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Equality Texas: The Fight Continues

From Paul Scott, Executive Director

We have all experienced a range of emotions since election night. The reality of the passage of the four ballot initiatives hit me when I read about a couple that walked into a California Clerk's office and asked what their marriage license now meant. The clerk broke down in tears and replied, "I'm so sorry, I don't know." Then, I thought about the children in Arkansas that are going to be removed from their foster parents, and the parents that will not be able to provide a safe home for children needing qualified and loving parents. Four amendments that succeeded on a foundation of orchestrated bigotry, lies, and blatant discrimination.

I have moved from elation, shock, disappointment, anger, and now hope. It is this mix of anger and hope that is moving millions of people across the United States and thousands in Texas to ask:

What Can I Do? How Can I Speak Out?

First: We must be vigilant.

The future of the anti-gay industry was revealed in the Arkansas ballot measure. The ballot measure, approved

by a 57-43% margin, limits adoptions and foster care of children to married couples. The measure grew out of a state Supreme Court ruling last year that overturned a Child Welfare Agency Review Board policy that banned gay people from serving as foster parents.

In its unanimous ruling, the court said that "the driving force behind adoption of the regulations was not to promote the health, safety and welfare of foster children but rather based upon the board's views of morality and its bias against homosexuals." The Arkansas Family Council, the same group that spearheaded Arkansas' constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, collected enough signatures to place the adoption referendum before voters.

Discussions have already surfaced about exporting this type of legislation to South Carolina and Tennessee. Equality Texas has successfully defeated bans and restrictions on qualified lesbian and gay foster and adoptive parenting. Equality Texas has worked to elect pro-equality legislators that represent the best interest of children and their need for qualified, safe, and loving homes.

Second: Get engaged in Texas.

Don't just get angry. Get engaged in the work here in Texas and in your community. Engagement means being vocal about your belief in equality and asking anyone and everyone to step up and say "No More."

We must continue our efforts here in Texas to ensure that the well-being

of children and youth in the state's foster care system remains the guiding principle in setting policy. We must continue to advocate for safe schools for all children. We must continue to advocate for non-discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation. We must continue to advocate for equal recognition of our relationships and our families. We cannot advocate for equality without you.

We need your participation. We need you to share the reality of your life. We need you to educate others how policy impacts your life and the lives of those you love.

We need you to bring the voices of your straight allies into this movement. On some occasions, their peer-to-peer discussions will be more powerful and convincing than you can be.

Third: Act!

Send an email to at least 10 people that you know support equality and ask them to join EqualityTexas Tell-a-Friend; Join the grassroots efforts around Texas to protest Proposition 8; Invest in equality in Texas. These are tough times economically, but they are tough times for equal rights. We are moving forward on pro-equality legislation this January and need you to make it happen. Volunteer to be a Lobby Day Captain; Contact us if you want to help us sign up people to support our mission; Visit your legislator and demand as a constituent that you be represented. We will win

when we can demonstrate that our pro-equality values and vision are shared by the people of Texas. We are not there yet. There are many hearts and minds to be reached. Reached and changed. Changed by our reality, our humanity, and our truth.

Save the date now. Lobby Day.

Lobby Day is Monday, March 2, 2009, at the State Capitol.

Spend Texas Independence Day sharing the reality of your life with those elected to represent you. Commit today to make a difference in Texas by getting engaged in the movement for equality.

Sign up for Lobby Day 2009.

Watch for upcoming communications from Equality Texas on:

Equality Texas' 5-year strategic plan, and Equality Texas' 2009 Legislative Agenda.

The American Civil Liberties Union, Lambda Legal and the National Center for Lesbian Rights have filed a writ petition before the California Supreme Court urging the court to invalidate Proposition 8. The petition charges that Proposition 8 is invalid because the initiative process was improperly used in an attempt to undo the constitution's core commitment to equality for everyone by eliminating a fundamental right from just one group: lesbian and gay Californians. Thanks to the tireless work of these organizations in their efforts to secure equality for everyone.

