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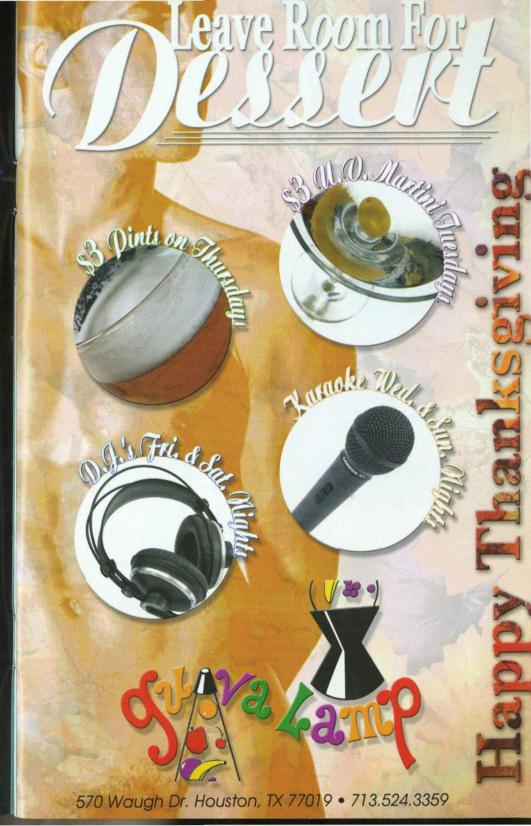
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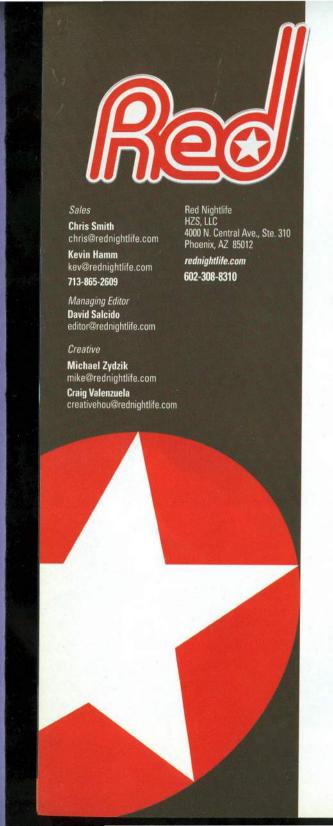
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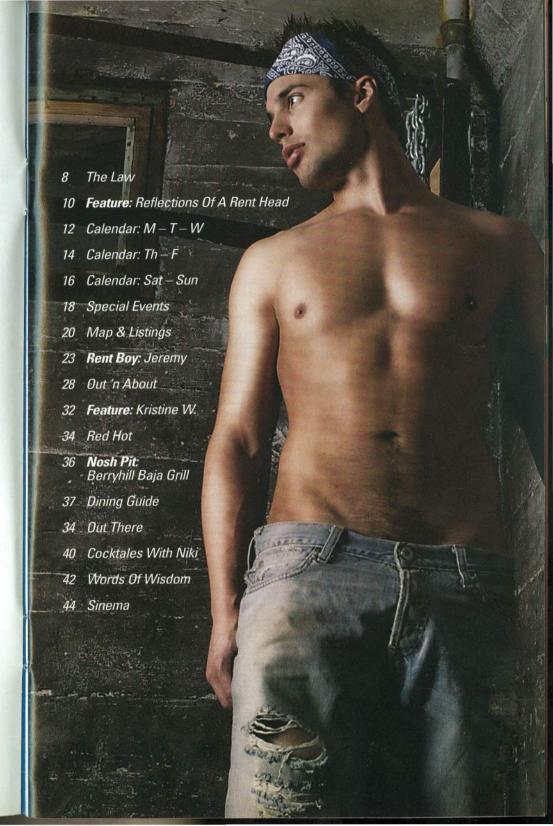
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babies! I'd like to thank all those lovely Red readers who have so generously welcomed me into the fold with their kind words, saucy e-mails and gratuitous displays of overt sycophantism. My nipples get hard just thinking about it. That love is what kept me going during my first month of trials and tribulations. Who knew I'd have to whip out the red cape and spandex speedos to deal with an office move, having one of our contributors (we love you Rosie!) check into rehab to keep Kate Moss company AND the flirtatious danger of Hurricane Rita?

On that note, I'd like to send out big Red smooches to all of our advertisers, contributors and readers in the Houston area, who worked tirelessly with us to ensure that the October issue made it to the stands once the bitch was through throwing her snit. You are all the best and we would birth your love children if we could. That's how much it means to us. Seriously. I also want to apologize for the spandex speedos image that's now tattooed so unceremoniously upon your mind's eye. It was just wrong. Moving along...

This month, we keep the momentum going with yet another movie preview, this time for the long-awaited adaptation of the Broadway hit, *Rent.* Our resident ghetto fabulous glam queen, *Pandora*, waxes nostalgic about her experiences as a *Rent Head*, in anticipation of the movie being released in late November, on page 10. Continuing in his mission to conquer the world of glam and glitz, one celebrity at a time, *Corey Blanchette* has the 411 on what *Kristine W*. has been up to in an exclusive chat with the "Queen of the dance singles" on page

Hey, but that's not to say that our regular contributors shouldn't be applauded for ratcheting up the heat in their own unconventionally expressive ways. Thanks to them, Red just keeps getting better and that's not just professional bias talking (It's personal bias. So what? Get over it.). If you dig what we're doing, drop us a line and let us know. If you don't, drop us a line anyway, so we know where to send the letter bomb. That's a joke, of course. I'm not in the habit of promoting terrorist acts of any kind (unless they involve custard pies and girly giggles), no matter how much you hurt our collective feelings.



"Practical shoes are a must for the office, especially during deadline. I suggest getting an extra pair in a cheerful violet," hints David.

Okay, that's enough rambling from me for one month. There's a lot of tasty reading inside (we know you don't just pick us up for the pictures...), so make yourself comfortable and crack open the latest issue of juicy Red goodness. Let it ooze between your fingers, drip liquid warmth into your lap and stain your retinas with the pomegranate colors of the night. C'mon, you know you want to...

David Salcido

Big Giant Head and Lord Taskmaster

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David Salcido

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My story starts on a rainy, bone chilling December night in 1996.
My partner, Jimmy, and I were headed North on I-95, in order to see the smash hit Broadway musical *Rent*. We had read about **Jonathan Larson's** untimely death. He had written the modern day Hair! He had summed up the Bohemian Experience so well that we needed to experience this show, first hand, from the front row, immediately.

