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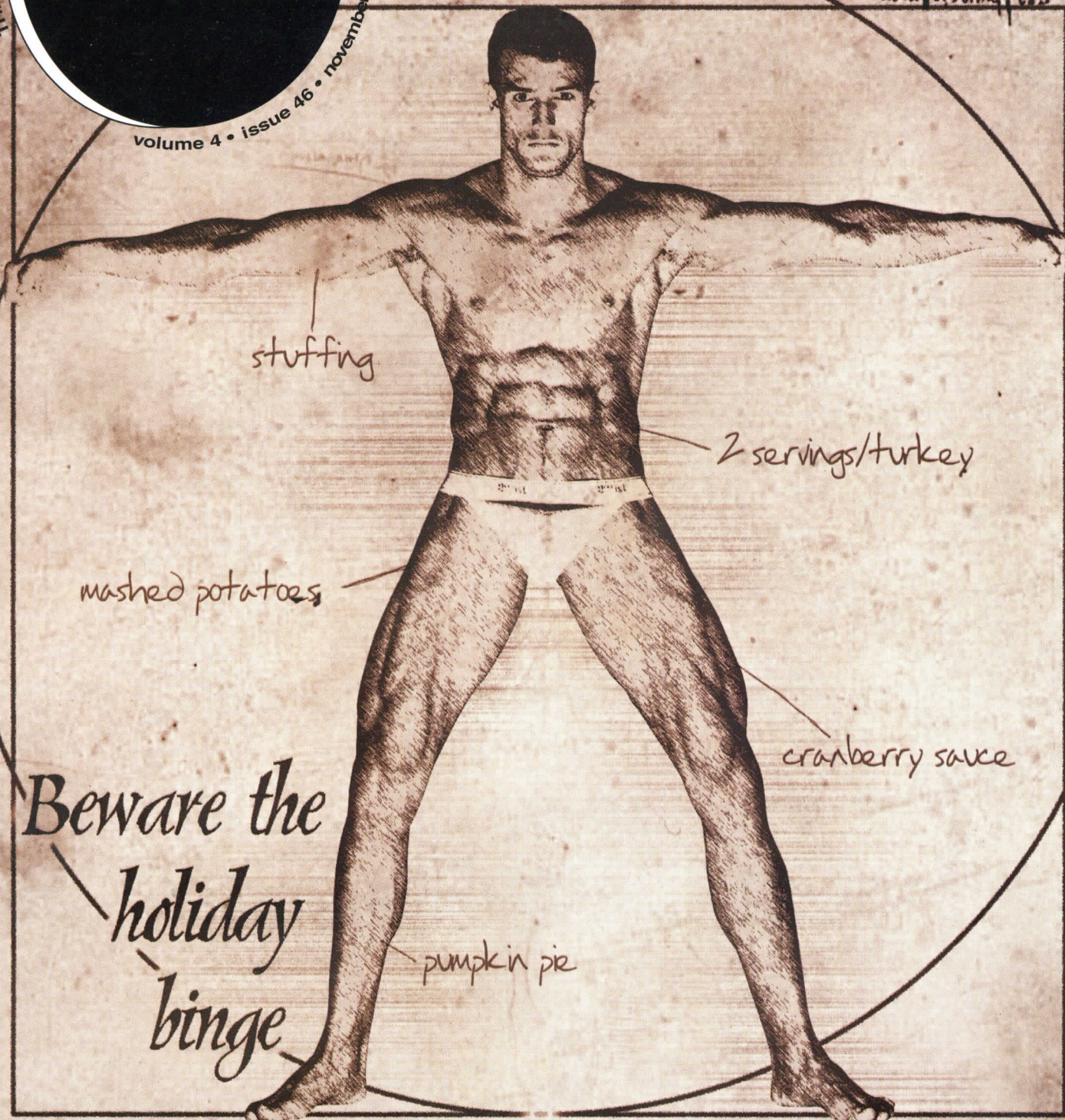
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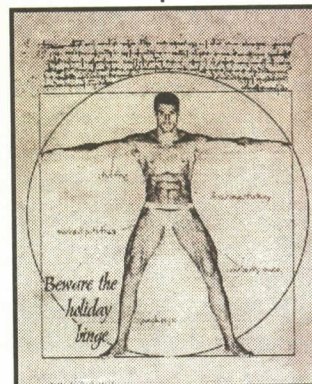
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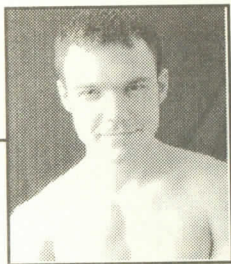
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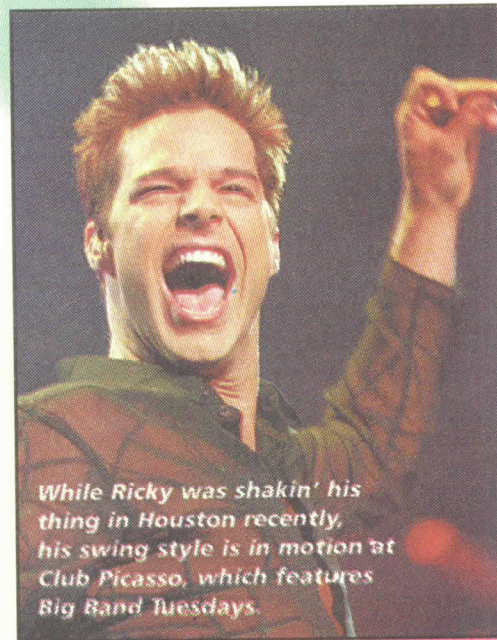
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by mark goebel

