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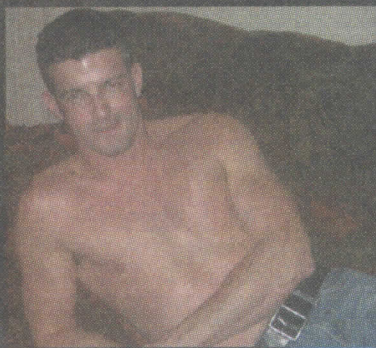
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Aries: Don't Be Shy

HOROSCOPES by HELGA

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have enough strength and surety to control any or every thing. There's no need to be shy. You could be the object of someone's intense desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow the red light. Enjoy the rest of this August even though we are in for some windy storms. Put everything big on hold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You are considering dressing in blue? Good idea. This will give you the nerve to make certain moves that in turn will provide you with relief and sustenance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You have projects that need to be finished when the weather allows. And when things at work get to be too much, and when you've done all you can to alleviate the problems, get away for a new and fresh perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): First there was that little accident of the past week and now this! Oh, what is Helga talking about? She talking about you and sees your future as one of an immediate adventure. Part of that good feeling will involve singing and dancing. Whoa!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you don't have a constant partner you might seek one who is Libra or a Sagittarius for cozy fun. Then start down those roads. Don't try to establish who's on top at first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You are well aware of the spirit in you. Helga sees that shortly you will spot that spirit in a stronger view. Even though you're distracted by an enticing daydream, snap out of it for you have someone waiting for you. Travelling as we are through all that is, a realization will appear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Your future is arriving as you read this. Your beliefs are important to you and will appear more vividly. Business conversations are highlighted now too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be busy meeting and greeting others over the next few days. Note: You will offered a cocktail from one whom you never expected to do so. Accept it. But keep your hands above the bar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a conversation with an impersonator in the coming week. You will be given some insight that at first may not appear significant. Next, there will be a knock at the door.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): So just what do you think about the price of tomatoes? That's a good conversation starter next time you're in the produce section, which is where you're going to be very soon. Strike up a conversation. It will lead to other things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Smile and wave at all the passers-by this next week. A Taurus will wave back. Watch for the clues in the mannerisms. And pay particular attention to items marked in red.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: Not in the money. Cumulative: Down \$77. Here are Helga's picks for August 11 & 12, 2006. Mega Millions Friday: 55, 33, 50, 7, 36. Mega Ball: 14. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 47, 53, 48, 25, 52, 15.

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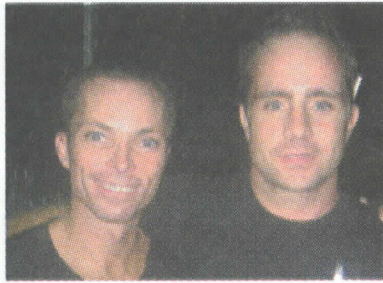
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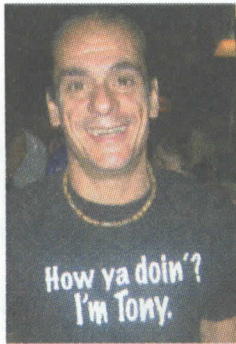


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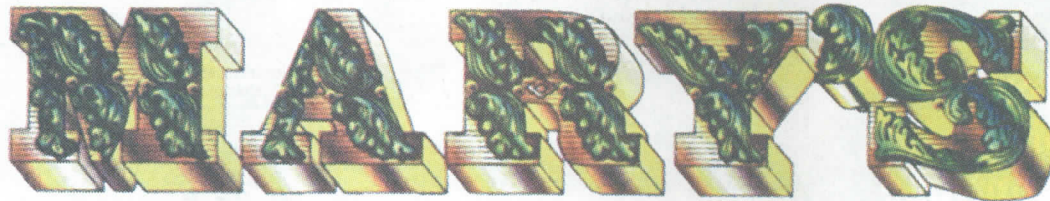
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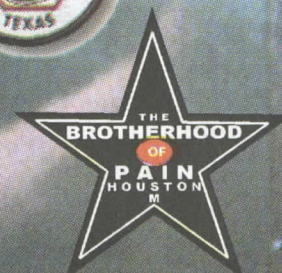
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Gay News & Bar Talk

By Henry and Contributors

Here is issue 45 of Montrose GEM. What a fine publication we are. Not pretentious. No cover stories about Hollywood stars. Just what you wanted? Yes?