It turns out that theatergoers who were courageous enough to face the elements could buy \$20 tickets before the show and sit in the first two rows. The only catch was that you had to get there early enough to ensure you would receive seats. We got to the theater shortly after midnight and ended up being second in line. To add insult to injury, we had forgotten to pack for spending the night on the streets of *New York City*, in the winter, on a cold and blustery night.

Luckily for us, a homeless gentleman by the name of **Bobo** came along and taught us about the warm steam that comes up from the subway through some grates on the sidewalk and then assured us more people would be coming to keep us company soon. Armed only with my leather jacket, his Parka, a backpack and about \$60 to our name, we settled in and tried to prepare ourselves for the experience that lie ahead. And sure enough, just like Bobo said, droves of people started rolling up to **The Nederlander Theatre** about an hour later.

We met some amazing human beings that night! There was every kind of person you could imagine in front of that theater. It warmed our hearts to see so many others that had braved the weather to come see this show the next day. The guy asleep on the cardboard box when we got there woke up and proclaimed that he had already seen Rent 72 times. He then asked if we had ever seen New York City at Christmas. We said, "no." With a sparkle in his eye, he gave us directions to *Rockefeller Center* to see the tree and said we could leave our few belongings with him.

So, we headed out into the night, chatting wildly about all the places we were gonna get to see. As we approached Rockefeller Center, it began to snow. We danced and played as the snow fell all about us and we thanked the heavens for blessing our journey. Upon returning to the theater we saw that a party had broken out. People had brought games with them and everyone seemed to be singing, laughing and generally enjoying being in each other's presence. At one point a cute, elderly, Jewish couple came by with a huge bag of bagels and fed us all. Others had gotten coffee. The kindness was infectious!

At noon, the box office finally opened and we bought our tickets. When we got to our seats, friendly, familiar faces surrounded us and excitement was in the air. From the moment the band played the first note I was hooked! The cast was brilliant and the music was moving and deeply meaningful, especially knowing that Jonathan had worked his whole life to create *The Great American Musical*, only to drop dead the day before it opened on Broadway. How tragic!

That experience changed everything I thought I knew about theatre. Sitting in the front row was a truly spiritual experience. The cast kept looking us in the eyes as they performed, as if to thank us for all the support. It seemed that everyone there had one thing in common. We were all mourning the loss of a truly remarkable man and at the same time celebrating his life and the legacy he left behind.

After the show, the cast came out and chatted with everyone. Jimmy was so upset that, when he saw **Gwen Stewart** (Soloist One) come out to greet everyone, he gave her a huge bear hug and they both just cried together. I asked her if she thought we were all a bunch of crack heads for sleeping on the street to see the show. She simply said, "y'all just know a good thing when you see it". Everyone in the cast was so kind! They took pictures, signed autographs and just chilled with everyone before heading off to lunch. It was the perfect end to the perfect musical experience.

From that moment on I saw Rent as often as possible. I have seen Rent in Washington D.C., Baltimore, Virginia, Tucson, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Diego and the one thing that always remains



the same is the communal vibe that exists among the *Rent Heads*. And the story doesn't end there!

On November 23rd, Sony Pictures will be releasing Rent: The Movie. It features many of the performers who originated the roles: Taye Diggs, Idina Menzel. Adam Pascal. Anthony Rapp, Jesse L. Martin and Wilson Heredia, plus newcomers Rosario Dawson and Tracie Thomas. Chris Columbus is the director brave enough to take on this project. I hear he has painstakingly attempted to stay true to Jonathan's original vision for the show and I can't wait to see if he was able to accomplish that. With so many of Jonathan's friends on board, he should have his work cut out for him. I know that I will be the first (at least the second) one in line to see it!

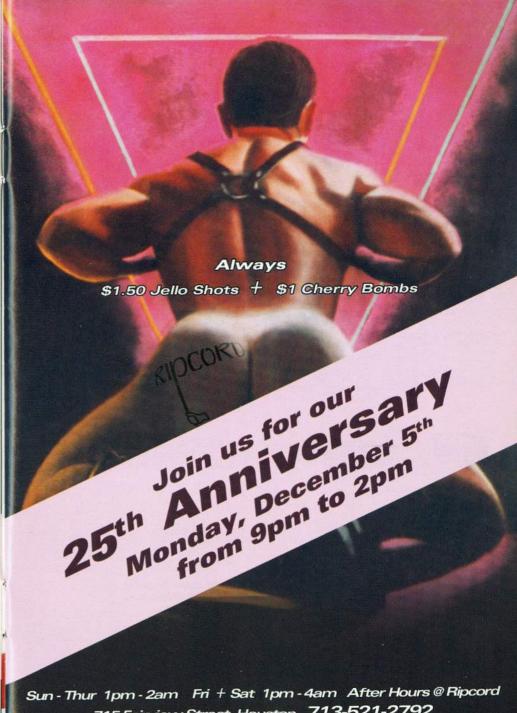
If you would like to learn more about Rent: The Movie, go to sonypictures.com/movies/rent/, where you can watch the trailer, view clips from the upcoming movie and read blogs from the cast and crew. Then, be sure to get your tickets on November 23rd so you too can have your own personal RENT Experience.

"There's only now! There's only here! Give in to love or live in fear! No other choice! No other way! No day but today!" - Jonathan Larson



	<i>MONDAY</i>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
(BB)	Drink Specials, All Day + Night!	Drink Specials, All Day + Night!	Drink Specials, All Day + Night!
Club 1415	Closed	Closed	Boys + Girls
Decodes	Happy Hour 'til 8pm; 8 Ball Open Tournie, 8pm	Happy Hour 'til 8pm	Happy Hour 'til 8pm; 301 Dart Tournie, 8pm + GHPBL
grana kamp	SIN Night; Free Pool; Happy Hour, 4 – 8pm	Happy Hour, 4 – 8pm	Happy Hour, 4 – 8pm Karaoke –w- Todd, 10pm
IR	Male Dance Contest -w- Kofi	2xist Amateur Strip Contest -w- Kofi + Tara Dion	Papi Amateur Dance Contest -w- Kofi
meteor	Musical Theater Night Every 1st & 3rd Monday Drink Specials	Bingo!	Professional Women's Networking Social
RICH'S	Closed	Closed	Closed
RIPCORD	Happy Hour 'til 8pm; Boxers Night -w- Pool Tournie, 8pm	Cammo Night Happy Hour 'til 8pm	Wicked Wednesdays – The lights are lower than the prices!
South Beach	Closed	Closed	Café con Leche – DJ Cubanito; 18+ to Party, 21+ to Drink
COSST COSST CREACH BAR	Manic Monday Appreciation; \$2 Wells All Day + Night	Twisted Tuesdays; \$3 Well Martinis All Day	Wild Wednesday; Free Pool
Kon-tiki	Karaoke –w- Lisa, 9pm; Drink Specials, Noon - Close	Drink Specials, All Day + Night	Our Party Night! Karaoke -w- Lisa, 9:30 pm
Robert's Lafitte	Monday Madness, 7am – 2am	Movie Night, 8pm	Wacky Wednesday Bowling,1:30 pm

