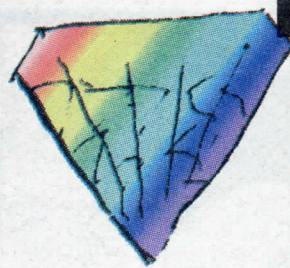


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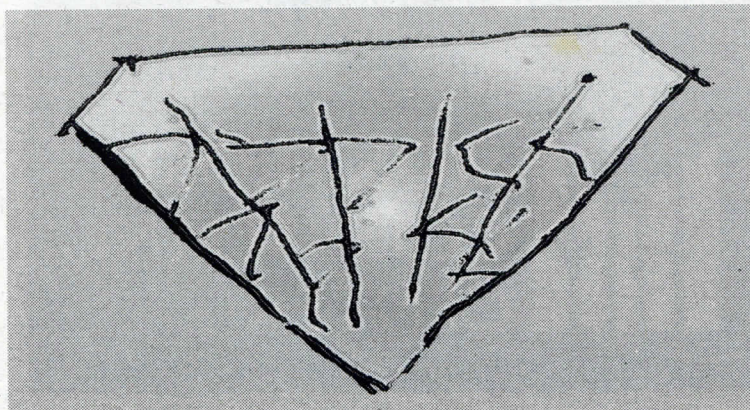
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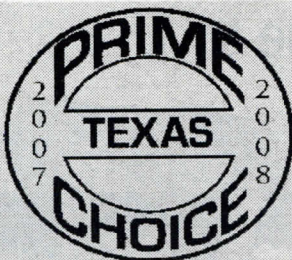
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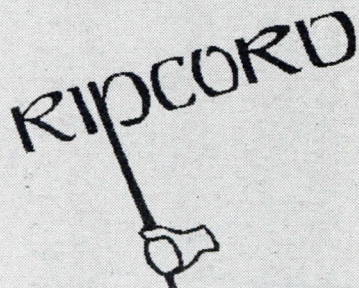
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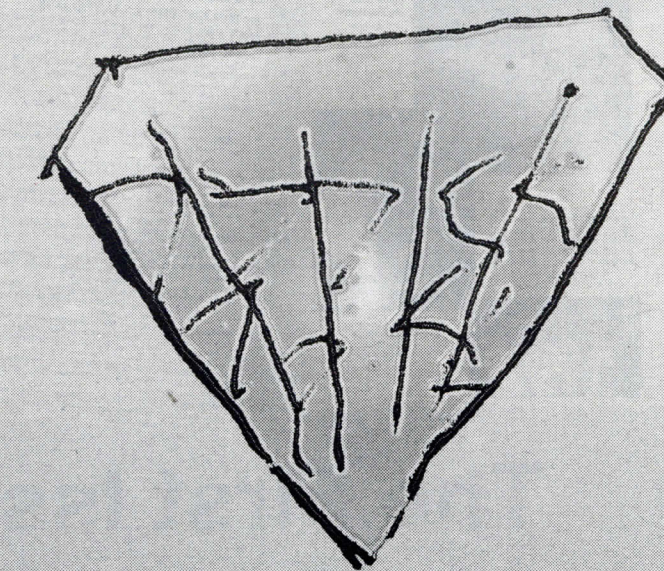
