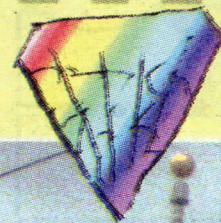


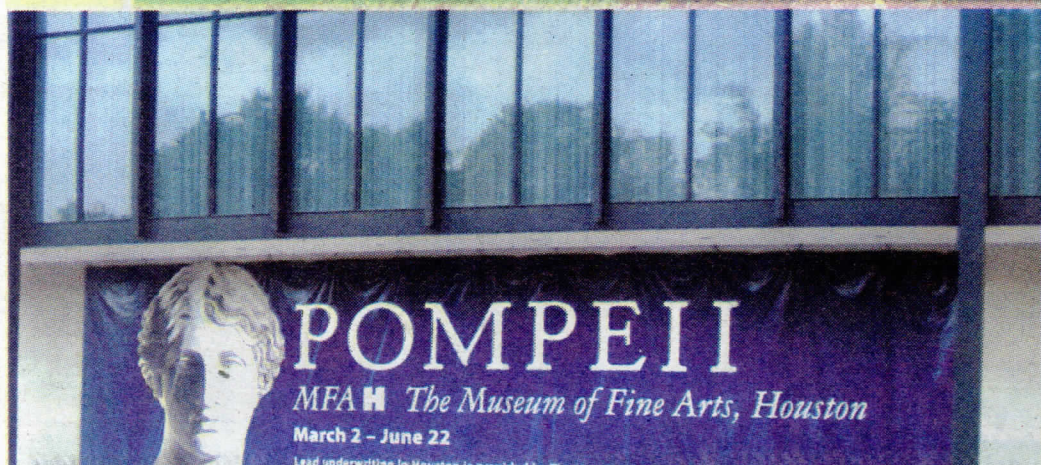
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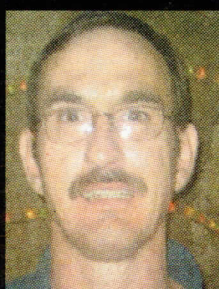
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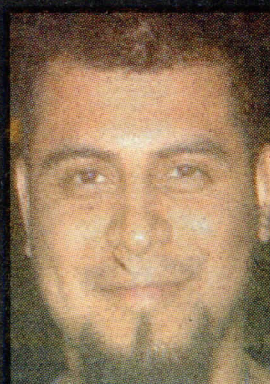
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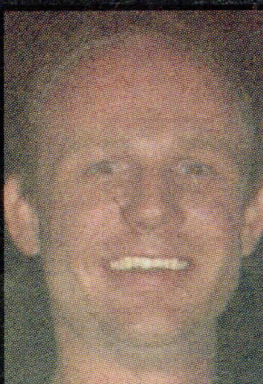
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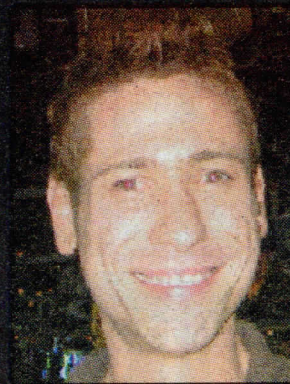
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THIS IS MONTROSE

News, Nonsense, Rants
By Henry McClurg

Here's the 78th edition of The GEM. Wow!

Cheep, Cheep

I have two bluejays that have been flirting around for several weeks and now they've built a nest right outside my bedroom window. Relatively speaking, compared to our other local yard birds, blue jays are big. The nest is away from access by cats but squirrels are another story. But I pity the poor squirrel who gets too close to the nest.

One of the pair, the female I assume, is sitting on the nest on the afternoon that I'm writing these paragraphs. So my peeping at them through the blinds has not scared them away. This is a good thing, as Martha Stewart would say.

I'll keep you posted on my birds.

Flyboys at Roller Derby

Yes, that's true. On Sunday, April 13, the synchronized Houston Flyboys will perform at the Verizon Center during the game of the Houston Roller Derby.

Next, a late addition to the Spring 2008 lineup is a performance at the grand opening of the new M2M Fashion store at Hawthorne Shopping Center (right across from their old location) on Sunday, April 6. The store will be having fashions shows throughout, starting at noon. Flyboys are tentatively scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

At the Laundromat

Here it is now Tuesday, the first, as I write this, and we're a few hours away from going to the printer. But I have to get this in. I just got back from our Stanford Street laundromat, a place where many gay boys go to wash their clothes. I always see one or two of the Ripcord's daytime crowd in there.

So, I'm washing my three loads and in walks this dark-haired 30's-something that I know I've seen late night at the Ripcord. He's very handsome. I start to drool. He throws a load of clothes in and then proceeds to take off the clothes he's wearing, except for his underwear, and tosses them in.

I don't believe it! He's standing there in his white BVD's, socks and nothing else. The rest of the laundromat is staring at him too. Jaws dropped. Eyes wide open "Oh my gawd" everyone seems to be saying silently.

You know what happens next? Yep! Off come the undies and into the machine they too are tossed. This all happened, as I said, on Tuesday, April 1st.

Remembering Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits Celebration will be Saturday, April 26, 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Edwin R. Hornberger Center, 2151 W. Holcombe Blvd. DJ: Bocados' Terry Flores. Tickets: \$25 at the door, or \$20 in advance, available at Acadian Bakers, Bocados, DaCapo's and Houston Buyers Club.

Longtime Houston personality Nancy Ford writes,

"It's been more than 28 years since Kindred Spirits, a club for women and their friends as it was known, first opened

its doors. In the 1980's, Houston had a thriving gay community, but no gay community center, per se. The very few gay organizations that existed had even fewer places to meet.

By necessity, Kindred Spirits became a precursor to, if not the birthplace of, many of the gay and lesbian community organizations that thrive in Houston today.

Kindred Spirits' doors closed almost 20 years ago, but the "kindred spirit" promoted by its owner, Marion Coleman, lives on in the form of an annual reunion celebration of its loyal customers and those who wish they could have been.

In addition to providing hours of the fun and fond memories shared by its thousands of attendees both female and male, Kindred Spirits Celebrations have also raised more than \$80,000 for local women's health programs. Proceeds from the 2008 event benefit AssistHers, Bering Support Network, Houston Buyers Club and Lesbian Health Initiative.

