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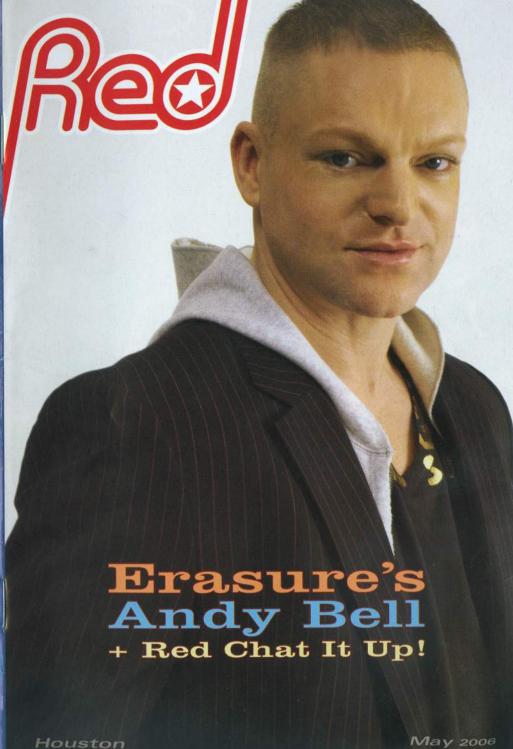
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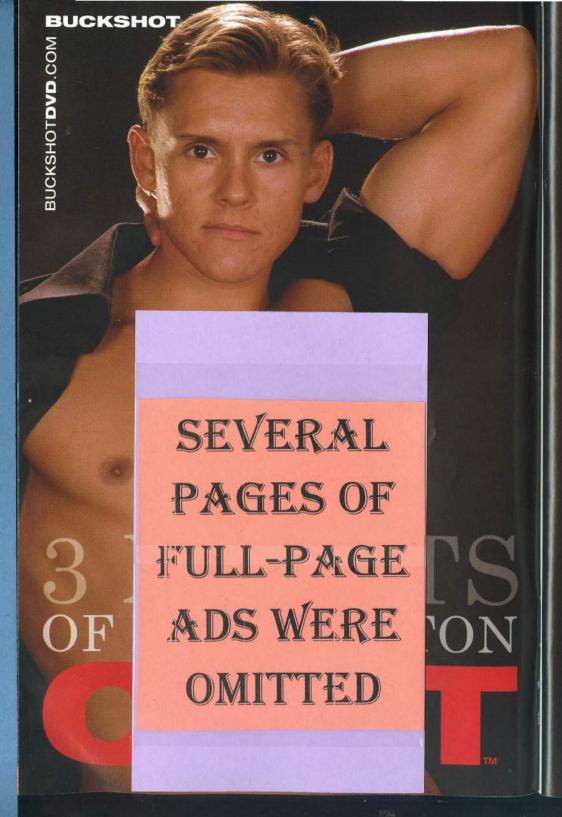
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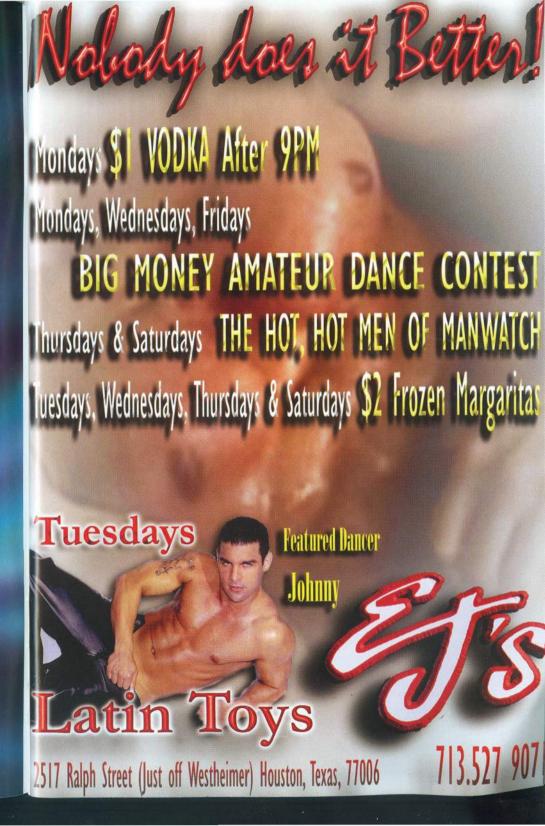
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Will he or won't he? By the time you read this, *Soprano's* hit man *Vito Spatafore* may already be sleeping with the fishes. Or shopping for frilly drapes to decorate his upper Manhattan Goodfella digs. Because, you know, such a vicious attack on a notoriously macho iconograph simply cannot go unpunished, especially if the crusty old farts at the *American Family Association* have anything to say about it. It's always interesting to me when the inclusion or a "gay character" on a popular television series causes such a furor. I mean, c'mon, for a generation that grew up on *Captain Kangaroo* and the uber camp *Batman* series, is it really such a stretch to have a gay hitman on television some 40 years later?



