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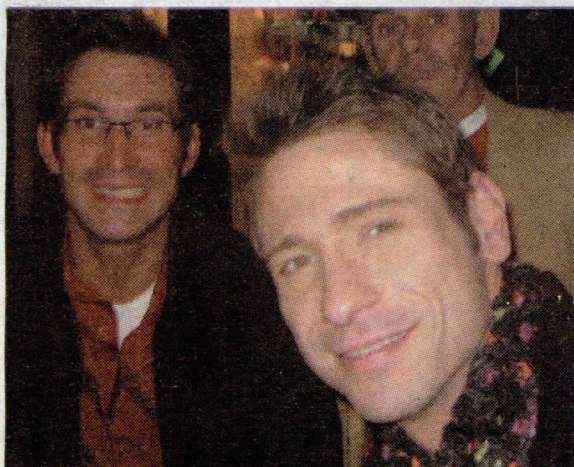
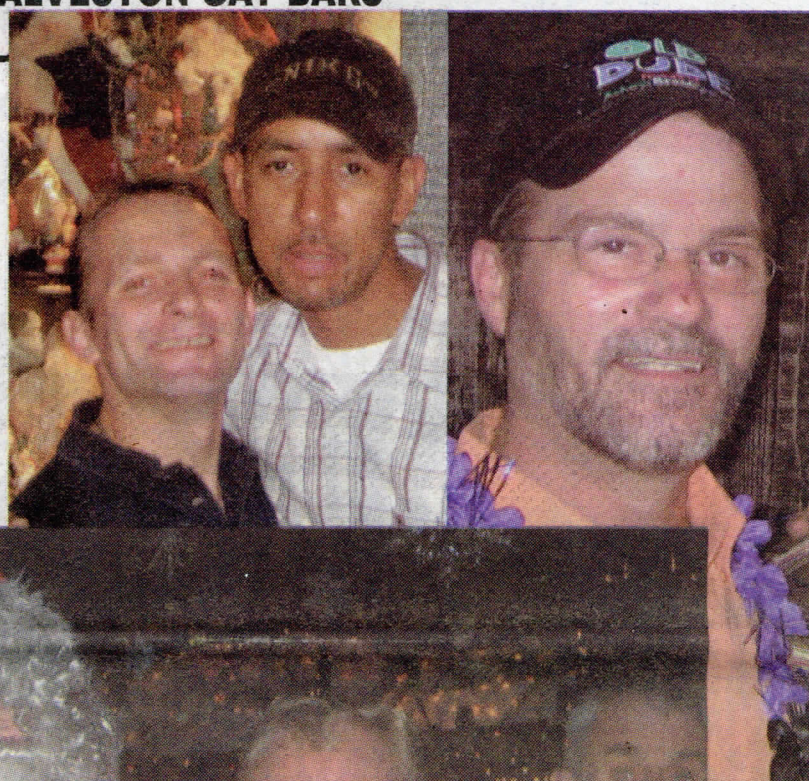
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The Party Season Continues



*Award winners
at the BRB,
The 611's
Christmas Party,
Mack has
a birthday*



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and Atmosphere**
**Restaurant Review
by Damien Dane**



