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bar talk

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Got the hungries?

Dorothy at Somewhere Restaurant in Houston reports that either more people are eating more or just more people are eating at Somewhere.

Actually, Somewhere in the last few months has turned into quite a popular and cruisy little restaurant, especially for breakfast after the bars close.

Why, even The Star's "Mother" reports picking up a trick there.

And if Mother gets a trick, you know there must of been plenty to pick from.

The crowd's comin' back

The crowds at Cuddle's Disco in Houston each week are now running ten percent or so better than the week

before. And this has been going on for well over a month.

If you haven't been to Cuddle's lately, you'll enjoy the experience of checking them out again. There's good, healthy crowds (of good, healthy bodies) Wednesdays through Sundays.

Now if we could just do something about Mondays and Tuesdays.

Where's The Star?

If you were at the Casablanca Disco on the Mississippi Gulf Coast this past weekend, or San Antonio Country, or the Dock in Baton Rouge, or dozens of other places around this here part of the country, you saw a familiar sight — stacks of The Star by the door or on the cigarette machine.

We have started a concentrated effort to have The Star serve a larger area and more people — gay people throughout Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi now — and in the next few weeks we'll be adding gay clubs in Tennessee and Alabama.

Greetings to all of you new Star readers. We invite you to keep us posted on goin's on's in your city.

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news

This one is for my heart

A beer a day keeps the doctor away (if the good old doctor is a heart specialist). And a cocktail does it too, according to Dr. Joseph J. Barboriak, who took a survey in Milwaukee (where it seems everybody drinks beer, every day), and compared those figures with government figures from other cities.

Alcohol, he says, if taken in doses of about a drink a day, provides some protection against coronary artery disease.

But Dr. Barboriak fears this bit of information may convince drinkers to cast moderation to the wind and try to drink their way to health. "No," he says. What you gain in the heart you lose in the liver and elsewhere, e.

knows where), and office operating expenses (it takes manpower honey to lick all them stamps).

On TV this weekend

Highly recommended this Saturday night at 11:30 on channel 8 in Houston is "Dracula," a three-hour, uninterrupted (except briefly, once an hour) British-produced horror classic.

The acting is superb.

So when you get home from the bar Saturday night, don't routinely turn to Roger Gray on 26. He can wait. Channel 8 will still be on and it'll scare the pants off of you (if there's no one you brought home from the bar to help take them off).

Sen. Mengden tops the list

"Mad Dog Mengden," as he is fondly referred to by gay activists because of his anti-gay stands in the Texas legislature, is the 1977 Big Spender.

Sen. Walter Mengden of Houston had an expense account last year of \$98,000 - more than any of the other 180 members of the legislature.

What did he spend all that money on? (That money, remember, is yours and mine. We paid it in taxes.) Well, he spent \$19,000 of it on postage, partially to tell his constituents what a fine job he's doing in Austin, so they'll get the hint and re-elect him.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The privilege you have been pressing for apt to be granted to some degree. However, pertinent questions will be asked. Have answers in your hip pocket — say, a blue hanky on the right side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop chasing. In the chasing you are running away from that which is of the utmost importance. Inner peace. Message clear? But a big, exciting weekend closes on key of G, for graduate, grateful and goody.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your faded memories may return to give the broody blues. Yesterday is over, Over, OVER. Today can be as sweet as honeysuckle if you'll just stop stewing over the past. New door waits to be opened. But you must turn the knob.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A moment in paradise is scheduled. Treasure it. Hold it fast. Then put it in your memory bank for rainy day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Yes, you know how you love your independence. Well, loved one is no different in this department. Don't expect lover to follow you on a leash. Too much togetherness can suffocate the best relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Guess what? This weekend will be packed with emotion. Hold your head high and anyone who attempts to take advantage of your emotional state will withdraw. That is, unless you don't want them to. Weekend cuddles to a close.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Seeds of foolishness planted in the past now sprouts a bramblebush of problems. One who waits quietly in the shadows can help but you must ask for it. It may turn out, however, to be quite an experience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A romance sashays into your quiet life. Attraction will be strong, but time is not favorable. Sorry. Decline with a smile (and a hint of promise). Weekend closes with a sigh.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Give your all to the present and week ahead will be like a lovely flower, yours for the plucking. You are a natural joy-spreader and this weekend you get chance to cover your private little world "like the dew covers Dixie."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can be a bridge this week and unite two who are separated. Your restless heart finds peace and your secret garden blooms.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your energy dips, but it is only temporary. By Sunday you emerge from the valley of fatigue and sally forth into the March sunshine. One at a distance longs to hear from you. If you can't write, then telephone. Or send a wire. Or send smoke signals. Anything. Just communicate!