Oops. Bye Birds

A squirrel did, after all, feast on the three eggs laid by my bluejays. They staged a valiant fight against the hairy critter but, alas, the squirrel reigned.

The blue jays have now abandoned that nest and moved on, hopefully learning their lesson not to build a nest among the squirrels.

Montrose Bicycle Club

Here are some events for the new Montrose Bicycle Club, which, as it appears, has adopted The 6ll as its home bar.

Sunday, April 6: 10:00 a.m. Ride to Japanese Festival (Hermann Park) then

burgers at 2:00 p.m. at 6ll Club.

Sunday, April 20: 11:00 a.m. Ride from 6ll Club then free hamburgers at 2:00 p.m. at the 6ll Club. "Cook Your Own"

Sunday May 4: 11:00 a.m. Downtown Aquarium Ride via Allen Pkwy Bike Trail, then burgers at 2:00 p.m. at The 6ll.

Sunday May 18: 11:00 a.m. Ride from The 6ll, then burgers at 2:00 p.m. at the Club.

Remembering Stella

Daddy Rose reminds is that Saturday, April 5th at EJ's, will be an event, a "Garden Party" honoring the life of Empress Stella.

4:00 to 5:00 -Meet and Greet or as Stella would say "Lawn Chair Gossip Hour"

5:00 to 6:00 ish -Memorial Service - "Preparing the Flowers"

6:00 to 7:00 -Stella's Banquet of Life 8:00pm Parade of Flowers Benefit Show -One more show for Stella

Krewe of Olympus

Bob Briddick, VP of Krewe of Olympus, tells us that they are now accepting grant applications from 501 (c)(3) organizations for consideration for being a beneficiary in 2009.

Application packets must include the following: A letter of interest and designating the plans for the use of the monies. The organization's most recent financial statement. The organization's 2008 operating budget. Letter of determination for 501 (c)(3) status. Feel free to include any pertinent information you deem necessary. All application packets should be mailed to: Krewe of Olympus-Texas Inc., Attn: Beneficiary Selection, P.O. Box 920794, Houston, TX 77292.

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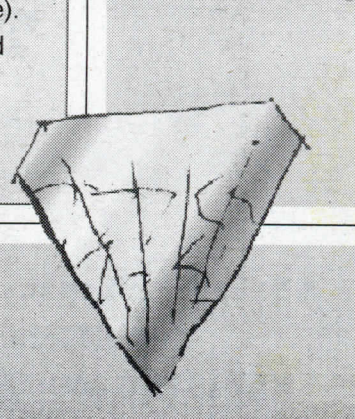
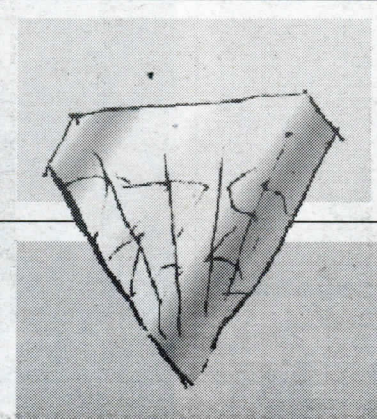
Runoff Tuesday, April 8

PRESS RELEASE from Houston GLBT Political Committee

Early voting will be from Monday, March 31, through Friday, April 4, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our endorsements:

- Railroad Commissioner: Dale Henry
- Judge 80th District: Larry Weimar

4.3.9. DVD Rentals
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Politician Rebuked

From LGBT.BZ

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, a political-action committee, sent an open letter recently to Okla. Rep. Sally Kern in response to her anti-gay remarks. Speaking to a group of approximately 50 people at an Okla. Republican club, Kern went into a diatribe about LGBT people.

Fake Hate Crime

From LGBT.BZ

Several prominent right-wing commentators and anti-immigration leaders were humiliated last December after they rushed to judgment in a case in which conservative activists filed bogus police reports claiming to be victims of violent crimes.

It began when Princeton University student and anti-gay activist Francisco Nava, 23, showed up at a campus health center with a swollen jaw, bloody mouth and facial lacerations. Nava told police that two masked men had attacked him, repeatedly slamming his head against a brick wall while shouting at him to "shut the fuck up." Nava further claimed that he'd been receiving death threats since the previous October, when he published a column in the student-run Daily Princetonian that criticized the distribution of condoms on campus.

A number of right-wing bloggers and commentators (most notably David Horowitz, a former leftist who has made a latter-day career of ranting about alleged anti-conservative and anti-Zionist bias in America's universities) were quick to angrily label the apparent attack on Nava a hate crime.

"The left has now become the hate group," a pious Horowitz said.

However, when police confronted Nava about inconsistencies in his story, he admitted faking the attack and the death threat E-mails.



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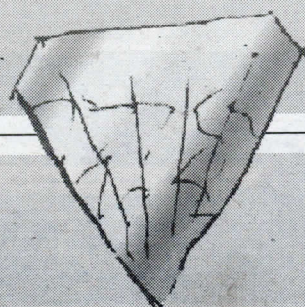
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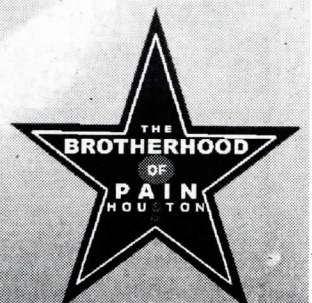
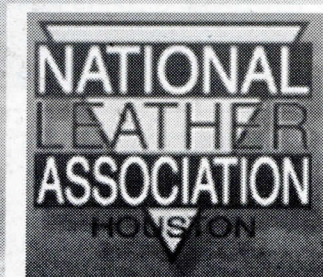
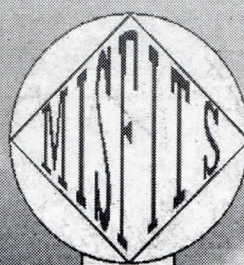
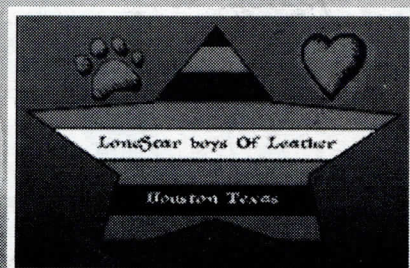
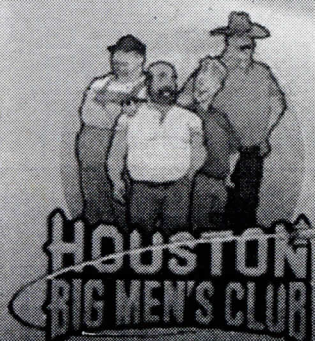
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Quiet on the Set: Family Research Council on Immigration

