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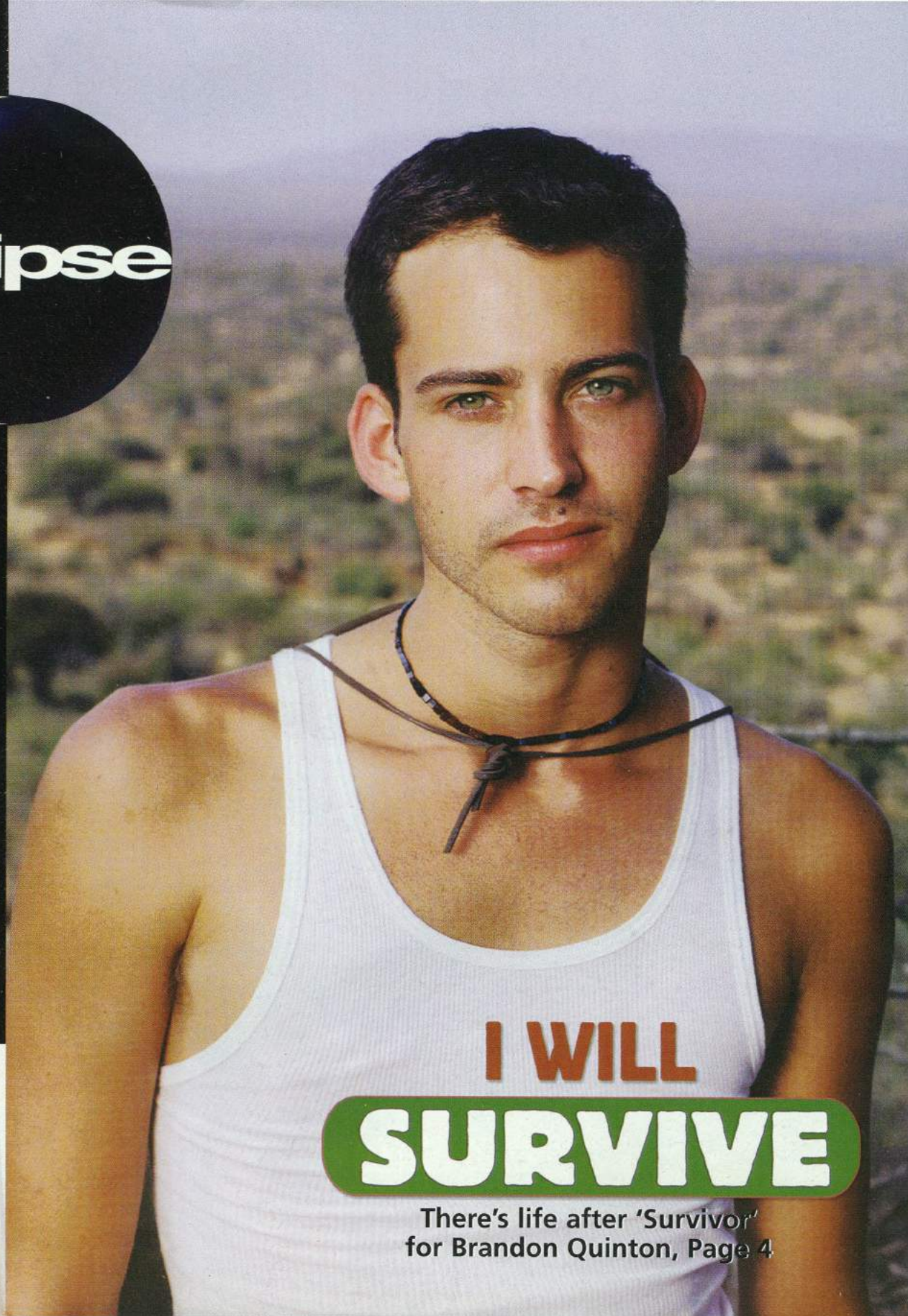
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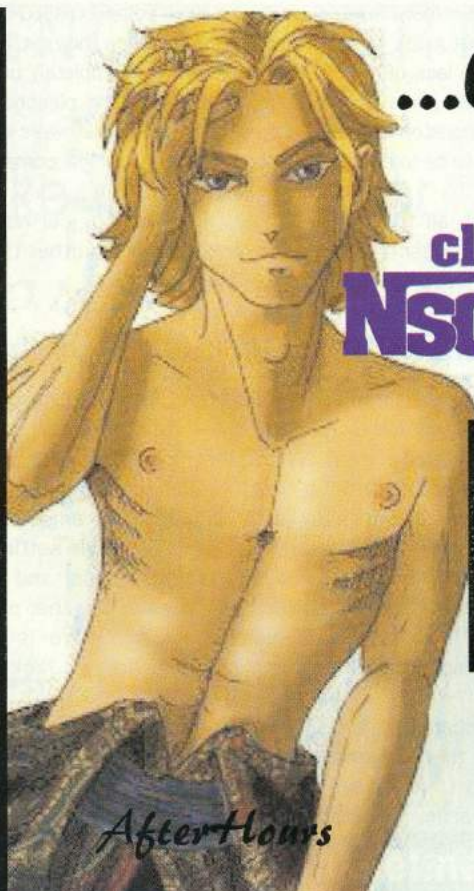
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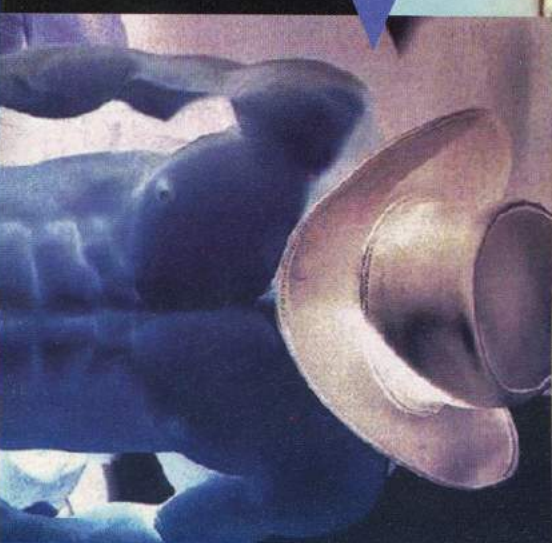
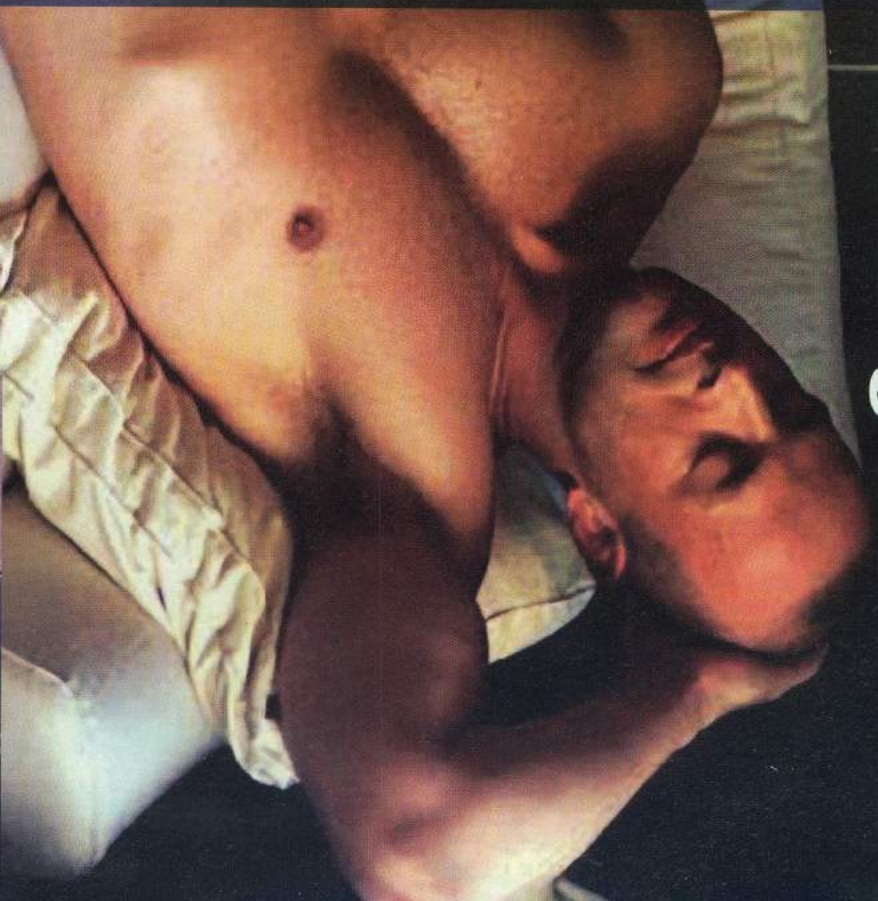
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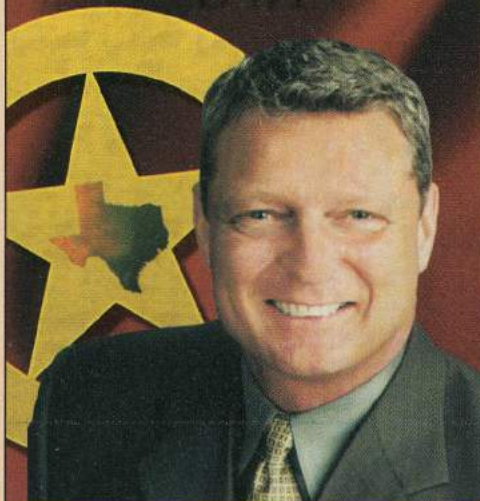


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friday, january 4

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold. 713-522-6100.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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.

Montrose Mining Co. Happy hour until 11p. \$1 vodka. 713-529-7488.

Pacific Street. No cover, 7-10p. \$1.50 well drinks. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. DJ Chris Sill. Doors open @ 9p. 18 & up. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. "Absolutely Fabulous." \$3 frozen drinks. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, january 5

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

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

Güava Lamp. "Woody's Roundup" benefiting the Miss Camp America Foundation, 8:30p.

Meteor. 6-9p happy hour prices, "Classic Cocktail Party," with torch songs, show tunes and hors d'oeuvres. VJ Rick Farmer, 9p close.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party.

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

Pacific Street. "Trade" Leather/Fetish dance party. No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold, light show by Gary Archer, 9p-4a. 21 and up.

sunday, january 6

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Sunday show night. 713-528-9192.

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Meteor. "Queer as Folk." \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

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

Pacific Street. "Mandance." No cover, 7-10p.

Rich's. T-Dance with DJ Limey. Doors open 7p. No cover. \$1 well, beer, schnapps.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 5p.

monday, january 7

JR's. "Absolutely Fabulous" viewing, 8p. \$3.75 top shelf martinis, \$1.75 Corona.

Meteor. "Oz's" live. \$1.50 longnecks, 8-10pm.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 dom. longnecks, \$3.50 Texasized doubles.

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

tuesday, january 8

BRB. Free C&W dance lessons by Rainbow Ranglers, 8:30p.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3 premium cocktails, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

wednesday, january 9

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

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EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

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

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Pacific Street. Hump day, \$3 cover.

Rich's. Trippin' Tha Love, DJ Cosmic Cat, weekly guest DJs. Open at 9p. 18 & up.

Ripcord. \$2 well drinks and domestics.

South Beach. Boi Bar. \$2 well, dom. longnecks, frozen.

thursday, january 10

BRB. Free C&W dance lessons by Rainbow Ranglers, 8:30p.

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

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

Meteor. Comedy night every Thursday 8-10p, starting with "Will & Grace." Happy hour prices until 10p.

Meatrack. Underwear Night, half-price, 8-10p.

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Pacific Street. No cover with gym card. Doors open 9p, until 4a.

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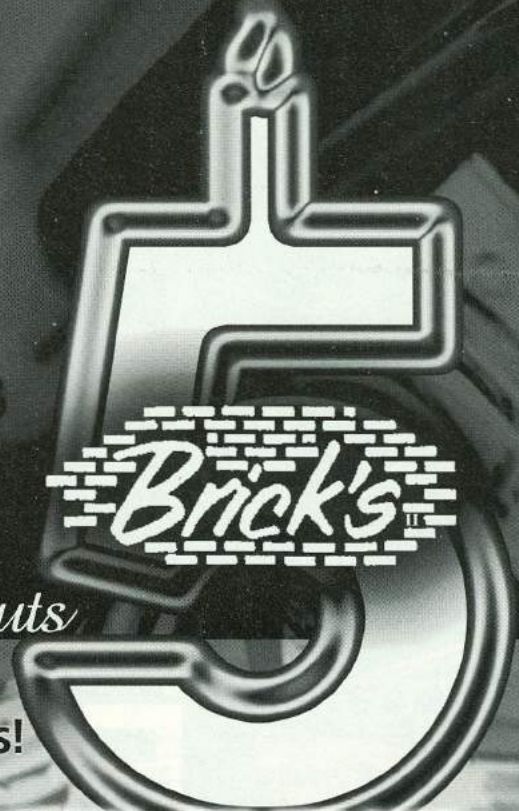
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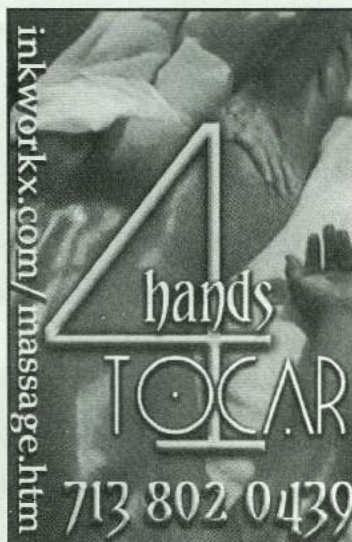
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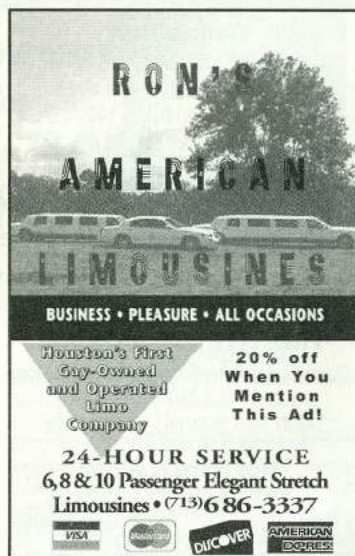
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friday, january 11

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold. 713-522-6100.

Decades. Dar's buffet, 5p. Eight-ball pool tournament, 8:30p. 713-521-2224.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer spins, 9p-2a. 713-521-0123.

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

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. Happy hour until 11p. \$1 vodka. 713-529-7488.

Pacific Street. No cover, 7-10p. \$1.50 well drinks. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. Margaret Cho Show Post-Party. Ticket gets a free cocktail. Friday Frequency. DJ Chris Sill. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up. 713-759-9606

South Beach. Absolutely Fabulous, \$3 frozen drinks. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, january 12

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p. 713-521-2224.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer, 9p-2a. 713-521-0123.

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party.

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

Pacific Street. Leather/Fetish dance party. No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

Rich's. Foundation 01.12.02, DJ Mark Anthony, Remix artist for Grace Jones, Luba, Ron Perkov and Kevin Avanco, 10p-4a. Doors open at 8p. Tickets, \$20.

South Beach. Circuit Saturdays, DJ Jimmy Skinner.

sunday, january 13

611. Brunch, noon-2p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). DJ's Choice Show hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Houston Sean Carter, 8:30p. Benefits PFLAG. 713-528-9192.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

Decades. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso.

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

Keys West. Benefit show. Miss Firecracker 2001 presents "Promises, Promises."

Meteor. "Friends of Dorothy" party, 3p. Happy Hour prices all day. "Queer as Folk," 9p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

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

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-10p.

Rich's. T-Dance with DJ Limey. Doors open at 7p. No cover. \$1 well, beer, schnapps.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 5p.

monday, january 14

JR's. "Absolutely Fabulous," 8p. \$3.75 top shelf martinis, \$1.75 Corona.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Lee LaForge.

Meteor. \$1.50 longnecks, 8-10p. Premiere episode of the new season of "Oz," 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Texas-sized doubles.

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

tuesday, january 15

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

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Spinz till 6a.

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Lee LaForge.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3 premium cocktails, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks.

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South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

wednesday, january 16

611. \$1 vodka, all day/all night.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Feelgood, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Sisco.

Mary's. Free HIV testing, 4-8p.

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

Meteor. 80s night. Favorite 80s videos, 9p-2a. Half-price Cosmopolitans.

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

Pacific Street. Hump day, \$3 cover.

Rich's. Trippin' Tha Love. DJ Cosmic Cat. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up.

Ripcord. \$2 well drinks and domestics.

South Beach. Boi Bar \$2 well drinks, domestic longnecks and frozen.

thursday, january 17

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie, 2-6a. BYOB welcome, no booze sold.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Lee LaForge.

Meteor. Comedy night. "Will & Grace" at 8p. Happy hour prices until 10p.

Meatrack. Underwear Night, half-price, 8-10p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks.

Pacific Street. No cover with gym card. Doors open 9p, after-hours until 4a.

Rich's. 70s, 80s and 90s classic dance songs. JD Arnold. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up. \$1 well drinks and domestic, 9p-midnight.

Ripcord. Hard Rock night.

South Beach. Sex in the City, Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

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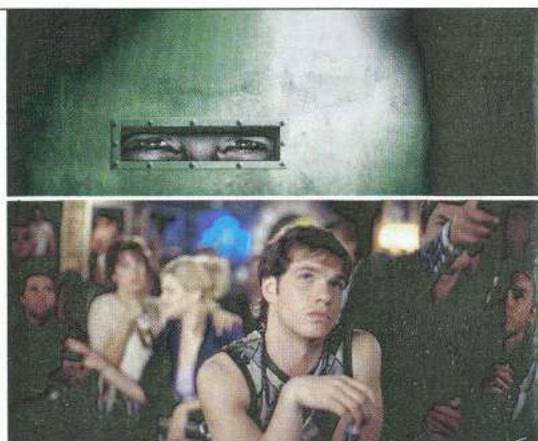
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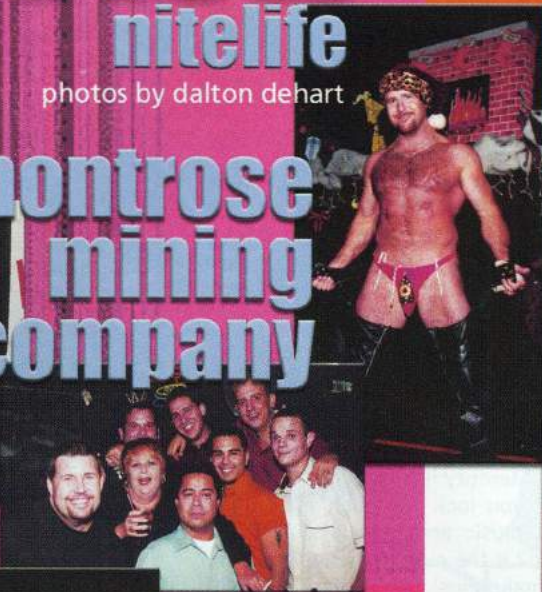


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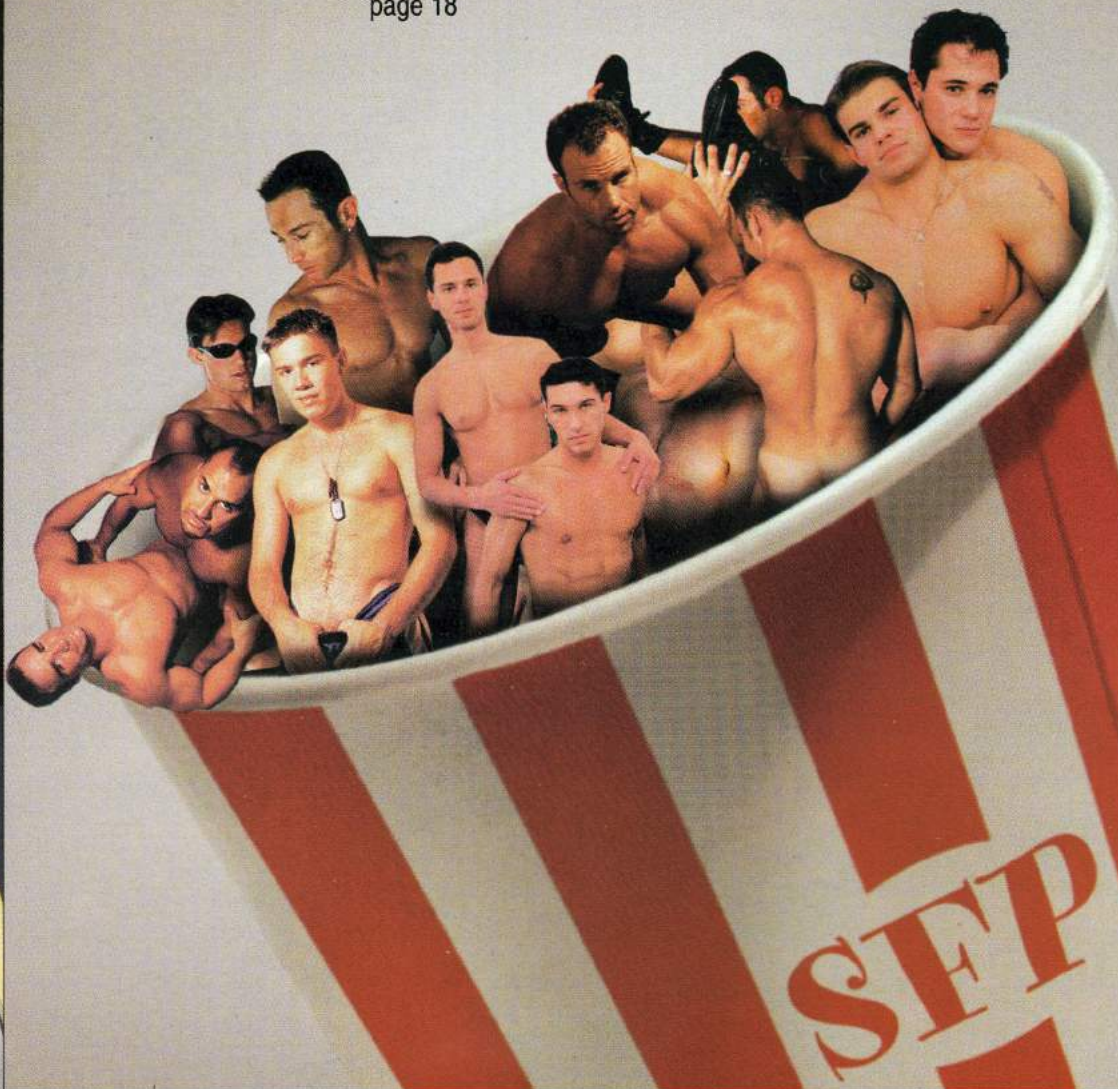
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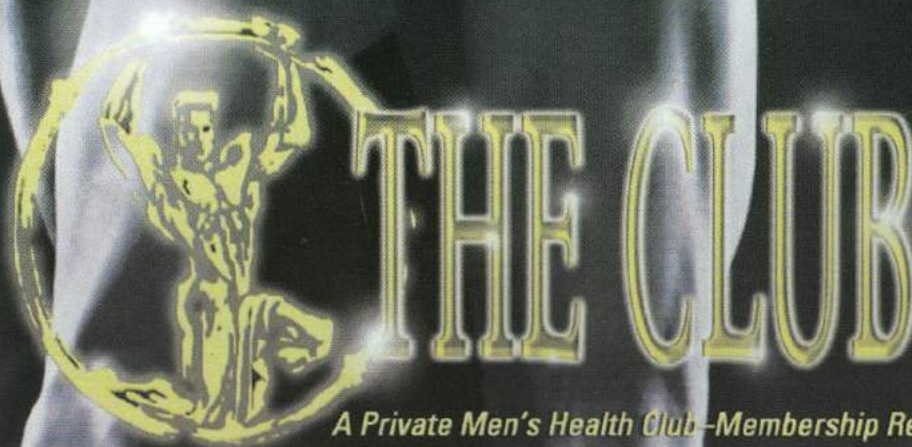
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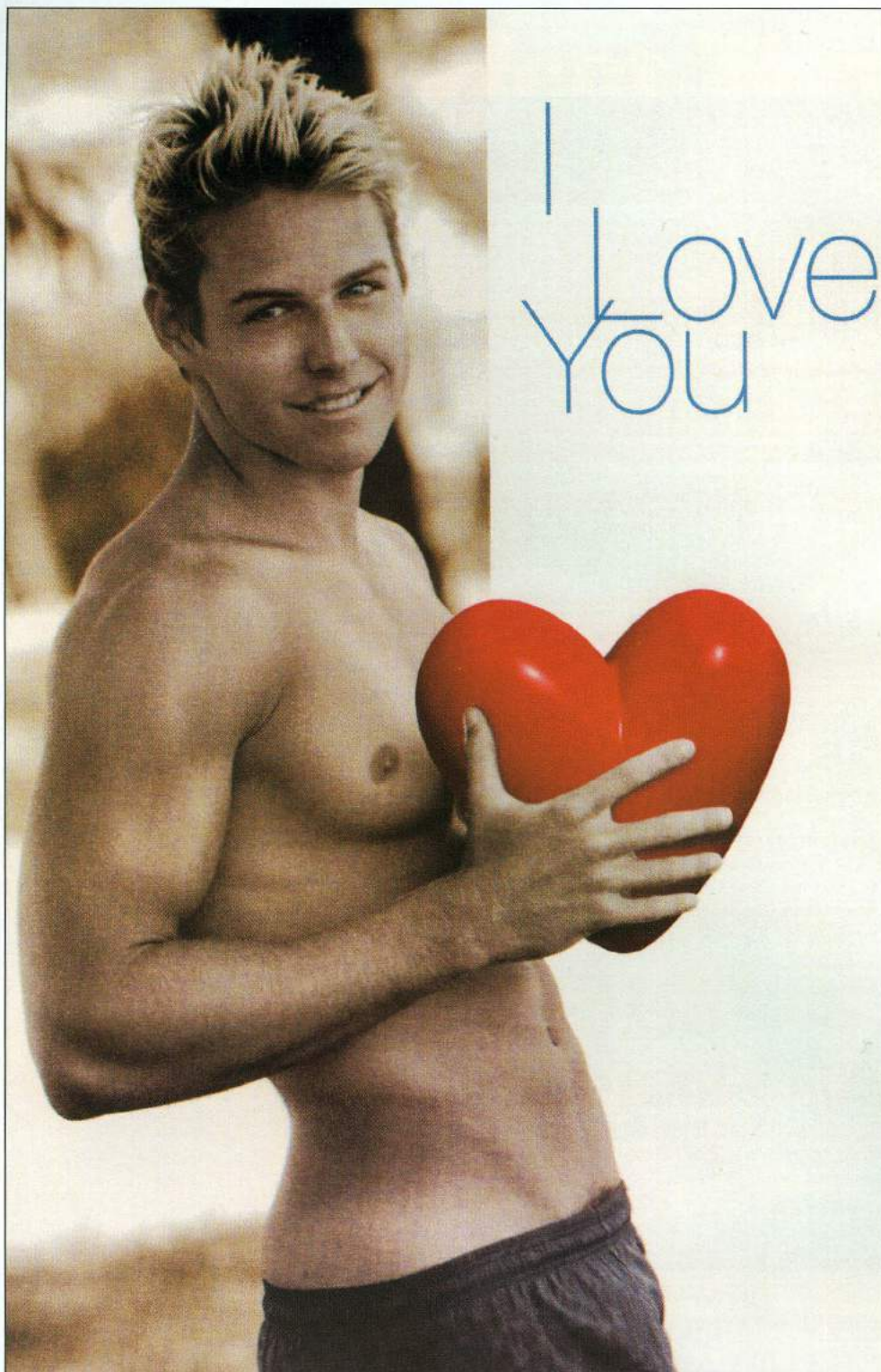
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friday, january 25

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

Club Nsomnia. After-hours 2-6a on the dance floor with DJ Elkie. 713-522-6100.

Decades. Dar's buffet, 5p. Eight-ball pool tournament, 8:30p. 713-521-2224.

JR's. \$3.75 Smirnoff twisted flavored vodkas. DJ/VJ Doug Barnes. 713-521-2519

Mary's Naturally. \$2 Vodka 7a-12p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 4-7p. Club Colors Party Night, 8-tilt?

MeatRack. Bare As You Dare. 713-528-2028

Meteor. Hottest music videos all night with VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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

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Pacific Street. No cover, 7-10p. \$1.50 well drinks. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. Frequency Friday's "Chemical Brothers" CD giveaway, "Queer as Folk" stage show. 18 and up. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. DJ Michael Tank \$3 frozen. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, january 26

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

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

JR's. \$2.75 frozen and \$2.75 Import draught beer. Block Party with \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks, 9:30p on Santa Fe and 10-10:30p on JR's side. DJ Ric Tacconi.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. Cocktail party, 6-9p. VJ Rick Farmer.

Midtowne Spa. Garage party.

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

this weekend



Theatre Southwest hosts the production of 'Five Women Wearing the Same Dress' by Alan Ball, who wrote 'American Beauty.' 8p through Jan. 26. Tickets: \$14 or \$12 for seniors and students. Theatre Southwest, 8944A Clarkcrest, 713-661-9505.

Pacific Street. Leather/fetish dance party. No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

Rich's. DJ Arnold, 9p-4a, 21 and up.

South Beach. South Beach. Circuit Saturdays, DJ Jimmy Skinner.

sunday, january 27

611. Brunch, noon-2p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). "Mr. & Mrs. BRB Returns," 8:30p. 713-528-9192.

Chulo's Ice House. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar all day.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie.

JR's. 99-cent well vodka cocktails till 11p. \$2.75 Shiner Bock, 6p. Karaoke with Marsha Carlton.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch 10a-1p, \$1 mimosas 10a-2p.

MeatRack. Cyber Night. Half-price with Web site password.

Meteor. "Friends of Dorothy" Party, 3p. Frozen Bellinis and happy hour prices all day. "Queer as Folk," 9p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 all well vodka cocktails, \$2.25 well drinks till 11p. DJs John Simms and Ric Tacconi.

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-10p.

Rich's. T-Dance with DJ Limey. Doors open 7p. No cover. \$1 well drinks, beer, schnapps.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 5p. DJ Mike Snow, 9p. DJ Michael Tank. Free Sunday pass any other night with paid admission.

monday, january 28

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

JR's. "Queer As Folk," \$3.75 all top shelf Martinis, happy hour till 10p with \$2.25 domestic longnecks and \$1.25 Corona, Corona Light. Dyan and Black Velvet, 11p.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 Vodka, 7a-12p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-midnight.

Meteor. \$1.50 longnecks, 8-10p. "OZ" at 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 Texas-sized doubles, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJ Ric Tacconi.

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

tuesday, january 29

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, 8:30p. \$1.50 well liquor, domestic beer.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Spinz till 6a.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks. DJ/VJ Doug Barnes. Amateur strip contest, \$100 first place, 11p. Kofi and Dyan.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka, 7a-12p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Half-price all night.

Meteor. Greg hosts happy hour daily, 4-8p. Rebroadcast of "Queer as Folk," 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single premium drink. DJ John Simms.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

wednesday, january 30

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well liquor and domestic beer.

Chulo's Ice House. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Club Nsomnia. After-hours 2-5a: dancing with DJ Feelgood.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 frozen, DJ/VJ Doug Barnes Kofi, 11p. Amateur strip show, \$100 first place.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka, 7a-12p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 4-7p. Free HIV testing, 4-8p. 50-cent hot dogs, noon-6p. Slop shot pool tournament at noon.

MeatRack. Favorite '80s videos, 9p-2a. Half-price Cosmopolitans.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, DJ Robert Espinoza.

Pacific Street. Hump day, \$3 cover.

Rich's. Trippin' Tha Love. DJ Cosmic Cat, weekly guest DJs. Doors open 9p. 18 & up.

Ripcord. \$2 well drinks and domestics.

South Beach. Resident DJ Jimmy Skinner, \$2 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks.

thursday, january 31

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, 8:30p.

Chulo's Ice house. \$2.50 premiums.

Club Nsomnia. After-hours dancing with live DJ Elkie, 2-5a.

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

JR's. \$2.25 import bottle beer, \$3.75 all top shelf liquor. DJ Ric Tacconi on Santa Fe. "Will and Grace," 8p. Karaoke with Marsha Carlton, 9p.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka, 7a-12p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 4-7p.

Meteor. Comedy night. "Will & Grace," 8p; comedy clips follow until 10p. Happy hour prices until 10p.

MeatRack. Underwear night.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks. DJ John Simms.

Pacific Street. No cover with gym card, 9p-4a.

Rich's. Club 789. Music of the '70s, '80s and '90s classic dance songs. DJ Arnold. Doors open 9p. 18 & up. \$1 well drinks and domestics from 9p-midnight.

Ripcord. Hard rock night.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen.