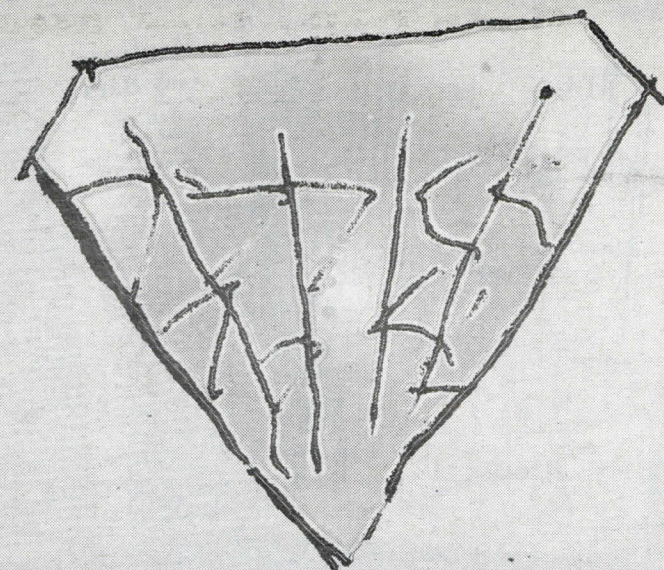
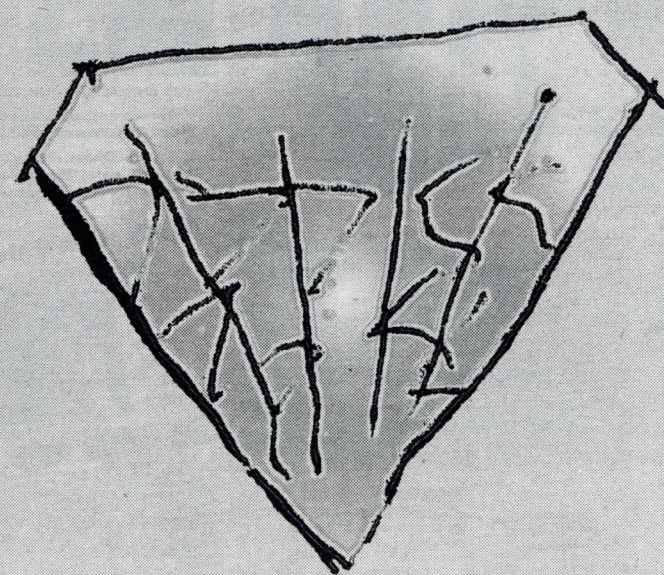
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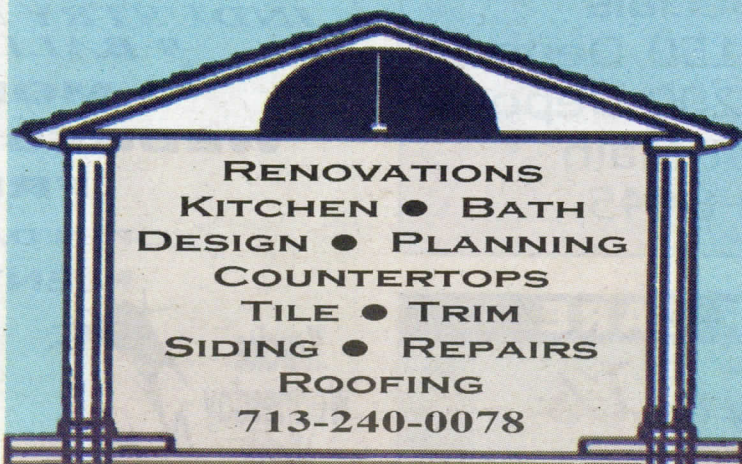
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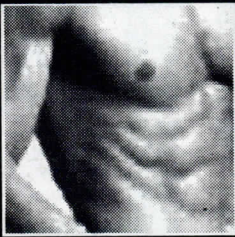
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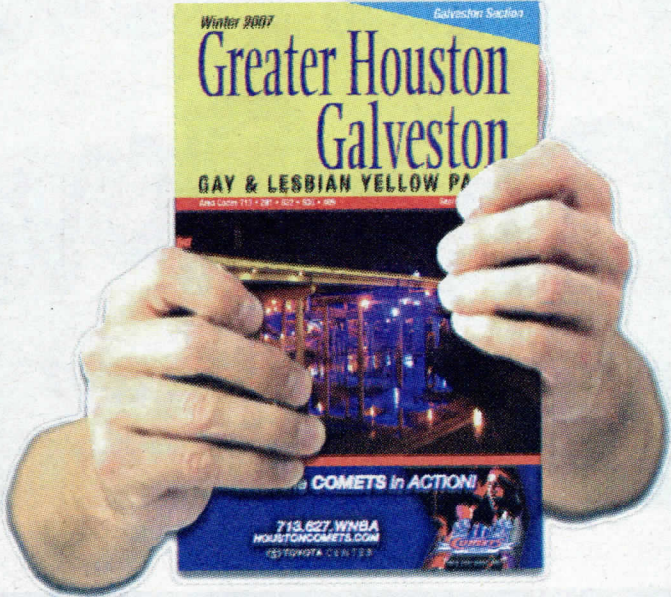
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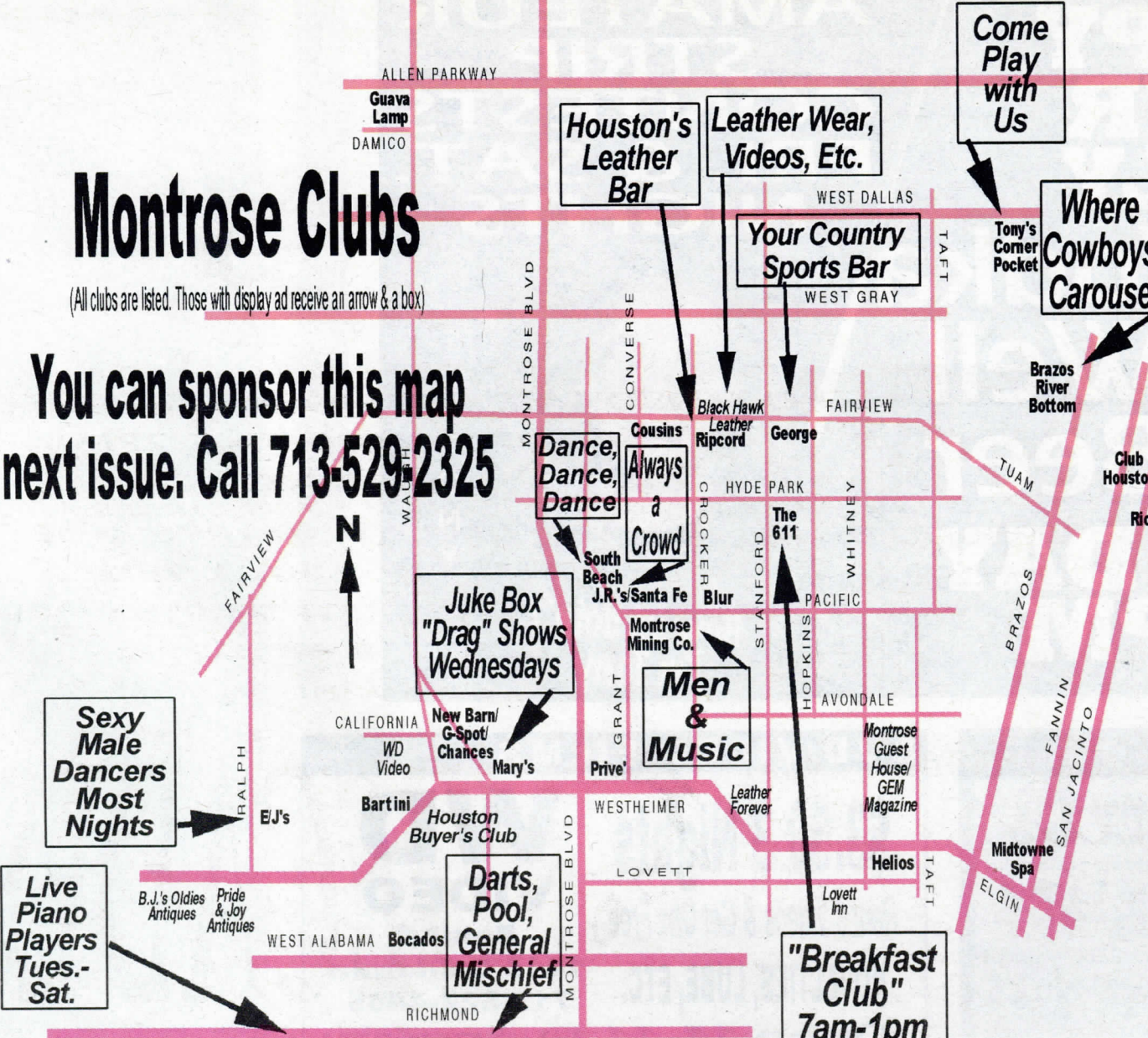