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Happy Hour, 4 – 8pm

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Will & Grace, 8pm; Karaoke -w- Marsha Carlton, 9pm Block Party - 9 – 9:30 pm, Santa Fe; 10 – 10:30pm, JR's



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DJ Mark Goebel Spins; 18+ to Party, 21+ to Drink Resident DJ Tucker; No Cover 10:30 – 11pm; Drink Specials 9 – 11pm; After Hours 'til 5am; 21+ only



Turn Out Thursday; Karaoke 9pm: Frosty Freaky Fridays; Show + Dancing



Drink Specials All Day + Night; Dancer + DJ Robin DJ Danny G Dancer Show, 11pm Naomi Warwick, Misty Valdez + Guests



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Jerome's Jump Jive Party, 6 – 9pm; 10:30 Show

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8 Ball Tournie, 3pm; Open Pool Tables All Day; Service Industry



Enjoy the Sounds of DJ Limey Happy Hour, 4 – 8pm

Karaoke -w- Todd, 10pm; Happy Hour, 2 - 8pm



Block Party - 9 - 9:30pm, Santa Fe; 10 - 10:30pm, JR's

Karaoke -w- Marsha Carlton, Kofi & Lana Blake: Pro Male Strip Contest JR's side



DJs Tad Dvorak + Mark Goebel Spin the Grooves + Tunes

Sundays Are Hot! Drink Specials, 4-11pm



No Cover, 10:30-11pm; DJ Mark D; Red Room-Martinis; Blue Bar-Vids; Main Floor -Dance 'til 5am

Closed



Happy Hour 'til 8pm; Open 'til 4am After Hours

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Happy Hour 'til 8pm; C.C. Cabaret Show, 11pm

Sunday Tea Dance, 4 - 8pm



DJ Robin Dancer Show, 11pm; Naomi Warwick, Misty Valdez +

DJ Robin, 5pm; DJ Danny G, 9pm; Dancer Show, 11pm; Misty Valdez, Trecencia St. James + Newcomers



Ladies Of LaFitte Show, 10:30pm

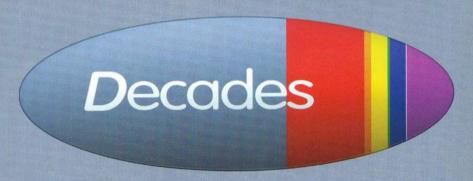
Sunday Brunch; Ladies Of LaFitte Show, 10:30pm



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NOVEMBER 1-13

Wicked Sarofim Hall, Hobby Center 8pm, (713) 315-2525

DAVEMBER 3-6

Lone Star Rally Weekend Undercurrent

NOVEMBER 11-12

Hollywood Icons Party Weekend Undercurrent

NOVEMBER 11-13

Firedancers Houston Tribe Firedance 19 "Fires In The Night" Ripcord, 9pm

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Bright Lights, Big City Houston Black Tie Dinner InterContinental Hotel

DOVERNBER 13

Colt 45's 29th Anniversary Fall Harvest Brazos River Bottom

DOVEDBER 18-19

Super Heroes Party Weekend Undercurrent

DOVEMBED 23

Red Customer Appreciation Party Celebrate DJ Real's Birthday Rich's

Boys & Girls Club Presents Deelite Club 1415, 10pm

Thanksgiving Dinner With All The Trimmings 1pm - 4:30pm The Men Of Santa Fe Dancers 6pm - Close JR's

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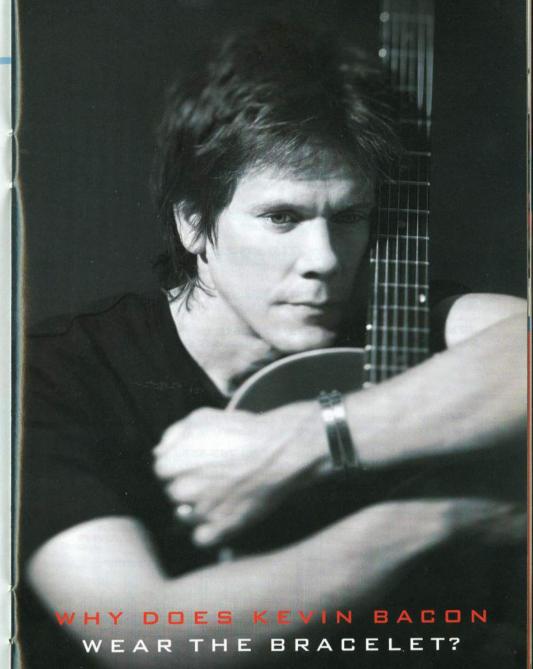
Thanksgiving Dinner Party Undercurrent

NOVEMBER 25-26

Cowboys & Indians Party Weekend Undercurrent

NOVEMBER 26

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November 05 bars + clubs

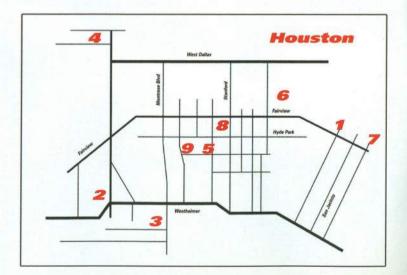
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- 1 Brazos River Bottom Club 2400 Brazos, Houston (713) 528-9192 Open daily, noon-2am. That's 14 hours of cowboys and denim! You lucky cowpokes!
- 2 Club 1415 1415 California, Houston (713) 522-7066 Great second level dance bar with big outdoor patio.
- **Decades** 1205 Richmond Ave, Houston (713) 521-2224 Eileen is the lady that knows everyone. This comfy neighborhood bar is home to a more mature crowd (over 27 in gay-eeze) that 9 5's it every day + have become family.
- 4 Guava Lamp 570 Waugh, Houston (713) 524-3359
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- Meteor 2306 Genesee @ Fairview, Houston (713) 521-0123 meteorhouston.com Voted Out*Smart's Best Happy Hour 2003 + 2004; Best Martini 2003 + 2004; TX Triangle's Sexiest Staff 2003 + 2004. 'Nuff said.
- **Rich's 2401 San Jacinto,** Houston **(713) 759-9606** richs-houston.com Huge 2-level dance club fetures a large dance floor on the first floor + 2 separate themed bars upstairs. Our favorite is the **Red** bar!
- 8 Ripcord 715 Fairview, Houston (713) 521-2792 theripcord.com Leather + bears + hot men, "Oh, My!" This bar has dark + bright areas to mingle. Watch a movie or hang with the crowd! Check out the patio!
- South Beach the Nightclub 810 Pacific, Houston (713) 529-SOBE (7623) southbeachthenightclub.com Huge sprawling dance club you can walk around for days! Great bar in front to get away + chat. Dancing all night + after hours.

