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EDITOR'S NOTE

Despite some political wrangling from a conservative pastor in New Orleans, armed with alleged videos from Southern Decadence last year, the New Orleans City Council gave its official approval to the event, which unfolds over Labor Day Weekend.

Risqué, outrageous attire and piles of guys on the streets are a sure bet, but police in recent years have cracked down on public sex and anything they decide is lude behavior. But we're betting there's still plenty of fun to be had and decadent memories to be made. We preview what's in store for party-goers this year. **(Page 14)** Check back next week for a day-by-day schedule.

And in news blips that should be on your gaydar this week, two crimes that resulted in the deaths of Houston trans people have Montrose residents talking. Meanwhile, the gay softball league just wrapped up its season with their annual awards banquet. **(Page 6)**

Woody extols his intimate knowledge of the male anatomy **(Page 24)**, Our Guy Damien opens up **(Page 8)** and the nightlife calendar breaks it down for a full week of local bar hopping. **(Page 12)**

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Man arrested in Houston silicone injection death

A man accused of injecting liquid silicone into the body of at least one transgendered woman was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with aggravated assault and serious bodily injury in her death. Guadalupe Camarena, 32, convinced Delfino Gonzales, 22, that the silicone injections would replicate breasts and widen her hips without the time and expense of encased breast implants or other medically accepted procedures, according to police. Injecting silicone is not new in transgendered circles, and the dangers are still largely unknown, police said. The silicone injected into Gonzales traveled to the heart and lungs, causing acute respiratory distress syndrome. Police said that a second victim, San Chiem, 35, died July 22, probably as a result of injections given by Camarena, but he was not charged with that death at press time. Vanessa Edwards Foster, chair of the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition, agreed with police that injecting silicone "boils down to economics" for transgendered individuals. "It's hard to convince these individuals that [silicone injection] is more risky than the daily risks they take. Without options, they take these steps," Foster said.



'Because I became friends with many [gay men]... it wasn't long before I learned firsthand of the devastating impact of AIDS. I have lost many dear friends from it... both gay and heterosexual.

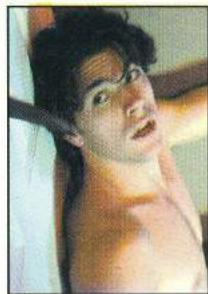
That's when I really began to understand and get involved in the fight.'

Country singer Dolly Parton, on her involvement with HIV/AIDS-related causes (Art & Understanding, July issue)

Gay men lose their heads in first gay slasher movie

The gay dating world can be a nightmare, but taking a trick home and having both your heads cut off by a serial killer? That's the scenario in the newest movie from horror film guru Joe Wolf, who created "Halloween" and "Nightmare on Elm Street." It's a gay horror movie with a gay serial killer who pursues gay men. It's unfortunate that the victims in the movie are attractive, buff gay men — and that the killer is shirtless, smooth and chiseled despite a really creepy devil's mask. The biggest problem is that the movie has no

title. "We couldn't come up with anything really exciting," says Jim Dobson, who works at Indie PR, the agency charged



Dylan Fergus

with finding a name for the film. So Dobson and Wolf are leaving the name up to us. Log onto www.untitled-thriller.com to enter a contest to pick a name for this unnamed thriller.

The movie, which is currently being edited, is scheduled to hit theatres in spring of 2004.

Montrose shooting victim may have known her killer

Houston Police Department officials released a surveillance photograph Aug. 7 of what they said is the encounter between transgendered prostitute Kendrick 'Cinnamon' Perry and her killer. Perry was gunned down July 20 from a car that pulled up as she walked eastbound along the 1200 block of Lovett Boulevard. The photo shows Perry speaking to a driver through the window of what appears to be a late-1990s model Buick. The license plate and driver are unidentifiable in the photo. After studying the surveillance photos, Detective C.P. Abbondandolo said that he suspects Perry had "past dealings" with her killer. A second surveillance photo snapped three seconds later reveals a wounded Perry on the ground and no car in sight. Perry suffered a single gunshot wound to the torso and was pronounced dead about five hours later at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Police also released a photo of a champagne-colored 1990s Buick Le Sabre that they said resembles

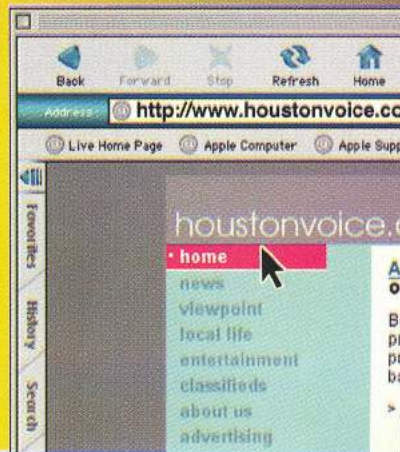


the car driven by Perry's shooter. Police have no suspects in the killing and are asking anyone who knew "Cinnamon" to call the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600, or Crimestoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