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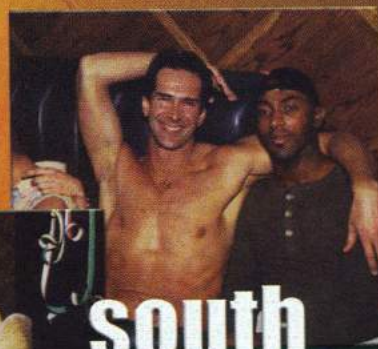
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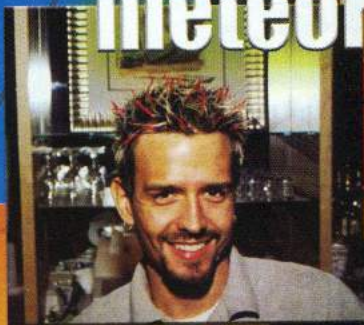
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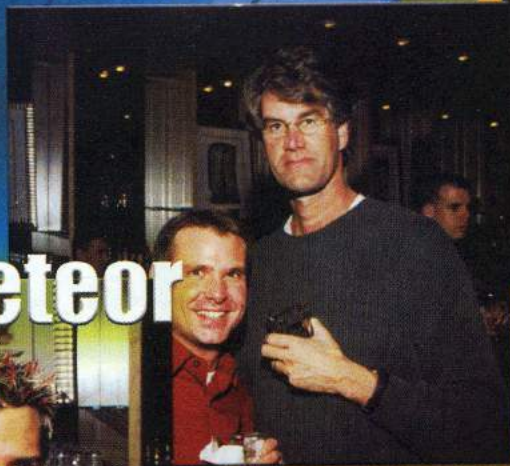
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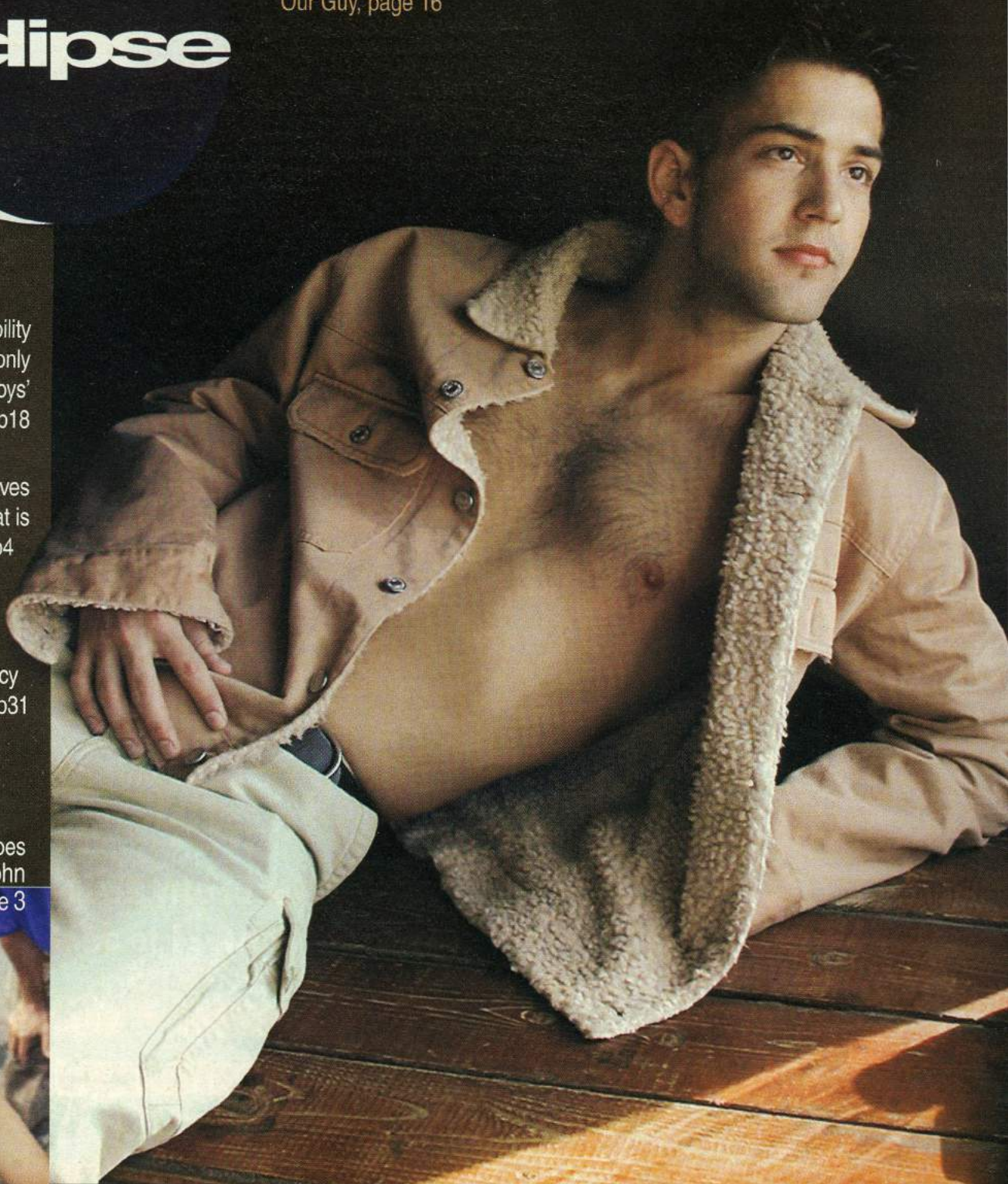
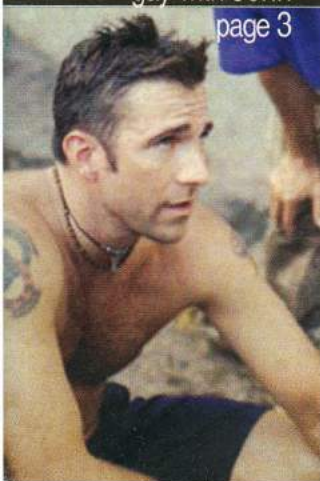


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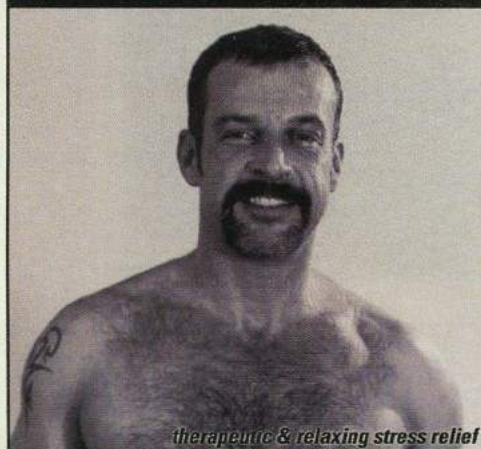
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611. Free buffet, 5:30p. 713-526-7070.

Decades. Dar's buffet, 5p. Eight-ball pool tournament, 8:30p. 713-521-2224.

JR's. \$2.75 frozen and \$2.75 Import Draught Beer. Block Party, \$1 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe and 10-10:30p on JR's side. DJ Ric Tacconi. 713-521-2519

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669

MeatRack. Bare As You Dare. 713-528-2028

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. Men of the Mine. 713-529-7488.

Pacific Street. No cover, 7-10p. \$1.50 well drinks. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. DJ Chris Sill. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank. \$3 frozen. \$7 cover, after-hours till 5a. 713-529-908E.

saturday, march 9

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie. Open 2-6a. 713-522-6100.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

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

JR's. \$2.75 frozen and \$2.75 Import Draught Beer. Block Party, \$1 well drinks and \$1.75 domestic longnecks, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe and 10-10:30p on JR's side. DJ Ric Tacconi.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Black Light Party.

Montrose Mining Co. Men of the Mine. Open at 1p. \$1.50 domestics, \$2.50 well drinks until 10p.

Pacific Street. Leather/Fetish dance party. No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold. 9p-4a. 21 and up.

South Beach. Circuit Saturdays, DJ Jimmy Skinner.

sunday, march 10

611. Brunch, noon-2p.

Brazos River Bottom. Benefit for the Royal, Sovereign & Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. 8:30p. 713-528-9192.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar all day.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie Spinz.

Fox Diner. Gospel Brunch with Dianna Greenleaf. Drink specials.

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

Keys West. Open at 1p. "Queer As Folk" and "Sex In The City."

Mary's Naturally. Brunch 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p.

MeatRack. Cyber Night. Half-price with Web site password.

Meteor. Meteor's Cosmic Sunday. "Friends of Dorothy," 3p. \$2.50 frozen Bellinis and happy hour prices all day. "Queer as Folk," 9p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 all well vodka cocktails, \$2 longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks till 11p. DJs John Simms and Ric Tacconi.

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-10p.

Rich's. T-Dance, 3p. DJ Limey. No cover, enter through patio. Special T-Dance drinks and happy hour prices all day.

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

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

monday, march 11

JR's. All new episodes of "Queer of Folk," 8p. \$1.75 Corona and Corona Light.

Keys West. Happy hour all day & night. Acoustic Open Mic, 7p sign-up, 8p entertainment.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool 8p-mid.

Meteor. \$1.50 longnecks, 8-10p. "Six Feet Under," 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 Texas-sized doubles, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJ Ric Tacconi.

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

tuesday, march 12

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer, 12-9p. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

JR's. \$2 well, wine and domestic longnecks, DJ/VJ Doug Barnes. Amateur strip contest, 11p, \$100 first place, Kofi and Dyan.

Keys West. Shalby Ross.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Half-price all night.

Meteor. Greg hosts happy hour daily, 4-8p.

Midtowne Spa. Latin Night.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single premium drink. DJ John Simms.

wednesday, march 13

611. \$1 vodka.

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

Club Nsomnia. 2-6a. DJ Feelgood spins to 5a. 713 522-6100.

Fox Diner. Acoustic blues with electric slide lemonade.

JR's. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 frozen, DJ/VJ Doug Barnes Kofi, 11p. Amateur strip show, \$100 first place.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Sisco.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free HIV testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Half-price Cosmos all night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, DJ Robert Espinoza.

Pacific Street. Hump day, \$3 cover.

Rich's. Trippin' Tha Love parade with resident DJ Cosmic Cat. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up.

South Beach. Resident DJ Jimmy Skinner, \$2 well drinks and \$2 domestics, \$3 frozen. \$5 cover.

thursday, march 14

Brazos River Bottom. \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer, 12-9p. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Chulo's Ice house. \$2.50 premiums.

Club Nsomnia. 2-5a. ATM inside.

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

JR's. \$3.75 all top shelf and \$2.25 Import bottled beer. "Will and Grace," 8p. Karaoke, 9p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Lee LaForge.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

Meteor. Singles' Swap Meet. \$2.50 Frozen Cosmos, 10p. Comedy night. "Will & Grace," 8p; comedy clips follow until 10p. Happy hour, 4-10p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks. DJ John Simms.

Pacific Street. No cover with gym card. DJ Limey. Doors open 9p, after-hours until 4a.

Rich's. Music of the '70s, '80s and '90s. DJ JD Arnold. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up. \$1 well drinks/domestic from 9p midnight.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen at back bar. DJ Sean Carnahan. \$6 cover.

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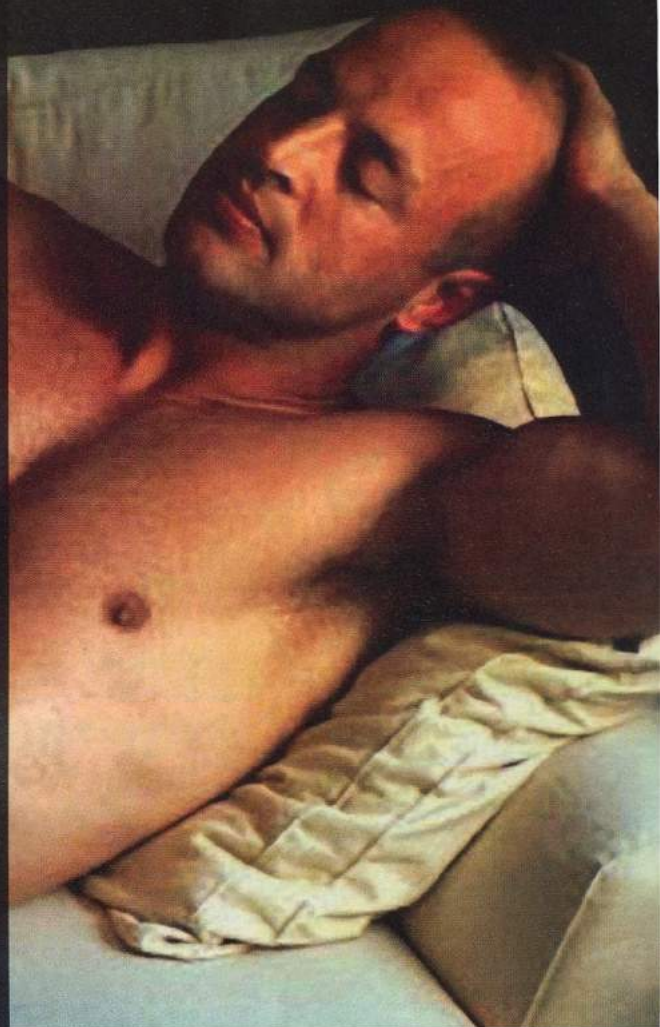
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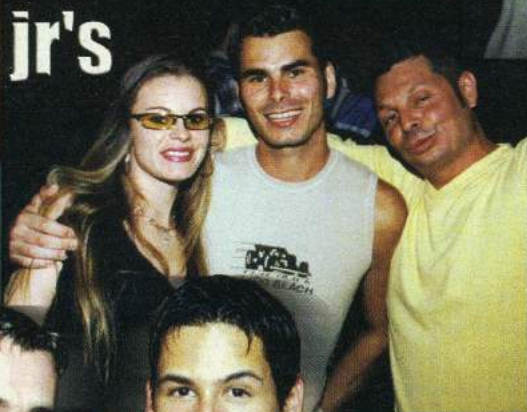
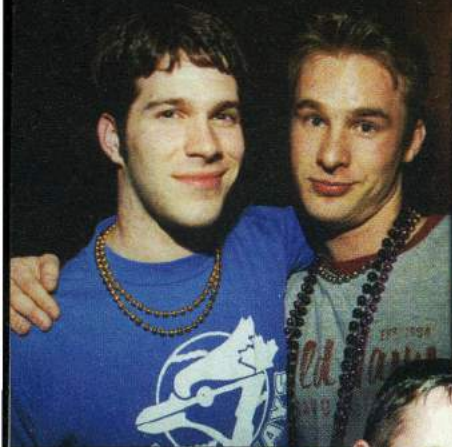
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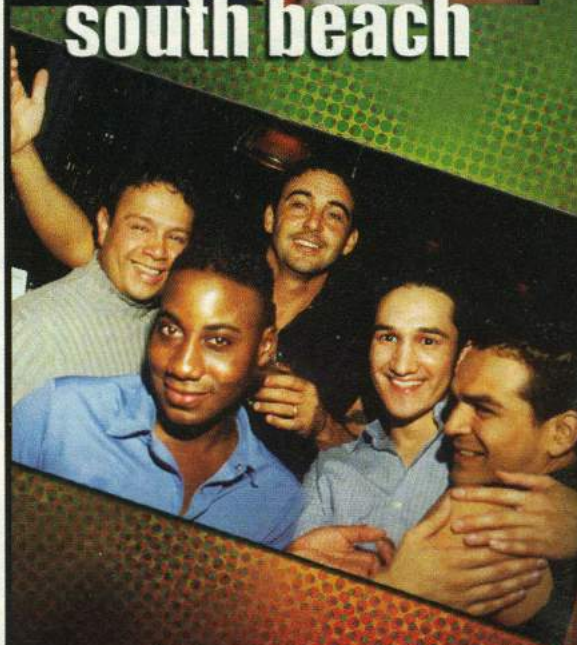
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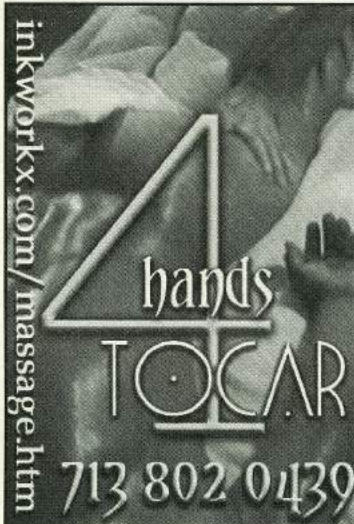
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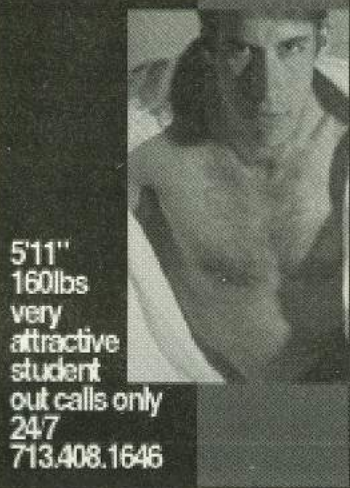
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by charlene lichtenstein

April knocks on our door this week and I am ready! The Sun, Mercury and Venus stampede across the border into bullish Taurus. And all these planets eventually make excellent aspects to lucky Jupiter. Get out there and rope them in. No excuses, cowpokes!



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Set new projects on the path to success with a combination of gay moxie and elbow grease. By April 21, your mind and heart is fixated on fiscal security. Money may not buy happiness but it can buy sordid fun thanks to Jupiter. So where do I sign up?



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Use early April to volunteer for a great gay cause and make a difference in our community. By April 21, pink Bulls become a bit more self serving. With Jupiter providing the impetus, use your charm to further your most important cause — yeah, you.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Gay Twins are the center of the social swim so grab your favorite inflatable and jump in. Mid-month attention must be given to more altruistic pursuits. Raise even more money than expected for a charitable cause. No, not for your trip to Maui.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Career efforts in pay off. Cash in on as much good will and achievement as you can and use it to fund long term goals. After April 21, with the help of Jupiter, start implementing a new direction for yourself. Start with up, pink Crab.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Proud Lions can really benefit from a vacation now. Rest up cousin; by April 21, professional obligations come into the fore and you have to be ready for battle. Lucky Jupiter gives you a lucky leg up when you really need it. Or is it a paw up?



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Quiet queer Virgins feel a burst of sexual stimulation as Sun, Venus and Mercury rub into Aries. Thankfully, Jupiter conspires to make a lover out of one of your closest friends. Explore parts unknown with a compadre.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Gay Libras can use their considerable charm to cement and solidify relationships this April. For those on the prowl, early April is a great time to showcase your considerable talents. Sell tickets or give a personal performance for an audience of one.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Don't hesitate to do what is necessary to get the job done... now! After April 21, the planets turn your attention to more pleasant outlets. Be on your best behavior proud Scorp; it takes two to tango and your dance card needs a few more interesting names on it.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

The planets know that you have been working too hard and need a rollicking partyfest now more than ever. Party hearty, gay Archer. After April 21, all bets are off as job commitments rear their ugly heads again. Beat the beasts back for one last bash before May.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Pink Caps hanker to set the record queer with family. Go for it when Sun, Venus and Mercury guide your goals, emotions and actions. Be sure to show off all your efforts after April 21. Jupiter even provides an especially appreciative audience.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

You can blend personal goals, emotions and ideas together in perfect harmony to carry the rainbow banner forward. By April 21, you may be more interested in entertaining good friends at home. Relax. All work and no play makes Aqueerians dull warriors.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

The planets encourage Guppies to cement the foundations of their dreams so they can build on solid ground. All that you value is held up for inspection. By April 21, you are anxious to express a few opinions. Jupiter hands you a microphone. Sing out!

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Roy Blakey's work chronicles a turning point for male nudes

by stephen dominic d'agostino and max southern

In 1972, Roy Blakey self-published "HE," a groundbreaking book of male nudes, and soon sold the entire run of 5,000. Fresh from his first foray into publishing, Blakey continued photographing and prepared for his second book, one he hoped to be larger and more professional than his first.

But the huge cost of such a project and his busy career of making headshots and portfolios for actors and dancers intervened. It finally took until last month — a full 30 years after the publication of "HE" — for "Roy Blakey's 70s Male Nudes" to be released, at the opening of its companion show at the Leslie-Lohman Gallery in New York.

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While nude male photography is accepted these days, its transition to the mainstream has been slow and complicated. The era in which Blakey published "HE" — the '70s — proved to be a turning point for the ascent of male nudes. In his book "Male Nudes Now," acclaimed photographer David Leddick writes, "Although the moralism of the Victorian Era posed a setback, the male nude resurfaced toward the middle of the 20th century, mainly in the context of a supposed interest in health, exercise, or bodybuilding."

"Although this ideal has been around for centuries, only in the past few decades has the overtly sexualized image of the male gained a stronghold in art and popular culture, resulting in the steadily increasing availability of images of men with their clothes off. Photography, which has traditionally approached the body from a scientific or documentary perspective, is also trending toward the male nude as a subject," Leddick continues.

As attitudes in the '60s loosened, the '70s proved to be a time of growth, where Blakey joined other pioneers in making the then-controversial decision to photograph men in the buff.

Leddick also writes that today's "ever-growing visibility of the male nude is due in large part to the grand social changes that occurred in the '60s, most notably the rise of feminism and the gay rights movement. As women in the last half of the 20th century took greater charge of their lives, they had less and less interest in conforming to men's views of them as a passive sexual partner. Similarly, in the '60s, many gay men who had felt compelled to hide their sexuality suddenly felt free to openly display their interest in other men."

70s

ROY BLAKEY'S 70S MALE NUDES



Perhaps the most celebrated male nude appeared in 1972, when Burt Reynolds shucked his clothes for a centerfold in *Cosmopolitan*. Likewise, gay pornography hit the masses with classics such as "The Other Side of Aspen."

Blakey, now 71, learned the art of photography as a hobby. In 1954, after a stint in the Army, he became a professional figure skater and toured the world.

During that time, he began photographing his fellow figure skaters and learned he had a talent for it. His last tour ended in 1967, dropping him off in New York City. His friends, armed with connections to the theater and a New York-centric view of the world, persuaded Blakey to settle in Manhattan rather than move to California, his original plan.

"My three-day stop stretched into 25 years," Blakey says. After growing his business for three years, Blakey decided to experiment with photographing male nudes. This was a somewhat risky proposition — Blakey was well aware that until only two years before, police had raided the studios of photographers suspected of producing images deemed pornographic with the intent of mailing them.

"I wasn't pushing that envelope a lot," he says. Besides, Blakey's intention with this experiment was not to produce erotic images. "I'm probably thinking of erotic as a substitute for sexual," he says. "The fact that the person has his clothes off gives that element to the picture."

But Blakey doubts that his photographs arouse many people sexually. Rather than compare his pictures to those that appeared in the physique magazines of that time or in *Advocate Men* or any of the other suggestively titled magazines of today, Blakey, not conceitedly, is more likely to

buy it!

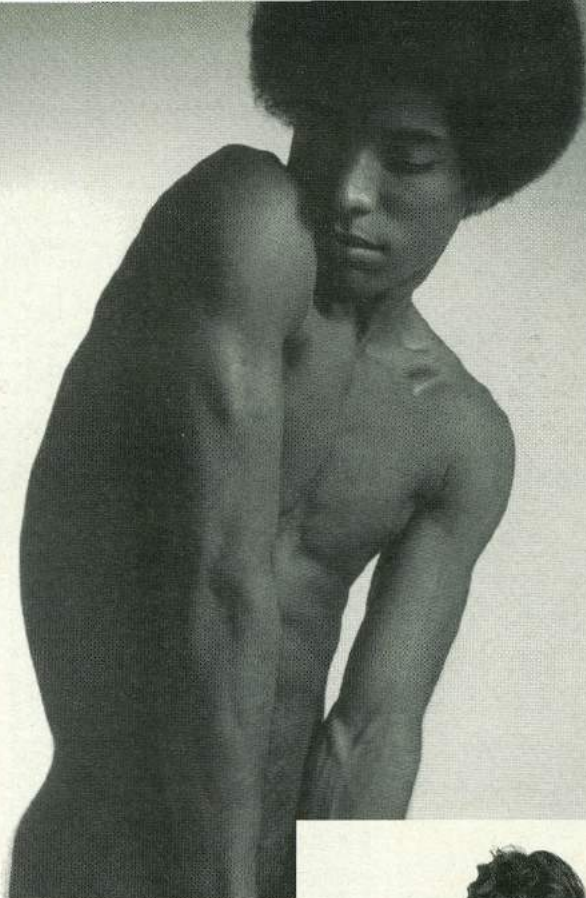
'Roy Blakey's 70s Male Nudes'

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compare his work to Michelangelo's statue of David. "I consider [David] an homage to the beauty of the male form," he says. "That's very much my approach to photographic work." Rather than making photographs to excite the viewer, Blakey strives to capture, he says, "the beauty of God's handiwork."

"The pictures I like best are those that through the lighting and the poses are dramatic," he says. Indeed, the light in Blakey's photographs is the subject almost as often as is the man. The photograph of Mercie Hinton, made in 1978, for example, shows Hinton on his arms and one knee, the other leg raised as if assuming an exercise position. The light hints at the seemingly sculpted muscles of his back, buttocks, and raised calf, a dramatic contrast to Hinton's dark skin. This is just one of thousands of pictures Blakey took over nearly 20 years, and one of scores on display at the Leslie-Lohman Gallery.

In the early 1990s, tired of a city that seemed increasingly dangerous, dirty, and expensive, Blakey packed all those photographs, negatives, and contact sheets into boxes and moved



ROY BLAKEY'S 70s MALE NUDES

to Minneapolis to be with his family and to share studio space with his niece. His pictures remained boxed until 1998, when Blakey received an e-mail from Reed Massengill, a contemporary photographer with several books to his credit. Massengill, for years a fan of Blakey's work, flew to Minneapolis, and on their first meeting promised Blakey three things: that his photographs would appear in the magazine *blue* (they did, in 2000), and that he would have a second book and a gallery show of his work, which he now has.

In other words, Massengill gave Blakey what he, try as he did, could not accomplish. "This is the dream I had 30 years ago," Blakey says, his voice quick with excitement, "coming to fruition."

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what's happening at your favorite nightclubs this week

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Please submit calendar entries no later than 5p on Monday to make the following week's issue. Fax your calendar schedule to **eclipse magazine**, attn. Jim Nixon, 713-529-9531, or e-mail jnixon@houston-voice.com, or call 713-529-8490. The first listing in the week for each bar includes a phone number for further information.

friday, april 5

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie Spinz, 2-6a. 713-522-6100.

Decades. Dar's buffet, 5p. Eight-ball pool tournament, 8:30p. 713-521-2224.

JR's. Happy hour from noon-10p. Go-Go boys, 6p. 713-521-2519

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669

MeatRack. Bare As You Dare. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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.

Montrose Mining Co. Men of the Mine. 713-529-7488.

Pacific Street. No cover, 7-10p. \$1.50 well drinks. 713-523-0213.

South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank. \$3 frozen, \$7 cover, after-hours till 5a. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, april 6

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

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

JR's. Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and \$2.75 premium Draught beer.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Leather Party.

Montrose Mining Co. Men of the Mine. Open at 1p. \$1.50 domestics, \$2.50 well drinks until 10p.

Pacific Street. "Trade" Leather/Fetish dance party. No cover in erotic or fetish attire.

South Beach. Texas Intrastate Circuit DJ Ric De Baros from Splash and Ben Parsley Productions in Austin. Giveaway of trip to Miami's South Beach.

now playing



Joseph Hart is among the actors who bring to life 'Saturday Night at Billy's' at Houston's Bienvenue Theatre. The production details the backstage lives of scantily clad male strippers in a women's nightclub. Tickets: \$20-30. Through April 13. Bienvenue Theatre, 3722 Washington Ave. 713-426-2626. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

sunday, april 7

611. Brunch, noon-2p. \$1.00 well 7p -midnight.

BRB. DD D'Marco presents "Swing into Spring," benefitting RSICSS.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar all day.

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

Club Nsomnia. Trade night, 2-5a. DJ Elkie Spinz classic rock and disco.

Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

JR's. \$1 well vodka drinks, noon-11p. Karaoke, 6p. Kofi's Strip Show, 11p.

Keys West. Open at 1p. "Queer As Folk," 9p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p.

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

Meteor. "Queer as Folk," at 9p. \$3.75 Frozen Bellinis. Happy Hour prices until 8p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 all well vodka cocktails, \$2 longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks till 11p. DJs John Simms and Ric Taconni.

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-10p.

Rich's. T-Dance, 3p. DJ Limey. No cover, enter through patio. Special T-Dance drinks and happy hour prices all day.

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

South Beach. Farewell To Paradise, benefiting the BCBC. Resident DJ Michael Tank. Cover: \$7.

monday, april 8

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

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$3.75 all top shelf Martinis, \$1.75 Corona and Corona Light.

Keys West. Happy hour all day and night. Acoustic Open Mic, 7p signup, 8p entertainment.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Happy Hour prices and \$1.50 bottled beer all day and night. "Six Feet Under," 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 doubles, \$2 longnecks.

Pacific Street. No cover, DJ Adrian.

tuesday, april 9

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer, 12-9p. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4pmidnight, half price for 1824yo.

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, domestic beer and wine. Kofi's show, 11p.

Keys West. Shalby Ross.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Half-price all night.

Meteor. Happy Hour prices and \$1.50 bottled beer all day and night.

Midtowne Spa. Latin Night.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3 anything goes, \$2.50 well drinks. DJ John Simms.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

wednesday, april 10

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Tuna & Pearl Guest Bartenders.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Club Nsomnia. After-hours BYOB, 2-5a. Dj Feelgood.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. \$2.75 premium frozen, \$2 domestic beers. Kofi's Show, 11p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free HIV testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

MeatRack. "Anything Goes Night." Check Website for schedule

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2. longnecks, \$2 wells.

Pacific Street. Hump day, \$3 cover.

Rich's. Trippin' Tha Love, trip-o-listic luv parade with resident DJ Cosmic Cat and weekly guest DJs. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up.

South Beach. \$2 well drinks, beer, wine. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

thursday, april 11

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer, 12-9p. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Chulo's Ice house. \$2.50 premiums.

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie Spinz, 2-5a..

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

JR's. \$2.25 Import Bottle Beer, \$3.75 all Top Shelf liquor. Karaoke, 9p. "Will and Grace," 8p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay (Lovey) Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. "Swap Meat," Meteor's Singles' Night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9-11p. "Will & Grace," 8p. \$3.75 Frozen Cosmos.

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks. DJ John Simms.

Pacific Street. SEXX. No cover with gym card. DJ Limey. Doors open 9p, after-hours until 4a.

Rich's. Club 789 Music of the '70s, '80s and '90s. DJ JD Arnold. Doors open at 9p. 18 & up. \$1 well drinks/domestic, 9p-midnight.

Ripcord. Hard rock night.

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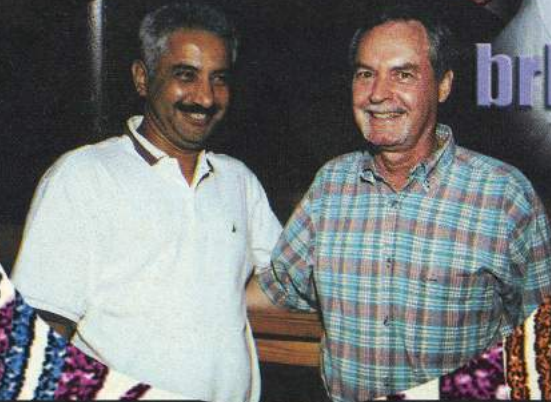
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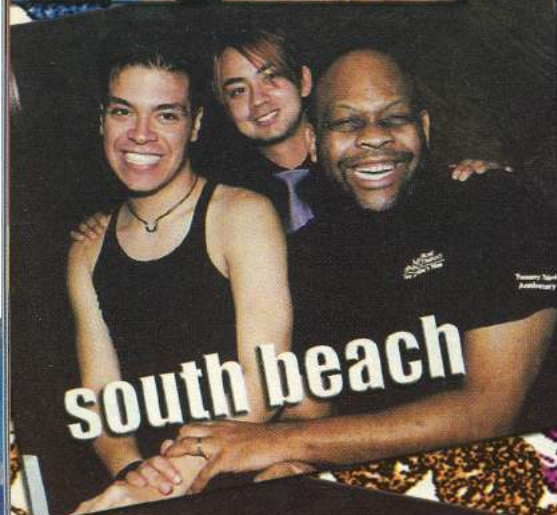
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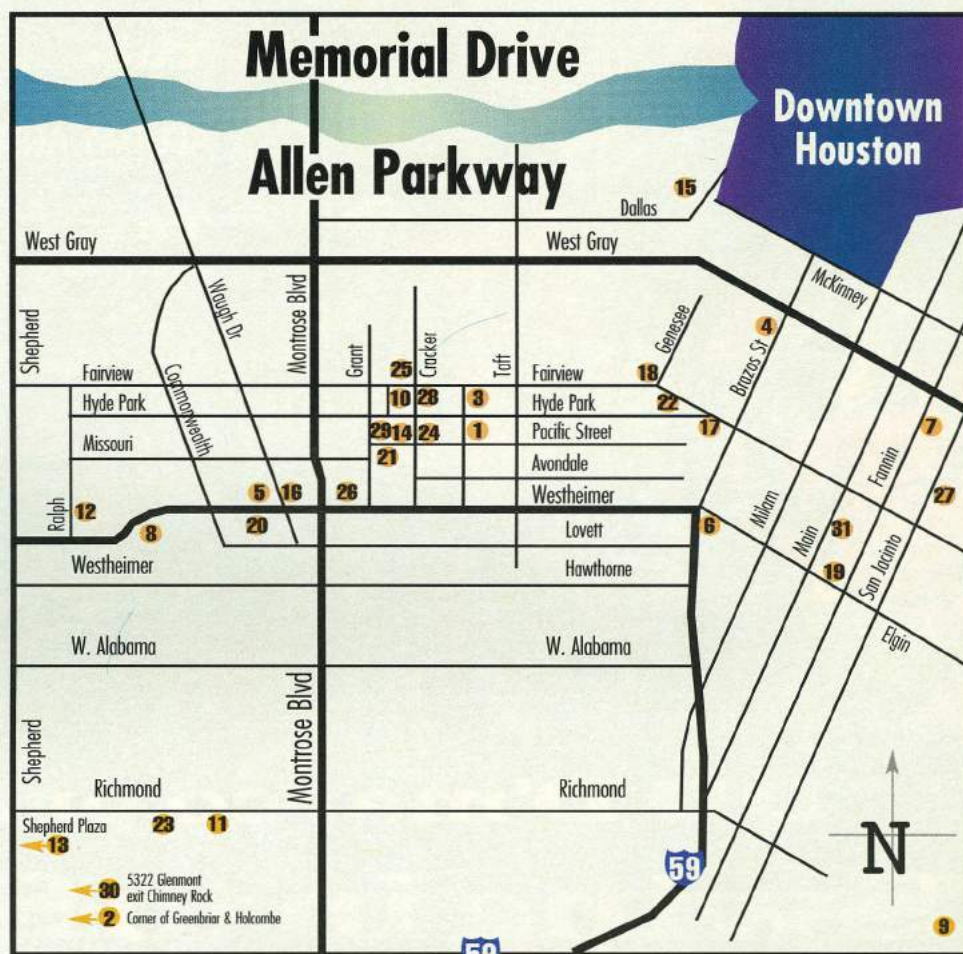
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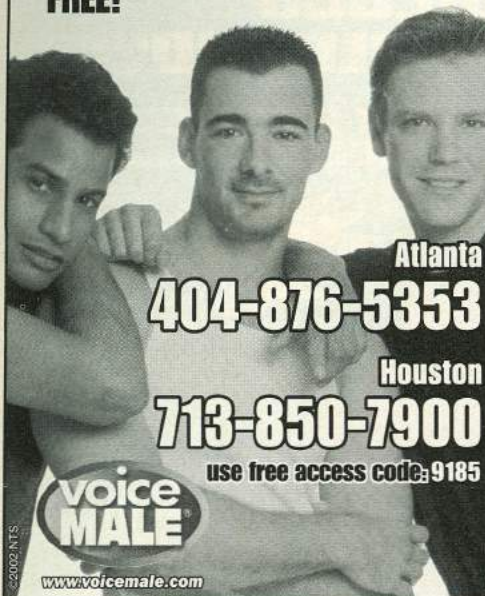
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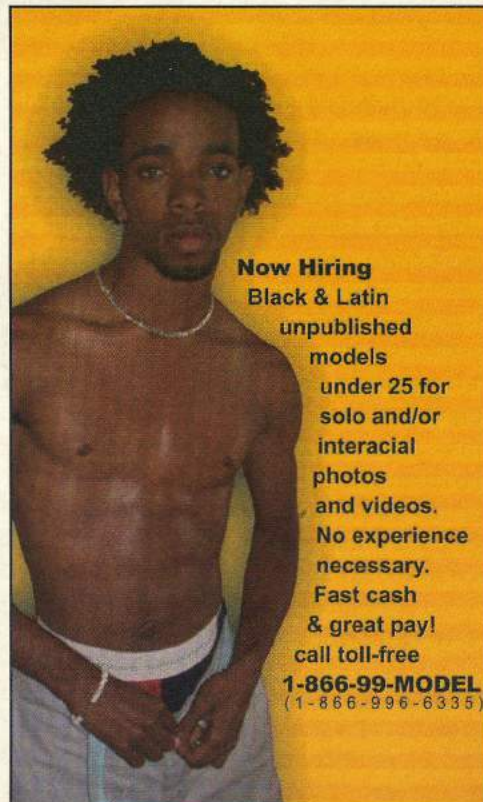
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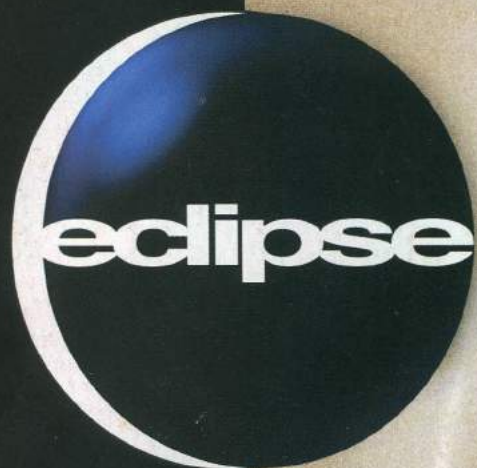
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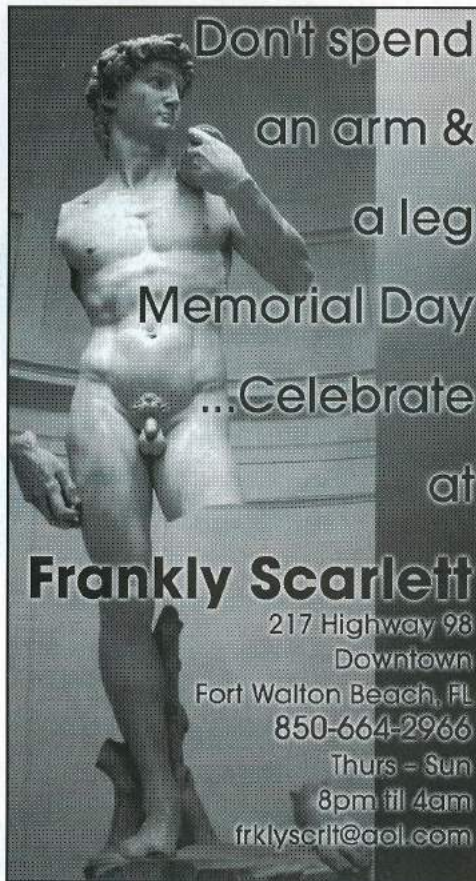


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South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank. 9p-5a. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, june 1

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and Male Dancers, 9p.

