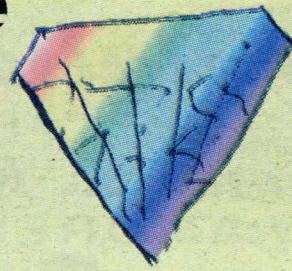
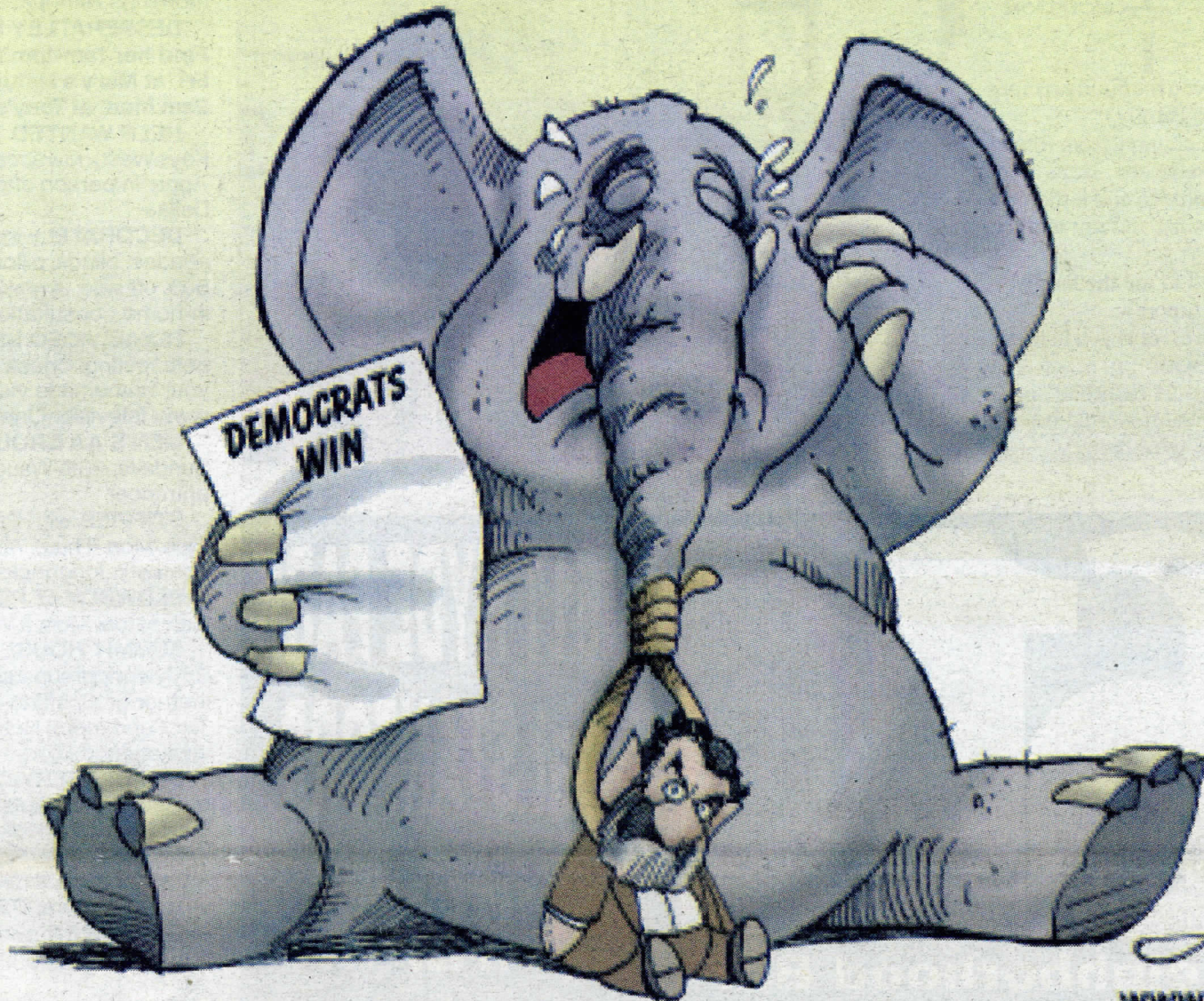


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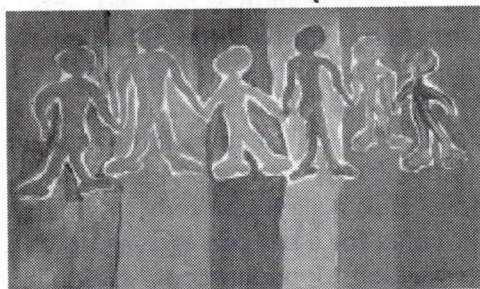
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Dinner & Show at The Pink Dolphin

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PRESS RELEASE

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From HGLPC

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Gay News & Bar Talk

By Henry

I know how sophisticated, how intelligent, how tasteful you are. So welcome to issue #51 of the Montrose GEM. We have strived to provide you with material on your intellectual level. But, knowing that we are not worthy, we ask for your indulgence.

We Can't Spell

Last issue, our first as a newspaper instead of a magazine, was full of typographical errors. Switching everything over to new dimensions took awhile. And as deadline to go the presses approached, we were rush-rush-rush.

"Surely, we have everything mostly right. The show must go on. The curtain must go up. This is show business! And you *can* call me Shirley."

And no, we did not intend for the type in the articles to appear about twice as big as they should of been. We reminded you of My Weekly Reader, right? Well, in the future you will need to wear your spectacles to read the words.