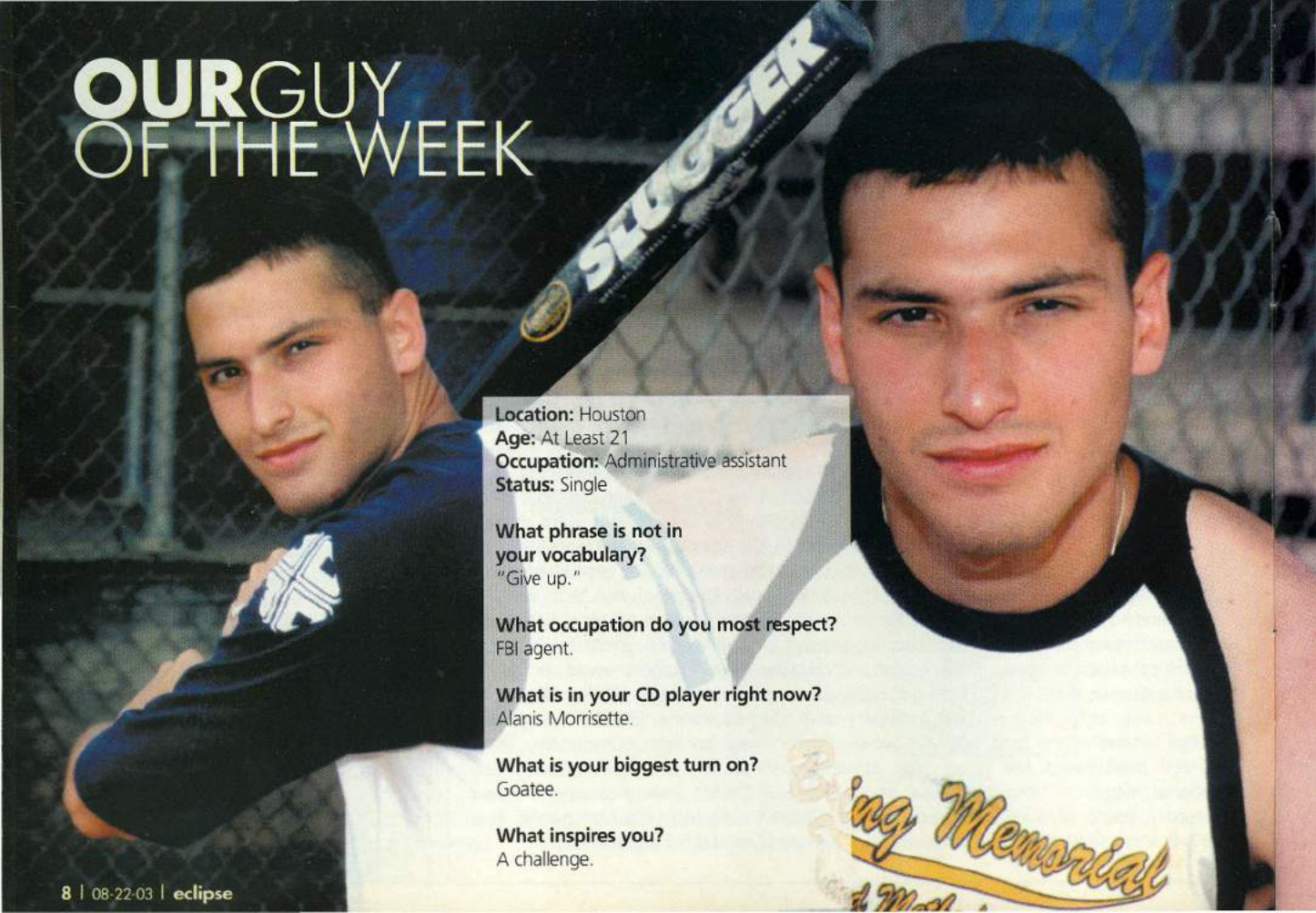
Local gay softball team presents awards

The Montrose Softball League held its annual awards banquet at the Warwick Hotel recently. Congratulations to the 611 Force for winning Division A, Rich's Hellcats in Division B, Houston Meteors for conquering the C Division and to the Trojans in the D Division. Playoff Champions were the Texas Drillers in the C Division and the Toros in the D Division. The Jerry Award went to Sam Willson, the Spirit Award to Mary's Naturally, and Coach of the Year to Leah Muhlenberg (The Wave). Rookie of the Year went to James Flowers (A), Ram Rangle (B), Matthew Douglas (C) and Kristi VanAken (D). Most Valuable Player honors went to Russel Garrison (A), Ken Estrella (B), Ray Olachia (C) and Mitchell Katine (D). Most Improved Players were Johnny Johnson (A), Steve Stepanski (B), Hector Moreno (C) and Ceci Rosendez (D). Mr. & Mrs. Hustle honors went to Mike Crowe (A), Sean Matczak (B), Tina Burgos (C) and Kristi VanAken (D).

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OUR GUY OF THE WEEK

The background of the page features two images of a man. On the left, he is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark blue baseball jersey with a white cross-like logo on the sleeve, and holding a black baseball bat with 'SLUGGER' written on it. On the right, there is a close-up portrait of the same man, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a white tank top with black trim and a graphic that says 'King Memorial'.

Location: Houston

Age: At Least 21

Occupation: Administrative assistant

Status: Single

**What phrase is not in
your vocabulary?**

"Give up."

What occupation do you most respect?

FBI agent.

What is in your CD player right now?

Alanis Morissette.

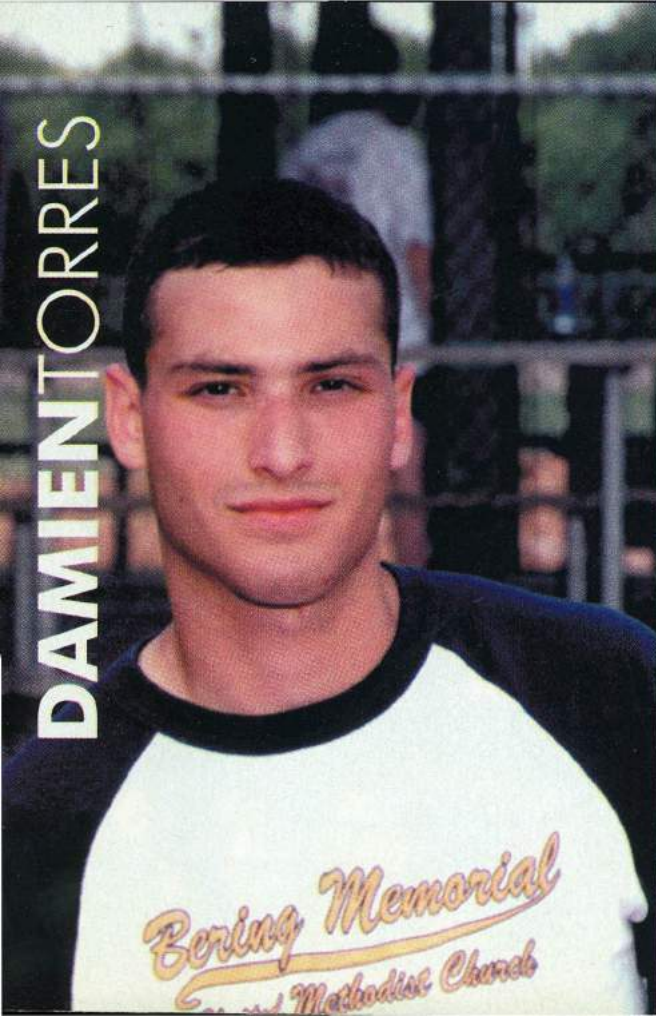
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FRIDAY, AUG. 22

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. 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.

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

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

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.

With two amateur strip nights each week, EJ's is the place to be for cuties. 713-527-9071.

Rich's. 713-759-9606.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

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.



Meteor. Open at 6p.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

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

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. 24

1415 Bar & Grille. Brunch, 11a-3p. T-Dance with DJ Tucker Dawson, 2p. 52 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. 25

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

Briar Patch. Free pool.

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. 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. 26

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.

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. "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.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

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



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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, AUG. 28

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.

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. "Queer Eye" and "Boy Meets Boy," 8 p.m. Singles with Lana Blake, 9p.

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.

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.

Getting DECADENT in the Big Easy

Southern Decadence arrives in New Orleans
for a four-day Labor Day Weekend party

by Jim Farmer

Combine the casual, free-for-all that is New Orleans with the environment of a four-day circuit party and you have the annual Southern Decadence event, which has unofficially become Gay Mardi Gras.

The event started in 1972, with a small group of friends marking the end of summer and the halfway mark until another Mardi Gras. Over the last 30 years, though, Southern Decadence has become one of the country's premiere

gay events, bringing in thousands of revelers each year and tremendously boosting the city's economy over Labor Day weekend. Events are scattered across the city, with bars hosting various events every night.

Jonathan Bray, general manager of Bourbon Pub, New Orleans' biggest gay nightclub, has been associated with Southern Decadence events since 1989. "It used to be a street party and now it's just exploded," he said. "People arrive the middle of the week and don't leave until Tuesday the following week."

Photos by R.O. Youngblood



Although there was a bit of controversy in the Big Easy last year when a preacher came to Southern Decadence and "tried to film sex in the street," according to Bray, he expects the event will carry on its sordid tradition. "It will still be a risqué environment," he said.

Bourbon Pub/Parade hosts many of the key events of the weekend. Porn director Chi Chi LaRue will be at the nightclub for much of Southern Decadence. "I host the annual Big Dick contest, but this year it's called the Battle of the Bulge," LaRue said. She will be joined by adult film star Logan Reed for the Aug. 28 contest. The next night LaRue, along with representatives from Falcon

Studios and adult performers Josh Weston and Brad Patton, will be scouring the place for talent. "As always, I will be looking for new faces for my Rascal Video label," she said.

It's rather ironic, since LaRue spent much of 2002 in New Orleans directing Falcon's "Deep South – The Big and The Easy," which premiered at the Bourbon Pub/Parade during Southern Decadence last year.

A perennial Southern Decadence participant, LaRue claims the end of summer festival has its own distinct charms. "Southern Decadence has always been such a decadent, dirty gathering, with men from all over the U.S. Mardi

Gras so gotten so straight, that this is so much more opportunistic," said LaRue. Bray agrees with that assessment. "Many gay people come here these days rather than Mardi Gras," he said. He adds that another of the attractions of Southern Decadence is that visitors can literally party around the clock.

The big event of the weekend is the parade on Aug. 31. This year, Rusty LaRoux is the parade's grand marshal. LaRoux was chosen at the July Southern Decadence coronation, and it's estimated thousands of people will watch as she leads the free-wheeling parade.

LaRue can remember a time

when Southern Decadence was far from a mainstream stop for gay men. "Six years ago I was able to pull up in a limo and park right by a bar. Now you can't even drive down streets. It's really gotten huge, huge, huge," LaRue said. "It's also not as circuitry as other circuit parties. It seems more regular. It's really hard to dress to impress in New Orleans, especially for a drag queen."

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Just being gay should have taught us by now, but there's nothing we can do, say or wear that won't bother somebody. So we might as well not worry about what other people think.

Some guys really don't care about how you think they look. Is that your real bitch?

I won't carry this publication into my office, even though I am out. I can't stand the overly nude, sexual nature of the ads. I am more than my dick.

Ever wondered the secret for being lucky with men? Easier said than done, but pay attention to those guys who pay attention to you, and forget about muscles, pretty faces, ethnic issues and old baggage.

If it's so important to you to date down, then date down. Don't chase after men with more money or more degrees and then whine because they're exactly that.

As a gay guy's intelligence decreases, his obsession with Abercrombie & Fitch increases.

