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Gay photographer Tom Bianchi goes live-action and in-color for 'The Pool'

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For its debut as a regional guide to gay nitelife in the Deep South, *eclipse* features on its cover this week the photography of Tom Bianchi, who won fame for his poolside, black-and-white shots of stunning men and women. In an exclusive interview, Bianchi tells *eclipse* that to him, the beauty of the models in 'The Pool,' his first-ever video, is more about gay pride than elitism.

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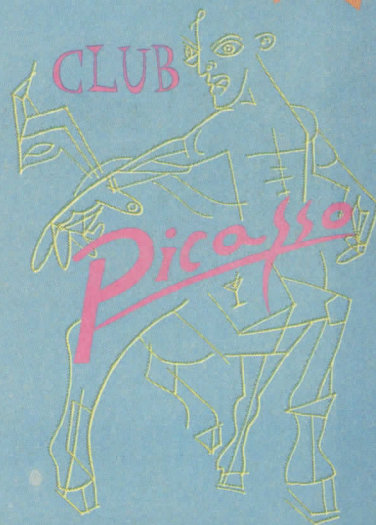
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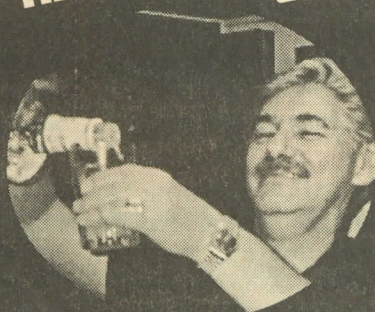
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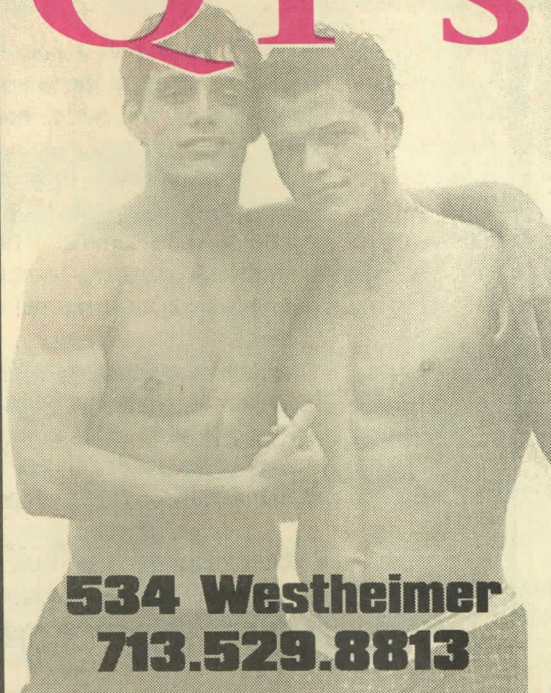
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The annual **Miss Brazos River Bottom** contest was held Jan. 17. A bevy of former Miss BRBs performed their amazing talents. Wearing the new crown is the lovely and talented Miss Selana St. John. In the close race, Miss Della Soul was named the first runner up. On Jan. 31, retiring Mr. BRB Byron Norton hosts the Mr. BRB '99 contest.

The hunky cowboys of **Brick's II** celebrated their second anniversary recently. Birthday boy Jimmy Dale provided kick up your heels and dance music. Tommy provided a to die for buffet. A 10-gallon hat salute to owner Dave Parker for providing us a cool place to party and a fun place to help raise funds for our local charities.

The Freeze blows in to the **Club Houston** on Jan. 30 at 10 p.m. Cool your jets by the catered buffet and beverages bar, sign up for door prizes or wander in the maze to be cool. Special event pricing will be in effect.

Night in Black Leather '99, a Don Gill Production, will be held at **Nighthawks** starting on March 5. This is a night of fabu talent featuring live singers, title holders, a fantasy or two and a finale to top all others. For more information, contact Don Gill at 713-521-0911.

L.U.E.Y., or Let Us Entertain You '99 weekend, is Feb. 19-21. For the uninformed, LUEY is a weekend long party hosted by members of the Houston Council of Clubs. These member clubs foot nearly all of the bill for your weekend of food, booze, more food, lots of cocktails and a very sick and twisted finale show on Feb. 21. There is a nominal charge for locals (\$15) and it is free to everyone else. This 26th year for the party should boast between 700 to 800 party goers. Download an application form at www.warhawk.com/luey.

