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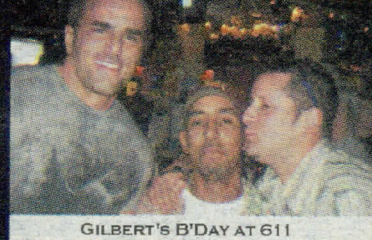
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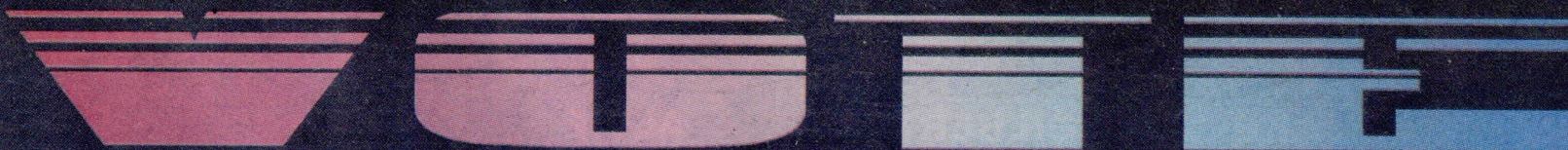
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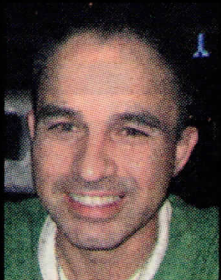
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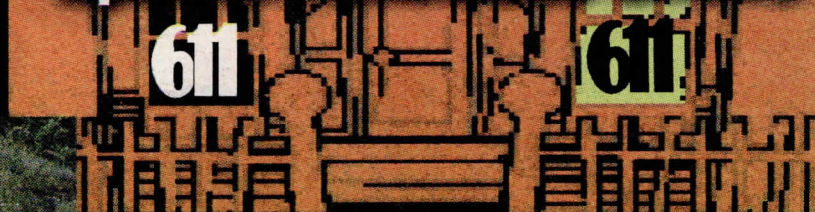
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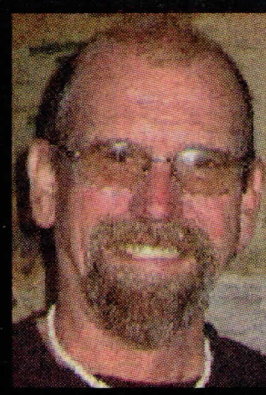
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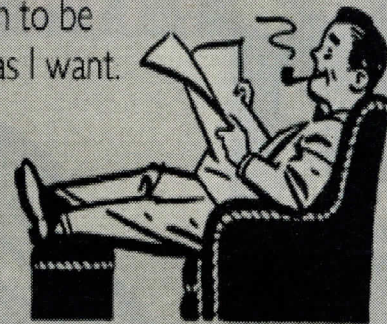
