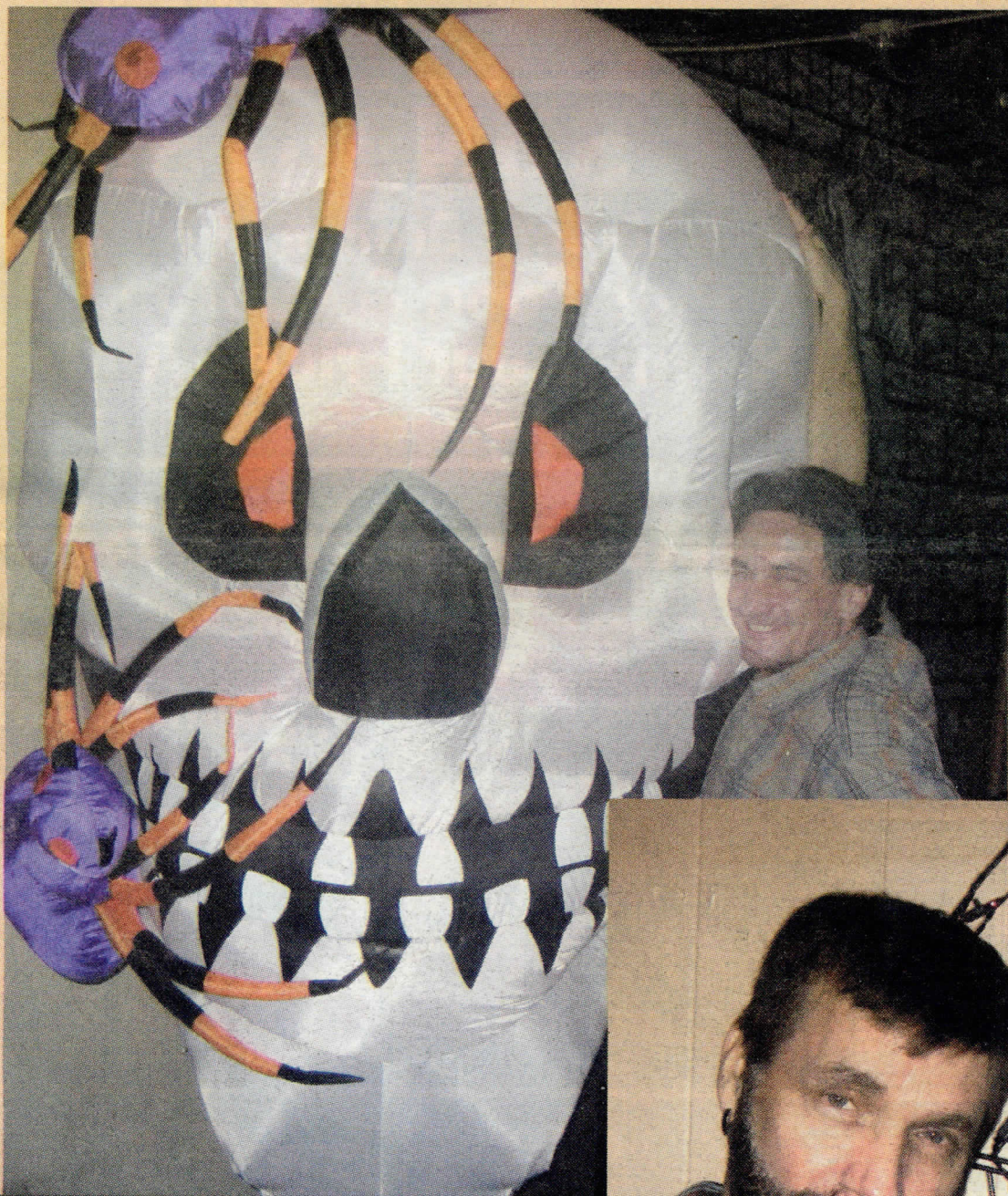




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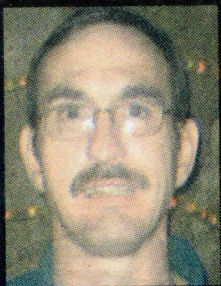
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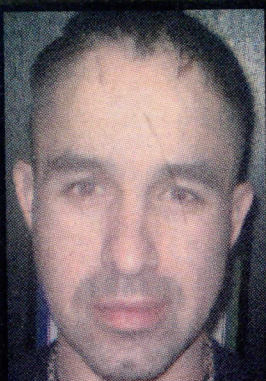