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- 1 3rd Coast 3102 Seawall, Galveston (409) 765-6911 3rdcoastbar.com Amazing view of the Gulf from the bar + patio. Friendly neighborhood hangout for regulars + travelers alike.
- Garza's Kon Tiki 315 Tremont, Galveston (409) 765-5805 thekontiki.com Located downtown the Kon Tiki is steps from the Strand. This spot was named favorite island club and best place to see male dancers in the Gayest & Greatest poll.



- Robert's LaFitte 2501 Ave. Q @ 25th, Galveston (409) 765-9602 One of the island's oldest bars. The bar has colorful drag shows + a redone patio with a swimming pool.
- Undercurrent 2409 Market, Galveston (409) 790-8571 undercurrentgalveston.com 2 levels with 15,000 sq. ft. of party space which includes a large dance floor, 2 large bars, a non-smoking lounge + a game room.

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Cousins - 817 Fairview

EJs - 2517 Ralph

Club Inergy - 5750 Chimney Rock

Kevs West - 817 Dallas

Mary's - 1022 Westheimer

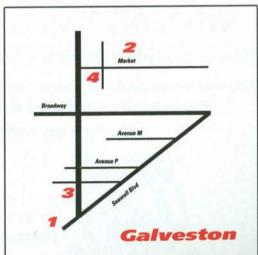
Michael's Outpost - 1419 Richmond

Montrose Mining Co. - 805 Pacific

The Pink Dolphin - 904 Ave. M @ Seawall

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611 Club - 611 Hyde Park



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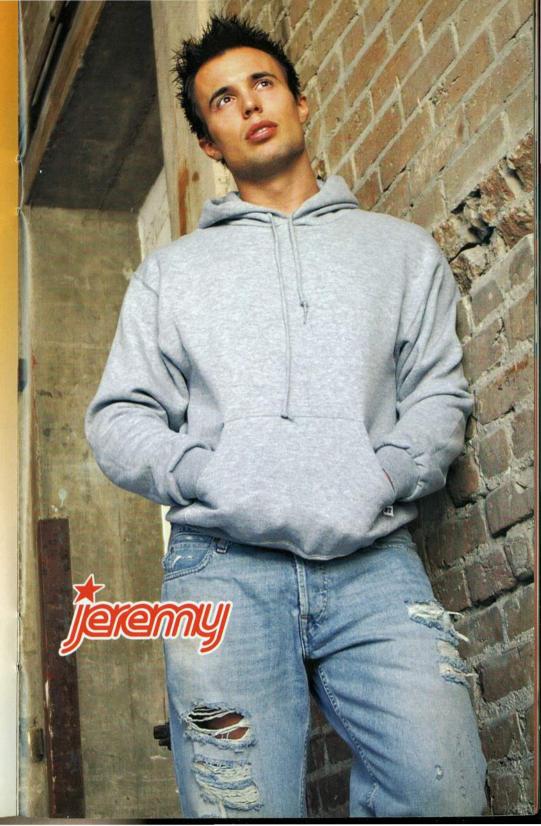
Thanksgiving Dinner With All The Trimmings Thursday, Nov. 24th, Thanksgiving Day

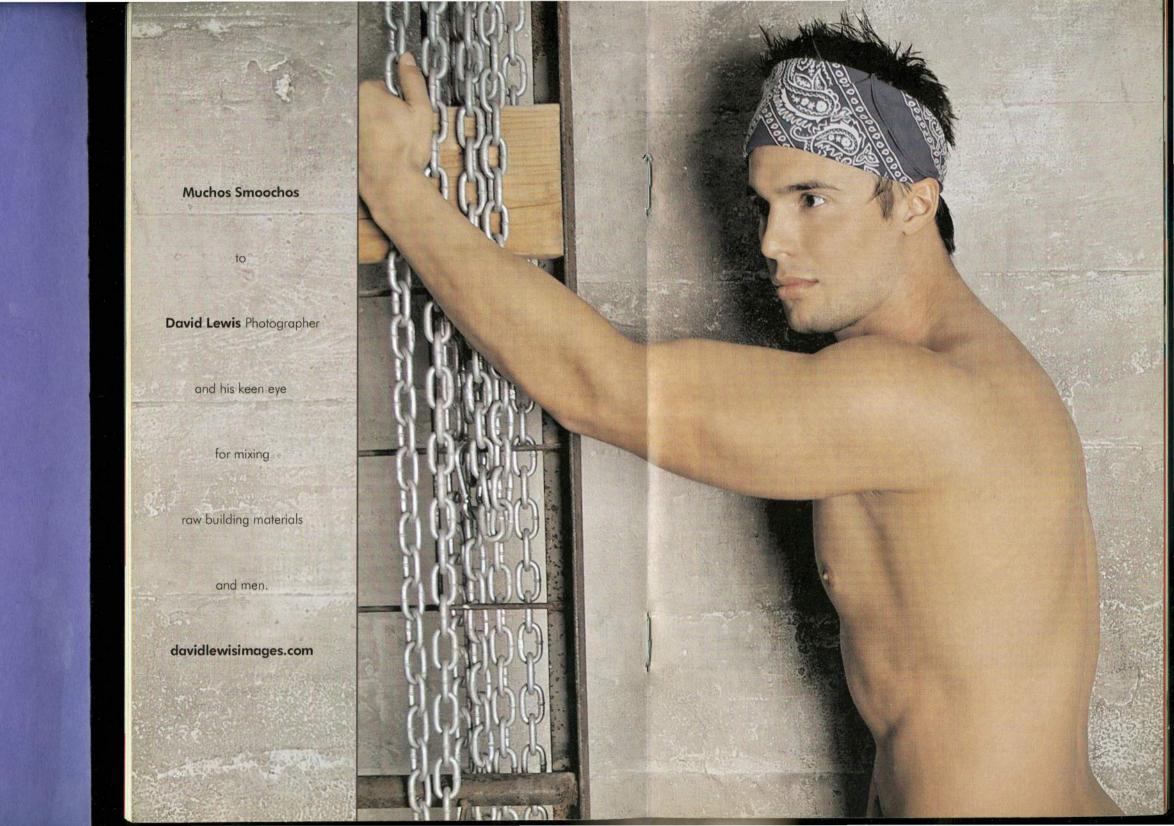
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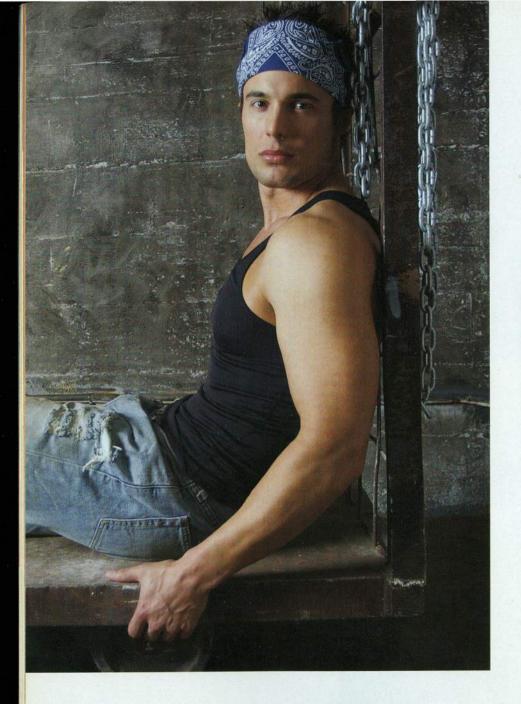
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TOTK-A-DOODLE

