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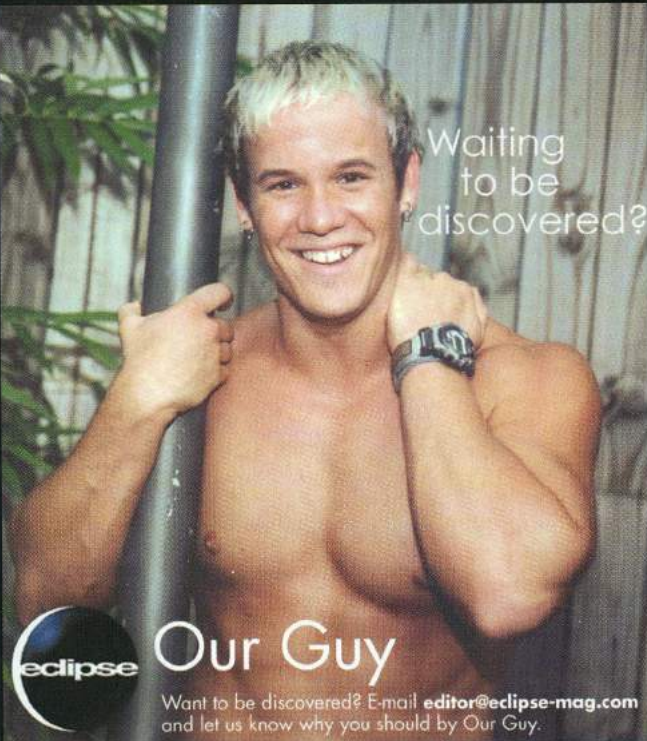
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Thousands attend Houston's gay business expo

Heavy clouds and rain didn't stop thousands from visiting the eighth annual Empower event, held Sept. 20-21 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The Empower 2003 theme, "Go Straight to the Gay Market," gave nearly 150 businesses and organizations a chance to reach out to gay constituents. Candidates and political advocacy groups, including the Harris County Democratic Party, Log Cabin Republicans and the Human Rights Campaign, also turned out to visit with gay voters. Empower is sponsored each year by the Greater

Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Chamber of Commerce. This year's event brought in about 3,500 visitors, according to Coy Tow, the chamber's executive director. "If we don't support and keep investing in gay businesses, we all lose," he said. A local catering company — dubbed "Clayton Catering, Of Course!" — won first place for its booth, which featured a heaven and hell theme. "It was great to see that this



Clayton Catering, Of Course!
booth (Photo by Dalton DeHart)

'I don't really mind gay guys because most gay guys are really good-looking. Why would I want that for competition?'

— 'Real World' Paris cast member Ace, reacting to a visit his gay Irish roommate Simon Received from his Spanish boyfriend, Tkisco

city has such an involvement with the gay business community, whereas other cities that seem to have a more open gay community don't have a gay chamber of commerce," said Jorge Usatorres, sales manager for Of Course!, who relocated from Miami. Tow estimates the event brought in \$5,000 from ticket sales alone. The revenue will help fund the organization, which supports local gay or gay-friendly businesses and organizations.

Houston volleyballers fare well at gay San Antonio tourney

Teams from the Lone Star Volleyball Association recently traveled to the inaugural Alamo City Classic Volleyball tournament and took the tournament by storm.



Lone Star Volleyball Association

The B Division culminated in an All-Houston final with "Houston Eight is Not Enough" taking the gold and "Houston Hot Shots" finishing a close second. Kari Carlson and Jose Polendo were named to the tournament all-star team. Back on the home front, LSVA served up the fall season with a roaring start. Overall, 17 teams representing three divisions have registered for league play. Anger Management are taking the early lead in the Recreational Division, and The Golden Boys are nothing but gold in the Competitive Division. The

Mammers team is in first in the Power Division. League play takes place on Sundays at the Jerabek Center on the University of St. Thomas campus from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, log on to www.lsva.org.

Calif. governor signs landmark unions law

California Gov. Gray Davis signed into law Sept. 19 a measure granting gay couples almost exactly the same rights and benefits as married couples in the state. The legislation takes effect on Jan. 1, 2005.

"We're at our best when we respect every member of the California family, no matter where you're from or who you love," Davis stated in a news release. Assembly Bill 205, the California Domestic Partner Rights & Responsibilities Act, makes the state the second state after Vermont to provide extensive protections for same-sex couples. Only couples that register their partnership with the state are eligible for the rights and responsibilities accorded by the law. In 1999, California became the first state to allow gays the right to register their partnerships. More than 22,000 couples are registered to date. Under the new law, partners are eligible for each other's health plans and expanded benefits for property ownership,



Gray Davis

child custody and visitation, employee benefits, bereavement and family care leave and exemption from gift and estate taxes. Partners also have the right to make funeral arrangements for each other, and they are required to cover each other's debts and to pay alimony and child support.

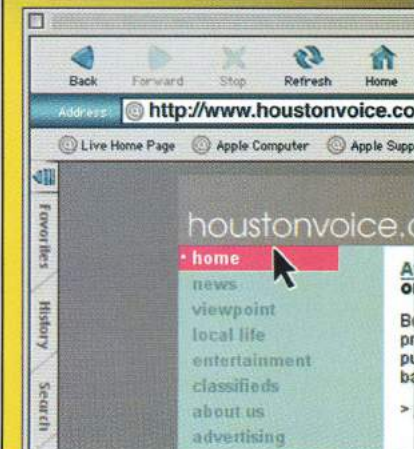
Singer Etheridge ties knot for second time

The brides both wore white Sept. 20 when lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge, 41, and actress Tammy Lynn Michaels, 28, held a commitment ceremony in California. Of course, since gay marriages are illegal in the state, they didn't exactly get married. But the union was just as real to the couple, according to a statement released the following day. "We're so grateful for the blessings from our friends and family as we commence our vows and begin the rest of our lives together," the statement says. The ceremony was in Malibu, Calif., near the couple's house adjacent to the home of Julie Cypher, Etheridge's ex. Cypher and Etheridge share custody of two children and a backyard, so that the children can go easily between the two houses.



Tammy Lynn Michaels and Melissa Etheridge

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Steel Weekend ready for unveiling

New event offers three nights of partying — for a cause

by Josef Molnar

The upcoming, first-of-its kind Steel Weekend Oct. 10-12 marks the birth of a new kind of party at venues around Houston. The event, which is sponsored by the Grey Party, a non-profit organization, is an expanded version of the annual Grey Party club-goers have come to expect.

"This is the 21st year the Grey Party has put on a party," says Tom Urban, Steel Weekend president. "But this is the first time we've done an entire weekend."

The lineup features world-class DJs and partiers. Steel Weekend kicks off Oct. 10 with Iron at M Bar. The party features the anthem and progressive house mixes of DJ Steel from Miami.

Urban says opening the party at the spectacular M Bar is the first attempt to make the event a mainstream party, but that doesn't mean gay people will no longer be front-and-center. "We'll expect more straight people at the party, and that's why we sought out M Bar," Urban says. "We wanted a really diverse crowd there, but we still want everyone to have a good time."

Saturday's Steel party sees the return of D.J. Sandra Collins at Rich's Houston. She recently won the Best DJ of 2003 award at the Dancestar Awards among stiff international competition. She shows off her signature progressive house, industrial techno and trance beat.

Hungry partiers can head out from Rich's to the noon to 3 p.m. brunch at 1415 Bar & Grille at 1415 California before going to Numbers for the closing party. The event, which starts at 5 p.m., features New York D.J. Susan Morabito.