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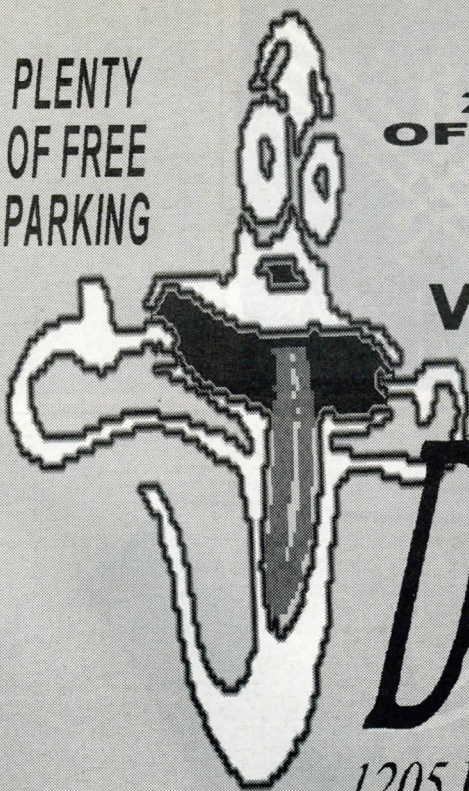
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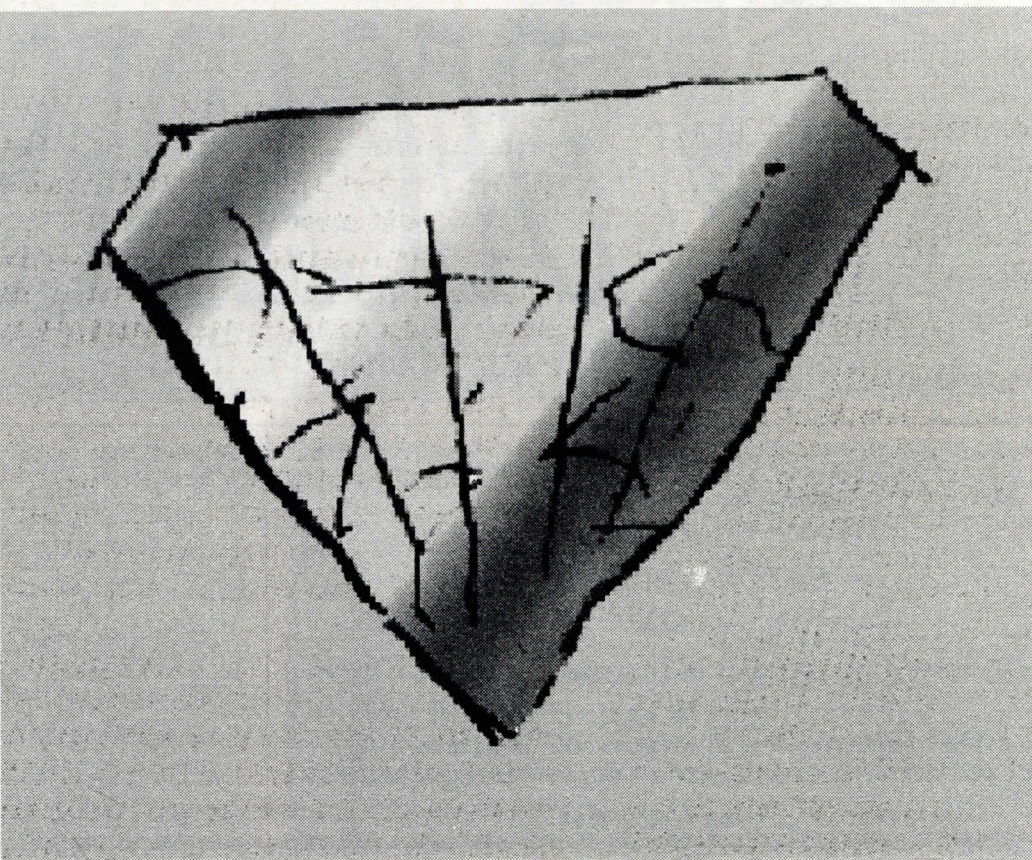
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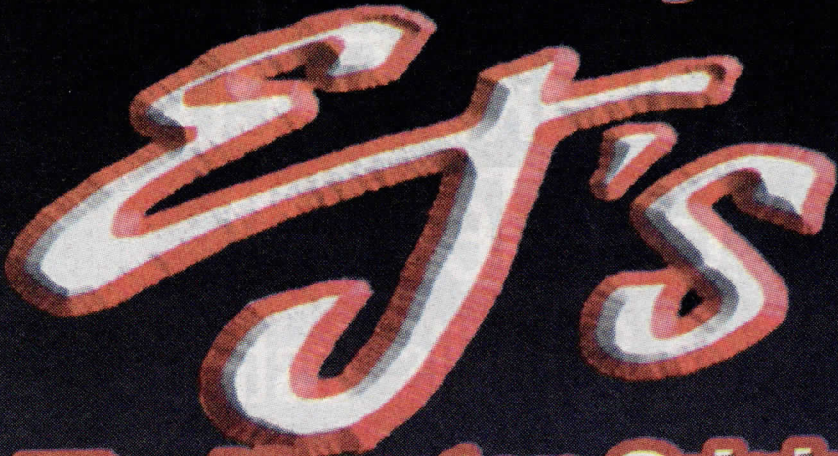
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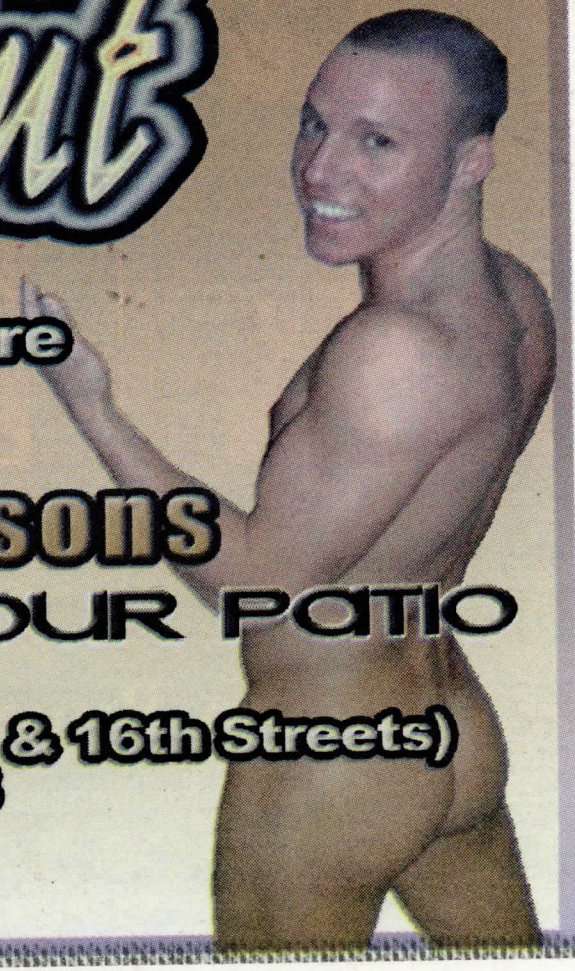
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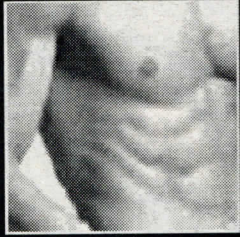