Club Nsomnia. Bare-chested dancing, Top 40 house and disco, 2-6a.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

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

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and premium Draught beer.

Keys West. Nighttime entertainer Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Garage Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms.

South Beach. Free trip giveaway, to Miami's South Beach for three nights and four days, drawing at 1a. Must be present to win. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

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

sunday, june 2

611. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). RSICSS Reign XVIII monthly fund-raiser, Kickass Cabaret, 6p. Cost is \$5 per plate. Show at 7p.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar.

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

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Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

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Keys West. Open at 1p. Dart tournament, 3p. "Queer As Folk."

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sunday. \$3.75 Frozen Bellinis. Happy Hour prices until 8p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 Doubles, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 longnecks. DJ Rick Tacorini.

Rich's. Kevin Aviance. DJ Limey. Doors open at 5p.

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South Beach. T-Dance, 59p. DJ Mike Snow. Cover, \$3. DJ Michael Tank with specials at rear bar, 9p-3a with \$5 cover.

monday, june 3

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JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$1.25 Coronas.

Keys West. Open mic/karaoke. Happy Hour all night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

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Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 doubles, \$2 longnecks.

tuesday, june 4

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4p-midnight, half price for 18-24 yo. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, domestic beer and wine. Kofi's strip show, 11p. DJ/VJ Doug Barnes.

Keys West. Open pool tournament.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled beer all day and night.

Midtowne Spa. Latin Night and half-off locker price, 12p-12a. **South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.**

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single in the house. DJ John Simms.

wednesday, june 5

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Dr Charl-E Feelgood spins, 2-6a.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. \$2.75 premium frozen, \$2 domestic beers. Kofi's Show, 11p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing., 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Professional Women's Happy Hour, 59p. \$1.50 bottled domestic beer, \$2 bottled premium beer and bottled cocktails. Happy hour prices until 9p. Art exhibit featuring the work of Johnny Espinoza, 59p. Half-price Cosmo after 9p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinoza.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner. \$5 cover, \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic beer.

thursday, june 6

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

Club Nsomnia. After-hours-bartenders trade night. DJ Elkie spins disco, 2-5a.

Cousins. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. "Swap Meat," Meteor's Singles' Night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9-11p. Moby Promotional Party with giveaways. \$2.50 frozen cosmos.

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

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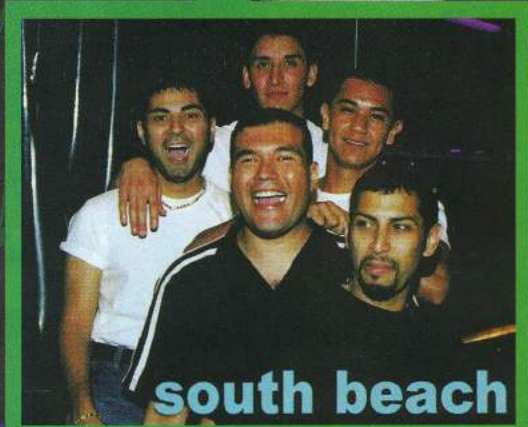
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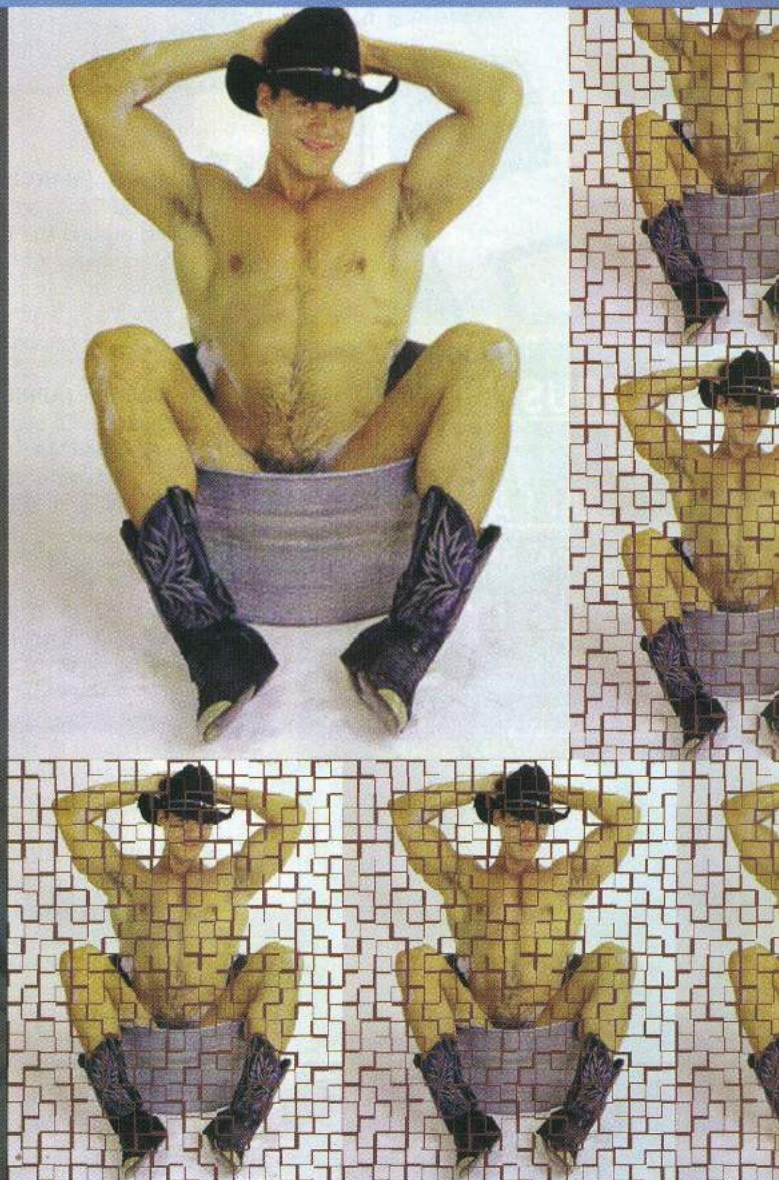
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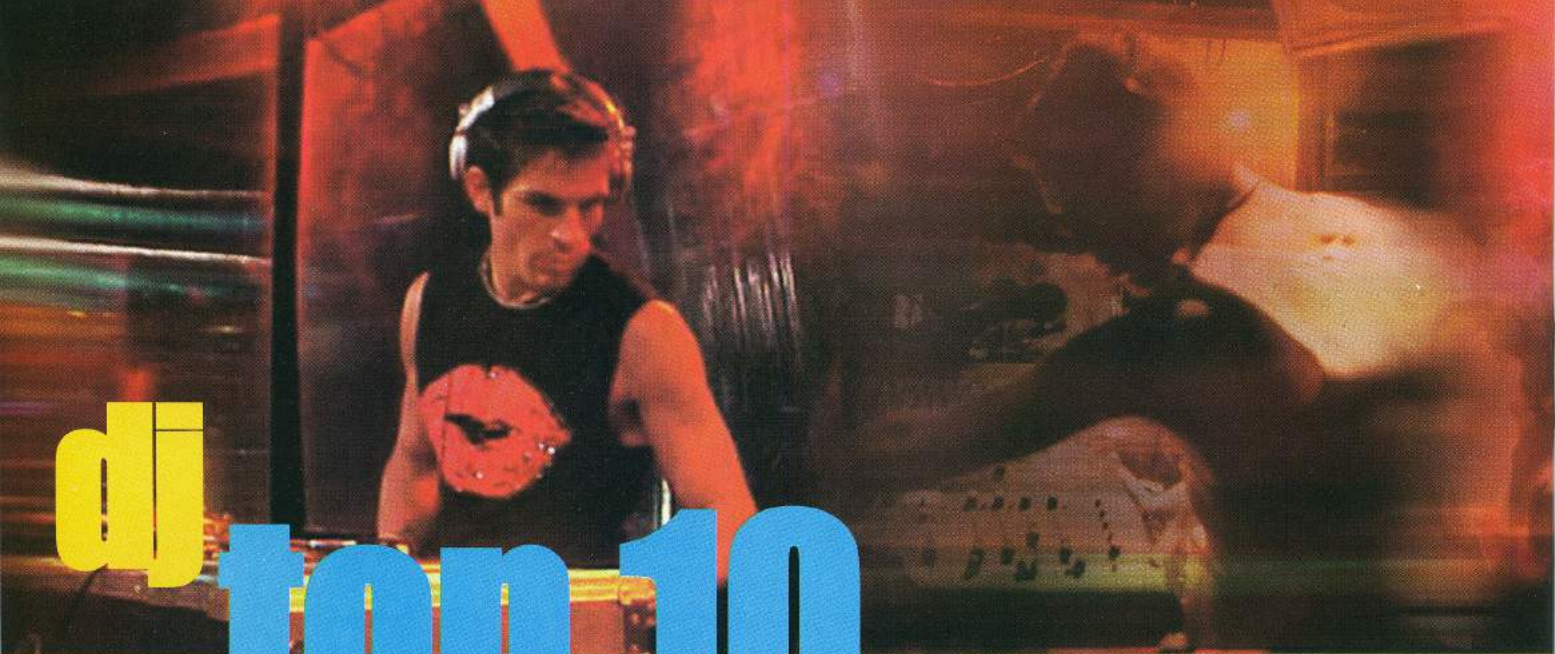
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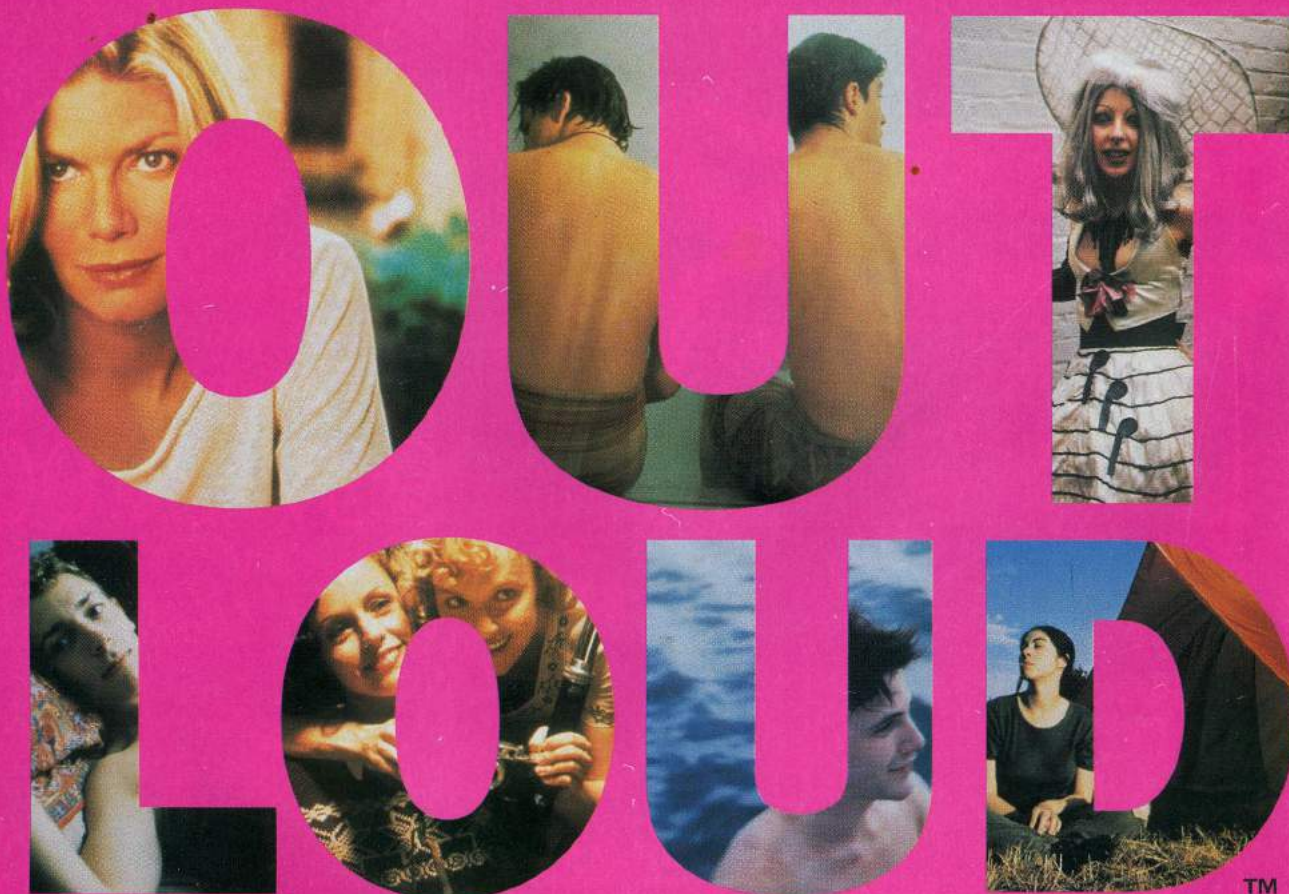
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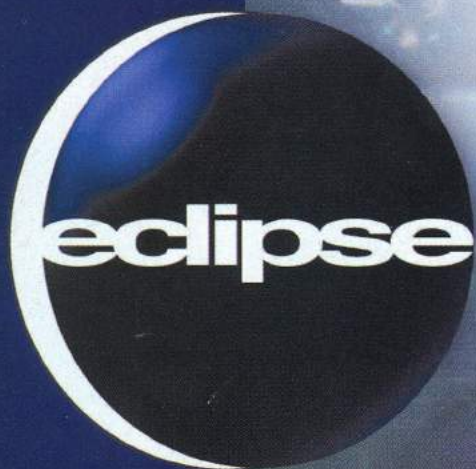
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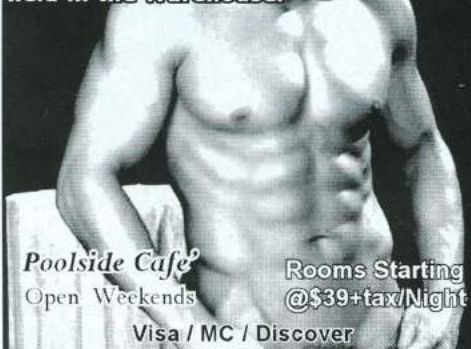
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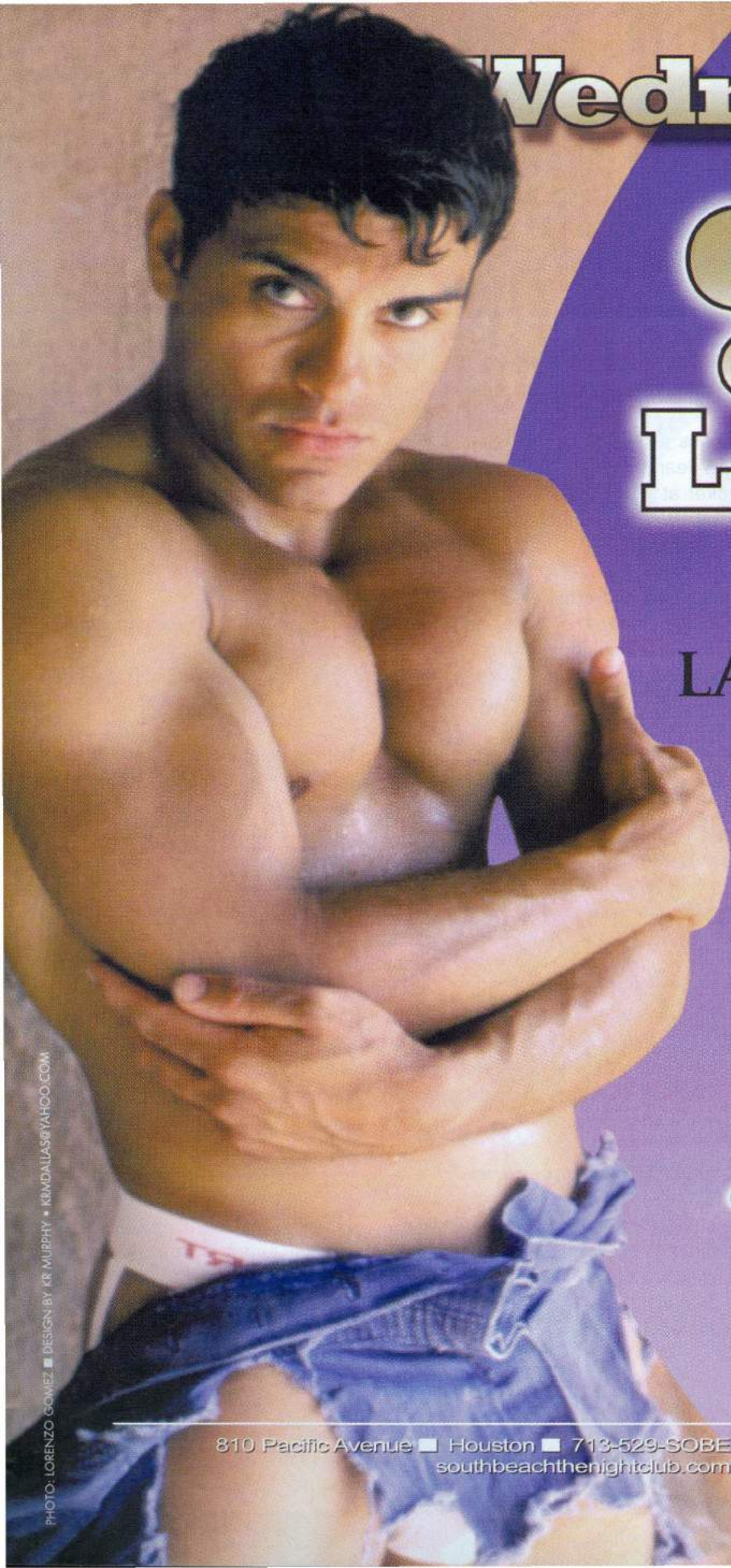
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Most of us will pack a pistol as feisty Mars rampages through the royal sign of Leo. But don't shoot at just any target, Cowpoke. There are a few steers who may just hogtie and brand you... if you are very lucky.



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

What is it about gay Rambos that makes them so much fun to be around? Plan, participate, party on. Mars in Leo moves on too soon, and you will content yourself with drawing what little excitement you can from warm memories and lukewarm champagne.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Driving Mars moves into expansive Leo and makes all proud Bulls happy to hang around the house. Get home projects done once and for all. That leaves you plenty of time to do a bit of home entertaining. Hint hint.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins know the right thing to say at just the right time. Use the next few weeks to be loud, proud and queer not just in speech but also in deeds. Too soon, Mars will move on, and you will just be another pretty face. I guess things could be worse.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Gay Crabs like to keep their eyes on the bottom line. And now, fiscal considerations are considered more optimistic than usual. You may find that the next week brings monetary rewards. If you need help spending it, give me a call.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Mars penetrates your own sign and makes you a force with whom to be reckoned. Proud, regal Lions cannot be reined in and they demand — and get — all the nods. You are hot, hot and hotter, cousin. Yawn. So what else is new?



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

What is lurking in your Pandora's box, gay Virgin? Don't try to hide as Mars enters no-nonsense Leo and blasts your lid off. Secrets are exposed along with closeted Virgos. By next month, you will be belle of the ball. Or is it balls?



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

If you are expecting a bit of quiet time when Mars enters Leo, just forget about it, bud. Your attendance is demanded around town and the party mix goes wild. Plan a few rowdy get-togethers, and expand your social circle.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Proud Scorps can manifest their corporate destiny and toss out a few of the many undeserving hangers-on along the way. Take your place among the chosen few. But be a benevolent dictator and not a petty despot — and make sure you know the difference.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

It is a grand time for a grand tour — or something along those cruise lines. Mars in Leo unleashes your inhibitions, and there are no restrictions. Take it to the streets, take it to the towns, take it anywhere you can. Someone will take notice.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Hot queer Capricorns feel a surge as itchy Mars enters feisty Leo. Your juices are brought to a boil and your urge to merge is too tempting to resist. Go with this rollicking energy, lover. By next month you will be too pooped to pop, as usual. Sigh.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Independent Aqueerians can't help but feel a domestic pull with Mars in Leo. If you are in a relationship, make the most of this hot Mars energy. If you are single and seeking, Mars offers extra push and pull. There is wind in your sails, so feel free to start your cruise.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Mars in Leo gets things done. Guppies should use this transit to exercise. For those who are already in top form, channel your power surge into your job. Remember your "in" box? It is time to concentrate on putting things "out". Be Out anyway you can.



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Montrose Mining Co. Premium vodkas, \$3.75. DJ Robert Espinoza. 713-529-7488.

South Beach. DJ Michael Tank. \$3 frozen, 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, july 20

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and Male Dancers, 9p.

Club Nsomnia. DJ Skeetz spins top 40 remix, house and more, 2-6a.

Cousins. Show featuring Raven, Sheena, Kara Dion and Victoria Nicole, 11p.

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy

Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and premium Draught beer.

Keys West. Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Garage Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms.

Rich's. MANNY LEHMAN, superstar DJ and producer. Doors open 9p. \$2 well drinks and beer, 9-11p. \$20 advance and before 11p. \$25 door after 11p. Advance tickets available at Basic Brothers, M2M Fashions or Rich's.

South Beach. Circuit Saturday. Resident DJ Jimmy Skinner.

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

sunday, july 21

611. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Christmas in July Show. 8p. Hosted by Selena St. John and Don Gill. Benefiting the PWA holiday Charities.

Chulo's Icehouse. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 LoneStar.

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

Club Inergy. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Club Nsomnia. Bartenders trade night. DJ Skeetz featuring fresh house mixes and Madonna mega mix, 2-5a.

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

Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour. \$1 well vodka drinks, noon-11p. Karaoke, 6p. Kofi's Strip Show, 11p.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p.

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

Meteor. Party on the patio for Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen Bellinis, happy hour prices until 8p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 Doubles. \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 longnecks. DJ Rick Taconni.

Ripcord. \$1.75 domestic beer and well drinks.

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South Beach. Houston's T-Dance, 7-10p. \$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic longnecks, \$3 frozen drinks at the back bar. DJ Rick Taconni.

monday, july 22

611. \$1 well drinks, 7-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$1.25 Coronas.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Featuring "In and Out;" watch while sipping a martini and getting a manicure. Beginning at 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 doubles, \$2 longnecks.

tuesday, july 23

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

Club Houston. Youth Night, 4p-midnight, half price for 18-24 yo. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

JR's. Kofi's big show. \$3 well drinks, wine and beer.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single in the house. DJ John Simms.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner.

wednesday, july 24

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. \$2.75 premium frozen, \$2 domestic beers. Kofi's Show, 11p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinoza.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Latin Night. Cafe con leche. DJ Cubanito a.k.a. Alex Carmentes. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks, \$2.50 Coronas, \$2.50 frozen margaritas at the

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thursday, july 25

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

Club Nsomnia. DJ Elkie.

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

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

Keys West. Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. Seiko CD release party.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. DJ John Simms.

Outpost. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID or pass from DJ Limey.com.

Rich's. Squeeze presents the two Houston legends together again: DJ Arnold and Michael Degrace. 18+. \$2 well drinks and beer.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan.

Toyz Disco. Montrose Clinic HIV /STD free testing.



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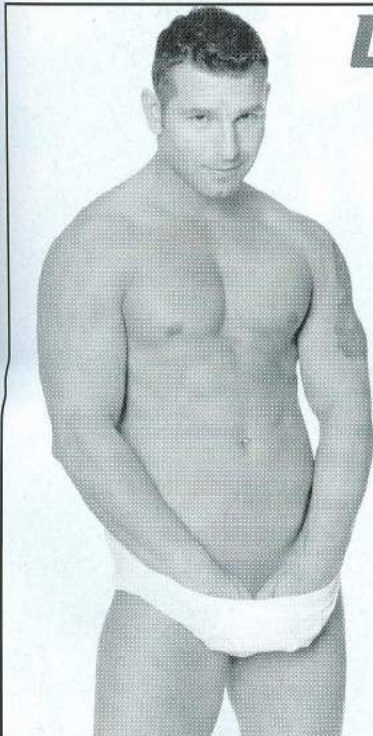
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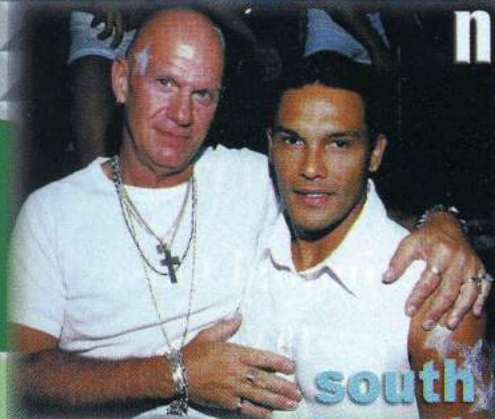
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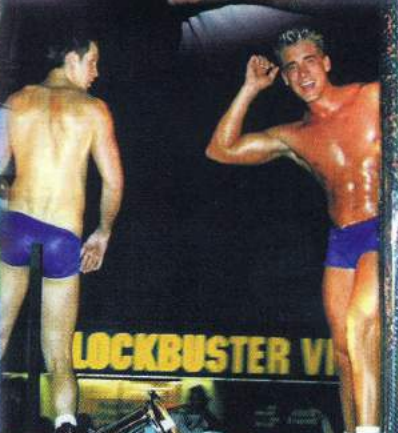
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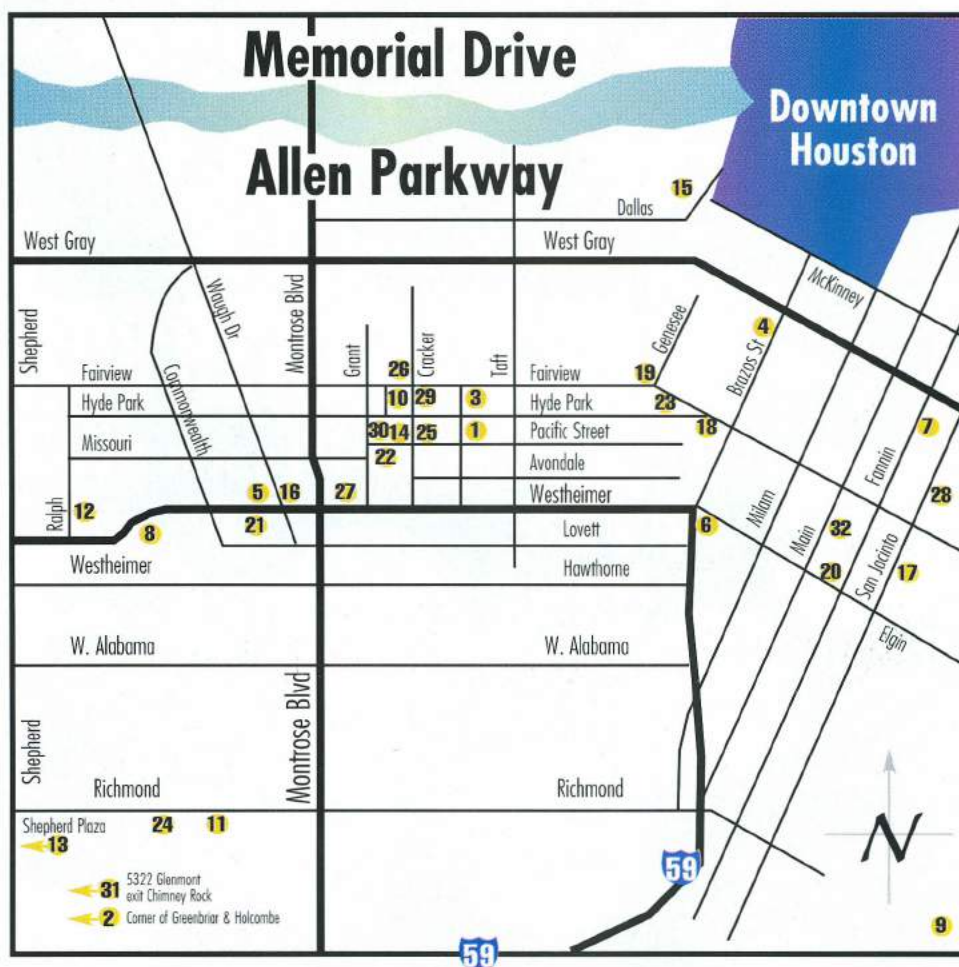
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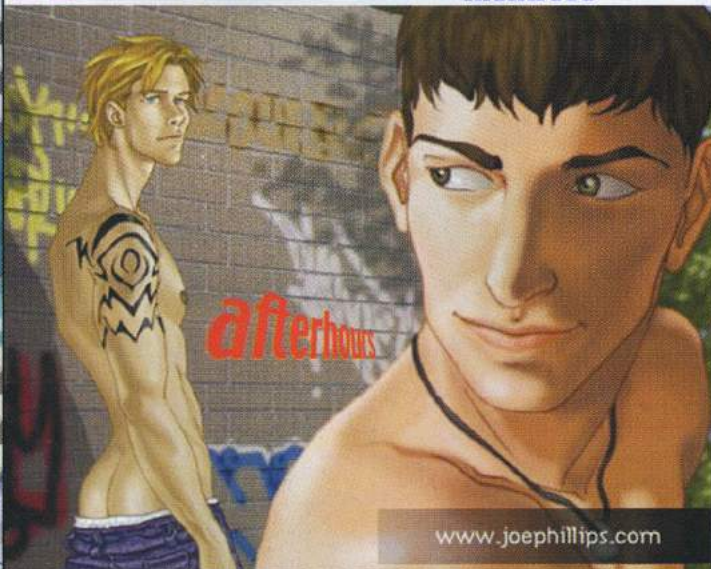
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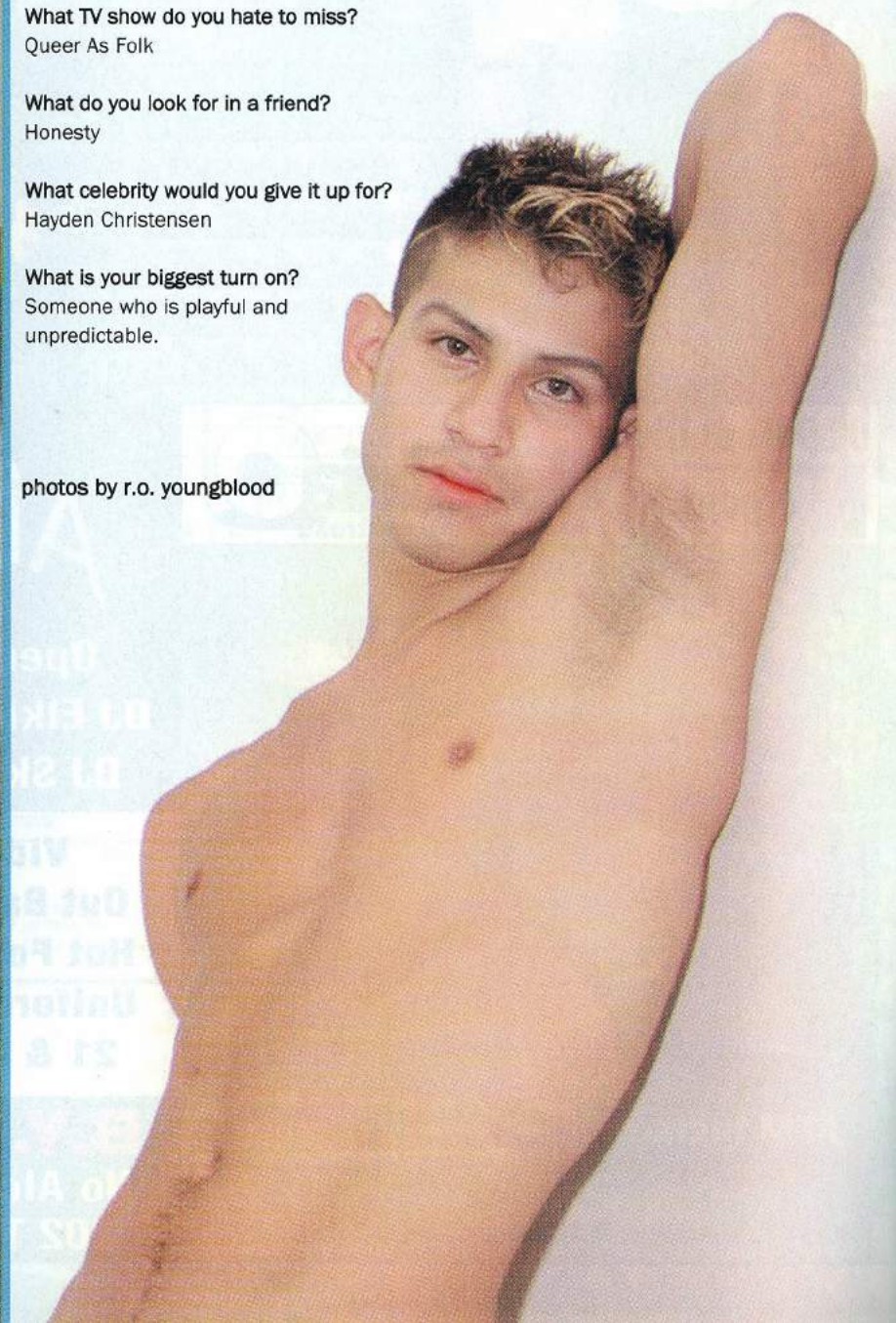
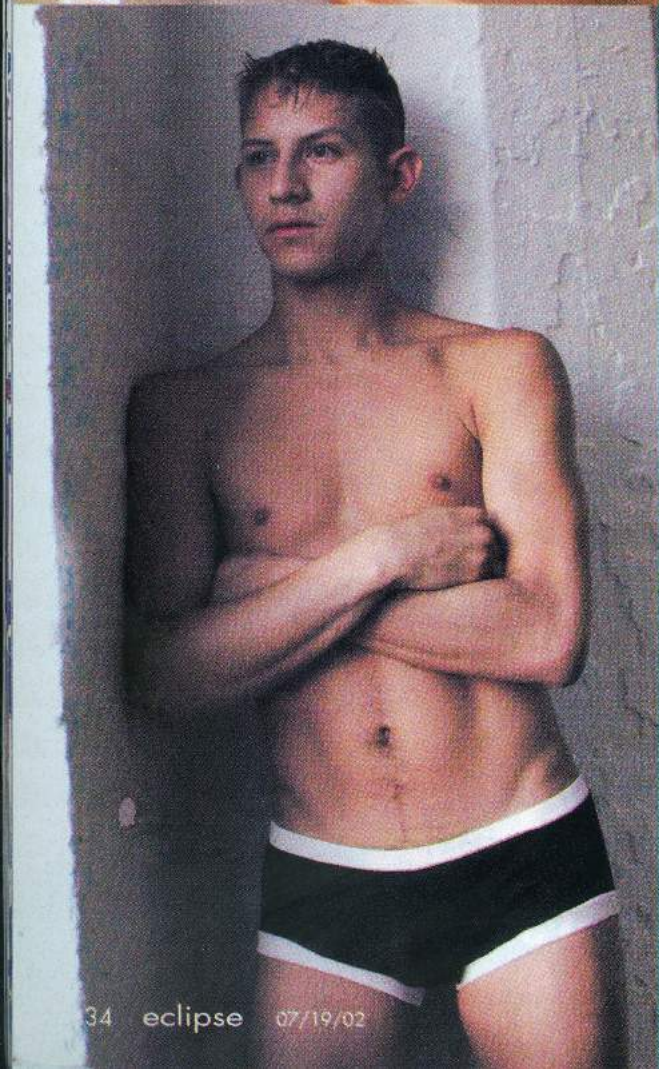
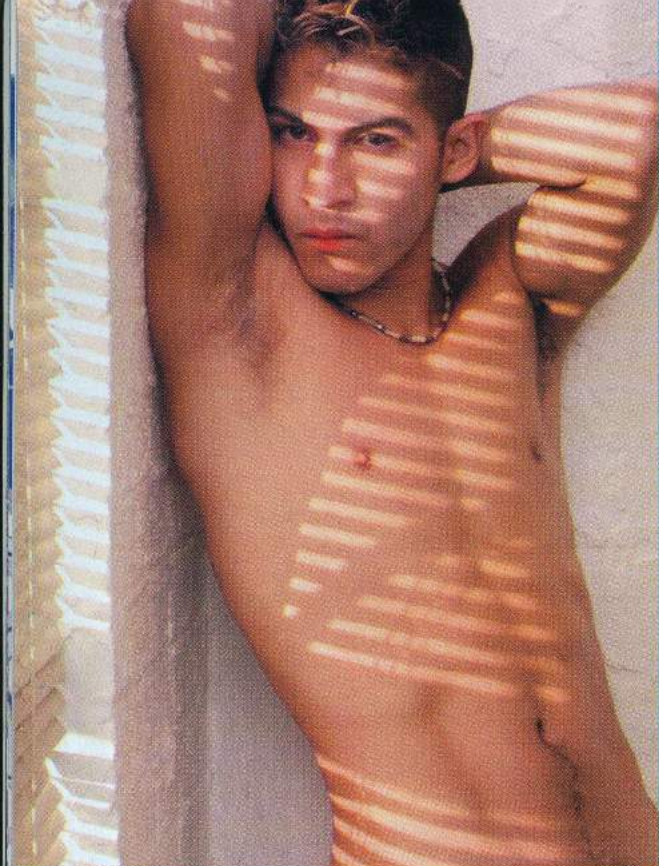
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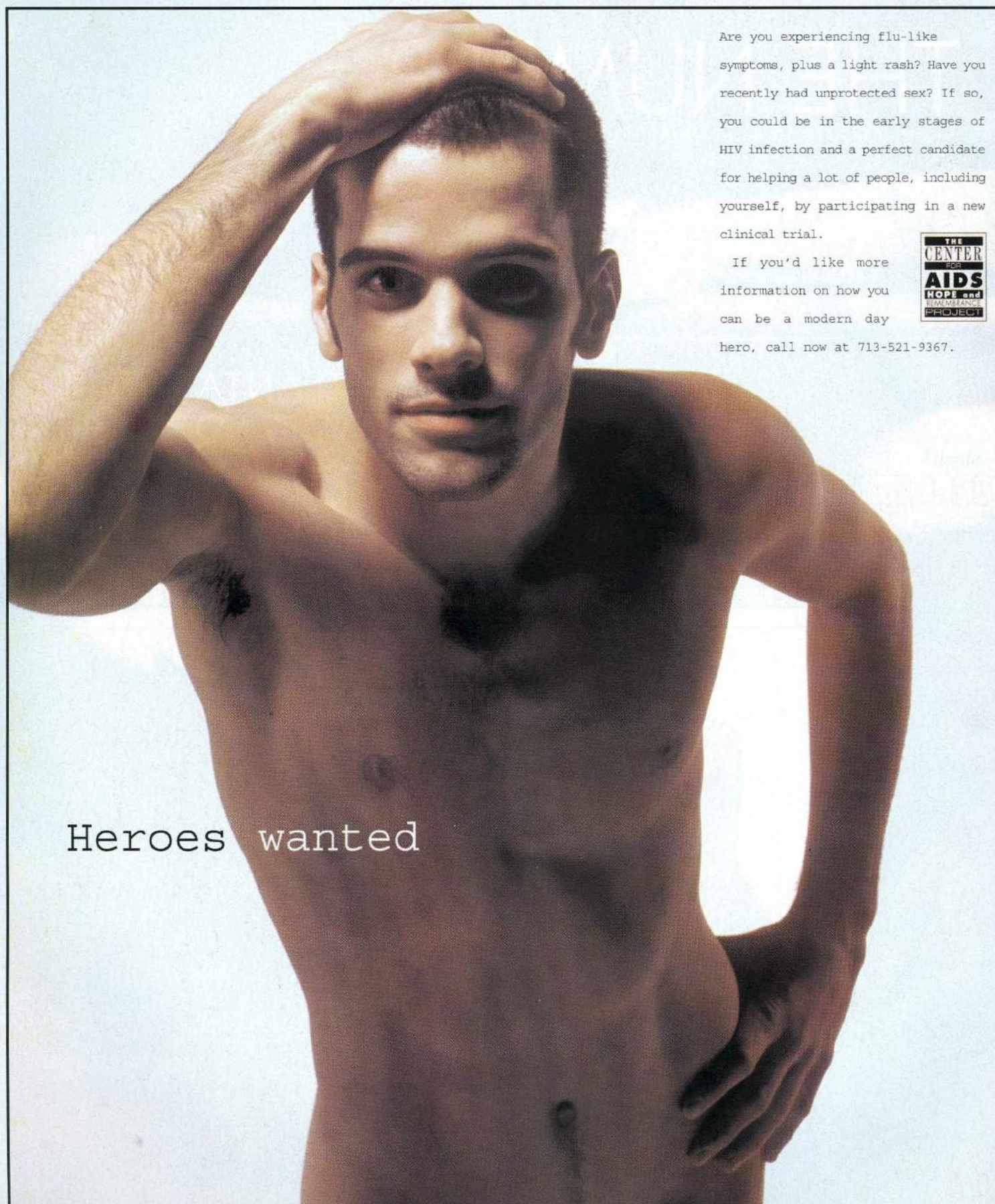
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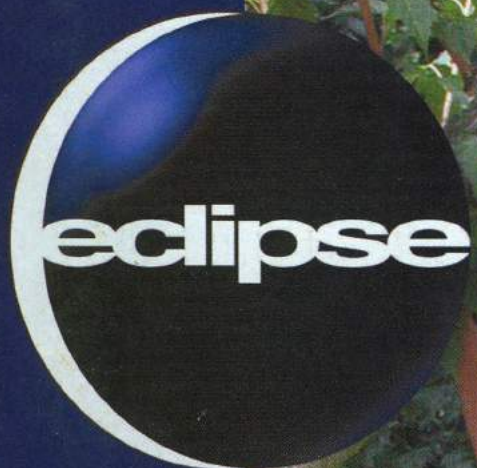


