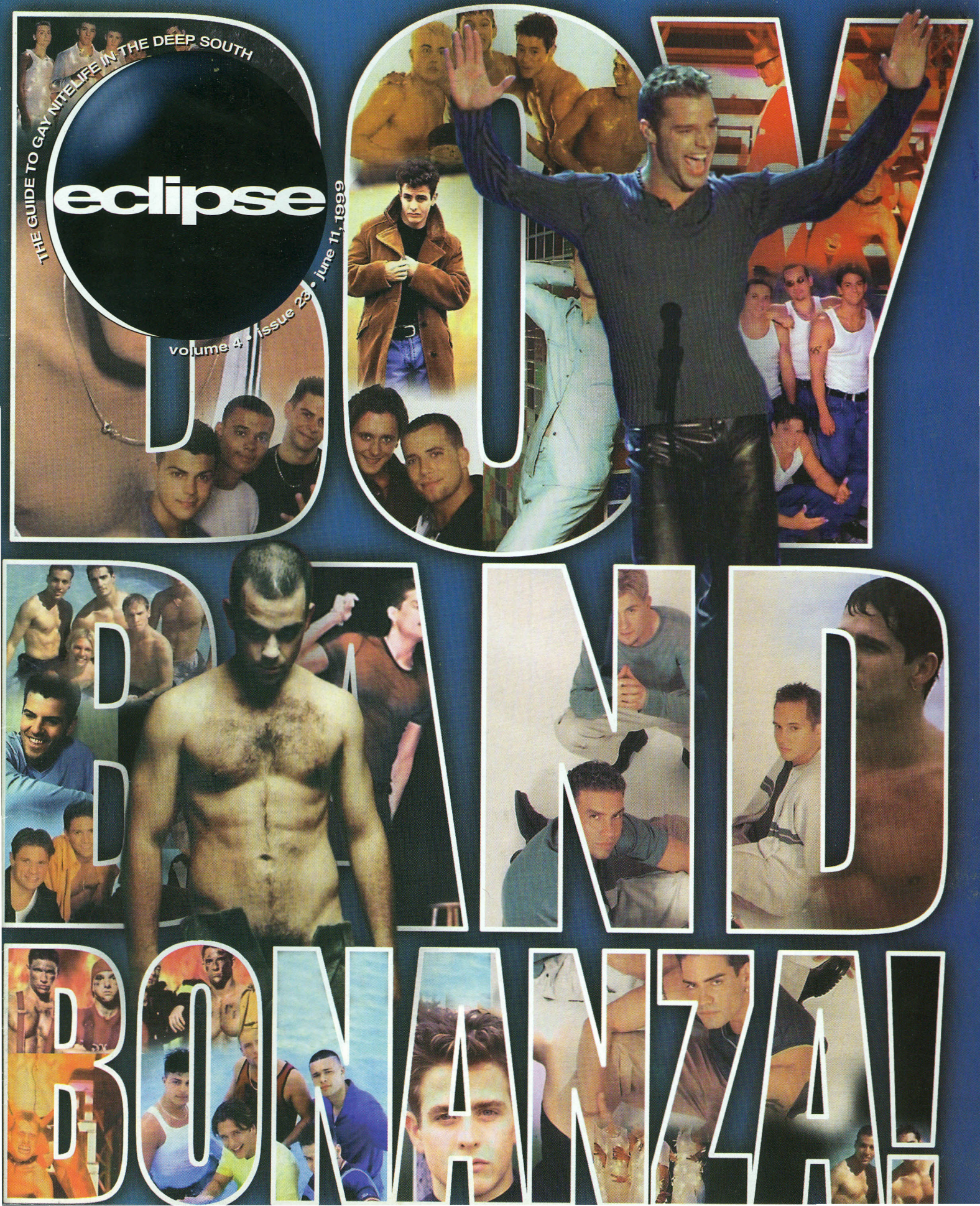
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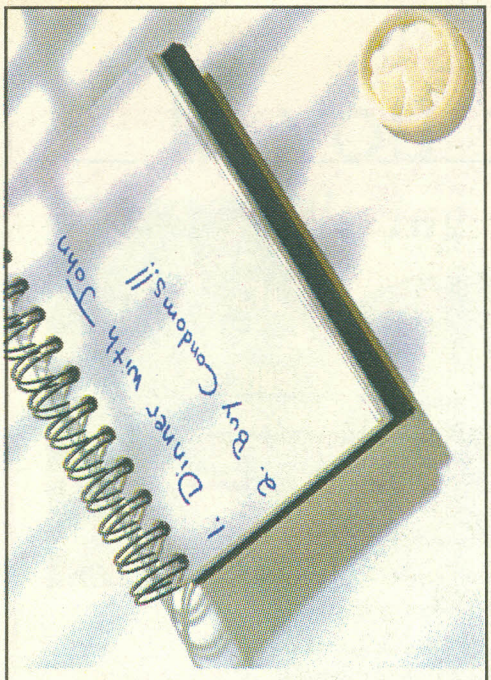

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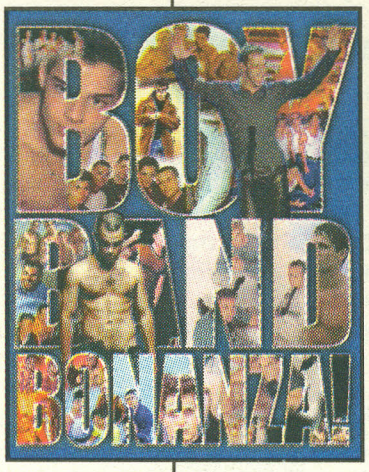

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by cuervolyn

Listen up, babies!

As of this publication date, we have 15 days until the **PRIDE PARADE!** Start your plans now.

There are a zillion "official" Pride functions from June 18 thru June 27. One of the more fiery events is **MISS CAMP AMERICA'S WIGS ON FIRE** party. This Inferno will be at **RICH'S** on June 19. The secret guest star is none other than **BONNIE POINTER**. Get your advance tickets at Basic Brothers and Lobo. I'm on fire!

Here is something new. This month (and every June from now on) three people of our community will be inducted into the **MONTROSE HALL OF FAME.** The new honorees will have their names on plaques on one of the walls of the new disco, **N-BETWEEN.** The first names will be displayed starting June 5. Stop in and check it out.

The official announcement heralding the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM'S** 16th annual **DENIM PARTY** was released this week. Mark your calendars for July 25, 1999. If you would like info on being a sponsor, call 713-528-9192.

The new **MR. GAY PRIDE** is **MELISSA FLOREZ, MS. GAY PRIDE** is **LISA** (of Chances) and **MISS GAY PRIDE** is **HEAVEN LEIGH RAE**. Don't forget to share the pride.

Now, it is time to take out the trash. It's a mix of lies, with gossip and a pinch of half truths.

Bernadette (Miss Camp America): Is it true your new ball is purple? I hope you "strike out" with it.
Pearl (hangs at the **BRB**): I have a message for you: "I'll dance with you and it won't cost $250." Love, Vera.
Meg (Mary's): The way you are talking, it sounds like you and your roommate are going through a bitter divorce.
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Darlene (Decades): How tall is seven inches?
T.R. (hangs everywhere): Is it true that you forgot to run for Mother of Montrose? Maybe you could run for Boy of Montrose instead.

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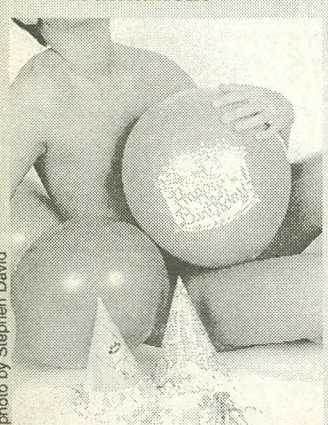

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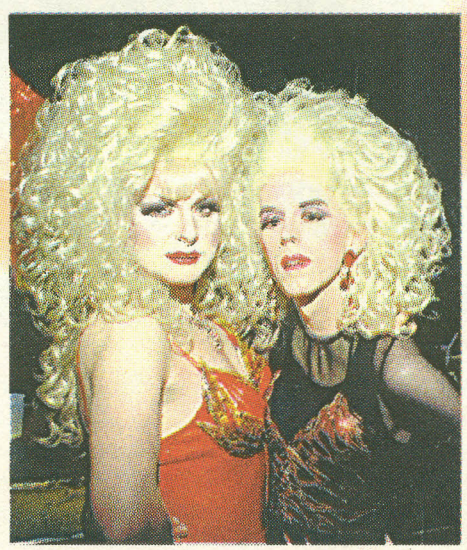
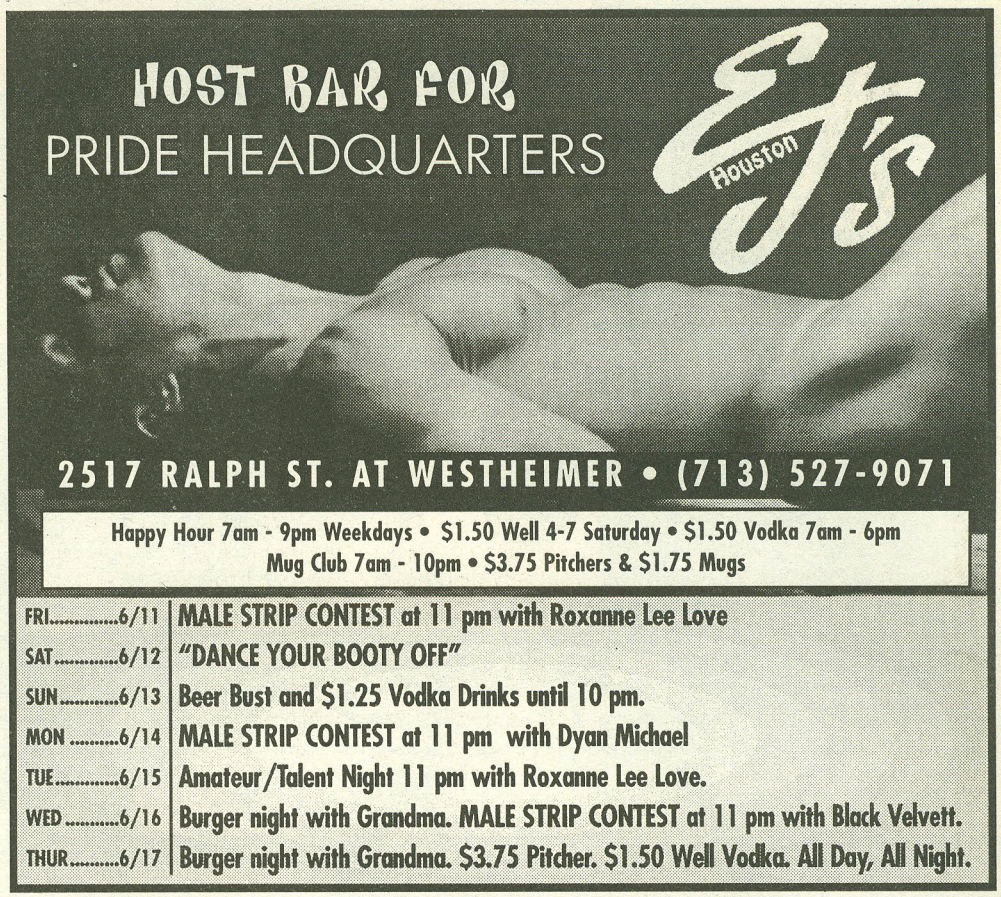


"Wigs on Fire": Not yo momma's wig neither.

Sandy (Hangs at **Decades**): Why does Jeff keep wiping off your face every Thursday?
Keith (**Lazy J**): Rumor has it that **Mario** is now working for the Lazy J. **Miss Vera (BRB)** is really going to keep an eye on you!
Jerry S. (Hangs at **Decades**): Is it true that **Darlene** had to teach you how to tie your shoes. And they say that you can't teach an old dog new tricks.
Lady B: Congrats on your new promotion. And you thought all that "extra" room service you were giving the boss would not pan out.
Steve (Decades): I know a secret about you that I can't print. And keep up the good work, you look great.
Bam Bam (formerly **PS** now **Venture-N**): Good luck at your new station.
Ken (Pacific Street): Is it true you were on an eight-day drunk! What a vacation. Do you remember any of it?
Larry Joe (hangs at **E/J's**): So you found the perfect nail polish for me. It is called "Blue Sin." And everybody thought that you had a fingernail fetish, when you were really polish searching for me.
Vera (BRB): **Lulu** sez if you come to E/J's to be "serviced," bring your own baby food.
Ed G. (Outpost and Lazy J): Do you have a special cut now that you are Mr. Prime Choice?
Darlene (Decades): Why does **Sandy** say she is "numb back there?"
Cecil (DJ-BRB): What day are you *NOT* Nelly?
Kale (ROCP): Is it true that you are trying to find another puppy that will lick your chicken?

This is my first column since I went to see Grandma for her 101 birthday. She is amazing. My family is planning her 102nd already. Thanks for all the trash tidbits while I was away, but I can always use more. Remember there is no line between the truth and talking trash in my point of view.

Send your trashy tidbits to *cuervolyn@eclipse.net* or fax @ 713-529-9531.





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front row: Casey, **Tricia** and **Carly** at **Pacific Street's** installment of **The White Party**; Falcon Video star **Travis Wade** with **Chris** at **Pacific Street**; **Joe** and **Henry** at **The White Party.**

second row: Joey, **Ron**, **David** and **Brent** at **Pacific Street; John**, **Eferen**, **Jon** and **Donny** at **Pacific Street.**

third row: Danny (extreme left) **and friends** take in **The White Party** at **Pacific Street**; **Wild Man** dancing at **Rich's; Al** at **The White Party.**

fourth row: Ken and **Frank** at **Rich's.**

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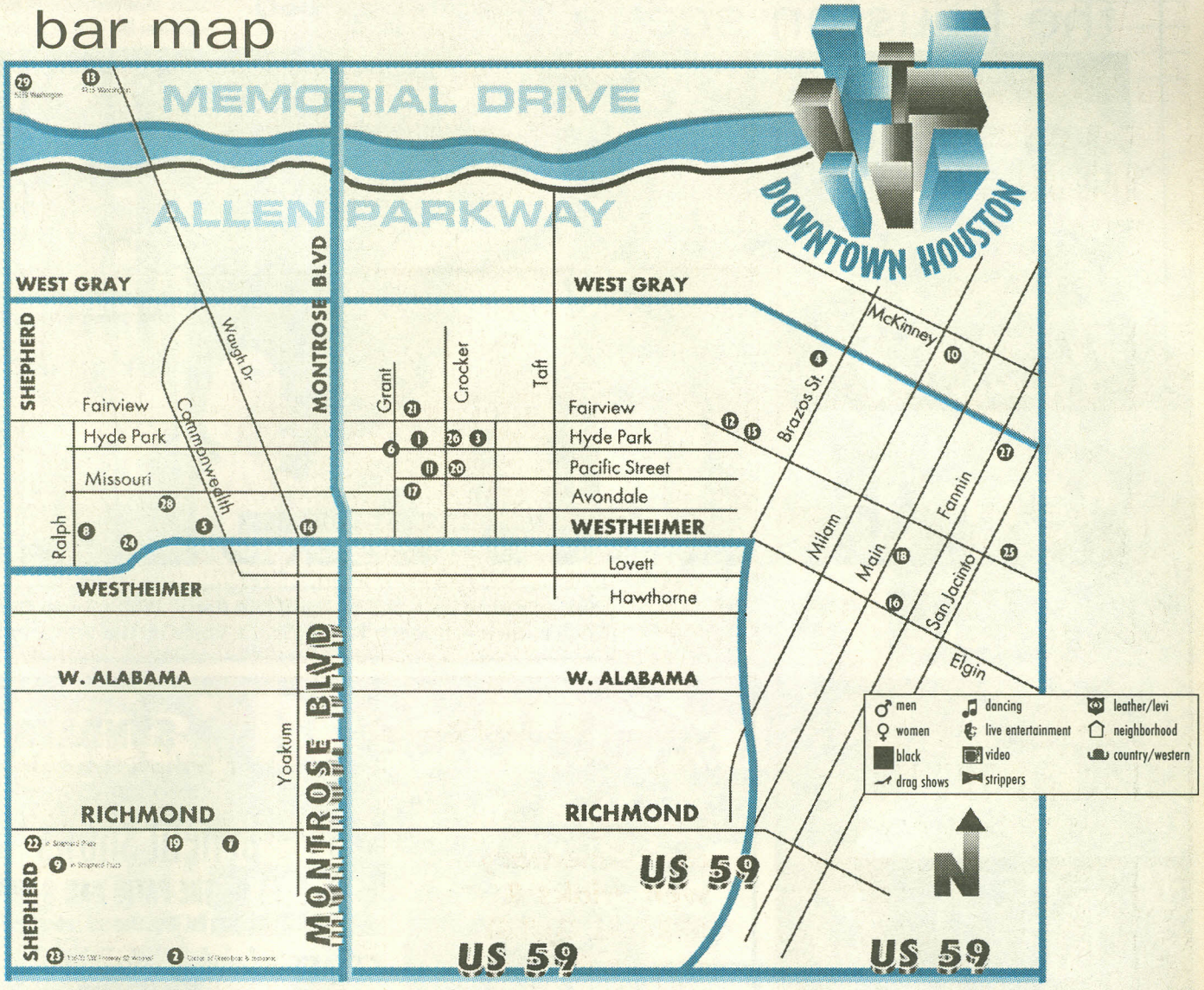

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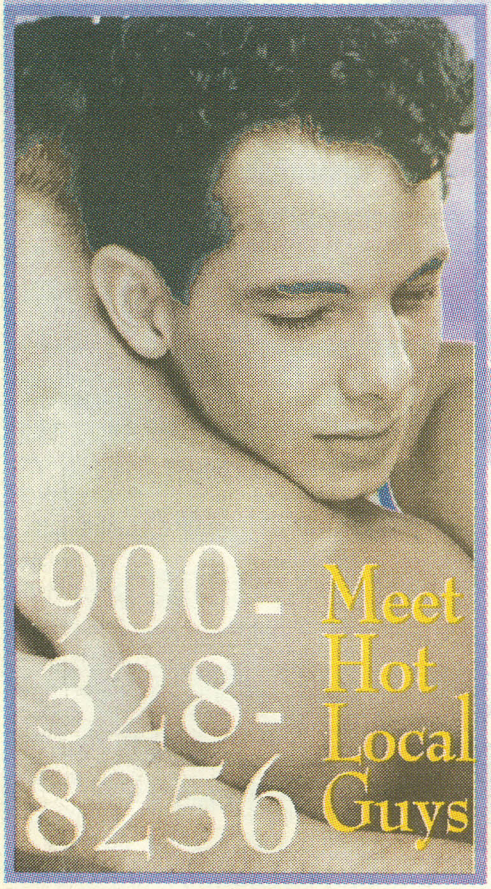

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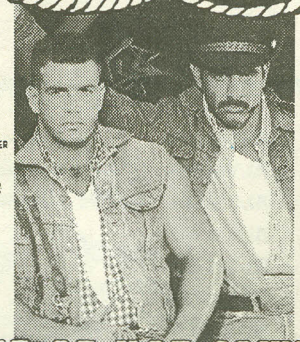

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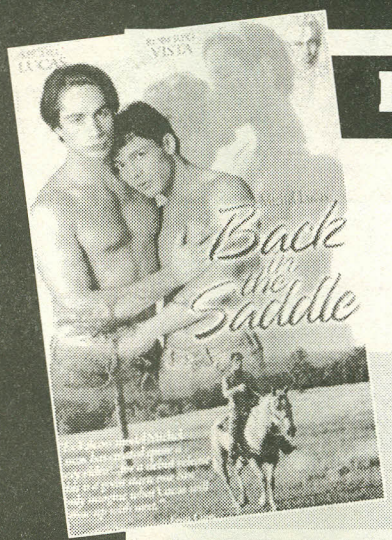

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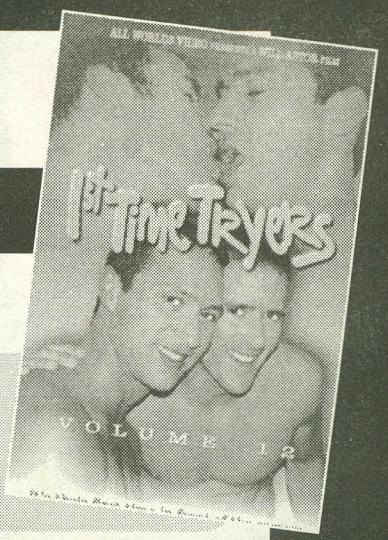

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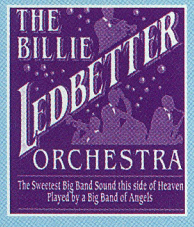

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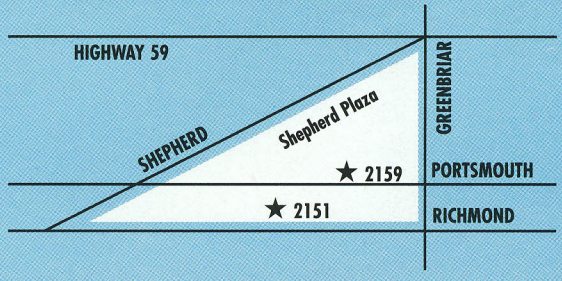

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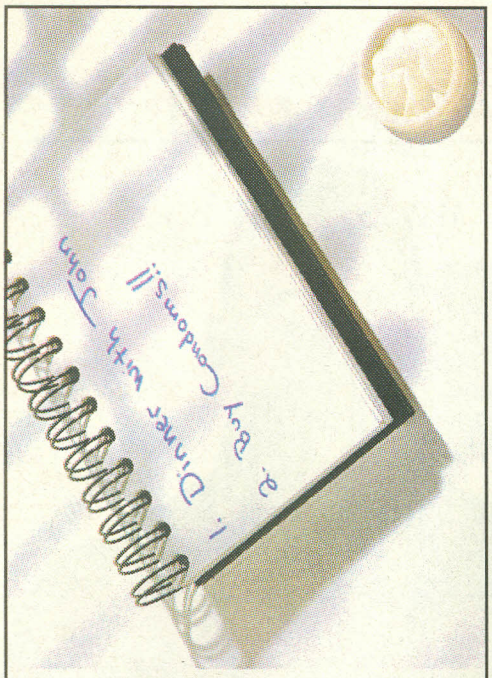

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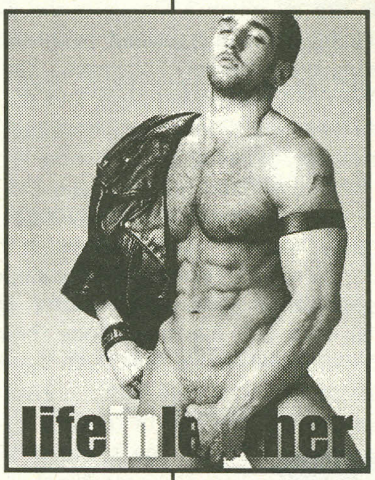

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As of this publication date, there are a mere eight, yes count them, eight days until the **Pride Parade.** For the uninformed, the parade is on June 26 starting at 9 p.m. Be sure to wear your Pride hats, T-shirts, necklaces, shorts, and so on. You can purchase the hottest Pride wear at **Basic Brothers** and **Lobo.** There are still a few tickets for the roof of **Mary's**. This is one of the best spots to view the parade. Stop in and bar and get yours now.

The **Rainbow Ranglers** Dance Club recently returned from the sixth annual International Association of Gay/Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs' convention in Toronto. This event was front page news in the *Toronto Sun*. Our



Shelby St. John at the BRB

own Rainbow Ranglers danced their way into second place in the "couples" division. **Steve Carbone** and **Paul Ross** boot, scoot, and boogied into second place overall in Division III of the couples' competition. Check out the group's talents at the "Night of Dance," June 24 at 8 p.m. and the "Day of Dance" on June 26, 1-5 p.m. at the **Brazos River Bottom.** For more info on this group check out their web site at www.Rainbowranglers.org.

Saturday was the day to go to Galveston. The traffic was horrible, but made the cocktails at the new **BLVD Saloon** a most welcome comfort. L. W. and I walked in to see none other than **Blaine** (formerly of the ***Houston Voice*** and shared an office with moi) **Whitford** tending this delightful bar. Sitting at the bar was **Brick's II** owner **Dave Parker** and manager **Craig** ordering shots of Peyote (Cactus schnnaapps, topped with Jose Cuervo) before we could even get to a bar stool. After the first round of shots, I spy **NLA: H's** members, **Jim S., Dennis W.** and **Chris B.** (who I hear was looking for a "slurpee"), pulling into the parking lot. The order for Cuervo (my favorite, if you didn't know) shots came rolling out of Jim S.' mouth before he even had a chance to grab a bar stool. Next, **Tom G.** of **Pacific Street** snuck in the side door. Tom lives in Alvin and the BLVD is his new hideaway. Not for long, Tom! Next in the door is **Tony** of **Crockett Street Station** in Beaumont. You all know Tony from when he was here at the **BRB.** With all these Houston folks, no wonder the **Hollywood Inn** (which is right





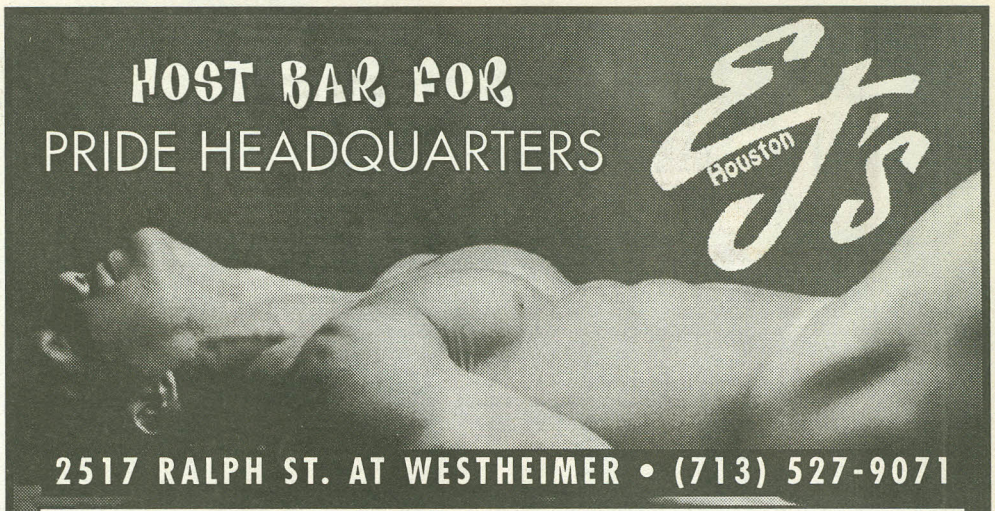
next door) was booked to capacity. **Bob F.,** the BLVD manager enjoyed the new (to him) faces and we had a great time.

Last Sunday, the **Venture-N** was hoppin' with be-bopin' sounds, smoking' with BBQ and lots of cruising' on the patio. The grand re-opening party was the place to be.

Now it is time to air our dirty laundry. It is a mix of lies, with a pinch of gossip, lots of miss-quoting, blended with some half-truths.

I got a call from **J.T. (Former Miss Montrose** aka **Tequila Rose) Smith.** He is happy, working a 9-5 real job and married in Utah. Tequila Rose is just now starting to show her face in the DQ circuit. He may be here in September. I also got a call from **Pickles**. She is alive and well in Atlanta, and no longer falling asleep on toilets. She is working at **Flex.**
Tom Sawyer: And I quote: "It was down my throat before I noticed."
Chris (NLA:H): And I quote: "No fishy for me."
Lips DaBourva Jones: I hear you are back in Houston and out on the prowl.
Darlene (Decades) and **Susan Maser**: Streetwalkers? But in the daytime?
James (Picasso): It is rumored that you really know how to squeeze.
Top Daddy Bob (Black Hawks Leather): Is it true that one of the side effects of Viagra is an uncontrollable urge to weed your shrubbery?
Ken Claude and **Jim Sorgini (NLA:H):** I hear that you two are not sharing your secret recipe for that tasty Australian sandwich.
Zilla (**Boot Black at Venture-N**): Just what do French fries taste like when eaten off the top of a boot?

That is this week's dose of trash in and around Montrose. I had so much gossip that I have to save some for the next few columns. But, please keep sending in your trashy tips to cuervolyn@eclipsemag.org.



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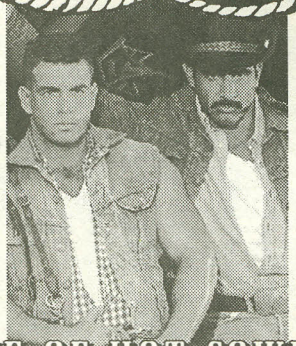

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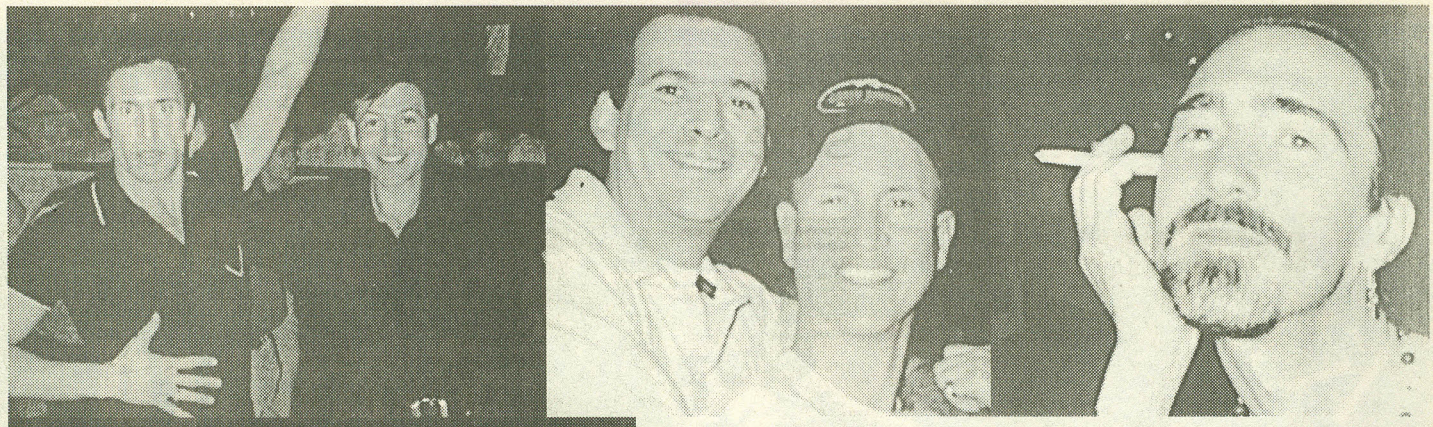



first row (opposite page): Bartender **Blaine** and **Tori**, welcome **Jim** of Houston to **BLVD Saloon** in Galveston; **Lonestar Classic Softball** players from Tampa Bay at **Outpost**; and look, still more softballers.

second row (opposite page): Wow, still more Lone Star Classic players at **Outpost**; **Bob** the manager at the new Galveston bar, **BLVD Saloon**.

first row (this page): Dancing at **Picasso**; **Randy** and **Lady B** at **Decades**; **Clifford** at **Mary's**.

second row (this page): Steve and **Mark** at **Decades**.



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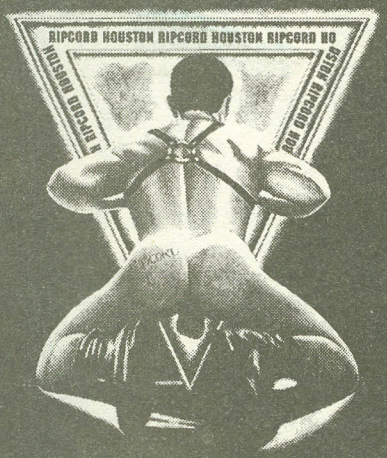

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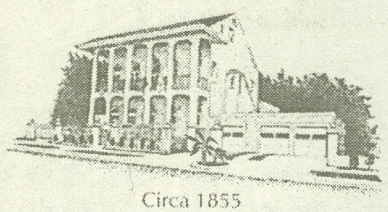

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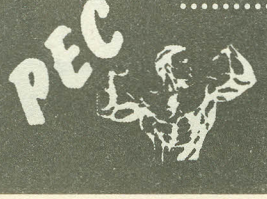

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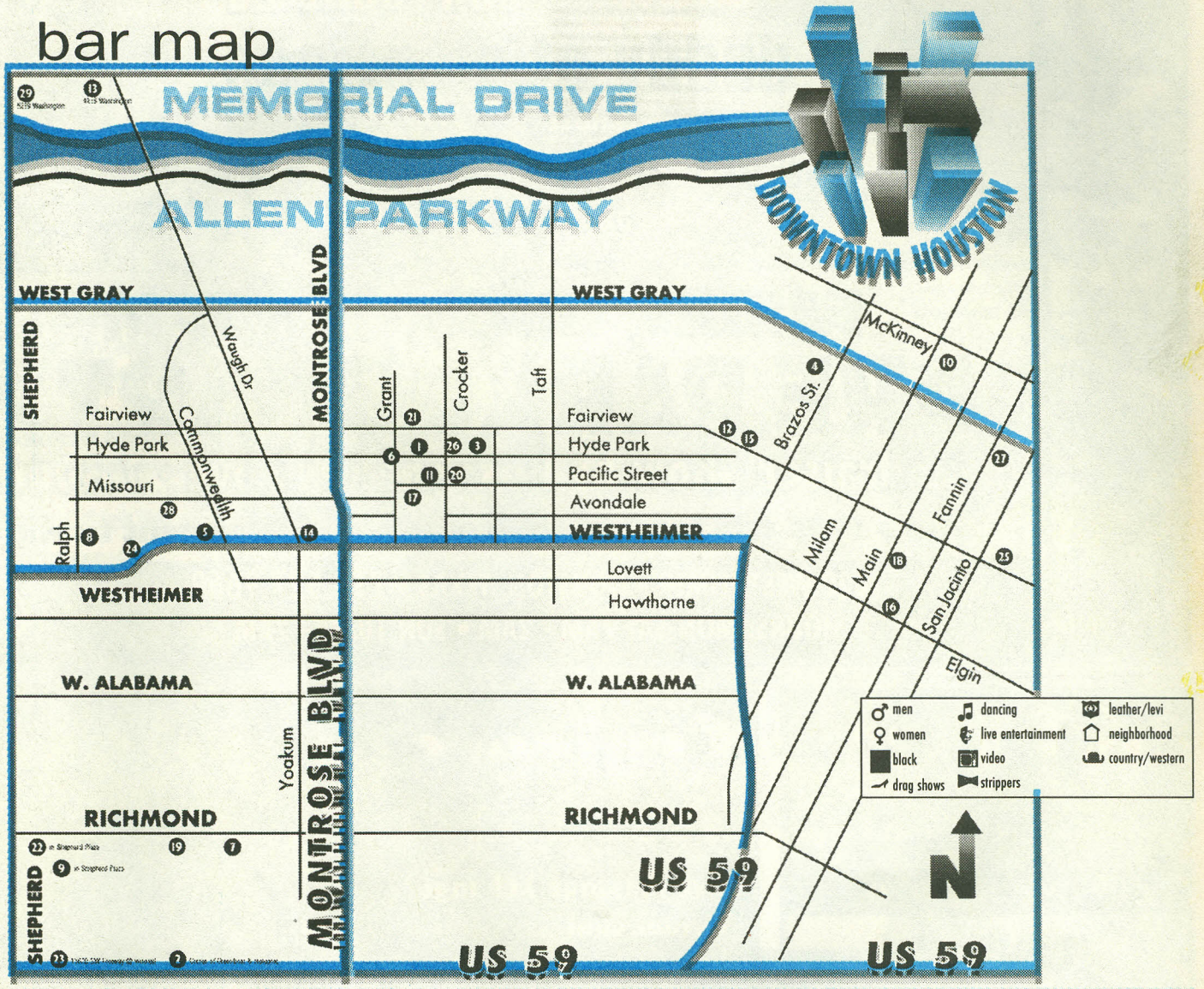

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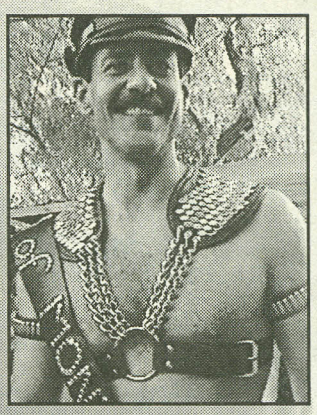

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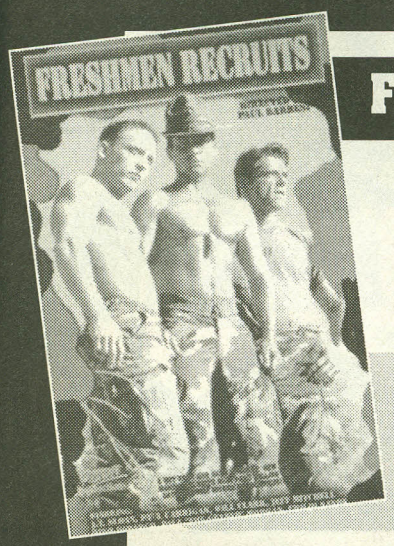

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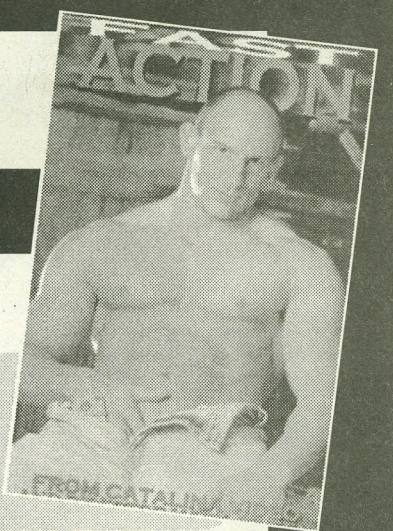

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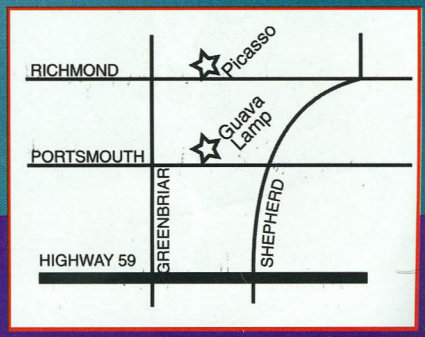

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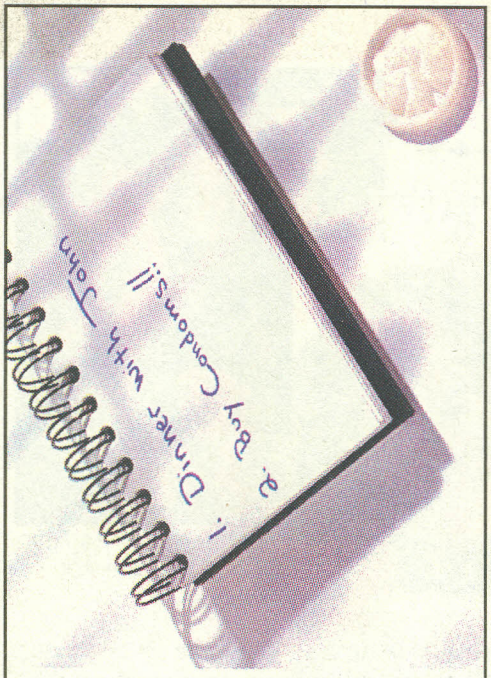

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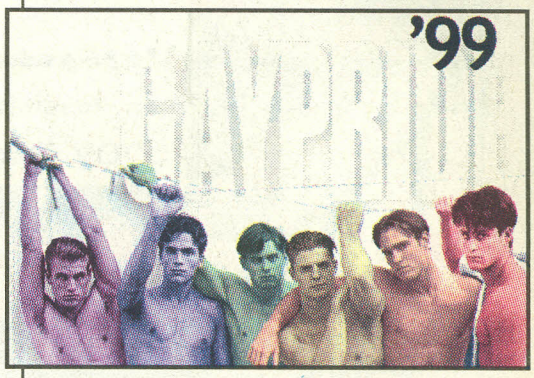

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GAY PRIDE

ATLANTA—Tens of thousands of gay men and lesbians are expected to pack Piedmont Park June 25-27 for Atlanta's 29th annual Pride festival. But official events in the park aren't the only way to celebrate this weekend, as bars and organizations across town are hosting a series of events.

