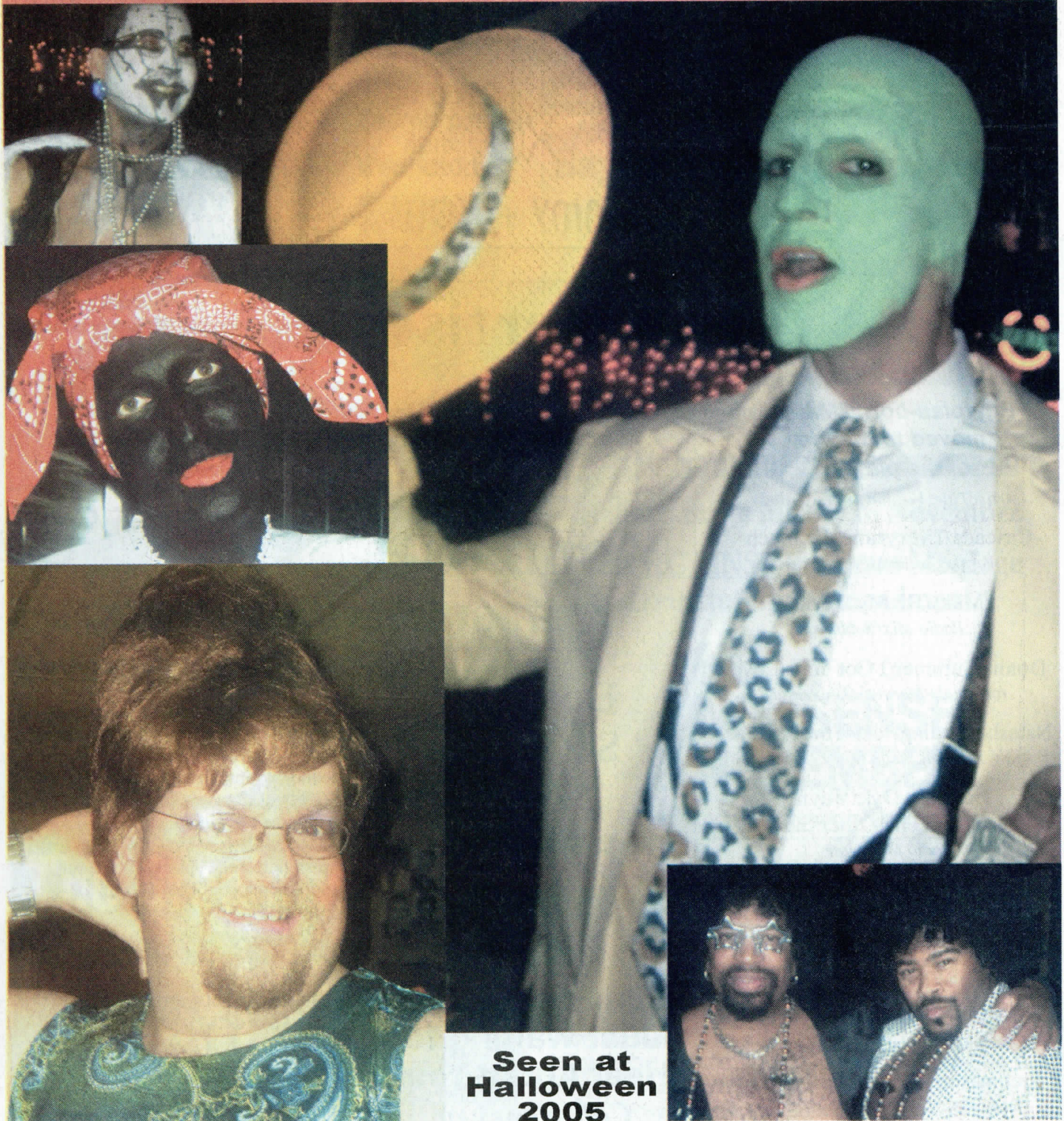


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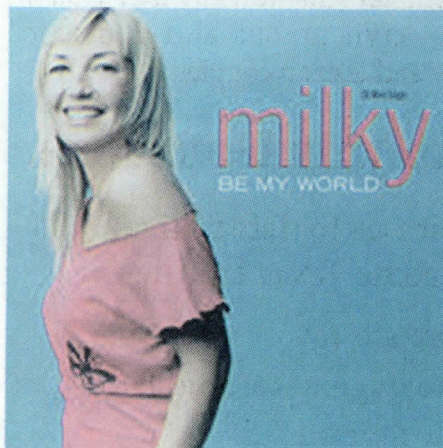


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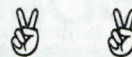
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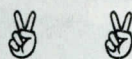
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GEM NEWS & BAR TALK

By Henry

Here's Another One

Welcome to Issue 26 of your favorite gay publication. Halloween is over, cooler weather is arriving and the party season is underway. It will last through Let Us Entertain You Weekend. So, you have four months for merry-making.

Is that enough time?

The Same People

Remember in "Driving Miss Daisy" when Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman) told the old bitch (Jessica Tandy) "They're all the same people" after the synagogue was burned. He had just finished telling her an experience with racism he suffered through.

Miss Daisy didn't get it but we the viewers did.

The same people who attack Jews are the same people who shout racist slurs, are the same people who drive down Westheimer and throw things at you and me, and are the same people who put the current crop of politicians in Washington.

This is only slightly stretching it.

Now of course Scooter and Turd Blossom would not actually

drive down Westheimer and throw things at you and me but the people who do vote for *these* kind of people.

(Oh, you didn't know Karl Rove's drag name?)

Did you know "Driving Miss Daisy" (the book) won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for drama even though it was technically a comedy? Yes.

Did you know Scooter Libby is charged with being a liar? Yes.

Did you know Tom Delay will get re-elected? No.

Quickies

Michael Tank, an original Rich's DJ, returns Saturday, Nov. 12.

General Mischief and General Deviltry, retired as they are from the military, now spend their days sitting on a barstool at Decades.

Shortly after Harriet withdrew herself as a Supreme Court nominee Bush was facing the real daunting task of which one of his twin daughters to pick as a replacement.

