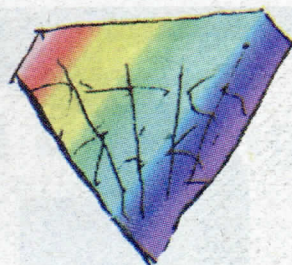


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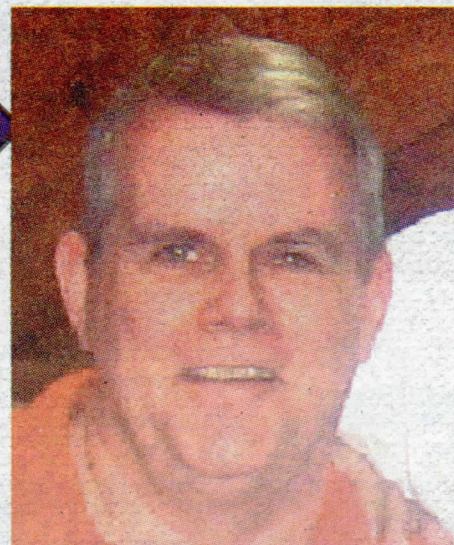
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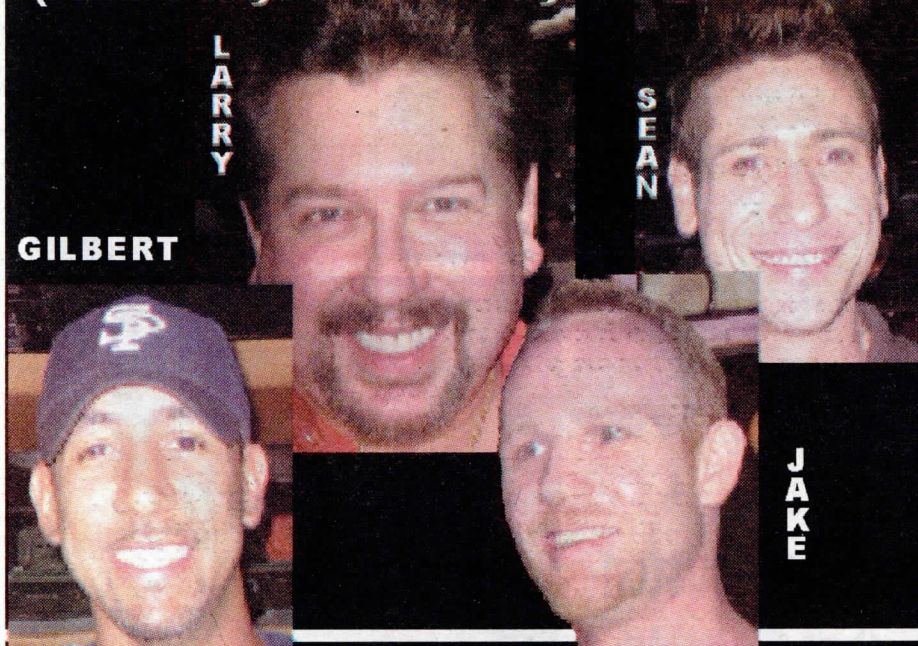
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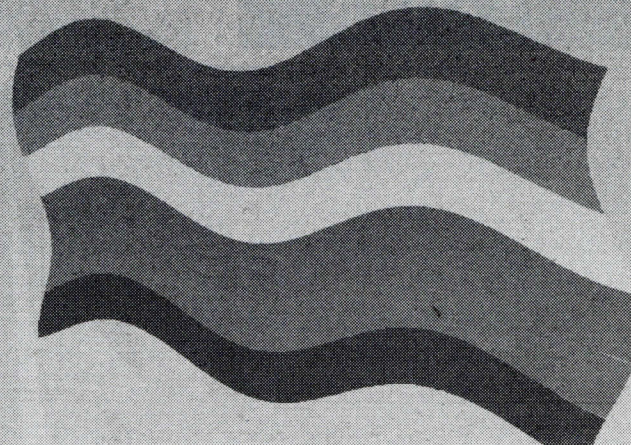
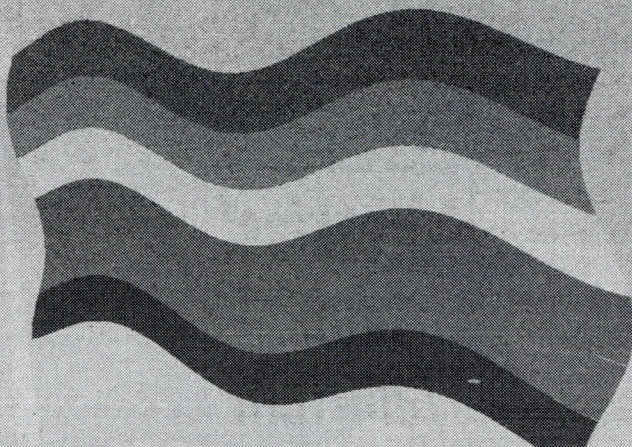
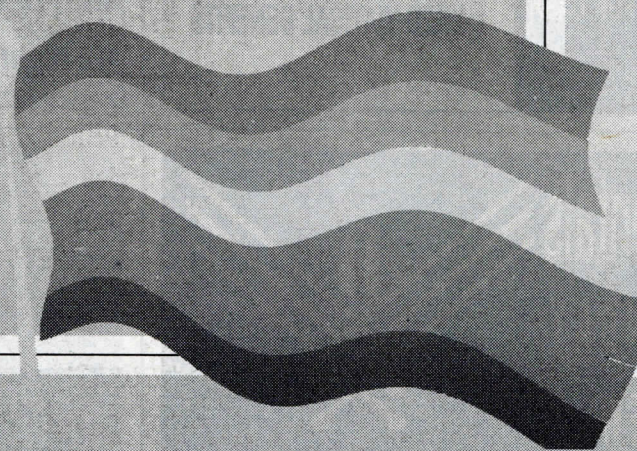