Opinion by Chris Johnson
on Human Rights Campaign website

Recently, Cristina Finch, our senior counsel, posted on her interview with the Medill News Service regarding same-sex bi-national couples that are being kept apart due to our immigration policy, and the legislation that would seek to remedy this problem, the Uniting American Families Act. Well, the reporter also interviewed Peter Sprigg of the arch conservative Family Research Council, who doesn't hesitate to give his own straight-faced immigration policy reform recommendation. And (surprise!) his right-wing wisdom is that gay people should be actually be exported from the United States:

Sprigg must have gotten some serious blowback from a Higher Authority, because here's Sprigg's attempt at an "apology":

In the interview, I discussed FRC's opposition to an immigration bill that would allow foreign nationals who are the same-sex partners of American citizens to immigrate to the United States on the same basis as foreign spouses of American citizens. FRC does not believe that homosexual relationships are the equivalent of marriage, and we therefore oppose any legislation that would treat such relationships as the equivalent of marriage.

In response to a question regarding bi-national same-sex couples who are separated by an international border, I used language that trivialized the seriousness of the issue and did not communicate respect for the essential dignity of every human being as a person created in the image of God. I apologize for speaking in a way that did not reflect the standards which the Family Research Council and I embrace.



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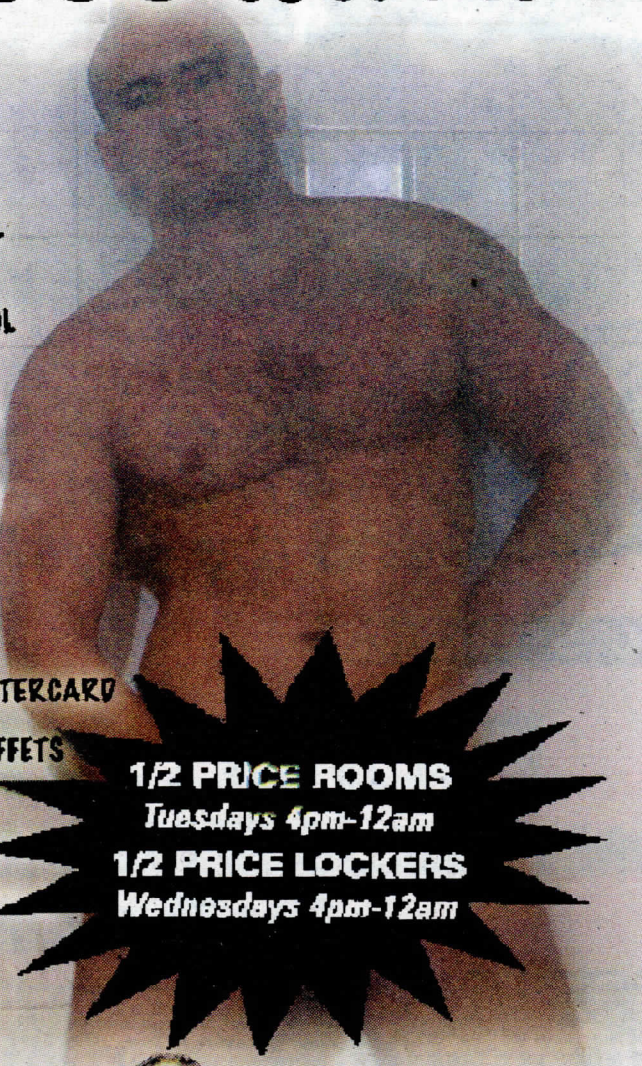
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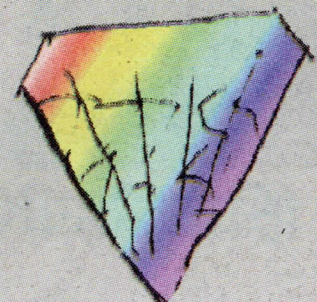
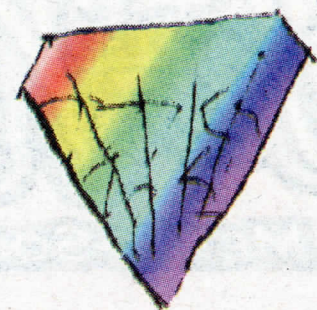
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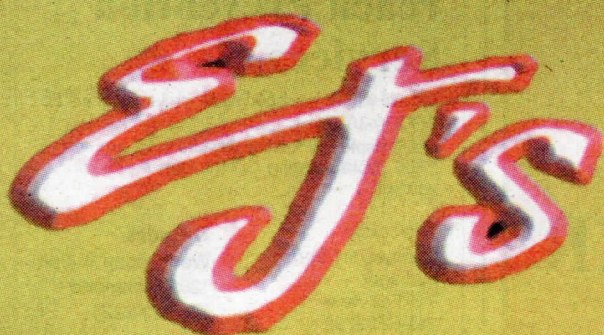
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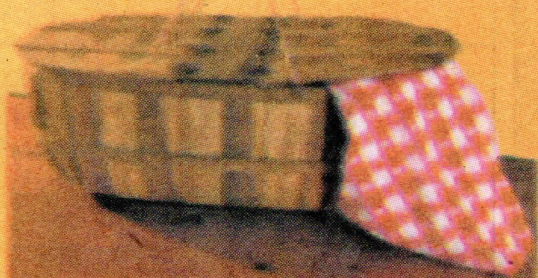
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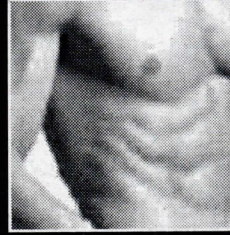


