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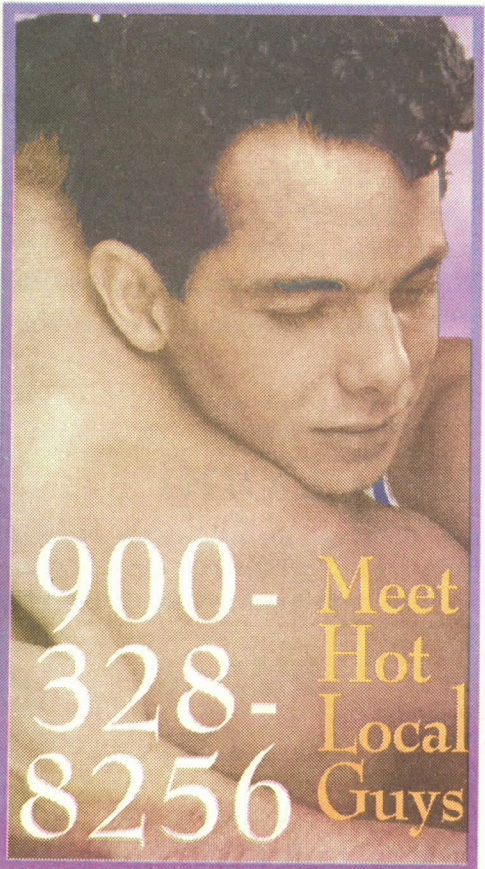
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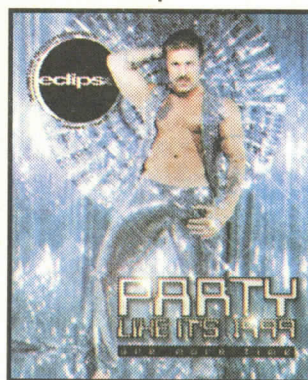
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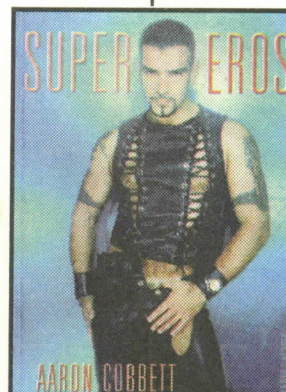
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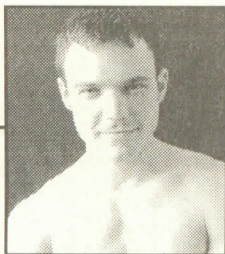
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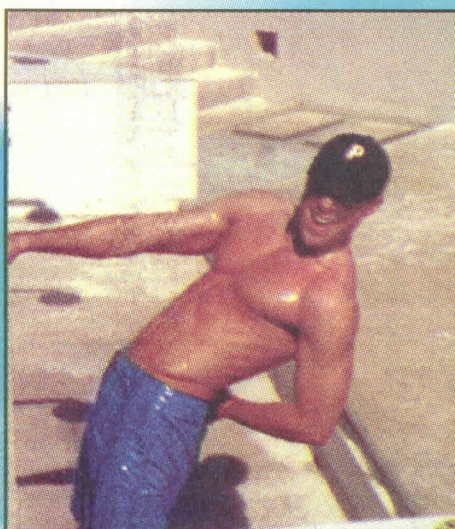
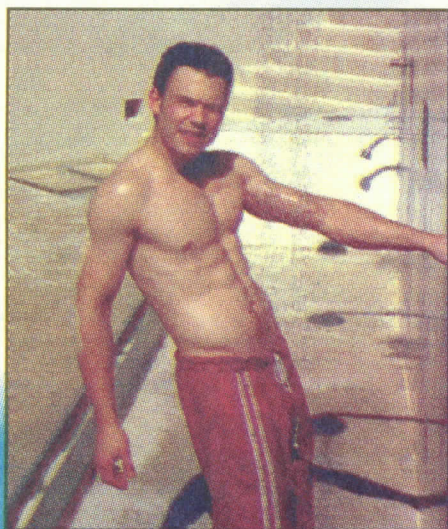
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scene and heard

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by mark goebel



Mark and Randall enjoying some water sports on a recent trip to Cancun.

Since I've started writing this column, I constantly get hounded for the opening date of **SOUTH BEACH**, the club under construction next to **J.R.'S**. I recently sat down with **RANDALL JOBE**, production manager at **J.R.'s**, and he tipped me off that the grand opening of South Beach is scheduled for Spring 2000. But don't worry boys, this time frame is straight from the source. To reassure you, South Beach's logo has already been picked out, and the matchbooks are being printed. As far as the look of the club, with a name like South Beach, you can expect a strong Miami Beach-Art Deco feel. There will be a 20-foot vaulted ceiling, a large dance floor and an incredible light show. If you've noticed the construction, the frame seems to create a bell tower effect facing the corner of Grant and Pacific Streets, and will be the entrance to the new club.

