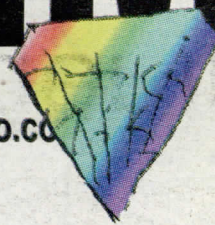


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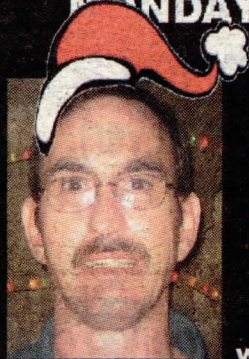
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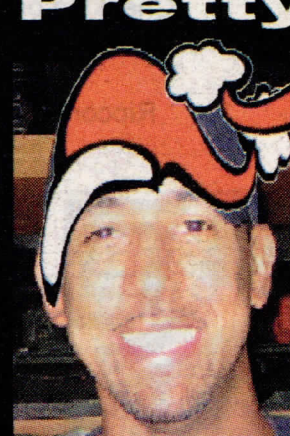
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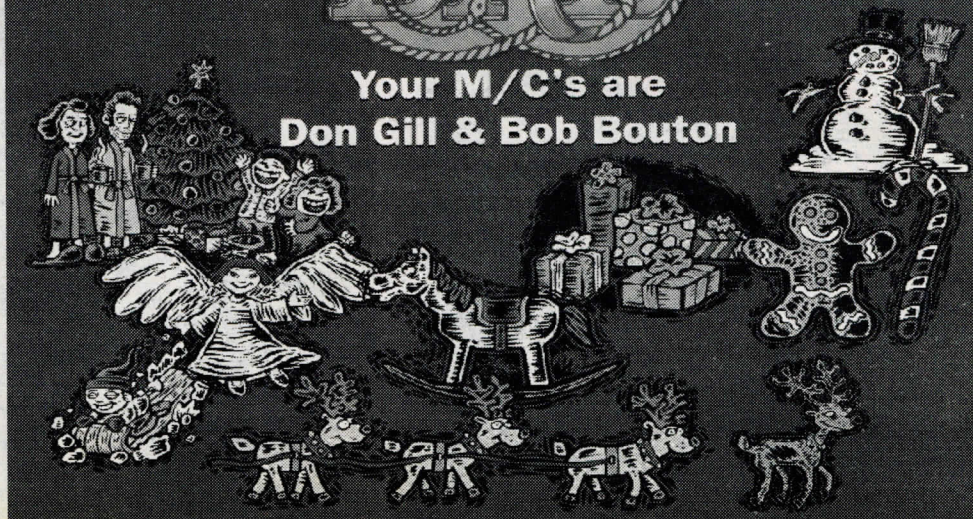
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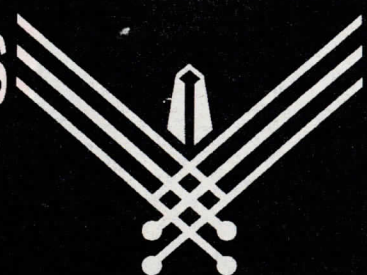