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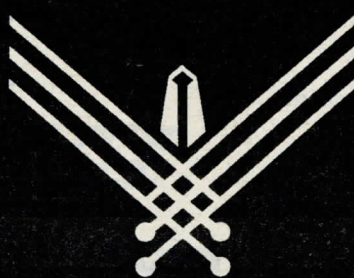
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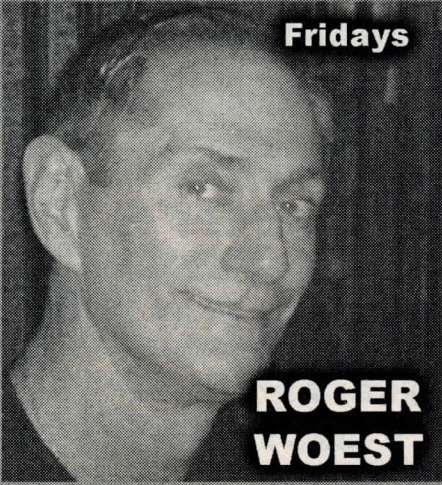
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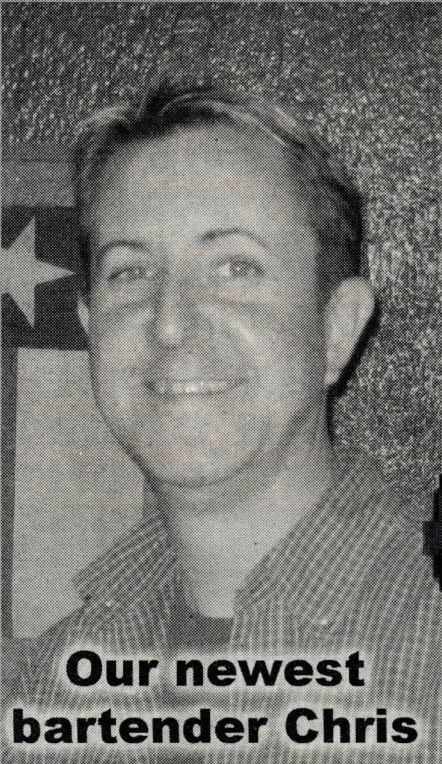
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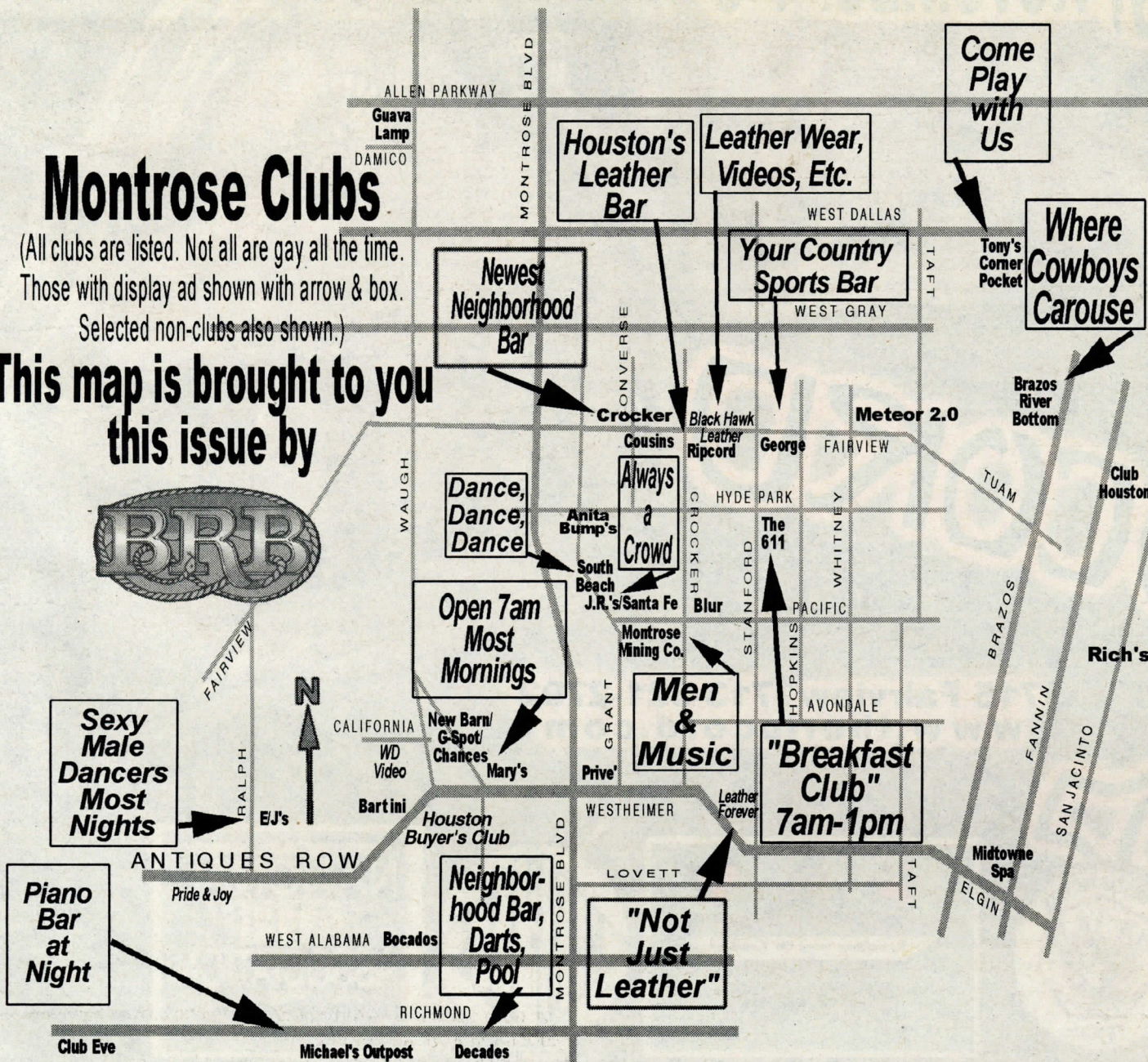
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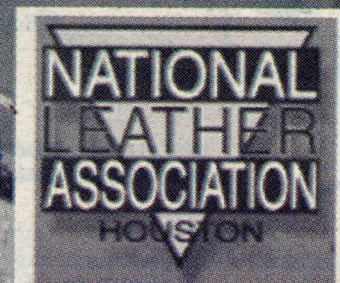
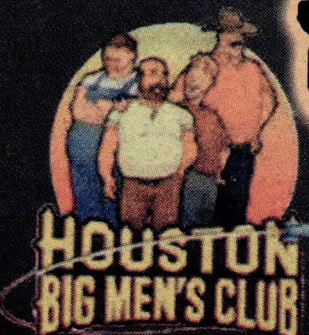
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Midtowne Spa, 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379, 4-8pm