To the guy who's 50 and looking for good-looking men who are 40-plus: They're mostly dead from AIDS. I'm 50 also and have lived all over the country. They're dead.

Why do individuals with HIV/AIDS like to distance themselves from other disabled people by calling themselves "PWA" ("Person With AIDS") instead of a person with a disability? I don't regard myself as a "PWMD" ("Person With Muscular Dystrophy"). Though you may not identify as disabled, you're quick to hide behind the Americans with Disabilities Act when you experience prejudice.

To the guy complaining about no black guys holding hands in public: As a black gay man, I've always been perplexed about this. I see them do it, but only momentarily.

Great question; I'm looking forward to the responses.

Every time I read "Bitch Session," I understand the saying that children should be seen and not heard.

To the doubters, yes we have been sexually exclusive since 1973; we're 58 now. Rather than dis us, try to learn something so you can avoid ending up lonely, alcoholic, bitter and having to pay for sex when you get old.

To the reader who has been in a monogamous relationship for 30 years: You have done something with your life that has obviously upset a queen or two. Clearly you have chosen a lifestyle that works for you and meets your emotional and physical needs. Why else

would you stick it out 30 years?

To all of those sluts who say that monogamy in a gay relationship doesn't exist: Just remember the next time a straight person accuses us of only wanting sex and perversion; if the shoe fits, wear it.

To the guy from a small town in northern Montana who called "Bitch Session": So am I. I'd love to get together and chat.

The next time you bring your straight, married ass into my store and wave your dick at me, I'll be sure to show up at your job and return the favor. I promise it will be more embarrassing to you than it will be for me.

You bitch about which guys are allowed to wear baseball caps, but what is the "Logan's Run" age for men to wear slouchy, low-waist pants instead of Eddie Bauer khakis?

When are you going to start bitching about equal rights? Being able to be in the military? Having

people in Congress who call each other "fruitcakes"? Not being able to marry?

To the idiot in the grocery store line: It's not my responsibility as the person in front of you to put down the separator. The same way as if we were in bed: it's your responsibility, as the person behind me, to put on the condom.

To the guy who said that "many African Americans do not recognize Gay Pride. It's a white man's thang": It is obvious that you may not, but don't speak for other African Americans. This year's Pride was more diverse than ever. You need to get out more, honey!

Regarding "no pic, no profile, no chat": I find it bizarre and kind of creepy if some guy wants to chat with me for no other reason than he likes my pic or my profile and yet he doesn't have one. I have no interest in someone who is that closeted.

To the selfish loser with the lame rationale that if he plays safe,

he doesn't have to tell people he's positive: Who gave you the right to make that decision for other people? In many states, it's a crime punishable by imprisonment not to tell your sex partner your HIV status. I wonder if Bruno, your cellmate, will mind that you're poz?

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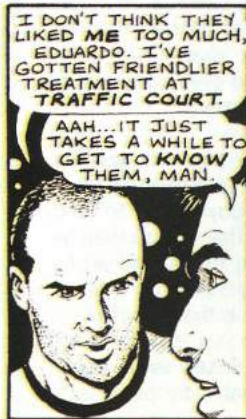
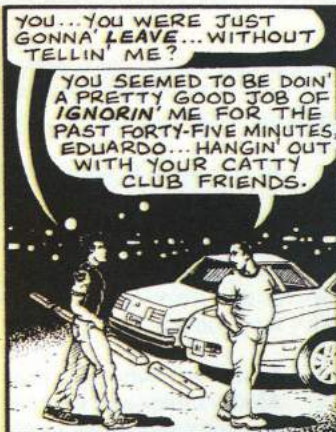
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By GREG FOX



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Hey Woody!

I know this may sound weird, but I'm a straight woman who loves reading your column. You should see the faces of people at the bookstore as I paw through the magazine to get to it.

I was talking with a girlfriend who's pretty ignorant about the male anatomy. For example, she said she loved "circumvented" men, and that she always gave in when they complained about being blackballed.

Each time she pulls one of these, I just hang my head in shame. So will you print a sort of "lesson of male anatomy" for ignorant chicks who think they know it all? I'd love to

rip it out of the paper and stick it on her refrigerator.

— **A real queen**

by Woody Miller

Dear Queen:

I don't think it's weird that straight women read this column. What's really weird is that gay men read it. They've done everyone, so they think they know everything.

At any rate, I think women like getting sex advice from gay men for the same reason they like getting fashion advice from us: They want to put something on that looks good and feels right.

That's why women.com (the saucy



portion of ivillage.com, the largest women's Web site) adapted a "penis quiz" from my book. It was developed for you poor unfortunates who don't have as much experience with certain parts of the male anatomy as gay men do.

Women.com also has a "Fact Sheet" they ended up calling "Things You Should Know About the Male Anatomy." Here's an excerpt:

Only six percent of the male population needs extra-large condoms, according to condom manufacturers. In other words, 94 percent of men lie.

The study most trusted by urologists shows that the average erect penis size is 5.1 inches long and 4.8 inches in girth. Unless you're in a chat room. Then double it.

About 80 percent of American men are circumcised, even though the American Academy of Pediatrics says it's not medically necessary. No word on why Americans insist on cutting something men are always exaggerating about.

Men really do get "blue-balls." Technically called "Prostatic Congestion," the ache in his testicles is caused by "trapped" blood.



You know that crap he lays on you about orgasms being the only way to relieve it? He's right.

Penises are generally darker in color than the bodies they hang from. It's part of the sexual maturation process, but it's also because during puberty,

nature introduces men to a special friend — their right hand.

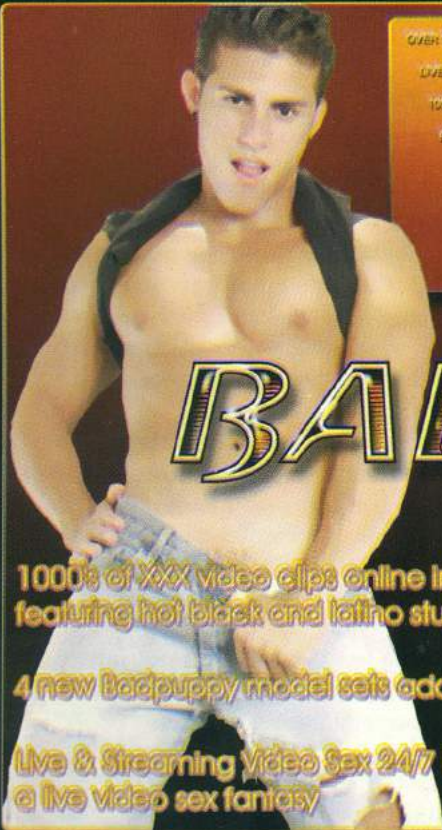
As Mr. Nice To Meet You, Too, You Can Let Go Now will tell anybody who'll listen, your skin would darken too if you were manhandled that often.

There is no correlation between penis size and shoe size, hand size or nose size. And the bad news is even worse for gold-diggers: There's no correlation between penis size and wallet size.

Masturbation, or "punching the monkey," is healthy. "Use it or lose it" isn't just an excuse for a guy's hands to migrate south. It's the official tested and studied conclusion of sex experts.