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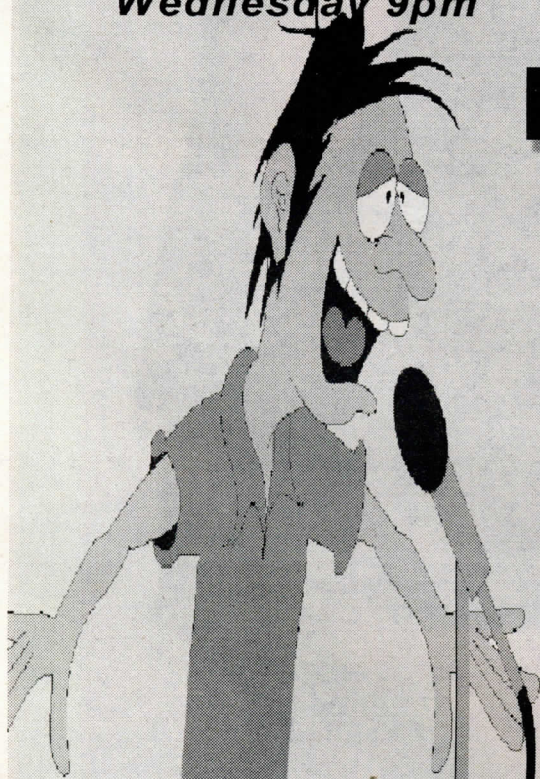
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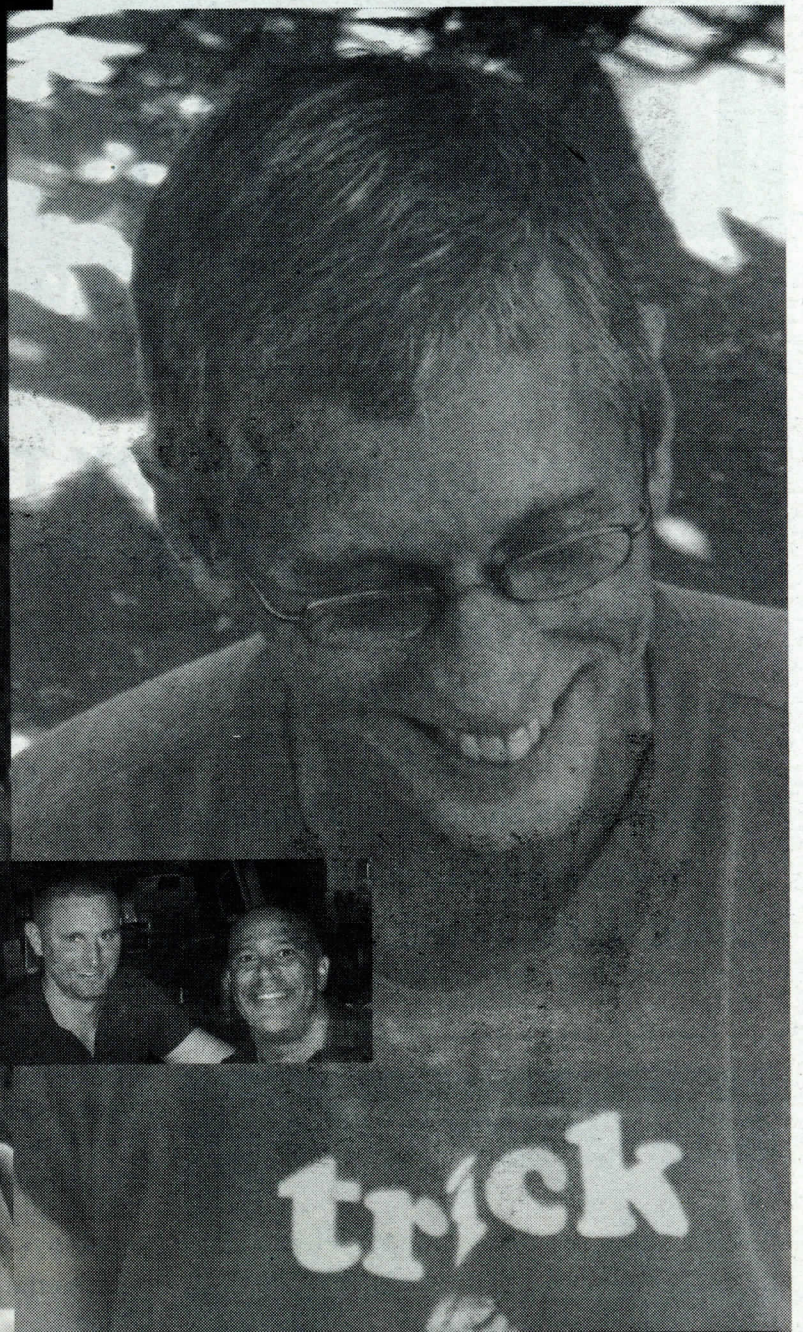
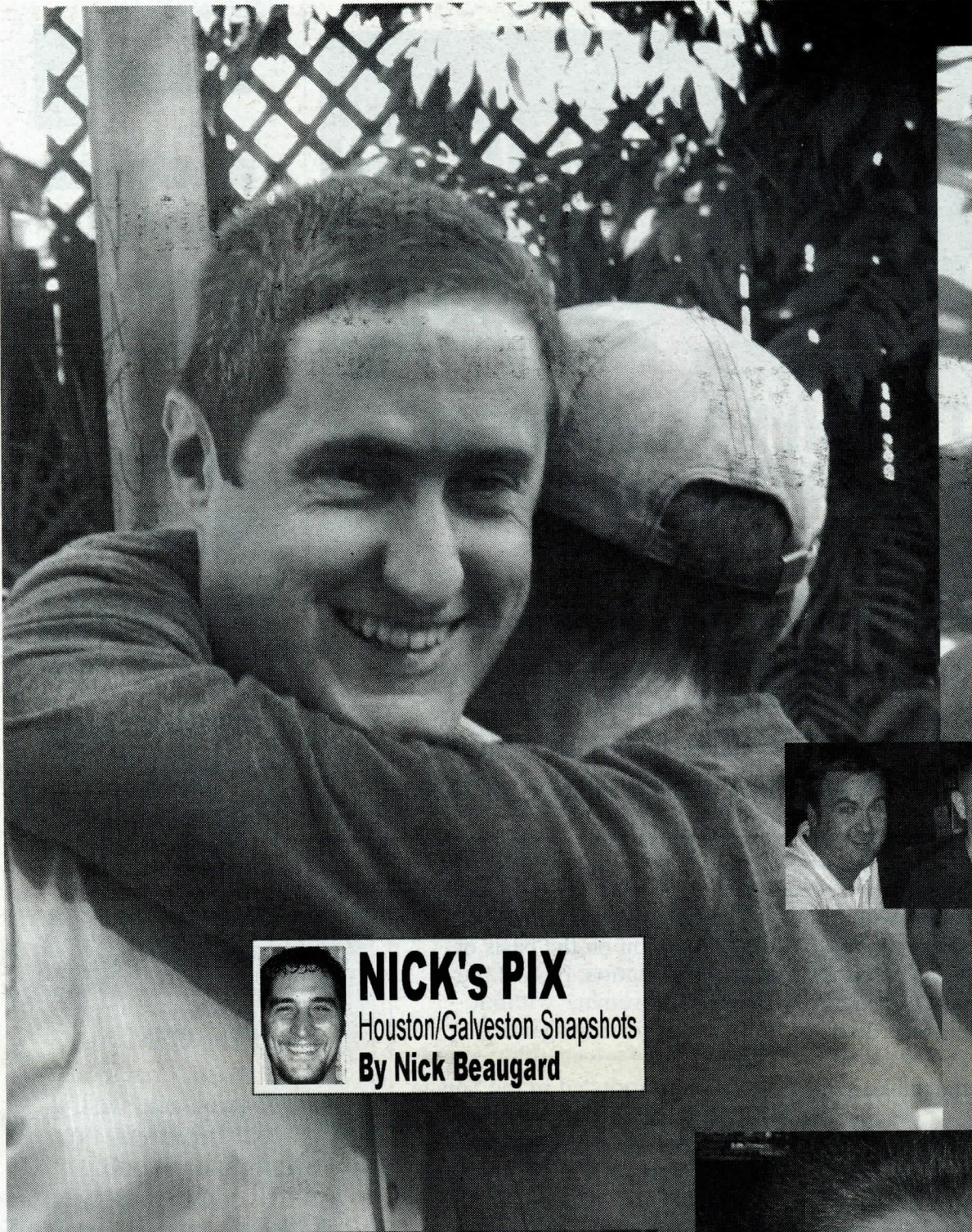
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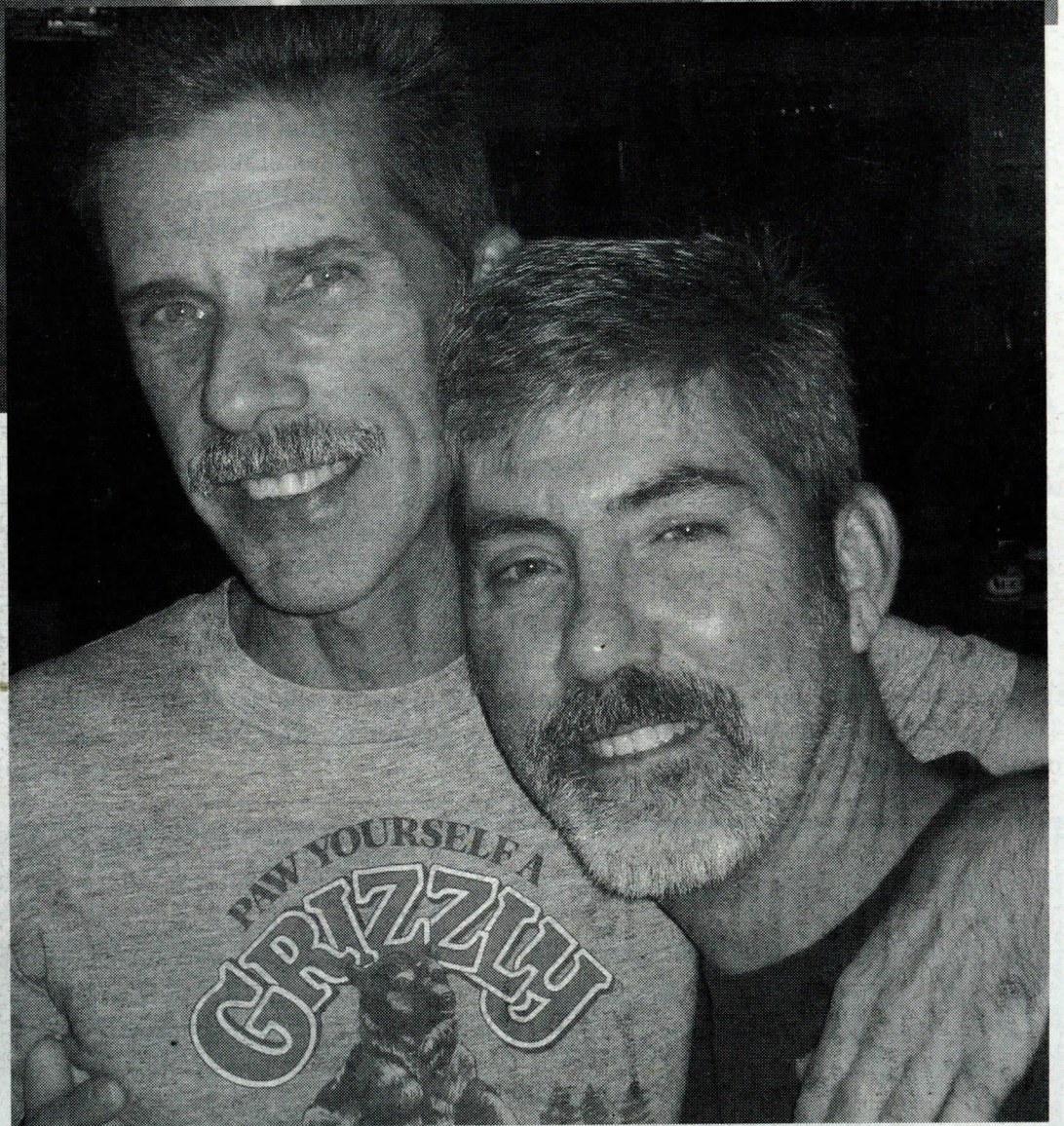
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Nat'l Rights Leader in Houston

