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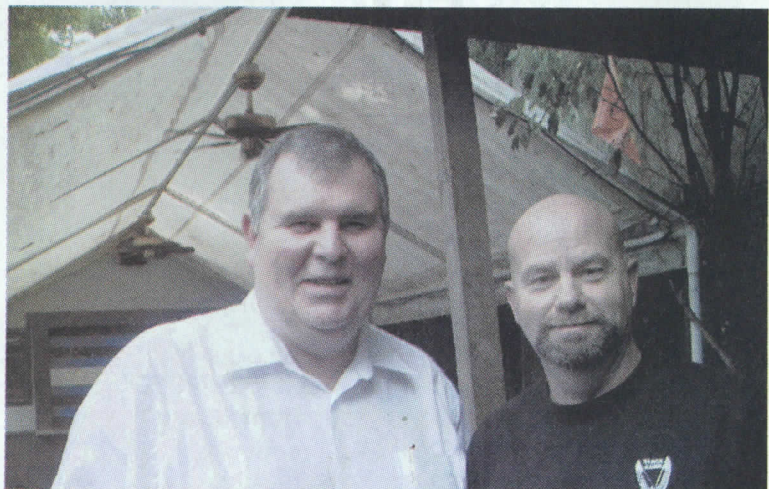
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GEM NEWS & BAR TALK

By Henry



These two are the clue to 1DOWN in the Montrose Puzzle on page 22 of this issue of your favorite gay publication

Yet Another Issue

Here is number 25 of the GEM, our super-duper Halloween issue.

Without shame, we are going to make fun of elephants, promote our advertisers and make things up. Here we go.

Four Years Old

The piano palace on West Dallas will have a party on Sunday, Oct. 23, beginning 6:00 p.m. to celebrate their fourth anniversary. This will include Miss Keys West, An'Marie Gill, hosting their anniversary show around 7:00 p.m. That's with \$2 well vodka they splash at you on Sundays.

Quickies

On The Island, Dr. Dave and C.C. Ryder have decided they are not really marrying material ... to each other, that is.

The mayor of Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick, has decided to stop wearing his trademark diamond earring.

Saturdays are *little!* Yes, start your Saturday morning with *Little Mike* at The 6ll with \$1.50 beer and well until 1:00 p.m. Then go take a one-hour disco nap, wake up, and go see *Little John* at Mary's, serving 2:00-8:00 p.m.

The Lone Star Rally has been moved (again) to the weekend of Nov. 4-5-6. So come to The Island for all the leather and parties and contests. Undercurrent will be right in the middle of it all.

Every Friday is Good Friday at the BRB. Why? \$2.50 well and domestics all day, all night.

Mary, a.k.a. The Goddess, is moving back north and the bar that many think is named after her (She's one of those who thinks it)

will roast and toast her on Sunday, Oct. 23, 8:00 p.m.

In England, a derogatory word for gay male is batty boy. *Who is Helga?*

Our horoscope lady says she is a direct descendent of Odin, the Norse god who created the world. So there. *Who is Jennifer?*

Jennifer Parello is a syndicated columnist who appears in "all the finest gay and lesbian bar rags in the country." That's why we have added her column to The GEM. She lives in Chicago with her pets and her friends. Read her column on page 12.

Sports Quickies

Just weeks remain for the teams in the Thursday Night Pool League to outplay each other. The team Ebony, Ivory & Jaded leads in

both match play and game play going into mid-October.

On the other end of the pool stick, Mary's Stokers are stroking the least. They are at the bottom of both measurements.

Besides the leader, among the teams with a shot at the top trophy are Chump Change Boys, BRB Sidewinders and the Outpost Longsticks.

Oh, Blessed One

"You are the best governor ever ... deserving of great respect!"

"Keep up the great work. Texas is blessed."

Those were written statements from Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers to You-Know-Who.

I think I'm gonna puke.

Keep dancing. There's more



Mary is retiring from Mary's with a party Oct. 23

Bottoms Up

There's a pizza place in Richmond, Va., called Bottoms Up. Mike Ward of the Richmond newspaper did a restaurant review of it and took his father with him.

"Once the name 'Bottoms Up' passed from my lips, (my father) was convinced we were going to a gay bar. I should have worn a sailor hat and cheek-less chaps if I had known the old man would react that way."

"Needless to say, the pizza was great and we didn't hear a single Cher song during our meal."

Birthdays

Rick Hall, now working assorted shifts at Michael's Outpost, provided this list of birthdays in the last half of October.

- Oct. 20: Guenther, Ripcord regular, sort of.
- Oct. 22: Rick Hall himself.
- Oct. 28: Dearly departed "Mother."
- Oct. 29: Lamoine.
- Oct. 30: Chinchilla, a.k.a. Tom Sawyer of the Ripcord.
- Oct. 31: Wicked Witch of the North, Verma Rae.

