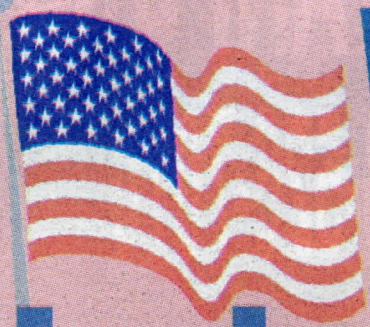
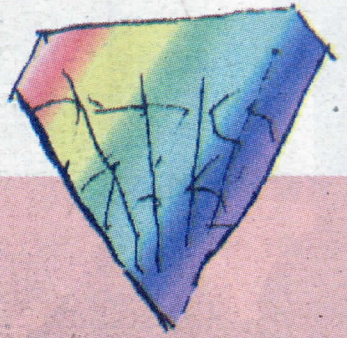


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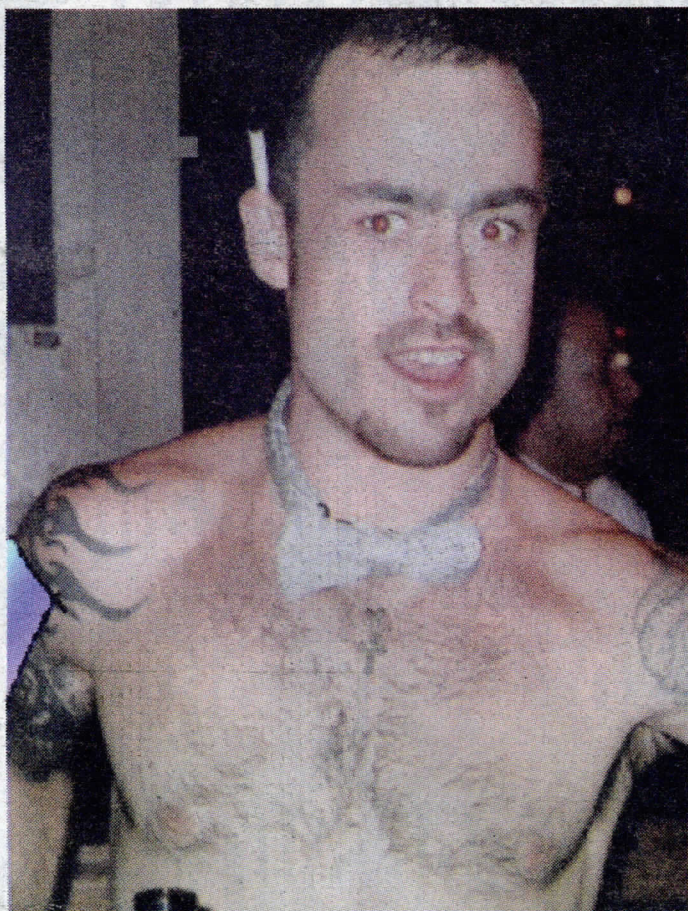
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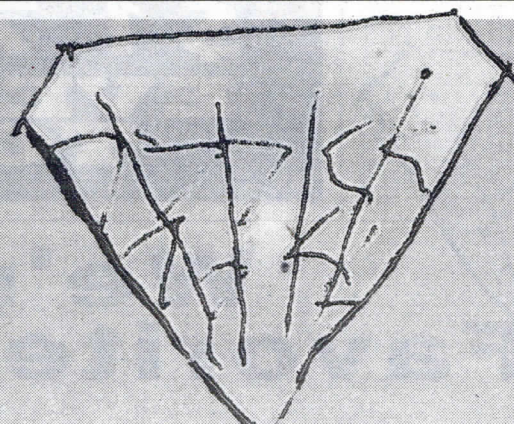
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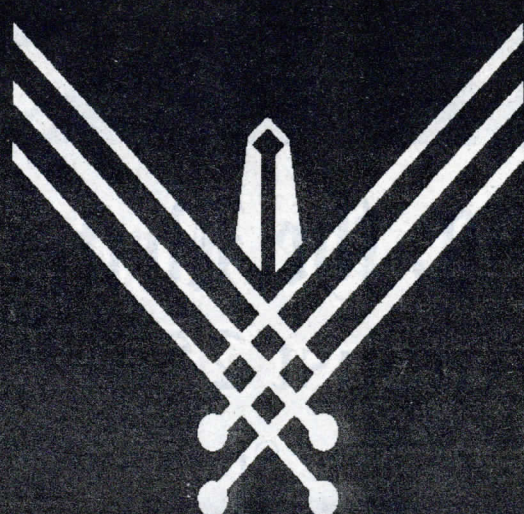
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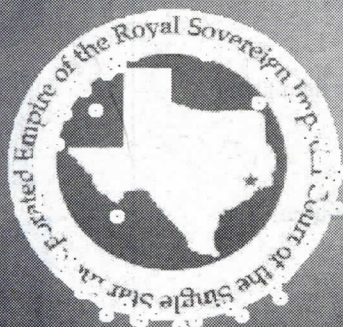