For our prideful sisters, there's a handful of activities at My Sisters' Room in Decatur. Pride events there kick-off with a performance by award-winning lesbian singer Melissa Ferrick during her second stop in Atlanta in as many months.

On June 26, My Sisters' Room hosts Aqueous, a Pride party with DJ Tre.

Also, the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus holds its "Party with Pride." The dance is open to men and women and will feature catered food and a cash bar. A DJ will play a wide range of music for guests to enjoy.

And on Sunday night, the wrap-up of Pride will coincide with the kick-off of Black Gay Pride. In the Life Atlanta is sponsoring a "formal/semi-formal" dance to raise money for Black Gay Pride, which takes place Labor Day weekend.

On June 27 at the Otherside, there's Closing Statement with DJ Darin Rich starting at 8 p.m.

Throughout the weekend, Metro is hosting some special guests with its Men of Metro Dancers. Porn stars Kevin Kramer and Chase Hunter join the festivities. Hunter appears on Saturday; Kramer enjoys the full weekend, along with a ride in Metro's float during the parade.

The highlight of Pride Weekend kicks off at noon on June 27, when an estimated 170 groups and floats gather at the Marta Civic Center station at Ralph McGill and West Peachtree for the parade. The event moves along Peachtree to 10th Street and onto Piedmont Road before ending at the 12th Street entrance to Piedmont Park, the home to Atlanta's Pride festival.

"It always seems like we get 10 or 20 more (participants) that come the day of," said Glen Paul Freedman, co-chair of Pride. "If the weather keeps up like this and it is nice, more people will want to march."

Throughout the weekend, there's a heavy dose of entertainment lined up inside Piedmont Park. Pride's stage line up starts at 6 p.m. on June 25 with LaTonya Peoples.

Rounding out opening night are long-time Atlantan Rache Alpert (6:30 p.m.), singing folk-rock melodies; Order of the Dying Knights (8 p.m.), combining electronic and natural sounds; and Dyamond Theory (9:15 p.m.), an "out" rap group that has performed here and around the country.

On June 26, entertainment opens at midday and zips from local favorites to big-name singers. One of the more unique acts promises to be Sox With Attitude (3:30 p.m.), a group of diva-like drag puppets, decked out in a sequins and spangles.

One of the bands making their Pride debut will be Twelve Tone (5 p.m.), a local pop trio who will be swinging from ballads to sonic anthems. Band member Mark Gillespie describes the group's sound as "Husker du meets The Smithereens."

Morticia DeVille and the Gospel Echoes, who pack Burkhart's on Sundays, will perform a medley of tunes at 6:30 p.m. Closing out Saturday night will be CeCe Peniston (9 p.m.), whose "Finally" was a dance floor hit several years back.

Closing out June 27 is the eighth annual Starlight Cabaret, featuring a who's who of local drag acts. The Starlight Festival will be hosted by Charlie Brown and Raven and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Piedmont Park.

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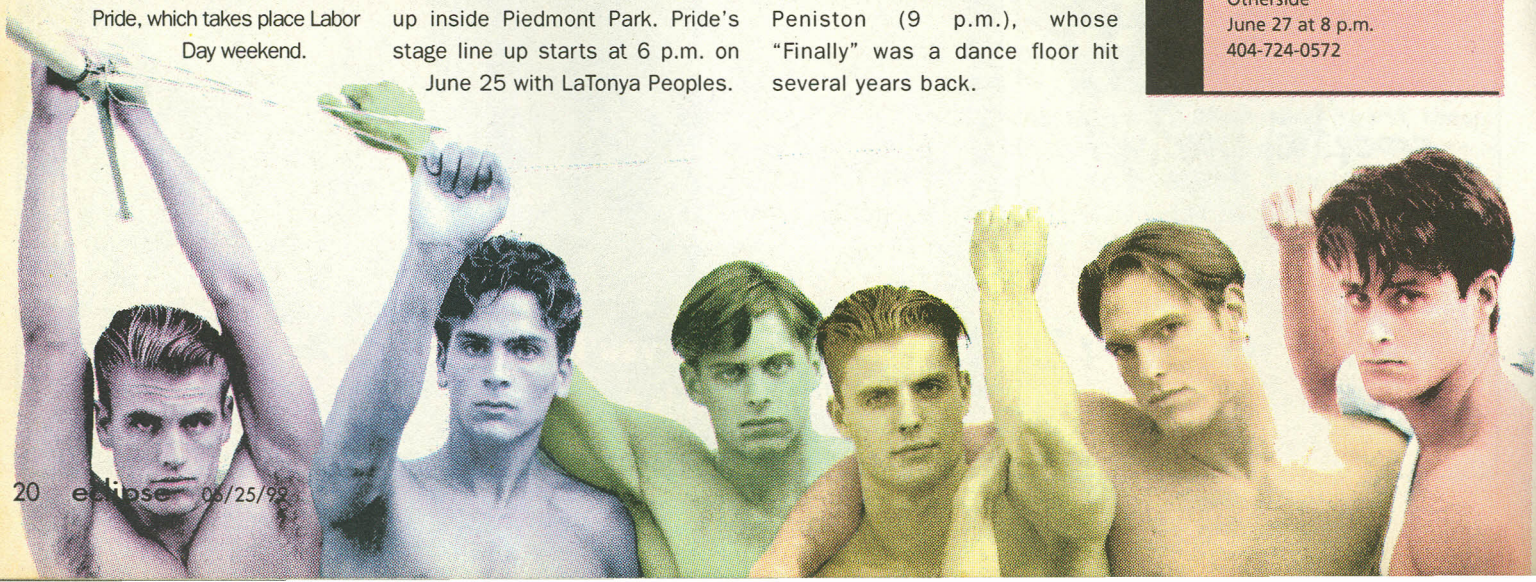

Houston '99

HOUSTON—There's something for everyone in the Bayou City this Gay Pride weekend, whether it's chaps you don or a tiara, it's all here.

How about the parade? The 1999 rendition of the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade will have a decidedly "disco" feel to it.

To kick off the 21st annual extravaganza, a 10-foot disco ball will be placed high above the intersection of Westheimer and Montrose, said Nick Brines, Pride Committee board member and coordinator of corporate sponsorships.

Rainbow-colored lights will be focused on the rotating mirrored ball to help light up the night–time parade for the more than 80,000 spectators expected along the route. Giant spotlights at the intersection will help direct attention to both the Pride Parade and the giant mirrored ball.

The Pride Parade is scheduled to kick-off at 9 p.m. on June 26. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early along the route.

The route runs along Westheimer, beginning at the Woodhead intersection and concluding at Stanford. The reviewing and judging stand will be located at Yupon and Westheimer.

How about a free party before the parade?

The Center for AIDS, 1407 Hawthorne and Yupon, will host a pre-pride parade party for HIV positive gays and lesbians from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on June 26.

Celebrating this year's theme, "Pride, Power and Pizzazz," Positively Proud is a free and official pride event with an open bar, food, music and dancing.

"Positive people spend a lot of time devising ways to stay alive and improve their quality of life," said Joel Martinez, CFA's co-founder. "This party is a great opportunity to take a break from that struggle, to celebrate and take pride in our accomplishments as positive gays and lesbians."

How about some country dancing?

Head over to Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, for some two-stepping fun hosted by the Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club. Studio professional instructors will be on hand from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to teach the two-step, shuffle, waltz and swing to the hottest country tunes.

"It's lots of fun, and nowhere else can same-sex couples learn traditional style, couple dancing, for free," said Joe Blanton, secretary of Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club. Western wear is encouraged, but not required.

How about a pre-parade cocktail?

A huge mass of folks will be partying-down at Slider's Pre-Parade Party, 1425 Westheimer. The bar will help usher in this year's parade with drink specials and great seating for parade-watching.

How about a Goddess or two? Byron Norton, Mr. Gay Houston All-American, says Picasso, 2151 Richmond, will be an epicenter of Gay Pride festivities on June 27. Festivities include the annual naming of the Goddess of Houston.

Last year, fabulous Houston legend Paivi Lee Love took the tiara and reigned as the "Greek Goddess." Norton says this year's crowned female impersonator will be heralded as the "Space Goddess." The contest will have all six contestants going through a veritable obstacle course: tips, presentation, evening gown, on stage interview and talent.

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Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade
June 26 at 9 p.m.
713-529-6979

Positively Proud
June 26, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Listen up all you Pride celebrating babies! The parade is tomorrow (June 26) at 9 p.m. It is **Pride.** It is **Power.** It is **Pizzazz**!

Congratulations to **Ida Bottoms (aka Weed Woman)** in being crowned the most coveted title of **Miss Vacant Lot.**

Let's keep it in the family. The **Boy of Montrose** contest will be at **Mary's** on Sunday, July 4. This is a fund-raiser for the **PWA Holiday Charities.** For more info, call 713-521-0911.

The **Venture-N** (the bar formerly known as Nighthawks formerly know as Venture-N) had its grand re-opening party June 12. The place was packed, almost as many hot leather men as a **LUEY** weekend. If you haven't been to 2923 Main lately, you don't know what you're missing.

There is truth to the rumor that **Guava Lamp** is hopping on Fridays. Don't forget that Monday is Showtune Nite with **James** and **Diana.** Things are always bright at Guava Lamp.

Time to share some gossip, and lies with a hint of truth.

Stan (**Venture-N**)**:** And I quote: "I keep putting it on, but is keeps sliding off."
Roland (hangs at the **BRB**): Is it true that rain makes you horny?
Tim C. (**JR's**): Next time, take the feeder road.
Miss Eddie (hangs at the **BRB**): And I quote: "I'm bad in bed."
George (**JR's**): Did you have enough time to take the rubber sheet off the bed before you mom's visit?
Larry Joe (hangs at **E/J's**): Where have you been? I wore you favorite blue fingernail polish.
Lady Lee (**BRB**): I hear that you have stopped chasing men and are now chasing animals, the four-legged kind.
Lucy (**E./J's**): A phone order pizza is not better than your hot dogs.
Randall (**JR's**): I hear you are a born again carnivore and was overheard saying, "Meat, I want meat."
Andy M. If you think bartending is dangerous, what do you call it every time you stand in the middle of Westheimer and sing Christmas carols at each Christmas tree lighting ceremony?





Stage Door Divas at Decades

Richard (**E/J's**): Where do you get your pussy waxed? Should I ask Jeannie?
C.J. Brooks : Is it true that you now have put your mother to work on the stage of **Rich's**?
Chinchilla: I can't believe that you did not show up for the free beer at **Gaye's** birthday at **Mary's?**
Tony (hangs at the **Outpost**): And I quote: "My husband's name is not Bill."
Darlene (**Decades**): What do you keep in the red bag in your closet? And why do you have to keep it away from your dog?
Duvall (**HGO**): And I quote: "I don't just read *eclipse*, I lick it, too."
Boots (**Lazy J**) How much is the fine for a trash-passing ticket?
Kale (**ROCP**): Why did you dye your chicken blue?
Jim Sorgini (**Daddy of Montrose**): Is it true that you have a boy magnet? You better not let to many people know about this treasure.
Tommy Sue (**BRB**): I hear you have started a new fashion trend. Long legs and short socks.
Damion (**Club Houston**): Balloons for tits, a smile and a bottle of Cuervo. Who were you pretending to be? Could it be me?
Mikey (**Lobo**): How much of you does one get for $20?
Dennis Watson (NLA:H): And I quote: (1) "It's flaky, it's ugly and it's attached to me." (2): Forget your bat signal? (3): So how do you thank daddy after rescuing you (and a friend) from a fire escape? (4) When being a "Den Daddy" remember: "Lube, hot towel, lube, hot towel, food, next." (5): Cruising the halls (at IML's hotel) until the wee hours of the a.m., what are you doing besides giving **Brian K (NLA:H)** a run for his money in the early morning slut department? (6): When your inner pig comes out, are you always so inclined to visit your neighbors and have your way with them?

Thanks to all of you for your e-mails and faxes, keep 'em coming by faxing me at 713-529-9531 or by e-mailing me at cuervolyn@eclipsemag.net.

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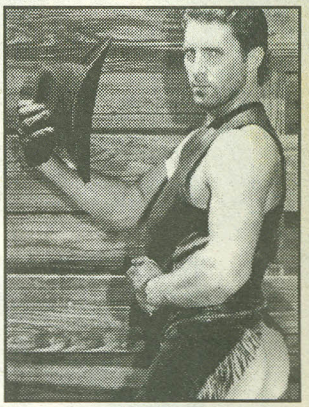

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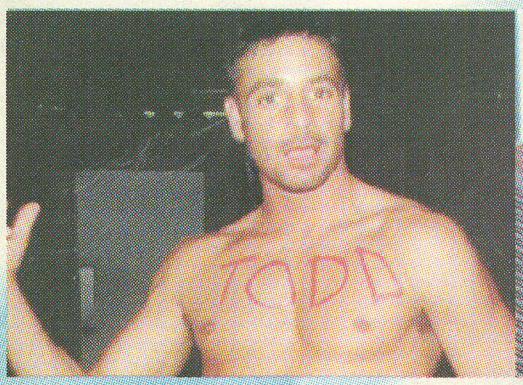
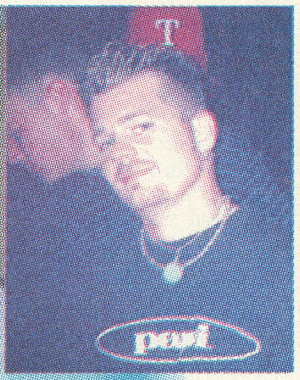














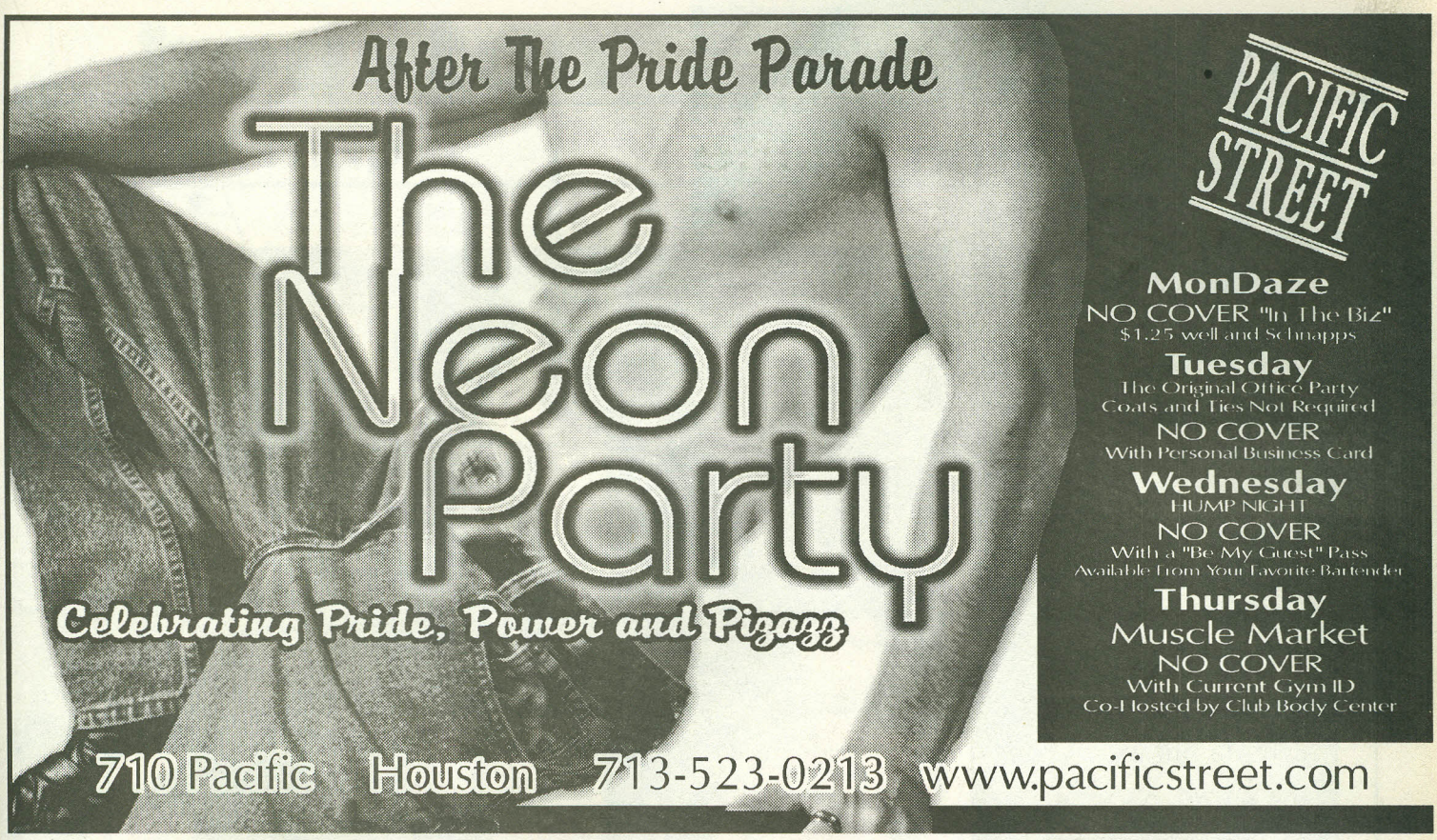


front row: Todd at **Pacific Street**; **Brent**, **Ron**, **Tom** and **Stephen** at the **BRB; Travis** at **Rich's.**

second row: Ralph, **Stuart**, **Ari** and **Hank** at **Pacific Street**; **Party Boys** at **Venture-N.**

third row: Beautiful people at **Picasso; J.R.** and **Chad** at **Paradise; Leesa** and **Irene** at **Club Extreme.**

fourth row: Rich's invaded by a group of **dancing boys.**



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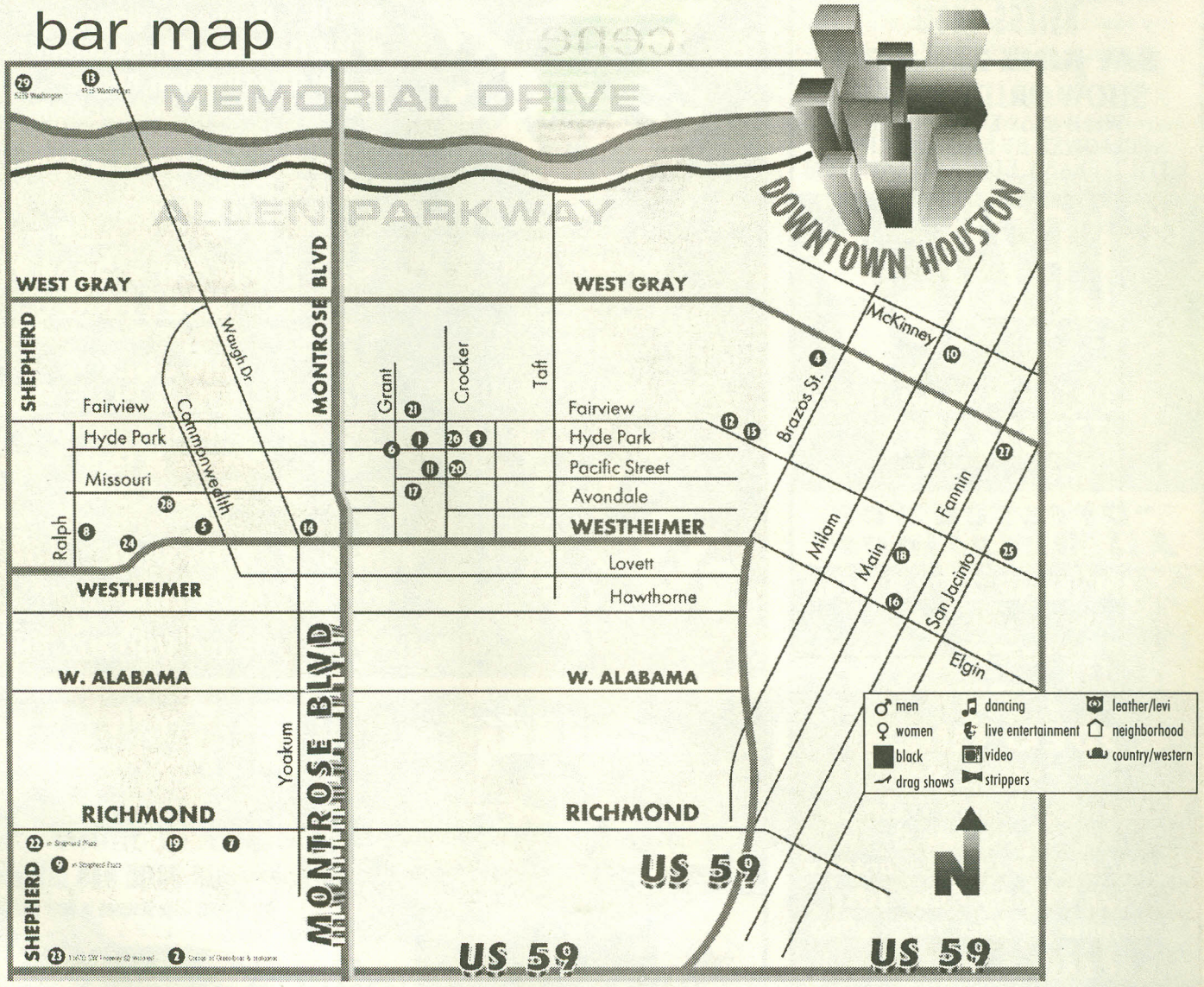

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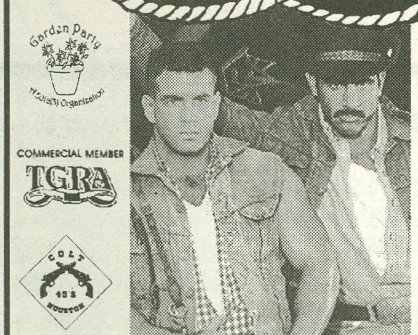

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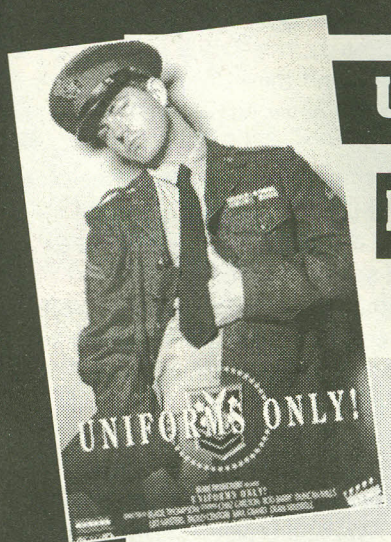

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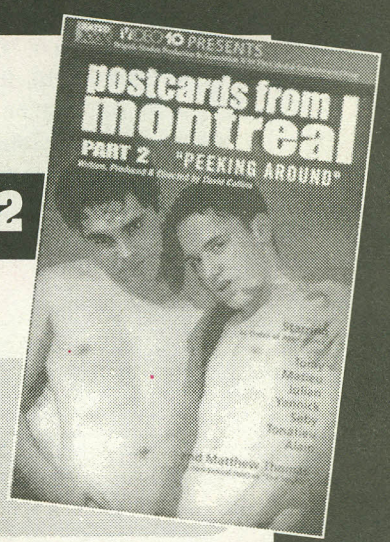

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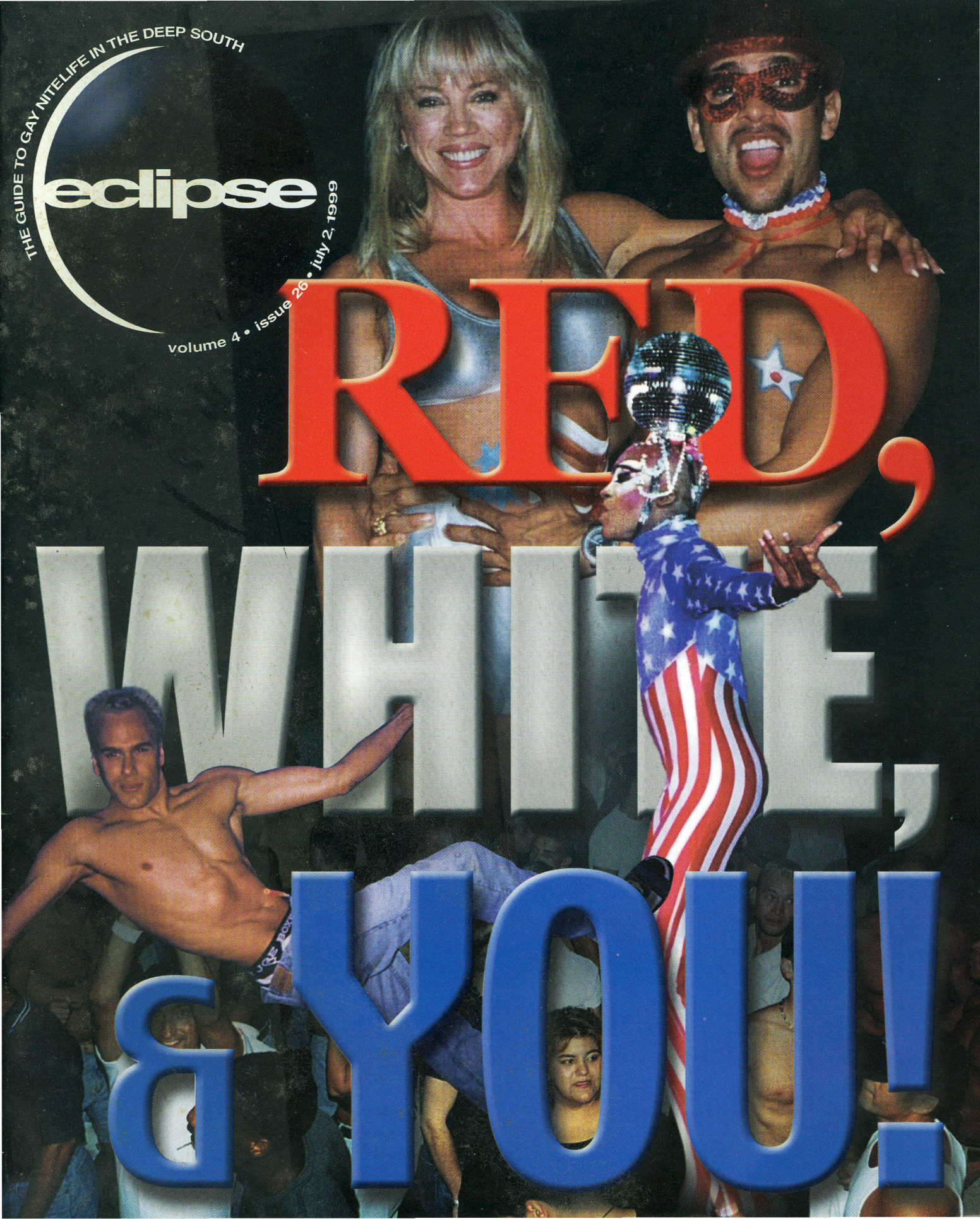

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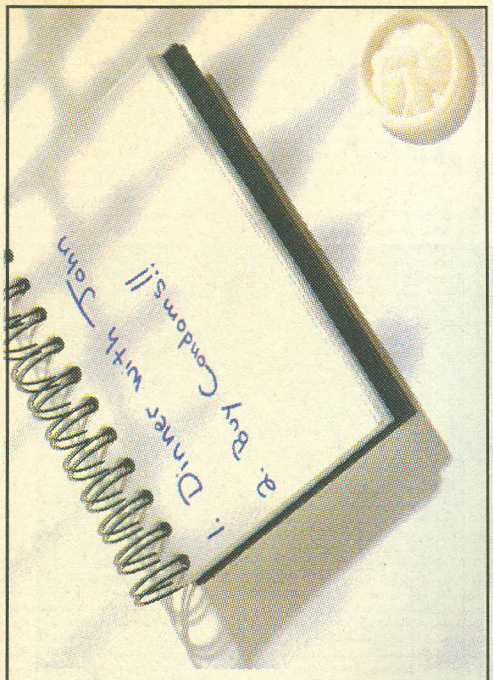

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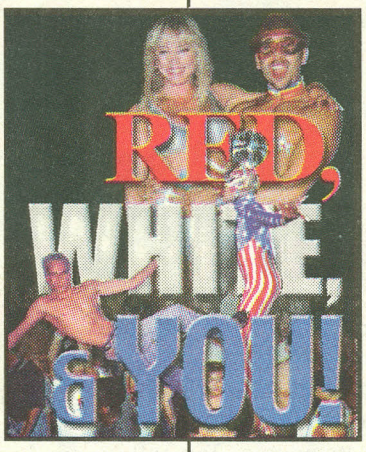

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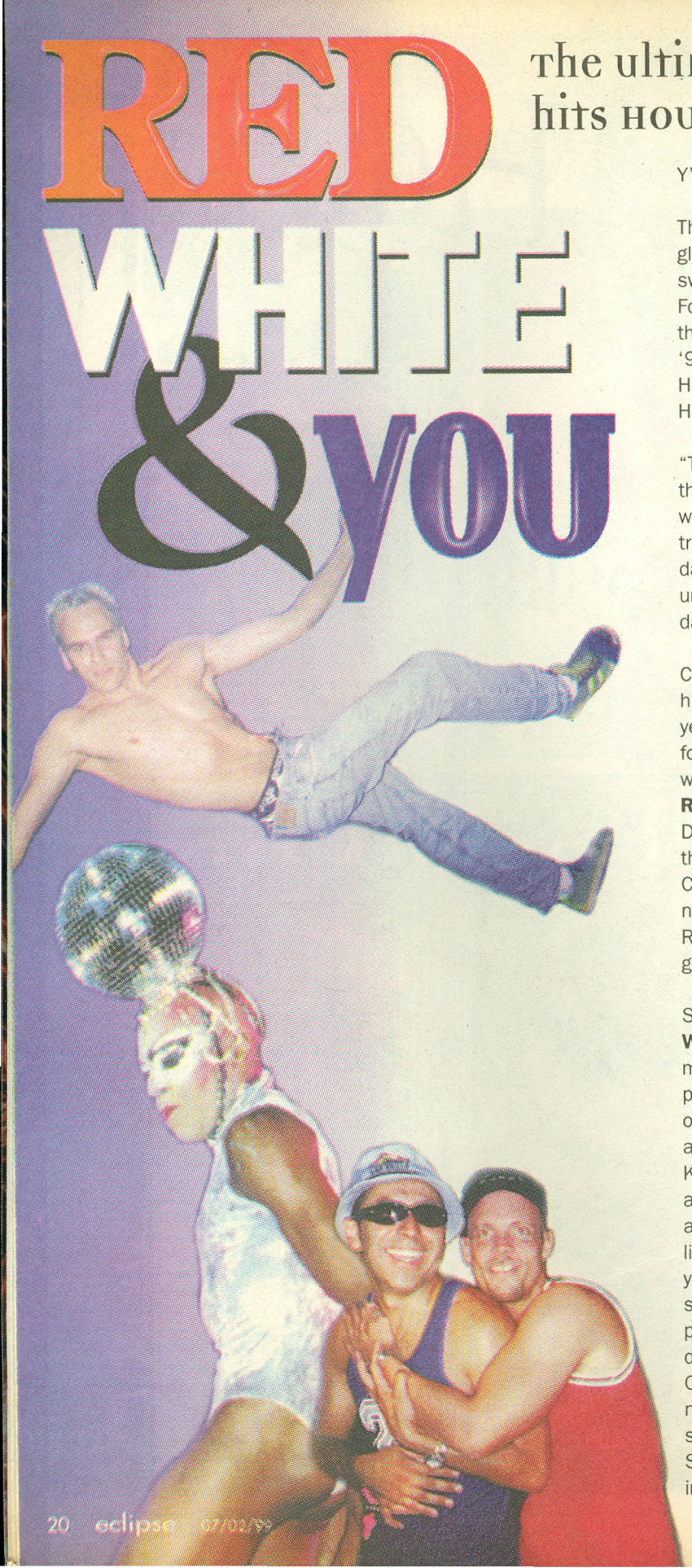

Y'all ready for this?

