

HOUSTONS NEW PREMIER MAGAZINE | abOUT

May 29, 2009

Magazine abOUT



www.abOUTmagazine.net

AMERICAN IDOL: ADAM LAMBERT AND KRIS ALLEN+
COMMUNITY NEWS+
GUIDE TO PRIDE 2009+

SAND DOLLAR *Auto*



"Since hurricane Ike we have condensed all 13 franchises into our 8020 Broadway showroom. Under one roof I offer All GM products, Honda, Hyundai, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ford, Toyota, Scion and VIRTUALLY any pre-owned vehicle!
Ask about special incentives for abOUT readers.



SAND DOLLAR
HOUSTON

Contact John Nagy TODAY! JNagy@SandDollarAuto.com

8020 Broadway, Galveston, TX 77554,
409-774-5711 or Toll Free 1-800-299-5711
Exit 71st Street after Causeway and U-turn



URBAN LIVING

Your Full-Service Real Estate Solution

713.868.7226

URBANLIVING.COM

Upper Kirby

\$370's



Vessel sinks with marble countertops in baths

WEST MAIN CITY HOMES

Rice Military

\$210's



The Birdsall

East Side Downtown \$260's



Leeland Views

Jackson Hill

\$260's



SoWaAve

East Side Downtown

\$280's



Leeland Court

Museum District

\$390's



Modern Museum Dwellings

Museum District

\$480's



Regent's Green

Open 7 days a week 9 - 7
5023 Washington Ave



Please visit our showroom and enjoy a free Starbucks coffee.

Urban Living is a full-service real estate company specializing in inner-city lifestyle. It is our mission to transform the experience of buying and selling real estate by offering the most comprehensive resources available to buyers, sellers, renters, and developers.

BUY with
CONFIDENCE
Plus PROGRAM

FINANCE
INCENTIVE

INTEREST RATES:
2.75% - 1ST Year
3.75% - 2ND Year
4.75% - Next 28 Years



PrimeLending
A PlainsCapital Company.

Rates are subject to change based on credit score. Rates are subject to change without notice.

LEAVE THE
RISK TO US

2-10
HOME WARRANTY
INSURANCE



STRUCSURE
HOME WARRANTY

or

ACES

#1 HOUSTON
TEXAS

"THE HEALTHIEST
HOUSING
MARKET"

Forbes

\$8,000
TAX CREDIT

Families or individuals
are considered
"first-time" buyers
if they have not
owned a home for
three years or more.



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

FHA
MORTGAGE
FINANCING

3.5% down with
minimum 620 FICO
FHA programs.

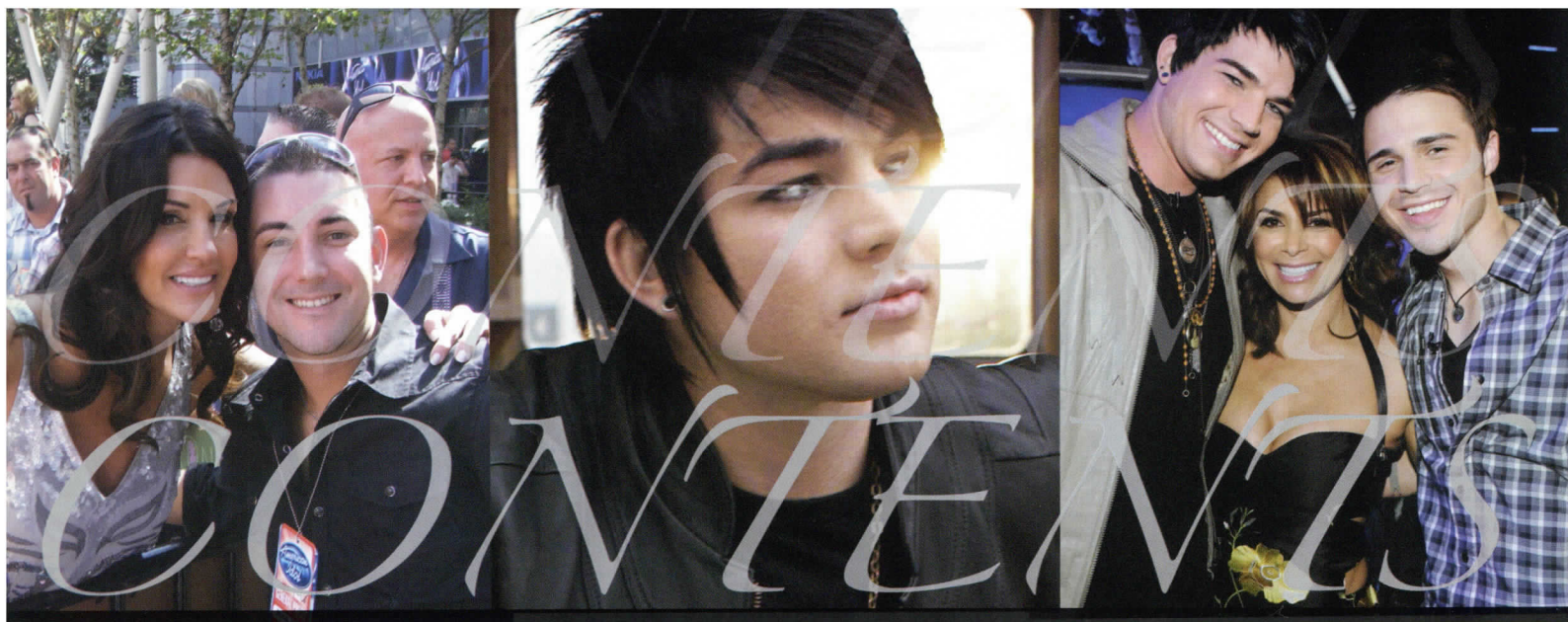


Only select developments qualify.
Qualifies when purchasing MI

PROTECTING
YOU FROM THE
UNEXPECTED

Covers up to six
months should you
become involuntarily
unemployed.





May | 2009
volume 1 issue 13

COVER

1 | American Idol

FEATURE ARTICLE

11 | Election of a Gay Candidate to Houston City Council: by Nick Hellyar |

12-13 | American Idol: by Special K: Inside look at America's Vote|

CLUBS / BARS

7 | Club and Bar Listings | Listing of all the clubs and bars in the Houston area. Also featuring nightly hot spots!

