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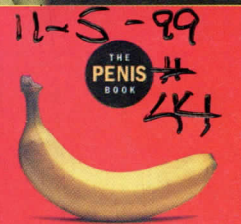
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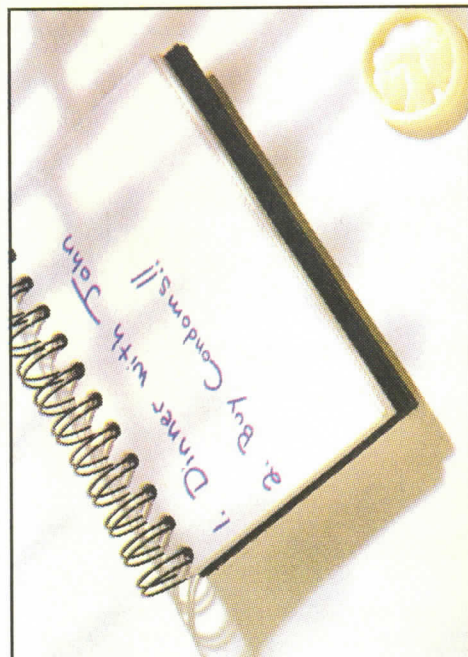
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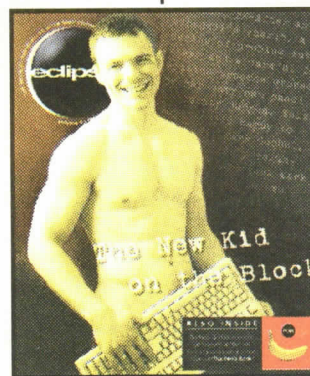
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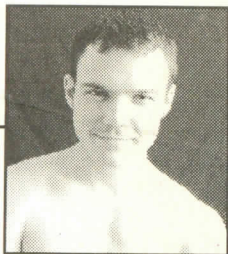
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scene and heard

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by mark goebel

Halloween has passed and hopefully, your tricks turned into treats and unmasked themselves to reveal **BRAD PITT**. But if you weren't that lucky, there are always Friday nights at **JR'S**. All the cowboys you can eat, with a healthy serving of Abercrombie & Fitch. And if you haven't been lately to Karaoke Sundays, shame on you. Those cute guys belting out Elvis tunes can even make even the straightest of guys melt.

Drum roll please ... The award for most innovative Halloween festivity goes to **TOYZ**. If you missed out on the **GLENMONT BITCH PROJECT** you should be spanked. **SCOTT LEWIS**,

manager of Toyz, had the club decorated in the theme of the recent flick "Blair Witch Project." Toyz was decked out in foliage, trees were scattered everywhere, even a few branches were left dangling from the ceiling. They cleared out all of the tables surrounding the dance floor and replaced them with several little two-man tents so you could find a strapping camping partner and, well, I'm sure I don't need to spell it out for you.

Speaking of spells, **RICH'S** kicked off a haunting weekend on Oct. 29 with **SINNERS BALL**. The club was lit up with hellish red lights, gothic candles and enough fog to make a cheesy 80s



M. Pussycat turned 26 and celebrated with Robert and hordes of friends during a birthday bash at Picasso during its Thursday Club Delicious.

video. **DJ CHRIS SILL** ravaged the club with his popular mix of hard-hitting house music. If you dug him on Halloween, make sure you check him out at his usual gig—Frequency at Rich's every Friday night. Rumor has it that the D.J. extraordinaire is also starting a T-dance on Sundays in late November. Finally, a place to dance off that mimosa buzz after Sunday brunches at **LA STRADA**.

Rich's continued its nail-biting weekend on Oct. 30 with **OUTRAGE '99, CIRCUS OF TERROR**. This year, the event shifted from a fund-raiser to a purely social gathering, complete with a sideshow freak costume requirement, though that shindig was invite only. Rich's opened the bar to the general public at 11 p.m. and the men were well worth the price of admission. The final event was Sunday, when Rich's transformed the club into a twisted funhouse gone awry.