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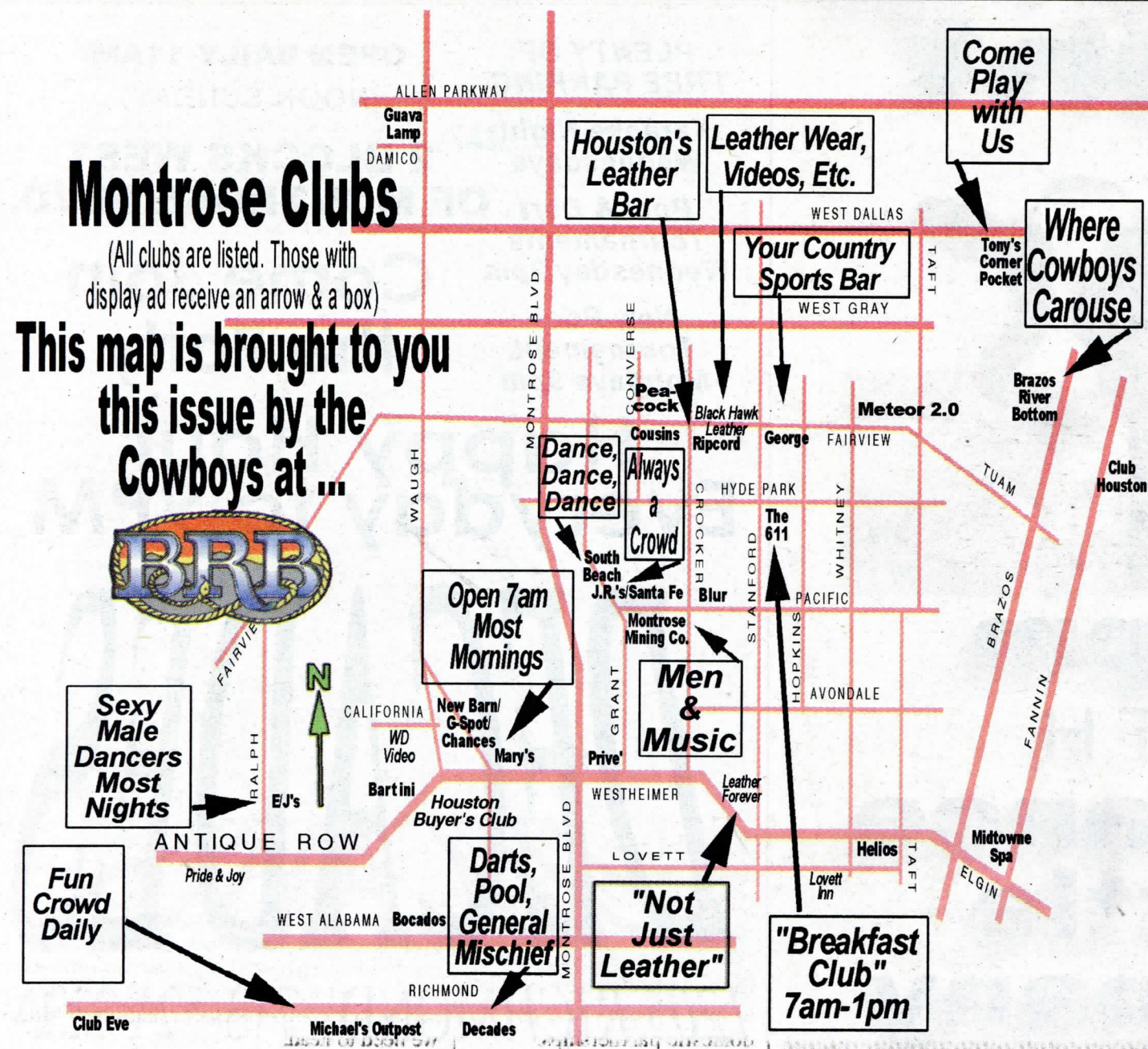
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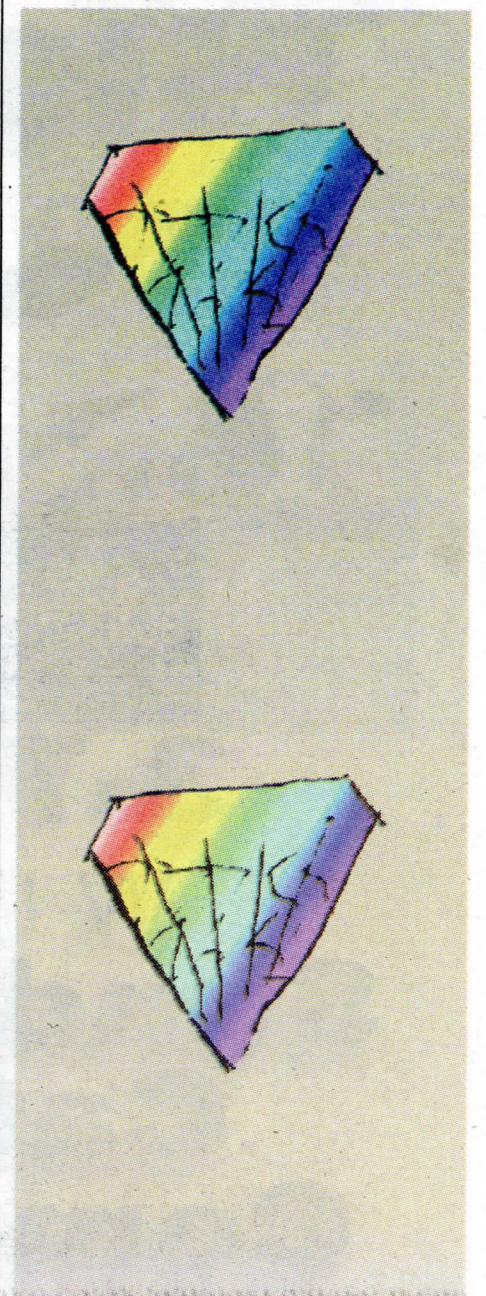
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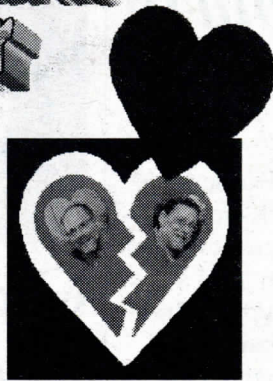
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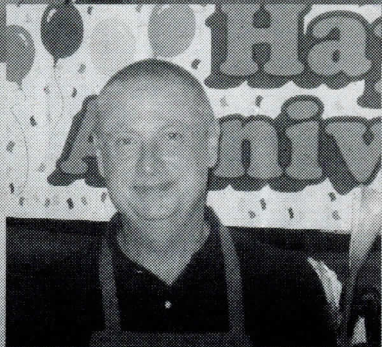
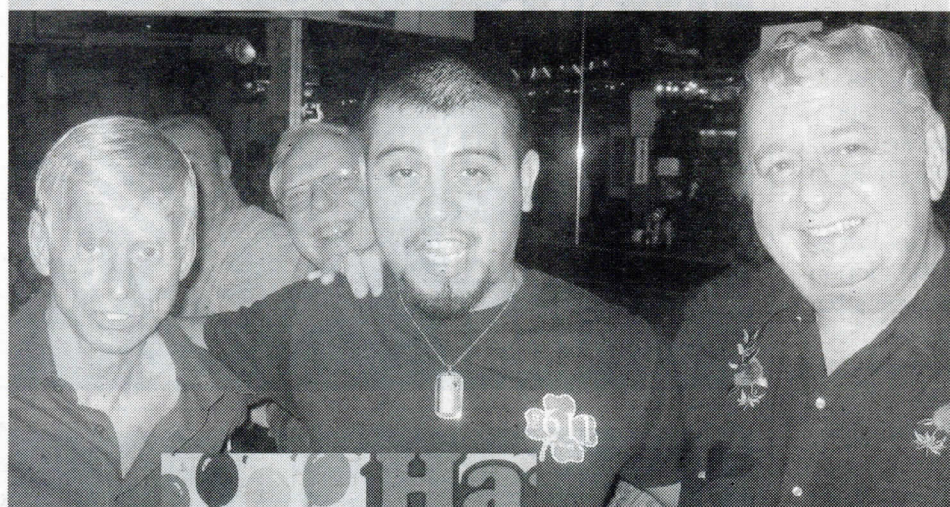
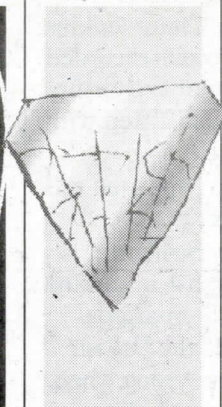
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Media Frenzy at Warsaw Airport for Arrival of Gay American Couple