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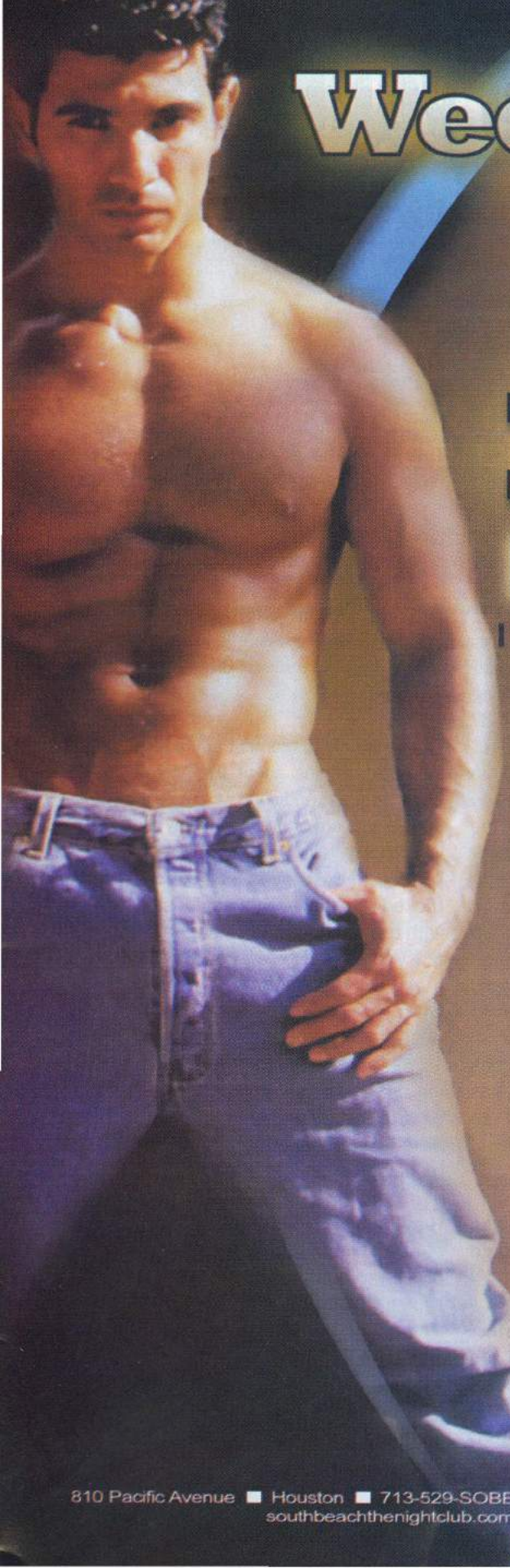
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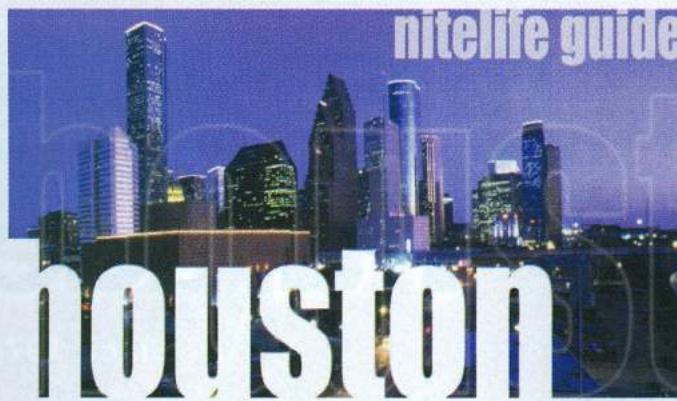
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Decades. Dar's buffet, 5p. Eight-ball pool tournament, 8:30p. 713-521-2224.

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials. 281-875-3330.

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

JR's. All American Happy Hour, noon-10p. Pizza from Farrago, DJ/VJ Rick Taconi, 5-9p. DJ/VJ Doug Barnes, 9p-2a.

Keys West. Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. Premium vodkas, \$3.75. DJ Robert Espinoza. 713-529-7488.

South Beach. DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, august 10

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and Male Dancers, 9p.

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

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and premium Draught beer.

Keys West. Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms.

South Beach. "Circuit Saturdays." Resident DJ Jimmy Skinner.

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

sunday, august 11

611. \$2 brunch, noon-2p. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Chulo's Icehouse. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 LoneStar.

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

Club Inergy. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Club Nsomnia. Bartenders trade night. DJ Skeetz featuring fresh house mixes and Madonna mega mix, 2-6a.

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

Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour. \$1 well vodka drinks, noon-11p. Karaoke, 6p. Kofi's Strip Show, 11p.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen Bellinis, Happy Hour prices until 8p. "Sex & the City," 8p. Martini specials, including the Sexy-tini.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 well vodka, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJs Rick Taconi and John Simms.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 7-9p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic longnecks and \$3 frozen.

monday, august 12

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$1.25 Coronas.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Featuring "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Watch while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure. Beginning at 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, DJ Rick Taconi.

Pacific Street. Monthly show featuring Regine Simone and guests, 10p.

tuesday, august 13

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. Kofi's big show. \$3 well drinks, wine and beer.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.



Participants have a chance to strut their stuff and win a pair of tickets to see **Cher** in concert in next week's Cher Look-Alike Contest at Houston's Meteor. The concert is Aug. 21 at the Compaq Center and features the diva and opener Cyndi Lauper. The top two contestants each win a pair of tickets. 9p Thursday, Aug. 15. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single. DJ John Simms.

wednesday, august 14

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. \$2.75 premium frozen, \$2 domestic beers. Kofi's Show, 11p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe. Pool tournament, 8:30p.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Stonewall Lawyers Association Happy Hour, 4-8p. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 8p-2a.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinosa.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Cafe con Leche. Latin Night Merengue, salas and popular dance music. Music en espanol. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Corona Imported. Tres Lechs served in the martini lounge at midnight. DJ Cubanito, a.k.a. Alex Carmenes.

thursday, august 15

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Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

Keys West. Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. Featuring a Cher Look-Alike Contest. Top two contestants each win a pair of tickets to Cher in Concert with Cyndi Lauper on Aug. 21 at the Compaq Center.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. DJ John Simms.

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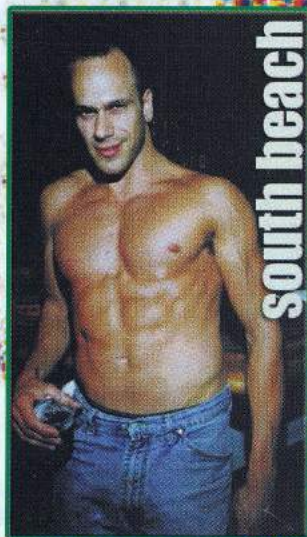


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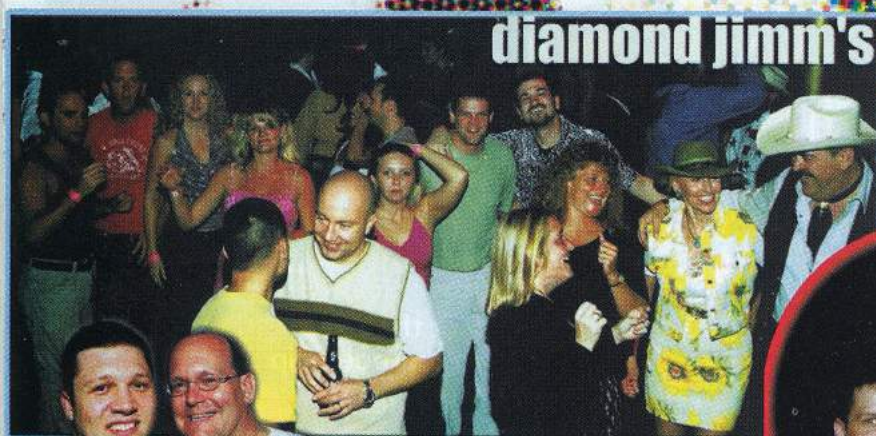


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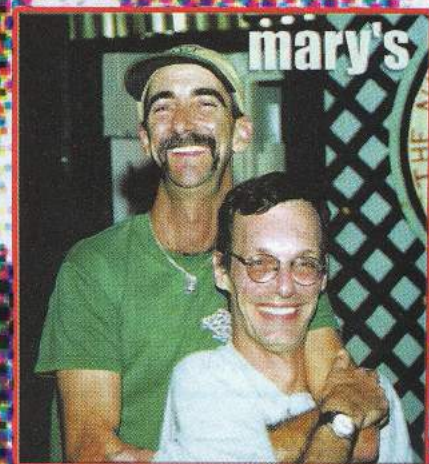
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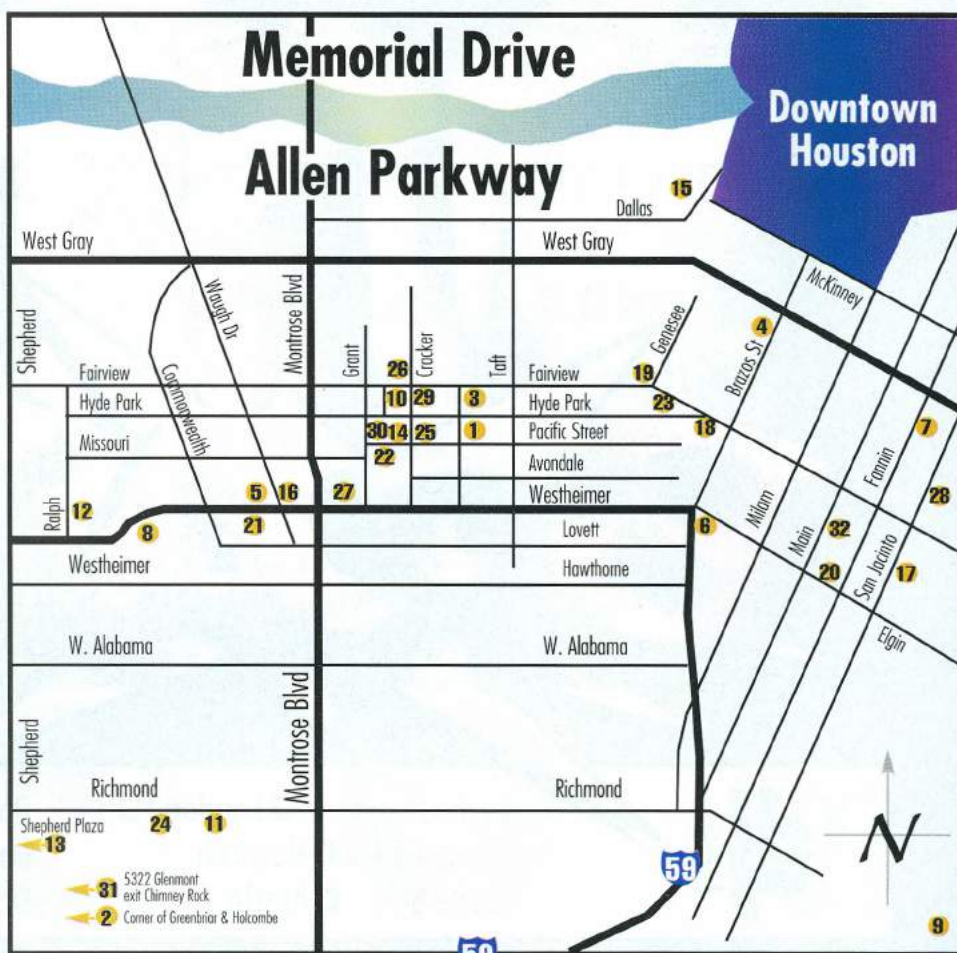
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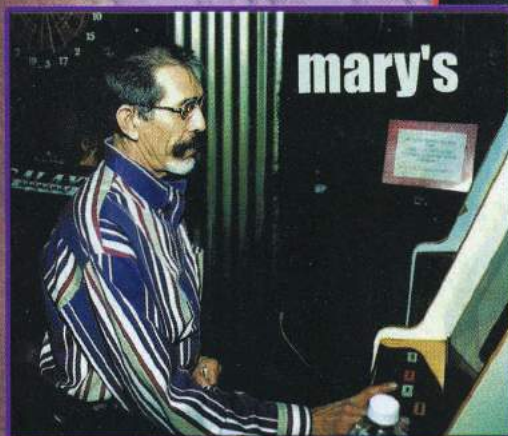
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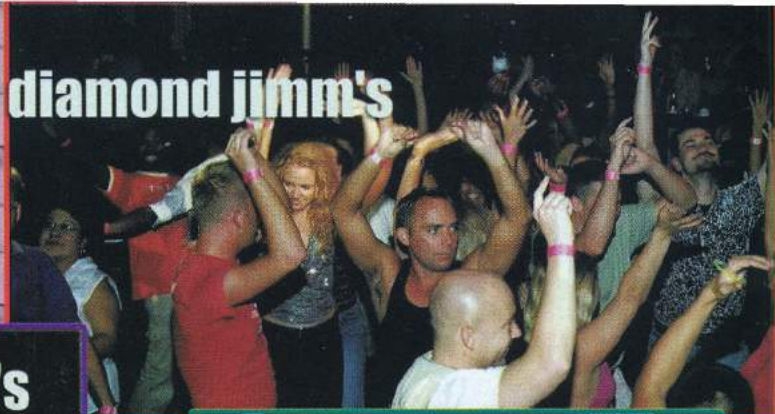
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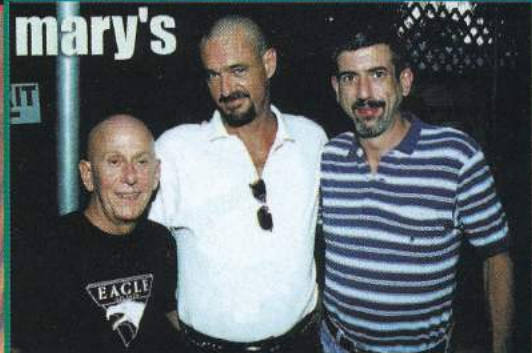
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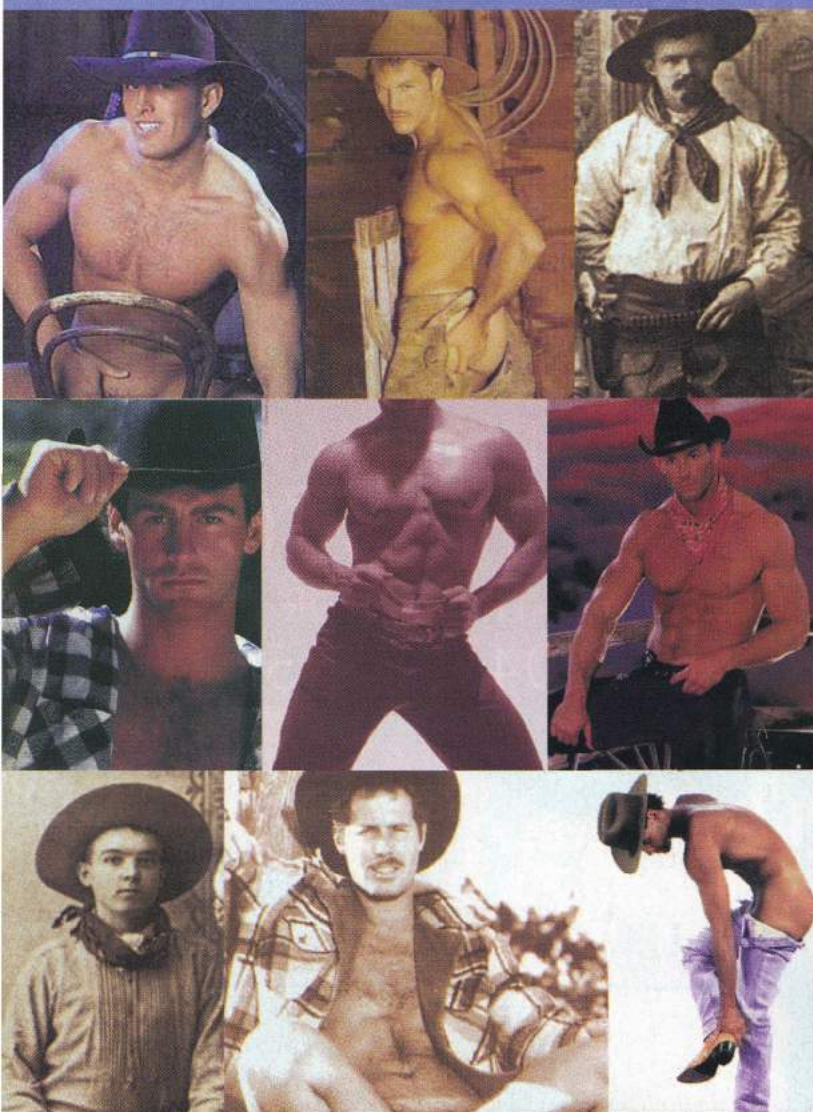
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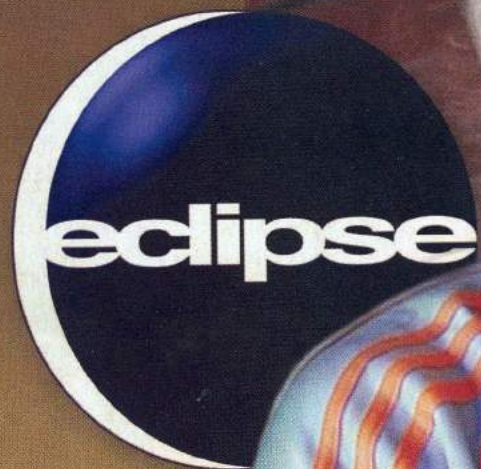


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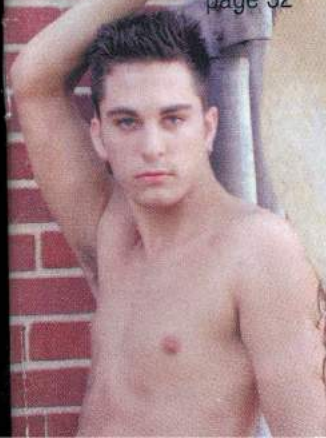


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Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials. 281-875-3330.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-527-9071.

JR's. All American Happy Hour, noon-10p. Pizza from Farrago, DJ/VJ Rick Taconi, 5-9p. DJ/VJ Doug Barnes, 9p-2a.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-277-9669.

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Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

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

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. Premium vodkas, \$3.75. DJ Robert Espinoza, 713-529-7488.

South Beach. DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, august 24

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and premi-

um Draught beer. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p and 10-10:30p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Michael's Outpost. International Puppy Contest fund-raiser. 713-520-8446.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 10:30-11p. Beach attire encouraged. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Reduced cover: 2 for 1 from 9-11p. Cover special excludes holidays and special events.

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

sunday, august 25

611. \$2 brunch, noon-2p. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 LoneStar.

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

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

Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour. \$1 well vodka drinks, noon-11p. Karaoke, 6p. Kofi's Strip Show, 11p.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p. "A Salute to Don Gill 2002 Honoree" hosted by Tiffany Edwards and Shelby St. John, 8p. Benefits PWA Holiday Charities.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Garden Party XXVII, 3-9p. \$3.75 frozen Bellinis, \$5 special Garden Party martinis until 9p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 well vodka, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJs Rick Taconi and John Simms.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 7-9p. DJ Rick Taconi of New Orleans. \$3 cover. \$2 well drinks. \$2.50 domestic longnecks and \$3 frozen.

monday, august 26

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, \$1.25 Coronas.

Keys West. Happy Hour all night.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Featuring "Elvira, Mistress of the Dark." Watch while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, DJ Rick Taconi.

tuesday, august 27

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. \$2 margaritas all day.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. Kofi's big show. \$3 well drinks, wine and beer.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Real Estate Industry Happy Hour. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single. DJ John Simms.

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wednesday, august 28

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. \$2.75 premium frozen, \$2 domestic beers. Kofi's Show, 11p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. H.A.T.C.H. Happy Hour, 5-8p. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinoza.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

thursday, august 29

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

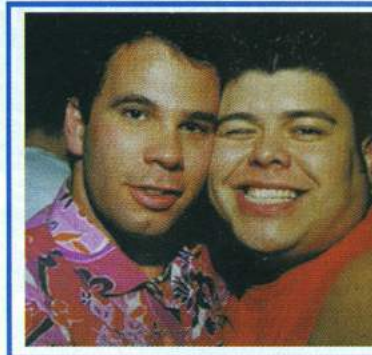
Meteor. Swap Meet. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p. Special Diana King promotion with giveaways.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. DJ John Simms.

Outpost. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Camahan. \$3 frozen drinks.



Every Saturday, several Houston clubs participate in the 800 Pacific Beach Party. Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9-9:30p; Montrose Mining Co., 9:30-10p; JR's Bar & Grill, 10-10:30p; South Beach, 9-11p, with reduced cover, excluding holidays and special events. Beach attire is encouraged. (Photo by Dalton Dehart)

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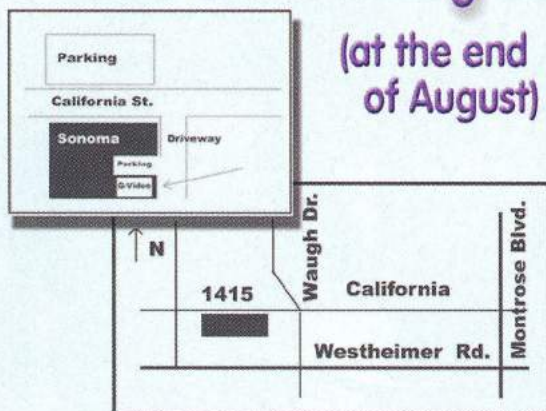


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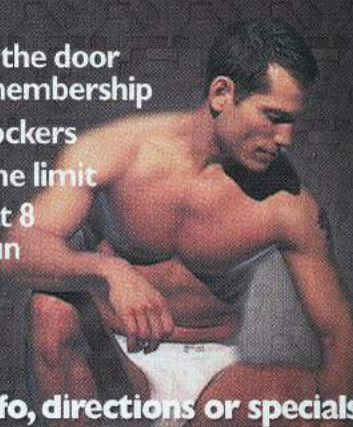
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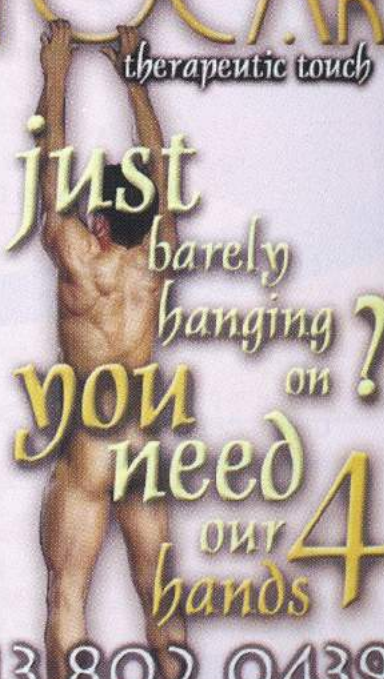