PICASSO also threw a howling party on Thursday, but with a **MS. M-PUSSYCAT** twist. **CLUB DELICIOUS** has become an essential Thursday night event. The club kids come in droves and sport their keen individual style. Halloween was no exception, and hairstyles were even more colorful than usual. **SCORPIO'S BALL V, GLAM-NATION**, not only celebrated Halloween,

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but also Ms. Pussycat's birthday (hence the title Scorpio's ball). This is the fifth installment of what started out as a huge house party, traveled its way through New York and ended up here. Last year more than 800 people showed up at Rich's to celebrate. Ms. Pussycat graciously turned 26 this year, and had guest **DJ QUBE** on hand to help her celebrate. Qube is from Seattle and added an audio show of smashing dance music to enhance her visual show. M Pussycat also has a fashion show planned with the ever en vogue shop **JOVE** on Dec. 2, so stay tuned for more info from the Delicious camp.

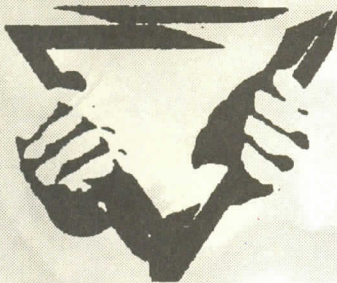
Picasso also has another little gem up its sleeve. **outTV** recently shot its pilot episode at the club and converted the stage into a full-scale television studio. Think of "outTV" as a gay version of "The View." **ALAN HUFF**, one of the co-hosts of the show, fills the role of **BARBARA WALTERS** perfectly, and **BOB PHELM** is a dead ringer for **MEREDITH VIERDA**. We'll have to stay tuned to see who gets the boot for being a bimbo, **DEBBIE STEPHANAPOLIS**-style. For those of you who would rather tune-in and veg out on the couch, it's on every Thursday at 7 p.m. on Houston's cable access channel 17.

And speaking of leather, **VENTURE-N** held a costume party of extremes last weekend. The venue gave away \$1,000 in prizes, and was filled to the brim with uniforms, masks and other tools of the trade. If you haven't been there lately, stop by. The owners have been hard at work redecorating the venue. It has it's own little crowd of hotties; the machismo behind the bar alone is enough to create my own fantasy Falcon leather video.

And finally, I'd like to bid a very fond farewell to **CUERVOLYN**. She has been a staple in the community, as well as **ECLIPSE**, and will be sorely missed in this column. I'll try my best to fill her shoes. I just hope I won't be expected to participate in any shot contests with her. She didn't get that name because of her distaste for tequila, I assure you.

Drop me some dish, suggestions or info on upcoming events (or just an e-mail if you're bored) to markg@coolmail.net. See you in a week. (And P.S. Happy 30th, **RANDALL ELLIS**.)