On the Cover

The handsome man on GEM's cover is Shane, who works as a bartender at both E/F's and the new bar, In-N-Out in the Heights. Shane, in addition to being pretty-pretty-pretty, has contributed a few items to this column. Read all about as we continue.

Ripcord is Butch

Two big things are happening over the next two weeks at Houston's leather bar. This Saturday night, August 12, Jerry gives up his title of Boy of Montrose 2005 and someone (perhaps someone you know?) will be selected Boy of Montrose 2006.

The next weekend is the long anticipated Spankfest. This event pulls people in from around the country. I know you've been practicing in the privacy of your own home. Now you can "come out" and spank in public! Swat!

Sundance Cows

Also the same weekend as Spankfest is Sundance Cattle Co.'s 26th anniversary event on Saturday, August 19. Lunch and cocktails will be featured that afternoon at The 6ll Hyde Park Pub followed by a show that night on the patio at Mary's, Naturally. Moo!

Hot Dogs

Brian Keever and I were trying to figure out when the first national fast-food restaurant was placed in Montrose.

We had a Prince's Hamburger Stand at Westheimer and Montrose where Valero is today but that was a Houston chain.

Der Weiner Schnitzel, we believe, was the first and was located where Pizza Hut or Wendy's is today.

In quick order, we got a Jack-in-the-box, McDonald's and Wendy's. And finally, a Burger King. Yes, they over-commercialized the neighborhood and started us all on the path of saving money eating out but also getting *FAT*.

Before the chains we had the mom-and-pop cafes including an outstanding bar-b-que restaurant where Taco Cabana now sits.

Mel Gibson

New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd has pointed out that Mad Mel in a Spanish magazine interview years ago was quoted as saying that he became an actor "despite" the "fear" that it might make people think he was gay.

Serious Intellectual Logic

I love my mornings at our five 7:00 a.m. morning gay bars. What? You've never started your day drinking at 7:00 a.m.? Well, you must still be young.

There's Lafitte's in Galveston and here not on The Island we have Lulu at E/F's, Papa Del and Justin at The 6ll, Jerry and Lady Lee at George and a variety of entertainers at Mary's, including Johnny, the Boy of Montrose and Little John.

Now, they do have coffee if you need that instead of a stiff drink to get your day started. All five morning bars are a better bargain than those over-priced Star Bucks for the coffee. Does Star Bucks have a juke box? I rest my case.

Television Lawyers

Someone recently referred to this column as Henry's Rant. In order to keep this person happy, I am now going to rant.

You see the ads from the television lawyers all the time on daytime television and on channel 55 in the middle of Leave It to Beaver. "Been injured in an accident. Call Steve-Smith-Elmer Hassler-Hammer-Fudd We'll fight for you. We're tough. We'll get you the money you deserve."

How does that work, you ask. It's true that your first consultation is free. They will send a demand letter to the person who hit you, or looked at you funny, or their lawyer, asking for a settlement immediately. The TV lawyer, if in the extremely rare case there is an immediate settlement, will take probably a third of it.

Most of the time the other party will give your TV lawyer the verbal one finger salute.

So, you ask again, how do these TV lawyers make their money to keep paying for these seemingly continuous TV ads?

Here's how. They come back to you, the victim, with something like, "We tried but they are hoping we'll just give up. We think you have a good case. We can continue to pursue this but we'll need a payment from you."

Yes, they make their money off of the victims, not the perpetrators. Just thought you'd like to know. I was told this by a lawyer who is a member of our gay community and not a TV lawyer.

Scams on the Phone

As a person who used to get lots of bill collectors calling I've learned a few things. First, don't talk to them.

"Excuse me. You're a person I don't know and you want me to discuss my personal financial information with you on the phone?"

Don't even say that. Just note the incoming phone number and in the future answer, wait for them (maybe 10 seconds) to come on the line and they say "Hello."

Then you hang up. If you talk to them they will keep calling.

But back to the scam. The phone rings. Caller ID says "forwarded call." You answer and someone says this is Person-Person from Sprint-Nextel (or whatever) and we have a special offer for you. Six months of free phone service (or whatever) and a free phone. I just need you to verify some information.

