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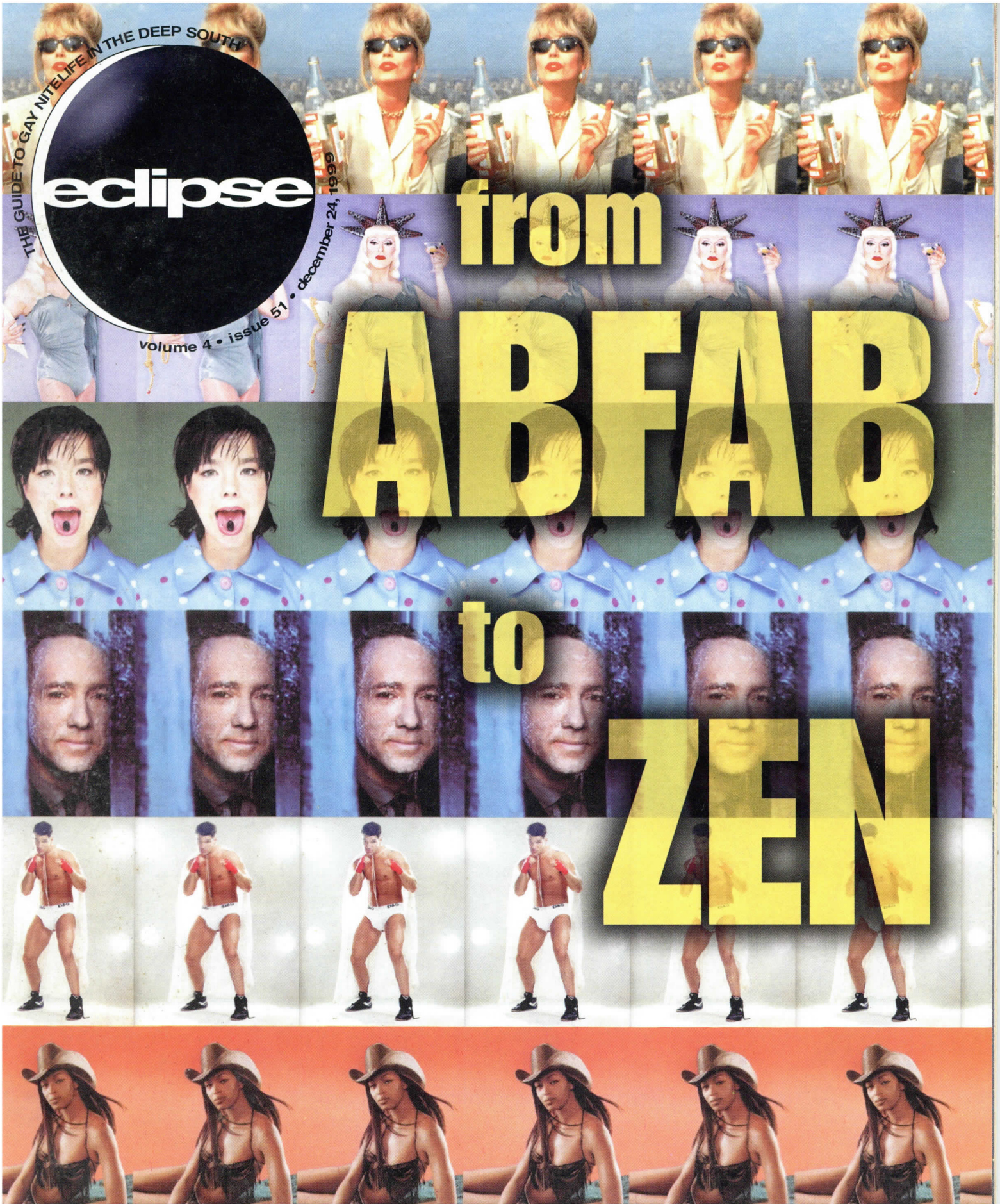
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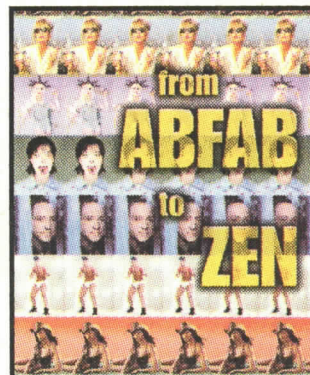
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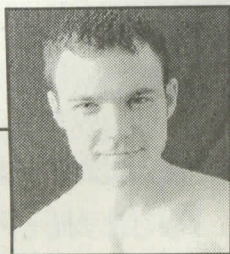
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scene and heard

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by mark goebel

There's so much going on in Houston this month, let's just cut to the chase.