By UK Gay News

Gay Americans Brendan Fay and Tom Moulton found a media frenzy when they arrived at Warsaw airport this past weekend. The couple, who were married in Canada, hit the international headlines when their wedding image was used in Polish President Lech Kaczynski's televised prime-time address to scare the Polish people against supporting the Lisbon Treaty, arrived to Warsaw for a three-day visit.

The trip is sponsored by TVN Television.

Their first day in Poland was an opportunity to meet with Polish gay rights leaders Tomasz Szypula and Greg Czarnecki from the Campaign Against Homophobia as well as other members of the LGBT community.

Fay and Moulton were eager to get to know about the situation and issues of LGBT people in the East European nation.

The Polish activists showed the couple from New York some major sites in the city such as the former Jewish Ghetto and the Old Town and attended a Catholic Mass in the afternoon.

They were also able to see a rock concert in solidarity of Belarus.

Later they had dinner together with one of Poland's most prominent gay couples Tomasz Raczek, film critic, and Marcin Szczygielski, writer.

"For us this is a journey of friendship and solidarity. It's a most unexpected opportunity to share our story and hear the stories of the courageous lesbian and gay community in Poland", say Fay and Moulton.

In a statement, KPH said: "We are very honored to have Fay and Moulton here in order to start a public dialog on domestic partnerships.

Cover-Up of Anti-Gay Comment Gets Austin Cop Fired

News from LGBT.BZ

A veteran police commander has been suspended for 20 days for demonstrating "personal bias" toward gay officers and a second commander who did not report the remark and then refused to take a suspension for it has been fired.

Cmdr. Calvin Smith, a 34 year veteran of the force and the newly appointed supervisor of the Austin police training academy, told outgoing supervisor Cmdr. Larry Oliver that he was worried about the "kind of message" the potential transfer of a gay female officer would send at the academy the Austin American Statesman reported.

Smith later denied the woman a transfer to his command. Oliver, following that, mentioned the conversation that Smith had had with him to another female officer and a complaint was filed with internal affairs. Smith agreed to a 20 day suspension but Oliver refused to accept a 30-day suspension for not reporting the incident.

He was subsequently fired. It is not known if he will appeal.

Oregon State Senator Says Shut Up

From "2015 Place"

State senator Gary George's advice to the gay community? "Shut up!"

In his first media interview since coming forward as co-sponsor of the initiative to repeal the recently enacted Oregon Equality Act, an anti-discrimination law for sexual minorities, George railed against gay activists and affirmative action, and warned that if gays continued to be "oppressive toward straights," they were in danger of "violent backlash."

Some of his answers:

I've had people approach me for special rights for homosexuals and I don't believe anyone should have special rights.

As an employer, I don't wanna hear about it. This workplace is for work purposes. My advice to the gay community is SHUT UP, just don't talk about it. If you walk around talking about what you do in the bedroom, you should be on the pervert channel.

If you do feel like you've been discriminated against as a gay, you have hard feelings. I remember when I was heavy and wore glasses as a child and I was picked on. We all know the gay person that nobody notices. I think that is where we need to head.

American Hero, Alan Rogers, One of the 4000

PRESS RELEASE from Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

Recently America entered the sixth year of the war in Iraq. Four days later, late on Easter Sunday, the Pentagon announced that the four Americans killed that day brought the death toll to 4,000. Regardless of how one feels about the war, no one could deny the sadness and tears embodied in the numbers: five years of war behind us, 4,000 Americans dead, more than 29,000 Americans wounded, and many times that number of Iraqis killed and wounded. Anyone would acknowledge, that mountain of misery is very high.

Dying on the field of battle has nothing to do with being gay or being straight or with any of the possible permutations between one end of the bell-shaped curve and the other. A dead soldier is a dead soldier, deserving of our highest respect, and we honor each one of them. Percentages are irrelevant here. It does not matter how many of those honored dead were lesbian, gay, or bisexual. But it does matter, and it matters greatly, that even in death the law of the land refuses to respect, honor, and acknowledge the full humanity, including the sexual orientation, of those brave and patriotic gay men and women who gave their lives for their country. Only the Congressional/Pentagon-approved version of who they were, the "poster-boy" or "poster-girl" soldier, can be admitted. Even if the gay or lesbian soldier acknowledged it, if everyone around the soldier knew it, and if the family accepted it, the government of the United States willfully refuses to see it. This, frankly, is insulting to the memory of any man or woman.