Club Picasso was a hub of gay media recently. Along with officials of the *Houston Voice* — including its gossip goddess — Montrose TV was filming, and a vacationing reporter from *GQ* was sipping martinis at the bar.

Mardi Gras, Galveston-style is just around the corner. **The Ripcord**, **Decades**, and **Brick's II** are all having charted bus trips to the island city. This is quite the party trip. Book your tickets ASAP, because they fill up those buses very quickly.

Just about every bar that has a TV will be hosting a Super Bowl Party. You can head to **JR's** to see it on multiple screens, hang out on the patio of **Mary's** with a munchie buffet, head out to **Club Extreme** where Candace promises to cook up a feast, scoot down to the **BRB** and visit with the Soiree Houston gang, relax on the patio of **E/J's** with a cold beer, wander into **Decades** for one of Darlene's famous menus, camp out at **Chances** or the **New Barn** and get full menu service from Charlie's, or parade to **Paradise** to sip martinis while you watch the game.

Now time for the dirt. It's a mix of lies blended in with gossip and some half-truths.

Kevin (Misfits): I hear you stayed out until 5 a.m. and now you are in the dog house. Want some Kibbles?

Darlene (Decades): In all these years, I never knew until now that you have a fetish for Gummy Bears.

Don Dowden: (the Schnauzer): Why don't I find it hard to believe (or picture) you pulling you pants down (again) and trying to get a piece of Raci (Chances)?

Dixie (Decades): And I quote: "I don't have to dye or bleach my hair to get a man ... at least I have hair still on my head. (For now, Dixie.)

Kale (River Oaks Chrysler): And I quote: "The price of chicken has gotten too expensive." (Kale, you can get one real cheap on the corner of Pacific Street and Crocker.)

Animal (BRB): How did you like the hat Vera sent you?

Tom S. (The Book of Maps): I'm sorry to hear about your darling ferret Chincer. I hope the surgery goes well.

John Ludden: Why are your "friends" calling you the "Daddy with the Caddy?"

Darrell (E/J's): What is black and white and muddy all over? Answer: You, drunk in a tux falling into a big mud puddle.

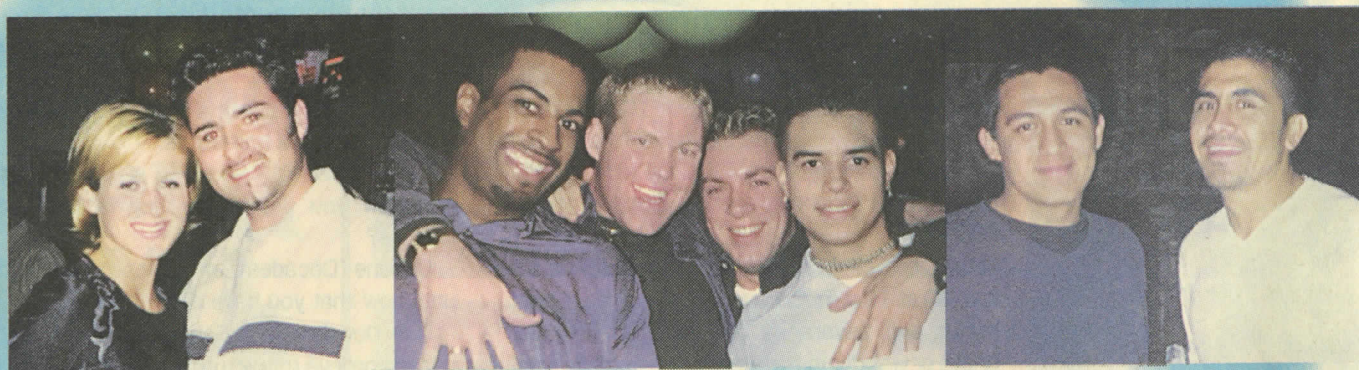
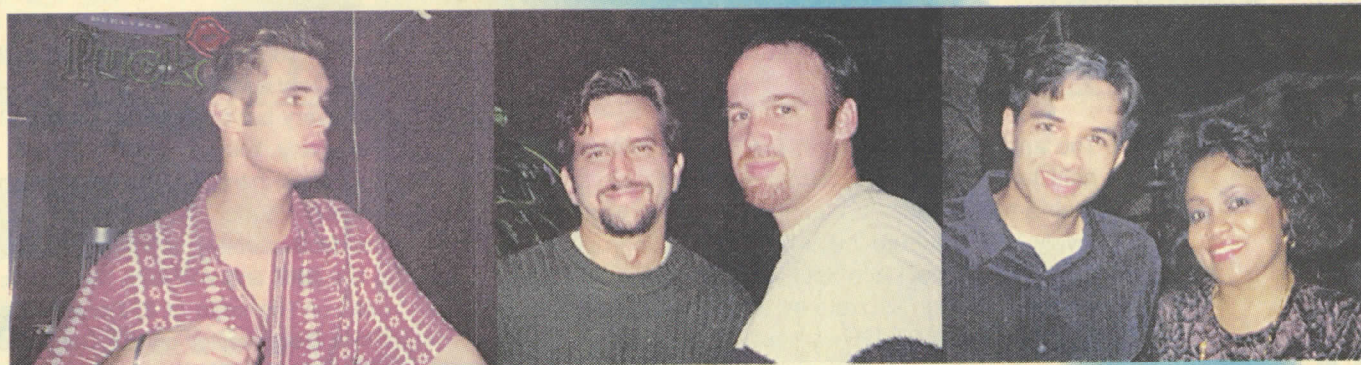
Enjoy our new format. It's way cool and more surprises are on the way. Keep watching.



