

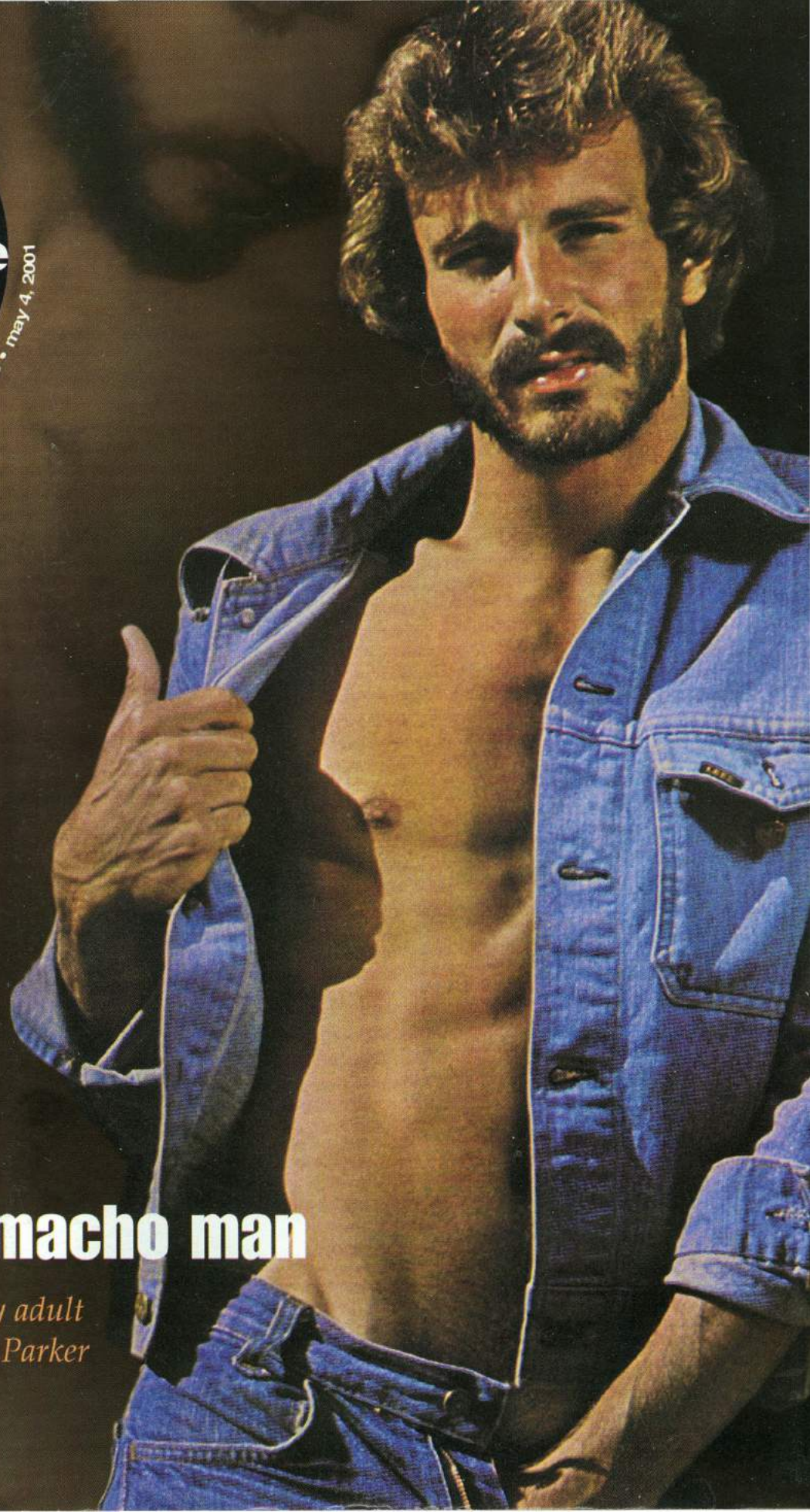
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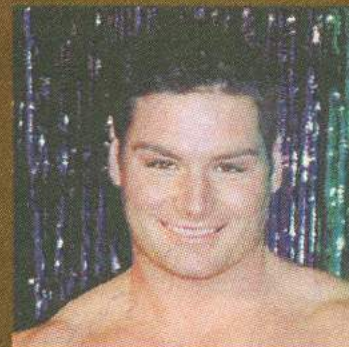
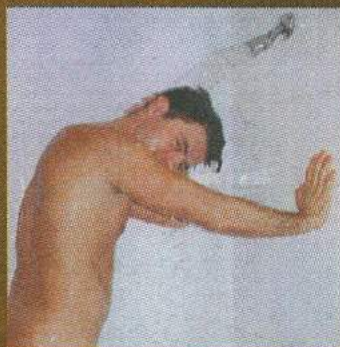
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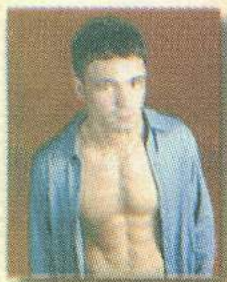
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Since I started this column, I've watched the careers of several local vinyl jockeys take off. But I have to say I was amazed when I recently received an e-mail from **DJ DYLAN BARNES**. Barnes used to hold residency at **PACIFIC STREET**, as well as catering to several major parties. Dylan was always a great musical host, and a hell of a nice guy. Well, Barnes was signed to a label sometime ago, and retired from the spinning scene to work on his music. He formed **MUTINY**, and they have just released a new single in the UK called "Secrets," which is doing incredibly well. I'm telling ya'll, you gotta check out his Web site, www.mutinyuk.com. It is an incredibly flashy site that tells you all about this project, and features music videos, downloads, and some killer graphics. To top it all off, Dylan plans on returning to the booth this summer, with guest gigs at local clubs. I'll keep you posted as to when and where, but it looks like Barnes has hit the big time.

Speaking of big time, **DJ MICHAEL TANK** updated me on his upcoming gigs. This local DJ is also creating a big name for himself on the circuit scene, covering parties from San Diego, Dallas, San Francisco, Austin, Indianapolis, Atlanta and many more in just the next couple of months. Tank's upcoming gigs are too lengthy to mention in this small column, but you can get all of the dates and places on his Web site, www.michaeltank.com. You can still check out Tank's happy house vibe Fridays at P.S., and Sunday's at **RICH'S** T-dance.

Speaking of Rich's, **JOE ROSS** will relinquish his title as **MR. GAY HOUSTON** on May 12, with an all out **JERRY RAMSEY PRODUCTION** entitled "Boogie Nights." Emceed by the incomparable **KOFFI**, and featuring appearances by **KOURTNEY VAN WALES**, **CJ BROOKS**, and **GREGORY BOSARGE**, this pageant should be off the hook. The contest runs from 7-10 p.m., so get there early for a seat up front. For more info, check out Rich's Web site at www.richs-houston.com.

Also on Rich's upcoming gigs list, **CHRIS SILL** will be slinging attitude with a custom night of trance rescheduled for May 11. "A Night At The Kasbah" will feature the power of Sill at the tables, in addition to some good old-fashioned drama. **FREQUENCY** will be



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Alright folks, that's it for this week. Coolmail has recently shut down, so I switched my e-mail over to AOL. Drop me a line, and fill me in on what events you plan on checking out, the new addy is MrkGbl@aol.com. Thanks Houston, and I'll see you out.

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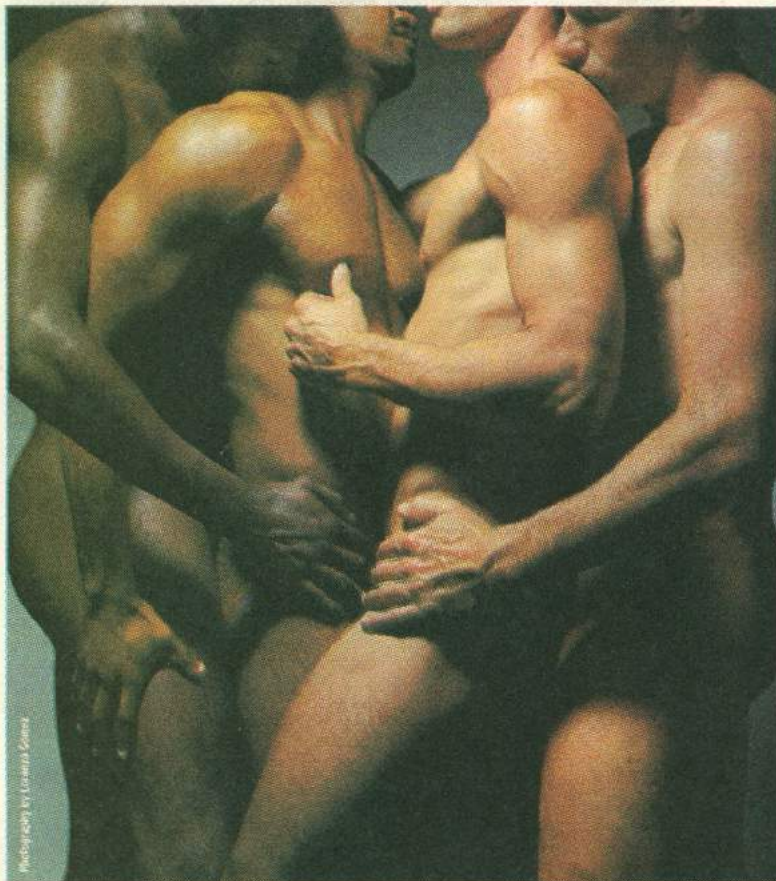
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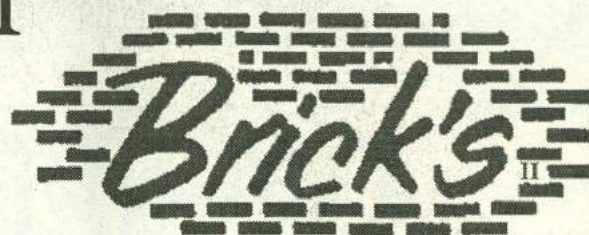
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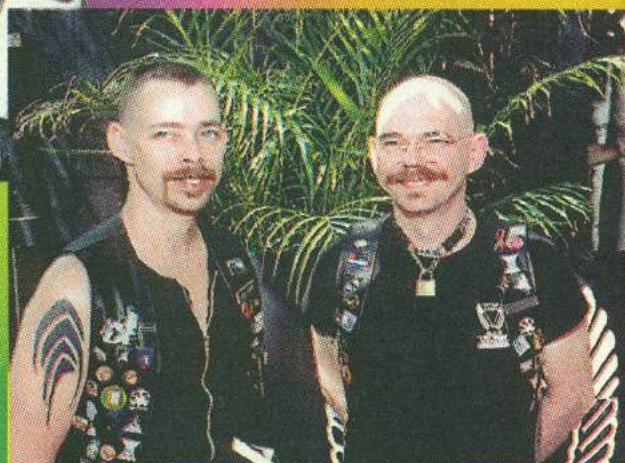
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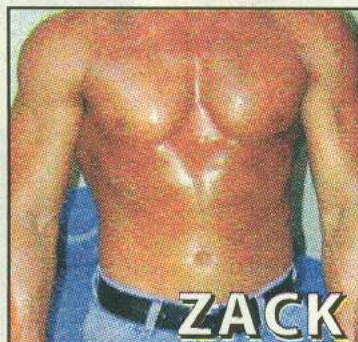
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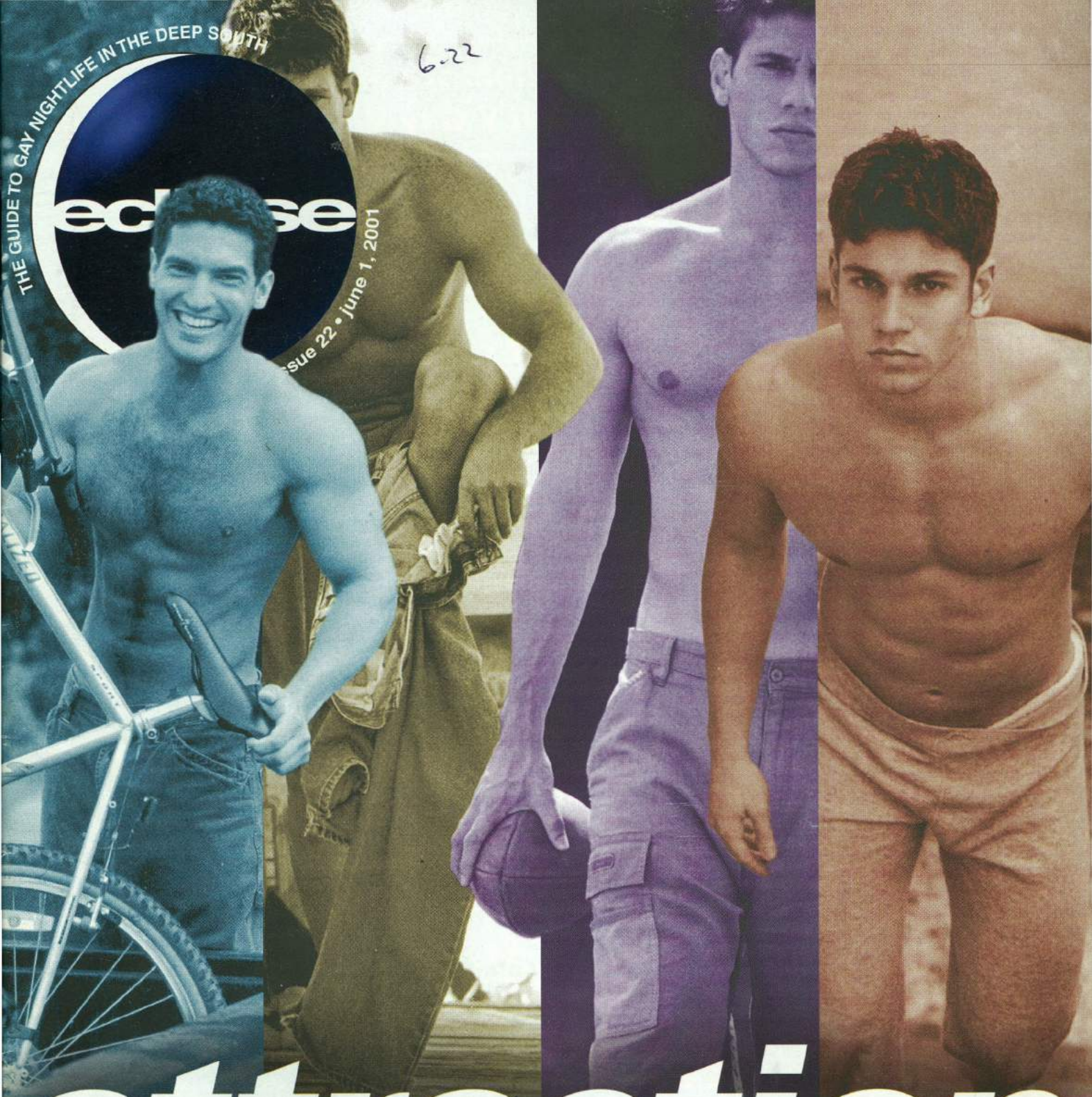
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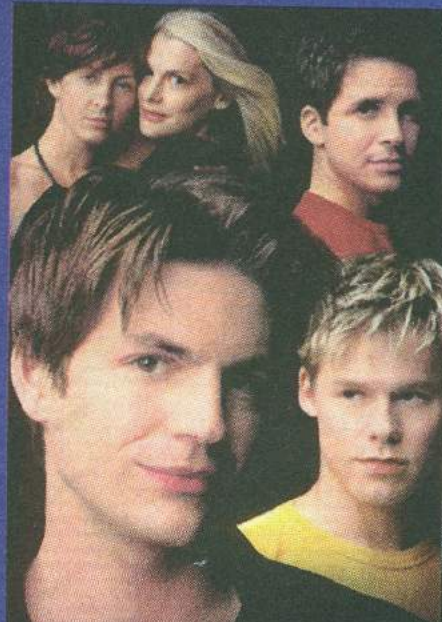
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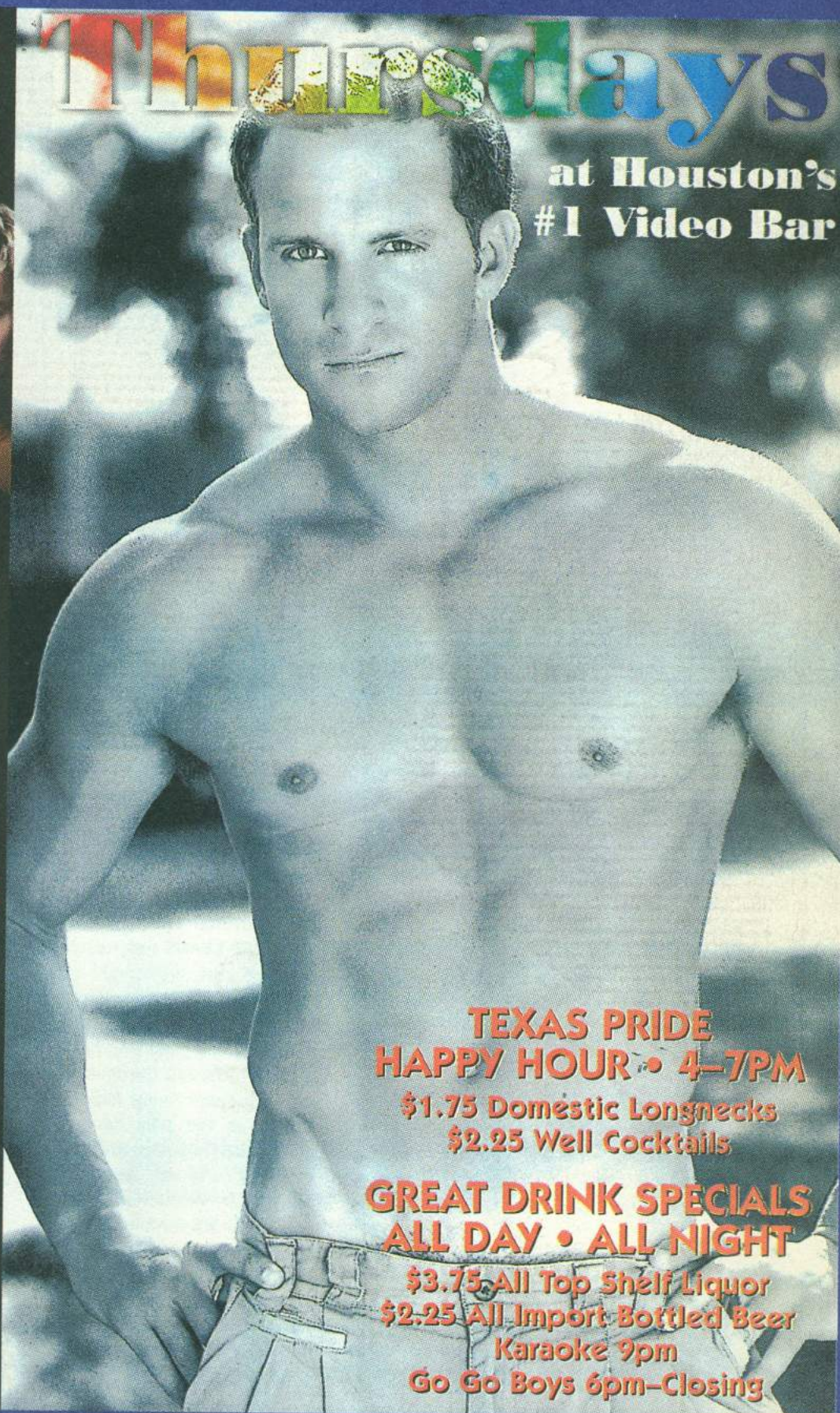
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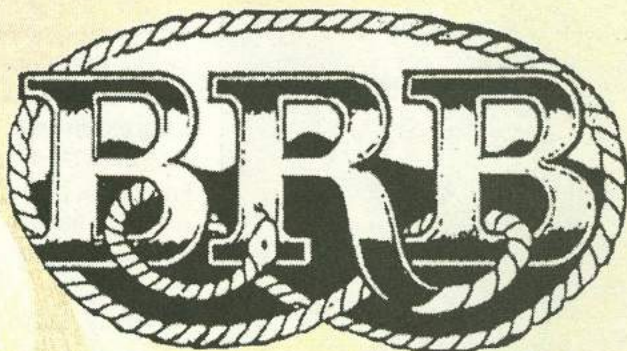
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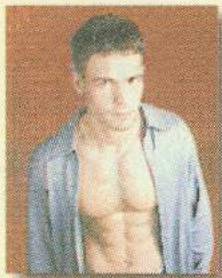


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your tickets, and sort through their inventory of more than 2,000 swim trunks. The tickets shoot up to \$15 bucks at the door, so run by Basic Brothers before June 8.