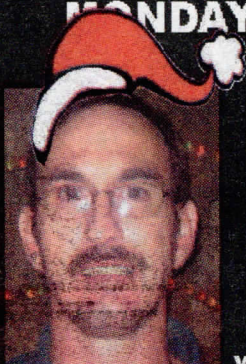


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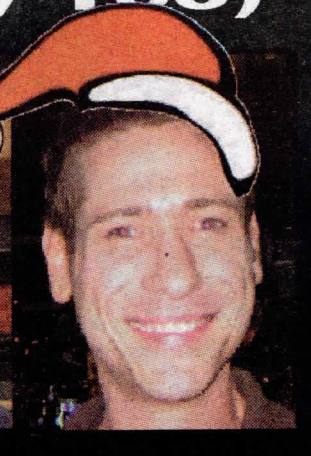
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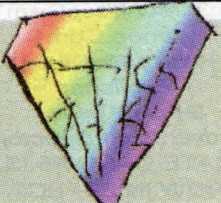
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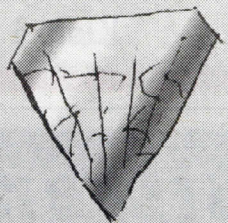
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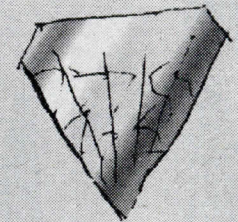
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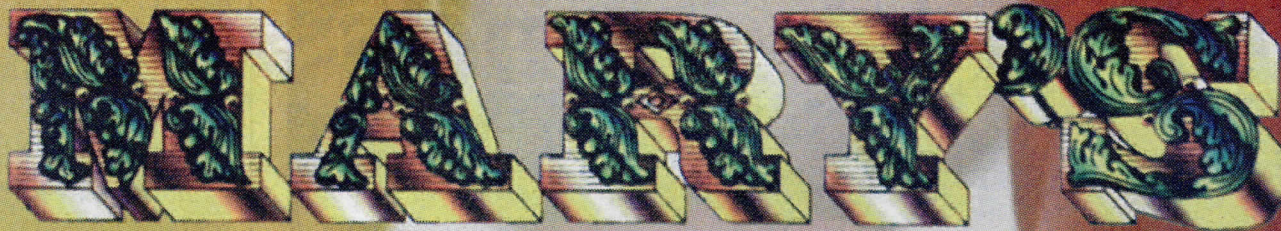
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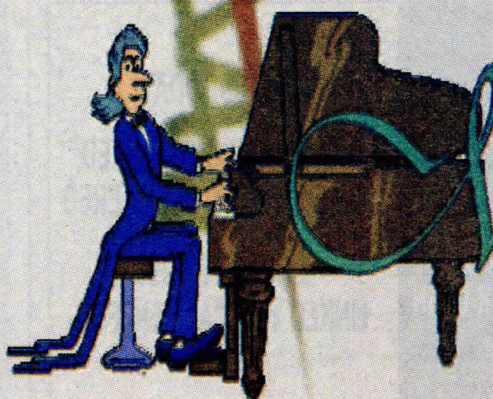