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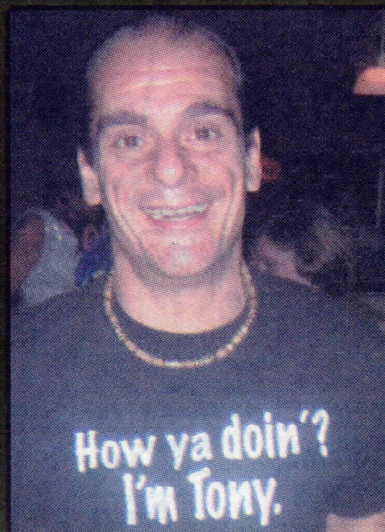
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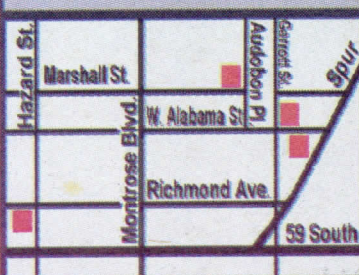
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Ripcord patio
Sun., April 1 Palm
Sunday
Sun., April 1 April
Fool's Day
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meeting, St. Paul's
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assembly meeting,
Resurrection MCC,
7pm
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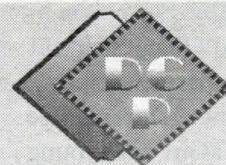
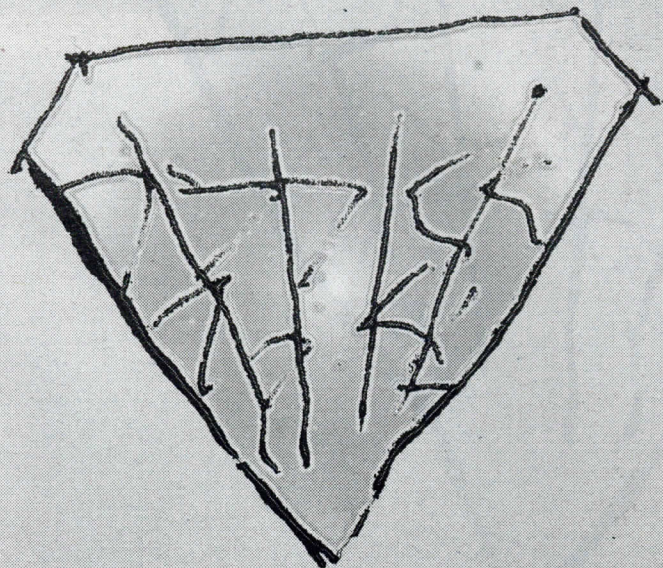
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Tinsley Park, 4pm-
10pm
July 7 Seventh day of
the seventh month of
year seven in 2000
July 14 Bastille Day
July Christmas in
July, BRB, a "Miss A"
production
July 24th annual
Denim Party, BRB
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National Night Out
August? 17th
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August Gay Softball
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Sept. 3 Labor Day
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Sept. First day of
Autumn
Sept. Rosh Hashanah
Oct. Yom Kipper
Oct. City Fest
Houston, Eleanor
Tinsley Park, noon-
10pm
Oct. 13th annual
Houston Women's
Festival
Oct. Galveston Island
October Fest
Oct. 8 Columbus Day
Oct. National
Coming Out Day
Oct. Bayou City Art
Festival, downtown
Oct. Daylight
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Oct. 31 Halloween
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Nov. Houston city
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By Romeo San Vicente