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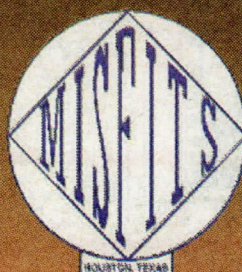
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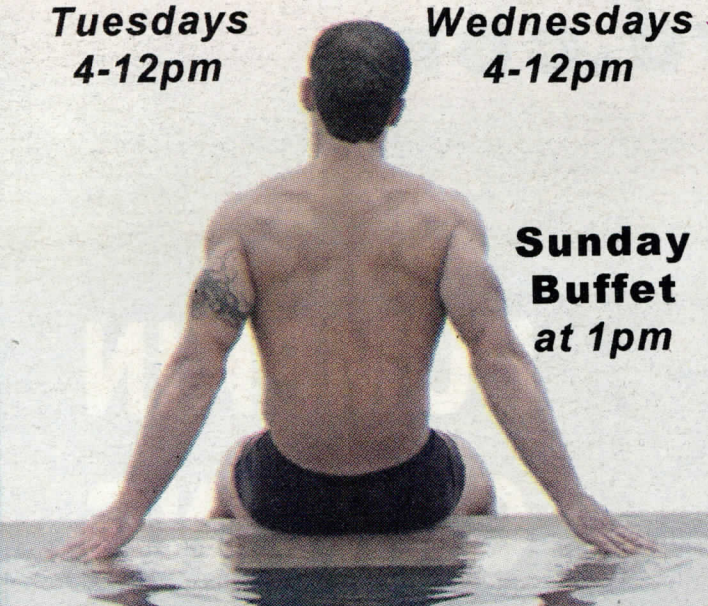
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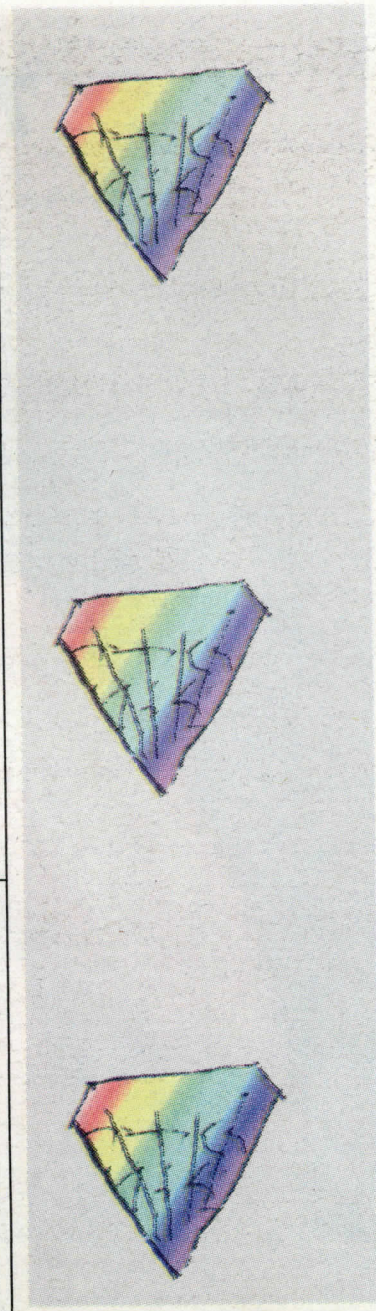
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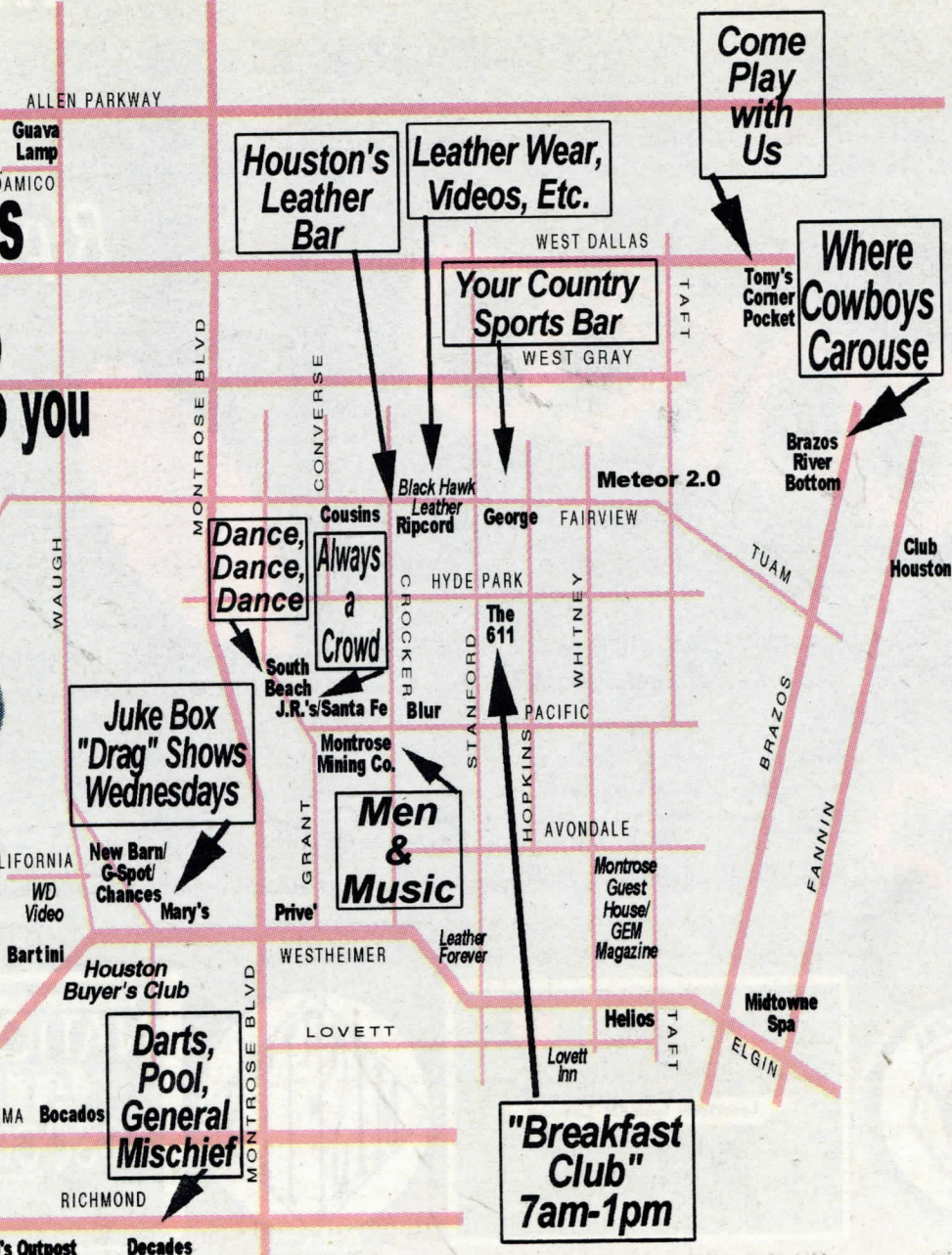
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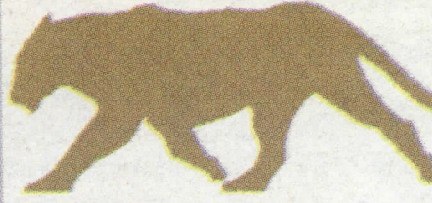