After the pool party, **RICH'S** and gang hold its second annual swimsuit party. This is always a big event, with hundreds of guys in nothing but their bathing suits. Hit the sit-ups and the salads now, boys.

The **MISS CAMP AMERICA FOUNDATION** is busting out their second fund-raising event of the year. The **JUNE BRIDE PARTY** will feature Miss Camp America 2001, **BERNADETTE**, and bridal parties from some of their 2001 charities. All proceeds from this event benefit the MCAF charities, which include **ASSISTANCE FUND**, and **COLT 45'S STONE SOUP** to name a few. This not to be missed event will be hosted at the **LOVETT INN**, at 501 Lovett, on Sunday, June 3. For more info, contact MCAF at 713-267-7827.

Another update on **SOUTHBEACH** from the Armstrong Camp. To build up anticipation for the grand opening, South Beach has a series of private showings, kinda like when a big movie comes out, "showing at select cities." And I'm sure everyone in H-town knows the premiere is going to be held on June 6, which is by invite only. June 7 will be another invite-only sneak peek, but for all of you who took my advice and got your regular bartender at **JR'S** to hook you up with the invite, see you there. The doors open to everybody on Friday, June 8.

And for all you sports enthusiasts out there, the **MONTROSE SOFTBALL LEAGUE** is having its annual **JOCKS IN DRESSES**



Jonathan Young, Michael Collins and Michael Anderson helped distribute more than \$40,000 raised by the Bayou City Boys Club during the recent Jungle IV and Rain Dance events. Among the charities benefiting from BCBC were the Assistance Fund, Buyers Club, Colby Project, WAM Foundation, Arrow Project and the Center For AIDS.

fundraiser at Rich's, Saturday June 9 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. I don't know how all those boys are gonna pull off sashaying in those heels, but nonetheless, this is a hilarious show to take in. This year's event will benefit the gay and lesbian section of the Mental Health Association.

PRIDE DAY at **SIX FLAGS ASTROWORLD** starts out Gay Pride month, with a pretty cool line up on Saturday, June 2. **VILLAGE PEOPLE**, **EVELYN CHAMPAIGN KING**, and **THELMA HOUSTON** will perform. Tickets are \$30 and include admission to Six Flags, BBQ Lunch, the concert, a free return ticket to **SIX FLAGS WATERWORLD**, and free admission to Rich's on that Saturday night. www.pridehouston.org or call 713-529-6979 for details.

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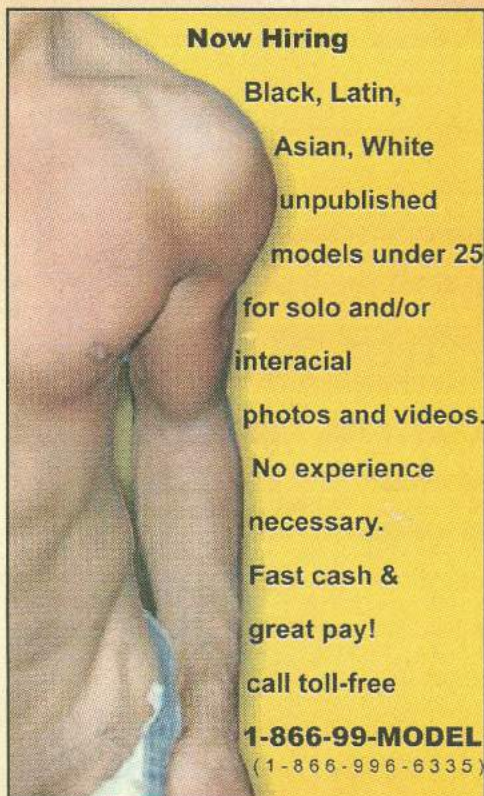
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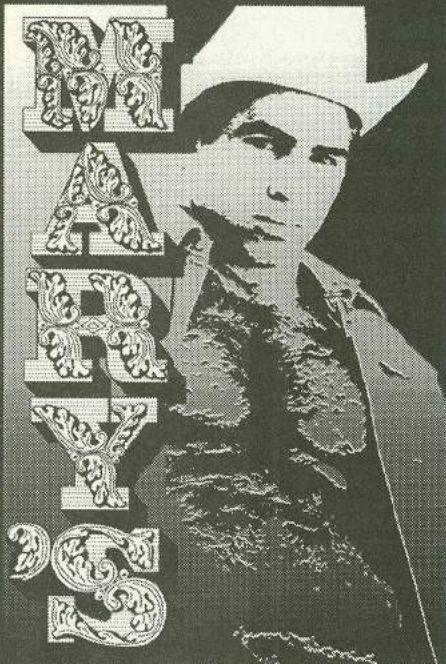
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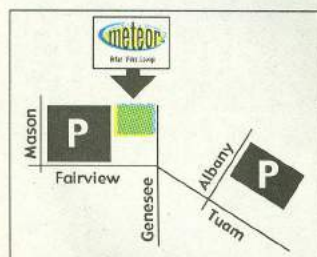
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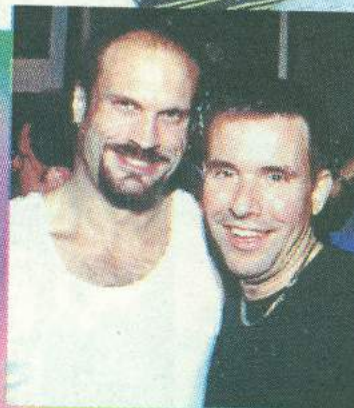
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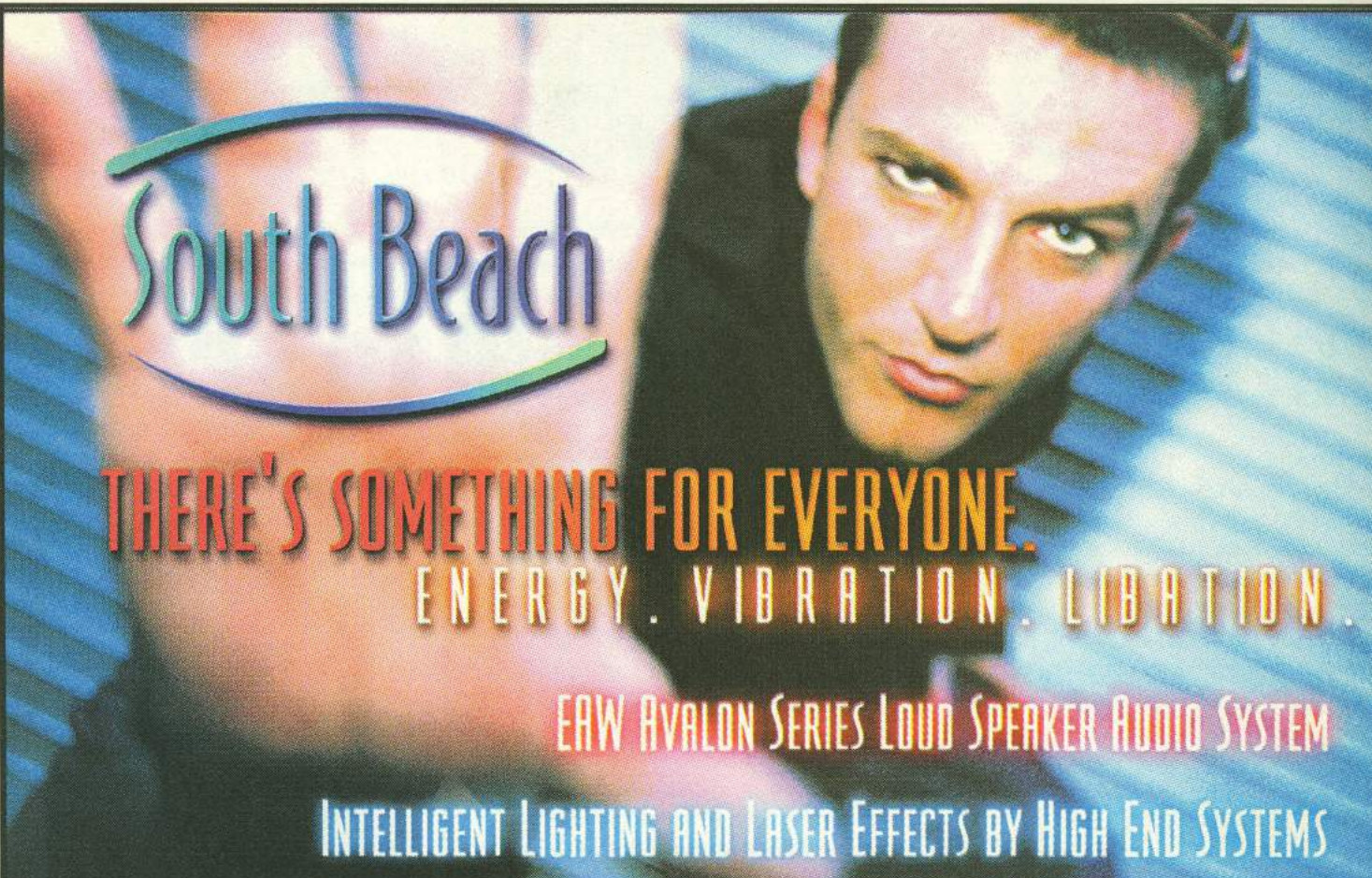
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nitelife hot spots

Just in time for summer, six new clubs and bars for gay men are opening in the Deep South. Take a sneak peek inside.

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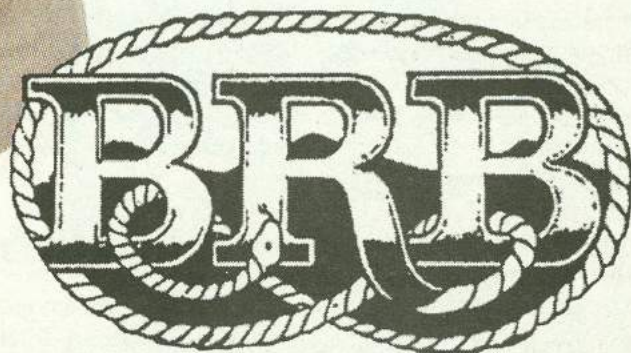
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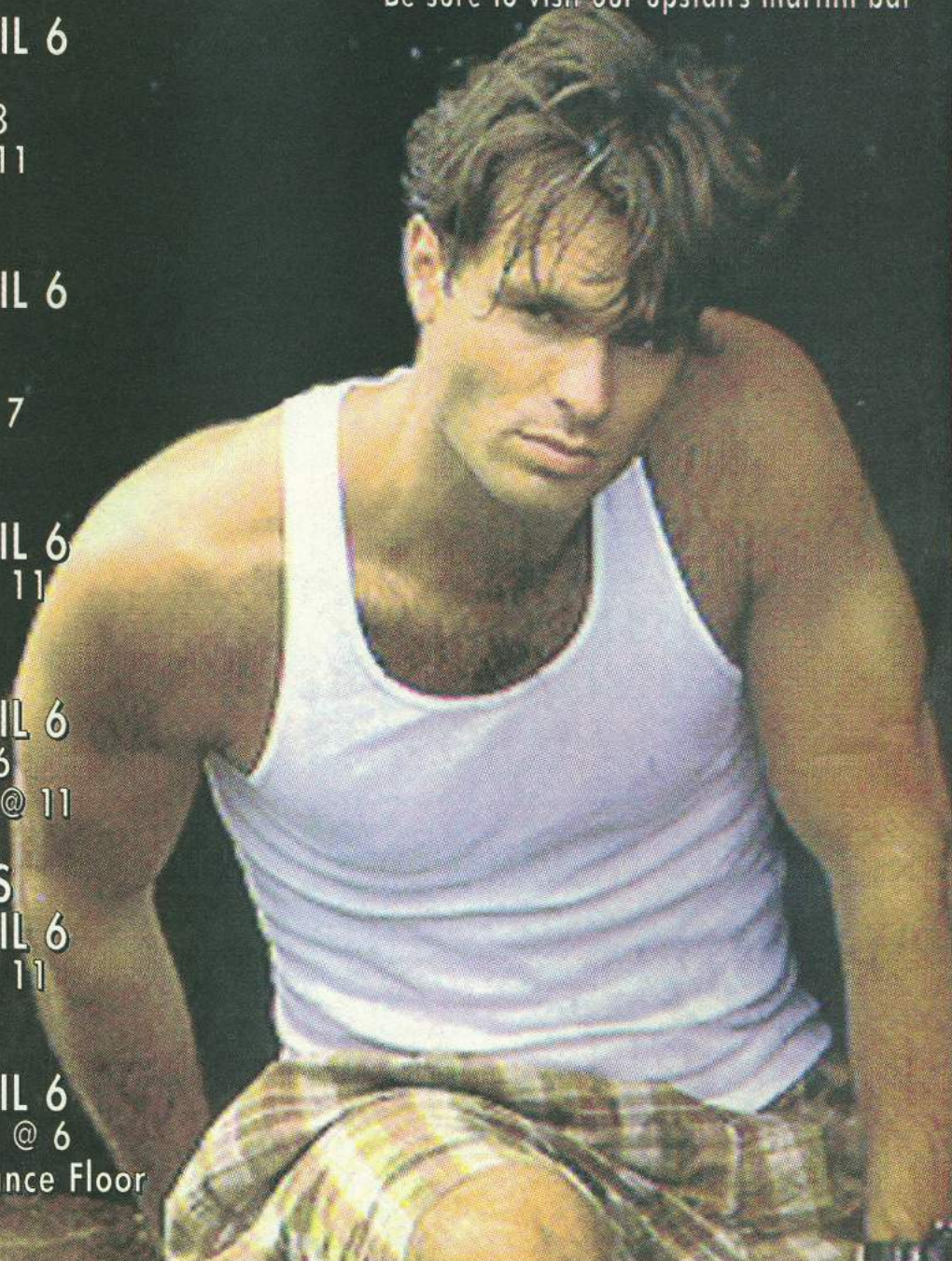
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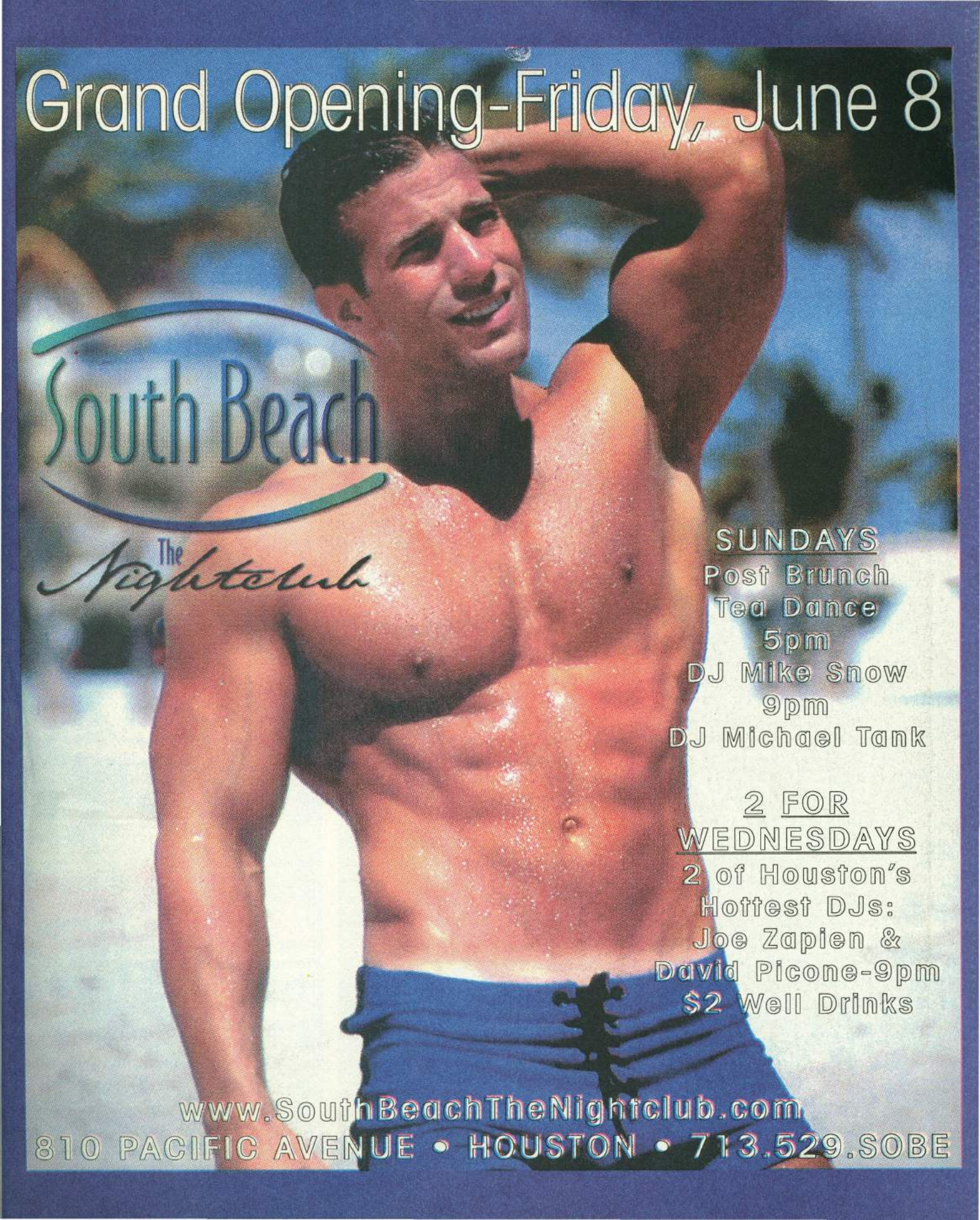
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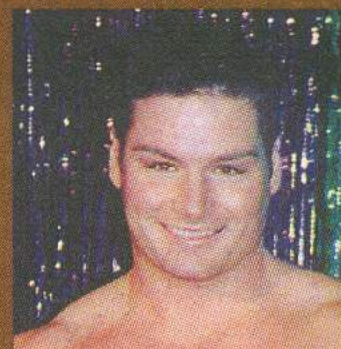
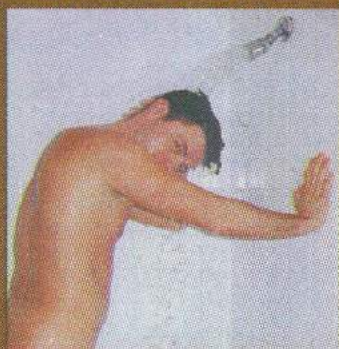
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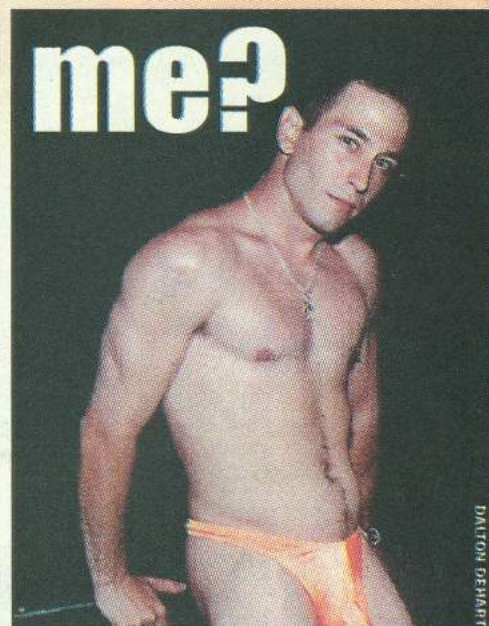
by mark goebel

