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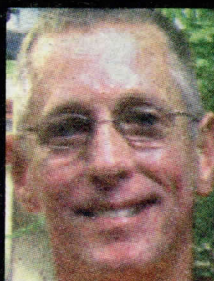
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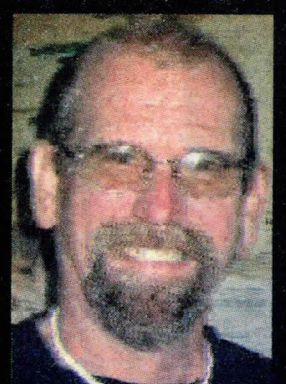
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What the Community Really Needs Is Not a 'Leader'

By Billy Glover, Oct. 15

Once again we hear voices saying, after the recent March on Washington, that the glbt community/movement needs a "leader." This seems to me to indicate a total lack of understanding of how this movement has been so successful in going from a single closeted organization in 1950, and a single lgbt publication in 1952 to the thousands of organizations and hundreds of publications and resources that we have today. The only question we should be asking ourselves is why there are so many glbt people who are unaware of just what this community and movement does have. There is lack of communication among the various elements.

It must be said that anti-gay bigots seem to know more about what is going on in this movement than we do. It is doubtful that many of us have actually thought about all the resources we have. I urge everyone to take a look at Gayyellow Pages (the original national publication based in New York), the print version or online version (gypages@gmail.com). Each group or publication is so busy trying to do the job it chose to do that they do not know what others are doing. It may be good that today we can have specialized resources, much as medicine now has "specialties," but we then face the same problem medicine is facing, a lack of general physicians, since everyone wants to "specialize" and have more influence.

But the reason we have been so wildly successful is that mostly we have all worked for the main purpose of gaining our civil/equal rights. Only in the last decade have we started specializing in having organizations for each of the areas, thus we have Lambda Legal and National Center for Lesbian Rights, GLAD, et al (as well as the ACLU) to work on legal issues. We have organizations for religious work, such as Dignity, Affirmation (Methodist and Mormon), Kinship (Sevent Day Adventist), etc. We have an organization working for youth, GLSEN, and there are groups for each profession; medicine, anthropology, law, journalism, etc. And while most of our lgbt

newspapers and magazine try to give coverage to all of our areas and groups, they don't always seem to do a good job. It seems that many editors and journalists think that we

want to know more about the latest celebrity to come "out" than we do about what activities are going on in our community. How often do papers cover our libraries/archives? Do we know of the glbt book clubs? and the travel articles seem to think we would not want to know where the local gay center is in major cities, but only want to know where the closest bar and bathhouse or cafe is. We don't need a lgbt guide to tell us where a local museum is, general guides do that.

And too often when an issue is in discussion, a "specialized" group says they are not interested in it but only in their little domain-as if a religious organization has no interest in gay bars being attacked by police, or a legal organization has no interest in films that are pro or con.

There are a few efforts to get us informed on coverage of glbt issues. Daily Queer News (dailyqueernews@yahoo.com) tries to give us links to what is in the news that we should be aware of. For entertainment news there is Coming Out Support Weekly (onqyb@aol.com). There are others. But if we don't know about these resources they can not help build communication and cooperation within our movement. And thus the hundreds of good leaders working in various organizations, local and national, will not be able to support each other.

Celebrate our diversity. There is no competition among us except to see what we can all do to educate ourselves and the public on the truth about homosexuality. There is no reason to oppose a "march" or say we must only work on a federal/national level or that we must attack on organization that has chosen to work on only one aspect.

We must practice what we preach. We have to acknowledge that there are really gay Republicans as well as Democrats. That some of us are members of PLAGAL and are pro-life, while many of us are pro-choice. There are those who are allies and work with PFLAG, many of whom have lgbt children. And there is COLAGE, for children who have glbt parents. There is no reason those who fear the lies of the religions can not work with those who choose to stay in the religious community and try to bring about better understanding and change.