As promised, here is the update on Houston's new addition to the club circuit, **HYPERIA**. The new club, at 2001 Commerce, debuted on Dec. 16. The venue is inspired by the mega-clubs of New York, London and Miami, and is housed in a massive warehouse downtown. Hyperia boasts two huge dance floors, and two awesome sounds systems, one of which is custom fabricated by **RHINO ACOUSTICS**. It includes a concert quality light show designed specifically for the club by **LEROY PETERS**. Scheduled for opening night are **DJ MICHAEL DEGRACE**, whose **CLUB SOME** mix CDs line the shelves of every hip music store in Houston, and the legendary mixer **SASHA** from the U.K.

Sasha's name should be familiar to us. Not only does he have a ton of cool compilation CDs, but he's also remixed every single from **MADONNA'S** "Ray of Light," as well as done work with **PET**



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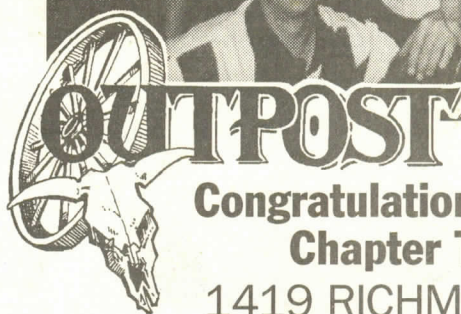
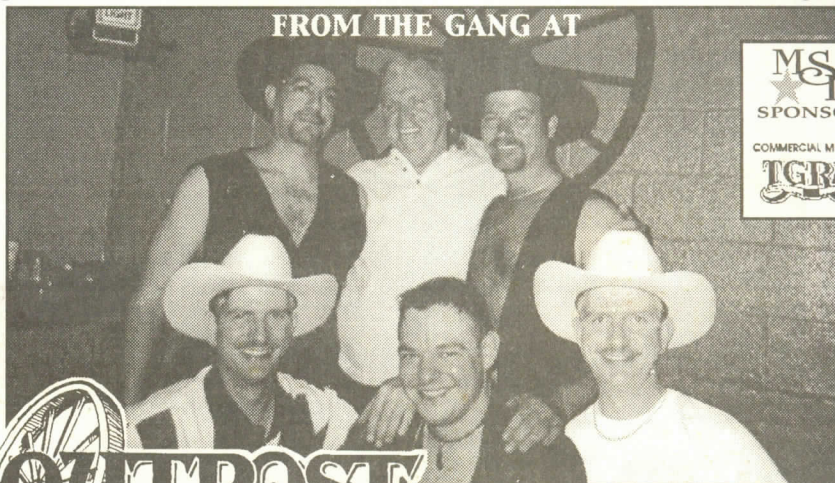
For all of you web surfers out there, the **GAY AND LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD OF HOUSTON** has its new web-site up and running at www.gayswitchboardhouston.org. It features several resources to help you locate a variety of services, like clubs or gay-friendly businesses. Also included is a crisis intervention page, an anonymous way to report hate crimes to the switchboard, an informative vvent link, and a way to give folks at the switchboard feedback. For more information, call 713-529-3211.

Another tasty tidbit comes from one of Houston's most established bars, **BRIAR PATCH**, recently voted "Best Piano Bar in Houston" by the *Houston Press*. Briar Patch hosted a benefit show for Stone Soup on Dec. 12.

My boyfriend Randall and I recently took a jaunt to Cancun. We got out of Houston's dreary weather, and enjoyed hanging out on the beach while drinking a concoction of Jose Cuervo and Gatorade that had the natives wondering what the hell was wrong with those two American boys. And we decided to share, with a little prompting from our editors, the pictures with you. But I'm back in Houston and will once again be making the rounds with my camera. So if you see me coming, do a quick mirror check and strike a pose. If you have any cool plans for the upcoming holiday season, or want to drop some dish, e-mail me at markg@coolmail.net. Keep those e-mails coming.