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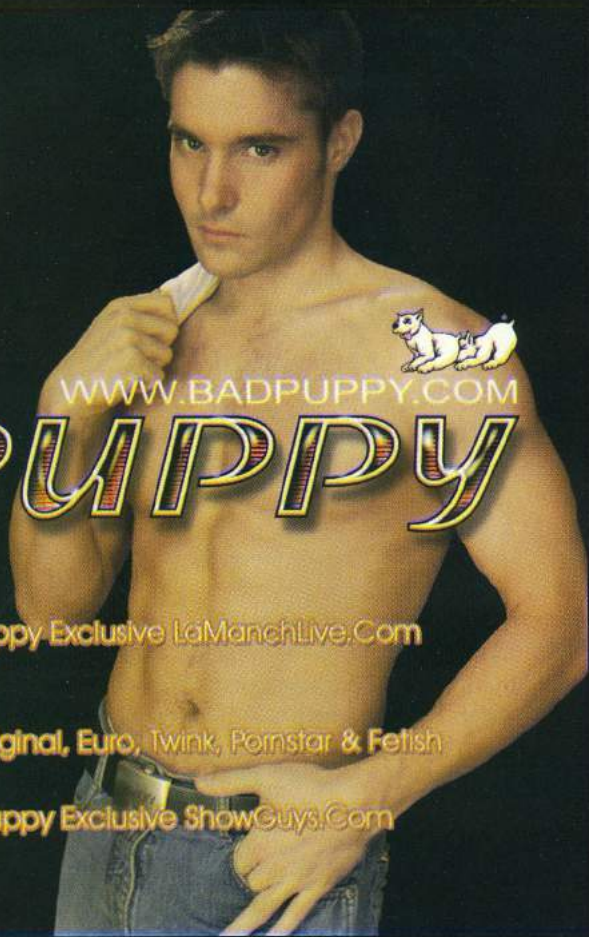
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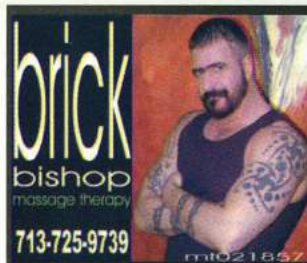
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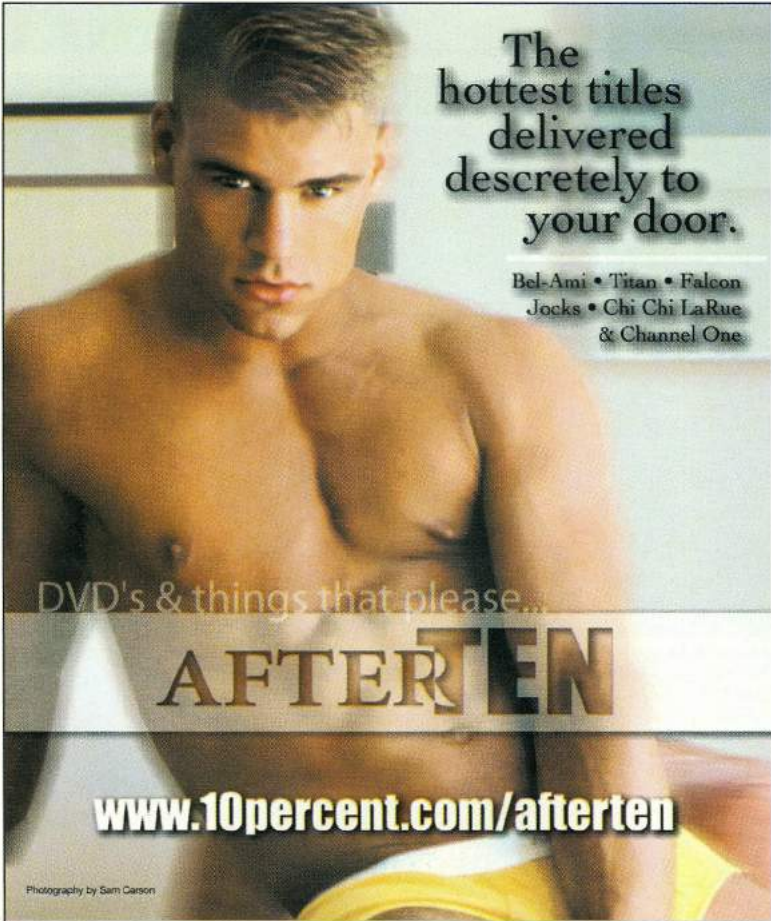
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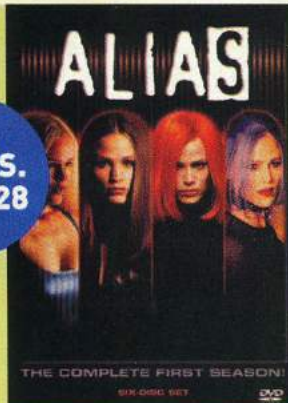
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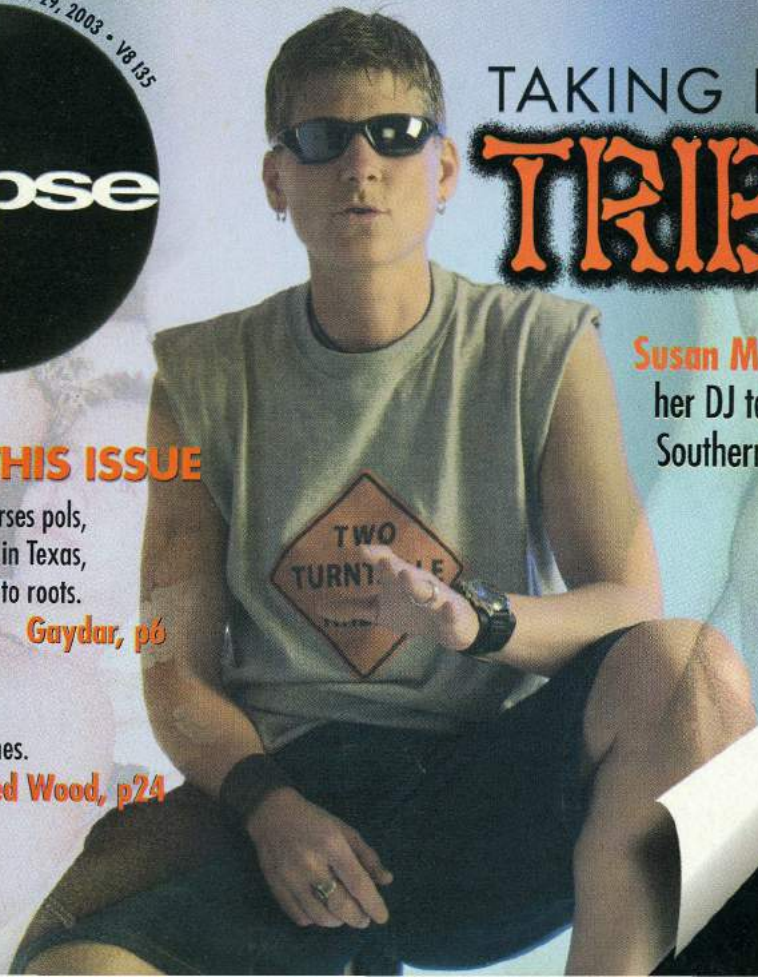
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Labor Day couldn't be any gayier. Pride typically takes the label of Gay Christmas, but this weekend has got to be high up on the Gay Boy Party List.

Tens of thousands of gay men head to New Orleans for the risqué Southern Decadence. It's a four-day circuit party unofficially dubbed Gay Mardi Gras. Started in 1972 to mark the end of summer and the halfway point until Fat Tuesday, the event now brings with it quite a boost to the local economy. **(Page 8)**

Joining the festivities in the Big Easy is DJ Susan Morabito and her underground tribal house music. She's not afraid to drop progressive dance grooves into her pumping baselines. The Ohio native keeps partygoers dancing for hours on end. **(Page 10)**

But if you're remaining in Houston this weekend, there's still plenty to do. Check our nightlife calendar for the latest happenings. **(Page 14)** See if you spot your friends in our nightlife photos. **(Page 12)** And the comic "Troy" makes a return this week after a long absence. You asked, and we delivered. **(Page 22)**

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Texas bishops oppose election of gay Episcopalian

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'The truth is, no matter how you feel about "Boy Meets Boy," you will not be able to watch the show without divining which team each guy is on. If you're straight, that is. If you're gay, you do this sort of shit all the time, and you'll mostly just be checking out Dan's abs.'

Television critic Heather Havrilesky on the Bravo Show 'Boy Meets Boy' (Salon.com)

John Waters returns to roots for filming of sex-filled romp

John Waters, the "Pope of Trash," hasn't had a movie in theaters since 2000, with the mediocre film "Cecil B. Demented." He took time off to lecture around the country and help make the Broadway version of his movie "Hairspray" into a Tony-winning success. Now Waters is back on track and making plans to start filming a new movie titled "A Dirty Shame," Zap2it.com reports. The premise is a female convenience store worker gets a concussion and turns into a nymphomaniac. Shooting is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2004 in Baltimore, Waters hometown and the setting for



John Waters

all his movies. Extras hopefuls have to wait for casting to begin, but "Jackass" hottie Johnny Knoxville, "Cruel Intentions" hottie Selma Blair and Paul Giamatti, who is getting raves for his role in the new "American Splendor," are already signed. The starring role of the movie is not yet cast. "It has to be somebody real, who looks like they could belong in a convenience store, and in Hollywood these days, women in their 40s who look real are hard to find," Waters says. The Broadway version of Waters' film "Cry-Baby" is in the planning stages, Variety reports.