They're phishing. They're not Sprint-Nextel or whatever. The "forwarded call" tells you so because the call is not from the U.S.

Also, if you just hang up they'll call you back repeatedly. Sprint-Nextel would not do that.

They're phishing. They're trying to get you to reveal a Social Security number and credit card info.

They should be prosecuted. The offshore countries they are calling from should be disconnected from the U.S. But that won't happen under this current American corrupt administration being run by the K Street lobbyists in Washington.

Okay, Henry's Rant is over. Let us turn our attention to sex.

Another Dream?

No. My nightmare last issue was enough for awhile.

Okay, I dreamed I was in bed with Mel Gibson and he was insistent on proving to me he was not Jewish. You can imagine.

Ask the Bartender

These Q's and A's are from Shane of E/F's and the In-N-Out.

Q. How much should you tip a bartender?

A. Most people tip a dollar. But sip your drink first. If it's not right at all, say so. If it's right but not right, skip the tip and order from a different bartender the next time.

Q. How do you know if the bartender is just being nice to you because you are the customer or if he is flirting with you.

A. Next question.

Q. How do you know if it is okay to flirt with another customer who is standing with someone else?

A. Watch them for 15 minutes. If there is no intimacy between them, it's okay to send both a drink and see what happens. Or wait for the ugly one to go to the bathroom and you only have to buy one drink.

Q. How can I get into your pants?

A. Lose weight.

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Quickies

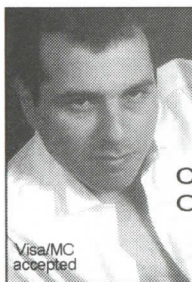
Don Dowden's Dog Days of Summer raised \$6450 for PWA Holiday Charities.

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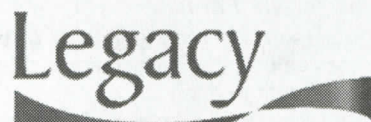
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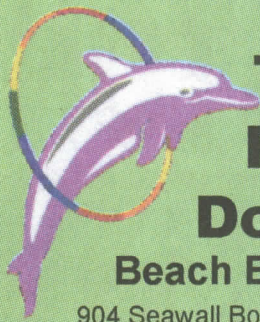
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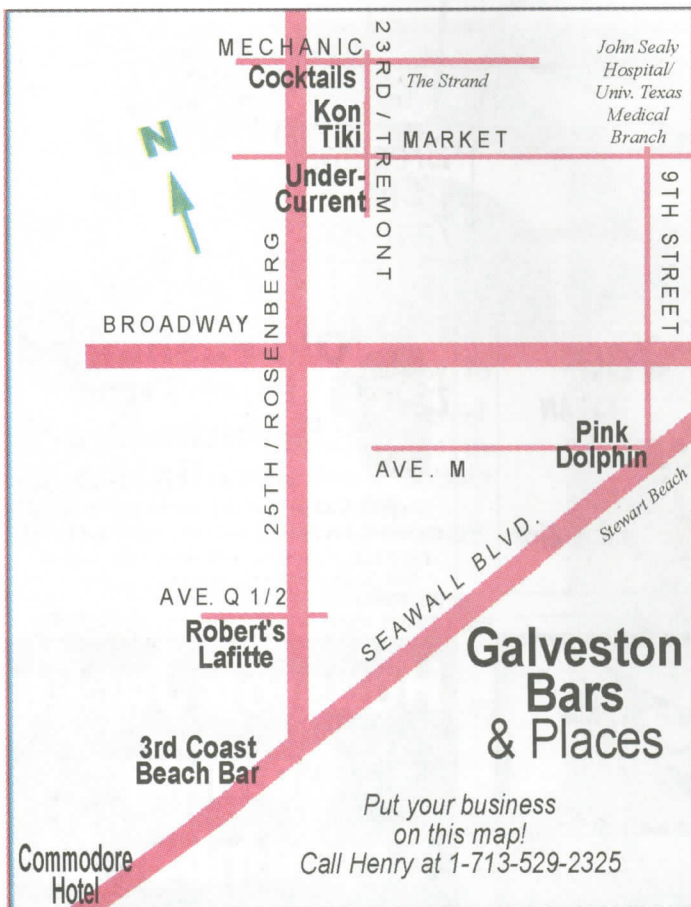