COMMUNITY

14-15, 18-19, 21

| Whats Happening | abOUT after party, Galeri Blu, Annise Parker, Texas Mayor leaves job, GLBT political caucus, and national news

COME FOR THE VIEW
STAY FOR THE FUN!



GOT Wii?

Wii game nights
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9pm

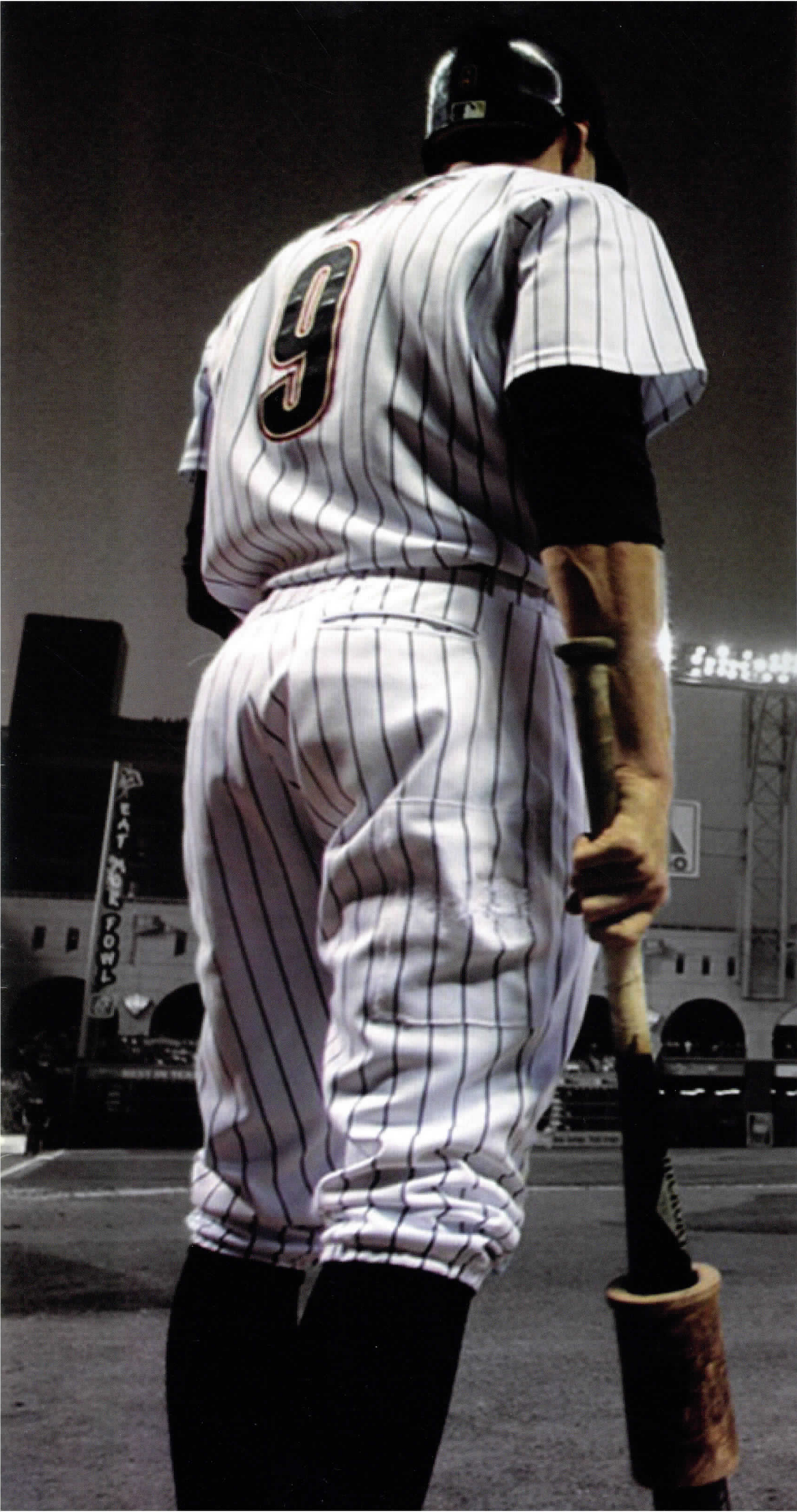
FAB 4 SHOW

hosted by SOFONDA ST JOHN
Fridays @ 10:30pm & midnight
Sundays Seawall show @ 9pm

Sunday is FUNday

GREAT place for beachside Mimosas!

3102 SEAWALL BLVD . GALVESTON TX . 409.765.6911
open daily from noon to 2am



617 Fairview Houston TX 77006

GeorgesCountrySportsBar.com

Saturday—Pool Tournaments

Sunday—\$ 1.00 Vodka

★ GEORGE ★

Sundance Cattle Co
Home Bar

Your Country Sports Bar

Join us for all the 2009 Houston Astro's Games

magazine
abOUT

CADE MICHALS
Publisher
cade@abOUTmagazine.net

WILLIAM CLEVINGER
President
bill@abOUTmagazine.net

CORY WITT
Marketing
info@abOUTmagazine.net

CHARLIE BUERGER
Publishing Advisor
charlie@abOUTmagazine.net

ANGEL GUERRERO
Fashion Director
angel@abOUTmagazine.net

AMBER COLLIER
Senior Graphic Design Manager
about@amberstardesign.com

PAUL STRICKIN
Events Photographer
kactuspt@comcast.net

NICK HELLYAR | SPECIAL K
Contributing Writers

abOUT Magazine
abOUT Publications

711 Hyde Park Blvd
Houston TX 77007

713-492-0485 Office
713-492-0493 Fax

www.abOUTmagazine.net

myspace.com/aboutmagazinehouston

© abOUT Publications 2008 All Rights Reserved

All original articles, photographs, design, and artwork is the sole property of abOUT Magazine and may not be reproduced without the express written permission of abOUT Publications. Views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff, publisher or



Dear abOUT Readers,

Sometimes in the world things happen for a reason. People happen, people change and things are lost, and all that's left are the memories of what once was. Someone once told me a long time ago when I lost my first boyfriend: "Things are never going to be the same, and something never lasts forever. It's the time you make of the moment is what does, take as many pictures as you can, as those make you remember ...forever".

abOUT Magazine was in Panama City Beach this weekend, and all the wind and rain aside. The sun did COME OUT! With the gorgeous condo at the Majestic Tower, the blue water on the sandy white beaches, and the friends that made the trip a memory, I would personally suggest as a gay man, if you really want to let your hair down. You need to visit Florida soon. Let's not forget to mention Splash bar, a friendly pub that welcomed us for the weekend. A special thank you to J. you made me smile, and laugh like I have not done in years.