Discount advance tickets to all the events can be purchased online at the Steel Party Web site, and Hotel Derek, a boutique hotel near the Galleria, signed on as the official hotel of the event.

Organizers hope to raise more than \$80,000 for the Grey Party's five charities after the event's \$25,000 overhead cost is deducted. From more than 300 applications, Steel Weekend trimmed the list to five beneficiaries: Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Montrose Clinic HIV Testing Program, Bering Omega Community Services, the LIFE Counseling Program of the Montrose Counseling Center and Milam House.

Urban says that if the party is as successful as he predicts, the Grey Party would

fulfill the five applicants' needs and even take care of others. "We may actually increase the number who will be getting money," he says. "We may be able to fully fund all requests, and most likely will be able to fund the next five foundations."

The Grey Party began as a charity event in 1983. The wave of gay color-themed parties around the U.S. spurred the creation of Houston's own, shortly after the sobering AIDS epidemic struck. "Initially, it started because it was too depressing," Urban says. "So we wanted to do something fun."

DETAILS

Steel Weekend

Oct. 10-12

www.steelweekend.com

Friday, 9 p.m. – 2 a.m.

M Bar, 402 Main

Saturday, 9 p.m. – 9 a.m.

Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto

Sunday, 5 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Numbers, 300 Westheimer

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Photo by David Lewis



DJ Michael Tank

Age: 33

Occupation: Disc Jockey at South Beach Nightclub

How long have you been DJing?

"I have been DJing in clubs for about eight years but have kept it as a hobby for over 15 years. I used to date a guy when I was 18 who was a DJ for a local radio station in Austin. He used to pass on to me 12 inch records the station could not use and basically taught me the principles of beat mixing. I started using a cheap Radio Shack mixer and two turntables that had no pitch control on them, so I had to use my fingers to control the mix and always mixed songs that had the exact same beats per minute or one BPM off."

What is it about DJing that keeps you coming back for more?

"The music. It seems like there are endless combinations of mixes one can make, and it never sounds exactly the same. There is always something different you can do with a mix — even if you are mixing the same two songs together as you did two nights ago."

What's your take on the local gay scene?

"Sometimes they don't quite know where I'm coming from when I'm spinning, and sometimes it seems like they don't know where they want to go with the music. But by the end of the night, we all eventually find that common ground and leave with smiles on our faces."

Interview by David Lewis

"I have not had such a strong connection with any crowds than Houston's. They always keep coming back for more, and now they thrive to hear what is new and hot in the music scene. I can't find that kind of energy anywhere else in the nation right now."

If you ruled the gay world, what changes would you make? What would you keep?

The first think I would do is knock down the racial barriers and put a stop to the

separation between gay men and lesbians. It's time we come back together. We did it in the '80s when AIDS was running rampant in our culture, and somehow that unity fell apart. If we don't come together again, the second gay epidemic, meth, will destroy the opportunities we are experiencing of gaining worldwide acceptance."

What's in your crystal ball for the local nightlife scene?

"The scene here is going to take on a new journey. My production team, named Pill Patrol — consisting of John Olavesen, Michael Brown and myself — are about to overload South Beach's system with a flurry of new remixes of both new and old songs. The great thing about it is these remixes will be exclusive to Houston and more precisely South Beach."

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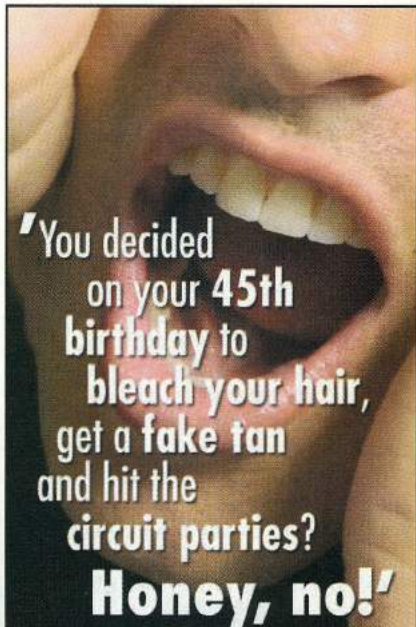
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Are you a slut?

Whether a Priggish Pollyanna or a Full-on Floozie, we've got a quiz that will settle your score

By Jim Buck

A close, personal friend — let's call him Quentin — had an unsettling experience on a recent Wednesday evening. Like many red-blooded American homos, he made a Gay.com midnight booty call, and after the festivities drew to a close and Quentin was getting dressed, the other man grinned at him and said, "Wow, dude, that was way better than last time."

The problem is, of course, that neither the man's face nor his other attributes — which were considerable — rang any bells for Quentin. He sought me out the next day, sobbing about his unwitting descent into whoredom.

As a way of comforting him, or perhaps confirming his suspicions, I devised a test for Quentin to determine his TQ (Tramp Quotient). Just answer a few simple questions to see where you fall on the cock-crazy continuum.

Your taste in men tends toward:

- a. A&F-style preppies.
- b. Daddies with a hint of dissipation.
- c. Men with penises.

You fantasize about a handsome stranger:

- a. Sending you a small, tasteful bouquet of flowers.
- b. Sending you a cocktail from across the bar.
- c. Calling you from a public restroom to verify what he's read.

When perusing online personals, you look for:

- a. Someone who likes long walks on the beach.

- b. Someone who enjoys fine wine.
- c. "10x5 uc."

When you're out on the town, you usually wear:

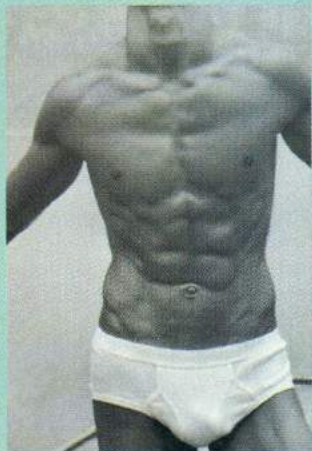
- a. Khakis and a chambray shirt.
- b. Jeans and a snug-fitting black tee.
- c. A jockstrap and two heaping tablespoons of anal lube.

On a first date, you'd typically suggest:

- a. Coffee and a romantic movie.
- b. Drinks and dancing.
- c. One hand of five-card-stud, winner bottoms.

A second date should end with:

- a. A long, passionate kiss.
- b. Fellatio.
- c. A three-way with that cute guy. You know, the one with the hair?



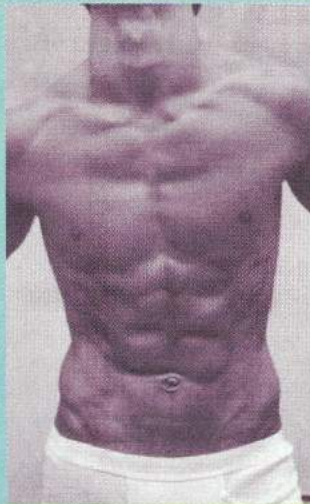
Your most recent long-term relationship lasted:

- a. Eight years, nine months, three days.
- b. Three years, I think.
- c. How long does it take to gargle?

Moving in with your boyfriend would require:

- a. Two or three trips to Ikea.
- b. Tedious amounts of packing and unpacking.
- c. More nooners than usual.