Turkey month but I'm declaring November to be the month reception for Full Stop by Tom Burckhardt . Tom has been of the Cock (Rooster, of course, you're such a dirty bird for known mainly for his more colorful, abstract works. Go see thinking that way!) As for October, you may have had your how he recreates his interpretation of an obsessive artist pants scared down to your ankles, but if that wasn't why, studio. This looks like fun! diverseworks.org for more info. then we'll just pretend... The month, as it always does, presented a natural array of naughty yet good clean fun things On view from November 16th thru the 27th, will be Restless to do. Here are a few highlights...

Kenneth Gayle's new CD called One Voice. It was a surre- Building, visit MFAH.org for more info on current exhibial experience, from the music to the lighting, and such a tions. beautiful man singing to you with his gorgeous voice. If you're looking for some contemporary classical music, this And throughout the whole month of November (any day of cd is a must. It's great music to wind down to when you get the week except Monday) check out the new show at Art back from the clubs at five in the morning. For purchasing Car Museum. If you haven't experienced this amazing info, visit kennethaavle.com

nightclub presented DJ Bill Bennett. It was a musical and 5526 for more info. visual extravaganza. I can't remember just how long it has been since I danced that hard for that long, Whew! I was a Looking ahead, to December 1st, I have the perfect solution whore... I mean wore out... for a couple days after that, for a **BGS** (boring gallery syndrome). If you're not the type Mister Bennett will be releasing a new mix cd very soon who likes art galleries because they're typically so stuffy that will be benefiting the community. Visit you can't even sneeze, celebrate an evening with the his upcoming cd.

-do, oops I guess that's the wrong bird. Well its On November 4th, Diverse Works presents the opening

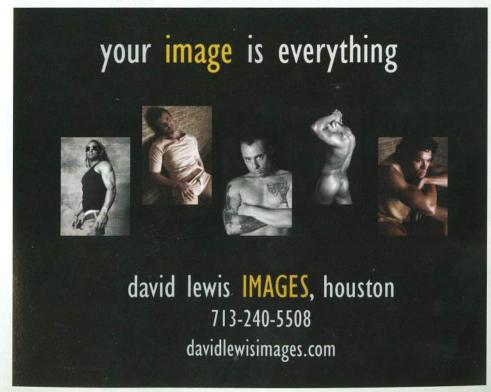
at the Glassell School of Art. If you want to take a step back in time, this is an amazing exhibition not to be missed. This On October 7th, Unity Church presented a preview of show is in both the Glassell School of Art and the Beck

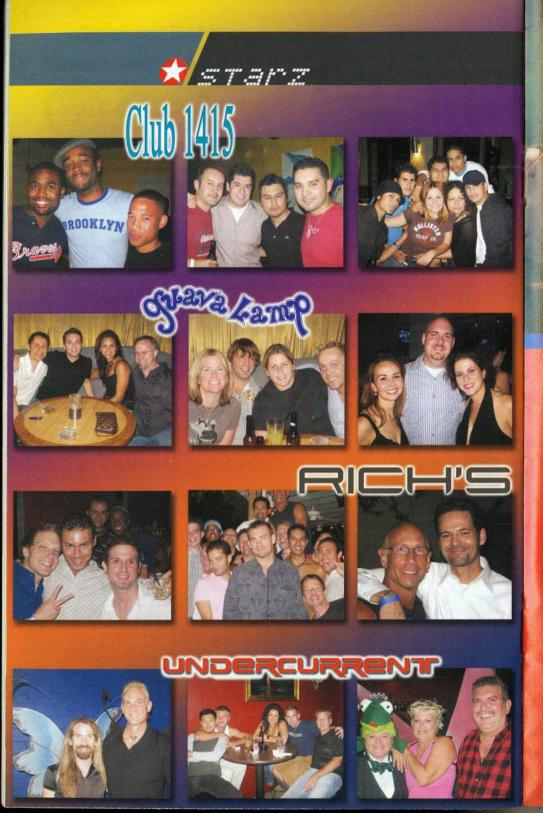
museum of the wild and wacky, now is your chance. The current show is called Petroliana. Hmmm, strange name The following night, Manhunt.com and South Beach the for a show, but would you expect anything less? 713-861-

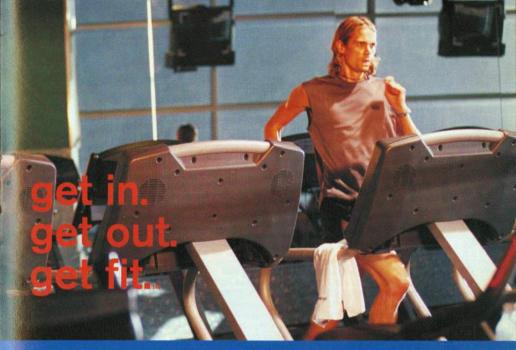
DiBillBennett.com for more information on tour dates and artists of Eastman Gallery. Located just barely 5 minutes outside of Montrose, in the lovely decorative center, gallery owner Richard Eastman shouldn't even call these events November also has some cool things to do. November 1- Art Openings. They should be called a Celebration of Art 5th the Hobby Center of the Performing Arts, presents and COCKtails. Not to mention, if you're looking for a deco-Wicked. If you ever felt like a good person, but were rator with some divine taste, this is the place. Visit east-











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Fresh from the studio, Kristine W. chats it up with Corey B. about her duet with Patti LaBelle, her visual stand against leukemia and being Queen of the dance singles.