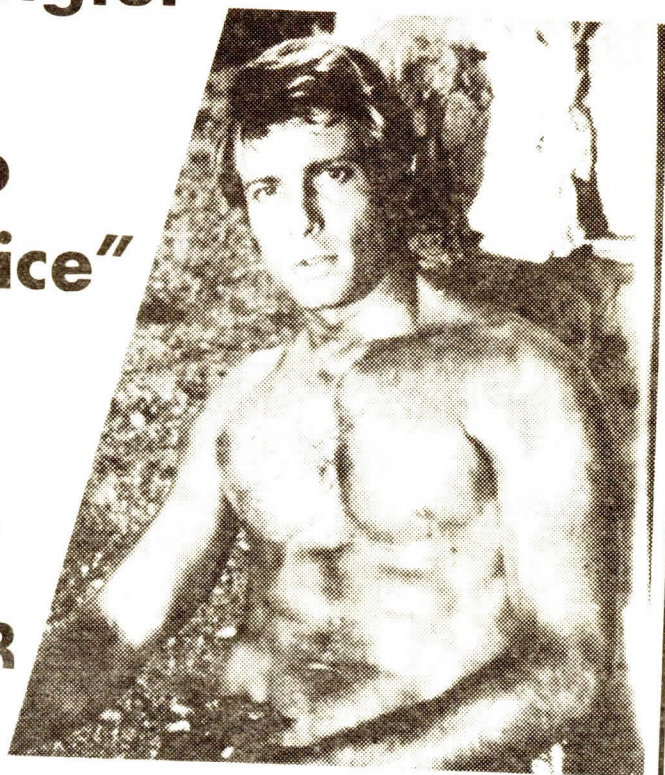
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Daydreams you've been indulging in need to be overhauled. Either that or you should dredge up some new ones. After all, fantasies are subject to the law of diminishing returns.

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Cerrone apparently peaked in Houston several weeks ago and hit the number one spot on *The Star's* ranking. However, that group is just now peaking in Dallas and Memphis and as a result has been pushed back into the top spot again. They were edged out last week by the Michael Zager Band. The Zager group meanwhile has plummeted to position four.

The fastest riser this week, due primarily to extreme popularity in New Orleans, is a series of cuts from a new album by the group, *Voyage*.

1. *Give Me Love/Supernature/ Love Is Here — Cerrone (18%)
2. **Gimme Some Lovin'/Dr. Doo Dah/Africanism — Kongas (16%)
3. **Chattanooga Choo Choo — Tuxedo Junction (15%)
4. Let's All Chant/Love Express — Michael Zager Band (12%)
5. Once Upon a Time (entire LP) — Donna Summer (7%)
6. ***From East to West/Point Zero/Latin Odyssey — Voyage (5%)
7. Galaxy — War (4%)
8. Night Fever/Stayin' Alive — Bee Gees (3%)
9. *Romeo & Juliet — Alec R. Costandinos & the Syncophonic Orch. (3%)
10. Come Into My Heart (entire LP) — USA-European Connection (3%)
11. *West Side Story — Salsoul Orch. (2%)
12. *Macho Man — Village People (2%)