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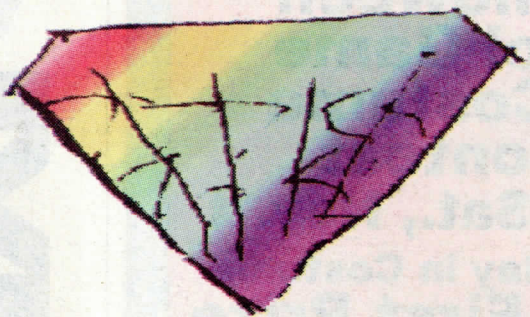
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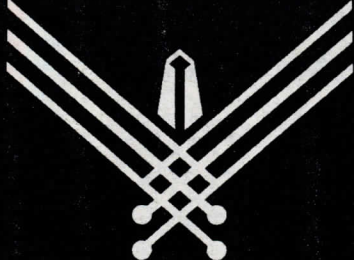
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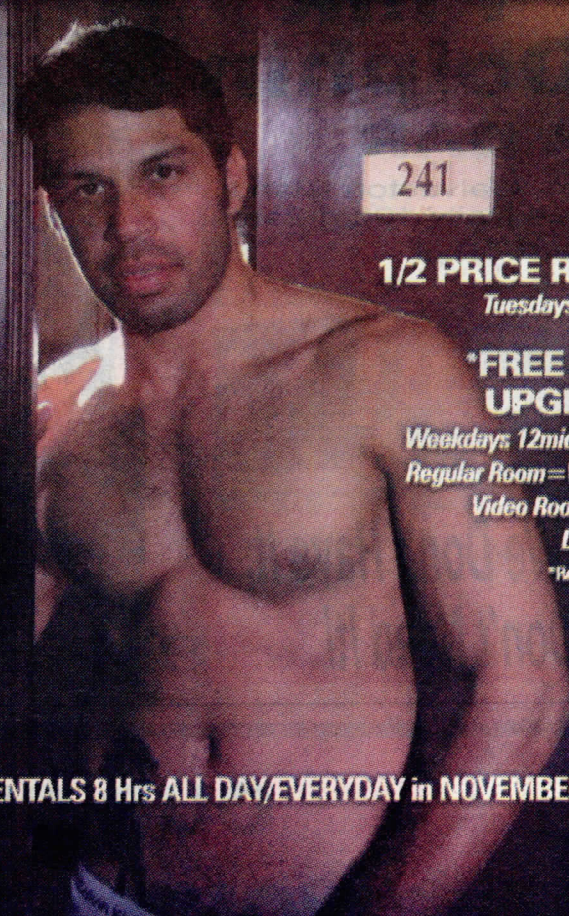
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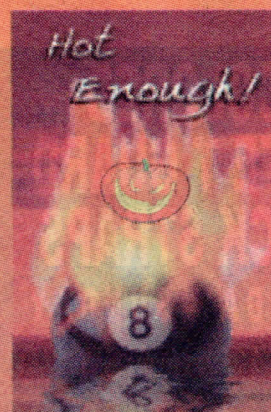
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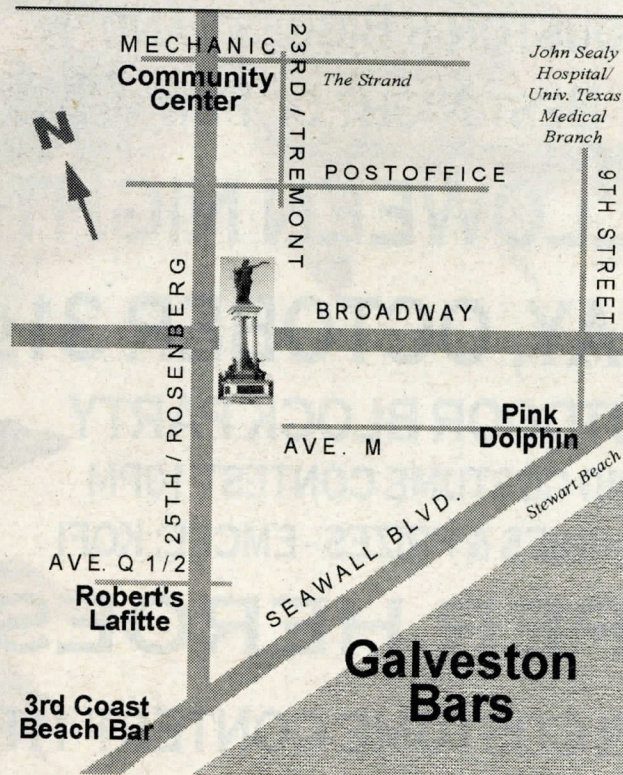
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garden and buying mulch, we ask that you go and buy Houston Mulch. (Isn't this weather great? This is one of the reasons we all live in Houston.)