On location in Los Angeles this last week, a close friend and a great reporter, SPECIAL K from the Roula & Ryan Morning Show on KRBE for the American Idol crowning. Be sure to check out his feature, as he partied with the judges, and sat down with our real American Idol Adam Lambert.

Hosting a SUPER exclusive VIP Party at the House of Blues for Pride Idol contestants, in the super fab Foundation Room, where it wasn't had to run into a couple of Grammy winners a couple of weekends ago. But then it was off to Montrose.

In the same night Crocker Bar, the communities' newest addition rocked the block with their first-of-a-kind tent-block party. Welcoming crowds of at least 200 party goers for a all night event with one of the funniest people ever, Ms. Shirley Q and Better Butterfield.

Guava Lamp kicked off Pride Idol last Thursday, and will continue each Thursday after that till a new Idol is crowned. Everyone should join.

Thanks for listening. Till next time, THANK YOU ALL so very much for supporting abOUT Magazine. THANK YOU for supporting our advertisers.

Cade Michals

LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

HOUSTON**La Academia**

5829 S Gessner.
(713) 334 5422.
<http://www.myspace.com/laacademioclub>

Anita's Bar and Grille

2409 Grant St
(713) 522 BUMP (2867)
www.anitabump.com

Bartini

1318 Westheimer
(713) 526 2271

Blur

710 Pacific St.
www.blurbar.com

Bocados

1312 W. Alabama
(713) 523 5230

Brazos River Bottom

2400 Brazos
(713) 528 9192

**Chances/The New Barn/
G-Spot**

1100 Westheimer
(713) 523 7217
www.chancesbar.com

Club 2020

2020 Leeland
(713) 227 9667
www.club2020houston.com

Club Crystal

www.crystaltheclub.com
(713) 278 2582

Club Eden

20701 Gulf Frwy
(281) 554-EDEN

Crocker

2312 Crocker
(713) 529 3355

Decades

1205 Richmond
(713) 521 2224

EJ's

2517 Ralph
(713) 527 9071
www.ejsbar.com

George

617 Fairview
(713) 528 8102

Guava Lamp

570 Waugh
(713) 524 3359

In-N-Out

1537 N Shepherd Dr.
(713) 589 9780

Mango Video Lounge

5742 Chimney Rock
(713) 666 7472

Mary's, Naturally

1022 Westheimer
(713) 527 9669

Meteor

2306 Genesee
(713) 521 0123
www.meteorlounge.com

Michael's Outpost

(713) 520 8446

Montrose Mining Company

805 Pacific St.
(713) 529 7488

JR's Bar & Grill

808 Pacific Street
(713) 521 2519

Rich's

2401 San Jacinto
(713) 759 9606

Ripcord

715 Fairview
(713) 521 2792
www.theripcord.com

The 611

611 Hyde Park
(713) 526 7070

South Beach

810 Pacific
(713) 529 SOBE
www.southbeachthenightclub.com

Tony's Corner Pocket

817 W Dallas
(713) 571 7870
www.tonyscornerpocketbar.com

SPRING:**Ranch Hill Saloon**

247041-I45N, Suite 103.
(281) 298 9035
www.ranchhill.com
www.myspace.com/theranchhillsaloon

GALVESTON:**3rd Coast Beach Bar**

31st and Seawall Blvd
(409) 765 6911
www.3rdcoastbeachbar.com

The Pink Dolphin

9th and Seawall Boulevard
(409) 621 1808

FRIDAY

Third Coast Bar in Galveston, Fabulous Happy Hour and the FAB Four Shows at **10:30 PM**

BRB gives free dance lessons for all levels of dancers on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. **8pm**

Tony's Cornor Pocket- Best Dancers in town

Club Eden- Free Cover till **10PM**

Halo- College Station always a fun and College Age Crowd

SATURDAY

Chance's DJ Kat Moon Playing your favorite hits

Crocker Bar- Good Music and Fab Drink Prices

SUNDAY

Berry Hill- With a Live DJ and Best Frozen Margaritas

Third Coast Bar-Galveston is "Sunday Funday" with great Seaside Mimosas

MONDAY

Café Adobe-Monday night with Margaritas

Guava Lamp's Service Industry Night (*SIN*) Best Prices Great Music

TUESDAY

Chances- Open Mic Night

George's Country Sports Bar. Friendly bar staff. Great Place to hear country music!

WEDNESDAY

Guava Lamp's-award-winning host Toddicus hosts Karaoke

THURSDAY

Tony's Corner Pocket- Great Dancers & GREAT Drink Specials

WHERE HOUSTON LIKES TO PLAY

Sunday \$2.50 Dom Longnecks

Monday \$2.50 Well Vodka

Tuesday \$1.00 Well Vodka

Wednesday \$2.50 Dom Longnecks

May 6th -27th Miss Pride Houston Contest
8PM

Thursday \$2.75 Dom Longnecks

Friday / Saturday

Houston's Best Amateur Strip Show

TONY'S
CORNER
POCKETBAR

817 WEST DALLAS HOUSTON 77019

WWW.TONYS CORNERPOCKETBAR.COM

A Nite With Tina Turner!!

**Come Out And Celebrate
25 Years of
Private Dancer
May 29th 2009**

**Crocker Bar
2312 Crocker St
Houston Tx 77006**

**May 30th
2009**

**A year of laughs,
drinks and drama!!**

**Come To Crocker and Help
Us Party New Years Style For
our 1 Year Anniversary!**

Cash Ballon Drop @ Midnite!