13. *Cosmic Wind (entire LP) — Mike Theodore Orch. (1%)
14. *Which Way Is Up — Stargard (1%)
15. Everybody Dance — Chic (1%)
16. Risky Changes — Bionic Boogie (1%)
17. Shame — Evelyn "Champagne" King (1%)
18. It's In Your Blood — Linda Hopkins (1%)
19. Love & Kisses — Golden Tears (1%)
20. Lovin' Is Really My Game — Brainstorm (1%)

18 dj's at leading gay discos in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, New Orleans, Biloxi, Huntsville (Ala.), Montgomery, Birmingham, Beaumont, Memphis & Baton Rouge cast 722 votes in this week's survey. Percentages are of the amount of total votes captured by each song. Asterisks indicate rapid upward chart movement.

INDIVIDUAL DISCO REPORTS

Parade, New Orleans/Nathan Faulk, dj

1. Gimme Some Lovin'/Dr. Doo Dah — Kongas
2. From East to West/Point Zero/Latin Odyssey — Voyage
3. West Side Story — Salsoul Orch.
4. Come Into My Heart (entire LP) — USA-European Connection
5. Macho Man/I Am What I Am/Key West — Village People

George's Krisco, Memphis/Dennis Belski, dj

1. Give Me Love — Cerrone
2. Let's All Chant — Michael Zager Band
3. Macho Man — Village People
4. Risky Changes — Bionic Boogie
5. Love Machine — Claudja Berry

Old Plantation, Houston/Eddie Dean, dj

1. Chattanooga Choo Choo — Tuxedo Junction
2. Let's All Chant — Michael Zager Band
3. Galaxy — War
4. Supernature (entire LP) — Cerrone
5. It's In Your Blood — Linda Hopkins

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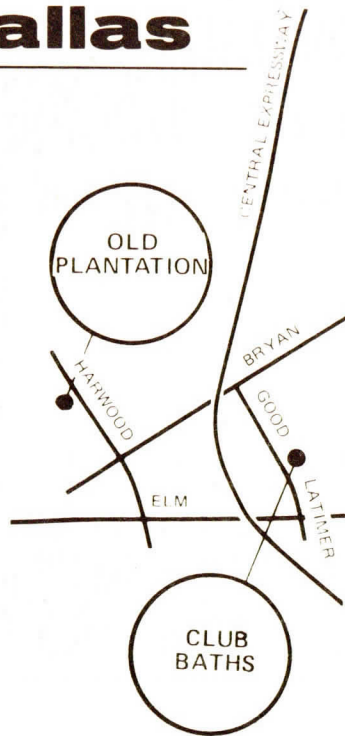
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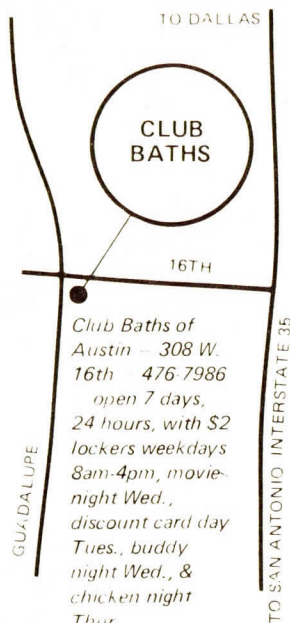
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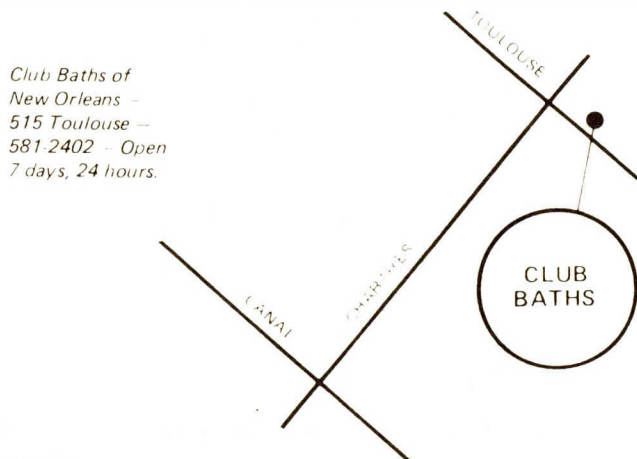
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new orleans



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WHAT'S GOIN' ON

(Texas law allows clubs to sell liquor 7am-2am Mon.-Sat., noon-2am Sun. All major discos have \$1 cover nightly and other bars have no cover, unless stated differently.)