Press Release

Mara Kiesling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, one of the most prominent GLBT national

organizations, will speak in Houston Dec. 18 at the Houston GLBT Community Center (3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207). The event is open to the public at no charge.

Kiesling, who leads the Washington, D.C.-based social-justice organization, is visiting other Texas cities, in addition to Houston, as part of a nationwide tour. She is the founding executive director of the group (www.nctequality.org), which was established in 2003.

Among the topics that Kiesling will address is the recent controversy over the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act that erupted in late September after leadership in the House of Representatives, including openly gay Congressman Barney Frank, announced plans to strip language regarding gender identity from the bill.

The bill, which prohibits job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, passed the House in November without protections for transgender citizens. An equivalent bill has not yet been introduced in the Senate.

"Ms. Kiesling will give insight and answer questions on the efforts of NCTE and the other 300+ organizations of the United for ENDA coalition as to what happened last month in Washington," says transgender activist and attorney Phyllis Randolph Frye, who is organizing the event.

"She will also ask attendees to contribute to NCTE for the fight for inclusion of 'gender identity or gender expression' language in ENDA in 2008."

The Houston GLBT Community Center, home base for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and allies in the metropolitan area and southeast Texas, is located at 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. The phone number is 713-524-3818, and the web site is www.houston glbt community center.org.