White, Parker top caucus endorsements

The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee announced its endorsements this month for the November elections. Endorsements included former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Bill White for mayor and City Council member Annise Parker, a lesbian, for city controller. "Our screening committees visited with and evaluated people so that in races where voters have no idea, they can look at our endorsement card," said Kenneth Jones, president of the HGLPC board. The Nov. 4 elections are important because gay rights may likely be on the city council agenda immediately following the election, Jones said. As a former Clinton aide, White got the nod from HGLPC-PAC members after "probably the most heated discussion of the evening," Jones said. Sylvester Turner, his opponent who rode in the annual Gay Pride parade in June, had supporters during the debate. Parker is an accountant who was first elected to the council in 1998 with support from gay voters and pushed the city's 2001 non-discrimination ordinance. There are enough gays in Houston to swing any vote, he



Annise Parker

said. "Our city is too closely divided on too many issues to not exercise your right to vote and make a difference."

Navy expels sailor after Bravo spot

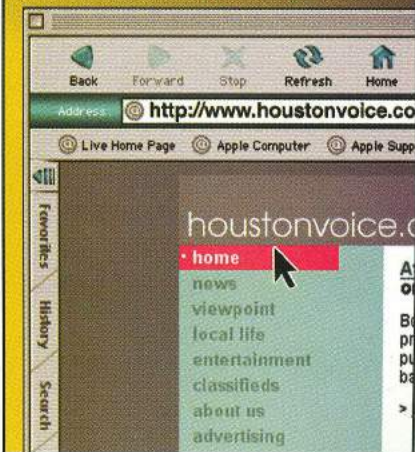
The gay dating game "Boy Meets Boy" may have had a dramatic conclusion in the final episode, but one of its most intriguing developments took place off-camera. One contestant, a gay combat systems instructor for the Navy, was discharged from the military for violating the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. "I was fully aware of what would happen," Michael Jason Tiner. Tiner was identified on the show by his middle name Jason. When the Southern-accented sailor was eliminated during the first episode, his gay identity was revealed. That episode aired July 29, and Tiner's discharge from the Navy became effective Aug. 19. Tiner, 26, was with the military for eight years.

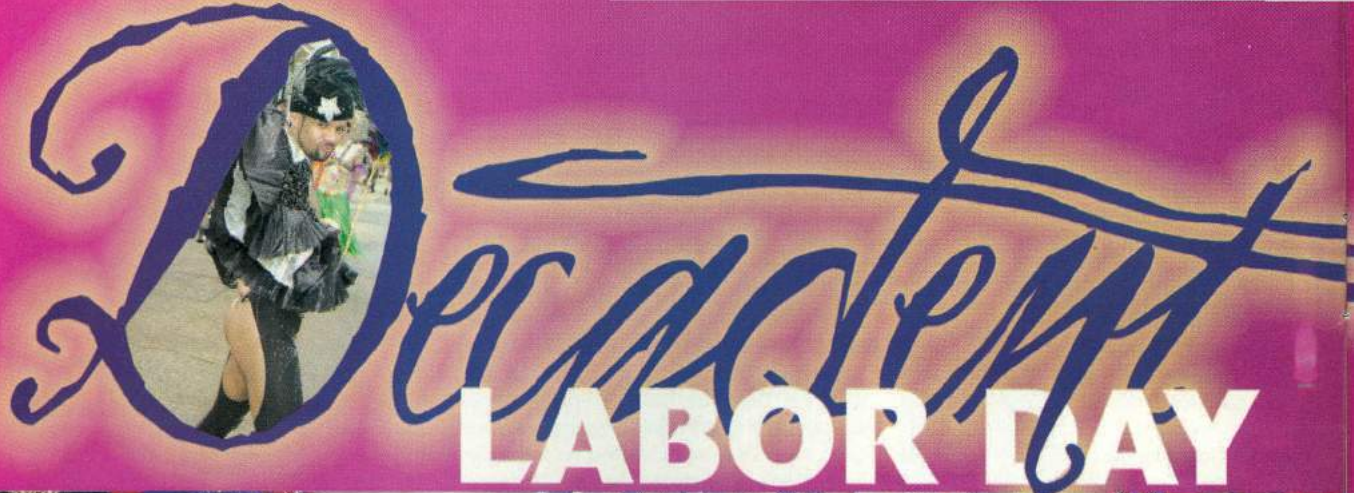


Michael Jason Tiner

According to the Navy Information Office, a few days before the first episode, Tiner "informed his command that he was participating in the show and that he was a homosexual," Kirchner said. The process to remove him began immediately.

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accommodated throughout the weekend, with event throughout the weekend, including the Mr. Louisiana Leather 2004 Contest on Saturday at Cowpokes. It's a preliminary to the International Mr. Leather 2004 event.

Runny lady Margaret Cho performs on Saturday, and porn

director Chi Chi LaRue is scheduled for Thursday at Bourbon Pub to judge the "Battle of the Bulge" contest with adult performer Logan Reed. She also is set to scout new talent all weekend.

Here's a list of the most decadent Decadence events.



**WEDNESDAY,
AUG. 27**

**Miss Queen Fashions
Pageant**

8p • Oz

**Southern Decadence
Kickoff drag show**

11:30p • Oz

**THURSDAY,
AUG. 28**

**Miss Queen Fashions
Pageant & Decadence
Show**

8p • Cafe Lafitte's in Exile

**'Battle of the Bulge'
w/Chi Chi LaRue and
Logan Reed**

10p • Bourbon Pub

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Labor w/DJ Dave Myers

7p - 1a • Club 735

**Mr. Leather 2003
Beer Bust**

10p • Cowpokes/The Barn

**Sanctuary w/DJ Manny
Lehman**

11p • Oz

**Euphoria w/ DJ
Kimberly S.**

9p • Bourbon Pub

Hell Party

12 • Phoenix

**Labor w/DJ Robert
Rodriguez**

1a-8a • Club 735

**SATURDAY,
AUG. 30**

**Leather Decadence:
Leather Hell Cocktail
Party**

3p • Phoenix

**Labor w/DJ Robert
Rodriguez**

9p • Club 735

Margaret Cho Live

8p • Saenger Theatre

**Mr. Louisiana Leather
Contest**

8p • Cowpokes-The Barn

Leather/Levi Black Party

10p • Phoenix

**Twirl Girl: Grab Your
Pussy & Scream IX
w/DJ Raymond Matlinx**

10p • Oz

**DecaDance w/ DJs Max
Rodriguez and Lydia Prim**

9p • Bourbon Pub

**Labor w/DJ Alyson
Calagna**

11p-8a • Club 735

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

**Beer Decadence
Breakfast & Make-up
Party**

10a • Phoenix

**Southern Decadence
Parade**

2p • Lucille's Golden Lantern

**Anthems T-Dance w/DJ
Dave Myers**

2p-8p • Club 735

Beerish Beer Bust

6p-9p • Phoenix

Not Ash Party

6p • Eagle, New Orleans

**Submission 3 MegaDance
w/ DJ Barry Harris**

9p-4a • Oz

Labor w/Susan Morabito

9p-6a • Club 735

**Meltdown w/ DJs Rick
Mitchell, Warren Gluck,
performances by Pepper
Mashay, Chi Chi LaRue**

9p • Bourbon Pub

D-Dance

10p-2a • Municipal Auditorium

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

**Closing Party w/ DJ
Darrin Thomas**

9p • Bourbon Pub

**Closing Dance Party w/
Joe Gauthreaux**

9p • Oz

Taking it to a higher level

Longtime lady DJ hits Southern Decadence with a vengeance

Susan Morabito is arguably one of the best-known and most talented DJs of the circuit. Her underground tribal house with a soulful edge has sparked a dance renaissance, which continues to mesmerize crowds.

Morabito is not afraid to drop progressive dance grooves into pumping baselines and tickle partygoers into going for hours. The Ohio native spins the Labor party on Southern Decadence Sunday in New Orleans at the 735 Club. (Preview, Page 8)

eclipse: How would you describe your sound these days as a DJ?

Morabito: The variations of musical selections I play throughout the evening are classified in the house music family. Groovy house, Latin House, Jazzy house, soulful house, disco house, tribal house, progressive house, vocal house and some techno/hard house.

eclipse: Was it liberating for you to include a more soulful vibe?

