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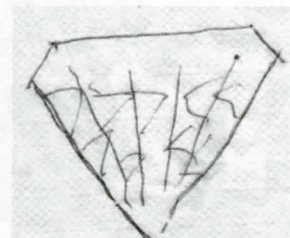
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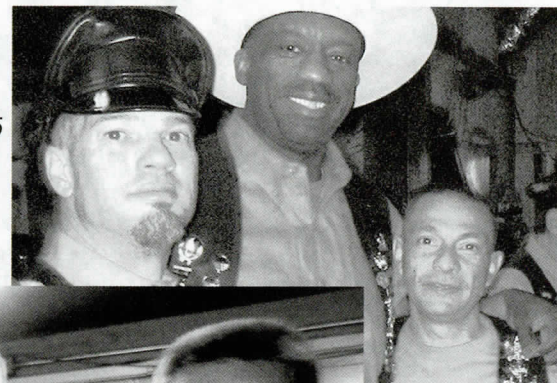
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Scenes from
L.U.E.Y.:
Firedancers of
Dallas at the BRB,
Grandma and
Eric at E/J's, a
Tiffle Hats lady
at the Ripcord



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GEM NEWS & BAR TALK

Groove Girlz Party

Groove Girlz Productions will have their second party, Girlz Gone Wild, Fri. night, Feb. 18., at 1415 California. (Their first was last October, The Panty Party.)

Groove Girlz is "dedicated to bringing Houston's lesbian scene exciting and tasteful parties."

The DJ will be Farah Cox. Proceeds will benefit Pride Houston.

Their website is groovegirlz.com.

—Yvonne Feece

Pool Standings

After week 6, Ebony, Ivory & Jaded are first in the IBL Thursday league, Ripcord Rebels are second and Killer B's are third.

Richard Chew is first place individual and Li Cazares & Bryan Hawkins are tied for second.

The All Stars Tourney will be Sat., March 5, at Slick Willie's in Montrose. Registration

starts at noon.

—Gilbert Vargas

Rainbow Fishing Club News

Lee Sirois, the new coordinator for the group, has a trip planned for Sat., April 23, aboard the New Buccaneer, the "biggest party board in Texas," out of Galveston. The 12-hour trip is \$75. The boat supplies all equipment and bait.

Lee is also looking for helpers to run the club. Call her at 713-498-2741.

—John Hubert

Mary's Wins L.U.E.Y. Prize

The Houston Council of Clubs named Mary's as the best decorated bar for the just completed 32nd annual Let Us Entertain You Weekend. We have photos elsewhere in this issue.

As always, L.U.E.Y. was a tremendous success, entertaining hundreds of post-Mardi Gras revelers.



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Feb. 21 Presidents' Day

Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday

Feb. 24 Full Moon

Feb. 26 Night in Black Leather, Rich's

Feb. 27 Montrose Softball League recruitment day, 10am-3pm, Memorial Park fields #4 & 5

Feb. 27 Academy Awards
March 1-20 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

March 12 AIDS Walk

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 19 An Art Affair, GLBT Community Center benefit, 6-9pm, 1415 California

March 20 First Day of Spring

March 25 Full Moon & Good Friday

March 25-27 Lone Star Volleyball Tournament

March 27 Easter, Jungle Party & Bunnies on the Bayou

Apr. 3 Daylight Savings Time Begins (lose an hour)

Apr. 3 Montrose Softball League season begins

Apr. 8-9 Mr. Prime Choice Weekend, Ripcord

Apr. 16 NLA: Houston Spring Iniquity XIV, "Get Over Tax Day"

Apr. 24 Full Moon

Apr. 30-31 Splash Weekend in Galveston

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 8 Mother's Day

May 20-22 Houston Area Bears' Bearwatch 6, Sandpiper Motel, Galveston

May 23 Full Moon

May 27-30 Texas Conference of Clubs' LoneStar 17, Buzzards' Peak

May 30 Memorial Day

June 11-12 Empower Expo

June 14 Flag Day

June 19 Father's Day

June 21 First Day of Summer

June 22 Full Moon

June 25 Gay Pride Festival & Parade ("Equal Rights. No More! No Less!")