Thousands from around the globe are expected to shake, sweat and shimmy as the Hope For A Cure Foundation presents the Red, White & You Weekend '99 benefiting cancer and HIV/AIDS gene research in Houston, July 2-5, baby.

"This is definitely going to be the place to be the July 4th weekend," Charles Solomon, trustee/president with the foundation said. That may be an understatement. There are four days of jammed-packed fun.

Continuing the tradition of a high quality production, this year's weekend soiree includes four show-stopping events. The weekend blasts off with Friday's **REUNION** welcome party with DJ Ric Herrington of Dallas at the helm and features a dual CD release party. The Friday night event begins at 9 p.m. at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, and goes until 4 a.m.

Saturday's star-spangled **RED WHITE & YOU BALL II** has been moved to the Astroarena, which promises a benefit dance gala of Texas proportions. Remix artist DJ Abel and circuit diva, Kitty Meow of Miami Beach, along with Billboard recording artist Jeanie Tracy who is headlining the show. Tracy will send your dance feet into orbit at this showcase event. She will be performing her current top 20 dance hit, "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You," and a medley of her new releases. Jeanie's highly successful performance at Salvation in Miami Beach, during White Party, spurred the rest of her 1999 North American Tour with A&M Records. Other scheduled appearances are New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Her latest CD release, "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You," includes six remixes from renowned remixer/producers Rosabel and DJ Brian Norwood. Tracy's performance of the tracks is destined to keep people on the floor and in the mood.

Can you say "HOT"?! World-renowned illusionist Kitty Meow was the "single most requested returning entertainer and is coming back as the weekend host," said Solomon. Meow has hosted, produced, directed, performed and choreographed more than 500 parties, shows, events and performances during the past six years. He is one of the most sought after entertainers in the "nitelife" world, said Solomon. Meow is best remembered for his show-stopping performances during the Miami White Party, Gay Days at Disney, and White Party Palm Springs.

DJ Abel of Miami provides a high-energy, progressive house music and uplifting vocals with a dash of Latin and tribal influences to get the party gyrating. Solomon says the Ball will have a seamless, slick production feel to it, and will take partiers through the highs and won't let them down.

Solomon says Saturday night's ball will be "launched," shortly after the crowd is all juiced up. "Expect a series of THX sound effects and historical moments of American history, such as the shuttle launch and JFK's inaugural address," Solomon



said. "It'll have sound effects. The stage will come alive." There'll be foggers, strobes, blinding spotlights that come out of center stage and a really impressive, production number. "We have received Donna Summer's approval to play her new LP release. It's a Texas debut," said Solomon.

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The weekend continues with Sunday's **INDEPEN-DANCE DAY** benefit extravaganza at Rich's. This indoor/outdoor fireworks viewing party will feature DJ Mark McEwan of Atlanta and Billboard recording artist MarQus. In 1995 MarQus released his first single, "Dreams," and the EP was an immediate success, played all over the world at the largest circuit parties to rave reviews. His much anticipated single, "Closer To You," is destined to get the money-makers shaking on the dance floor.

Afterward, relax poolside at the Radisson Astrodome on Monday, July 5, for the **WET & WILD** afternoon party featuring DJ Michael Tank of Houston, the spinner at this past year's Jungle Lust extravaganza. The splashing good time begins at 2 p.m.

"You do not want to miss, by any circumstances, the July 3 ball," said Solomon, "They'll be new friendships built overnight." Last year's event drew more than 1,000 and raised more than $63,000. This year's weekend of events are expected to attract more than 2,000. "Houston has finally come into the spotlight across the country and has earned its place along side other major cities such as Miami, LA, and New York by producing a large weekend of socio-cultural events," Solomon said.

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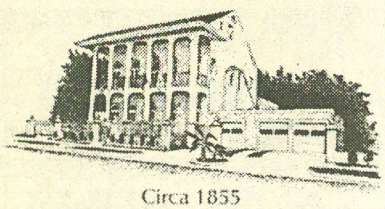

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Listen up, babies!

This year's **Miss Camp America's Wigs on Fire** was truly an Inferno at **Rich's** on June 19. **Hot Chocolate** opened in her stupendous style, for headliner **Bonnie Pointer.** Spies tell me that Bonnie was down on the dance floor mixin' and mingling with the audience more that she was up on the stage.

The **Stage Door Divas** raised a whopping $2,625 at their last fund-raiser at the **BriarPatch.** These monies will be sent to AFH Stone Soup, Colt 45's Stone Soup, and the Montrose Counseling Center.

Over the weekend of June 18, I was a busy camper. I attended the **Brotherhood of Pain's "Daddy Auction"** at the **Ripcord.** The auction of some of Houston's best daddies raised $1,065 to be donated to **Steven's House.** During the auction, the contestants for the first **Mr. Houston Fantasy** and the judges were introduced to a SRO crowd. The Mr. Houston Fantasy was also at the Ripcord on Saturday. This (first for Houston) contest was a difficult one to judge. All the contestants were qualified and the fantasies were well staged. **Chris** (whose penis is named 'beer can') of Brotherhood of Pain did a "See a Marine strip" fantasy, **Merlin** (belongs to **Bubba Tom)** had an erotic lion and hunter sequence, and the winner **James** performed a tasty fantasy with whipped cream, cherries and pineapples. You had to see it to believe it. Congratulations to all the contestants and to **Jim Sorgini** and **Ken Claude** on their first joint contest.

This year's annual **"Daddy of Montrose"** contest was held at **Mary's,** naturally on Father's day. I'm sure glad I did not judge this one, because all 7 of the contestants could be Montrose's daddy. Winner **Dennis Watson** of **NLA:H** will be daddy to us this year. Congratulations to runners up **Doug Decker** and **Jerel McNeil.** The rain could have waited 10 more minutes. Just as the winner was being announced, the sky opened up. You should have seen the leather men and women

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Time for the truth. NOT! This is some lies, sprinkled with half truths and blended with good old fashion gossip.

Creath R.: And I quote: "Honey there is life after love, you should try it." and I also heard this life after love made you very sore.

Big Gary (Ripcord): Did "we" have a good time in Vegas? And since when is Auto Zone a romantic interlude location?

Larry Joe (E/J's): 2 left feet?

Ricky (611): Cowboy Cocksuckers are not supposed to be shot slingers.

Keith (Outpost): Up to pee at 7 a.m. then back to bed? It is nice to know and share your peein' schedule with all of my readers.

Dizz R.: And I quote "If it doesn't draw blood, it ain't good sex."

Anthony (hangs at **Ripcord**): I have a message for you and I guess you know who it is from. "Your loss, not mine. You had someone good, but you blew it."

Brian K. (NLA:H): Idiot, party of one? Is that you?

Jake (hangs at **Ripcord**): So when can a Chevy Z71 go deep sea fishing? All aboard.

Harold (hangs at **Pacific Street**): Next time you are on your knees in the bushes, it is a good ideal to check the area before you kneel.

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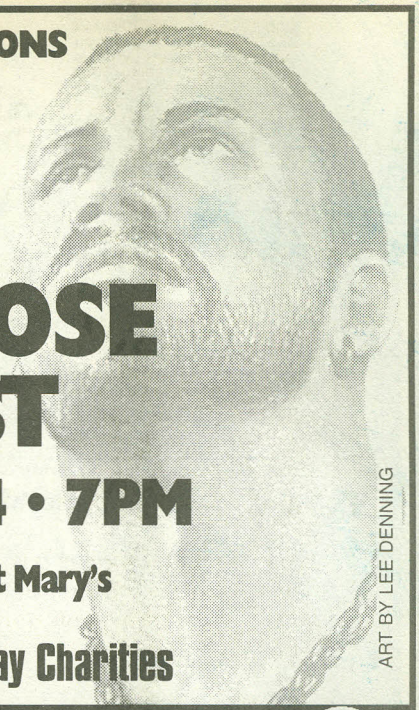

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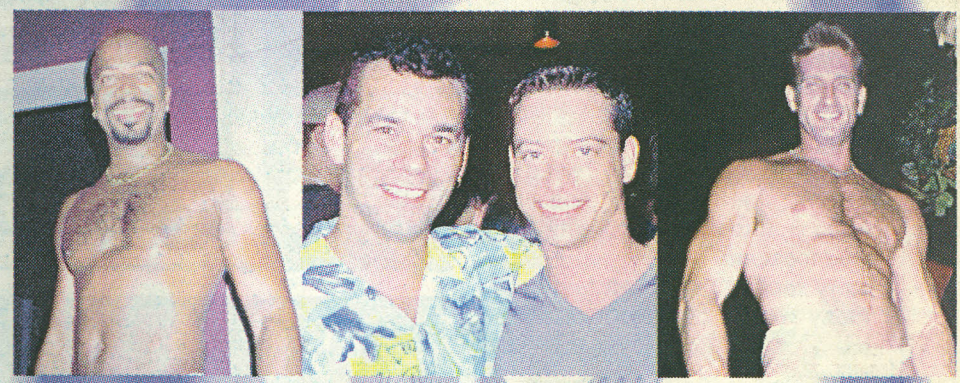





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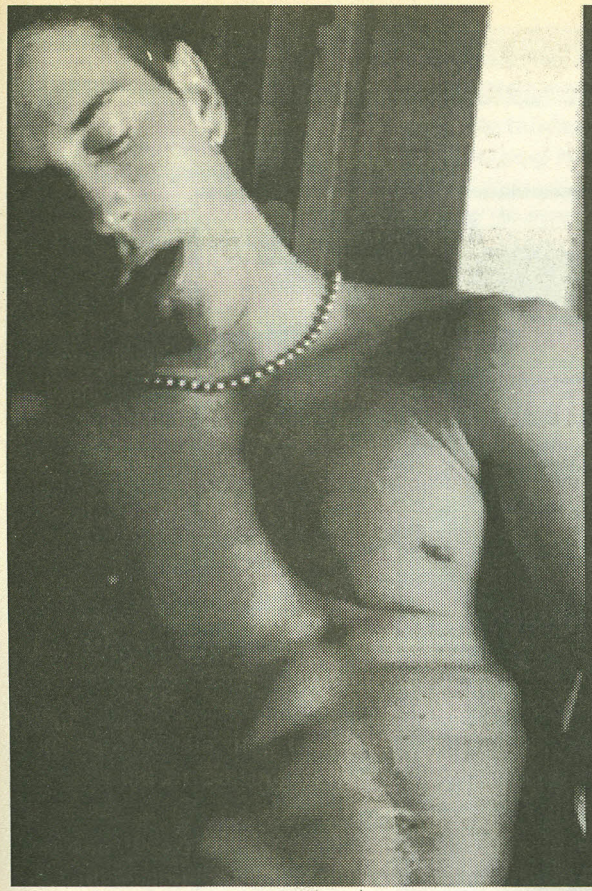
fourth row: Rick and **Phillip** at **E/J's.**



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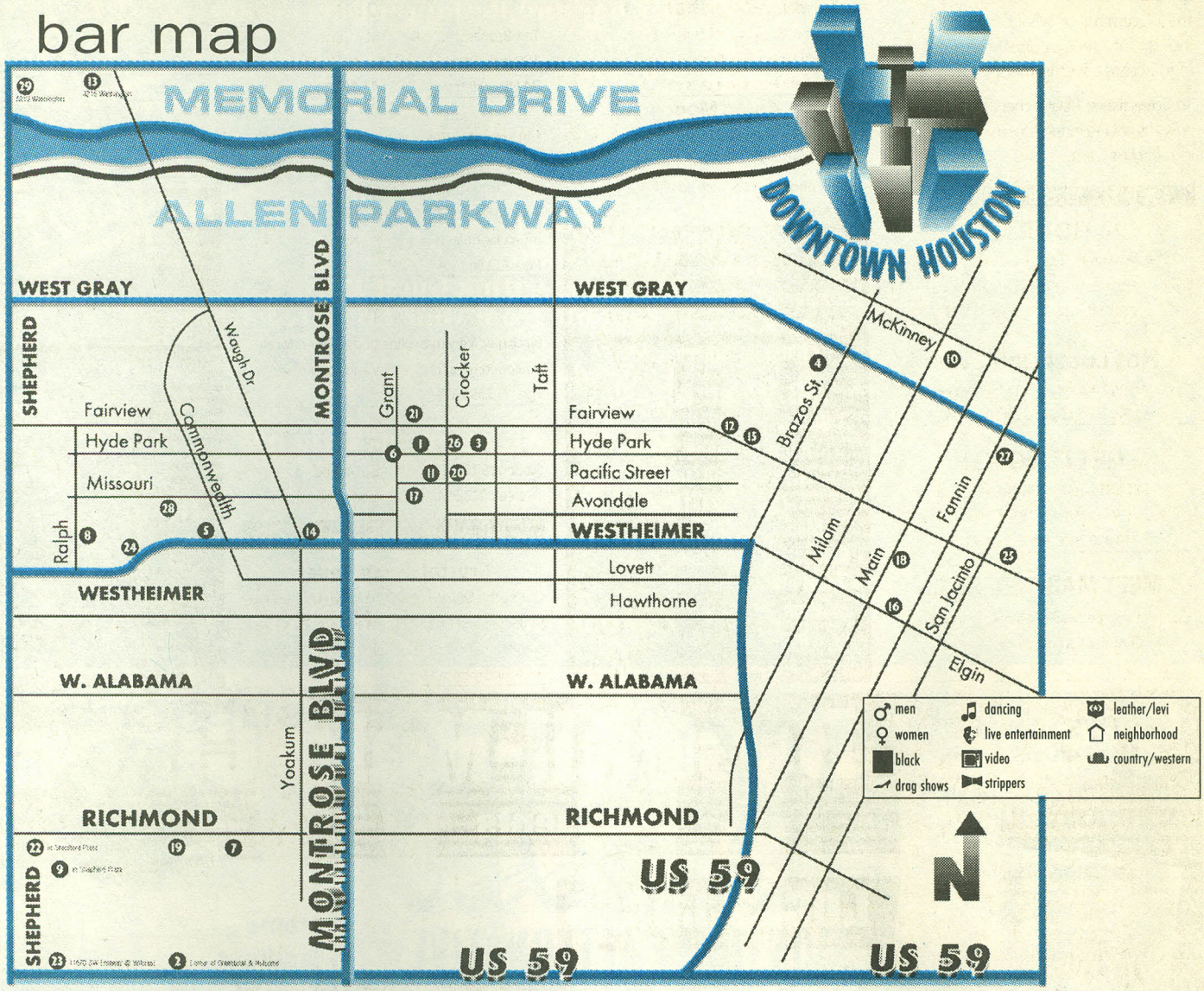

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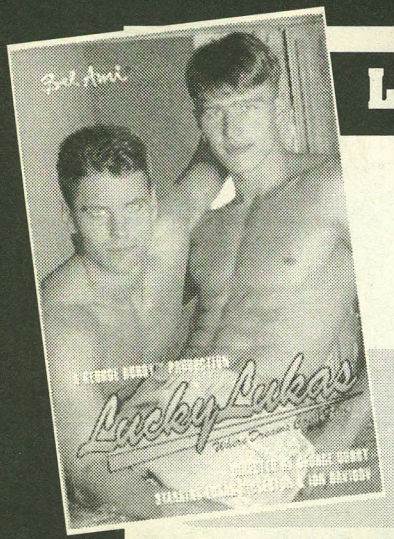

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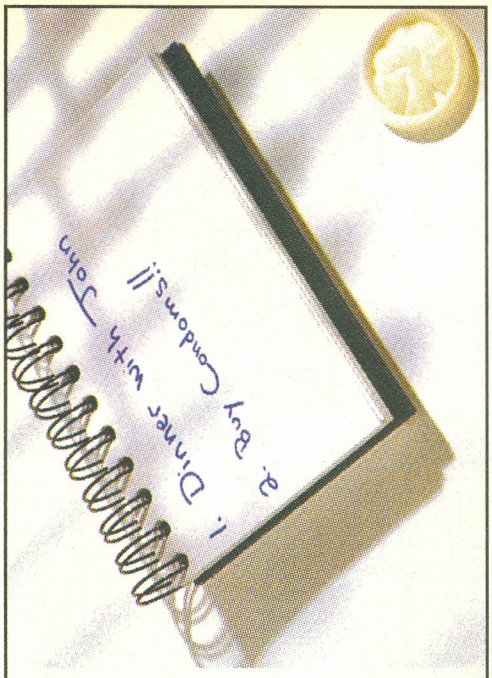

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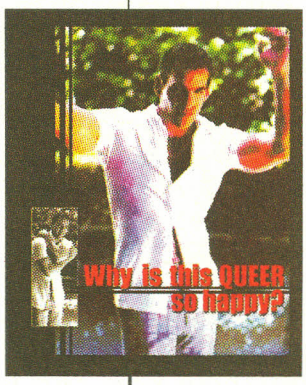

Can a hunky piece of beef really develop a soul to match the body? Apparently so. Bob Paris' new book, "Generation Queer," is insightful and heartfelt. "GQ" isn't the only book to make the grade—check out other queer self-help books, inside.

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Listen up, babies.

Things are heating up, both weather wise and party wise. The 16th annual **Denim Party** is on July 25 at the **Brazos River Bottom**. Something new this year, you will have to have one of the bandana invitations to get in. So, if you know a host, start begging for your invite now. I'm guessing they will go fast. Also on the hot party circuit, the 24th annual **Garden Party** is on August 1 , also at the **Brazos River Bottom**. This year's theme is "Dawg Patch"—a Hillbilly Hoedown. For more info on either party, call the BRB at 713-528-9192.

Christmas in July? Where? Montrose of course! The annual **Christmas in July** party at **Rich's** is also coming up soon. If you have not received your invite yet, call your host friends, 'cuz they have been mailed. Don't forget to purchase your **Christmas in July Holiday Thoughts** at your favorite watering hole. All proceeds go to the **PWA Holiday Charities.**

Mr. BRB '99 Woody Steiner and **Miss BRB '99 Selena St. John** present the **BJ Summer's Memorial PWA Christmas in July Show** on July 18 at the BRB. It's emceed by **Shelby St. John.**

What comes after Christmas in July? **New Year's Eve in July**, of course. This traditional party will be held at **Pacific Street** on July 31. Party hats, leis, champagne toast and all the usual New Year's Eve traditions are in store for you.



At JR.'s 17th Anniversary Celebration, Star Search gold karaoke grand prize winner, Dominique Denman, hangs with Hostess Marsha Carlrton and JR.'s special events coordinator, Randall Jobe

The **Misfits** will be guest bartending at the **Ripcord** (on the patio), July 17.

Do you love uniforms? The place to be is at the **Venture-N** on Thursday nights around 9 p.m. There are some uniformed men who will start gathering there for some social time together.

I have been receiving tons of inquiries about Rascal and Harvey (my ferrets for you new readers). They are wonderful. If I could get another ferret, I would go to Walbash Feed Store and buy this cute little sable named Jasper. He needs a home. **Jeff** (at **Decades** and fellow ferret lover) has all the details on this bundle of furry fun. You can call him at 713-521-2224.

Time to talk trash. Welcome the lies, and gossip blended with half-truths. But before we gossip, I have something very serious to share with my spies and readers. It has been brought to my attention that sometimes the trash that is confidentially given to me is given not in the "let's have fun" mode but in the "let's make someone the butt of a joke and let

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Cuervolyn unknowingly deliver a mean and hateful punch line" mode. This is not good. I love receiving all the trashy tidbits, but come on boys and girls, we need to play nice. With all this in mind, I owe **Mikey (of Lobo),** victim of my last *eclipse* column, a huge, "I'm sorry." If I had known what I wrote would have hurt you so much, I never would have printed that trashy tidbit I received. And a "shame on you" to the source of that trash! With that in mind, let's talk **NICE** trash.

Vera (BRB): I have a message for you. "Thank you for the offer, but you are not worth $250. How about a shot of Cactus instead?" Love, Pearl.

Jay G. (hangs at the Ripcord): Are you trying to build your own "golden arches"? Would it not be easier to install a revolving door?

M. Pussycat (Club Picasso): You looked oh, so, lushiously delicious on the Picasso float.

David (Ripcord): And I quote: "We did not cut his balls off, we gnawed them off."

John (at *Houston Voice*): And I quote: "I need to get something salty in me."

Ed (E/J's): And I quote: "No, I'm just the human under the bird's ass."

Tom C.: Thanks for the fax. Keep 'em coming, please.

Weed Woman (Venture-N): Honey, the flowers at the Venture-N look fabu!

Haygood (hangs at Decades): Your Rolls Royce has 10 inches of what?

Crystal Rae Lee Love (RSICSS): Are you all puckered out?

Felshia Flesheater (RSICSS): And I quote: "Give me a Foster and I won't take a nap?"

Dot (King Father for Life): If you ever leave a party, you will be sorely missed, 'cuz we love you!

Meg (Mary's): And I quote "I'm my period every day."

T.R. (hangs at Decades): And I quote: "I tried to move my bowel."

Steve Chaission: It was great to see you in Houston. I'm glad that the bar you hang at in Nashville carries *eclipse*.

George T. (Renegades): And I quote: "I can't remember names, just dicks and asses."

Keep sending in those trashy tidbits to *cuervolyn@eclipsemag.net* or fax to 713-529-9531.

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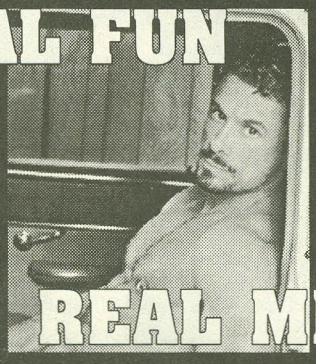

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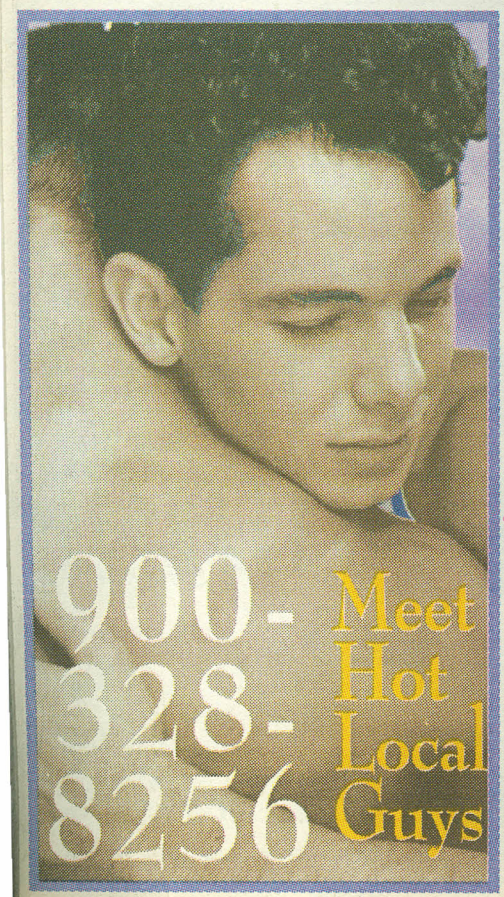

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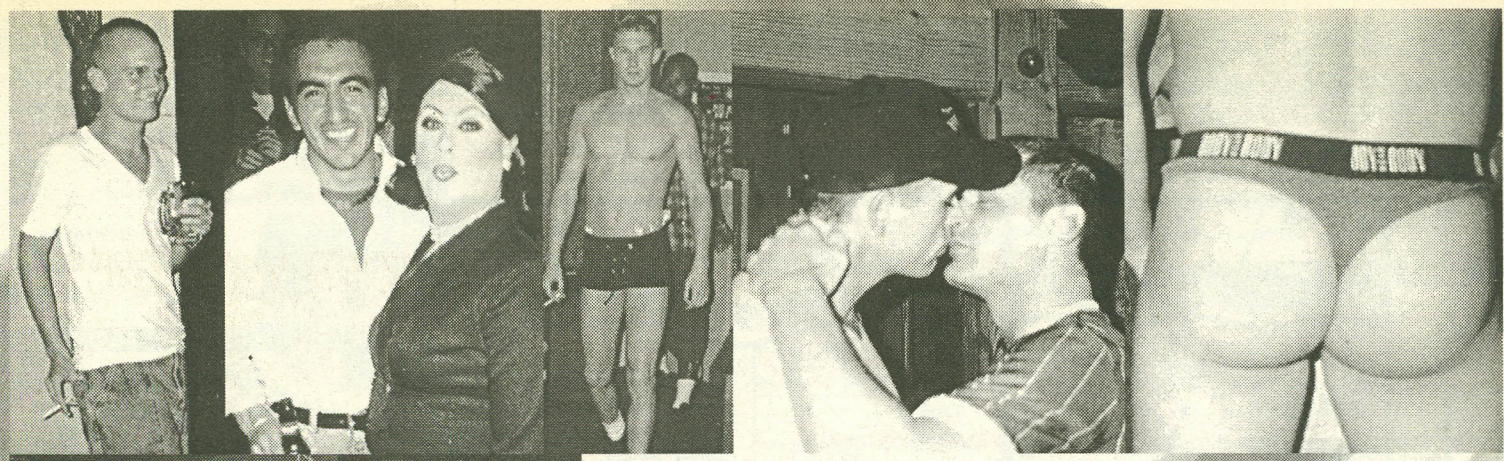

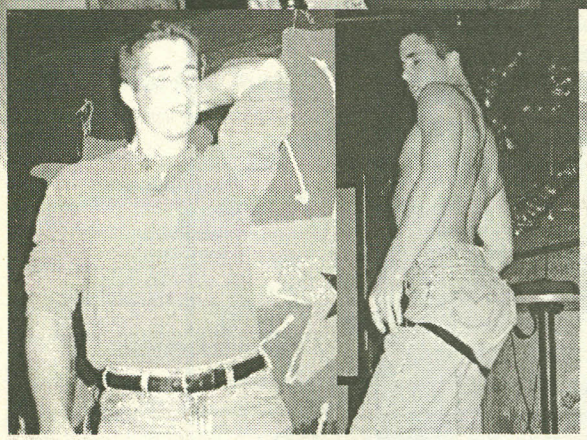

first row (opposite page): **Jim Sorgini** and **Ken Claude** at **Ripcord**; **Chris** of Brotherhood of Pain and Mr. Houston Fantasy, **James**, at **Ripcord**; **Hidden Beds**, **Celica Tyler** and **Hillary Clinton** at **JR.'s**.

second row (opposite page): **Steve** at **Ripcord**; gorgeous bartender at **JR.'s**; **Hank** and **Jake** at **Paradise**; **John Palmer**, **Charles Armstrong** and **Randall Jobe** at **JR.'s**.

first row (this page): **Sven** at **E/J's**; **Monica** and her lover at **JR.'s**; **dancer** at **E/J's**; swapping spit at **Rich's**; the **sights** at **E/J's**.

second row (this page): doing their thing at **E/J's**.

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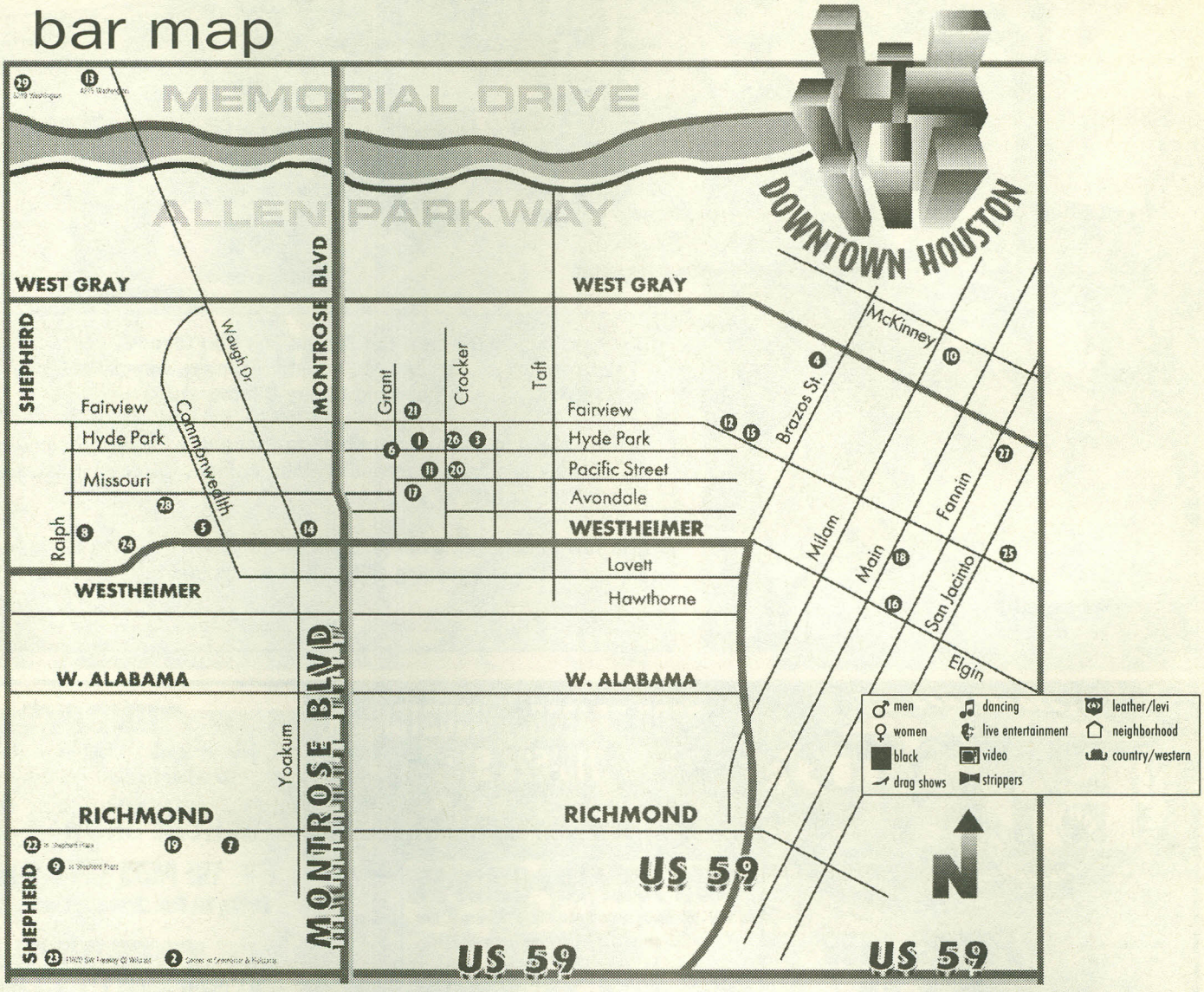

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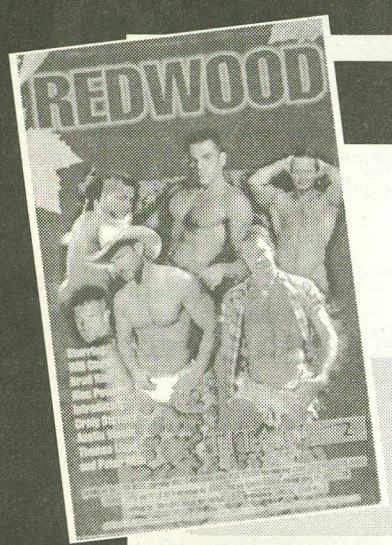

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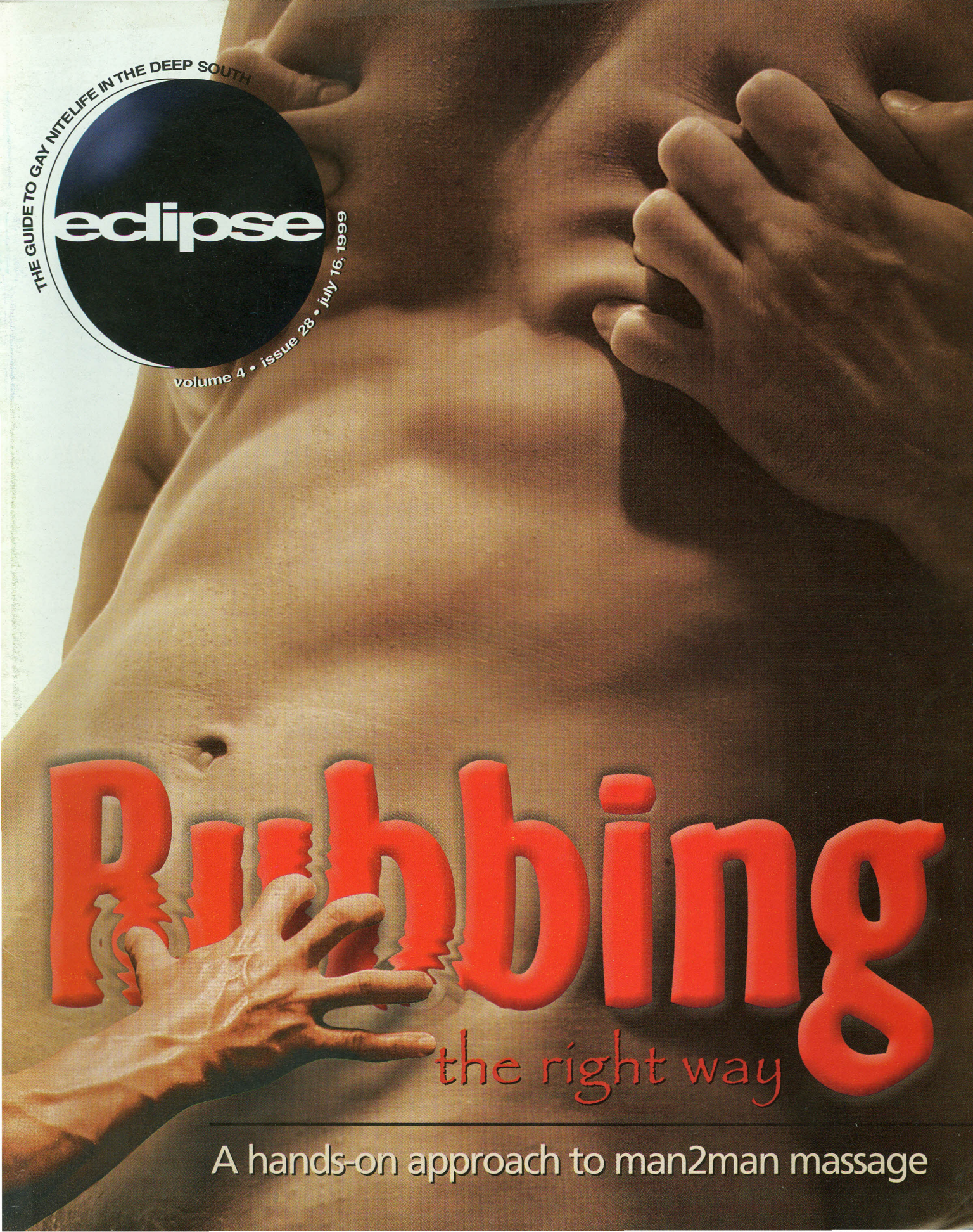

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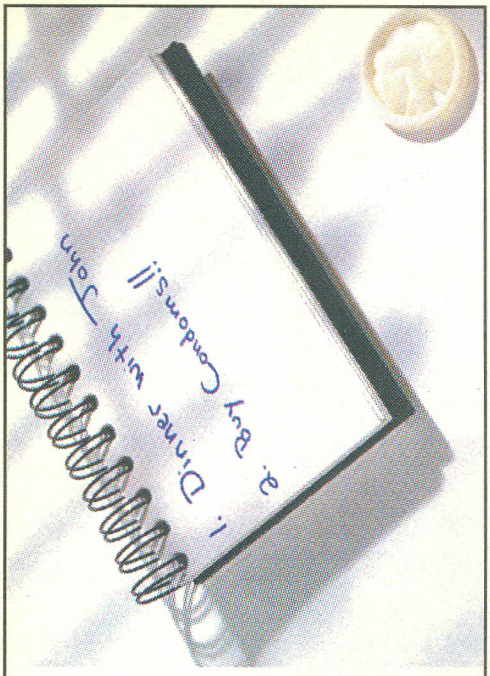

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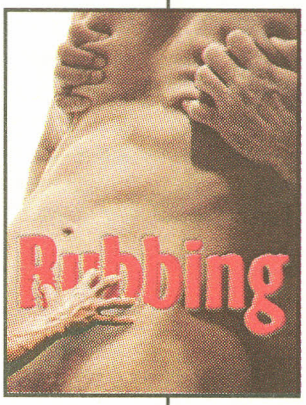

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scene and heard

houston

by cuervolyn

Listen up, babies!