Morabito: Absolutely. My personal preference right now is soulful or tribal house. Personally, I could stay in that groove all night.

by Arjan Timmermans

eclipse: Younger peers consider you a "classic." How does it feel to have inspire them?

Morabito: I'm flattered. It's a wonderful feeling to know that you've inspired and touched someone.

eclipse: Do you prefer digital or vinyl? Why?

Morabito: For dance music, I much prefer vinyl. I find vinyl to be a warmer and richer sound.

eclipse: How do you prepare for a gig?

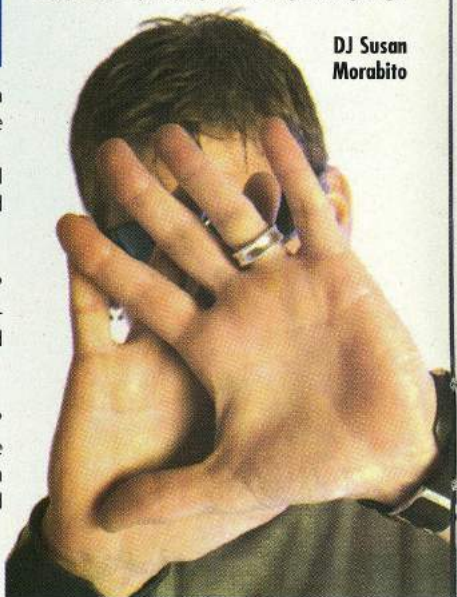
Morabito: Preparation for a performance begins with record shopping, which is an ongoing part of the job. In addition, I avoid negative energy or situations that may possibly distract me or bring me down.

eclipse: What can people expect from your performance at Southern Decadence?

Morabito: Expect for me to try my best. DJing is a spontaneous art form, and for me, it comes from within.

eclipse: Do you play differently during large

DJ Susan Morabito



events as opposed to ongoing venues?

Morabito: How I play varies depending on the event, the city, the day, the hours, what other events are taking place that weekend, the venue, the crowd and the size of the crowd.

eclipse: Any expectations of the New Orleans crowd?

Morabito: I try my best not to have expectations. Expectations can be dangerous, because you open yourself up to disappointment.

eclipse: What other DJs in the community do you feel most connected to musically and personally?

Morabito: Other DJs I feel most connected to are Joe Gauthreaux, Lydia Prim, Phil B, Joe Espinosa, Michael Fierman and Warren Gluck.

eclipse: DJ Wendy Hunt semi-retired from the circuit because she had enough of infighting. What do you think about that?

Morabito: I was very sad to hear that all of that lead Wendy into semi-retirement, but I truly understand it. Wendy, like myself, was around at a time when the dance, the celebration and respecting each other and the clubs was more of a priority.

eclipse: Some have said that you "never take shit from anybody." Is that true, and what does it mean to you?

Morabito: If you keep taking shit, you keep

getting shit. Because I'm a woman in a male dominated community, I have often felt underestimated.

You have to stand your ground and demand the respect that any man would. It's a white man's world; you work with it and around it.

eclipse: Can we expect any new DJ mix records from you in the future?

Morabito: As far as DJ mixed CD, I don't know. I find them to be somewhat creatively limiting for a variety of reasons. You only have about seventy minutes to create a mood and not all the records you've chosen can be licensed.



DETAILS

Labor with Susan Morabito

Aug. 31, 9p-6a
Club 735
New Orleans

DJ TOP TEN

DJ Limey at Rich's
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Ultra Nite

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Ace of Base

"WHO SAID"

Planet Funk

"TOGETHER"

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FRIDAY, AUG. 29

611. Free buffet, 5:30p. 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.

El'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.

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.

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

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

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.

The new **Briar Patch** features a piano and some of the nicest guys you'll ever want to meet. Sing-a-long with Warren Chase on Thursdays and Fridays. 713-665-9678.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

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.

El'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, SEPT. 1

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.



Watch 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' with your friends on the big screens at **Meteor** on Tuesday and Thursday nights. 713-521-0123.

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

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

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

Briar Patch. Free pool.

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. 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, SEPT. 3

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.

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" 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

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

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 Courtney Van Wales. Cash prizes.

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

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

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, AUG. 28

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. Roxanne Collins show with special guests, 11p.

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

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

Meteor. "Queer Eye" and "Boy Meets Boy," 8 p.m. Singles with Lana Blake, 9p.

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

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

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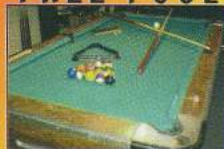
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9oz

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JUST \$4⁵⁰ WOW

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I hate fakers. I'm a very good-looking, successful black man who's always at the clubs. I meet these nice guys who ask me out, but when I follow up, they don't return my phone call. If you're not interested, why set it up from the beginning?

To the guy who said monogamy "turns honest men into liars": Honesty and monogamy don't cancel each other out; one doesn't cause the other. Grow up and be responsible for your actions.

If another person, gay or straight, tells me they don't believe there is any such thing as bisexuality, I will hurt them. How do you like it when the religious right says, "I don't think there's any such thing as homosexuality. You people are just confused"? We bisexuals have it worse than anyone because we don't get any support from either side.

My name is Salvador [edited] and my phone number is [edited]. I want you to send me a video of gay sex.

If you're hosting a karaoke contest, you shouldn't be jealous of your contestants. I can't help it if I'm a fierce performer, so don't screw up my sound on purpose.

Bitch Boy responds: *The next time you call with a request this stupid, we may just print your full name and telephone number!*

President Bush is the most big-oted, self-centered, uncaring man I've ever heard of, for opposing same-sex marriages.

To the guys coming to New Orleans for Southern Decadence: It was an event long before it was a circuit party. Why not try the traditions begun by those of us who started this thing. Otherwise, you're just in our way.

To the African-American man who said Gay Pride is a white man's

thing: That's one of the most racist things I've ever heard and a sad statement on our community. We are one.

Finally! Someone voiced my own thoughts about queens who drag their little daisy fag hags into men's bars on shirtless night. Just last week at my favorite hangout, some ditzzy queen came into the dark backroom with two really fat fag hags and proceeded to go "Ooooooh" and "Look at that" and "Oh my God!"

To whoever defined the keys to a beautiful gay body, I have one word: fierce. Thank you.

Fashion fascists and those intent on flaunting their racism and ageism pollute "Bitch Session" with a distinct lack of wit. This can be a wonderful place to craft your cattiest complaints into entertaining nuggets of reading material, but jaded and, more importantly, non-creative queens are polluting this page with bitches that simply make me yawn.

Bitch Boy responds: *Why do the queens who call up to complain about "Bitch Session" never have clever submissions of their own?*

With all the bitchy gay guys at clubs complaining about every little thing, can't you guys come up with more than the few "bitches" you publish each week? Now I don't want a whole mag filled with "bitches," but c'mon — print more each issue. I laugh till I pee reading 'em every week, it's the first thing my friends and I turn to in your mag!

True love should not require a legal contract. Let the heterosexuals have their marriage contract; we gays do not need that to guarantee our love for each other.

I don't take my shirt off at the dance clubs and that seems to bother a lot of guys. Not that it's anybody's business, but I have a bullet wound scar that I'm self conscious about. I go out to have a good time, relax, enjoy the music and of course the hot guys. By the way, some guys need to keep their shirts on!

I don't understand gay charities. I donated money to a bake sale in February and it's never been cashed and nobody can explain why. Am I supposed to give money to them next year or what?

How y'all doing? I think I'm a bitch. I've always been straight, but I wanna be gay. Will someone please call me? I wanna be your bitch.

Bitch Boy responds: *That's OK, we'll let the heteros keep you on their team. A clueless straight guy is a terrible thing to waste.*

Whoever says all married men are bottoms is wacko. I have 20 regulars (my limit), and most of these guys are married, and every one's a top.

Why aren't there more photo-graphs of people of color in the bars?

To the "other" gay guy in my department at work who avoids me like the plague because he's afraid he'll be found out: Yes, we work in an uptight, conservative corporate environment, but don't waste your life living in fear. Plus, you are way queenier than me, whether you realize it or not.

Got a bitch?

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CHELSEA Boys

BY
GLEN HANSON
and
ALLAN NEUWIRTH

NATHAN AND HIS
MOTHER WAIT
OUTSIDE THE
DOCTOR'S OFFICE...