Email your birthday listings to The GEM and we'll put them in.

New Orleans Is Open

But there are no available hotel rooms. They are all occupied by construction workers and government officials. But Bourbon Street is "almost as crowded and rowdy as usual," reported Russell McCulley of Fodor's, the hospitality guide.

There was a midnight curfew, officially, but the bars were ignoring it until police stepped up enforcement in the week following the taped police beating of a 64-year-old man.

Bar owners united and demanded the mayor force the police to back down. So Mayor Ray Naggin offered the compromise of a 2:00 a.m. curfew.

Bar owners responded to that too. Jim Monaghan of Molly's on Decatur told Associated Press he's going to operate his regular hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. regardless.

Some of the right-wing loonies are saying that Hurricane Katrina was the

work of an angry God. New Orleans was a cesspool of depravity and it deserved to be destroyed, they said.

Billy Graham's son and heir to his ministry, Franklin, said "There's been a black spiritual cloud over New Orleans for years."

He said this while making an appearance with the over-fed reverend of Lynchburg, Jerry Falwell.

So, much of New Orleans was destroyed. But not the capital of good food, frolicking and hedonistic pleasures: The French Quarter. Yes, God saved the French Quarter because he approves of it, if you use Rev. Frankie's logic.

These preachers preach that the end is near. God is not happy.

Preachers have been preaching this for 2000 years with no end in sight.

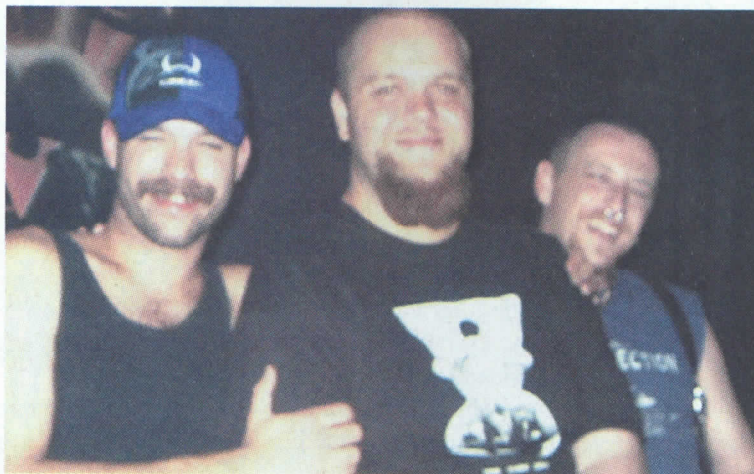
Mayor West Out West

It's a mess in Spokane, Washington. Mayor James E. West faces a recall election on Dec. 6. Here's how it came about.

The local newspaper, the



This is Mel, afternoon bartender at Third Coast Beach Bar



Erick, Darron and KaCey of the Phoenix in New Orleans were ready to go back after working temporarily at the Ripcord for weeks

Spokesman-Review, put a reporter out to entrap the mayor by posing as an 18-year-old male seeking help to get a job. The mayor supposedly offered to help with an internship.

Rumors in Spokane was that the mayor was homosexual. The newspaper wanted to find out.

I know several people who are rumored to be heterosexual. Should the Houston Chronicle try to entrap someone to engage in heterosexual activity to prove it. Of course not.

But in the entrapment process, the Oregon newspaper found that the mayor had been using city computers on government time to look at gay sites. Oh, the shame of it. (Just places like Gay.com. No naughty sites.)

So the more-godly-than-thou group passed around a petition to have the mayor recalled.

So far you're feeling sorry for the mayor? Don't.

Mayor West was at one time an Oregon Senate leader who championed anti-gay legislation and opposed pro-gay legislation. He's also a member of the political party currently in charge in Washington. The party who's name I will not mention. You know, the guys who came to power with a national surplus and peace in the land.

But nevertheless, the mayor used the city's computer for personal business on several occasions. So, over that, he should be recalled?

Largest Gay Bar

So which is the world's largest gay bar? It's in Chicago. It's Wrigley Field! How is that, you ask.

First the background. The Chicago White Sox are in the World Series. Their field is called U.S. Cellular Field. (Catchy, isn't it.)

Their cross-town rivals are the Chicago Cubs. Their playing field is Wrigley Field, located near Boystown, the main gay bar district.

Vendors at the Sox ballpark are selling T-shirts that say "Wrigley Field: World's Largest Gay Bar." They think it's a putdown.

When the Astros get there, they'll show you a putdown.