Do you trim your Batusi?

Because, let's face it, all the holy hollerin' in the world by baby booming religious radicals won't change the fact that queer culture is here to stay. Just as <code>Davy & Goliath</code>, <code>Jot The Dot</code> and <code>Veggie Tales</code> couched Christian dogma in cute cartoonish veneers—before the Religious Right decided it was time to come out of the closet and blatantly force feed their views down America's collective throat—we've had ten years of <code>Will & Grace</code>, <code>Friends</code> and the ultra cartoonish <code>Queer As Folk</code> to prepare the world for the fact that gay people have entered the mainstream, too. Is it too much to ask for a non-stereotypical inclusion to the pantheon?

Rhetorical question, obviously, but until somebody can come up with a suitable answer, *Red Nightlife* is here to fill in the gaps. How you ask? By doling out the dope on gay and gay-friendly pioneers whose work exemplifies not just a lifestyle choice, but a personal desire to break down barriers simply by being the best they can possibly be. Two such examples of this phenomenon can be found within the pages of this very issue. On tap are an exclusive interview with *Erasure* frontman **Andy Bell**, by music correspondent

**Steven Bakos**, in which we discover what one of the biggest out and proud hitmakers of all time is doing today to make our world just that much better.

Then, prepare yourself for another exclusive interview with straight bestselling author **Christopher Moore**, who has been including gay characters in his books for years and continues the tradition with his latest release, *A Dirty Job*, which debuted at number 9 on the *New York Times Bestseller* list, outstripping even crotchety old warhorse **Stephen King's** latest. *Red Girl* correspondent **J. Brundage** gets the scoop on what Moore's connection is to the glbt community, why he's so popular amongst the mo's and how that relates to cheese. Yes, cheese.

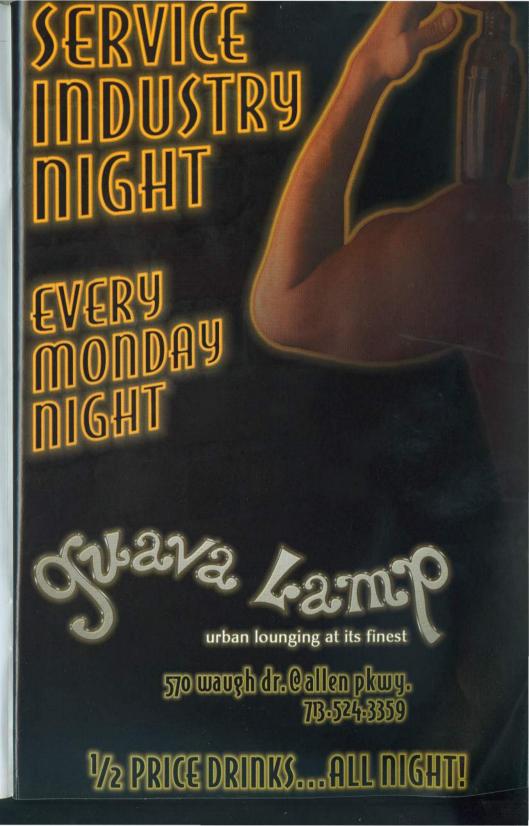
There's more juicy goodness, of course, squeezed into these pages, but you're just going to have to squeeze it all out for yourself. Me, I'm far too busy watching the odds rise and fall on Vito's life expectancy, over at pinnaclesports.com, where the catch phrase Vito Must Die! is countered only by Don't Quit The Brokeback Goombah! The betting is fast and furious and, believe me, far more scintillating than anything American Idol or The Surreal Life can offer. For the time being, anyway...

#### David Salcid

Chief Word Dude and Expository Vivisectionist



Oh, and, hey, American Family Association, Vito says "Hi".





I recently
had the honor
of sitting down
with Erasure
vocalist Andy Bell
to discusse the
release of the
stripped down
Union Street
and the current
tour to promote it.