I STILL DON'T SEE WHY I NEED TO
SEE A NEUROLOGIST. I FEEL FINE.

MOM, YOU'VE BEEN REALLY
FORGETFUL LATELY...
LET'S JUST MAKE SURE
YOU'RE OKAY.

MRS. KLEIN,
THE DOCTOR
WILL SEE
YOU NOW.



DON'T WORRY, MOM.
I'LL BE RIGHT
HERE.



JUST WAIT OUT HERE, MR. GIBSON. WE'LL
CALL YOU WHEN YOUR FATHER IS DONE.

OH MY GOD... THAT'S
DAN GIBSON -- THE
YANKEE THIRD BASEMAN!!
THAT'S RIGHT, HIS DAD
HAS ALZHEIMER'S...

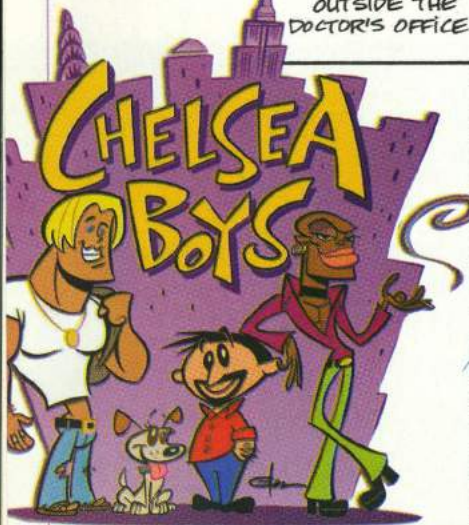
SURE.



CHRIST, HE'S **GORGEOUS!!!**
OKAY, DON'T STARE AT HIM--
LOOK AT THE MAGAZINE!



I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING...
I'VE GOTTA **SAY SOMETHING--!**
WHAT CAN
I SAY??





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TROY

By Michael Derry

#73 "HOW BIZARRE"

SO THE **GIRLFRIEND** WALKS IN ON YOU BANGING HER BOYFRIEND... OH MY GOD, MUA! THEN WHAT?

WELL, HERE'S WHERE IT GETS WEIRD... SHE RUNS OUT, COMES **BACK** IN WITH A VIDEO CAMERA, AND THEN...

ALL RIGHT BOYS, AS YOU WERE! COME ON BOY! **RIDE** THAT BITCH! YEA! **WHOOO HOOOO!!!** SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!!!

SHE WAS **INTO** IT?

YEA! APPARENTLY SHE GETS OFF ON WATCHING HER BOY FRIEND GET BANGED BY OTHER GUYS. YOU SHOULD ~~SEE~~ THEIR VIDEO TAPE COLLECTION!

SO ARE YOU NOW A PART OF THAT COLLECTION?

GOOD LORD, **NO!!!** I FREAKED! I GOT THE HELL OUT OF THERE. HAVE YOU EVER **HEARD** OF ANYTHING SO BIZARRE?

ACTUALLY, THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME... THIS GUY SAID HE WAS INTO THIS SORT OF KINK-FETISH AND I FIGURED, WHAT THE HELL. I'LL TRY JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ONCE, RIGHT? SO I GET INTO BED, HE GOES INTO THE OTHER ROOM TO CHANGE, AND WHEN HE COMES OUT...

BARK!!!
BARK BARK!

AAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!

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NEED WOOD?



Athlete's foot-in-mouth disease

Foot fetishists, fear not the fungus; skinny4beefy should search online

Hey Woody!

Boy, were you in the dark when you told the skinny, 120-pound guy who was attracted to guys twice his weight to "hit the gym and become what you want to attract." That's some pretty suck-ass advice.

I'm skinny, too, and I have no intention of gaining 100 pounds to be like the type of guy I like to have sex with. And most of the big guys I get don't want me to either. They seem to like me exactly as small as I am.

Skinny could inquire about Chub/Chaser groups or go on the 'Net and explore Biggercity, ChubNet or Bear411, among others. He could also try typing his criteria into a favorite search engine.

by Woody Miller

Woody, I resent your kind of advice. Skinny doesn't need to hit the gym. He just needs to know that there are resources both locally and on the Web for guys like us.

— Hoping you see the light & weight

Dear Hoping:

If there's one thing I can't stand, it's an exception prancing around like it's a rule.

Good for you that all the muscle studs are panting after you. But back on Planet Earth, the vast majority of muscle-bound guys are not looking for bony guys to hang their beef on.

If you're so skinny the airlines suggest saving money and faxing yourself to your destination, the odds that beefy guys are going to want you are not very good.

Of course some guys are attracted to their opposites, but there aren't many.



Photo courtesy badpuppy.com.

The "opposites attract" theory applies mostly to personalities, not bodies. Even guys who are attracted to radically different personality types still tend to like the same physical characteristics they possess.

For instance, inter-racial couples. When was the last time you saw a tall, fat black guy with a short skinny white one? I'm not saying these pairings don't exist. I'm saying good luck trying to find one.

Your point of looking in the Web, taking out ads and searching for guys looking for their opposites is well taken. Only problem is, there must be an echo chamber in your brain when you read the original column, because I already suggested that.

Yes, Skinny could and should do all those things. But he could also up the odds of success if he'd push himself as hard in the gym as I do in the bars.

My advice still stands. And it goes not just for people trying to attract somebody with certain physical qualities but emo-

tional ones as well. Become the kind of person you want to attract, and you will attract the kind of person you want.

Hey, Woody!

I'm really into feet. I love outlining the contours of a man's foot with my tongue.

Licking their toes sends me to the moon and licking the spaces between their toes sends me to Mars. I noticed the last guy I licked had athlete's foot.

This may sound stupid, but I'm worried. Can I get athlete's foot in my mouth?

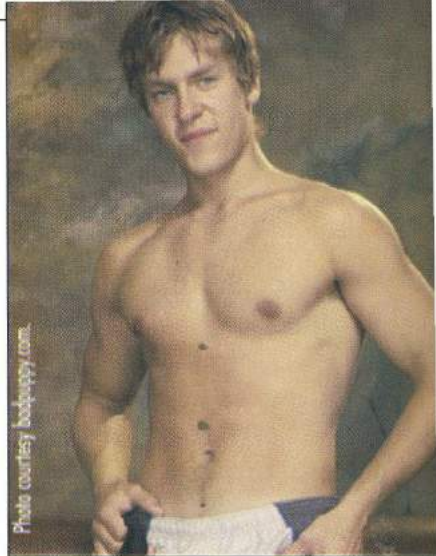
— **Toe-jammer**

Dear Toe-Jammer:

No worries. The fungus that causes "toe webs" and scaly, thickened skin on the soles and blisters on the instep cannot grow in the mucus membranes of your mouth.