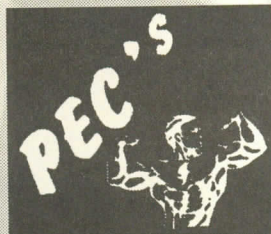
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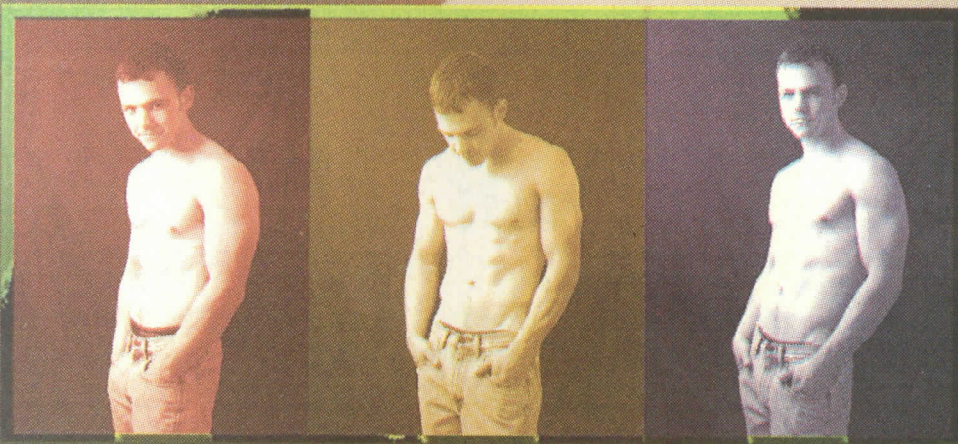
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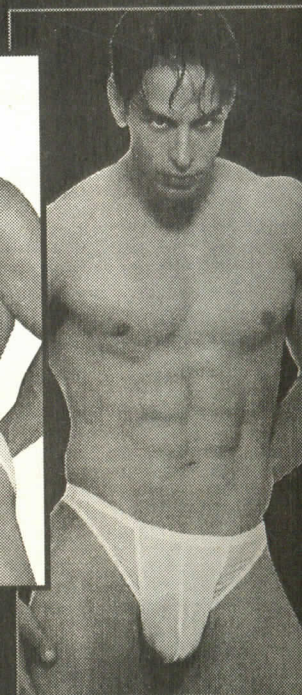
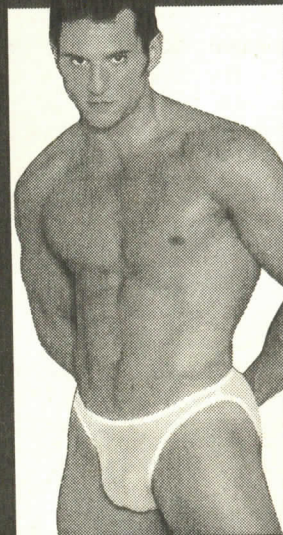
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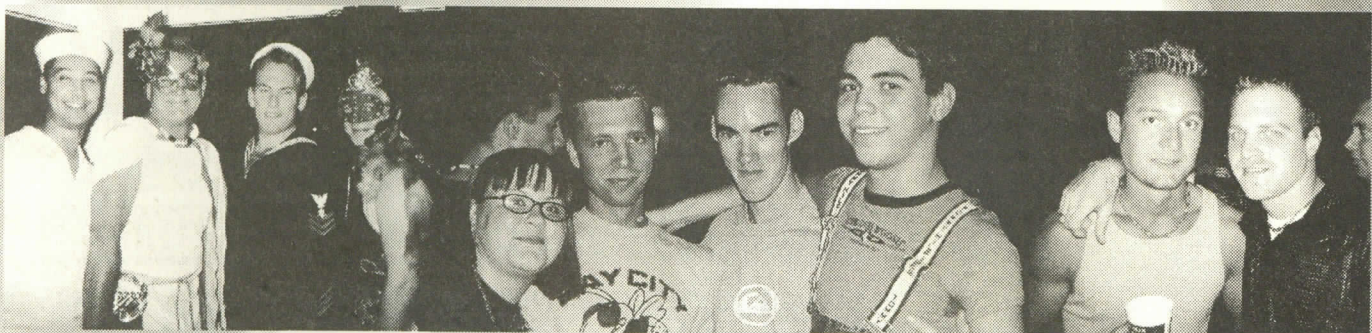


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third row: Organizers of Fantasy Ball; Tim and Nelson; Jeff and Scott at Fantasy Ball.

fourth row: Raymond and Ray at Fantasy Ball.