We can be proud, of each generation that has added to our work, from the founders of Mattachine, ONE/HIC and DOB in the 1950s to those at Stonewall, and those who did the various "marches" and those who join us each day. THOSE WHO MARCHED Sunday will someday be pioneers. We are all pioneers, and we must have done something right, we are slowly but surely changing the world.

'Pre-Gay L.A.' is Our Early History

(A Brief Review of C. Todd White's book on the start of glbt history. Paul Harris has given us a brief mention of the only book covering early American lgbt history-that lasted-which started in Los Angeles in 1950, published this year by the University of Illinois Press.)

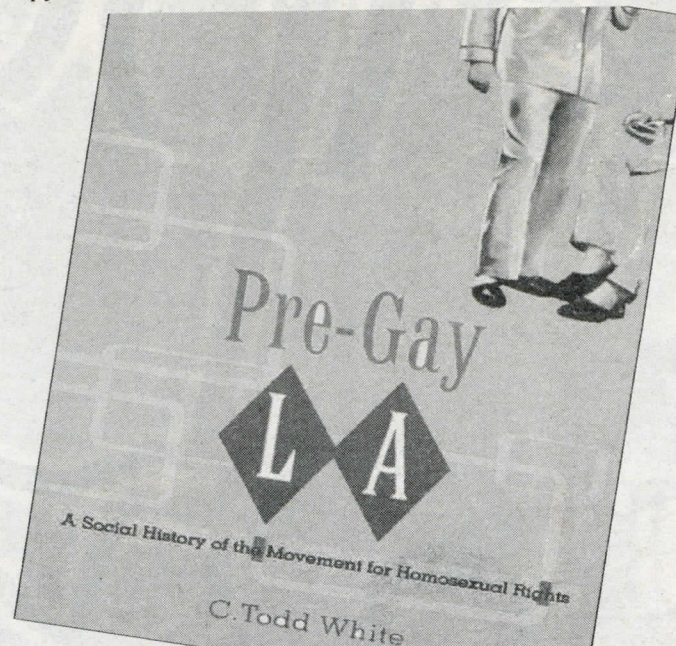
This is an excellent history of the modern gay movement which began in Los Angeles, and where the first important American gay publication, One Magazine, began. It is told on the basis of the individuals who began and propagated the movement, and deals with the interaction, agreements, and conflicts between them. These included Harry Hay, Rudy Gernreich, Dale Jennings, Chuck Rowland, Don Slater, Dorr Legg, Bob Hull, Jim Kepner and others.

It relates how the Mattachine Foundation began, with some of the founders having been for a time members of the Communist Party, how the latter were ejected in 1953, when more conservative members took over, how court cases were taken up and won, such as Dale Jennings' arrest in 1952 for soliciting and his subsequent acquittal, how One, Inc., which came out of the Mattachine Society fought and won a legal case against the Post Office's (decided in 1958 by the U. S. Supreme Court) attempt to ban the October 1954 issue of One Magazine, and a parade/Motorcade in Hollywood demonstration against the military's ban on gays.

It also details the factionalism that arose within ONE Inc, with Dorr Legg's group emphasizing education and class seminars, and Don Slater's group emphasizing publication of the magazine ONE as being more important. It details the break-up of the group in 1965, with Dorr's faction continuing as ONE, Inc., and Don's faction becoming the "Tangent Group" and creating the "Homosexual Information Center."

There is much detail, perhaps too much, such as the minutes of meetings trying to thrash out issues and disagreements, but this shows much good research in having gotten all the details of these meetings, never before available to other historians. One thing missing is photographs, since in an age preoccupied with visual images, this would have added greatly to the appeal of the book.