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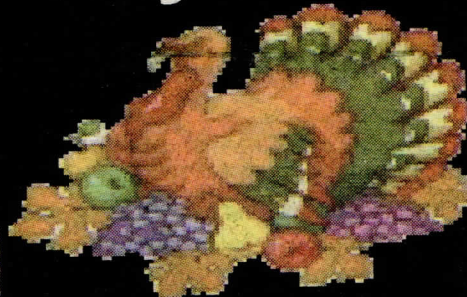
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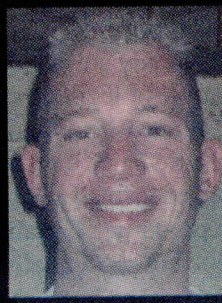
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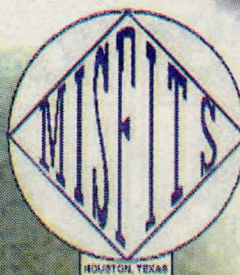
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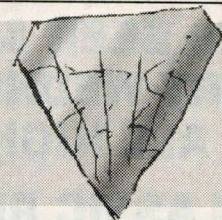
AIDS Day Luncheon

PRESS RELEASE

AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. will host the 2008 World AIDS Day luncheon at The Corinthian downtown on Monday, Dec. 1.

This year, we will honor well known advocates for HIV/AIDS, including prominent Houston attorney Mitchell Katine.

2008 marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, with the luncheon to be emceed by KPRC Local 2 Anchor Jerome Gray and chaired by Holly Moore, Jim Kastleman, Bill Caudell and Randy Powers. The line-up includes tributes to honorees, music by members of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, and a special theatrical performance depicting a mother's emotional journey as she mourns the loss of her son to AIDS.



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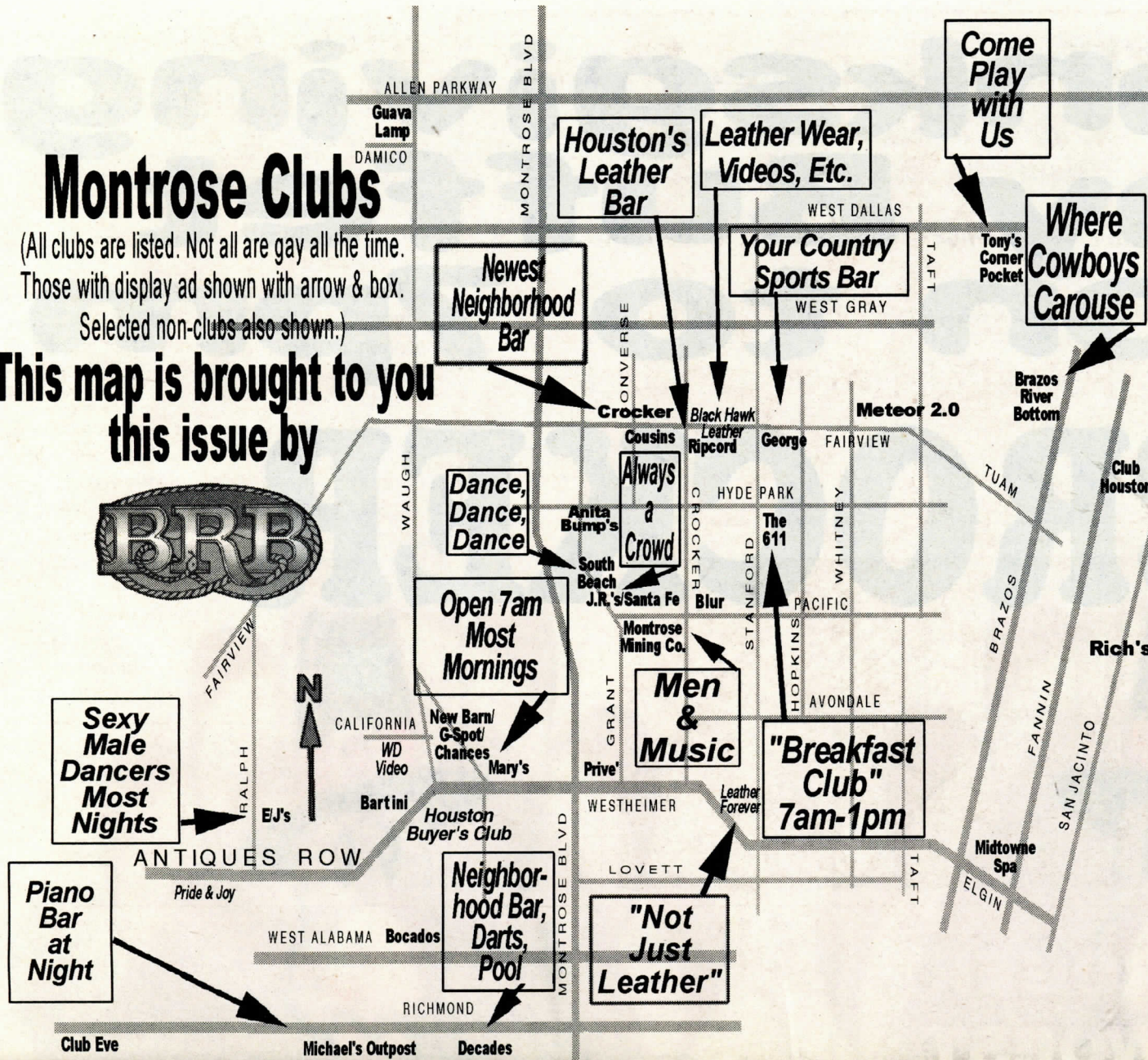
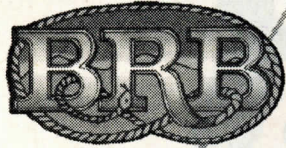
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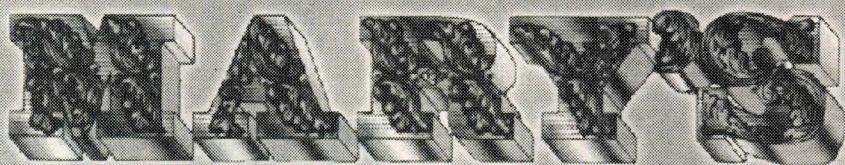
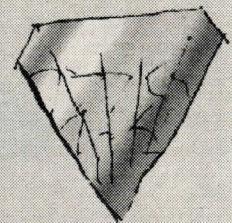