what did you call me?

What exactly do you call yourself? Queer? Gay? Lesbian? Dyke? Fag? Our crazy little **COMMUNITY CENTER** has come up with a great event to usher in pride, and try to solve this confusion once and for all. The name of the game is the "What Did You Call Me?" contest, and this year will strike up the first competition. Between now and the **PRIDE FESTIVAL** on Sunday, June 24, join the effort to name our family by completing an official form either at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center or at one of many participating events. If you deviate from the stereotypical queer and can't come up with any-

thing cheeky enough, the center has a list already started. Pick one of their labels, or create your own. Enter for just a buck, which benefits the center, and be crowned the queen of your people. The funniest submission will appear on the center's Web site, www.hlgcc.org.

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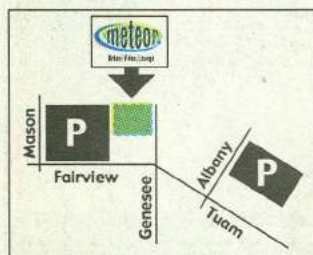
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Last but not least, happy birthday goes out to **MATT LOCKLIN @ CLUB NSOMNIA**. I thought you were 25 last year? And that's it for this week, make some noise Houston, and gimme a shout at MrkGbl@aol.com.



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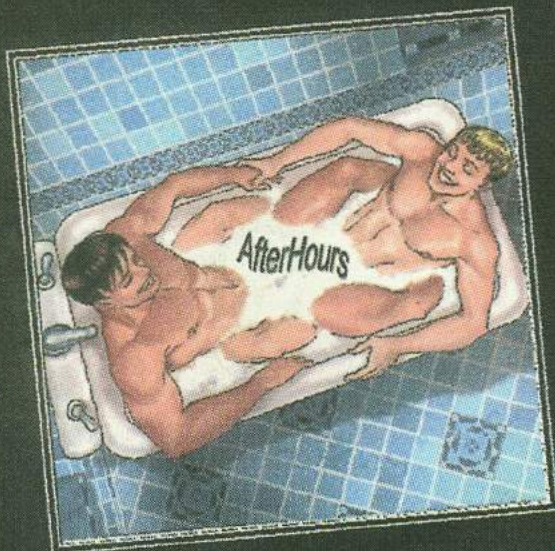
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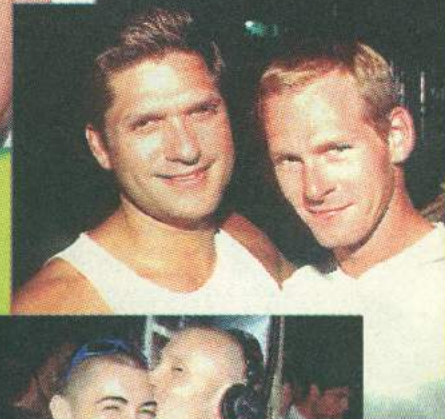
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a half-dozen new gay nightspots are opening in houston and atlanta, bringing more options for serious party-goers

by pauly vegas and mark goebel

Summer in the Deep South looks to beef up the offerings of gay clubs in cities like Houston and Atlanta. There is no shortage of places to party, but there are at least a half-dozen clubs on the verge of opening, or ones that have recently just started to get their groove on. From the return of the popular Armory in Atlanta to the grand opening of the festive South Beach in Houston, there's bound to be something for every gay party boy.

Armory

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One highly anticipated club opening is the new Armory, now owned by Backstreet Atlanta. You can expect its grand re-opening sometime in late June, and the wait will be well worth it. This venue may have the same name, but it is certainly not the same club. The space has been totally renovated, offering lots more room than the former. It boasts its theme as a nonstop atomic discotheque, but beyond the new dance floor there are other rooms within. A grand VIP lounge looks down over the dance floor, there is game room containing billiards and video, a sofa lounge, and a rooftop patio deck. There are surprises yet unannounced, but you can expect something for all walks of life.

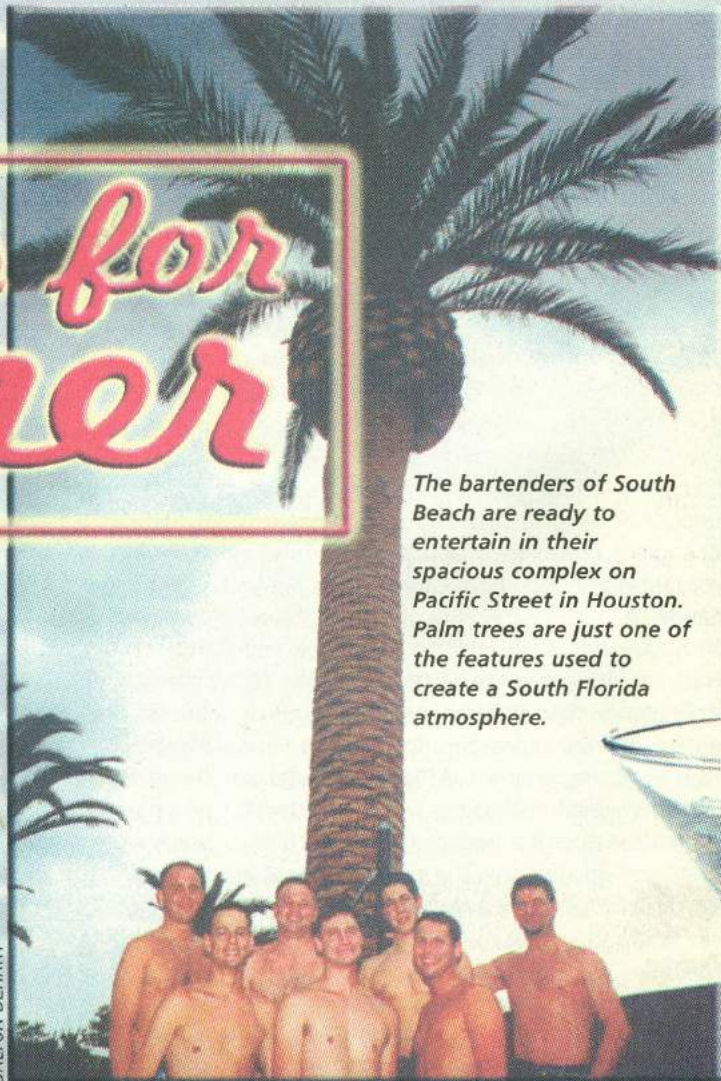
Club Rarity

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Club Rarity, formerly the Otherside, had its grand opening last April. Though the ownership is the same, the concept is different. It is offering a little of everything to help draw a diverse

The bartenders of South Beach are ready to entertain in their spacious complex on Pacific Street in Houston. Palm trees are just one of the features used to create a South Florida atmosphere.

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crowd. For a touch of class, make a point of stopping in the cocktail lounge for the live piano entertainment. The ambience in this room is upscale, but casual attire is acceptable.

If it is dancing that you crave, then step out on to the thumping new dance floor to the tunes of house deejay, DJ Reign. For just simple hanging out, check out to the patio deck. Look forward to upcoming promotions and shows, such as the Atlanta Softball League Mr. Hunk pageant on Friday, June 8. The club's weekly highlights include karaoke on Mondays, hip-hop on Wednesdays, retro dance music on Saturdays, and Sunday afternoon barbecues out on the patio.

Rico's View On Ponce

736 Ponce de Leon Ave.
Atlanta
404-873-3220

On the other side of Midtown Atlanta, Rico's View On Ponce is expected to hold its grand opening in mid-June. Former Phoenix manager Rico Ware has put out all the stops to make this venue a unique treat. The space, originally the Upper Room, has been

totally renovated. The concept is simple—a video sports pub for the gay scene. Rico wanted a place for gays to feel comfortable to enjoy televised sporting events, given that most sports pubs are usually for the straight set. Ware plans to host various promotional ticket giveaways and sports-natured activities.

But the concept is not limited to sports. By nightfall, the latest dance videos will be shown, and the scene will turn over to a laid back hangout for the young gay clientele. There is a planned weekly Latino-themed night to hone in on a South Beach flavor, and Sunday T-dances on the patio deck. One of the highlights is the fabulously uplifted patio deck that stands out to a view of the

Atlanta cityscape, hence the name. There is no doubt that this will be one hot spot to spice up the scene on Ponce.

South Beach

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South Beach was set to open its doors for a private screening on June 6, and to the public on June 8. The 10,000-square-foot building that was once home to the former video and dance bar Heaven has been a long-awaited addition to the Bayou City's gay scene.

The details on who will be spinning at the new club are still under wraps, but whoever they are, they will be able to play on an EAW Avalon sound system, the Rolls Royce of audio systems. The light show is expected to be breathtaking. The folks who've assisted in developing the club said that the sound and lighting effects, including Kryogenifex liquid nitrogen ice jets, and a custom made lighting/laser extravaganza put together by High End Systems are nothing like Houston has ever experienced before.

The entryway has a New York lounge-type feel. Leather banquettes, artistically dramatic lighting and lots of specialized martinis will fill the first part of the club. The second section will feature an unbelievable dance floor, which was designed to fill your senses with a flood of lights, lasers, smoke and rhythm that will make you swear you're really in South Beach. SoBe will also house a Starbucks Coffee Bar, just in case you need to sober up before you decide whether or not to take that trick home.

Meteor

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Meteor made an indelible mark on Houston's gay scene on May 18, taking inspiration from trendy

places like "g" in Manhattan, "Sidetrack" in Chicago and "Manray" in Seattle. This cosmopolitan cocktail lounge mixes the more interesting elements from its muse bars, and layers in a unique relaxed vibe. What you end up with is an edgy upscale bar feel, with a comfy casual crowd. The incredible decor includes a granite-topped bar, inventive lighting, and vibrant custom made booths and banquettes.

The furniture is as fun to look at as to sit on, and is bathed in rich, bright colors and soft, comfortable fabrics. The atmosphere follows in the theme of the bar, gathering queers still in work drag, in their newest Versace pants, to guys in flip-flops and cut off shorts. The bar serves up an incredible list of specialized Martinis, as well as your standard bar fodder. Meteor is filled with seating, which makes scanning the crowd a valid option from any vantage point. One of the pinnacle points of the bar is its video set up. The scattering of flat-screen televisions throughout the layout, along with the large projection TV, feature great music videos, hilarious TV and movie clips that keep the crowd laughing throughout the night.

Club Level Houston-Charlie's Lounge

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Charlie's/Club Level in Midtown will definitely add something unique to the gayscape in H-town. A favorite element of this club is that one of the masterminds behind the venue is DJ Mark D. It's hard to beat a concept when it's backed by a guy who has spent his entire professional life moving from one club to the next, spinning at every major club in Houston, not to mention guest gigs around the country. This venue will be a multi-level bar. Charlie's will be a feel-good "Cheers" kind of environment, with a great drink menu, and a trendy downtown decor. The preview of Club Level is set for June 9, with a grand opening on June 16.



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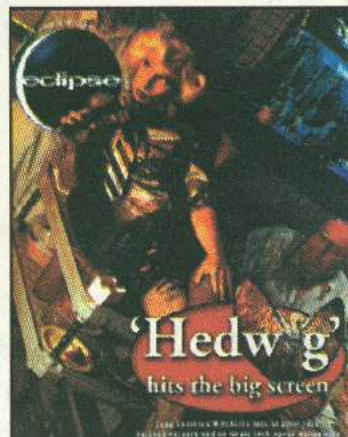
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rockin' with hedwig

Openly gay director John Cameron Mitchell finds new success with the film adaptation of his stage hit, but doesn't mind dishing about sex, either.