Thanksgiving comes gobbling up the day planner again this year. This year there are several opportunities to give people who may not have many reasons to be thankful a chance to revel in the meaning of the holiday.

One of the events that started the month was the **PWAC HOLIDAY CHARITIES 2ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**. It was held Nov. 7 at Houston's landmark bar, **MARY'S**. There was an enormous free buffet and live entertainment. This event was simply a celebration of two years of service to our community. PWA organizes several fund-raisers throughout the year for people living with AIDS. For more information, call 713-522-5428.

BRIAR PATCH also held a fund-raiser on Nov. 14 benefiting **AFH'S STONE SOUP**. Apparently **PORCELANA BIDET** was scheduled to host the event, but fell ill. So, doing what any proper pageant winner would do, current Miss Briar Patch 2000, **CLAMYDIA FLOWERS**, hosted the show. The theme was a WWII-era Canteen, reminiscent of the places that soothed the lonely GI spirit before shipping them off to war. Briar Patch always jumps on opportunities to hold fund-raisers benefiting the gay community.



While Ricky was shakin' his thing in Houston recently, his swing style is in motion at Club Picasso, which features Big Band Tuesdays.

BODY POSITIVE followed on the list of celebrations this month with its 11th Year Anniversary party. It was held Nov. 17 at **STAGES THEATER**. This year's honorees were **EVIN THAYER**, **TORI WILLIAMS**, **THE ASSISTANCE FUND**, **THE DIANAS**, **VILVEN DESIGN GROUP** and **SANDY FLOWERS**. These people and organizations were honored for their tremendous contributions to the HIV community. The event featured guest speaker **JIM HOWLEY**, an international HIV-positive triathlete who was diagnosed with AIDS in 1989. He has competed in more than 40 triathlons and reminds people what living is really about, regardless of their HIV status.

Enough with the serious, lets get into the silly. The word on the street is that the **JERRY SPRINGER SHOW** recently phoned Houston's own Briar Patch looking for guests for an upcoming episode. The topic? Unusual one-night stands. I'm sure we all have a story or two we could contribute. Sadly, none of Houston's candidates were picked, so I guess the stories pouring out of Houston are even too hot for Jerry.

The retro-1920s swing style has been in vogue for some time now, even **RICKY MARTIN** featured some fancy jitterbugging in the



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"Living La Vida Loca" video. Locally, **CLUB PICASSO** pranced on this revival by organizing **BIG BAND TUESDAYS**. This event is extremely unique for the Houston area, and was honored with "Best Place to Swing Dance" in the *Houston Press* Critics Choice '99. It features **THE BILLIE LED-BETTER ORCHESTRA**, a huge 20-piece big band with at least five vocalists. The sweetest part of the whole gig is that Billie and the gang invite the audience to pillage through their catalogue of more than 700 tunes, and will play any request on their list. The orchestra shows up at 8 p.m. and has all the cats in the house jumping, jiving and whaling until midnight.