But, the president woke up. He picked Judge Samuel A. Alito, a white male country-club type.

I think one of his daughters would have been a better choice. They do know how to party.



Steven and John out cavorting on Halloween



Wayne and his friend at Garza's Kon Tiki

The ICOH court people are again staging Jukebox shows on Wednesday nights at Mary's. It's a hoot. You don't know in advance which song you will have to perform to. Oh, you are not going to enter the contest? Yes you are!

The Houston Comics and Zine Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 19, at Southmore House, 3107 Leeland. Our community's own Shane Patrick Boyle, publisher

of a "minicomic" called Shane, will be featured. Go to HoustonComics.com.

Picture yourself an unfamiliar visitor to Houston. You see a light rail car heading toward downtown. It says UH DOWNTOWN.

Of course we know that means University of Houston downtown campus. But to anyone else it looks like "Uh? Downtown."

Mary's has uneven floors, I can attest to. But I did not spill my cocktail. Down I went but I didn't lose a drop.

In Liverpool, England, they are staging a gay art and culture festival as I write this.

They are calling it Homotopia. Now there's a new word.

Marilyn and Bill, regulars on bar stools at the Pink Dolphin, got married in October.

Cowboy Charles birthday is Nov. 23 and will be celebrated at the above pink palace with food and a show.

Dr. Dave of The Island has confessed that he is Jewish. OOOhh child!

Dorothy from Galveston who works for Dr. Dave was seen shopping recently at Lane Byrant. (Oh, that's mean.)

Rick Hall will be at Michaels this Friday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. serving beef stew.

Sports Quickies

The IBL pool people raised over \$600 at the "Fun-raiser" in October at Decades. The team Ebony, Ivory & Jadedha cinched first place in regular season play.

The University of Hawaii's sports teams until 2000 were called the Rainbow Warriors and sometimes just the Rainbows. But they officially changed the nickname to the Warriors and longtime fans didn't like that. They still shout "Go Bows!"

Athletic director Hugh Yoshida said "That logo really put a stigma on our program at times in regards to it's part of the gay community, their flags and so forth."

Oh, pleeeze.

Repent!

The Third World members of the world-wide Anglican church (members in the U.S. are called Episcopalians) are in an uproar because more enlightened countries have done such horrors as ordain a gay bishop and bless marriages between people of the same gender.

Speaking out of Cairo, where they were having a meeting, they demanded that American and Canadian Anglicans repent. Repent!

Here's the problem for the Nigerian Anglicans and others who are working themselves into a tizzy. The vast majority of the financing for the Third World churches comes from the denomination's churches in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

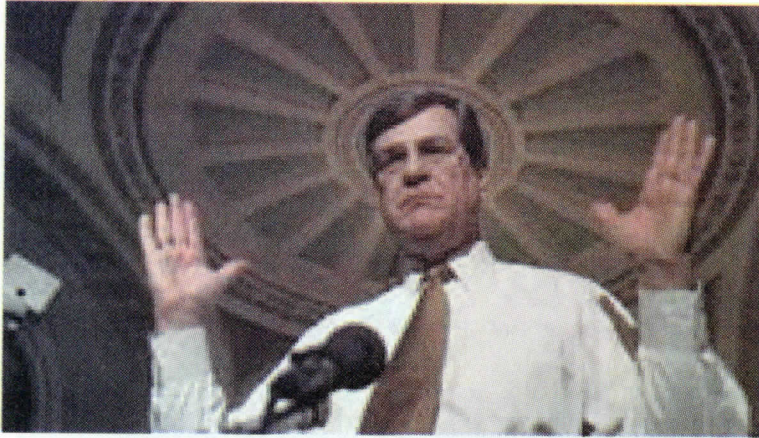
Some churches have called for expelling the Big Three countries from the organization. May I ask then what are you going to do for money?

(I don't really like to write about organized religious groups unless it's Looney Rev. Pat for Fat Jerry because you can always get a belly laugh reading about the things they say.)

It was a dark and stormy night but there is more



Oh no, Mr. Bill at Undercurrent



This is Sen. Trent "kleptomaniac homosexuals" Lott. He's not in any paragraph in this week's News & Bar Talk. This is just such a neat photo by Khue Bui of the Associated Press. It captures the true Trent

Prop 2 Wording

Don't forget to go to the polls and vote (vote early and often) on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Vote NO on Two.

This phony amendment to the Texas Constitution is a ruse to draw the unenlightened to the polls to reelect and elect those politicians on the right who depend on prejudiced people to put and keep them in office.

Now there are enough of those people here that the amendment will probably pass. The important thing we can do at the times we vote on such social issues is to show that things like this pass by a slimmer margin each time. This will send a message to the politicians who appeal to ignorance that the end of their times in office can be seen on the horizon.

This Proposition Two that we're all going to vote NO on possibly has misleading language. Not misleading on purpose as you would expect the right-wingers to put it. But misleading by accident because of the right-wingers ignorance.

Proposition Two is a two-parter.

1. Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman.

2. This state or a political subdivision of this state may not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

Okay. Now let's analyze this. Part one seems simple enough unless you are neither man nor woman. There are people out there that are neither, you know. But that's not the subject of this.

Part two, in saying that the state (or county or city, etc.) may not accept the existence of anything "identical or similar" to marriage, may rule out marriage for everyone, say our leaders in the No Nonsense in November group. After all, marriage is

identical to marriage. (This argument is very weak but the people on the right can be persuaded with weak arguments.)

Article IV of the United States Constitution, Section 1, says, "Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the public

acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State." (Texas must recognize marriages from Massachusetts and civil unions from Vermont.)

Section 2 says, "The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States."

On this basis, Texas can itself, I suppose, prohibit Jane and Betty from forming a marriage or marriage-like legal arrangement. But it has no choice but to recognize Jane and Betty's Massachusetts marriage license. No choice.

It will take several years and many dollars of your money for the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down this latest amendment to the Texas Constitution. But it will.

Caucus Endorsements

This magazine endorses those endorsed by the Houston GLBT Political Caucus PAC for the election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Now we could have interviewed all these guys ourselves and made our own endorsements but that would have been work.

