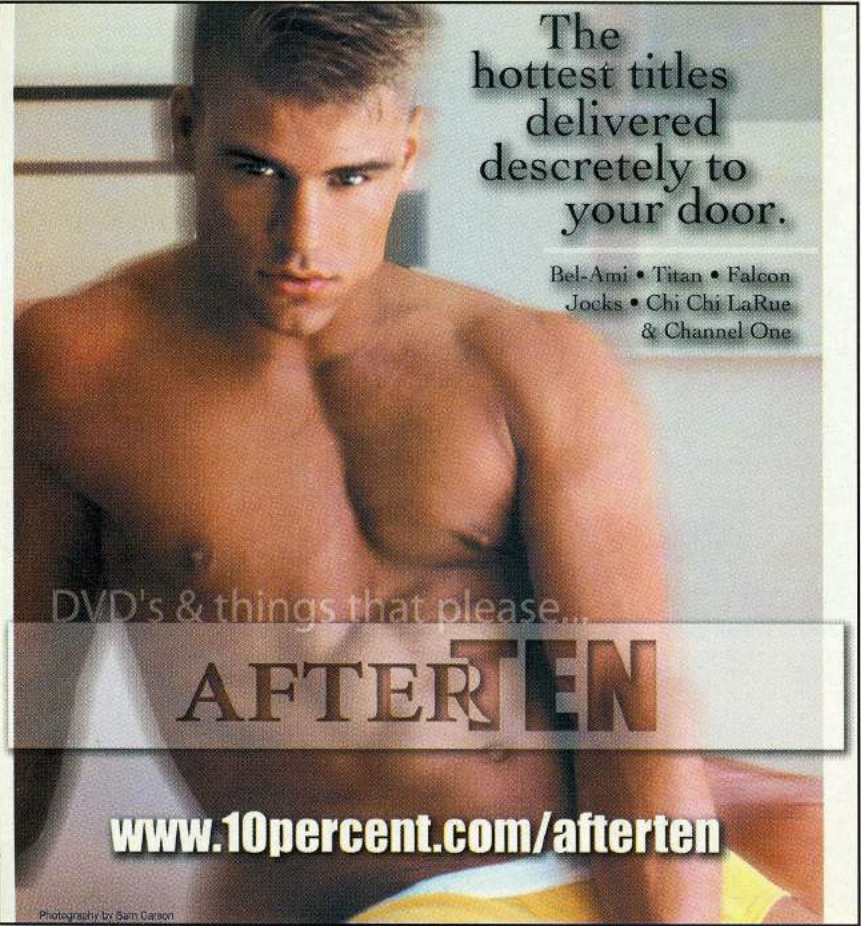
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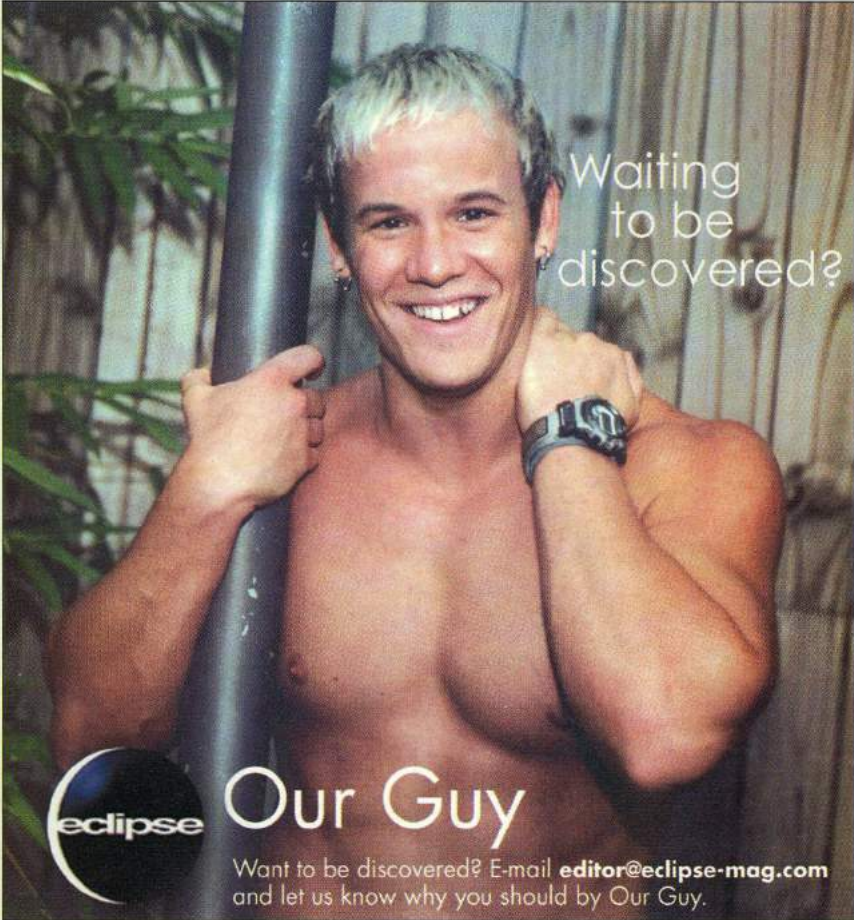
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