SONOMA has been making waves in the music industry lately. While in Houston on her "Dallas and Back" tour last month, **TORI AMOS** fluttered over to the restaurant and gave a private performance for several "industry" people. There was an intimate vibe behind the performance, with Tori stopping between songs and chatting with the audience. Amos made several new friends from the crowd, and it was overheard that she loved Sonoma and plans to come back next time she's in town. Also joining the growing Sonoma celebrity entourage, **K.D. LANG** showed up to strum a few bars, and twanged her way smack dab into the hearts of everyone who was lucky enough to be there. So schmooze up to your favorite Sonoma bartender and see if he can get you into their next "private" engagement.

One of the people responsible for the recent rush of musicians at the local gay bars is **JEFF PETOVIC**, promotions director for 104.1 KRBE. He was recently hired on at Sunny 99.1, and is switching gears to a more mellow crowd of listeners. On Nov. 14, **PACIFIC STREET** threw a little bash for Petovic to thank him for his contributions to the community, as well as to congratulate him on his new position at 99.1.

Now it's time to get interactive. I'm sure we're all familiar with the intense media attention given to Ricky Martin's sexuality. Well, some of you got a chance to check him out in person at the **COMPAQ CENTER** on Nov. 7, when he strutted his fine self on stage. What do you think? Did he sashay a little too much for a straight boy? Did anybody's gaydar go off? Gimme a shout and let me know your take on all the hype at markg@coolmail.net

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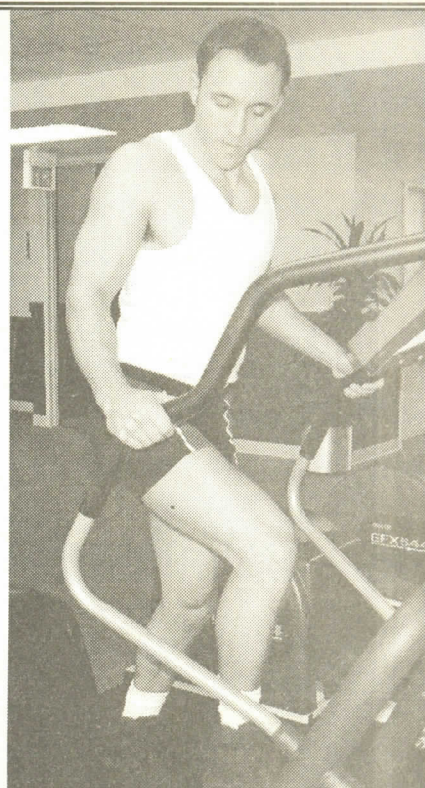
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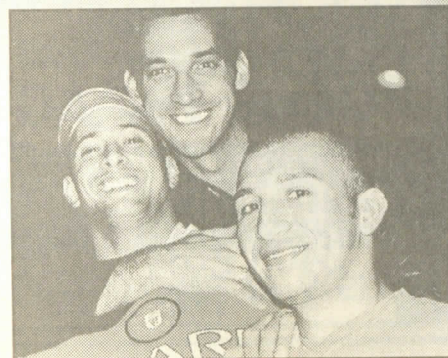
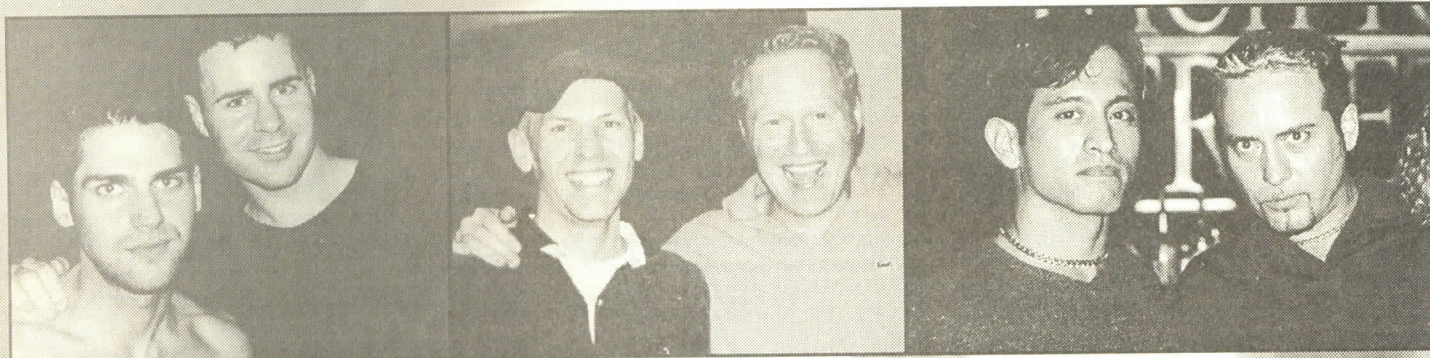
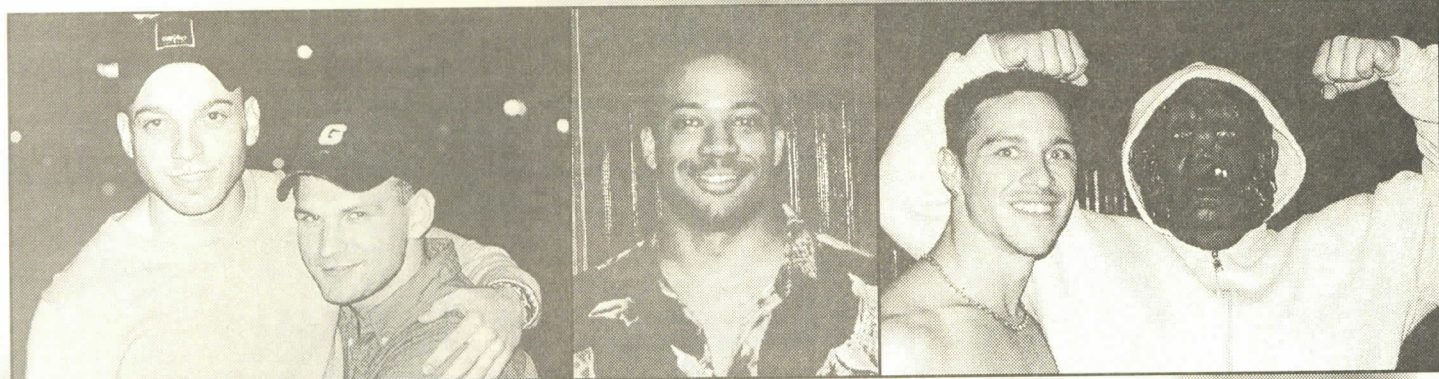
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the houston scene



