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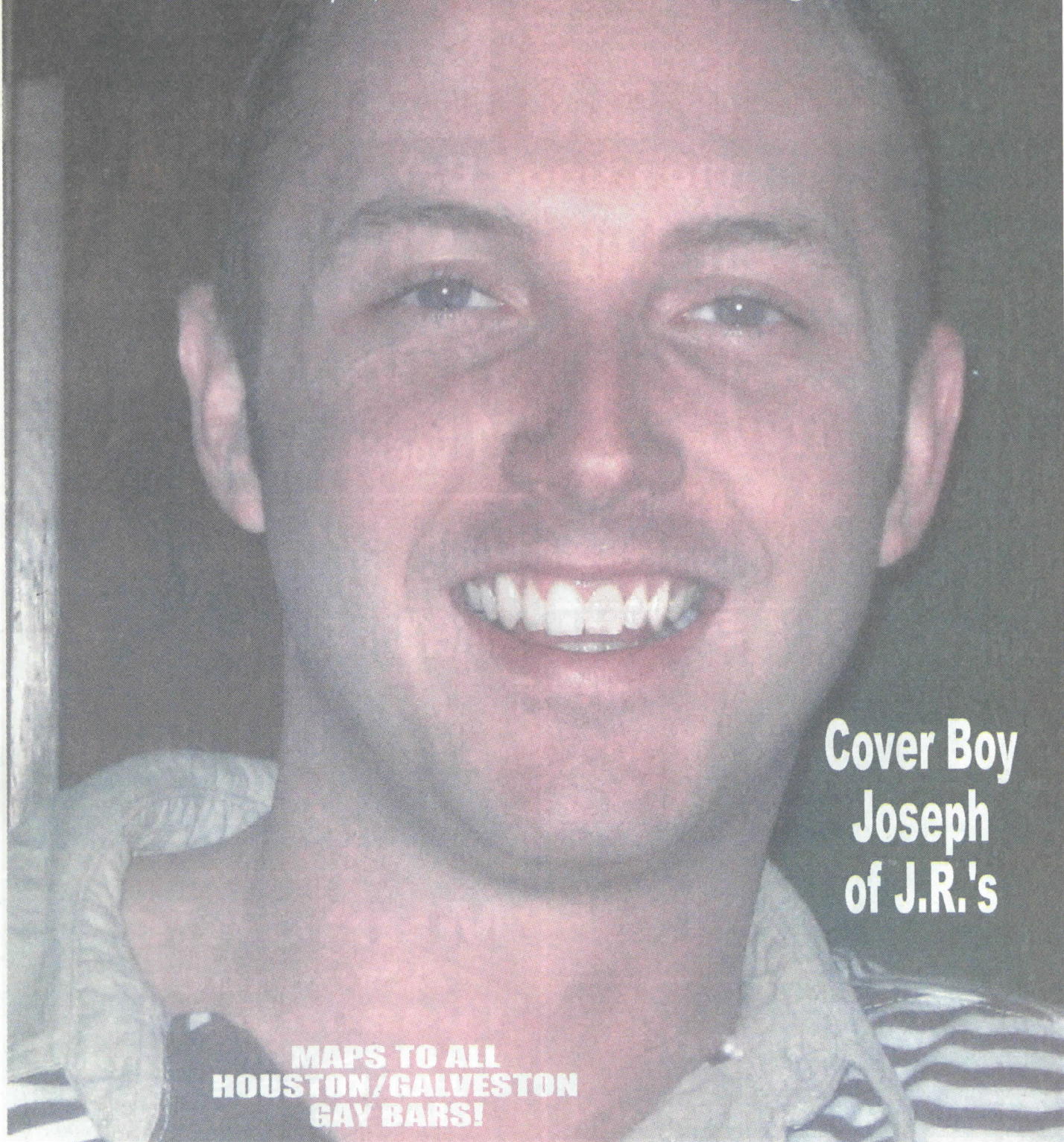
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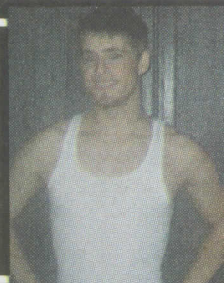
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Lola's 2327 Grant, 713-528-8342. Not a gay bar but a Montrose neighborhood institution

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Outlying Clubs

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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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In-N-Out 1537 N. Shepherd, 713-589-9780. "MetroSocial" open daily 4pm

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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 Baren Springs, N. Houston, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar opens daily at noon, up past Bush airport

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

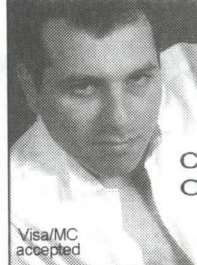
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HOROSCOPES by HELGA