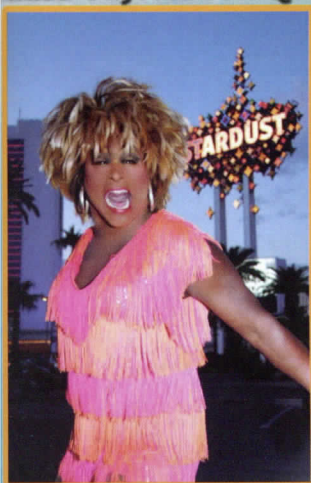
Crocker Bar 2312 Crocker st Houston Tx 77006

Gayribbean Halloween Cruise

October 25 - November 1, 2009

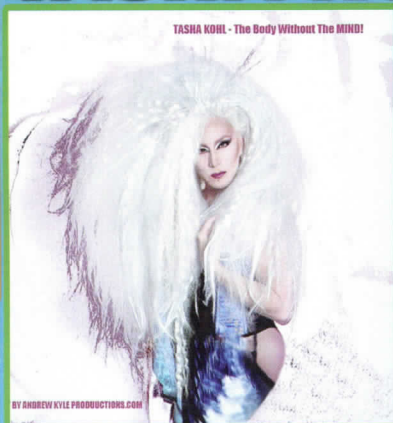
Celebrity Hosts **HOT CHOCOLATE**

Miss Gayribbean Queen of the Seas



&

TASHA KOHL



plus Special
Guests

Dee Ranged & Layla LaRue!



Join our Gay and Lesbian group aboard the Carnival Conquest® as we set sail from Galveston and call on the beautiful ports in Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. There is no better way to celebrate Halloween than with Gayribbean Cruises. Our fantastic Halloween costume party, nightly mixers and **SO MUCH MORE!**

Cruise rates from \$579*

Carnival reserves the right to re-instate the fuel supplement for all guests at up to \$9 per person per day if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$70 per barrel.

For Information & Reservations

www.GayribbeanCruises.com

gayribbean
CRUISES

877-560-8318

Carnival
The Fun Ships®



*Rates are cruise only, per person based on double occupancy. Rules and restrictions apply - call for complete details. Rates and availability are subject to change without notice. This is not an all-gay cruise. Ship registry: PANAMA

Houston on the Verge of Electing First Gay Man to City Council

By Nick Hellyar

The Houston GLBT community is gearing up to help elect Annise Parker the next mayor of Houston in November. Parker's victory would be historic for the city and the Houston gay community. Annise Parker would be the first gay mayor of a major metropolitan city. It would also be a huge step at the national level for the GLBT movement. Parker would be mayor of the fourth largest city in the country, a city of over 2 million residents. Houston has a population larger than fifteen US states. Along with the three openly gay members of the US Congress and a handful of state legislators around the country, she would be one of the most powerful GLBT elected officials in the country. Parker's victory would be a sign to the country that Houston is a progressive metropolis and not just a town full of cowboys, cattle, and rabid conservatives. Electing a gay mayor of New York, Los Angeles, or Chicago would not be a surprise, but a gay mayor of Houston? Annise Parker as mayor would prove to be an example that anything is possible for the GLBT community around the country. The potential of this happening in November is real and has the gay community motivated, galvanized, and excited like never before.

However many do not realize Houston is on the verge of making history in another election as soon as June 13. Few in the GLBT community in Houston, and few voters in general, are paying attention to the District H special election. It is being held to fill the vacancy left by Adrian Garcia because he moved from Houston City Hall to Harris County as our new sheriff. A former teacher, neighborhood association president, and chief of staff to a current council member, Maverick Welsh, is vying to become the first gay man elected to Houston City Council. Welsh landed in the runoff for District H by coming in second in a field of nine candidates on May 9 and only 183 votes behind first place finisher, police officer Ed Gonzalez. The turnout in the special election on May 9 was low. Just over 4% of the registered voters in the district turned out to cast a vote, and the turnout in the runoff election is expected to be even lower. In all only 4,141 out of 93,883 registered District H voters came to the polls to vote for the next council member. Voters will again go to the polls June 13 to decide the winner between Gonzalez and Welsh in the runoff.

Maverick Welsh seems an unlikely contender for the role of being the first gay man on Houston City Council. He attended Texas A&M University in Closet... erm... College Station, not known as a hot bed of gay rights activism. He and his partner Daryl Sinkule have been together for over ten years, and Maverick has never been a public face on the gay rights movement. After graduating, Welsh moved to Houston to become a high school teacher at Davis and Reagan High Schools in HISD. Maverick got his first dose of civic leadership after being elected president of Proctor Plaza Neighborhood Association and being named Proctor Plaza Citizen

of the Year in 2007. He then moved on to serve Houston City Council Member Peter Brown as his chief of staff. It was here in the day to day workings of the City of Houston and in interactions with civic leaders, business associations, city department heads, and elected officials that Maverick Welsh made the decision to run for elected office. Not because he wanted the title "first gay man elected to Houston City Council", but because he was confident that he could help his neighbors build a better District H.

District H is located in North Houston. It includes the Heights, Washington Avenue Corridor, Memorial Heights, Second Ward, Denver Harbor, Lindale, Independence Heights, and parts of Fifth Ward. It is an extremely diverse district. Once, thought of as a solid Latino district, Anglos are moving into the Heights in large numbers, making the district less of a certainty to elect a Latino. African Americans make up a small percentage of the district but could determine who the next council member from District H is if they get behind one of the candidates. The GLBT population has been growing steadily in the area and now makes up a significant portion of the population. Most of the gay residents are located in apartments along Allen Parkway and in the Heights.

Maverick Welsh did not seek to be at the forefront of the GLBT movement, though his name comes from family member, former congressman and Mayor of San Antonio, Maury Maverick, who the term maverick is derived from. Instead he is running as a qualified candidate whose experience and passion for public service make him a frontrunner to be the next council member from District H. After victories for gay marriage in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont a small victory might be on the way here in Houston. The Houston GLBT community is already victorious in that a member of their community is close to being elected solely on his merits and experience. The "gay" issue has not played a big role in this campaign. Houston's GLBT community may be on the verge of making history by electing one of their own to office in Houston. It just happens that it may occur on June 13 rather than November 3 as many had expected.

Maverick Welsh is endorsed by the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, the Houston Stonewall Young Democrats, and the Houston Stonewall Democrats.

Early voting begins June 1. Election Day is June 13.