This question arises today because one of those four thousand dead in the war in Iraq is an Army major, Alan Rogers, who served with great courage and honor until he was killed by an improvised explosive device on January 27 in Baghdad. His burial in Arlington on March 14 was covered extensively by The Washington Post. Several of his friends have said publicly that Major Rogers was gay, and have accused The Post of colluding with the government in keeping that quiet. That is the subject of Deborah Howell's ombudsman column published in Sunday's Washington Post, "Public Death, Private Life." The Washington Blade's lead story Friday was sharply critical of The Post. Its editor, Kevin Naff, sent Howell an e-mail, which she quotes in her column: "It's a double standard to report basic facts about straight subjects like marital status, while actively suppressing similar information about gay subjects." I agree.

I, personally, did not know Major Alan Rogers. However, I do know that an estimated 65,000 brave gay American men and women are included among the ranks of those who put their lives on the line for our country in this time of war. Each of those service members is a beloved son or daughter of this country, deserving of better than a law that requires them to lie every day as a condition of serving our country.

On Monday the President pledged to ensure an outcome to this war that "will merit the sacrifice" of those four thousand who died in Iraq. He vowed "to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain." I respectfully submit that one way for that to happen would be to make sure the laws of the state regarding liberty and justice for all are applied equally to all. Justice is supposed to be blind. In the case of gay and lesbian soldiers, justice is not blind at all. Repealing DADT would be one way of making sure "that those lives were not lost in vain."

"A former Army officer and longtime SLDN supporter spoke eloquently to the issue in a recent e-mail: "All we wanted was to be able to talk about [Alan Rogers] as a friend and loved one and for our relationship with him to be honored. The Post didn't just bury the fact of his sexual orientation, it appears to have gone to some lengths to excise that entire portion of his life. It's as if our relationship with Alan never existed. That's what's so disrespectful about what they did. What they denied to Alan in death was exactly what the Army had denied him all his life: a chance, for once, to cease all the obsessive compartmentalization that the military required of all of us, and integrate all aspects of his life into a seamless whole."

Exactly.

(In an ironic twist, the number of men and women the military has lost in Iraq since 2003, according to statistician Gary Gates of the Williams Institute at UCLA, is equal to the number who each year fail to re-enlist because they no longer want to serve under DADT. They would rather be respected for who they are, not for who Congress and the Pentagon would like them to pretend to be.)

Teachers Vote to Confront Homophobia in Jamaica

From 247gay.com

The National Union of Teachers LGBT Committee in the UK won a major victory this week when the annual NUT Conference agreed to send a delegation of teachers to support anti-homophobia groups in Jamaica.

The conference also voted to have a meeting with the General Secretary Steve Sinnott to discuss the situation in countries where LGBT people are in constant danger; and to demand that the Union work with other international-equality groups to remind them of their obligations to LGBT people.

Opening the debate, NUT Executive member Tim Lucas told the Conference that an Iranian minister demanded that gays in his country "be hanged", that homophobic crimes were rife in Iraq since Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani decreed that homosexuals be killed in "the worst, most severe way possible" and that the Ugandan Government was determined to stamp out "these unnatural habits".

These countries must fulfill their obligations to the LGBT community as part of their commitment to the Universal Declaration to Human Rights, he said.

Seconding the motion, LGBT working party vice-chair Claire Jenkins said that Human Rights Watch recorded repeated systematic murder and torture of LGBT people in Jamaica, often with the support of the police.

One speaker, however, opposed the motion "with great regret".

Lambeth member Ray Siritkon commented that paragraph 4, in naming some violating nations, re-invoked the "civilizing mission of the British Empire", which would be wrong when there is still so much homophobia within the UK.

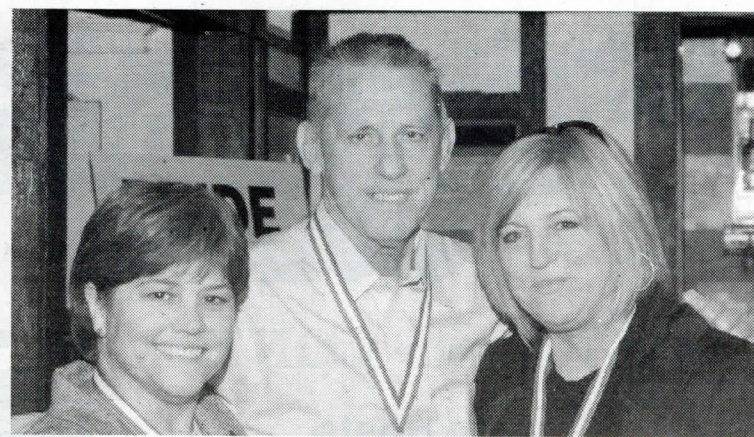
His views were attacked by Nottingham's Tom Utterainer, who showed that there was homophobia on the left too, and spoke of recent comments by George Galloway as symbolic of the "Brown-shirt wing of the anti-war movement".

Using his right of reply, Tim Lucas reminded conference that the motion acknowledged there was homophobia and transphobia in the UK and used the words "such as" before mentioning Poland, Iraq, Iran and Israel.

The motion was overwhelmingly carried.

This means that the NUT will send a delegation of teachers to Jamaica to work with groups such as J-Flag to support them in educating people about LGBT issues.

"This is a landmark decision and will have an impact where it matters: in schools," said Schools Out's Tony Fenwick. "If we can get the message across to the children of Jamaica, we are investing in the future generations."



Grand Marshal Winners

Press release from Gay Pride Committee

The Grand Marshals for the 2008 Pride Celebration have been announced! Pride Houston wishes to thank those who voted to select this year's Grand Marshals, and extend our special thanks to all of the distinguished nominees for their participation.

Each nominee was selected based on their tireless efforts, commitment, and outstanding contributions to the community; areas such as social, political, health, welfare, education and business. It is their continued mentoring, volunteer efforts, generosity and leadership that ushers our community into a better future.

Honorary Grand Marshal: Julie Eberly

A supportive mainstay of Houston's GLBT community, she is easily recognized and loved by anyone who has fallen into the realm of her sparkling smile and all encompassing hug. As a longtime development director for AIDS Foundation Houston, she has been

instrumental in raising much needed funds for those living with and affected by HIV.