Did We Win?

I am writing the following five paragraphs eleven days before we go to vote and I make these predictions.

1) The Dems will easily take over the U.S. House with 20 to 25 seats picked up. I am looking forward to Nancy Pelosi's "First 100 Hours" agenda but we'll have to wait until the new Dems are sworn in. Look for the lame duck Republican Congress to try and pass legislation that would grant cash and all-expense-paid junkets to all of them and,

for yet-to-be-discovered crimes-committed, pardons.

2) The Dems will exactly win the six seats needed to take the Senate so they won't have to worry about Shotgun Dickie casting tie-breaking votes. (The Senate, the pundits are saying, 11 days out, is oh-so-close.)

3) Unfortunately, Martha Wong will out-score Ellen Cohen for the Texas House seat that includes Montrose. I've seen Martha in debates. She is very smart and knows the issues. It's just that she's wrong on the issues.

4) How about the governor's race? Over the past two weeks, Rick Perry has shifted his negative ads toward Democrat Chris Bell and away from Grandma Strayhorn. This tells you that Perry's internal polls show that Bell has moved into the second spot of the Big Four (Kinky now rounding out the bottom) and is now threatening. Will Bell continue to surge and win?

Oh you hope so. So do I. But with the progressive vote being split among two and a half candidates and the vote from those who occupy the bottom half of the IQ rankings being split among one and a half candidates (Strayhorn is the one to get her share of each), Gov. Hair will be re-elected but with (here's a guess) 38% of the votes cast. (There is no run-off here. Highest score wins. 38% and you're the governor of the Great State of Texas.)

Now remember, the five paragraphs above were written before the elections. As we go to press, results are coming in.

Little Things

Every one should have a back-scratcher. You can marry one or you can buy one at the 99-Cents Only store. Unlike the former, the 99 cent backscratcher requires no maintenance.

I know you shop at our 99-Cents Only store. All the little ol' ladies from River Oaks shop there too.

Yes, if you're buying canned foods, check the expiration dates. Many of their cans are right on the edge. But, hell, you're only paying 99 cents for a big can of imported, marinated Mongolian beans (great for the holidays).

Recently I had a craving for Cherry/Vanilla ice cream. I keep my eye opened for it over a several week period at Kroger on Montrose. Then I went to the big Kroger on West Gray. Then to Fiesta. No simple cherry ice cream! (Oh, they all had fancy cherry/vanilla ice cream with other things thrown in, usually chocolate. But that's not what I had a craving for.)

I finally concluded they don't make cherry/vanilla ice cream anymore.

So I'm at the 99-Cents Only store buying whatever catches my fancy, and, lo-and-behold!, there's cherry/vanilla ice cream, a pint for 99 cents. (I sat in the car and ate the whole thing with one of my plastic spoons that came 80-to-the-bag for 99 cents.

That filled me up so I was unable to devour right then the 99 cent pickled oysters that I could have smothered with the 99 cent jar of imported tomato-flavored honey.)

Does this bore you? Well, we're a newspaper now and there's no lack of space to provide you, dear readers, with important news like this.

Eye on The Island

The Pink Dolphin has now completed their DJ booth. It is the off-tourist season down there now so it's the best time for you and me to go!

The Kon Tiki is now getting a steady daytime bunch. The very lovely and delicious C.C. Ryder can

usually be found hanging onto a barstool.

Is it too early for Galveston Mardi Gras? I say this every year. Yes it is. But it's not too early to be thinking about the Krewe of the Moons of Uranus (I'm the president) and their 25th annual (as begun by the Krewe of Hydra) party buses with a direct round trip flight from the Ripcord to Robert's Lafitte and back. You'll be right on the parade route. Beads, booze and boys on the gay corner.

I lied about C.C. Ryder two paragraphs back. We were there too early. She wasn't yet hanging.

Mama Mel is your daytime tender of the bar at the Undercurrent, and, we're told, is now pouring refreshments in the upstairs bar there on Saturday nights.

Political Funny

Kinky Freidman was asked what if someone called you a derogatory name relating to you being Jewish?

He responded, in effect, that he could handle it and might even join in. But what if the name-caller was using the derogatory name as a real insult.

Kinky responded, I would be saying to him, "Now you got me coming out of both ends."

That's quite colorful, don't you think.

Funny Number Two

Our president, W., was campaigning in a Nebraska House district, and said, "Now, it seems to me if you're sending someone from the country to Washington, you better have someone who understands what it means to be a farmer and rancher.

Oops. The Democrat in the race was Scott Kleeb. He's a farmer and a rancher. The Republican was Adrian Smith, real estate agent.