5 Let's just dive right into the interview and discuss your upcoming release, entitled Union Street. This release is quite a departure from Erasure's normal Synthpop genre. The new album is an acoustic re-working of previous Erasure tracks. Why did you and Vince decide to take this route for the release? Mell I think it was one of those hybrid ideas. When we were working on Other Peoples Songs and promoting that release, we were going around doing some Acoustic radio sessions that went down really well in America. We did versions of Buddy Holly's Can't Help Falling in Love and a few Erasure songs like, Oh L'Amour and A Little Respect. We were just really surprised how different they sounded with just a guitar, because it was like Oh L'Amour was turned into a ballad and all that kind of stuff. Also, I have always wanted to do a Country and Western album, because apart from being brought up on Elvis, Country music is really big in the East End, Peterborough were I am from in the UK and they have a big music festival every year. My parents have the whole collection of Slim Whitman records and Charlie Pride, so it really was in my background. I would have liked to have done an album of those original songs, but instead of doing that we decided it would be nice to do Erasure songs in that kind of style. S Now, I've had the opportunity to preview the album and I have to say that it's brilliant. I was so impressed and touched by how organic it is. It's such a departure from your previous work. Aww, well thank you so much. We really like it because it's so raw. At the same time, we recorded it in Brooklyn NY and it was freezing cold. The snow was quite high. We just went in to record and the studio was like a little sanctuary. I was really surprised by the results because I was feeling a



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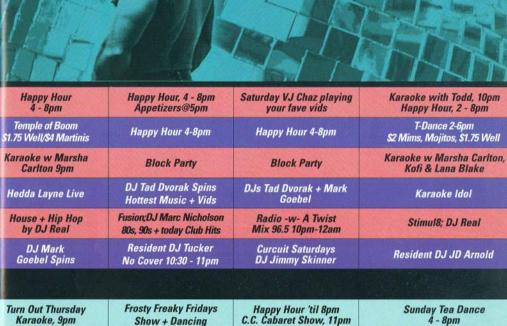
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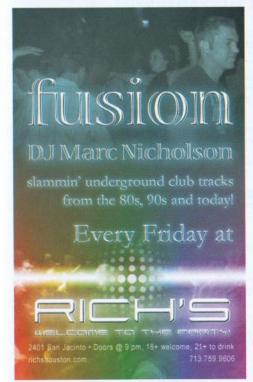
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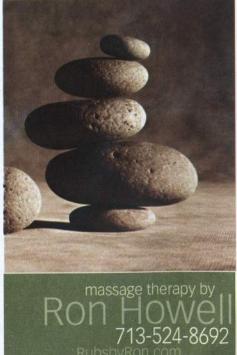
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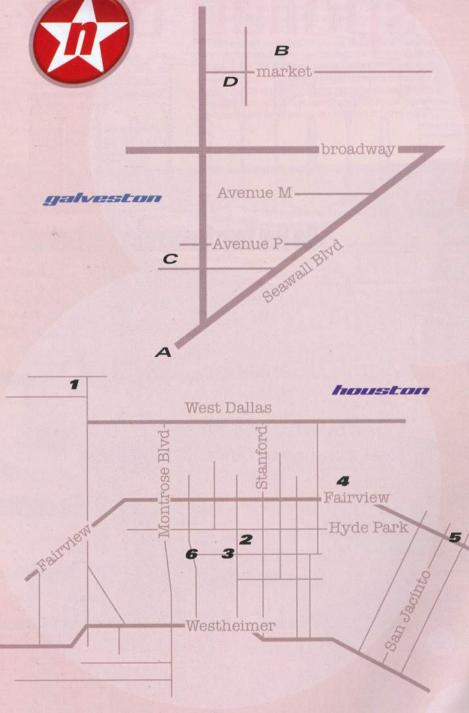


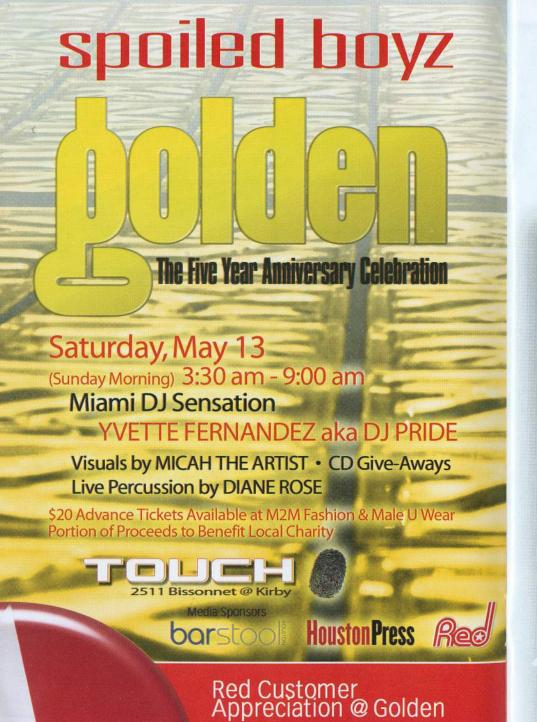
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bit 'flu-ish" So, I was surprised because it really came out sounding a bit bluesy.