And, our GLBTCPAC, dating back to the three-letter GPC, has been doing this for 30 years.

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Laura Salinas

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And, or course, Vote No on Proposition Two.

Another History Lesson

Let's see how smart you are. Who was the City of Houston named after? Of course you know that one. General Sam Houston, first president of the Republic Texas, hero of the Battle of San Jacinto, and pigeon-hosting statue at the Mecom Fountain.

How about this one: Who is Harris County named after?

Ah Ha! You don't know. And I'm not going to tell you.

Yes I am, but it's at the end of News & Bar Talk.

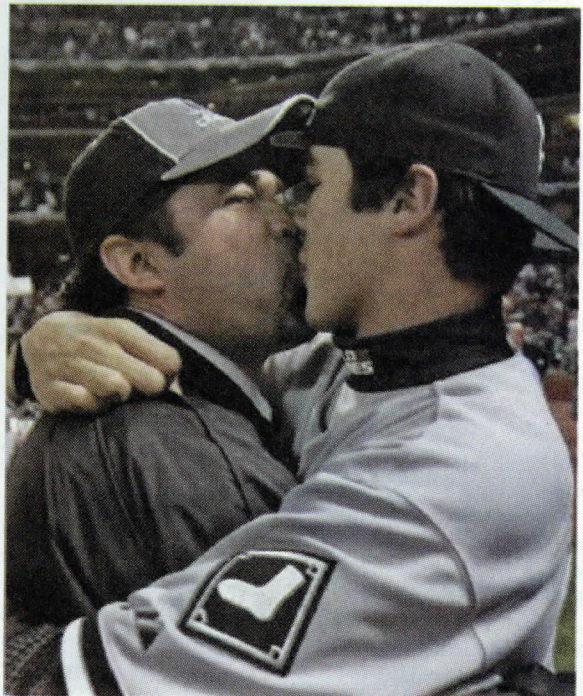
The Last Drag

That's the name of an official campaign in Los Angeles to stop us from smoking.

The California Department of Health Services said it found in a study that 30 percent of the state's gay population smokes compared to 15 percent of the overall population.

I'm sure Texas is similar. We're just a bunch of puffers.

More News & Bar Talk follows



My goodness, no wonder the White Sox won. AP Photo by Jeff Roberson

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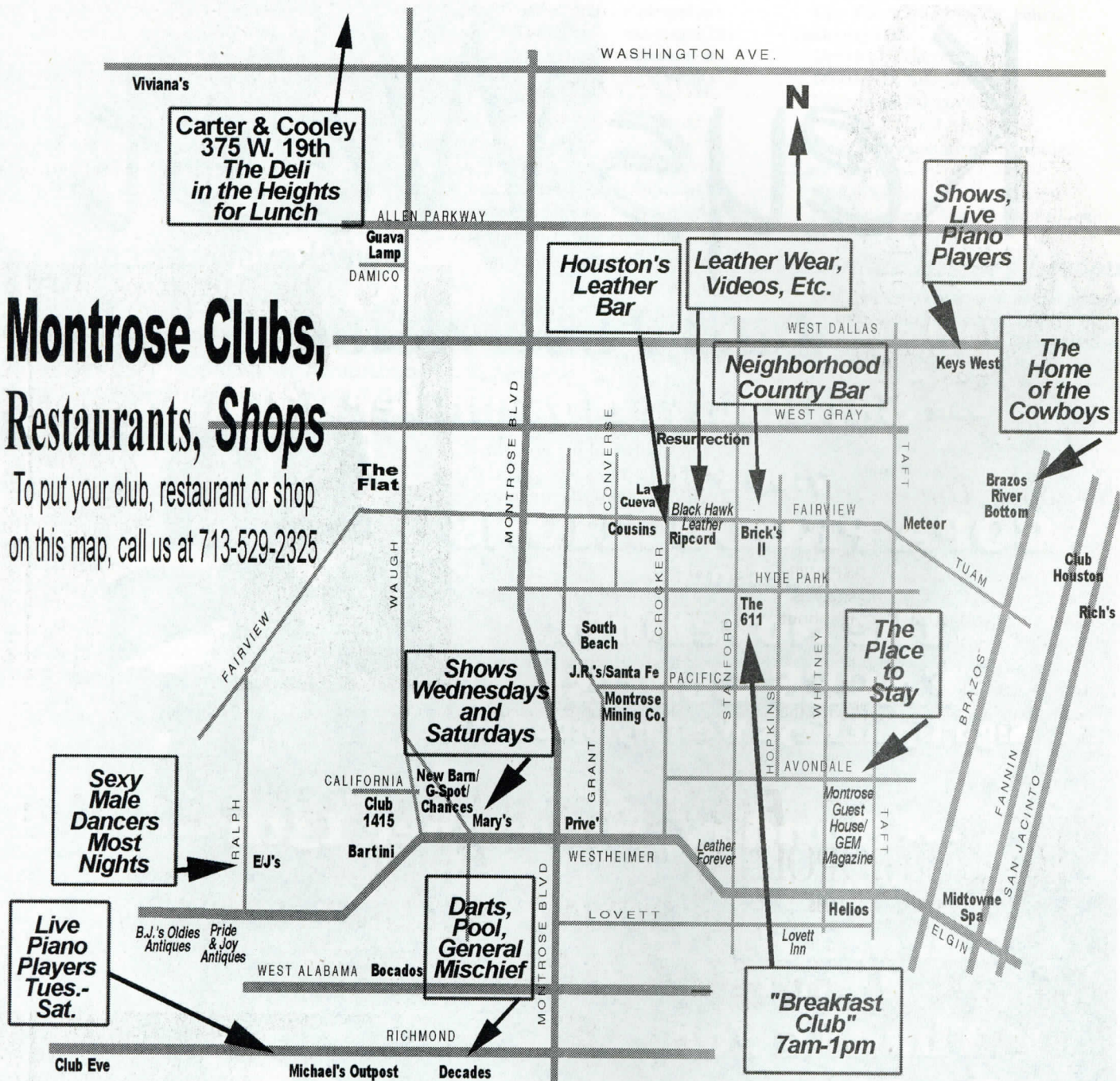
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Sheryl Swoopes, athlete and role model

Swoopes' Out

Everyone at Chances already knew, but Houston Comets forward Sheryl Swoopes came out publicly in ESPN The Magazine last month. She said she was "tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about."