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Watch for some unexpected turning points as you move along in this glorious fall season. Black and white or color? Your next live dream will be one. And there are important things coming to grab your attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your expectations will be changing over the cooler month of September. This is so welcome. And you can toss away those hot air burdens of the past five months. Ah, but cool can bring problems too. You will pay attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): The bedroom is going to be your favorite room for awhile. You will have your TV, your privacy, and you can have visitors! When you are ready to move about the house again, you will ... on your own schedule.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your fall season resolution? People don't make resolution for fall. But you will. You will decide now the color and the place. And it will be made so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Helga is going in for a sex change this month. Do you want to join her? Of course not. But, here's your horoscope. There's softball and a city park in your future. And a co-worker. And another working behind the scenes. Be on the lookout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of location is possible for you for the fall season. Just possible. If so, it will be nearby and of course it will be cooler. You have nothing to fear but fear itself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): There are no big holidays over the next month so why don't you make one. You can stage, for your upcoming birthday, Libra's Big Adventure. Pee Wee Herman is make a comeback. So can you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Consider the past as a guide but the future for Scorpio is cool, as cool as the autumn air. Specifically, it will involve a strange house and a community event.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will figure it all out at the appropriate time. That time arrives in a few weeks. A Taurus will be there. There will be a pressing dilemma but the two of you will profit from the challenge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be patient, my Capricorn, and calm as you glide through these cooler days. Oh, yea, we may get a hurricane or two, but we can handle that. Confess and be proud of all you have done over the summer. Now you start anew.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There are two things you should be looking for over the next few weeks: someone with big feet and a beckoning call into something blue. They will be related. You will pay attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): And finally, once again, here's Pisces on the bottom. Of the horoscopes! What were you thinking? Stay on your steady course for a few weeks and focus on the three you care about most. You will learn basic things.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: Not in the money. Cumulative: Down \$83. Here are Helga's picks for Sept. 8 & 9, 2006. Mega Millions Friday: 14, 42, 30, 43, 54. Mega Ball: 26. Megaplier? Yes. And for Lotto Texas Saturday: 28, 48, 36, 33, 8, 44.

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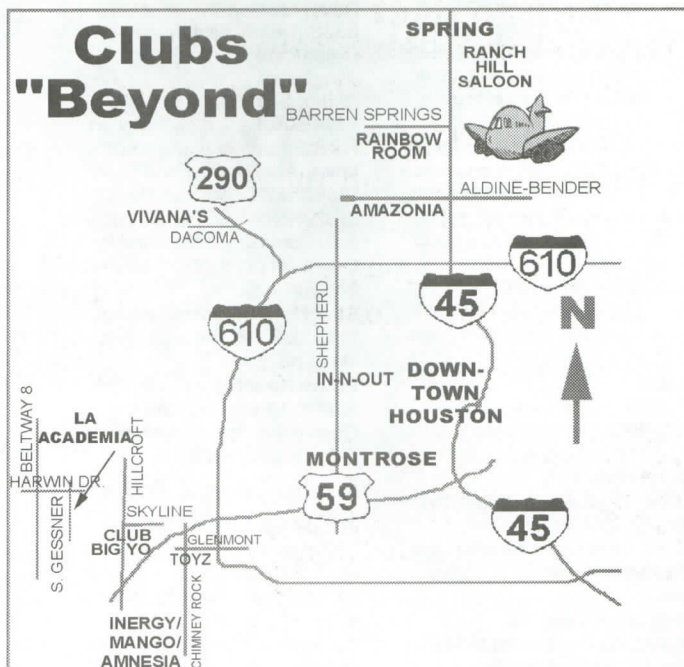
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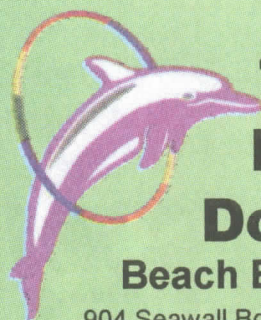
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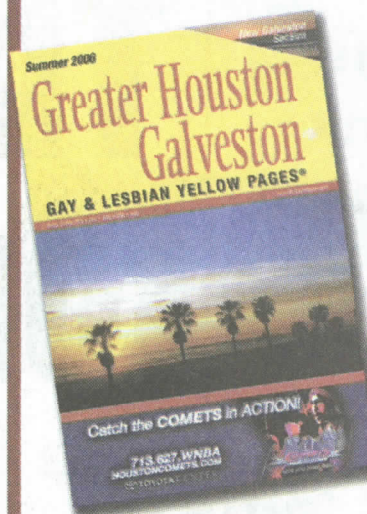
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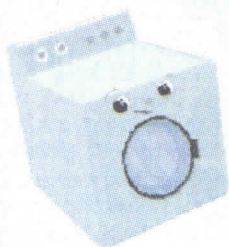


