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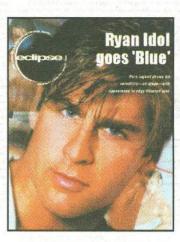
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#### houston goes 'blue'

Porn star Ryan Idol shows his versatility, on stage at least, in the Houston production of 'Blue Boys,' a creative look at the life of another porn actor, Joey Stefano.

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by raquel chevalier

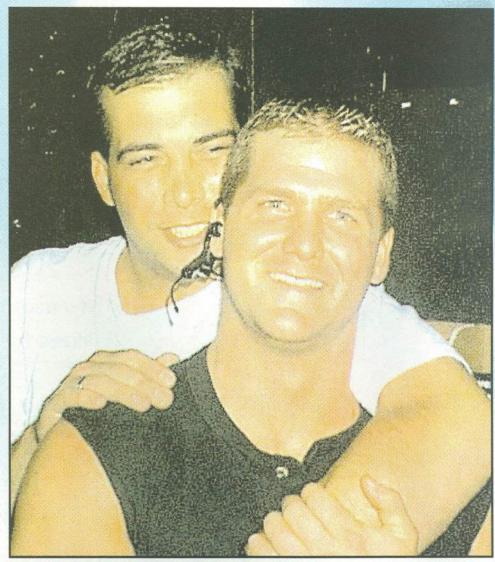
# southern summers

Hey, boys and girls! As we all kick back and enjoy the slow pace of a southern summer down here in New Orleans, some people are working on their tans at the **COUNTRY CLUB** and yet others are readying for **SOUTHERN DECADENCE XXIX**, which kicks off late next month.

Various clubs in the French Quarter are hoping to make it easier for you during Decadence by offering VIP passes. **OZ** says its VIP passes are now on sale. Stop by the club or check out OzNewOrleans.com for details on the pass, which is valid Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

Another way people are passing these lazy days of summer is getting in on the action and singing, or trying to, a tune at one of the French Quarter's hottest karaoke spots. You can now catch it three times a week at one of your favorite Wood Enterprises clubs. Tuesday nights the tunes start at GOOD FRIENDS at 7 p.m. Wednesday nights you can hear the sweet sounds coming from the Balcony Bar at LAFITTE'S, starting at 9 p.m. And, of course, everything's late at RAWHIDE, it makes it all the more mysterious. Sing something erotic at Rawhide on Sundays at midnight. If Barth is working, he just may entertain you!

**COWPOKES** announces something new to its weekly line up. Every Saturday at



Bourbon Pub, along with Parade and Arista Records, hosts a CD release party July 27 for Blu Cantrell's new album 'So Blu.'

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noon the newest theater organization, "Drama," holds its actor workshops. The first class is free. For more info, hop online at DramaNO.org. Don't forget about Cowpokes dance lessons every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and every Wednesday from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Friday, July 27, BOURBON PUB and PARADE, along with Arista records, invite you to a CD release party for "So Blu." This party celebrates the release of BLU CANTRELL'S latest, featuring the single "Hit 'Em Up Style." Stick around all weekend long as the Pub and Parade are featuring a night of classic dance music Saturday from the '70s, '80s and '90s, as they turn the place into "Saturday Night Fever."

Jump on over to the Pub and Parade on Saturday, July 28 and bust out of the closet with your bellbottoms and pointed collars. Legendary DJ ROBBIE LESLIE of the SAINT and

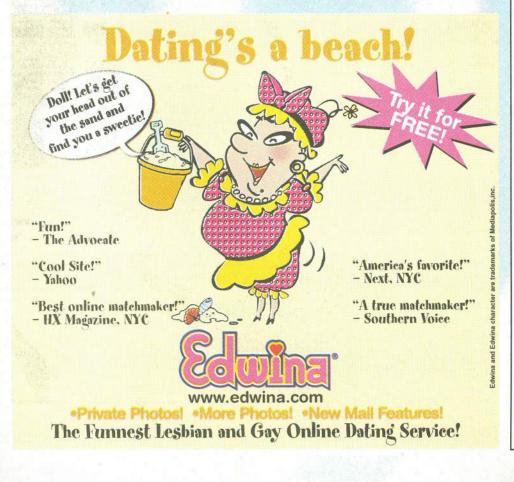
**STUDIO 54** in NYC is the mastermind behind the music.

VOODOO AT CONGO SQUARE is getting ready to celebrate with a turnabout show. Join DONNIE JAY and KLOROCKS BLEACHMAN as they host the Voodoo Turnabout show on Tuesday, July 31, beginning at 11:30 p.m. The show will feature the Voodoo staff and special guests.