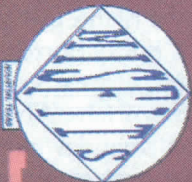
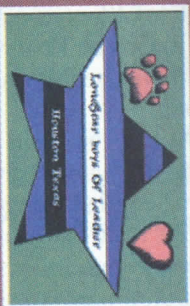
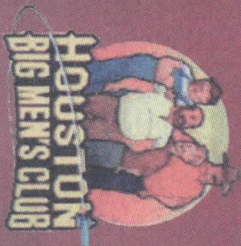
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Breaking News

We are just like the TV stations. We're going to get News Chopper GEM in the air to follow this story.

Associated Press reports that Tom Delay is likely to be booked in a Texas county jail this week (as I write this on Monday) with fingerprints and mug shots. His attorney had been trying to get the authorities to bypass all that. By the time you read this you'll know what happened.

Yes, it's Monday night and I'm off to see the Astros play game five against St. Louis. Not to the stadium. To one of my many favorite watering holes.

(four hours later)

Oh, well. We have to take another trip to St. Louis before we get to go to Chicago. Darn.

But on the bright side, it's amazing that some people are about to get their justice. You know, L. Scooter Libby, Delay, maybe even ol' Bush's Brain.

And why should I be happy? Because this is a country by the people. When the V.P. sets up his own intelligence-gathering operation to compete with the C.I.A. so that he can selectively pass only the intelligence that would promote an invasion of Iraq and purposely hide the other intelligence, it is us ... you and me, the people ... that are being deceived.

These people are government employees. We are their bosses. They work for us. And they're doing a very bad job. They need to be fired. Don't you always feel good when you fire someone who needs to be fired? Someone not doing their job.

Thank you.

Campaign Tricks

What if you were the political party currently in charge of a country, and things were not going well in the economy, and an election was coming up ... what tactics would you take to try to ensure your party stays in power?

How about getting a bunch of flamboyant people, dress them up in flowery attire, and put them on the public airwaves with them declaring their support for your opposition.

Sounds like a Karl Rove plan.

But this happened in Belarus, a former Soviet state, reports Radio Free Europe. The flamboyant ones said they hoped the democrats would be elected so that same-sex marriage would become legal.

There is a gay rights movement in Belarus, registered as required by law. They said they had nothing to do with this.

Organizing rallies by previously unknown groups of gays and lesbians to pledge allegiance to your opponents has a long history in this and other former-Soviet regions, said the reporter, Julie Corwin.



Grigori Yavinski's presidential effort was the victim of "black PR"

newspaper at the Columbia campus of the University of Missouri. Yes, The Maneater! Published since 1955.

Halloween Parities

This is a sample list of events at GEM clubs and a few other places.

The court group E.R.S.I.C.S.S. will stage, one week prior to Halloween, an unprecedented series: a Halloween show at three different clubs. It's called

The MANEATER

Logo from Columbia, Missouri

In the country of Azerbaijan, Ali Kerimli, leader of the opposition, paid a visit to Turkey, where his opponents had arranged for him to be greeted by a group of gay activists.

He responded by saying, "If anyone has any doubts about my manliness, let them send me their wives."

Coming Out in Croatia

In this Balkan country, they've been having gay pride parades for the past five years. And some have been followed by anti-gay protests accompanied with violence.

So, the national government and several gay rights groups have been publishing newspaper ads listing the surnames of over 1000 gay Croatians and the message "I don't want to hide any more. ... Little divides us and a lot unites us. Reconsider your prejudice."

The Maneater

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Mausoleum Madness.

They will perform Friday, Oct. 21, 8:00 p.m. at E/J's. Then Saturday, Oct. 22, 9:00 p.m. at Mary's. And Sunday, Oct. 23, 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom.

Key's West will host the Mother and Daddy of Montrose as they present "Big Knobs on Broomsticks" at 7:00 p.m. It will be followed by a costume contest.

GALLO, the Latin gay group, is having its Tejano Brew Ha-Ha at La Cueva Tequila Lounge on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 p.m.

Decades has an early contest, about 9:00 p.m. B.R.B. and their cowboys will have their contest at 10:00 p.m.

On the Island, everyone's having a party. Rocky Horror (the movie) shows at Lafitte's, 3rd Coast and Pink Dolphin will have shows and a contest. Undercurrent downtown has a costume contest too.