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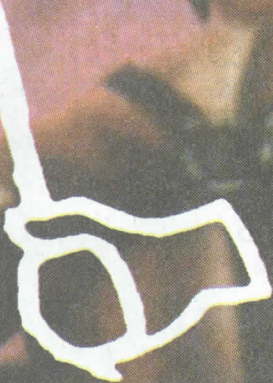
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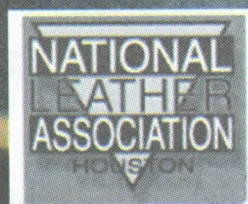
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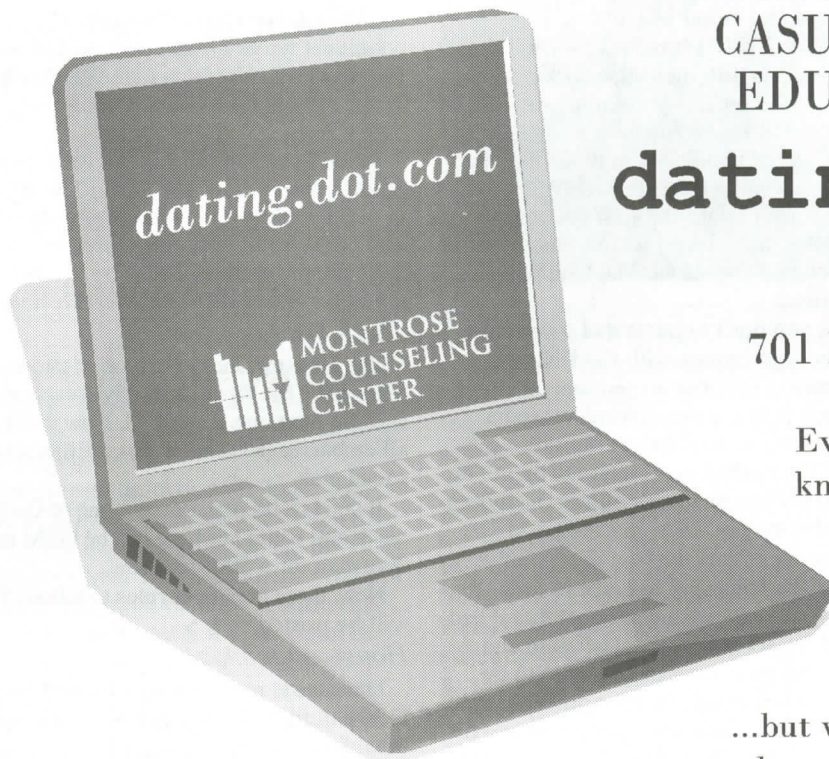
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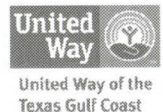
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Gay News & Bar Talk

By Henry and Contributors

We have made it to issue 47 of your favorite gay bar rag. We're possibly the finest gay bar rag in the country, don't you think?

British Drinking

Several issues back I talked about how British lawmakers revised their drinking laws so that pubs could stay open 24 hours. They did this for two reasons.

One, to come in line with the rest of Europe and not look so, ah, British.

And two (the real reason) to try and eliminate binge drinking by customers as closing times approached. You see, the British make us look like teetotalers.

They would guzzle up, get kicked out, and congregate on the street outside where many would literally fall down drunk.

It got so bad that British medical authorities starting posting their version of EMT's outside the major pubs to patch cuts and bruises and send those with the occasional broken arm to a hospital.

The lawmakers figured that with 24-hour open pubs, that would eliminate the last minute binges.

But now they have another problem, writes author Jack Turner in a recent New York Times op-ed article. Several lawmakers want a new law that prohibits standing at the bar counter to drink. You must go sit at a table, they propose.

Why? Because when you pass out drunk standing you have further to go before hitting the floor and are more likely to injure yourself than if you fell off a chair. I'm not making this up.

Too Much Salt

Have you ever read the ingredients on the side of a can of V-8 vegetable juice. Yes, it has lots of Vitamin A, C and other good things. But it is 25% sodium.

Pour yourself a glass of V-8. Visualize the bottom quarter of that glass. That's all salt! Pour yourself a 12-ounce serving of V-8 and you have the contents of a whole household-size salt shaker in there. The whole thing!

Do you see food advertised on TV and then decide that you have to have one of those? Lately, I've been that way. Most recently, I've seen advertisements for Marie Callender's chicken pot pies. Yummy. So I bought several at Kroger.

I told Brian Keever about them and he said, "Oh, those are good."

Do you want to know the sodium content of Marie's chicken thing? It is 33%!

Of course V-8, Marie and all the others put that much salt in there to extend the shelf

life at the supermarkets. But god! Basically you have a bowl of salt with some flavoring added.

Obit to the Old Voice

The ever-shrinking Houston Voice is again to ever-shrink. They're going to be a monthly "slick" in a format nine inches tall by five inches wide, they announced. (Use your fingers to get an idea of the size.)

And why are they doing this? I suspect they are going to try to be a cross between OutSmart and Red/TWT. This is just me trying to read between the lines. The OutSmart part is that they hope to get doctors, lawyers and real estate agents into their pages. These professional groups are the bread and butter of OutSmart.

The Red/TWT part means they will try to get bar ads into their new back-pocket format. Good luck, as you-know-who (us!) is the choice of the most clubs.