Gay super-producer Scott Rudin ("The Hours," "The Queen") has always been very savvy about backing the best talent that the movies have to offer. His slate of 'upcoming productions includes new films from the likes of Alan Ball, Wes Anderson, and Kimberly Peirce.

But most exciting to fans of "Magnolia" and "Boogie Nights," Rudin is bringing director Paul Thomas Anderson back to the big screen with the upcoming "There Will Be Blood," starring Daniel Day-Lewis.

Based on Upton Sinclair's novel "Oil!" "Blood" takes a sweeping (dare we say "Giant"?) look at the early days of the oil business through the eyes of one Texas family. With a supporting cast that includes Paul Dano ("Little Miss Sunshine"), the epic promises to be one of the year's most talked-about movies when it hits theaters this Thanksgiving.

Chenoweth and Kurtz Push "Daisies"

Kristin Chenoweth was the toast of Broadway in "Wicked," but Hollywood hasn't quite known what

to do with her, sticking her with thankless wifey roles in generic comedies like "RV." So Romeo was thrilled to hear that Chenoweth and Swoosie Kurtz (another marvelous actress underutilized in film and TV) have been cast in "Pushing Daisies," the pilot Romeo recently reported on from gay "Heroes" co-executive producer Bryan Fuller.

man whose touch can revive the dead, will provide the talented Chenoweth and Kurtz with career boosts of their own.

MyNetworkTV Says "Happy Birthday, Elton"

MyNetworkTV failed to win America's hearts with its English-language telenovelas, Keven though Romeo didn't miss a single episode of the

Garden in March. MyNetwork has signed an exclusive deal to broadcast the show titled "Happy Birthday, Elton" and featuring scads of interviews on April 5.

So put on your biggest pair of sunglasses, a jacket with lots of feathers and/or sequins, and some Donald Duck feet, and tune in to celebrate the Rocket Man's day.

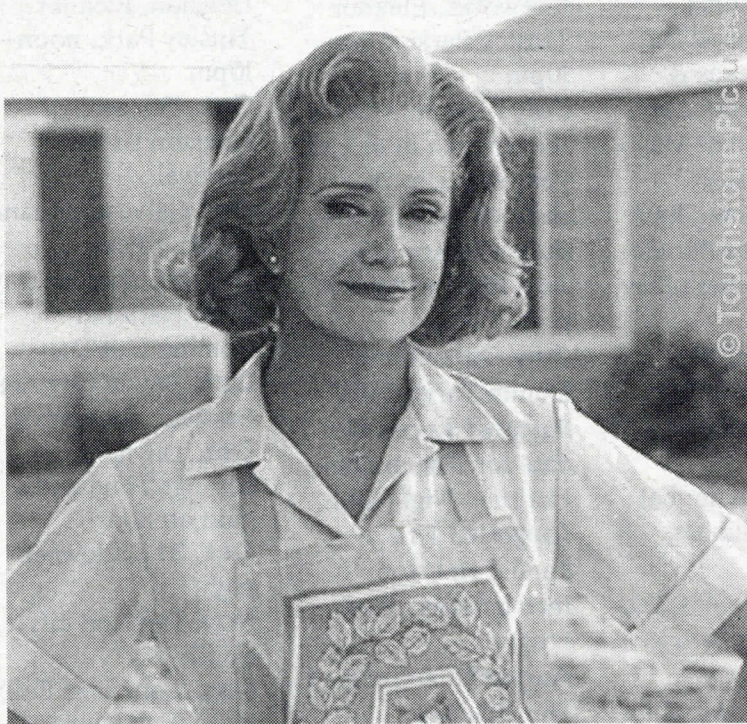
Gay "Aviator" Writer Reteams with Scorsese

When gay screenwriter John Logan and legendary director Martin Scorsese teamed up to make "The Aviator," they both snagged Oscar nominations. So it's perhaps no surprise that, hot on the heels of Scorsese's Academy victory, the two are reuniting, this time for an adaptation of a children's book.