TOM FRICKE and friends hosted **LOVETT INN'S** annual holiday party on Dec. 5. The lovely facility was decked in holiday gear that would make even Santa jealous. There was singing by the piano, lounging by the buffet table and snuggling by the fire. Tom is a great host with an even better sense of humor and kept his guests laughing all night.

Following in the holiday spirit of giving, **ROBERT MENDOZA** showed what a little ingenuity can accomplish. Robert decided to throw a Christmas party for his friends at **SLIDERS** (previously Daiquiri Factory) on Dec. 9. Instead of exchanging gifts with his friends, Robert decided to make it a fund-raiser for **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON**. Adrian from **PACIFIC STREET** came to spin, and Robert had several local businesses donate gifts for a silent auction. Boyfriend Randall and I attended and hooked up with a couple of straight girls we dragged to P.S. for their first experience in a gay bar. My apologies to Phillipe, the P.S. doorman, for the drama our straight sisters created at the front door. I didn't know you weren't allowed to bring purses. Luckily, all of their things fit snug in their bras, and it was worth a good laugh.

Speaking of Pacific Street, the club held its annual **BARTENDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Dec. 20. P.S. opened it's doors to bartenders city-wide, and gave them the chance to turn the tables and be served. This is one of PS's most popular annual parties, with the sexiest bartenders flocking from all over the city to rip it up. **SOUNDWAVES** was on hand to give away music, as well as several liquor company reps who provided complimentary alcohol. **MICHAEL TANK** got the crowd riled up with some great music. The event was open to the public, and if you were nice, free admittance was granted with an invitation from your favorite bartender. If you missed out on this year's party, tip your bartender better next year, and maybe you can score an invite for the party.

RICH's will host **FREQUENCY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Dec. 24. As always, **CHRIS SILL** will be at the musical helm, and the place should be bumping. Friday is one of the nights that Rich's allows 18 and up, so the crowd tends to be filled with young Abercrombie & Fitch boys. With eye candy like that, a good time is almost guaranteed.

Still working on your New Year's Eve plans. These choices are can't miss! **DARLENE** and the **DECADES** gang welcome in the new decade with no cover charge and a traditional toast at midnight. ... The "E" and "J" (**ED** and **JEFF**) invite you to ring in the new year on their fabulous new dance floor or if the weather permits, shoot your midnight champagne while gazing in their reflecting pool. There is never a cover at **EJ's**. ... Contrary to rumors, Mary's (natch) will serve you "well" into the new millennium (Sorry, Meg!). They are *not* closing their doors on Jan. 1. Stop in for the legendary New Year's Day recovery

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RIPCORD celebrated its 18th anniversary on Dec. 6. The usually leather-clad bartenders donned tuxes and filled an entire pool table full of shrimp, and other goodies as part of a huge buffet. A mass of guests came to bid the bar a happy birthday. Next time you're in the neighborhood, stop by for a drink, fiddle around with its web-TV set up, and cruise the web with a beer.

CLUB PICASSO held its **RED RIBBON CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Dec. 18 with a CD release party. Picasso gave away copies of **GERI HALLIWELL'S** (a.k.a. The nude spice girl) new release "Schizophonic," along with some great drink specials. To keep you up to date on all the special events check out www.clubpicasso.com.

M-PUSSYCAT will host **A HOME BASS X-MAS** on Dec. 26 at **ORBIT ROOM**, 2524 McKinney. Pussycat will welcome a slew of DJs from across Texas. The entry fee will be \$15 and the doors open at 9 p.m. Call 713-935-2093 or check out www.scooby-doocrew.org for more information.

JR'S held a special thank you for its valued patrons with a customer appreciation holiday party Dec. 16. JR's featured male dancers, photos with a sexy Santa and special hourly door prizes.

Drop me an e-mail at markg@coolmail.net. I'll see you out.