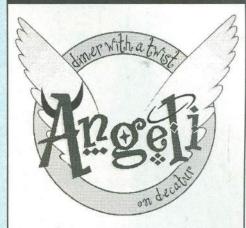
Be sure and stop by the **PHOENIX** this weekend for its 19th anniversary. The boys have got lots planned, including a BBQ, drink specials, prizes and definitely some entertainment.

I'll be in Baton Rouge next week hosting the Miss Icon America pageant, a preliminary to Miss Gay Louisiana America. The Miss Icon Pageant is Aug. 2.

Until next week, smooches! RaquelChev@aol.com



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HI KIDZZZ ...

WE GOTTA TALK! Fashion explodes in a big way this week in the big A-town. It's a good thing too, considering Hotlanta River Expo is just around the corner. From nearly naked to full couture, this city puts on the nines for the influx of loveliness every second weekend in August. Time for me to shop somewhere else besides AmVets!

FASHIONATA 2001, a celebration of fashion. glamour, style, entertainment and love in tribute to Atlanta's Grande Dame of fashion, ASHLEY NICOLE, will be held Friday, July 27, at 9 p.m. at the METRO. The evening will features raffles, auctions, a fashion show and entertainment including REGINA SIMMS and the Silhouettes of Illusion, MON-ICA LAYNE, TINA DEVORE, SHAWNNA BROOKS, CRYSTAL EVINS, PAULA SIN-CLAIR, LISA KING, NIESHA DUPREE, MOR-TICIA DEVILLE and more. LOUIE SPETRINI will serve as host, along with Tina and me. Artists ARGE, DAN HENNIGMAN and ROGER WARREN have donated works to the event as well. The event continues on Saturday with a "Drag Rummage Sale & Car Wash" featuring the MEN OF METRO washing cars in next to nothing. Drag donations for the sale can be left with Roger or Regina at the bar. Be sure to check out this two-day extravaganza to help with medical and living expenses for our much-loved Ashley.

EVELYN MINMS and I (along with Monica Van Pelt, sans drag) joined the folks at WENDY O'S on their recent 5th anniversary celebration. Though the crowd was small in



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numbers, they were steadily coming through. MARY EDITH PITTS gave an unusual brand of greeting to every person that walked through the door. I'm just pleased she didn't try to get that body squeezed into one of those skimpy stripper outfits! Special thanks to promoter STEPHEN POPE of Pope Media for a fun afternoon.

Later the same evening, HOTLANTA RIVER EXPO President STAN NEAL and hubby BRUCE ERWIN, HRE-VP ED HONSTINE, Paula Sinclair and MR. GEORGIA HOTLANTA JIMM GRELLA joined Evelyn and me for a bar tour. With the help of RUSSELL MOORE of TOUCH OF CLASS LIMOUSINES, we proceeded to move this motley crew throughout the city. The evening included stops at THE OSCAR'S, BURKHART'S, TRIPPS, RARITY, HOEDOWN'S, SWINGING RICHARD'S and winding up at Metro. Various folks joined in the madness along the way as we alerted the city of the upcoming Hotlanta River Expo Weekend, VOLTAGE, Aug. 9-12. The party continued on Sunday with PRE-AMP, the Voltage prelude, at BACKSTREET, featuring special guest DJ ST. PETER. For details on the big event, check out www.hotlanta.org.

The "MOUTH OF THE SOUTH LIVE" will be taking a short break from taping, until we move in to our new digs at the ARMORY. We have new shows still set to air in the meantime, so continue to watch the show every Thursday at 11 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday on Atlanta's People TV, Broadband channel 24. Airing this week is our first ever "Mouth of the South Turnabout Show," where the crew is the cast and the cast is the crew.

WELCOME TO THE STAGE! This week, welcome to the stage a rather cranial gal... SARAH BELLAM and her spinster chaperone, AUNTIE BELLAM. Do you have a great new drag name? Send it to the e-mail address below.

If you know of some exciting nightlife news that Peg has missed, then e-mail peg@peglive.com or call 404-876-0789, ext. 73. See ya next week! Until then, be sure to keep everything safe! Luv ya... Mean it!

Peg's photo by ARGE

### porn superstar hits houston stage in racy production

# by mark goebel HOUSTON—Gregg Rodriguez probably had no idea the rumble he'd create across the United States the day he submitted his script. "Blue"

HOUSTON—Gregg Rodriguez probably had no idea the rumble he'd create across the United States the day he submitted his script, "Blue Boys," for consideration at Ashland Street Theatre's "New Playwrighters Series." After all, it was a fictional play, loosely based on rumors and innuendoes he had heard about the rise and tragic fall of a famous porn star. But Vaughn Dampier, Ashland's owner, saw the potential behind the great story.