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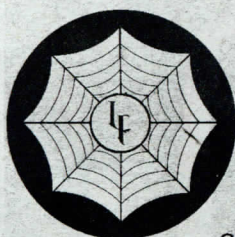
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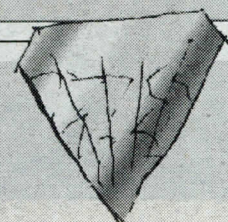
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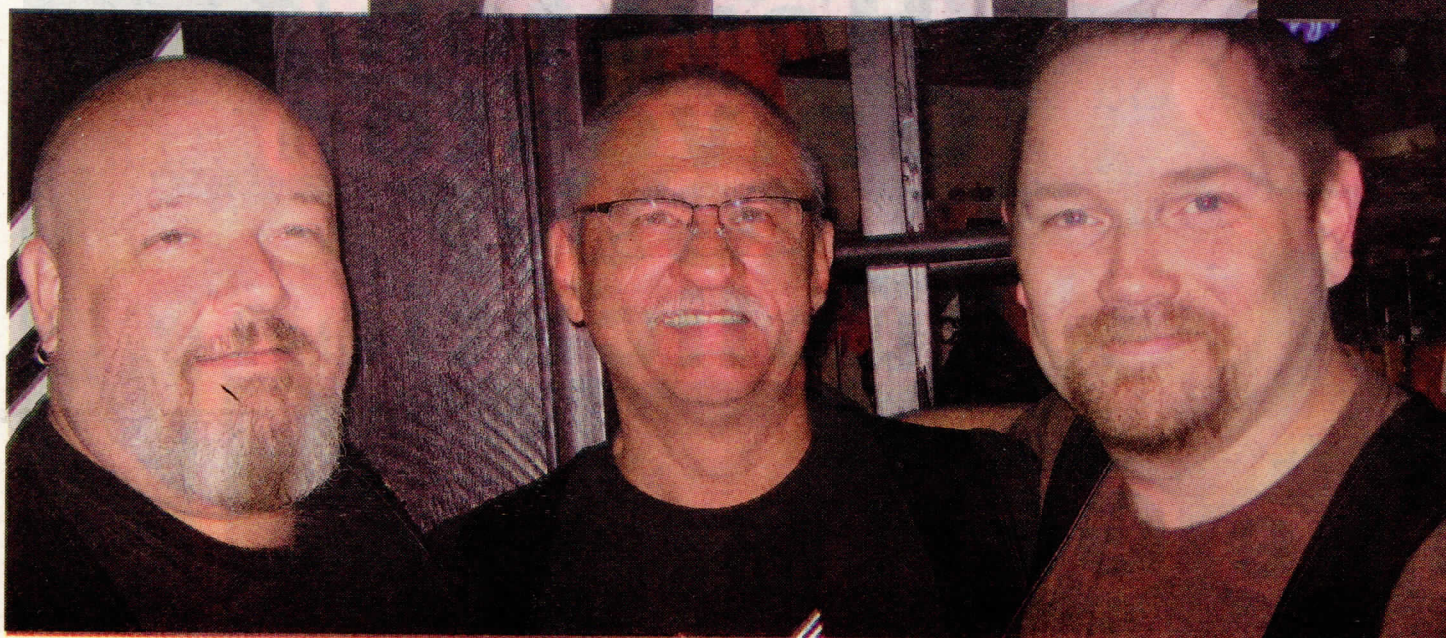
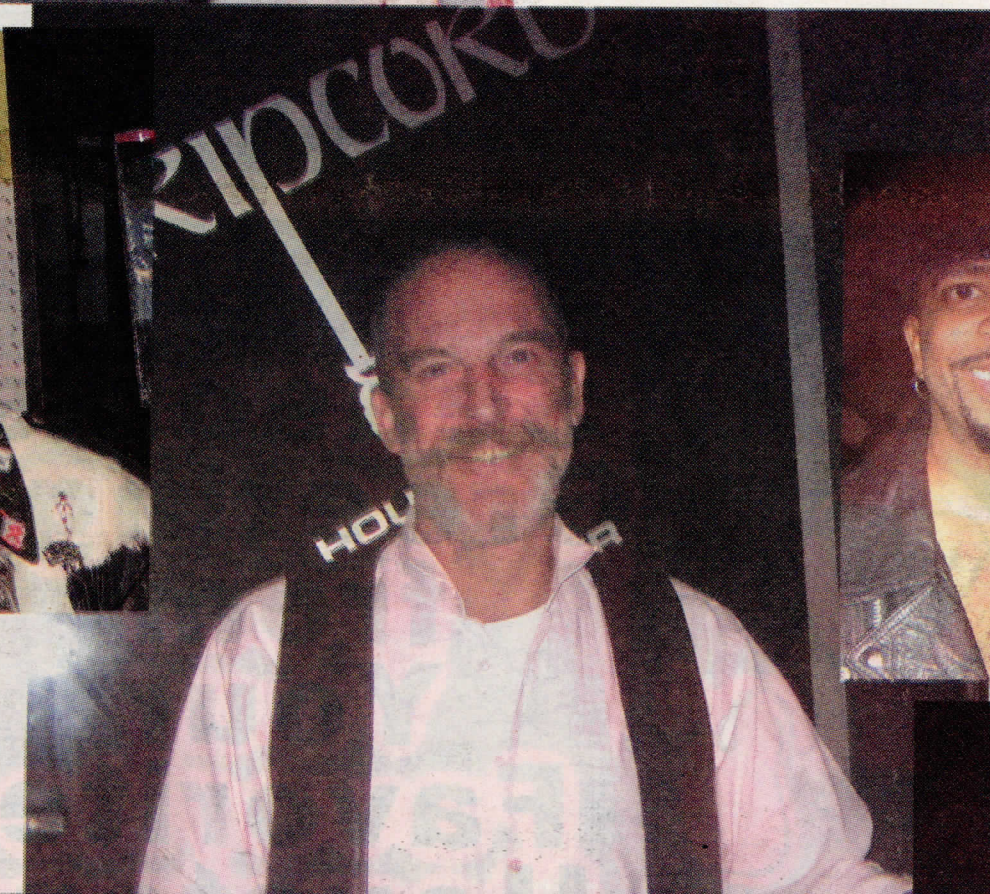
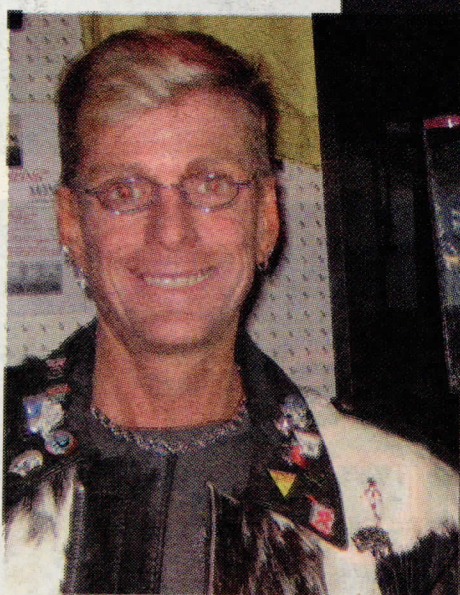
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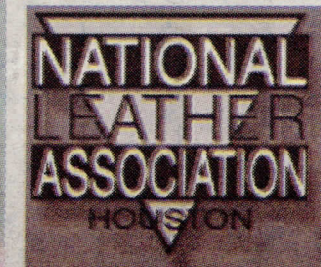
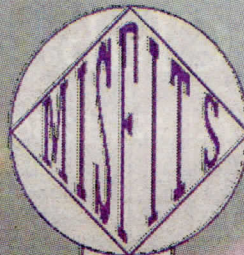
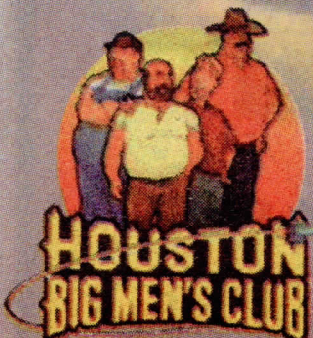
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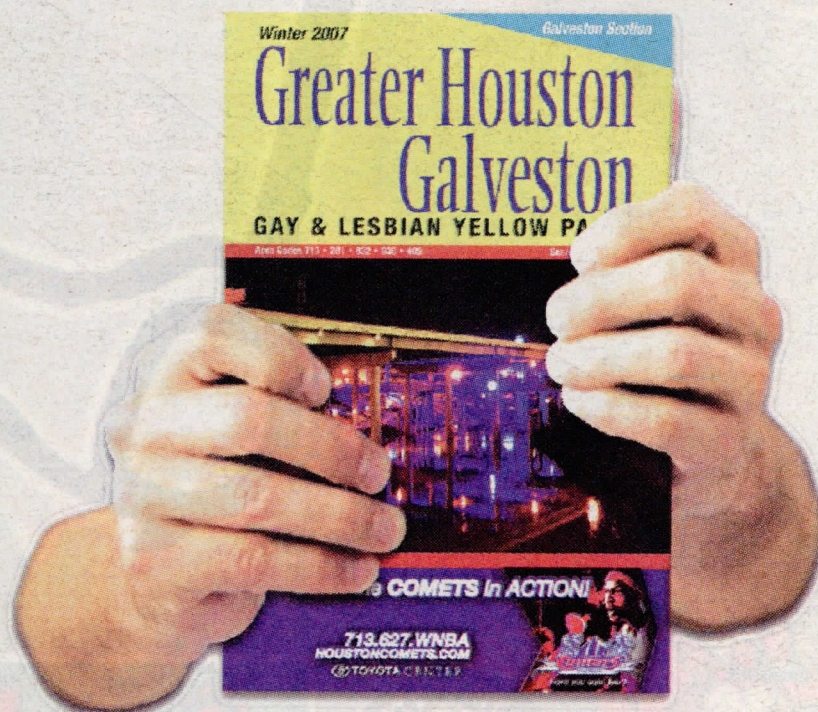