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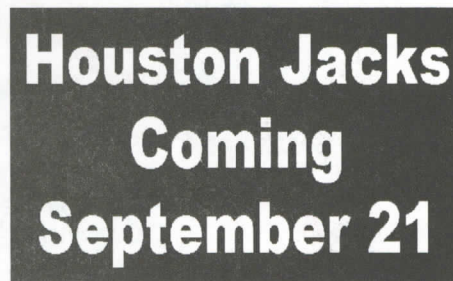
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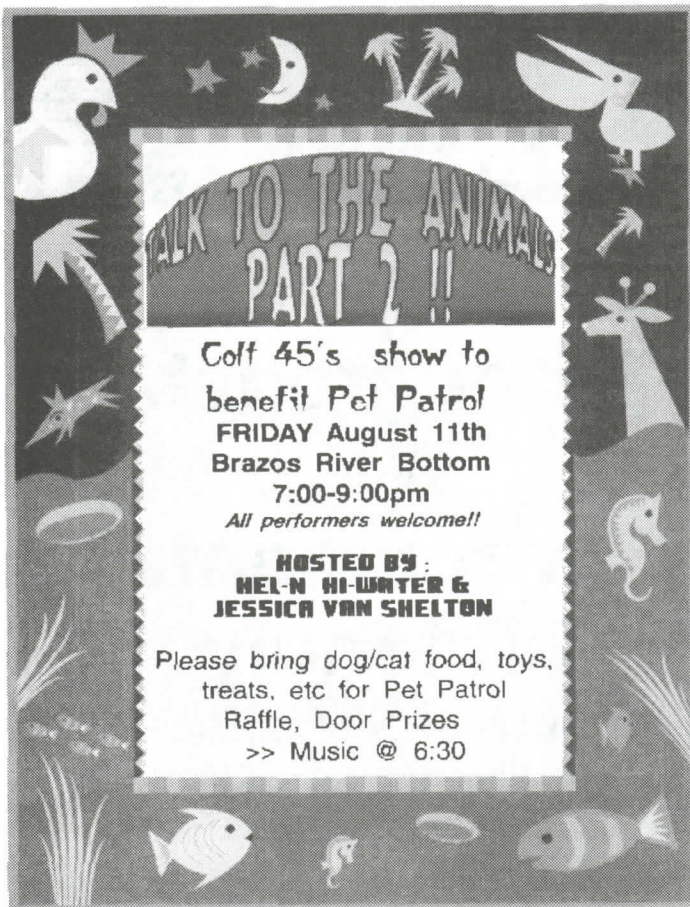
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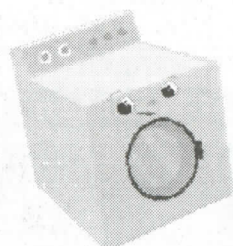
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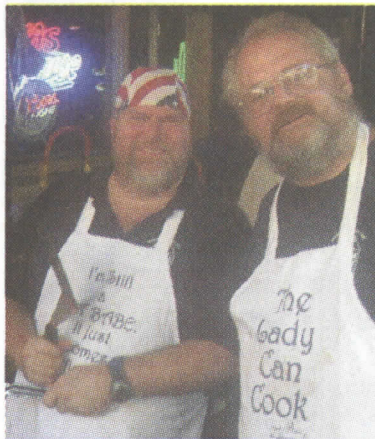
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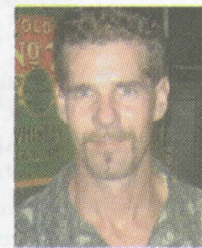
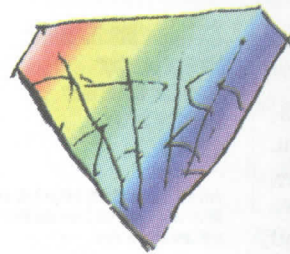
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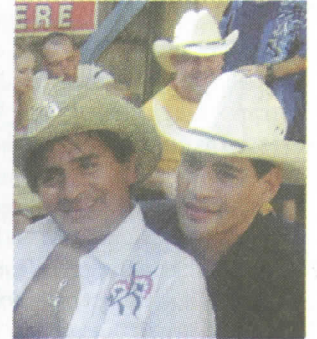
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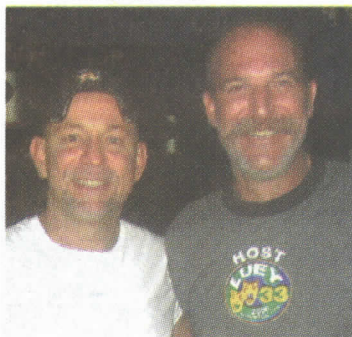
Bubbles and Dan