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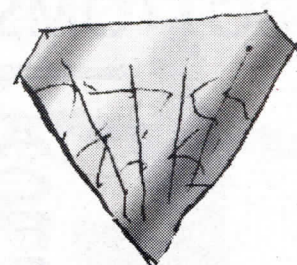
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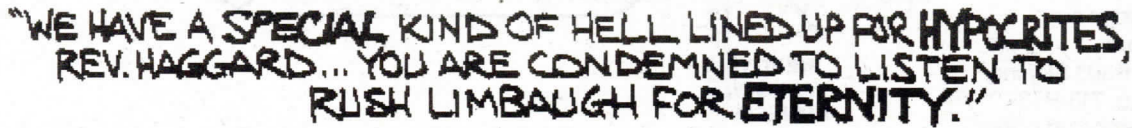
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Brazos River Bottom (BRB) 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboys are here. Open every day noon-2am. Dancing at night. Various Sunday shows. \$2.50 drinks all day, all night Fridays

Bocados 1312 W. Alabama, 713-523-5230. Ladies nights on Wednesdays

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

Club 1415 1415 California, 713-522-7066. Open for theme parties some nights. "The Dyke Show" Saturdays with Nancy Ford

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EJ's 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071. Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers most nights. Frequent shows and benefits

Griff's 3417 Roseland, 713-528-9912. Not a gay bar. Irish bar and a neighborhood institution

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Open daily 4pm. Happy hour 4-8pm, piano playing sometimes, DJ other times

Helios Formerly the Mausoleum, 411 Westheimer, 713-526-4648. Eclectic customers, Slightly gay. House was the home of Howard Hughes as a toddler. Open nightly,

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J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Always a crowd. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day to 2am

Blur 710 Pacific, 713-713-529-3447. Nightly dance bar, Sunday Tea Dance, closed Mon. & Tues.

Lola's 2327 Grant, 713-528-8342. Not a gay bar but a Montrose neighborhood institution

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

Michael's Outpost 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Piano players nightly Tues.-Sat. plus Friday happy hour. Open 3pm (11am Sat., noon Sun.) Host of many community events

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Resurrection 711 West Gray, 832-816-6315. Slightly gay sometimes. Open only for after-hours.

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Club Big Yo 6305 Skyline, S.W. Houston, 713-953-0268. Women's club open Thurs.-Sun.

Copa 304 Orleans, Beaumont, (409) 832-4206. Dancing and shows
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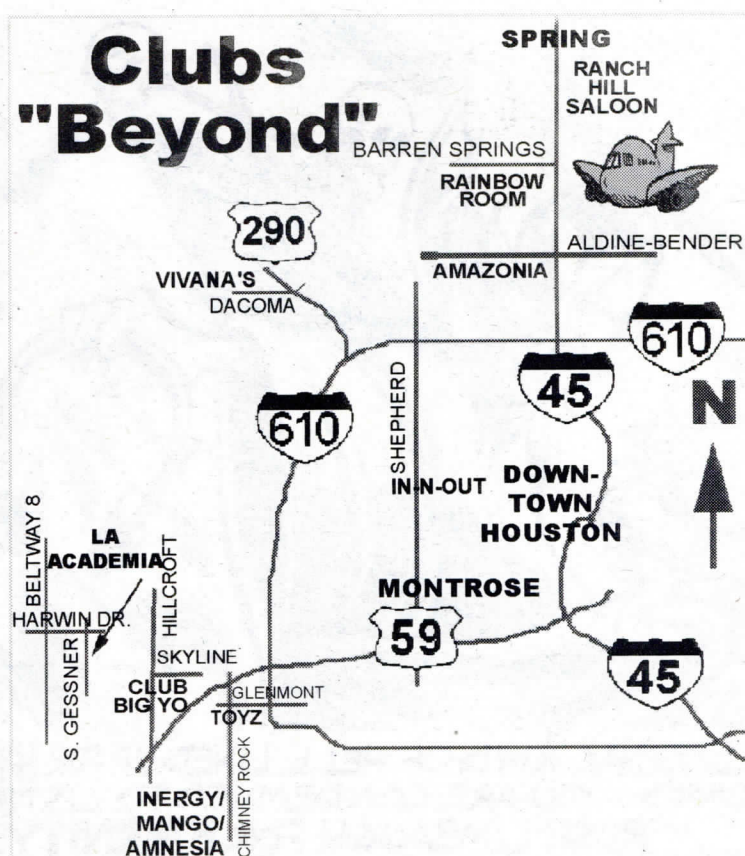
Toyz 5322 Glenmont, 713-632-2544, 281-451-2094. Open Tuesdays (shows and dancing) and Fridays ("girls night")

Viviana's 4624 Dacoma, 713-681-4104. Frequent impersonation shows

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PRESS RELEASE

Futures Conference is Sat., Nov. 11

From GLBT Community Center

The Houston GLBT Community will host the next quarterly meeting of the Futures Conference Working Group On Saturday, Nov. 11. This group organized by the Community Center began meeting in January 2006 to follow up on resolutions presented at the Conference on Houston's LGBT Future, which took place in 2005.

The November meeting will be held at the Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and is open to the public.

"The Community Center is honored to help continue the work of the Futures Conference," says Community Center president Christopher Bown.

"Working group participants have agreed to pursue two primary purposes. We continue to serve as a forum for considering progress on the Futures Conference resolutions and to serve as an informal pan-community networking group for our many organizations.

"In the first half of the meeting, we generally invite one or two community groups to make presentations to the working group," Bown says. "The second half of the meeting is devoted to networking and conversation."

At the Nov. 11 meeting, the working group will also discuss election results and plans for community seminars on GLBT issues. These events will be presented by the Community Center in collaboration with the Houston Equal Rights Alliance.

The Community Center board provides light refreshments at working group meetings. Individuals who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the Community Center or sending a message to info @ houston GLBT community center.org.