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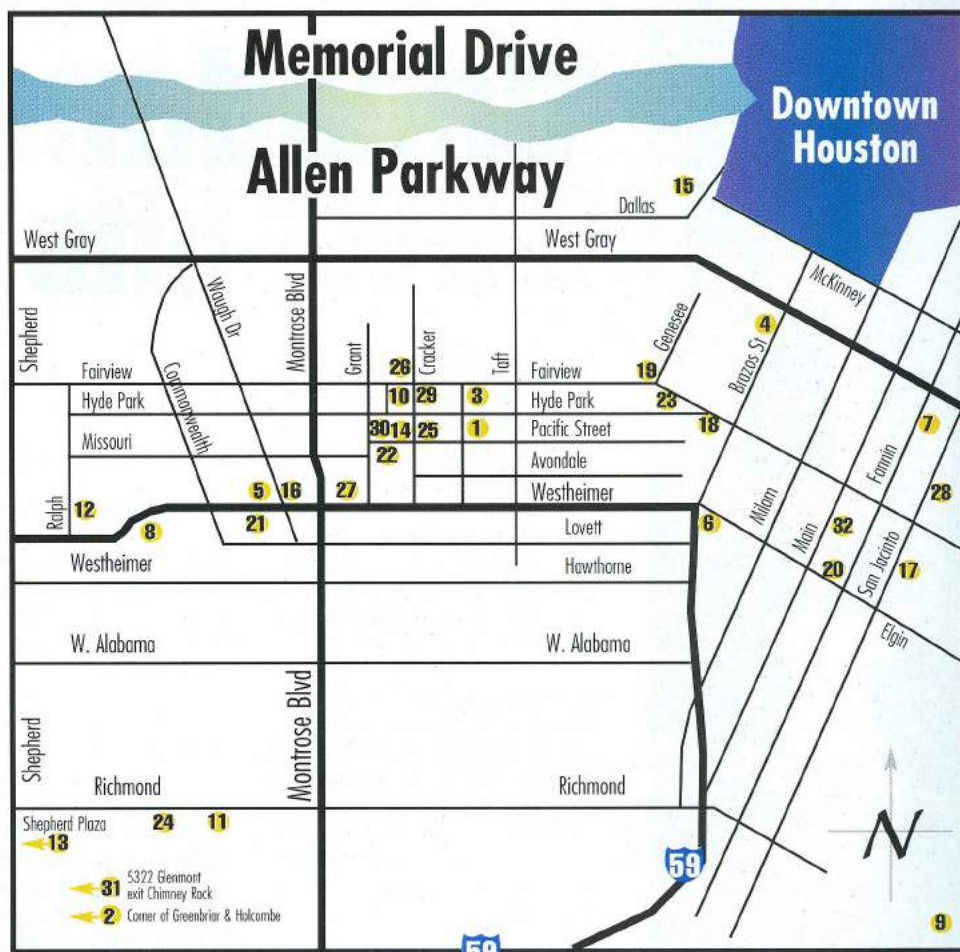
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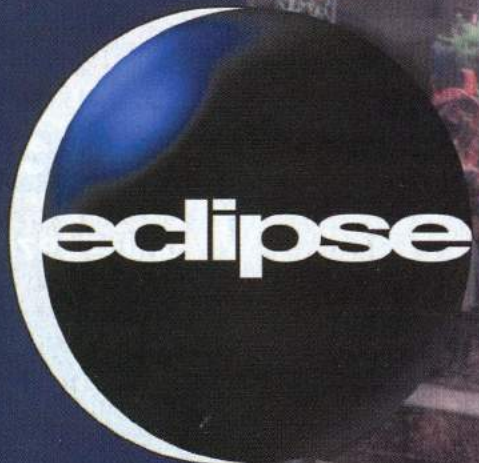
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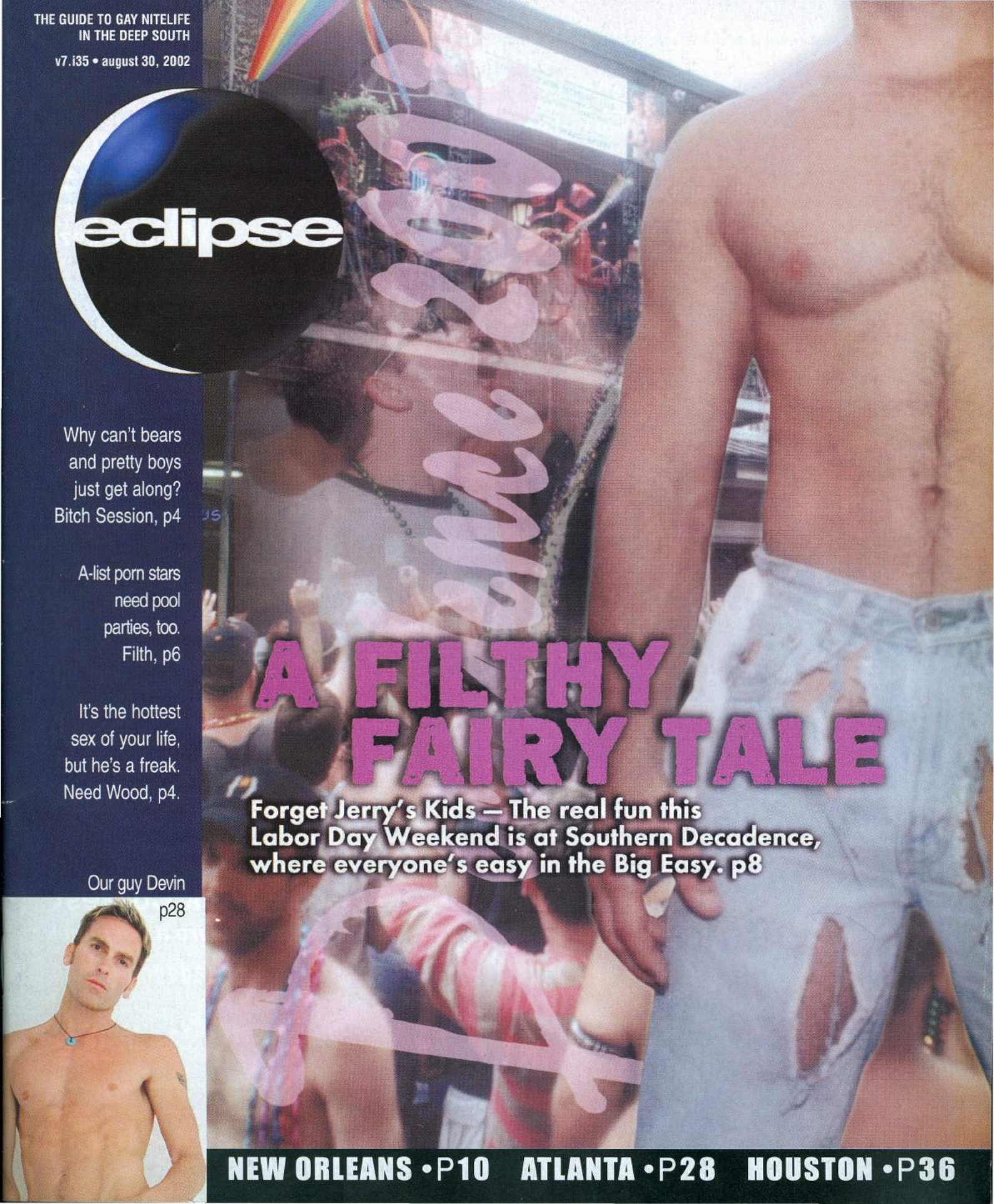
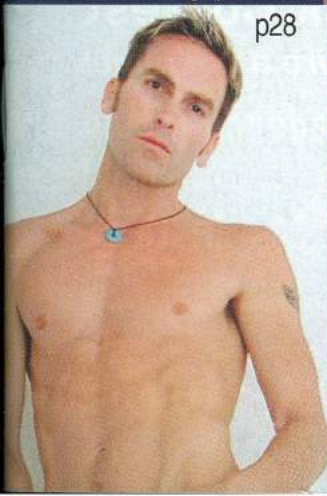
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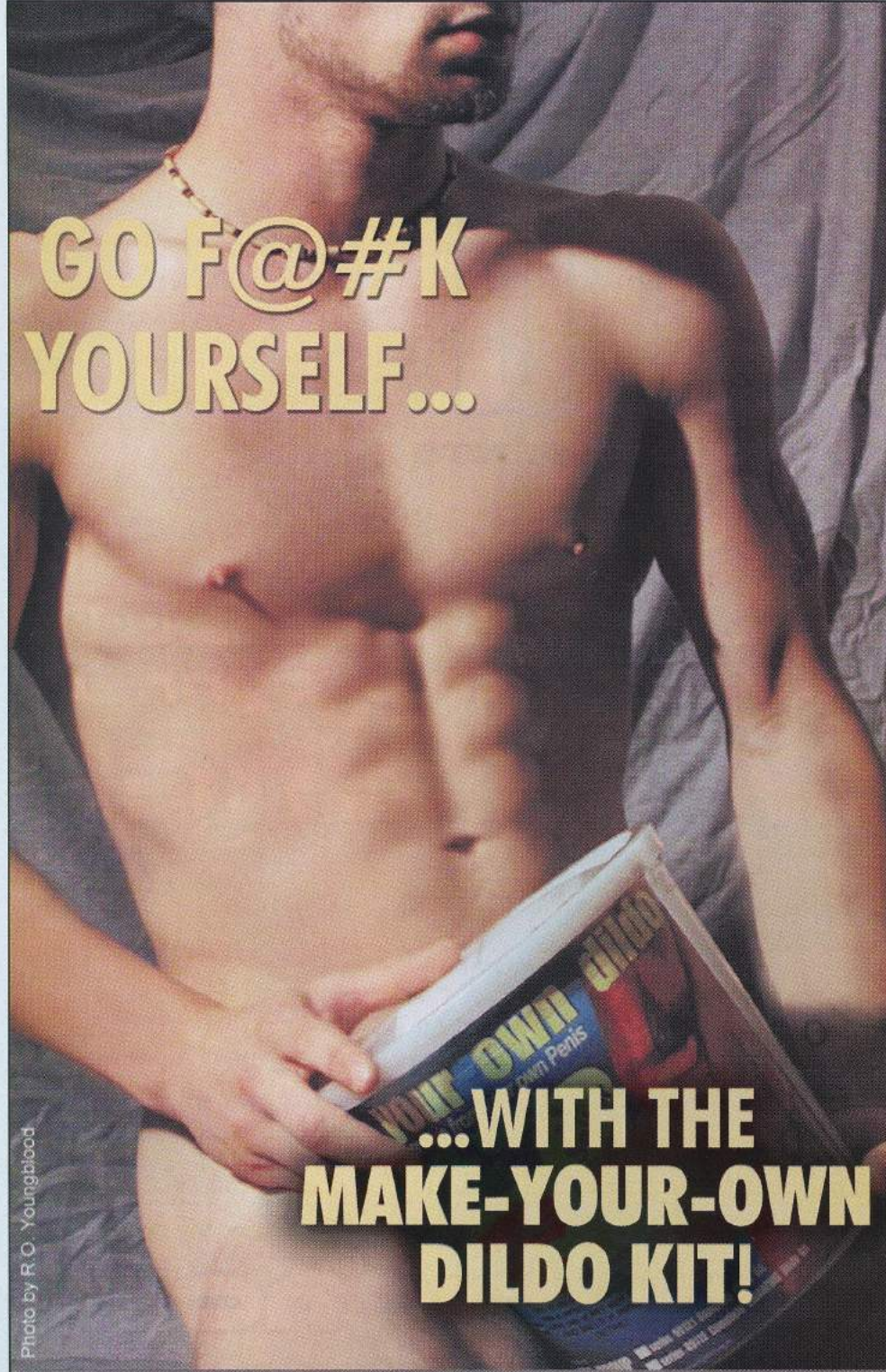
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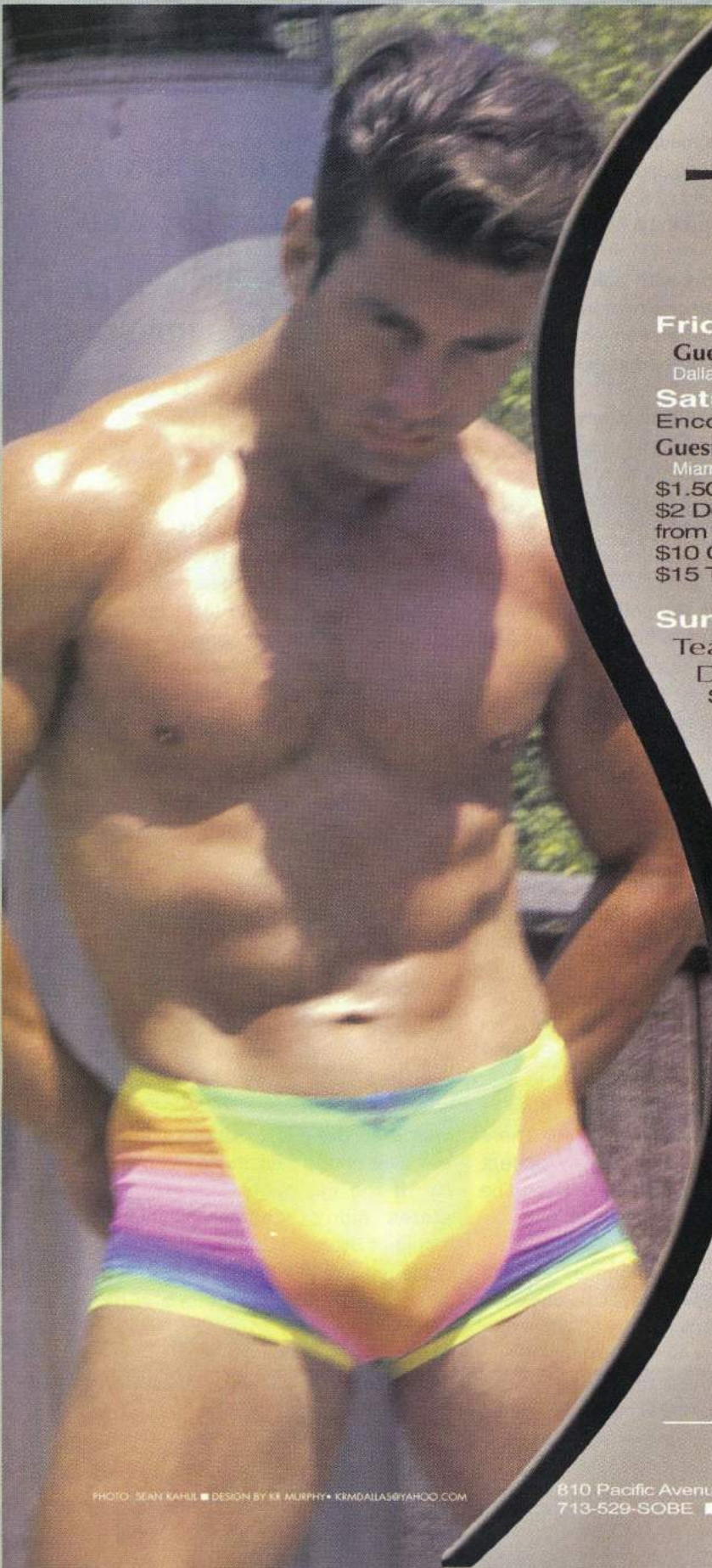
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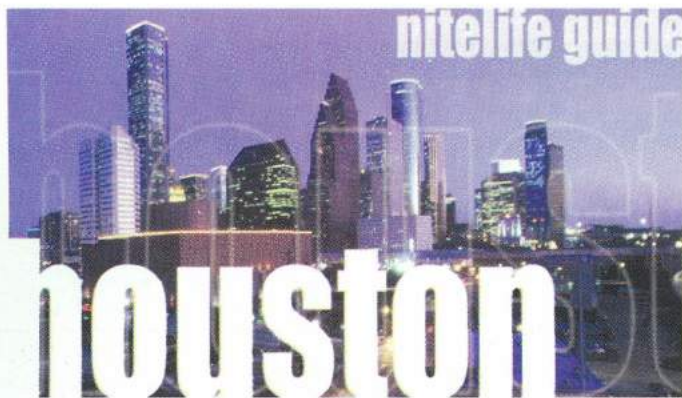
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saturday, august 31

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

Decades. Free lunch with Dennis, noon. Nine-ball tournament, 2p.

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EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$2.75 frozen and premium Draught beer, 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p and 10-10:30p.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. Labor Day Beach Party continues with VJ Tad Dvorak. Basic Brothers Fall Fashion Show, 10:30p. \$2 Sex on the Beach, \$5 Blue Raspberry Martinis and introducing

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Michael's Outpost. International Puppy Contest fund-raiser, 713-520-8446.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p.

South Beach. Tiki Party. Special guest DJ RA (Miami/New York City). 10:30-11 p.m. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks. \$10 cover from 9-11p; \$15 cover thereafter.

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

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

Decades. Rich's famous Chili Con Queso.

JR's. Bartender George Konar for Happy Hour. \$1 well vodka drinks, noon-11p. Karaoke, 6p. Kofi's Strip Show, 11p.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Labor Day Beach Party continues with live performance by musical artist Catherine Burnside, 4p. "Sex and the City," 8p, with special "Sexy-tini." \$2 Sex on the Beach, \$5 Blue Raspberry Martinis and introducing "Sublime Bottled Cocktails," California's hottest new bottled cocktail sensation. \$3.75 frozen bellinis and Happy Hour prices until 8p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 well vodka, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJs Rick Taconi and John Simms.

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

South Beach. T-Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. Special guest DJ Alyson Calagna, 735 New Orleans. \$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic longnecks and \$3 frozen. \$10 cover from 7-10p; \$15 cover thereafter.

monday, september 2

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Labor Day Beach Party winds down with Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Featuring "Trick." Watch while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, DJ Rick Taconi.

South Beach. Doors open at 9p. DJ Rick Taconi. No cover with Labor Day VIP guest pass. Pick one up from a SoBe bartender or at the door all Labor Day Weekend.

tuesday, september 3

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Decades. Free jukebox until 8p.

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single. DJ John Simms.

wednesday, september 4

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Professional Women's Social, 5-9p. \$1.50 domestic longnecks and \$2.50 premium longnecks and bottled cocktails. Happy Hour prices until 9p. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinoza.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en español with a Miami Twist. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, september 5

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p. Special Alcazar promotion with free giveaways, featuring the single "Crying at the Discoteque."

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. DJ John Simms.

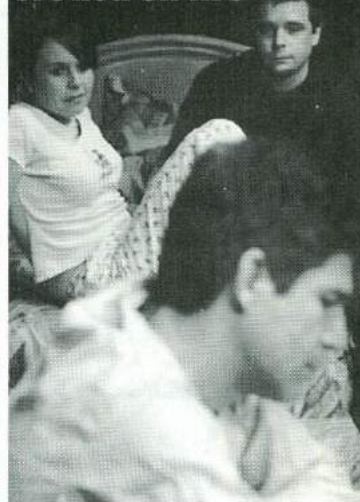
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Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID or pass from DJ Limey.com.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

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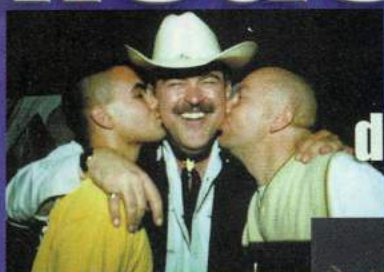
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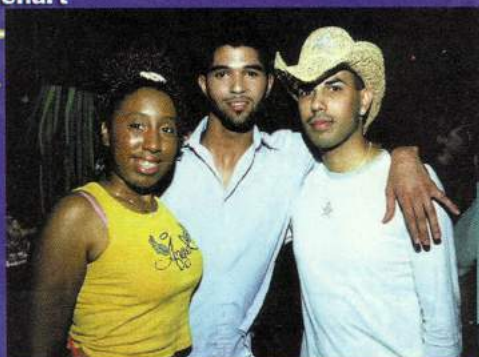
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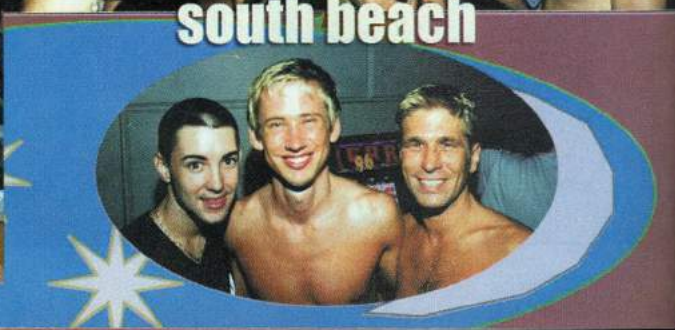
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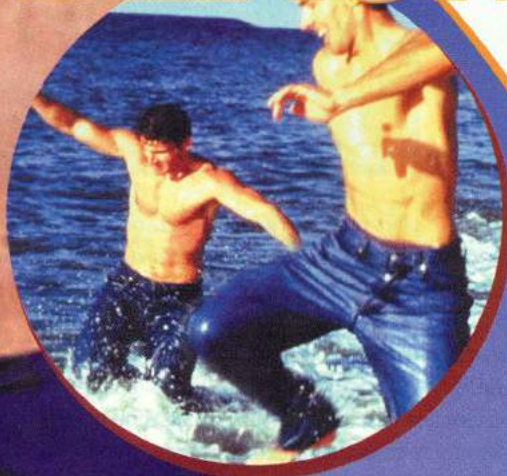
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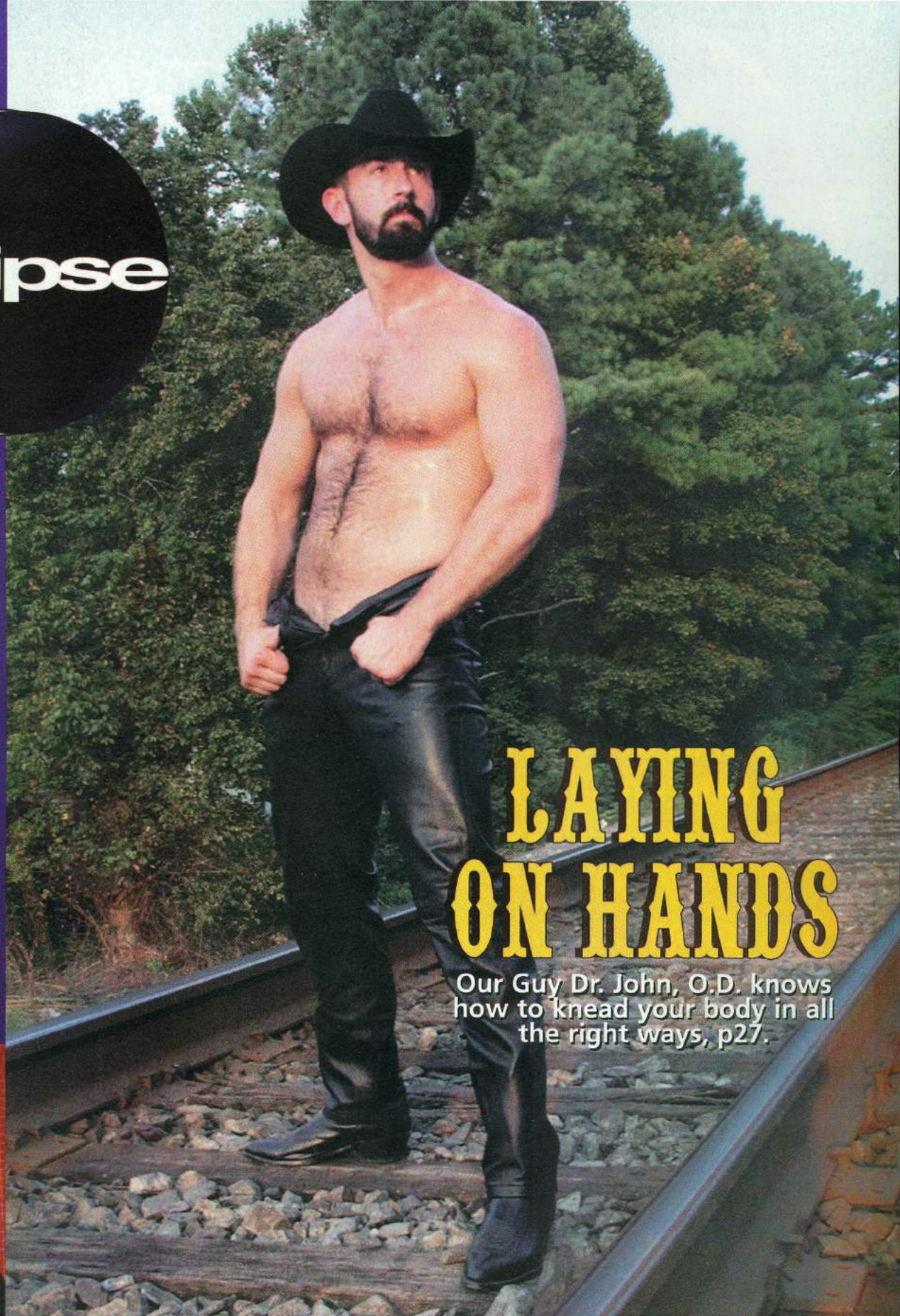


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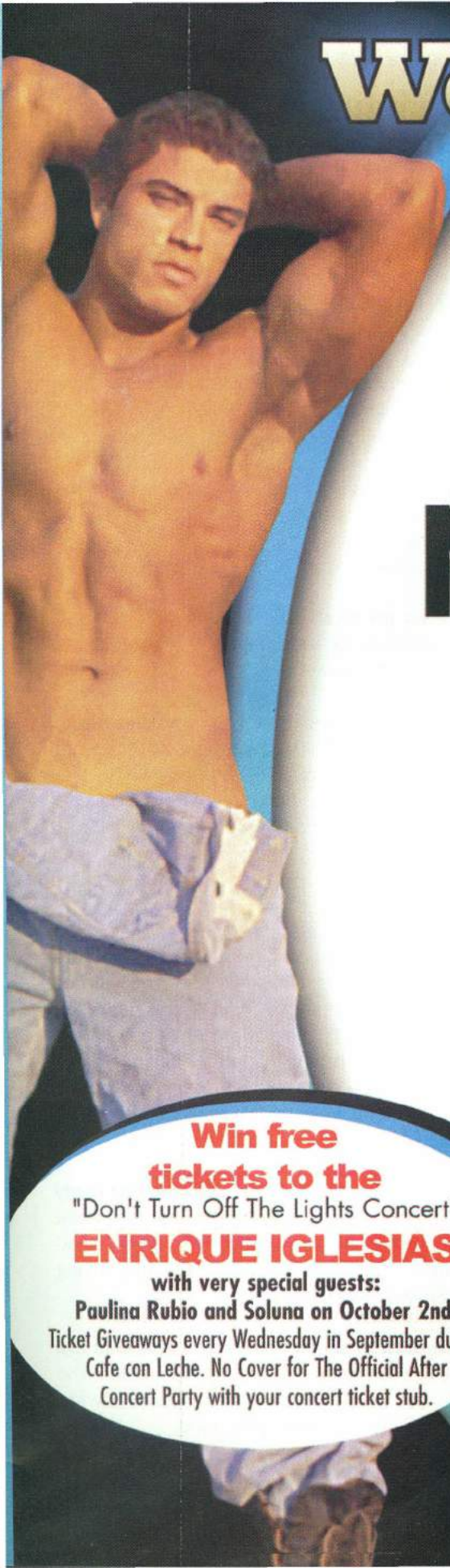
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whoroscope

by charlene lichtenstein

Watch Venus for the next two weeks. First she trines Uranus and Saturn and sends our love missives right to the source. But by next week, our affairs of the heart develop heartburn when she squares Jupiter and Neptune. Burp!



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

There is magic with your flirty words when Venus trines Uranus and Saturn. Thank the planet of love for your randy tongue, gay Ram. But next week Venus squares Jupiter and Neptune and delivers love-smitten trolls to your front door.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Acquisitive queer Bulls fit the puzzle pieces together for success and love. Ah, but too soon your Olympian quest for gold pushes other contenders to bronze placements. They say that it is lonely at the top — as lonely as the bottom.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins reach for the stars and grab a hot cluster. Hold on tight. By next week, Venus squares Jupiter and Neptune and your best-laid plans. If you think you're charming, you are apt to launch a wise crack that will lay an egg.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Go with the cosmic flow, and use your powers to build bridges with estranged family, queer Crab. But wield those tools adeptly and quickly. By next week, Venus squares Jupiter and Neptune, taking a big bite out of your lunch of enthusiasm.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Pals provide a guide to improving current relationships or creating new ones. Next week, you ache to strike out on your own. But that's when Venus squares Jupiter and Neptune. Instead of striking out, just watch the pitch and wait for the slow ball.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Queer Virgins feel quite well endowed for a change but shouldn't spend it all at once. You have worked hard for it, so stash it away and lock it up. By next week, you are in an usually rare and generous mood and want to overspend.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Venus is the tickler in your tumbler this week when exotic strangers register on your Richter scale. But make good use of time, because next week's Venus squaring Jupiter and Neptune, making your taste for spicy concoctions dissipate.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Proud Scorp make their home a refuge. Burn incense and meditate to your favorite chant. Achieve nirvana quickly, cousin. Next week Venus strains to push you into the limelight and upsets your applecart.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. - DEC. 22)

Queer Archers can charm the masses, so get that mouth moving while Venus shines. Next week, she squares Jupiter and Neptune, and you return to your normal hoof in mouth proclivities. Perhaps it's best to let your actions speak louder and prouder than words.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Gay Caps glide to the top of the heap in anything — or anyone — they pursue. Secure your position firmly before the Venus square. After that, you let your corporate advantage slide. Sharpen those negotiation skills at the local bar.



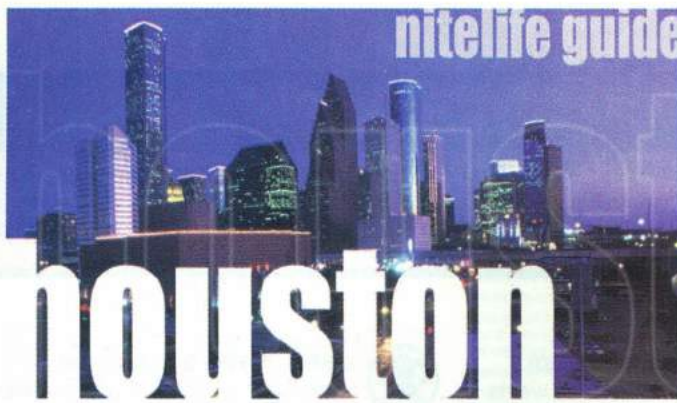
AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Venus sends you on a trip to the moon on gossamer wings. Go before it becomes just one of those things. Venus soon squares Jupiter and Neptune and Aqueerians become earth and desk bound. You'll feel like a rat on an ever-quickenning treadmill.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies are in the mood for love. Quench your thirst at the nearest well and get wet, but dry off by next week when she squares Jupiter and Neptune. Turn your attention to the job. You may get a bit damp by the



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

Decades. Potluck Buffet. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. Rick's Welcome Back Party, 5-9p. DJ Jimmy Dale. 713-521-2224.

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials. 281-875-3330.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-527-9071.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

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South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a.

saturday, september 14

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10:10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Tad Dvorak.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. All schnapps, \$1.25. DJ John Simms. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p.

South Beach. Circuit Saturdays. DJ Jimmy Skinner. 713-529-SOBE.

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

sunday, september 15

611. \$2 brunch, noon-2p. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar.

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

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Decades. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 3p.

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p. Miss Keys West Pageant, 8p. Contestants must be registered and at the bar by 7p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen bellinis. "Sex and the City," 8p, with special "Sexy-tini." Happy Hour prices until 8p.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 well vodka, \$2 domestic longnecks. DJs Rick Taconni and John Simms.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic beers and \$3 frozen drinks. DJ Michael Tank, 10p.

monday, september 16

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

Decades. Dart tournament with cash prizes, 7p.

JR's. "A Night of Illusions" fund-raiser to send Kofi to Miss Gay America, 9p. Special guest performers and lots of surprises on the Santa Fe Bar and Patio.

Keys West. Happy Hour all night. Maria Johnson plays the blues and more, 8p.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Featuring "Priscilla Queen of the Desert." Watch while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, DJ Rick Taconi.

tuesday, september 17

611. \$2 margaritas.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and beer.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any single. DJ John Simms.

wednesday, september 18

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Decades. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso and chips, 4p.

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. "New For Fall Papi Underwear Contest every Wednesday. Papi giveaways and new 2003 Papi calendar giveaways. Hosted by Kofi and Monique. First place, \$10; second place, \$50; all other entrants \$20.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Professional Women's Social, 5-9p. \$1.50 domestic longnecks, \$2.50 premium longnecks and bottled cocktails. Happy Hour prices until 9p. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 doubles. DJ Robert Espinoza.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en español. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas. Win free tickets to

see Enrique Iglesias, Paulina Rubio and Soluna in concert. The after-concert party: no cover with concert ticket stub. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beer, \$2.50 margaritas and \$3 Corona.

thursday, september 19

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

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

Decades. Montrose Clinic HIV/syphilis testing, 4-8p.

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. DJ John Simms.

Outpost. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID or pass from DJ Limey.com.

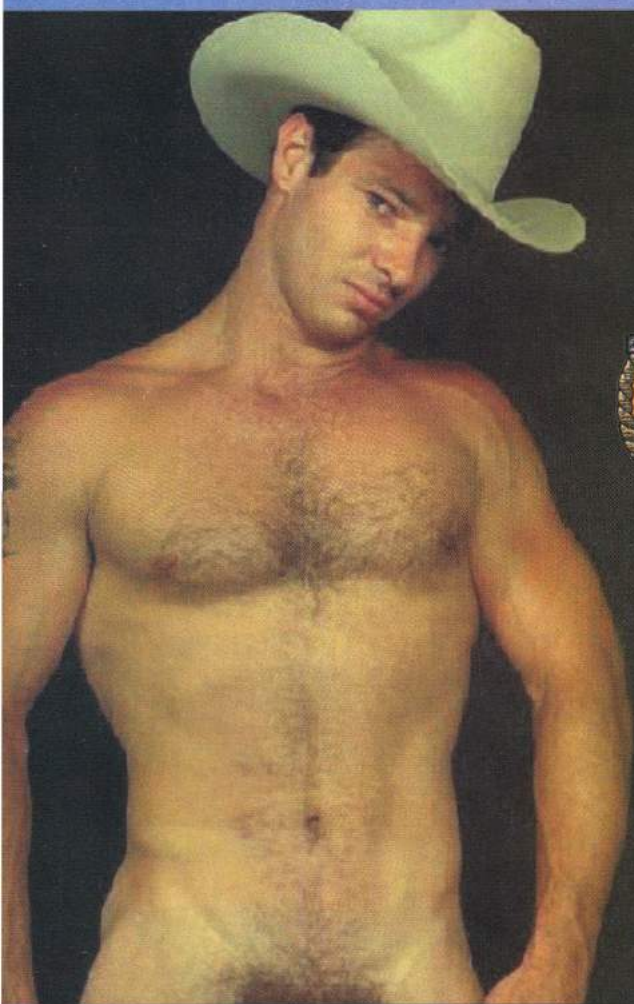
South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Camahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

Toyz Disco. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.



'Escape the Artist,' the new one-man exhibition by J. Palmer, is on display now at Betz Gallery. Palmer is the popular young painter known to most people as John Palmer. Some proceeds from the show, which continues through Oct. 5, will benefit the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Betz Gallery, 1208 West Gray. 713-523-3765. www.betzgallery.com.

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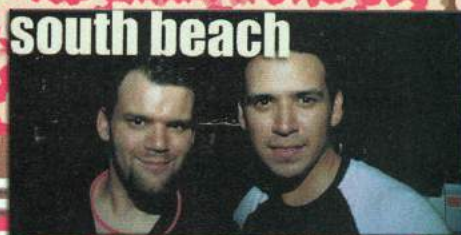
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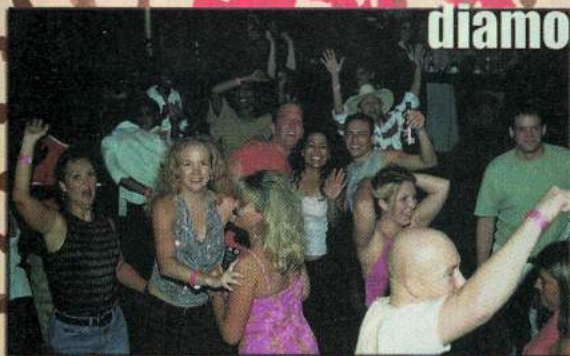
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Gay rocker **Neil Gust**, of the band No. 2, says his sexuality so far has been a non-issue. (Photo courtesy of In Music We Trust Records)

by arjan timmermans

Neil Gust is not your ordinary everyday rocker. He is gay and not afraid to openly speak about it. Surrounded by the testosterone-fueled and macho-prone alternative rock scene, his candor is a refreshing voice from a part of the music industry that still seems to be hush-hush about many of its gay musicians.

Singer Gust heads up the melodic rock band No. 2 together with fellow rockers Paul Pulvirenti and Jim Talstra on bass and vocals. After the demise of his previous band Heatmiser, Gust formed No. 2. The group was initially a recording project only, but their music evolved quickly after they fine-tuned their sound by playing many live shows, which also led to a solid fan base. The trio's experiences and musical journey eventually resulted in their critically acclaimed pop-rock debut "No Memory" in 1999.

The Portland, Ore.-based group this week releases its diligently self-financed second album "What Does Goodluck Bring." The record's intoxicating rock ranges from the raw, guitar-strangling "More, More" and "Is It True" to the emo-filled "Stranger's March" and "Traveler," which are saturated with fun, infectious hooks. "What Does Good Luck Bring" showcases an organic, live-feel approach that is more coherent than



"No Memory," which seemed to be built around only a handful of highlights.

Gust speaks candidly about his sexuality in a telephone interview with *eclipse* magazine.

"I have been openly gay since I started playing music and making records. I come from the Portland indie rock scene, which is a lot more tolerant, and being gay is really not an issue. There are a lot of gay people that play music around here. It is a non-issue."

The singer wonders whether this will change if the band becomes more popular

and breaks through on mainstream, corporate-sponsored rock radio. He says, "It could change. It might be an issue if you are flamboyant about it. Although, some people like that actually because it can be classified as rock theater. I don't want to be self-deprecating, but I don't expect for us to get big enough that it becomes a problem. I feel it is pointless right now to think about it."

Gust muses, "Our lyrics deal a lot with confusion. It is OK not to know exactly what you are doing, and the important thing is to just keep trying. A lot of the stuff on the record is about people who try to have an understanding with each other and also about the frustration of not being able to find that."

He does not feel the overwriting theme of his lyrics is specifically gay. He explains: "When I was younger, closer to the time that I came out, a lot of my songs were about the frustration and the conflicting feelings of imprisonment and liberation. Since then, I don't real-

ly feel the need to sing about that type of thing."

"The themes I am mostly interested in are sort of how people relate to each other, and understand and misunderstand each other," the rocker says. "From my point of view, that perspective is about human relationships, and not necessarily gay relationships if it concerns how I examine sexuality in the songs."

"I definitely understand that straight relationships are very different than gay relationships, but when it comes to feeling loved, feeling understood, feeling complete or feeling accepted, the emotions are universal. I also don't just see or read gay art. I see the art of the world, and the stuff that is most resonant to me says something human."

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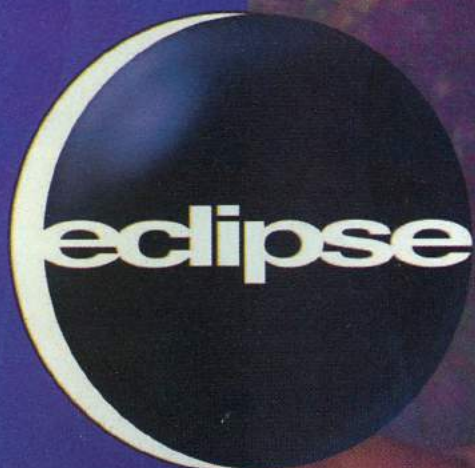
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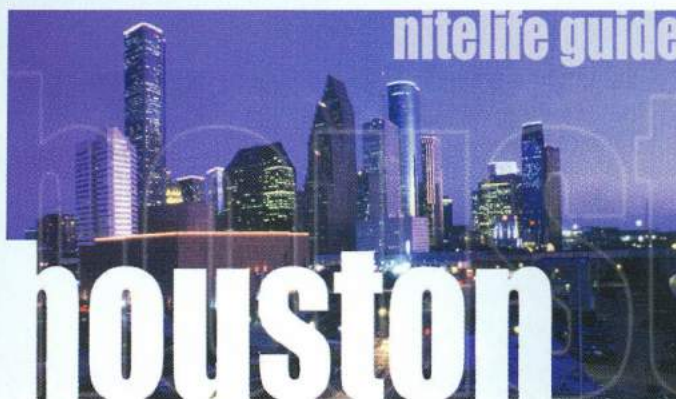
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friday, september 27

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

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Drink specials 'til 9p. 713-528-9192.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials. 281-875-3330.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-527-9071.

JR's. All America Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$1 off all top shelf liquor, \$2.50 well drinks and domestic beer. Texas Pride Happy Hour, 4-7p. \$1.75 domestic beer, \$2.25 well drinks. Hors d'oeuvres, 6p. All Smirnoff-flavored cocktails \$3.75 all day and night.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. 713-521-0123.

Michael's Outpost. Happy Hour Buffet, 5p. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. 713-779-2900.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 vodka wells, \$3.75 premium vodkas. Male dancers, 8p-2:30a.

Extended Happy Hour until 11p. 713-529-7488.

South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a. \$3 frozen. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, september 28

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Shawn Russell.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

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

sunday, september 29

611. \$2 brunch, noon-2p. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 LoneStar.