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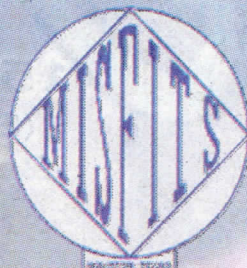
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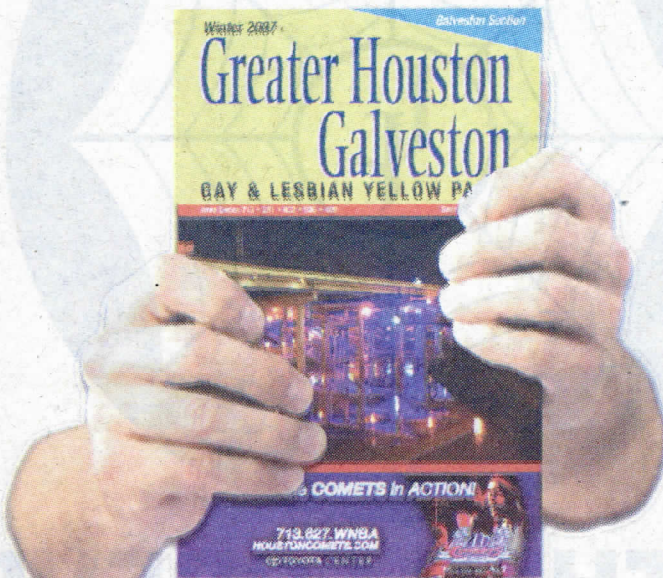
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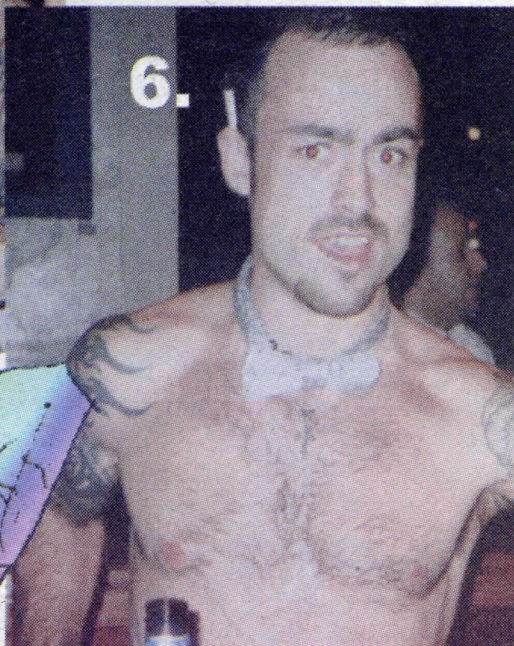