It's Show Time for BCPA

PRESS RELEASE

Dear Friends and Supporters of BCPA: It has been an interesting start to autumn for Houston and the country. Now is the time to start looking forward to the holidays. Chocolate at Halloween, turkey at Thanksgiving, and BCPA concerts for your December holiday celebrations. We have an incredible lineup for you this season.

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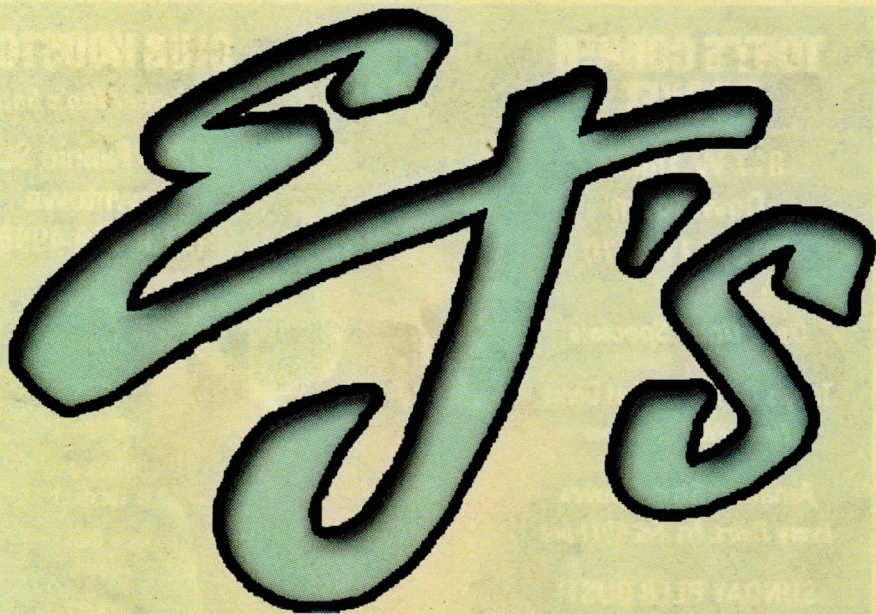
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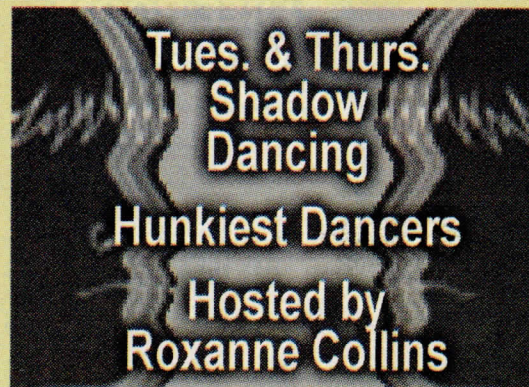
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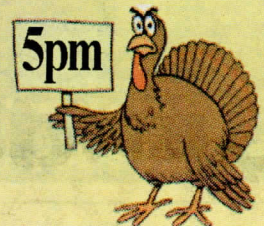