The best way to break up with

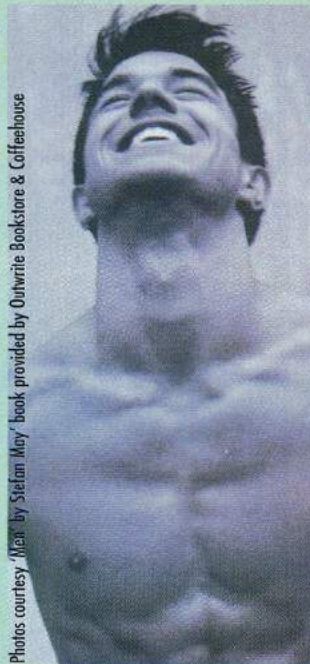


your boyfriend is to:

- a. Talk it over like civilized adults in the privacy of your own home.
- b. Get really hammered and duke it out on the front lawn.
- c. Leave a fake number on the bevnep.

One thing you'd never do to an ex-boyfriend is:

- a. Talk about him behind his back.
- b. Give back his collection of Joan



Photos courtesy 'Men' by Stefan May' book provided by Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse

Jett 45s.
c. Say "no."

Score yourself one point for every "a," two points for every "b," and three for every "c." Your total TQ corresponds to one of the following personality types:

Priggish Pollyanna

10 to 15

Dude, what decade are you living in? This isn't some sappy Meg Ryan feelgood neverland. The goddamn flying nun gets more ass than you. Find a horny trucker and set yourself free.

Borderline Betty

16 to 25

You could so totally be a slut, but you were raised better than that. Or you're smart enough to keep it on the down-low. Or you're too shy, nervous or goofy to get as much action as you'd like. Why do anything halfway? Chug some tequila and go for it.

Full-on Floozie

26 to 30

You should really spend some time this weekend repainting your bedroom — those footprints on the ceiling are unsightly. You may be ugly as sin, but you're persistent, and that's what counts. Keep it up, horndog — but don't be surprised if the mayor names a tunnel after you.

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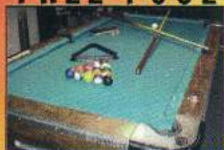
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FRIDAY, OCT. 3

611. Free buffet, 5:30p. Male dancers, 9p. 713-526-7070.

Briar Patch. Piano sing-a-long 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. Pianist 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. Happy hour, 4-8p. 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.

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Rich's. 713-759-9606.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

Briar Patch. Piano sing-a-long 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. Aateur 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 tunes with Wayne Gray, 9:30p.

Meteor. Open at 6p. Donna Summer CD release party with free CD give-aways.

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 DJ 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, OCT. 5

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.

JR's. Karaoke, 6p-2a.

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. Decadent Desserts to benefit AssistHers, 4-7p. Happy hour prices all day until 10p. Frozen grape popsicles.

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

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

South Beach. Salsa, Bachata and ChaCha lessons and demonstrations by SalsaEddy, 7p.

MONDAY, OCT. 6

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.

Meteor. Mind Mend Mondays. Happy hour, 4-8p. Expert manicures and professional massages.

Michael's Outpost. Dart tournament with



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cash prizes, 7p.

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

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. Happy hour, 4-8p. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," 11p.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 8

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. 713-521-2519.

Keys West. Song stylings of Steve Wheaton, 9:30p.

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

Meteor. Happy hour, 4-8p. Total Request Night, 9p.

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

Rich's. FUBAR, all Rock & Roll format with DJ Shawn Byrne.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, 18 and

up, \$5 cover.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

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.

Keys West. Song stylings of Clay Howell, 9:30p.

Meteor. Happy hour, 4-8p. Singles Night with Lana Blake and free CDs, 9p. Yves St. Laurent fashion show, 10p. Bette Midler CD release party with free CD giveaways all night.

Michael's Outpost. 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.



I'm a straight woman who is very attracted to homo thugs, but why do they try to act like they're really into me when what they really want is get close to me to get the guys I attract? I got a bitch about that!

To the people lamenting the absence of rock music in gay clubs: I'm a longtime fan of that kind of music, and I can tell you gay people in this town are petrified of anything outside their musical comfort zone. At the slightest hint of rock music in a gay establishment, patrons complain faster than you can say "Janet Jackson."

Where are the trim black lesbians who are not afraid to be hot? I am not at all afraid of wearing black eyeliner, lipstick, lip gloss, silk and heels; in fact I revel in it. And I am not a pushover or a bottom simply because I am a stylish "femme." Why does the term "stylish lesbian" seem like an oxymoron?

Hey Mr. Ed (he thinks he's as hung as a horse): I did not become your lover for more than three years

There are so many gays who live lives hating 'gay culture' that they're now a part of gay culture.

to be your maid, housekeeper and house sitter. And now you're adopting a human being. Think man! I can be patient with your crap but wasting a child's future is another story. You're gay, not Martha!

Man, could the guys in Montrose show a little more individualism? Everybody wears their satin-silk-polyester shirts too freaking tight, and ohhhh! the denim pants oh-so next to the package. Try not to be too Jack or too Fab 5 because it is so obvious you do not have your own originality.

So what if my lover is in prison for fraud? At least he's serving time and is sorry about his crime. Not like you, still fugitives of society.

Hey hot looking guy: You still need

to take a shower or bath before doing it with me, just for courtesy. You may be hot looking, but your smell is foul.

To the guys who are extremely feminine and to the girls who are extremely butch: Can't you all be normal and get a life? That's not what being gay is about.

To the guys who say they won't date someone who's poz: Remember, what you're really saying is you just won't date the guys honest enough to tell you!

I thought the hard part about finding peace within myself was coming out. I was wrong because, as my Mom puts it, "I did not give birth to a lesbian." Whenever I brought homosexuality up before I

came out, she'd tell me how people are cured of that every day or it was just a communist plot used to corrupt the young. Well, I can't change her opinion.

How can she say that she loves me and then leave when I ask her to work because I get tired of working like a dog everyday, bringing the paycheck home to her.

To NPR: Why, whenever you mention the pope's spouting off about inclusiveness, do you never point out his hypocrisy where gays are concerned?

Look, chatting is one thing, but if you want to meet, would you rather be rejected online or in person? Post the pic and save us all some time and awkwardness.

If it's not worth it to have an accurate, recent pic online, why chat up someone who does? Wouldn't it make a lot more sense, if you don't have a pic, to chat up someone else who doesn't have a pic? After all, all you want to do is chat, right?

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If you're looking for sex on the Net, you might as well say it from the start. Don't pretend to be looking for "friends," and carry on an intellectual conversation just to entice my interest. You won't get any from me just because you are nice and constantly complimenting me on my good looks.

To all those queens who feel slighted that they're not being cruised at every bar: Instead of whining about your insecurities, maybe you should be thankful you're not in the Middle

East serving your country, where there are no gay bars.

Gay men should not feel compelled to remove their shirts whenever the feeling strikes them.

How come no cable network has set up a series that features stereotypical lesbians? Where is the show that features butch girls explaining what's under a car hood to Betty Crocker types? Or how to repair a toaster or how to spackle a wall. It could be called "Diesel Diagrams for the Befuddled Bimbo."



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IF YOU SAY SO...



TROY

By Michael Derry

#79 'BOY MEETS GIRL'??

MJJA, YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE FOR DAYS. YOU CAN'T STAY IN HERE WATCHING TV FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

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NO WE'RE REALLY NOT!



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Fixing fag hags

Gay men are sensitive to female friends, but piggish to the men they date

Hey Woody!