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second row: Josh and Chris at Pacific Street; Steve and Whit at JR's; Jerry and Daniel at Pacific Street

third row: Yummy Lloyd at Pacific Street; Raymond at Pacific Street; Dean and Manny at Pacific Street

fourth row: Tim, Jack and Orlando at JR's

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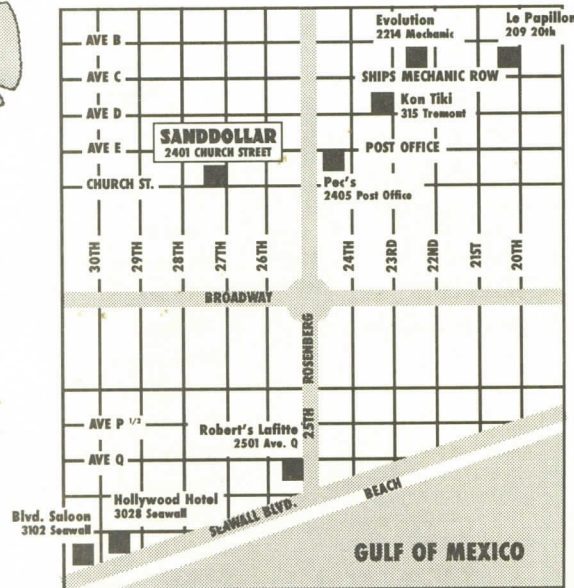
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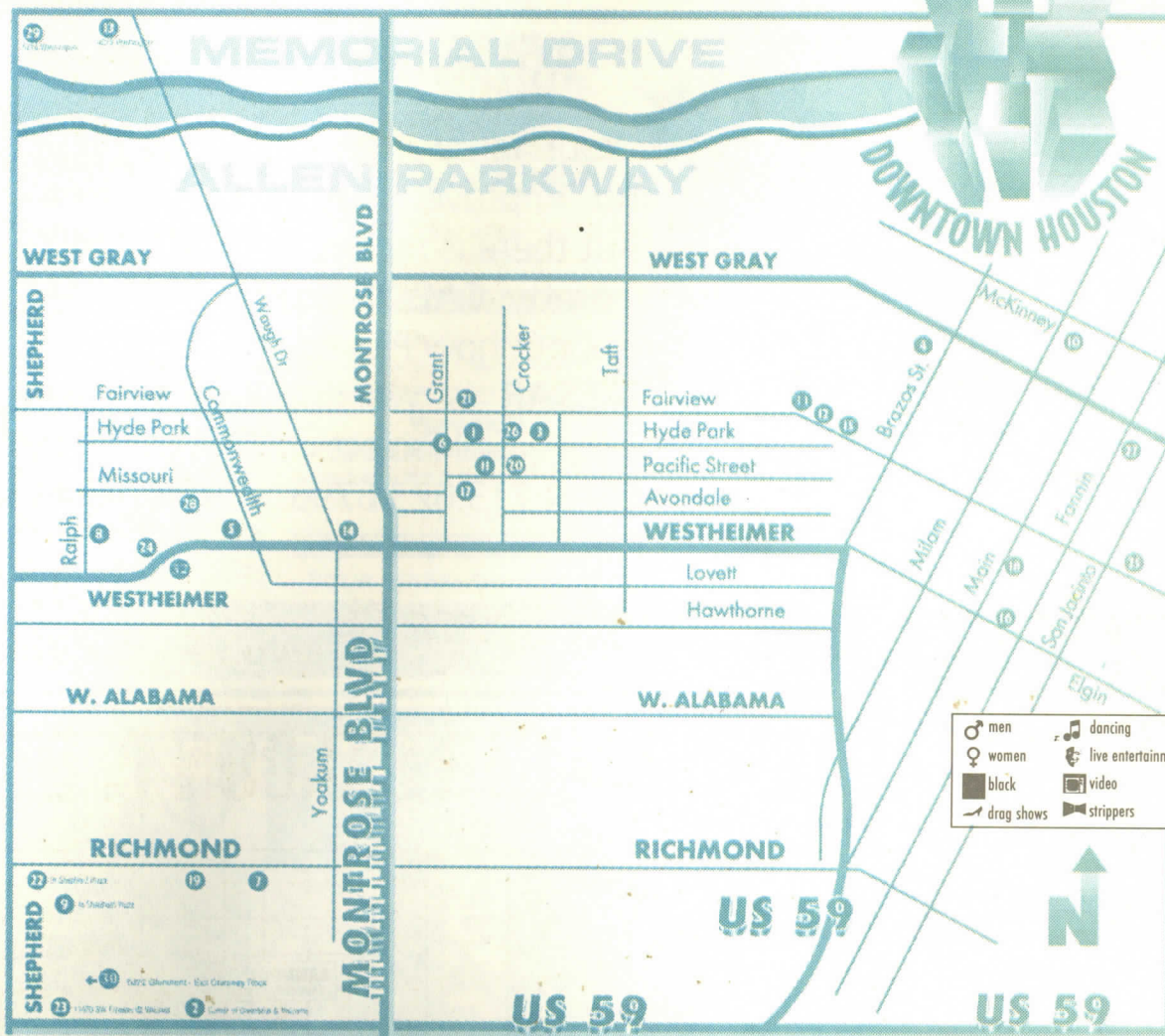


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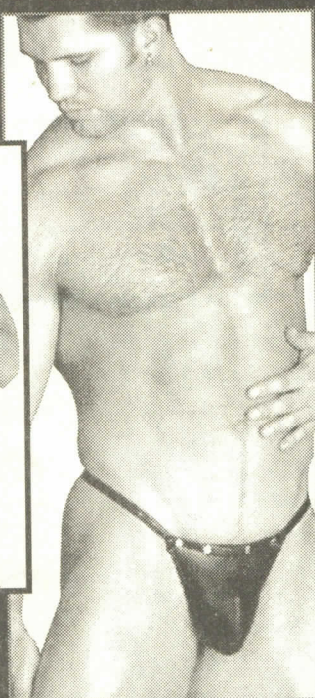
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