As many of you know, in 1974 I founded what is now called the Houston Voice. Did so twice after I sold the first one and the new owner then folded it. Too much work, not enough ego-satisfaction, I supposed at the time.

What you don't know is that a year ago I was in negotiations with the financial investment firm that is the money behind the Voice (and the other Window Media publications) in an effort to revitalize the Voice. (They called me, I didn't call them.) We were exploring many possibilities, including even merging the Voice and the GEM.

I presented them with an outline of what changes the Voice had to make in order to get the local advertising support that it had not had for several years. The main and overwhelming change that needed to be made (and if it wasn't made no other changes would matter) was to switch the political tilt of the Voice from leaning slightly to the right to leaning slightly to the left.

The powers that be in Washington and New York rejected that outright. It seems I had stepped on sensitive toes. They are, after all, Log Cabin Republicans. And to me it seems they don't understand why we all are not. They abruptly cut off the talking.

As thin as the Voice has been in recent years, it was still our local gay newspaper. Nevermind that in, perhaps, the 15-largest gay markets in the country, Houston had the smallest gay newspaper. It was here and it was ours, for better or worse.

And this brings us to here and now. Houston does not now have a weekly gay newspaper, not even a thin one. What are the advantages of a newspaper over the magazines we currently have? Space! You can have more articles, more in-depth articles, than a higher-cost magazine can have.

I am always looking for profitable

adventures. If you have the financial ability and the vision and the first question out of your mouth will *not* be like many others I have talked with, "When can I expect my first dividend?" when they had not even yet spent an hour discussing the possibilities, the excitement, the community leadership roles, their contributions to the success of the publication and the countless other responsibilities and benefits. And *then*, the dividends will flow.

Call me. You can start a gay newspaper for Houston. I can help. Or I can start yet another Houston gay newspaper and you can help.

Goodbye Johnny Hooks

The Houston Voice's "Nightlife" columnist wrote his last column last week. He was the closest thing in the Voice to Yours Truly, although (of course) not as sexy as Yours Truly.

When I say closest, I mean very close. Johnny would scour the ads in The GEM in order to figure out what was going on. The GEM is not only the source of bar happenings to you, our readers, we were like a wire service to the Voice. We were honored.

Jacks Party

The Houston Jacks party at Midtowne Spa will be the third Thursday of each month and the next one is Sept. 21. Now don't get all embarrassed. This is just a little private social club.

It starts 8:00 p.m. Present one of the little black and white ads here in The GEM to the doorman for a 50% discount.

Now, there are strict rules to follow. They will be posted.

Houston Quickies

Decades is now serving a Sunday brunch 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be your standard breakfast (yummy) of eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy. And the club will be serving Eileen's signature Mimosas.

Galveston Quickies

The toast of the bars on The Island, Kipp, is having a birthday party Sunday, Sept. 10, at Robert's Lafitte. Come eat his food at 8:00 and stay for the show at 9:30. (That's 8:00 and 9:30 p.m., although Kipp has been known to party at those hours in the a.m.)

And on the 16th, in honor of Mexican Independence Day, Lafitte's will have more food, 8:00 a.m., and a show at 9:30 p.m. Ya'll do know that when white people starting moving into Mexican-controlled Texas before the War of Texas Independence, they were welcomed. Except: They were not allowed on Galveston Island. Mexicans only!

Off to the Doctor

I'm going in for a lobotomy, or something, as I pass the disc for this issue to Brian to take to the printer. When I get out, look out. I'll be all tuned up and ready to take over the world.

PRESS RELEASE

An Island Fairytale

By Eldrege

Once upon a time, on a bustling island off the Gulf of Mexico, an enchanting fairy princess was born. Now, our fairy princess was no simple, dance-around-the-castle-singing-to-birds princess, but a very unique breed. This princess was born with a penis, but don't let that fool you my friends! She was very much a princess, and one day she would be a queen, the most glorious queen that would ever grace those flotsam covered shores.

In our princess' youth, it was not accepted for boys to like other boys, or for girls to yearn for other girls, nor was it accepted for young boys to wear their sister's or their mother's clothes. Thus, for a long time our little princess had to hide her sparkling personality and pretend to be the perfect little boy, only indulging in her fantastical desires when no one would see. She knew that if the world were to find out about her secret, then they would surely lock her in the highest room of the tallest tower before tossing the key as far as earthly possible.

Time passed quickly, as it does, and our little princess was having a hard time keeping her secret behind closed doors.

With each year that passed, the princess felt more and more of herself withering away. When adolescence came upon her, she found herself wanting to be exactly what everyone wanted her to be, which ended up slowly killing her inside. Despite the boys attire and attitude, she dreamt of makeup, ruffles, and high heels.

As the princess got older she began to fight those urges that all of us face, including the urge to stop lying to the world and show everyone who we truly are. She longed to live her life as she saw fit, rather than conform to some image set forth by a brutal, faceless society.

Like most, that included getting a job and venturing out into the world without a metaphorical safety net. One would think that our beautiful, hidden princess would want to be a beautician or a makeup artist, but that wasn't the case. Our sweet, precious princess became a tug boat captain.