July 4 Independence Day

July 21 Full Moon

Aug. 12-14 Lone-Star boys of Leather 5th anniversary run

Aug. 19 Full Moon

Sept. 5 Labor Day

Sept. 10 Misfits Ball

Sept. 11 Patriot Day & Grandparents' Day

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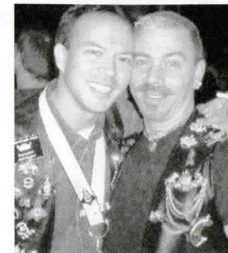
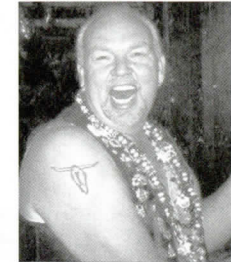


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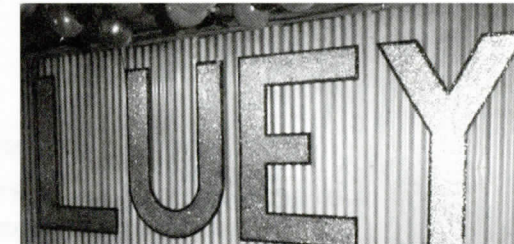
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L.U.E.Y. Weekend scenes
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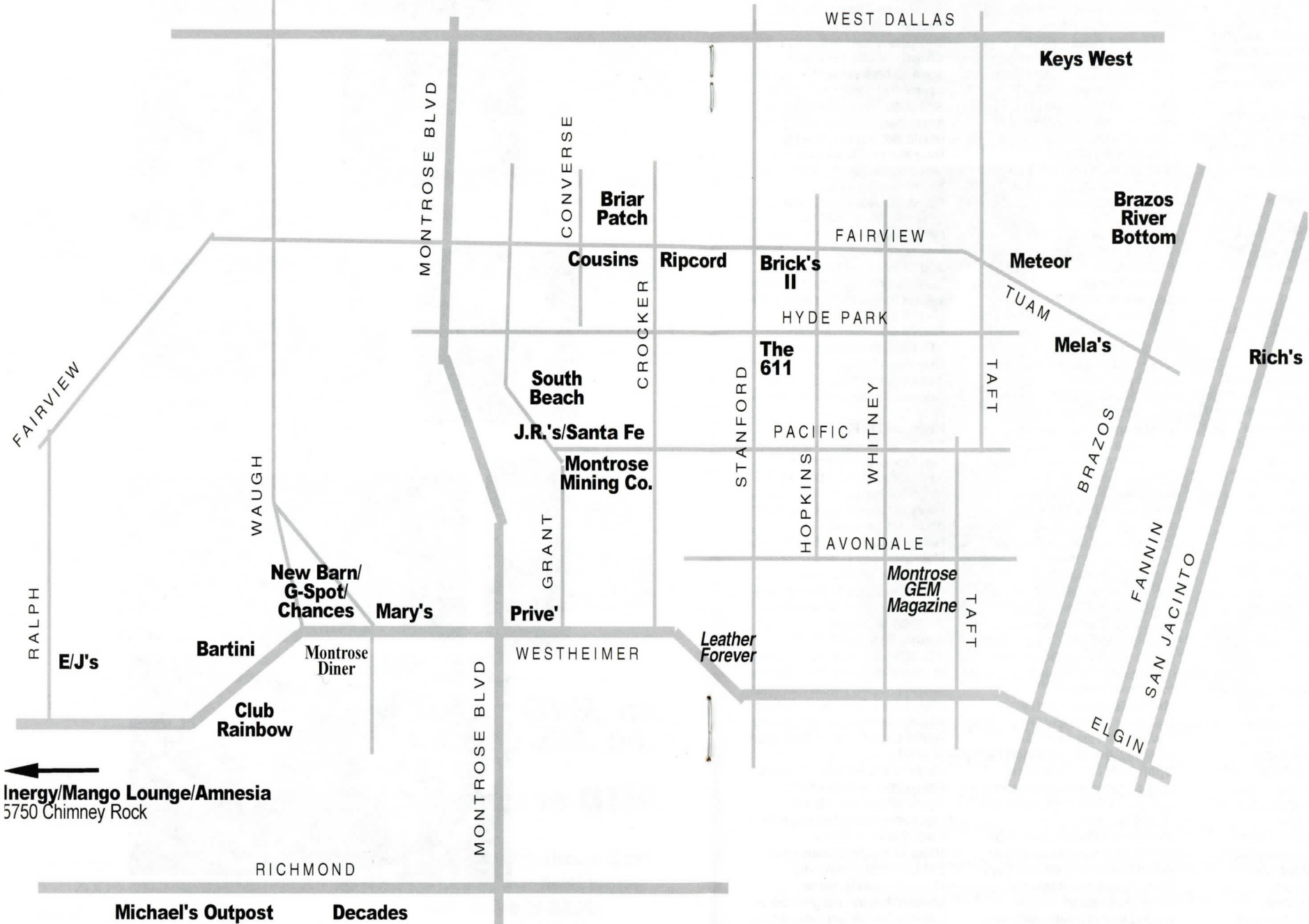