I'm a true fag hag. I was married for a minute, had my pretty dress and party and now I'm over it. About 95 percent of my friends are gay men. Hell, my ex-husband probably is, too.

I love my gay friends dearly and trust them completely. My best girlfriend (also a hag) and I were considering writing a book called, "Diary of a Hag."

Then I looked into creating a Web site instead. While researching what was already out there, I was mortified to come across chat rooms and Web sites full of self-proclaimed hags, telling about how they were "in love" with their

by Woody Miller



boys, or actually having (or trying to have) sex with them. Please tell me these are isolated incidents involving misguided women at best, stalkers at worst. Or is this a widespread problem? I know you're the advice columnist,

but allow me to help you out.

Ladies, a couple of things to keep in mind about your gay friends: Unless you have a penis, he doesn't want you. Expect to share beauty secrets, not body fluids.

They will not try get into your panties no matter how hard you try — unless you're not home. So keep the drawers locked.

—Hag Extraordinaire

Dear Hag:

I never see a problem in anybody being sexually interested in gay men. I only see opportunity. Like getting fag hags to introduce me to their brothers.

Of course, there are lots of women who want to put a thigh-lock on their gay "friends." But so what?

What mystifies me about fag hags is that they actually believe dating gay men would be a warm, healthy, nurturing experience.

Imagine the surprise on women's faces if they could actually date the gay men they're haggging on. Here's what would happen:

She'd open the door and the gay guy would have a flower in his hand. He opens his mouth, and she knows he's about to tell her how pretty she looks.

But he doesn't. The flower droops, his eyebrows narrow, and all she hears is, "You're not going to wear that to the theater are you?"

He pokes and prods her all the way back to the closet where he finds something that won't embarrass him.

The relationship gains momentum for months, and she knows he's about to

pop the question at a fancy restaurant.

He does: "How do you want to split the bill?" he asks. "You ordered three cocktails; I only had one."

You call your new fag boyfriend to see if he can fix the leaky faucet in the sink. He can't. He's having his chest waxed. Would tomorrow be okay?

The preposterousness of straight women believing gay men would be heaven to date reminds me of something Roseanne Barr once asked of lesbians in her audience: "What do you know about hating men? You don't have to fuck them."

It's the same thing here. What do straight women know about loving gay men? They don't have to date us.

The truth is, we really are sensitive and caring to the women we have as friends. But to the men we date, we're downright Kevorkian.

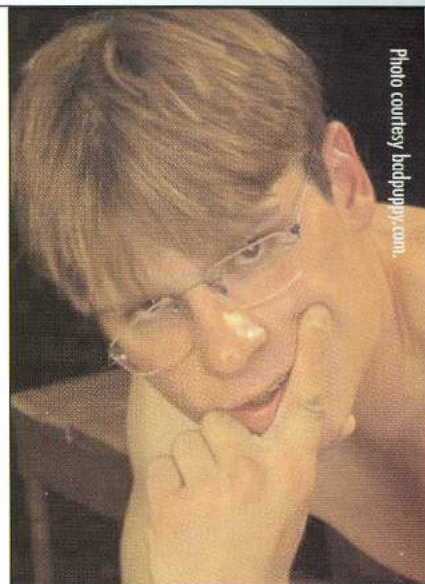


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Thanks for the compliment, ladies. But I wouldn't be so quick to idealize us. If you want to know what we're really like, don't go to the art museum — go to a pig farm.

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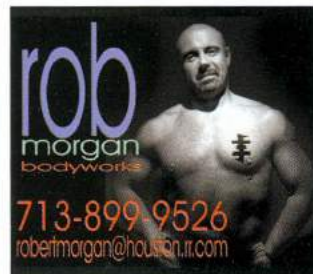
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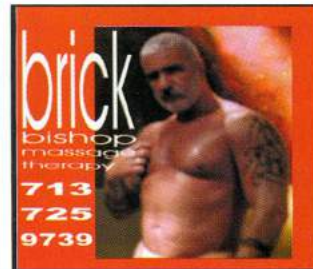
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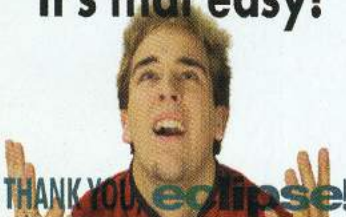
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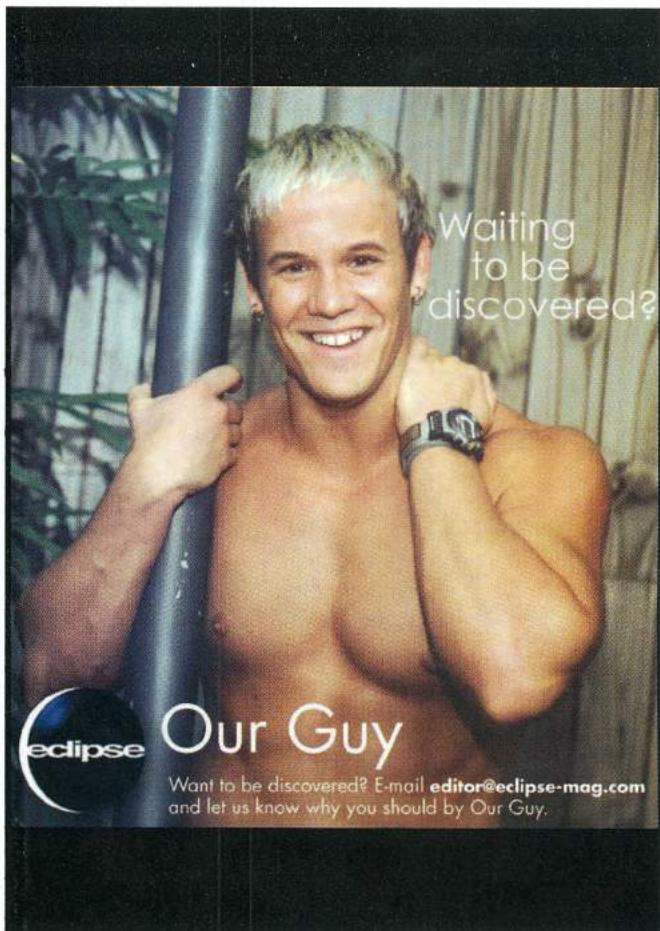
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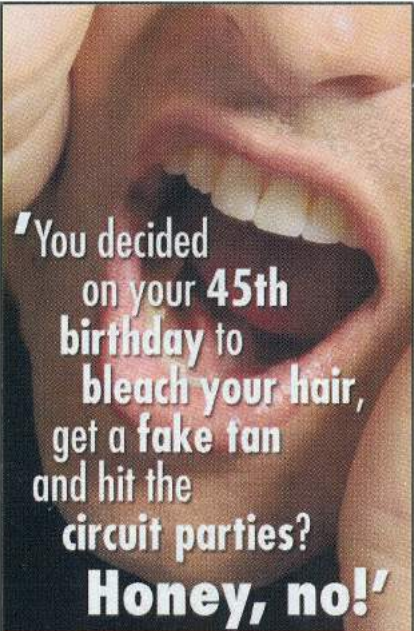
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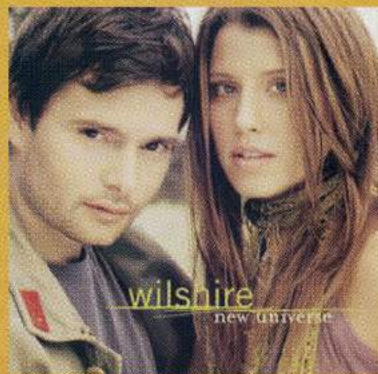
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Gay icon Tammy Faye Messner preaches survival in new book