After a few re-writes, and some good fortune when it came to casting, "Blue Boys" made an impact well before its opening this week. Landing porn legend Ryan Idol as the lead certainly helped.

Although a stranger to Houston's stage, Idol is far from a novice actor. "Blue Boys" will be Idol's fourth production, following successful runs of "Scent of Rain," "10 Naked Men" and Idol's first foray into stage acting, "Making Porn." Thanks to that experience firmly tucked under his belt, Idol attacks the role of porn star Joey Stefano with confidence and excitement.

"Joey has been portrayed in other plays, but I don't think anybody is going to play him like I'm going to play him," Idol said in a recent interview held in the Houston theater. "I'm going to show a side of Joey that hasn't yet been seen. I went through a lot of the same things he went through, and that comes through in the character I play."

The stage seems a natural transition for the now infamous porn star. From early childhood, Idol says he itched to share the screen with the role models he grew up watching on television. After a brief stint in the Navy, Idol ended up in Hawaii, pursuing what was promised to him as a once-in-a-lifetime chance at becoming an actor and model. The star-in-the-making says he was scammed, and ended up selling hand-made jewelry to tourists.

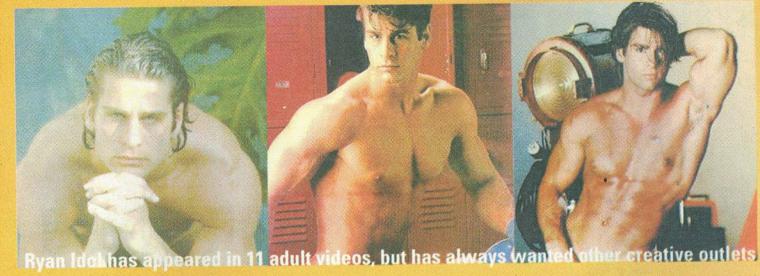
"At that point, I was eyed by a nightclub promoter, and he approached me about appearing in an all-male review called 'Paradise Playboys,'" Idol recalls. Shortly after his arrival in the nightclub circuit, the actor was featured in a *Playgirl* centerfold in 1989, the start of what is now a well-known life in the adult entertainment world.

Idol returned to the mainland when the "Paradise Playboys" stint ended and worked the strip circuit, going from bar to bar and living on tips. He was soon approached by an adult video producer and since has been in 11 films, six gay movies, one straight film,

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and four that feature solo performances. But creatively, he says he has always wanted to do something more.

Idol says a near-death experience about four years changed his outlook. "I had to rebuild the structure I was internally, gain all of my self-worth back," Idol says. "I asked God to send me a sign as to what I was supposed to do with this second chance at life. The next day I was offered the script for 'Making Porn.'"

After that successful run in cities across the country, Idol veered away from theater and again sought guidance. "Three days later, I was approached about 'Blue Boys,'" Idol says. And the spiritual connection Idol takes into the Houston production is one shared with the cast, director, producer and the writer.

"On choosing Ryan, it was meant to happen," says Dampier, who also plays the role

of Chi Chi in the production. "I thought it was very spiritual, a great way to show honor for Joey and his untimely demise."

Brett Cullum takes on the directing helm of this production. His resume includes at least 10 shows, ranging from George Bernard Shaw pieces to the dark comedy of Nikki Silver. Given his extensive background in stage, Cullum gives the story a sense of depth and gravity not common to the "underwear play" genre.

"It is about a universal theme, the struggle between how people are seen to be and who they really are. The whole metaphor to carry this point home is based upon a porn star," Cullum says. "The outside world views porn stars as these highly sexual creatures that live in this world of physical perfection; egocentric individuals that have sex and drugs available to them at every turn. Basically, everything gay men fantasize about."

That's not the reality, he adds. "These people are frail, fragile human beings. The play delves into several characters involved in this world, and how eventually the outer mask slips for each one of them. Ryan is perfect for the part, in his real life he was very different from his roles on film. He brings to the table some acting chops that none of the other porn stars can lay claim to. Given what has gone on in his personal life, I knew he had the emotional baggage to pull off Joey Stefano. They both have a parallel track," Cullum says.

Idol and Stefano appeared together in "Idol Eyes," one of Stefano's first films.

"We were both new to the business, and we became buddies on the set," Idol says. "We got to know each other well many years later, and developed a friend-ship. We were a lot alike. He had a good soul, but his soul was lost."