A few personal thoughts about books covering organizations such as Mattachine/ONE/HIC and DOB. The books can be serious, or gissipy. Both have a place in education. What many books find it



hard to give the reader is a "connection" to the people who were the ones founding and doing the work in such efforts. Paul Harris was a friend and co-worker of Don Slater, a main co-founder of ONE (Magazine and Corporation) and the Homosexual Information Center. He knew Don's thinking as he often helped Don answer letters from students and researchers asking for information. He often ate lunch with Don as some of us did who worked at what we called Tangents, which became the name of the magazine after the legal separation of ONE. A suggestion to young people is to try to remember the daily events you experience with others while working for a cause. But even then it is hard to let others know how it felt to work in a movement that was making history. And yet a good historian needs such information to understand why and how a movement succeeded, as ours has, or failed.

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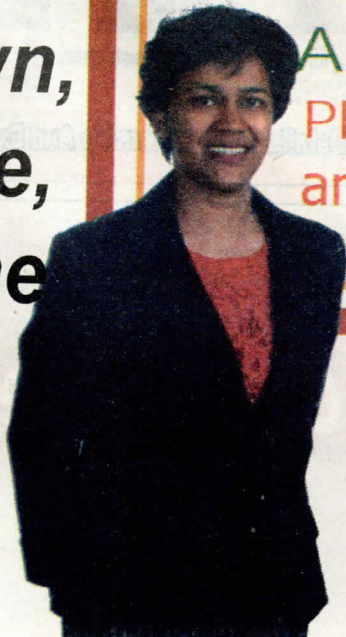
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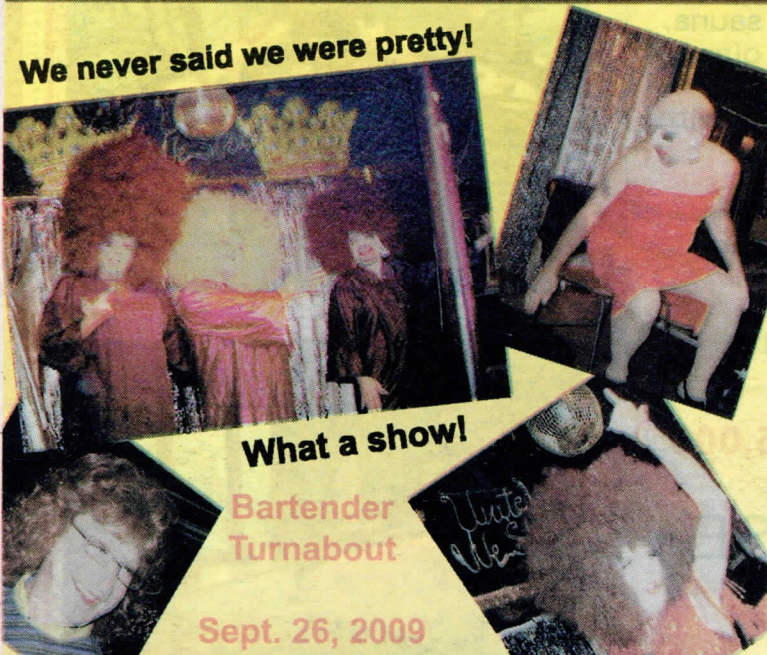
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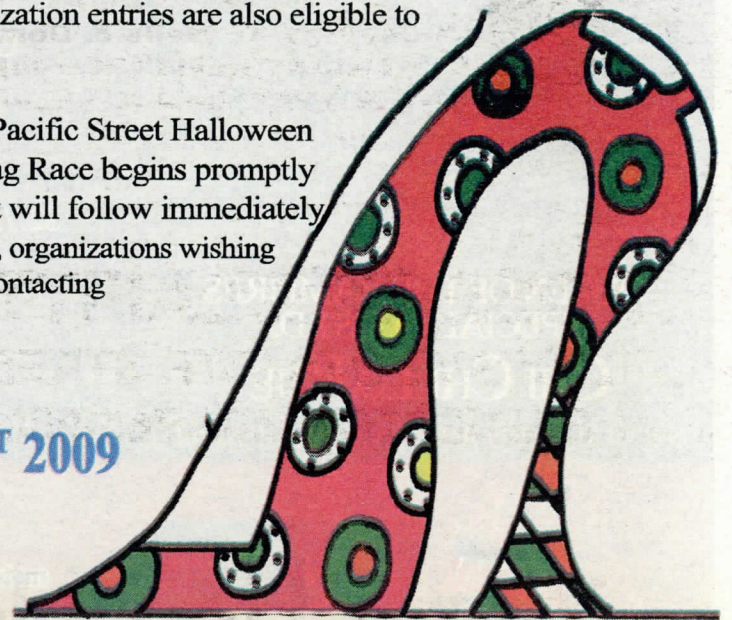
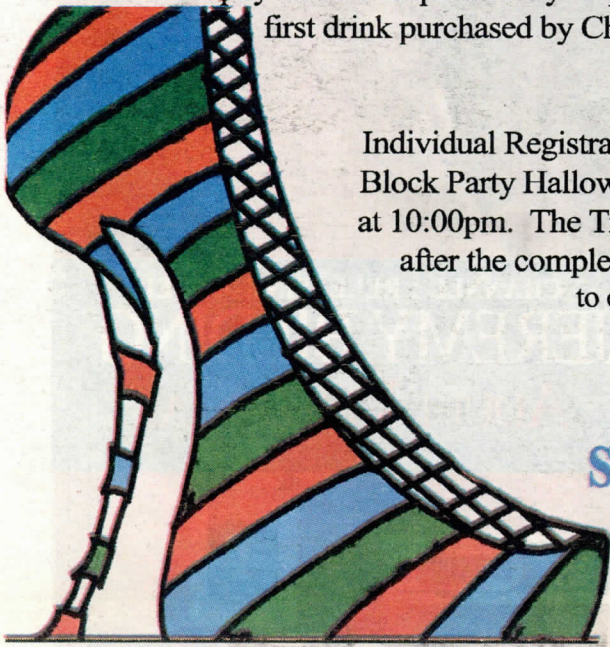
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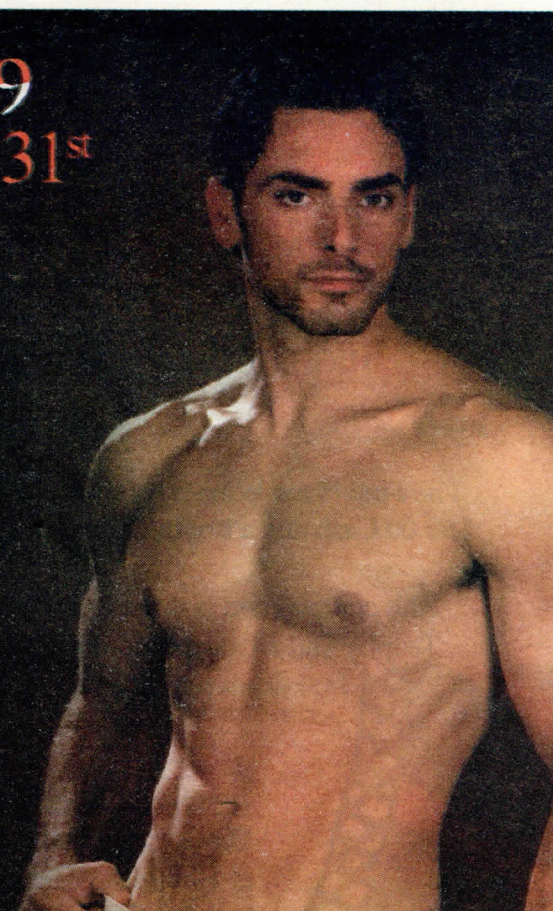
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News, Nonsense, Rants
By Henry McClurg

The Gay Holiday

The calendar gods were good to us this year. They put halloween on a Saturday night.