The star athlete was voted this season's WNBA Most Valuable Player. "Being gay has nothing to do with the

three gold medals or the three MVP's or the four championships I've won. I'm still the same person. I'm Sheryl."

Sulu's Out

George Takei, who played the helmsman on the Starship Enterprise in the original series, says he is gay.

In an interview in Frontiers, a Los Angeles gay magazine, George admitted he would place the Enterprise in orbit only around planets that had gay bars.

Then he and Scotty would secretly beam down for a night of frolicking.

And what about Capt. Kirk and Spock? James T. had a thing for alien women and Spock only had the urge for sex once every seven years, as you know, being the student of Star Trek that you are.

No, not really. This is serious.

George told the Associated Press, "The world has changed from when I was a young teen feeling ashamed for being gay."

"The issue of gay marriage

is now a political issue that would have been unthinkable when I was young."

George is 68 now and has been with his partner and business manager, Brad Altman, for 18 years.

Mr. Takei has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and is currently starring in the live stage performance of "Equus" in Los Angeles.

There's still more



George Takei, the helmsman of the Enterprise



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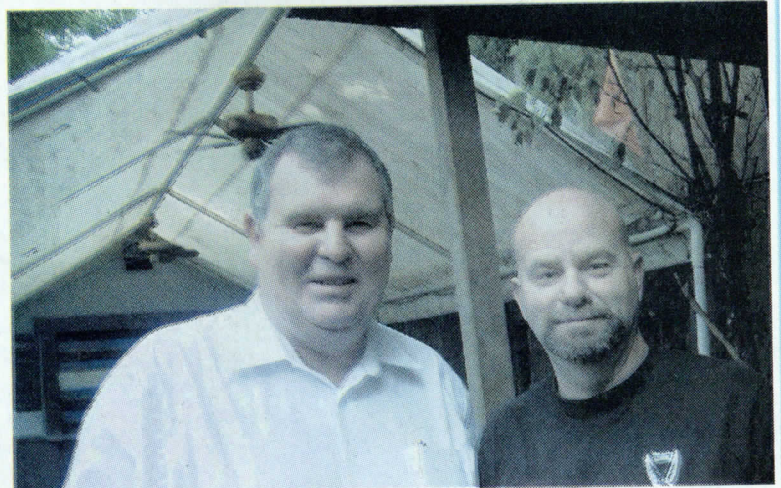
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"Steve has helped me purchase two properties. One, just a couple of weeks ago.

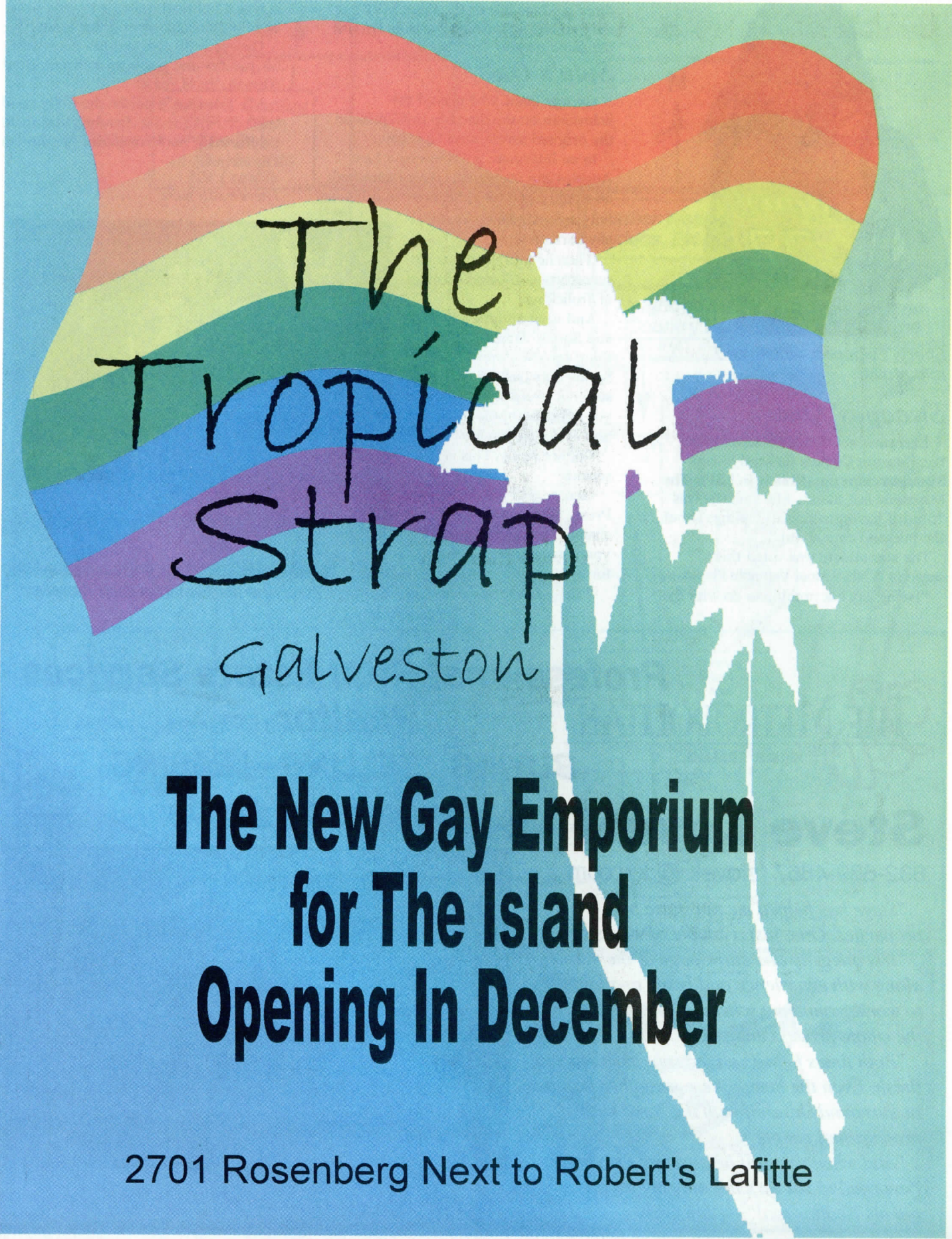
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Steve Lovett and customer Jim Gray