To find out if you live in District H go to the Harris County Tax Office website: www.tax.co.harris.tx.us/voter/voter.asp
To find out voting times and locations go to: www.harrisvotes.com

THE ROULA & RYAN SHOW
WEEKDAYS 6-10AM

104.1 KRBE
HOUSTON'S #1 HIT MUSIC STATION

104.1 KRBE
TEXT 37530
HOUSTON'S #1 HIT MUSIC STATION



American Idol Season 8 Finale
in Review.... I WAS THERE BITCH!!!
After Glo'! Or after: NOOOOOOOOO!!!

After attending what I believe the biggest finale in TV history, I can't say I'm surprised that the all American boy sexpot Kris Allen took the win...

Did you really think middle America would let some screaming queen walk away with that "coveted" title of American Idol? Arkansas itself voted a total of 38 million times! Did I mention that this home state of Kris Allen has only 3 million inhabitants! WTF!?!?

I won't dwell on the outcome but we all know who OUR idol is, and I was even fortunate enough to tell our boy Adam that his people are proud of him for showing up the entire cast. I just wish Fox had acknowledged his b/f! (Whom they showed in several camera shots) of course, that mention could have sealed his fate much earlier in the competition. Especially since most of his fans are jaded wana-be-emo girls fresh into high school. The fact he bangs dudes would have dried up both their panties and their desire to vote for a guy they can never have.

So my week in LA has finally come to a close, and I can honestly say it was "off tha mutha lovin chain"! I interviewed, partied, and posted up with every idol from this season, plus some rejects from season's past. Did I mention that they all have an album coming out? Well this will be the first and the last time you'll hear about it! Sorry Chikeezie!!!

In case you missed it, the 2-hour season finale of American Idol was monumental. The caliber of talent was the best I've ever seen in one place. I can remember the moment Kiss took the stage during the commercial break. The band tried to sneak on but how could you mistake that ridiculous make-up!? The crowd erupted in glee as the producers begged us to quiet down before we returned from break. Kiss rocked the Nokia Theater like no other! There was more smoke in that venue than Mattress Mac's warehouse! (too soon?) I can only imagine what a full Kiss concert looks like at the end with all the insane pyrotechnics they insist on sparking.



If you are like most people, you watched the show from the comfort of your crib. But what you missed was most likely half of the Black Eyed Peas performance. This was either due to the fact you were a bit stoned during the show, but more likely because Fox cut out for nearly 60 seconds. Why? Because drunk-ass Fergie has a sassy potty mouth! Everyone else edited themselves but Miss Fergie conveniently forgot, cursing through her entire verse!

No matter...the show continued with judge Kara Dioguardi taking the stage to show up a former contestant who sang in a bikini. I can honestly say I didn't care for Kara before...hell I hated the bitch! But when she came out and sang Whitney Houston's song, I was floored! She may have redeemed herself in my eyes but we'll see how annoying she is next year...

I could go on and on about the phenomenon called idol but I've run out on column space. I gotta tell you though, I can't say I'm a big fan of Fox

(Fair & Unbalanced!) But those bastards can really throw an after party! My partner Brian & I got our stanky leg on with both Paula Abdul AND Kara Dioguardi...plus Antonio Sabato Jr, Ann Nesby, Janice Dickenson, Carlos Santana, and Heather Locklear to name a few. Check out all my pix and video under "Extras" @104krbe.com

Adam Lambert and I appreciate you letting us rep the community on the biggest show on earth! Check me next year, or tomorrow! Only on the Roula and Ryan show, weekdays from 6am-10am, only on 104.1 KRBE!

community news

abOUT Magazine announces: BIGGEST AFTER Party for Gay Pride

On June 27th, abOUT Magazine will host the Official abOUT Magazine After Party at Guava Lamp, directly after the Houston Pride Parade. The only OFFICIAL party to have VIP Benjamin Bradley and Roman Heart appearing live. Kicking off at 10 PM and going to the wee hours of the morning, abOUT Magazine will open the doors to all, if you are interested in the purchase of a VIP booth. **Please call abOUT Magazine at 713-492-0485**

Make sure to stay tuned for more special announcements regarding this event.

MALE U WEAR: Fashion Designer Andrew Christian makes stop in Houston

Friday May 22, 2009 Houston's underwear boutique, Male U Wear, opened its doors for reality TV star and Fashion Designer Andrew Christian for a fabulous meet and greet! Christian has been in the fashion industry since 1997; in 2001 he claimed his own brand and rocked the world with his line of underwear and swimwear. When asked about some of his accomplishments over the years Christian said "[his] Flashback line is still one of [his] top selling styles". Flashback and Wonderwear are his own design of butt-lifting underwear for men and women. This May Christian begin competing in 'The Fashion Show', on the Bravo TV network, probably the shows most well know designer. He is excited to be expanding his designs toward women's wear. He is turning out to be one of the front runners on the show. He even claims that some of the other designers on the show would even wear clothes that he has made. Fans of the show and his fashions showed up with their support and excitement for this well known gay-lebirty! Christian wrapped up his Houston tour with a sheik fashion show hosted at a local dance club.

Visit us on the web at:
www.abOUTmagazine.net

Please send all submissions to:
Info@abOUTmagazine.net

BY CADE MICHAELS

CROCKER BAR: Parking lot Party BIG TENT and a lot of Laughs

It was a parking lot full of laughs on May 16th as Crocker Bar welcomed Shirley Q Liquor to town for a one-night only appearance! The 70's themed event was nothing but excitement. The parking lot converted to a Disco tech for the evening as tables and chairs replaced what would have been someone's car. abOUT Magazine, gives props to the club's owner Grey for presenting an evening full of laughs.

Galeri Blu: a new addition to the Montrose family

A new addition to the community has opened it's doors RIGHT next door to the offices of abOUT Magazine. Located at 713 Hyde Park, Galeri Blu will feature art work from such artists as: James Clawson, Larry Crawford, Cuba Green and Jason Jeffrey. Don't forget Saturday's from 7pm till 9 is a wine reception. For more information, please see Galeri Blu's ad in this issue of abOUT.