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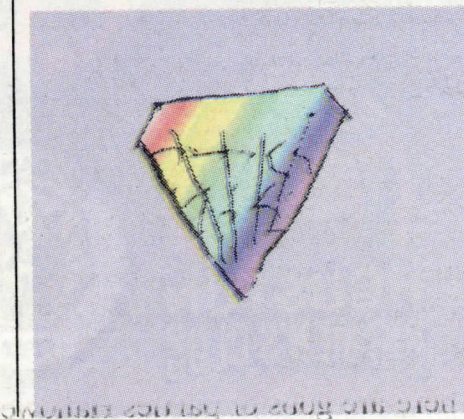




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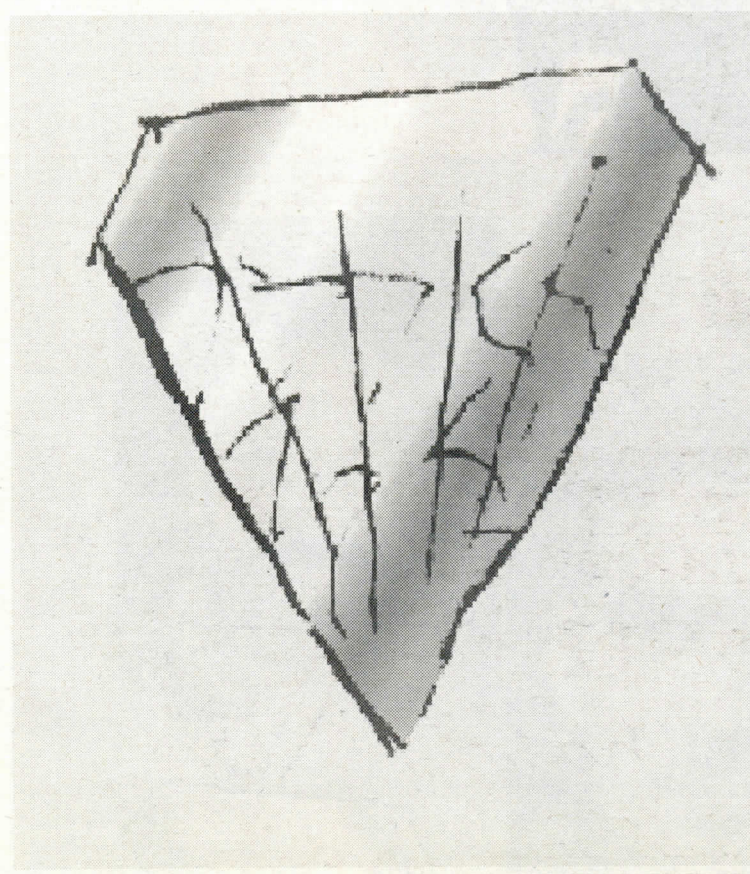
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Clean Up Your Act, Capricorn!

Mercury is turning retrograde, this time in Libra, bringing up flaws in contracts and long-simmering disagreements in partnerships. Pluto's influence can ask radical questions of simple disagreements, exposing deep problems. Clear the air, but let real solutions and reconciliation come a few weeks down the road.