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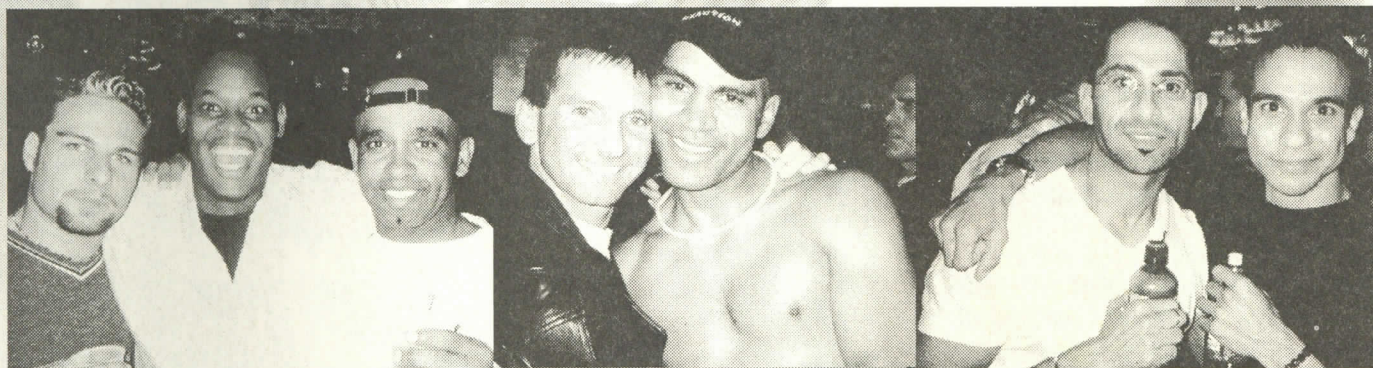
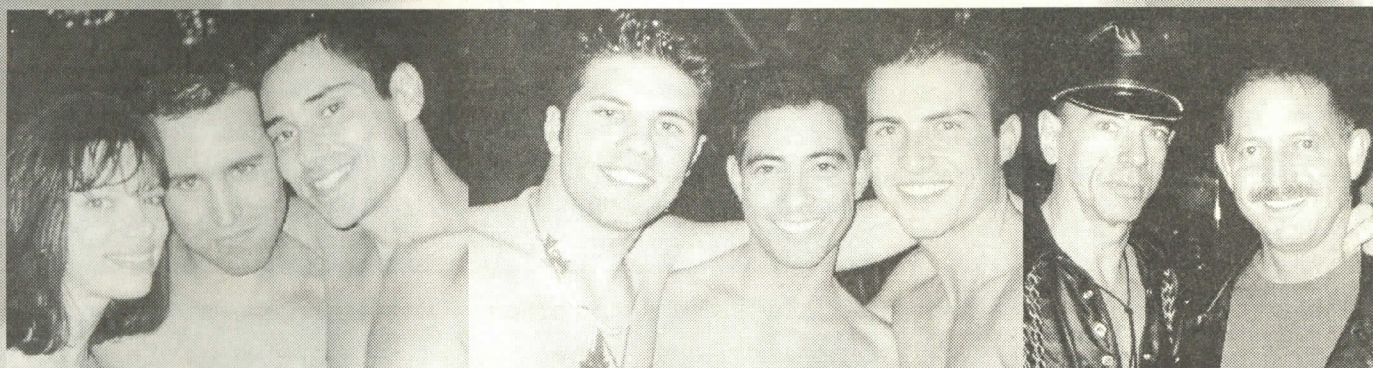
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the houston scene



first row: John at Rich's; Will at Rich's; Scott at Rich's; James and Donna at Rich's.

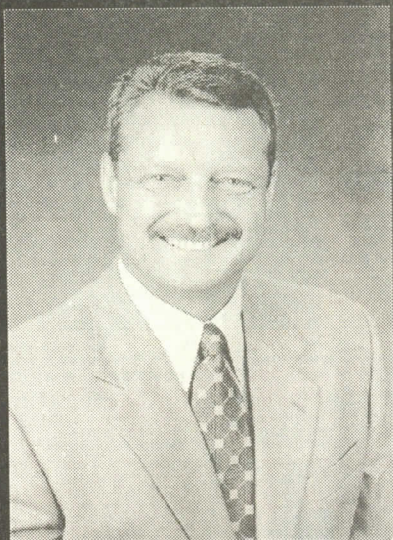
second row: Julie, Clay and Eric at Rich's; Eric, Al and Brian at Rich's; Bobby and John at Venture-N.

third row: Dennis, Adrian and Joe at Pacific Street; Jeff and Darin at Rich's; Arnold and Ricardo at Rich's.

fourth row: Ed, Sara and Tom at Lovett Inn; Bobby, Mark and Don at Venture-N.