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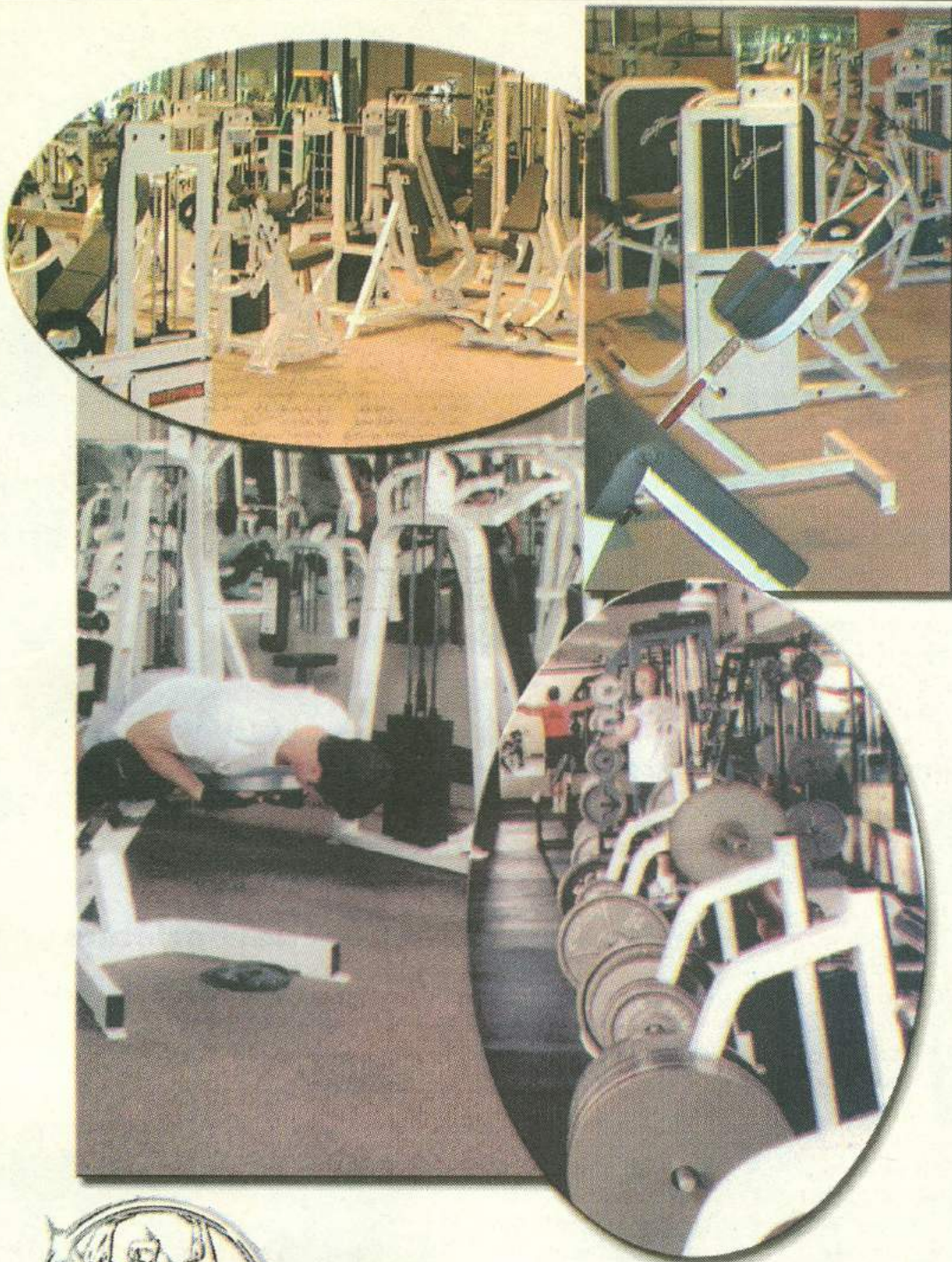
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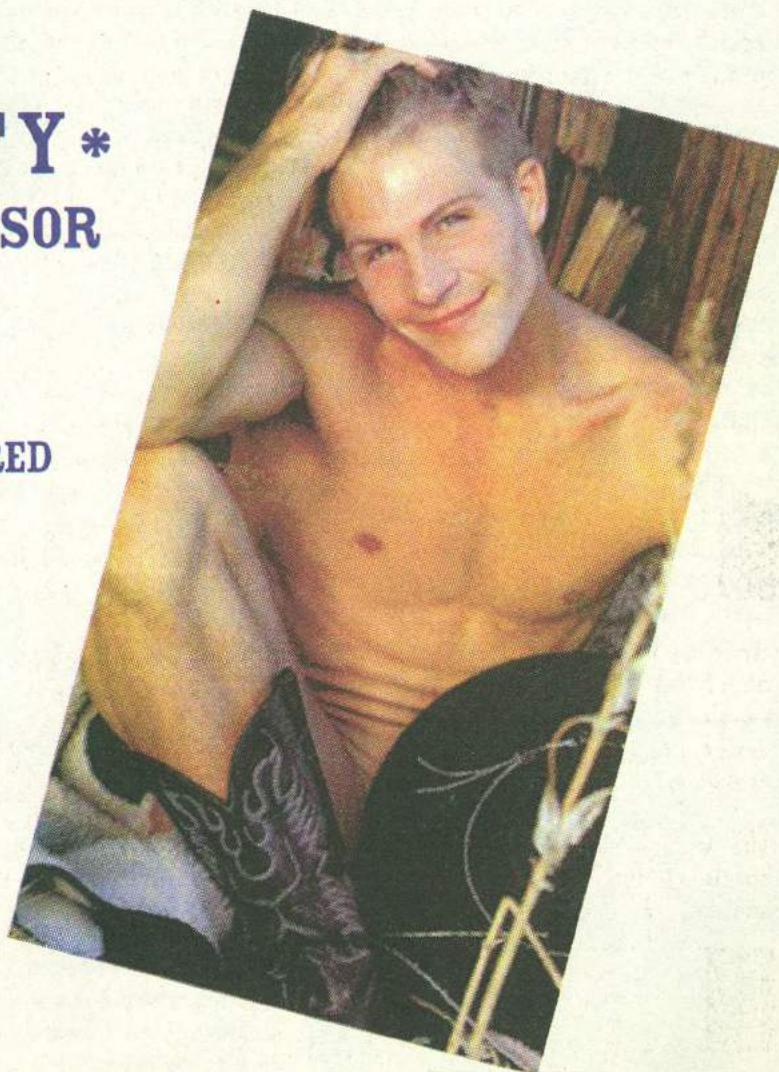
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Could it be that a certain bunch of boys currently touring are having a bit of dissension in the ranks? It all started when one member complained about the elaborate sets and choreography. Then another had problems making his quick changes. At a group meeting, the two issues were raised, and tensions flared. One member suggested that the person who complained about the choreography wasn't working hard enough, while another said that perhaps the quick changes would go quicker if that warbler "weren't so fat." Where did that leave the fifth



Bob Mackie will design costumes for Britney Spears, inspired by his old Cher outfits.

boy? Stuck between several men—and not the way he usually likes it (although he's still linked with boy number three).

Could it be that a certain girl group are having their own set of problems on the road? Things started off well with the gals having fun, working hard, and promoting their new CD. Then the old rivalries came into play when the press started passing them over in favor of their zaftig lead singer. Things almost came to blows at a recent concert when the band was introduced as "Lead Singer and the Band" (fill in the names). Their on-stage interaction was chilly at best. It got downright frosty at a subsequent "Meet and Greet," when one fan showed up with that nudie magazine for the singer to sign. The drummer grabbed it to have a look at the photos, laughed, and said, "Whoever retouched these should get the Nobel Prize!"

When the girls are coming up with better bitchy retorts than the boys, then it's definitely time to end yet another column. Have a question for me? Send an e-mail to Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I pose nude. Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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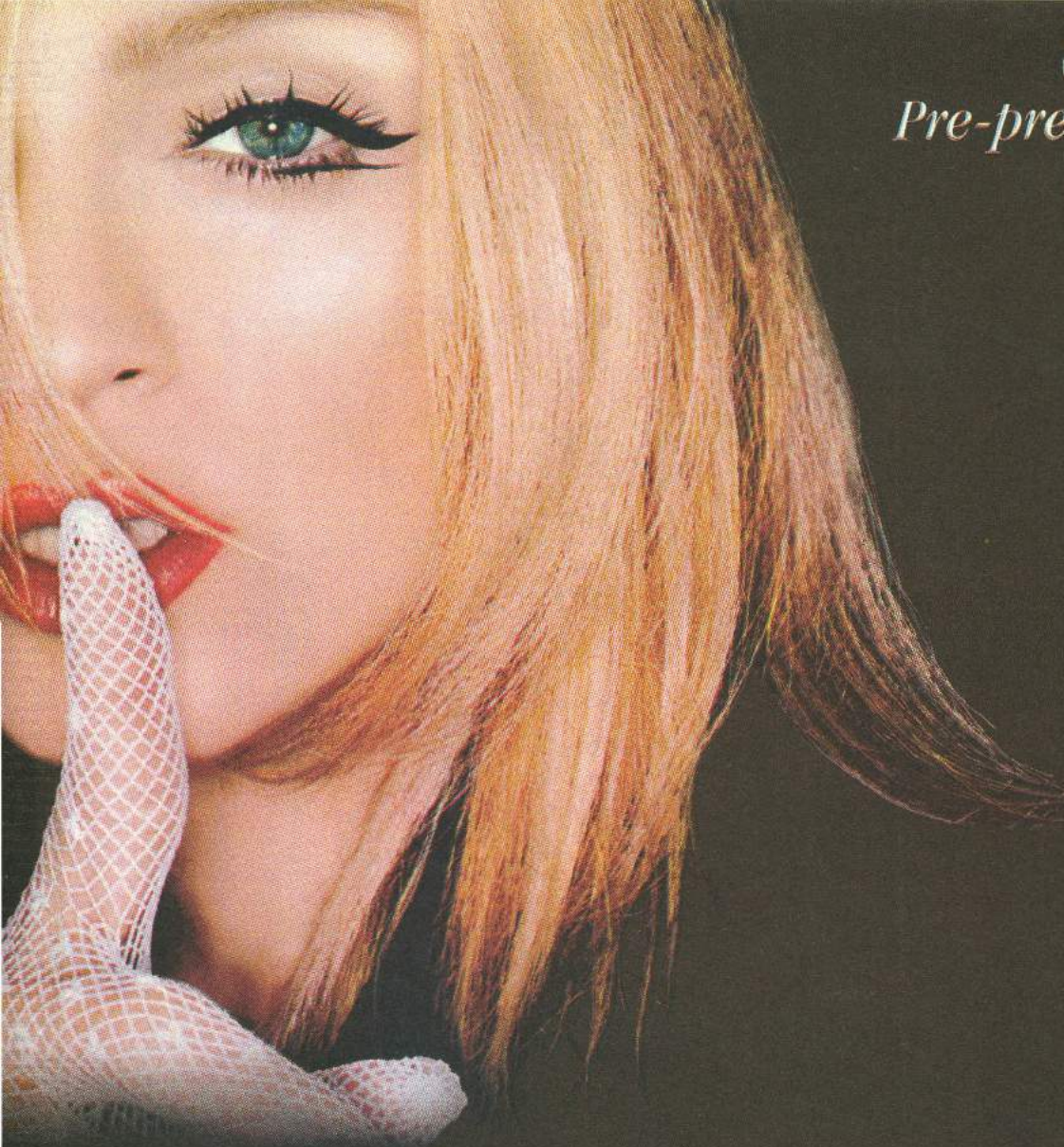
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"Let's Get Soaking ____." If you know what's missing in that now infamous phrase, you are already familiar with the diva coming to **SOBE** in October. **PEPPER MASHAY**'s vocals carry "Dive Into The Pool," as well as the current clubland favorite, "I've Got My Pride," both tracks produced by the current rulers of gay dance music, Thunderpuss. Even if you don't pay attention to the music covering up your best pick up line on a typical



Crowds are gathering at the Blue Zone, 1318 Westheimer, one of the latest gay nightspots to pop up in recent months.

Saturday night, it's nearly impossible to miss MaShay's battle cry to the dance floor given the fact that "Dive" is also featured as the ending credit music to "Queer as Folk." Now does it ring a bell? Heads up for this performance, cause I'm sure SoBe will be packing it in. Check back for more info on this October event.

To breathe new life into your routine weekend activities, grab a date and make it an evening with an old fashion night of theatre. New to Houston's stage is "You Should Be So Lucky," beginning on Sept. 27 at the **FUN FACTORY THEATRE COMPANY**. Set in the 1930s, this production puts a queer twist on the Cinderella fable. Starring **CHARLES BUSCH**, with the talented **WILL SHEPHERD** directing, an entertaining evening is almost a sure bet. Special engagements held on Thursday, Sept. 27, and Oct. 12 with "pay what you wish" performances starting at 7:30 p.m. Regular performances will begin Sept. 28, hitting various dates up until Oct. 20. For more information, hit the Web site www.fanfactory.org, or contact the Midtown Arts Center at 713-688-4631.

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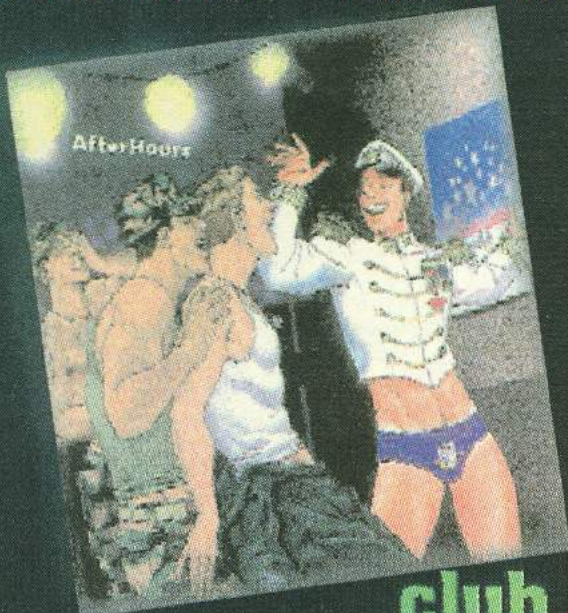
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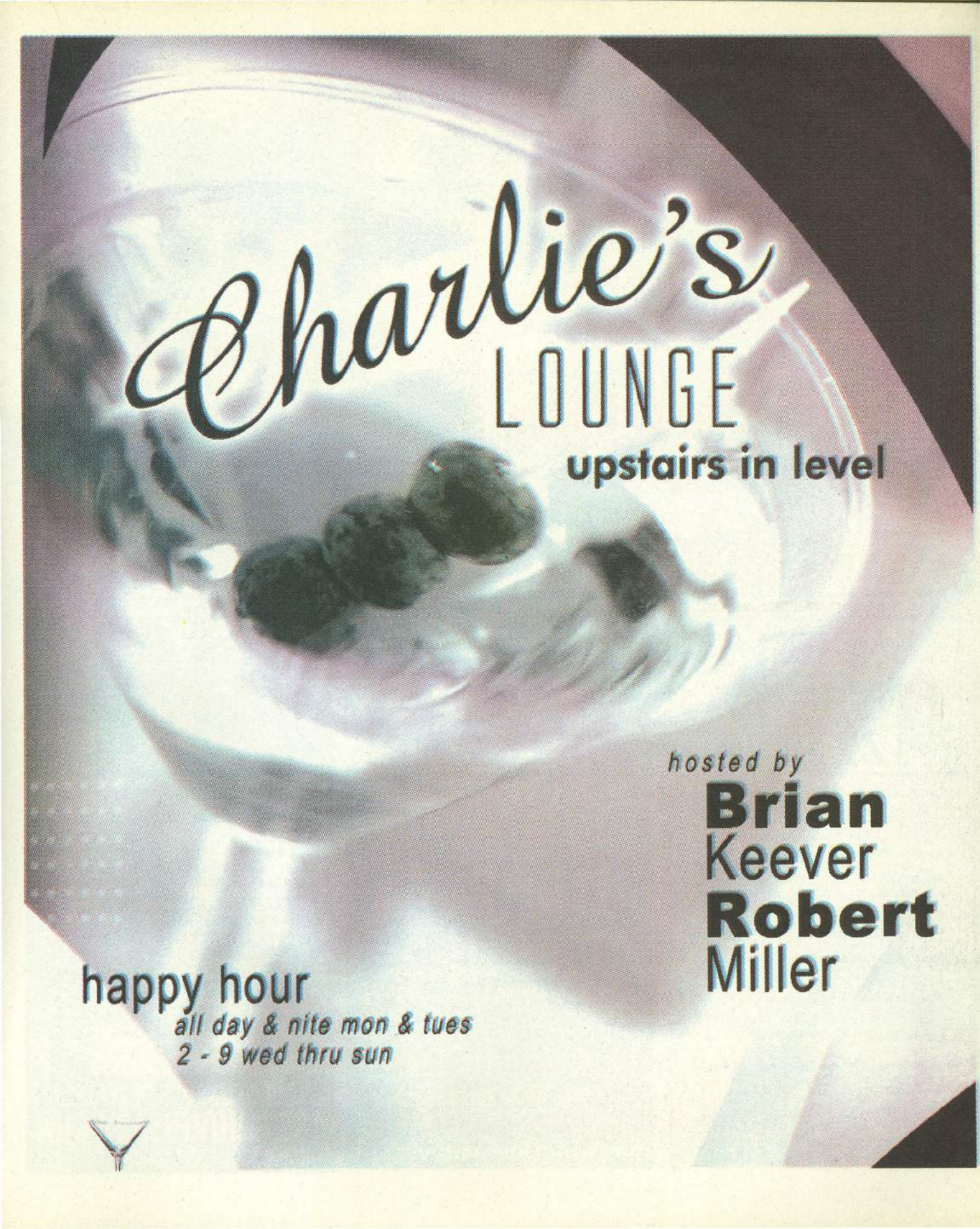
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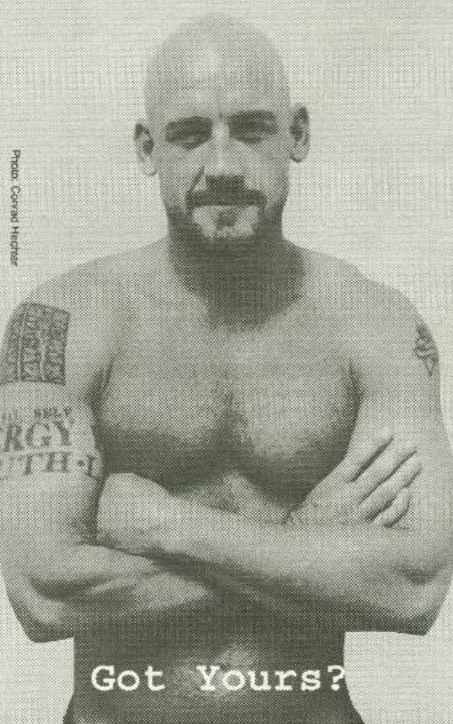
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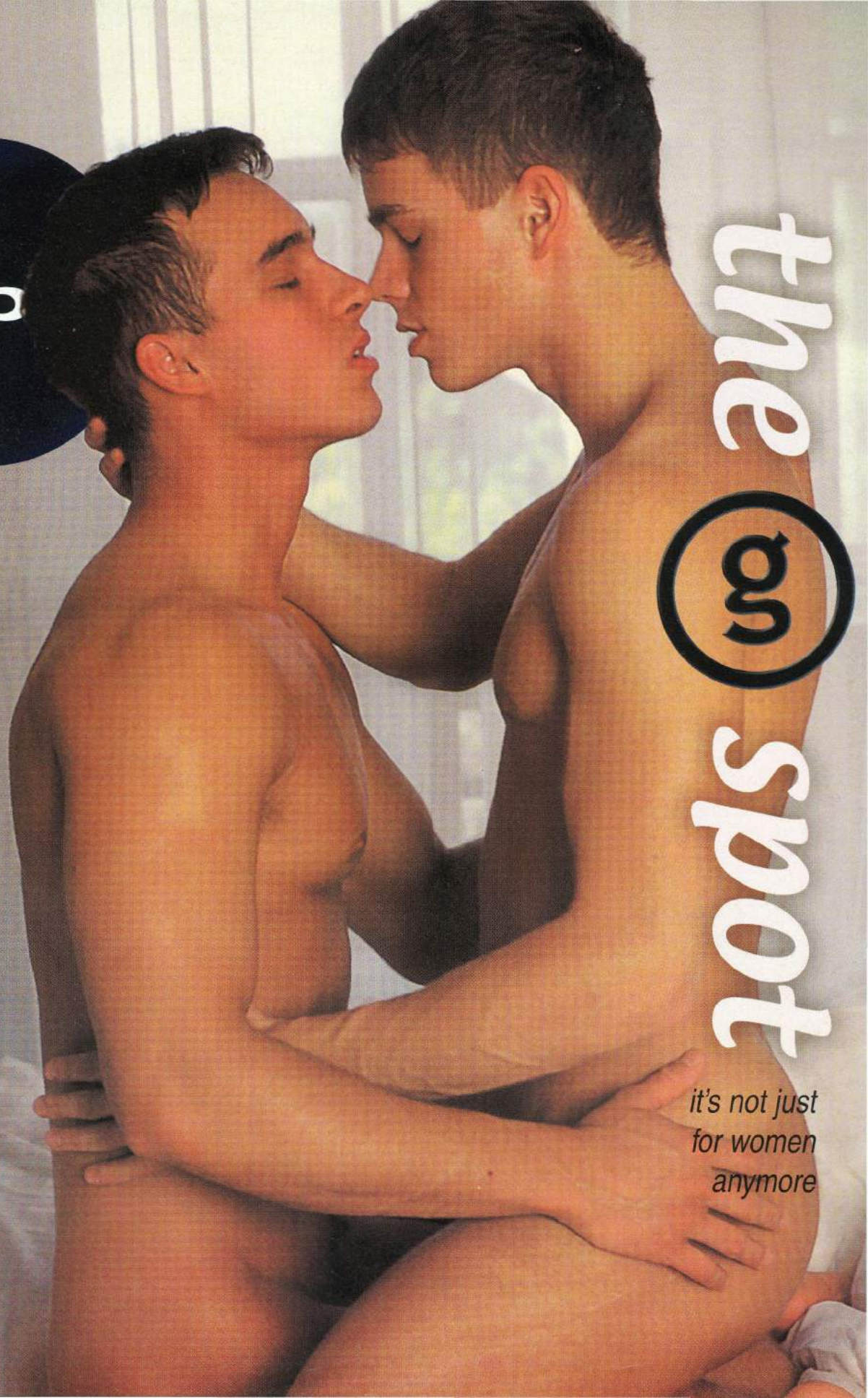
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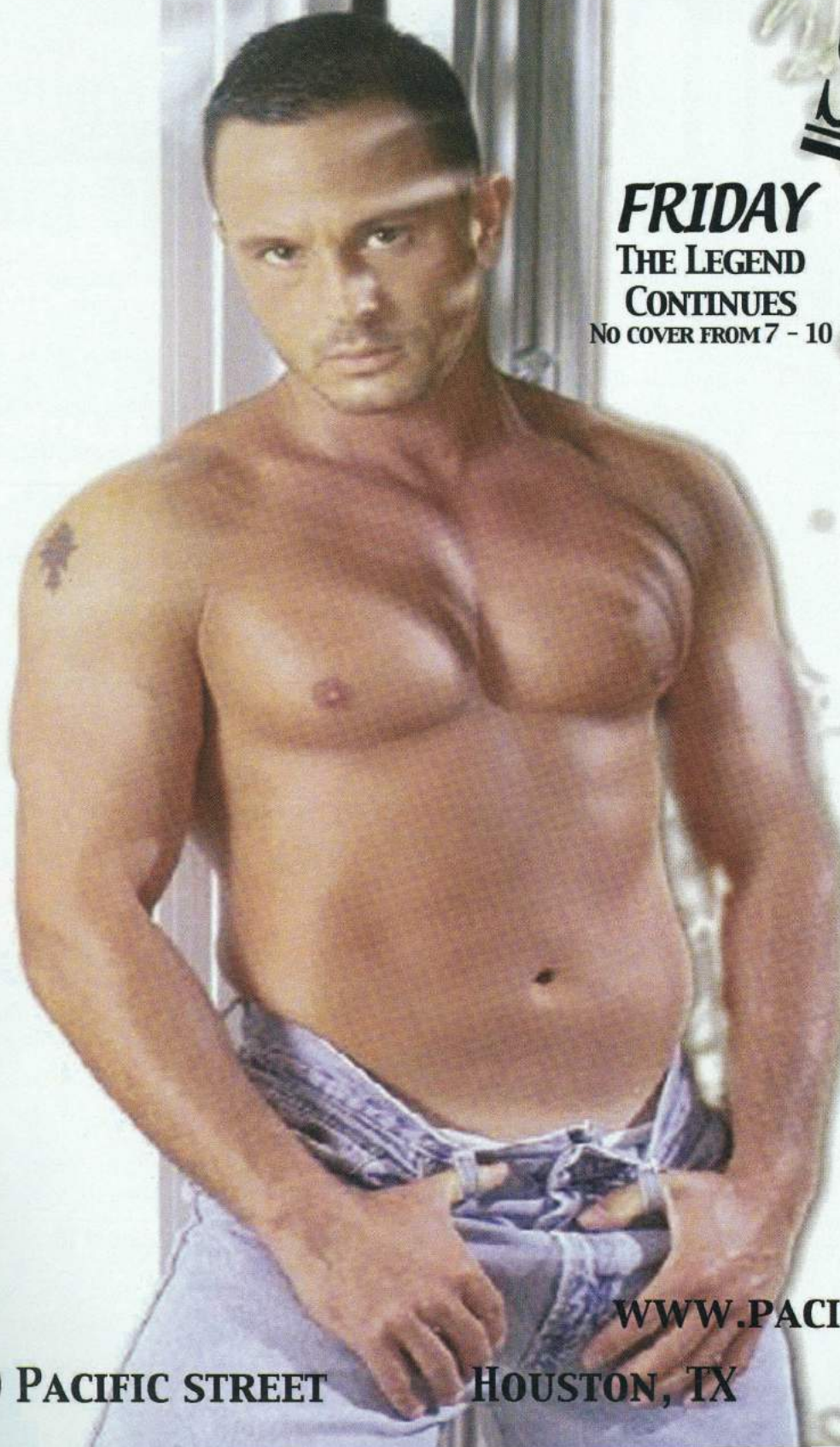
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friday, september 14