Time for you to do another flip

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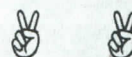
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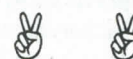


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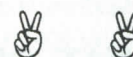
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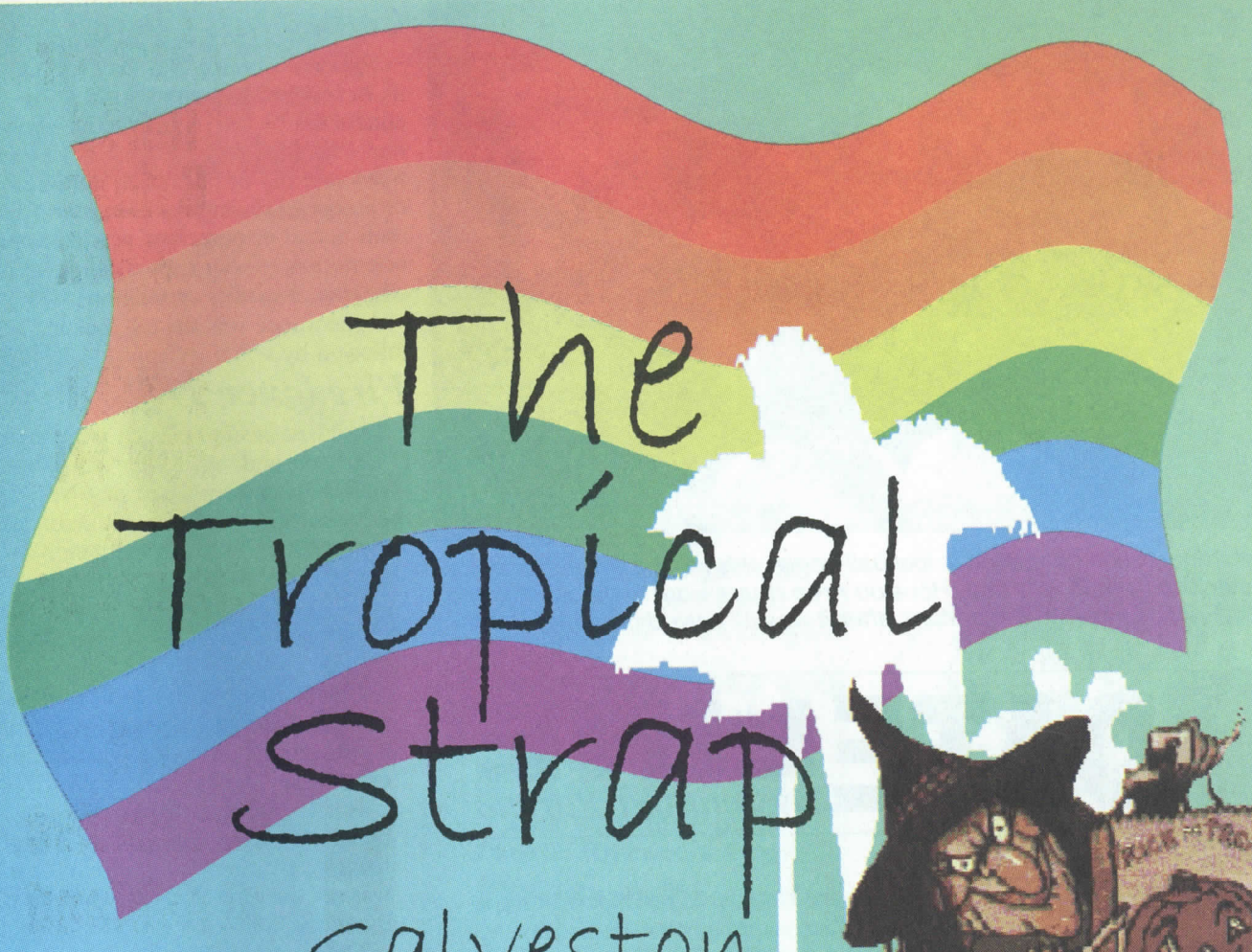
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DATELINE

By Jennifer Parello

No More Women

The doorbell woke me at 1:00 a.m. I peeked out the window. There was my friend Greta, crying her eyes out, drunk out of her mind, and thumbing my doorbell with her considerable German might. "I guess your date didn't go well," I said as she heaved herself onto the couch.

"Ssshheee bbbrrrookkkee uuuuppp wwwiittthhh mmmeee," Greta wailed, choking on the words as if they were loaded with fish bones. "I'm through with women. I mean business this time. No more women!"

Lesbians have the curious habit of swearing off women at the slightest provocation. Threatening never to sleep with women again is well and good if you are not, in fact, a lesbian. But for those of us who are, what other options do we have? And, no, cats are not the answer. After the first couple of years in a relationship with a cat, there's really nothing left to say. So you start doing stuff like knitting them little hats and smelling their paws just to fill those awkward silences.

I stared at Greta, now passed out

on the floor, with her bloated tongue lolling out of her wine-stained lips. My first thought was that she would never have to worry about dating again if she continues to sleep with her tongue hanging out of her mouth. Who'd want her? After giving up hope that she'd ever sober up and go home, I flopped onto the couch and considered her predicament.

Most of Greta's dates end in tears and empty vows of celibacy. Yet, for Greta, the only antidote to being rejected and humiliated by one person is to be rejected and humiliated by a completely new person. So, every Saturday night, she slips on a fresh pair of socks and marches herself to Girlbar.