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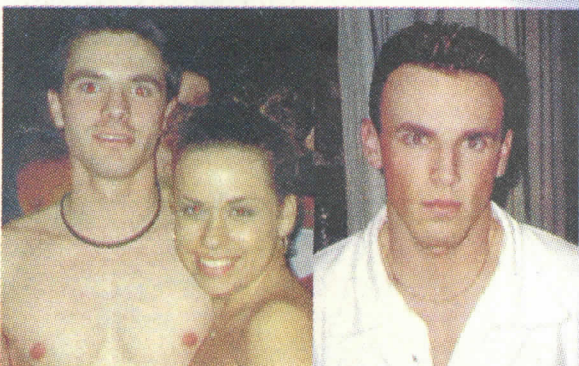
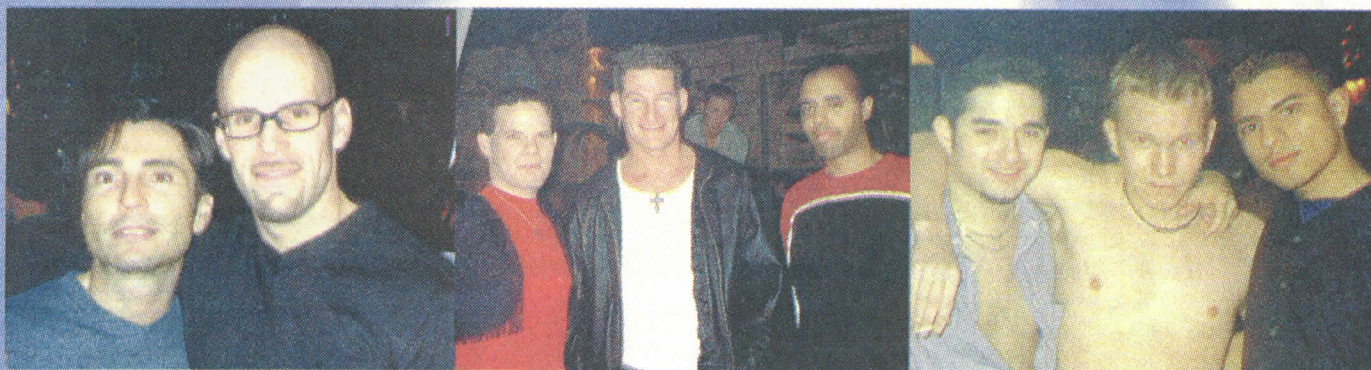
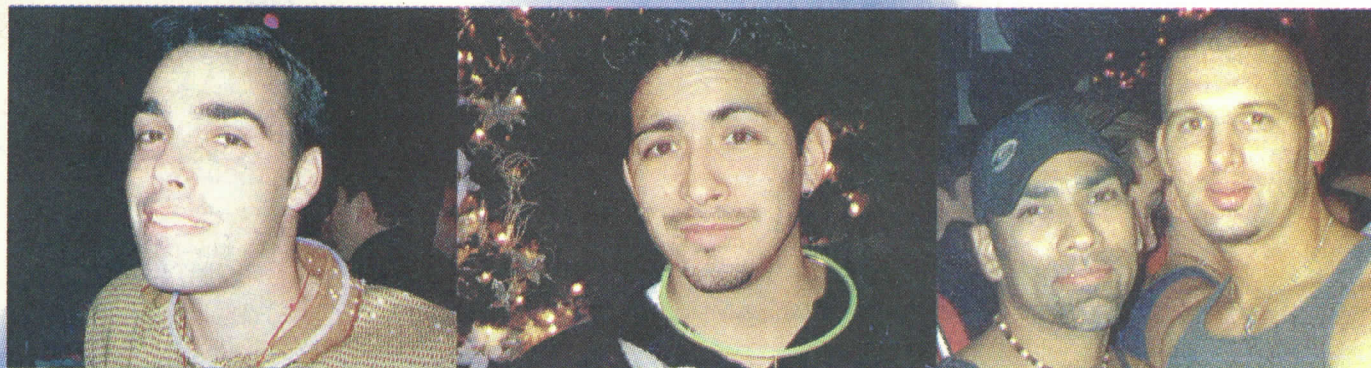
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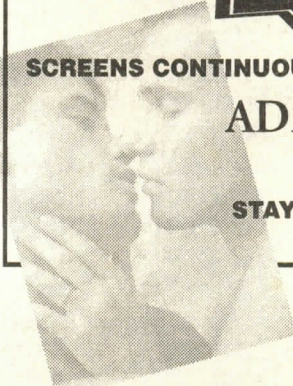