Female Grand Marshal: Kelly McCann

As Chief Executive Officer of AIDS Foundation Houston, she is one of Houston's exemplary and highly visible lesbian leaders. Since 1979 she has conducted her personal and professional life as an out lesbian, never faltering, never changing her pronouns, and never wavering from being proud of who-and what-she is.

Male Grand Marshal: Dalton DeHart

An outstanding member of our community since arriving in Houston in 1985, you can hardly go to a GLBT function in the Houston area that you won't see him running around lining up people for a picture. It is his pictures that have captured those special moments for the community. Since 1986 he has shot over 12,000 rolls of film and over 700,000 pictures. His love for the community is seen as he moves people together with "OK darlin' you need to move over here and darlin' you need to stand there". He has developed an online data base of those pictures that can be researched for use today and far into the future.

Organization Grand Marshal: Aids Foundation Houston

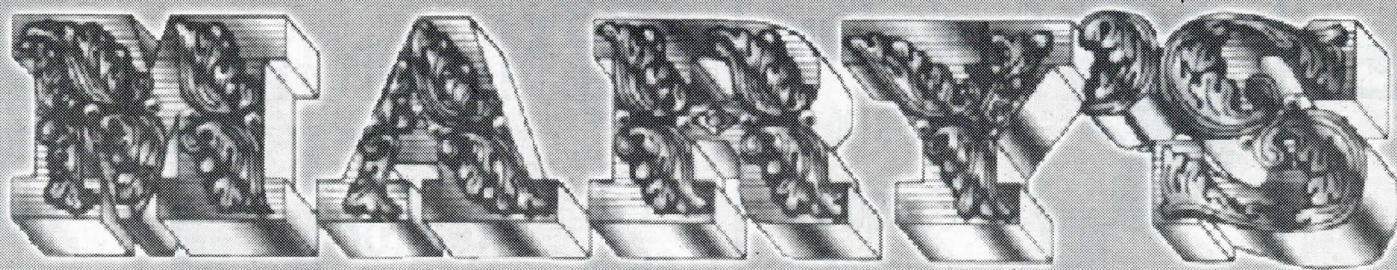
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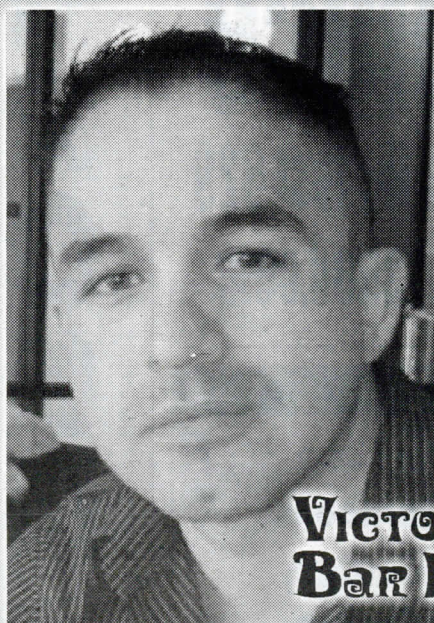
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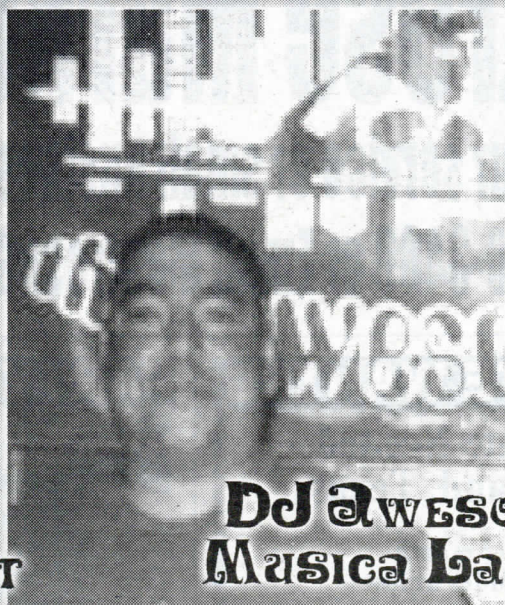
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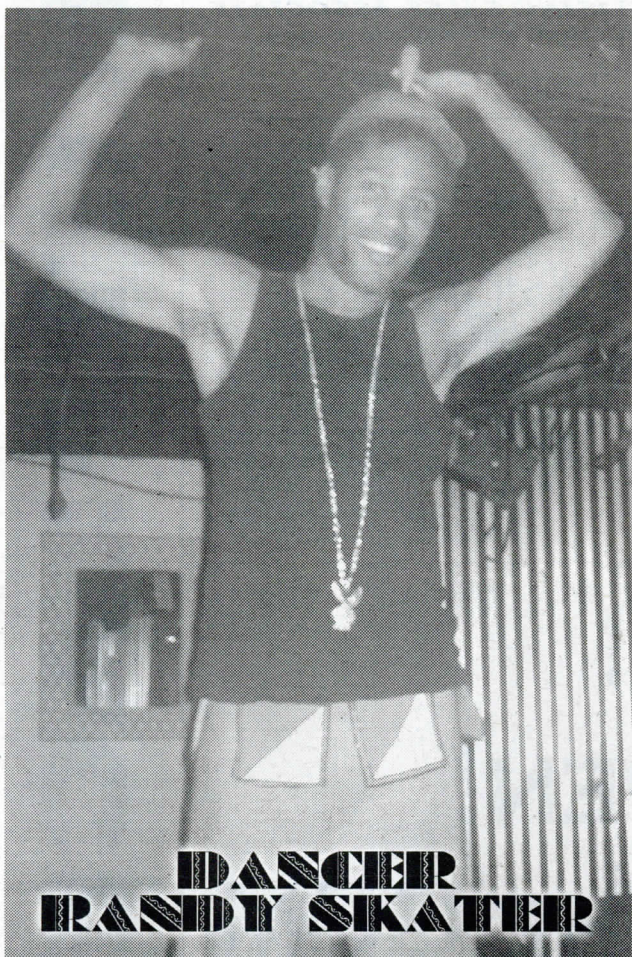