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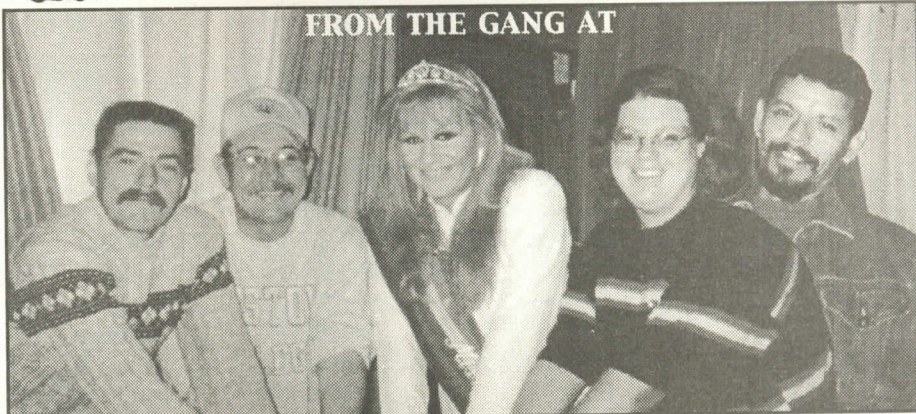
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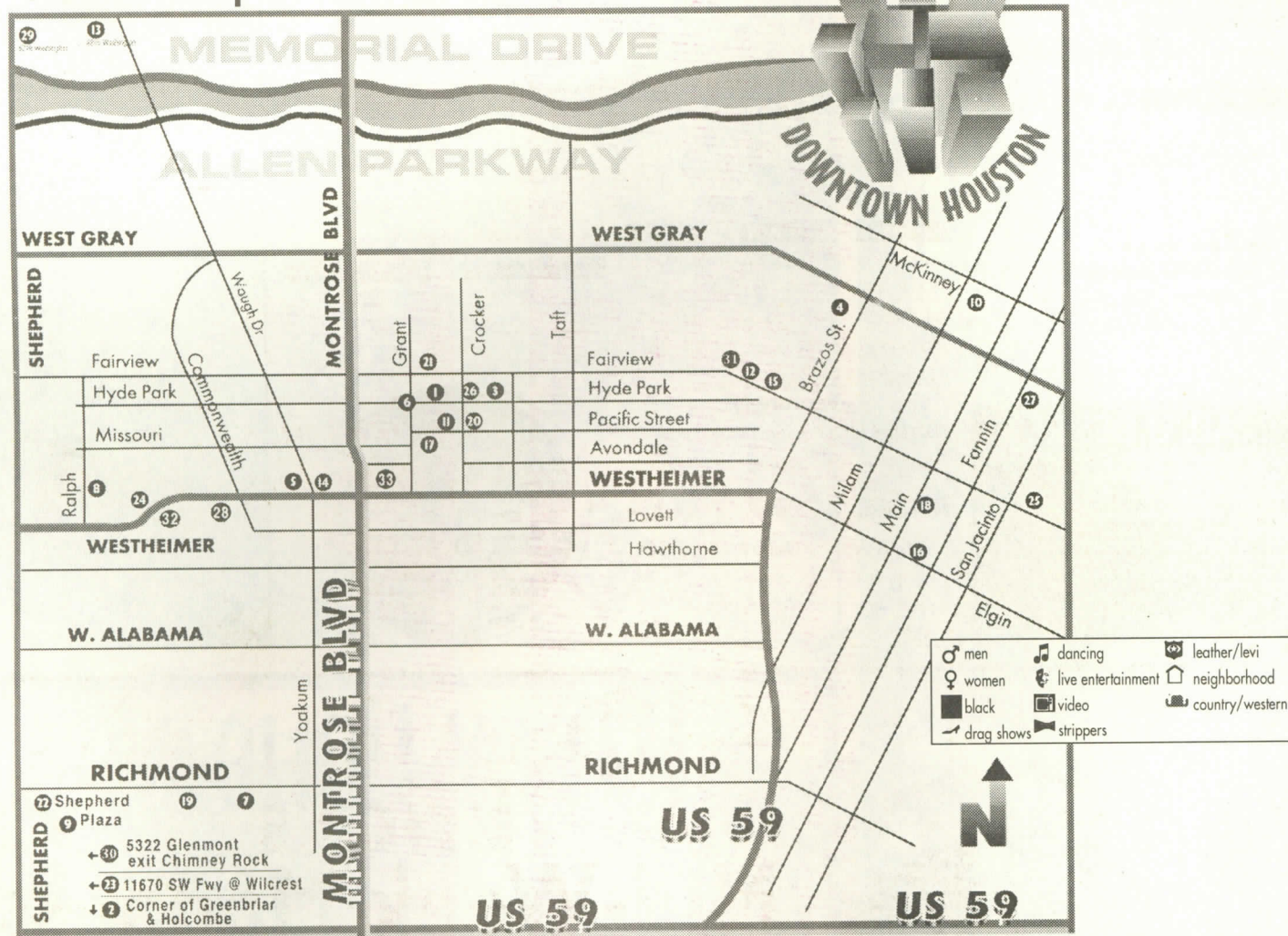