She had met her latest disaster, Joan, the weekend before. "I got her phone number!" Greta exclaimed as we left the bar that night.

She pulled a soggy cocktail napkin from her pocket and danced it in front of my face as if it were a pair of silk panties. "Gimme that," I said, snatching the napkin. The scrawl on the napkin read: "Joan: 819-6558; Dinner?!?!?"

Come Out, Come Out

National Coming Out Day was Oct. 10. In conjunction with that, a study conducted by Harris Interactive showed that 65% of all teens report they have been verbally or physically harassed or assaulted during the past year over their actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, race or ethnicity, disability or religion.

Appearance was the top reason, followed by sexual orientation.

Firedance 19

The Firedancers-Houston tribe turns 19 this year and will have events Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Registration is Friday, Nov. 11, at the Ripcord, 9:00 p.m. to midnight. Late registration and brunch will begin at noon at E/J's Saturday.

Henry

I knew immediately that Joan was trouble. Any person who punctuates a cocktail napkin with anything more exotic than a comma is a fool.

But as I watched Greta dance happily down the street, looking as fetching as a milkmaid, I realized it was not the time to prepare her for the inevitable fall.

The morning after Joan broke Greta's heart, Greta sat hunched over my kitchen table, sipping an ice cream soda, the most potent hangover remedy known to man. I tried to boost her spirits by suggesting we reenact her bad date with hand puppets.

"You know what would cheer me up?" she said finally. "Let's go to the bar tonight. Maybe that Amish-looking girl will be there." Greta has a thing for the Amish. Occasionally, she'll disappear for the weekend, returning with a trunk full of quilts.

"I thought you were through with women," I said.

Greta ignored me and took a thoughtful sip of her soda. Then she asked, "Do the Amish dance?"

"Yes," I said wearily, adding ice cream soda ingredients to the grocery list in preparation for her next visit. "I understand they're quite good. They win awards."

c. 2005. Jennifer Parello is a syndicated columnist based in Chicago and can be contacted at JenniferParello.Com.

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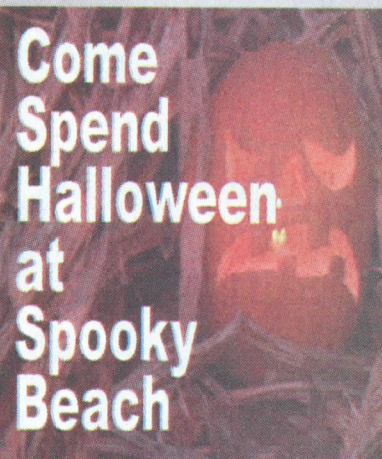
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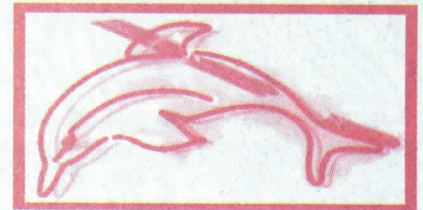


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Lola's 2327 Grant, 713-528-8342. Not a gay bar but a Montrose neighborhood institution

Mary's 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (10am Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays

Meteor 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-minded people

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

Numbers 300 Westheimer, 713-526-6551. (Not a gay bar.) Hosts occasional gay events

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

Resurrection 711 West Gray, 832-816-6315. Slightly gay sometimes. Open only for after-hours.

Rich's 2401 San Jacinto, 713-759-9606. Mega dance club open 9pm Thurs.-Sun. 18+ some nights. After-hours Fri. & Sat.

Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar, open 1pm daily. Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours Fri. and Sat.

Slider's 1424-B Westheimer, 713-528-2788. Not a gay bar. Great daiquiris

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. Major dance club. Open weekends with after hours and sometimes open other nights

Viviana's 5219

Washington, The Heights, 713-862-0203. Primarily Hispanic show bar with female impersonators

Galveston Bars & Restaurants

3rd Coast Beach Bar 3102 Seawall Blvd., (409) 765-6911. Overlooking the Gulf. Frequent shows. Nightly dancing. Always a crowd.

Cocktails 2411 Mechanic, (409) 762-7900. Not really gay. 2 clubs, one is a piano bar, other a small dance club

Garza's KonTiki 315 Tremont, (409) 765-5805. Open mid-day to 2am. Dance club. Frequent shows

Pink Dolphin 904 Ave. M at Stewart Beach, (409) 621-1808. Patio overlooks the Gulf. Brunch and drag show Sundays 11am. Other shows Sat. nights.