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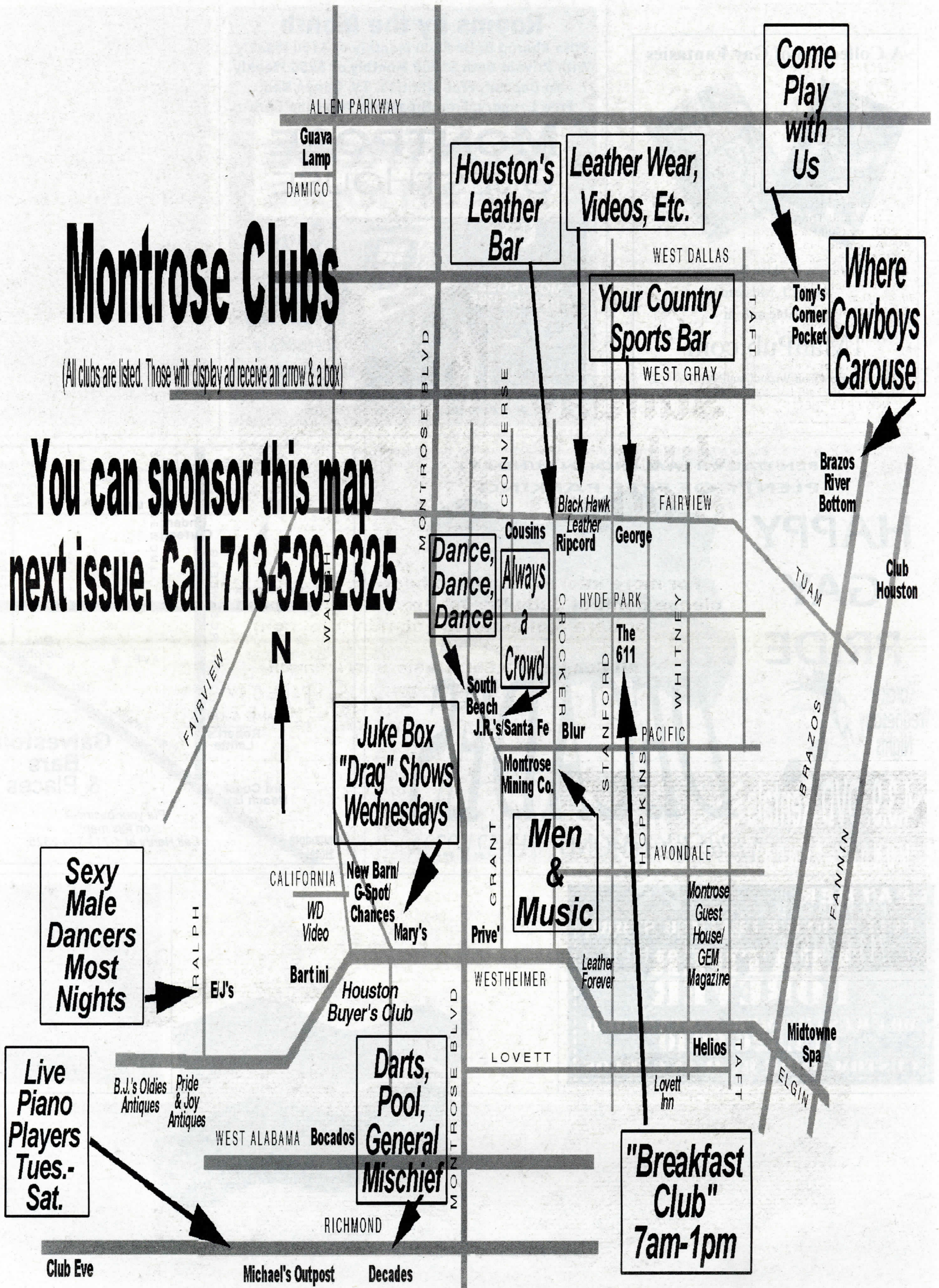
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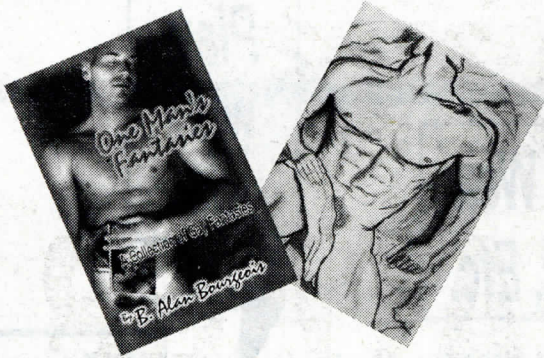
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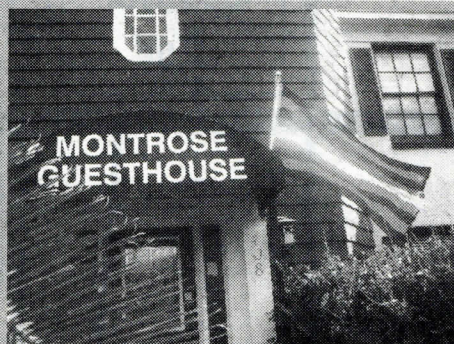