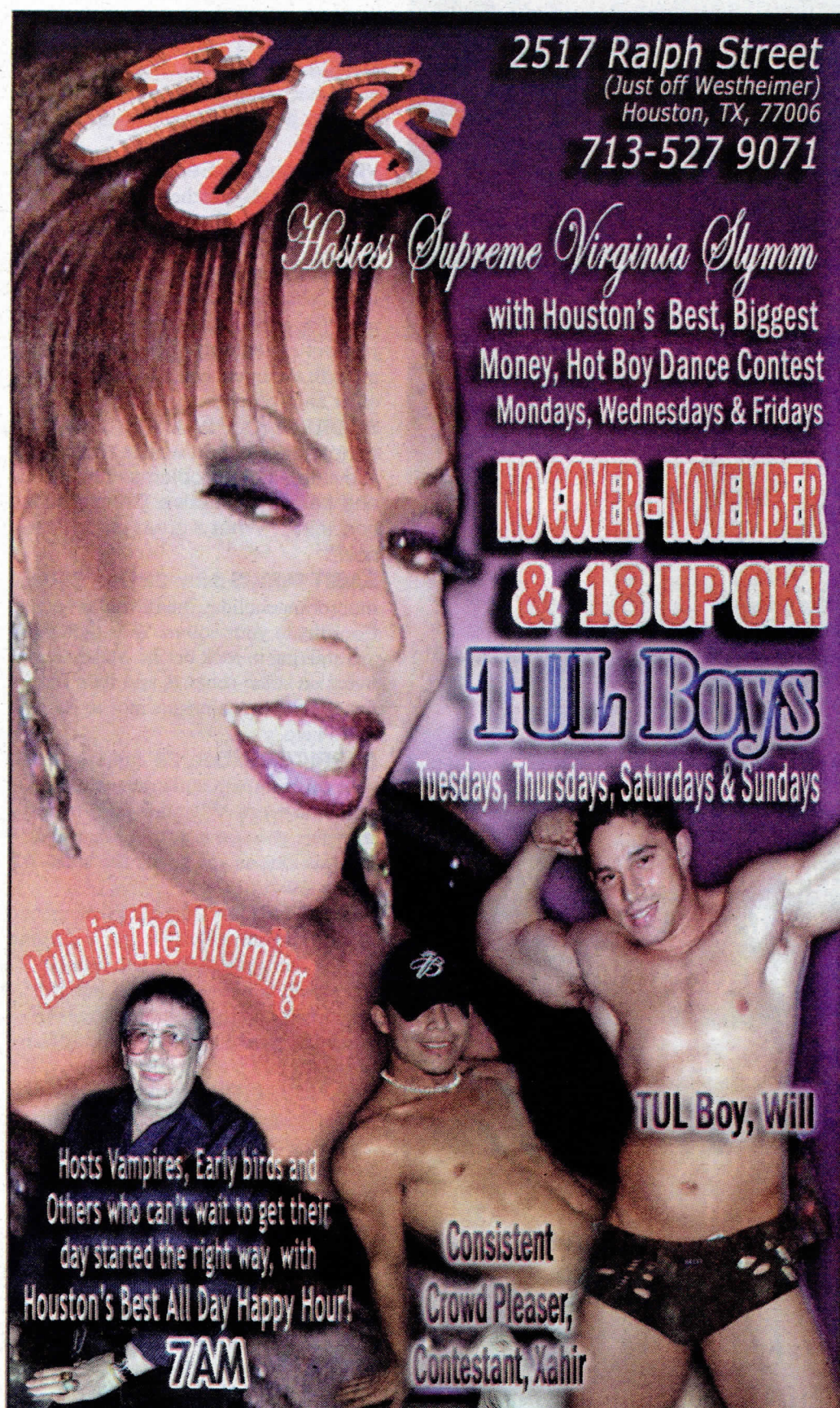
This year marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Community Center, home base for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies in the metropolitan area and southeast Texas. The phone number is 713-524-3818. unity center.org.

The inspiration for the working group, the Futures Conference was the culmination of several months' worth of work by an ad hoc group of community activists and allies, under the leadership of Ray Hill, Phyllis Randolph Frye and Jack Valinski, which met regularly to draft resolutions on a range of topics, from political action to sports.