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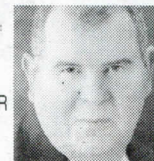
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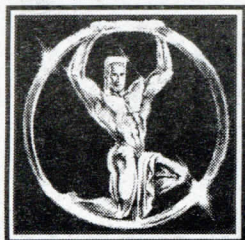


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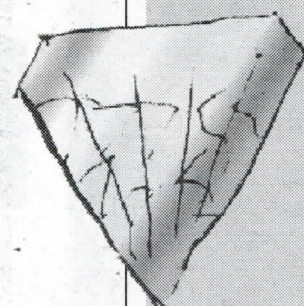
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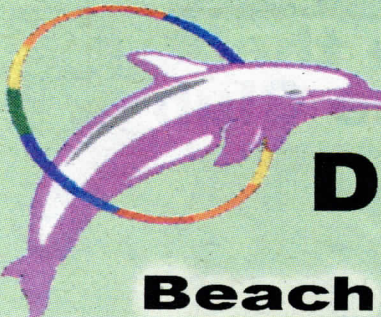


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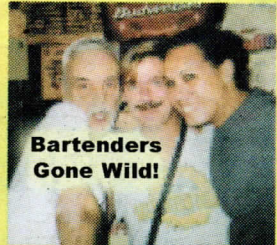
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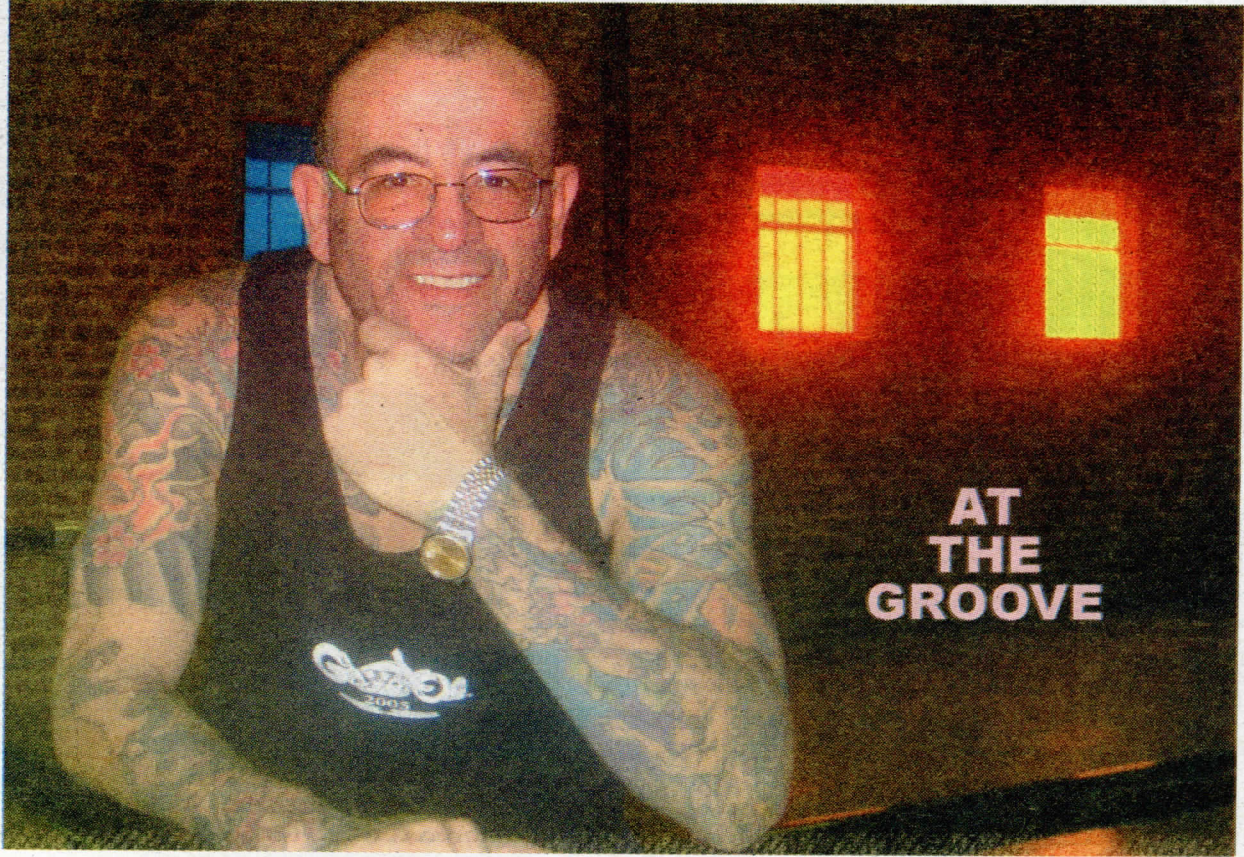
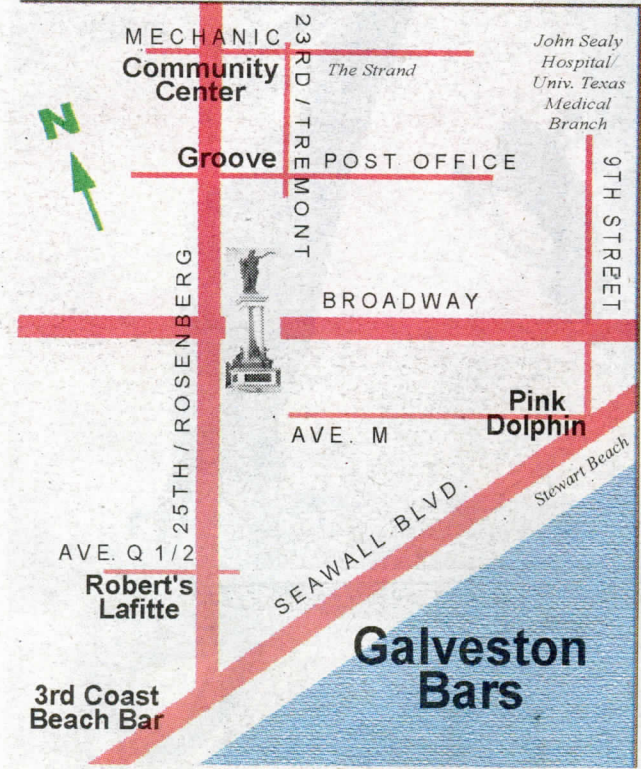
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