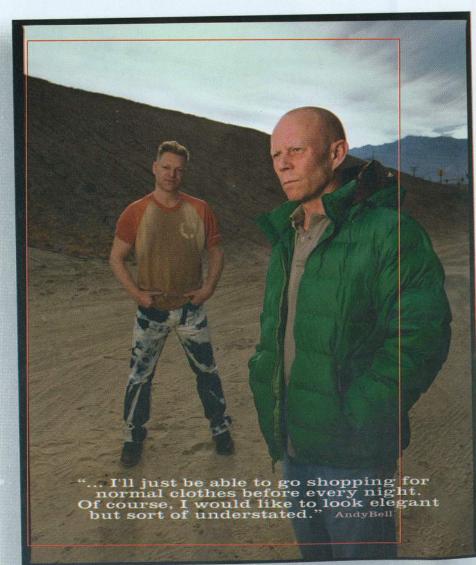
Solution For some of the fans specifically that may or may not know of the back catalogue that you decided to use for the new release, what material can we expect to hear off the new album?

AWell, the songs go way back to the first or second album, I think. There is Piano

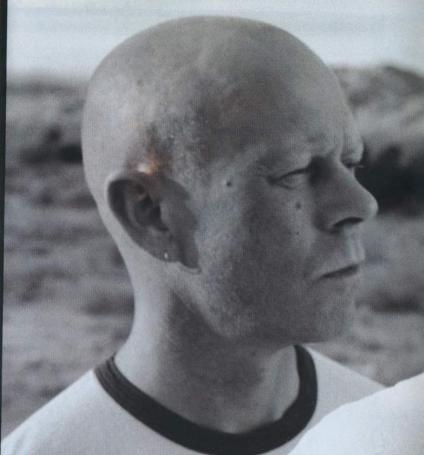
Song and Spiraling which is from Wild. There are a couple from Love Boat like Alien. Stay With Me from Erasure in 1995. Then there are a couple from Cowboy, Love Affair and Boy.

That really is great! Let's go ahead and discuss the Acoustic tour. I was recently watching an interview you did for the recent DVD release of The Erasure Show- Live in Cologne. I'm loosely quoting you here, but you had said that you would love to do a tour without the troubles of all the intensive costuming you do (which has always been a highlight of any show I have seen of yours). Let me ask you, for this new tour, will this finally give you to opportunity to just be 'Andy'?



