

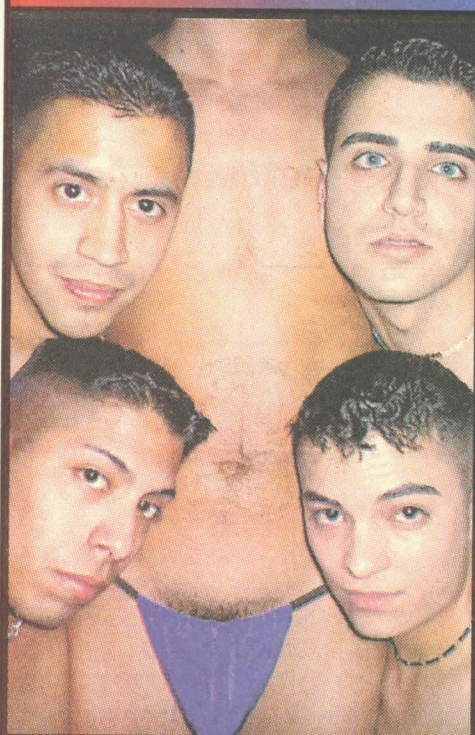
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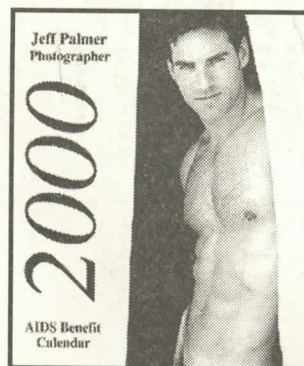
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The editors of a hot new fiction anthology, 'Men on Men 2000,' say they've got the low down on gay life at the millennium.

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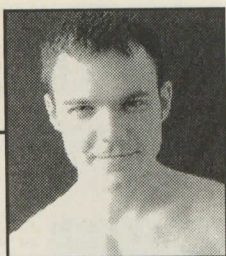
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scene and heard

houston

by mark goebel

I recently spoke to **GLORIA HOLE**, an up and coming drag queen, about her female intuition regarding what the new millennium has in store. The future isn't pretty. Ms. Hole says that **CHER** will follow in Sonny's footsteps and throw her hat (or headdress) into the political arena. **BETTE MIDLER** will go to work for Weight Watchers, just like Fergie. Virtual clubbing will be big. Strap on the headset and travel to South Beach, London and New York all in one night, without the pain of a tacky little over night bag. And last, our worst nightmares **RUSH LIMBAUGH** and **DR. LAURA** both come out, exposing all in vivid pictorials in our fave porn magazines. If you see a drag queen that looks a little like Cher (pre-knife, that is) ask her about her unprintable predictions.

If you're still recovering from the week of late night parting during New Year's, a way to slow the pace is in Houston's restaurants. Gays have made some of them the place to eat and be seen. The list goes something like this: Sunday morning at **LA STRADA**, where the party is still raging from the night before, and **MESA**, which features a bit more mellow brunch crowd. Sunday nights, move to the original **NINFAS** on Navigation Road, which is making a resurgence. Mondays are a must at **CAFÉ ADOBE**. This is an almost essential weekday meeting spot, where the liquor flows like water, and the boys

are packed in. Wednesday at **MO MONG** has an edgy and trendy feel and has really taken off with a younger crowd. Thursday can be a perfect day for **BABA YEGA**. Fridays at **SONOMA** are all about class, with guys sporting their best Armani suits after a busy day at the office. And Saturdays at **BARNABY'S** are filled to the brim with Houston's hotties.

Bust out the boots; **BRB** is hosting Millennium Madness. This fantastic drag show will be hosted by **STELLA LINK SEVILLE** on Jan. 9 at 8:30 p.m. It's all about production, sweetie, and **BRB** has a keen eye for great drag queens. Come prepared with some tip money in hand.

Now that several local clubs have extended hours, what will happen to all of our great little after-hour places? If the crowd fizzles at your Saturday night hangout, run by **CLUB SOME** and reminisce about the good old days. It opens at 2 a.m. featuring some of the best music and DJs in town.

Even though it's been around for a while, I always get inquiries regarding that little bar at 903 Richmond. The name? **GALLERY BAR** and it has been put together by the same folks who brought you **BACADO'S**. It has a velvet theme, with a great girl power atmosphere. Gallery has a cute little dance floor, which is usually packed on Saturday nights. The crowd is mostly lesbian, though there's an open door policy on gay men. Everyone is welcome to kick up their high-heels and have a good time.



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For those of us porn aficionados, we can finally breathe a deep sigh of relief. **FRENCH QUARTER** has been bought and will remain in business. The new owners plan to slowly renovate the old building, and bring the porn hall back to its glory days.



Diva Miss Donea hosted a fabu Christmas party last month, complete with a temporary disco ball installed in her house for the event.

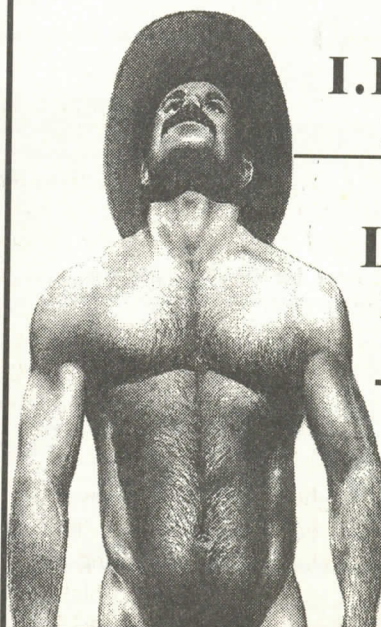
Get out your tuxes boys, as the **ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS & OFF THE WALL BLACK TIE GALA** arrives on Jan. 29. Unlike past years, Ab Fab will follow the Gala this year with a fierce wrap-up party held at a happening little hot spot downtown. I haven't been able to drum up the exact locale, but keep checking here. The gala, which includes a silent auction benefiting **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON**, will be held at **JAGS** on Woodway.