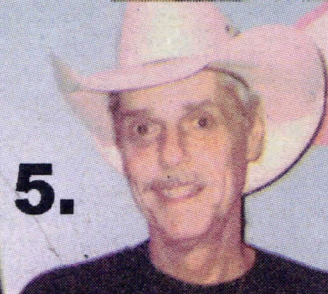
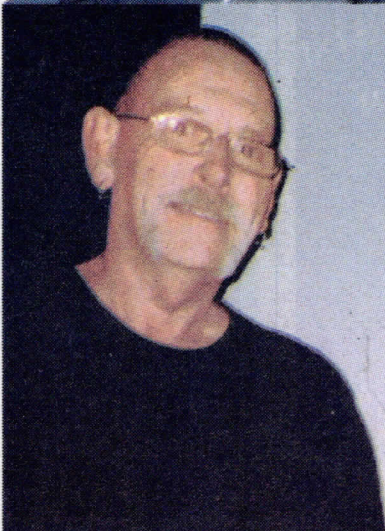
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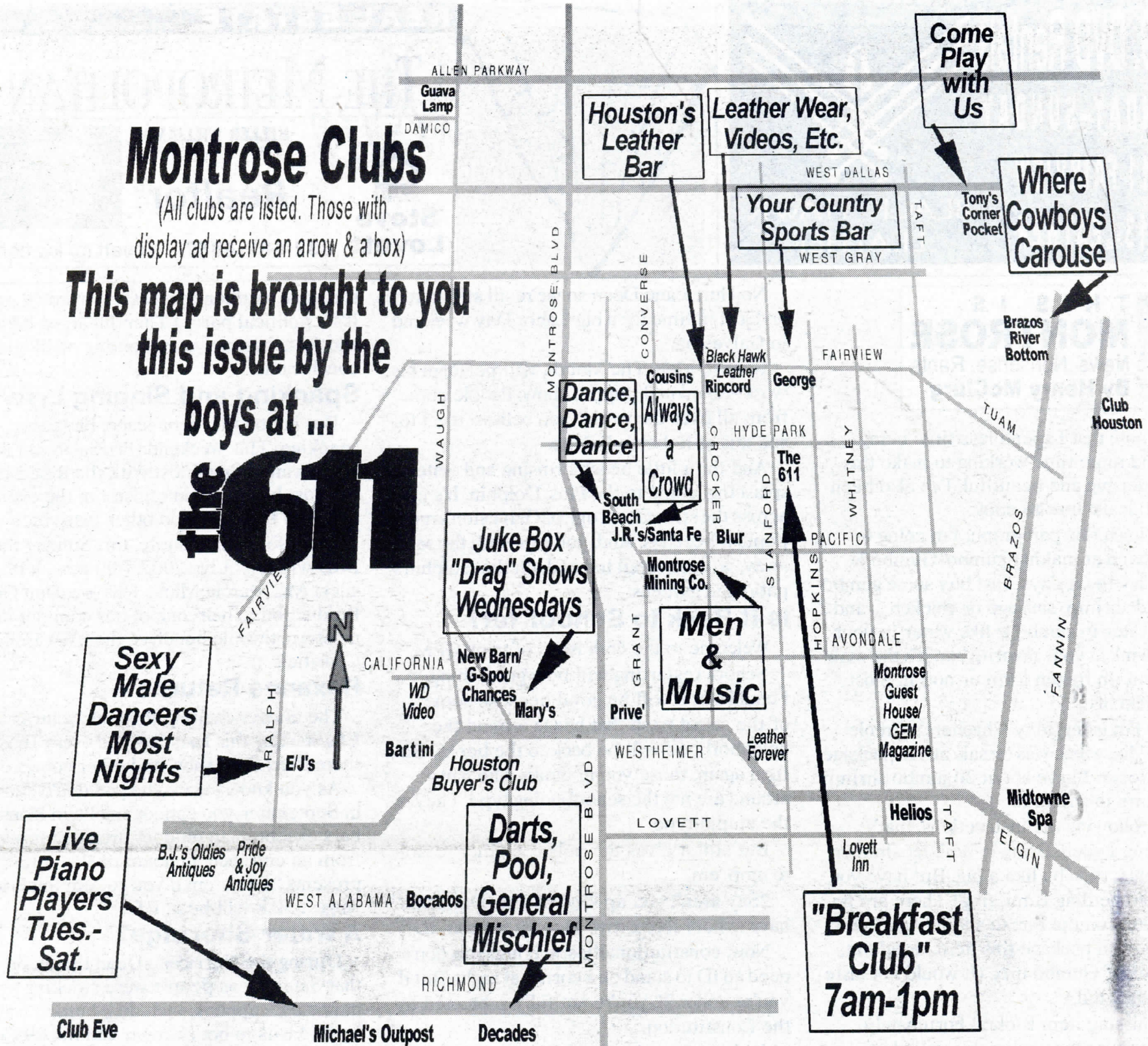
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Occupy Your Mind, Cancer!