Corey Thanks for calling, Kristine. Tell us what projects you've been working on lately. Your last album Fly Again was released on Tommy Boy Records, and the title track and Save My Soul both went right to #1 on the Billboard Dance Music/Club Play chart. The last time you and I talked, it was right after the third single. The Wonder of It All had gone to #1. What have you been up to since then?

Kristine I did a duet with Patti LaBelle for her new album. We sang Land of the Living together. I've also done a lot of themed parties and shows. Right now the focus has been on the mixes for I'll Be Your Light, and also shooting its music video. We shot in three different locations in three different cities, and we're going to have three different edits. The pop version will be Jack Elliot's mix, the dance mix is Tony Moran's, and there's dramatic, lush ballad version by Chris Cox. It'll be online at KristineW.com and in the clubs, and I'll probably do some talk shows with the ballad version. My daughter Elizabeth plays in the video a little girl who gets leukemia. In the story, she gets well by making little paper cranes, like in the children's book, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, about a girl named Sadako who gets leukemia when the nuclear bomb is dropped on Hiroshima. The legend was that if you could make 1,000 paper cranes you'd be healed, so we wove that into the storyline, too.

This is inspired, too, then, by your own personal experiences in

Yes, when I was in and out of the hospital, I'd see kids with bald heads and baseball caps on, and it just broke my heart. They all had the same looks on their faces like, why do I have to go back in there? Who's going to poke a needle in me next? They look just terrified, like somebody at war. And I thought, If I get out of here, I'm going to do a video that captures what they're going through, and that shows that through the power of believing in yourself and in the doctors and in God, or whatever your power source is, you can beat it. At the end, the little girl is in the audience clapping with her tiara and her long curls. It's really inspiring.

What's this I hear about you and Brazil, Kristine?

I've done so many shows since I last talked to you, Corey, It's crazy, I've been all over the map, and the next stop is Sao Paolo. Brazil: my first appearance there. I'll be doing a big production show of all my hits. I sent them the music ahead of time, and they choreographed it using 20 of their own dancers. They're going to let everyone have it! In Brazil, different songs are more famous than other ones, so I let them go ahead and put together the show list. We're going to go down there early to rehearse with the dancers so I can learn all the choreography.

I can't wait to see it. Are you going to release any other singles from Fly Again? How about Letting Go?

I know! Everybody says that. They're obsessed with Letting Go. Everybody loves it. It's such a huge record. It's so catchy, and it speaks to so many people. I get e-mails about that song that say, "My boyfriend left me," or "My mom died, and letting go's not easy, it breaks my heart." People have applied these stories into their lives, and there are such amazing mixes out there, and more people that want to do mixes on the song, too.

Well, which DJ's aren't going to want to remix your work, Kristine? You've had nine consecutive #1's!

Let's pray that I'll Be Your Light will make it ten!

We'll cross our fingers. Thanks for talking with me today, Kristine.

You're welcome. See you soon!



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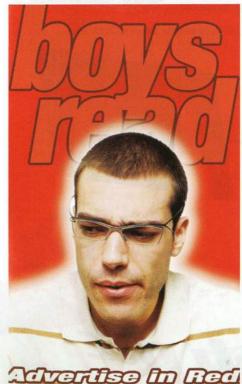
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There's nothing better than getting a group of five friends together, on a Friday night, with the intention of having great food and awesome drinks, while enjoying a slew of conversations, as plates are passed and dishes are devoured. Truly amazing dishes.

Listen, let's be honest, it's **Houston**, we're all of seven minutes from **Mexico** so there is absolutely no way a restaurant in this city can get away with anything less than authentic Mexican cuisine. **Philip Wattel** at the **Berryhill Baja Grill**, on Montrose at Hawthorne, has taken the concept of comfort food and great atmosphere and added a flash and flair that brings the entire place to a new level

When you enter Berryhill you have the choice of sitting at the bar, which is stocked at least as well as any of the clubs here in town, or of ordering and grabbing your chips and drinks and grabbing a seat with your friends around one of the tables. It's nice to have a comfortable place to gather and gab with friends you don't see often, and you know everyone will have a great time.

Philip chose the menu for us and it was divine. Starting with a sampler platter that included beef and chicken taquitos, tamales and quesadillas garnished with sour cream and guacamole, which is made fresh daily in the restaurant. So fresh that you will find yourself singing the California Avocado theme song. Of course, that might have something to do with the drinks, which included frozen margaritas, bellinis, Phillip's Screwdriver, which is made with Absolut and fresh-squeezed orange juice and frozen, as well. Man, this group of people were loud, happy and having a great time!

Then came the tacos! Oh man these were absolutely astounding. We had pork, grilled fish and shrimp tacos, and they were so damned great that even Janna, who doesn't do seafood or spices, wouldn't let go of the shrimp taco. At All!

The pork taco was spiced and sauced to perfection, encased in a corn tortilla and topped with fresh lettuce and onions. The grilled fish had a very interesting sauce that gave it a bright and festive burst of flavors. And then the shrimp taco, which, as mentioned, was snagged by

two girls who, after much haggling, agreed to some minor concessions and gave some to all of us. And we all had to have more, which we did.

Any time you have a meal that starts out with everyone saying, "Something light will be great!" and ends with, "Can we get another round of everything? Yes, drinks and food!" Because even though our pants might be a bit tight, we couldn't pass it up.

Dining is made up of equal parts good food, good drink, good place and good people. When you have a great place, great food, great drink and great people, that's a Friday night at Berryhill Montrose. It just doesn't get any better than this!

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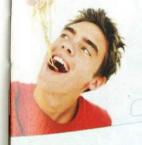
Authentic Greek Cuisine. The Gyros are to die for and the desserts will have you dancing in the streets, but it's the Lamb Shanks that have won awards. In fact, the restaurant has been the winner of numerous awards. It's always busy and for good reason, the food is beyond worth the short

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) WALKING OUT

of Judge Woppner's chambers provided me the feeling of a deep sense of freedom and completion. The final papers were now signed, I was no longer a married man with closeted gay tendencies. I swung that door wide open while crossing the threshold into my liberated self. My now ex-wife escorted me to the airport where we vowed our love of friendship and support to start new lives of discovery, casting away our mutually sexually frustrated identities.

Boarding the plane bound for *Tucson*, Arizona was exhilarating and full of curious wonder regarding my awaiting adventure at *Canyon Ranch*. Due to the arrangement of our online connection, I was to meet a man who would ultimately become my best friend, lover, confidant, teacher, playmate and cohort. Tim is an extraordinarily remarkable man, beautiful to the eye, experienced in life's wonder, joys and heartaches. His example of living his childlike manliness to degrees I had not yet imagined or given myself permission to be yet, continues to be my muse.