Things are heating up here in the Montrose. Over the Fourth of July weekend, there were a zillion parties to go to and lots of people to see. The **BIG BANG** high atop 3400 Montrose with a panoramic view was the place to see the fireworks. The **RED, WHITE AND YOU** circuit party exploded with five parties throughout the holiday weekend, bringing in some of the hottest men ever seen in Houston.

I had the pleasure recently to be one of the judges for the **BOY OF MONTROSE** contest held at **MARY'S.** This contest was one of the most difficult to judge. Hot leather daddy **MARK FRAIZER** served as the event's emcee. The contestants **DOUGLAS DORSON, LUTHER MARTIN, CARLOS CAMPOS, CHRIS DURST** and **LANCE DAUGHTREY** made this contest difficult to judge.



The Red, White and You circuit party at Rich's... Hot, Hot, Hot!

With my fellow judges **TJ THURMAN** (Mr. Dallas Fantasy '98), **ROSY CHEEKS** (Mother of Montrose '99), **DENNIS WATSON** (Daddy of Montrose '99) and **LARRY ARBO** (Hot leather daddy and my step-husband), we voted. Daughtrey took the first "Boy of Montrose." And if he is unable to fulfill his "boy" duties, runner-up Campos will step into place. This was also a fund-raiser for the **PWA HOLIDAY CHARITIES** and more than $2,000 was brought in to benefit this charity. Thanks to the boys, audience, Mary's and **DON GILL PRODUCTIONS** for this fun event.

Over at **VENTURE-N,** the **STARS, STRIPS AND PINK TRIANGLES FOREVER** show boasted the talents of **IDA BOTTOMS, ROSY CHEEKS, THUMP HER KNIGHTLY, MARY KAY, WENDY CHICAGO, OVA EWE** and **LEXY BOWEN.** Before the show, we tasted some of the new concoctions available at the venue, starting off with the Raspberry Lime Ricky with Jose Cuervo. Tasty. Then we moved onto the vodka, which was okay. Then we tried Rum. Yeah, baby, yeah yummy. Next time you are at the Venture-N, be sure to try it. Speaking of tasty and trendy drinks, the **BRIAR PATCH** has the biggest martinis in town.



Be sure to cool down from the Texas heat with one of them.

We received notification that there was an additional error in the scoring of the **DADDY OF MONTROSE** contest held on June 20. The winner is still **DENNIS WATSON.** The first runner-up is **DOUG DECKER;** second runner-up is **KEN WILLIAMSON.**

Down in Galveston, the **BLVD. SALOON** is the place to be to see the beach from an air-conditioned bar stool. They are gearing up for lots of fun this summer. I hear that they are waiting delivery of a grand piano for your entertainment pleasure. While down there, stay at **HOLLYWOOD INN** or **OUT BY THE SEA.** Be sure to take a trip into **PEC'S, THE KON TIKI, LA FEITES, LA PAPILLION** or **EVOLUTION.** With the island less than an hour away, it is a great escape from the steel and concrete of Houston.

If you are headed to Dallas for the weekend of July 16-18, check out the **DALLAS EAGLE** and **LARRY ARBO'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY.** It is one hell of a show!

Now, it's time for some lies, sprinkled with half truths and blended with good old fashion gossip.

Tommie Sue Ellen (BRB): Did Asabi really beat you at strip poker? By how many points?
Ken Long (Pacific Street): And I quote "I'm not sleeping with Jeff from KRBE 104 yet."
Rodney (EJ's): I hear you are going to get paid three times today?
Stan (Boot Black) And I quote: "I was helping him zip his chaps up."
Mark (Venture-N): The parking lot is not a Wendy's drive through.
Steve (formerly of Venture-N now at E/J's): Good luck.
Scooter (Ripcord): And I quote: "I don't bend over for that!"
Rick and Mark (hang at the Ripcord): Fun, fun, fun?
Ova Ewe: And I quote: "Now seating, table for six, no waiting"
Ida Bottoms: And I quote: "If there was a bar on the wagon, I would never fall off."

Keep sending your trashy tidbits to cuervolyn@eclipsemag.net or fax to 713-529-9531. We'll never tell who told us.





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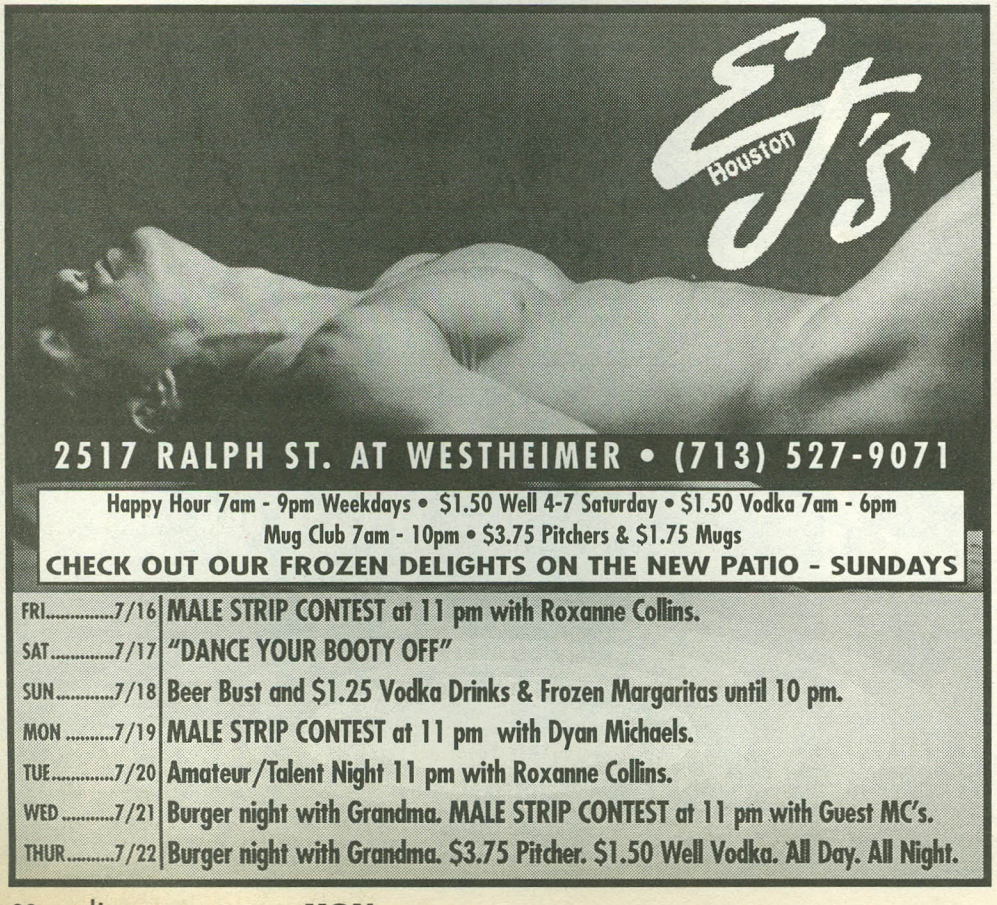

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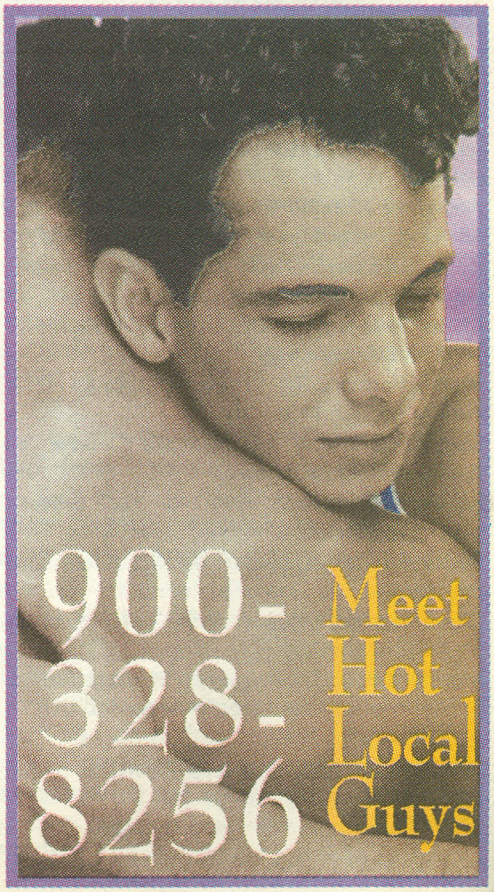


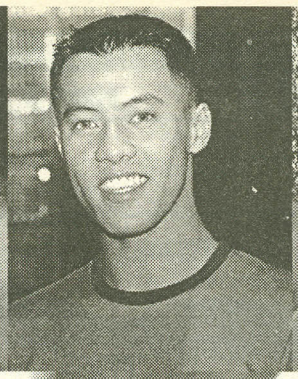
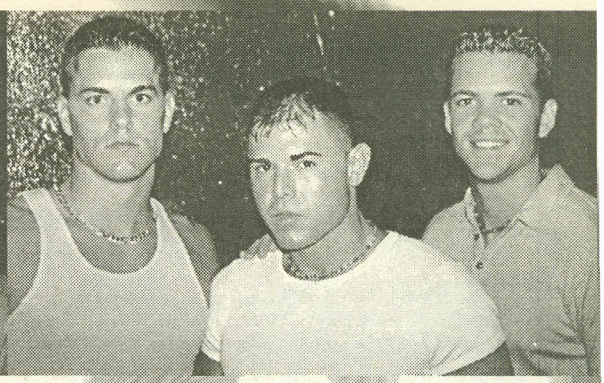
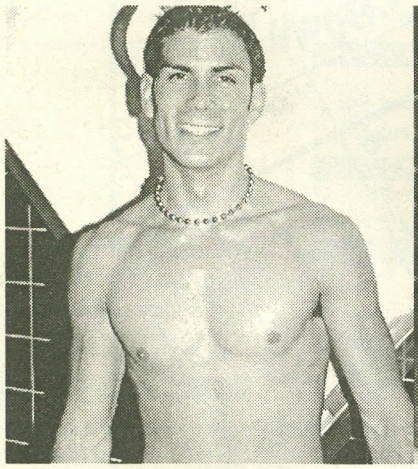
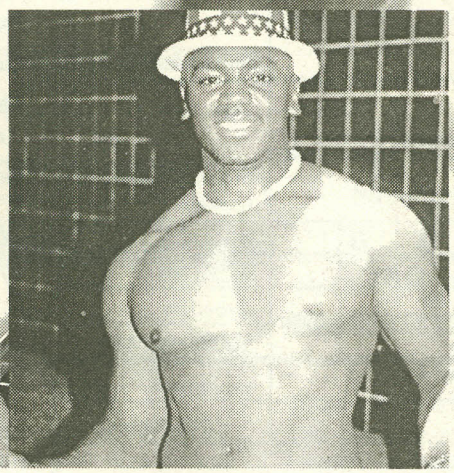

first row (opposite page): Lloyd at Red, White & You! Freedom party at **Rich's; a** feathered-out **Bobby;** dancin' **Jack.**

second row (opposite page): Doug, Rob and **Luther; Dan** and **Shane** donning a little leather.

first row (this page): Mike, Robert and **Raymond; Mike;** college boys **Nathan, Mike** and **Craig.**

second row (this page): Steve and **Rod.**

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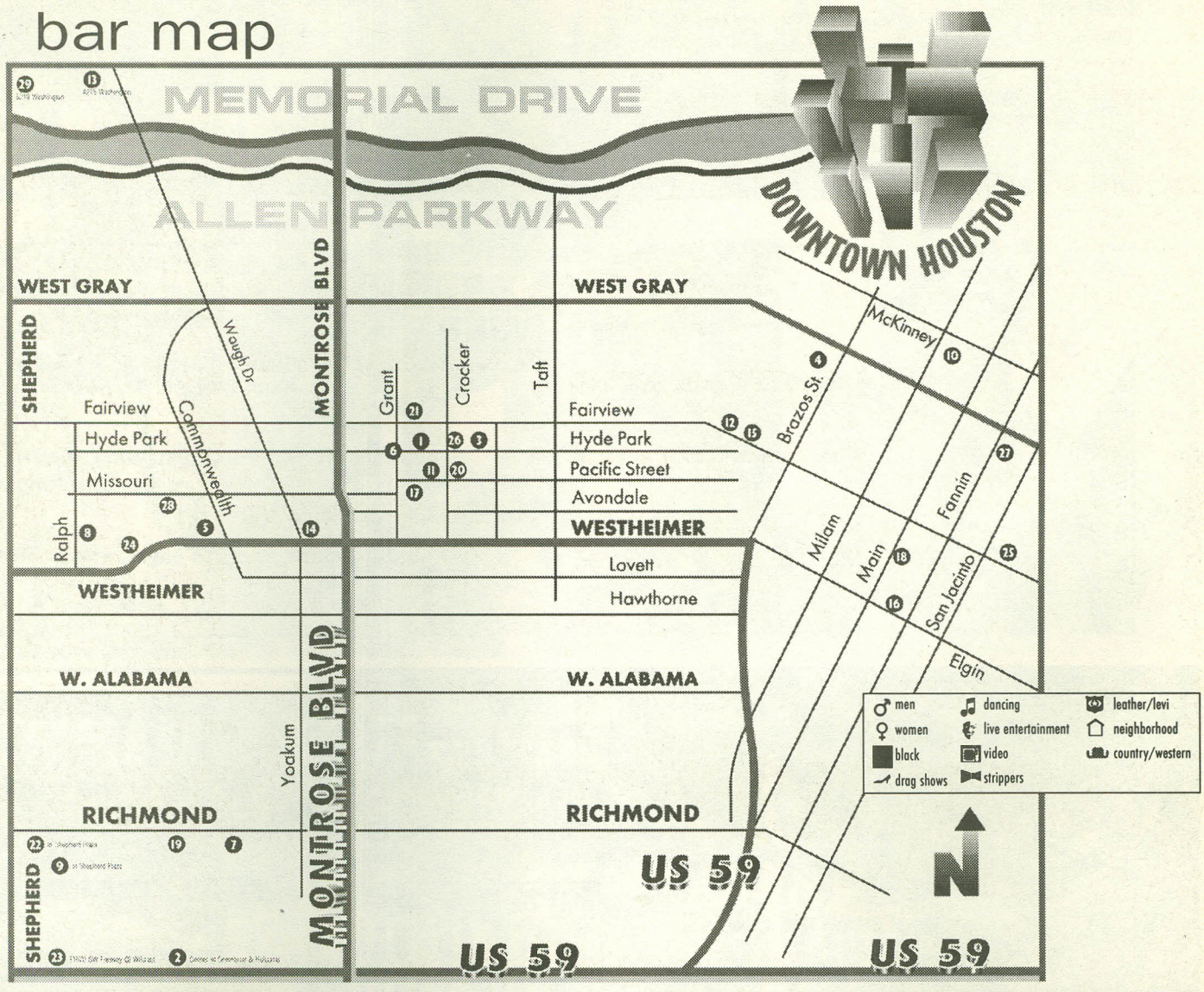

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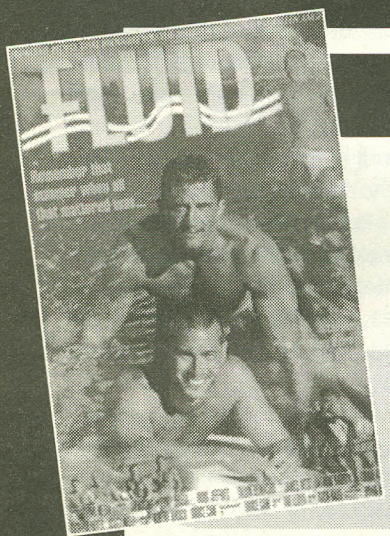

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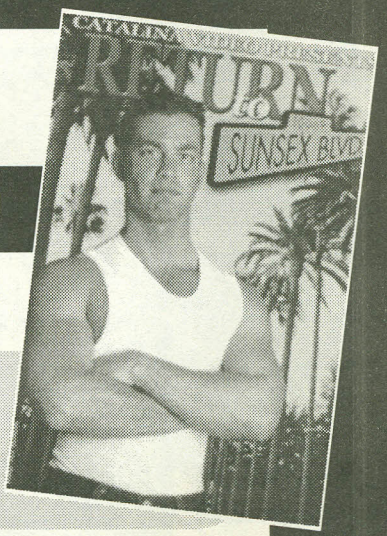

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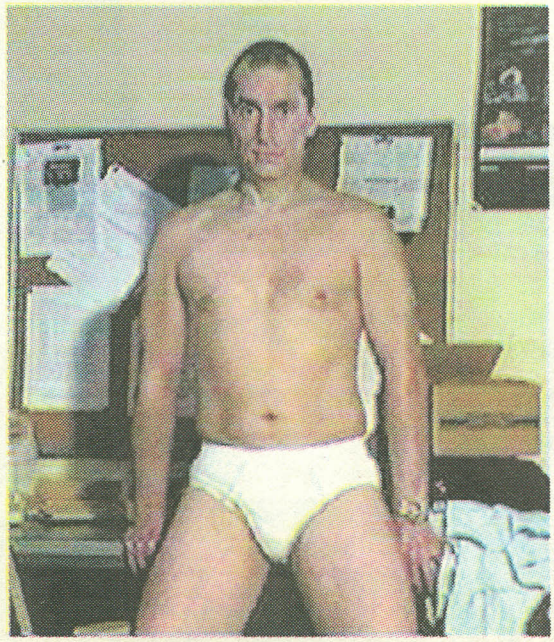
by jim buck

"Darling, we simply must chat about your childhood. My correspondence degree in psychotherapy has opened my eyes, allowing me to chart the rugged terrain of the human subconscious. I'm certain yours requires a Hummer and a couple of jet skis to navigate."

My new friend slathered on more lipstick and scratched at her five-o'clock-shadow. "Why don't we start from the top: tell me in your own words what you've got against men under 65?"

I turned back to my cocktail and sighed. "You see," I began, "what really fascinates me is everyday guys. The Internet is this amazing tool that allows Toms, Dicks, and Harrys from here to Uttar Pradesh to share themselves (and their genitalia) with the e-world. It just so happens that the average Internet exhibitionist is of average age and looks."

I could tell from her over-plucked, highly arched eyebrow, she didn't get it. For those who do, you'll enjoy the following sites. Before we begin, though, there are a few things to remember: Nude home pages are often put together by people who have little or no knowledge of design principles, let alone web design. Don't expect high-tech slickness. Notable exceptions include two sites I've previously discussed: **What is Fresh? (http://home.earthlink.net/~kevyfresh)** and **Eric de Paris (http://gaybigcocks.com/ericparis/main.htm).**



Gregg works it.

Because of their adult content, many of these sites are on free adult servers. And, whereas AOL and other providers let you have your nude- and profanity-free web space all to yourself, adult web servers are generally more intrusive. Specifically, the host retains the right to put winking sex banners at the top and bottom of every page. Sorry.

Plus, that guy down the street may look hot in a jockstrap covered in canola oil, but don't expect him to be an expert speller.

That said, at the top of my list this week is **Zoomer's Homepage (www.teleport.com/~zoomerkw).** Zoomer's a Portland-based propeller-head (note his passion for sci-fi) with a diverse array of interests, including a penchant for showing off. Without getting too hard-core, the buff little Zoomer lets us get up close and personal via a sort of multi-scenario, interactive striptease. Watch him peel off baseball, military, and leather gear, down to the bare necessities. And maybe if we start an e-mail writing campaign, we can get him to upload some new pics...

Gregg Exposed! (www.gay-town.com/greggexposed) is another interesting little site run by a randy guy from Britain who has a particular taste for uniforms (convenient, since he's a security guard). After clicking through a couple of warning pages, you'll find pics of Gregg at work, at home, at a makeshift construction site... you get the picture. Sign his guest book

and send in a pic—your underwear, too, if you like.

One of the more thoughtful personal sites I've come across is **Svelte Bear's Homepage (www. avalon.net/~svltbear).** Other sexy homepages tend to provide a simple list of sexual predilections and a handful of raunchy pics; web master Alan (aka "Svelte Bear"), lets us know all about his life as a naturist, a pagan, and leather aficionado. RobBear provides nude & semi-nude galleries—though don't expect hardcore from Sveltey. You can, however, expect some serious raunch from...

Herc007 (http://herc 007. xxx.web1000. com). Herc0007 is a California boy who's not afraid to tell you what he likes behind closed green doors. And while he isn't too willing to share the quotidian details of his life, he makes up for it by offering countless (well, okay, 16) nude and semi-nude self-pic galleries.

A nice blending of the contemplative and the sexy can be found at **TruckBear's Homepage (http://neptune.psn.net/~truckbear).** Jon (aka "TruckBear") is a smoldering, studly mofo who's appeared on several web pages I've listed over the years. On his own turf, you can find out all about his life with his s.o. Bill, their life as truckers(!), and their passion for piercing and tattoos. You can also find some very, um,

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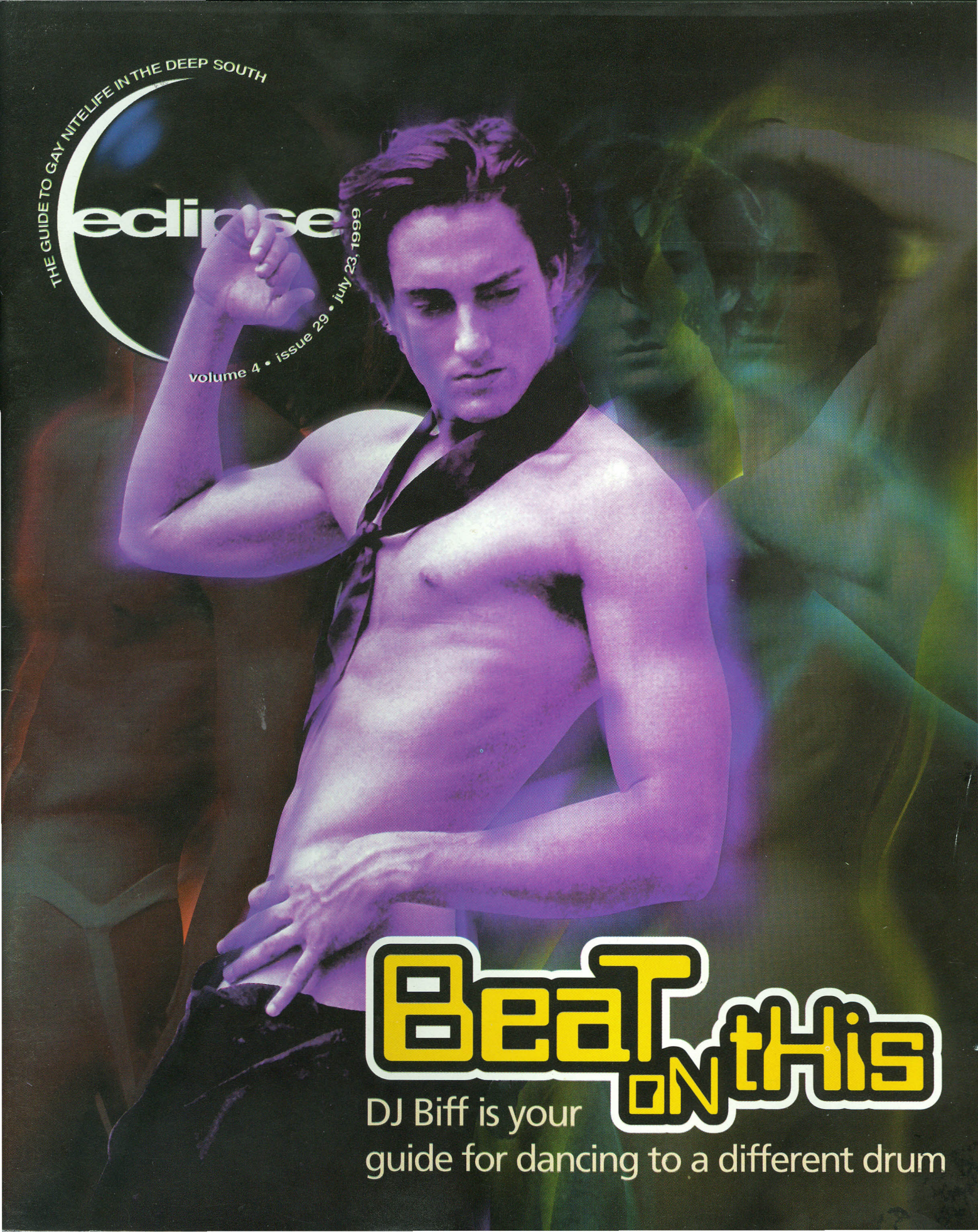

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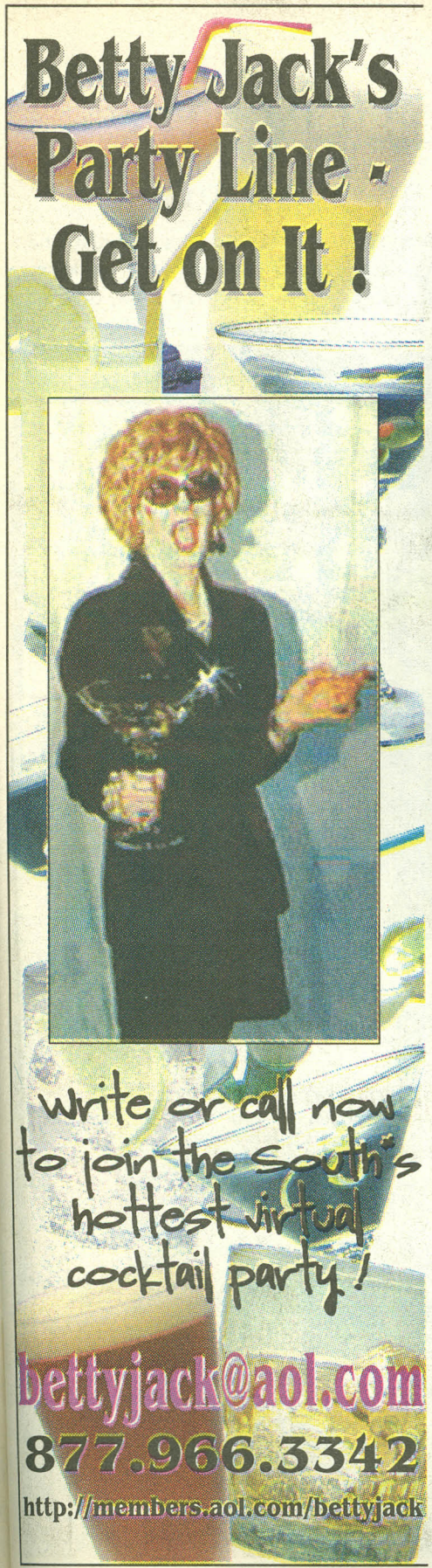

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Beat on this

Music at its best infects the dance floor with epidemic energy. Do you dare brave the throng of men in the throes of movement? Get the latest information to soothe your fever. This week, *eclipse* introduces a new music column by DJ Biff, 'Beat on this.'

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by cuervolyn

Listen up, babies!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY hit the dance floor of **RICH'S** like a winter storm on July 11. My spying elves report a jolly ol' time was had by all.

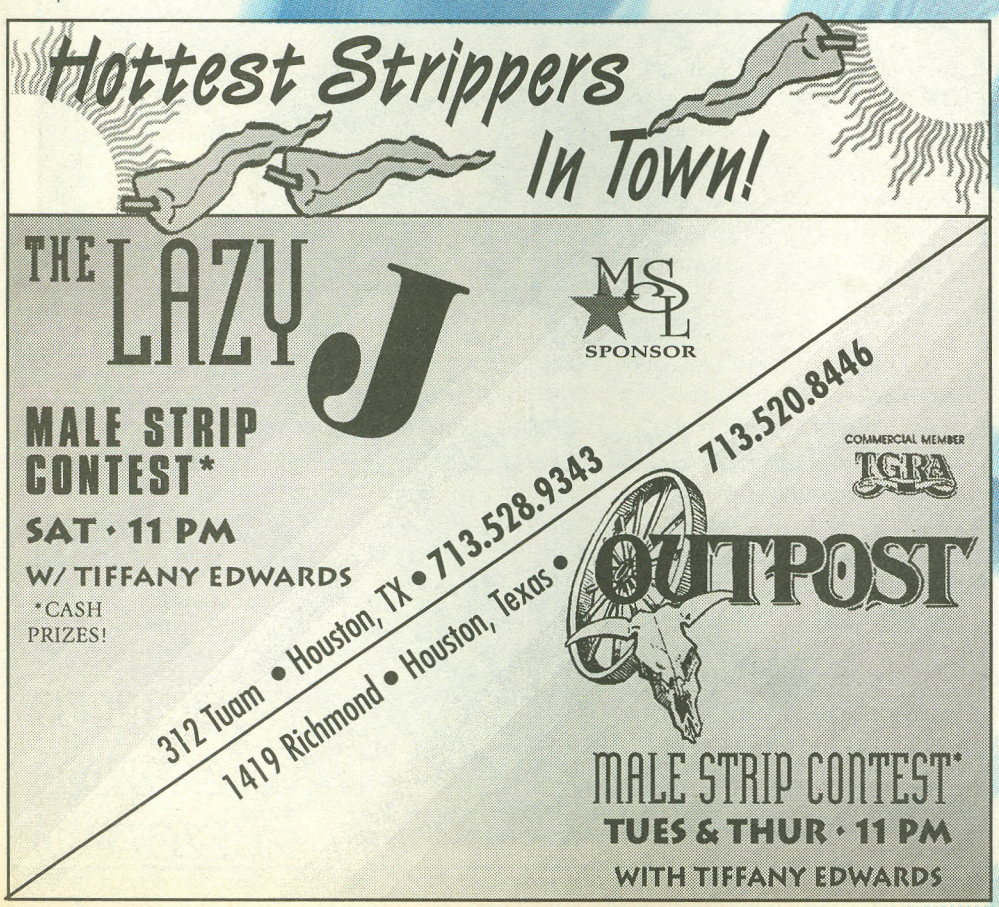
The **DENIM PARTY!** It is time again to wrangle into your Wranglers, shop until you drop looking for that perfect C&W shirt, use a gallon of starch to iron that new shirt, put your bandanna invitation in the correct pocket, slide into your best Ropers and boot, scoot and boogie to the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM** on July 25 starting at 5 p.m. This 16th annual party boasts the best looking cowboys and cowgirls that Houston will ever see.

On Aug. 1, guess what happens at the BRB? Get out the stuff to black out your front tooth, grab an old tablecloth and a straw hat and you are ready for the **GARDEN PARTY XXIV** "Dawg Patch" Hillbilly of a Hoedown Whore-to-culture Extravaganza, starting at 4 p.m. This 24th annual party is a real hootenanny of a benefit for **STEVEN'S HOUSE**. Advance tickets are available at **BASIC BROTHERS** and **LOBO.**

The return of the **NEARLY NAKED CAR WASH** scours the parking lot of the **RIPCORD** on Aug. 7. The bubbles start at 10 a.m. This is a fund-raiser for the **COLT 45s** and the first fund-raiser by your new Daddy of Montrose **DENNIS WATSON.**

The **BEARS ON THE BAYOU** will be having another trip to **GRAND CASINO CAUSHATTA** on Aug. 1. Tickets are $10 and must be purchased by July 26. Ticket price includes a continental breakfast, transportation to and from the casino, lunch buffet and all the fun you can handle. Call 281-397-9496 for more information.

The "Drink of Choice" at the **BRIARPATCH** is their huge, Texas-sized Martini. And watch out for Martini Madness on Mondays.





New Daddy of Montrose Dennis Watson (right), pictured with the former title holder, Jim Sorgini, will be scouring cars during the Nearly Naked Car Wash on Aug. 7.

Head on down to the **BLVD. SALOON** on the seawall at Galveston to enjoy tasty cocktails and the best bar-stool view on the island. Be sure to register to win a free night at the **HOLLYWOOD INN** (next to the blvd.) at the drawings held at the **VENTURE-N** every Friday and Saturday around 1:30 a.m.

Now for dirt, lies, and gossip. No truth here.

Keith J. (JR's): How many shots did it take for your shirt to come off?
Jim Sorgini and **Ken Claude:** I have only one thing to say ... Jello shots!
Tommie Sue Ellen (BRB): I heard your head was bobbin' in the T-room. How was that apple? And who beat your score at Strip Poker?
Roland & Larry (hangs at Decades): Jeff and **Darlene** would like to know if it has been raining at your house lately?
Daddy Gary (hangs at Decades): You and a nine-year-old what?
Steve L. (E/J's): Can you say "Aardvark" with your mouth full?
John (Door man at Venture-N): Ding, dong. Avon calling?
Dennis W. (NLA:H): What do your knees, Jello shots and a ladder have in common?
Jody (NLA:H): Congrats on being voted the new president of the National Leather Association: Houston. Should I wear leather or chiffon to your inauguration?
Mark & Steve (You know who you are): And I quote: "We need Velcro sheets, not silk."
David Sawyer (BRB): And I quote: "I got the last load out."
Dale (611 Hyde Park Pub): Do you remember your birthday party?
Darlene (Decades): I understand that **Jeff** showed you a quarter horse.
Dwayne (611 Hyde Park Pub): Why were you on the sofa with a drag queen while your husband was in bed with his sister?
Kip (Guava Lamp): Call me. I have dirt on you so juicy that if I typed it, my editor would delete it.
John (611): So you got it from one and gave it to another?

Keep sending in your trashy tidbits to **cuverolyn@eclipsemag.net** or fax to 713-529-9531. All tips will remain anonymous and never verified.