Tammy Faye Messner, known for her free-flowing tears and copious mascara, is on tour with a message of survival she wants gay fans to hear. The infamous Praise the Lord scandal over the "romance" between Messner's then-husband Jim Bakker and ministry assistant Jessica Hahn



Tammy Faye Messner

could have knocked Messner down. And if that wasn't enough, Messner's own bouts with depression, addiction to prescription drugs and cancer should have done the trick. But the gay icon held her head up, persevered and poured her energy into other projects. One is her new book, "I Will Survive and You Will Too!," which she is currently on tour promoting. "I want to try and help others," she says. Chapters deal with such topics as divorce, faith and parenting, as well as "How to Dress Rich on a Budget" and "Wigs and Facelifts." "I Will Survive" also deals with self-esteem, which Messner says can be a problem for gays. "I think they love me because they have seen me struggle so

"I miss accessorizing. I think I'm one scarf and three wristbands away from being gay anyway."

— Actor Lance Krall, who plays Kip, a gay Hispanic character on Spike TV's fake reality show, "Joe Schmo" (Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Sept. 30)

much and survive, and a lot of gays have to struggle," Messner says. "I love my gay fans unconditionally, and I think the world could use more unconditional love."

Texas congressmen back anti-gay amendment

Nine members of Congress from Texas — the most from any state — have signed on as co-sponsors to a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution mandating marriage shall "consist only of the union of a man and a woman." But two Houston-area members of the state's congressional delegation, Reps. Chris Bell and Sheila Jackson Lee — both Democrats — have said they do not support the anti-gay marriage amendment. Reps. Ralph Hall and Charles Stenholm, both Democrats, and Reps. Joe Barton, Kevin Brady, Michael

Burgess, John Carter, John Abney Culberson, Sam Johnson and Pete Sessions, all Republicans, have all signed on as co-sponsors to the amendment. The measure currently has 91 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives. A version of the proposal is expected to in the Senate soon. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to fellow senators on Sept. 17, urging them to brainstorm ways to protect the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act of 1996. "He hasn't said he would support an amendment to protect traditional marriage, but he did say marriage is important enough to protect with a constitutional amendment," said Don Stewart, Cornyn's communications director. Sen. Kay Hutchinson (R-Texas) did not respond to interview requests by press time. In order to pass, the



U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tx.)

proposed constitutional amendment requires 292 votes in House of Representatives and 67 votes in the Senate, and must be adopted by the state legislatures in 38 states.

Queens of Soul spread joy on new albums

Aretha Franklin and Mary J. Blige are two of America's finest female soul singers. Franklin's uplifting classics and Blige's brutally honest crooning capture millions of hearts and grant the artists the respective titles of Queen of Soul and Queen of Hip Hop Soul. Coincidentally, both released new work last month that celebrates the joys of love and life. Franklin packs her positive vibe into the album "So Damn Happy," and Blige goes back to her inner city roots on her sixth studio record "Love & Live." The two actually join royal forces on Franklin's effort, with



Mary J. Blige

Blige contributing two tracks. On "No Matter What" and "Holdin Out," Blige provides a modern day R&B vibe that underlines Franklin's unlimited versatility. Blige, who has gained significant popularity among gay listeners with sweeping club mixes and her support for AIDS charities, also succeeds with her own new album. "I was tired of suffering, of the hustle and

hassle of every day life," Blige says. "Right now, I am growing, I'm learning. ... What you hear on "Love & Live" is the truth and my willingness to embrace it."

'Queer Eye' stars find new agents, 'friend'

The new salary for the Fab Five on the second season of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is strictly under wraps, but thanks to shunned culture expert Blair Boone's breach-of-contract suit, we do know that the cast currently makes \$3,000 an episode. The team renegotiated its contract to allow for salary hikes beyond the five percent that is written in the current contracts, according to the Hollywood Reporter. "They got us cheap ... I was a nobody who didn't have leverage to demand a lot of money," cooking guru Ted Allen told the Philadelphia Enquirer. Now Allen and one of his cohorts have even more professional leverage. He and the show's interior designer Thom Filicia signed with the William Morris Agency for their negotiations, Variety reports. Hunky grooming guy Kyan Douglas doesn't have an agent, but he may have a new "friend." Us Weekly saw him getting cozy with Robert Gant, who plays Ben on "Queer As Folk," at a pre-Emmy party in Los Angeles two weeks ago. The two "retired to a quiet corner to chat alone" and left in a car together, Us reported.

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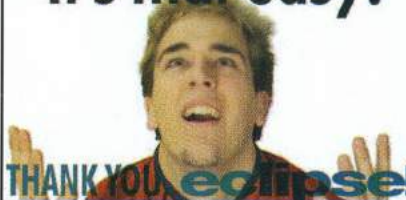
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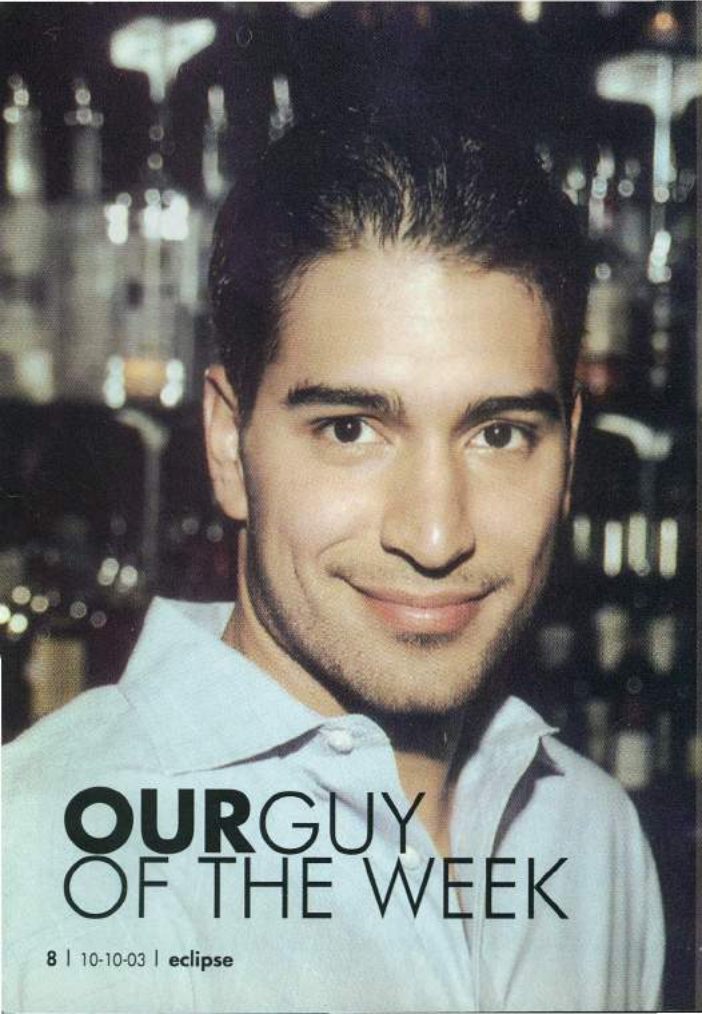
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OUR GUY OF THE WEEK

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JOSUA ESPINEDO

Photos by David Lewis

Age: 26

Occupation: Student

Status: Single

Where can you be found in Houston's nightlife scene?