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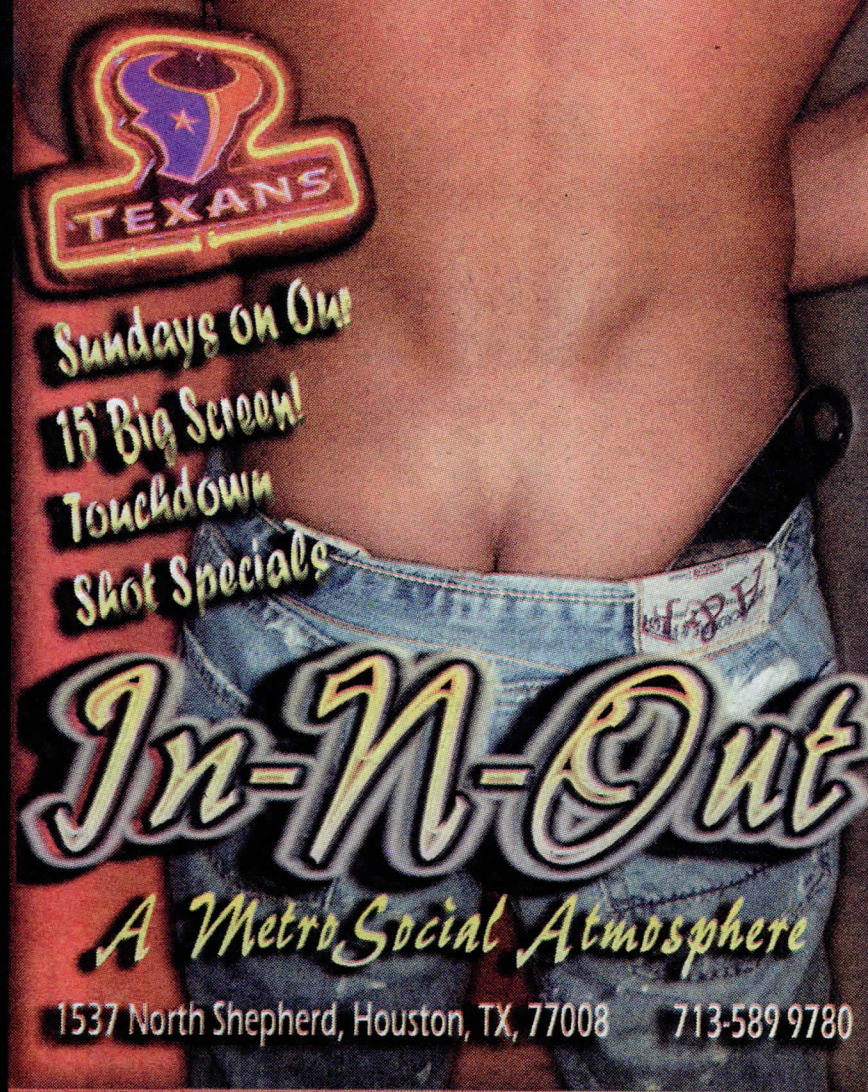
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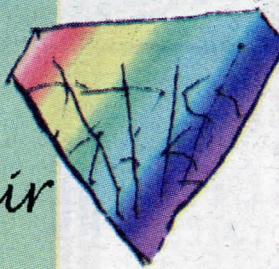
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Wow! You turkey you. Helga sees you taking charge for Thanksgiving as the projects and desires of others need help. And you will enjoy giving the orders. And they will enjoy receiving them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Move right along to the next person if you find your current company to be, so to speak, a real turkey. Be patient and calm as you make it through those in line for your attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): This is the time many people start new adventures. The holiday season puts you in the mood to explore and discover. Your mind and your heart are ready.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The world of psychic powers continues its pull on your trip through the holiday season. Others, ambitious as they are, are going to offer you advice from the heart. Sort that which is good from that which is not so good. You will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will use this time wisely and the dreams will guide you. And for some of your friends you are a beacon of brightness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Goodness, Libra, you desire some private time? Not now. The parties are underway. Your life is about to get much more interesting, more in the open. Later on you can seek quiet and solitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Are things too much at work? You can alleviate all the problems with a new and fresh perspective. Concentrate and think, "What a great place I am now."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One more orange holiday, then it's red and green. Coordinate your colors. Your thoughts are starting to look bright. Make mental notes on some projects and then wait for a turkey in shining armor to show up to help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Reach over the pumpkin and grab a handful of pumpkin seeds. What does this mean? It means you can now take what you want as long as you speak the language of the season.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone from your past will assist you in carving yet another pumpkin. A trip around the corner is but so far away but you are already on the way. Helga sees that you will learn to be more wise and more profitable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Abigdecision will call for an answer in about three weeks. Keep it in the back of your mind as you are thankful for what you have. Consider all the alternatives. Still, you are about to experience a gay 'ol time.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: Embarrassingly nothing. Cumulative: Down \$95. Here are Helga's picks for Nov. 10 and 11, 2006. Mega Millions Friday: 16, 50, 19, 35, 38. Mega Ball: 31. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 22, 27, 6, 28, 36, 26.

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PRESS RELEASE

Day of Remembrance

On Monday, Nov. 20, members of the local transgender community, joined by their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight allies, will mark Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The internationally recognized observance honors individuals killed due to anti-trans hate and prejudice. The focus of the local ceremonies will be a reception and program at Holocaust Museum Houston (5401 Caroline) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Elected municipal officials, including city controller Annise Parker, are scheduled to participate. Members of the Houston Police Department will also attend.

Two noted transgender activists lead the event this year: Lilly Roddy will serve as emcee of the program, organized by Cristan Williams.

The evening will include tours of the Holocaust Museum Houston, a reception with kosher refreshments, and a program in the theater. The program will include a reading of names of transgender individuals murdered during the preceding year as a result of hate and prejudice. There will then be a panel discussion.

This is the second year that the Houston Transgender Unity Committee has presented Transgender Day of Remembrance events at Holocaust



Lilly Roddy, pictured at the 2005 Transgender Day of Remembrance observance, will emcee this year's program at Holocaust Museum Nov. 20. Photo by Dalton Dehart, Outsmart

Museum, which is a program sponsor. Additional sponsors are Houston Area Community Services, Human Rights Campaign Houston, GlaxoSmithKline, and Genesis Coding Design Group.

Sunday, Nov. 19,

Lilly Roddy, who holds a third-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Tai Chi Chuan, will present Street Smarts for Houston Transgenders, a free self-defense presentation. The 6:30 p.m. event will take place at the Houston Area Community Services Transgender Clinic (2520 Morgan). In conjunction, Houston Area Community Services will offer free confidential HIV testing.