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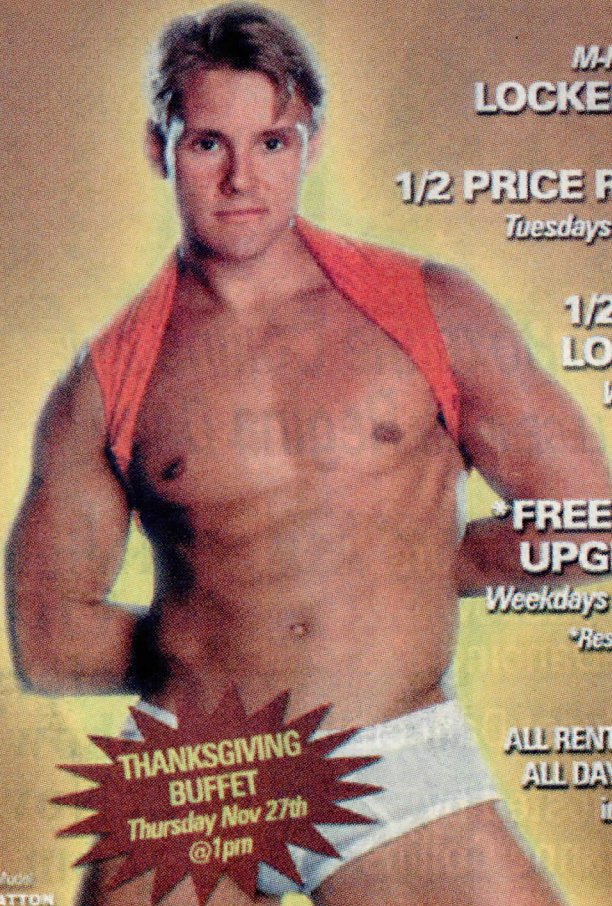


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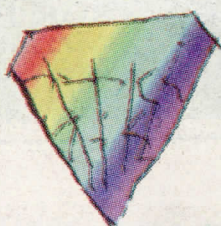


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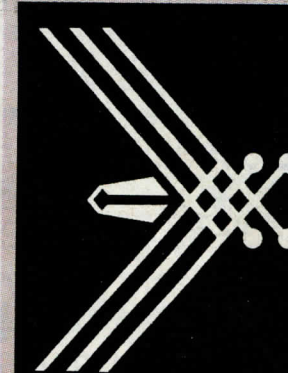


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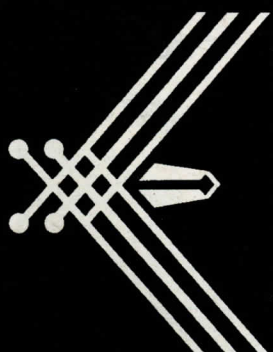
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Thanks from the GLBT Political Committee

PRESS RELEASE

The Houston GLBT Political Caucus would like to thank everyone who voted and exercised their duty as a citizen of this county. Harris County turnout was 1,185,658 voters of 1,892,656 registered voters or 62.65 percent.

Our hope was to reach 70 percent voter turnout which would probably have given us more wins of our endorsement list.

We also want to thank all of our volunteers who helped out both for early voting and election day. Volunteers were out handing out endorsement cards to voters.

This election cycle we mailed out 33,000 endorsement cards for early voting and an additional 4,000 endorsement cards were sent out for election day. Countless cards were downloaded from our website and cards were also placed at local area business.

Christmas's for the Caucus

This month's meeting will be a Christmas for the Caucus event. We encourage people to bring office supplies which can benefit our operations. New terms for several board positions begin in January. Nominations for these positions will be held during the meeting. Useful supplies include:

- Reams of copier paper
 - Number 9 and 10 plain white envelopes
 - Pens
 - Gift certificates to Office Max and Office Depot
 - Monetary Contributions
 - Office chairs
 - Digital projector
 - Red, white, and blue party decorations
 - Paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils
 - Soda, water, and libations
 - Vacuum cleaner
- There will be a reception prior the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 3.