"It depends. Some nights I want to party like it's 1999, and others I would rather have a nice dinner and a movie."

What are your goals for the future?

"Hopefully, going to grad school and getting my MBA."

How do you rate the Houston gay scene?

"It's a lot better than in other cities, although gay Montreal tops the list!"

What's in your crystal ball?

"I'm waiting for my 'Wes' ('Boy Meets Boy'). Call me a hopeless romantic."

Where do you find the hottest men in Houston?

"You never can tell these days. They are where you would least expect them to be. I am still waiting for my Mr. Right."



DJ PROFILE



Spin one in the land of 'Oz'

DJ Alyson Calagna spins on new CD in her singular style

Last month, Centaur Music released the addition "A Weekend in OZ" to the highly acclaimed Party Groove dance series. The CD is the namesake for a Denver event, produced by MBD Productions, that includes a popular line-up of entertainment and DJs including Warren Gluck and Alyson Calagna.

Miami based DJ/producer Calagna was first exposed to house music as a child in Aberdeen, Scotland. At the age of 16 living in Louisiana, Calagna found a natural calling to the turntables, which led to her first residency. Currently, she is traveling the country spinning fierce tribal beats.

Eclipse: How did you get you start as a DJ?
Calagna: Eleven years ago, when I was dancing at a teen club. My friend was a DJ there, and he taught me how to spin.

by Arjan Timmermans

I have been hooked ever since.

Eclipse: How do you describe your spinning style?

Calagna: House music. All forms of house — from deep, sexy, sultry house to progressive and everywhere in between. I am crazy about percussions. Lots of it, all different types of percussion. This girl loves her tribal.

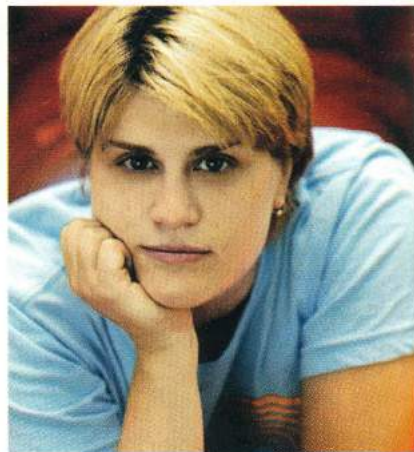
Eclipse: What is your secret to getting a crowd moving and excited?

Calagna: Now, if I told you, it wouldn't be a secret anymore.

Eclipse: How do you prepare for a DJ gig?

Calagna: I listen to old and new records, and I make sure my CDs are organized. I try and play in my room a couple of times a week.

Sometimes I find that if I over-prepare, I lose my intuition. So the most important thing for me is my mental state. If my energy is good and my spirits are up, the



Alyson Calagna (Photo courtesy Centaur Music)

rest just flows.

Eclipse: How do you like playing gay circuit parties? Do the gay boys treat you well?

Calagna: I love playing, period. For all crowds. Making people dance is my passion. Circuit parties are a blast. I used to play at raves, but circuit parties are basi-

cally gay raves with a much better production.

I love the lights, the shows, the whole extravaganza-type feel. The boys are great. They are very appreciative of the music. I love that about them.

Eclipse: How was it to create the latest Party Groove CD?

Calagna: It was great! I have worked with Centaur before, so it was nice to work with them again. The "Weekend in Oz" gang was awesome. I was totally stoked about being the DJ to make the CD for Denver's first circuit party.

Eclipse: What vibe did you want to convey at "Weekend in Oz"?

Calagna: I played the closing tea dance, so the music selection was geared more towards vocals. I was still able to throw in my percussion groove on a few of the tracks in between, and it turned out great.

Eclipse: What are some of your favorite tracks?

Calagna: I love the tribal tracks the most, of course.

Eclipse: What DJs do you feel most related to?

Calagna: There are a lot of DJs that I feel that I can kind of flow with, one of them would be DJ Paolo. He is my tribal husband. I think Monty Q and I would have an eclectic story together.

Eclipse: What DJs inspire you?

Calagna: Do you have all day? I can name hundreds. The first inspiration would be the Tunz crew back in Lafayette, La. Danny T. because of the deep tribal, JR because of his technical skills, Abel because of his Cha Cha and Monty because of his versatility.

Eclipse: What music genre would you never include in a set?

Calagna: In a dance music setting, I really don't like trance. I'm not saying it's bad or anything. It just doesn't fit in my groove.

Eclipse: What is the future of club music?

Calagna: I can only say what I hope for: I hope house gets "housier." Good vocal house with a message or a meaning, not just a remixed pop song.

I have played music with an edge ever since I started, so I would like to see music with an edge meet classic house. That might sound crazy, but I miss organs and those cute sounds that used to make us move years ago. I want more sexy soulful tribal music.

DJ TOP TEN

Shawn Byrne/Rich's
www.richs-houston.com

"BREAKIN' THE LAW"

Judas Priest

"7 NATION ARMY"

The White Stripes

"WILDFLOWER"

The Cult

"GET IT ON (BANG A GONG)"

T-Rex

"CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE"

Queen

"ARE YOU GONNA BE MY GIRL"

The Jets

"PLEASE" - THE BOLSHOI

"THIS CORROSION"

Sisters Of Mercy

"THIS IS THE NEW SHIT"

Marilyn Manson

"BURNING LOVE"

Elvis Presley

BRIAR PATCH



CLUB O



GUAVA LAMP





JR'S



METEOR



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Put some heat in your winter nights with a spark from the circuit

By Van Gower

The approach of cold winter nights doesn't mean the end of the circuit party season. If anything, it's a perfect excuse for throngs of bronzed, buff and beautiful guys to cram onto the dance floors and work up some hot and sweaty energy.

Our list of 10 of the hottest circuit parties in the U.S. and Canada through the end of the year is designed to give you a heads-up on the where the boys are.

When the lights go down at these events, the volume goes up and the spotlight is on you and hundreds of your newest friends.

Gay Days

Oct. 10 - 12

Tampa Bay

www.gaydaystampabay.com

What do you get when you mix hot guys, cool drinks and scorchin' music from DJs including DJ Roland Belmares and DJ Paulo? You get Gay Days and the "Better Than Wet" party that promise to light up the Florida night.

Alegria Musica

Oct. 12

New York City

www.alegriaevents.com

The Sound Factory is the place where DJs Abel and Eddie Elias work their frenzied sounds for this wildly popular party that's pure XXX: X-tra sexy, x-tra studly and x-tra sweaty.

DJ Barry Harris at Blu

Oct. 18

Atlanta

www.bluatlanta.com

This may not be an official circuit party, but everybody knows the cute young guys in Atlanta possess more than enough sex and sin to make any party a hot and happening

SIZZLING

experience. Add Thunderpuss DJ Barry Harris, and no dance fan should miss this event.

Cherry 9 Launch Party

Oct. 18-19

Washington, D.C.
www.cherryfund.org

Washington isn't all politics and filibustering. The hard-body circuit parties are no stranger to the inner Beltway, and there's no stopping the energetic beats of superstar DJs Susan Morabito and Alyson Calagna when they set down the sounds that turn up the heat.

Halloween 2003

Oct. 23-26

New Orleans
www.halloweenneworleans.com

Journey to the land of Voodoo and Anne Rice for a scary, sexy weekend full of music, drinks and lust with hundreds of Big Easy boys in New Orleans.