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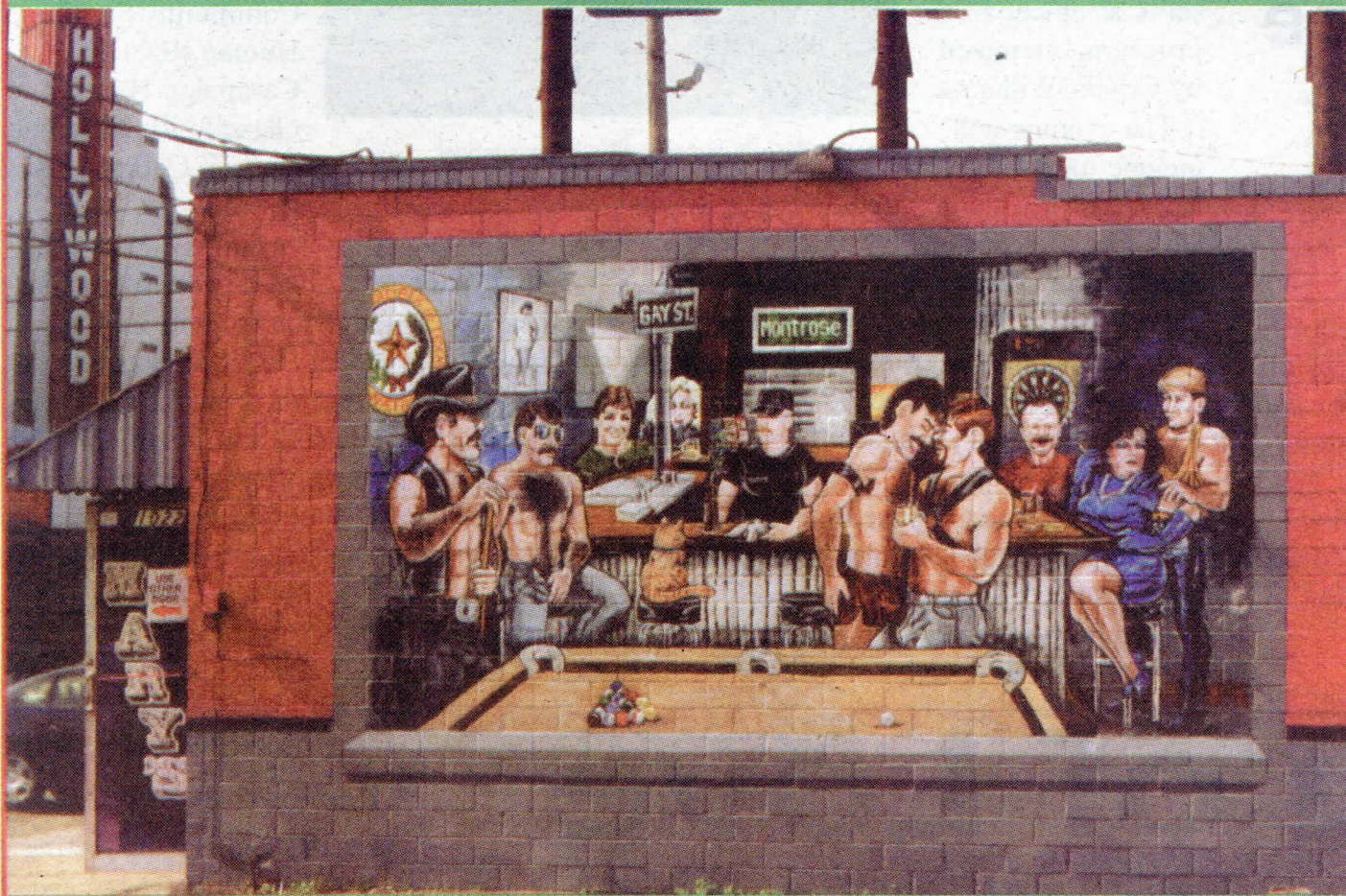


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OBITUARY Paul O. Brock

Paul O. Brock, 48, of Houston, passed away Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon Saturday, Nov. 11, at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Paul was born Nov. 14, 1957 in Shreveport, La. to Phil and Joy Roberson Brock, both natives of Mississippi and now deceased. He grew up in Colorado, Indiana and Illinois and attended the University of Houston and has been a long-time resident of Houston, working as a title examiner.

Paul enjoyed playing and writing music for the piano and studied music at the University of Evansville when he was a young boy.

Paul is survived by his brother George C. Brock of Austin; his uncle and aunt, Walter and Helen Brock of Baton Rouge, La. and by cousins living in Baton Rouge and McComb, Miss.



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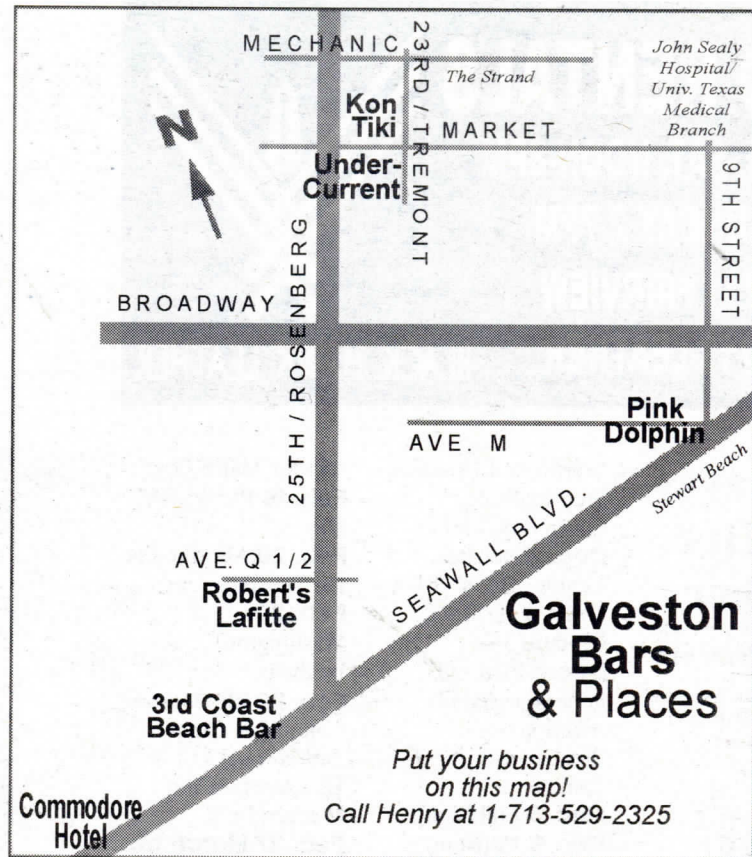
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Holidays, Benefits & Other Occasions