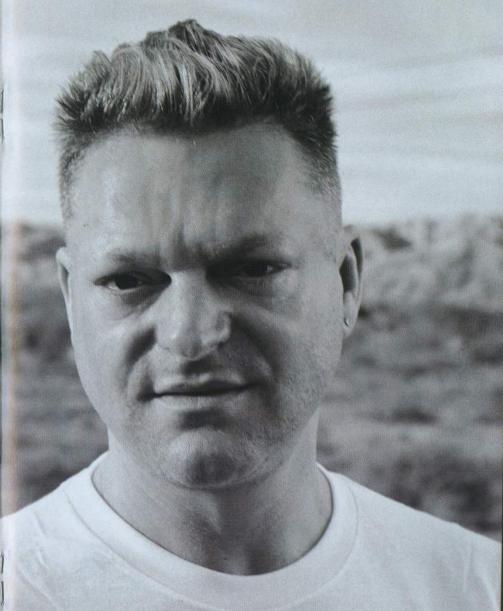






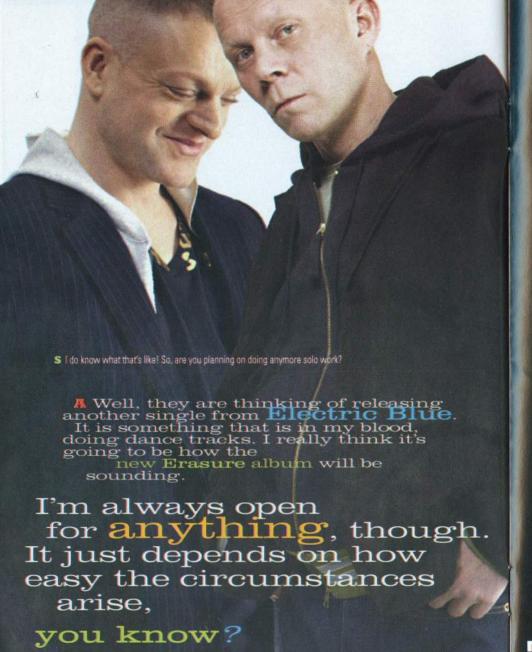
A Yes definitely! It will give me the opportunity to just be me standing, you know, not naked, but with out all the trappings and sequins. But, it will be great, because I'll just be able to go shopping for normal clothes before every night. Of course, I would like to look elegant but sort of understated.

I've heard that **Jake Shears** of **Scissor Sisters** did some of your backing vocals for last year's **Electric Blue**. That bitch is **HOT!** Did the two of you get on well?



A YEAH!!!!!! It was really fun. I just went to the studio in Brooklyn and he was there with Baby Daddy. We were just having a real laugh with the lyrics. I mean he's got a real fantastic ear for music. It was just good fun. I mean, you don't get many opportunities to go into the studio with all gay people. Just how we were coming up with the bitchiest words we could think of. It was really great.





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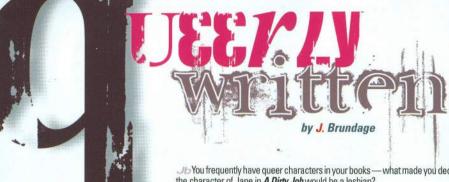
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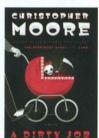
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Catching up with bestselling author,

#### Christopher Moore



Christopher Moore's newest book, A Dirty Job, made its debut at #9 on The New York Times Best Seller List. Oddly, it is also his ninth novel published. I recently was able to talk to Christopher Moore, who is also the author of Island of the Sequined Love Nun. Bloodsucking Fiends, and The Stupidest Angel, to name just a few. A Dirty Job features Charlie, a straight Beta Male whose life changes when he sees a tall black man wearing a green suit in his wife's hospital room. (According to Mr. Moore, Beta Males are highly prized in the gay world, as you can teach them how to dress, but they'll never be more fabulous than

Jb You frequently have gueer characters in your books — what made you decide that the character of Jane in A Dirty Job would be a lesbian?

Cm Part of that is because it takes place in San Francisco and the setting is a big part of the book. I thought it was important, but Jane [Charlie's lesbian sister] is sort of atypical so she could steal Charlie's suits. My songwriting partner, Jill Knight (jil-Iknight.com), is a lesbian and we've been friends for 12 years and wrote half an album together. That helped my perspective.

Jb How has songwriting tied in with your novel writing?

Cm Songwriting really is a break from writing novels. You can write a good song pretty quickly, so it's more spontaneous. But to be honest, I haven't written any songs since I moved to Hawaii a couple of years ago.

Jb Do you plan to do more of it when you return?

Cm I'd love to, but right now it's taking Jill and me three months to get a lunch together, between her performances and my touring, so there's no direct plan.

Jb In what other ways do you feel that San Francisco's gay culture influenced the

Cm I think that mainly the book is way more fabulous because of San Francisco's gay culture. I also think that the book has an overall sense of tolerance that seems to abide in the City, straight or gay.

Jb Your characters (i.e. Tucker Case and Minty Fresh) frequently manifest in books other than the ones in which they originally appeared. Did that start out as an intentional thing, or happen spontaneously?

Cm I like the characters, but it was more because readers kept requesting them.

Jb Cheese: you mention it a lot. What are your favorite kinds of cheeses? If you were a hellhound, would that be any different? What if you were a lesbian?

Cm | like cheddar. | think that if | were a hellhound, | would like jalapeño jack. | If | were a lesbian, brie. I have no idea why - or maybe Jarlsberg.

Jb A Dirty Job is actually about the experience of death — and not just in a comedic laugh-at-our-fears type of way. There's a real understanding of the ways people speak and react to it as well as numerous semi-esoteric references. Any comment?

Cm I think that comes out of paying attention to people around my mother when she was dving. The souls are in objects, because most spiritual disciplines teach that the material world is not important. I thought that it was funny.

Jb Do you have any pets and do they like cheese? French fries? Brains? Ikea furniture?

Cm I have two kitties. They like string cheese. Not so much with the fries, brains and

Jb Why doesn't Jane just buy her own damn suit?

Cm Because then it wouldn't be funny.

Jb Is there anything else that you'd like to say to your gay/lesbian/bi/trans fans?