HellBall 7

Oct. 25

San Francisco
www.hellball.org

This is one of those times when they all can be California boys, and they'll be out in their sexy, costumed best for this annual party that kicks off a week of frighteningly-fun gay Halloween festivities in 'Frisco.

Primetime at Backstreet

Nov. 1

Atlanta
www.backstreetatlanta.com

Halloween falls on Friday this year, so the parties are non-stop. And speaking of non-stop, Backstreet is alive with the living dead, welcoming gay ghouls to dance floor insanity with the sounds of DJs Derrick Shaw and Bill Berdeaux.

Joe Gauthreaux at Blu

Nov. 8

Atlanta
www.bluatlanta.com

Gauthreaux has a loyal following, and he is known for thrilling fans everywhere on the hottest dance floors in the country. He gives Atlanta boys what they crave and leaves them panting for more at this winter stop.

19th Annual White Party

Nov. 23-Dec. 1

Miami, Miami Beach and Ft. Lauderdale
www.whiteparty.com

One of the most popular circuit parties in the world returns with a who's who of the hottest A-list DJs and more than enough beautiful men to shake a stick at, so to speak. This is the big one.

Latin Fever

Nov. 27-Dec. 3

Puerto Vallarta
www.willgorges.com

The warm temperatures south of the border get even hotter when Puerto Vallarta becomes the setting for international DJs and plenty of sweaty men moving to la musica. And did we mention the Squirt Gun Party?

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FRIDAY, OCT. 10

611. Free buffet, 5:30p. Male dancers, 9p. 713-526-7070.

Briar Patch. Piano sing-a-long 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. Pianist Roger Woest, 9:30p. 713-571-7870.

M Bar on Main. Steel Weekend 'Iron' party, 9p-2a. 713-222-1022.

WHERE YOUR NIGHT BEGINS

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

Meteor. Happy hour, 4-8p. Shot specials all night. 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. Varsity night with Limey's Varsity contest, 11 p. Virginia Slymm show, midnight. 713-759-9606.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

611. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

Briar Patch. Piano sing-a-long 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 tunes with Wayne Gray, 9:30p.

Meteor. Open at 6p.

The music pumps the boys into action every night at **South Beach**. 713-529-SOBE.

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. Steel Weekend main party 'Steel,' 9p-9a. 21 and up.

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

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

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.

JR's. Karaoke, 6p-2a.

Keys West. Open dart tournament. 4p.

Mary's. Ladies' Night on the patio, 2-8p. 713-527-9669.

Meteor. Open at 3p. Frozen grape popicles.

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

Numbers Night Club. Steel Weekend closing party 'Greysteel,' 5p-2a. 713-526-6551.

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

South Beach. Salsa, Bachata and ChaCha lessons and demonstrations by SalsaEddy, 7p.

MONDAY, OCT. 13

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.

Meteor. Mind Mend Mondays. Happy hour, 4-8p. Expert manicures and professional massages.

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, OCT. 14

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.



The men are friendly, the neighborhood is inviting and the ambiance is relaxing at Briar Patch. 713-526-7070.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Drag Bingo hosted by Southern Comfort and Lillian Deveroux, with free prizes; benefits local charities. Happy hour, 4-8p. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," 11p.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

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. 713-521-2519.

Keys West. Song stylings of Steve Wheaton, 9:30p.

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

Meteor. Happy hour, 4-8p. Professional women's happy hour, 6 p.m. Total Request Night, 9p.

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.

Rich's. FUBAR, all Rock & Roll format with DJ Shawn Byrne.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

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.

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. Happy hour, 4-8p. "Will and Grace," 8 p.m. Singles night with Lana Blake. "View from the Top" promo with giveaways.

Michael's Outpost. 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. 713-529-SOBE.

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

Why is that every time I fall in love, my damn ex has to come between me and my new lover? It's so wrong.

To the guy who asked why gay men over 30, whether they're black, white, Puerto Rican or Asian, have to be so possessive and jealous: because they care.

Actual headline on CNN.com, Sept. 24, from an article about a new anthropological study: "Stone Age men dumped fish for meat relatively quickly." I'm hardly surprised. Even Stone Age men had needs.

How come no cable network has set up a series that features stereotypical lesbians? Where is the show that features butch girls explaining what's under a car hood to Betty Crocker types? Or how to repair a toaster or how to spackle a wall. It could be called "Diesel Diagrams for the Befuddled Bimbo."

To the much older men who seduce younger men with your money and

Gay men should not feel compelled to remove their shirts whenever the feeling strikes them.

then complain of being used: Wake up! I'm not with you because of your looks and great sex.

Why do I have to look like you?

You might get a better response at the club if you were to approach me with a little respect. Telling me I'm hot, following me around the club, grabbing my ass, and grinding up behind me are huge turn-offs. Gay men can be gentlemen, too!

To the guys who look down on me for being a slut: Funny how you clam up and run away as soon as I try to have an intimate relationship. If I just have sex and leave, I'm bad for being a slut; but if I want to date you for a month, go on vacation with you, hold your hand and kiss you in public, I'm pushing too hard?

What a relief to read the bitch from the guy who said, "I will not come over, have sex with you, then leave immediately like we don't know each other." I stopped picking up men because most of them do exactly that. Thank God for people like you! Can we meet?

You will not come over and have sex, you will not leave, yadda, yadda yadda, and you will not be ignored. Thank you, Glenn Close!

Will all those clean-shaven dweebs either take an attitude enema before flitting down the street or go back to waiting tables for the het wanna-bes? You can't bottom for everybody at that price, right?

To the guys who don't like gay-themed shows because there are no

masculine men: Have you ever watched "The Real World" on MTV?

If voting for the party that supports me 50 percent of the time (the Democrats), rather than party that supports me 5 percent of the time (the Republicans), makes me a "homo with a small mind," then so be it.

I'm over 40, thank God! I lived long enough and "safe" enough to get here. I can only hope that the "twinks" and "pnp" queens live long enough to say the same.

As a black man (who happens to be extremely proud of his heritage) who is most attracted to white males, I am constantly amazed at the racism I encounter from fellow gay males. It's OK to date men but how dare I date a man from another race? Do I have to explain the irony there?

Am I the only gay man on the planet who doesn't give a crap about marriage? Just wondering.

At a certain clothing store recently, I

stood at the counter for 10 minutes holding some merchandise I was obviously interested in buying. Behind the counter stood three chatty queens, laughing with each other. I finally stormed out. What do I have to do to get you to take my money?

If you are really interested in your oh-so-cute boyfriend, why was it that you have that cell phone in your ear from the time you walked up to the restaurant and the time your boyfriend paid the check? Your boyfriend was not only handsome

and nice; he also was "hot" in the restroom making out with me.

To the guys at the gym where I am an independent trainer: Yes, that Colt-model-looking dude I am training with is my boyfriend. Jeesh! Stop hitting on him when we are together. Have some respect.

To all the homosexuals who refuse to admit a hot young guy like me can really be bisexual: If I turn down you femme-y attitude and shaved bod, maybe it's because I'm lookin' for a real woman. OK?