611 Hyde Park Pub. Complementary buffet, 5:30p.

Club Level & Charlie's. College Night.

EJ's. Amateur Strip, 11p.

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party, 10p.

Ripcord. After hours till 4a.

Venture-N. Flash Light Party.

saturday, september 15

Club Houston. Pool Party and BBQ, 1-3p.

Club Level & Charlie's. No cover until 11p.

Mary's. Houston Area Bears' Social, 9p.

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party, 10p.

Pacific Street. "It's a Men's Thing." No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

sunday, september 16

611 Hyde Park Pub. Brunch, noon to 2p.

Brazos River Bottom. "Battle of the Sexes" hosted by Sean Carter.

Club Houston. Second Annual 13th Pool Party, 1-7p.

Mary's. Rosy Cheeks presents "Camp Revival for Camp Hope," 5p.

Michael's Outpost. Open Pool Tournament, 6p.

Pacific Street. Mundance, 7-10p.

Rich's. Second Annual 13th Pool Party continues with Swim Suit Party, 7p.

Ripcord. Margarita Sunday, noon-2a.

South Beach. Tea Dance, 5p.

monday, september 17

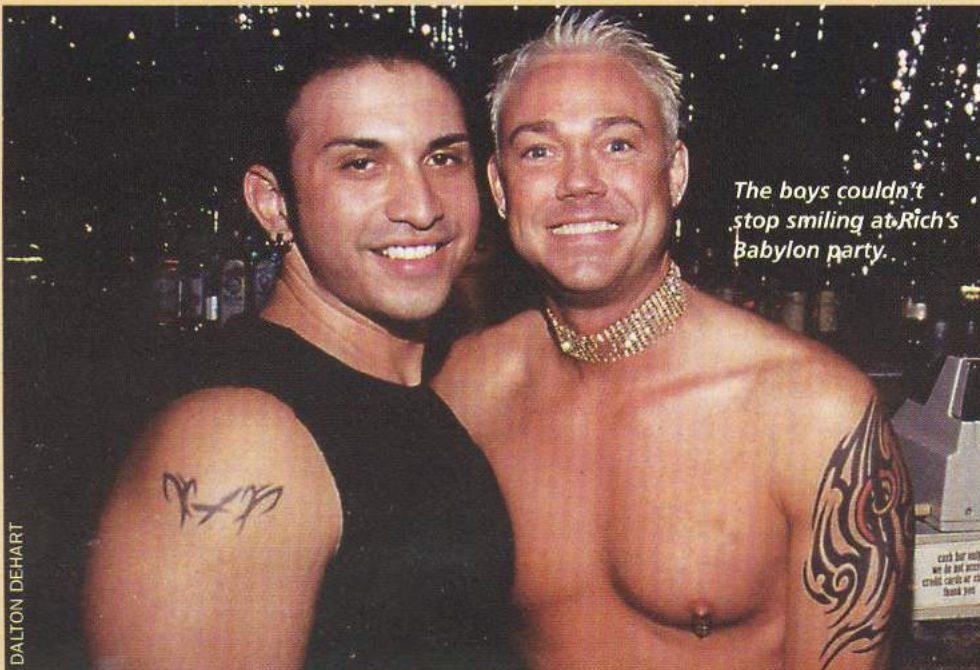
EJ's. Amateur Strip, 11p.

JR's. "Queer as Folk," 7:30p. Dyan Michaels and the "Men of Muscles-in-action," 11p.

tuesday, september 18

Club Houston. Youth Night. 4p-midnight.

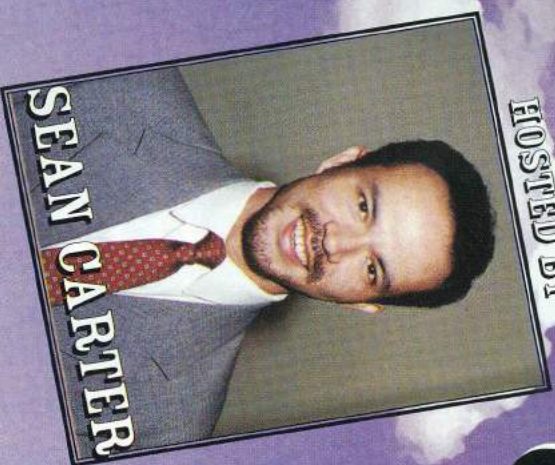
Meteor. Happy hour, 4-8p.



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Venture-N. Towel Night.

wednesday, september 19

Club Houston. Half-Price night. 4p-midnight.

EJ's. Amateur Strip, 11p.

Guava Lamp. Karaoke, 10p.

Midtowne Spa. Half-price rooms, noon-midnight.

Nsomnia. After hours, 2-6a.

South Beach. 2 for Wednesdays, 9p.

thursday, september 20

Meatrack. Underwear Night, 8p.

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Mary's. Sept. 16, "Camp Revival for Camp Hope." Oct. 7, Miss Montrose Contest. Nov. 11, Montrose Bitter Broads fund-raiser for the NLAH annual toy drive.

JR's. Sept. 22, 19th Anniversary party. Sept. 29, Guest DJ Jo Gautheraux from OZ in New Orleans

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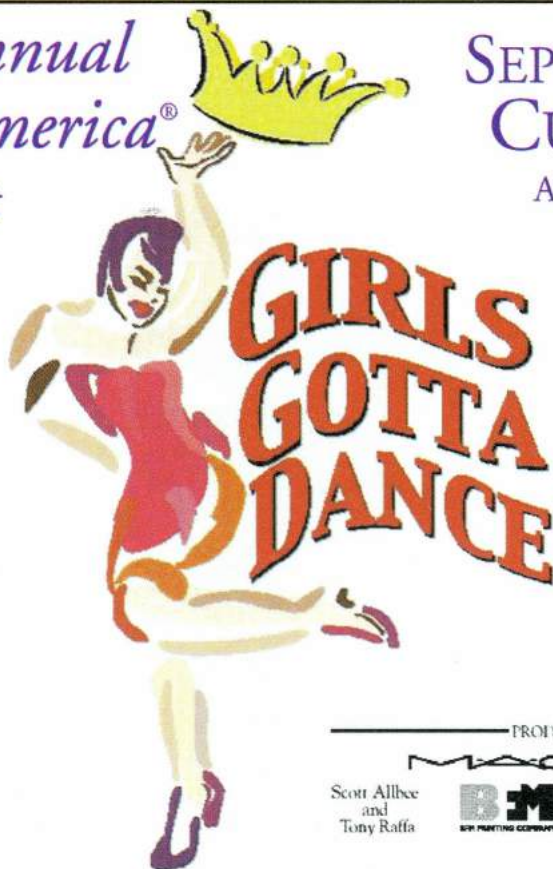
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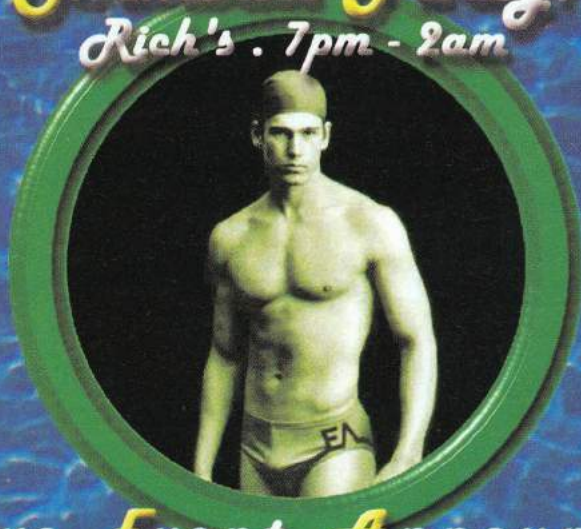
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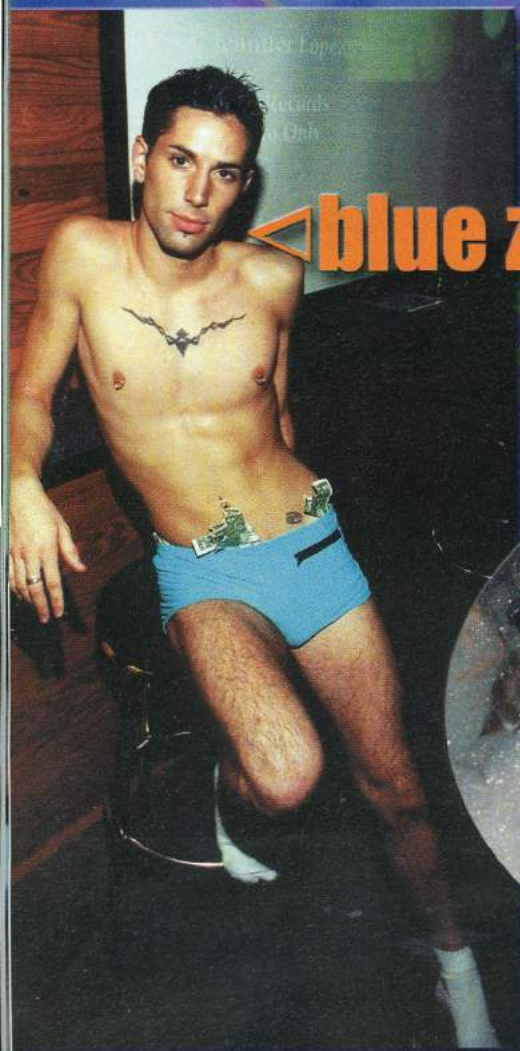
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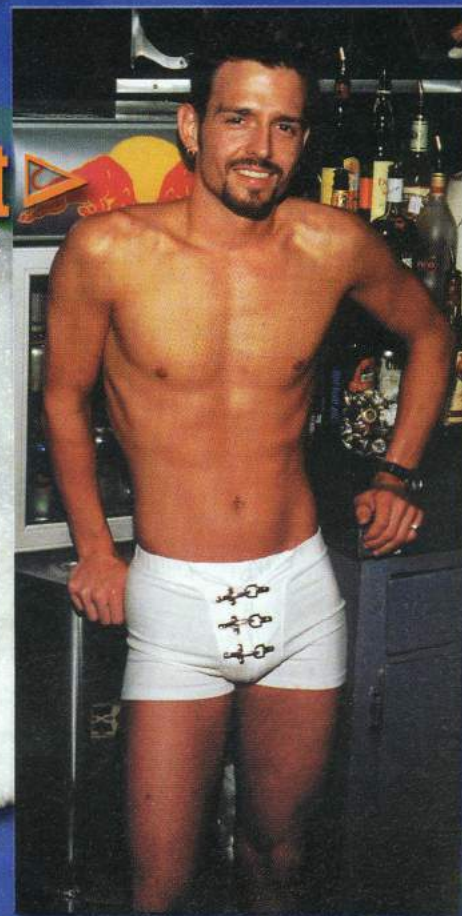
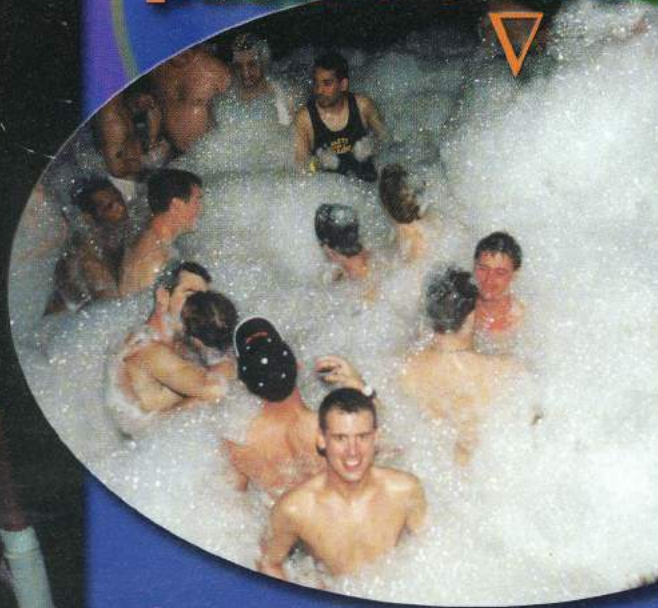
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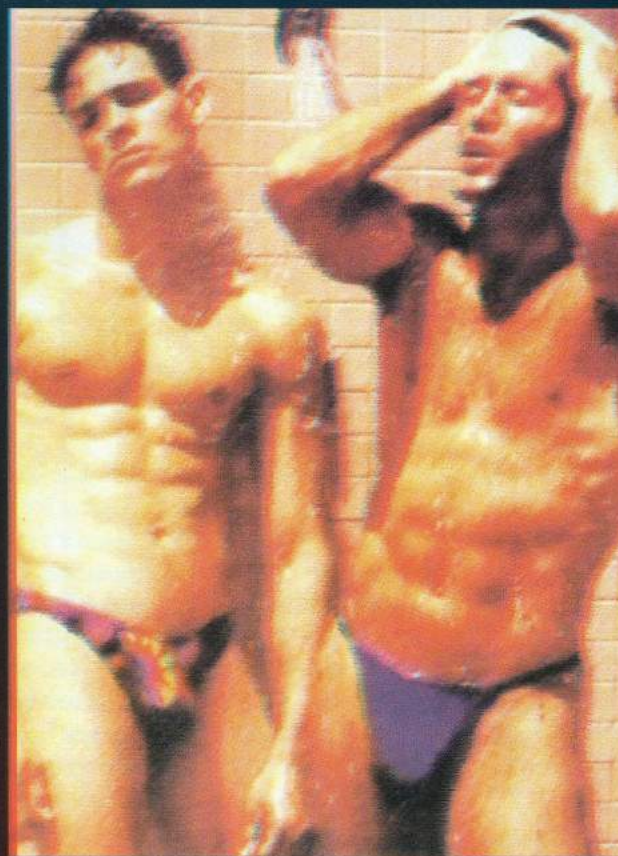