Mars in Gemini is loosening lips, and, squaring Uranus, he will have us all blurting out things we'll wish we hadn't! Keep your ears open and your mouth shut - or otherwise occupied. Venus is in Leo, so taking pride in taste and discretion can save you lots of trouble.

ARIES (March 20 to April 19) To avoid blurting out secrets and betraying trust, let it all be about you! Hold the spotlight and dazzle your friends with your charm and playfulness. If you do get time alone, some creative writing and journaling can offer surprising insights.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Resisting the impulse to spend can be hard, but stay within a

budget. Friends will egg you on to some fabulous purchase that you'll regret. What would Mother say? In this case, she'd probably be right.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your mouth is even more dangerous than usual. Whether you want it or not, you have the ear of bosses and authorities. Running your ideas by a sister first will help you make them more presentable.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Occupy your mind to keep your mouth out of trouble. Visit museums and art-house films, and keep the discussion impersonal, discussing aesthetics instead of mutual acquaintances. Whatever you say will be heard far and wide!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Talking about sex could actually keep you out of trouble, as then you won't be gossiping about friends. Even better than discussing sex, continue your research on different techniques and styles. You'll have plenty of

opportunity!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your partner will quickly tire of your complaints about work, and your workplace is no place to kvetch about your love life! Hiding out could be your best bet, even with your partner exploring nonverbal communication.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You can enjoy great popularity now, either for your savage wit or for your valuable community service. The latter will also offer you surprising inspirations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) OK, you're hot; we all know you're hot; and worst of all, you know you're hot. Now relax and try to have fun without needing to prove anything. You can't play anyone else's instrument while you're tooting your own horn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 20) Arguments, especially at home, are likely to go badly for you. Artistic and literary diversions will

help keep you out of trouble. Those from the lands of your family background can provide surprising insights.

CAPRICORN (December 21 to January 19) Showing off and learning new sexual techniques can prove very educational for all involved. But are you communicating anything in your love-making besides physical prowess? Take time out to talk about real intimacy, not just erotic gymnastics.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What you value

in your relationships cannot be sufficiently expressed with money and gifts. Efforts to do so now will just prove awkward and expensive. A gesture of affection - a hug, a kiss, or a kind word - is still best.

PISCES (February 19 to March 19) You're full of surprises even you don't know about. Conversations with your family can expose talents that will prove helpful at work. Be sure to discuss family medical history. What you learn now could save you lots of grief.

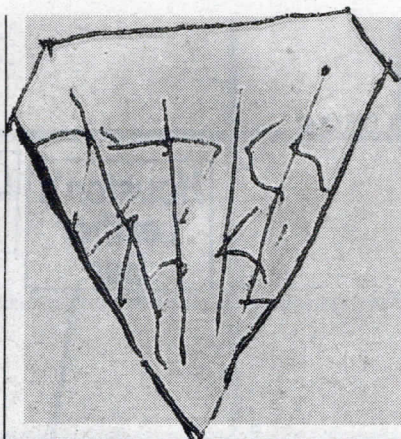
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 News, Nonsense, Rants
 By Henry McClurg

Well, now that I spend less time being a slut and more time working to make this newspaper big and beautiful, I've also been trying to learn how to cook.

As I finish this paragraph, I'm going to try my hand at making gumbo. Gumbo is pretty easy these days. Just buy some gumbo mix. Add shrimp, sausage or chicken ... and water. Water in gumbo is like water in your mixed drink at your favorite bar. It's the main ingredient (in frozen form or not) in most (all?) cocktails.

Today I'm using Tony Chachere's Creole Gumbo Mix, which was on sale at \$1 a package at our Kroger. I have about 30 jumbo shrimp from Sam's to add to it.

Now, following the instructions, that's everything I need. Bring to boil, let simmer 30 minutes, then be like a pig. But have you noticed something is missing? There are no instructions on the box to add it. And I don't think you can package this item, dried out, in the box of Gumbo mix. (It would not taste right if they did.)

This missing item is okra! Fortunately Kroger sells a frozen okra specially but for gumbo.

I've been told that the word "gumbo" is French or something for the word "okra."

So I'm off to buy the frozen okra. I'll let you know later in this column how it all turned out. If it's absolutely delicious, I'll serve it to our guests here at the (new name) Montrose House. They'll eat it. (They will eat anything I put out for them because it's free.) More on this in a minute.

On The Island

No Hurricane Dean so we're all still here, and just in time for a big Labor Day weekend in Galveston.

Robert, a.k.a. The Mouth, will perform his world-renowned puppet show. People come from all over the world (you believe me?) to see this at Robert's Lafitte.