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Montrose Bars, Restaurants, Shops

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Montrose (and beyond) Gay Bars

About the bars: Texas law allows liquor to be served 7am (10am Sun.) to 2am. If you've had too much, ask your bartender to call you a cab. On weekends you can frequently hail a cab in the Pacific Street area.

3rd Coast Beach Bar 904 Ave. M, Galveston, 409-765-6911. Overlooks Stewart Beach on the Seawall. Frequent shows.

611 Hyde Park Pub 611 Hyde Park, 713-526-7070. Customers are a wide mix of all types. Open 7am (noon Sun.). One of the more popular bars for happy hour and into the night.

Bartini 1318 Westheimer, 713-526-2271. Shows on Thursdays & Sundays. Dancing nightly. Newest club on Westheimer.

Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboy is spoken here. Open noon. Dancing at night. Biggest crowds show up weekend nights. There's usually a Sunday show or benefit.

Briar Patch 2312 Crocker, 713-665-9678. After 35 years, mostly on Greenbriar, they have closed. A new club will open in its place.

Bricks II 617 Fairview, 713-528-8102. Your "Neighborhood Country Bar" is what they call themselves. Open 7am (noon Sun.) with a quite good morning crowd. Very friendly bartenders.

Chances/G-Spot/New Barn 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected.

Chances opens 2pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays. open at night.

Club Rainbow 1417 Westheimer, 713-522-5166. Nice women's bar with Glow-Girl dancers most nights. Intimate atmosphere.

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of

customers, from the retired people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.).

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, shuffleboard and a good jukebox.

E/J's 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071. Impressive club with everything. Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. late night. Wheel of Fortune & Sports fans meet around the patio bar.

Garza's KonTiki 315 Tremont, 409-763-6264. Open mid-day to 2am. Dance club. Frequent shows.

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Opening soon in this location.

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored Southwest Houston dance club. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows.

J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Probably the most consistent crowd in Montrose. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on.

Keys West 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open mid-day on. Dart-playing and drinking daytimes, singing and carousing at night.

Mary's 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (10am Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays.

Mela's Tejano Country 302 Tuam, 713-523-0747. A women's Hispanic bar primarily, but all are welcome. Open from late afternoons. Some drag shows weekend nights. A hidden treasure in the neighborhood.

Meteor 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-

minded people.

Michael's Outpost 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Now a neighborhood piano bar. Open 3pm (11am Sat., noon Sun.). Host of many community events.

Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising going on. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio. **Prive'** 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. They're not really a gay bar, but they play great music like a gay bar. And they like us. Good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the roof-top patio.

Rainbow Room 527 Barren Springs, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar in north Houston. They are way up there and have been there for ever. Take 45 north, Airtex exit, follow feeder to Barren Springs. And then figure it out.

Rich's 2401 San Jacinto, 713-759-9606. Giant mega-club open for special events, including L.U.E.Y.'s Show of Shows Sunday, Feb. 13, noon-3pm.

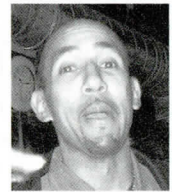
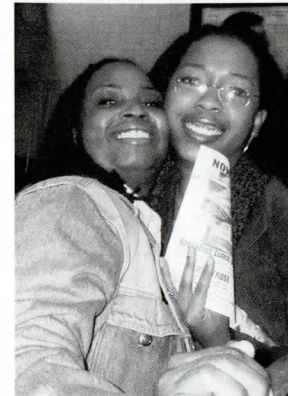
Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar. Open 1pm with their regulars in the daytime (a bunch of happy people). Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours Fri. and Sat.