Cutie at The 611's birthday party for Terry and Ron



Randy Jobe at the Denim Party



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Jack Jackson



PHOTO BY DALTON DEHART

Montrose Counseling Center's dear friend Jack Jackson passed away July 29, 2006, at the age of 81.

Many people remember Jack gracing MCC's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, "Bringing in the Green." He always dressed as our resident leprechaun with the South African accent.

"I remember the first year he came to the party," recalls Ann J. Robison, PhD, executive director of Montrose Counseling Center and personal friend. "He had strips of fabric around his neck and he would charm the guests into donating a dollar bill and pinning it to his outfit. He must have collected a couple of hundred dollars."

And so it was every year at Bringing in the Green.

Jack's outfits would get more outrageous over the years, although he did switch from pins to shamrock stickers when people would accidentally poke him when pinning bills to his frock. As their friendship grew, Dr. Robison helped Jack design the outfits each year, and then you could hear him tell everyone, "Just wait 'til you see me *this* year!" He never disappointed.

Jack was an active member of the Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH). He was an opera buff who had season tickets. He was a member of the Boulevard Oaks Civic Association, a supporter of Bayou City Performing Arts, and one of the principals in the founding of AIDS Foundation Houston. Noted Houston gay activist Ray Hill recalls that as early as 1984 Jack was involved in trying to get a city ordinance passed to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Jack received the Diana Foundation's Award for Community Service in 1986, and the mayor's Community Service Award in 1990. In 1991 Jack was selected as the Pride Parade Grand Marshall and four years later received the Humanitarian Award from Houston Black Tie Dinner. He was awarded EPAH's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. Last year the Gulf Coast Archive & Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History and the Houston GLBT Community Center selected Jack Jackson as the first person to be interviewed in their Sunday History Series.

Dr. Robison, who was with Jack when he passed away, says, "Jack Jackson was a friend of ours, a stalwart in our community, and we will miss him greatly."

Jack was quoted last year in OutSmart magazine, "No matter how long you live, let part of it count for your having been here awhile. Try to make a difference. You have to care about other people."

To Jack, on behalf of us at Montrose Counseling Center, "We wish you well on your journey to the rainbow's end. May there you know the riches you brought us."

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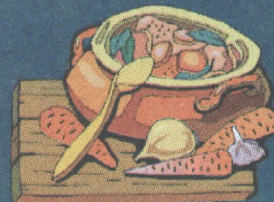
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Capt. Jack is Back

Movie Review by Keith Vyvial

Still raking in big bucks at the box office is the highly anticipated "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." If you were a fan of the first movie ("Curse of the Black Pearl"), you are likely to enjoy this entry. Otherwise, this one will likely do nothing for you. The story is all too familiar now, albeit provided this time their is *more*. A larger budget means grander special effects. The story is darker too, but the laughs are much more slapstick.

Once again directed by Gore Verbinsky, this latest version finds pirate Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) owing an unpaid debt, his soul, to Davy Jones, captain of the Flying Dutchman, and his undead crew. There is one way for him to save himself from becoming one of the crew and spending 100 years



Johnny Depp

suffering in servitude. He must find the chest bearing the still-living heart of Davy Jones.

Once again along for the ride are Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightly as lovers Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, whose wedding is interrupted when they are arrested and sentenced to death for previously aiding Sparrow's rescue.

Most of the characters from

the first film are carried over to this story. Many are a welcome addition. It might even surprise you just who does return. Depp, Bloom and Knightly are all accomplished in the roles they created. Unfortunately, each of these characters behaves in some infuriating ways. As far as the standout star, Depp portrays Sparrow this time around in a much more ambiguous manner as far as his sexuality goes. Otherwise, the character provides no new surprises.