And for a little beach cruising and water splashing, come to the Pink Dolphin. It's just across the street from one of Galveston's most popular beaches. And, you can wash the sand away, with cocktail in hand, on the Dolphin's patio and gardens.

Is It Back to School Yet?

Welcome to the 65th issue of your GEM.

School restarting will be a good thing. I could say it will be good because some of the street trash that hangs around the neighborhood will be back to the books. But then again, those young punks who hang around are not the school-going type. They're the stupid-type.

But still it gives the police another reason to stop 'em.

"Say aren't you up kind of late. Don't you have school tomorrow? Do you have an ID?"

Now, constitutionally-speaking, you don't need an ID to stand on a corner at night. But if you're under 21, you're not fully protected by the Constitution.

And the Constitution does not protect a right to impede or threaten others. The Constitution protects you and me from people

someone mentions the nasty R word. (R word? It's a political party.) Then I'll argue logic and facts against your shouting of illogical conclusions.

Spanking and Singing Live

But not on the same stage. First, the spanking. This weekend (Fri-Sat-Sun.) is the long-awaited Spankfest with the Ripcord as the host bar. You can register at the event to enjoy all the noise and other festivities.

Then, for some culture, this Sunday the BRB will host Live 2007, 7:00 p.m., with guest MC Marcia Mink. This is a Don Gill Production to help one of our communities most-worthy benefits, the PWA Holiday Charities.

Roxanne Returns

The always exciting Roxanne returns to EJs starting this Tuesday (and every Tuesday thereafter) for a show and other goings-on.

As you know (or maybe you don't) starting in September you cannot smoke in Houston bars except in an outdoor area that is away from an entrance. In honor of this, ERSICSS presents "Some 'em if you got 'em" on Friday, August 31. It will be at EJs.

A Water Shortage?

During the Hurricane Dean threat, on that Saturday as people were stocking up on hurricane supplies, including bottled water, I paid visits to both Kroger and the 99 Cents Only stores.

At Kroner, the sale water, the half liter (17 fl. oz.) bottles, had been on the shelf at \$3.99

per 24-pack (About \$1 per 6-pack). The sign announcing that sale price had been removed. No price was posted. But I noticed all the other brands seemed a little high.

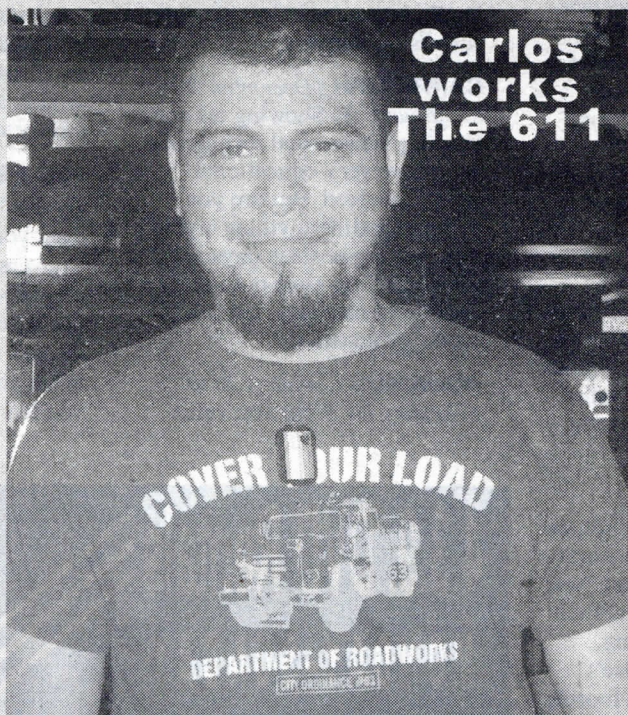
An employee said, "Yes, we raised prices on the water, Everyone does." Down Westheimer the 99 Cents Only store had re-marked its 6-packs of half liter size from 6 for 99 cents to 3 for 99 cents. That's doubling the price.

This is simply price-gouging, regardless of the logic "They all do."