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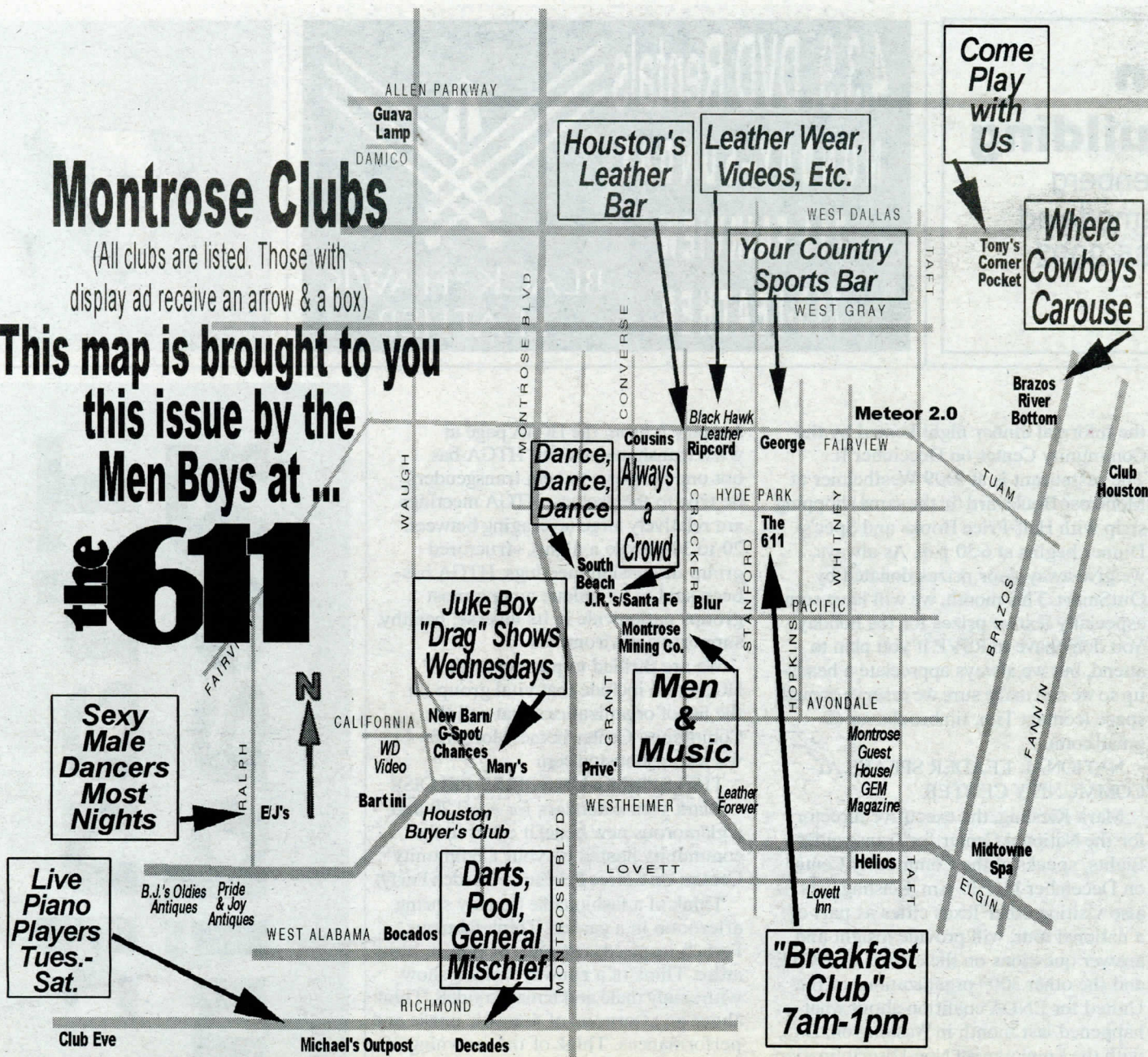
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Daily Pride's History Calendar

Press Release

Daily Pride Publications was created first and foremost to provide and promote Gay/Lesbian literature and subsequent reading entertainment. However, the intrinsic goal is to educate. The Gay/Lesbian calendar yearly will aid in educating the readers, straight or gay, about the impact gay and lesbians have had on this world's history and sociology throughout the centuries.

Continuing with the education aspect of Daily Pride Publications, we will publish literature and poetry to include an annual book of coming out stories.

To ensure that there will be a new generation of gay and lesbian authors Daily Pride Publications will annually award a college scholarship to one gay man and one lesbian woman. The amount of each scholarship is simple math, the more calendars that are sold, the higher the dollar amount of the scholarships.

We are also promoting art by using local gay artists and photographers for the monthly artwork presented in the calendar. In future annual calendars we hope to receive artwork and photographs from across the nation from gay and lesbian artists for consideration for that year's calendar. In this manner Daily Pride Publications will allow exposure for these artists at no expense to the artist.

Art and literature brought the world out of the Dark Ages when they spawned the Renaissance. By supporting Daily Pride Publications you will be supporting the future gay and lesbian authors, poets, and artists in our communities across the land.