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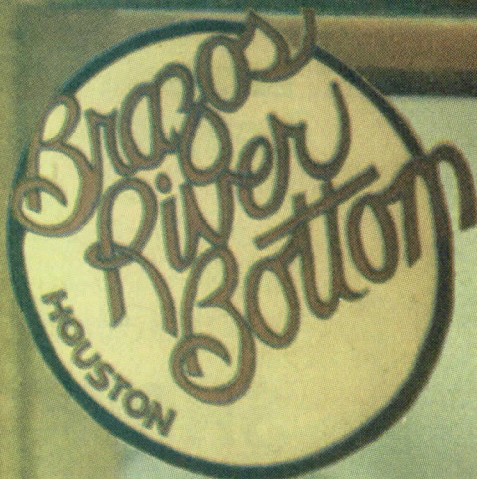
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Who Was Harris?

You know, as in Harris County. Where did our name come from? Here's your history lesson thanks to The Handbook of Texas. The chapter on Harris County was written by Margaret Swett Henson. Here is a summary of that.

Archaeological sites have revealed human bones here from 6000 years ago (and 10,000 years ago on Galveston Island). Spain claimed the Texas Coast 500 years ago but few Europeans visited the future Harris County from 1528 through 1821.

In early 1822, American pioneers and their slaves arrived from Louisiana but at that time Anglo settlers were not allowed on Galveston Island.

The Mexican government did let them settle on the mainland.

In 1824 a Mexican land commissioner, the Baron de Bastrop, issued titles to land to some of those Anglos, including a John R. Harris. Mr. Harris built a settlement in 1826 where Brays Bayou meets Buffalo Bayou and called it Harrisburg.

Other land title-holders set up villages throughout the area, named Spring Creek, San Felipe, Lynchburg and Washington, among others. This grouping of villages was called the San Jacinto District from 1824 to 1833, when it was renamed the Harrisburg District. Of course, we were all under Mexican rule during this time.

Texas won its independence from Mexico in April 1836. Harrisburg District was renamed Harrisburg

County, and was expanded to include Galveston Island, at the First Congress in December 1836. Houston, tiny as it was then, was named the county seat *and* the national capital.

In 1838 the borders were pushed around and Galveston Island and parts of the mainland became Galveston County.

In December 1839 Congress (the Texas Congress!) changed the name to Harris County.

John Richardson Harris was born in 1790 in Cayuga, New York, and died of yellow fever in 1829 while on a trip to New Orleans.

Well, that's my column. Up next here in The GEM is columnist Jennifer Parello. Take it away Jenny!

Henry



DATELINE

By Jennifer Parello

The Greatest Thing Ever

By Jennifer Parello Last weekend, while I was standing in a bar lecturing a Chinese friend on the socio-political history of her country, a most amazing thing happened. A woman I didn't recognize walked the full length of the room to say hello to me. As she spoke, the woman rubbed my arm in a familiar way and smiled.

"Who is that woman?" Ling Ling asked, as the woman walked back to the other side of the bar.

"I have no idea," I said with a shrug before returning to my monolog about China's attempts to harness hydroelectric power on the Yangtze River.

Oddly enough, Ling Ling was more interested in learning the identity of the woman than in hearing my

fascinating insights about her homeland. "Will you stop talking out of your ass and tell me who that woman is?" Ling Ling demanded. And then she added, "Please!" (The Chinese are very polite.)

I put on my glasses and studied the woman from across the bar. She did look vaguely familiar. Perhaps the older, chubbier sister of an acquaintance.

Just then, Greta walked over with a few beers and slammed one into my hand. "I saw Karen talking to you," she said in an accusing tone. "I hope you're not thinking about getting back together with that moron."

"That's Karen?" Ling Ling and I exclaimed in unison.

Ling Ling lives in China so she had never met my ex-girlfriend. But she was the lucky recipient of hundreds

of tortured emails detailing my humiliating descent into unrequited love for Karen. Since Ling Ling lived on the morning side of the international dateline, I hoped her romantic advice would reach me in time to stop me from making stupid mistakes in Central Standard Time. It never did.

"I had no idea she was so fat," Ling Ling said. (The Chinese are also very blunt.)

Karen had gained a lot of weight since the last time I saw her. And she had made some very poor choices about hair color.

"Is that what you Americans call 'frosted hair'?" Ling Ling asked, squinting at Karen's auburn hair, which looked like it had been sprinkled with a thick layer of powdered sugar.

"It's what we Americans call 'hideous,'" Greta said.

As I slowly recovered from the shock of not

recognizing someone I had slept with, and worst yet, someone I had written a poem to (yeah, that's how desperate I was ... I stooped to free verse), I realized that I was experiencing the happiest moment of my life.

Is there any greater thrill than running into an ex-lover who looks older and fatter than you do? In situations like this, it's usually me who is the worse for wear. The last time I ran into an ex, I was wedged against a grimy bus window, wiping my runny nose with my shirt sleeve and studying some wax I had recently dug out of my ear.

But that night at the bar, thanks to a recent bout of salmonella poisoning, I looked svelte and fetching. Karen, on the other hand, looked like a peri-menopausal housewife.

"In China, this is what we call 'karma,'" Ling Ling said.

"In America, this is what we call 'excellent,'" I said.

c.2005. Jennifer Farellois a syndicated columnist based in Chicago and can be contacted at JenniferFarello.com.