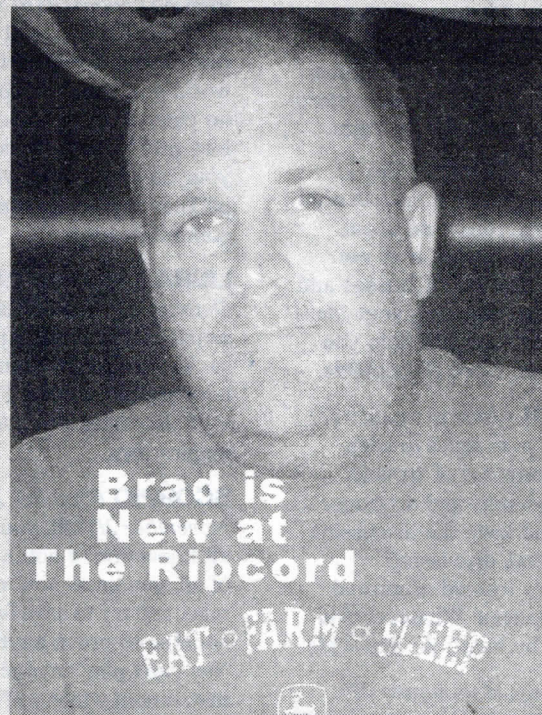
Quickies

There are new stop lights at Montrose and Alabama. They're very pretty.

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

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. Major dance club. Get there early to get ahead of the line. Open Wed.-Sun. with after-hours weekends

Tony's Corner Pocket 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. Pool and other games, open noon daily. "How ya doin'?"

Galveston

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

Kon Tiki 315 Tremont, (409) 765-5805. Closed at least for awhile.

Pink Dolphin 904 Ave. M at Stewart Beach, (409) 621-1808. Patio overlooks the Gulf. Open midday to 2am.

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Ave. Q, (409) 765-9092. A down-to-earth bar open 7am (10am Sun.). All ages of people. Drag shows Sat. & Sun. nights. Swimming pool
Undercurrent 2409 Market, (409) 750-8571. Open midday to 2am. New owners. Two dance floors, shows and strippers weekends

Outlying Area

within 100 miles

Southwest Houston

La Academia 5829 S. Gessner, 713-334-5422, dance club

Club 69 6121 Hillcroft, 832-891-2241, Latino.

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

Crystal U.S. 59 at Hillcroft, 713-278-2582. Drag shows Wed. & Thurs., dancing Fri. & Sat.

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, S.W. Houston, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored dance club, Sunday impersonation shows

Mona Lisa 6101 Wilcrest at Harwin. Diamond Cut Sisters Thursdays

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

North Houston & Spring

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

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

Northeast Houston

Viviana's 4624 Dacoma, 713-681-4104. Frequent impersonation shows

Other Inner Loop

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

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

Beaumont

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

Chris' Crockett St. Pub 407 Crockett at Park, (409) 835-4243. Beaumont's general neighborhood, city-wide gay watering hole

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

Revolution Cafe & Bar 211B. South Main. Bryan, 979-823-4044, "gay-friendly," live music nightly

Private Houston Clubs

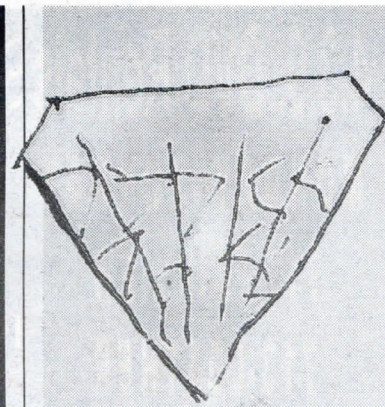
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Macy to Work for Producers of 'Hairspray'

Gay mega-producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron are raking it in at the box office with the smash summer musical "Hairspray," but they're keeping too busy to rest on their laurels.

The duo is teaming with actor William H. Macy for "Family Man," a one-hour drama pilot for TNT. Macy will star as an upstanding member of the community who, by night, secretly leads a dysfunctional, bickering gang of criminals.

Macy has had a good run with the cable network thus far. He earned an Emmy for the made-for-TNT movie "Door to Door" and was nominated again for the channel's "The Wool Cap," Steven Schachter, who directed both those films, will direct and co-write (with Macy) "Family Man." This will premiere in 2008 if picked up.

Desperate Housegays

While the hit nighttime soap "Desperate Housewives" has racked up a fervent gay following with its fierce heroines and over-the-top storylines, the show's occasional queer characters have existed somewhat on the margins.

Until now, that is. The show's gay creator, Marc Cherry, has announced his intentions to have a male couple move to Wisteria Lane.