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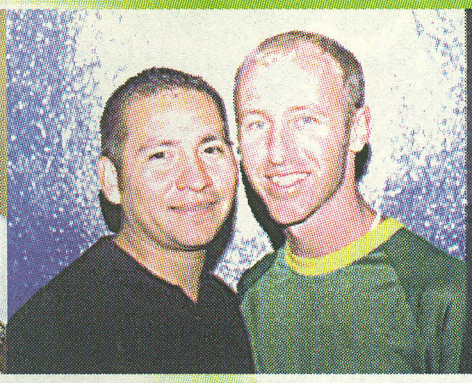



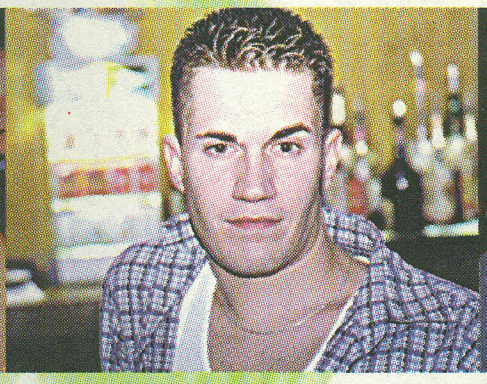
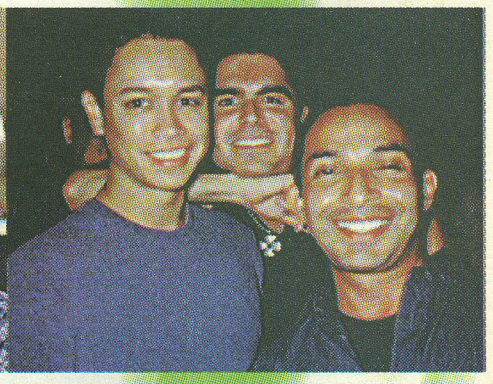

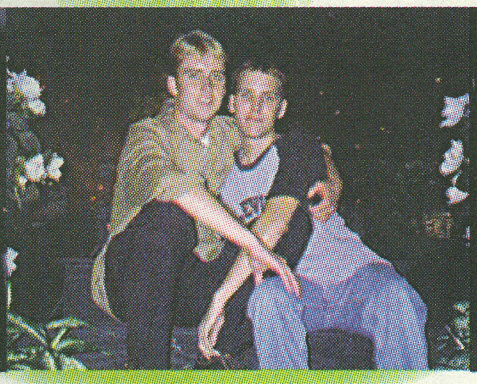

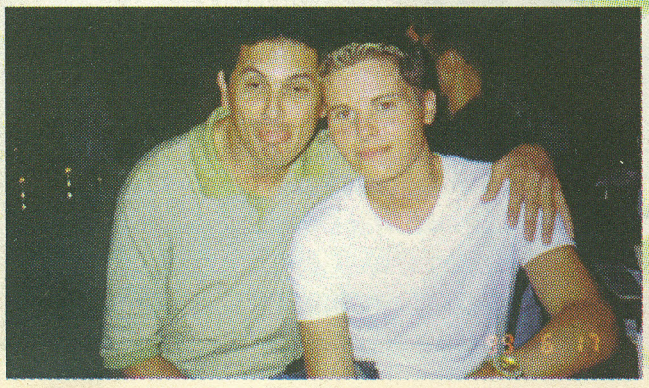

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second row: Doug and **Steve** at **The Big Bang; Michael** at **Rich's; Oscar, Michael** and **Joey** at **Guava Lamp**

third row: a bartender at **Picasso; Shane** and **Chad** at **Picasso;** hanging out at **Guava Lamp**

fourth row: cuties at **Guava Lamp.**

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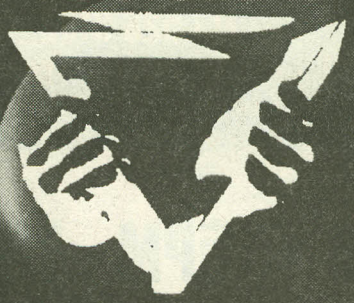

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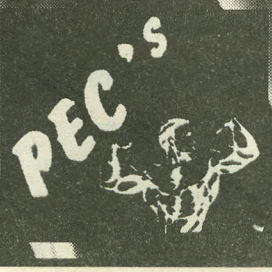

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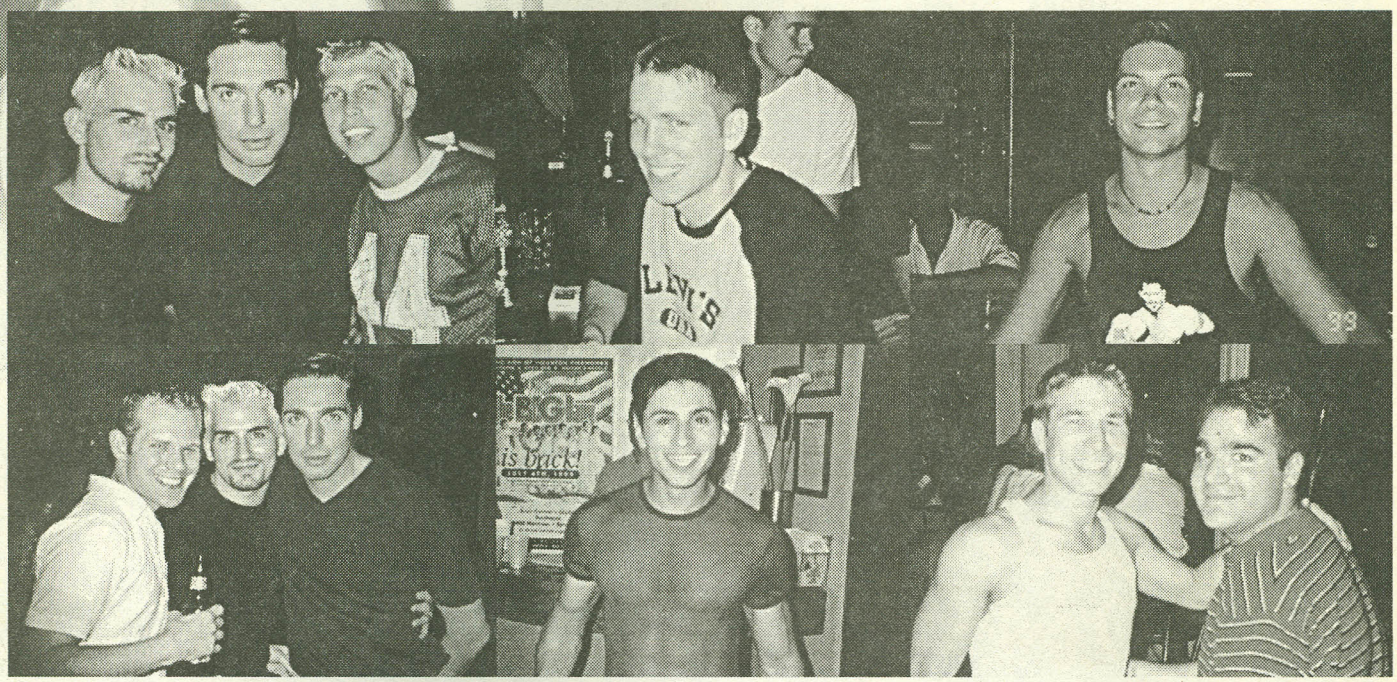

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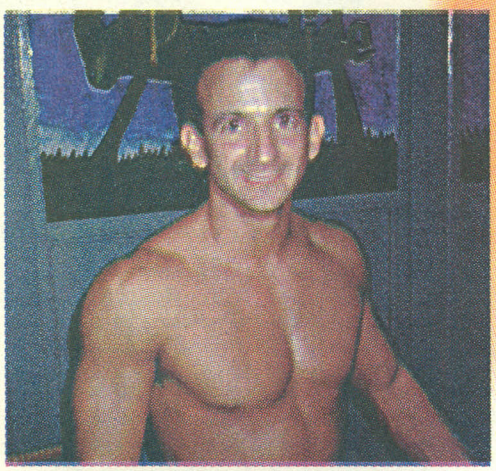

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first row (this page): Salem, Lily, Hanea and **Ling** at **Guava Lamp; Joseph, Phil, Erik, Anthony, Dusty** and **Trevor** at **Montrose Mining Company**

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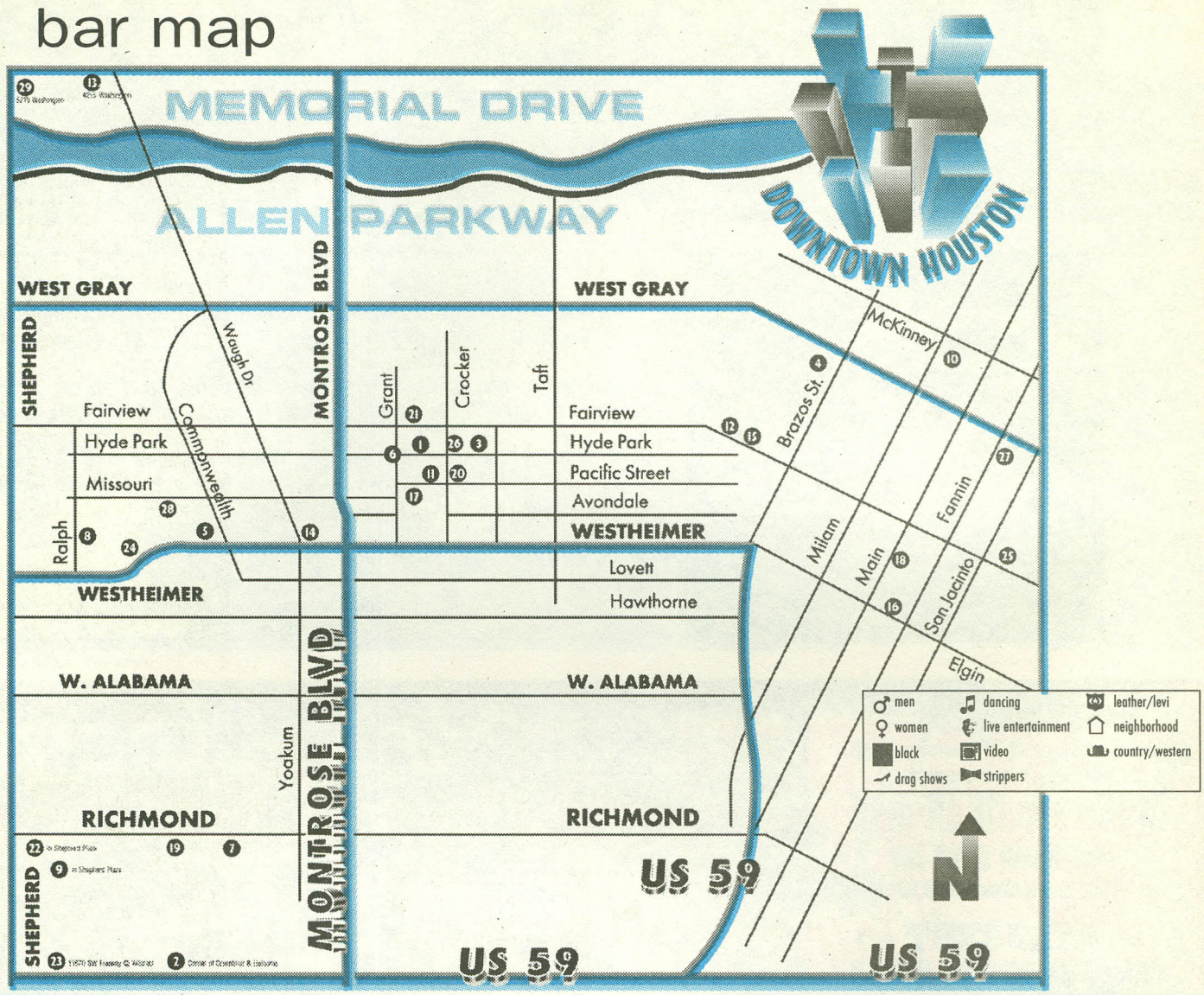

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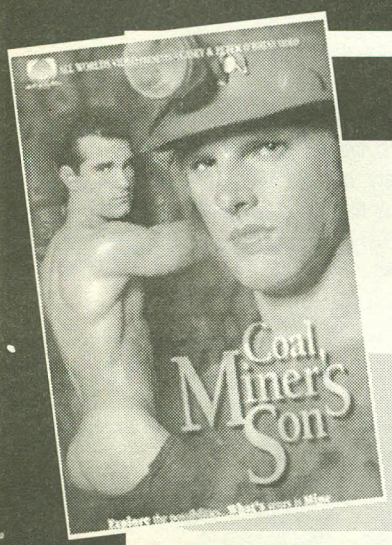



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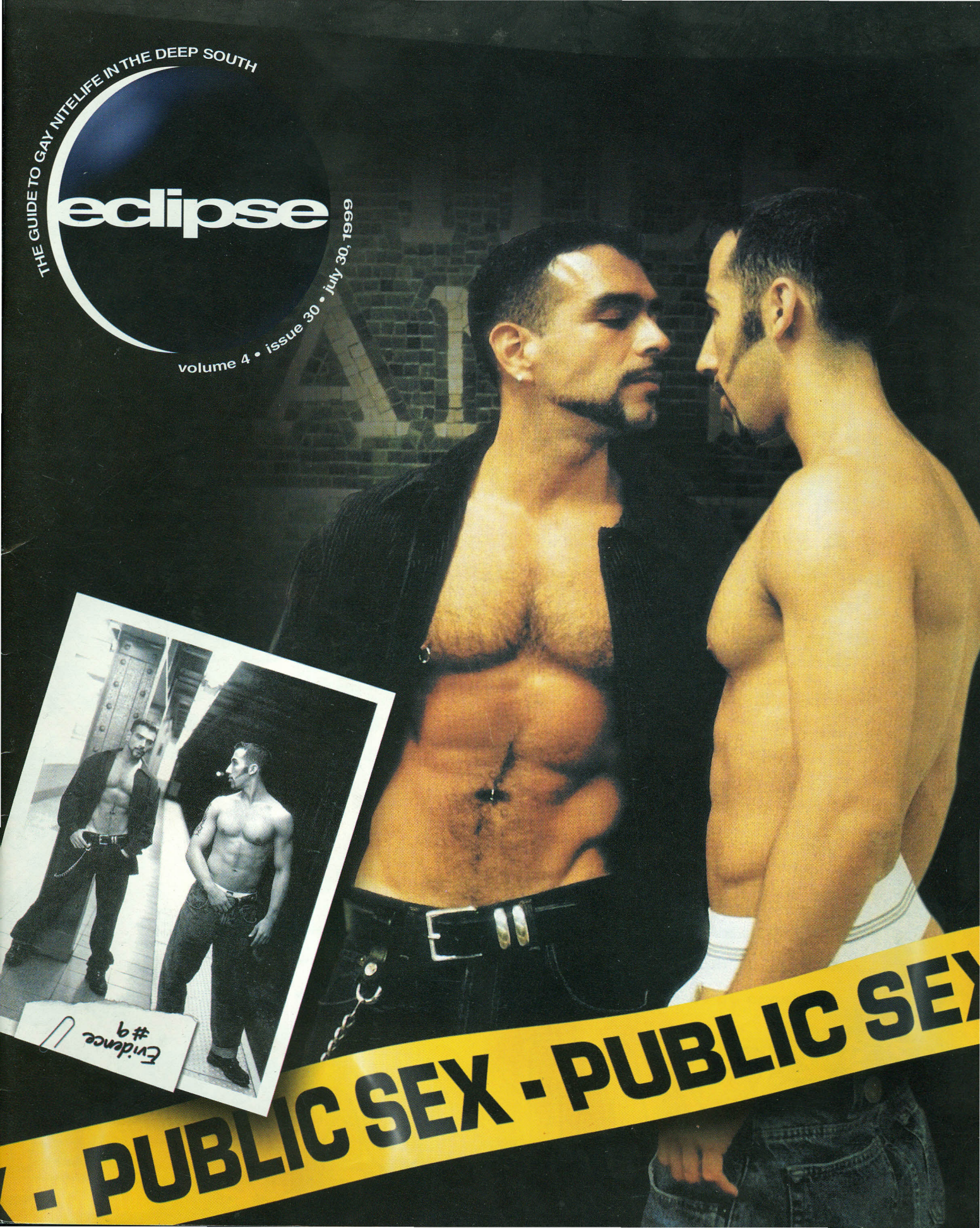

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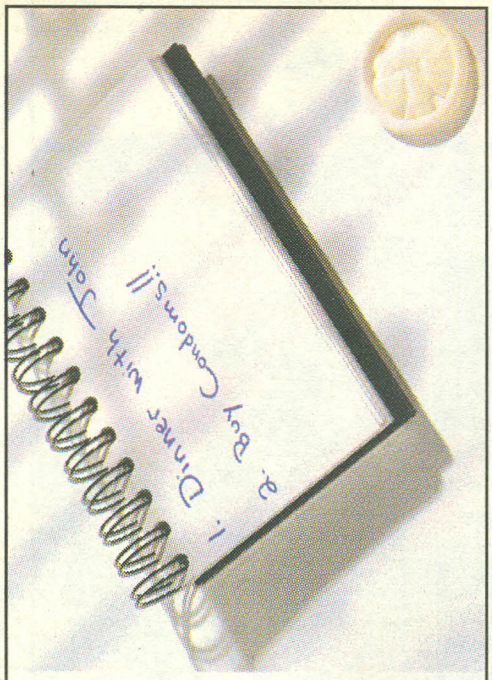

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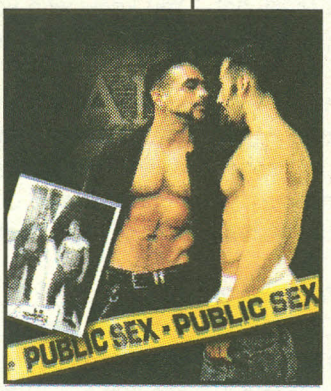

Public Sex

Ever wondered what a tea-room is, or why your mama told you to stay away from rest stops? Kirk Read offers one Southerner's perspective on gay sex al fresco: what's hot, what's not, the cruiser's secret language, and how to avoid a one-night-stand in the county jail

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Christmas in July? Well it happened at the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM** on July 18. This **PWA HOLIDAY CHARITIES** fund-raiser was sponsored by **WOODY STEINER, SELENA ST. JOHN** and emceed by the fabu **SHELBY ST. JOHN.** At press time, they were still counting the dollars. Kudos to all who helped in this July tradition.

New Year's Eve...In July? The first "millennium" New Year's Eve party is at **PACIFIC STREET** on July 31. There will be the usual party hats, leis (or lays if you're lucky), champagne, noise makers and all the rest. This is a benefit for the Texas Tanqueray AIDS Ride.

A year in the eye of **DECADES. DARLENE** and the gang at Decades celebrated its first anniversary on July 17. A bountiful feast lay awaiting the celebrants, as well as toast after toast after toast. Good luck in the second year of your Decades.



Daddy, Mother and 1st Born Boy of Montrose at Mary's

Yummy, yummy, yummy, I got t-bones in my tummy. **MARY'S** once again offers up Steak Night every Wednesday. In addition to the t-bone ($6.50) you could choose a chicken breast ($5.50) or a "baker" all the way ($3.50). This is a fund-raiser for the **UMBRELLA OF LOVE**. The grill fires up at 6 p.m.

Local photographer **STEVEN DAVID** has some really cool stuff on his web site. Check out stevendavid.com to buy some of his hot photos, T-shirts and more.



Dog Lips trying to get in Mark Fraizer's pants at Mary's.

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Sundays are for BBQing at the **VENTURE-N.** The grill lights from 5-7 p.m. with a show at 7 p.m. Something new at the Venture-N is after hours. Every Friday ad Saturday nights the bar stays open until 4 a.m. Dress code will be enforced.

Time now to dish some dirt. It's a host of lies, gossip and trash. No truth spoken here, folks.

JIM (aka Jane): Are you having latent heterosexual feelings? If not, then why did you pick the real female hooker in New Orleans? Had you been drinking?
KEN K. (DECADES): And I quote: "I like my beer can stroked, not shaken."
PEARL (hangs where ever he can): I hear some of your camping buddies got you a special camping chair and they are concerned that with you and your cocktail, that you might be over the maximum weight limit.
LARRY (611 HYDE PARK): I have a message for you. "Thank you for the French masterpiece, Love Armed."
TOM SAWYER: If Jeff is piping for you, what is his cut?
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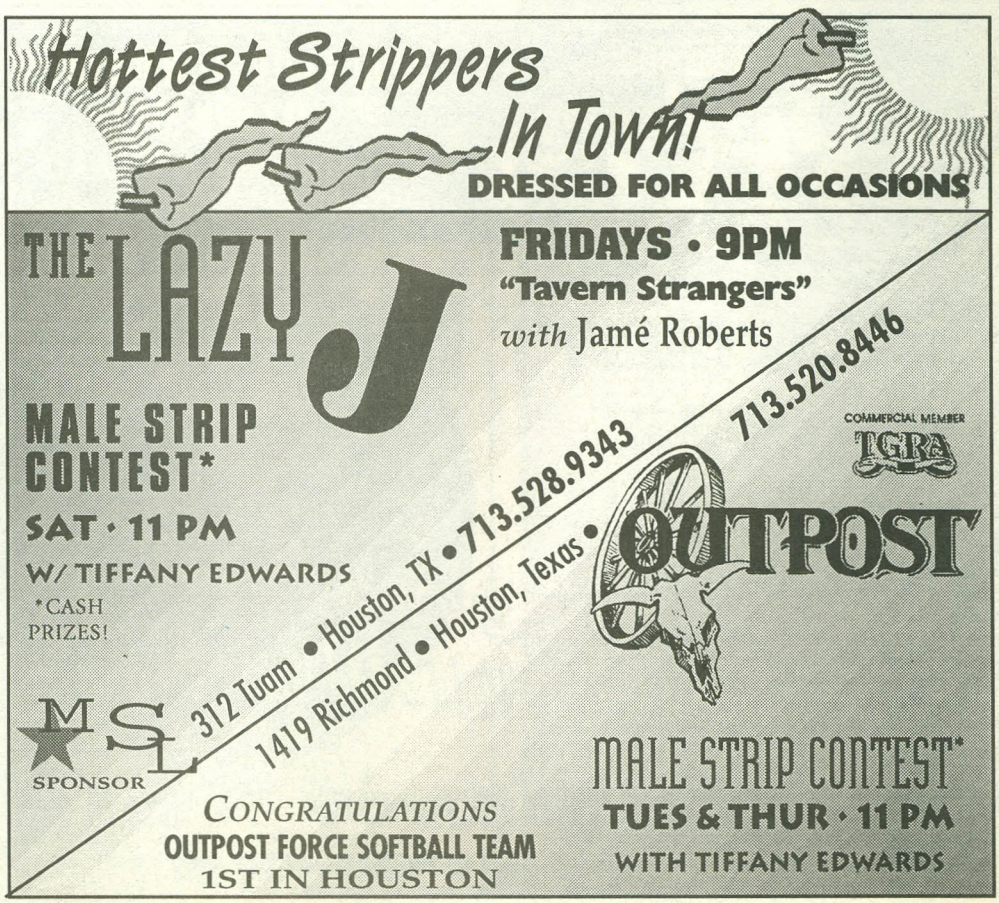

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first row: John, Tom and **Tony** at **Big Bang** at **SkyBar**; **David, James** and **Jim** at **Picasso**; **Todd** and **Pete** at **Big Bang** at **SkyBar**; hanging at **E/J's**.

second row: Big tongue at **E/J's**; bartenders at **Venture-N**; **Joey** and **Rob** at **Paradise**.

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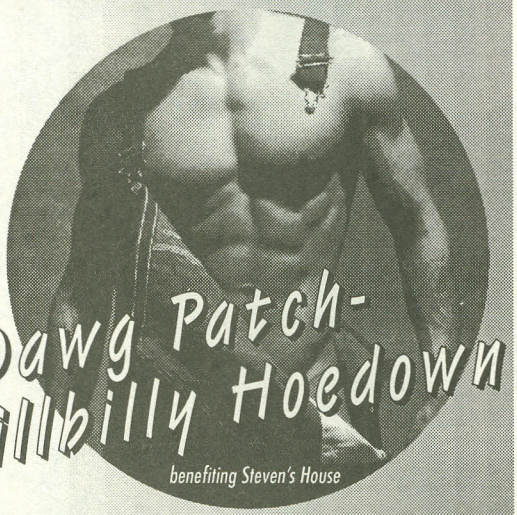
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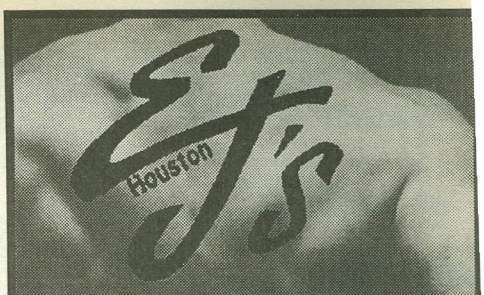

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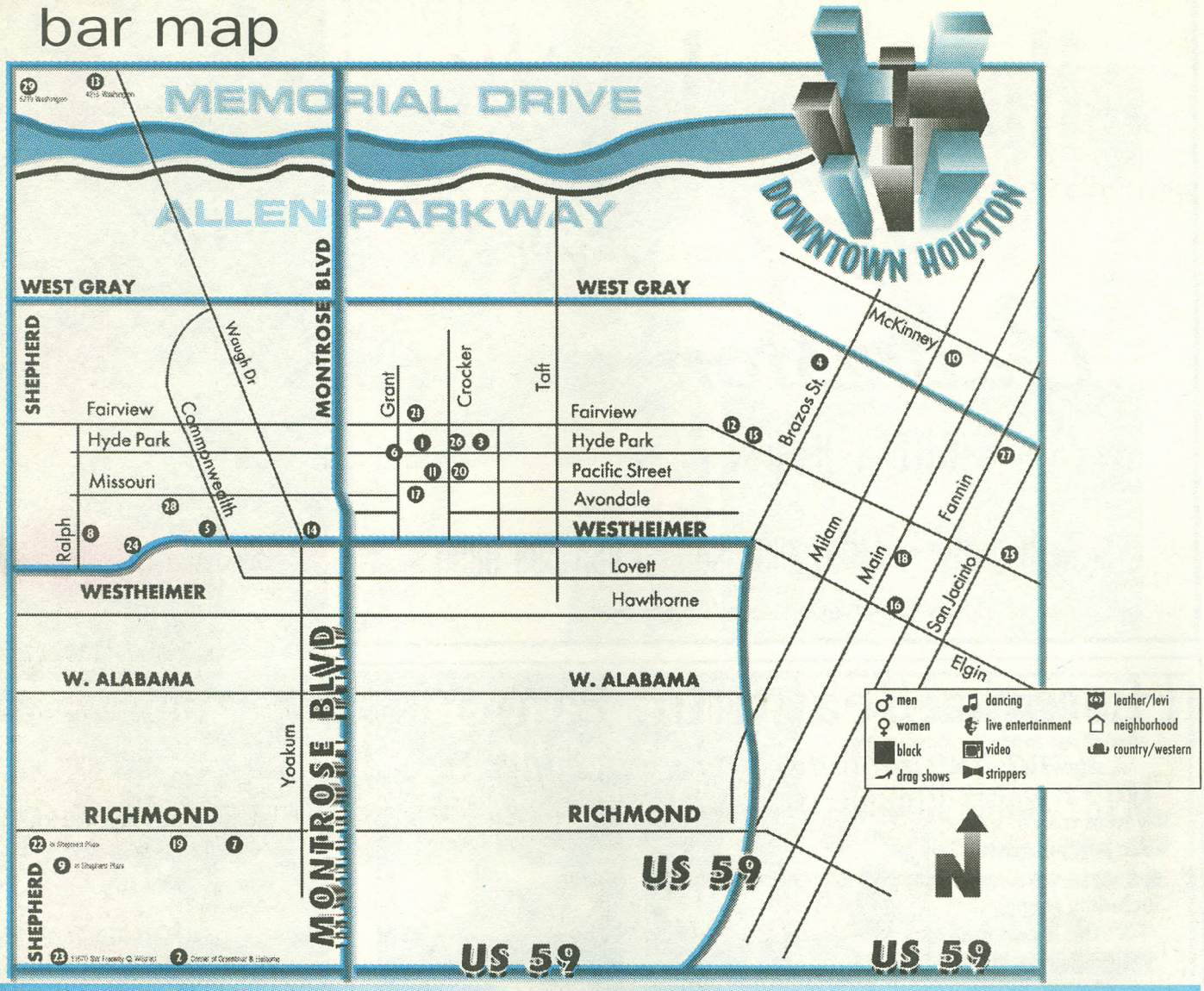

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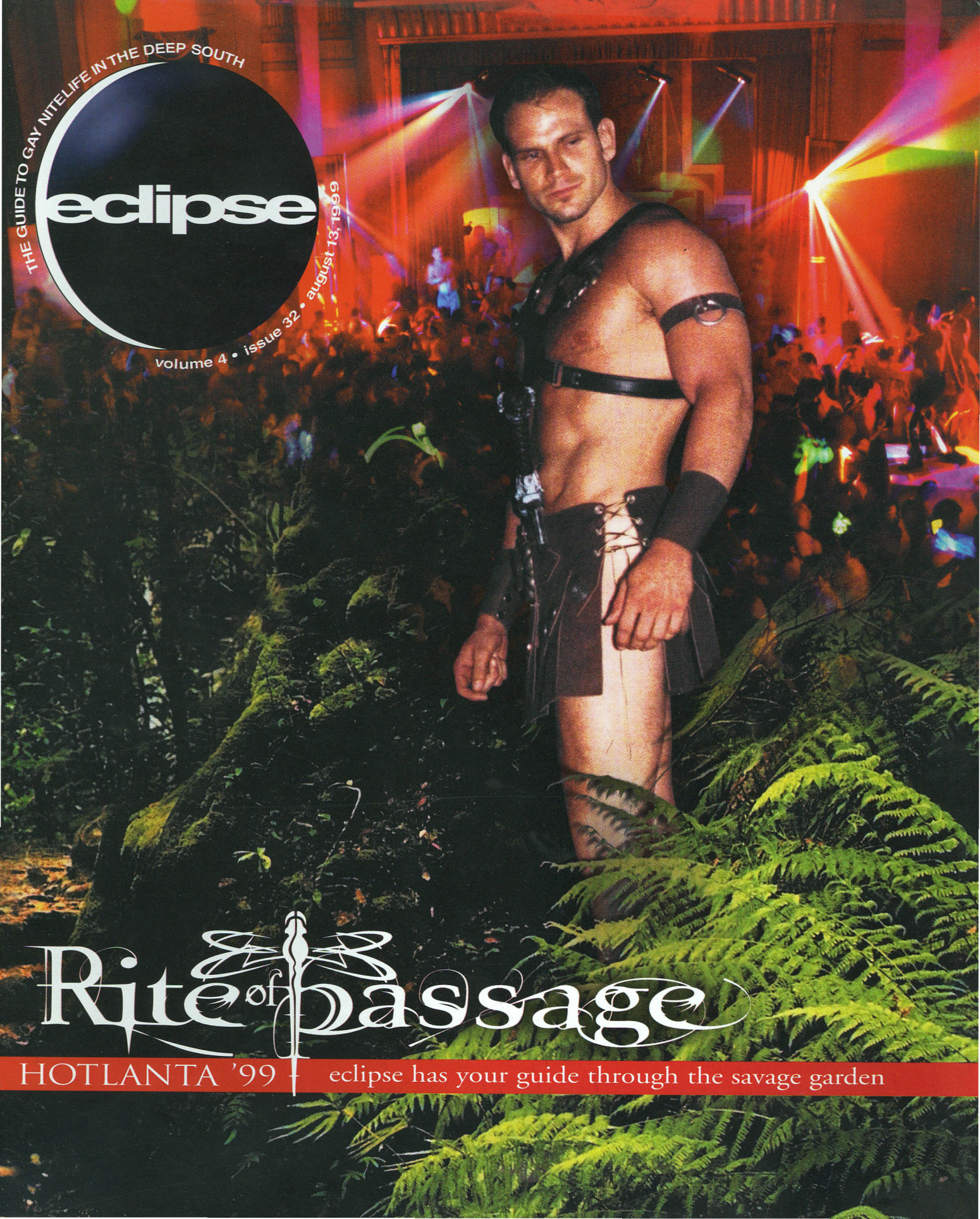
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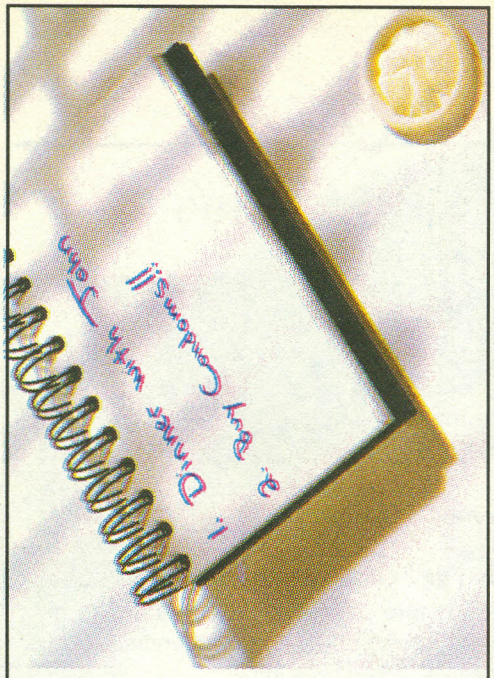

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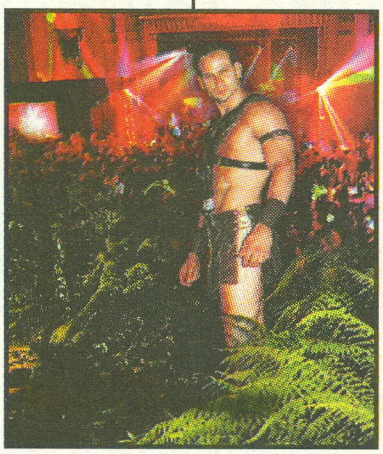

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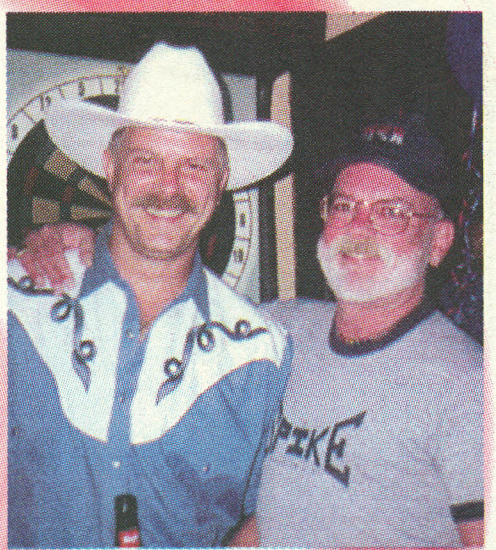
Listen up babies!

I never saw so many Hill Billy drag queens and Jethro Bodean look alikes at one time, in one place, as I did Aug. 1 at the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM.** It was **GARDEN PARTY** of course! This hootenanny hoe-down benefited **STEVEN'S HOUSE**.

It is time to get your calendar out. The first Sunday in November the **PWA HOLIDAY CHARITIES** will be hosting its second anniversary party at **MARY'S**. There will be food, entertainment and fun stuff. Keep your calendar out. The 31st annual **MISS CAMP AMERICA PAGEANT** will be on Sept. 18 at the Wortham Center. For ticket information, call 713-940-STAR.

The **TEXAS RENEGADES** has moved its monthly bar crawl from the first Saturday of the month to the second Saturday. The club starts off at the BRB around 8 p.m. and traipses throughout The Montrose. There's no fee, but pack some cocktail money and all the fun is free.



Robert and Don (of Bricks II) at the Denim Party.

Time for some dirt, lies, and gossip. Truth is as rare as hen's teeth here.

THUMPER HER KNIGHTLY: I hear you have a new beau. Congrats.

JOE (GUAVA LAMP): Next time you lose your car, it might help if you scoured the Montrose area bar parking lots and side streets before you report it stolen.

HUGO (hangs at the **VENTURE-N**): It was so nice to meet you! I'm sorry I am not the big haired drag queen you expected.

ROSY CHEEKS (MOTHER OF MONTROSE): I received your e-mail. The ph-oto of the new "Montrose Family" is currently in the custody of your hubby, Daddy of Montrose **DENNIS WATSON.**

ED (E/J'S): And I quote: "My participle doesn't dangle any more, it points straight up."

RENO (JR'S): I hear you had a stellar performance at the Christmas in July party. So sorry I missed you in a wig while you were taking a swig!

DAMION (CLUB HOUSTON): Who is the new employee of the month?

GARY D. (hangs at **E/J's**): So, your S.A. was a "skippy" one?

KEN MCNAMES (BBHOL): Thank you!

DAVE (hangs at **DECADES**): And I quote: "Sugar Puss is what happens between your legs. Can I have another, please?"

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George (hangs at **E/J's**): I hear you bo-ught so much china at the outlet mall in San Antonio you had to have it shipped back to Houston 'cuz it wouldn't fit in the car.

JOHN DYE (BUBBLES): Honey, I have now seen way too much of you in that itsy-bitsy, teeny-wee-nie, yellow-polka-dot bikini that you wore on the stage of the Venture-N.

DEVIN (E/J'S): And I quote: "If I did wear a hankie in my back pocket, it would be virginal white."

SELENA ST. JOHN: Your "Hill Billy" outfit was a hoot for the Garden Party, and that soaked in cherry juice tampon hanging out of your back pocket was just the perfect touch.

FELICIA FLESHEATER: And I quote: "He lives in my complex and I lust after his truck."

LLOYD P. (BEARS ON THE BAYOU): When you were just a lad, you shoved twigs where? If you wanted something hot, you should have rubbed them together insteading of hiding them where the sun don't shine.

YOLANDA (RICH'S): What was flying under your breakfast table in San Diego?