It was during this time, while she lived her dream, that she fell for a beautiful maiden. Very much in love, they chose to get married, and as is traditional in such stories, began a life of "happily ever after."

But, our story cannot end here,



as happily ever after wasn't meant to be fulfilled yet. The two lovers raised a daughter, who later had children, leaving the two boasting proudly of their grandchildren, then later, great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, during this time our princess was still pretending to meld to societal conceptions of normality, and was still having a hard time dealing with being unable to share her true self. She raced cars, had a farm, rode bulls, and was still unable to compensate for that desire to share herself with the whole world. Something just had to give, and with the world more accepting, she couldn't figure out why she was still hiding. She could support herself, her family, and she had a loving wife at her side.

Of course, deciding to reveal yourself is much easier said than done. She was confused about who she was, and no amount of hormones or contemplation would change that. Depression set in and, as time passed, left her more confused than ever. But, as often happens in the middle of such a story, our beautiful princess faced the most difficult tragedy of her young life, the death of her lovely, loving wife. Shattered and broken, our princess was more lost than ever.

Thankfully, due to her decision to venture out into the world that she wanted, our princess began to dress like the woman she truly was. A newly found friend introduced our princess to a bar called Robert's Lafitte. At first, as always, the public didn't know what to think of our

princess, but soon grew to love her for the beauty that she truly was.

After a while she met a tall, dark, handsome prince, as princesses are apt to do in tales such as this. Unlike other princes though, this prince had the ability to turn into a princess as well. This prince taught our princess that magic which she used to become a princess, and in doing so, taught our princess much about herself. It was this prince that helped our beautiful princess bloom into the glorious queen that she is today, and even though the prince and the princess did not end up happily ever after, the experience left her a stronger, more beautiful person.

Our princess strove to achieve perfection, routinely practicing her chosen art to achieve a stronger more breathtaking illusion. With the encouragement and help of several close, special friends her performance began to shine. Everyone began to know her as Raichell, but she performed under other aliases as well, such as Tugboat Annie, Mississippi River Queen. Her skills excelled and our princess soared above the ordinary, winning awards such as Miss Lafitte 2004, Miss Swampthing 2005, and 2nd runner up for Miss Gay Entertainer of the Year 2005, and 2nd runner up for the Miss Pink Dolphin 2006.

From time to time you can see Raichell, our beautiful queen, perform at Robert Lafitte's and the Pink Dolphin, as well as other gay bars dotting that booming, glittering island nestled off the Texas shore. Though, be prepared, our lovely, bloomed queen can show you a good time through a number of acts.

In the time of her performances, Raichell has become extremely talented. Her glorious spirit shines brilliantly, showing what a wonderful person she is. Looking beyond the physical face, one would find Raichell to be extremely gentle, caring, and a very dependable friend beyond anything else. True to the definition of any fairy tale princess, our Raichell is beautiful inside, and out.

No other person can possibly be able to tell this story as well as I her wife. I'm proud to say that we met through a mutual friend, our own fairy godmother, and found that happily ever after within each other's embrace. Our marriage began in a ceremony on the patio of Lafitte's, and has continued in its beauty to this day.

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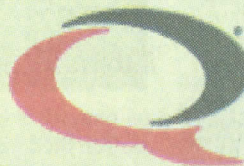
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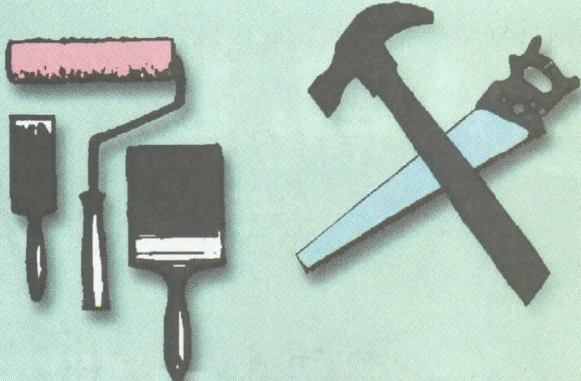