Robert's Lafitte 2501 Ave. Q, Galveston, 409-765-9092. A down-to-earth bar open 7am (10am Sun.). Early brunch and late drag shows on Sundays. All ages of people.

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. One of the most impressive dance clubs in the country. Open weekends with after hours. Sometimes other nights. Dance your pretty booty. Arrive early for best deal, then stay late.

Undercurrent 3102 Seawall, Galveston, 409-750-8571. Open afternoons. Good weekend crowd. Moving to The Strand area in March.

Viviana's 5219 Washington, 713-862-0203. Primarily Hispanic club between Montrose & the Heights. Show bar with female impersonators.



From upper left, clockwise around, registration at E/J's, Tiffle Hats at the Ripcord, Eartha's Tiffle Hat with Gilbert of The 611, chowing down at the Brazos River Bottom, Bird working security at BRB, and Crystal & Rhonda from Beaumont in town for L.U.E.Y.

The Montrose Puzzle

**Ford dealership once located
where Half Price Books is now**

2 DOWN, 9 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

1 Garden State

5 missing letters: _n_ ang_ (provocative Spanish courtship dance)

6 City College of New York (it's the only thing that would fit)

7 missing letters: O _ l _ hom_ (on the other side of the Red River)

8 public relations

9 the quality of being an excessive drinker?

17 missing letters: Br _ z _ ri_ (Angleton is the county seat)

19 future U.S. president who once lived in Montrose

20 a republic on the Baltic Sea

22 old Australian pop group

23 type of bet at Sam Houston Race Park

27 figure this: llth,

21st letters

29 source of seafood

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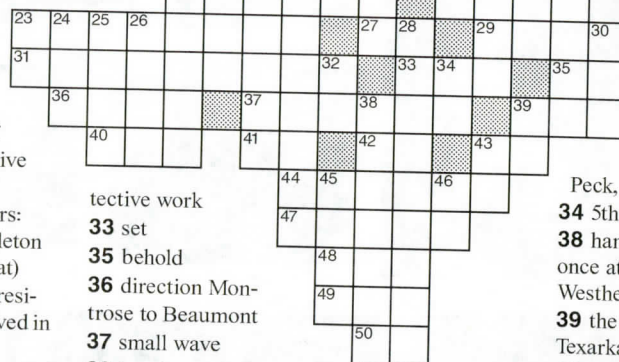
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31 do-

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tective work

33 set

35 behold

36 direction Montrose to Beaumont

37 small wave

39 inquire

40 actor _ Horsley, b. Muleshoe, Texas, 1955

41 _ Paso

42 Romania's internet letters

43 form of address for

once where Lucky

Burger is today

48 the _ Fi Channel

49 longest Interstate

highway in Texas,

878 miles

50 chatroom

short: silly goose

DOWN

1 missing letters: i _ e _ fe _ t (in reality or fact)

2 Ford dealership once located where Half Price Books is now

3 anagram of DEAN

4 coach Darrell _ of the UT Longhorns

8 artist work area

10 precede with F and you have famous Japanese volcano

11 inebriate

12 Houstonian Hughes, initials, buried off Washington Ave.

13 missive letters:

a man
44 Hawaiian wreath plus?
47 root beer stand

i _ fer _ l (relating to hell)

14 meeting of a witches' coven

15 cries

16 small mollusks

18 dress

21 not chocolate, not strawberry

23 actor, dancer

Swayze, initials, b.

Houston 1954, has photo on bar at Mary's

24 missing letters:

Be _ vi _ l_ (Bee Co. seat)

25 Montrose saying: Get _

26 unite

28 sending a file to a friend

30 in perfect condition

32 actor

Peck, initials

34 5th & 2nd vowels

38 hamburger stand once at Montrose & Westheimer

39 the other side of Texarkana

43 actor Dorn, initials, b. Luling, Texas, 1952

45 direction Montrose to Beaumont

46 direction Montrose to Abilene

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