The limousine stopped at the lobby door. My heart pounded in anticipation of that first hand shake; would he be what I had hoped, would he like me, would he call the whole thing off? Instead, he walked across the portal and into my arms as nurturingly natural as a spring rain. The immediacy of our closeness was no surprise to his *Uncle Raymond* who had accompanied Tim on this little Internet escapade, whereby we all became the jovial gadabouts in exploration.

Canyon Ranch, with the mother lode facility of 5 properties nationwide, nestles amongst the saguaro and creosote in the Catalina foothills. It has been a destination of mine for years. Rated the #1 health spa of the world by Conde' Naste for the past 10 years consecutively. The Ranch embodies every amenity possible to soothe the mind, excite the body, enlighten the spirit, provide sanctuary and anonymity for VIP's, celebrities, professional men and women in an atmosphere of quietly tasteful alternative lifestyle friendly. It seemed like the perfect locale to meet Mr. Burr and his Uncle Raymond for this weekend celebration and exaltation.

Between a vigorous workout in the fully equipped gym and the luxuriating massages, we took a breather at poolside. Uncle Raymond graciously introduced **Tim** and **I** to a group of his new-found friends who sat myste-



He's been around the block - and here's the proof.

riously behind their *Oakley* blues. **Mike Zydzik**, cofounder and creative edge of *Red Nightlife* magazine, immediately provided a welcoming into their little midday soiree, where upon our friendships took seed. It wasn't long before we melded stories of our mutual adventures and love of travel, great homes and places of interest other than inside a bar. I was honored when Mike asked me to consider sharing some of my favorite "pampering holes" with the readers of Red.

In the issues to come, it will be a pleasure to provide some suggestive insights and illustration of viable destination possibilities where you can expand your own adventures, experience the unusual, book a party with friends, disappear with your partner or date for a special rendezvous, or even find an oasis for your own self-reflection and meditation. With Tim at my side, my exwife in her lesbian splendor offering full support and occasional tag along, Uncle Raymond's sagely tales and wisdom, our miles traversed will be woven into a myriad of stories, which, hopefully, will be an enjoyment for you all. Thank you gentlemen, for bringing me onboard to participate in the journey of Red Nightlife.

Richard Gaylord Wood III

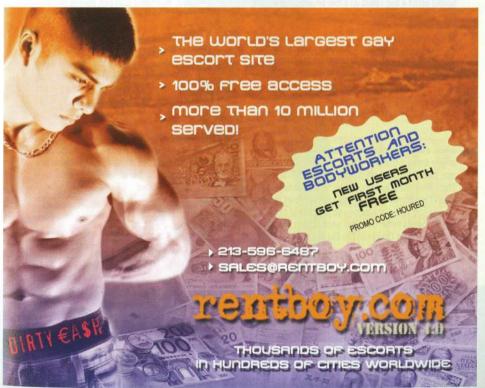
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of the limelight, this week's cocktails were in a far more rugged terrain: the warehouse district of downtown Houston. This Madra has a heart-warming story that renewed my faith in local Houston DJ's and club kids, during a drought of spirit and unity.

I decided to bring along good of **Kev** to one of the first warehouse benefit parties, located at 2905 Rusk Street. Definitely outside his "kingdom," he kicked and screamed, but I assured him it was for a good cause. He weathered it like a champ and graced us all with his 5 minutes of glory.

The benefits originated to assist 23-year-old co-owner of *Chemistry Music* (located on Westheimer St.), **Cesar Seymour** (*Zan*), who was seriously injured leaving him paralyzed for almost 2 months. A talented DJ, musician, event organizer and shop handler, this young man has made numerous contributions to the Houston music

His best friend and co-owner of Chemistry, Javier Reyna, organized the all call for DJ's and partygoers shortly after Zar's accident, and what happened in the coming months was amazing. "I would have wanted someone to do that for me and my family... so I got on the net and posted about it and called up a few people... there were quite a few responses," said Reyna.

A slew of DJ's responded, even ones who had never met Zar, and a series of parties began that raised over \$2000, and also helped bring back a sense of unity to an all-too separated group. "We're pushing for a feeling that's almost obsolete... by taking out the ego's in the underground scene and pulling together, we can overcome this drought," said D Major, veteran DJ and party thrower.

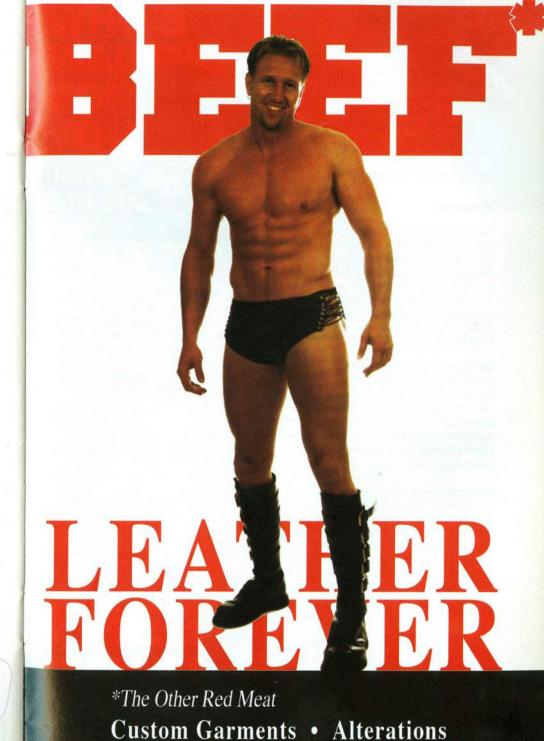
It was a surreal evening when I played the second benefit, for it was in that very warehouse, almost three years ago, I was a scared girl playing affront my first crowd. There were old-schoolers, people from *Louisiana*, and a slew of Houstonians who showed up to support creating an amazing vibe. "It was nice to see people motivated by their hearts rather than their pocketbooks or status in the scene," said Davizm of The Big Tasty.



I had the opportunity to meet with Cesar during his release from therapy, and although his movement is constricted and he requires the assistance of a cane to walk, his spirit is far from bound. "In the hospital, I had my saxophone, computer and my bible... not walking wasn't an option, so I found God and started moving," said Seymour. He expressed his gratitude towards the city of Houston and seemed overwhelmed by the amount of support he received.

In the past months Houston DJ's have hosted many charitable benefits for hurricane victims, but it truly warms the heart to see unity brought to the Music scene on such a fundamental level throughout all the micro groups.