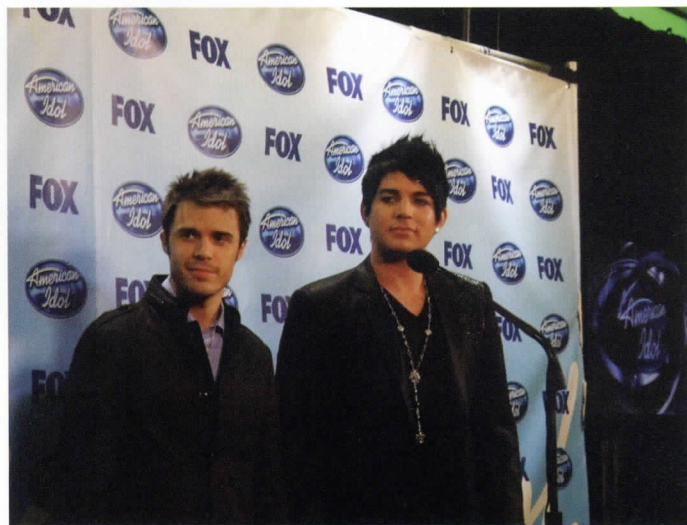
HGLBTPC PAC Endorses Annise Parker for Mayor

City Controller Annise Parker earned an early endorsement in the race for Mayor of Houston from the Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Political Caucus tonight.

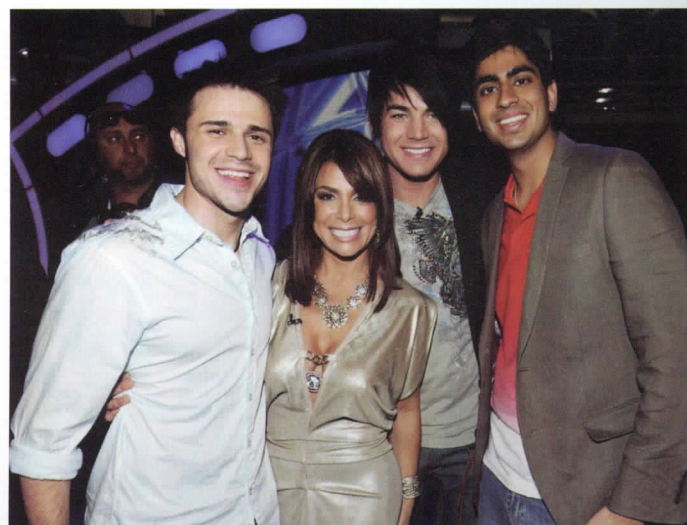
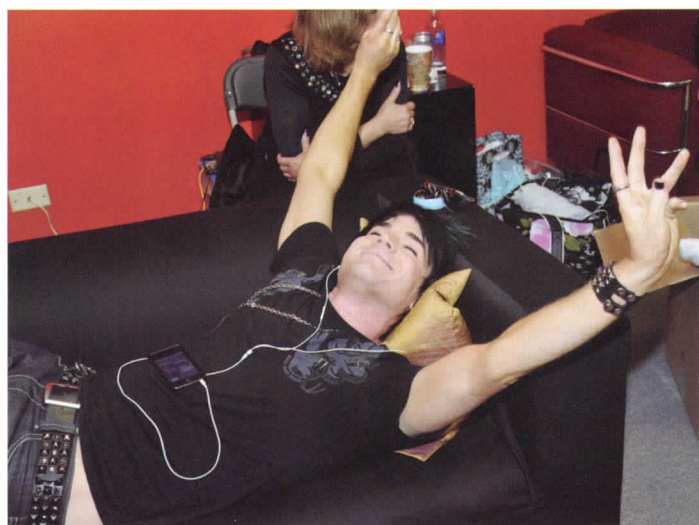
"Annise Parker is the most qualified candidate to lead Houston as our nation struggles through a severe economic crisis," said Caucus President Kris Banks. "Like the rest of our city, the Houston GLBT community is bracing for tough times in the coming months and years. We need a steady, experienced hand to guide us."

"Parker's proven leadership and record of fiscal responsibility and sound economic policy will ensure that Houston can continue to fund our most important priorities – public safety, stronger neighborhoods, infrastructure and quality city services."

With this endorsement, our members send a strong message: Qualifications matter now, more than ever. And no one is more qualified than Annise Parker to lead our city through tough economic times."



American Idol 8 Finale



Daily Drink Specials & Weekend Power Hours

club groove

18+ to party - 21+ to drink

Monday: Industry Night \$1 Beer

Tuesday: TnT Karaoke

Wednesday: Disco 70s & 80s with DJ: XXI

Thursday: TnT Karaoke , Texas Hold'em Poker

Friday: Show time: 9:30pm & 11pm: DJ Worn Dropping:

Top 40, Hip-Hop & House

Saturday: Show time: 9:30pm & 11pm: DJ Worm Dropping:

Top 40, Hip-Hop & House

Sunday: Drag Bartenders, The show is behind the bar

myspace.com/groovegalveston

2409 Market St. Galveston, TX 77550

409-766-7771

New house? Redecorating?

For maximum pleasure,
carefully place a big TV here.

(we can help.)



From **plasma tvs**
to **media rooms....**

From outdoor **speakers**
to multiroom **audio..**

Our name says it all. If it is related to home audio video
we can help with product selection and installation

...and do it with **style.**

audio video designs

home theater • design • custom installation

7300 Southwest Frwy. avdesignshouston.com 713-776-844

4 miles from the Galleria Bellaire exit next to Custom Car Stere

Your wait for a great emergency room is over.

24+HR **Emergency Room**

The Emergency Specialists

- See a Board-Certified/Board-Eligible ER Specialist within minutes, 24 hours a day.
- In most cases get complete ER lab results within minutes.
- Obtain a diagnosis quickly.
- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Houston
1635 Voss Rd
713-972-0911

Sugar Land
16000 Southwest Frwy
281-277-0911

Tomball
24727 Tomball Pkwy
281-516-0911

www.24HourER.com

LOVE: Texas Mayor leaves job for a Man he loves

It was, simply put, the most stunning abdication since King Edward VIII in 1936 gave up the British throne for Wallis Simpson, the twice-divorced American socialite. Only two weeks after being elected to serve his fourth term, Mayor J.W. Lown of San Angelo submitted his resignation letter Tuesday from an undisclosed location in Mexico. No, being mayor of San Angelo is not exactly the same as being the King of the United Kingdom and Emperor of India, but the reason for Lown's abdication is the same as Edward's. Love. What made it stunning wasn't the status of Lown's office, which pays \$600 a year, but the status of his lover. Lown fell for an illegal Mexican immigrant. A man.