NLA Announces Spring Iniquity

Press Release

National Leather Association-Houston announces its Spring Iniquity "Back in Black" conference on April 17-19, 2009. This will be Houston's first major leather-oriented conference in over ten years, and NLA-Houston is very proud and excited to bring the conference tradition back to Houston.

The 2009 conference features a full two-day program loaded with nationally recognized, cutting-edge presenters. A wide variety of classes will cover three general areas: S&M technique, relationships and M/s-D/s, and leather and protocol. There will be lecture-style classes as well as hands-on workshops and demonstrations. Many of the classes are scheduled to be presented more than once during the weekend, so participants can select a customized program of presentations.

But it won't be all lectures. NLA-Houston is offering "out-of-class" activities during the weekend too. Registration starts at the hotel Friday night and continues at NLA-Houston's home bar, the Ripcord. The International Puppy and Trainee Conference and annual meeting will be on Friday at the hotel. On Saturday night, the Lone Star Rubber Corps hosts the annual "Den of Iniquity" at the Ripcord, and Houston PEP offers an off-site play party. The conference is also hosting a market with more than a dozen vendors offering the latest clothes, toys, and "implements of fun." And throughout the weekend, the conference meeting space offers an open socializing area for participants to take a break, relax, and meet fellow Leatherfolk from all over the country.

The conference host hotel is the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow, located near Houston's famous Galleria mall. NLA-Houston invites everyone to come celebrate and share the leather lifestyle during this landmark event. For more information, go to www.springiniquity.com or NLA-Houston's main website at www.nlahoustontx.org.

Flyboys Thanks

Letter to Our Readers

We want to let you know that the 2nd annual Flyboys Car Wash, held on Westheimer, was a great success, exceeding our most optimistic expectations. Eight Flyboys, two Flyboys apprentices, and three Flyboys friends, working in little bathing suits right of Westheimer, at Mary's parking lot between Montrose and Yoakum, caused quite a stir (even more than last year), with cars, trucks, and even 18-wheelers tooting their horns as they drove by.

During the few slow few periods, particularly earlier in the day, both sides of Westheimer had speedo-clad flag dancers spinning their colorful flags. Traffic actually seemed heavier than a usual Saturday afternoon. Perhaps, it was all those cars that circled around the block for a second look, leaning out of their car windows in the second pass taking pictures. It was certainly noisier.

Workers in shops on the street came out of their stores and donated money. Westheimer was abuzz. Many donors lounged under a tent, where music and cool water was provided, and enjoyed the warm breeze of the beautiful day. Other donors preferred to stay in their cars for the wash cycle, taking pictures from the inside while wet young men swarmed all over their cars. Each car was given a little gift bag that included a postcard featuring a show photo taken by Dalton Dehart, who, by the way, stopped by for more photos.

Mary's was wonderful to the Flyboys, not only providing their parking space for the second year in a row, but also making sure we had the water and electricity we needed, and plastering our name all over their front window. The Flyboys will be stopping as a group at Mary's in a coming weekend to thank them for all their help and support. All in all, estimates are that 55-60 cars were washed, almost double last year, and the take was also almost doubled from

also in anticipation of our new upcoming production to be featured at the Hobby Center on December 6, for the Illuminations Project event which will be held as part of World AIDS Day observances.



cubic yards of storm-generated debris has been picked up so far (there are still about 1.5 million cubic yards not yet collected). Now that the stuff has been picked up, the problem is what to do with it. The city has come up with a great idea in partnership with Living Earth Technology Company, which is going to take a large amount of the tree and brush debris, grind it up into mulch, put it in bright blue packages with a city seal on the front and sell it. In return, the city will get 10 cents per bag for its recycling program. Living Earth will also donate 50 cents of every bulk yard sold to the city.