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

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Cousins. Show featuring Gena, Sivi,

Victoria Nicole and Dana, 11p.

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p. Dyan and special guest MC.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicles. "Sex and the City," 8p. Happy Hour prices until 8p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in, 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic beers and \$3 frozen drinks. DJ Michael Tank, 10p.

monday, september 30

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Keys West. Happy Hour all night. Maria Johnson plays the blues and more, 8p.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Watch while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

tuesday, october 1

611. \$2 margaritas.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any one-liquor premium drink. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.



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

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EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

Michael's Outpost. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso and chips, 4p.

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

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South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en español. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, october 3

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p. \$3.75 Top Shelf Liquor, \$2.25 Import.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p. Special Allison Moyet promotion with giveaways.

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

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

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South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

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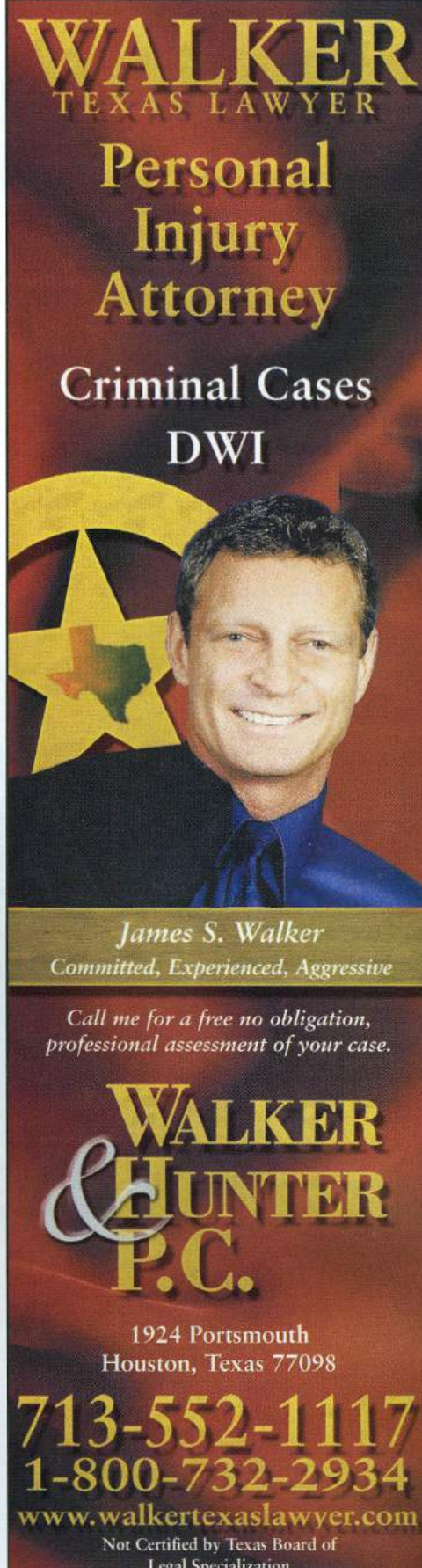
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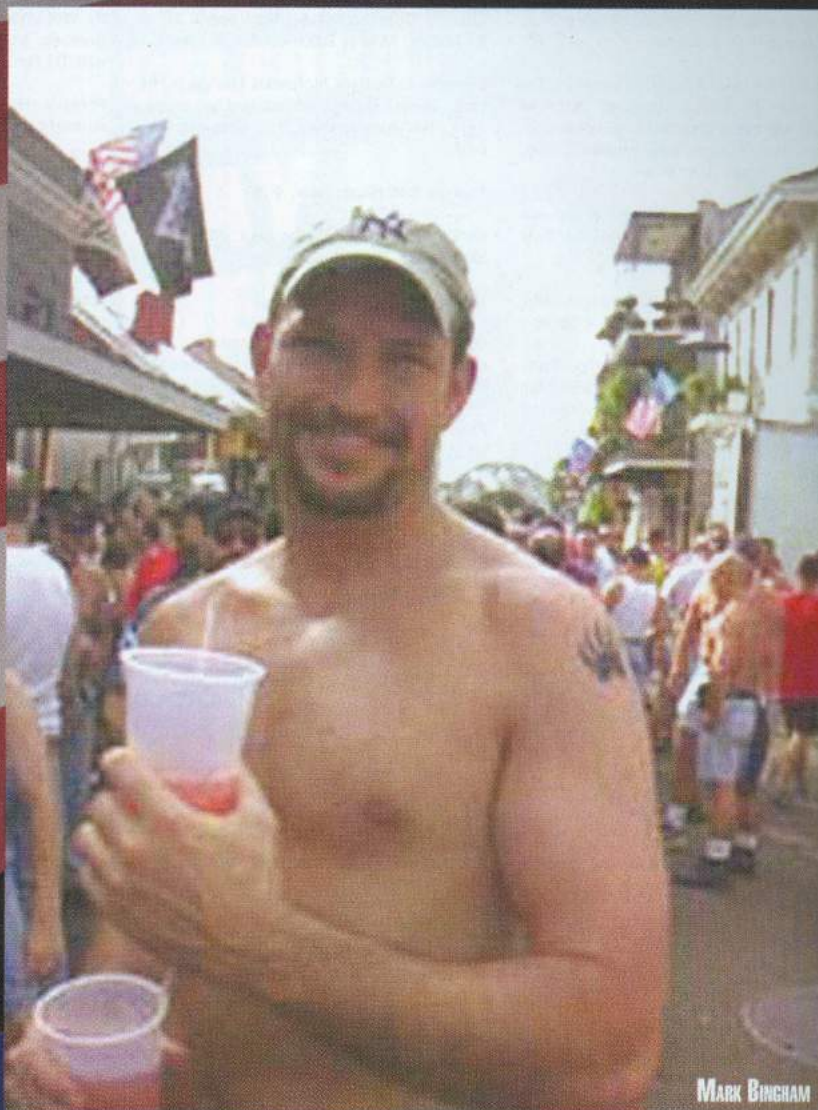
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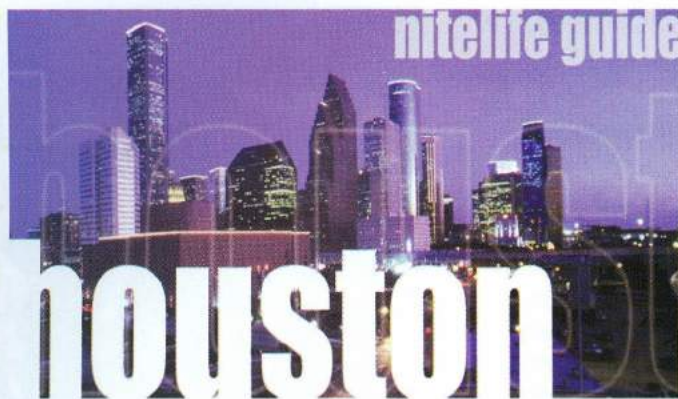
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Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials. 281-875-3330.

EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-527-9071.

JR's. All America Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$1 off all top shelf liquor, \$2.50 well drinks and domestic beer. Texas Pride Happy Hour, 4-7p. \$1.75 domestic beer, \$2.25 well drinks. Hors d'oeuvres, 6p. All Smirnoff-flavored cocktails \$3.75 all day and night.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. VJ Rick Farmer. New fall martini special: \$5 caramel apple martinis. 713-521-0123.

Michael's Outpost. Happy Hour Buffet, 5p. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. 713-779-2900.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-522-2379.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1 vodka wells, \$3.75 premium vodkas. Male dancers, 8p-2:30a. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. 713-529-7488.

South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a. \$3 frozen. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, october 5

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Tad Dvorak. \$5 caramel apple martinis.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

South Beach. DJ Jimmy Skinner. 2 for 1 cover, 9-11p, plus \$1.50 well drinks and \$2 domestic beers, 9-11p. Free trip giveaway to Miami's South Beach for three nights and four days, 1 a.m. No purchase needed but must be present to win.

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

sunday, october 6

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar.

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

Club Inergy. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p. Dyan and special guest MC.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Decadent Desserts hosted by AssistHers, 4-7p. "Sopranos," 8p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in, 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks and \$2.50 domestic beers. DJ Michael Tank.

monday, october 7

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Watch "Whatever Happened by Baby Jane," hosted by Theatre Under The Stars' Betty and Joan, while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 bottled domestic beer all day and night. Win free tickets to the play.

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

tuesday, october 8

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices and \$1.50 domestic bottled beer all day and night.

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

wednesday, october 9

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

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

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en espanol. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, october 10

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. Heather Headley promo party, including giveaways. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

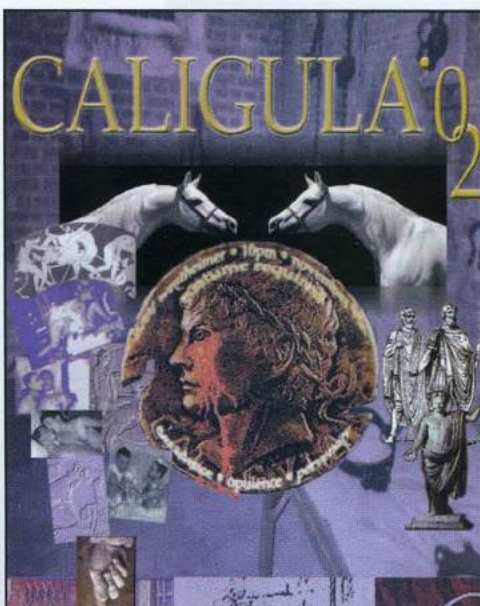
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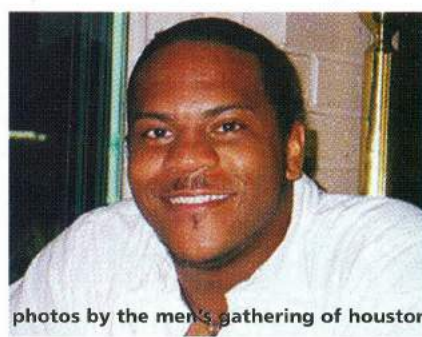
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This weekend's Black Explosion promises to be a bigger and better version of last year's social event, according to organizers.

Black Explosion 2002 rocks Houston

**Empowering
weekend to include
nightlife, fellowship
for African
American gay and
bisexual men**

by penny weaver

HOUSTON — This weekend, Black Explosion 2002 bursts forth in the Bayou City with days full of seminars, socials, workshops and nightlife, all aimed at empowering African American gay and bisexual men.

"This year, we will leave you exhausted. You will leave empowered, entertained and well fed," says Paul Guillory, founder of The Men's Gathering of Houston, via the Black Explo Web site, <http://www.dream2.org/TMG/explo2002.html>.

The Men's Gathering hosts the event, which includes workshops, seminars, exhibition booths, nightlife and a Sunday picnic, from Oct. 4-6. According to Guillory, the purpose of The Men's Gathering is to bring together African American gay and bisexual men to spark dialogue about issues important to this group toward a goal of healthy relationships.

"Dialogue allows us to move beyond polite and empty words, and beyond the fears and pain that keeps us disconnected," Guillory says. "Dialogue moves us from being uninformed to informed, from informed to concerned, from concerned to active."

Black Explosion 2002 begins Friday, Oct. 4, with a welcome reception at City Streets. Attendees receive one drink tickets, can enjoy the free buffet and pay no cover charge.

The event continues Saturday, Oct. 5, with a day of seminars and workshops combined with vendor and artist fairs. Businesses ranging from insurance firms to financial services and more are slated to take part, according to Guillory. Artists from writers to jewelers will be on hand to offer their creative works. Community organizations also will participate.

Seminars on a wide range of topics will be held at various times during the day. They include "Relationships: The Journey of the Heart or Blood, Sweat and Tears," "The Miseducation of the Transgender Community," "Journey of a Tortured Soul: The Struggles of Being Black and



Black Explosion 2002 Schedule

Oct. 4-6

Web site:
<http://www.dream2.org/TMG/explo2002.html> e-mail: paulguillory@yahoo.com

Friday, Oct. 4

'Ignition' 6-9p
Happy Hour Reception
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City Streets
5078 Richmond
713-840-7999

Saturday, Oct. 5

'Countdown'
10-11a Vendor setup
Noon-6p Black Explo Fair
Noon-6p Seminars
Marriott Courtyard—Galleria
3131 W. Loop South
8p Exclamation Dance Co. Fall Concert
'Liftoff'
10p Entertainment and dance
Tickets: \$10 and \$15
Incognito Club
3704 Fannin

Sunday, Oct. 6

'Chilldown'
11a Spiritual fellowship 2p Picnic
9p Farewell party
Free before 11p Incognito Club

Gay," "HIV: The Crisis in the Black Community," and "Spirituality and Homosexuality: Between the Sheets."

Saturday evening, Black Explosion participants are invited to attend the Exclamation Dance Co. Fall Concert, followed by entertainment and dance at Incognito Club later in the evening and into the night.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, Black Explosion participants will gather for spiritual worship and an afternoon picnic. Sunday night includes plans for socializing at Incognito, plus male/female dancers and a boxer party on the club's second floor. Prizes will be awarded in the boxer contest, according to Guillory.

Guillory notes that the event is designed to include women and men of various ethnic backgrounds, in addition to African American gay and bisexual men.

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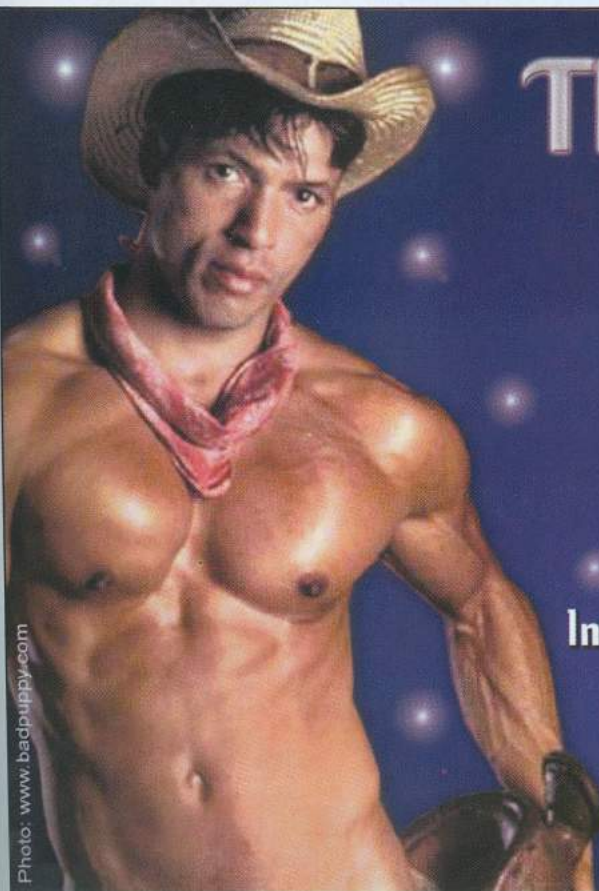
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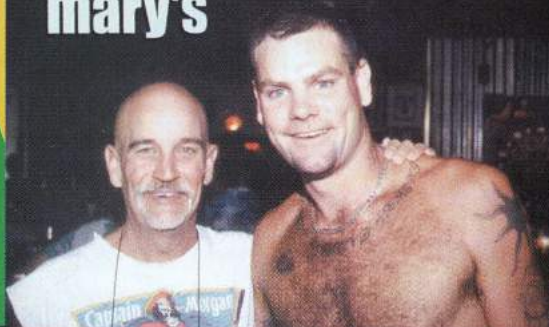
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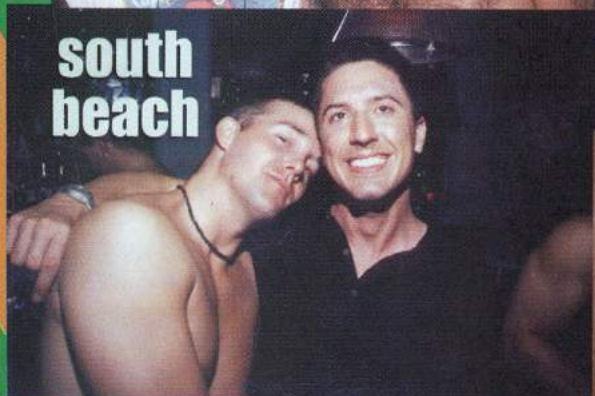
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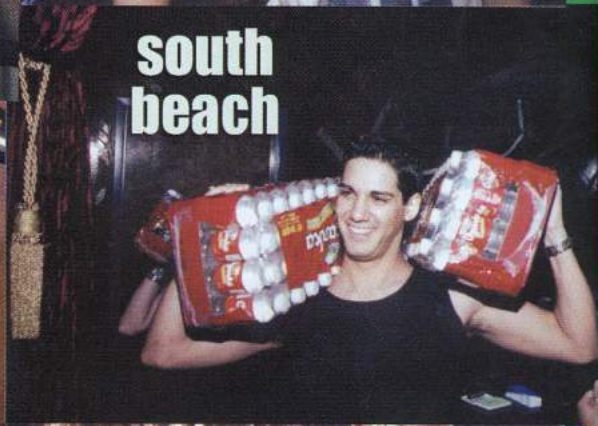
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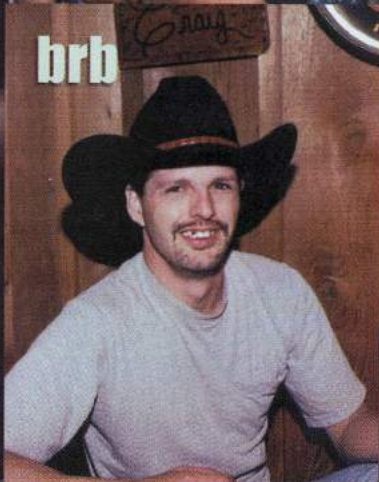
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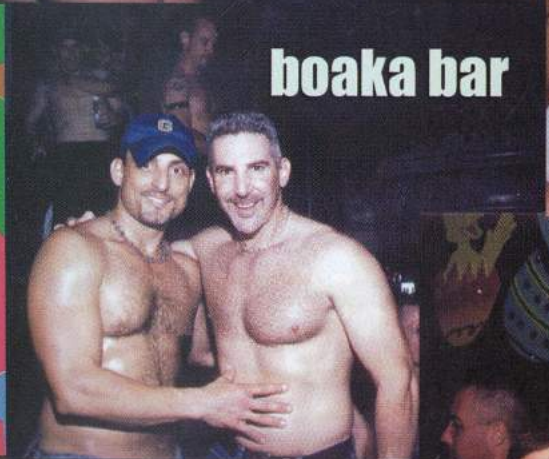
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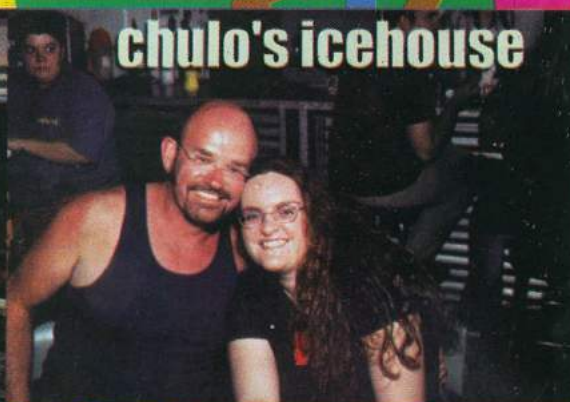
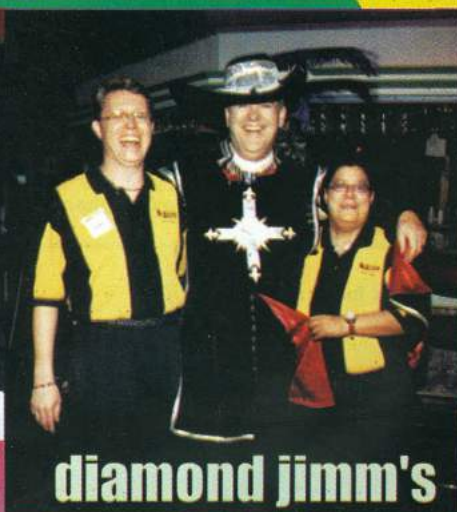
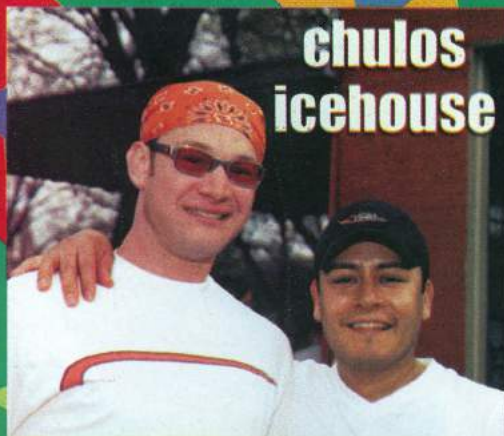
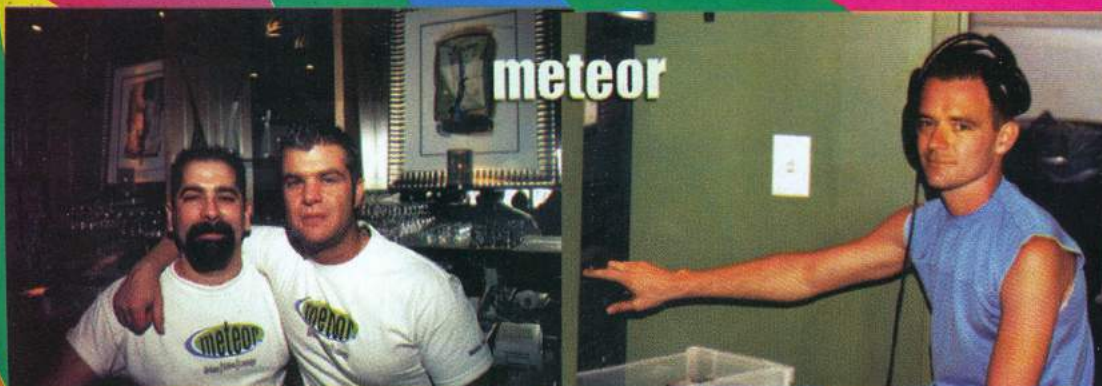


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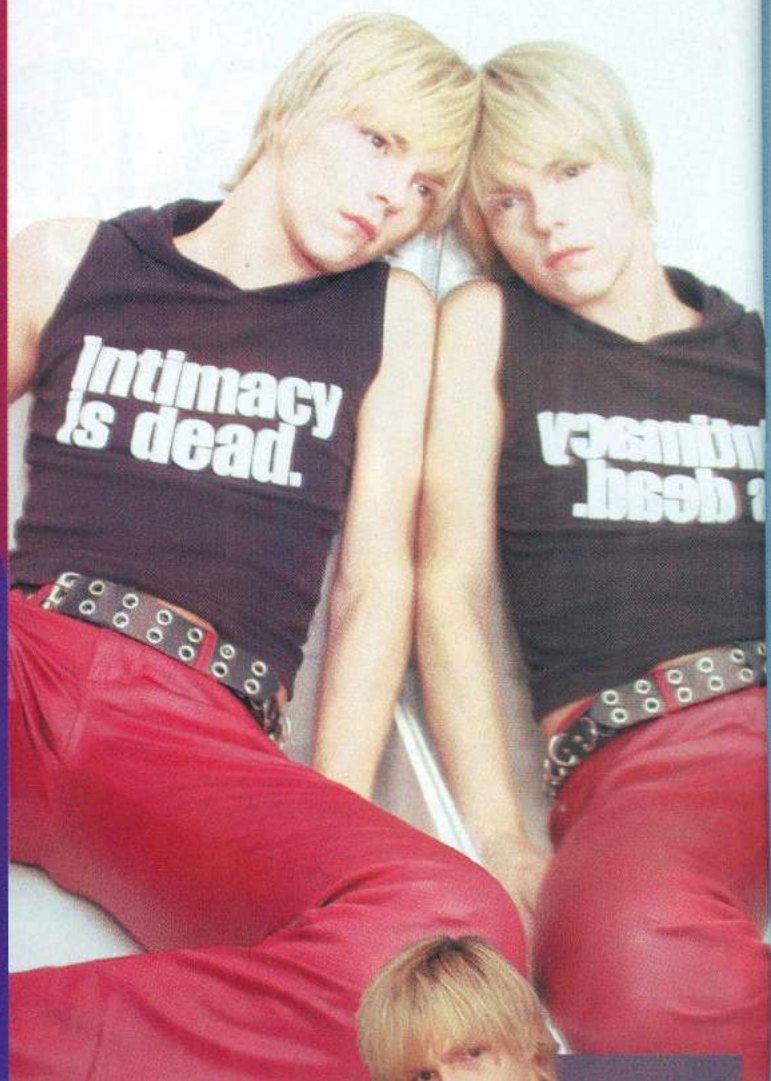
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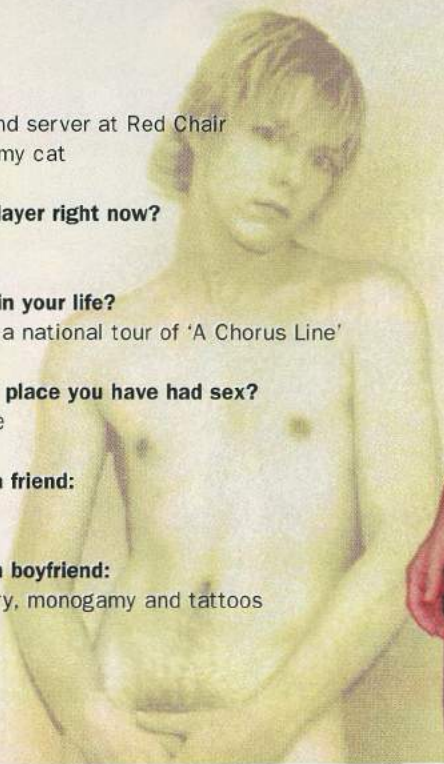
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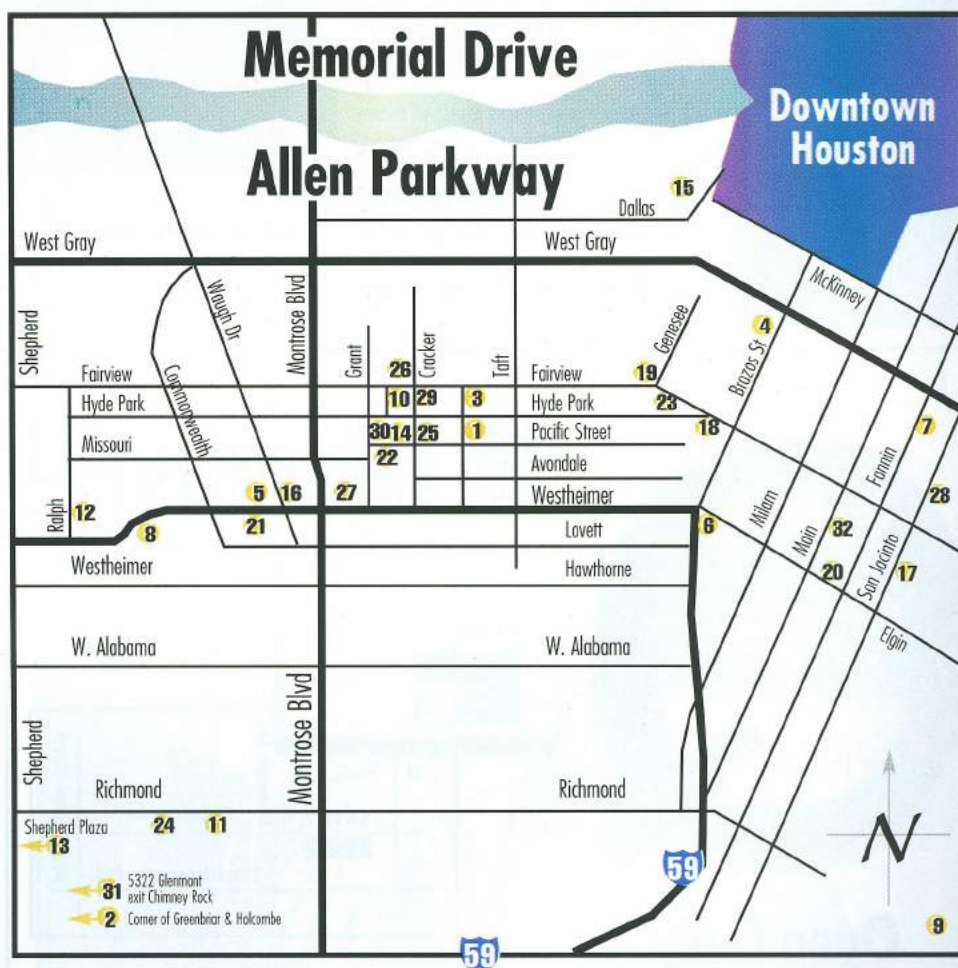
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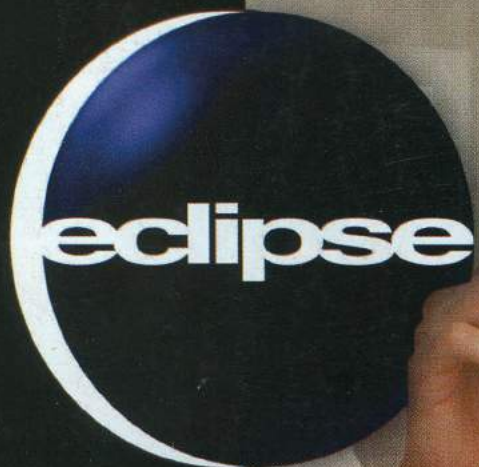
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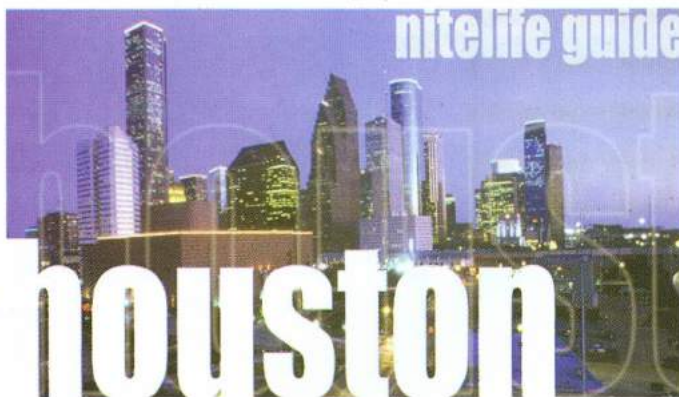
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saturday, october 12

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Shot specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

Meteor. VJ Tad Dvorak. \$5 caramel apple martinis.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Rich's. No cover until 11p. Happy Hour until midnight. DJ JD Arnold.

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

sunday, october 13

611. \$2 brunch, noon-2p. \$1 well drinks, 6-11p.

Chulo's Ice house. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 Lonestar.

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

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Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 28p.

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis. Happy Hour until 8p. "Sopranos," 8p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in. 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks and \$2.50 domestic beers. DJ Michael Tank.

monday, october 14

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manicures. Watch "Serial Mom," starring Kathleen Turner and Ricki Lake, while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. \$1.50 bottled domestic beer, \$2 well drinks all day and night. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

tuesday, october 15

611. \$2 margaritas.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

Meteor. Happy hour prices, \$2 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic bottled beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any one-liquor premium drink. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

wednesday, october 16

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Chulo's Ice house. \$1.50 domestics.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 longnecks.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

Meteor. Professional Women's Happy Hour, 6-9p. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 double well drinks. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Ripcord. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing.

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music in Spanish. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, october 17

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Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p. \$3.75 Top Shelf Liquor, \$2.25 Import.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

Meteor. Swap Meat. Singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. Circuit movie promo party, including giveaways. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p.