"The Invention of Hugo Cabret" tells the story of a 12-year-old orphan who secretly lives inside the walls of a Paris train station in 1930 and sets out to solve a mystery that involves his father and a robot.

No shooting date has yet been announced for the film, but Logan is staying busy in the meantime as the writer for Tim Burton's screen adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's bloody and brilliant musical "Sweeney Todd," expected to be in theaters this Christmas.

Romeo San Vicente wrote the script that Ellen DeGeneres gave Martin Scorsese on Oscar night, so don't be surprised if he soon stops returning your calls. In the meantime, he can be reached care of this publication or at DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com.



Swoosie Kurtz will star in "Pushing Daisies," a pilot. (photo c Touchstone Pictures)

Fuller's earlier creations "Dead Like Me" and "Wonderfalls" provided meaty roles for actresses of a certain age—think Cynthia Stevenson in the former and Diana Scarwid in the latter—so here's hoping that this new show, starring Lee Pace ("Soldier's Girl") as a young

insane soap "Fashion House." But the struggling new network still wants to elbow its way into your TiVo.

The folks there are teaming up with legendary gay rocker Elton John, who is throwing himself a 60th birthday party concert at Madison Square

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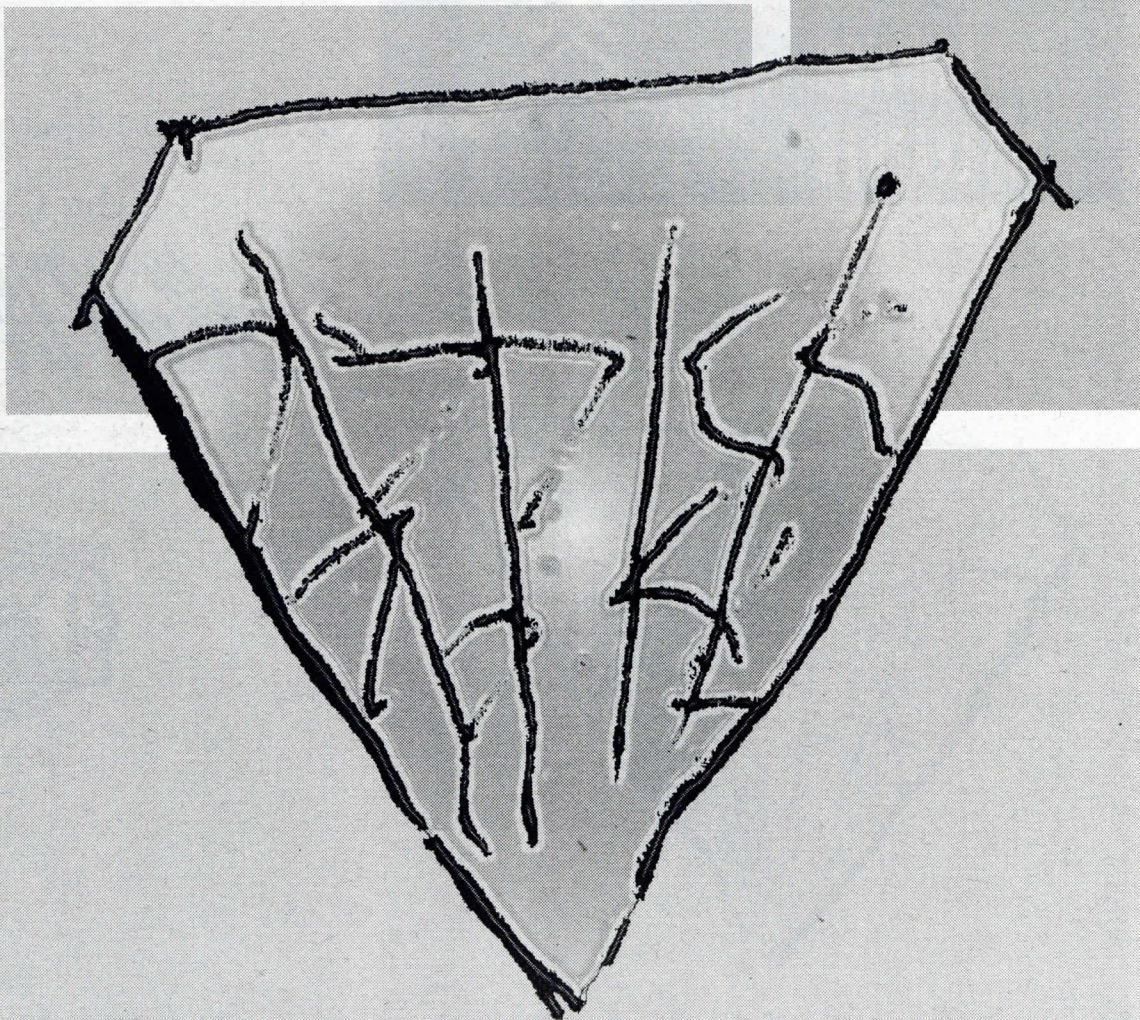
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Pisces Seeks Explanations

HOROSCOPES by HELGA

A NOTE TO READERS: starting next issue The GEM will present Q Scopes by Jack Fertif, a nationally-syndicated astrologer. Jack writes his predictions and thoughts from his home in San Francisco.