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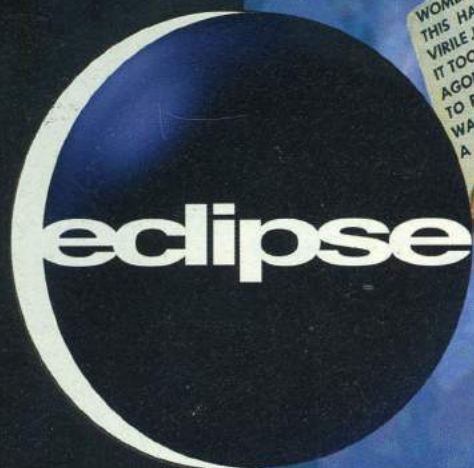
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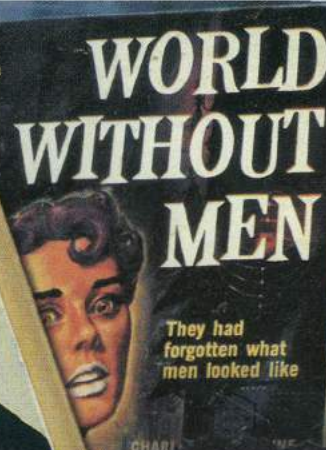
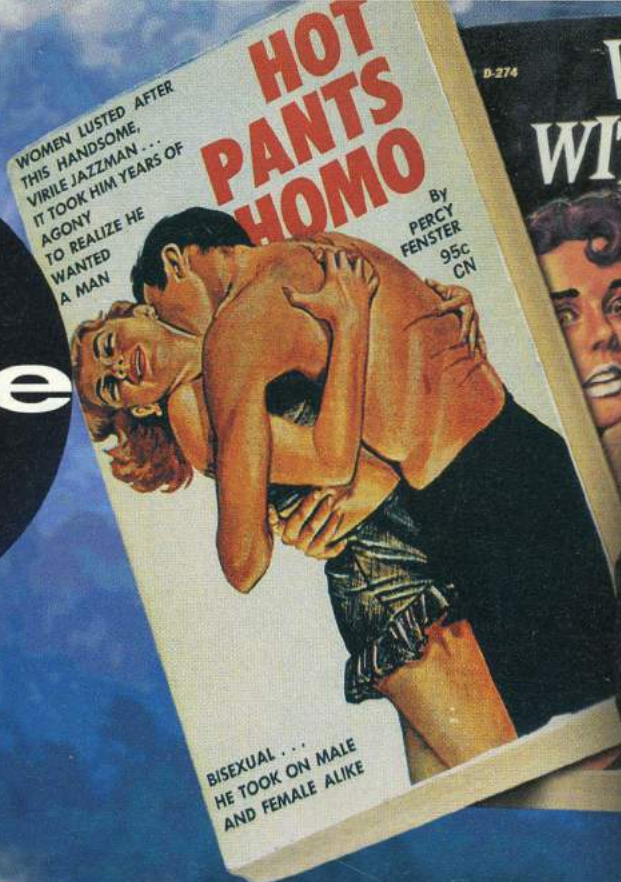
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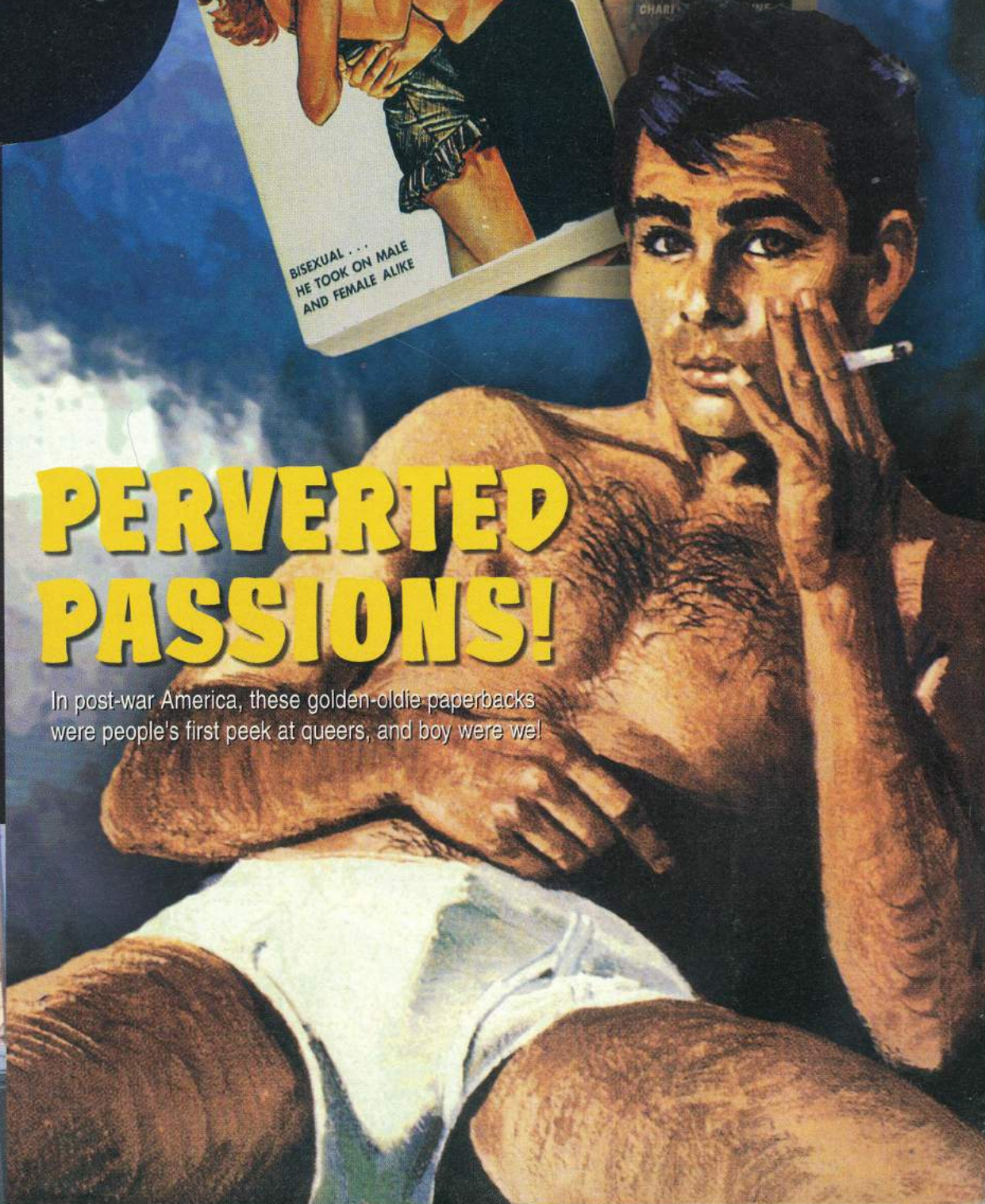
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Juicy, queer pulp

Susan Stryker's campy yet intelligent look at queer-themed paperbacks interweaves photos of the often salacious book covers with historical context.

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friday, november 2

Club Nsomnia. Hot weenies and hot buns — food that is. DJ Spinz, 2-6a.

JR's. DJ/VJ Ric Taconi, 4-8p. Texas Pride happy hour, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$4.50 doubles, 4-7p. Go-go boys, 6p-close.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, 7a-7p. Club Colors Night with DJ Lane McReynolds, 8p-2a.

Michael's Outpost. \$2 well drinks and domestic beer, 11a-8p. 75-cent premium draft beer, 11a-2p.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party.

Montrose Mining Co. Happy hour till 10p, DJ John Simms. \$1 wells and \$1.50 longnecks, hot dancers all night.

Rich's. Frequency, DJ Chris Sill, 9p. 18 y.o. and over, drink specials all night.

South Beach. DJ/VJ Michael Tank, \$3 premium frozen drinks.

saturday, november 3

Club Nsomnia. Hot weenies and hot buns — food that is. DJ Spinz, 2-6a.

Chances. RSICSS presents candidates for Emperor and Empress 18, 9p.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon.

EJ'S. Amateur Strip Night.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, 7a-7p. DJ Lane McReynolds, 8p-2a.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party.

Pacific Street. Military Party, uniform/leather/fetish attire suggested, 9p.

sunday, november 4

611. Brunch, noon-2p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Miracle For Miracles, hosted by Shelby St. John. Benefiting Assistance Fund, Montrose Clinic Women's Program. 8:30p.

Club Houston. Pool Party, free BBQ on patio, 1-3p.

Decades. Rick's famous chili con queso. 3p.

JR's. 99-cent well vodka juice drinks, noon-11p. \$2.75 Shiner Bock, open till close.

Outpost. Jazz Night. Martini madness, 7p. Pool tournament.

Ripcord. \$1.75 Domestic Beer & margaritas.

South Beach. T-Dance, 5p. DJ Mike Snow "Outrageous," 9p. DJ Michael Tank.

monday, november 5

611. \$1 schnapps, free pool after 8p.

EJ's. Man of the Week, 10-week contest to final on New Year's Eve, more than \$750 in cash and prizes.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, domestic longnecks \$1.50, 7a-7p.

Meteor. Jock Night, Monday Night Football.

Outpost. Live band, Monday Night Football.

Ripcord. Cream of Viagra & Lava Lamps.

Pacific Street. No cover, DJ Adrian.

tuesday, november 6

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JR's. \$2 well drinks, domestic long-necks and wine. Kofi and Dyan Michaels host amateur strip contest, 11p.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, vodka drinks \$1.50, 7a-7p.

Pacific Street. Trash Disco, no cover with business card.

wednesday, november 7

611. Halloween costume party. \$1 vodka all day, all night.

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

Club Nsomnia. Hot weenies and hot buns — food that is. DJ Spinz, 2a-6a.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

Midtowne Spa. Half-price rooms, noon-midnight.

thursday, november 8

Club Nsomnia. Hot weenies and hot buns — food that is. DJ Spinz, 2a-6a.

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

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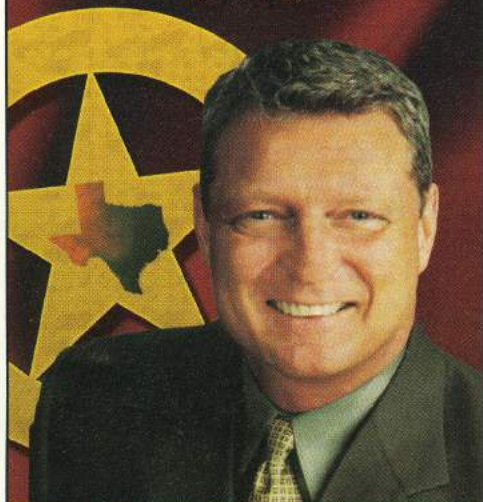
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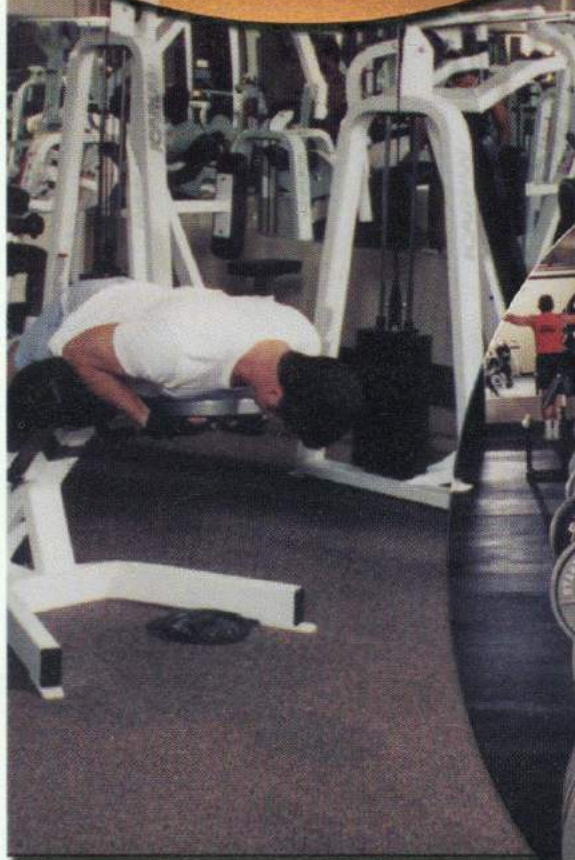
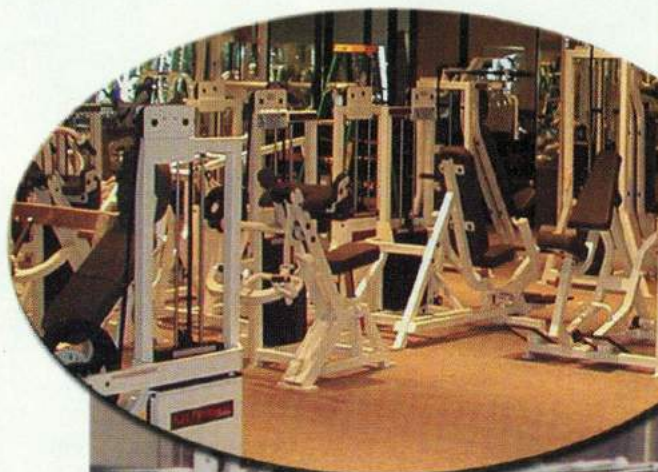


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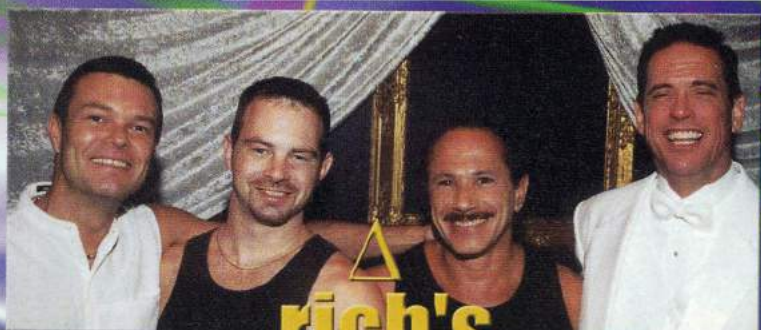
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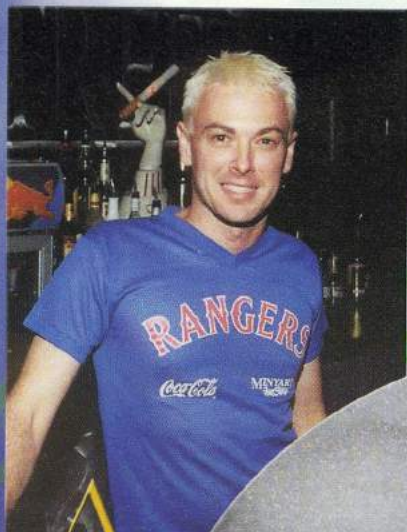
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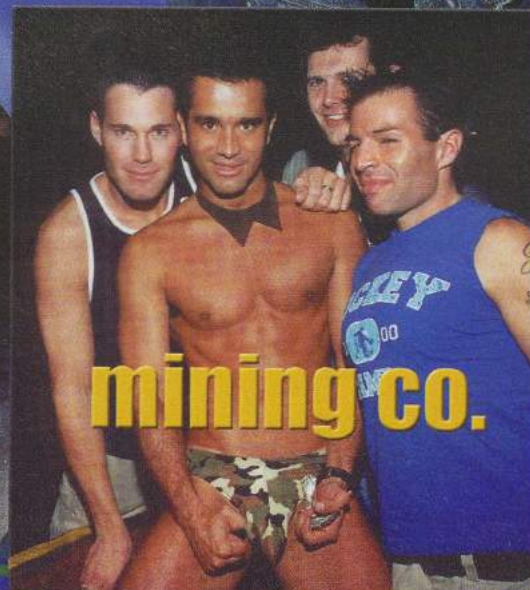
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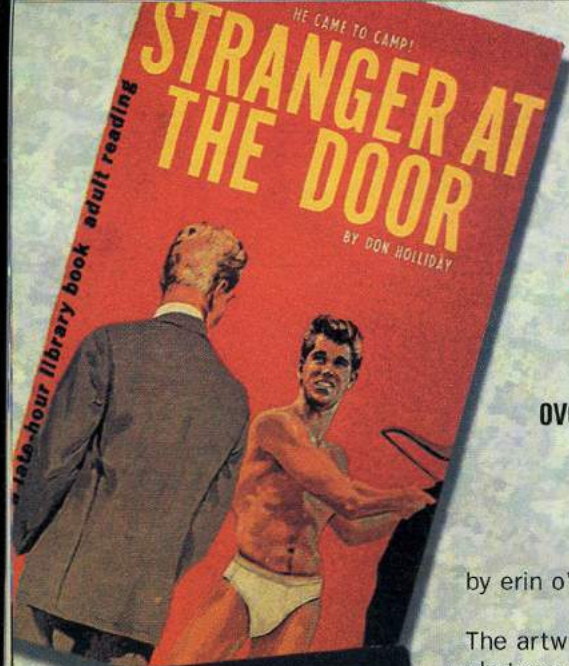
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overview of queer-themed paperbacks
cashes in on the kitsch craze

by erin o'briant

The artwork alone is irresistible. You want to photocopy it, blow it up, paste it to bathroom walls and scan it onto your computer desktop.