Cm Hello g/l/b/t fans!

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What sets you apart from other DJs?

I like to break the mold.

I like to take risks with my selections, and I enjoy pushing my technical limits. I feel like I'm learning something new every single time I spin. So for me, there is no comfort zone.

I think this keeps my sound fresh and edgy.

Mk How has being born and raised in New York helped give you an edge over other DJs?

See I think being exposed to dance music in New York during the late '80s and early '90s implanted nostalgia in my personality. The style of music from those times always seems to be my favorite, and most of it came from New York. Having that exposure helps me to identify to listeners around my age. Also, at an early age, being exposed to the highly competitive nature of New York and the idea that you have to stick out to make it ahead was something that I didn't have to learn. It's always been there.

Mk I've interviewed lots of DJs and everyday there seems to be another one on the scene. Do you feel that's true? How do you stay ahead of the class?

That's true, but many people get into the entertainment industry for the wrong reasons. For me, the first priority is music and my love for it. I'm very stubborn and very persistent. If I believe in something, I don't care what people will say. Yes, not going the "pop route" or getting a reputation for stripping to a Speedo in the DJ booth may have taken a toll on my popularity in the past, but I believe my insistence that house would come back has enabled me to pull ahead of many other young, upcoming DJs. I don't see my personality changing, and that is why I don't believe I'll fail.

Mk Waaaait a minute! You spin in a Speedo?

Set I pick the situation where I think it'll make me feel better and more free. I really don't do that for anyone but myself. In an indirect way, I am doing it for my listeners, but only because if I'm feeling good then that comes out in my music. If it takes being mostly naked to get my neurons firing, then that's what I'll do.

MK Any other revealing work clothes you'd like to discuss while you're here?

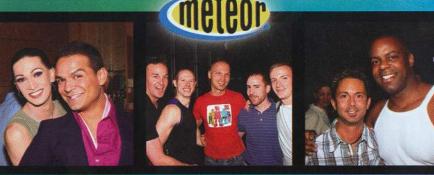
St I love being naked whenever I can... but I think that would be going a little too far.

Not far enough, actually. I'll leave the door unlocked.

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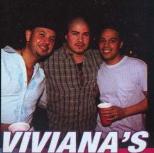
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#### 3.6.9 ORIENTAL BISTRO

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populous, you can sometimes find yourself hanging at the adds your choice of Hot & Sour, Wonton or Egg Drop same places, eating the same food and deciding to do the soup, a crispy spring roll and a crab puff to any entrée for same things because it's comfortable. That can also be a song, really. And that makes dinner a bit more of a meal boring, which is why it's always nice to have a new place than fast food. It's also cheap enough to not bother the open up - and I'm the adventurous one who will grab a penny-pincher in you. friend and go when I find one. Such was the luck for the new 3-6-9 Oriental Bistro that just opened up on We also tried the Vegetable Tempura, one of 15 appetizers without being overwrought or chinzy like some other have troubles leaving any at all. places nearby.

#### And the food? Delicious!

something that makes my face water with it's outrageous great. and tasty heavy spicing. Of course, for those of you who like it a bit milder, the peppers can be avoided by simply So there's a new something in the neighborhood, and it's paying attention with your chop-sticks.

The menu is divided into sections. Appetizer, Soup, Diet or go out, and if you get the urge to eat there, why not? It's Dishes, Poultry, Beef, Pork, Vegetables, Seafood, Rice & a great place, central to everything in the gayborhood, Noodles, Beverages and then Lunch Specials, which are and with a friendly staff and great food. available daily until 4 pm, and a full page of Chef's Selections that, reading this now, is the deciding factor in And then have a dessert or two! They change these out what I'm eating tonight!

When living in a neighborhood that is both popular and The Bistro has a menu item called Family Dinner which

Westheimer right at Montrose. The location is great, available on their menu, and it was good as well. It didn't although the outside of that building leaves a lot to be save well, so I don't recommend that you leave any for desired. The actual bistro, though, is exceedingly nice later. Besides, it was good enough that you might find you

The dinners were large enough that leftovers were a given, and the to-go containers are almost a given - if you eat at the restaurant. But here's the best thing in the world We tried some standards just to see how the Bistro keeps - the 3-6-9 Oriental Bistro will deliver to you! The area is up with some of the other local restaurants, and honestly, limited and the minimum charge is \$15, but for two people, how many of you out there are so adventurous that you that's just entrées and the food arrives hot, tasty, well never eat the same thing twice? Right, so we had Kung Po done and delivered by friendly people who seem to really Beef and Szechuan Chicken. Both are marked on the enjoy their work. Believe me, there is nothing worse than menu as being spicy, which I personally love, and it was a a surly delivery person. They could ruin pizza (a near bit surprising that 3-6-9 considers 'nuclear reaction' to be impossibility) so I can't even imagine what they'd do to the spicy, I'm all for it, mind you, it's just amazing when I get food from 3-6-9. I don't have to, really, they've all been

> a good something, too. I highly recommend trying 3-6-9 when you feel like some great food but don't want to cook

all the time, so you'll just have to ask them!