ARIES (March 20 to April 19) However important the argument seems, be very careful of words you'll have to eat later. Charm in lieu of fact, if honestly presented as such, will backfire less disastrously. A past fling may return. Don't mistake passion for love.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Review your health and hygiene habits and any meds you may be taking. Better sooner than later. Any need for revision will become apparent, perhaps making you wish you'd taken that ounce of prevention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your usual adeptness at flirtation seems to be on vacation. Although briefly incompetent in the sport of love, that fumbling may endear you to someone who's looking for something more enduring than fun and games.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Domestic misunderstandings can lead to lots of work, or can turn things around and clean up the muck at the root of the troubles. Pro-actively or not, be prepared to roll up your sleeves. The work may not be pretty, but the results can be!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Misstatements, malapropisms, and other mistakes can provide unusual inspirations. With Mercury turning retrograde, everyone is doing a bit of verbal slapstick. Keep a sense of humor and turn it all to your benefit.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If errors in the household accounts turn up now, accept them as blessings in disguise. Cleaning them up can be a major headache; be prepared for that. Anticipate improvements and savings down the road.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unintended double entendres and other trips of the tongue can be the source of great humor or minor embarrassment. Know when to laugh and when to apologize -and when to do both in games of seduction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your worries about money are not entirely unfounded, but they are probably exaggerated. Trust your instincts as a guide to what you need to check on, but get material confirmation. Resist jumping to conclusions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 20) Your real friends are the ones who can tell you when you're getting too pushy. It may be time to trim your sails and reconsider your goals. Giving something up may be necessary, but you'll feel unburdened once you really let go.

CAPRICORN (December 21 to January 19) Confrontation with authority can now seem like a grave setback, but it can also tell you where to clean up your act, proving to be a blessing in disguise. It may be weeks before you see the good in it. Be humble and patient.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Welcome intellectual challenges that might make you reconsider old ideas. As you know, everyone needs correction now and then -even you! Let go of stale dogmas. Willingness to adapt and grow will give you powerful new visions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 19) Whoever is spreading lies about your sex life is doing you a favor, even if that's not the intent. If it gets really nasty, try to look more amazed and amused than insulted. Keep a sense of humor, and your reputation will actually be enhanced.



**THIS IS
MONTROSE**
 News, Nonsense, Rants
 By Henry McClurg

Well, something's going on. Oh, it's Halloween. Welcome to the GEM's 68th edition.

Some Kind of Daddy

There's a Ford truck commercial airing on all the stations with a western singer going, "I'm a Big Dog Daddy ... I'm a Big Dog Daddy." You have seen it if you've been halfway awake over the past month. But, Yes, But! Those are not the original words. They are, "I'm a Ding Dong Daddy ..." Really. I saw it performed on the Lawrence Welk show.

Quickies

Sundays at Meteor has "Million Dollar Karaoke" with \$1 vodka (except Martinis).

Gilbert Gets Old

Bartender Gilbert will celebrate yet another birthday with a party at The 611 on Thursday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Black Hawk sale

20% off most items with a \$20 purchase starting Sunday, Oct. 21 for 3 days. Here is where you can get sexy attire for Halloween.

Halloweenie

There are gobs of parties Halloween

weekend. The 611 will have prizes for costumes and drink specials Oct. 31.

The Ripcord will hold a pumpkin-carving contest beginning at noon on Monday.

BRB's costume contest will be Sunday.

Where did Halloween come from? It started a long time ago (very long time) when Miss Dee of Cousins was a toddler. Shortly thereafter, when all of our existing club owners were born and grew of age, they designated the date as the National Gay Holiday.

"Don your gay apparel" was meant for Halloween but accidentally ended up in a Christmas song. And thus, the Party Season was born: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

But wait! That was only about 2 months long. So we added Mardi Gras (thanks to our New Orleans boys) and then, we added L.U.E.Y. to the mix. So the party season was extended to about four months.

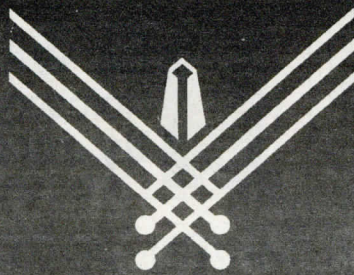
The movie rental place at Montrose and Westheimer has closed. In the middle of the night, they got up and left. (Well, maybe not the middle of the night.) I think that corner would make a great location for the office of your favorite bar rag. But we could not afford it by ourselves. So why don't you open it as a gay superstore and we'll take a corner in the back. I'll be waiting for your phone call.