It has been my pleasure to present these astrology readings for you in The GEM since the first issue, 57 issues and over two years ago. That's a lot of Helga and I need to retire. Again! Thank you and here are my final foresights, darlings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There will be some initiative to get you to move from one stage to another. While moving, you will face a bout with the unknown and unbelievable. You will feel like flying. And you will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Over the next few days in this beautiful month of March you will be presented with an opportunity to join others on an emotional adventure. It will be a dream. It will be exciting. It will be at night. Helga thinks you should join in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): March will keep you on the right course. Maybe not literally, just in your mind, but this will keep the blues away. Spring is in the air. Finish that project before too long and then you can savor the rewards.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You will get pleasure from giving. It can be personal instead of financial. Don't be scared to make changes. Listen to reason and take the lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The comments you will hear as spring can be anticipated will contain valuable information about a social affair, either just recently or yet to come. Helga sees it happening. You may have to explain yourself to those who need explanations. And did you learn something on a recent trip? Yes you did.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take time off for good behavior from your disordered days. It all will calm soon and you will have knowledge that others will still be grasping for. Recognition will come to you from those you know you best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You may start to experience "Libra's Big Adventure" in the next few days. It will be all about you and a Leo. Which Leo? Helga says do good things and the Leo will appear. Take a brief moment to prepare.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Your aspirations are showing and that is good. But there awaits an adventure of the soul. The other water sign (Pisces) will help you with your "studies" this coming week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You desire some private time and you will be given it, Helga sees. Then later, you are in line for tremendous pleasure. One taller than you wants your company for a quick adventure. This will happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Wood is involved in your horoscope prediction. Could it be a golf club? Could it be a trip to a lumber yard? Then ask to be joined at an encounter and you will get your way. And please remember to take a souvenir.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A man who comes on like gangbusters with some rather startling things to say should certainly enliven this almost-spring week. You may turn everyone off and then turn everyone back on. Oh, this is not you? You can pretend for a while.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will ask for further explanations and you will receive them. Don't fight the tide. Take care of that little thing this week. A good conversation starter next time you're in the bars has to do with the color purple.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: No money. Cumulative: Down \$114. Here are Helga's picks for March 9 and 10, 2007. Mega Millions Friday: 9, 54, 53, 11, 32. Mega Ball: 9. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 10, 5, 21, 20, 49, 11.

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GAY NEWS, SHOP TALK AND RANTINGS, SOME OF IT ABOUT MONTROSE

By Henry

Welcome to issue #57 of The GEM, your favorite gay publication. I'm changing the name of my column. It's my column and I can do what I want to!

Is it spring yet? Yes, it is.

Where were we last issue? We were here. You just couldn't see us. We were on page 12 in that half page blank space.

Years and years ago (in a galaxy far, far away) I published the Voice. It was all produced on a typesetting machine. That involved printing articles and ads on photo paper, developing it in chemicals, and then manually pasting it all down on what was called pasteup sheets. Then the sheets were physically transported to the printer (a 35-mile journey), where he photographed each page, "half-toning" photos and stripping them in. And then burning a plate from those negatives.

The production and the ads and the overall pasteup of the pages was the most time-consuming part and I hated it. It would take perhaps three days to do all this.

Then I sold the paper for the final time and retired.

Now, the whole thing is done on computers. Each client's advertisement is created in a fraction of the time, usually using the base of the ad from the previous issue.

Then the pages are put together based on a predetermined formula. The whole time for this part is, literally, a second (the time it takes to type in a batch file name.)

My programs typeset the articles, placing them in columns, and then merges it all into pages, putting color ads on color pages, black and white on the other pages, adding the page numbers and creating the color separations.

Now it takes the computer itself about three hours to do all that. My manual part of that three hours, as I said earlier, is about a second.

Type in batch name. Go do other things. Come back in three hours to a completed newspaper except for actual press run.

Well! We still have glitches in the programs and that explains why you missed me last issue. It left me out. And, always being past deadline for the printer as we are, I didn't catch it.

This is the main reason we have not actually starting publishing weekly. Nothing is going to go perfect every time, but we need to be better than we were.

I think we're there now. Thanks for listening to all my tech talk. Welcome to the weekly Montrose GEM.

Bar Parties

Of course, every day is party day at all of the gay bars. But coming up special is The 61's anniversary March 15 (6 to 11 p.m.) and the BRB's anniversary March 23 to 25.