One of the men will apparently have a contentious relationship with Teri Hatcher's character, Susan. No word yet as to which actors will fill the

roles, although the British tabloids had a field day conjecturing that Robbie Williams and new L.A. resident David

Beckham might get the gig.

Viewers everywhere will find out who the show's new gays are when the couple makes its debut appearance on the fifth episode of "Housewives" new season.

Blonsky and Sheedy Love 'Harold'

How much do we love "Hairspray" star Nikki



John Waters can do stand-up comedy when desired

Blonsky, the effervescent, voluptuous young newcomer who shimmied her way into our hearts as Tracy Turnblad?

Despite the prevailing wisdom that Hollywood doesn't know what to do with a talented big girl, Blonsky's continuing to get work. Blonsky has been cast as the lead character's best friend in "Harold," a comedy about a teenage boy (Spencer Breslin) who starts prematurely balding.

In a casting move guaranteed to make Gen X-ers feel old, Ally Sheedy will play Harold's mother.

Yes, that's right - the star of "High Art" and teen classic "The Breakfast Club" is now playing a teenager's mom.

Let's toast her with some Metamucil and look forward to "Harold"'s release in 2008.

John Waters, Stand-Up Comic

If you've never spent "An Evening with John Waters," listening to the hilarious writer-director do stand-up comedy about his life and career, then you've missed out on one of his many talents.

Thankfully, the new documentary "This Filthy World" captures the Pope of Trash at his brilliant best. Directed by Jeff Garlin (best known as Larry David's pudgy sidekick on "Curb Your Enthusiasm"),

"Filthy" features Waters talking about the many high and low points of his career, with dishy tales about stars like Johnny Depp, Kathleen Turner,

Ricki Lake, and Tab Hunter, alongside moving and bizarre accounts of working with the legendary Divine.

Waters fans and boring civilians alike will have the chance to experience "This Filthy World" when the documentary hits DVD this October.

Zadan and Meron Raising 'Raisin'

Gay producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron ("Hairspray," "Chicago") must never sleep, since there always seems to be news about another project from

the prolific duo.

Their latest announcement concerns a TV version of the recent hit Broadway revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," a groundbreaking piece of African-American theater from black lesbian playwright Lorraine Hansberry.

The small-screen version will retain much of the stage show's acclaimed cast, including Tony winner Phylicia Rashad, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, and Tony nominee Sanaa Lathan ("Nip/Tuck," "Something New"), who will be joined by John Stamos and Sean Patrick Thomas ("Barbershop").

This new "Raisin," (a feature film version was produced in 1961 with Sidney Poitier in the lead) will see the light of day on ABC in 2008.

Jennifer Garner to 'Be With' Jinks and Cohen

August and September are seeing the launch of two projects for gay Oscar-winning producers Dan Jinks and Bruce Cohen ("American Beauty"): "The Nines" on the big screen, and the much-buzzed-about series "Pushing Daisies" on ABC.

Also on the horizon for super-producing pair is "Be With You," a remake of a Japanese horror film that will star "Alias" veteran Jennifer Garner as a woman who may be the reincarnation of a deceased wife and mother who told her family that she would one day return to them.

With a script by Allan Loeb (who's got writing credits on seven upcoming films, including this fall's "Things We Lost in the Fire") this chiller sounds like something audiences will want to "Be With" when it opens in 2009.

Queer as Folk Stars Reunite for 'Ping

Pong'

They played lovers on "Queer as Folk," but now Peter Paige and Scott Lowell will be partners of the table-tennis variety for "Ping Pong Playa," a new comedy from Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker Jessica Yu ("In the Realms of the Unreal").

The film stars Jimmy Tsai as a would-be basketball player who is forced to defend his family's athletic dynasty. For a director who often takes on very serious subjects, Yu is a very funny lady. She delivered the immortal "My dress cost more than my film" line at the Oscars.

So with a cast that also includes gay comic Jason Stuart and Khary Payton (who played the witty gay pal on the "Emily's Reasons Why Not"), count on "Playa" to serve the laughs when it's unveiled later this year.

Roberts and Renner are 'Snappers'

Neil Patrick Harris is getting lots of ink over the fact that audiences can accept him playing a straight guy on TV even though they know he's gay. But The L Word's Dallas Roberts was way ahead of Harris, being open about his sexuality before he appeared as a straight musician on the Showtime hit.