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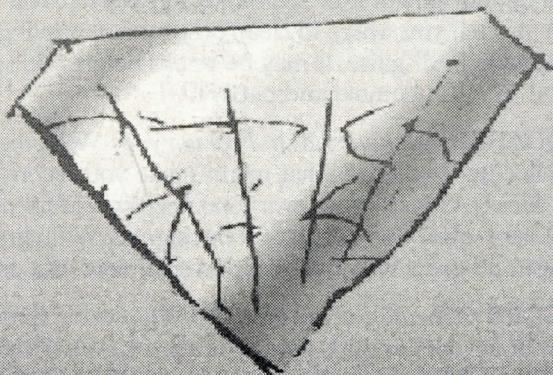
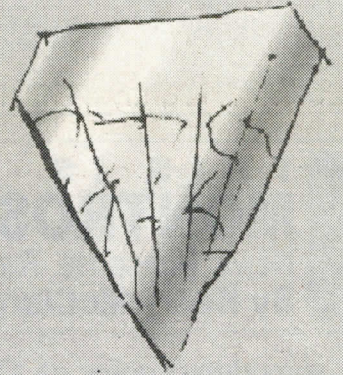
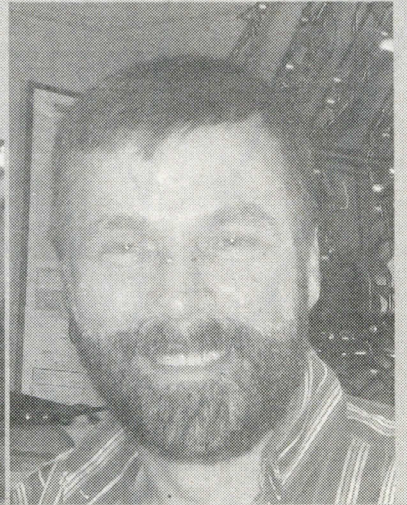
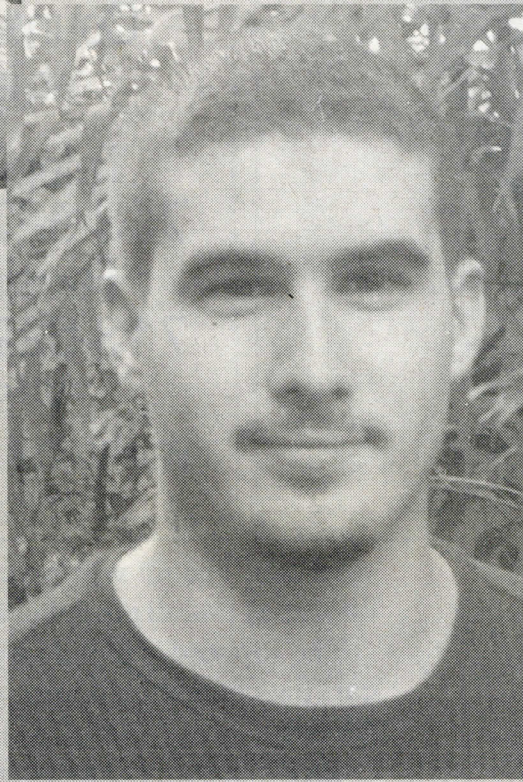
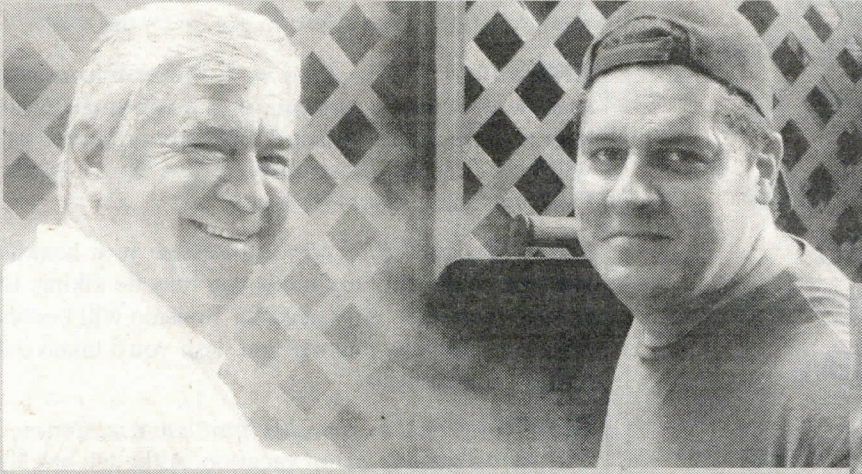
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Blur 710 Pacific. 713-713-529-3447. Nightly dance bar, Sunday Tea Dance, closed Mon. & Tues.

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. The New Barn is open as this women's club repairs itself from the fire.

Club 1415 1415 California, 713-522-7066. Open for theme parties some nights.

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired to the young. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A

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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.

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La Academia 5829 S. Gessner, 713-334-5422, dance club

Club 69 6121 Hillcroft, 832-891-2241, Latino.

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

Crystal U.S. 59 at Hillcroft, 713-278-2582. Drag shows Wed. & Thurs., dancing Fri. & Sat.

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, S.W. Houston, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored dance club, Sunday impersonation shows

Mona Lisa 6101 Wilcrest at Harwin. Diamond Cut Sisters Thursdays

Toyz 5322 Glenmont, 713-632-2544, 281-451-2094. Open Tuesdays (shows and dancing) and Fridays ("girls night")

North Houston & Spring

Amazonia 11449 I-45 at Aldine Bender, N. Houston, 281-260-9885, 832-244-4354. Latin-flavored dance club with male strippers, impersonators

Ranch Hill Saloon 24704 I-45 N., #103,

Spring, (936) 441-6426. Open 4pm Mon.-Thurs., 6pm Fri.-Sat., closed Sun.

Rainbow Room 527 Barren Springs, N. Houston, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar opens daily at noon, up past Bush airport

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

Other Inner Loop
House of Finesse 2912 Wentworth, near T.S.U. campus, 713-522-6074. Only open for special events

In-N-Out 1537 N. Shepherd, 713-589-9780. "MetroSocial" open daily 4pm

Beaumont

Copa 304 Orleans, (409) 832-4206. Dancing and shows

Chris' Crockett St. Pub 407 Crockett at Park, (409) 835-4243. Beaumont's general neighborhood, city-wide gay watering hole

Bryan
Halo Video Bar 121 N. Main, (979) 260-2437

Revolution Cafe & Bar 211B. South Main. Bryan, 979-823-4044, "gay-friendly," live music nightly

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**DEEP INSIDE
HOLLYWOOD**
By Romeo San Vicente
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Three For What Used To Be '4'

Sure, TV has featured transgender characters, but there's never been anything quite like what Ryan Murphy ("Nip/Tuck") wants to put on the small screen with his new pilot, the one formerly known as "4 oz." (the weight of the "average" penis).