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Outlying Bars

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

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

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

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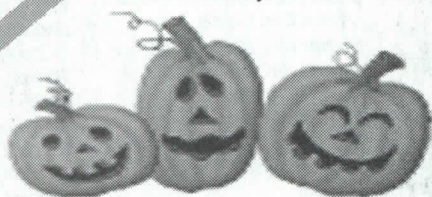
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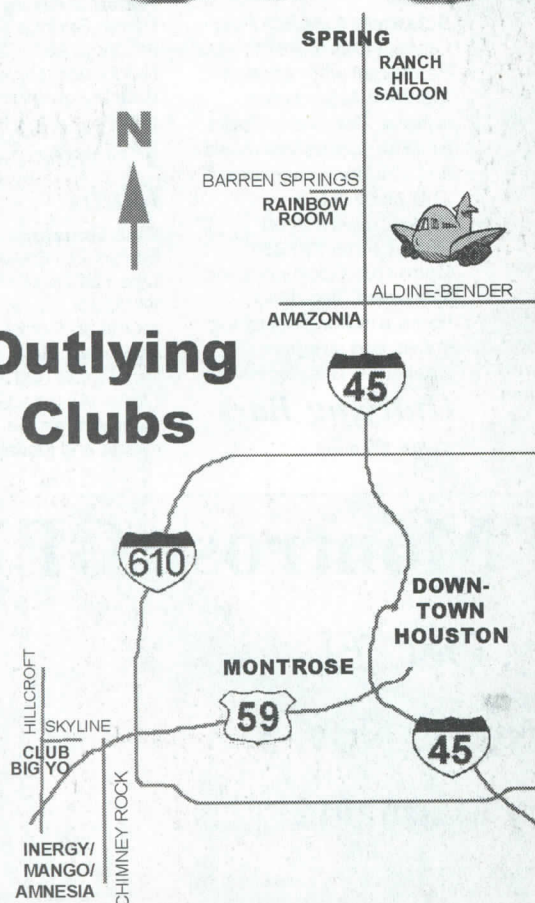
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Outlying Clubs



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HOROSCOPE by HELGA THE EXALTED ONE

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lions, tigers and bears will be all around you during the Halloween events. Pick your favorites. You, yourself, are considering dressing in dark. That would be a good idea. You will take the stage and bring others together with ideas and desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do good things this Halloween season and you will meet your very own Dracula late one night. Give in to the bite on the neck. You will enjoy it. Then do the Mash! The Monster Mash!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): The meaning of Halloween has changed. It's now all about you. Dress as you desire but dress with desire. You will find a trick with an equal amount of desire. You will be satisfied.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Imagine the possibilities for your costume. Pick something to show off your assets. Pick something with a spark to it. Then go flashing in search of a monster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hurry, hurry, hurry? Not you. There is no need. The ghosts will be all around you but you will see them. You will not be afraid. In fact, you will be stimulated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Far-reaching schemes for Halloween are in a haunted castle for you this season. You will meet a witch or two but remember that underneath this black dress is a man. Perhaps it will be a man you have been looking for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Ask a Leo friend to help you zip up your Halloween costume. You're going out as a friendly ghost, Helga senses. Or a spooky ghost. Or just Spooky? On Halloween weekend, you will find the world brash and rash.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): The man in the mask will look very tempting. Should you make a move? By all means. Helga senses that your Zorro will be quick with a sword ... in a romantic sort of way, of course. He can provide you with relief and sustenance.

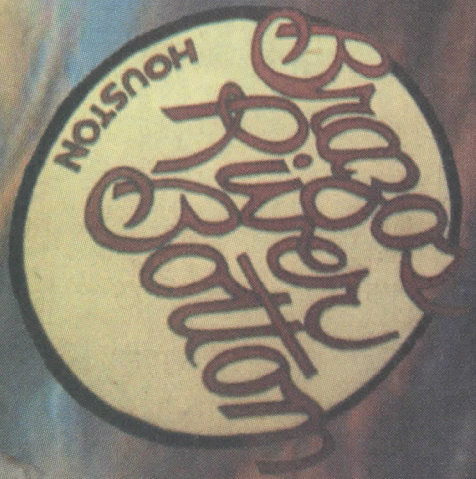
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): So what will it be this year? SpongeBob? TeleTubbie? NO! You should dress in black and be on the prowl for one in orange. That's what Helga thinks. Make your proper preparations and then charge into the night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A werewolf or two, or perhaps a wolf boy or girl, will be out there waiting for your presentation on Halloween weekend. Be bold. Be forward. Wear your mask and you can shift into your other personality for the pursuit of lust, gore and insanity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A Harry Potter look-a-like will cast a spell on you during Halloween events. Give in. Bat those eyelashes. Pose yourself in a provocative way. You will have a magical time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attractive outfits will be everywhere during the pumpkin festivities. In fact, someone dressed as a pumpkin will get your attention. Present yourself as whipped cream and the two of you will be delicious.