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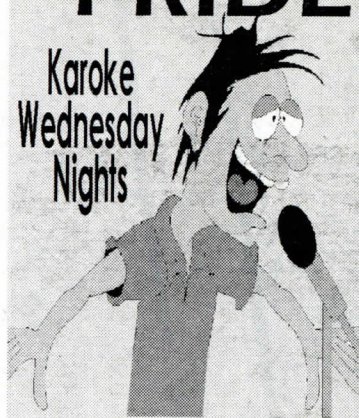
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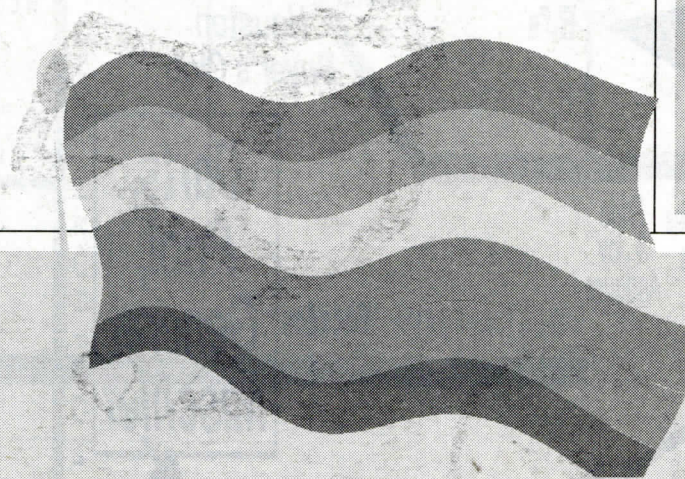