Lown told the San Angelo Standard-Times he had fallen for the man in March, after he had already filed for re-election. The man came to the U.S. five years ago to study at Angelo State University. It was unclear whether he had a student visa, but if he did it apparently had expired. Lown told the Standard-Times he chose not to take the oath of office while "aiding and assisting" a person who was illegally in the country.

Lown had been an extraordinarily popular mayor. Only 32 years old, he was elected in 2003 as the city's youngest mayor. Serving in an office that inevitably requires decisions that accumulate enemies, he managed to get re-elected three times with increasing margins of victory each time. Two weeks ago he defeated two challengers by garnering 89 percent of the vote. Lown did not give the name of his lover, but said he planned to stay in Mexico to try to obtain a visa so that his partner can return with him if "the people of San Angelo will welcome me back."

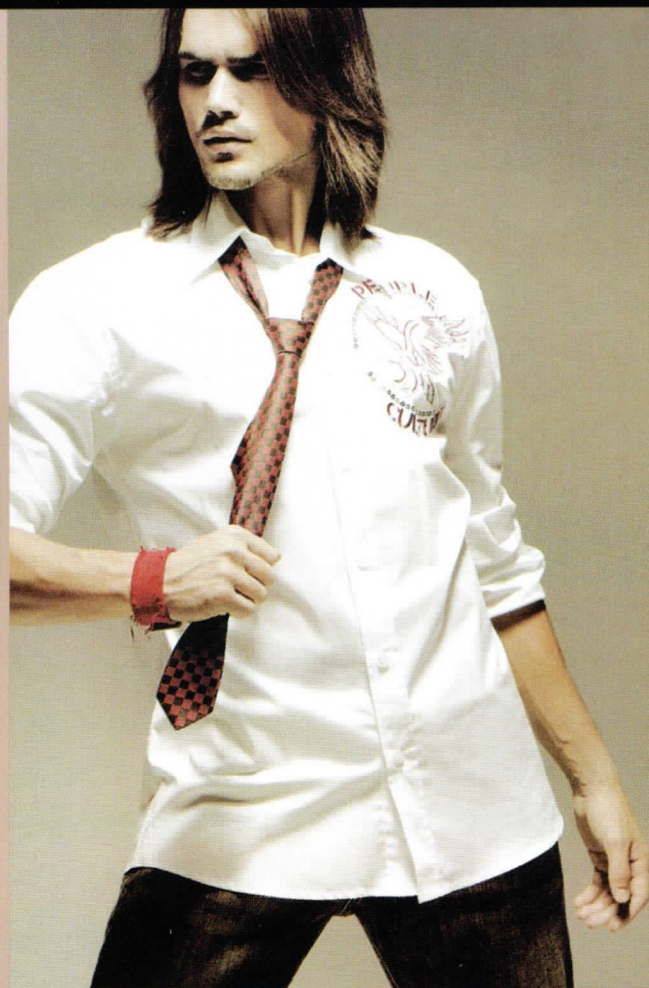
King Edward, who became Prince Edward, lived the remainder of his life in exile. Lown may face the same fate if he stays with his partner. For some this will be a story of sinful deviance. Some will sigh at the power of love.

As someone who has closely observed politicians for many years, what I see is the rare integrity of a politician who couldn't rationalize his way to swearing to uphold the laws of his state and nation while breaking them.

GUYZ 'N STYLE

1625 WESTHEIMER 713.376.5936 / 713.521.0441

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING PRICES



APPAREL SHOES UNDERWEAR



The Osito Foundation

Teddy Bears for Children Impacted by HIV/AIDS

For more information or
to make a donation visit:

ositofoundation.org
or call (281) 795.5210

"We applaud the Osito Foundation's outreach efforts and that children around the nation will now be helped by their work," said Neil Giuliano, President of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "They have recognized the pain and isolation that results when individuals are subjected to discrimination and we thank them for their work to counteract this stigma for children living with HIV/AIDS."

A Letter from the President of the Houston GLBT Political

At the Caucus, we are doubly sad today. First of all, we are sad for our friends in California, where the state supreme court reaffirmed Proposition 8, which took away the right to marry from same-sex couples.

But even the supposed "good news," that same-sex marriages performed before the proposition passed will remain valid, serves as nothing but a cruel mockery for Houstonians and Texans. Those marriages may remain valid in California, but the moment those same-sex couples pass the Texas state line, they have no rights. That's because a Texas constitutional amendment, passed in 2005, took those rights away.

We are aware that federal action will likely be necessary before we have marriage equality here. We are aware that the announcement of Judge Sotomayor's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court may have more to do with us achieving equality than the announcement of the California decision.

But we want to make sure our community and those who support us are aware that there is action they can take to advance equality right here in Houston. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people must stand behind the members of our community who are ready to lead. Openly gay and lesbian candidates like Annise Parker, who is running for mayor, and Maverick Welsh, who is in a runoff in just three weeks for Houston City Council.

You can take action for Maverick this weekend. On Wednesday, May 27, we will be making calls to pro-equality voters in District H from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from Caucus headquarters at 1915 Commonwealth. We will be block walking this weekend, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. E-mail Kris Banks at kbanks@thecaucus.org to sign up for a shift.

You can help make a big change for our community.
Kris Banks, President

Appearing Live
Benjamin Bradley

&

Roman Heart

OFFICIAL
AFTER 2009
PARTY
magazine

about

June 27th 2009

After the Parade

10 PM till 2 AM

Guava Lamp
be sexy...be fabulous

VIP Table Information

Please Call

713-492-0485

A GUIDE TO PRIDE 2009

A complete guide to all of Gay Pride 2009 Events
DON'T miss being apart of this

Maps, Events, Parking, The Parade, The After Parties

Call abOUT Magazine TODAY for Special Pricing (713) 492-0485

WE SPECIALIZE IN
HOME LOANS
NATIONALLY
\$250,000 +

VACATION HOMES

INVESTMENT
PROPERTY



Rod Castle

Velmaur Investments

(281) 795-5210

FAX: (713) 634-2852

Every *Queen* deserves a *castle...*
Let us help YOU finance yours!