Did you know that, statistically speaking as a professional statistician, your chances of winning the big prize in a lottery are the same whether you buy a ticket or not? Helga is proof of that. Once again we did not get a single number in either predicted drawing. Cumulative: Now down \$27. Here are Helga's picks for Oct. 21 & 22, 2005. Mega Millions Friday: 5, 24, 46, 49, 42. Mega Ball: 44. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 8, 16, 38, 11, 27. Bonus Ball: 15.



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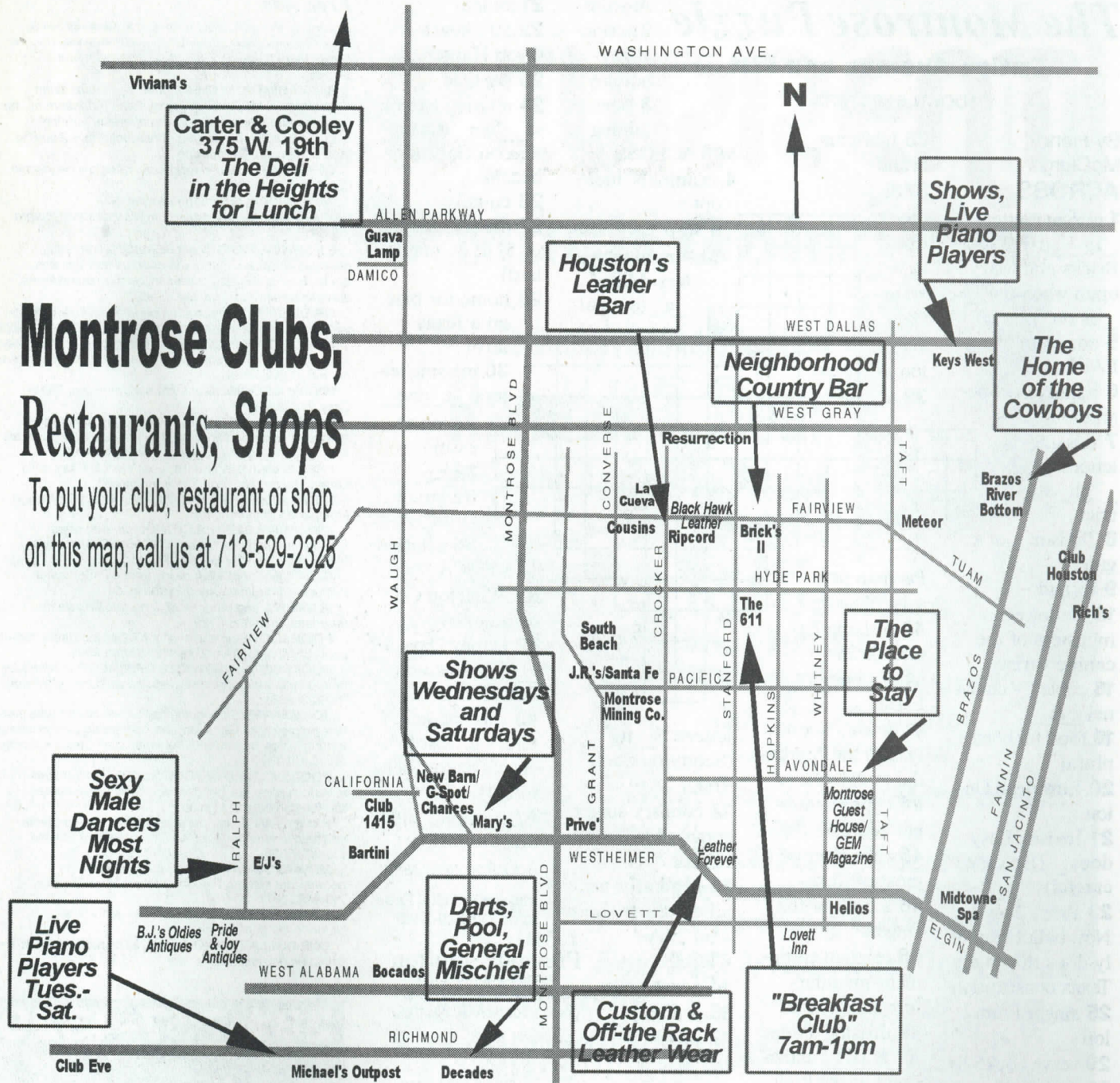
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Holidays and benefits ... Plan Your Parties

Some dates are tentative. Email
montrosegem@yahoo.com with
additions and corrections.