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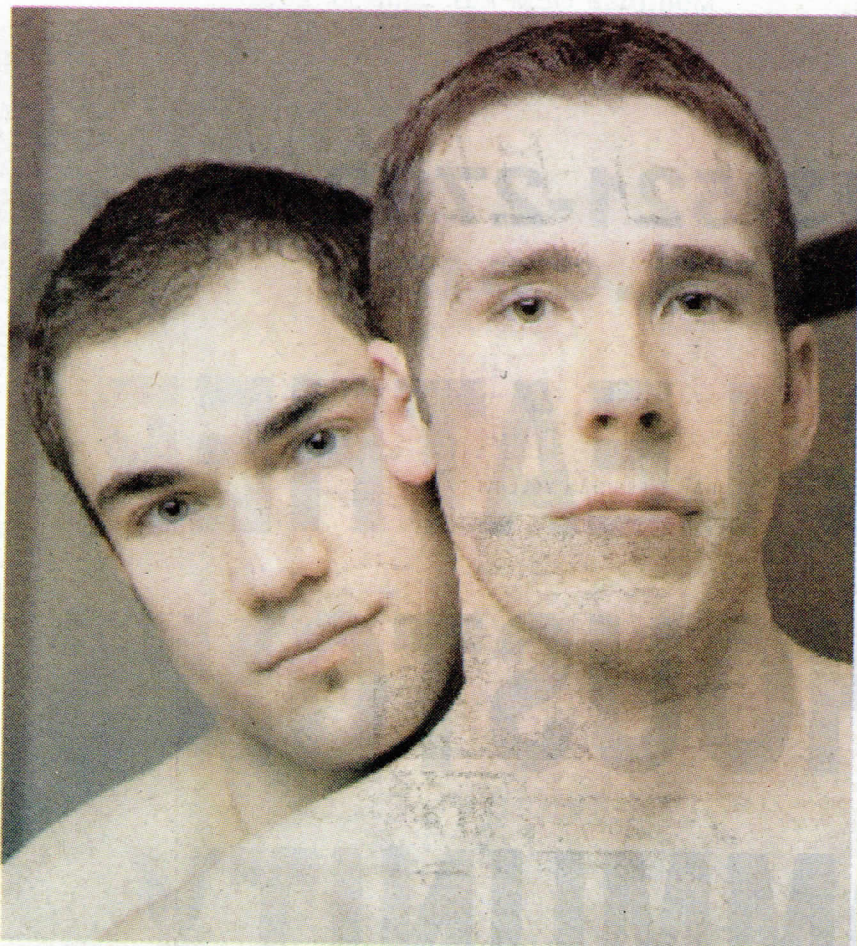
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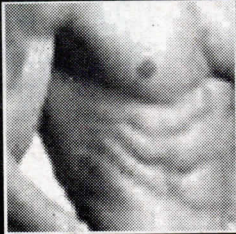
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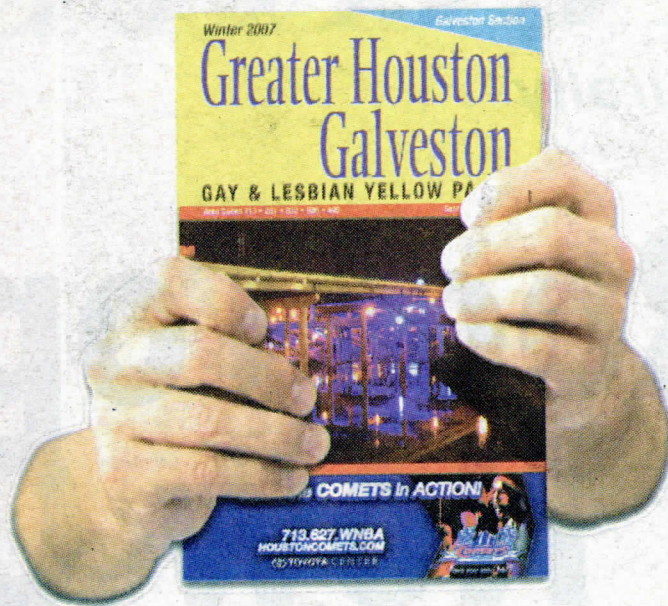