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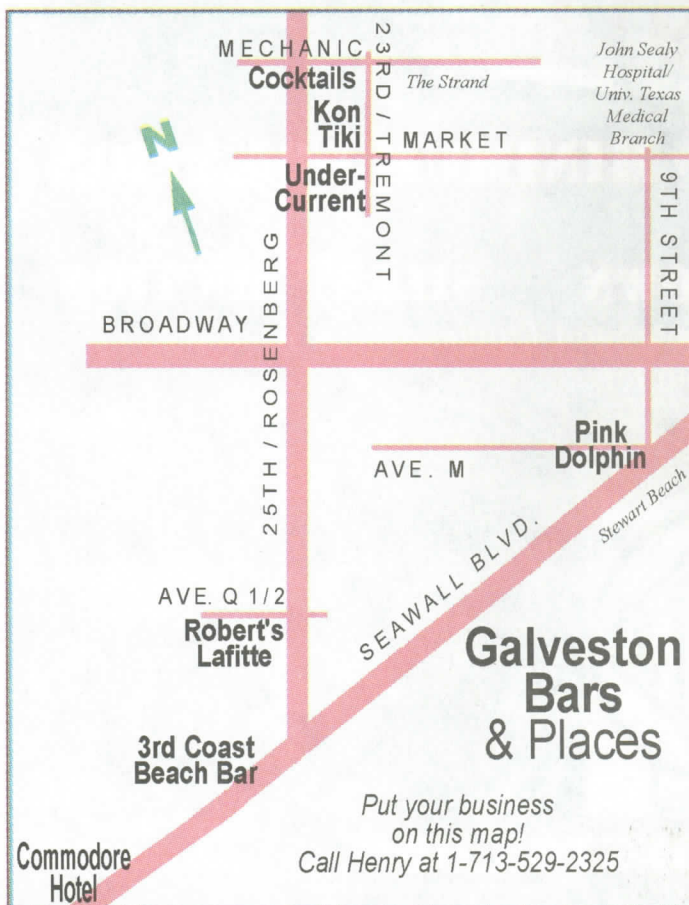
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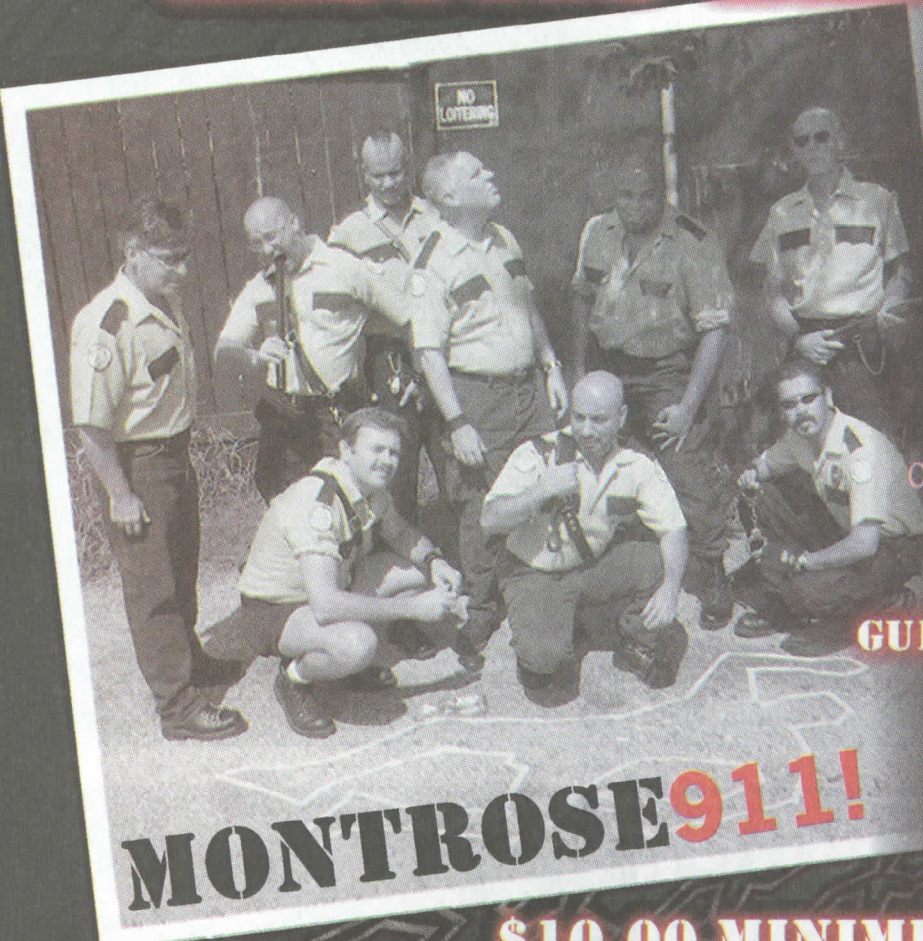
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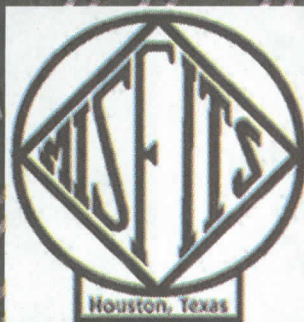
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Wal-Mart Goes Gay

By Ed Brayton

Wal-Mart has decided to join the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce in an obvious attempt to sell products to a group of people with significant disposable income. The result, predictably, is a major freakout by the religious right.

Now I know, we hear from conservatives all the time about free markets and capitalism, but you don't think they actually mean it, do you? Also predictably, the WorldNutDaily is leading the chorus of outrage. This article contains lots of ridiculous statements, but it begins by describing what's going on:

"It is correct that we have a dialogue with the (National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce)," Wal-Mart spokesman Bob McAdam told WND. "This is just what businesses do."