Stories

I can tell you some stories about guests at the Montrose Inn. In any kind of business you must deal with those not quite, shall I say, logical. Sometimes these people are cab drivers. I'm telling you this story because it just happened as I write this.

Cab driver calls and asks for directions from Bush airport. We did not have any unrivied guests and this one was a new one. Nevertheless, we had one room left, so I started to give him

directions like he asked, from IAH.

He interrupts me and says I'm now at Bagby and somewhere. This pisses me off. He asked from directions from the airport but he was downtown.

And! Every time I'd get three words out to start giving directions, he would talk over me. I'm here, I'm there. he would say.

I wanted to say, "Shut up and listen and you will get directions."

Okay, you ask, "Henry, this is just one story. You have had others?"

Yes, many others. Shirley you know people who ask questions and then talk over the answers. There are millions of them.

What I do, after my third try to speak, is just zip my mouth shut. Then they ask, "Why aren't you saying anything?"

I start to explain why but then again they start talking over that.

I then walk away ... or hang up.

P.S. he calls back for more directions. I have him put the passenger on the phone. It's near midnight and I tell him we do have a room and was he aware that this is a gay bed and breakfast. "A what?"

Gay. Homosexual, happy people. But he doesn't comprehend what I'm talking about, so I say, "Sorry, we're closed. Have a nice night. Good bye." Click!

Pouf, Not Poof!

What is a pouf. A dirty French word? I've seen it on the back of brands of body wash.

"Wet washrag or pouf with Dove Body Wash then spread over whole body ..."

Well, browsing the aisles at the 99-Cents Only store I came across a pouf. It's a sponge-like thing. The 99-cent store had them on a handle so you can wash your back easily.

Yes, Pouf on a stick. That's sounds nasty.

Big Things: Gore and Limbaugh

Al Gore got an Oscar and maybe will get a Nobel Prize.

And, Rush Limbaugh has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Landmark Legal Foundation. Who are they? Obviously some rightwing nut group. I didn't know that you could just nominate anyone for a Nobel Prize.

The fact of Limbaugh's nomination wasn't reported by the AP or Reuters or any other legitimate news service. (The coverage of the coverage was reported after the story was noticed for its stupidity.)

So how did we hear about this? A company called The PR Newswire sent out a press release. In the old days PR Newswire had Teletypes in the major newsrooms of America alongside AP and UPI. Many news directors didn't even put paper in the PR Newswire machine. It was all full of people trying to buy their way into news coverage.

Nowadays PR Newswire sends the material out by E-Mail. Most of you would call this SPAM. For this Landmark group, or any group, to be on the PR Newswire, it has to pay the PR Newswire. That's how they make their money: From people and events not really worthy of coverage.

So let's get back to Rush. How did he get so popular and make so much money.

He was the right person at the right time. Here's the story, as I know as I was there.

The 60's and 70's were the grand days of Rock 'n Roll AM radio. There was hardly an FM set anywhere.

Then, prodded by Congress cars started having combination AM/FM radios and FM stations started popping up. Music on the FM band is so much better-sounding than that on the

AM band for technical reasons.

Houston rockers KILT and KNUZ lost their audience to KRLY and KRBE. And this was happening all over the country. Suddenly there were literally thousands of AM radio stations on the air that no one was listening to.

So what's a station owner to do? Try some format that's basically not music, such as religion. Or "talk." Rightwing nut radio was born.

Meanwhile, in Missouri I think, one Rush Limbaugh tried saying the most outrageous things just to get listeners. And he did. Other stations asked Rush if they could air his nonsense. (And everyone back then knew it was nonsense but it appealed to the idiots of America, and there are a lot of them.)

I suspect Rush at first didn't believe what he was saying. He probably had a thought that "these people will believe anything, and I'm laughing all the way to the bank."

Overtime, though, Rush started believing his own hysterical rantings. And that's where he is today. Immoral, wrong on the issues, and fat.

Sears on Main

Sears on Main doesn't even sell light bulbs anymore. They used to have a full hardware department in the basement with an attendant who knew all kinds of hardware stuff. No more.

They still sell their packaged Craftsman tools in kits. But you can't buy simple nails or light bulbs. Do you remember when Sears was a full-fledged department store just like Foley's. They had department store services upstairs where you could pay your bills, get your photo made or buy concert tickets. There was a candy kiosk on the main floor. All the exit doors were operational and each one had a checkout booth. They had a camera department and a shoe department, each one with a salesperson.

And that brings me to Office Max and Office Depot. They seem to be competing to see who can have the highest prices and the smallest selection.

There was a time when those stores started as an alternative to office supply stores. They had big selections and bargain prices.

No more. They have put the office supply stores out of business and are now pricing themselves as though they're the only game in town. Because, collectively, they are.

Is the GEM Weekly?

As the front cover said last issue, "mostly." It's just like when I started the magazine, and when I decided to switch it from magazine to newspaper, I sought investors. Lots of people talked but there was no money forthwith. So, as they said on the high seas, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Here we are, weekly (mostly). We will publish every Friday if we can. Sometimes, we'll skip a Friday and come out in two weeks. We will let you know. But count on us now as weekly (mostly).