Some dates are tentative. Email MontroseGem@yahoo.com with additions and corrections.

Sat., Nov. 11

Houston GLBT Political Caucus community workday

Sat., Nov. 11 NLA bartends Mary's patio, 9pm

Sat., Nov. 11 Veterans' Day

Tues., Nov. 14

Houston GLBT Community Center night, Hollywood, 2409 Grant

Wed., Nov. 15

Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, The 6th

Wed.-Sat., Nov. 15-18

International Gay & Lesbian Leadership Candidate and Campaign Training, Houston

Sat., Nov. 18 GLBT Community Center Queer Bingo, Club 1415, 5:00 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 18 Misfits bartend on Ripcord's patio

Thurs., Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day

Fri., Nov. 24 Biggest Shopping Day of the Year

Fri., Nov. 24

Galveston Harbor Parade of Lights

Sat., Nov. 25

Houston Leather Boys' bartend, Ripcord Beer Shack, 10pm

Sat., Nov. 25

NLA monthly membership meeting, 7:30pm, then members bartend 9:30pm-1:30am, Ripcord patio

Dec. 1 World AIDS Day

Dec. 1 GALLO hosts

World AIDS Day bi-lingual service,

Bethel Church, 7pm

Dec. 1-3 Dickens

on The Strand, Galveston

Dec. Annual

Montrose Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Mary's

Dec. 2 Houston

Leather Boys' Boys

Night Out, 10pm,

Ripcord

Dec. 4 GALLO

general assembly

meeting,

Resurrection MCC,

7pm

Dec. 5 Full Moon

Dec. 6 Houston

GLBT Political

Caucus meets 7pm

Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor

Day

Dec. 8 Colt 45's

benefit, "Texas

Christmas Toy

Drive," BRB

Dec. 9 GALLO

presents La

Pachange de Lupe-

Reyes, Bethel

Church, 7pm

Dec. 14 Houston

Leather Boys'

membership

meeting, 7:30pm,

Ripcord

Dec. 15 GALLO

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pATION, e/j's, 8PM

Dec. 16 Hanukkah

Dec. 20 Houston

Council of Clubs

meeting 8pm, Mary's

Dec. 22 First day of

winter

Dec. 25 Christmas

Dec. 29 Colt 45's

benefit, "Hel-N's

Birthday, Come

Hell & High water,

Anything Goes,"

BRB

Dec. 31 New Year's

Eve

2007

Jan. 1 New Year's

Day

Jan. 6 GALLO

presents Dia de los

Reyes Magos, Rosca

de Reyes

Jan. 17 Houston

Council of Clubs

meeting 8pm,

Ripcord

Feb. 4 Super Bowl

XLI, Miami

Feb. 9-20 Mardi

Gras Galveston

Feb. 12 Lincoln's

birthday

trip for Mardi Gras

Feb. 19 Presidents'

Day

Feb. 20 Mardi Gras

Fat Tuesday

Feb. 22

Washington's

birthday

Feb. 22-25 Houston

Council of Clubs

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Weekend

Feb. 27-March 18

Houston Livestock

Show & Rodeo

March 2-4 73rd

annual River Oaks

Garden Club's

Azalea Trail

March 1-4

International

Gay & Lesbian

Travel Assn. Spring

Fam/Symposium

Antwerp Belgium.

March 18th Annual

Houston AIDS Walk

March FotoFest at

100 Houston sites

March Bayou

City Art Festival,

Memorial Park

March 17 St.

Patrick's Day

March 20 First Day

of Spring

April 1 April Fool's

Day

April 2 Daylight

Savings Time Begins

(lose an hour)

April 2 Palm Sunday

April NLA's Spring

Iniquity XVI

April 40th

Worldfest-Houston

International Film

Festival

April 18th annual

Lone Star Volleyball

Classic

April Houston

International

Festival

April National

Arbor Day

April Easter Sunday;

28th annual Bunnies

on the Bayou

May 5 Cinco de

Mayo

May Galveston

Historic Homes Tour

May Art Car Parade

May Mother's Day

May 24-28

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May 28 Memorial

Day

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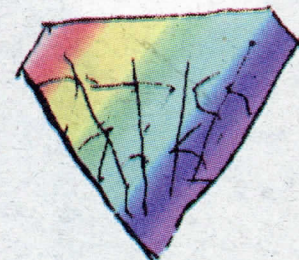
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PRESS RELEASE

Pride Meeting & Survey

From Pride Houston

Pride Houston has made a commitment to making Pride weekend a regional destination event, and we want your input. We'll be looking at a potential new location, a new date, and more! In order to gather feedback, Pride will host two Town Hall meetings at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church: Nov. 2 at 7pm and Nov. 4 at 1pm. You can also take part in our online survey by clicking here. We'll gather all your comments and use them as we plot the course for the future of Pride Houston.