Annual Red Ribbon Toy Drive

PRESS RELEASE

AIDS Foundation Houston's 14th annual Red Ribbon Toy Drive started Nov. 10 and will run through Tuesday, Dec. 9. It is a collaboration of AIDS Foundation Houston, Texas Children's Hospital, Harris County Hospital District, the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. For the second time, Reliant Energy is the title sponsor, providing funds to directly support the 2008 Drive.

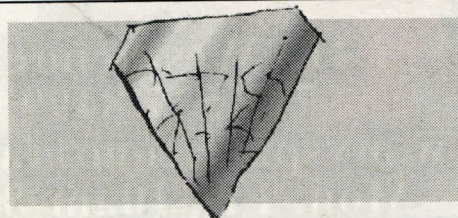
"AIDS Foundation Houston is truly grateful for the unbelievable generosity displayed by our sponsors and the Houston community during the holiday season," said Kelly McCann, chief executive officer of AFH. "We are proud that, for the past 13 years, we have been able to make the holidays a little brighter for so many children."

The 14th annual Red Ribbon Toy Drive serves children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. After the devastation of Hurricane Ike and the recent economic decline, families are in need more than ever. The public is encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys appropriate for children between birth and age 12.

Some of the drop off locations are:

AIDS Foundation Houston, 3202 Wesleyan; Reliant Energy, 1000 Main; Osito Foundation, 6046 FM 2920 Suite 213, Spring; Anita's Bar & Grill, 2409 Grant; Flowers Etc. By Georgia, 1818 Waugh Drive; Male UWear, 415 Westheimer; Mardi Gras Grill, 1200 Durham; Mary's, 1022 Westheimer; Michael's Outpost, 1419 Richmond; Wish, 1614 Westheimer; and Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, 2025 W 11th.

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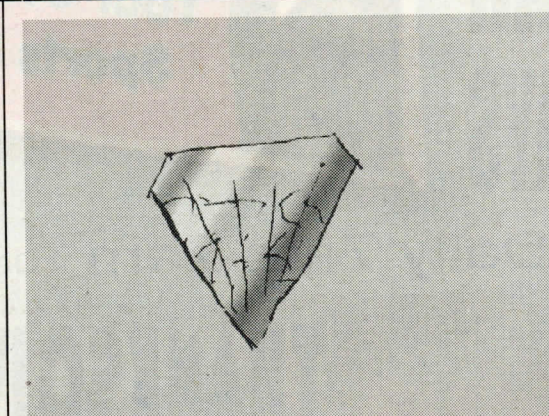
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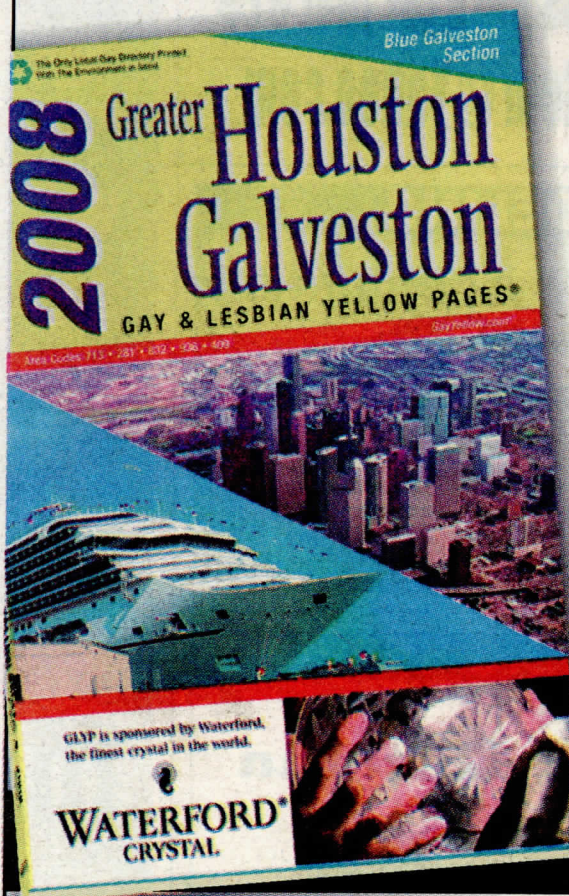


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THIS IS MONTROSE News, Nonsense, Rants By Henry McClurg

Here's my column for Montrose GEM #93. Welcome to the new political era.

