



Talking trash

Strippers on pogo sticks, live midget births, and
Jesus with a hard-on. Welcome to the twisted
world of **Jack E Jett** and Queer Edge TV ►

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JACK'S BEST GUESTS

Want to vent your anger against the world by stepping on someone's face and get paid for it? **Matt Trample** is your man. Do you really like being trampled?

I love it. I'm an extreme masochist, constantly seeking people to trample me. I always give people a release form, so they're not held responsible in case I get hurt.

Are you afraid of any kind of trampling?

No, the more extreme the better, especially large groups or uncontrollable scenarios like live events. I've not yet found pain that is painful – it's always blissful. I like being crushed by very heavy weights, and enjoy



large groups or people who want to hurt me. My main interest, though, is getting myself under feet. I love to be trampled!

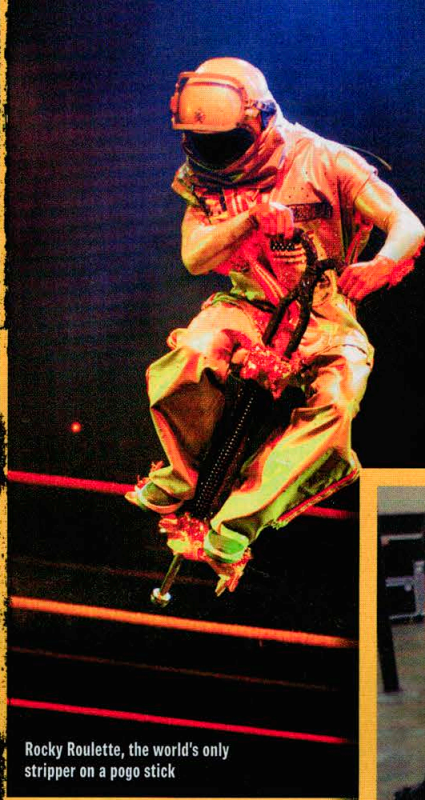
Have you ever broken any bones?

Never, but I hope to. No girls have been willing to do that yet. The worst injuries are bruises, sadly enough – and since I'm under feet every day, this happens quite a lot.

What don't you like about trampers?

People tell me they're going to injure me, but they're always too nice to follow through.

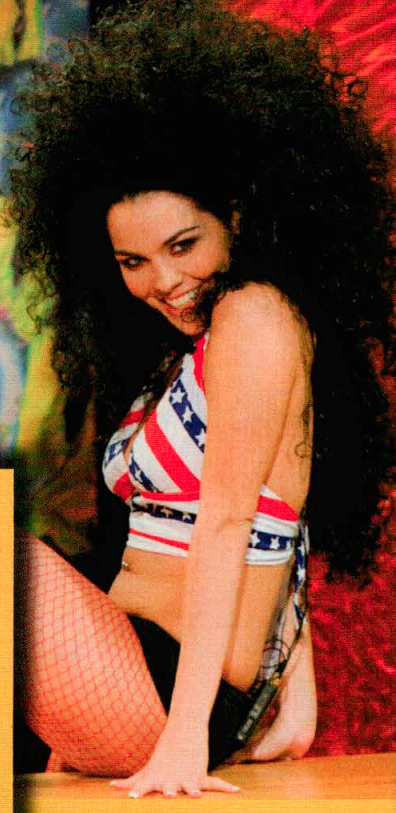
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Rocky Roulette, the world's only stripper on a pogo stick



Glass-eater Lenora Claire meets midget stripper Selena Luna



Spending too long under a hairdryer is an occupational hazard for the Barbarella Girls

Jack E Jett with two *Queer Edge* TV favourites, the stripping Barbarella Girls



How much of a stir have you caused, or are you operating under the mainstream radar?

In a way we've been under the radar, but now we've been busted by this right-wing organisation called Accuracy In Media, a media-watchdog group. They said our show was "poisoning the culture of America" – basically that Satan was coming back. Accuracy In Media, in their complaint, said I had people on my show such as Mark Christian, whose lover Rock Hudson had died from Aids. Well, at that point I'd not had Mark on my show, so I invited him on to do the gag, "In our effort to make the right-wing right and correct the right-wing's mistake, Mark Christian has agreed to be on my show... so Accuracy In Media can actually be accurate, the lover of Rock Hudson – who

died of Aids – is here today!" And so he came on and talked about how Rock preferred pink assholes over brown ones, and other interesting stuff.