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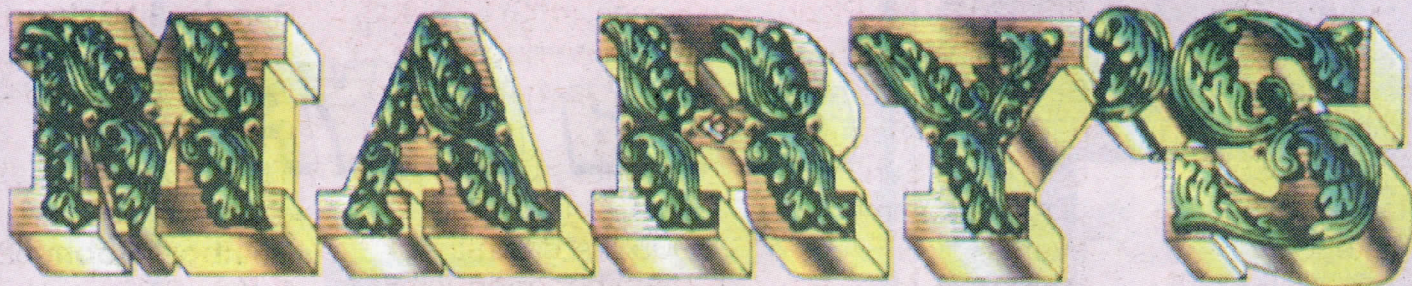
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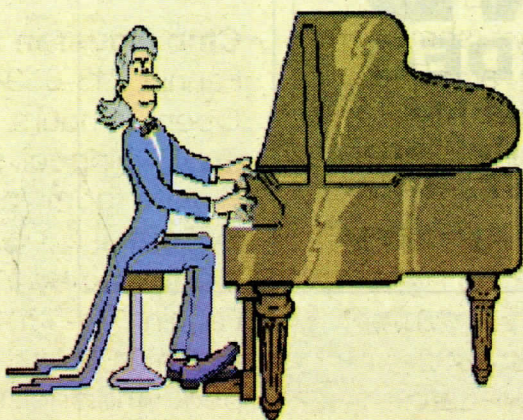
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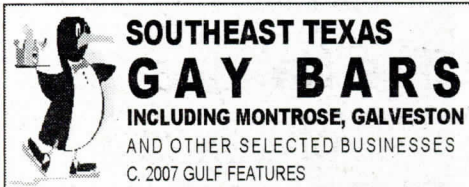
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By Jack Fertig
c. 2007 Q SYNDICATE