CRAIG (BRICKS II): And I quote: "Yes, I am eatable."

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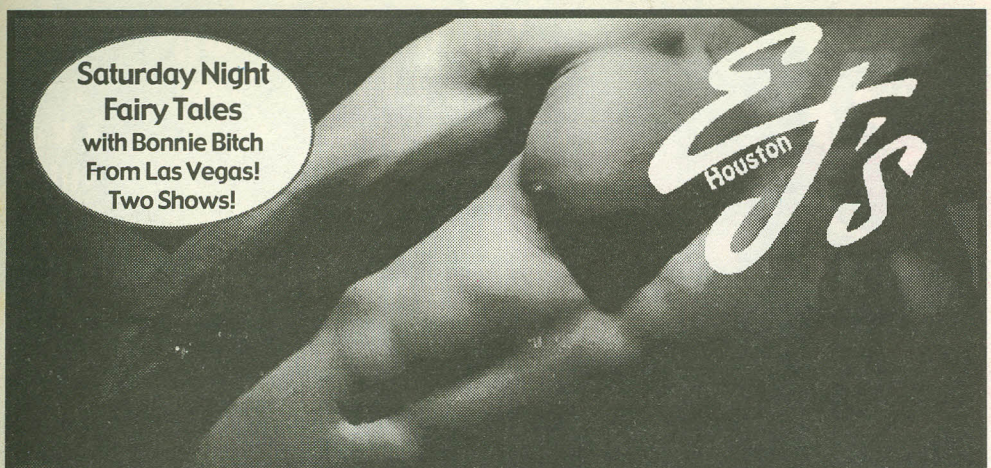

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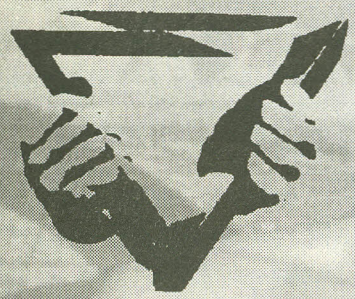

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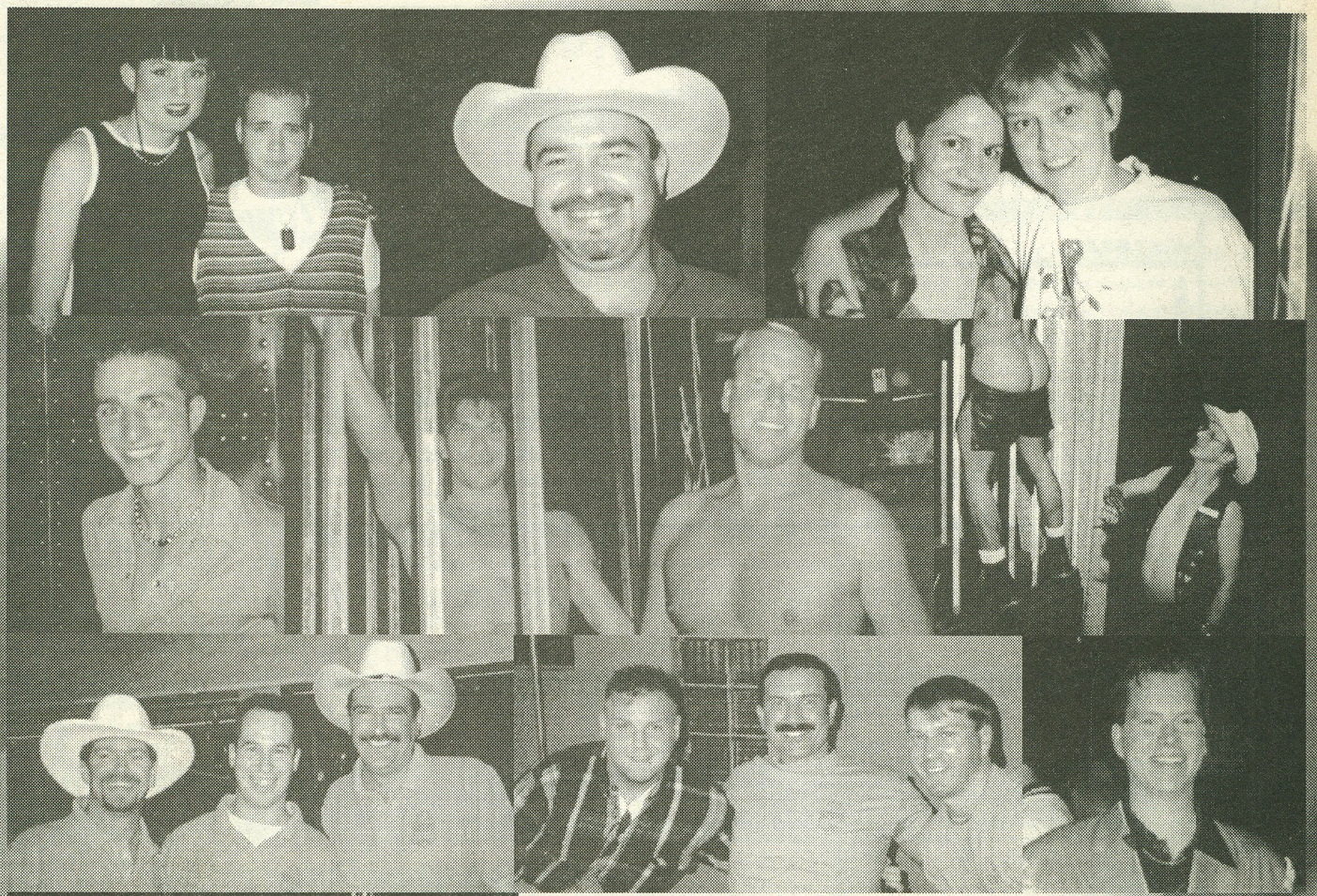



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third row: **Guest bartenders** at **Denim Party**; Denim Party hosts at **BRB**; **Mandy** at **SkyBar.**

fourth row: **Jeff, Jack** and **Ken** at **Leather & Lace.**

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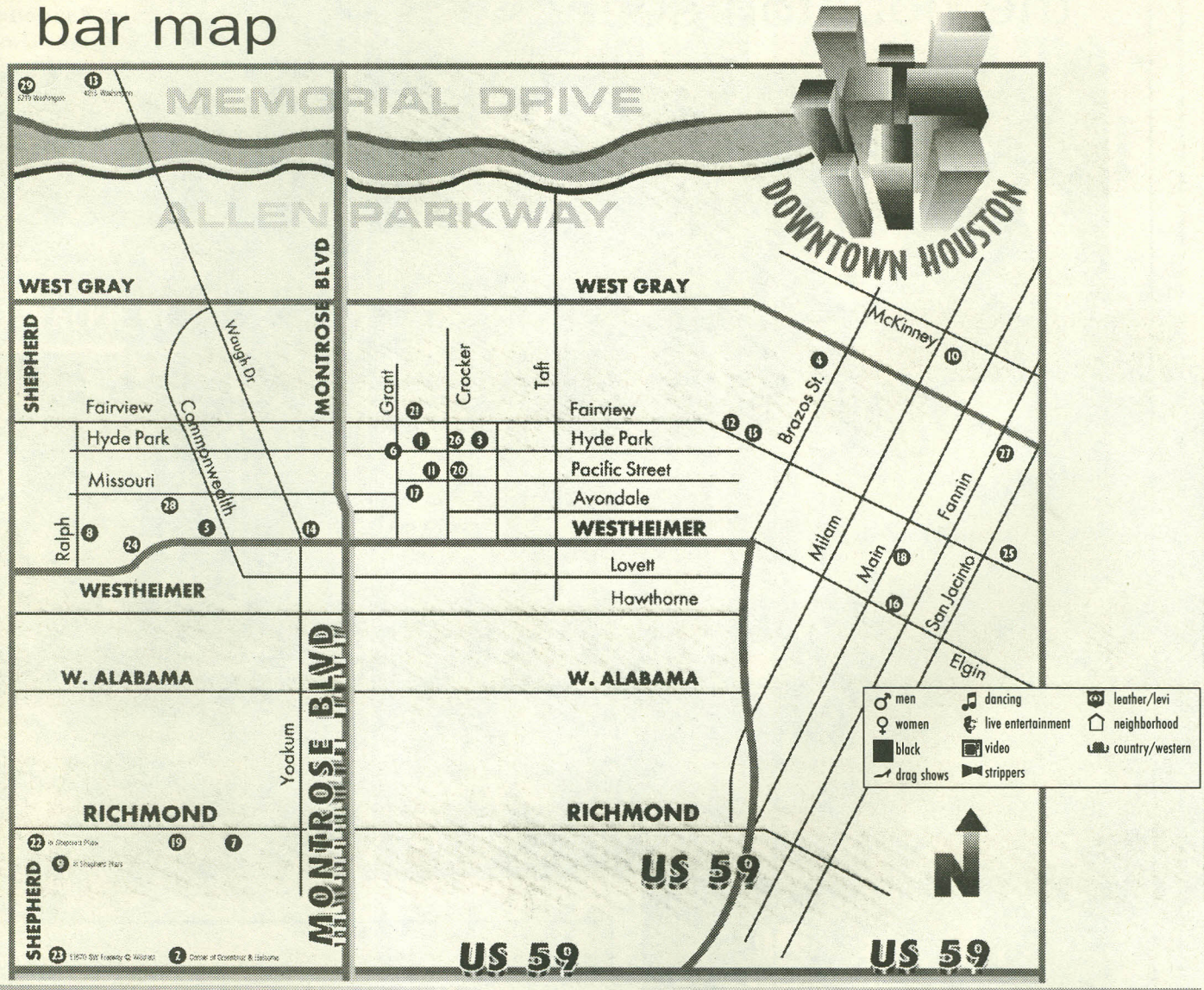

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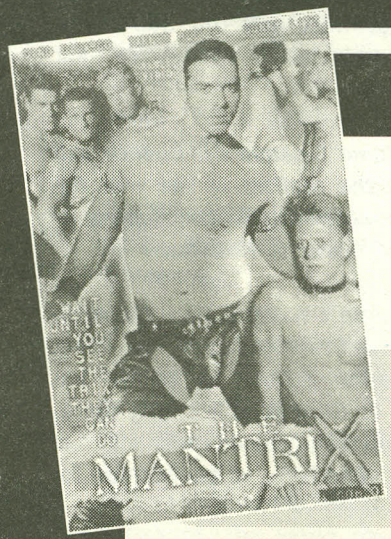

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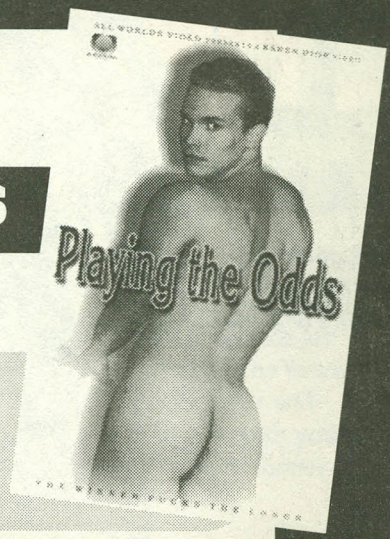

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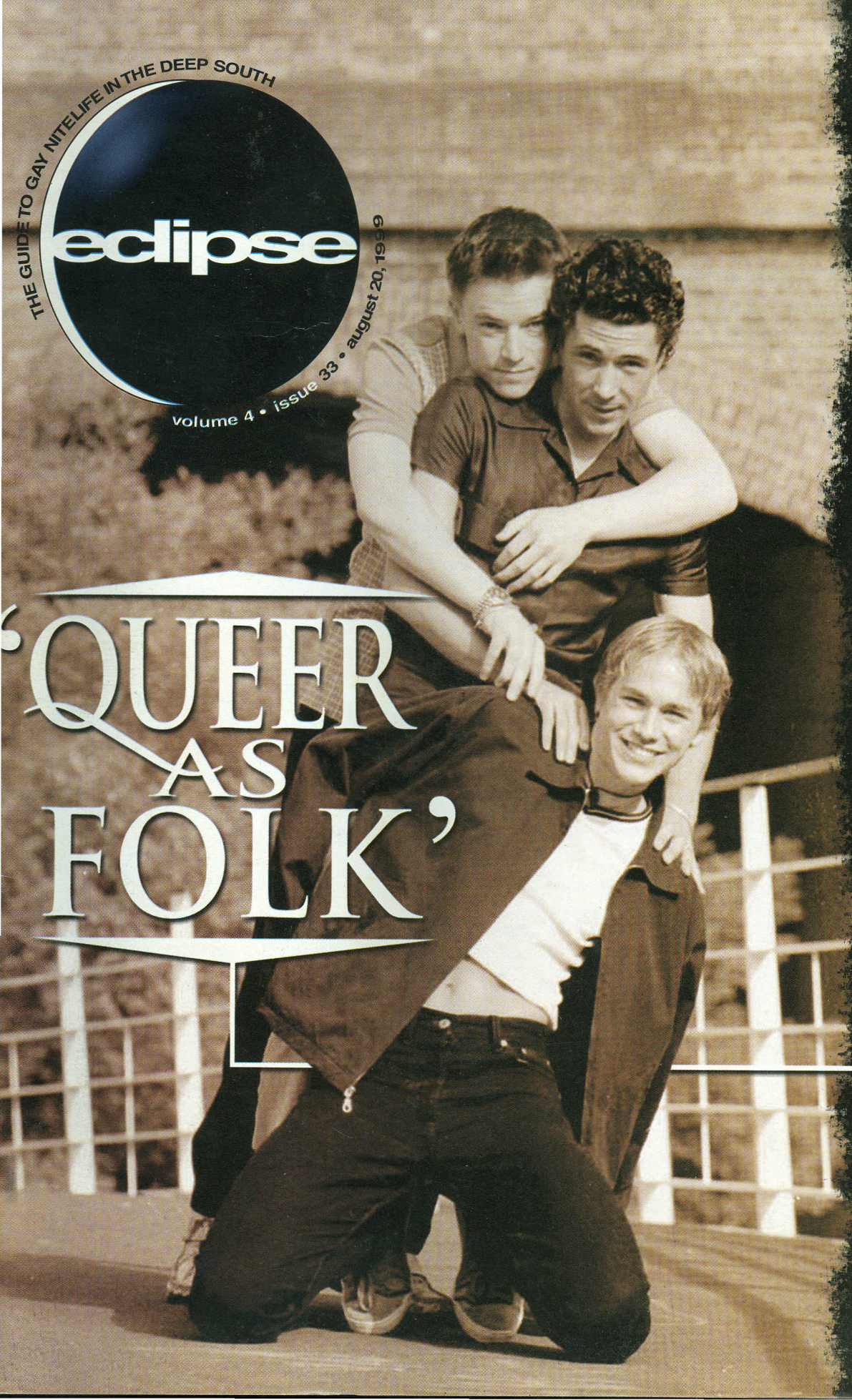

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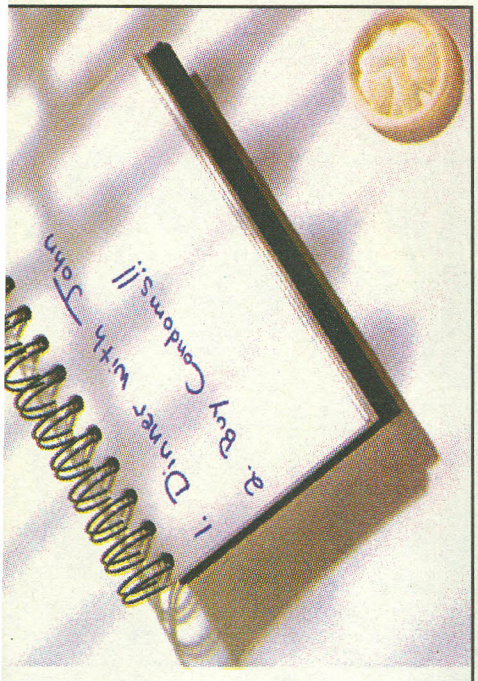
Cursing, clubbing, drugs and sex — this British soap has what American ones don't



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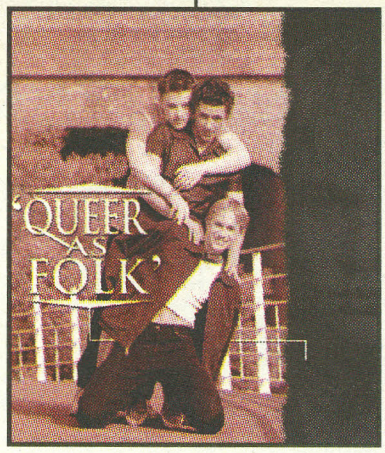

'Queer as Folk'
A trio of fun-loving, young gay men hop from club to club, cursing, taking drugs and having sex—lots of sex. It's a soap that's creating quite a stir all over Britain.
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Listen up babies!

Let's start off with something clean and end up with all the dirt in Montrose that is fit to print, and some that isn't even close.

No, this is not about money laundering. Big rounds of soapy applause to **DADDY OF MONTROSE DENNIS WATSON** and his nearly naked car washers. On Aug. 7 in the **RIPCORD**'s parking lot, they washed 48 cars/trucks and two bicycles and sudzed up $1,202 dollars of clean cash. The bucks and a box of non-perishables are going to the **COLT 45'S STONE SOUP**. Congrats to all involved!

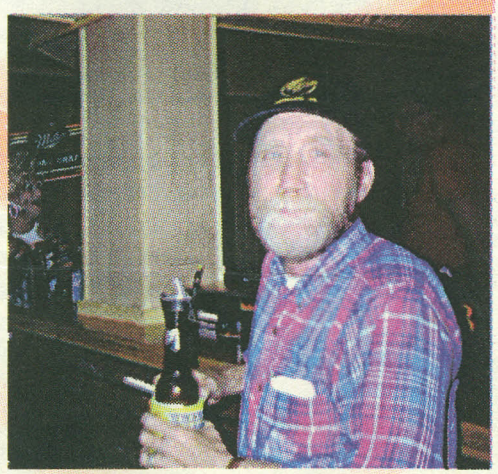
Get your calendars out! **LEAN ON ME FOUNDATION** will be holding its fall production **SOME ENCHANTED EVENING** on Oct. 16 at the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM.** There will also be a silent auction held in conjunction with the benefit show starting on Oct. 15. If you want more info, please give them a call at 713-868-9908. Be sure to also add the **DRAGGIN IN THE MILLENNIUM** to your date book. This show of shows is the 31st annual **MISS CAMP AMERICA PAGEANT** on Sept. 28. For ticket info, call 713-940-STAR. Is your pen still in your fingers? **WELCOME TO THE SUMMER PALACE**, is a benefit for Reign XV of the **RSICSS** Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. This show is presented by Countess XV **SELENA ST. JOHN** and Count XV **RONNIE SIEBERT** and emceed by Don XV **WOODY STEINER** and is at the Brazos River Bottom.

E/J's had added a new show on Saturday nights. **BONNIE BITCH,** direct from Las Vegas, is now appearing with two shows on Saturday nights. Rumor has it that she is also looking for local performers for her show. Call the bar for more info.

Dirt alert! The following tidbits of trashy talk are not the truth, or a portion of the truth, and may be downright, outright lies. Truth... takes a hike.

STEVE (E/J's): I hear that you want to ask the membership of NLA:Houston what they think they are gonna put in your mouth? Be afraid NLA:H, Steve is gonna spank each and every one of you when he returns from his trip to D.C.

DARLENE (DECADES): Martha Stewart



Pooh Bear at the BRB Denim Party

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JOE (VENTURE-N): We hear you come from a place called "Broken Springs."

LARRY JOE (E/J's): I did not know you could do laundry when you are sober.

DUVALL & BRAD (hangs everywhere): Congrats on your new home.

LULU (E/J's): You must have run out of sleeping pills, 'cuz your husband has been seen in the bar during the day.

JOHN DYE (BUBBLES): And I quote: "It's afterglow; I'm not blushing."

BEARS ON THE BAYOU: A bus full of gay men and two straight couples. Truly a casino trip that will not be forgotten.

STAN H. (MASTER OF LEATHER '99): And I quote: "Yours was brighter than mine."

SHAWN & RACHEAL (Friends of **STAN**): So, everyone thought you were lesbians until the trip back from the casino, when Shawn finally displayed his masculine side.

ALAN (hangs at the **BRB**): Crowd control?

BRIAN KEEVER (NLA:H): New trade? And no, there is *not* someone running around, claiming to be you and getting into all this trouble. It is you, my dear. The one and only *you*.

KEN KEENER (hangs at **DECADES)**: I understand you are now doing shots with Jeff.

PATSY RECLINE: I heard you were knocking them dead at your last performance at the **MARY'S** Fairies show!

SIVI ROSS and **KARA DION (COUSIN'S):** What's the matter girls? Can't stand real talent and real competition?

JERRY JONES (MARY'S): And I quote: "I've bent over for less."

ED G. (MR. PRIME CHOICE): And I quote: "You got Mr. Prime Choice serving you prime choice!"

POUNDER (DECADES): You got more on your leg than in your mouth.

BUZ (PARADISE): Thank you for lunch. We should do that more often.

JOHN EVANS (BRB): Honey, some places should not be exposed to the harmful rays of the tanning bed. Next time, cover your family jewels.

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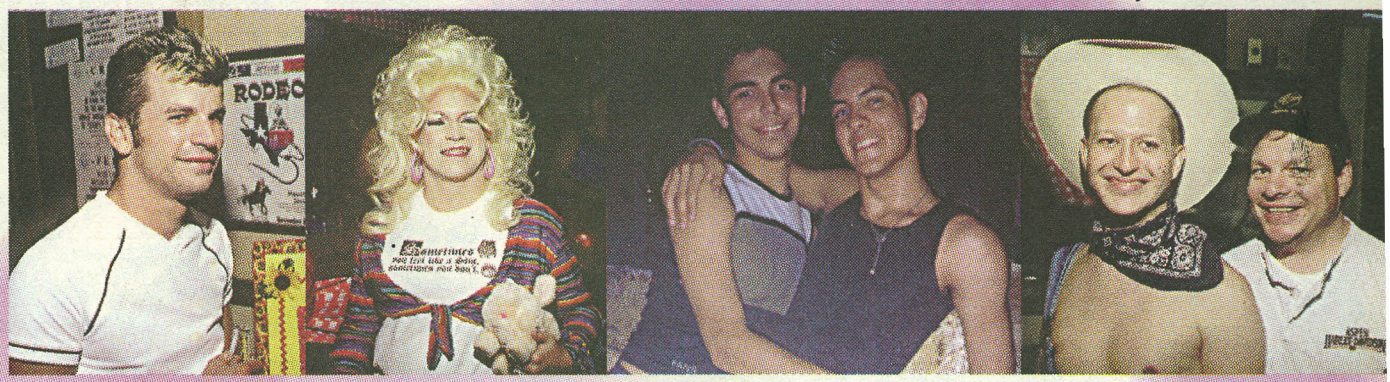



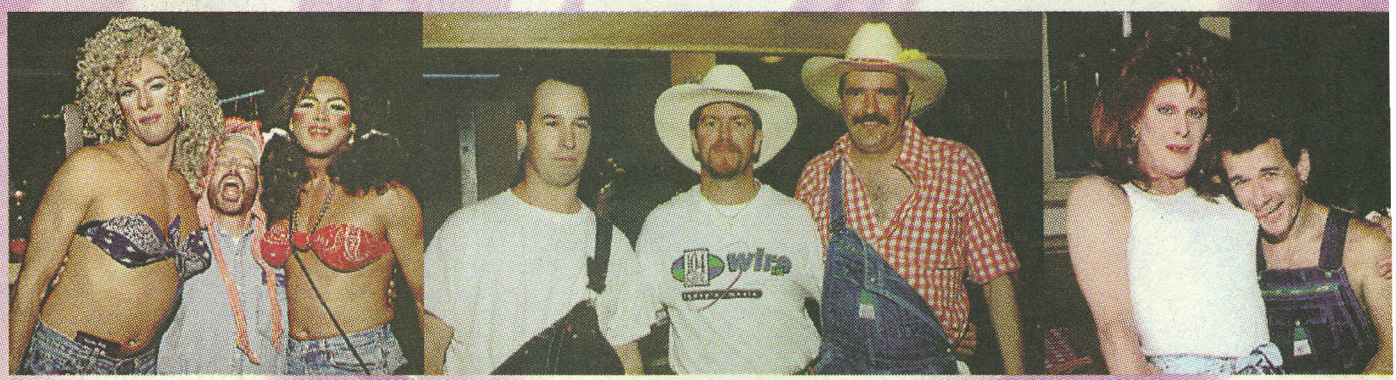



first row: Jonathan; **Sister Sledgehammer**; **Basil** and **Zim** at **Picasso**; **Woody** and **Tom.**

second row: Estelle and **Esmeralda**; **Randy** and **Farmer John**; **Curevolyn** and **Dan**; **Jake.**

third row: A **thorn** between two **Roses**; **Bartenders**; **Wilma** and **Fred.**

fourth row: Daniel, **Dean** and **Preston**; **Jamison** and **Jim** at the **Alley Theatre.**

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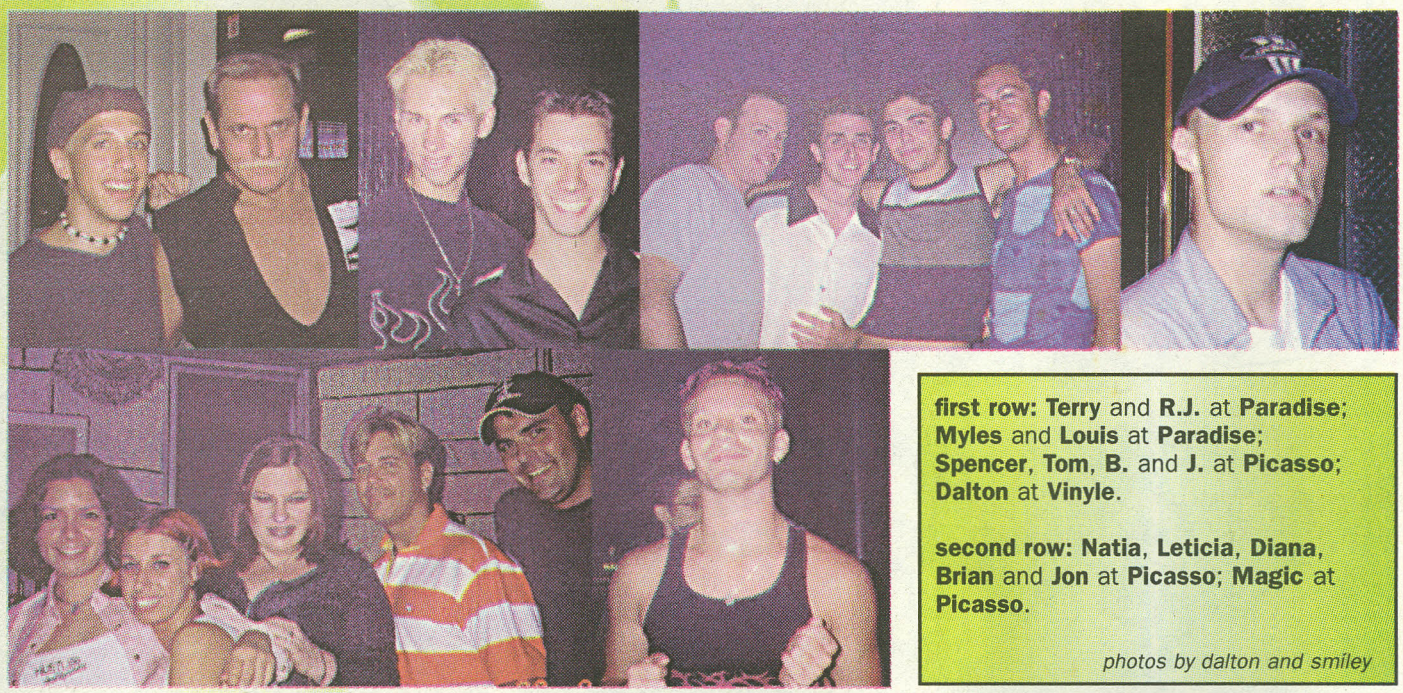

first row: Terry and **R.J.** at **Paradise**; **Myles** and **Louis** at **Paradise**; **Spencer, Tom, B.** and **J.** at **Picasso**; **Dalton** at **Vinyle**.

second row: Natia, Leticia, Diana, Brian and **Jon** at **Picasso**; **Magic** at **Picasso**.

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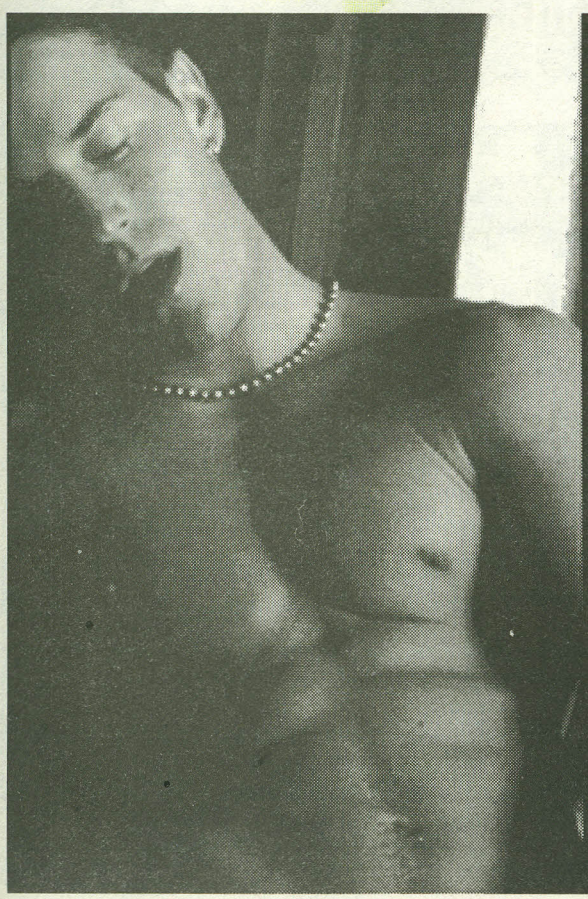

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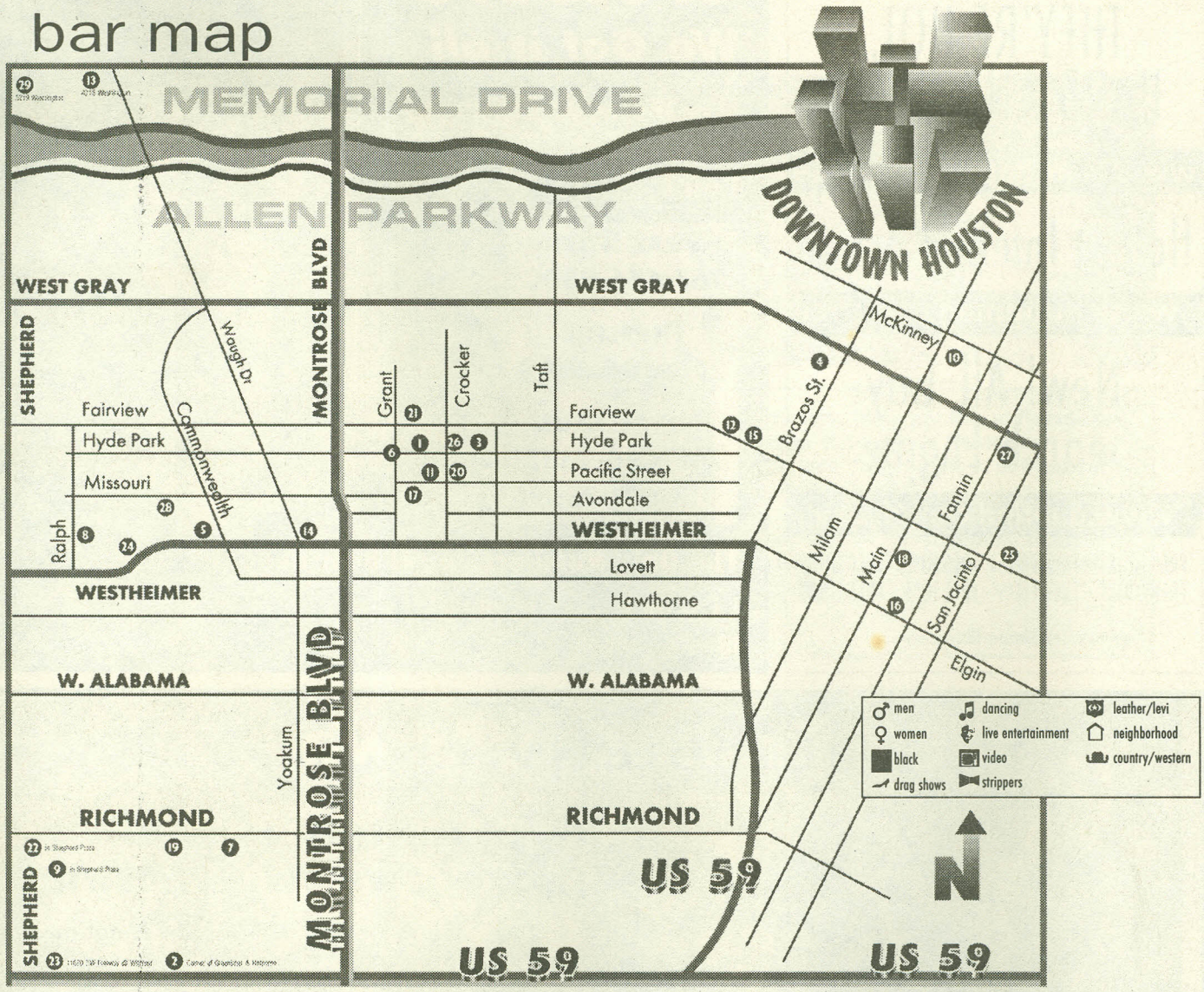

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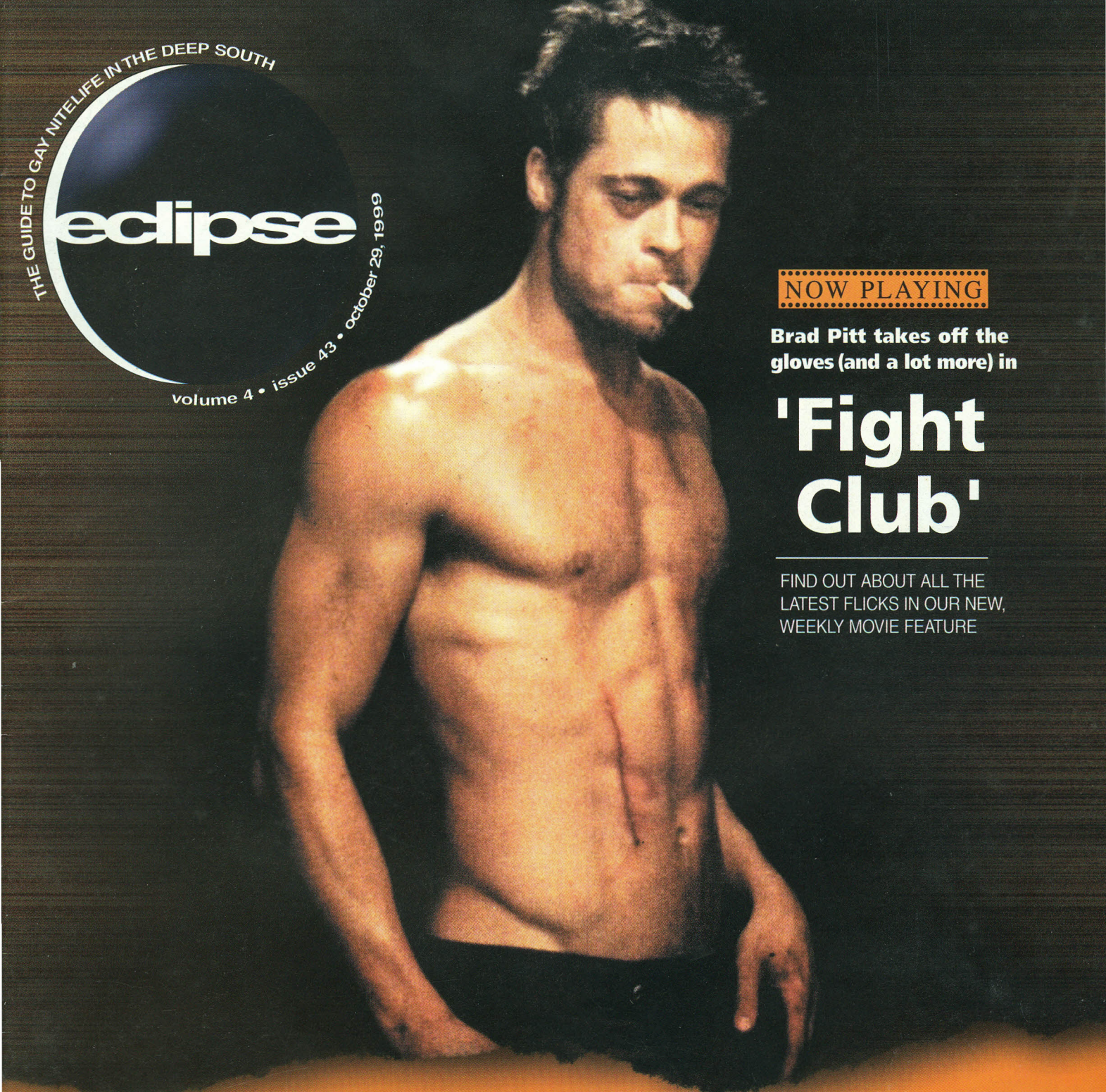

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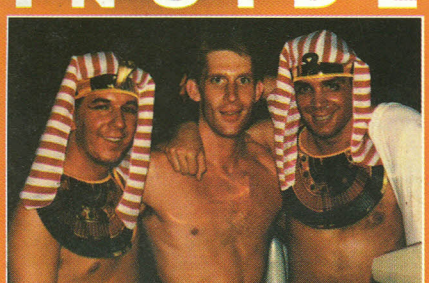

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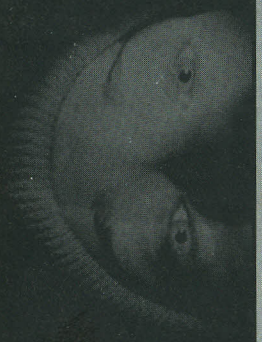

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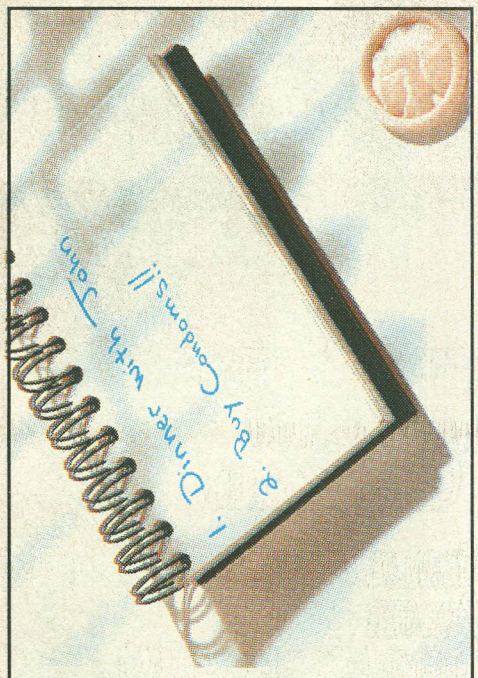

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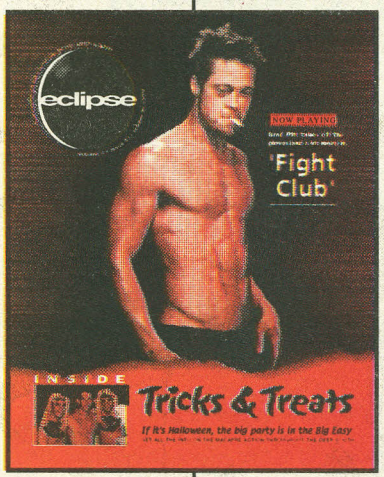

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scene and heard

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by cuervolyn

Listen up, babies!