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#### Fuck the FCC and the AFA.

That's the latest word from Mr. and Mrs. Television Viewing America, after the regulatory commission slapped almost \$4 million dollars in fines against various networks in reaction to complaints from a small, vocal and highly irritating minority (think barking bedslippers Pomeranians Chihuahuas and you've got America Family Association). It seems these hyper-hypocrites have gone too far this time and television viewers aren't going to take it anymore. At least, so says a new study by Television Watch, a coalition of individuals and organizations who oppose government control of TV, which shows that 82 percent of the viewing population believes that individuals should themselves be exercising control over what they watch. Damn straight!



Cattrall Al Fresco

The stuffed shirts in charge of the various gay cable networks must be breathing a sigh of relief after that close call. but recent developments show that it's business as usual in the trenches, regardless. Logo has given the green light to a second season of Noah's Arc, the first black gay television series, which focuses on the lives of four gay African-American friends "who dance along the tightrope of identity which spans the divide that some endearingly refer to as 'the life'." Sounds soapy and intriguing all at the same time. which must mean the "down low" is finally entering the mainstream with the rest of the rainbow crowd.

Not to be left in the glittery dust, Here! Is finishing production on the second installment of their original series of films based on the popular books written by Richard Stevenson. This latest installment, entitled Shock To The System, returns Chad Allen to the role of gay detective Donald Sigh... Strachey, who goes undercover inside an ex-gay therapy group when his client turns up dead. Iconic soap bitch Morgan Fairchild has also been signed to the production, which will debut on Here! In the Fall of 2006. One has to wonder if real private detectives are as miffed about Chad playing this role as the Christian Right was about him playing a missionary in that other, easily forgettable film. Hmmm...

Meanwhile, over in Network Television Land. ABC has committed to the pilot episode of a new Elton John-produced comedy series entitled Him And Us. In a surprise coup, ex Sex In The City siren Kim Cattrall has been signed to play the longtime manager of a bitchy British rock star, played by Buffy The Vampire Slayer's Anthony Stewart Head. The fact that

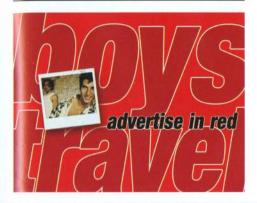
this pampered rocker is based on Sir Elton himself should come as no surprise, especially when the producer was heard to gush, "Having a great comic actress like Kim is so exciting. I'm a huge fan of hers." Imagine the run on bonbons and fuzzy pink slippers if this series is actually picked up for the new season.

And, finally, gay director Robert Luketic (Legally Blonde) has had a parting of the ways with Fox because he reportedly was none too pleased with the network's casting choices for the big-screen version of the popular nighttime sudser. Dallas. Among the names being tossed into the hat were John Travolta as J.R. Ewing, Jennifer Lopez as Sue Ellen, Luke Wilson as Bobby and Shirley MacLaine as Miss Ellie. It's Hedda's belief that Mr. Travolta is far better suited to this role than he is for Edna Turnblad, but maybe that's just because she still remembers how moist her panties got during the 40 plus screenings of Urban Cowboy back in the day.



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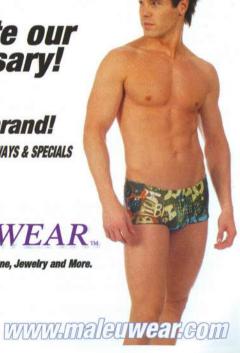
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#### **MORRISSEY** Ringleaders of the Tormentors

"There are explosive kegs between my legs." Those are the kind of lyrics you get on Ringleaders of the Tormentors, the eighth solo release from Morrissey, former member of The Smiths. Recorded at Forum Music Village in Rome with longtime hero Tony Visconti, this latest effort is positively bursting with lines that will tantalize your inner nympho. Far more direct than 2004's You



Are the Quarry, Ringleaders' music punches with its unforgiving refrains and hard-knock beats. Several songs, such as I Will See You in Far Off Places, teeter on the verge of sonic terror, the first indication that this record is the most musically disturbing masterpiece that Morrissey's made since The Smiths' Meat is Murder. The album's not all piss and vinegar, however - a quality that has characterized the singer since his early days. There's real emotional generosity here, which can be heard through the glam-rock racket of songs like I Just Want to See the Boy Happy.