The Montrose Puzzle

World-famous art collection in Montrose

42 DOWN, 5 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

- 1 vase-shaped jug
5 not American Express
6 missing letters: ho_y bu_s (your sweet boyfriend?)
7 rural street
8 letters rhyme with dress
Ray
10 Texism: keep an ___
12 measure of oil and milk
17 worthless people
18 belched (excuse me)
19 missing letters: Gay_r_e
20 halfway to Midland?
21 surrounds Galveston
26 missing letters: t_n_o_s (having little significance)
27 direction Galveston to Wichita Falls
29 elected idiots
31 missing letters: b_owha_ (boastful, talkative person, such as most of those in 29 A-CROSS)
32 Spanish cinco in English
33 Texism: Not ___ your life

34 direction McAllen to Galveston

35 non-serious drag show
36 nour-

ished

37 singer Cole, initials, b. Montgomery, Ala. (1919-1985)

39 good name for a robot

41 missing letters: B_u_ont (Jefferson Co. seat)

43 direction Bryan to Houston

44 item in 35 A-CROSS

46 missing letters: _i_ole_m (afloor covering)

47 missing letters: H_rr_ (John, founder of Harrisburg)

48 actress Swit, initials

DOWN

- 1 electron volt
2 winning town of the World Series,

unfortunately
3 direction Abilene to Houston
4 money demanded

7 set apart again

9 Texism: keep ___ eye out for

11 (Greek) a benevolent spirit

it; anagram of

DUOMENE

12 more strange

13 bears genus

14 Akkadian father of the gods; anagram of AS UP

15 turmeric

16 desire of the football Texans

18 Bachelor of Divinity

20 missing letters: j_y_tic_ (a manual control)

21 Southern Pacific

22 computer short: end of file

23 missing letters:

f_ce_t (Joan Rivers medical procedure)

24 take a wife

25 stratified

27 missing letters: IM HER SWEET is an a_g_a of WESTHEIMER

28 missing letters: De_ro_Inn (good bar name)

30 "in" in Spanish

31 Ken, former Enron

CEO

35 missing letters: _ham_rs (Anahuac is the county seat)

38 major Texas storm of 1961

40 missing letters: _dy_seu_ (mythical Greek hero)

42 world-famous art collection in Montrose

45 _out (British slang for investigate)

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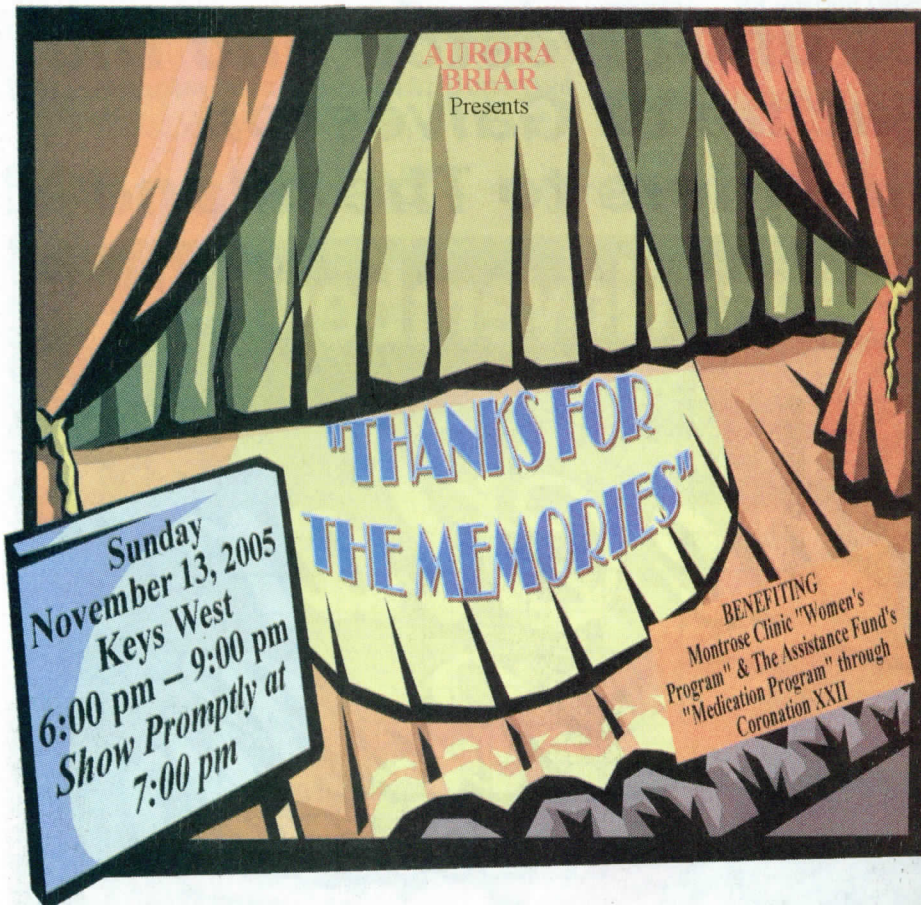
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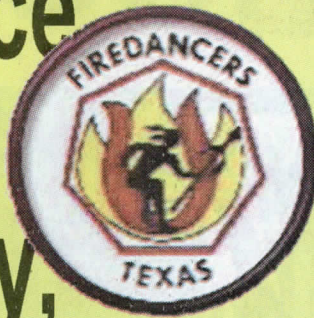
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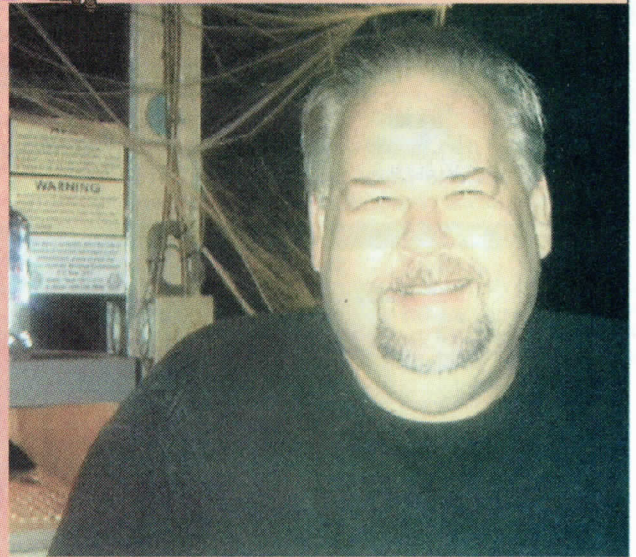
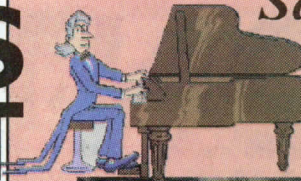
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HOROSCOPES by HELGA (THE EXALTED ONE)