SERVING THE GLBT
COMMUNITY FOR
5+YEARS

Apply Online **FREE** at
Velmaur.com

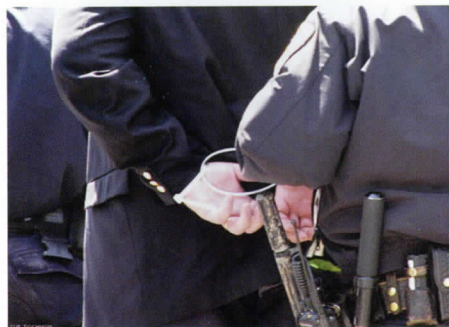
Velmaur Investments
6046 FM 2920
Suite 213
Spring, TX 77379

NATIONAL NEWS

Harrah's Exec to Gay Tourists: "Don't Walk Away"

After Nevada's Republican governor vetoed on Monday a domestic partnership bill that would have benefited the state's LGBT couples, a casino executive urged gay travelers to not count out Las Vegas and Reno as vacation destinations. "Most of us in Nevada absolutely support gay and lesbian rights," Jan Jones, senior vice president of Harrah's Entertainment, told *The Advocate* on Tuesday. "This is a big fight. We're not ready to give up. We want to override the veto." Many commenters on *Advocate.com* have already declared their intent to boycott Nevada. Jones urges gay travelers to continue to patronize Nevada's casinos, restaurants, and clubs, especially since Harrah's and MGM Mirage -- the two largest casino conglomerates in the state -- support the DP bill and offer benefits to the partners of their gay employees. Last week Jones wrote a letter to state lawmakers urging them to support the DP bill. Jones says there is hope of overriding the veto. "We're not walking away from you; don't walk away from us," she said.

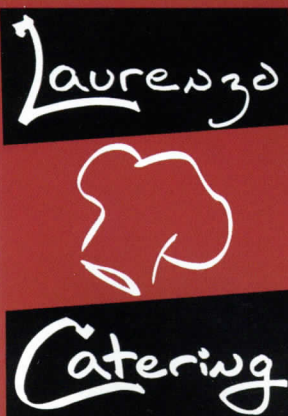
Photos from San Francisco Protesters of Prop 8



THE CLUB HOUSTON
GOOD. CLEAN. FUN.

A PRIVATE MEN'S SAUNA
2205 Fannin Street • Houston
(713) 659-4998 • www.theclubs.com

always open • steam • sauna
whirlpool • huge outdoor pool & patio
private dressing rooms • lockers • full gym
guest memberships available



713-807-8100



Fajitas & Margaritas



3130 Richmond Ave
713-807-1600

5602 Washington Ave
713-681-3645

1308 Montrose Blvd
713-807-8996

Financial planning for domestic partners

Similar goals. Different challenges.

Domestic partners may share similar goals with married individuals, yet they face unique challenges when it comes to financial planning. We will help you develop a plan that's appropriate to your needs—one that takes into account not only where you want to go, but also how you want to get there.

For more information, contact



A. Gary Kovacs
Vice President-Investments
Branch Office Life Insurance Coordinator
gary.kovacs@ubs.com

John Carolyn
Account Vice President
john.carolyn@ubs.com

Andrew McGee
Account Vice President
andrew.mcgee@ubs.com

Penny Mooney
Senior Registered Client Service Associate
penny.mooney@ubs.com

5065 Westheimer Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77056
713-965-8132 800-437-0010

www.ubs.com/financialservicesinc

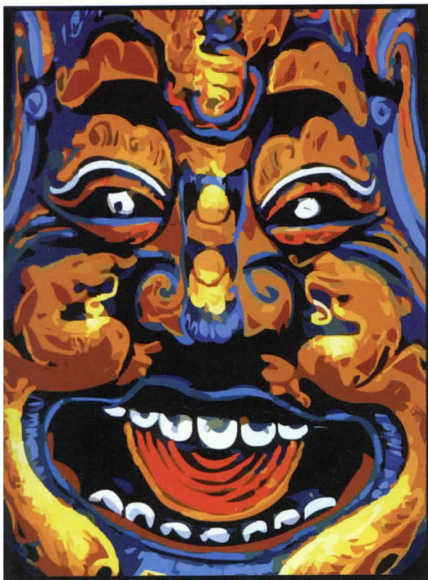
You & Us



Financial Services Inc. is a subsidiary of UBS AG. ©2009 UBS Financial Services Inc. All rights reserved. Wealth management services in the U.S. are provided by UBS Financial Services Inc. a registered broker-dealer offering securities, trading, brokerage, and related products and services. Member SIPC. Member FINRA. 31.06_Ad_8.75x5.625_UG0306_KovG

GalerieBlu
.com

*Now Open Weekends
Saturday's Wine Reception 7PM - 9PM
Sunday's Open 3PM - 6PM*



Featuring Works by,

James Clawson

Larry Crawford

Cuba Greer

Jason Jeffery

Just John

Virgil Robinson

Phil Waldrop "Maker"

713 Hyde Park Houston Tx 77006
713-384-8404

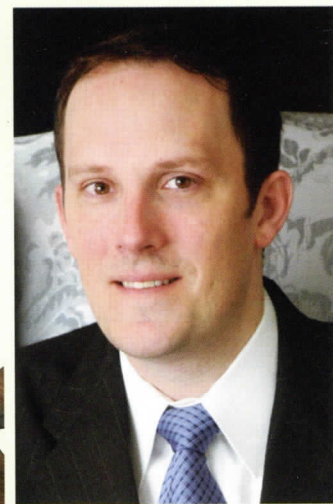
PHILLIP N. SLAUGHTER ATTORNEY AT LAW

Estate Planning & Probate

Consumer Litigation

Guardianships

Landlord/Tenant



713-533-0009

1925 LEXINGTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77098



EJ'S

www.ejsbar.com

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

HOUSTON'S BEST AMATEUR STRIP CONTEST

HOSTED BY ROXANNE COLLINS

CASH PRIZES!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

SHADOW DANCERS

WII BOWLING LEAGUE

TUESDAYS

\$2.00 DOMESTIC BEER

THURSDAYS

\$2.50 CORONA, DOS EXXIS, & FROZEN DRINKS

2517 RALPH STREET
HOUSTON TX 77006

713 527 9071

be Sexy...be Fabulous



Guava Lamp

video lounging at its finest

570 Waugh Dr. @ Allen Pkwy. / 713.524.3359

www.guavalamphouston.com

www.myspace.com/guavalamphouston

happy hour everyday 4 - 8pm
complimentary valet parking