Thursday Night, March 16

Club color night 4-12pm at Club Baths. We 4 (Jennifer George, Janet Page, Kandi Delight, Jessica Landa) on stage at Cuddle's, 10:30pm, followed by disco & 50¢ drinks. "Queen for a Day" amateur drag contest at the Cove with \$50 in prizes. 55¢ drinks all night at the Old Plantation.

Friday Afternoon, March 17

After Dark reopens 2pm with door prizes every half-hour & a 24-hour operation all weekend. Happy hour 3-7pm at the Barn. \$3 lockers at Club Baths to 4pm. Sun-worshippers & bodybuilders special to 8pm at Midtowne Spa.

Friday Night, March 17

After Dark continues grand reopening weekend all night with door prizes every 30 minutes. After-hours disco to 4am at the Old Plantation & Cuddle's. Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant stays open to 3am & Somewhere Restaurant is open 24 hours for the after-the-bar crowds.

Saturday Afternoon, March 18

After Dark continues grand reopening weekend with door prizes every half-hour. Brunch starts 11am at Chapultepec. Special on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers at the Barn.

Saturday Night, March 18

After-hours disco to 4am at Cuddle's & the Old Plantation. Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant serves till 3am. Somewhere Restaurant serves 24 hours. After Dark also open 24 hours tonight with grand reopening weekend including door prizes every 30 minutes.

Sunday Afternoon, March 19

Brunch starts 11am at Chapultepec. Free noon buffet at the Barn with specials on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers. T-dance at

Cuddle's with no cover & 50¢ drinks 4-8pm. After Dark continues celebrations with door prizes every half-hour.

Sunday Night, March 19

Last night of weekend-long celebration at After Dark, with door prizes continuing every 30 minutes to 4am. Drag show to night at the Cove. The OP Follies stars Ernestine, Hot Chocolate, Naomi Simms, Carmelita, starting 10:30pm at the Old Plantation. Disco & 50¢ drinks all night at Cuddle's.

Monday thru Friday, March 20-24

Sunworshippers & bodybuilders special at Midtowne Spa 8am-8pm. Happy hour 4-7pm at the Barn. \$3 lockers at Club Baths 8am-4pm. Lunch & dinner served at Somewhere Restaurant 10am-10pm, breakfast 24 hours. Mexican breakfast served at Chapultepec starting 6am, dinner served till midnight.

Monday Night, March 20

Discount prices at the Old Plantation & Cuddle's. T-shirt night at Club Baths.

Tuesday Afternoon, March 21

It's discount card day at the Club Baths.

Tuesday Night, March 21

Special prices at Cuddle's & the Old Plantation. T-shirt night at After Dark.