Murphy's now unnamed comedy/drama is about a man actually in the process of transitioning to womanhood.

In the wake of Felicity Huffman's Oscar nomination for "Transamerica," finding an actor willing to walk a mile in heels was probably easy, but Murphy has chosen "Shakespeare in Love" star Joseph Fiennes from the pool of wannabe ladies.

Meanwhile, Blythe Danner and Robert Wagner are also on board as Fiennes' parents.

Murphy already directed Fiennes once, in the little-seen "Running with Scissors." Here's hoping this second collaboration will meet a

kinder fate.

**Rupert Everett,
Stephen Fry
Attend Girls'**

School

In the U.K., St. Trinian's is a well-known fictional place.

The subject of a series of cartoons from British cartoonist Ronald Searle, which then became a series of films in the 1950s and '60s, it's a girls' school full of badly behaved students and strange teachers.

And it's getting a modern facelift with a new movie, "St. Trinian's," which will star Colin Firth, Mischa Barton, Stephen Fry, and, playing dual roles and genders, Rupert Everett.

Everett will take on the part of both the school's headmistress and her brother, who must contend with the possibility of institutional bankruptcy.

The film should have instant appeal at home and will get a warm welcome from Anglophile Americans when it finally crosses the Atlantic.

Meanwhile, Romeo hopes Mischa Barton finds a good dialect coach.

Disasters Are Fun at Here

Don't let anyone accuse

Here TV of thinking small.

The queer network is about to embark on a journey worthy of Gene Hackman and Shelley Winters' trip on the S.S. Poseidon.

Here will be producing a whopping 12 original eco-disaster-themed films for broadcast, the first of which, "Solar Flare," will star Tracey Gold and Michelle Clunie (of the late, lamented "Queer as Folk"), as people consumed by the devastating effects of a solar flare—whatever that is.

Not since the crazily entertaining earthquake

other eco-apocalypses await, but it can be assumed the network passed on Romeo's script, "A Really Muggy and Uncomfortable Afternoon."

Britney's Biggest Fan Makes a Deal

You know him as the screaming, crying, "Leave Britney Alone" guy from YouTube.

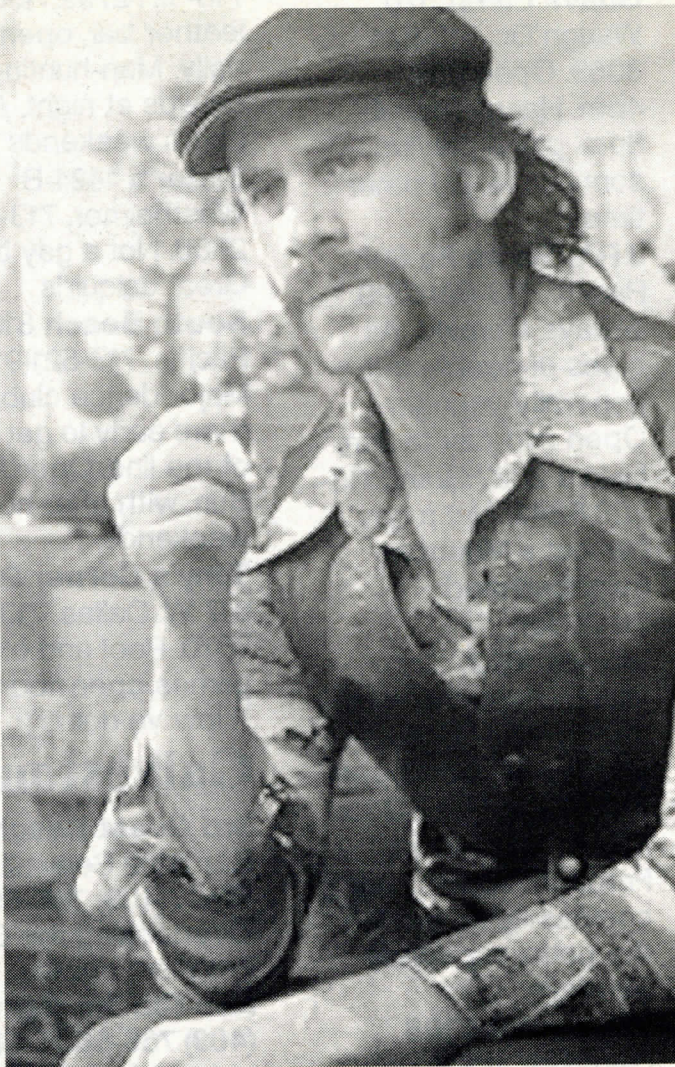
But you may soon become much more familiar with young gay Internet sensation Chris Crocker than you ever imagined (not counting the recently surfaced and seemingly requisite nude photos that are standard for all new media sensations).

That's because the teenager has recently inked a development deal with production company 44 Blue Prods. to star in his own reality series.

It's assumed that Crocker's grandparents would be a part of this series, even though, based on Crocker's own video outbursts, his family is not exactly a source of support.

What happens next is anyone's guess, but you can't blame the young man for signing on

quickly in a bid to finally get out of the seemingly prison-like small town where he's currently stuck.



epic "10.5" debuted on NBC has there been news this good for fans of Earth's destruction.