They Were Here, They Were Queer...Do You Know Them?

See Some Great Web Videos About GLBT Pioneers

As we say 'adieu' to GLBT History Month, we wanted to share a great website sent in by Pride-ster Reinel Solano. Put together by the Equality Forum, the site profiles 31 GLBT leaders—one for each day of the month. It's 31 reasons to be proud. You can visit the site here.

We would have missed this great site if Reinel hadn't emailed us. Have something you think we should include in the Pride e-News? Let us know!

Friends of Pride Corner

A special thanks to all you FOP's who joined us for the sing-along brunch! It was fun to see (and hear!) so many of you.

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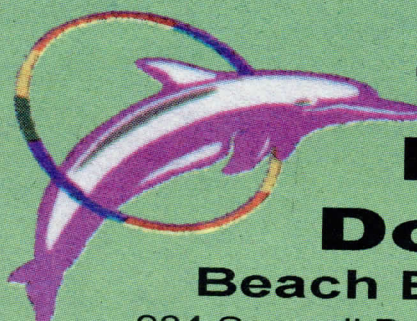
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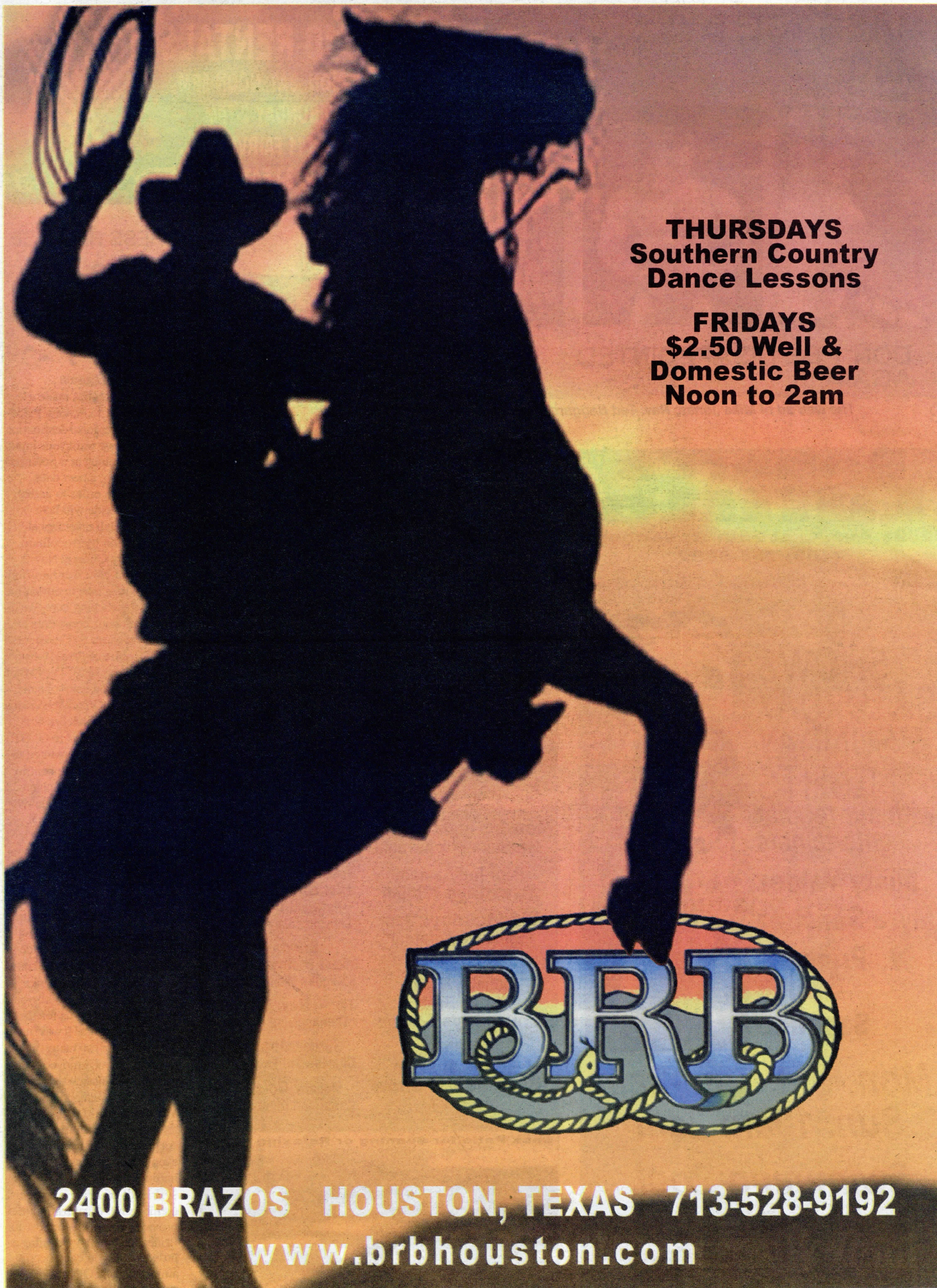
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