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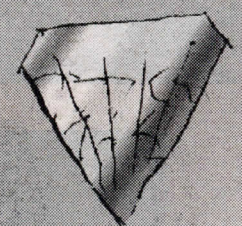
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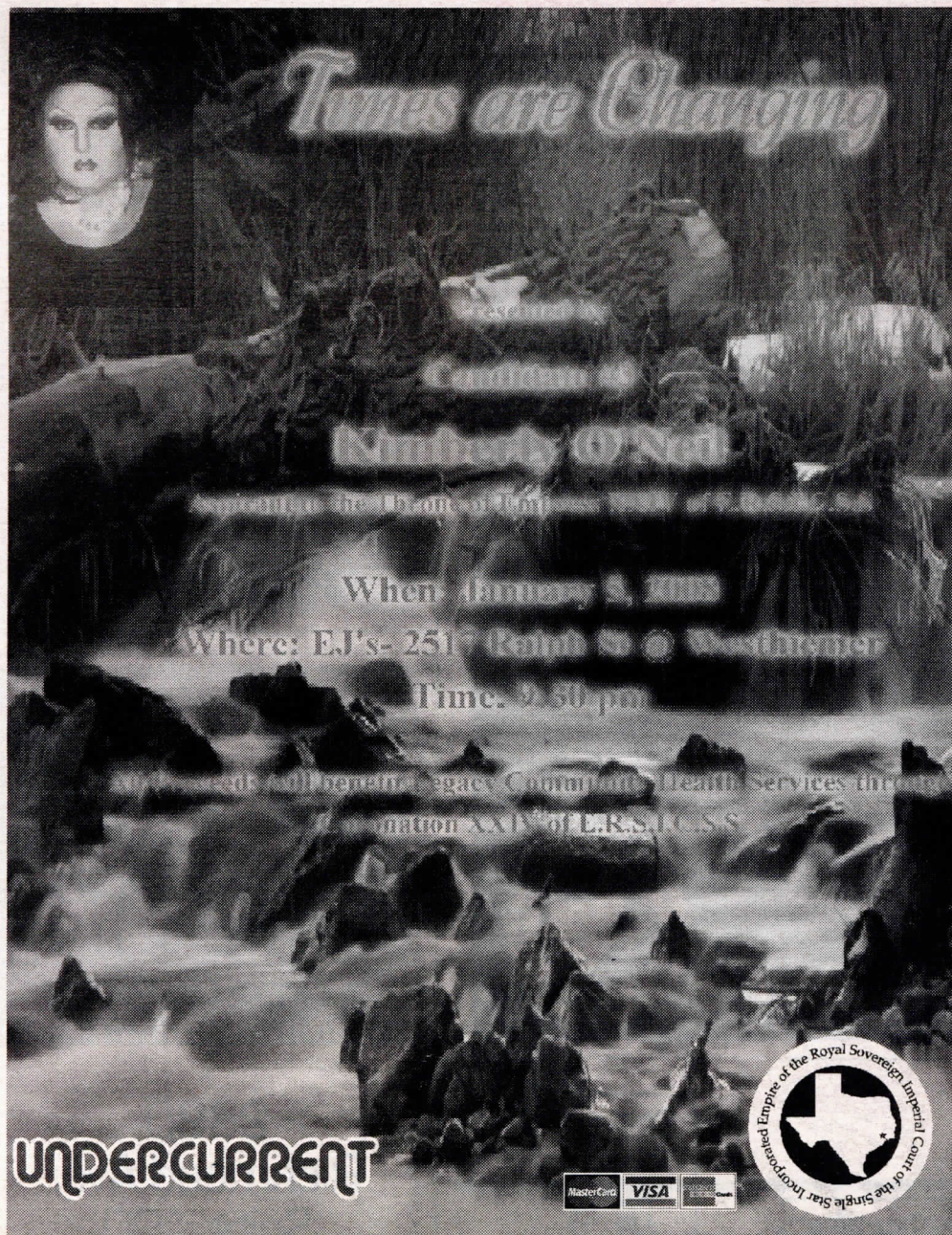
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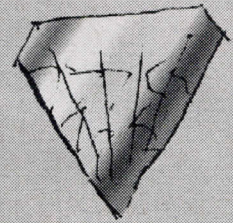
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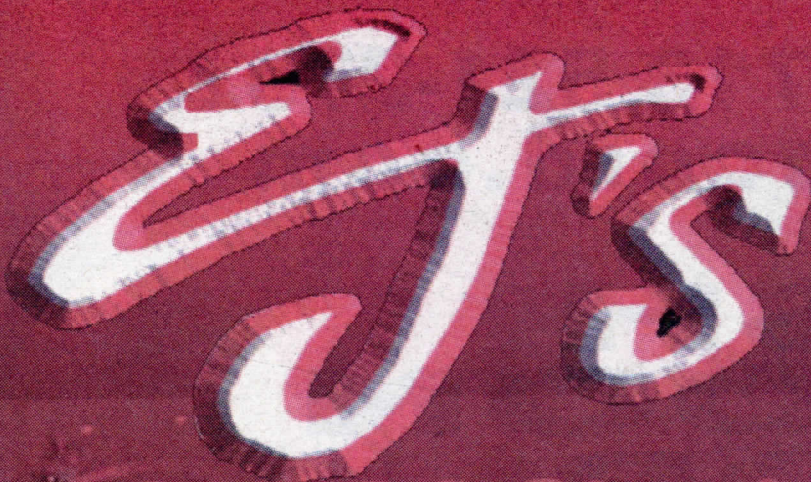
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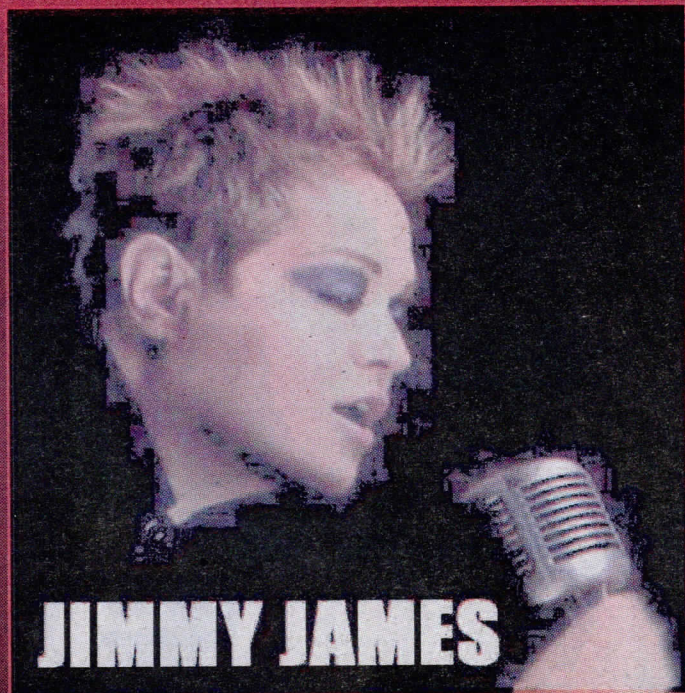