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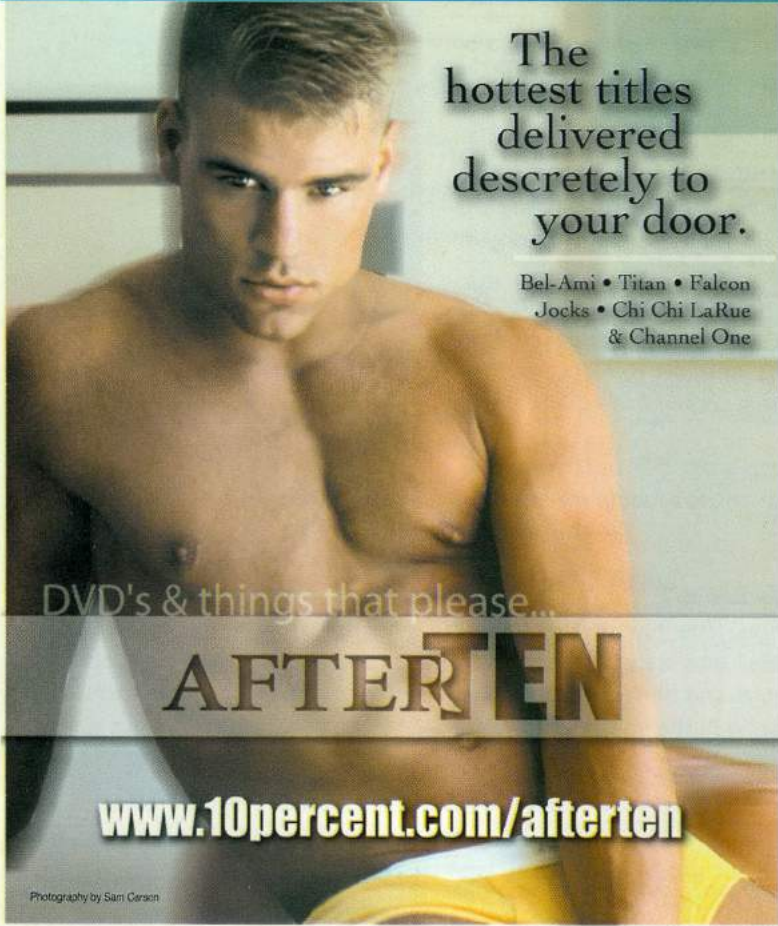
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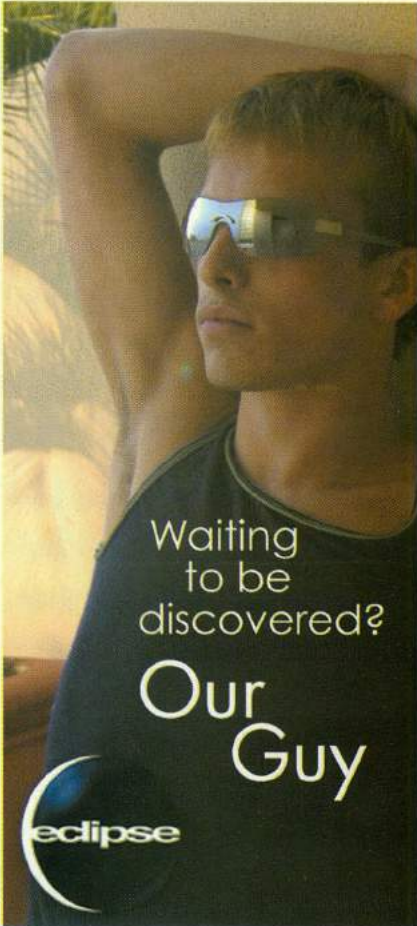
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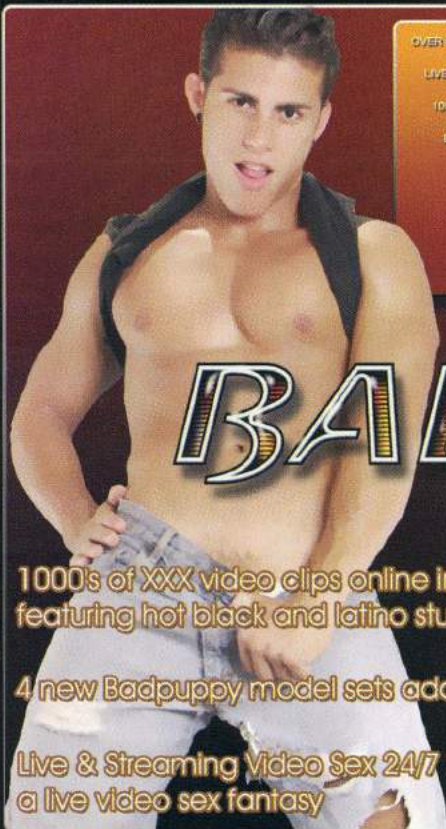
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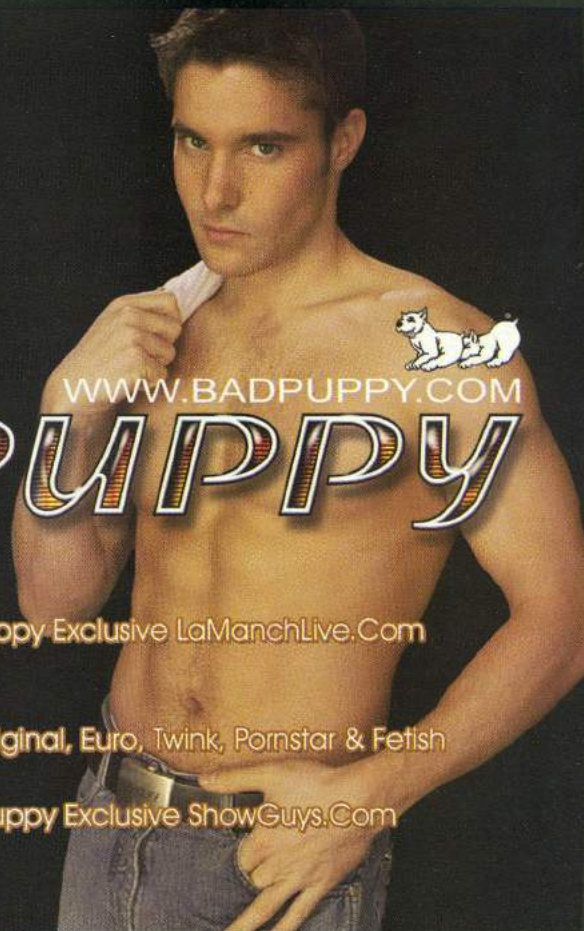
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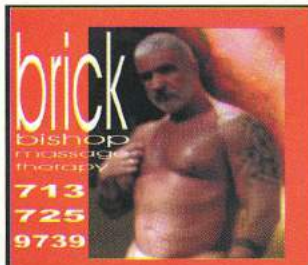
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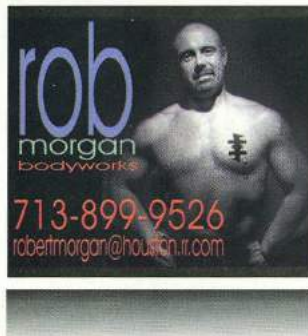
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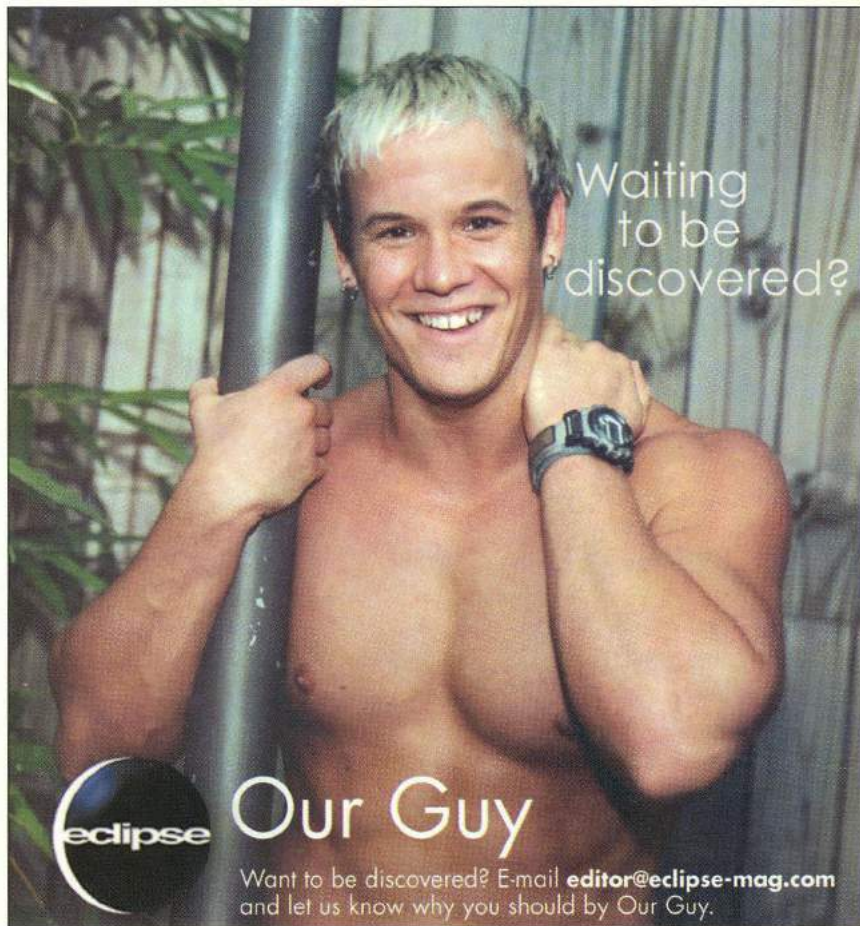
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