But gay porn fans might be wondering how an on-film top like Idol can portray a voracious bottom like Stefano appears in his films. "It isn't about Joey being a bottom, and me being a top," Idol says. "The play is about our life experiences and how they paralleled each other. That (inconsistency) seems to be what everybody is talking about. I hope that's not the only aspect people are interested in."

Backers of the Houston production also dismiss the physical differences between Idol and Stefano. "Idol is taller, physically broader, and older than Joey was during the time frame of this play," Cullum says. "That is not irrelevant to people who are expecting a Joey impersonation. But, this production is not Joey's life story."

And the production doesn't fall short in the skin department, either, Idol says. "We have enough skin to satisfy the sinners, and enough plot to satisfy the saints," Cullum says.

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#### 'Blue Boys'

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## deep in the heart

austin/san antonio

by c.b.d. mill

## find a new watering hole

It seems that you guys liked the off the beaten path bar listings a few weeks ago, so here are a few more fun places. The clubs and bars mentioned below are safe, friendly, and their bartenders can open a bottle of beer with the same finesse as the old pros at your favorite watering hole. The following are some of San Antonio's hidden gay gems. I'm sure you all know how to sparkle, too.

**LA FRONTERA**, 4834 W. Commerce, is heavy on the Spanish flavor, but all are welcome. Anyway, love is the universal language. Don't be scared; that's one tongue you're fluent in.

**NEW PONDEROSA**, 5007 South Flores, a laid-back and casual neighborhood bar south of downtown, is always open to newbies, even you.

**PETTICOAT JUNCTION**, 1818 N. Main, is popular with the ladies. You might pull it off with a real butch routine, but the gals still know more than you on fixing your car's transmission. Don't try to impress them.

**TYCOON FLATS**, 2926 N. St. Mary's, is hot Wednesday nights for their Burgers & Beer combo. Your presence might raise the ambient temperature any night you care to attend.

If you're determined to go out to a favorite San Antonio haunt this weekend, though, you might as well make it the **BONHAM EXCHANGE**, 411 Bonham St., where all weekend long the three dance floors and seven bars will be afire with a 20th anniversary celebration.

Aug. 3 is the first Friday of the month, so that means the wild and crazy First Friday



The Boyz Cellar, where we found Brhandi and Carlos hanging out, will host 'Try-Sexual Cruising' this Sunday complete with the Momma's Boyz dancers.

party. Get there before 10 p.m. and there's no cover for you old guys over 21. The Absolute vodka is cheap all night, much like your current boyfriend. I hear there may be a Destiny's Child birthday surprise that night, so be warned. On Saturday, Aug. 4, the Exchange rocks with a "Survivor" theme party. Cut-offs and beard stubble will get you extra points, but don't do anything stupid to get voted off the island or you'll miss DJ DARRYL STRICKLAND as he honors the bar that made San Antonio famous. Or was that the Alamo?

Need somewhere to go Sunday night in Austin? Why not BOYZ CELLAR, 213 West 4th St. for their "Try-Sexual Cruising." House music spins all night long thanks to DJ NATHAN CASTLE, while the extremely attractive Momma's Boyz at 10 p.m. actually put the make on the patrons. I kid you not. Anyway, with mimosas only \$1, what do you have to lose?

All dancing boyz drop me a line at eclipsetexas@hotmail.com.



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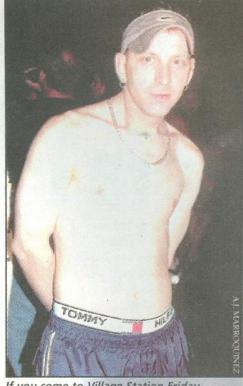
## beach party bingo!

Let's get started with something great on Friday night. That's when you can drop by the VILLAGE and enjoy the Sex on the Beach party. And if you want to win, you'll go dressed for the part. If you go dressed in your swimwear or beachwear, you become eligible to win cool prizes from Skivvies Studwear and Centrum Sports Club. And while you're there, you can dance to the Miami sound and enjoy \$2 "Sex on the Beach" shots all night.

Then on Saturday night, a craze that's sweeping the country finds its way to Dallas. **GAYBINGO** started in Seattle and is now held in cities across the

country. But this isn't your grandma's bingo. GayBINGO features the BVD's (Bingo Verifying Divas), drag queens on in-line skates working the crowd from the floor. It sounds like fun, and it will make its debut in Dallas on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. just down the street at the JOHN THOMAS GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER, 2701 Reagan Street. To reserve tickets or for further info, contact Justin Hughes at 214 528-9254, Ext. 1005 or by e-mail at jhughes@resourcecenterdallas.org.

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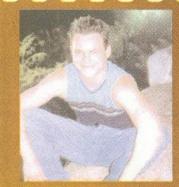
If you come to Village Station Friday dressed in beachwear, you just might win some cool prizes from Skivvies Studwear and Centrum Sports Club.