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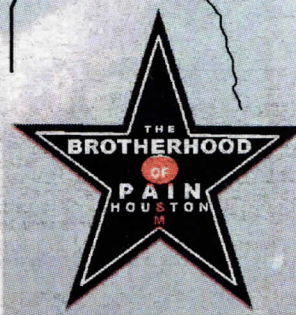
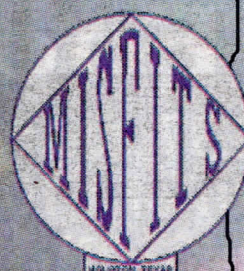
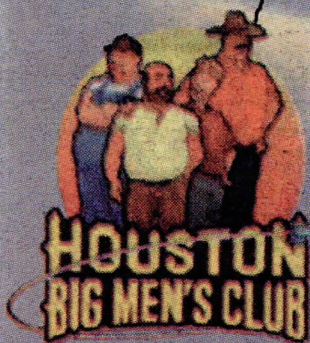
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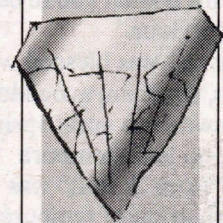
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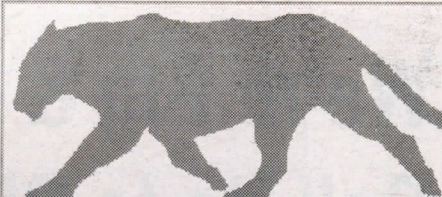
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Restaurant Reviews
By Damien Dane

Coco's Deserves to be Discovered

Seasons Greetings and welcome to your first mouthful of the most fulfilling restaurant review you've ever tasted. In the coming months you will be diving in the dish with me to decide exactly where our tongues need to be. Some people think that Montrosians will just shove anything into their mouth. Not so much! So let's take a journey together and make sure that our taste buds are pleased just as much as they deserve to be.

I recently had lunch at Coco's Sushi Bar at Montrose and Yoakum. Most locals know that it is inhabiting the same building as a few Montrose memories such as Cabo, Montrose Diner, and Crossroads. With that in mind, dining there has taken a bit of time for me just because I've watched a few places come and go quite quickly there. I have also noticed that Montrose needs a Sushi restaurant that delivers. Well I found it!

I couldn't have begged for a better experience, being someone who enjoys comfortable neighborhood dining with the food quality of any five star restaurant.

Upon arrival, my guest and I were greeted by the owner who is affectionately known to all as Mami. (She let me know that "mommy" is spelled this way for any real Japanese diva.) She walked us to our table which was an absolutely gorgeous steel stained leaf-printed masterpiece that served as the perfect stage for the show stopper that followed.

I ordered a popular Japanese beer that, to my surprise, came in a 16 oz. bottle instead of the normal 12 oz.. A

frosted mug accompanied it and my guest had a soda that was chilled in a very cute ornamental wooden sieve. I also tried the sake (Sah-kee is Japanese rice wine, for those that didn't know or haven't fell in love with that buzz!) and was very well impressed.

Mami brought out a plate of complimentary edimame which, although it lacked the sea salt I'm used to, cured the immediate hunger one experiences when walking into a place



that smells so damn good!

She handed me a checklist of sushi/sashimi etc. and I eagerly began stroking away. My pen could hardly stop when she arrived back to take our first order.

I wanted to test the typical sushi first, like the octopus, salmon, shrimp, yellowtail, crab, eel, and squid, (all of which are served for \$1.00 Monday thru Sunday from 5pm-7pm.) The squid, yellowtail, and octopus all stood out as the best I've ever had. I've had sushi in L.A., New York, and Miami, New Orleans, and all over the Bahamas. Never has a more tender slice of tentacle crossed my mouth. Anyone who hasn't ever had sushi, or is scared of the idea needs to swim upstream for some of the best salmon nigiri they've ever had. Nigiri is a single piece, or bite of a sushi roll. Generally this is what you're buying at a sushi "Happy Hour."