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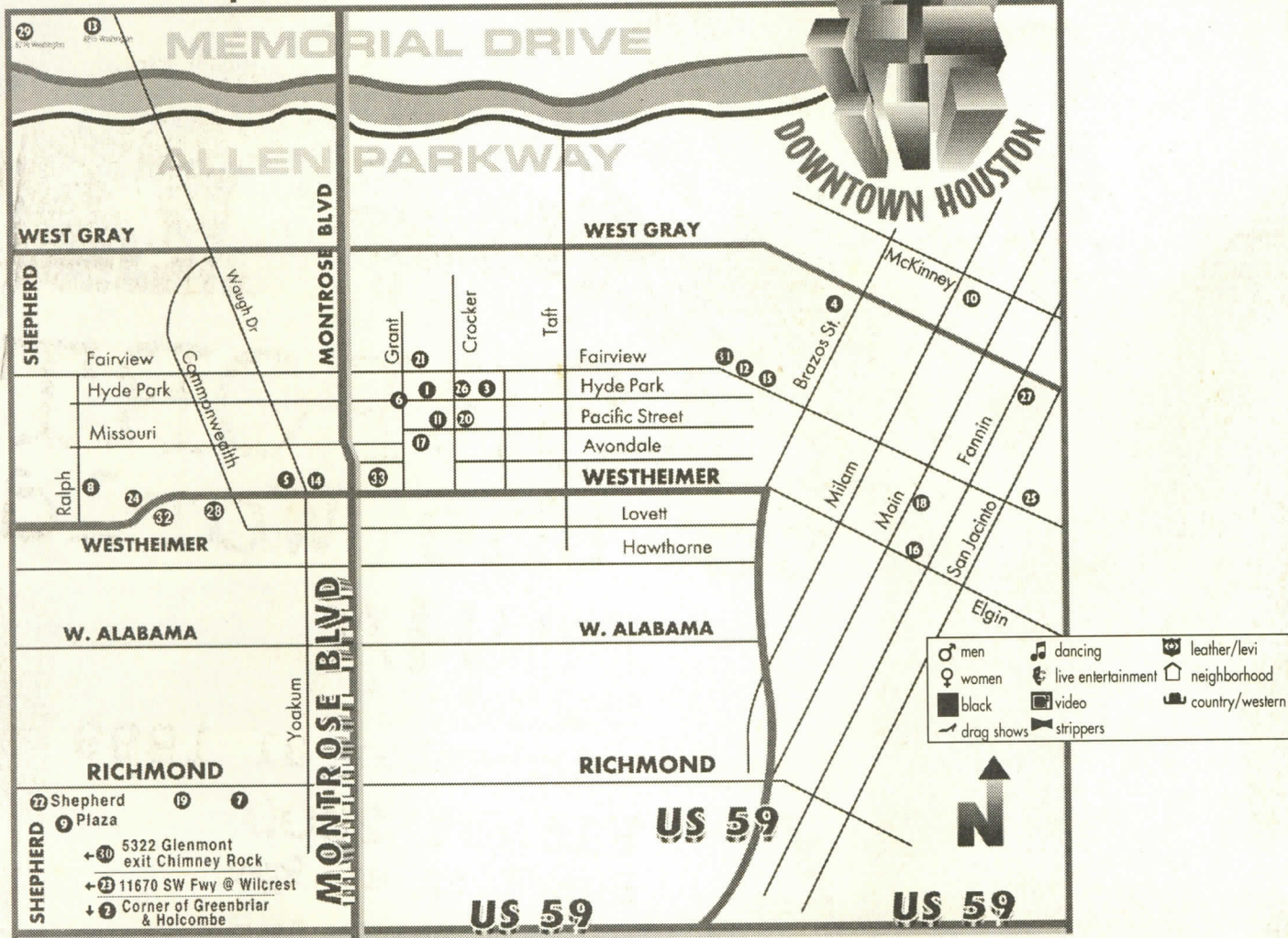
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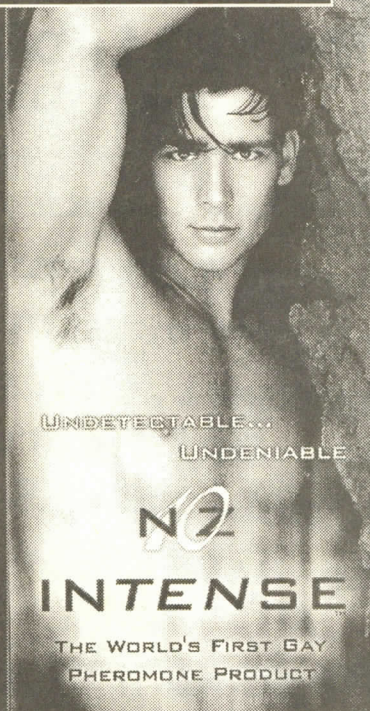
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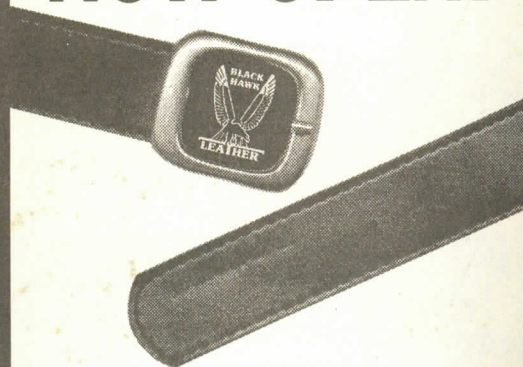
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