ARIES(March 21-April 19): There is a crispness in the air as it is November but many of your nights may still turn out warm and tender. The season of the color of orange continues for another month. That's your clue. Helga sees someone with an orange hat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You value your work and well you should. There are others like you and you are destined to meet a few before Turkey Day. The clue to watch for is Magnolia. It could be a tree, or a person, or a place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Who's your partner? A Taurus? There is a bull out there with horns for a Gemini. Try your own version of running with the bulls. Dust clouds of joy and ecstasy may await.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Gobble, gobble. Are there turkeys in the bars with desires for you? Yes. Should you gobble back? Sometimes. Pick one that smiles and jokes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This first half of November you may take a break from holiday festivities. You desire some private time and you will be given it, Helga sees. For a few days you will enjoy all around you in slow motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): All lives change all the time. For you, you are in for a lovey-dovey weekend. It will start out hectic but will turn to smooth sailing as the hours pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): There is a bit of a puzzle missing. You first must identify the puzzle then look for the missing item. A co-worker in a few days will hand you a clue. Then it will all be clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Go ahead and share your good looks, your massive wealth, your vivacious personality. Oh, this is not you? You can pretend for a while. A Pisces will take notice.

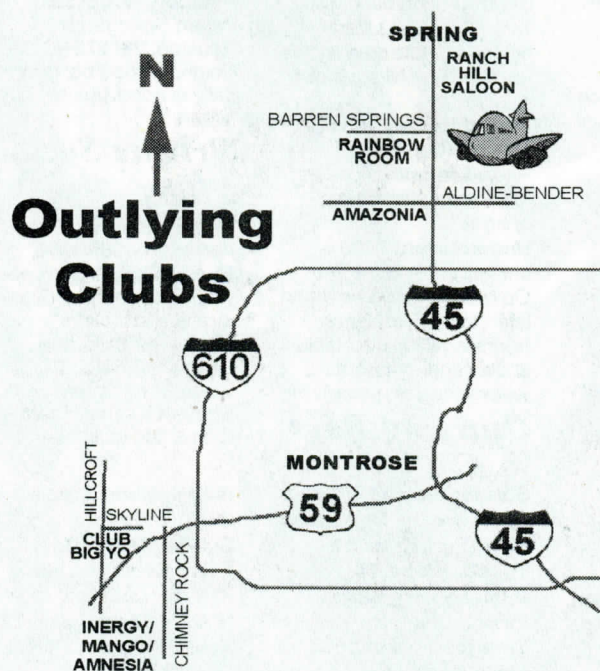
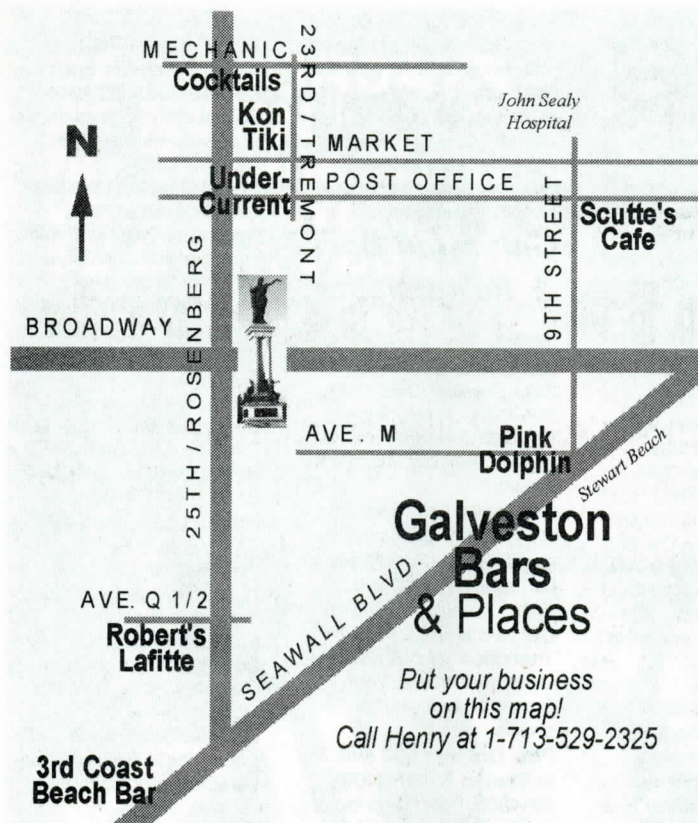
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Helga sees you lightening up this November. You will be glowing. The party season arrived last week and now you should be on the prowl for mischief. Good, clean mischief. It is out there looking for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A trip around the corner but "so far away" is on the game plan for you. It could be the zoo or a museum. Helga knows there is a certain one you could ask to go with you that would accept.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You didn't know you were expecting change, did you? It's going to arrive shortly and it will take the form of wonderment and stability. You will figure it out at the appropriate time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Helga sees several holiday party invitations heading your way. Some may be hedonistic. Some may be snobbish. Go the first group and skip the second is Helga's advice.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: One number thus no money. Cumulative: Down \$30. Here are my picks for Nov. 4 & 5, 2005. Mega Millions Friday: 37, 53, 31, 43, 42. Mega Ball: 43. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 12, 41, 25, 38, 25. Bonus Ball: 5.