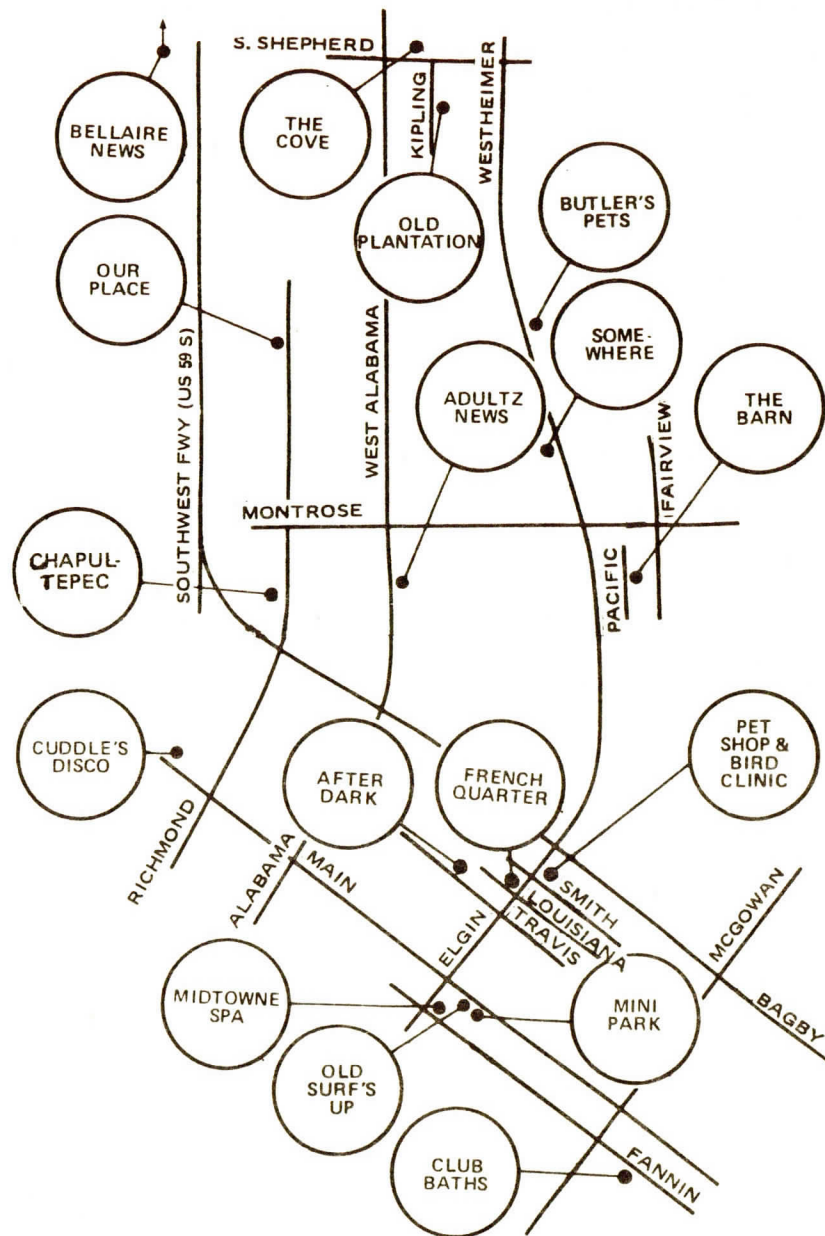
Wednesday Night, March 22

10¢ drinks with \$2 cover at Cuddle's. The Old Plantation has 55¢ drinks & \$1 cover. Drag show at the Cove with Champagne, Daschelle, Abby. Buddy night at Club Baths. Pool tourney, 9:30pm, at After Dark.

Thursday Night, March 23

April Showers presents the "Stars of Texas 1st Academy Awards" show at the Cove, 10pm, starring Midget, Abby, Dee, Peggy, Champagne. We 4 (Jennifer George, Janet Page, Kandi Delight, Jessica Landa) perform on stage at Cuddle's, 10:30pm, followed by disco & 50¢ drinks. T-shirt night at After Dark. 55¢ drinks all night at the Old Plantation.

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Readers, have you ever received bad service or inferior products at some business establishment that serves the gay community? Tell us about it. The best way to cure such bad business practices is to expose it. Read on . . .

Q. I'm glad you've started this column 'cause I've got a complaint I want to share with others.

Those people at Hamburgers By Gormet on West Alabama (in the Montrose in Houston) better get their shit together. Last weekend I had to wait before I placed my order while the cook and the ordertaker bitched at each other. Then when I did place my order and paid for it he gave me the wrong change.

After they prepared the food, I picked it up and took it to my car and started heading home when it dawned

on me that they couldn't have put everything that I had ordered into that one lightweight bag. Sure enough, I discovered I was one hamburger short.