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The Sun
in Gemini

already has tongues a-wagging. Trine to Neptune, it opens up sensitivity, poetry, and sympathy. Logic is a bit weak, but you can win arguments with seductive appeals, if not actual facts. Mars in Aries energizes this mix. Act quickly! Focus comes unpredictably, and only in short bursts.

ARIES (March 20 -April 19): It's hard to resist following your impulses. Good, long walks and conversation with friends will help you see what those urges are about and where they may lead.

TAURUS (April 20 -May 20): You like to move with slow, careful deliberation, but now is the time to act on impulse, even while shopping. Trust your instincts, and stay true to whatever spiritual authority you acknowledge.

GEMINI (May 21 -June 20): Your birthday gift is a license to jabber as you please. Stimulate your friends to share ideas that will challenge your own ideals. Out of that chatter can come sudden inspirations that will help you make clear plans for your future.

CANCER (June 21 -July 22): Some of your most secret desires and passions may be very publicly revealed. With dignity and humor, you can turn that to your advantage. At the very least, shrugging off hints of scandal will show impressive self-assurance.

LEO (July 23 -August 22): A little confusion about where you stand in your relationship is provoking you to ask questions, both pointed and philosophical. Stay philosophical. All in all, the quest for deeper understanding is great. Invite -don't drag -your baby along for this ride!

VIRGO (August 23 -September 22): You're already pretty industrious and need no lectures on the value of hard work, but now that work pays extra dividends. Still, take time to play! Staying in balance and indulging your libido are important for morale and productivity.

LIBRA (September 23 -October 22): You're especially playful these days, perhaps making it unusually difficult for your partner to keep up. Baby wants to play, but let your sweetie set the pace. Suggest anything new, different, and appealing, but defer to your darling when it comes to deciding.

SCORPIO (October 23 -November 21): Start a new exercise and health regimen. Review your diet and make improvements. Your sex life is also a factor in your health. Discuss that with a friend who can be trusted with the details and will show good judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 -December 20): Explore new fun and games with your partner. Word games -something like Dictionary or Scrabble -will stimulate your elocution in the wider world. You want something more erotic? How about strip-Boggle or a kinky spelling-bee fantasy?

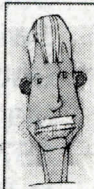
CAPRICORN (December 21 -January 19): At work, your energy is especially high, but a bit scattered. Doing some housework will help you focus. If you run out of household chores, ask yourself how Mom would prioritize and tackle the jobs at hand.

AQUARIUS (January 20 -February 18): Your playful banter could come off a bit more aggressive than you intended. For safety's sake, carefully choose appropriate targets and favor the pen over the tongue. If you can't say anything nice, talk about Ann Coulter.

PISCES (February 19 -March 19): Usually a bad idea, retail therapy is now exactly what you need. Perhaps something of a spiritual nature to decorate your home? Set yourself a budget and do some browsing; when the impulse is right, you'll know it.

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 that? I have my own medical
 opinion. And here it is.

The first stage in the
 digestive system is the saliva
 in your mouth. You have
 noticed in African nature
 films that when a lion makes
 a kill, it will lick the dead
 prey. It's something in the
 prehistoric past, I think.

And what about kissing?
 Well that's different. (This is
 Doctor Henry speaking.)

There are certain people in
 the bars who will run up to you
 and kiss you. You know them.

Smack, smack.

They are usually doing you
 a favor unknown to both you
 and him. They are planting on
 you a very small amount of
 germs and antibiotics from
 countless kinds of fungus, etc..
 This helps you to develop your
 own immunity to the stuff
 they have and you don't.

Of course, maybe they
 have a large infection of the
 dreaded Mongoose Jungle
 Rot. It overwhelms your body
 and the only cure is to deep
 freeze and then boil you back
 to life. But this rarely works.

Oh well.

Booze at 7:00 a.m.?

Sure, why not. A bunch of
 us do at the five area gay bars
 that open at that time.

What kind of people, you
 ask. Several kinds. There are
 those on the way to work
 who stop off for coffee (or
 something stronger) before
 going to their jobs.

There are the retired
 people (and the rich people
 who don't have to work)
 starting their day, and then
 spending it all day keeping

their barstools warm.

And then there is the
 party crowd from the night
 before who want to continue
 the festivities.

And there's a secret that
 I may not be authorized to
 share with you. Drink prices
 at all five clubs are a bargain in
 the mornings.

So can you name all five
 gay bars? I bet not, so I'm
 going to tell you. The 611,
 George, E/J's and Mary's in
 Houston and Robert's LaFitte in
 Galveston.

Among those eye-
 awakening beauties on the
 cover are a selection and
 current and recent 7:00 a.m.
 bartenders: Lady Lee and
 Jerry at George, Carl and
 Terry at Mary's and Lulu at
 E/J's.