And be forewarned, this story does not have any resolution. It is only half of a story that concludes next summer with the already filmed third entry to the series. But that is

perfectly okay, because if you enjoy this entry and take it as top summer escapism, you will likely be chomping at the bit all year for the conclusion to the series.

Our reviewer Keith Vyvial



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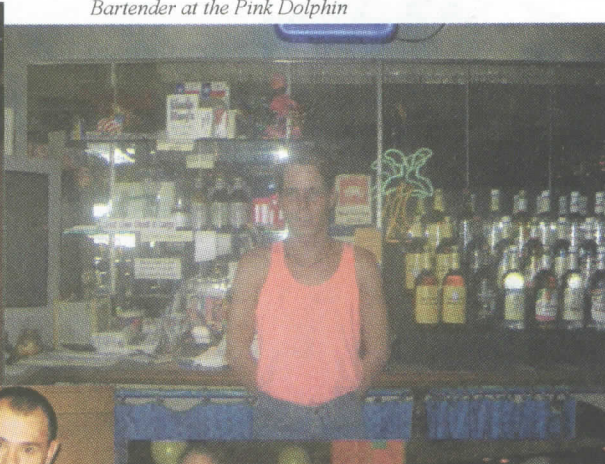
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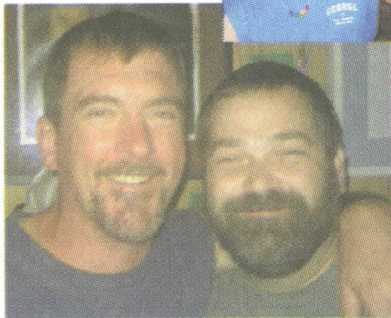
Terry & Ron at their
611 birthday bash
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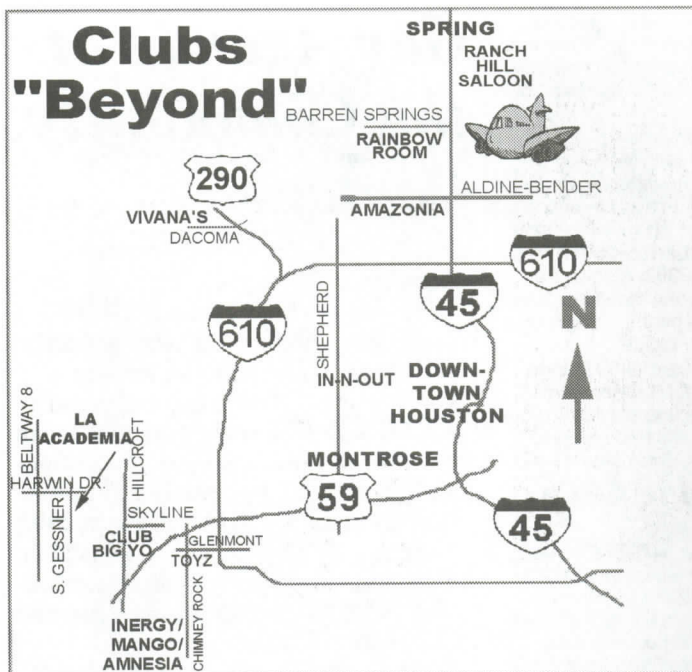
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Holidays, Benefits & Other Occasions

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Fri., August 11 Colt 45's benefit "Talk to the Animals," BRB

Sat., August 12 Houston GLBT Political Caucus community workday

August 14-19 Gay Softball World Series

Wed., August 16 Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, BRB

Fri.-Sun., August 18-20 SpankFest

Sat., August 19 GLBT Community Center Queer Bingo, Club 1415, 5:00 p.m.