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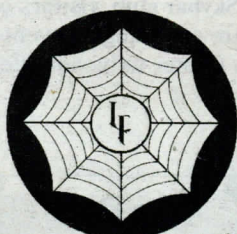
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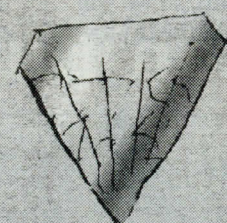
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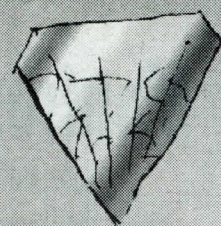
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Community Center Activities

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www.houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History (www.gcam.org) displays part of its extensive collection at the Community Center.

Happy Holidays from your Community Center family!

Much of the work created by artists who participated World AIDS Day Houston art exhibition and sale at the Community Center is still available for viewing by appointment through December. These artists are participants in the HIV+ Outreach Art Program sponsored by Art League Houston. All work is for sale (proceeds from purchases benefit the individual artists).

Community Center activities include:

Fresh Start Church worships on Sunday, noon. Info: associate minister Jason Black, jasonblack1986@yahoo.com

PFLAG Houston holds its monthly meeting at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (5501 Main) on Sunday, 2 p.m. Info: www.pflaghouston.org

AIDS Foundation Houston holds its weekly Popular Opinion Leaders meeting at the Community Center on Tuesday, 6 p.m. Info: Jennifer Provencher, ProvencherJ@afhouston.org

Fresh Start Church holds Bible study at the Community Center on Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Scorpio's Rainbow Poetry Reading Club meets at the Community Center on Saturday, 6 p.m. Info: Lesa Jackson, 832-208-0719, LJScorpio5@yahoo.com

The Men's Gathering of Houston meets at the Community Center on Saturday, 6 p.m. Info: tmghoustontexas@gmail.com

Check the new and improved Community Center calendar at on line to see the full roster of events and activities.

Looking ahead:

GLBT NIGHT: NEW LOCATION The dinner gang enjoyed our new restaurant location last month for GLBT Night (a.k.a. GLBT Night @ Hollywood), so we will return again to 369 Oriental Bistro for

the informal dinner night hosted by the Community Center on December 11. The restaurant is at 1009 Westheimer at Montrose Boulevard (in the same shopping strip with Half-Price Books and Spec's). Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. As always, we give away door prizes donated by OutSmart. This month, we will have some especially festive prizes for the holiday. You don't have to RSVP if you plan to attend, but we always appreciate a heads-up so we can make sure we reserve enough space (contact Tim, timbrookover@gmail.com).

NATIONAL LEADER SPEAKS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mara Kiesling, the executive director for the National Center for Transgender Rights, speaks at the Community Center on December 18, 7:30 p.m. Kiesling, who is also visiting other Texas cities as part of a national tour, will provide insight and answer questions on the efforts of NCTE and the other 300+ organizations of the United for ENDA coalition about what happened last month in Washington, D.C., with the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The event is open to the public at no charge. Info: Phyllis Randolph Frye, 713/227-1717 or prfrye@aol.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Community Center is honored to be the venue for the first annual Brenda Thomas Memorial New Year's Day Social on January 1, 2-8 p.m. This event, hosted by the Houston Transgender Unity Committee, revives the tradition of the open house that the late, great community activist and educator Brenda Thomas would host every New Year's Day at her home.

This informal, family-style event will include a potluck meal and plenty of wonderful conversation. There is no admission charge; donations will be welcomed and will support programs of the Unity Committee, including the Peggy Rudd Transgender Scholarship Fund. The Unity Committee will also present a silent auction to raise additional support and is seeking donated items for the auction.

Interested persons or companies should contact the Unity Committee through its website, www.htuc.org.

HELPING TRANSGENDER ANONYMOUS

The Community Center is honored to welcome Helping Transgenders Anonymous, the weekly support and discussion group, which begins meeting at the Community Center in January. HTGA, a group founded in 1989 by the late activist and educator Brenda Thomas, will meet every Monday beginning

January 7. From the HGTA page at www.transhouston.com: "HTGA has but one purpose: to help transgenders be true to themselves. HTGA meetings are relatively large (averaging between 20 to 30 people a night), structured group discussion meetings. HTGA has been said to be unique among most groups nationwide in its diverse, healthy, supportive environment."

We are thrilled to partner with HGTA and include that vital group on the list of organizations that call the Community Center home. More info: www.transhouston.com

THIS SPRING: UN SOIREE PELOISE

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The Community Center will host a launch party in January and is currently seeking event hosts as well as event sponsors. Details, including the Soiree Peloise location, will be announced soon. Proceeds will support Community Center programming that serves our community. More info: Marc Garcia, jmargarcia@hotmail.com

SOCIALS AT THE CENTER

Several Community Center volunteers have announced plans to organize regular alcohol-free evenings for men and women in the community who like to socialize in an alcohol-free environment. The volunteers are seeking others to help with the event and people who are interested in attending. Details will soon be announced.

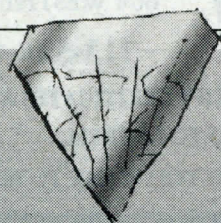
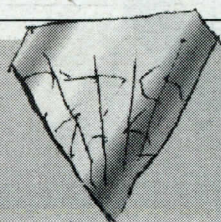
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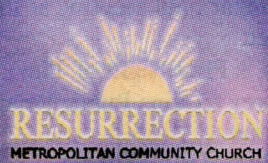
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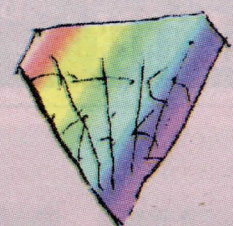
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News, Nonsense, Rants
By Henry McClurg

Welcome to the 71st issue of the Montrose GEM. Whew!

Good Bartending

Ed Moninger from EJ's is holding a TABC Certification class on Tuesday, December 11, at about 11:00 a.m. Cost will be either \$20 or \$25, depending on the amount of people they get to sign up. If anyone needs to recertify or get their initial license, or you want to get a license just in case some day you are called to be a fabulous Montrose bartender, here's your chance.

If your group slings drinks in a bar, your members should really be certified, so this is an opportunity for a get-together at the same time as helping the bar owners in the community stay legal with TABC.

Spank Me Again!

As of January 18, 2008, 10 PM, the third Friday of every month, Bob Houghton, owner Black Hawk Leather, will be hosting Fetish Night on the Ripcord patio.