Back into the restaurant, up to the counter, I told the ordertaker that he had made a mistake.

He looked at me in a way as to deny that it was even remotely possible that *he* could have made a mistake!

I had to repeat my statement before he turned around, and, sure enough, there was my other hamburger on the back counter. I was maintaining my cool but decided it was time to make a statement.

"First you give me the wrong change and then the wrong order. You people had better get better organized," I said.

His response was, "Why don't you just not come back."

My response was, "Don't worry." Upon getting home I discovered that he had only given me a small order of fries — not the large one I had ordered and paid for.

Similar incidents have happened to me at that same restaurant two times before and once to my lover.

What's wrong with some of the employees there? What's wrong with the management for hiring such employees? And what's wrong with the owners for hiring such management?

A. Those are questions that of course Hamburgers By Gormet will have to answer. The Star invites the owner to respond on these pages.

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Cuddle's Super Disco — 4714 Main — 528-5054
Old Plantation — 2020 Kipling — 522-2353

Neighborhood Bars

Barn — 710 Pacific at Crocker — 528-9427
Dirty Sally's — 220 Avondale — open soon
Old Surf's Up — 2909 South Main — 528-9164
Our Place — 1419 Richmond — 528-8903

Baths

Club Houston — 2205 Fannin — 659-4998
Midtowne Spa — 3100 Fannin — 522-2379

Adult Bookstores & Movie Arcades

Adultz News — 714 West Alabama Street
After Dark — 3400 Travis Street — 521-9857
Bellaire News — 5807 Bellaire — 661-8840

All-Male 16mm Theaters

French Quarter — 3201 Louisiana — 527-0782
Mini-Park — 2907 South Main — 528-5881

Carpet Cleaning Service

Delta Pure — for information phone 688-2263

Construction Company

Aztec Remodeling Company — 529-7556

Pet Shops

Butler's Pets — 1638 Westheimer — 522-8832
Pet Shop, Bird Clinic — 3118 Smith — 529-7266

Printing & Graphic Services

The Star — 400 Westmoreland, no. 1 — 522-7416

Restaurants

Chapultepec — 813 Richmond — 522-2365
Somewhere — 1525 Westheimer — 528-8474

Telephone Answering Service

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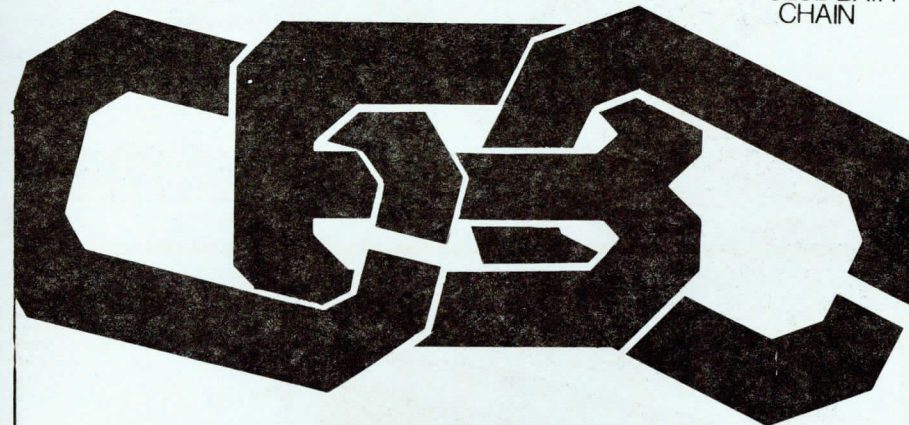
Other Phone Numbers

Brazos River	Male Boxx — 528-9552
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Exile — 659-0453	526-7519
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GPC — 526-2668	528-9653
Hi Lite Ranch —	The Star — 522-7416
528-8730	Uncle Charlie's —
Inside Outside —	529-7488
527-9071	Union Jack — 622-3100
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Locker — 528-8844	Yellow Cab — 236-1111

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