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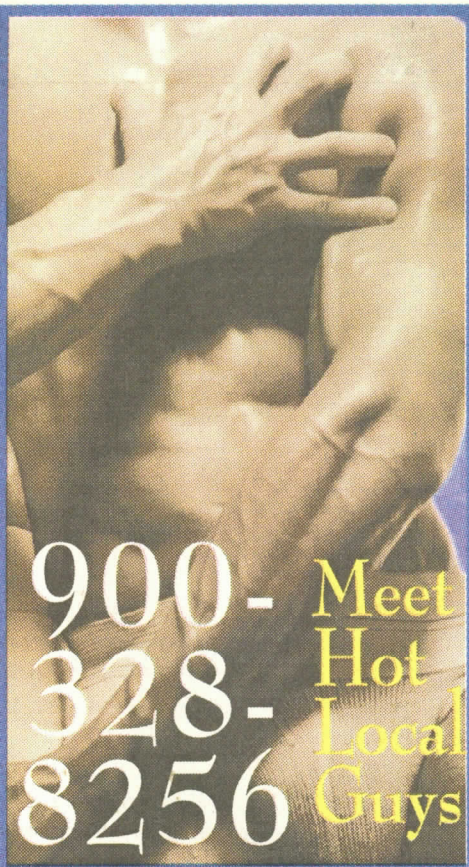
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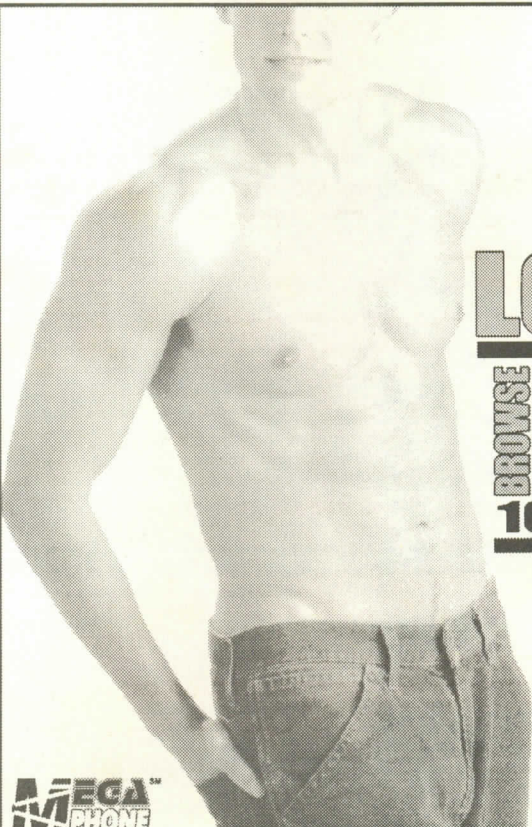


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