He said it is an effort by the company to reach out to one of its customer bases, and is being handled similarly to Wal-Mart's work with Hispanic and African-American chambers of commerce. A report on an advertising industry site, AdAge, said that Wal-Mart had not only joined the NGLCC but also has hired a "gay-marketing" shop and started discussions about extending domestic-partner benefits to employees. Domestic partner benefits?

You mean a gay person might get health care and a pension? Well that just will not do. Gays aren't supposed to have access to health care, you see, because that might help them live a longer and healthier life and that gives them more time to advance the "radical homosexual agenda" and infect the rest of us. This must be stopped. Tony Perkins, idiotic soundbite please:

It is unfortunate that Wal-Mart has joined forces with an organization whose mission opposes many of the values shared by rural and small-town America. It is precisely the interests of average Americans that Wal-Mart has prided itself in promoting.

Now, by surrendering to the radical homosexual lobby, Wal-Mart has entered the political arena with no economic benefit to their company or their customers.

Right. Because there are no gays in "rural and small-town America." Gays are only in big cities like New York and Gommara... er, San Francisco, and it spreads there because people live so close together that they are easily infected with The Gay.

Why, I've heard rumors that you can catch The Gay from a toilet seat in Sodom San Francisco. And wanting to sell chicken or tires or beach towels to gays means they've



The Wal-Mart past the Galleria at Sunrise

"surrendered to the radical homosexual lobby."

Which makes one wonder how you would surrender to that lobby. Waving a white flag is so pedestrian, and it's hard to find a flag in a salmon or taupe color. They could wave a rainbow flag, but then some idiot from Meade, Kansas will throw a brick through the front window.

To really view the hysterical reaction to this, you have to see this column by Kevin McCullough. I especially love this bit:

On nearly every occasion I've visited a Wal-Mart, I've nearly always seen entire families shopping together, of every racial and ethnic background you could imagine. Newer than Sears, less expensive than Target, much more hip than K-Mart, there quite possibly couldn't be a more family-friendly vendor in all of America. Until this week ...

Yep. Because as we all know, if you start selling dish soap to gays, people will no longer take their family shopping at Wal-Mart. Gays and families are like matter and anti-matter, obviously; they can't coexist in the same place. What's that, you say? Gays actually have families? I'm sorry, but you're wrong. The religious right has copyrighted the word "family" and it means only what they say it means. You gays out there who love your children and take care of them and help them with their homework and do all the things that normal people do with their kids, you may think you have a family, but you don't. Pursuant to their copyright, the moment you touched someone else's genitals in a Biblically-unapproved manner, you gave up your right to be a family. You're now just a random conglomeration of people. Worse yet, you're now a part of the "radical homosexual lobby."

And then it's back to those tired old pedophile comparisons:

Why will Wal-Mart spend monetary resources to help fund conferences that promote same-gender sexual behavior? Would they do the same for adulterers? Pedophiles? Men who like sheep?



Yawn. Stop me if you've heard that one before. But the more important problem here is the excessive focus on gay sex. Why on earth does promoting the sale of grills and garden tools to gays mean they're "promoting gay sex?"

Focus on the Family really should change it's name to Focus on the Anal Sex, because it seems that this is the only thing they see in gay people. They're aren't really people to them, they're just symbols for anal sex. Wal-Mart is not promoting gay sex by advertising to gay people, any more than they are promoting Christian sex if they take out an ad in a Christian publication. They're not starting a new department to sell them ball gags and butt plugs, for crying out loud.

I think we need to go much further with this. I think Wal-Mart should refuse to sell products to anyone who isn't a Christian. After all, if they sell a DVD player to an atheist, they're promoting atheist sex, and that just will not do.

In fact, from now on, I think Wal-Mart should stop selling products to all sinners. If an unmarried woman comes in and cannot show them an intact hymen, then they don't get to buy that sunscreen and shampoo (because hussies like you deserve oily hair, itchy scalp and sunburn as God intended). In fact, they could make a tidy profit by selling stones to the horde outside the front door waiting to stone that slut to death for her crimes against God.

Then Wal-Mart will once again be back in line with "rural and small-town America" and will be satisfying the bigotry of brain dead zealots like McCullough and Perkins. So you gays can take your anal beads and your amyl nitrite and go back to the bathhouses where you belong. We won't let you desecrate Wal-Mart, the last vestige of the garden of eden itself in the midst of

our Sodomite culture. Wal-Mart is for God-fearing people, people who worship Jesus and Dale Earnhardt, and not necessarily in that order.