Friends Leave Us

In this world we come, we
 live, we learn and then we retire.
 After that, who knows? But
 we believe there is a time after
 this one. Or perhaps there is
 something beyond this life
 but it does not have "time" as
 we know it. Who knows.

In the past few
 weeks we lost two
 of our friends.

Bob

Bob was a
 regular at The
 611 but recently
 passed away. In
 my mind he was
 the nicest of the
 morning and mid-
 day crowd.

He would
 always tell me
 (and others),
 "Come sit here and tell me
 what's going on with you."
 He didn't want to talk about
 himself. He wanted to hear
 about you.

From my conversations
 with him, I believe he was
 involved in the early days
 with Baja Sam's in Dallas
 which later also opened Baja
 Sam's on Lovett in Houston,
 each a high-end combination
 restaurant and bar.

Goodbye Bob.

Andy

We also lost Andy, know in
 the clubs as the A/C man. For
 the price of your friendship,
 if you had an air conditioning
 problem, he was who we called
 first.

Andy lived in one of my
 rooms for the summer of
 last year in exchange for
 getting my system running
 properly. It took him awhile
 but eventually, using used
 parts and his sweat, he got it
 working. Thank you Andy.

At This Point in Time

I hate that expression.
 What do you think? Just what
 does it mean? Our local TV
 reporters use it all the time.

"At this point in time"
 is simply the word "now."
 And "At that point in time" is
 simply the word "then."

Little ol' me has never
 been guilty of taking a simple
 subject or expression and
 expanding it into a paragraph
 or two. No, not me.

Uniforms at the V.A.

A bunch of us old-timers
 (and new ones on the way from

shorts. Just jeans and a shirt.
 (Many also have their special
 VFW, battleship or other ball
 caps.)

Gay Pride 2007

This is it. And it's possible
 that this year's parade will be
 the last one down Westheimer
 before it moves to downtown.

But not so fast. There's a
 gazillion people working to
 keep it on Westheimer.

How do you spell gazillion?
 I obviously don't know.

And Now, These Messages

Mary's is selling roof-top
 tickets for the parade at \$30
 each. Or \$35 on the day of the
 parade. But buy yours today
 or you may be left out.

Babara Walters says a man
 looks so much taller when he is
 standing on his money.

Papa Del

The long-time morning
 bartender at The 611 and
 former club owner himself,
 can use our thoughts and
 prayers right now.

And Now! An Important Note.

As many of you
 know my health requires
 me seek help with this
 newspaper, either as a
 partner or a new outright
 owner.

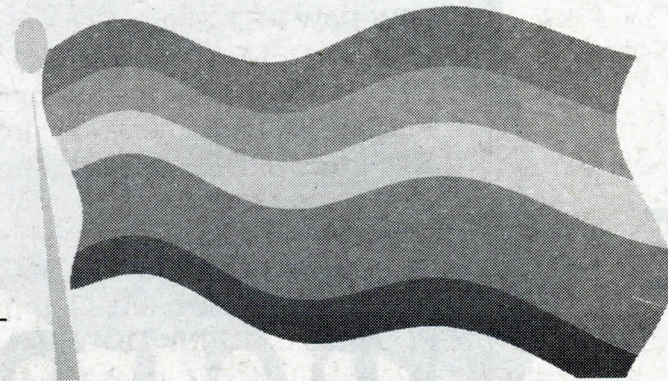
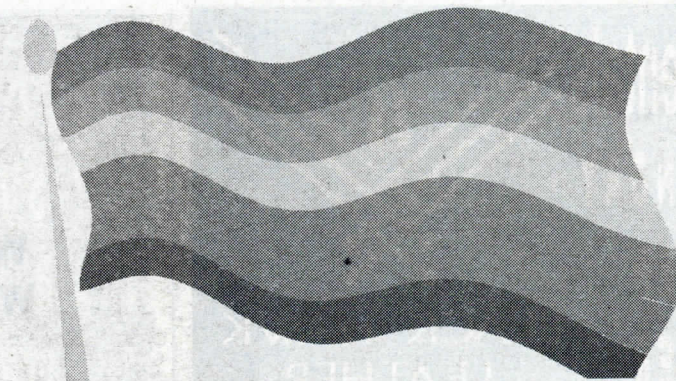
I have been having
 discussions with four
 parties over the last
 month. But maybe you
 are interested and didn't
 know the situation.