The New York roll was blessed with tempura shrimp, soybean, avocado, eel sauce, and the awesome sushi sprinkles that you know you love (tempura crumbs). The "Rock & Roll" was a pleasant combination of tempura shrimp and cucumber. I actually don't care for cucumber that much but the presentation was so adorable, I couldn't

help but to like it.

After ordering and taking our first few bites, Mami comes back to our table. I was a little weirded out that there was no one there at 2:30 pm on a Thursday, but Mami told us about the other location and how the concept for Coco's has actually been around for 19 years, and that weekends were her busy time here. She explained that the other restaurant does more business, but she believes this Coco's will soon take off. I can't see how

it wouldn't with sushi that well prepared and the cute decor that building has ever seen. Perhaps it is her strict "No Advertising" policy, but people need to know what a pearl is right in the heart of Gayville!

I continued to ask questions through my entire meal and she was more than happy to stand there and chat with me

much like a "well loved" neighborhood bar owner would. I learned a lot about Japan that I didn't know before. I think she said "Hai" 2,000 times! (A common Japanese acknowledgment, or "Yes.")

The only other thing I don't like about this place is the outside. With the windows over-tinted and the facade looking more boring than Mary's east wall without the painting that used to adorn it, I can see why some folks wouldn't just walk in. That, and sushi simply scares some people. But trust me, there is nothing to be afraid of. Just tell Mami that you've never been there before and I'm certain that she will take care of you. She even stretched our conversation out longer by bringing me some complimentary sake. (I think she was bored, so don't expect her to just start shelling out the booze for the masses.)

I know one thing for sure. I will definitely be going back to Coco's for the most impressive inexpensive sushi restaurant that sports a rainbow flag. Maybe I'll see you there or somewhere else in my quest to "make Montrose mouths much more moist!" "Arregato!"

Coco's Yakitori Sushi Bar. 1111 Westheimer, 713-529-9997

Thank You from the Colt 45s

The Colt 45s wish to thank the many people who supported and helped not only the Colt 45s Christmas Show and Community Awards, but helped to support our organization and clients of the Colt 45s AIDS TroubleFund and Thacker Fund as a whole.

To the Ownership, Management and Staff of The Brazos River Bottom thank you for allowing The Colt 45's to have our Annual Christmas Show and Community Awards at your establishment. Thank you to David Sawyer for being such a DJ Deluxe. Thank you to Tommy Sue, David and Andy for being kind with the refreshments and change. Thank you for 30 Great Years! Here's to more to come. The plaque presented hopefully shows that your time, services, friendship, understanding and a home to office the charities of The Colt 45's is greatly appreciated.

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Thank you to the performers who donated their time and talents to make the entertainment a true delight; Jim Crawford, Abby Normal (Lloyd Powell), Doug Weiss, Aurora Briar, Kimberly O'Neal, Bob Skinner, ShyAnne & Chris Beck, Robert Conn, Southern Comfort, Chris Valk, Rose Smith, Susan Hayes, Cravyn Morehead, Alton Howard, Ann Marie Gill, Orlin Culliver, Dennis Perales, Jenna Tailya, Marsha Mink Gill, Jessica Van Shelton.

Thank you to The Colt 45s Members and Volunteers that MADE the snacks and food-including cupcakes for sale; set the decorations, including those loaned by ERSICSS, set the lineup and hosted the show; "Mommie & Santa Claus and Elves" and the extended Colt Family that came in from Louisiana and from Spring Branch.

Congratulations, to the recipients of the 2007 Colt 45s Community Awards.

The Danny Villa Award for Service to the Community: Mr. John Szweczyk

The Golden Colt Award for Service to The Colt 45s: Mr. Jim Crawford

BJ Summors Memorial Entertainer of the Year 2007: Mr. Bob Skinner

Thank you all of you for your service and support.

With the help of these people above and those unsung individuals and groups that came out to support and donate to the performances and the auction of cupcakes and wreaths, The Colt 45s were able to raise \$1624.00!