**ERASURE** Union Street

Erasure, one of the "Top 100 Most Successful Acts of All Time" according to the Book of British Hit Singles, offers the boldly experimental Union Street, a tender portfolio of past hits, Vince Clarke and Andy Bell have sold millions of albums around the world, but for this latest release the electronic music duo have pulled the plugs, bringing soulful new depths and acoustic and country-western textures to 11 rerecorded songs. Dominated by reinvented album tracks and born-again B-sides, Union Street is comprised of several songs the pair felt were best suited for an extreme makeover. For instance, two tracks from 1997's

Cowboy, Boy - the first single from the set - and Love Affair are both bittersweet farewells sung in the aftermath of ruined relationships. The former now packs an extra punch from Bell's vaulting falsetto harmonies, while the latter becomes a graceful chamber-music affair with exquisite string arrangements. Full of pleasant surprises, Union Street proves that Erasure is still capable of much more than majorlabel frills and thrills.



#### KEVIN CAHOON + GHETTO COWBOY Doll

Kevin Cahoon and Ghetto Cowboy like it rough. According to their music, anyway. Delivering explosive, sparkling rock, Doll, the group's debut album, features eight original songs, all written and performed by Cahoon, and two covers, including an inventive new version of Anne Murray's classic Could I Have This Dance? The openly gay singer/songwriter - backed by Ghetto Cowboys



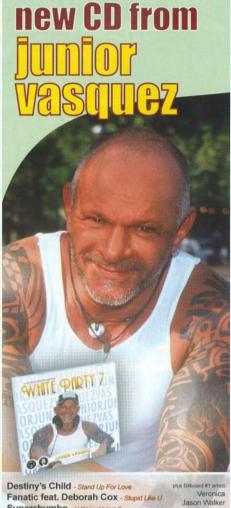
on guitar, drums, bass and keys - works out his Broadway-trained chops on several of the record's getoutta-my-grill tracks, such as Bitch and Fashionista. One of the most buzzed-about new arrivals to Manhattan's eternally hip downtown music scene, KCGC attracts to its theatrical live shows unique and diverse crowds; at any given performance you can high-five your way through socialite scenesters and 10-year-old girls. I mean, with titles like "Bitch," who wouldn't wanna take their kids?

GAY GAMES CHICAGO 2006

Can't make it to Chicago for the Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival this July? That's OK, you're better off dealing with all that perspiration and perseverance in the solitude of your own home. And while you contemplate the pros of a private pole-vault competition, pop in Centaur Music's benefit album Gay Games Chicago 2006. Disc 1 of this planned two-album set features new mixes produced by XM Satellite Radio jock Joe Bermudez. An accomplished DJ. Bermudez is well known for his smash-hit radio edits for Kelly Clarkson, Shakira and Jessica Simpson, Twelve tracks fill up this compilation, including City Life by Fallen Angel, That's The Way I Like It by Offer Nissim, Deborah Cox's House Is Not A Home, and Can't Let Go by Johnny Vicious featuring Judy Albanese. The second official album of the Gay Games - a weeklong sports extravaganza featuring more than 12,000 athletes from over 100 countries - will be released in early summer. On your marks, get set, go!

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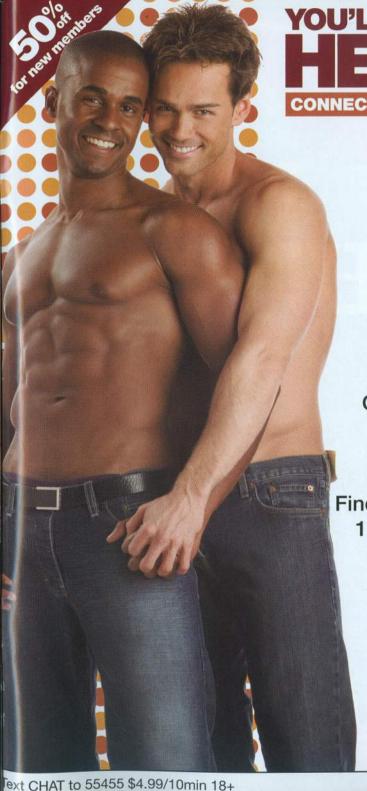
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