That's no surprise. The covers of the campy pulp novels reproduced in its pages were the inspiration behind the new book "Queer Pulp: Perverted Passions from the Golden Age of the Paperback" by Susan Stryker.

The coffee table-style book is a breezy read. It includes an overview chapter, plus one each on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender characters in popular paperbacks from the 1930s to 1960s. Stryker, who claims family roots in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, interweaves photos of the often salacious book covers with historical context and interesting tidbits about each novel.

A less knowledgeable writer might have made the book into pure fluff — tempting, no doubt, when writing about a novel titled "The Man from C.A.M.P." with the words "yoo-hoo!" and "lover boy!" written on the cover. But Stryker knows too much to settle for that.

As the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, Stryker is more than just a pulp novel buff. She has a Ph.D.

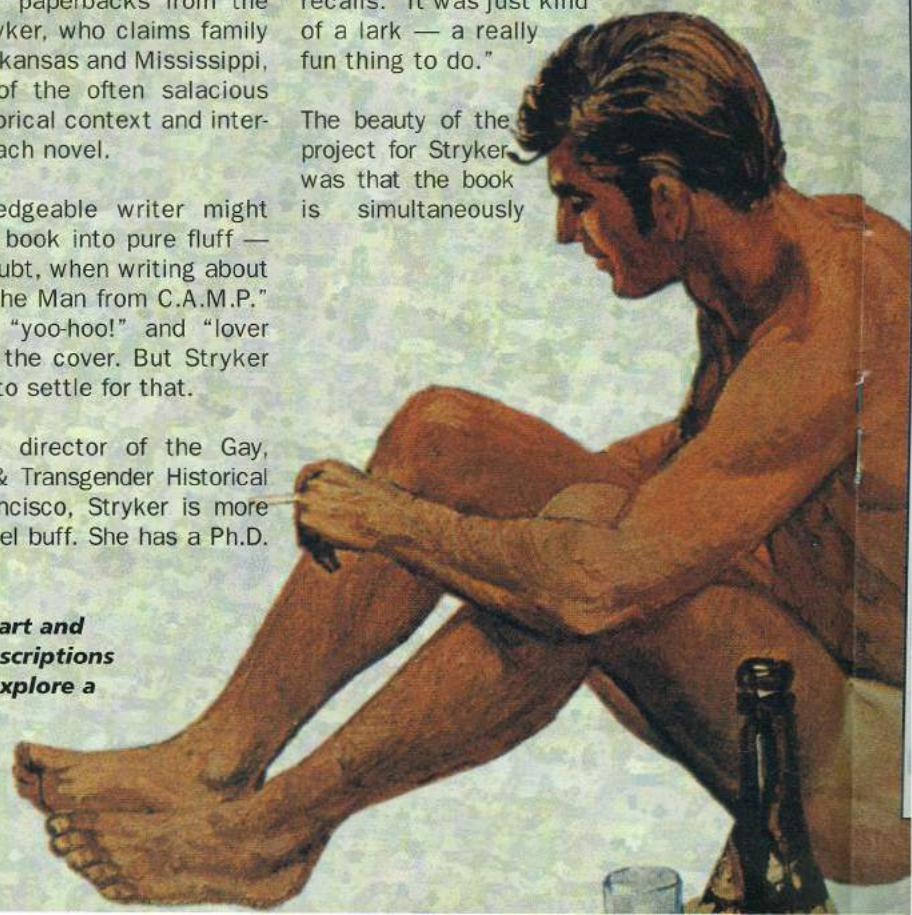
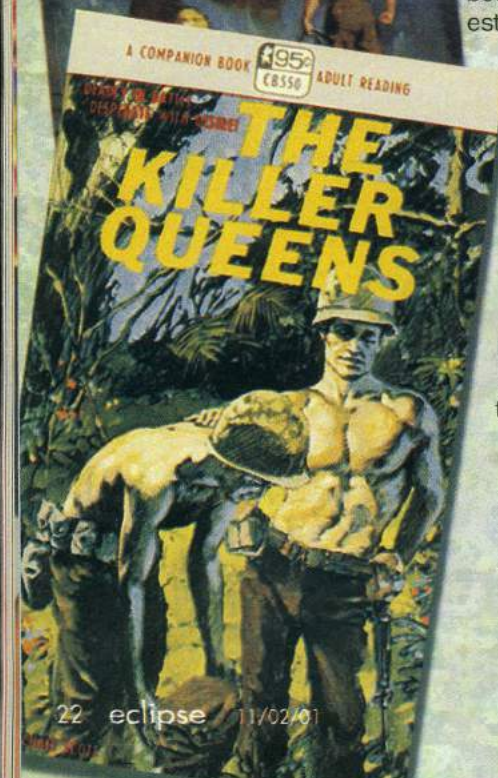
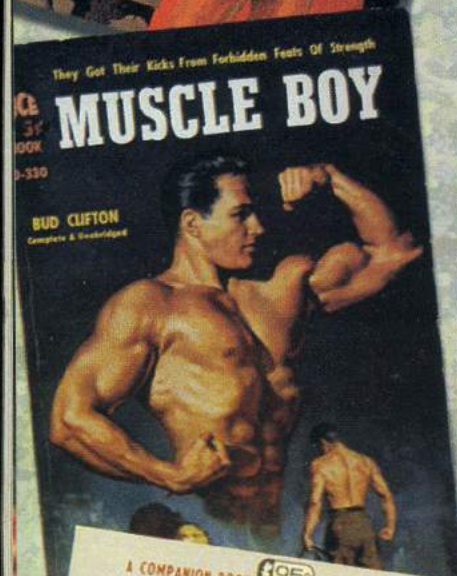
Provocative cover art and suggestive plot descriptions urged readers to explore a 'forbidden' love.

from the University of California at Berkeley, a two-year post-doctorate degree from Stanford and — maybe most important — access to the thousands of pulp novels collected by the Historical Society.

Talking to Stryker, you get the feeling that, if left to her own devices, she might write a more scholarly tome than this romp through pulp paperbacks. Fortunately for those of us who prefer middle-brow entertainment, Chronicle Books talked her into writing "Queer Pulp."

"Chronicle approached me and said, 'Why not put more words to the pictures?' she recalls. "It was just kind of a lark — a really fun thing to do."

The beauty of the project for Stryker was that the book is simultaneously



light and serious. "It's fun," she says. "It combines answering a serious heartfelt need to see yourself reflected back from the world and it's fun and there's something deliciously queer about that."

There is an upside to writing for a mainstream audience. "It raises issues, reaches a wider audience and has a broader impact," Stryker notes. "Something that gets published in a scholarly journal, 500 people will see it. I do a fun little project [like "Queer Pulp"] and that can actually have much more of a public impact on issues that affect people's civil rights. It brings into public discussion much more knowledge about issues of sexual diversity and it can help contribute to framing queer rights in very different ways."

That the pulp novels in question were never meant for historians' later evaluation is no obstacle. "If you take any cultural phenomenon or artifact and if you get into it you can see something of more substance, popular opinions about sexuality, the publishing industry, literature," Stryker notes. "One of the things I wanted to do is to take seriously 'queer pulp.'"

Part of the reason people are drawn toward old pulp novels, Stryker says, is that gays lack a sense of our own history. "I think that most queer people even today have come to a sense of their sexual identity through a really personal and private process, something that took a while to bring out, and their knowledge of what it's like to be queer is usually a very personal sense," she explains.

"I think it's very powerful when your experience has been so individual and so present-focused to realize that there are people who have felt similar to you going back many years—even before you were born. There's something powerful to queer people about recovering some of their history."

Stryker deliberately framed the book in a "queer" way, giving the same weight to novels about bisexual and transgender folk as to those focusing on gay characters.

"I wondered if I'd be able to find enough bisexual and transgender [characters] and the answer was yes," Stryker says. "The transgender chapter was the most

fun for me because that's never been done before." Even gay male novels have not been written about very extensively, she says.

Now that her "Queer Pulp" project is wrapped up, Stryker is working on a documentary film about a little-known riot in 1966. The film, tentatively titled "Sugar Shakers and Shattered Glass," is about a group of transgender women at a cafeteria in the crime-ridden Tenderloin district of San Francisco who lashed out against police in response to their brutal treatment. They threw sugar shakers, Stryker says, and they also set the cop cars on fire.

The story isn't as marketable, maybe, as campy pulp novels. But for Stryker, it's all part of preserving queer history.

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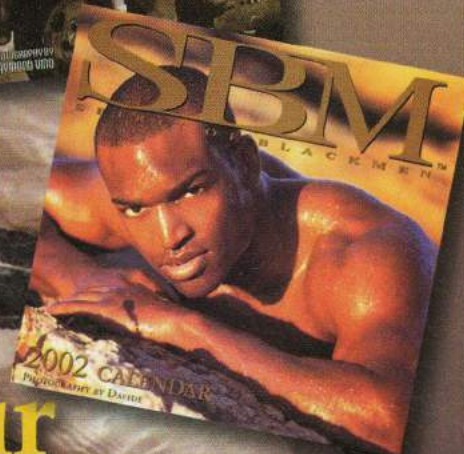
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friday, november 30

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

JR's. Smirnoff Twisted Flavored Vodkas \$3.75, Margaret Cho DVDs and ticket giveaway for Jan. 17 performance at Ariel Theater. 713-910-7733.

Keys West. Happy Hour 3-8p, well drinks \$2.25, doubles \$3.25 and domestic beer \$2. 713-571-7870.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, 7a-7p. Club Colors Night with DJ Lane McReynolds, 8p-2a. 713-527-9669.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer plays the latest and greatest music videos from U.S. and abroad.

Michael's Outpost. \$2 well drinks and domestic beer, 11a-8p. 75-cent premium draft beer, 11a-2p. 713-779-2900.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party. 713-522-2379.

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Two one-act plays — one that focuses on lesbians, the other on gay men — take the stage of Unhinged Productions through Dec. 15. "Fly Away" by Houstonian **Patti A. Aldredge** tells the story of the surviving East Texas relatives and lesbian friends and lovers of a woman who has just died. The romantic gay comedy by playwright David Alan Morrison, "So, I Met This Guy," looks at relationships through the lives of two men who meet and begin a romance. Through Dec. 15, 8p Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students. Unhinged Theatre, 3304 La Branch. 713-524-8707

Rich's. Frequency's Tattoos & Pearls Party. \$1 Schnapps. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. DJ/VJ Michael Tank, \$3 premium frozen drinks. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, december 1

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. 713-521-2224.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. 713-527-9071.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, 7a-7p. DJ

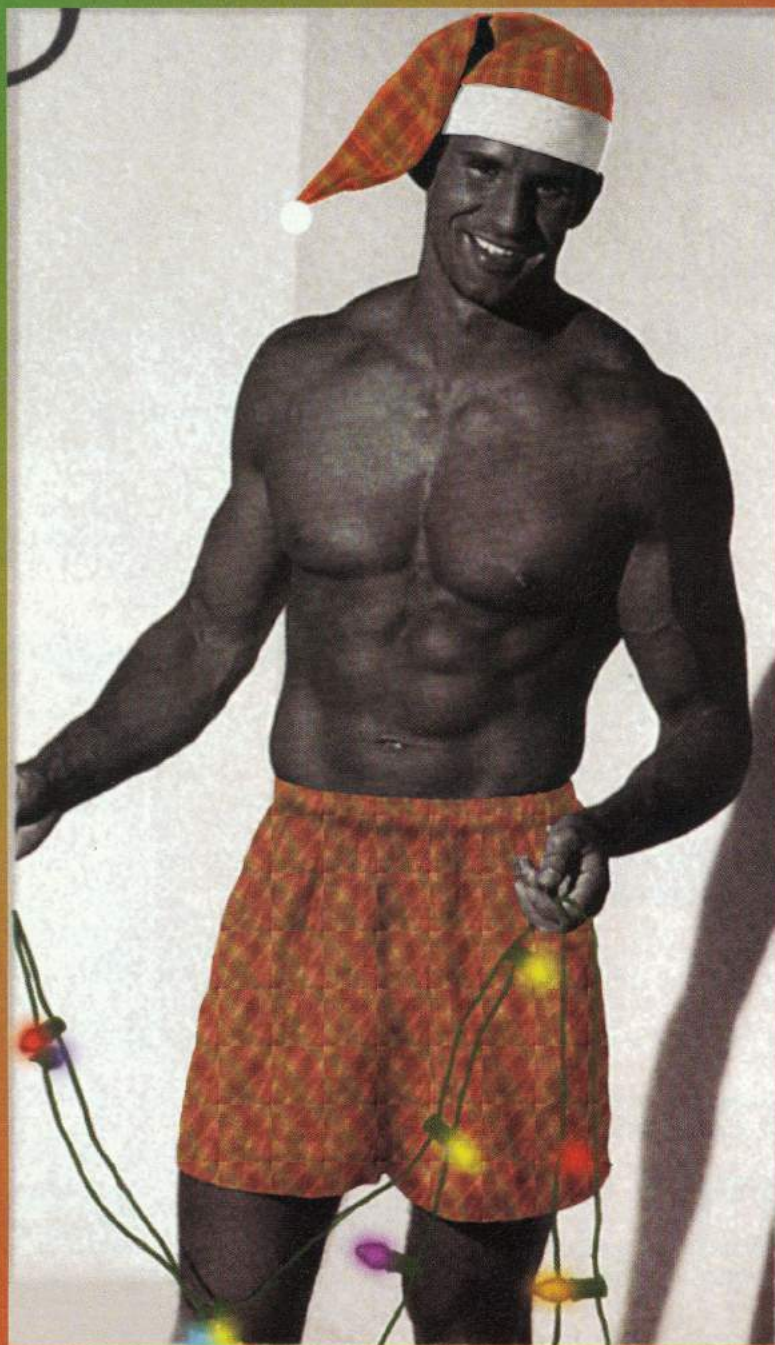
Lane McReynolds, 8p-2a.

Meteor. Classic Cocktail Party, VJ Rick Farmer. 6-9p. Show includes music video of favorite standards, show tunes and torch songs, hors d'oeuvres and martini specials. 713-521-0123.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party.

Montrose Mining Co. Open, 1p. \$1.50 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks till 10p.

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sunday, december 2

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Club Houston. Pool party, free BBQ on patio, 1-3p. 713-659-4998.

Decades. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso, 3p.

JR's. 99-cent well vodka juice drinks, noon-11p. \$2.75 Shiner Bock, open till close.

Mary's Naturally. Mr. LoneStar Drummer 2002 Car Wash, 10a-3p. Rain date is Dec. 9.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 well vodka cocktails till 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks.

Outpost. Jazz Night. Martini madness, 7p. Pool tournament. 713-520-8446.

Rich's. The 13th Annual Christmas Cocktails Party, hosted by JD Arnold, 5-9p. \$10 cover without invitation.

Ripcord. \$1.75 domestic beer and well drinks. 713-521-2792.

South Beach. T-Dance, 5p. DJ Mike Snow, Outrageous Party, 9p. DJ Michael Tank.

monday, december 3

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p.

EJ's. Man of the Week contest, 10-week competition to final on New Year's Eve, more than \$750 in cash and prizes.

JR's. Live showing of "AbFab," 8p. \$3.75 all top-shelf martinis, \$1.75 Corona.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, domestic longnecks \$1.50, 7a-7p.

Meteor. "Absolutely Fabulous," 8p. Pre-empts Jock Night and "Monday Night Football."

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Pacific Street. No cover, DJ Adrian. 713-523-0213.

Ripcord. XX, celebration of 20 years of service, a black-tie/black leather affair, 9p-2a.

tuesday, december 4

BRB. Free C&W dance lessons by Rainbow Ranglers, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4p-midnight, half price for 18-24 yo.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and beer and two drag queens-Kofi and Dyan.

Mary's Naturally. Happy hour, vodka drinks \$1.50, 7a-7p.

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Pacific Street. Trash Disco, no cover with your business card.

wednesday, december 5

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EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

Midtowne Spa. Half-price rooms, noon-midnight.

Montrose Mining Co \$2 domestic longnecks and \$2 well drinks.

Ripcord. \$2 well drinks and domestics.

South Beach. \$2 well drinks and domestic longnecks.

thursday, december 6

BRB. Free C&W dance lessons by Rainbow Ranglers, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Meteor. "Will & Grace" kicks off comedy night, comedy clips till 10p.

Meatrack. Underwear Night, half-price, 8-10p. www.meatrack.org. 713-528-2028.