My goal is to turn it
 over to someone or some
 group who can see that
 potential and guide it into
 the professional (and much
 bigger) publication that it
 should be.

The price is fair. Call me at
 281-650-3489.

Normally announcements
 like this are handled through
 agents and others. But not
 me. I've always been a little
 different from others.

We are your gay
 newspaper with a big
 potential. Thank you.



Iraq) served our full time in
 the military. I fought in the
 Civil War, I think.

Anyway, while serving
 we all wore uniforms. (I was
 a cutie in my sailor outfit.)
 Many of us are entitled to full
 or partial medical care for life.

But I've noticed that there
 is an uniform you wear when
 you go the V.A. Hospital. What
 is that uniform? Why it's jeans.
 Everyone wears jeans. No
 Dockers, no bloomers, no

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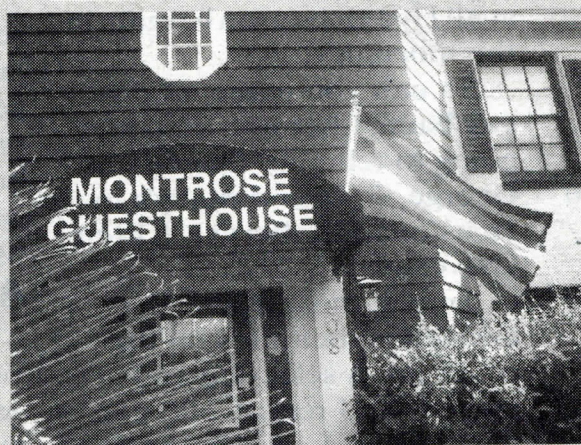
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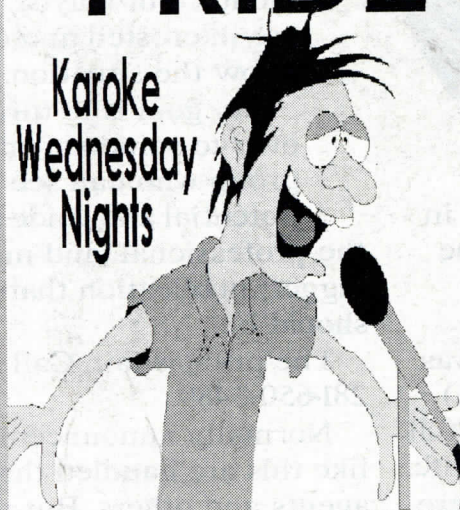
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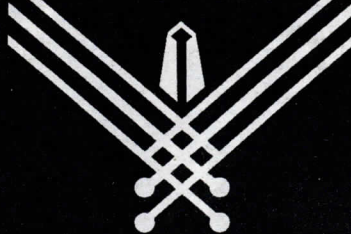
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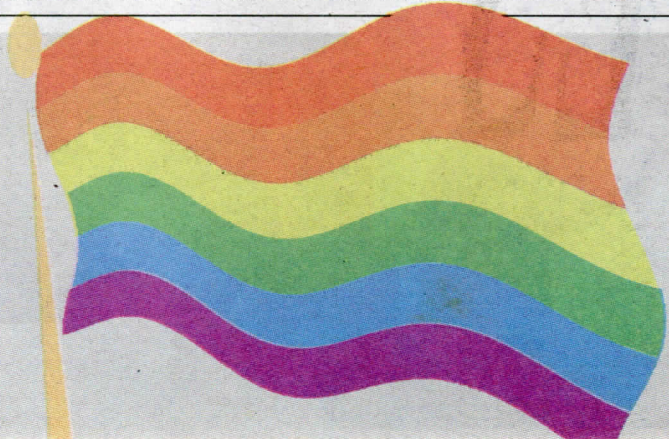
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