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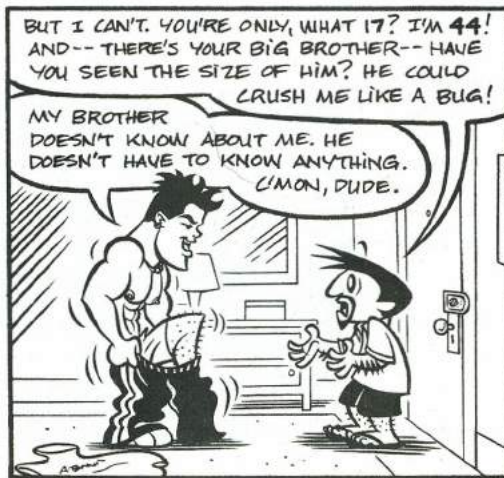
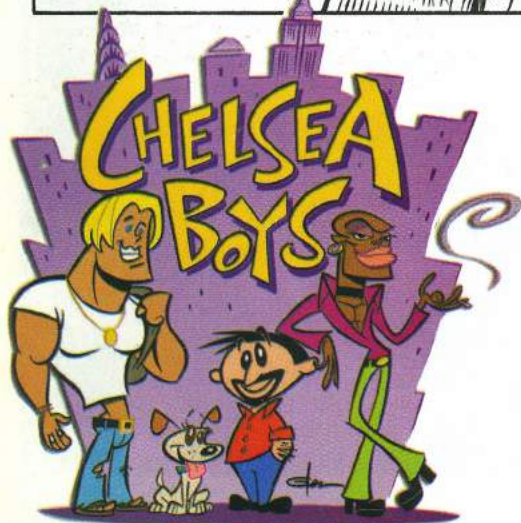


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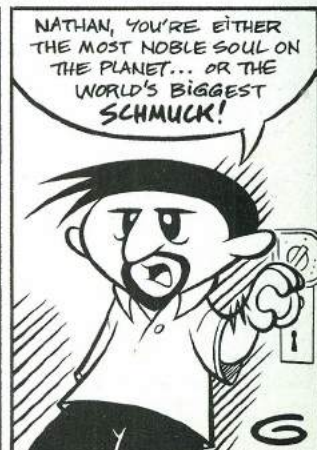
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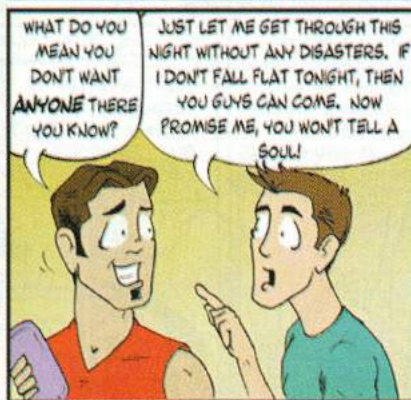
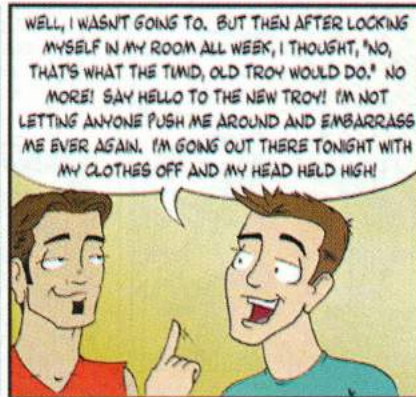
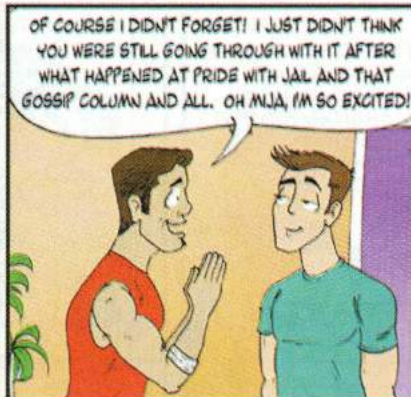


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NEED WOOD?



HIV? How rude!

Southern states have a big problem, and hospitality and politeness are to blame

Hey Woody!

I was flipping channels when I saw you on CNN. I was very disappointed at how well behaved you were in front of the cameras.

I was half-expecting you to stand up and bitch-slap the interviewer like you do your readers. Anyway, I only caught the tail end of the interview.

For once you were actually saying something interesting — about why the south is the capital of AIDS. I thought New York and San Francisco had that distinction.

— *Hoping for a mud fight*

Dear Hoping:

Yes, it felt weird to answer a question without slandering the person

by Woody Miller

asking it. Not sure I liked it.

And thanks for the passive-aggressive compliment. You'll have to come over and play my favorite game: Catch the ax.

Speaking of catching things, the South's got it bad. The capital of AIDS is no longer Sodom & Gomorrah; it's Aunt Pittypat's porch.

According to the CDC, the 17-state Southern states from Texas to Washington, D.C., has more residents living with HIV and AIDS than New York and San Francisco. It also has the ugly distinction of being the only area in the country with a significant



increase in infections (9 percent).

What happened? First, the South has the highest concentration of the group most likely to be infected: African-Americans (they now make up 53 percent of all infections nationally). The South also has the highest concentration of another group most likely to be infected: poor people.

But there's something more that amplifies these factors: The southern culture of politeness and indirectness.

One of the most effective ways to

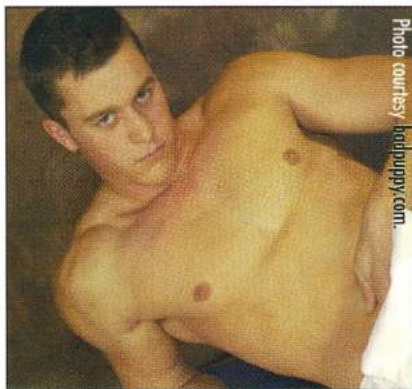
stop the spread of HIV is to know if your potential sex partner has it. Sexual behavior changes dramatically with that knowledge. It'll either prevent you from having sex with him or severely limit what risks you're willing to take.

But unless he volunteers it, the only way to know if your potential sex partner has HIV is to ask. And that's a question Southerners think is too rude for words.

My ex-boyfriend was born in Kentucky, schooled in Louisiana and is a past resident of Georgia. When he moved from Atlanta to New York he noticed a vivid difference.

"Southerners almost never ask or volunteer their HIV status," he said. "New Yorkers won't shut up about it."

Unlike my ex, I do not have the privilege of saying I'm from the South, only the honor of saying I live in it. And one of the most charming things about living here is that you can't



pour a bourbon without spilling it on a euphemism.

Where a northerner might ask why you're so fucking angry, a southerner would say, "Who licked the red out of your candy?"

Sometimes being indirect goes beyond charm into the absurd. Take my friend Cooper.

He and his two brothers are gay. Every year, they take their boyfriends to Alabama and have Christmas dinner with mom. They've never come out to

her, and she's never asked why they keep bringing guys home instead of girls.

Six men, a mom, a meal and no mention of the obvious. It perfectly captures the paradox of the South: Love, warmth and silence.

Unfortunately, silence is the shortest distance between social grease and spreading disease.

You should always ask for your partner's HIV status. To maximize the chances that I'll get a straight answer — and to reassure HIV positive people that you're not going to bolt at hearing the truth — say something like, "It doesn't make a difference to me whether you're positive or not, but I'd still like to know your HIV status."

And after that, no matter what the answer is, stick your hands down his pants.

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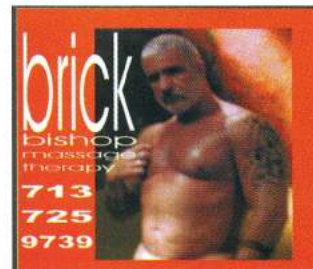
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