So all of you who are going to be working in your fall

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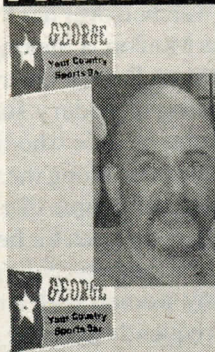


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The raffle runs Nov. 1 to Dec. 16.

The drawing will be Dec. 17.

AIDS Walk Registration Open

Press Release

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Houston, presented in partnership with Chevron and produced by AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH). You can now register and learn more about the walk, which will take place on Sunday, March 15, by visiting the website www.AIDSWalkHouston.org.

This fun, non-competitive 5k pledge walk is open to the public. No registration fee is charged and incentive prizes are available

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Here's my column for Montrose GEM #92.

The GEM Endorses ...

You are a reader of The GEM so we know you are smart enough to make your own good decisions about the election. But, being a small newspaper with big opinions, I would like to share with you my thoughts and invite your consideration.

Your best bet, as the down-ticket races are more important in Texas than the presidential race, is to vote straight-party Democrat. Then, we (that is, I) recommend that you scroll through your ballot to find races where a Democrat is not on the ballot. There will be quite a few toward the back and many will have a Republican and a Libertarian. The GEM recommends in those races punch the Libertarian candidate. Do not punch the Libertarian if there's a Democrat in that race.

Equality Texas points out that you must **not** punch individual Democrats after punching the straight-party Democrat spot as you will then be removing that Democrat from your vote, not reinforcing your vote for that person. (Yes, this sounds like a another Republican Party dirty trick and they do control the mechanisms of the government of Harris County at least for a few more months. The GOP basically stages and counts our votes here.)

So that's our recommendation: Straight Dem and then pick a few Libs here and there. But if you don't agree with us, that's fine. Please vote for whom you want. Just please exercise your right

and vote.

Now you may have an individual Republican that you like and in that race you may want to pick him/her over the Democrat. (Although I personally don't understand why, having read the Texas Republican Party state platform that wants to send us back to the island of



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Lesbos and wherever they think gay men originated.) But if you must, simply punch that GOPer's spot and in that race, and that one only, it will override your Democrat straight-party selection.

My \$3 Haircut

I feel much younger. I got a haircut.

But not just any haircut. I decided to try that place across from Fiesta and Sears on Wheeler with the sign that says \$2.99 haircuts.

I was a little scared when walking in. What would they think of an anglo like me going into a place that looked like it was made for Little Mexico? But I was surprised.

There were about 12 barber chairs. As soon as I walked in, a Hispanic-looking barber, with a nice smile, was motioning me to his chair. That was nice. No waiting, no trying to figure out, "Now what do I do?"

I started telling him how I wanted my hair cut and he then pointed to a picture on the wall and smiled. The picture looked

good to me and I said okay. (It was only later that I began to realize he didn't speak English.)

Then I started to look around. This place was very international. About 40% of the customers were Hispanic, 40% were black and 20% were white. All of the barbers were Latin (half men, half women) and the apparent owners (the people handling the money) were Asian.

A tall black man walked in with very short hair and was greeted by a female barber. He said, "You sure you can cut my hair?" "Oh yes! I do it all the time."

And two final notes. The sign says \$2.99 but they don't even bother with giving you the penny change. And two, at this price, be sure to tip your barber. I suspect the shop gets the whole \$3.00 and the barber gets only the tip.

Costco Opens

The new Costco, the competitor to Sam's, has opened on Richmond in the old H.I.S.D. administrative lot. So I decided to pay a visit.

Mind you, I've been to four different Sam's in Houston over the years and love them. I always stock up on paper products, cleaning supplies and exotic food.

I've never been to a Costco until now. (I've always wanted to go since seeing the outside of the Costco in South of Market in San Francisco.)

Well, it's just like Sam's. It's a big warehouse and laid out very similar to all the Sam's I've been too. Being brand new (I went on it's second day of being open), it was packed. But it was a breeze getting your membership card (\$50 a year but you get a \$25 gift card when you join). I whizzed right on through.

And guess what I bought? Paper products, cleaning supplies and exotic food.