So you think you're definitely pissing people off?

Yes, I think we're pissing people off. Do I think it's good? Yeah. People piss me off when I watch TV. CNN piss me off.

Is the mainstream getting more aggressive because gayness is becoming more generally acceptable?

I think they're freaking out because of it. I think the pendulum has swung too far to the right, but now it's starting, just starting, to swing back. I think deep down inside, people are freaking out about this *Brokeback Mountain* thing because no-one is making a big fuss about it; they don't know how.

"If you keep digging you'll find people that love to hang from the ceiling by their nipples. People like that fascinate me"



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Christian fundamentalists and Renaissance art purists are choking on bread and wine, courtesy of controversial painter **Scott Siedman**.

Why Renaissance art?

I fell in love with Italian Renaissance art as a child, especially Fra Angelico and Botticelli. They possess an otherworldly quality that begs to be violated.

What are your feelings on certain people being offended by your images?

I think one of the duties of artists in our culture is to rattle the cage, to wake the sleepwalkers with a gentle slap. In my more delusional moments I imagine people fucking to my paintings.

Any extreme reactions?

A Jew For Jesus threatened to burn down a gallery that was showing my stuff, and no printer in San Francisco would print the postcard for my first show. And once I had to talk down a woman at a gallery opening who was in tears in front of painting of Jesus with an erection.

Sacredporn.org



Having worked in Al Gore's office and competed in the Miss America pageant, actress Omarosa was an obvious choice for Jack's show



What do you think about other gay channels?

I haven't seen much, but what I have seen seems quite light. I don't think there's any kissing or anything. I think of myself as something of a homo-supremacist, so I think that when gay people do something they have to do it much better than the straights. Gay marriage? Fuck marriage, we should come up with something better than that. Gays in the military? Fuck that – who wants to be part of the military? Let's just do the uniforms and cut the crotch out or something. Let's just do it better. Just because heteros do it, doesn't mean we have to fall in line. I think other channels are trying to ease themselves into heterosexual homes.

Would you say your show is a celebration of freakiness?

I'd say it's a celebration of counterculture. It's a celebration of trying to bring things that are buried

underground to the surface, and shows what fun people are having in the basements of New York. It's like finding that thing which you really want to share with

people, and that's what I'm lucky enough to do.

What are you looking for in a guest?

My best guest has been Fran Baskerville, the singing psychic who not only predicts the future, but predicts the future with a guitar and a really tone-deaf voice. Another is Rocky Roulette, who comes on my show and can totally strip from a tuxedo down to a G-string while on a pogo stick – to me, that's talent. Matt Trample, who likes to come on and be trampled on by the other guests – that's entertaining! Last night we had a guy on who paints portraits of Jesus being fucked. That fascinates me because when

you get into his head, he's not doing it for the shock value, even though that's obviously there, but he has a good reason for doing it. When I get to sit beside these people it makes all the TV-business bullshit I go through worthwhile.

Are there things you'd like to show but can't?

Mark Christian. He's upset he was circumcised, and has gone through a process of having his foreskin drawn back. There's a big organisation of men who are upset to be going through this tedious process of having their foreskins, or what foreskins they have, grown back with weights and stuff. I think it's a crying shame I can't have that on *Queer Edge TV*, that I can't bring out a dick and show what the process is of trying to attach a foreskin. Since we're a pay channel, I don't understand the restrictions I have about nudity – it's frustrating.

Do you see a time when sexuality will not be an issue?

I can't see it. I mean, there's billions made in the porn industry in America, yet no-one claims to ►



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Glamour and glass-eating collide for Hollywood's **Lenora Claire**, a busty performance artist, freakshow entrepreneur and film producer.

What was your experience like with Jack E Jett?

He's a riot. The first time I was on he asked me, "How heavy are your breasts?" I replied, "When I weighed them at the grocery store the machine said 10lb, but I could have been leaning in a little." I think Jack liked me after that.



Has glass-eating ever gone horribly wrong for you?