Roberts is now teaming with Jeremy Renner (who got raves for playing a gay non-role-model in "Dahmer") for the indie comedy "Snappers."

The two men will star as a pair of small-timers (a would-be inventor and his overbearing salesman pal) who suddenly find themselves on top of the world with an invention that everybody wants.

Look for the comedy from director Jeff Balsmeyer ("Danny Deckchair") to surface at festivals before the end of the year.

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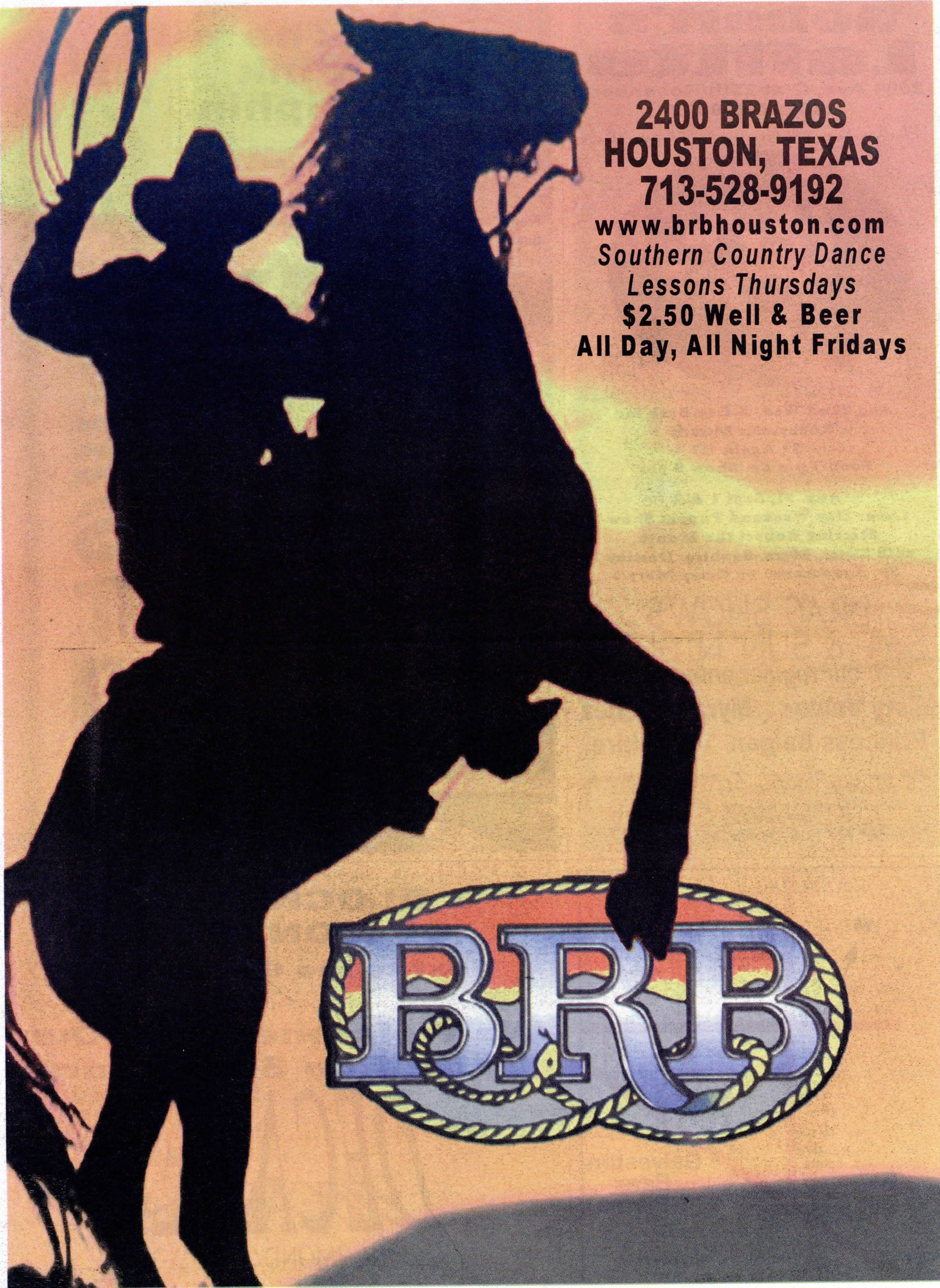
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