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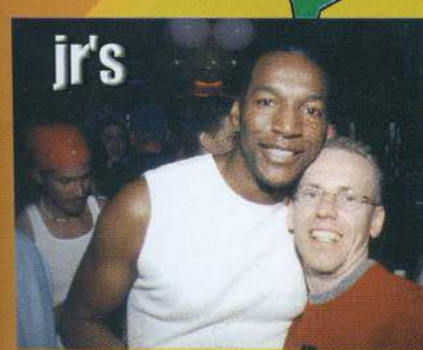
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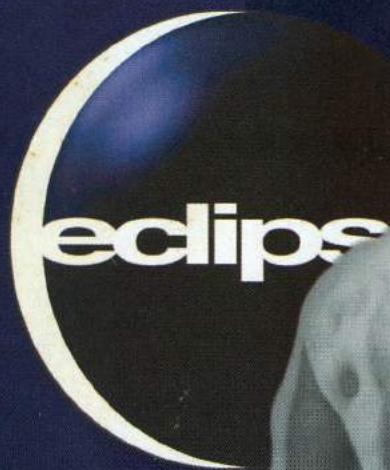


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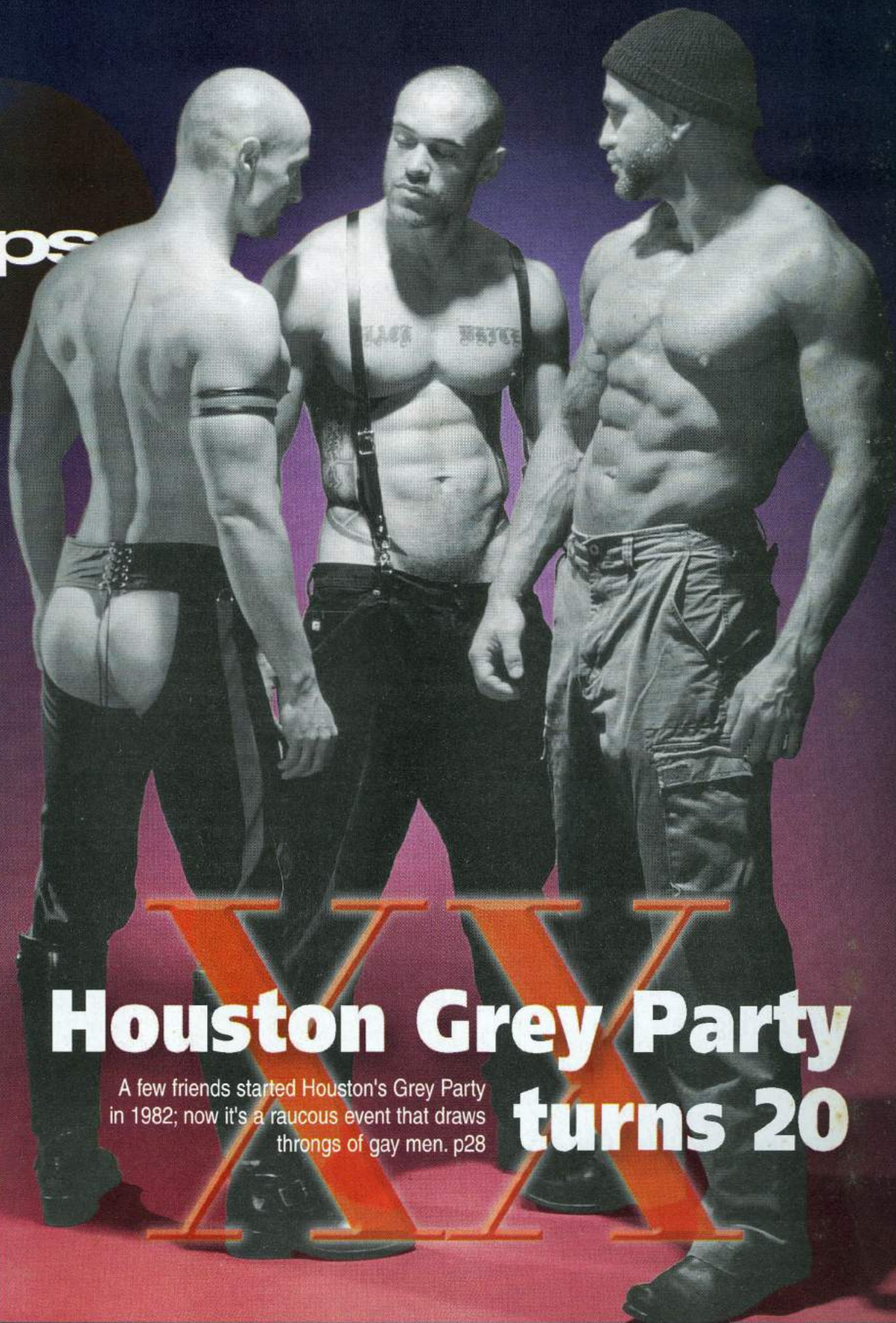
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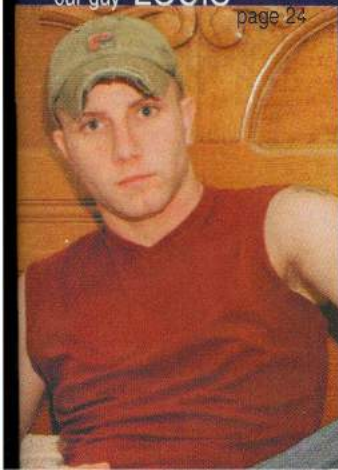


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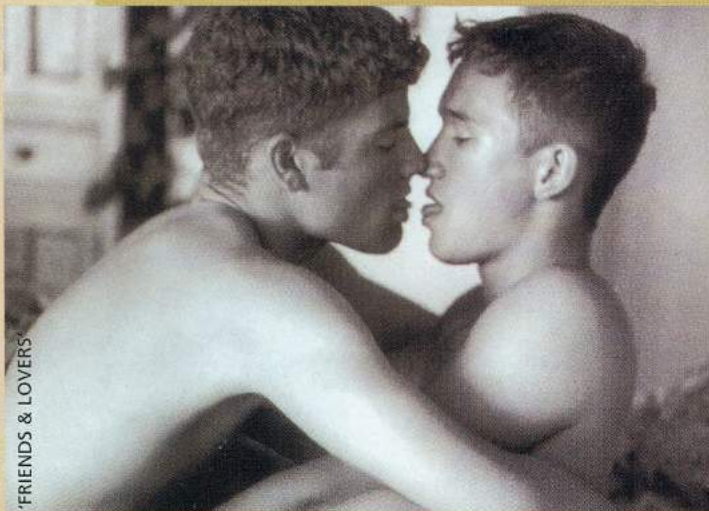
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'FRIENDS & LOVERS'

Picture Perfect

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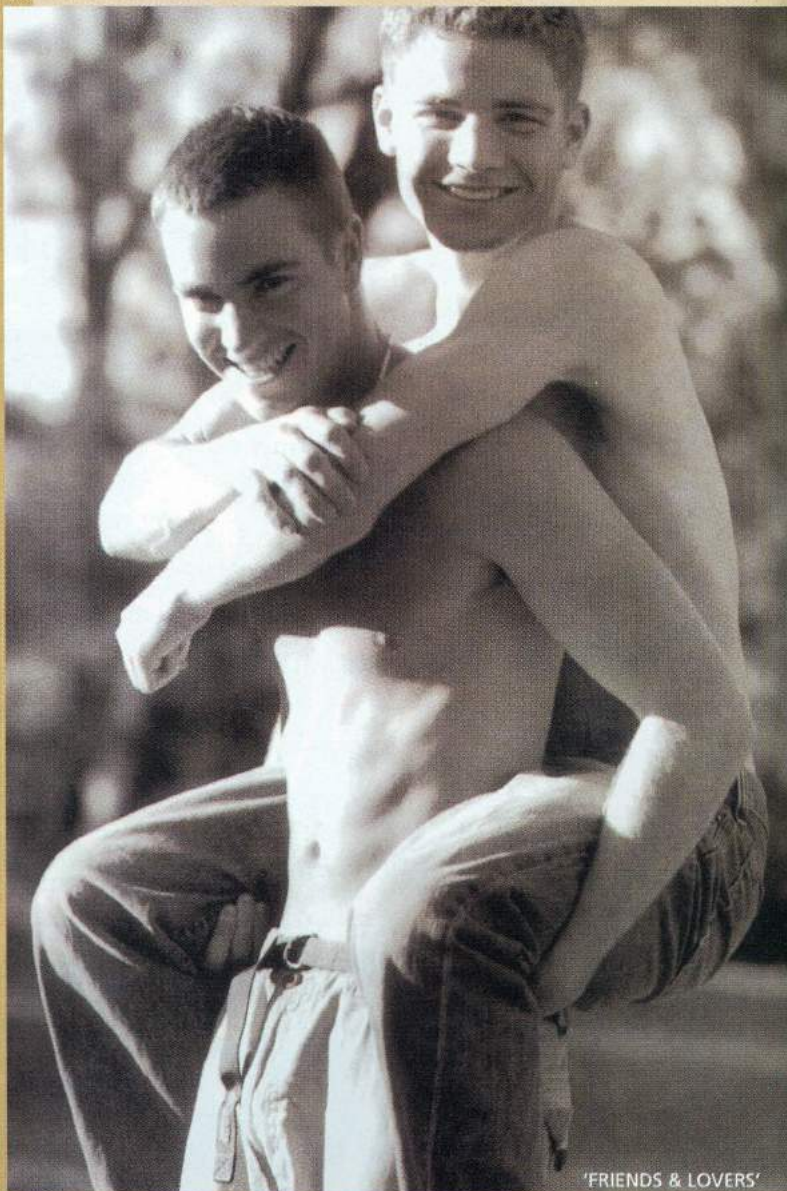
When the two collide, the result can be an intense, erotic and intimate look at the lives and loves of young gay men.

And that's just what noted gay shutterbug Howard Roffman delivers in his most recent — and largest to date — volume of photographs called "Friends & Lovers."

Roffman gained notice with his book of photography dedicated to porn star Johan Paulik and other artful and erotic books for gay men. "Friends & Lovers" follows a group of young gay men through different relationships and with each other as friends.

But these aren't the pictures that you'll see on post cards at gay bookstores with big, buff men sprayed with water to look like sweat, holding chains. Though all in black and white like many of those postcards, Roffman's men are younger and more natural looking, in their real clothing — and more often without it. But there is nothing simulated about the shoots.

"The first shoot I did, I needed to be posed a little bit," says Ben, a 19-year-old student who was photographed



'FRIENDS & LOVERS'



'FRIENDS & LOVERS'

with his boyfriend Chris and with a group of their friends. "The second one, we were just playing on the beach, so he didn't really pose us, he just snapped pictures. The biggest thing Howard wanted us to do was to forget that the camera was there. So he would just have conversations with us to get us try to relax."

Chris agrees with his boyfriend that the shoot and the models' interaction is very natural.



'FRIENDS & LOVERS'

"It's not as [sexually] intimate as you might be led to believe," Chris says. "It's just like an average day in our relationship. Ben and I tend to rough house a lot, and it's just Howard taking pictures of us doing what we do."

Part of the project was to show young people in love and give the world an idea of what it's like to be a young gay man. The project started when Roffman ran into a boy named Jeremy on the street.

"I had a boyfriend at the time, who was with me," remembers Jeremy, who was 21 when he met Roffman. "Howard stopped us and said, 'Hey, I'm a photographer and I would like to sit down and talk to you.'"

"I recognized his name and thought it was legitimate. We called a few days later and had din-

ner with him. He never photographed me with my boyfriend at the time, he ended up photographing me by myself about a month later."

After Roffman photographed Jeremy, he did a couple of shoots with Jeremy and his then-boyfriend Chris — the same Chris who is now with Ben.

"We had a vision that we wanted to show that it's OK for two young boys to be in love with each other, and we didn't think that had been expressed before, and I think the book does that very well," Jeremy says, adding that it wasn't strange to have both him and Chris and Chris and Ben posing in the same book.

"It wasn't my original vision," Jeremy says. "The book is about a story line that progresses and over three years, the progression is clear. That's where Chris is now in his life."

Photographer Howard Roffman documents what it's like to be hot, young, gay and in love

Jeremy is also shown in the book with Chris and their friend Jonathan. After that shoot, Roffman shot Chris and Ben, and then the couple with two of their friends, Brad and Daniel. Finally, he took pictures of Brad and his boyfriend Steve.

The book shows the couples in different settings, usually indoors and more intimate, and the friends are shown on beaches, in hot tubs and on picnic tables. The group shots look like an Abercrombie catalogue gone awry, where the boys are actually kissing and naked together, instead of naked and swimming alone.

Jeremy says that it isn't uncommon for him and his friends to be in the buff together under certain circumstances.

"It's people's natural bodies, and people should appreciate that," he says, acknowledging that being naked in such a public forum is a totally different thing. "We're always trying to present ourselves in different ways, and I think it's beautiful to just be who we are. I think that's what it's about for me."

Both Ben and Jeremy say their mothers may have issues with some of the pictures.

"I think it's going to be strange for my mom and stuff," Jeremy says. "She knows what's in it, and is aware of Howard's work, and they get along great. But my mom doesn't want to see me naked as an adult."

Ben says that his mother has seen some of the pictures before they were released, and he thinks the advantages of doing the book beat the drawbacks.

"I come from a classic suburban family, so my mother had a little trouble with it at first," he says. "But she's come to accept it. I think we're providing a service to the gay community. When I was younger, I saw [Roffman's] work on the Internet, and I really liked how his pictures captured the romance. We wanted to do this to show people coming out that you can have an affectionate loving relationship even though you're gay."

But not everyone who is going to be buying this book is going to be looking at the images as representations of ideal relationships. There is more than one gay man out there who will put "Friends & Lovers" on his coffee table to make his friends and lovers — and himself — hot under the collar and below the waist.

"People are all going to interpret the book the way they want to," Jeremy says. "I'm aware that there are people who will look at it in a more objectified way, and that's not something I really need to pay attention to."

But the young model says he is unflagging from his stance that the book is solely about a positive message.

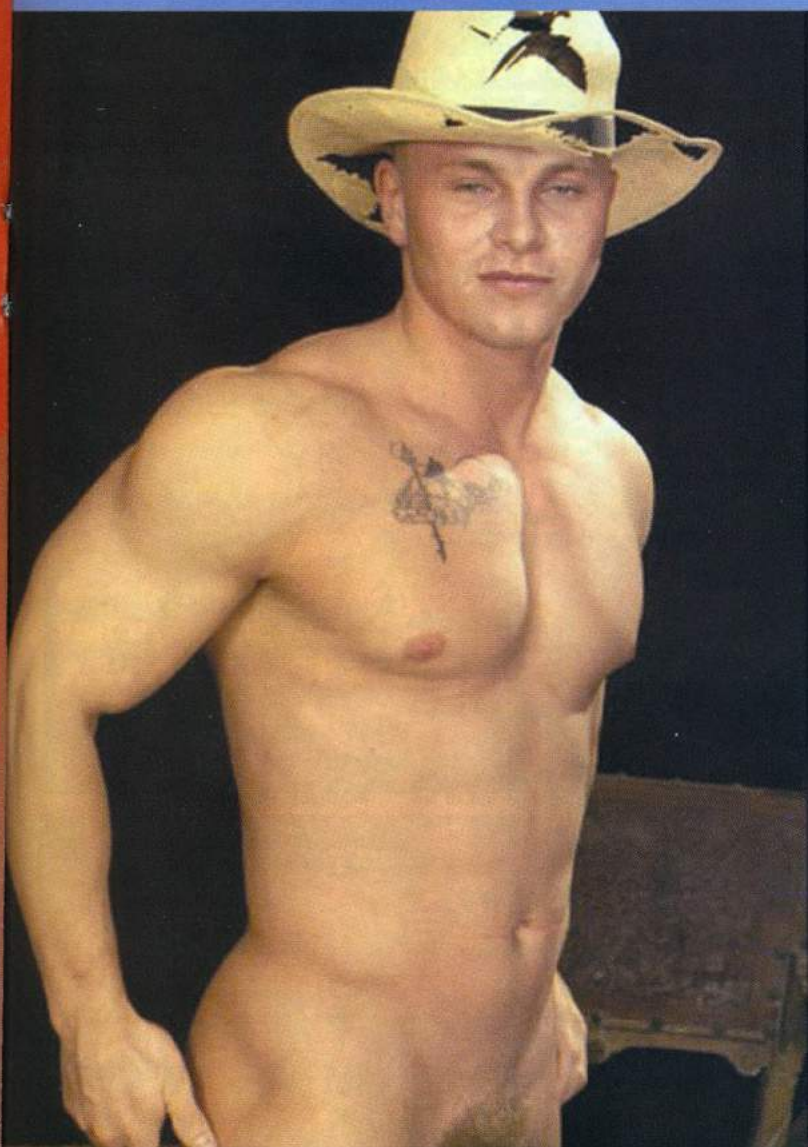
"I would want them to see that it's OK for two boys to be in love, and there is a new generation of people who feel that way and will make it be that way in the world."

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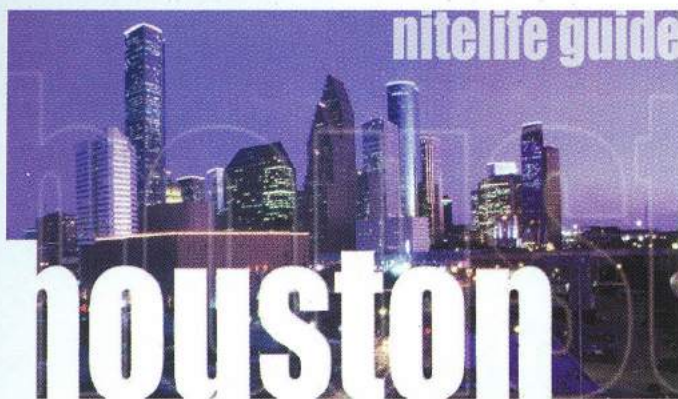
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Pacific Street. "Shades of Grey" pre-party with DJ Eric Chavez of Chicago, 9p-2a. 713-523-0213.

Rich's. "Jocko: The Underwear Party," presented by Rich's and Basic Brothers, 9p. DJ Chris Sill. Clothes check available. Jocko fashion show, 1a. Free Jocko giveaways. Jocko dancers all night. 713-759-9606.

South Beach. Resident DJ Michael Tank, 9p-5a. \$3 frozen. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, october 19

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Rich's. "The Grey Party" fund-raiser with DJ Mark MacEwan of Atlanta, 9p-4a. Effects by Laser Technetics and special drink prices all night.

sunday, october 20

Chulo's Icehouse. "Queer As Folk," 9p. \$1.50 LoneStar.

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

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

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p. Dyan and special guest MC.

Keys West. Open Dart Tournament, 3p.

Lotus Lounge. "Titanium Ball: Beyond Grey," after-hours party with The Spoiled Boyz and DJ Joe Gauthreaux of New Orleans, 3:30-8:30a. Lotus Lounge is located at 412 Main St. www.greyparty.com.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in, 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconl. \$2 well drinks and \$2.50 domestic beers. DJ Michael Tank.

monday, october 21

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

tuesday, october 22

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices, \$2 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic bottled beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any one-liquor premium drink. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

wednesday, october 23

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

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

JR's. Papi underwear contest, 11p. Cash prizes.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 double well drinks. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

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

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latina with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en espanol. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, october 24

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

Diamond Jimm's. Karaoke night.

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

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p. \$3.75 Top Shelf Liquor, \$2.25 Import.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID or pass from DJ Limey.com.

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold, 9p.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks.

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

Eduardo Costa, star of the documentary film 'Confession of A Go Go Boy' will attend a benefit premier this weekend. Also attending will be models of the '7 vs. 7' book: Mark Goebel, Jason Edington and Costa. \$5. 7p Saturday, Oct. 19. Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818. notoriousart@yahoo.com. (Photo by Dalton DeHart)



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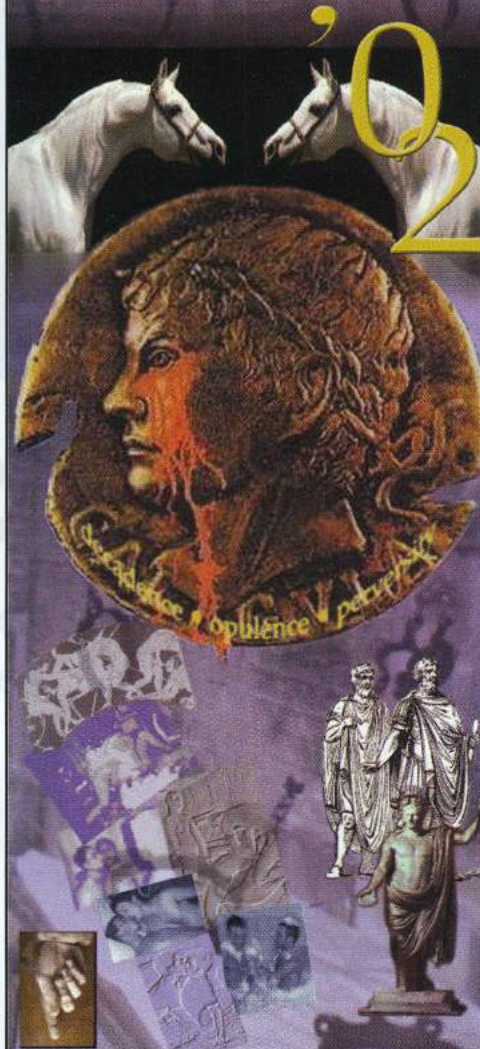
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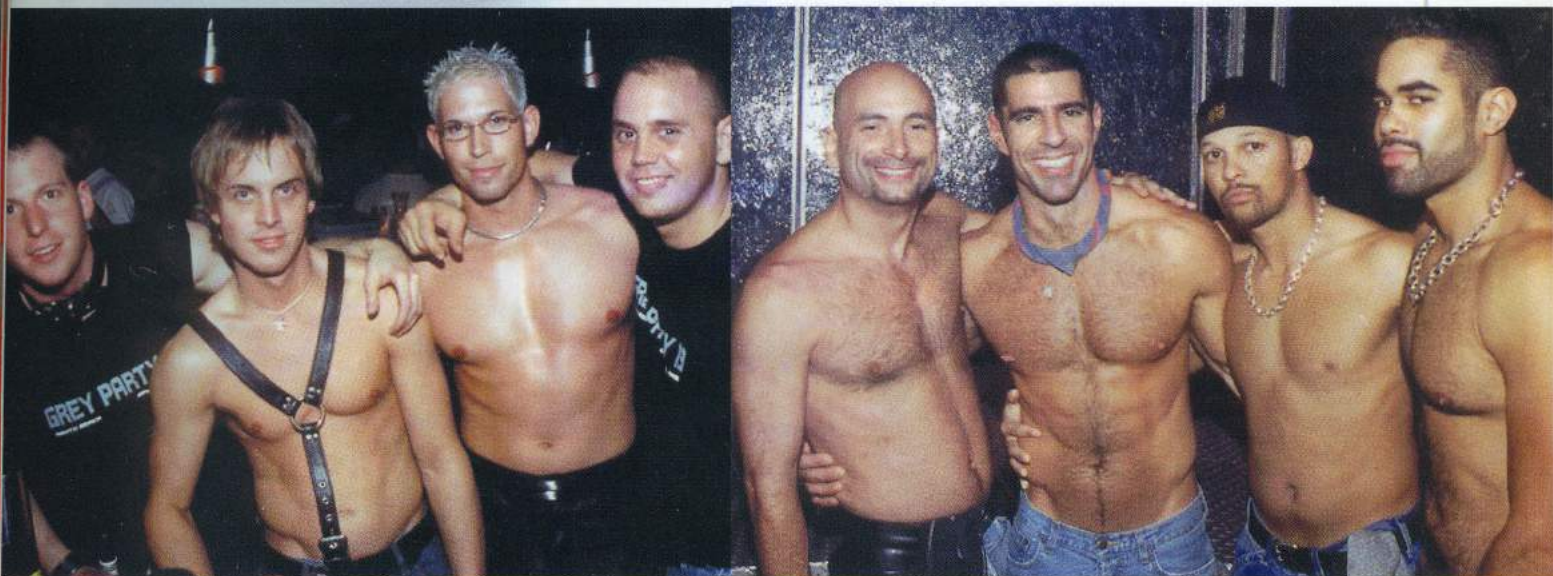
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It's over after 20

by penny weaver

The tradition of the Grey Party in Houston goes out with a bang this year, the last after 20 years of fund-raising.

"There is no other party quite like it in Houston," says Tom Urban, spokesperson for the non-profit Grey Party Inc. and also a host of the event. "The music is always first-rate, the dancing high-energy, and the conversations open, without attitude."

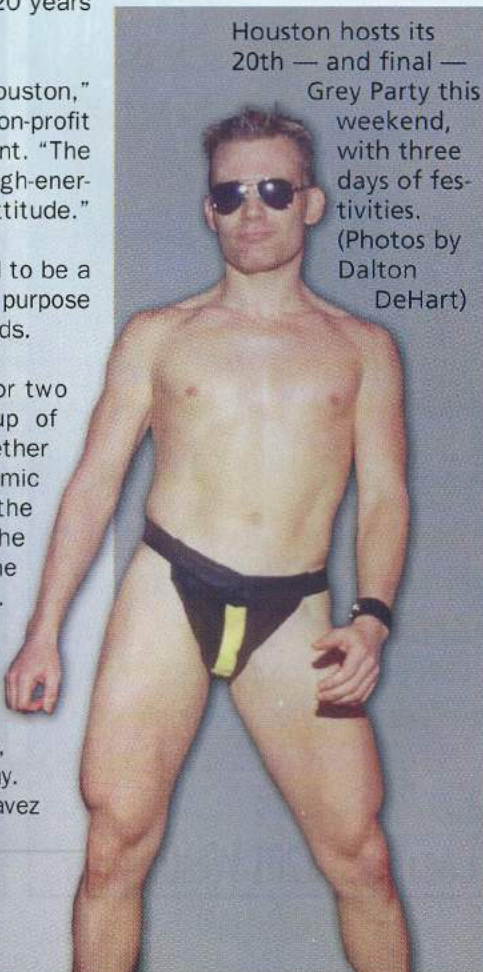
"It is a party that was originally conceived to be a 'spirit-raiser' for our community, and that purpose has carried through year after year," he adds.

Urban says Grey Party XX is the finale for two decades of tradition started by a group of friends who decided to bring people together in the early 1980s when the AIDS pandemic first began. Dwindling participation and the time-consuming work of continuing the party apparently are factors that led to the decision to make this Grey Party the last.

This year, three major events mark Grey Party XX from Friday, Oct. 18, through the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 20. Pacific Street is the host for the opener, "Shades of Grey," starting at 9 p.m. Friday. This pre-party features Chicago DJ Eric Chavez and tunes all night.

Throngs of gay men expected for Grey Party XX in Houston — the event's last dance

Houston hosts its 20th — and final — Grey Party this weekend, with three days of festivities. (Photos by Dalton DeHart)



The main event, "Grey Party XX," begins at 9 p.m. Saturday at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. DJ Mark MacEwan of Atlanta spins at the turntable until 4 a.m. Influenced by the work of DJ Buc, MacEwan's visit to Houston promises to provide a long night of the latest and best dance music of the fall season, according to Grey Party officials.

MacEwan, a Miami native, recalls childhood interest in artists ranging from the Carpenters to the Mamas and Papas, Fleetwood Mac, Elton John and more. His DJ influences, in addition to DJ Buc, include Michael Fierman, Junior Vazquez and the popular David Knapp.

He's been spinning since 1996 and his gigs include Twilo in New York City, the Victory Party in Fire Island and Amnesia in South Beach. His first dance compilation, Global Grooves, was released in 2000.

"I believe in playing a wide variety of music, taking the crowd through a journey, with various 'sets' of music representing a different 'stop' along the way," MacEwan says.

"Titanium Ball: Beyond Grey" begins at

Grey Party XX

Oct. 18-20

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'Shades of Grey' pre-party

Friday, Oct. 18

9p-2a

Pacific Street

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'The Grey Party'

Saturday, Oct. 19

9p-4a

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Sunday, Oct. 20

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3:30 a.m. Sunday and rocks until 8:30 a.m. at Lotus Lounge, 415 Main St. Hosted by Houston's Spoiled Boyz, the after-party fest serves up the mixes of New Orleans DJ Joe Gauthreaux.

According to his Web site, Gauthreaux has a musical philosophy "based on the principal that music can be used to take the listener on a musical ride that follows a groove, the path of which is bounded only by skill of the disc jockey and the listener's willingness and ability to let the music lead them."

He first took over the turntable at the OZ Nightclub in New Orleans for a stint in 1996, and still regularly plays there. Gauthreaux also has made guest appearances at scenes from Blue Ball in Philadelphia to White Party in Palm Springs, Gay Day Weekend at Disney World, Hotlanta Weekend in Atlanta, Perfect Day Weekend in Austin and more.

Gauthreaux cites other DJs as influences, including Lydia Prim and Susan Morabito. He has been selected by Billboard Magazine to serve on a panel of 140 of the country's top DJs responsible for compiling Billboard's weekly dance chart, according to his Web site.

This year marks the first that the Spoiled Boyz, a relatively new and younger gay men's group, have partnered with Grey Party, organizers note.

This year's Grey Party benefits Bering

Omega Community Services, Casa de Esperanza, and the Assistance Fund. Grey Party, Inc. usually raises close to \$20,000, which is divided equally among its designated beneficiaries, according to organizers.

While donations for these local charities of \$20 per person during the weekend are encouraged, tradition dictates that no one will be turned away for lack of money, particularly PWAs whose disability payments place them well below the poverty line, according to Urban.

The three Houston organizations that benefit from this year's party are familiar to gays in the Bayou City.

Since 1987, Bering Community Service Foundation annually provided services for more than 2,000 people living with HIV/AIDS. Programs included physical, emotional and spiritual assistance for persons left financially and medically indigent by the disease.

Casa de Esperanza provides residential, medical and psychological care to meet the individual needs of each child, and offers counseling to the family.

The Assistance Fund provides much-needed support to individuals living with AIDS by paying their health insurance premiums until they qualify for Medicare, and by offering financial assistance for the purchase of medication.

In 1982, a group of about 20 friends decided to throw a party to try to raise the spirit of the community, which was in turmoil over the new disease, HIV/AIDS, affecting mainly gay men, according to the Grey Party Web site, www.greyparty.com.

After much discussion, the Houstonians settled on the name Grey Party and decided to have it in conjunction with the Westheimer Street Fair in October. "It has been a wonderful experience over the years; each year a few hosts drop out and new hosts join the group," Urban says. "We bring in a top-notch DJ from out of town and, when possible, have the party at unusual locations."

Organizers work to cover the expenses of the event via annual dues and donations from sponsors. The goal, according



Atlanta DJ **Mark MacEwan** spins during the Grey Party's main event Saturday at Rich's.

to Urban, is for all proceeds from partygoers to go directly to each year's selected charities.

No specific reason has been noted for the decision to end the Grey Party after its 20th fest. "The Grey Party is an event that I have come to look forward to each year, and I will miss it," Urban says.

The yearly time-consuming tasks of continuing the party, plus dwindling numbers of participants, may be factors that have led longtime hosts to make Grey Party XX the last, according to Urban. He also said there is a sentiment to let the tradition wrap up neatly at 20 years of success.

"Wonderful events like the Grey Party don't just happen," Urban says.

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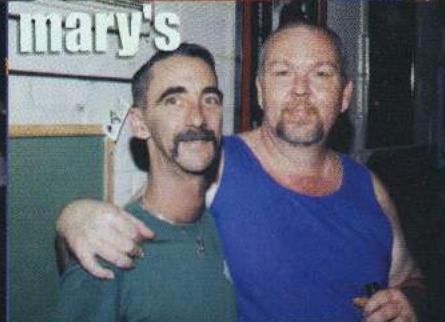
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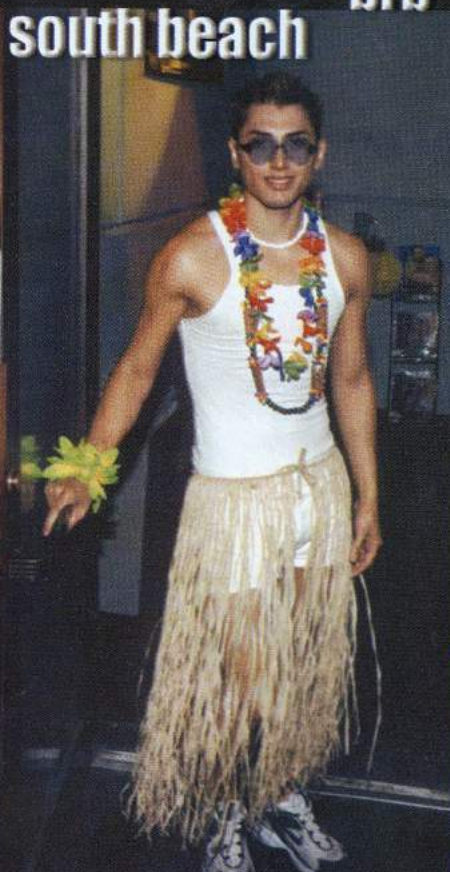
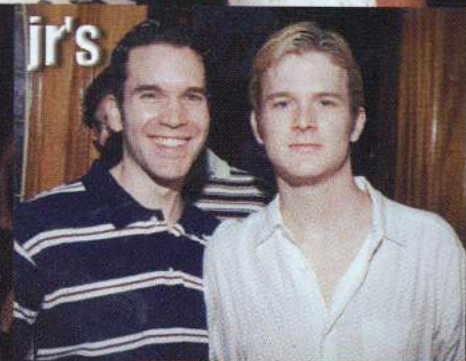
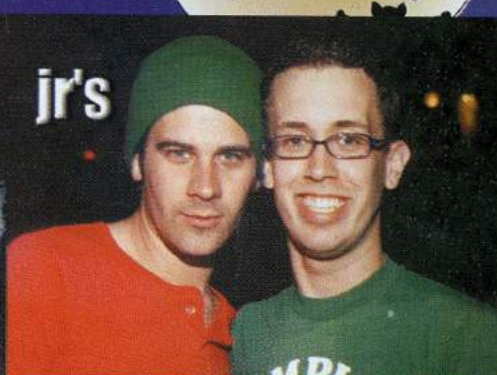
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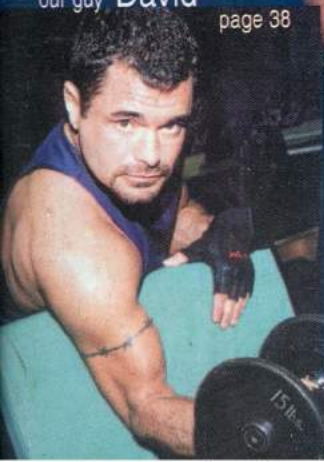


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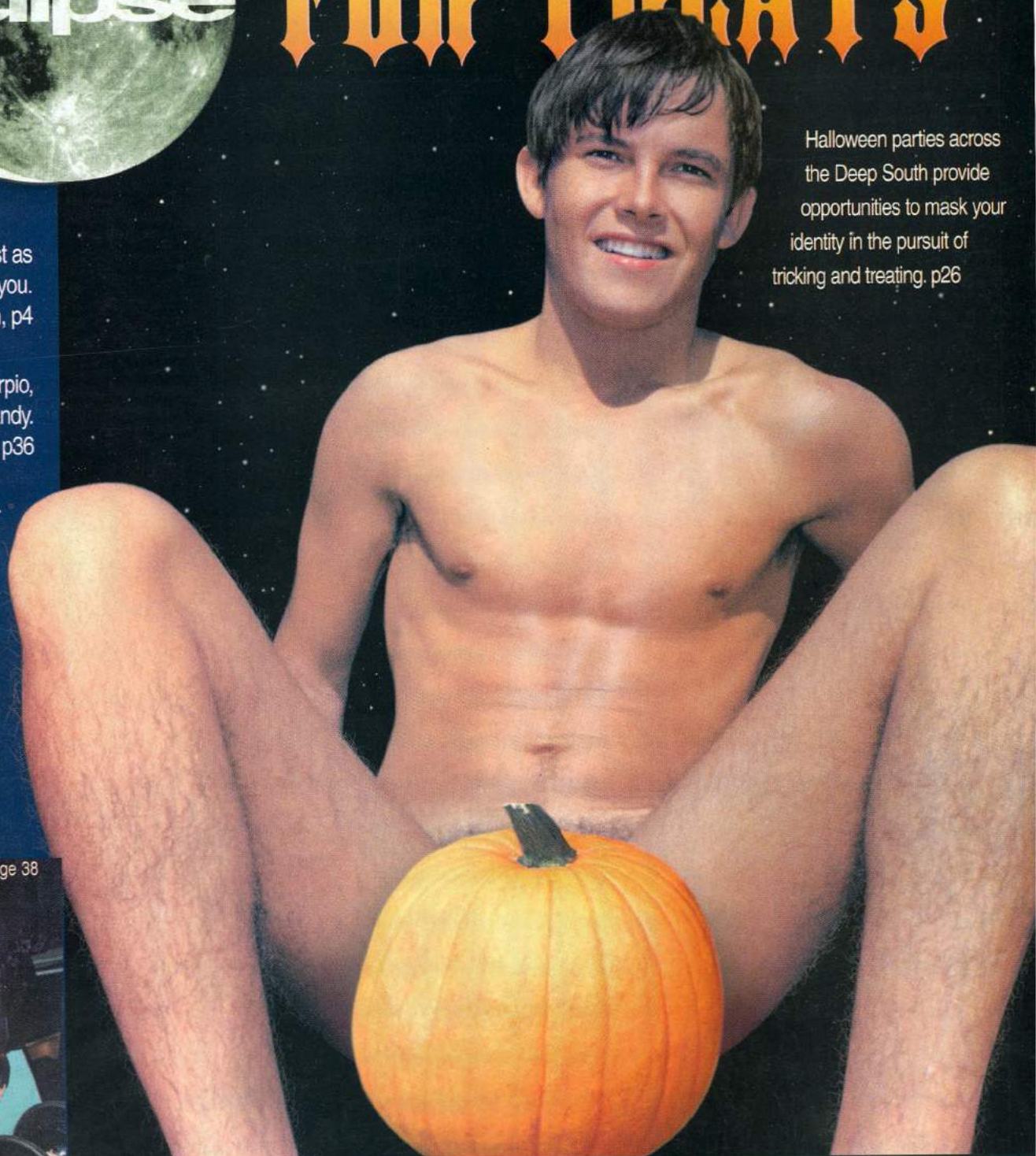
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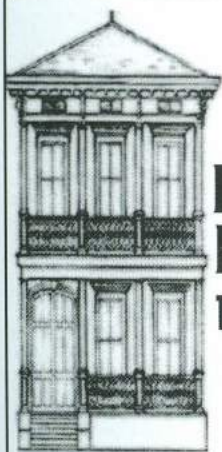
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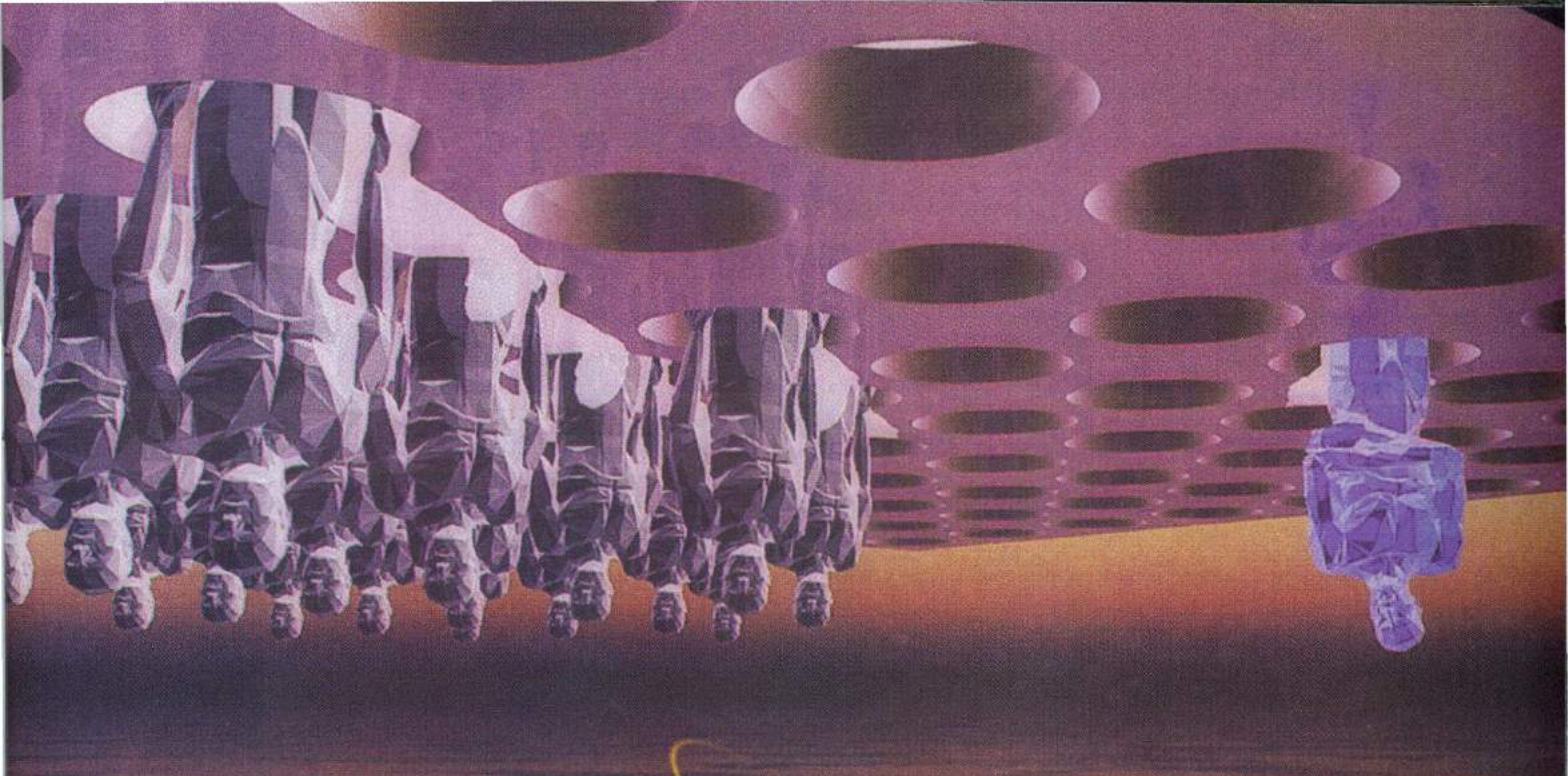
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South Beach. Queen of the Damned. DJ Alyson Calagna returns. 713-529-SOBE.

saturday, october 26

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon. DJ and male dancers, 9p.