A local drag queen models at Picasso.

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the houston scene



first row: James, a bartender at **Picasso**; David and Chris at **Picasso**; Josef and Al at **Picasso**.

second row: James and Sarah, two of Jose Ebers' best, **Guava Lamp**; Terry, Adam, Robert and Gabriel at **Guava Lamp**; and party pals at **Picasso**.

third row: Bartender Steve at **The Outpost**; Devin tending bar at **EJ's**; Bartender Buzz at **Paradise**.

fourth row: A happy couple at **Picasso**.

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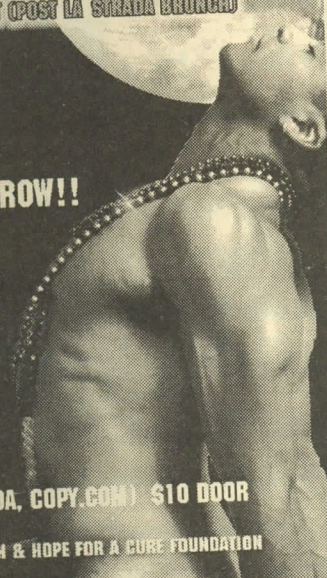
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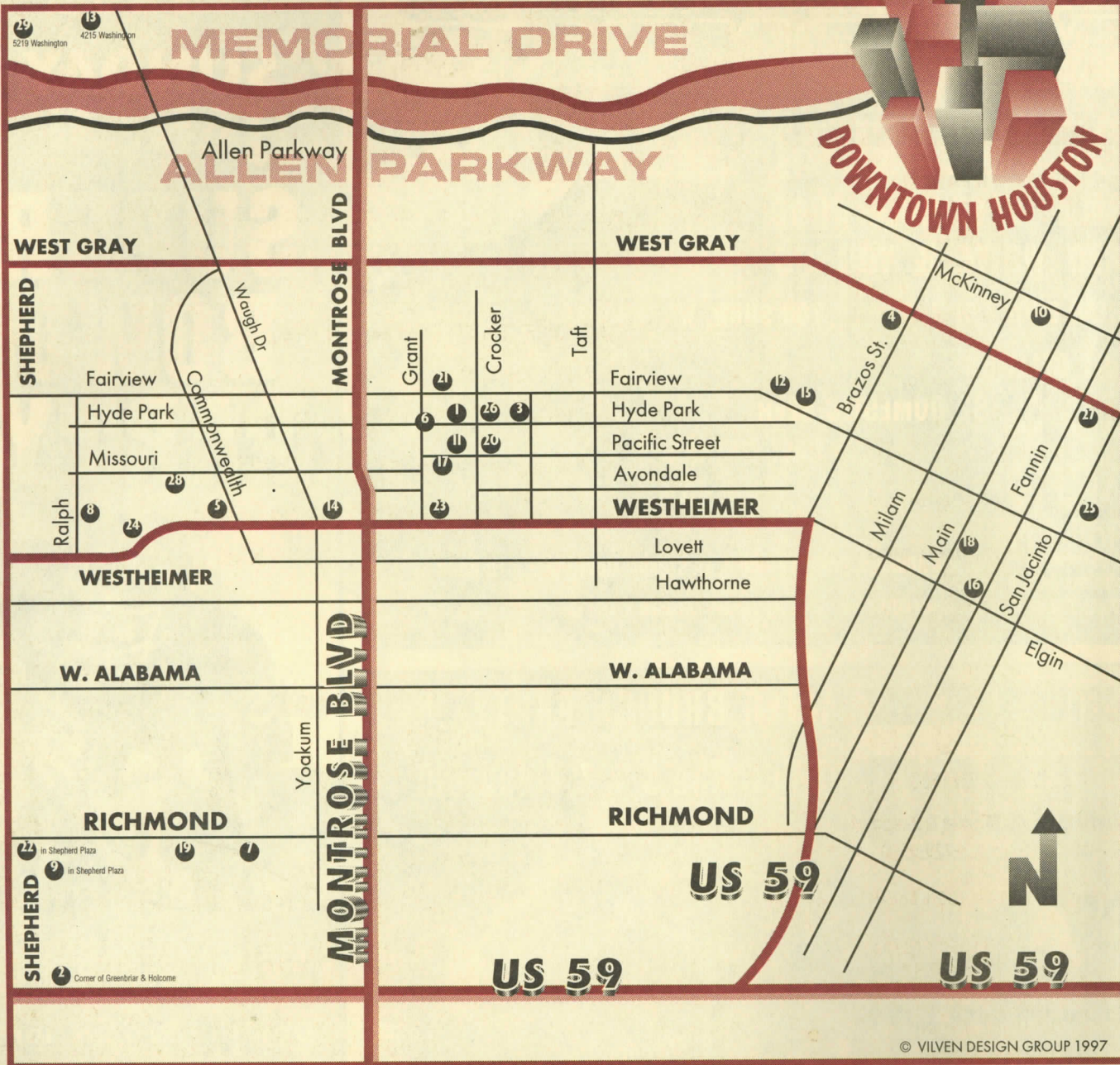
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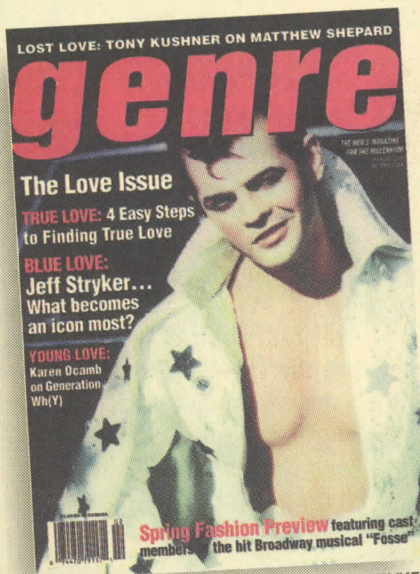
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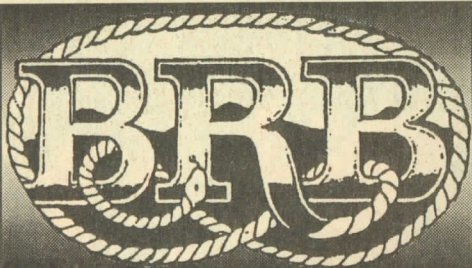
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poolside with tom bianchi



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In his first book, "Out of the Studio," Bianchi sought to challenge what he felt were oppressive notions in erotic photography. "Male figures were mainly seen in fashion photography and were often straight models," he says. He was bothered that so many gay men worshipped these images because he felt they represented a formula for self-hatred.



MEN I'VE LOVED © 1998

Bianchi remembers his first impression of being gay as relatively unattractive men drawn to straight men who the gays hoped would drink too much, submit to a blow

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