This will be an educational night primarily but not limited to flogging, spanking, electric play, tickle torture or what an individual's potential fetish is or they are interested in experiencing. Street legal dress code and no sexual contact enforced. There will not be any fees just a fun and exciting time. For any information concerning Fetish Night, 713-522-LEATHER, or email BHL @ BlackHawkLeather.com.

A Letter from Mel

First, let me thank you for all the support that you have given to "Sleeptight Fund for Mel's Kids."

In the past 5 years, we have helped many homeless, at risk, and needy kids on Galveston Island. Without your talent and generosity, we would not have been able to provide so much for so many, for so long.

This year has been a very slim season for benefits.

With great regret, we feel the

need to advise you, that all future donations should be directed to either "Aids Coalition of Coastal Texas" or "Children's Center Inc." (both on Galveston Island, Texas).

Thank You, again for all the love! It's been a lot of fun, and I'll miss the shopping for those special "wish list" items.

Love and Happy Holidays, Mel Kennedy

Letter from Mother

We have made it to the Holidays one more time. My hopes are that this year has been a peaceful and happy to all of you, and that the new year will be one of much happiness and joy. I look forward to good things happening in the medical field and as always I pray for world peace.

Please take time to remember all our Brothers and Sisters who are no longer with us and keep their memories close to our hearts, and rejoice for the time we were allowed to have them in our lives.

Wishing you all the best, Morgan Fairview Mother of Montrose 2007
I'm Alive

As many of you know, I've been dead for the last year. Well, not dead, but, according to two VA doctors, legally blind. This has greatly affected the publishing of your favorite gay rag.

But! Now I can see! I had cataract surgery on one eye and the other is planned for a few weeks from now. I can now see all those people (you) that I've been talking to. (Some of you are prettier than the others.)

As far as The GEM, I can now do in five minutes what used to take 55 minutes. This means a bigger and better GEM.

Madonna-esque

Here's a press release from Meteor. Sunday, December 16th Meteor explodes with everything Madonna all night long. Madonna with no cover makes this the event of the season, so come early.

Meteor brings you DJ Riley straight from Berlin in Chicago for this holiday season blowout. Don't miss this Texas premier of DJ Riley's tribute to Madonna. Twenty five years of classics, remixes, and of course videos makes this ticket to

Meteor a one of a kind.

Dance on the tables under our state of the art LED lights and rock to the lady herself on our custom JBL sound system. Don't worry about a good seat because with 8 spectacular 52" LCD flat panel screens, every seat is a good seat. Get some rest because with Madonna-esque there's no time to stop.

Next Subject

I really don't want to write these next paragraphs but, after a lot of thought, I have decided it is best that I do. Here goes ...

I went to Chances, the outstanding women's bar, the other night. I ordered my drink (\$3.50) and was served. I gave a \$5 bill to the bartender. Then I waited. Then I waited some more. She came back around and I asked for my change. She said, with some make-believe shock, she had it on the register and was getting ready to bring it to me. I said I didn't like that and asked why I was not given the change right away. (She had gone off washing glasses, I think.)

She then brought me the change and I did not tip her. Then the other bartender comes over and asks what's the problem. I explained it all.

Up to this point, I could chalk this up to a misunderstanding. But ...

Then the original bartender sticks her head in and complains that I didn't tip her! So then I gave her a \$1 tip, hoping again it was all a misunderstanding. But now I have concluded it was not a misunderstanding. I was the victim of an old bar trick. Thus, you have these paragraphs and I feel better. Thank you.

It's very simple, whether it's a drink in a bar or buying the latest fashions. You select what you want. You give them the money. They give you the change.

Now on to new, exciting things ...

Notice to any and all that were interested in entering the next Miss Mary's Contest that was originally scheduled for Sunday, November 25, 2007.

The NEW date for the Fabulous Miss Mary's 2008 Will be announced in January of 2008.

Stay tuned: all details will be announced in plenty of time for anyone

to plan ahead to enter it. Thanx for your time.

And From their Majesty's Apollo Emperor-Jeff Wallace & Gemini Empress-Rose Smith Along with the Board of Directors and Membership of Reign VI of The Imperial Court of Houston-The Space City Empire of The Celestial Frontier (Whew!) Wish you one and all a very safe and the Happiest Of Thanksgiving Days for 2007.

Always and Forever more In service to My COMMUNITY and the CHARITIES With Love, Hope, Passion and "Sparkle!"

CUBBY Christopher "Sparkles boy" Prado Summors, Carter, Fontaine, Debris, Storm, Cohen-Cartier Who? Imperial Prince VI of The Imperial Court of Houston The Space City Empire PR Chair, Secretary and WebMaster-Creative Director for Reign VI of ICOH (Whew again!)

Pooling Around

The 2008 Winter Season for IBL (Independent Billiard League of Houston) is ramping up!

The registration dates & locations for the new season include:

December 15 (Saturday): 2 pm
Registration & Beginning of Season
Tournament @ Michael's Outpost

December 27 (Thursday): 8 pm
Organizational Meeting at Tony's Corner
Pocket.

Jan 3: First Night of Play

Corey Collins Public Relations, IBL
Houston.

Fishing Friends

If you are interested in a Galveston Fishing Pier outing this Winter, in the Spring or next Summer, please contact Lee Sirois at 713-498-2741 or at her e-mail address at dragolyn @ swbell.net as soon as you can.

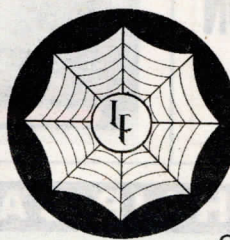
Thanks, John & Lee

The Next Big Thing

Well, it's The 611's Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 17. It's from 6 to 11 p.m. (of course). There will be food, drink specials, caroling, and a visit from old Santa himself.

The 611's annual winter wonderland is up! Now, all the clubs in Montrose decorate for Christmas but The 611's is outstanding. Whew! (again).

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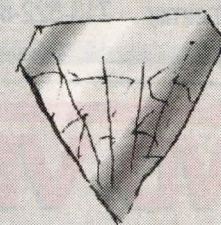
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The GEM

A Writer's Thoughts

Press Release

Gay and lesbian people often grow up being taught the same homophobic attitudes as their peers.

With few role models to correct the misinformation, we believed many of the myths surrounding homosexuality. Sometimes we carried those beliefs into adulthood. So maybe it's time to shatter a few.