Sat., August 19 Misfits bartend on Ripcord's patio

Sat., August 19 Sundance Cattle Co 26th anniversary

Sun., August 20 NLA bartends Mary's patio, 3-7pm

Sun., August 20 Don Gill's "Live" 7pm, Keys West

Fri., August 25 Daddy Rose and Colt 45s 3rd annual Bare Bones Benefit for AIDS Troufund, BRB

Fri., August 25 Houston Leather Boys' board meeting

Sat., August 26 Houston Leather Boys' bartend, Ripcord Beer Shack, 10pm

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

August 31-Sept. 4 Houston Big Men's Club hosts National Convergence 2006

Sept. 2 Houston Leather Boys' Boys Night Out, 10pm, Ripcord

Sept. 4 Labor Day

Sept. 6 Houston GLBT Political Caucus meets 7pm

Sept. 7 Full Moon

Sept. 8 Colt 45's benefit "Hairdos and Heart Breaks," BRB

Sept. 10 Grandparents' Day

Sept. 11 Patriot Day

Sept. 12 Houston GLBT Community Center night,

Hollywood, 2409 Grant

Sept. 14 Houston Leather Boys' membership meeting, 7:30pm, Ripcord

Sept. 16 Fiestas Patrias

Sept. 20 Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, Mary's

Sept. 23 First day of Autumn; Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 2 Yom Kippur

Oct. 6 ICOH Enthronement Ball

Oct. 7 Full Moon

Oct. 7-8 City Fest Houston, Eleanor Tinsley Park, noon-10pm

Oct. 9 Columbus Day

Oct. 10 National Coming Out Day

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Oct. 13 Colt 45's benefit, "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," BRB

Oct. 14-15 Bayou City Art Festival, downtown

Oct. 18 Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, E/T's

Oct. 27-29 Halloween weekend

Oct. 29 Daylight Savings Time ends, gain an hour

Oct. 31 Halloween night

Oct. 31-25 2006, Lone Star Rally 2006, Galveston

Nov. 3 Colt 45's benefit, "Country Stars, Duos and Groups," BRB

Nov. 5 Full Moon

Nov. 7 Texas and U.S. elections

Nov. 11 Veterans' Day

Nov. 15 Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, The 611

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 24 Biggest Shopping Day of the Year

late Nov. Galveston Harbor Parade of Lights

Dec. 1 World AIDS Day

Dec. Dickens on The Strand, Galveston

Dec. Annual Montrose Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Mary's

Dec. 5 Full Moon

Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 8 Colt 45's benefit, "Texas Christmas Toy Drive," BRB

Dec. 16 Hanukkah

Dec. 20 Houston Council of Clubs meeting 8pm, Mary's

Dec. 22 First day of winter

Dec. 25 Christmas

Dec. 29 Colt 45's benefit, "Hel-N's Birthday, Come Hell & High water, Anything Goes," BRB

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

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Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboys are here. Open every day noon-2am. Dancing at night. Various Sunday shows. \$2.50 drinks all day, all night Fridays

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

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.)

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

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

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

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

Blur 710 Pacific, 713-713-529-3447. Dance bar, open nightly.

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 (noon Sun.). Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays

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 rooftop patio

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

Rich's 2401 San Jacinto, 713-759-9606. Dance club gay on Fri. & Sat., sometimes other times. 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 Wed.-Sun. with after-hours weekends

Galveston Clubs

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. Two clubs: piano &

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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

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

House of Finesse 2912 Wentworth, near T.S.U. campus, 713-522-6074. Only open for special events

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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

Toy's 5322 Glenmont, 713-632-2544, 281-451-2094. Open Tuesdays (shows and dancing) and Fridays ("girls night")

Viviana's 4624 Dacoma, 713-681-4104. New location, primarily Hispanic. Female impersonators

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

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Gay Agenda at the Community Center

PRESS RELEASE from Community Center

On August 12, the Houston GLBT community will host the next quarterly meeting of the Futures Conference Working Group. This group organized by the Community Center began meeting in January 2006 to follow up on resolutions presented at the Conference on Houston's GLBT Future, which took place in 2005.

The August 12 meeting will be held at the Community Center (3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

"The Community Center is honored to help continue the work of the Futures Conference," says Community Center president Christopher Bown. "Working group participants have agreed to pursue two primary purposes. We continue to serve as a forum for considering progress on the Futures Conference resolutions and to serve as an informal pan-community networking group for our many organizations.

"In the first half of the meeting, we invite two to three community groups to make presentations to the working group," Bown says. "The second half of the meeting is devoted to networking and conversation."

At the meeting, the working group will also discuss plans for a seminar on GLBT families set for October. This event, presented by the Community Center in collaboration with the Houston Equal Rights Alliance, is the first of the quarterly Community Center Seminars, one of the programs that will mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Houston GLBT Community Center, home base for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies in the metropolitan area and southeast Texas.

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