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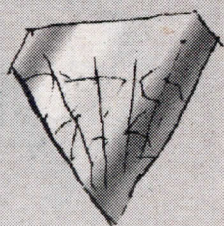
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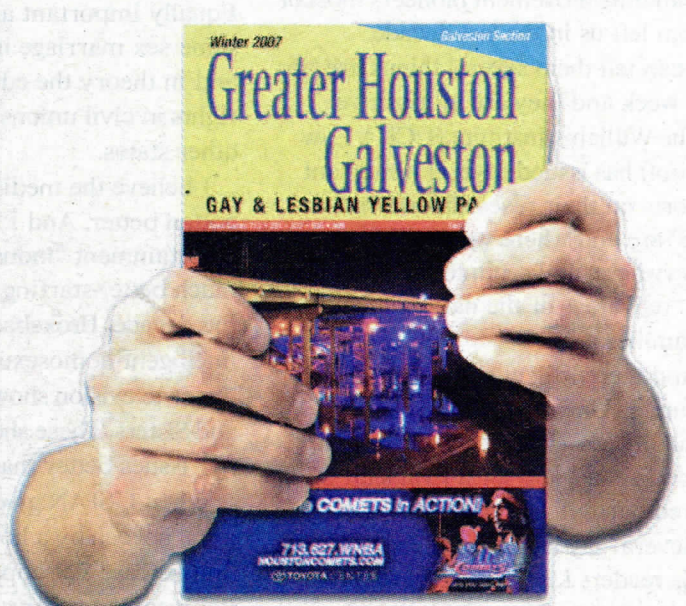
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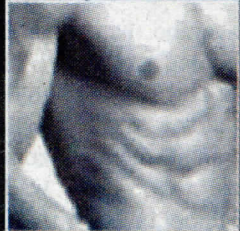
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Homosexuality in This Decade

By Billy Glover

I wonder what we could say if we decided to do a "report" to our community/movement pioneers most of whom left us in the last decade.

I can tell them several things just this last week and they are all positive.

The Williams Institute (UCLA Law School) has issued several important reports on their research on who "we" are and where we are. We are everywhere, and seem to be going into the "red" areas of the nation, including as families.

And there is new work at the Columbia University Law School's Sexuality & Gender Law Clinic that helped get asylum for a jamaican who feared harm if he returned home.

Several gay/lesbian publication's gave their readers Lisa keen's column on the Human Rights Campaign's list of gay-friendly companies/businesses. The list has grown each year. This would make Don Slater and others happy since it means that private enterprise has been ahead of the government in giving us

equal/civil rights even though many governments have also worked for domestic partner benefits and civil unions over the year.

Obviously the most important legal advance was the ending of the sodomy laws in the Lawrence Vs Texas close decision by the U S Supreme Court. Equally important an advance is legal same sex marriage in Massachusetts and in theory the equal "marital" rights in civil unions in New Jersey and other states.

I believe the media has slowly gotten better. And I believe that the entertainment "industry" has gotten much better-starting with the movie of the decade, Brokeback Mountain. And intelligent homosexual characters in major television shows such as Brothers and Sisters. These shows have discussed our issues better than some of us have.

When C-SPAN gives us coverage of a great speech by a homosexual preacher (in this case Episcopal bishop Gene Robinson) at a university (NOVA Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) there can be no excuse for homosexuals and our allies to not know what resources are available to discuss religion and homosexuality. And

we can spread news of such shows by cell phones and the Internet, neither of which were available to our pioneers.

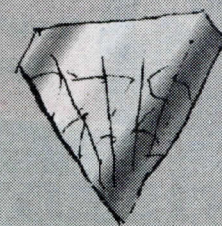
The dropping of the "T" coverage in the ENDA bill in congress has gotten our movement/community to discuss not only the relationship among our various parts-although I seldom hear anything on bisexuality-but how we can work in politics for our cause.

We have a dozen or so gay/lesbian libraries/archives, all of which need support from our media and community, and at least that number of really good newspapers and magazines. There are queer courses at almost every major university, as well as g/l groups at the colleges.

Our causes seems to have NOT been slowed no matter who was president or who controlled congress. That is an interesting sociological fact that needs to be investigated and explained.

So it seems to me that we have great reasons to feel gay and celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming decade, even though we will loose more pioneers, we will hopefully add new pioneers for this century.

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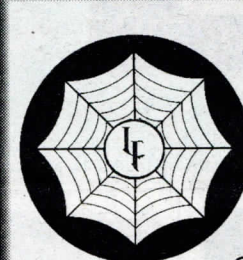
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**THIS IS
MONTROSE**
News, Nonsense, Rants
By Henry McClurg

It feels good to sit here and write this column

from my new office, overlooking the sometimes strange activities on Hyde Park.

Yep, that's where I am now. From my bedroom I can see the entrance to The 611. From my porch I can hear the conversations on Ripcord's patio. It's great.