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

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Surprise events. \$2 well drinks and tube shots, \$1 Jello shots. Halloween specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. Alien Encounter with costume contest inside at 11:45p with cash and trophies. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side and costume contest at 9:45p. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

Keys West. Halloween costume party with prizes. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray. \$3.25 frozen drinks.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Mark Goebel. \$5 caramel apple martinis.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. No cover if dressed in erotic leather or fetish wear. \$1.50 well drinks.

Rich's. "Outrageous" Halloween party, 7-11p. 25-cent well drinks. Suggested donation of \$5 benefits Montrose Clinic. Costumes encouraged; cash prizes will be awarded.

South Beach. Resident DJ David Knapp spins afterhours

sunday, october 27

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

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p. Dyan and special guest MC.

Keys West. Celebrate Keys West First Anniversary, 6p. Miss Keys West hosts her first show, 8p. \$3.25 frozen drinks.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis. Happy Hour until 8p. "Sopranos," 8p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in, 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-9p. Come see your favorite bartender in boxer shorts. \$1.50 well drinks.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks and \$2.50 domestic beers. DJ Michael Tank. DJ Rick Herington from the Brick in Dallas spins afterhours. Sunday free passes available at the door or from bartenders over the weekend.

monday, october 28

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. "Queer As Folk," 8p. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Keys West. Happy Hour all night. Maria Johnson plays the blues and more, 8p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manures. Watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. \$1.50 bottled domestic beer, \$2 well drinks all day and night. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. No cover. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2.25 longnecks.

tuesday, october 29

611. \$2 margaritas. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$2 well drinks.

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices, \$2 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic bottled beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any one-liquor premium drink. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Executive Night. No cover with personalized business card. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2.25 longnecks.

Houston's Keys West, which hosted this year's LIVE show by Don Gill Productions, marks its first anniversary all weekend. Drink specials are included to celebrate the event, and a party kicks off at 6p Sunday. Keys West, 817 Dallas. 713-571-7870. (Photo by Dalton DeHart)



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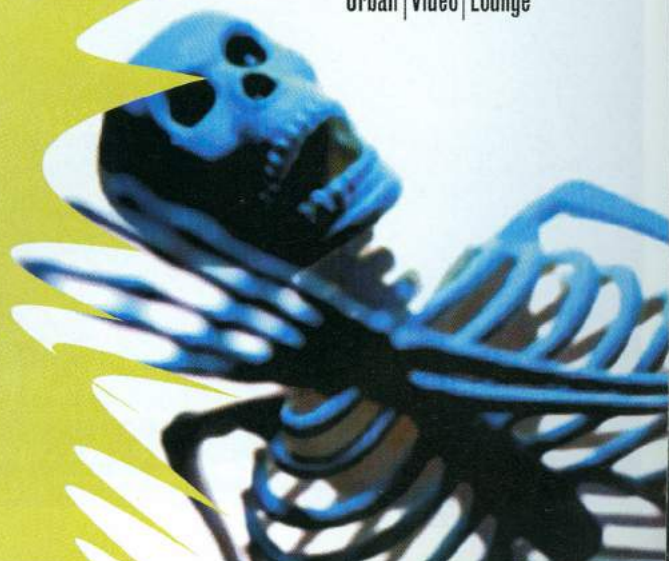
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wednesday, october 30

611. \$1 vodka.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

Chulo's Icehouse. \$1.50 domestics.

Club Houston. Half-price lockers, 4pmidnight.

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

JR's. Papi underwear contest, 11p. Cash prizes.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe playing oldtime favorites.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Mark Goebel's Top 20

Countdown, 9p. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

Michael's Outpost. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso and chips, 4p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 double well drinks. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Prime Meet. No cover with a guest pass from your favorite bartender. \$1.50 well drinks and schnapps.

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

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latinia with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Cubanito. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music en espanol. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, october 31

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

Chulo's Icehouse. \$2.50 premiums.

Diamond Jimm's. \$3.25 Coronas. Amateur drag show contest with MC Monroe, monthly prizes.

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

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p. \$3.75 Top Shelf Liquor, \$2.25 Import.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

Meteor. Halloween costume contest hosted by Kelly Lauren. Saint Etienne promo party with giveaways. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p. DJ Mark Goebel.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID. \$1.50 well drinks and schnapps.

Rich's. DJ JD Arnold, 9p. Drink specials.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks. Resident DJ Michael Tank wraps up Halloween, 9p through afterhours.

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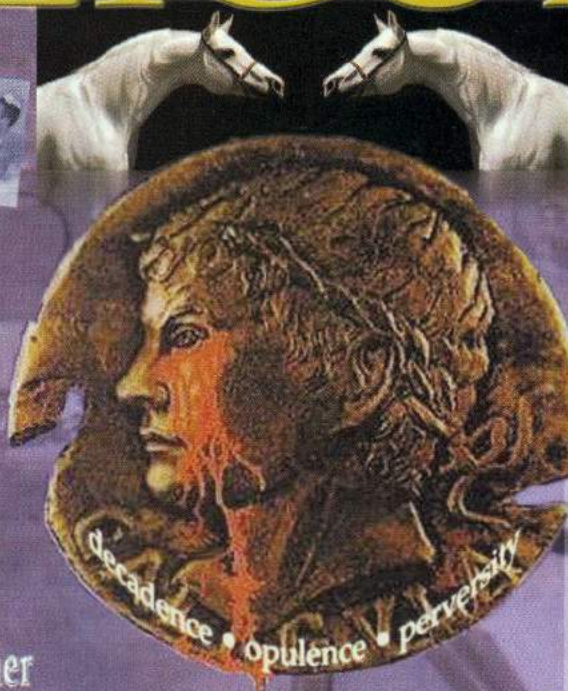
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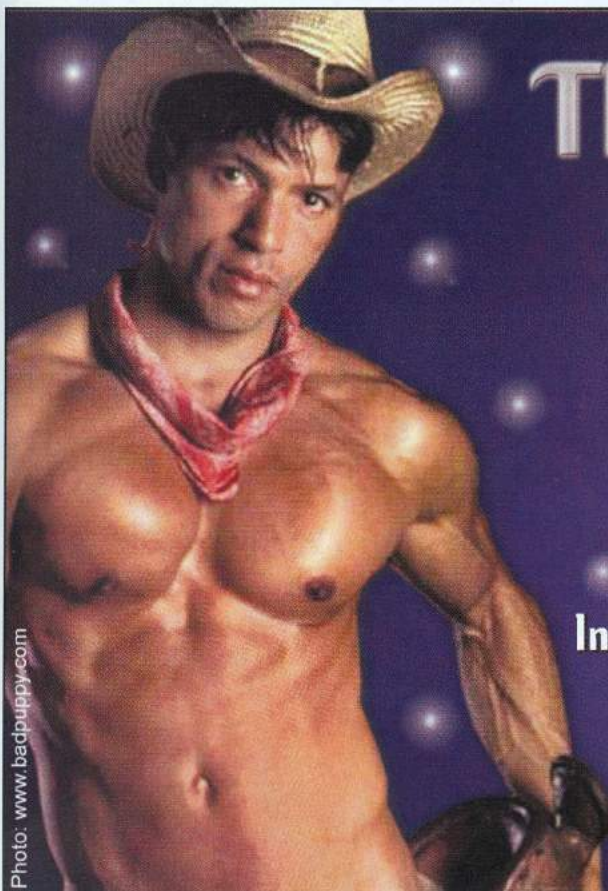
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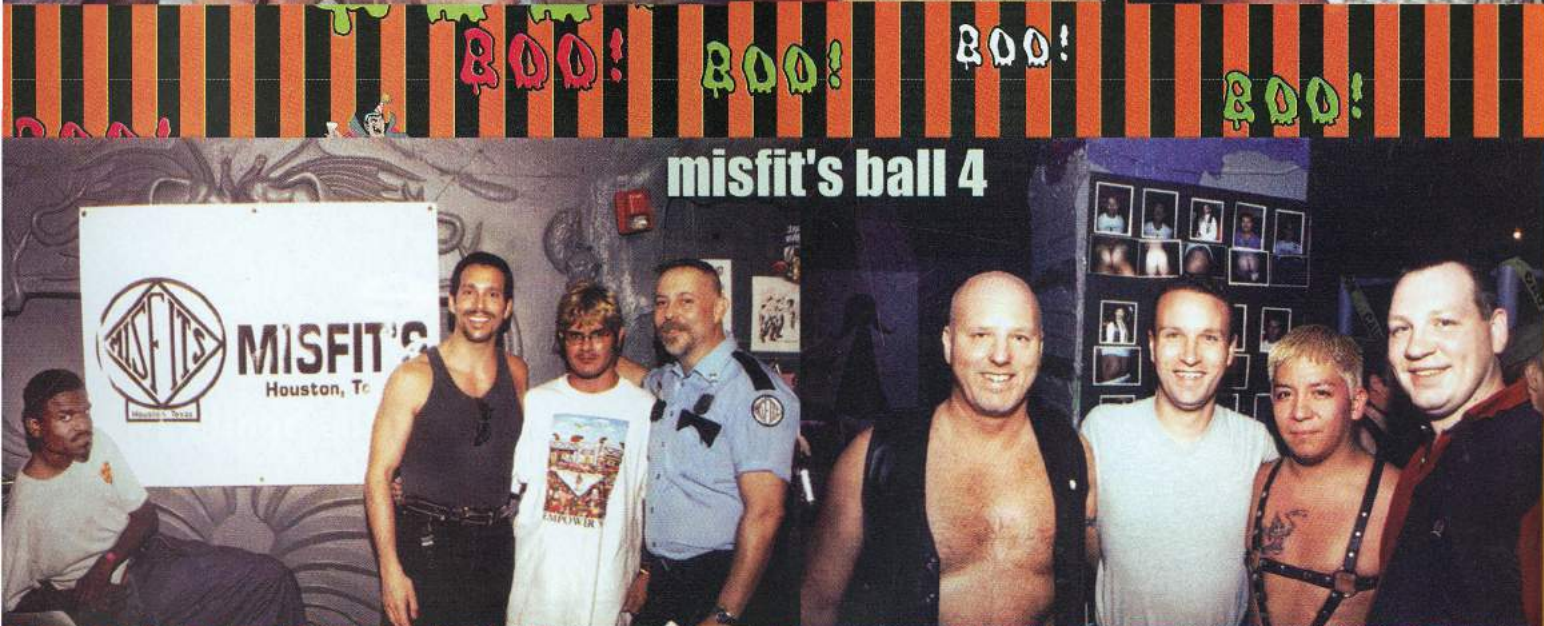
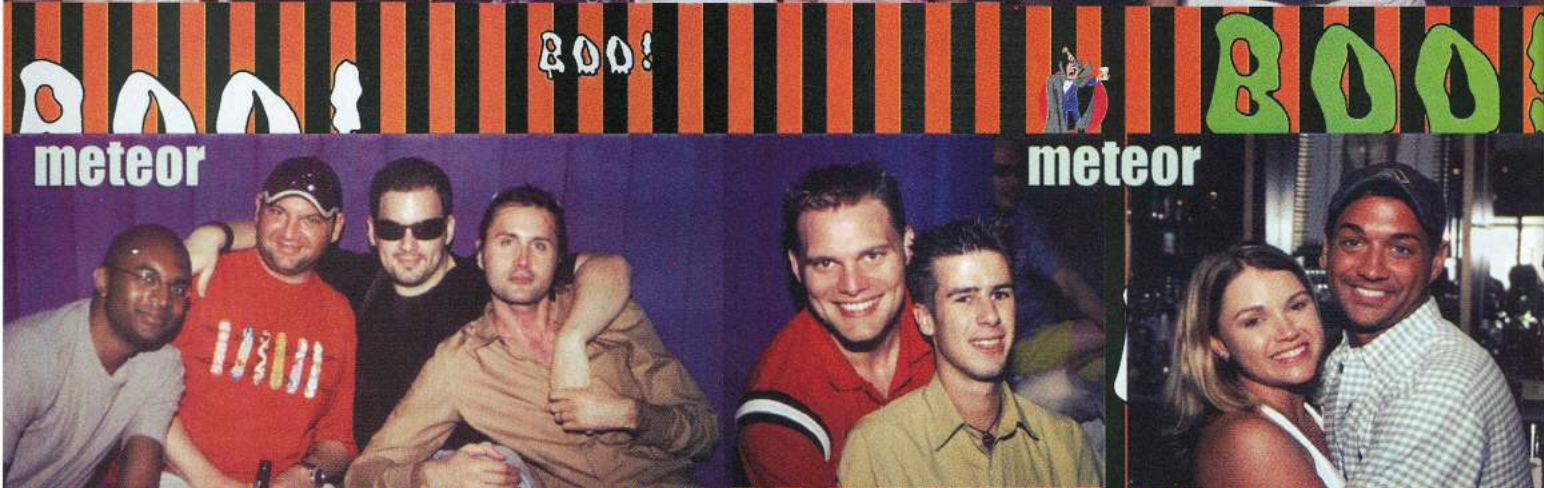
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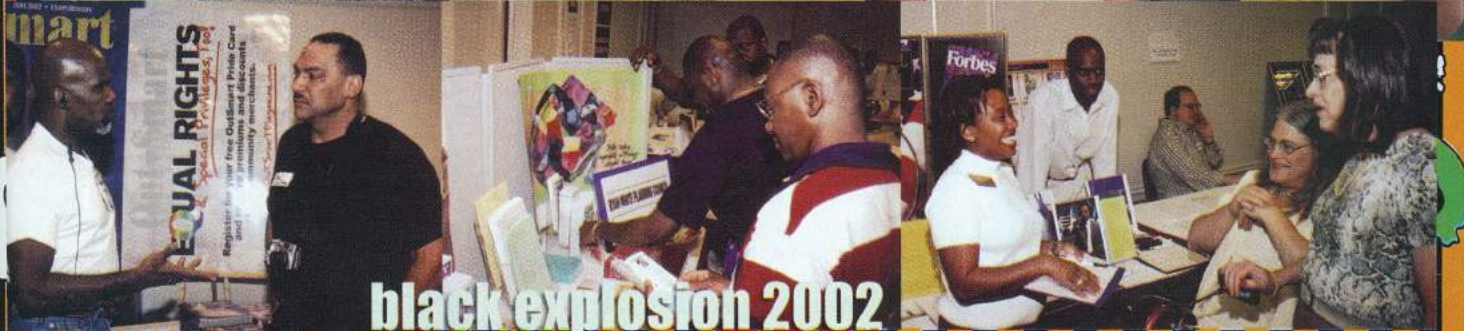
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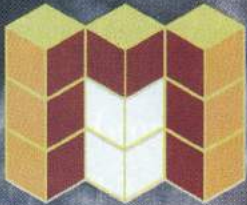


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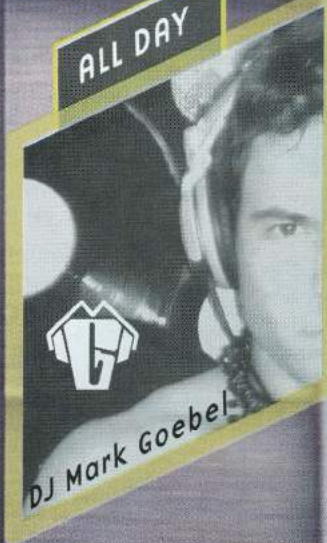
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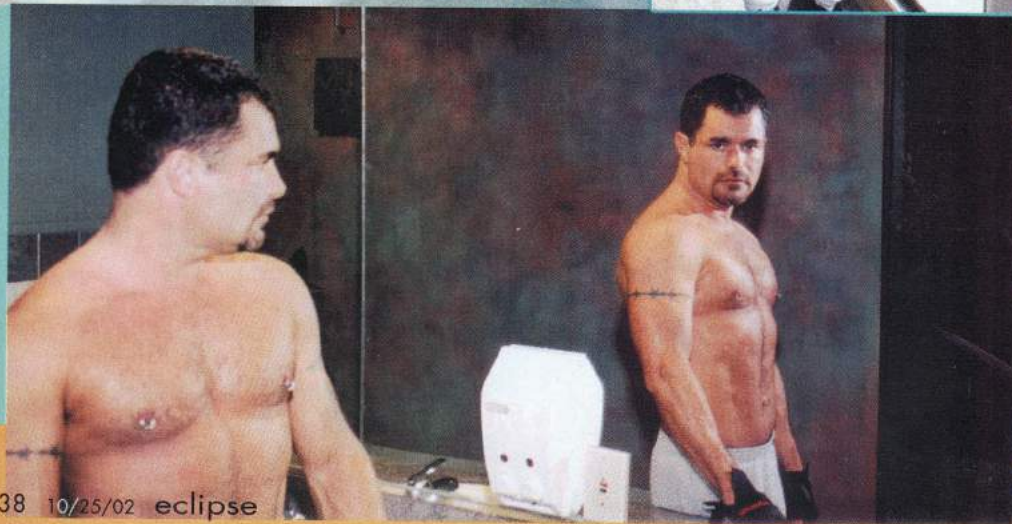
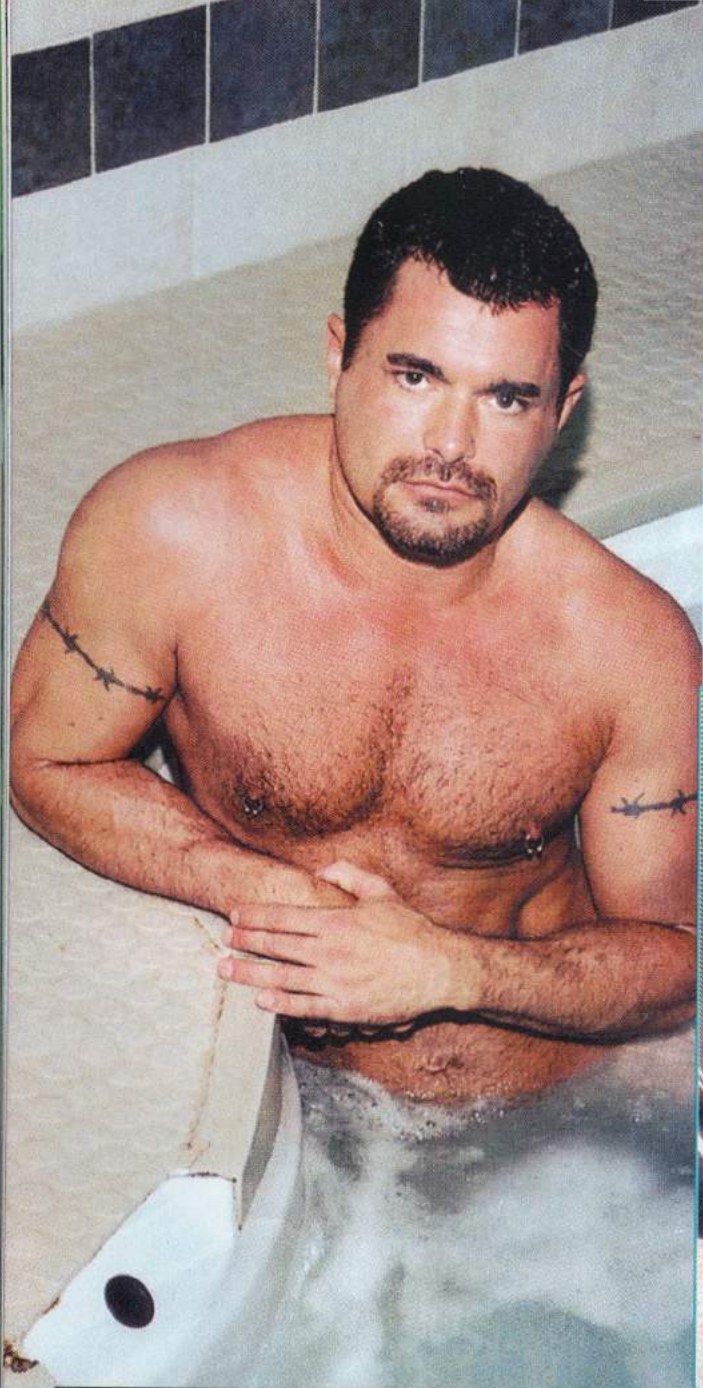
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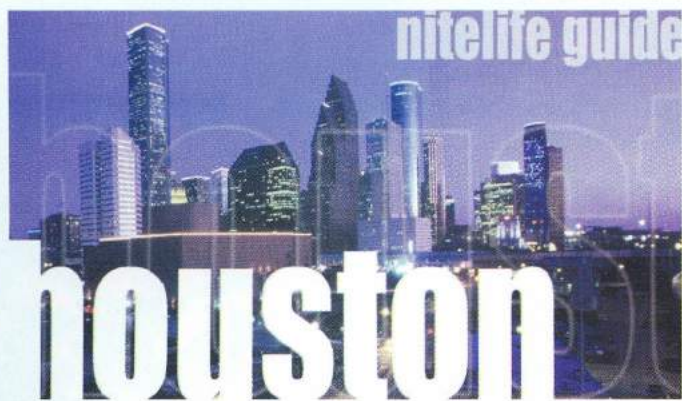
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friday, november 1

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EJ's. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing. 713-527-9071.

JR's. All America Happy Hour, noon-10p. \$1 off all top shelf liquor, \$2.50 well drinks and domestic beer. Texas Pride Happy Hour, 4-7p. \$1.75 domestic beer, \$2.25 well drinks. Hors d'oeuvres, 6p. All Smirnoff-flavored cocktails \$3.75 all day and night.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Roger Woest. 713-571-7870.

Mary's. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Club color night, 8p. 713-527-9669.

MeatRack. Bare as You Dare. 713-528-2028.

Meteor. VJ Tad Dvorak. \$5 caramel apple martinis. 713-521-0123.

Michael's Outpost. Happy Hour Buffet, 5p. Pool tournament with cash prizes, 8p. 713-779-2900.

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

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

Diamond Jimm's. Dance night. Surprise events. \$2 well drinks and tube shots, \$1 Jello shots. Halloween specials.

EJ's. Amateur Strip Night.

JR's. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9-9:30p on Santa Fe side, and 10-10:30p on JR's side. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 longnecks.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Wayne Gray.

MeatRack. Club Night.

Meteor. VJ Mark Goebel. \$5 caramel apple martinis.

Midtowne Spa. Pool Party.

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.25 Schnapps shots. 800 Pacific Beach Party host, 9:30-10p. \$1.50 single well/gun drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks. Male dancers, 9p-2:30a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. No cover if dressed in erotic leather or fetish wear. \$1.50 well drinks.

South Beach. 800 Pacific Beach Party, 9-11p. 2 for 1 cover. \$1.50 well drinks and \$2 domestic beers. Free trip giveaway to Miami's South Beach for three nights and four days, hotel and airfare included, drawing at 1a. Must be present to win. DJ Jimmy Skinner spins afterhours

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

sunday, november 3

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

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

JR's. \$1 vodka cocktails, noon-11p.

Dyan and special guest MC.

Mary's Naturally. Brunch, 10a-1p. \$1 mimosas, 10a-2p. Beer bust at the patio bar, 2-8p.

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

Meteor. Cosmic Sundays. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis. Happy Hour until 8p. "Sopranos," 8p. \$2 well drinks, 8-10p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. Extended Happy Hour until 11p. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well drinks, \$1 vodka wells, \$2 optional buy-in, 25-cent refills of Miller Lite Draught. Male dancers, 8p-2a.

Pacific Street. Mandance. No cover, 7-9p. Come see your favorite bartender in boxer shorts. \$1.50 well drinks.

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

South Beach. Tea Dance, 7-10p. DJ Rick Taconi. \$2 well drinks and \$2.50 domestic beers. DJ Michael Tank. \$3 frozen drinks at the back bar. Get your Sunday free pass from the door or your favorite bartender. Win free tickets to see Cher in concert: Ticket giveaways every Sunday 'til the concert on Nov. 17. Three drawings each Sunday: 11p, midnight, 1a.

monday, november 4

611. \$1 well drinks, 7a-noon.

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Open pool tournaments with cash prizes.

Cousins. \$2.25 well drinks and beer.

JR's. \$1.25 Coronas, \$3.75 Top Shelf Vodkas, \$1.75 Frozen 'Ritas on the patio, \$2.25 domestic beer all night long, 75-cent bottled water and soda, and \$3.75 Sky Cosmopolitan. Professional dancer contest, 11p. Kourtney and Dyan.

Keys West. Maria Johnson plays the blues and more. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Free pool, 8p-mid.

Houston's Bienvenue Theatre presents 'Naked Boys Singing' through Nov. 16. The 16-song musical revue offers tunes ranging from the bawdy ("Gratuitous Nudity") to the ballad ("Window to Window"). Tickets: \$25-\$35. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Bienvenue Theatre, 3722 Washington. 713-426-2626. www.nakedboysinging.com.



Meteor. Monday movies, martinis and manures. Watch "Mommy Dearest," starring Joan Crawford, while sipping a martini and getting a \$5 manicure, 9p. Happy Hour prices, \$1.50 bottled domestic beer and \$2 well drinks all day and night. \$3.75 frozen grape popsicle martinis.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well drinks, \$2 domestic longnecks, Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. No cover. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2.25 longnecks.

tuesday, november 5

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks. Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p.

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

JR's. \$2 well drinks, wine and domestic longnecks all night. \$2 frozen 'Ritas on the patio.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. 1/2 price all night.

Meteor. Happy hour prices, \$2 well drinks and \$1.50 domestic bottled beer all day and night.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.50 well drinks, \$3 any one-liquor premium drink. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Executive Night. No cover with personalized business card. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2.25 longnecks.

wednesday, november 6

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). \$1.50 well drinks and longnecks.

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$1.50 well drinks. Vodka special. Musician Hall of Fame: Papa Larry and

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

JR's. Papi underwear contest, 11p. Cash prizes.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Beverly Siscoe playing oldtime favorites.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 4-8p. Slop shot pool tournament, noon.

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

Meteor. Mark Goebel's Top 20 Countdown, 9p. Tori Amos and Tracy Chapman CD release party with free giveaways. Well vodka Happy Hour all night. Half-price cosmos, 9p-2a.

Michael's Outpost. Rick's famous Chili Con Queso and chips, 4p.

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2 well drinks, \$4 double well drinks. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Prime Meet. No cover with a guest pass from your favorite bartender. \$1.50 well drinks and schnapps.

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

South Beach. Café Con Leche, Noche Latina with a Miami Beach twist. DJ Alex Camenates. Salsa, Merengue and popular dance music in español. Celebrate the release of the new CD by Adassay, who will perform live at midnight. \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 domestic beers, \$2.50 frozen margaritas and \$3 Coronas.

thursday, november 7

Brazos River Bottom (BRB). Free C&W dance lessons, no partner needed, 8:30p. Montrose Clinic HIV/STD free testing, 8p-12a. s

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

Diamond Jimm's. \$3.25 Coronas, \$2 well drinks. Amateur drag show contest with MC Monroe, monthly prizes.

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

JR's. Star Search Gold Karaoke, 9p. \$3.75 Top Shelf Liquor, \$2.25 Import.

Keys West. Piano singalong with Clay Howell.

Mary's Naturally. \$2 vodka drinks, 7a-noon; \$2 beer and well drinks, 4-7p.

MeatRack. Party Night.

Meteor. Comedy night. "Friends," 7 p.m. "Will and Grace," 8 p.m. Swap Meat singles night hosted by Kelly Lauren, 9p. Tori Amos promo party with free giveaways. \$2.50 frozen Cosmos. Happy Hour prices until 10p.

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

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

Montrose Mining Co. \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well drinks and wine. Male dancers, 9p-2a. Happy Hour until 10p.

Pacific Street. Presents "SEXX." No cover with gym ID. \$1.50 well drinks and schnapps.

Rich's. "Electrosqueeze" with DJ JD Arnold, 9p. \$2 well drinks and domestic bottled beer all night.

South Beach. Downtown DJ Sean Carnahan. \$3 frozen drinks at the back bar.

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

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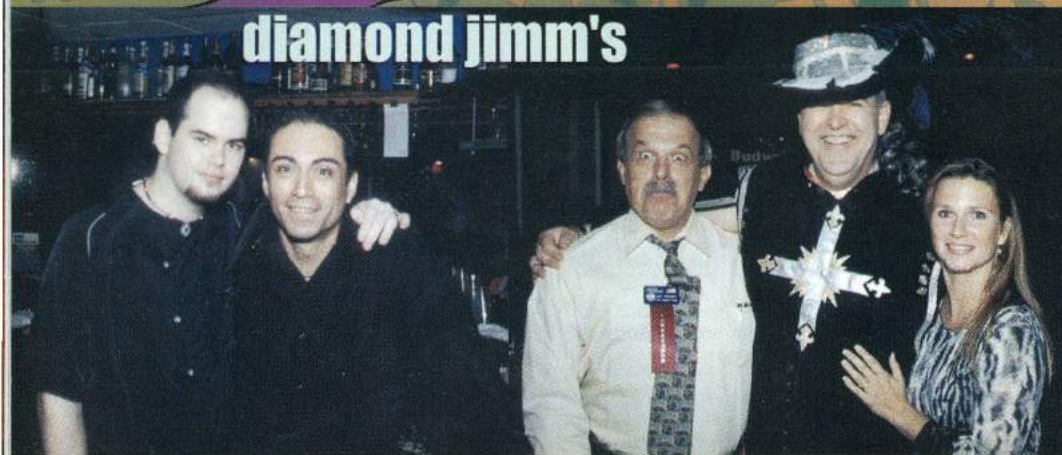
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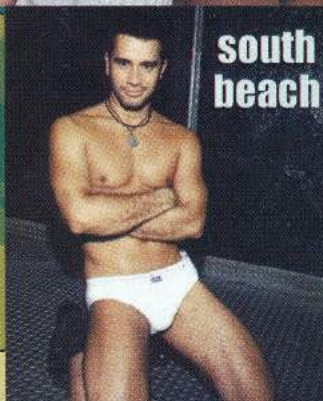
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Getting 'Tank'ed

DJ Michael Tank sets the South on fire with regular gigs in Houston, Atlanta and New Orleans

by mark goebel

Michael Tank has paid his dues, twirling vinyl for almost a decade in every gay club south of the Mason Dixon line.

As a testimony, the checklist of Tank's past gigs scroll endlessly on his Web site, reading more like a timeline of major Southern Circuit events for the past several years.

Tank's dedication to the booth has paid off big for the ingénue, securing him a slot as one of the most popular circuit DJ's in the country, not to mention locking in every DJ's wet dream, a slot as a "Billboard" reporting DJ.

But Tank is far from resting on his achievements. With several remixes completed and already on his turntable, the next chapter in Tank's career is sure to be the best.

Eclipse cuddled up and got personal with Tank in an effort to get to know the man behind the earphones.

eclipse: Where was your first gig?

Tank: It was in Austin, at a club called Kansas, where Boyz Cellar is now. I was working at a TV station at the time, and I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life.

I was DJ'ing at the time, but it was just a hobby. I would make mix tapes, and a friend of mine, who happened to manage Kansas, kept after me to make him a mix tape.

He approached me about playing at his club, and that was it. My style was a lot different back then. I was into different music, kinda twisted stuff.

eclipse: Did the experience at Kansas inspire you to change what you were playing?

Tank: I wanted to play to the crowd more, have people enjoy the music I was playing. I hadn't really opened up to typical gay music, [but] the more I did, the more I liked it.

Michael Tank photo by davidlewisIMAGES



I kept sneaking in stuff that I liked between the gay anthems anyway. I enjoy it more now than I did then. Back then, I was frustrated. I hadn't really figured out how to balance what the crowd wanted to hear with what I wanted to play.

eclipse: So what happened after the Kansas gig?

Tank: I moved to a bar called the Naked Grape, then onto what was probably my favorite place to play in Austin: The Chain Drive, a leather bar.

I had free reign to do what I wanted, and the people responded well to the music I would play. Then I moved to the Forum.

After a move to Houston, I started to rethink what I wanted to do for a living, but I ended up with a residency at Rich's, as well as Pacific Street, and I kept with it.

eclipse: What would you consider your most crowning achievements so far?

Tank: Spinning at Universe in San Francisco, amazing crowd and energy that night. Richs-San

Diego, last year's Gay Pride in San Francisco ... I'm excited about Halloween in New Orleans this year. They are expecting 3,000-3,700 people, which will be a great achievement. I've been working a lot with Oz in New Orleans and Blu in Atlanta, both have been a lot of fun.

I still enjoy Fridays and Sundays at So Be. I'm



definitely looking forward to New Years at Oz, which should be incredible.

eclipse: Tell me about your adventures in remixing, how did that come about?

Tank: When I originally came down to Houston, I had decided to get out of DJ-ing. I went to school for networking. John Olavesen was a teacher in one of my classes. Eventually we got to know each other

better, and started to talk about spinning.

We've developed a creative partnership. He knows a lot of the programming, and I have a working knowledge of song structure.

One of our first projects, "Lover" by Rachael McFarland is complete. I've thrown it in my sets a couple times. I'm going to start focus-

ing on playing that more in gigs around Halloween, but we've decided we aren't releasing any of the remixes we do.

We're not going to leak it on the net, or anything like that; it's going to be strictly used for live sets.

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