This is the hardest column that I have ever written.

Why? Because this will be my thoughts, ideas and comments, which is not what I have been writing for the past five years. I have been sharing with you the words of other people and details of their funny, outlandish, embarrassing and drunken acts in public. Not to mention a bunch of good old fashioned lies, exaggerations, twisted truths, fabulous faux pas, and as Paul Harvey would say, "the rest of the story."

In preparation of this, my last weekly word dump, a dear friend **SCOTT** (a.k.a. **MISS LEWIS**) brought a big bottle of Jose Cuervo 1800 for me to sip, well guzzle. As I pen this "last of the Cuervolyn's Scene & Heard Column," I decided to do something different. This is being written at my home in the suburbs in my office (the one shared with Laser Wizard) with the kids in the cages. The kids, **HARVEY** and **RASCAL,** are the most written about and published ferrets in the world. Right now, the Laser Wizard is handcuffed obediently to his keyboard typing this while I "dictate" from behind. Naturally, the Cuervo is in one hand.

First, I need to clear up any misunderstandings. It is the "Scene & Heard" column by Cuervolyn that is retiring, not **CAROLYN ROBERTS.** I bet you a million shots of your favorite beverage that I will be with *eclipse* and *Houston Voice* until I'm old, gray and my breasticles can be used as shoe shiners. Gravity sucks! Oh my, I need another shot.

As I think back, I recall many different carnations of my column. It all started in the *Houston Voice* when its previous owners were going for a cruise—no, not that one. A three-week one, on a ship. I wrote the column during that time and it turned into five years. So 52 times five is 260 columns! Oh my, time for another shot.

I would like to thank a buncn of people that I have never met in person—my spies. You know who you are because I don't. All the anonymous phone calls, faxes, e-mails, envelopes and bev naps left with bartenders, notes slid under the office door and bathroom stalls. And what about messages given to LW to forward to me! This column was written by all of you, not me. Oh, shot time.

I made up my own rules for the column, though never writing about someone doing something illegal. Example: (John Doe hangs at X-bar): How much "snow" landed in your shovel? Nor would I would allow things that intentionally caused harm: "(Bea Homewrecker hangs at X-club): I see you and that pretty blonde left together last night. I thought your wife of 23 years was a brunette." The column was always written in jest, never to be used as a way to spurn or be bitchy.

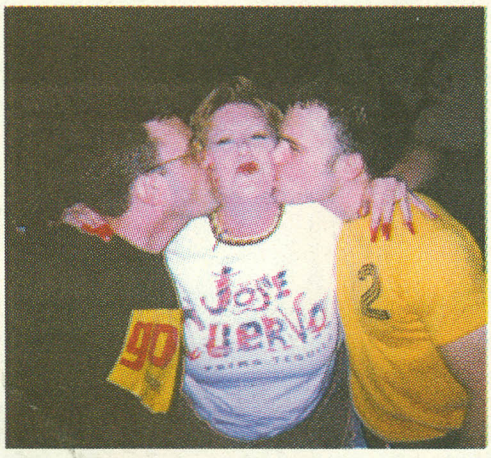


My mom "Mrs. Claus" taught me to be respectful and to "play nice." If I have ever hurt or screwed with any of my "victims," I am truly, very sorry. Too serious—need another shot. To pick out some favorite gossip would be impossible. Many times, I never got the full story, just the embarrassing parts. The list of my favorite "victims" would fill up the newspaper and all my ad people would get very upset. To all those who have appeared in my column, thank you from the bottom of my heart and the bottom of this Cuervo bottle.

A final thanks goes to all the readers of the column. I could not have been this successful (or full) for this many years without your heartfelt support.

As for the future—our new columnist is **MARK GOEBEL**. It's his turn to take this space and run with it, maybe even in heels and matching tiara? I think he needs a "pen name." Call me, leave a message, fax or note with suggestions.

In closing, I quote lyrics from the favorite song of a friend and me by Joni Mitchell: "And the season's that go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down, we can't return, we can only look behind from where we came, and go round, and round, and round in the circle game." Thank you and I remain your faithful servant. TTFN, Cuervolyn.



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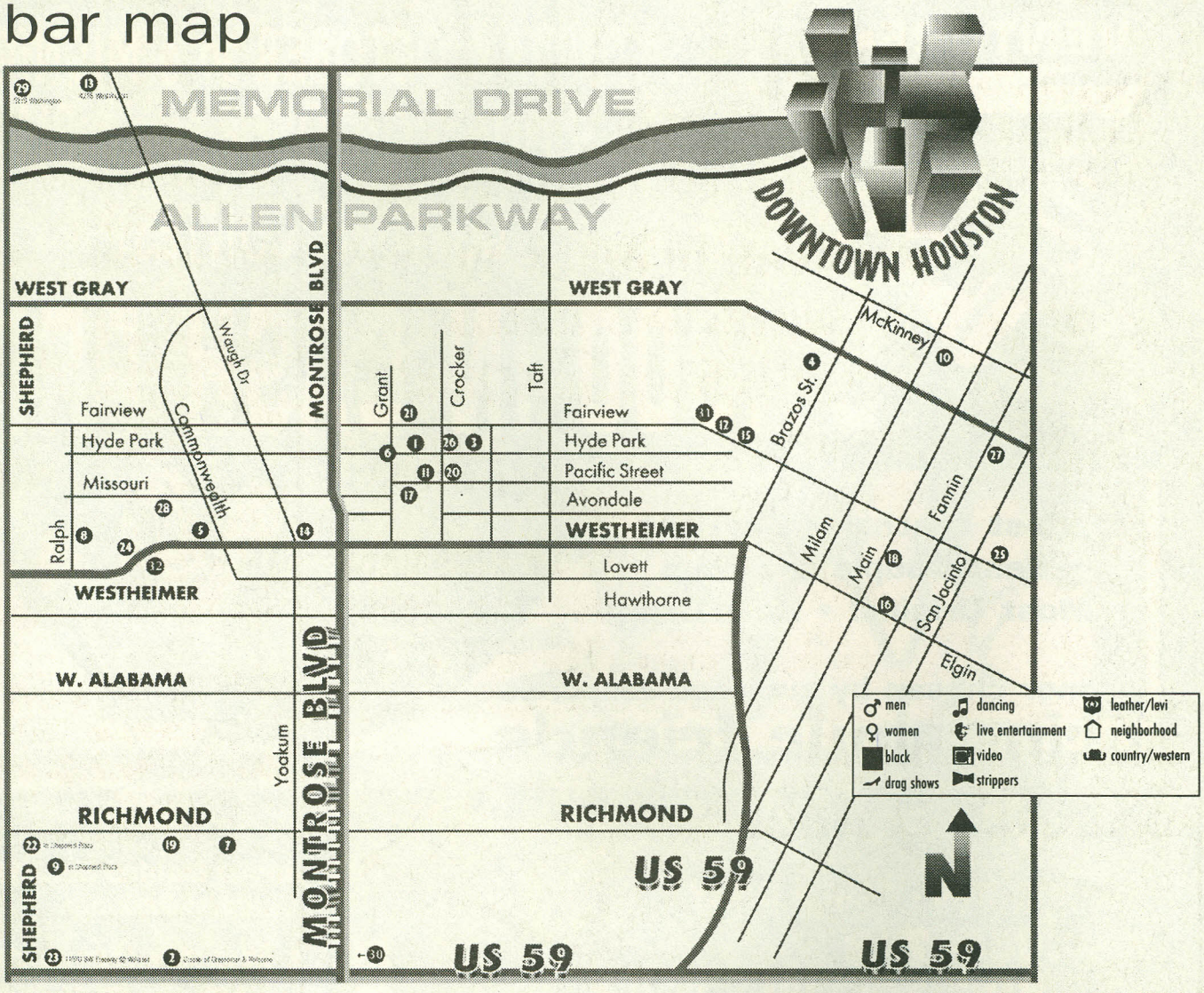

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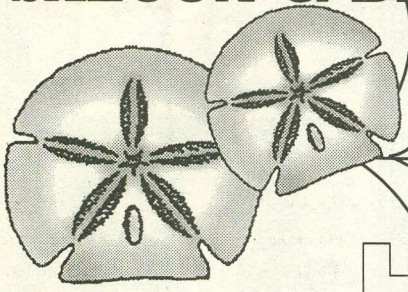

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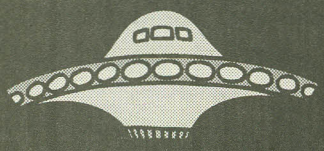

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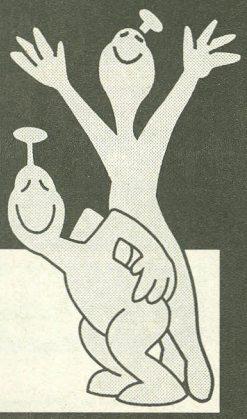

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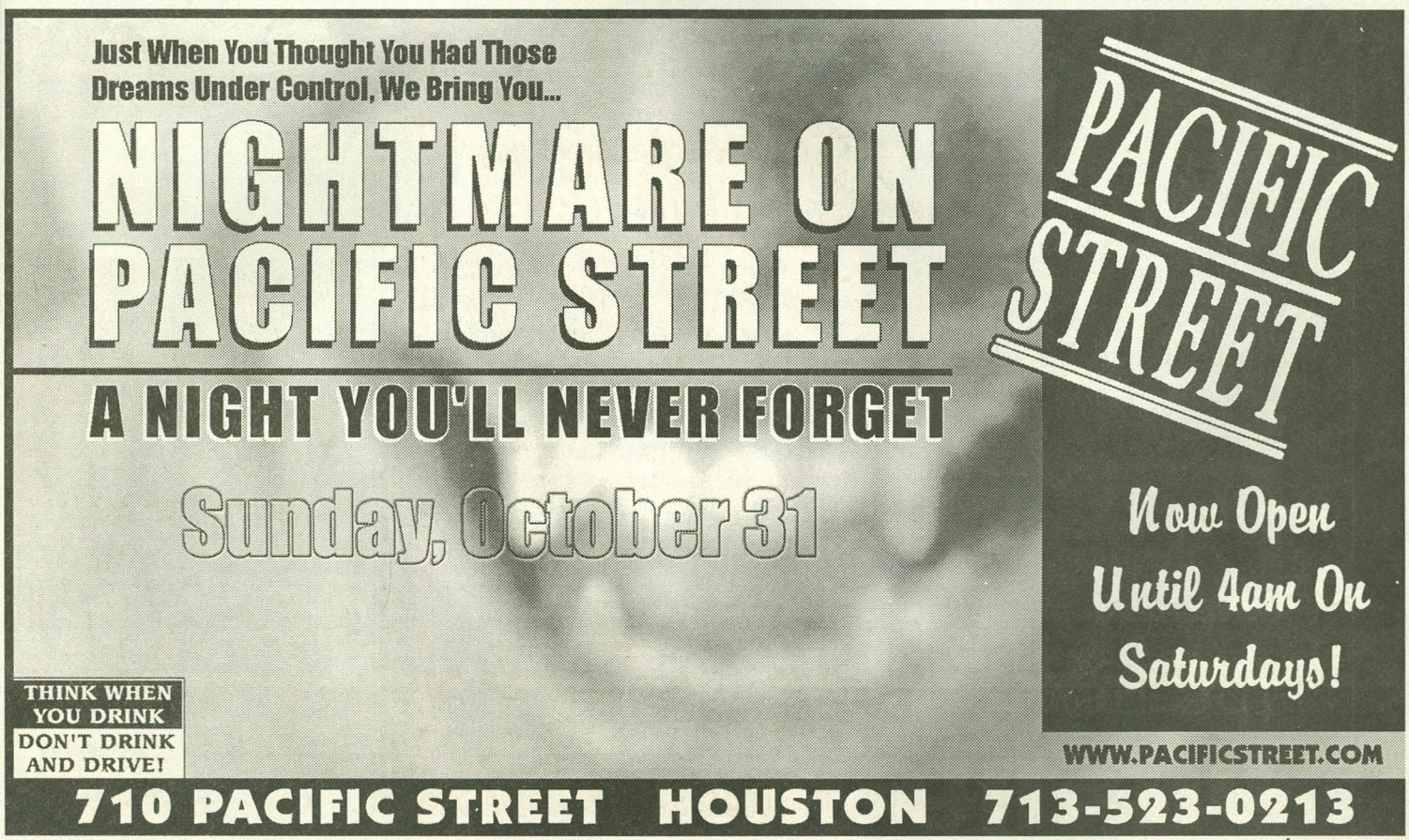

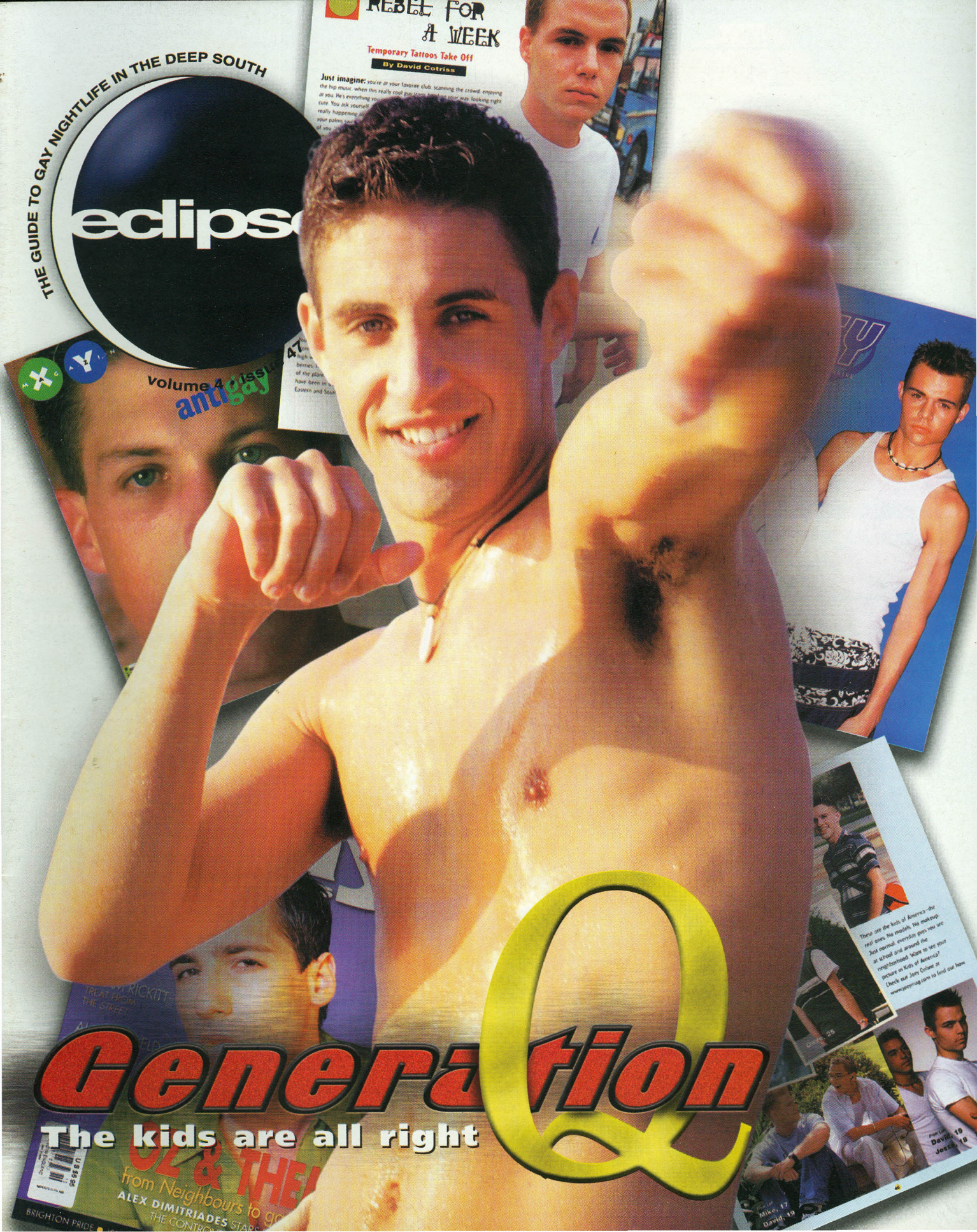
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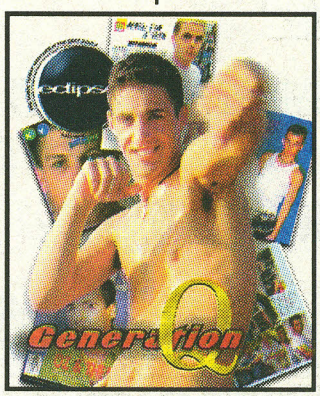

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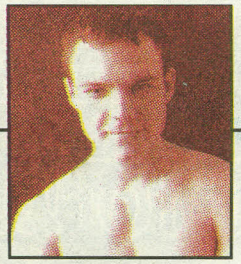

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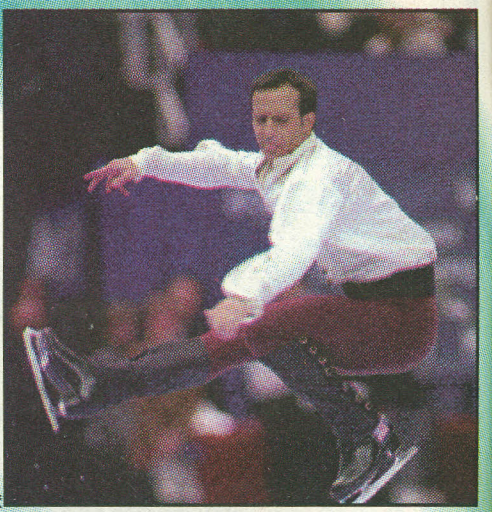
by mark goebel

We've all stumbled into a weekend routine from time to time, going to the same bar, following the same crowd, seeing the same faces. Fear no more as there are some new and exciting events on the horizon, as well as some old ones you might not have known about. They all promise to keep nitelife in Houston interesting—and save you the gas money on a trip out of town.

One of the best-kept secrets in Houston is **THE GREAT CARUSO DINNER THEATER**. Currently on the boards there is **SHEAR MADNESS**, with action taking place in the Shear Madness Unisex Hair Salon, a faux shop on Westheimer. The secret behind the success of the play is its unique blend of audience involvement in the performance, including dialogue between theatergoers and actors. Patrons are used as eye-witnesses to a murder during the performance. **RANDALL JOBE**, production manager at **JR'S**, plays an absolutely hilarious hairdresser and steals the spotlight with his quick-witted comments and flashy performance. This is one of those perfect first-date activities—fun and definitely memorable. For more information, call 713-780-4900 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.



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You too can become Brian Boitano now that the Wortham has opened its ice skating rink. Don't forget the blouse, honey!

Turning to Downtown, the **WORTHAM** opened its Outdoor Ice Rink on Nov. 24—you know how us queers love to ice skate. (Anyone care to sing a verse of "What Would Brian Boitano Do?" from South Park?) Yet another terrific first-date opportunity, or a great idea to spice up an old date. In that area of town, public displays of affection should blend right in. For more information, call 713-250-3670.

I stopped by **URBAN OUTFITTERS** recently, one of the hippest little clothing stores in Houston, and to my surprise, they had a live DJ mixing some ripping dance music. I grilled one of the staffers and found out that **CLUB SOME** is providing the DJ in to promote the opening of the new club. The details are still a little sketchy at this point, but the theme of the new club should follow that of Club Some, a mixed crowd of straight and gay partygoers looking for some good music and a cool venue. Stay tuned for more details.

Gimme a mimosa—the T-Dance has arrived. The much anticipated event at **RICH'S** debuts Nov. 21. There is no cover, and the doors open at 4 p.m. My boy **CHRIS SILL** and the equally talented **MICHAEL TANK** will take to the DJ booth



and provide the music. Tank spins at **PACIFIC STREET** on the weekends, and has also provided the soundtrack to several circuit parties and events in Austin, San Francisco and Dallas.

Ever notice the video screens at JR's, Rich's, P.S. or a slew of other local bars? You might catch a glimpse of various shirtless gym boys dancing at what appears to be a circuit party. Well, the tapes are filmed at various venues and sold to gay bars around the country to be played on video screens. One of the companies to create this eye candy is **DANCE ONE**. Why am I rambling on about this? Dance One is going to be filming at Rich's on Jan. 29. Obviously, Rich's is going to show off, and really pull out all the stops with what should be a terrific night. I would encourage all of you camera hogs to hit the gym now, just to be extra-prepared for your close-ups. I'm still digging up dirt on who will provide the music, so keep posted for a friendly reminder.

Rich's is also hosting the **MR. GAY HOUSTON** contest, to be held on Jan. 28. The prize money is $1,000. If you think you've got the right stuff, call 713-759-9610, leave your address after the beep, and an information packet will be mailed to you.

E/J'S has decided to do an old fashioned make-over on its bar. They are going through a massive remodeling, adding a dance floor and a shiny new red and white tile floor in the main bar. The new look makes a huge difference, so definitely stop by and check it out. Good nights to do that are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, when the venue hosts a male strip contest. Maybe inspiration will strike and you'll decide to compete.

That's a wrap. I'll see you out. I'm still counting up those Ricky Martin votes, and I'll let you know whether the guys in Houston think he is family or not. Anyone care to wager? Drop me an e-mail about events around the town, or if you just feel the need to forward really bad jokes—markg@coolmail.net.

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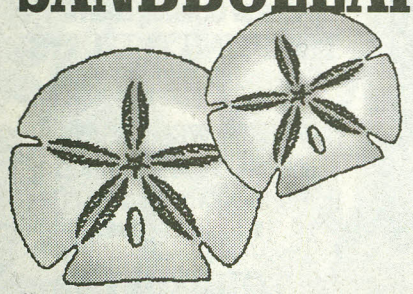

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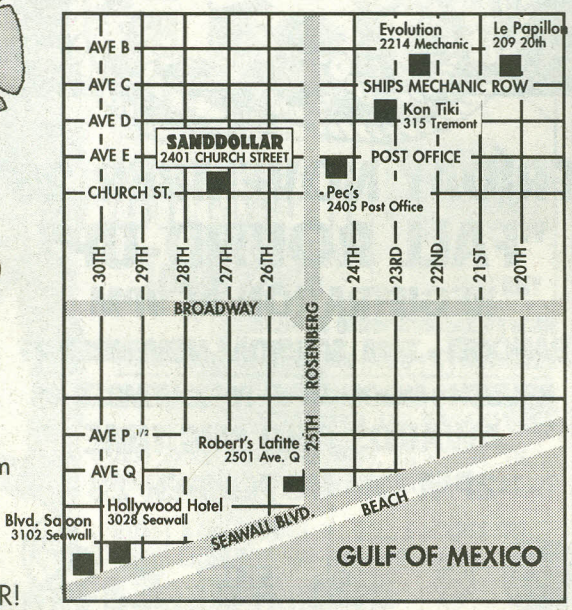

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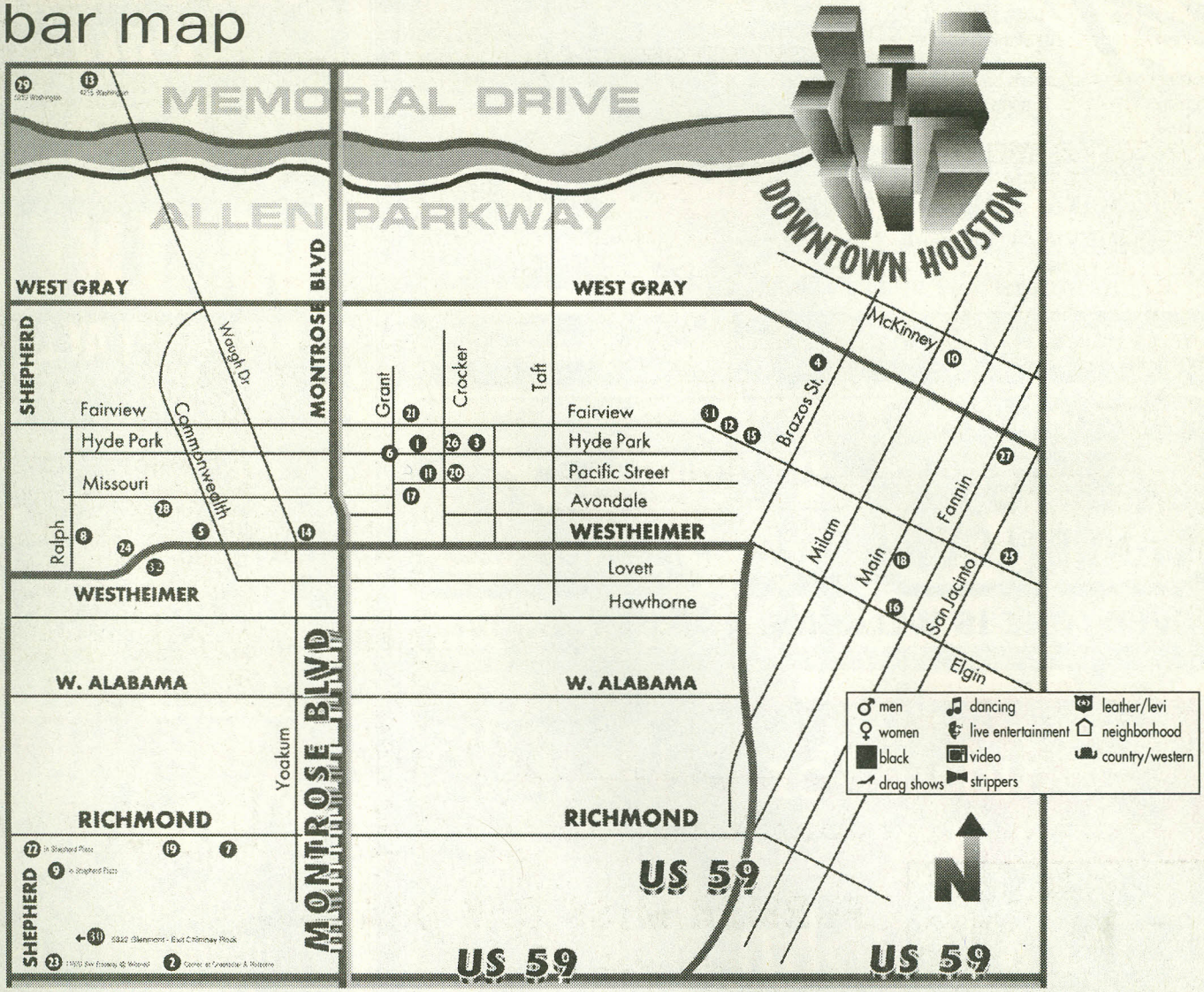

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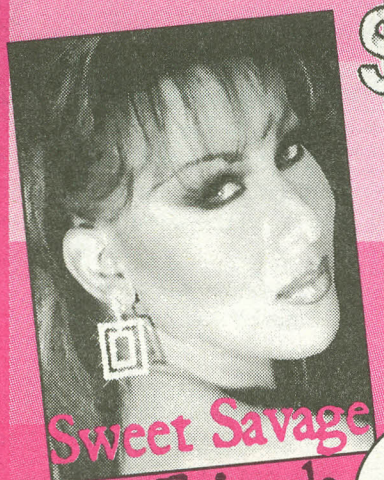

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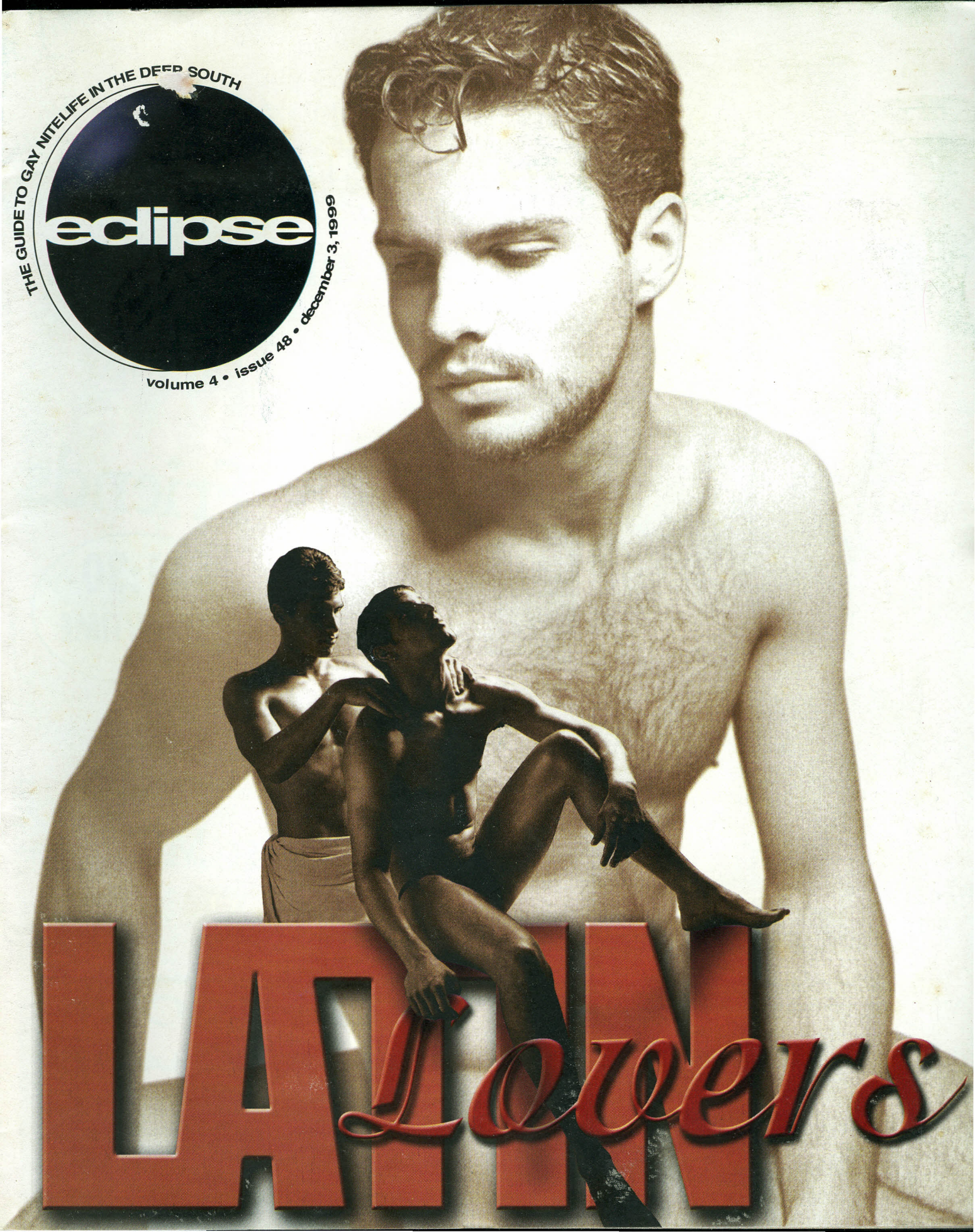

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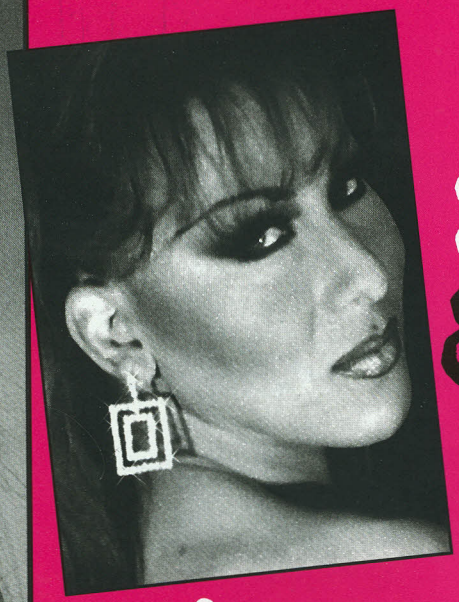

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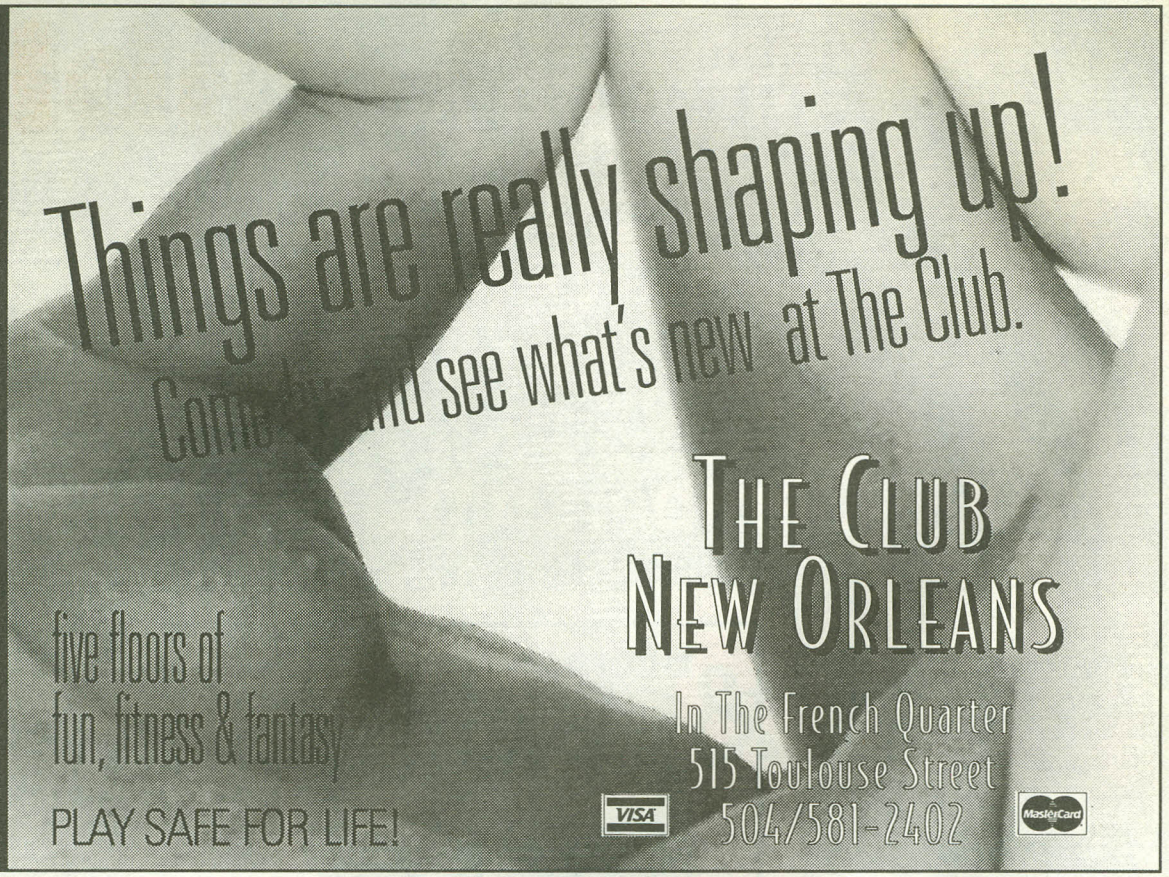

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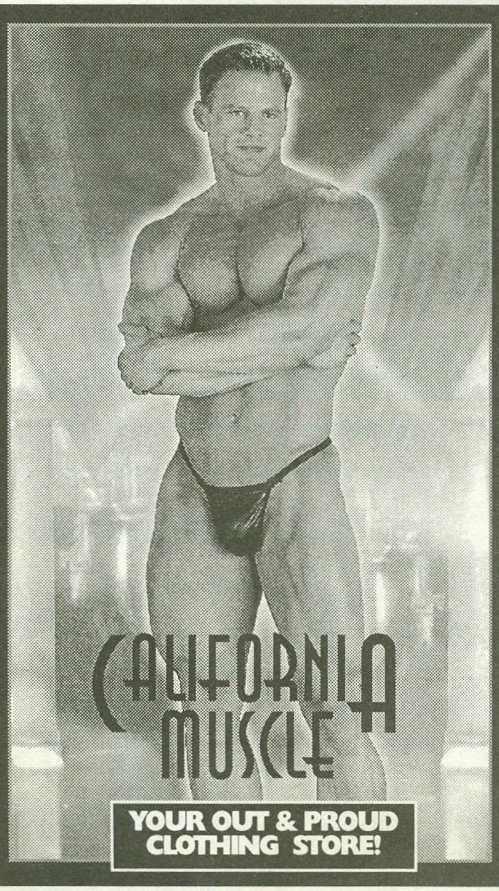

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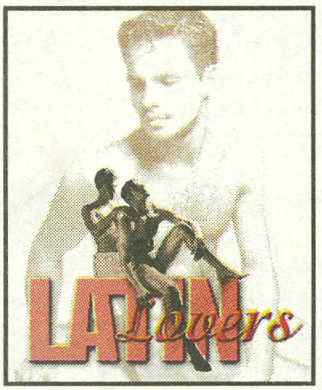

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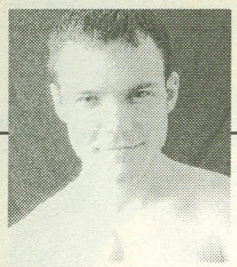

scene and heard

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by mark goebel

With the holiday season in full swing, here are a couple of suggestions on what to do once you've completed your gift shopping. I hope these pointers will take away that holiday depression and even chase away some of those credit card blues.