The B-I-G party is, as always, on that stretch of Pacific between JR's, Mining Co. and South Beach. It starts at 10pm. See the ad. Plus this year, something new: The 1st annual Halloween High Heel Race around Pacific, Crocker and Grant Streets. That ad is here in your GEM also.

Everyone, of course, is having a gay Halloween Party. 611, Ripcord, Crocker, TC's, George, Mary's, plus Outpost and Decades on Richmond. And Tony's on West Dallas. And the BRB on Brazos.

And then, on the island, Robert's Lafitte, Pink Dolphin, Groove and 3rd Coast.

Most of these clubs have ads here in your favorite gay zine.

Political Corner

Kos himself writing in Daily Kos notes:

Kay Bailey Hutchison isn't concerned that an innocent man was executed. She's concerned that Gov. Rick Perry's coverup may give liberals ammunition in trying to get rid of the death penalty. The only thing Rick Perry's actions have accomplished is giving liberals an argument to discredit the death penalty. Kay Bailey Hutchison is a steadfast supporter of the death penalty, voted to reinstate it when she served in the Texas House and believes we should never do anything to create a cloud of controversy over it with actions that look like a cover-up.

From the Daily Beast

America's Smartest Cities: Austin 12, Houston 42, DFW 48.

TheDailyBeast, a news web-site published by Tina Brown, former editor of The New Yorker, has ranked the brainpower of the country's 55 largest metropolitan regions.

Using Census data, the scoring gave credit on a per capita basis for the number of bachelor's and graduate degrees. Then, it factored in nonfiction book sales using stats from Nielsen BookScan, the ratio of universities to residents and the voter turnout in the last presidential election. Each city was then given an IQ which could top out at 200.

Well, Austin beat us badly. But, we can take note. The stats showed that we're smarter than Dallas.

From Don Gill

Hello neighbors.