Friday Oct. 21 ERSICSS Black
Jack Night 9pm Keys West
Friday Oct. 21 ERSICSS Night
of the Living Dead show 8pm,
E/J's
Saturday Oct. 22 ERSICSS
car wash and bake sale 9am-1pm,
Mary's
Saturday Oct. 22 ERSICSS

Show at Mary's 9pm
Saturday Oct. 22 or 29 NLA
monthly membership meeting,
7:30pm, then members bartend
9:30pm-4:30am, Ripcord patio
Saturday-Sunday Oct.
22-23 Halloween Magic's
"Desperate Montrose
Housewives," Hobby Center's
Zilkha Hall, AIDS benefit
Sunday Oct. 23 ERSICSS
SHOW 8PM, BRB
Sunday Oct. 23 Misfits Ball 7,
5pm, Numbers
Sunday Oct. 23 Bike for a
Better City rides 8am, Starbucks,
W. Gray & Shepherd
Sunday Oct. 23 or 30 GLBT
Community Center's movie &
game night, 7pm 3400 Montrose
#207

Sunday Oct. 23 Hamburgers
and links on the Keys West patio
benefiting ERSICSS
Tuesday Oct. 25 ERSICSS
Drag Bingo, Meteor, from 9pm
Thursday Oct. 27 Bike for a
Better City rides 7pm, Starbucks,
W. Gray & Shepherd
Friday Oct. 28 ERSICSS Black
Jack Night 9pm Keys West
Friday-Monday Oct. 28-31
extended Halloween weekend
Saturday Oct. 29 3rd annual
Lazarus House Halloween Party,
4106 Austin
Saturday Oct. 29 GALLO
Tejano Brew Ha-Ha benefit
8:30pm, La Cueva
Sunday Oct. 30 ERSICSS
Spooky Halloween, BRB, 8pm

Sunday Oct. 30 Hamburgers
and links on the Keys West patio
benefiting ERSICSS
Sunday Oct. 30 Sofonda's
Pumpkin Patch Show 8pm, BRB,
benefiting ERSICSS Reign
charities
Sunday Oct. 30 Daylight
Savings Time Ends (party an
extra hour)
Tuesday Nov. 1 ERSICSS Drag
Bingo, Meteor, from 9pm
Wednesday Nov. 2 GALLO's
Dia De los Muertos fundraiser,
La Cueva Tequila Lounge
Friday Nov. 4 ERSICSS Black
Jack Night 9pm Keys West
Friday-Sunday Nov. 4-6 Lone
Star Rally 2005, Galveston
Sunday Nov. 6 Firedancers

Steak Night, Ripcord, from 6pm
Tuesday Nov. 8 Election day,
go vote!
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
Nov. 11-13 Firedancers'
Firedance 19
Nov. 12 ERSICSS candidate
show hosted by The BOD,
E/J's, 8pm
Nov. 12-13 International Gay
Rodeo Finals, Resistol Arena,
Mesquite, Texas
Nov. 12 Houston Black Tie
Dinner benefit, "Bright Lights,
Big City," InterContinental Hotel
Nov. 13 ERSICSS general
membership meeting, 2pm
Meteor
Nov. 13 ERSICSS birthday party
for Aurora's Mom, Keys West 7pm

The Montrose Puzzle

Cuties Ausmus and Pitt

1 DOWN, 5 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg
ACROSS

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9 tornado

16 Halloween monsters of the canine variety

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19 food for horses, plural

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21 Texism: Easy does (Be very careful)

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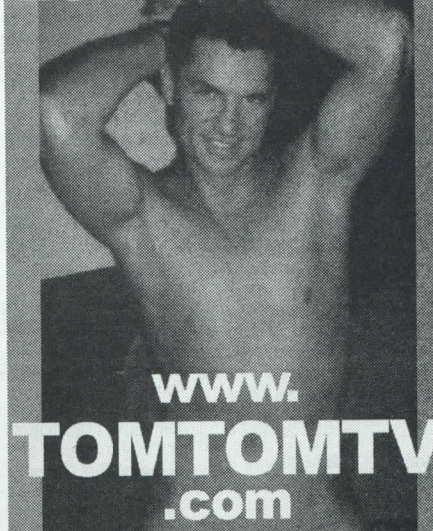
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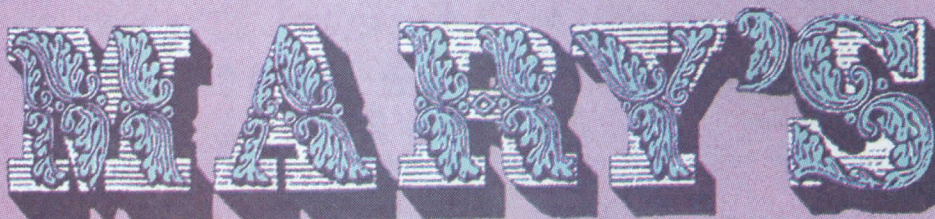


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