And one thing this Costco has that Sam's doesn't: a separate liquor store. Yes, they sell hard booze.

A Little More Politics? Sure

GOP VP candidate Sarah Palin said last week that the election rests in "God's hands." Well, no it doesn't. It rests with us, the voters. Sarah, how can anyone keep count of the things with which you are so wrong?

Andrew Sullivan, a right-wing (but gay) columnist for The Atlantic (formerly Atlantic Monthly), points out the facts about Sarah Palin as a mother.

"How has Palin brought up her own kids? Her eldest son is a high-school dropout. Her eldest daughter has had, so far as one can tell from press reports, very uneven attendance in high school, and no plans for college. Her other daughters seem to spend a lot of time traveling the country with their mom at tax-payers' expense. I've seen them at several rallies with the Palins this fall. Are they not in school?"

I love finding these funnies on the World Wide Web. On the website Daily Kos, David Sedaris can't believe that this close to the election there are still undecided voters.

"I look at these people and can't quite believe that they exist. Are they professional actors? I wonder. Or are they simply laymen who want a lot of attention?"

"To put them in perspective, I think of being on an airplane. The flight attendant

comes down the aisle with her food cart and, eventually, parks it beside my seat. 'Can I interest you in the chicken?' she asks. 'Or would you prefer the platter of monkey poop with bits of broken glass in it?'

"To be undecided in this election is to pause for a moment and then ask how the chicken is cooked."

(He didn't really use the words monkey poop. I used my literary license to change his original.)

You Quack Me Up

Ruthie Grace Moulon, a character on the streets of the French Quarter in New Orleans when I lived there in the 1970's, has died. Here's part of the story from the Times-Picayune. "Ruthie the Duck Girl, a French Quarter eccentric who zoomed from bar to bar on roller skates, often wearing a ratty fur coat and long skirt and trailed by a duck or two, died Sept. 6, 2008, at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. She was 74. "Ruthie ... had been suffering from cancer ... when the residents of her Uptown New Orleans nursing home were evacuated to Baton Rouge as Hurricane Gustav approached, said Carol Cunningham, a close friend who watched over her for nearly 40 years. "Miss Moulon, a lifelong New Orleanian, became a French Quarter fixture, achieving legendary status in a city that treasures people who live outside the mainstream. Along the way, she acquired a coterie of people like Cunningham who found places for her to live, paid her bills and made sure she got home at night. "A tiny woman with a constant grin, she frequently sported a bridal gown and veil on her forays because, people said, she considered herself engaged. ... "Miss Moulon's daily routine consisted of roaming from one watering hole to another, mooching drinks and cigarettes. She could be sweet one minute and unleash a torrent of profanity the next. ... "She's not out of touch with reality; she's just not interested," photographer David Richmond told The Times-Picayune. ..."

The newspaper story generated over 100 online comments. I chose this one by NOLevee to provide the color, the ambience, that she brought with her presence.

"Once when tending bar at Lord VJ's (now Ryan's) Bar Ruthie in came with her duck, she climbed up on the bar-stool placed the duck on the bar and in her duck-like sounding voice said: 'Give me a rum n' coke, give my duck one too.'

"Taken a bit back I said, 'What?'

"In which her sardonic side expounded, 'What? Are you deaf? I said give me a rum & coke and make one for my duck too.'

"So I did. And the both of them preceded to enjoy their drinks.

"She was definitely one of a kind."

Quickies

Tony's Corner Pocket is going to have its second year customer appreciation party on Sunday, Nov. 9, 5:00 p.m.

On my blog site (www.montrose.blog.com) I see Google has discovered me. They now post various ads next to my column for Montrose Lodge, Montrose Insurance, etc. Weeelllll ... but these businesses are all in Montrose, Colorado. But I'm glad to have them even if it's the wrong Montrose.

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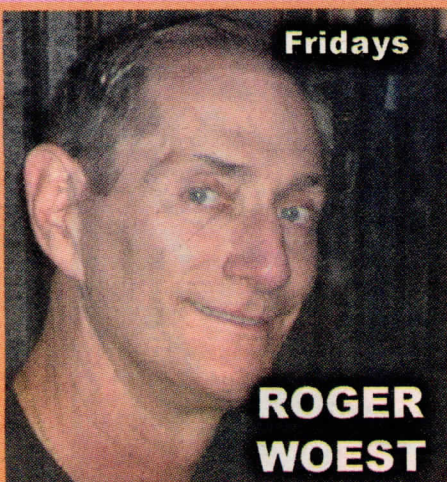
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