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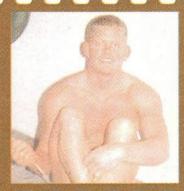
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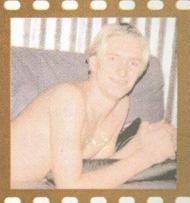
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## time to get ho

PRETTY BOY PRODUCTIONS offers a relief from the infamously hot Texas weather next month as the HOT 'N WET weekend fills up the weekend of Aug. 3. Take a chunk off of a circuit party, a pinch of a pool party, and a little piece of a fund-raiser, shake vigorously and viola! Hot 'n Wet is the result. The fuse is lit on Friday, Aug. 3, with lots of grass skirts and loud shirts as the Hawaiian Luau Welcoming Party kicks off at 5 p.m. at the LOVETT INN. Saturday the event welcomes circuit DJ phenom, JOE GAUTHREAUX, who will be taking a break from his New Orleans gig to add a queer soundtrack to the pool party at Lovett Inn, starting at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4. With everybody already soaking wet, what better time to have an underwear party? The Exposed Underwear party picks up where the pool party left off, with a special crew of dancers adding to the event at 6 p.m.

If you're still standing the next day, show up at **METEOR** in your favorite daisy dukes and tank top as "Gay Watch" starts out the final day at 1 p.m. Once you have your buzz rolling, close the weekend out at **RICH'S** as it brings the Wet 'n Wild Weekend to a climax with Island T dance starting at 7 p.m. **MIKEY B** from Dallas is shipped in especially for the occasion, and will work the crowd until 2 a.m. Best part about this weekend is the price, \$25 gets you the package deal — access into all of the parties. Best of all, 100 percent of the proceeds benefit **BODY POSITIVE WELLNESS CENTER** and the **MONTROSE CLINIC**. For more information on the events, and how to score tickets, check out www.prettyboyonline.com.

Houston adds another family pub to its line up. RANCH HILL SALOON, located at 2111 Airport Road, offers all you Conroe cowboys a place to tie up your horse and get yourself a cold drink. Aug. 25 is the grand opening, but don't let that stop you from heading out and welcoming the bar to the family. DELORES, ROBIN and TAMMY have the bar shined up and looking sharp. For more information, give them a call at 936-441-6426.

The legendary annual **GARDEN PARTY** heads up its 26th year on Sunday, July 29. "Alice went to the Madd-Hatter's Ball" is this year's theme, and is well chosen to inspire some vicious drag get ups. The Garden Party has raised almost \$120,000 for AIDS-related charities in the Houston area over the past 26 years, and plans to add a big chunk to that number this year. Ticket prices



Trevan Ross, Dan Meador and Gary Killingsworth recently held a 'Triumvirate' party to celebrate their mid-July birthdays.

are \$20 in advance and are available at Basic Brothers. At the door, \$30 gets you into the event. For more information, contact the Garden Party at P.O. Box 19765, Houston, TX 77024, or give the staff a call at 713-932-9959.

The LONE-STAR BOYS OF LEATHER are gearing up for their first-ever run and Puppy Contest kicking off on Friday, Aug. 17. The weekend will include a variety of Hollywood-themed cocktail parties, brunches, the first annual International Puppy Contest, and Hunter Green Dance. The weekend run hits every essential leather spot in H-town, including RIPCORD, MARY'S, NEW BARN, CHANCES, Rich's, and Lone-Star's home bar, 611. The proceeds raised will benefit the LEATHER ARCHIVES & MUSE-UM in Chicago and COLT 45'S STONE SOUP FUND. For more information, contact the Lone-Star Boys of Leather via snail mail at P.O. Box 131582, Houston, TX 77219, or by e-mail, thelonestarboys@aol.com.

Last but not least, you gotta check out Armstrong's Annual Employee Turnabout/Talent Show on Monday, July 30 at JR's. This event will feature all of your favorite staff from SOUTH BEACH, JR's, and MINING in their Sunday best putting on what is sure to be one hell of a show. That's it for this week, I'll catch ya'll next week. Feedback is always a good thing, so drop me a line at MrkGbl@aol.com.

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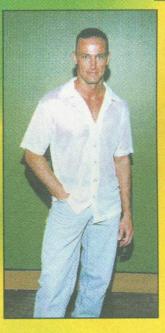


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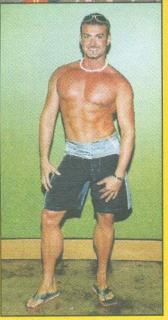












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