No word yet on what

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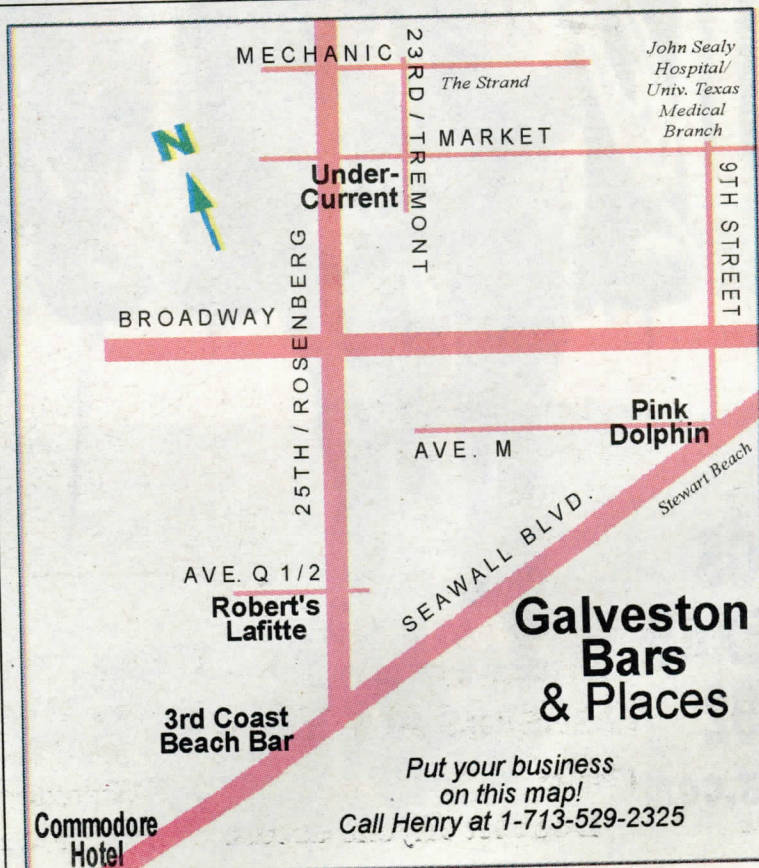


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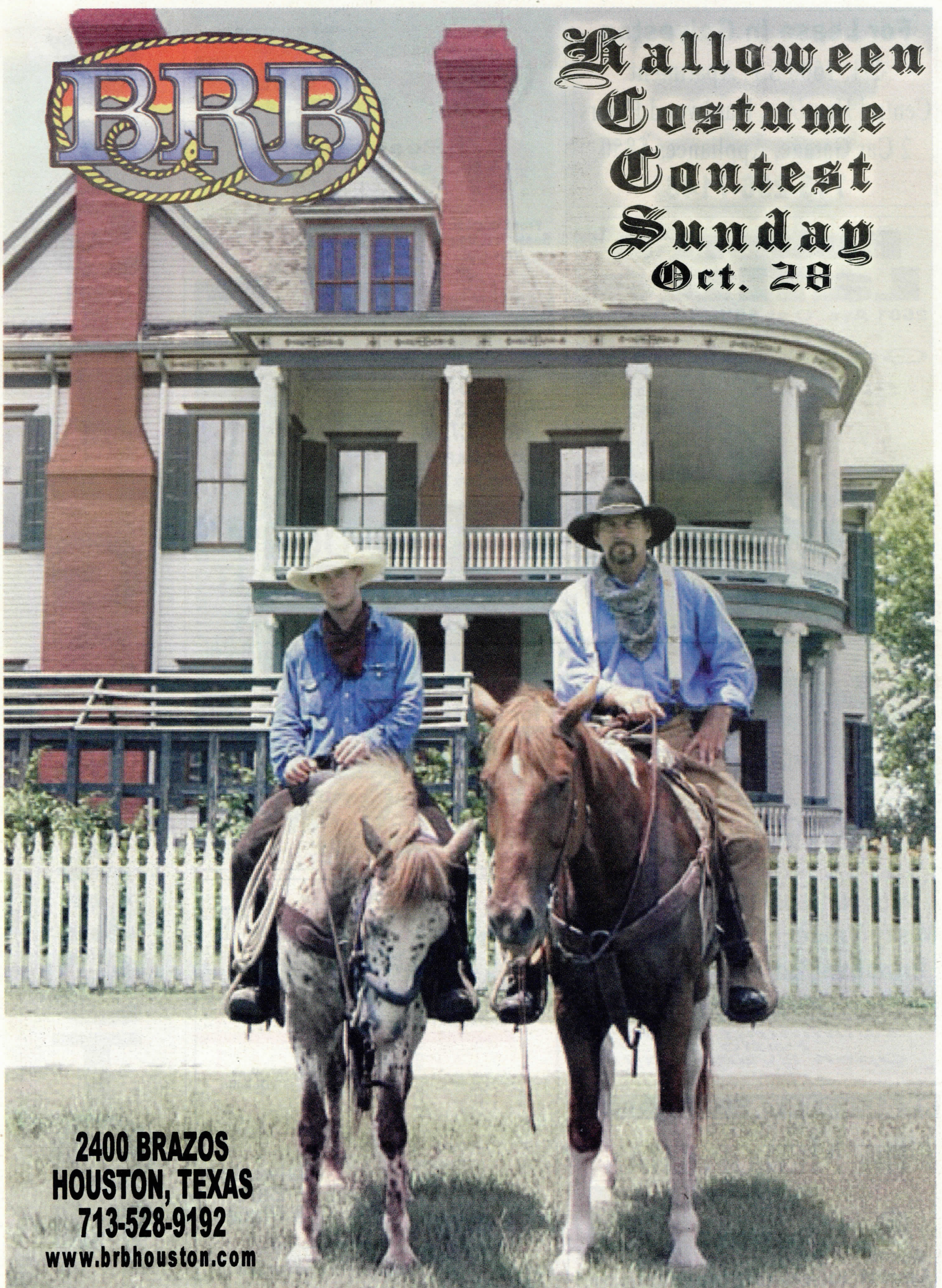
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