The much beloved notion that homosexuality is an illness was disputed by Freud as far back as 1951. He said, "... homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it can not be classified as an illness."

Just about everything written about homosexuality prior to 1960 was taken from people in therapy or in prison, according to Joseph Norton in Counseling on Homosexuality.

That means they either had mental problems or criminal tendencies. If researchers went to the same groups to find out what it was like to be heterosexual, they would have come away with an equally unflattering conclusion.

Contrary to popular belief, all transvestites are not gay. In fact, researchers have written that most transvestites, people who derive pleasure from wearing the clothes associated with the opposite sex, are heterosexual; many of them married men.

An idea that has caused confusion and frustration is the belief that one can, with great will power, change one's sexual orientation. Judd Marmor wrote in Homosexual Behavior, "There is no evidence that a person's basic sexual orientation has been or can be changed."

One can change his or her behavior to mimic an interest in the opposite sex but no one can change their orientation.

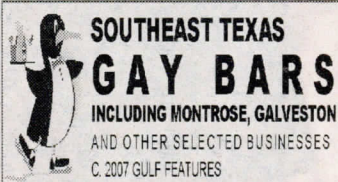
If you can't change your own orientation, then you certainly cannot change anyone else's orientation. Some people believe homosexuals have the amazing ability to influence children by our mere presence. Concern has been expressed that if kids see gay and lesbian people being open about their lives, they might be turned.

Researcher John Money wrote that, "neither homosexuals nor heterosexuals can recruit children or adults ... sexual orientation will not be altered by contact with or exposure to gays or straights. Sexuality is an innate part of a person's personality and not a chosen orientation."

It is unfortunate that gay men and lesbian women grow up believing the same myths that some homophobic mainstreamers believe. That's why it is up to us to educate ourselves. It is much easier to love the reflection in the mirror when it's not the boogeyman we were warned about. Peeling away the erroneous myth reveals the wonderful reality about ourselves.

Gerald Libonati is a journalist and novelist. He is the author of "The Adjuster" and "The Artist's Life." He can be reached at 954-748-5254 home or 954-572-2014 newsroom.

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Bartini 1318 Westheimer, 713-526-2271. Lots of soul. Shows on Thursdays & Sundays. Dancing nightly. Open 10pm
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.)

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

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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

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
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

Meteor 2.0 2306 Genesee at Fairview. Upscale crowd, open

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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

Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio

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Prive' 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. Slightly gay sometimes. Great music, good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the roof-top patio

Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar, open 1pm daily. Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours weekends
Slider's 1424-B Westheimer, 713-528-2788. Not a gay bar. Great daiquiris

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. Major dance club. Get there early to get ahead of the line. Open Wed.-Sun. with after-hours weekends

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Robert's Lafitte 2501 Ave. Q, (409) 765-9092. A down-to-earth bar open 7am (10am Sun.). All ages of people. Drag shows Sat. & Sun. nights. Swimming pool

Undercurrent 2409 Market, (409) 750-8571. Open midday to 2am. New owners. Two dance floors, shows and strippers weekends

Outlying Area

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Southwest Houston

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.

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

Northeast Houston
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Other Inner Loop
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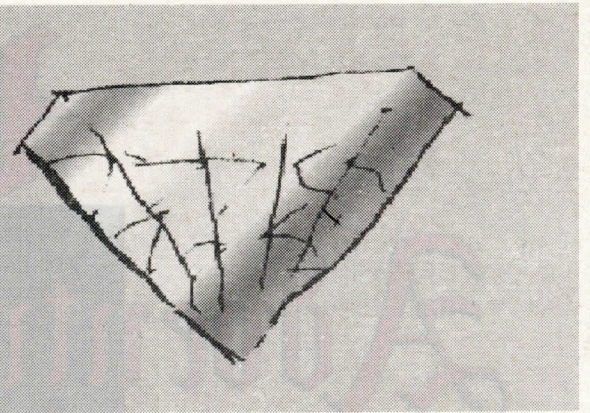
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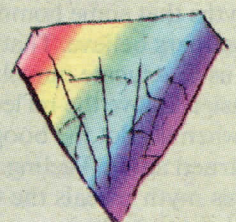
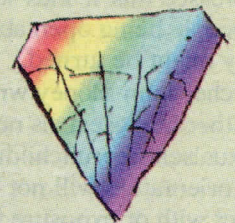
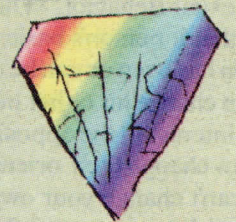
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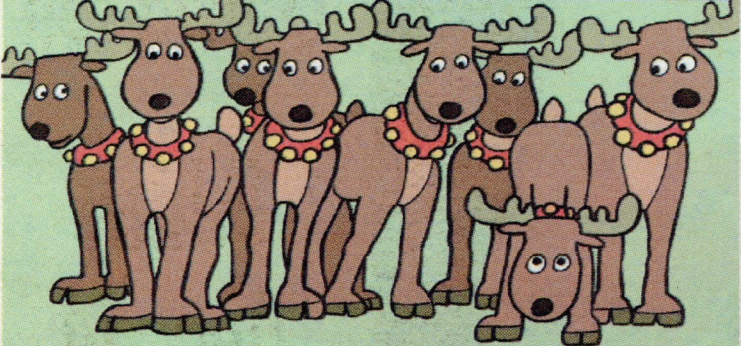


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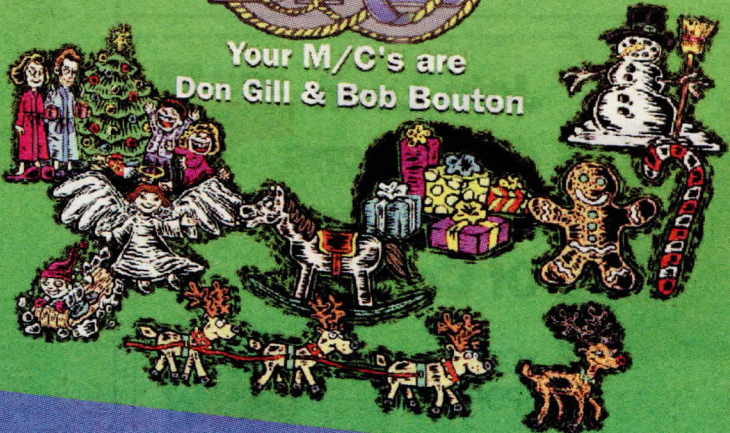
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