What is L.U.E.Y.?

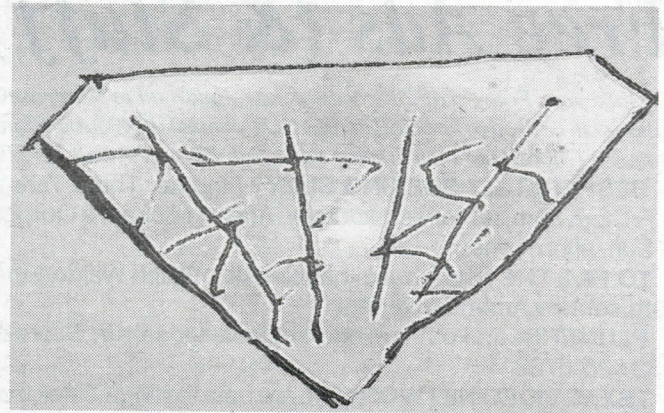
This past L.U.E.Y. was another great success. It was a long time ago and the stories have varied slightly. But we do know that a group of German tourists had gone to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Then they came to Houston for a few days.

Upon learning who they were, the community decided to entertain them with parties and drinks.

We decided to continue Mardi Gras even though good Catholics were supposed to be repenting, etc. Well, we're not good Catholics here. So against all rules, Mardi Gras continued for an additional week.

Bye Helga

And good bye Helga wherever you are and whoever you really are.



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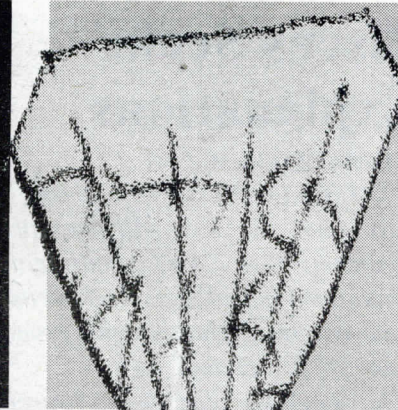
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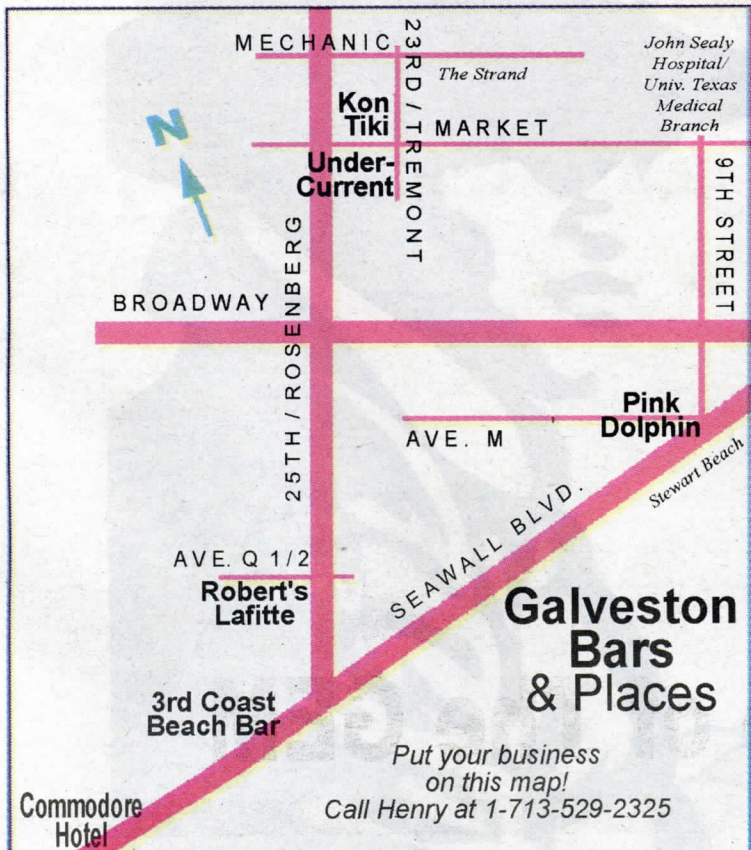
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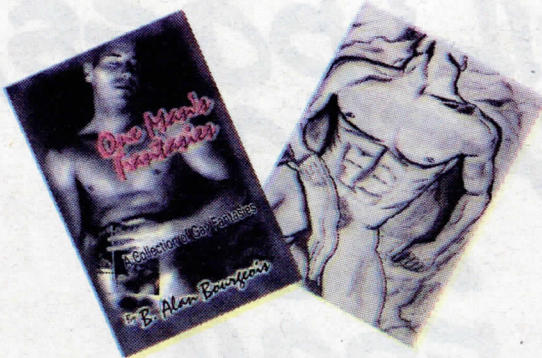
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