Columnist Ed Brayton is a freelance writer and co-founder of Michigan Citizens for Science



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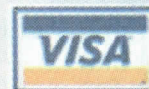
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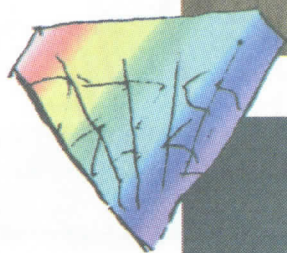
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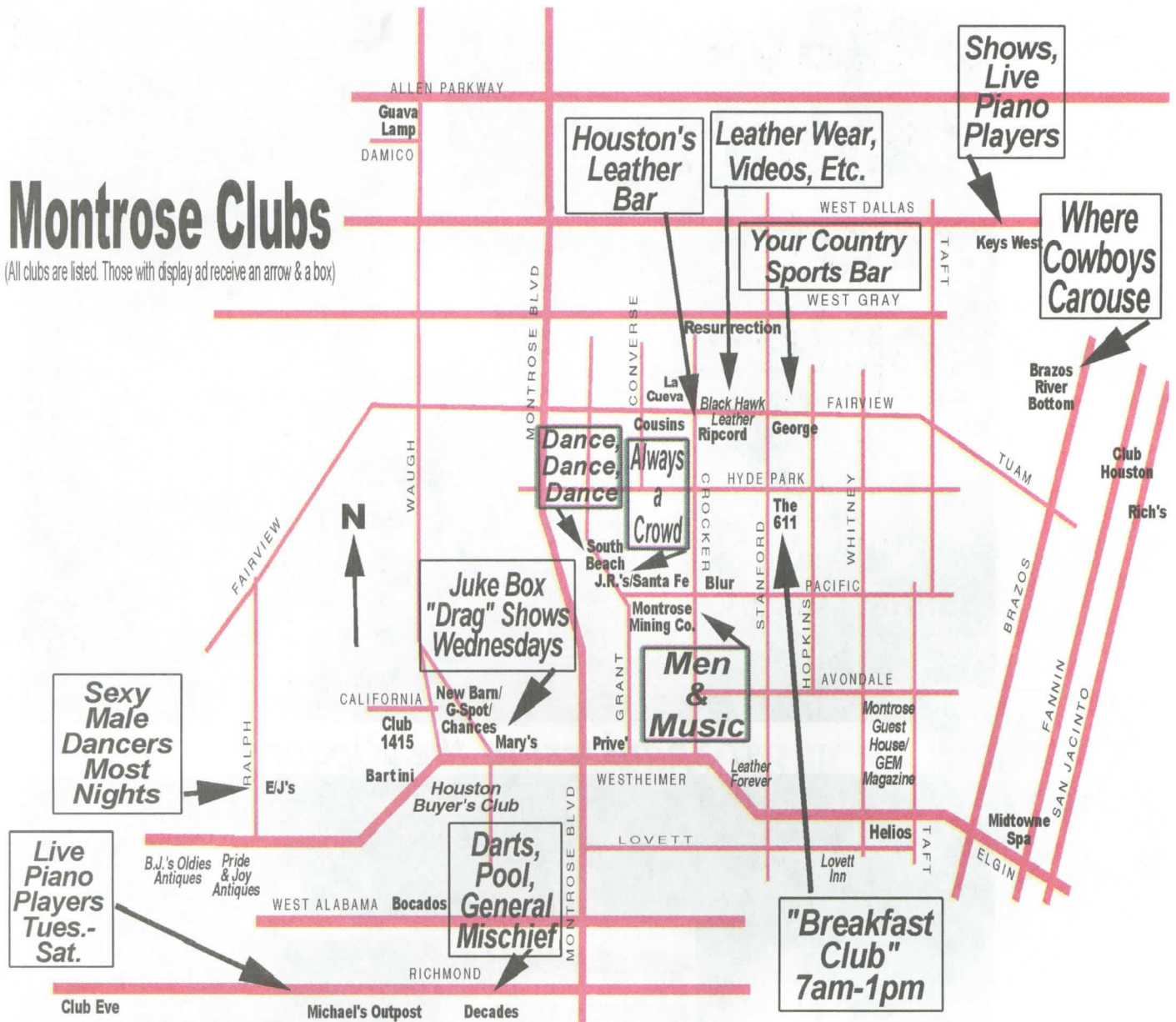
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Wed., Sept. 12 Houston GLBT Community Center night, Hollywood, 2409 Grant

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

Sun., Sept. 16 Fiestas Patrias

Sun., Sept. 16 GLBT Community Center Queer Bingo, Club 1415, 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 16 Misfits bartend on Ripcord's patio

Mon., Sept. 17 NLA bartends Mary's patio, 3-7pm

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

Sun., Sept. 23 First day of Autumn; Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 23 or 30 Houston Leather Boys' bartend, Ripcord Beer Shack, 10pm

Sept. 23 or 30 NLA monthly membership meeting, 7:30pm, then members bartend 9:30pm-1:30am, Ripcord patio

Oct. 2 Yom Kippur

Oct. 4 Houston GLBT Political Caucus meets 7pm

Oct. 6 ICOH Enthronement Ball

Oct. 7 Houston Leather Boys' Boys Night Out, 10pm, Ripcord

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

Oct. 9 Columbus 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/J's

Oct. 27-29 Halloween weekend

Oct. 29 Daylight Savings Time ends, gain an hour

Oct. 31 Halloween night

Oct. 31 2-5 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

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Dec. 5 Full Moon

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