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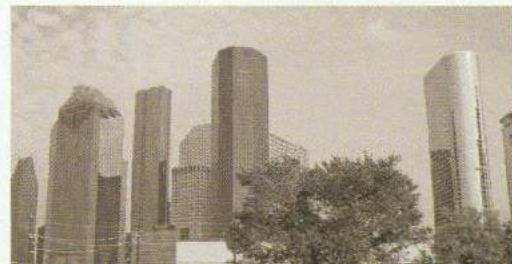
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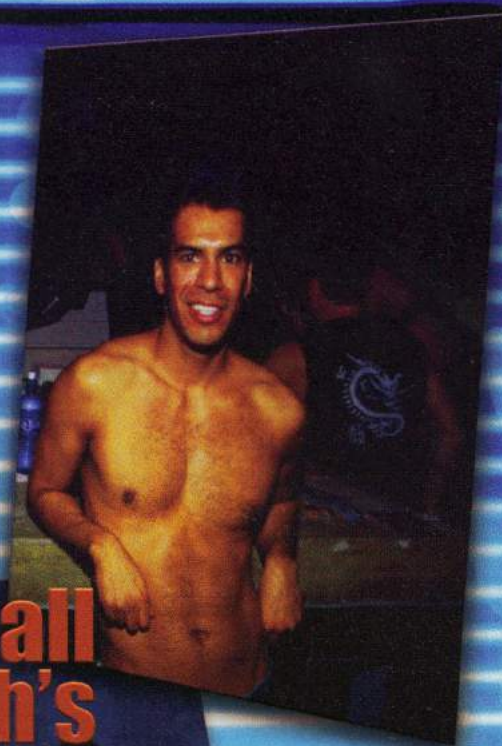


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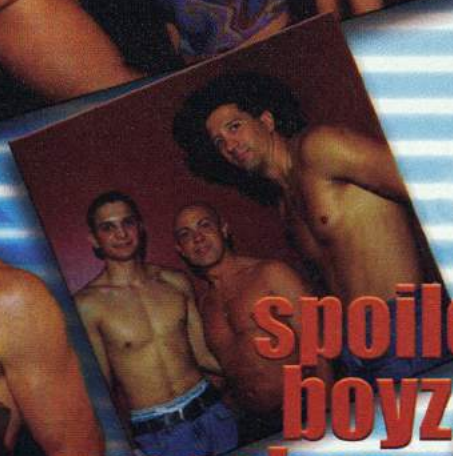
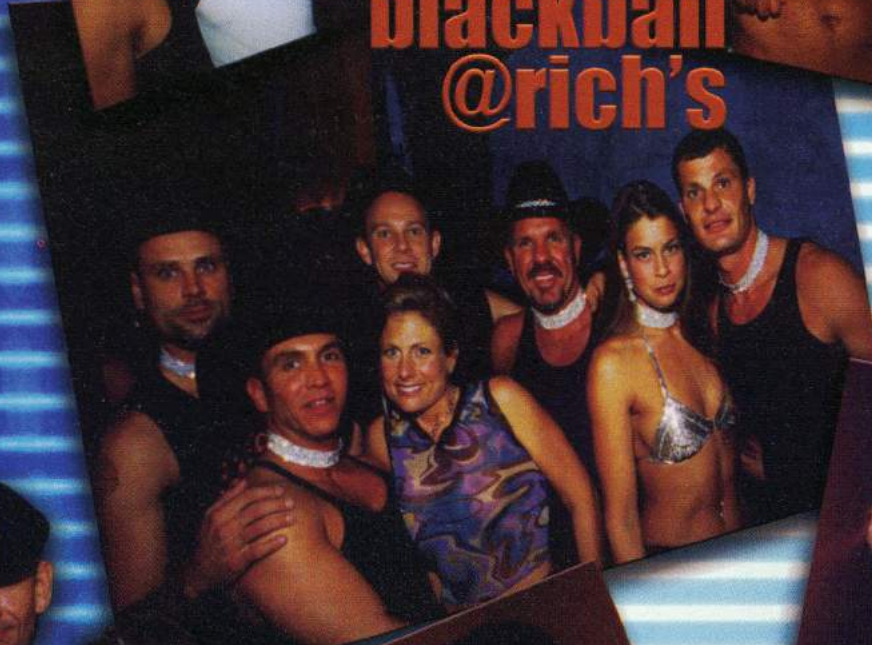
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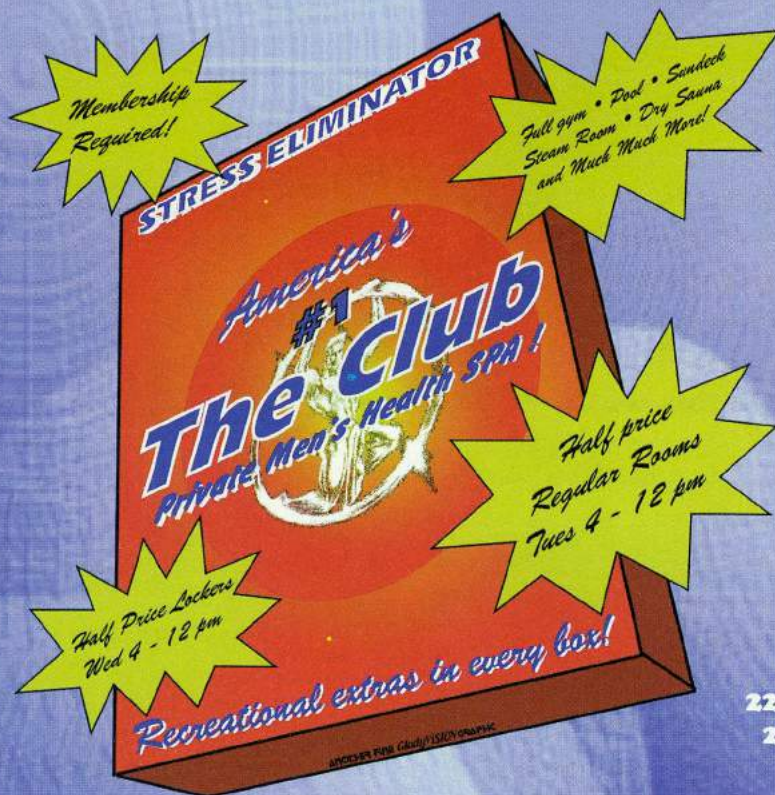
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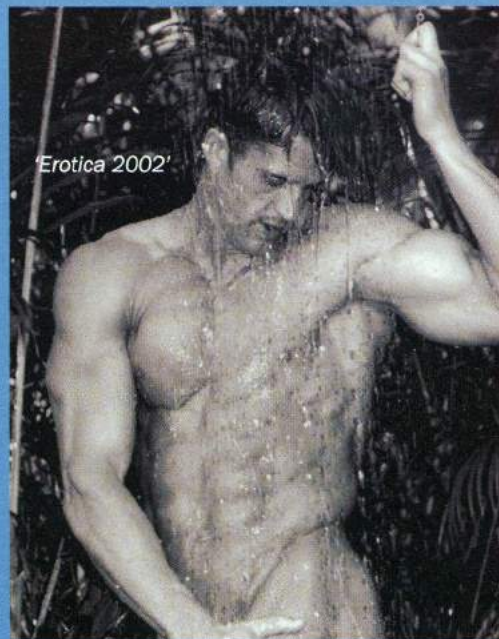
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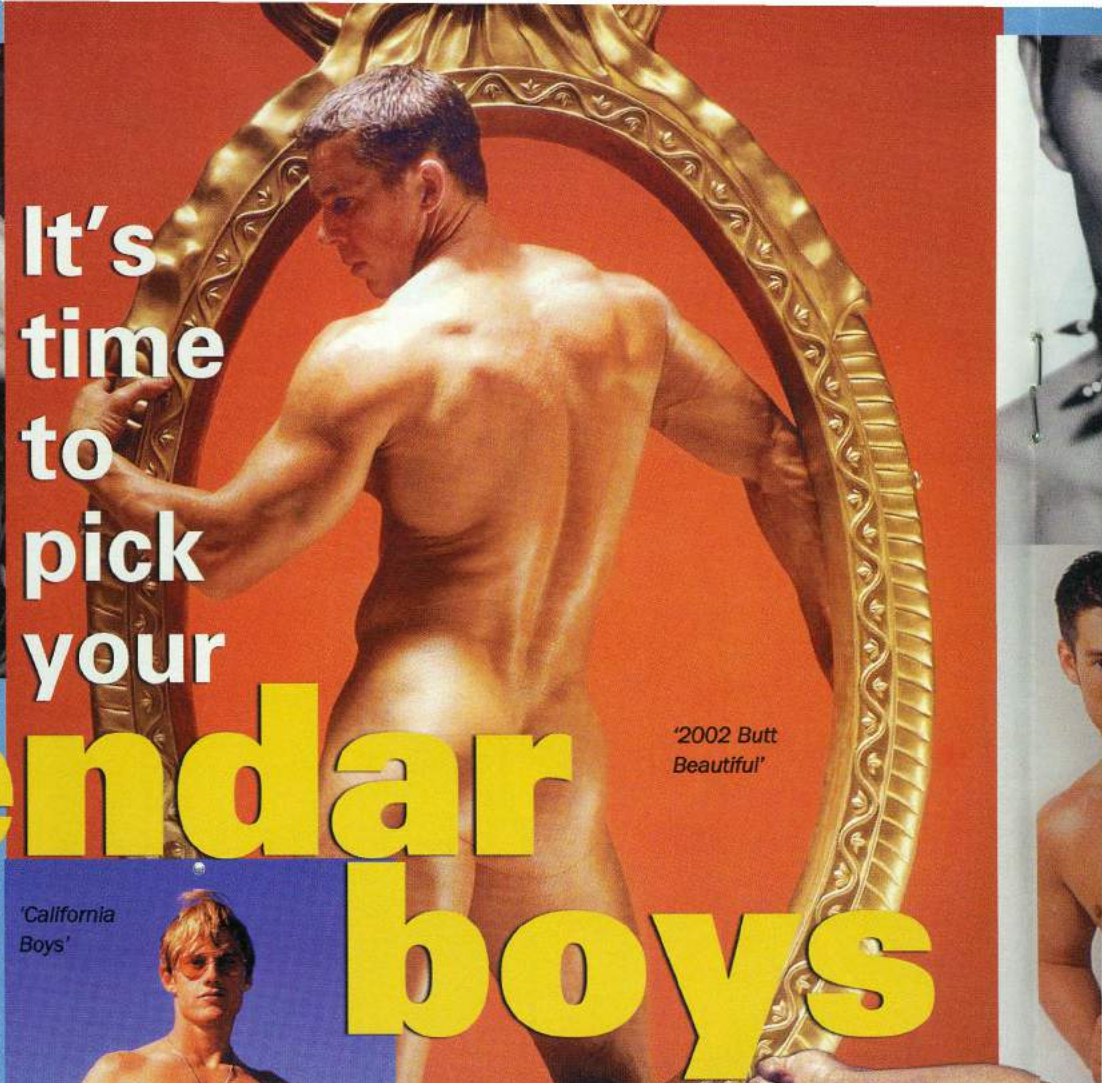
calendar boys

Big, beefy, brawny butts. That's what you'll get with **COLT STUDIO'S** "2002 Butt Beautiful." It's a 12-month bevy of back-sides, giving viewers the chance to asses the assets. From Doug Perry bent over a railing with just a hint of hair showing from between his halves (March), to Rick Warfield (April) holding a gold oval piece of art, there's something big in here for everyone. (www.coltstudio.com)

Even if most of the models are on the small side (5 feet 7 inches and 160 pounds) the 2002 calendar from **FRESHMEN** is sure to please twink chasers. There's Aaron Thomas' dorky smile (and hefty equipment) in January and cover boy Billy Brandt, who also doubles as Mr. March. (www.freshmen.com)

Photographer Raymond Vino does it again with **EROTICA 2002**, a 16-month calendar from the Blue Door Collection that features several couples in explicit sexual poses. Our favorite, which doubles as our cover this week, is two lovers in a pool for the July spread. **MEN OUTDOORS 2002** highlights Vino's work in rustic scenes set in nature. (www.bluedoorcollection.com)

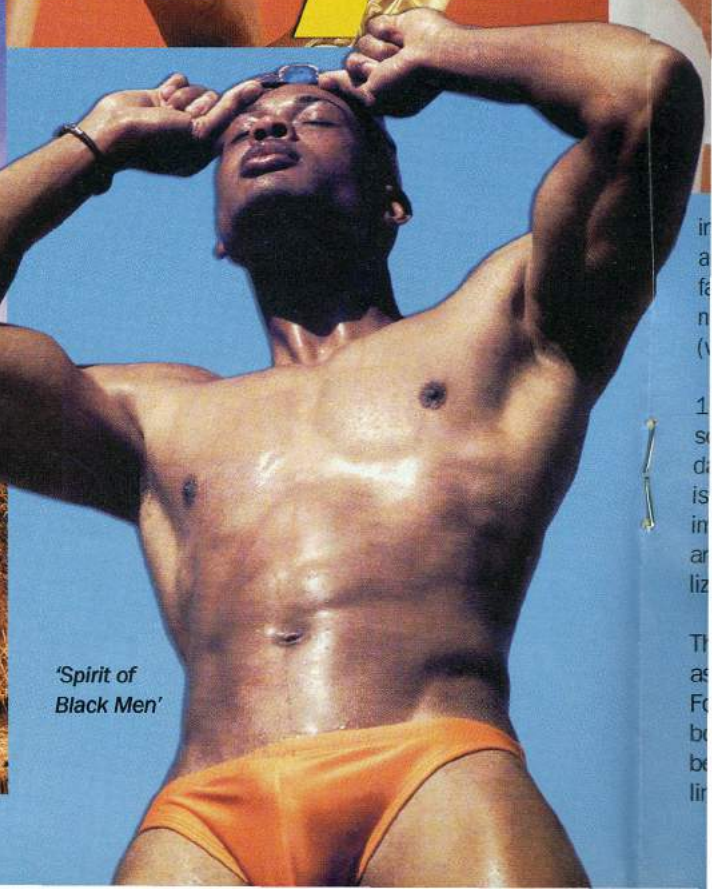
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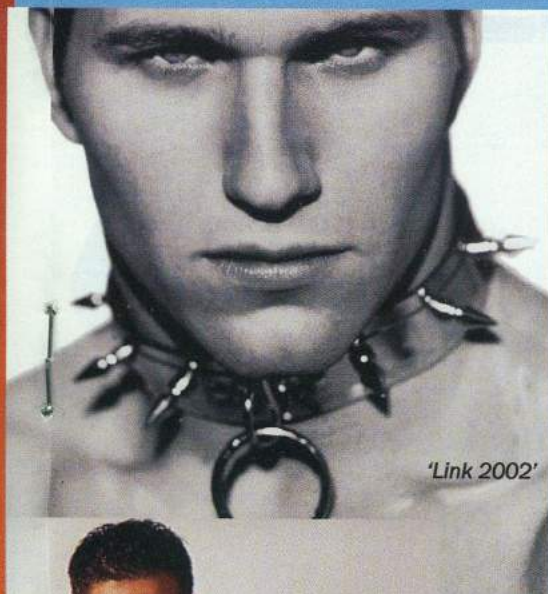
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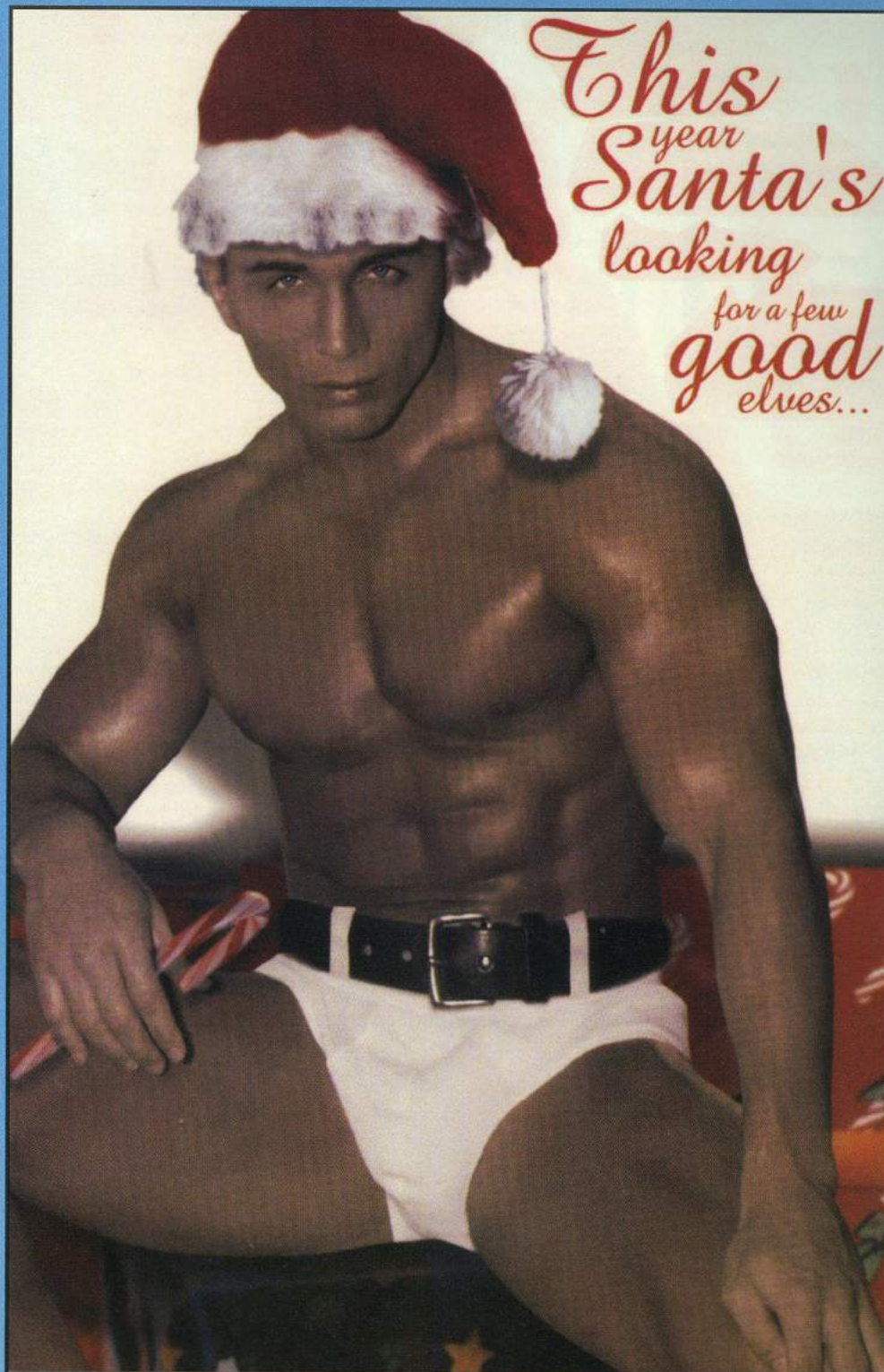


'Freshmen'

in skimpy bathing suits. Reggie in May and Brantley in October top the list of favorites. And the calendar also includes notable dates in black history. (www.shadescalendar.com)

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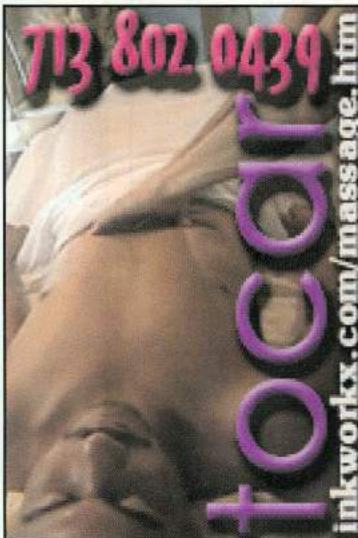


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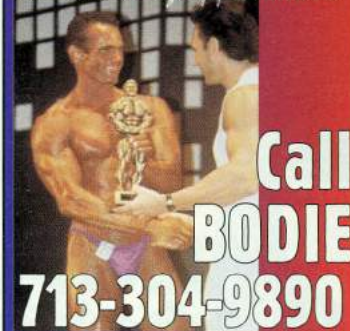
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