One of the hottest new places in Houston is **PRIVÉ** (pronounced pree-VAY). This classy new bar is located at 910 Westheimer, near the intersection with Montrose. The venue is starting to command the Sunday afternoon market. The guys start filling in around 5 p.m. and the crowd lasts into the night. Privé has an elegant bar downstairs and a plush sitting area upstairs, complete with several multicolored velvet loungers. One of the high points is the huge patio area perched on the second floor, with a great view of the heart of the city's gay district. The atmosphere is a little on the formal side, with guys you swear were off of a *GQ* cover. Privé held its grand opening Nov. 19, which provided a hint of the events they have in store. Privé soon will be hooking up with **SOUNDWAVES** to provide **SUNDOWN** on Sundays at 4 p.m. The club will feature the turntable techniques of **DJ SEAN CARNAHAN** to entertain and raise the scene to a whole new level.

Soundwaves is also helping to promote another fabulous new event. Again they joined forces with Carnahan. If his name sounds familiar, don't be surprised, as he is one of the DJs at **CLUB SOME**, as well as one of the driving forces behind the downtown revival, spinning at most of the clubs in the downtown district. These two superpowers join to present **ANTHEM**, a Thursday night event held at the fantastic club **410 MAIN**, above the Jones bar. The door opens at 10 p.m., and stays open until 2 a.m.

I've mentioned that **NEIL HELLER**, the owner of Club Some, supplied **URBAN**



MARK GOEBEL

Ben, Christopher and Jeremy at the city's swanky new gay hangout, Privé.

OUTFITTERS with live DJs on the weekends to promote his new club. Apparently the name of the club is **HYPERIA** and it's due to open sometime this month. Hyperia will be located in the warehouse district, and is geared for the same crowd that hangs at Club Some. Hip, young ravers, gay and straight, are welcome to check it out. The location is still under-wraps, but stay tuned for more details.

One of my favorite scoops this week involves the **VENTURE-N.** The story is that the venue will be adding a dance floor on the newest part of the second floor (above the bar in front of the main door). And the catch in all of this is that the dance floor will be transparent. In other words, you can hang at the front bar downstairs, glance up, and see whose butt tempts you the most. Construction should be complete this month.

One holiday tradition— that's been around for 20 years—is the lighting of the community Christmas Tree, which is posted on the roof of **MARY'S**. This ceremony takes place Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. The **COMMUNITY GOSPEL SINGERS** will perform, and I hear rumors that city councilwoman **ANNISE PARKER** will flip the switch again this year. There will also be trashy comedy drag shows both before and after this event. For information, call 713-527-9669.

Have you finished your Christmas shopping? If not, check out the newest arrivals at **BASIC BROTHERS**. They have in some butch new Frye boots, tons

of new leather jackets, as well as stuff from the Tom of Finland line of clothing. The store held a fashion show at **JR'S** on Nov. 21 to strut its new stuff. Check out the store's web-site, www.basicbrothers.com, or stop by the shop at 1232 Westheimer.

Another great place to scrounge for some last minute Christmas gifts is **RECORD RACK**. The store has been around since 1957, and is proud to be one of the oldest gay businesses in Texas. Bruce, the owner of Record Rack, had a flashback with me recently and shared some comical moments from the history of his little shop.

Apparently Record Rack was known as "Disco Headquarters," and along with hot 8-tracks of the moment, the store also sold more than 20 varieties of tambourines, various bottles of poppers and of course being the era that it was, the shop wouldn't have been complete without bongs. One of the more pleasant memories out of the archives is when Bruce had **VILLAGE PEOPLE** there to sign autographs at the height of the group's popularity in 1979. As you can imagine, the scene mimicked something out of a movie, guys having sex in the bathroom, members of the band getting invitations to join the men in the bathroom, and that's just the printable stuff.

Nowadays you can still catch Bruce hanging behind the counter at Record Rack, and he always has the scoop on the music DJs at the clubs are playing. So if you hear a song over the weekend, go see Bruce and chances are he can find it for you. Bruce is also the concert director for **NUMBERS**, and can list off upcoming concert event. Check out the store's web-site at www.recordrack.com or give them a call at 713-524-3602

The result of the **RICKY MARTIN** Houston poll will be in an upcoming article, so keep checking. Thanks to everybody for taking the time out of your partying to get your photos snapped. If you have any more feedback to add, drop me an e-mail at markg@coolmail.net. See you out.

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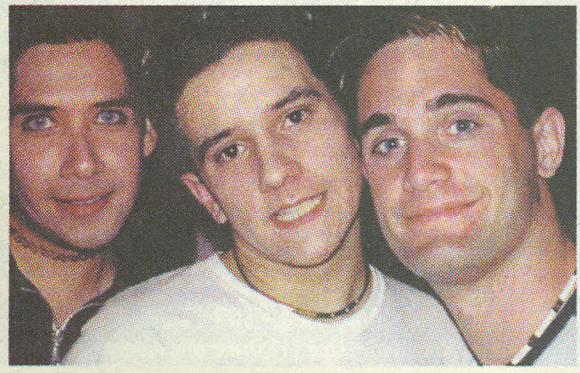

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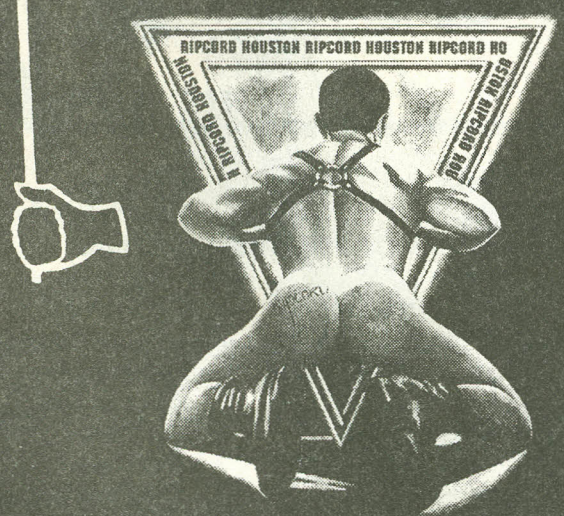

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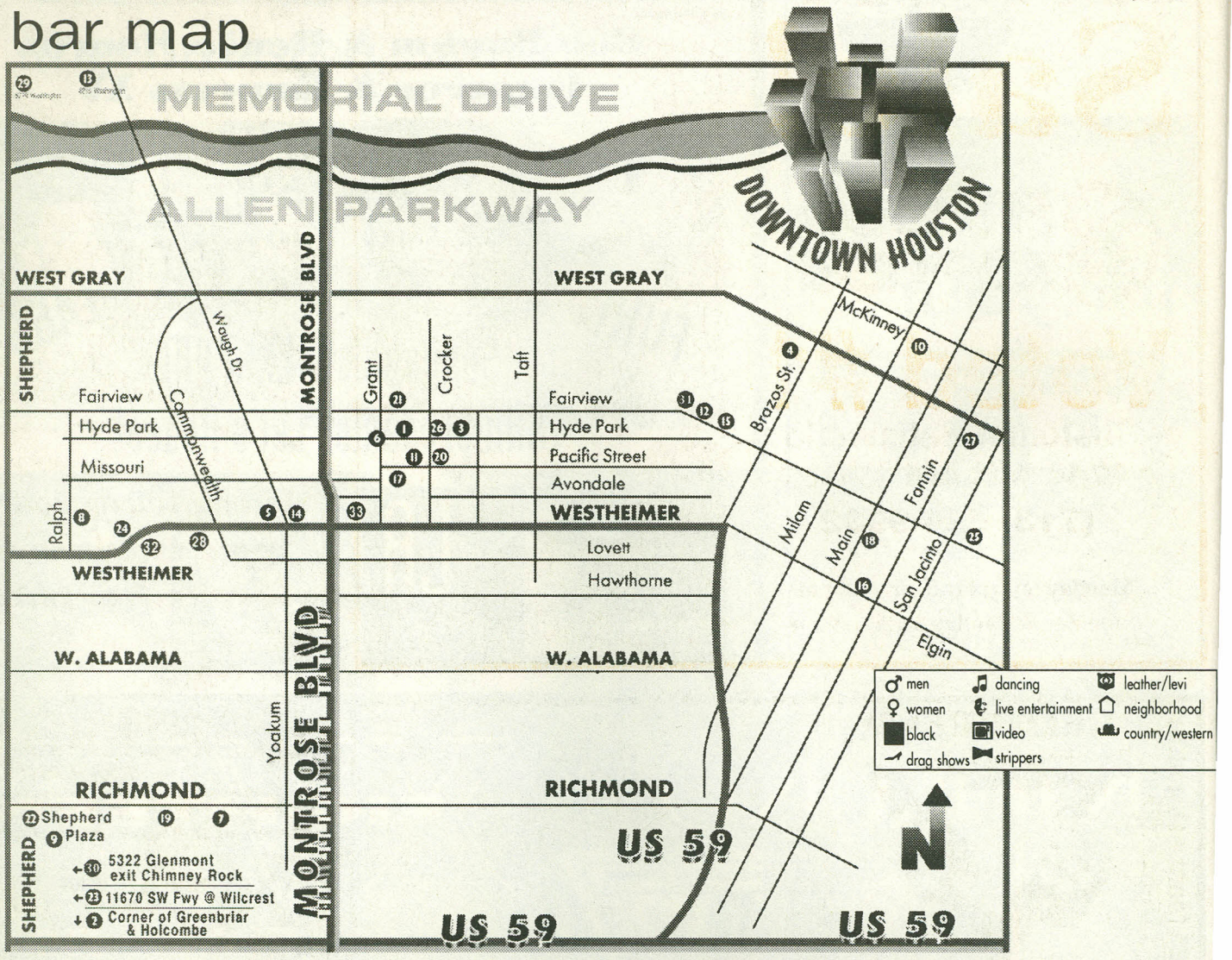

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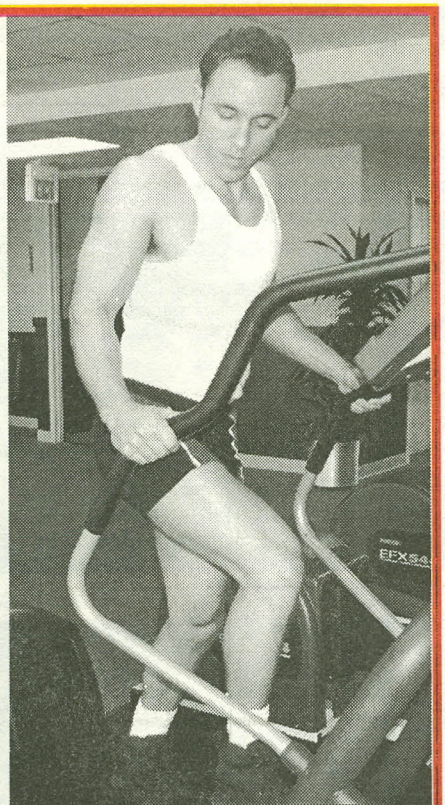

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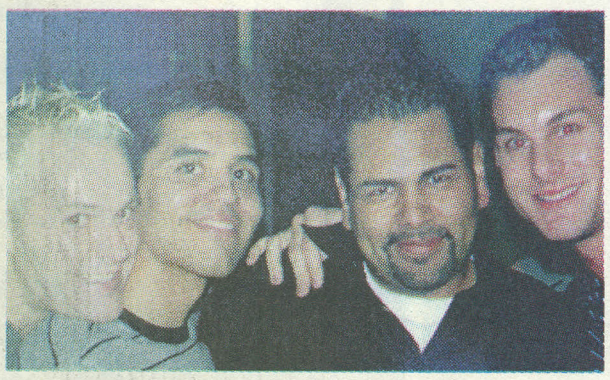

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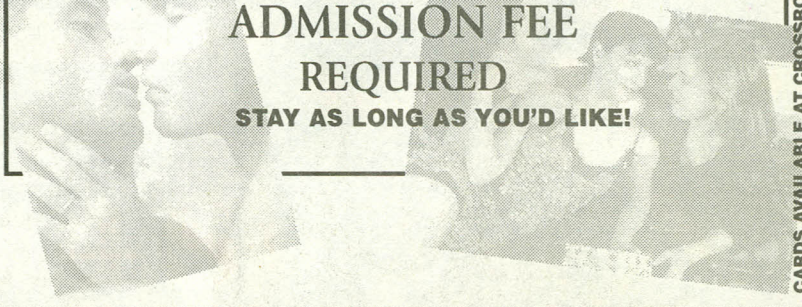

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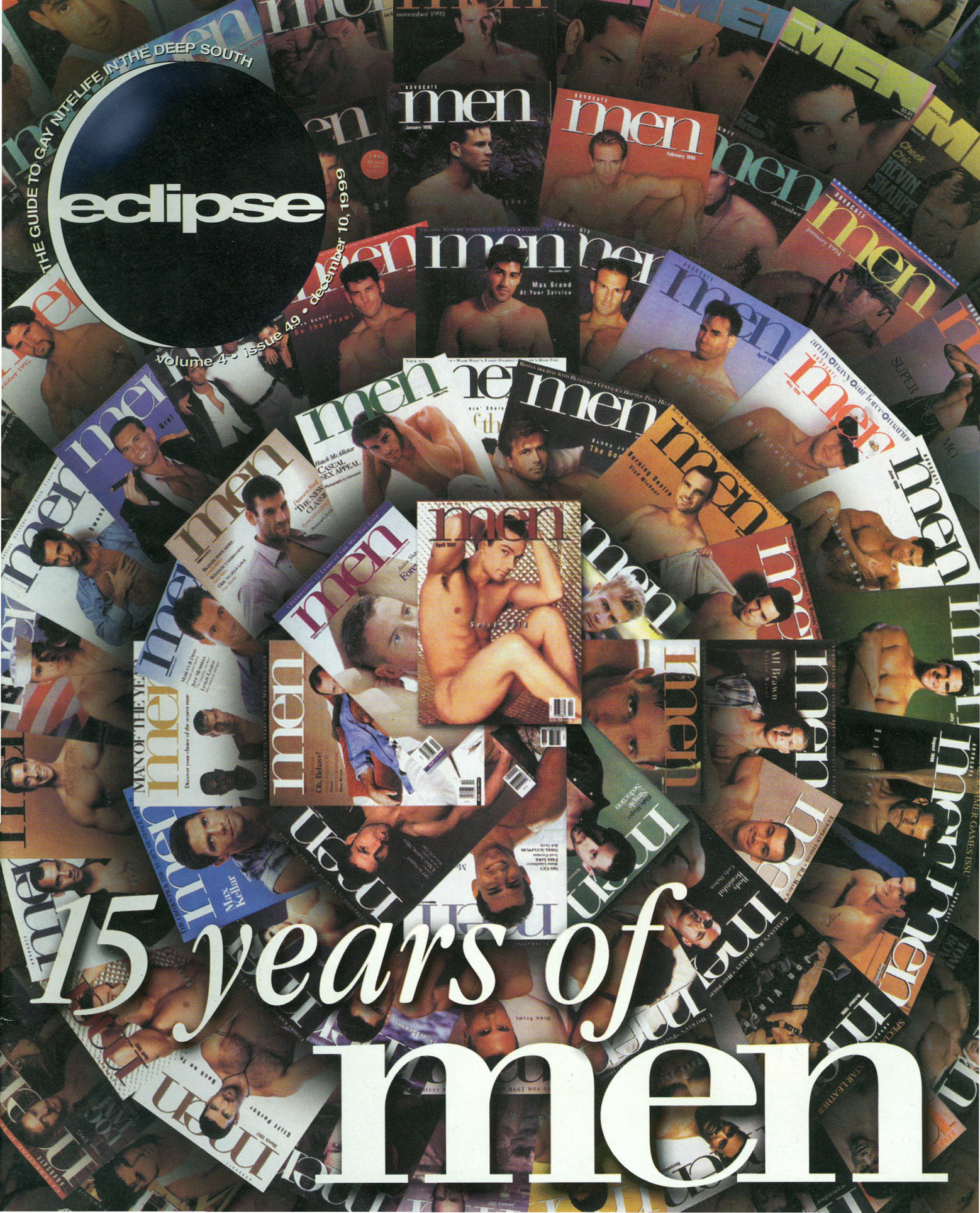
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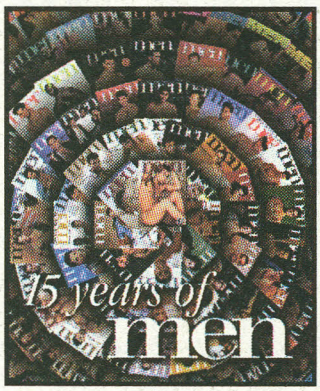

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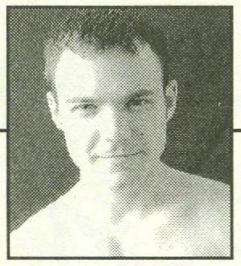

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by mark goebel

The holidays are officially in motion. The stream of relatives you vowed never to let into your house again after last year's egg-nog incident are back, along with your snotty three-year-old nephew that uses your CDs as weapons in some invisible war against the Power Rangers. What is a boy to do with all this holiday stress? Never fear, I've come up with some suggestions on how to blow off some steam and take a break from your out-of-town guests.

One of Houston's hot spots at the moment is **SKYBAR**, the club in the looming 5000 Montrose building on the corner of Montrose and Hawthorne. Skybar sits on the penthouse floor, and features an incredible view of the city accessible through two terraces. Unique to Skybar is artist **SCOTT GERTNER** and his live band that performs funky music from the late '70s and early '80s. The crowd is a diverse mix of upscale straight and gay people. Gertner hosts his World Famous Talent Search each Wednesday. The lucky finalist gets to open for one of his Skybar National Shows. Also coming up is the Skybar's New Year's Eve party, featuring entertainment by **KYLE TURNER**, former saxophonist with Luther Vandross, as well as a live DJ, a complimentary champagne toast at midnight, and three buffet stations from around the world. For reservations and information call 713-520-9688.



Yes, that's our columnist Mark, who recently enjoyed—really enjoyed, look at that pic!—a trip to Cancun with his partner Randall. More pics and details to come soon.

Remember the **TOYZ** Halloween event when the club cleared out their tables and replaced them with little two-man tents? The event was so popular that **TOYZ** has decided to extend the concept. Once a month, **TOYZ** will be having **KAMP WEEKEND**. They will be bringing back the tents, letting you camp with that special partner. Another fun activity **TOYZ** offers weekly is **PAPI CHULO** night. I think the title says it all. Hot Hispanic men, grappling over the title of best male dancer, I'm starting to tingle already.

A great way to come up with innovative ideas for your weekend is to pick up a couple of those colorful, post-card type fliers near the exit or entrance of several local businesses. The fliers are meant to catch your eye, and help put out the word on an underground events, such as a rave, or a new club opening, that are about to take place. On my weekly trip to **SOUNDWAVES**, I grabbed a couple to see what's going on in the alternative scene, and I found a few worth mentioning.

4 THA KIDZ held Dec. 4, was a full charity event benefiting **TOYS FOR TOTS**. Everything from the warehouse building, the sound and lights, even the manpower was donated in the spirit of helping those less fortunate. This event was interesting because it has the support of several local clubs and businesses. It also had record label support from underground house studios in Chicago and NYC. There were performances by 14 DJs, including **QUBE** and **COSMIC CAT**, who are current DJs at **DELICIOUS**, **PICASSO'S** Thursday night function. Admission to the event was a new toy and several hundred were gathered for the drive.

BACK TO THE OLD SKOOL is the theme of a rave making its debut on Dec. 11. Back to the Old Skool is going to feature the mixing styles of **RICHARD HUMPTY VISSION**, a tremendous DJ as well as a heavy hitting studio remixer. Vission will be venturing to Texas all the way from Los Angeles. He has done remixes for a slew of artists. He also has a CD out features a seamless mix of dance music. This event is guaranteed to be chalked full of crazy dance music, and hopefully some previously unreleased tracks from some big artists. Call 713-708-5233 or 713-318-1535 for more information.

M-PUSSYCAT tore up Picasso on Dec. 2 with her **SAGITTARIUS BALL**. The ball was a tribute to all the patrons who have birthdays in the month of December, a kind of all-encompassing birthday party if you will. To coincide with this party, Delicious also sported a ripping fashion show featuring the styles of gay-owned and operated shop **JOVE**. Jove is the cute little raver store located on the Westheimer curve. Owner Carl wanted to show off some of his cool threads to Ms. Pussycat and the rest of the troops over at Delicious. Ms. Pussycat did a great job with the show and always makes sure the party vibe is turned up all the way. She has great DJs, fresh fruit and the place is usually packed. If you haven't been, check it out any Thursday nights at Picasso.

If you've had enough of all the holiday hype, stop by the **BRB**, and enjoy a little two-stepping with your favorite cowboy. There is nothing that makes me want to whip out the mistletoe like a guy in a nice fitting pair of Wranglers. **BRB** features two-stepping almost every night of the week, with the most traffic bustling through the doors on Fridays. Grab your favorite Marlboro man and head out to the **BRB** for a boot-scootin' good time.

The results are in on the long-awaited **RICKY MARTIN** poll results. Most who responded feel that Martin shakes his bon-bon a little too well to be a straight boy. Surprised? "My seats were so close we practically got wet from the sweat pouring off him," wrote Mike, one of our trusted readers who went to Martin's Houston show. "He is so hot and really works the entire 90 minutes that he is on stage. But no straight boy can move like Ricky Martin. In my group there were four guys and we all agree." And if you saw Ricky during his one-hour performance on national TV last month, you'd agree, too. Wow! But the real question now: Who's the lucky guy that gets the real Ricky Martin experience.

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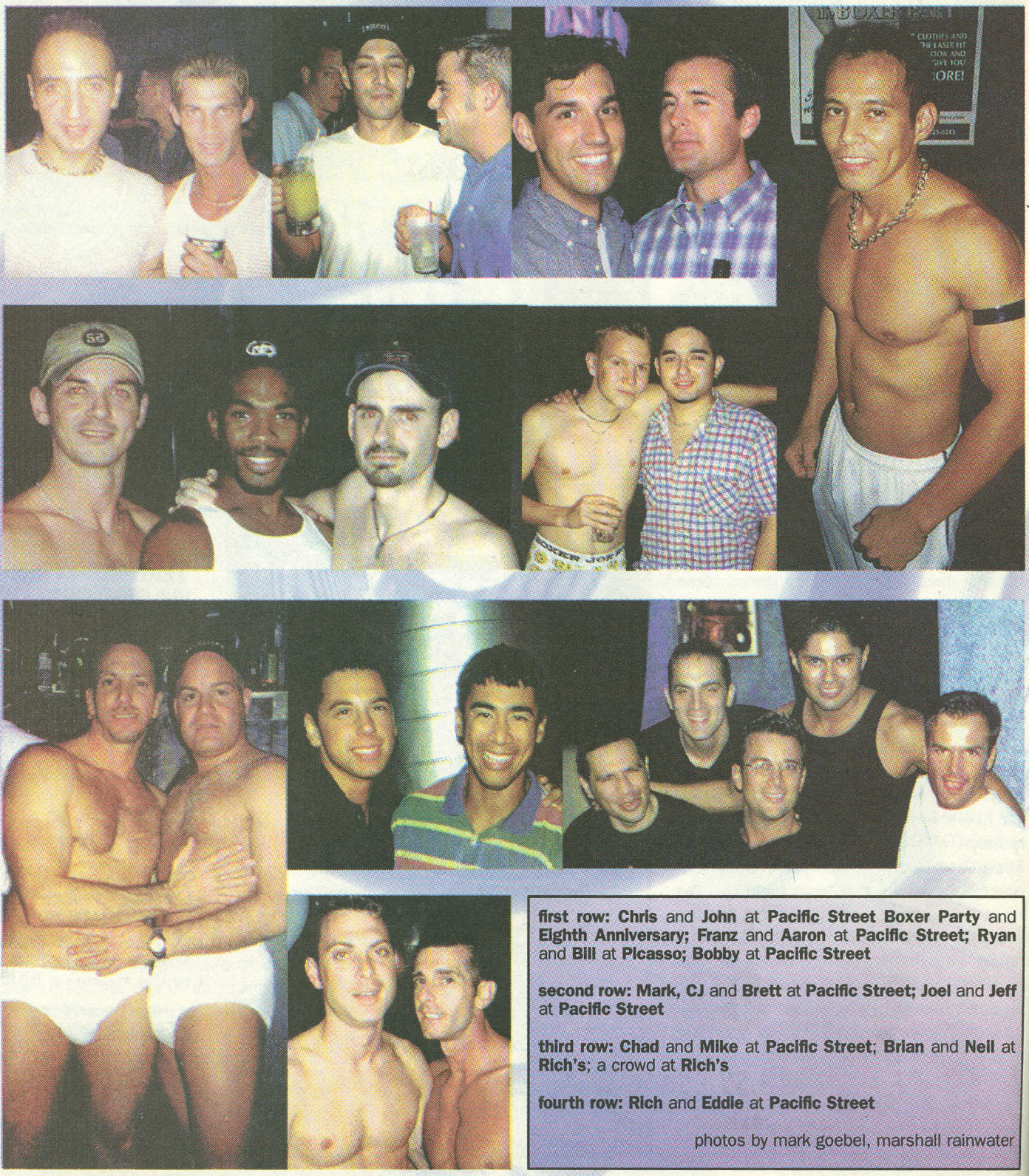

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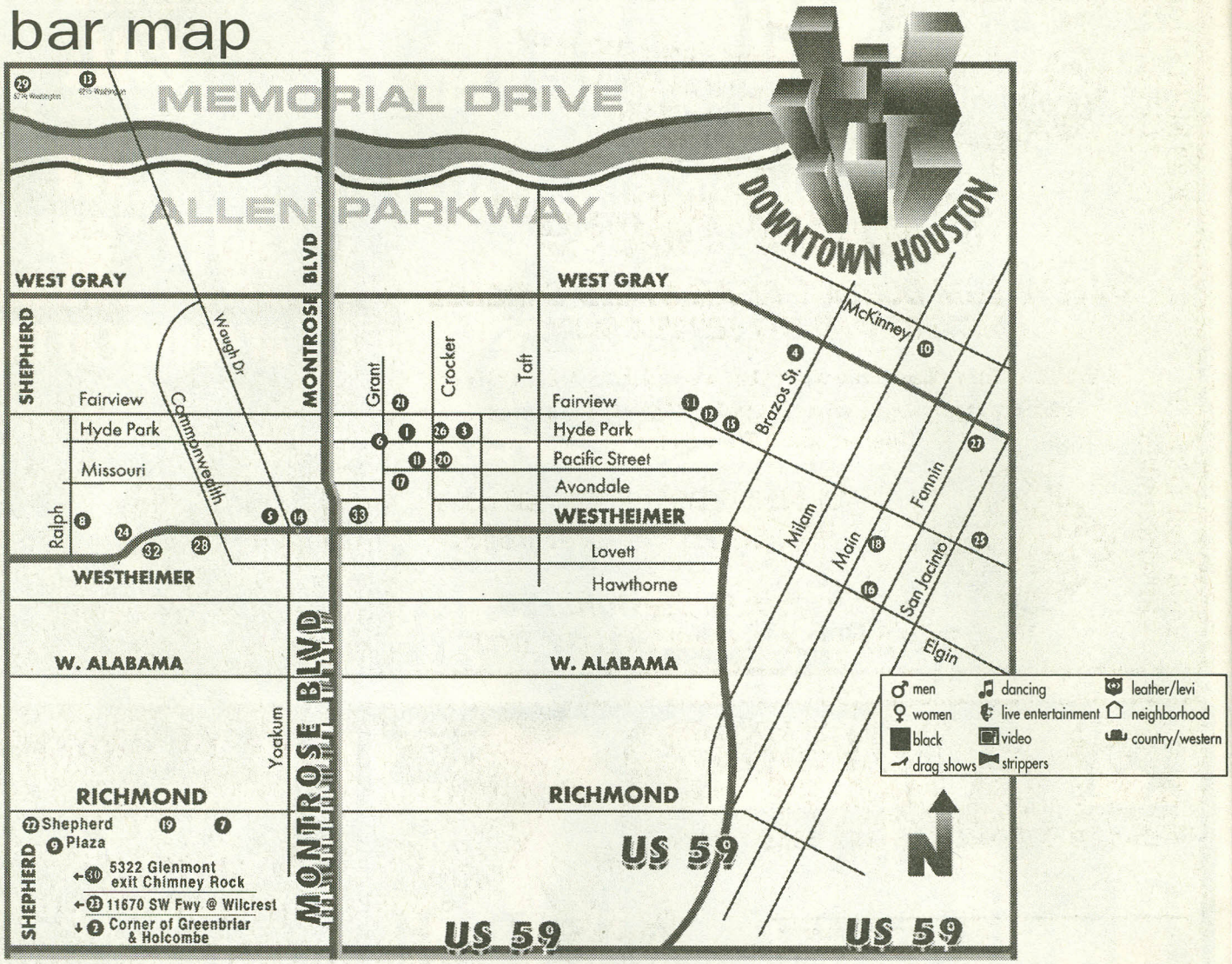

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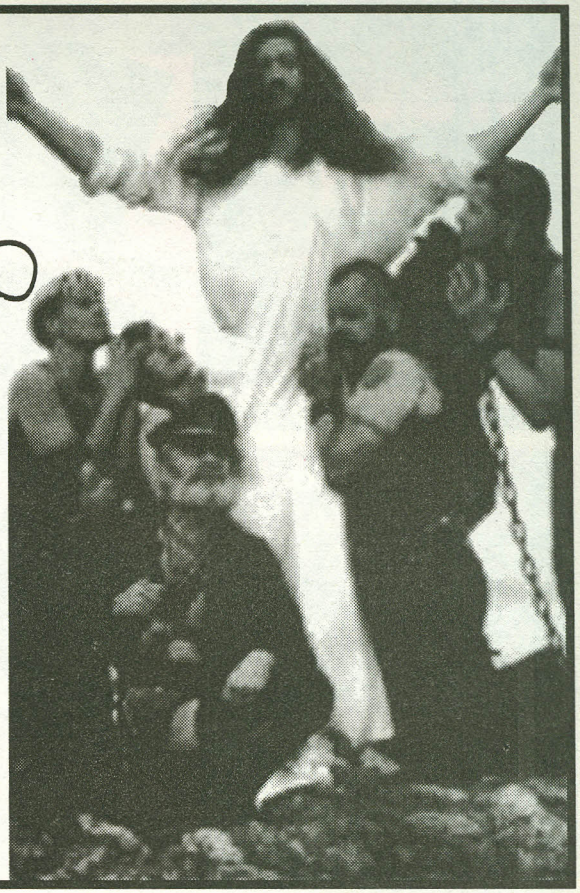

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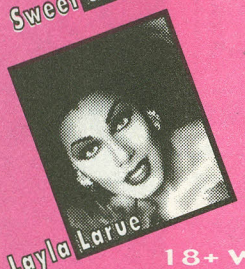
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