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I am HIV+ and have been dating a guy who is not for the last 3 years. He always tries to have unsafe sex! It is making me very uncomfortable because I am afraid he will become Poz, so I have basically reacted by not having sex with him anymore. I love him with all my heart and would hate to lose him, but I am just not willing to put him in jeopardy like that. What should I do?

Sincerely, Scared Celibate

My Dearest SC,

I first want to commend you for trying to protect your lover, even when he is not trying to protect himself. It is an honorable attempt on your part. However, I also have to say that he is a grown-up and can make his own decisions regarding what he is and is not comfortable with. You are going to have to set some ground rules, baby. Be very clear and concise about what you will and will not do and why you are not comfortable with doing those things. That is, if you haven't tried that approach already!

With the popularity of bare-backing on the rise, I could understand how he might be getting some mixed signals from the community regarding what is considered "safe" these days. It seems like some folks think you can just take a pill and it will be all better. Not! I suggest that you walk him through a day in the life of someone who is positive and maybe that will help him understand why you are so concerned.

Considering you have been with him for 3 years, I would think he would have realized by now why he would want to avoid contracting HIV, if possible. Maybe he hasn't been paying close enough attention. Maybe he just needs you to kick it home for him. So, try breaking it down into dummy terms for him. Give it one last shot! If he really loves you, he will respect your limitations and will stop trying to get you to do something that you don't want to do.



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If he isn't capable of respecting your wishes, you may have to come to terms with the fact that you just can't love someone who doesn't love himself. If he insists on trying to continue with this reckless behavior, you may need to do some re-evaluation honey. If he doesn't snap back with a swiftness, then I suggest you speed on before you get peed on girl! There is no point in speaking to those who don't have ears to hear! Trust that if it is meant to be... then it will be!

If you have a question for Miss Pandora or just need some good advice from an intuitive diva, then please feel free to send an e-mail to: pandora@rednightlife.com

Come on! You know you want to! Let me gaze into my Crystal Ball and see what the future holds for you.



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WHO'S YOUR DADDY,

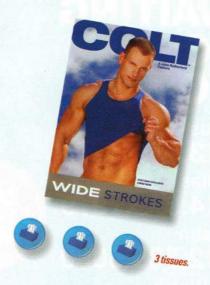
bitch? I know, I know, many of you have asked or been asked that question before and you're still not sure, but some day your Daddy will cum in you too! This month's selection is *Wide Strokes* from *Colt Studios* and stars last month's RED cover model, Chris Wide. This was definitely a daddy porn with no twinks in sight. Wide Strokes, was all about big, butch, muscled men!

The film begins with Chris Wide and Carlo Masi, who looks like a beefy, hairy cowboy, getting to know one another on a pool table. Each man takes turn blowing each other and then tossing each other's salad. Usually by this point I can tell who is going to be the bottom boy, but not in this porn. So I was very confused until they cut to the next scene. Where Carlo, the cowboy, was riding Chris Wide horse hung cock like a good cowboy should. After a few minutes they switched and the cowboy decided to take him for a ride. I have never seen Chris Wide's work until now, but from what I saw, I think he prefers to top, as he looked tense and uncomfortable as a bottom. Never-the-less, Wide took it until both men exploded their love juices onto one another.

The love juice just keeps flowing. We are treated to a scene of mutual rimming, kissing, sucking and fucking. These two guys, Luke Garrett and Gage Weston are two of the biggest muscle men I have ever seen. When I first saw these two I expected a hardcore scene of rough sex and nasty talking, instead to my surprise this was the softest, most passionate and sensual scene in the whole film. Watching these two gentle giants move around and become one with each other was actually very sweet, yet sexy at the same time. Huge muscles are usually not my thing, but imagine my surprise when Josh Junior started to rise.

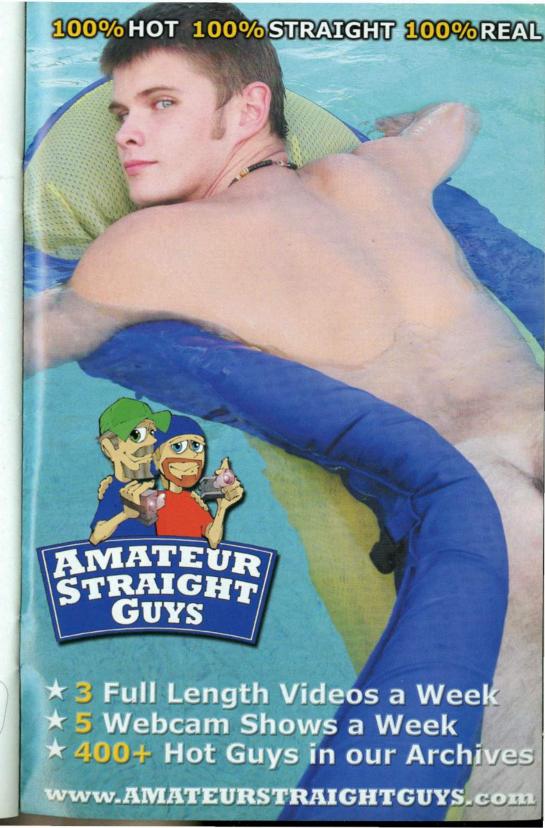
Now that my attention has been grabbed we move forward. Chris Wide is skinny dipping in the pool and is being watched by Latin muscle man, **Leo Rocca**. Who is making his porn debut. Chris swims over to Leo and the two playfully splash and spit water on each other. After a little playing around, Chris suddenly pulls Leo out of the water and goes to work on his Latin love muscle. Before long Chris is inside Leo's tight bubble butt, but what's this? Leo turns the tables on Mr. Wide and pounds his ass with amazing speed, after some loving both men finish the scene by jacking off poolside. Which is something I have wanted to do for years.

Keeping with the pool theme we come to our fourth scene. We see two of the biggest built men in the whole



film, Carlo Masi and the infamous Zak Spears. They are exploring every inch of each other's manly bodies on a chaise lounge built for two. Before long Carlo is doing one heck of a job on Zak's very large and very pierced love muscle. What happens next surprised me, because I have seen Zak Spears work before and he is an aggressive top... well not anymore. Zak takes every inch of Carlo inside of him and turns into an aggressive bottom that wants it harder and faster with each thrust. Zak becomes very vocal and he makes sure Carlo knows who his daddy really is.

Not to offend any of you because you know I love you all, but daddies and large muscle are usually not my thing, but after watching I was definitely surprised. Wide Strokes was able to get my solider to stand up and salute and I am sure it can do the same for yours. So if you're looking for big, beefy, muscle men, Wide Strokes is for you!



Joshua K.





















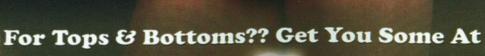


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