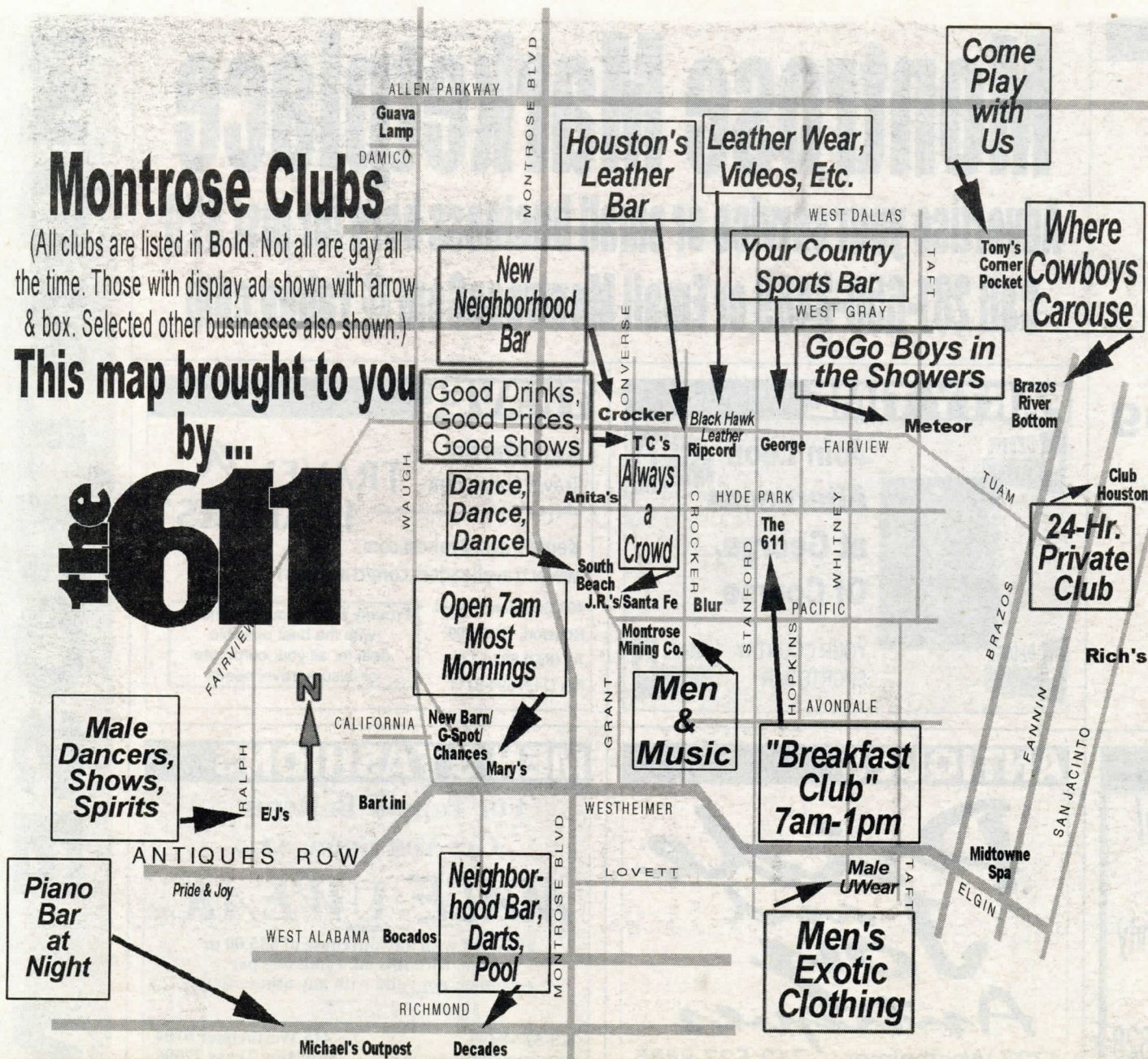
Julie Young sent out an email (thanks Julie for your kind words in regards to my efforts in helping persons less fortunate thanoneself, over the past 20 years) letting you know that if you are going to be cleaning out your closets (suits, pants, shirts, sweaters, dresses, etc., I have received information that AIDS Foundation Houston is needing clothing for these people that could use a gift (such as your old clothing) for the up coming Holiday Season.

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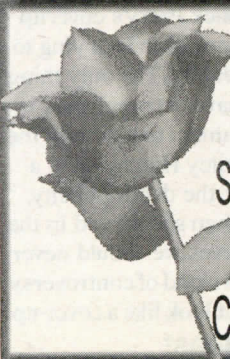
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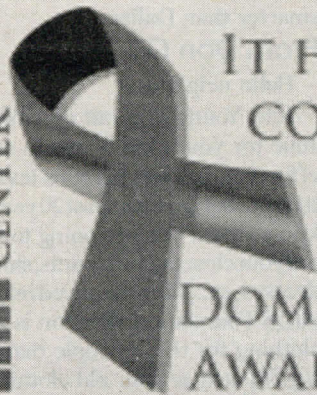
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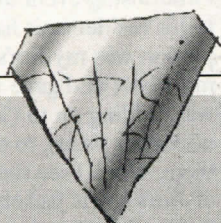
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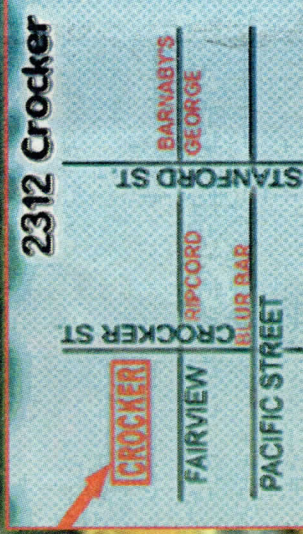
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