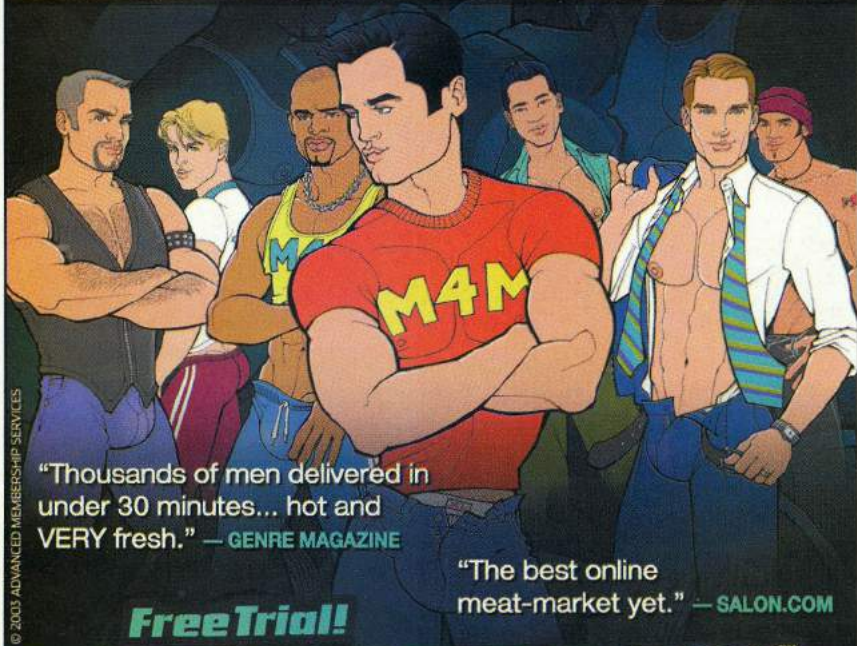


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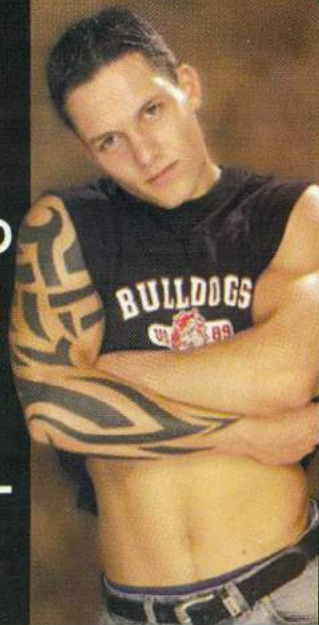
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