I'm sure we all attended a slew of holiday parties last month, but I have to hand out some kudos to **MISS DONEA** for her killer Christmas celebration last month. Besides an outfit that made her the envy of every drag queen in town, the hostess drilled a hole in her ceiling to put up a temporary disco ball. Add to that a fountain of Mimosas bubbling on her dining room table, and you've set the scene for a great party. Donea prides herself on her risqué outfits and is a staple in the gay community.

Feel free to pass along your tips for this column. Let me know where you hang, and what functions are on your social calendar. E-mail me at markg@coolmail.net. I'll see you out.

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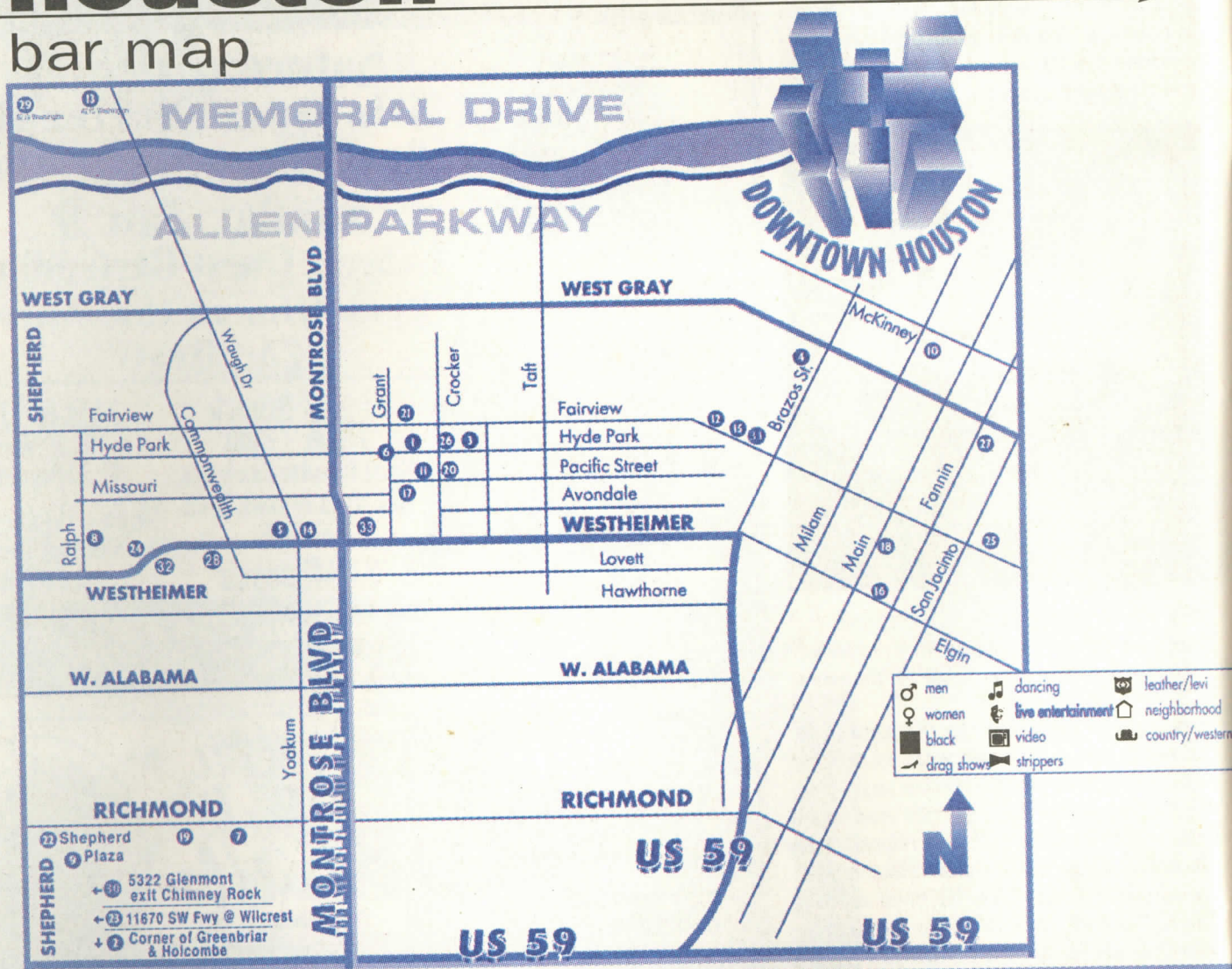
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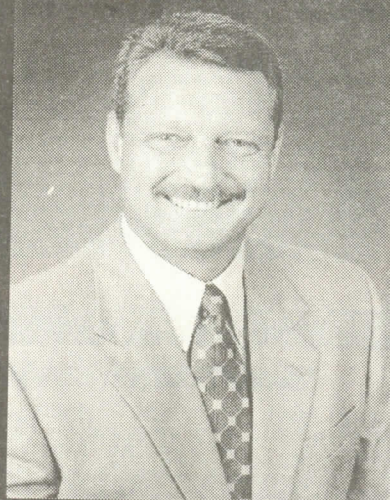
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second row: Lance and Joshua at Pacific Street; Brian, Lane and Justin at Pacific Street

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