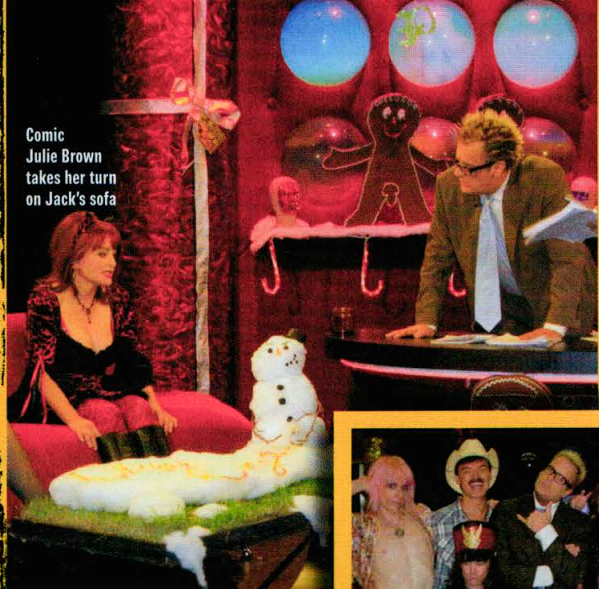
I bragged to everyone at Playboy TV how I've always done it without incident. I really wanted to vamp it up for them and was seductively rubbing the shards of glass along my tongue and mouth before swallowing. Mid-chew something didn't feel right. I completed the scene like a pro, ending it with my trademark smile. As soon as the cameras stopped rolling I spat more blood than Gene Simmons at a Kiss concert.

What are your plans for the upcoming TV special based on your surrealistic cabaret, Apocolipstick?

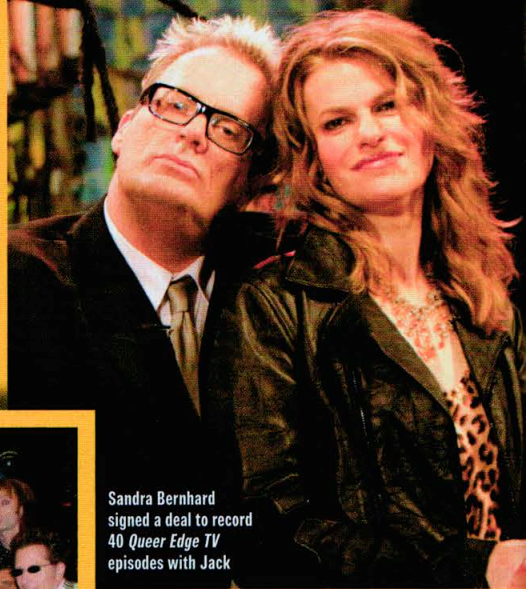
I have a mindblowing Fellini-esque epic in the works. Think *Pee Wee's Playhouse* meets *Caligula* – with monkeys! I've been producing very successful shows in LA for years. For Apocolipstick I have some amazing stars attached. LenoraClaire.com



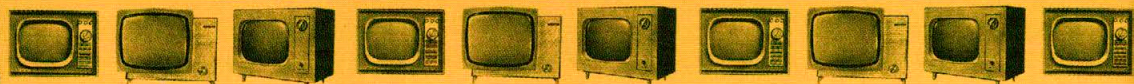
Comic
Julie Brown
takes her turn
on Jack's sofa



Sandra Bernhard
signed a deal to record
40 *Queer Edge* TV
episodes with Jack



Jack interrogates transgender drummer
Jackie Enx of hard rockers Rhino Bucket



► watch it. I can't imagine straight couples in Iowa get together at dinner parties and say, "Oh, did you see *Asian Gangbang Fuckers 4*?" "Oh yeah, that was good. That reminds me – honey, didn't we promise to lend the Thompsons *Leather Lovers 7*?"

Do any of your guests ever get upset by the show?

There was a baseball player called Billy Bean who became famous for coming out and was due to co-host the show with me for a week. But eventually he sent us an email saying he'd seen the show for the first time, and had been advised that it would "destroy his corporate career" if he appeared as my guest. I took that as the greatest compliment in the world.

Anything you'd like to tell readers of *Bizarre*?

We're starting to take three- to five-minute video shorts, and especially from the kind of people that read *Bizarre*. Let us air their bizarreness, what they think is shocking, what they think is weird – something strange they'll allow us to share with the world. If you've got something interesting, send it my way. Beginning next month, we're having Crack Addict Theatre. If you've filmed yourself putting battery clippers on your nipples or whatever, send it in. I'm looking to get some footage of Bridget the Midget giving birth. We were hoping when she was on the show last – she was so close to giving birth – that her waters were going to break and we could have a live midget birth on air. It didn't happen. **B**