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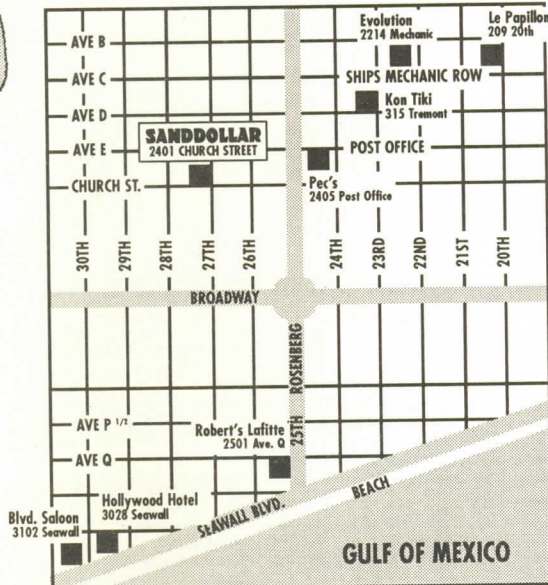
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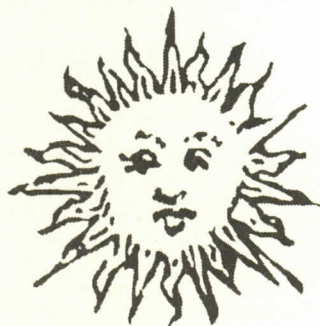
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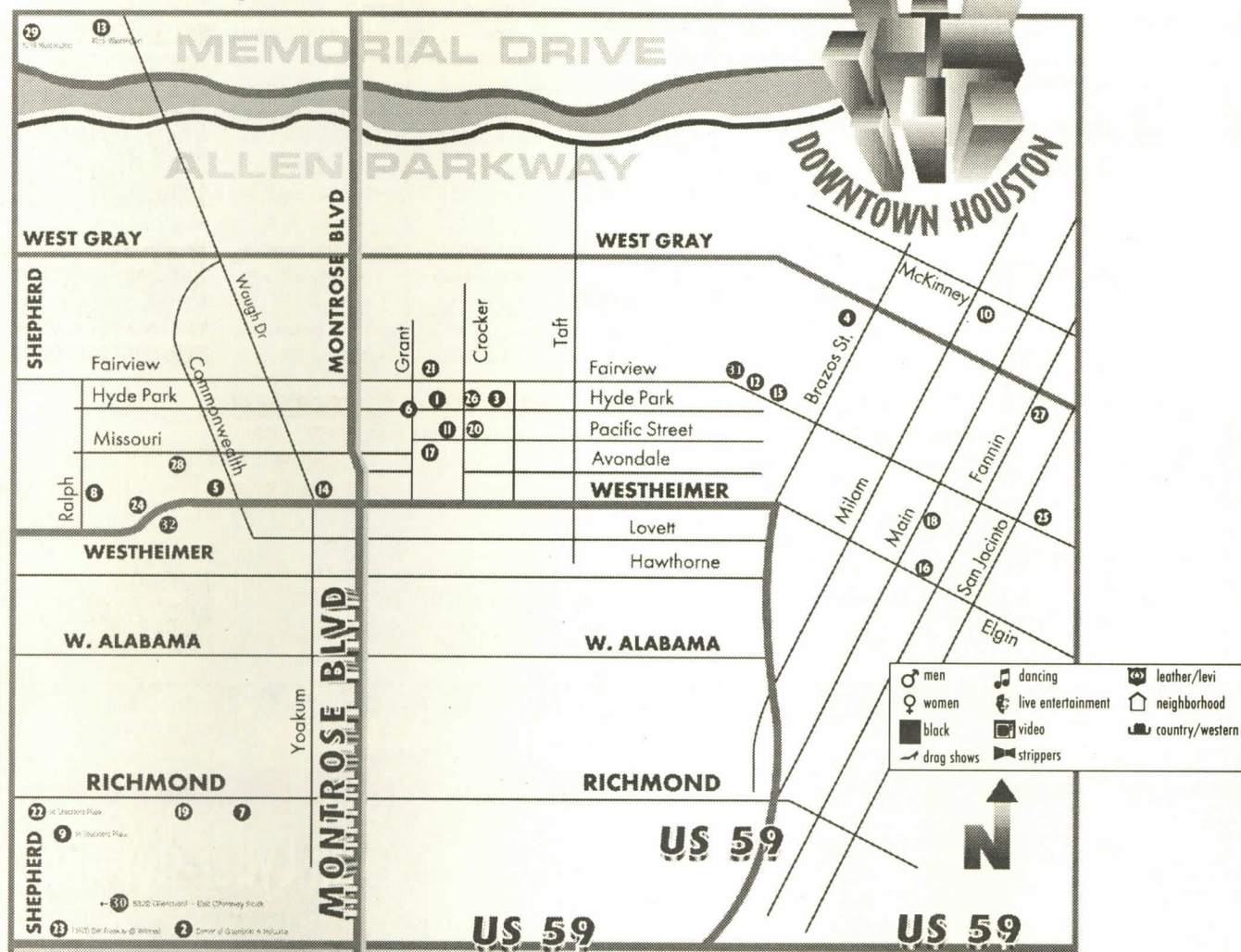
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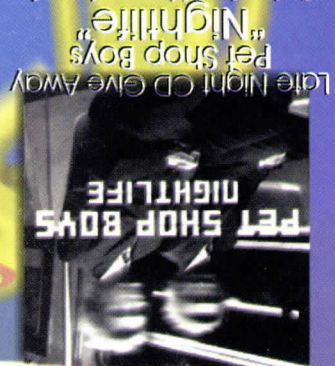
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