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Montrose Bars & Restaurants

611 Hyde Park Pub 611 Hyde Park, 713-526-7070. Customers are a wide mix of all types. Open 7am (noon Sun.). One of the more popular bars for happy hour and into the night

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

Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Open noon. Dancing at night. Various Sunday shows. \$2.50 drinks all day, all night Fridays

Bocados 1312W. Alabama, 713-523-5230. Ladies nights on Wednesdays

Bricks II 617 Fairview, 713-528-8102. Your "Neighborhood Country Bar." Open 7am (noon Sun.) with large morning crowd

Carter & Cooley 375 W. 19th Ave. at Ashland in The Heights, 713-864-3354. Open 9am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm Sat. Deli with soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts

Chances/G-Spot/New Barn 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected. Chances opens 2pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays

Club 1415 1415 California, 713-522-7066. Open for theme parties some nights. Male strippers Thursdays. "The Dyke Show" Saturdays with Nancy Ford

Club Eve 2209 Richmond, 713-545-4574. Women's bar Thurs.-Sat. above Azteca restaurant

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired

people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

La Cueva Tequila Lounge 2312 Crocker. Hispanic club specializing in tequila, of course

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, darts, a good jukebox

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

(The) Flat 1701 Commonwealth, 713-521-3528. A new place

Griff's 3417 Roseland, 713-528-9912. Not a gay bar. Irish bar and a neighborhood institution

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Open daily 4pm. Happy hour 4-8pm, piano playing sometimes, DJ other times

Helios Formerly the Mausoleum, 411 Westheimer, 713-526-4648. Eclectic customers, Slightly gay. House was the home of Howard Hughes as a toddler. Open nightly, every night has a different crowd and atmosphere

J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Always a crowd. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on

Keys West 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open 3pm. Darts, card games, drinking, singing and carousing with frequent shows. Live piano Wed.-Sat. nights

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

Prime 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.

Robert's Lafitte 2501 Ave. Q, (409) 765-9092. A down-to-earth bar open 7am (10am Sun.). Early brunch and late drag shows on Sundays. All ages of people

Schutte's Cafe 801 Post Office, (409) 763-8111. Restaurant with "comfort food and Asian fusion entrees"

Undercurrent 2409 Market, (409) 750-8571. Open 4pm. Good weekend late crowd. Two dance floors, a million pool tables, shows and strippers weekends. This place is big

Outlying Bars

Sunday Nov. 13 ERISCSS birthday party for Aurora's Mom, Keys West 7pm

Tuesday Nov. 15 ERISCSS Drag Bingo, Meteor, from 9pm

Wednesday Nov. 16 Full Moon

Friday Nov. 18 ERISCSS Black Jack Night 9pm Keys West

Saturday Nov. 19 Misfits bartend on Ripcord's patio

Sunday Nov. 20 NLA bartends Mary's patio, 3-7pm

Sunday Nov. 20 ERISCSS

within 100 miles

Amazonia 11449 I-45 at Aldine Bender, N. Houston, 281-260-9885, 832-244-4354. Latin-flavored dance club with male strippers, impersonators

Chris' Crockett St. Pub 407 Crockett at Park, Beaumont, (409) 835-4243. Your general drinking and flirting kind of bar

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

House of Finesse 2912 Wentworth, near T.S.U. campus, 713-522-6074. "Casual elegance." Fridays are men's nights

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, S.W. Houston, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored dance club just outside The Loop. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows

Ranch Hill Saloon 24704 I-45 N., #103, Spring, (936) 441-6426. Open 4pm Mon.-Thurs., 6pm Fri.-Sat., closed Sun.

Rainbow Room 527 Barren Springs, N. Houston, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar opens daily at noon, up past Bush airport

Private Social Clubs

Club Houston 2200 Fannin, 713-659-4998. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

Midtowne Spa 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

BOD-sponsored candidate show, BRB 7PM

Sunday Nov. 20 Firedancers Steak Night, Ripcord, from 6pm

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 25 Biggest Shopping Day of the Year

Nov. 26 NLA monthly membership meeting, 7:30pm, then members bartend 9:30pm-1:30am, Ripcord patio

Nov. 27 GLBT Community Center's movie & game night, 7pm 3400 Montrose #207

Holidays and benefits ... Plan Your Parties

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

Friday Nov. 4 ERISCSS 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 ERISCSS Drag Bingo, Meteor, from 9pm

Tuesday Nov. 8 Election day, go vote!

Friday Nov. 11 ERISCSS Black Jack Night 9pm Keys West

Friday Nov. 11 Veterans' Day

Friday Nov. 11-13 Firedancers' Firedance 19

Saturday Nov. 12

ERISCSS candidate show hosted by The BOD, E/J's, 8pm

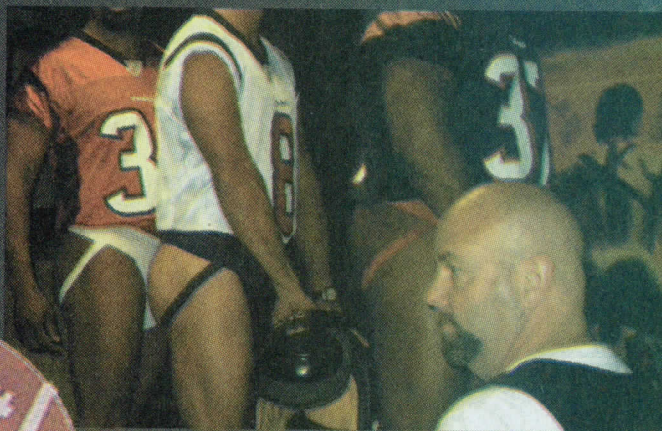
Saturday Nov. 12 November FACES contest at Keys West, 6pm sign up

Saturday Nov. 12 Houston Black Tie Dinner benefit, "Bright Lights, Big City," InterContinental Hotel

Saturday-Sunday Nov. 12-13 International Gay Rodeo Finals, Resistol Arena, Mesquite, Texas

Sunday Nov. 13 ERISCSS general membership meeting, 2pm Meteor

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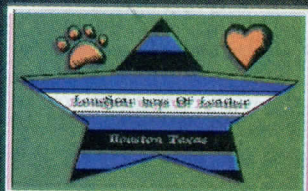
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**IBL Pizza & Pool
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