And I kid you not, I just saw a guy on Hyde Park walking his small white dog and three cats. The kitties were keeping pace. Who says you can't herd cats.

Welcome to the 72nd issue of the Montrose GEM, the world's leading newspaper, blazing the way for all others to follow, with the highest professional standards possible that are admired and respected by all human beings of this world and beyond. (What? That's not right. Scratch that last sentence.)

The Gay Judge

What would Judge David Young say? You say, who's Judge David Young. He's the gay judge on channel 26 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. weekdays. On Tuesday, one woman was suing another over a lost puppy. She said something to refer to her manservant.

Judge Young chimed in with "Oooo. A hunky manservant I would hope." Yes, we have gay judges in all of our local courts. And now one of those TV judges is gay too.

The New Red?

I have a story to tell you about Red, the magazine, that I said I was only going to talk about after they folded. Well, it looks like they have merged their Phoenix and Texas editions. That's close enough. So here's the story.

I started GEM in January 2005. We were small then but had a core of businesses that backed us.

Two months after that, this outfit out of Phoenix comes to town to give Houston a version of Red, which they also published in Phoenix and had announced they were starting editions in Atlanta and Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach is where their money man lived, I was told.)

They were under the impression that Houston did not have a "bar guide" but soon discovered me! They called and asked for a meeting. They had a proposition! I was all ears.

"Where would you like to meet?" they asked.

I said I maintain offices at all the finest watering holes in Houston and Galveston so just pick a spot. We settled on the Ripcord.

Out on the patio, after exchanges of pleasantries, and after we bought beers (I think I paid) we started serious talk.

"As you know we're starting a Red in Houston. It will be strictly for men. We're not going to let the women's bars advertise."

My jaw dropped a little but I disguised it. And also I thought that with that attitude they didn't have to worry about the women's bars advertising.

"You've seen our Phoenix magazine. Houston will be that quality."

"That's nice," I said.

They said, "We want you to come to work for us. You apparently have connections with most of the gay bars. We could give you a 10 percent commission and you could

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This time my jaw really dropped. They wanted me to fold GEM, go to work for them, transfer my advertisers to them, and make ten percent commission. Ten percent commission is what you offer anybody off the street that walks in wanting to sell advertising!

I lied to them and said I'd think about it.

The GEM?

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Happy New Year!

This issue is full of important ads from most of your favorite bars in our two cities of Houston and Galveston.

Everyone will have champagne at midnight and party favors running out of the yazoo. (Can we say "yazoo"?)

But I'm going to highlight a few right here. The Ripcord and BRB will each have a cash balloon drop. George will be a little different with its balloon drop of (theoretically) \$1,000,000 in prizes. (You can guess how they are able to do this.)

On the island, it will be Hollywood New Year's Eve at the Pink Dolphin. All are welcome but if you have a group that needs a table, call them today to reserve. And Lafitte's will have its girls entertaining on stage with an series of all-new numbers.

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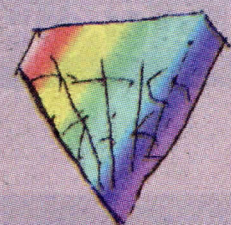
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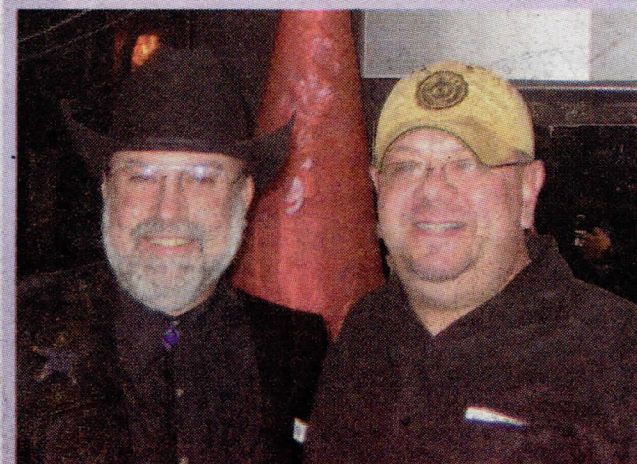
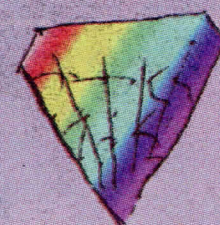
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