Quickies

The In-N-Out, located out Shepherd, is now serving hamburgers daily for lunch. Stop by for a bite. ... Most of the bars will be serving turkey on Thanksgiving Day and many are advertised here in your favorite gay bar publication. So, read and eat. ... The 61's big (really big) anniversary party will be Monday, Dec. 22. ... The Ripcord continues it's \$2.25 domestics and well on Sundays with 80's music. ... The BRB's Fall Harvest is Sunday, Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m. sharp. They do mean sharp. ... The newest watering hole here in zip code 77006 (not a zip code but a lifestyle) is Crocker, on Crocker, diagonally across from the Ripcord. ... Reign VII will be puttin' on a show Sat., Nov. 22, 8:00 p.m. at EJ's. ... and the Judy Garland Christmas show will be Sunday, Dec. 7, at the In-N-Out. ... Plus the Sunday parties continue at JR's, the always-popular club on Pacific. Always a crowd! And they're next door to South Beach, the "coolest place on Earth."

A Long Time Ago

I decided to put some samples of newspaper front covers on our front cover. The one on the far left, the Delta Democrat-Times, is in Greenville, Mississippi. I included it because I worked for that company in 1965. Hodding Carter III was one of my bosses. He went on to become the Assistant Secretary of State in the Jimmy Carter presidential administration. My hands-on boss was his brother Philip.

The newspaper won many awards, including a Pulitzer in 1946 for publishing an editorial lambasting the relocation of Japanese Americans as World War II broke out.

From Wikipedia:

"Philip wrote editorials in regarding social and economic intolerance in the Deep South that won him widespread acclaim and the moniker 'Spokesman of the New South.'"

"Carter wrote a caustic article for Look magazine which detailed the menacing spread of a chapter of the White Citizens' Council. The article was attacked on the floor of the Mississippi House of Representatives as a 'Willful lie by a (that word)-loving editor.' Carter responded in a front-page editorial:

"By vote of 89 to 19, the Mississippi House of Representatives has resolved the editor of this newspaper into a liar because of an article I wrote. If this charge were true, it would make me

well qualified to serve in that body. It is not true. So to even things up, I hereby resolve by a vote of one to nothing that there are eighty-nine liars in the state legislature."

You don't think about these things until later in life. I was lucky to have worked there.

Did I ever tell you about the time I met Eudora Welty? (I was about eight years old.) How about the time I shook Richard Nixon's hand? (I haven't washed it since.) Those are for another issue.

"Sydney has seen a spate of 'glassings' in recent weeks, where drinkers, male and female, have been smashed in the face with a beer glass. ... Authorities say a culture of binge drinking by young men and women is behind the rise in violence. Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, which includes Sydney the nation's biggest city, recorded 21,000 incidents of alcohol-related violence in the past year, with the rate of violent incidents rising seven percent annually.

"We're serious about tackling

exclusive Montrose street then as it is now) and had General Amateur License 5ED and served as President of the Houston Radio Club.

"Anticipating the outbreak of what became to be called World War I, he had alerted his neighbors by firing his pistol into the air in the early morning hours of April 6 when he heard the news on his wireless. He had told the neighbors in advance he would use that signal so they knew what it meant and came out of their homes in their nightclothes, many of them in tears. Autrey died within a few years and



Tasha Kohl, Apollo Emperor V Orlin and Hot Chocolate were on the recent Halloween cruise to points south.

Aussies Drink Too Much

I told you a few years back how British authorities had issued new rules to certain pubs that customers could not stand but had to sit down in a chair.

This was because too many drinkers were getting drunk and falling down and hurting themselves. They reasoned that if they were sitting down they would have less distance to fall and thus would reduce their injuries.

Well, here's a story from Sydney, Australia, from the Reuters news service.

"In an effort to stem a wave of alcohol-related violence on Sydney's streets, authorities will no longer issue 24-hour liquor licenses and 50 pubs and clubs will be forced to lock-out patrons and serve drinks in plastic glasses.

alcohol-related violence and will do whatever it takes to make our streets safer. There's nothing more gutless than sticking a glass in someone's face,' an authority said.

"Fifty pubs and clubs in Sydney will be forced to 'lock-out' new patrons after 2:00 a.m., use plastic cups after midnight, restrict drinks bought after midnight, and close alcohol service 30 minutes before closing time.

Houston Radio Began in Montrose This I found at Houstonradio-history.blogspot.com.

In the early days there were no "broadcast" stations, just ship to shore transmitters. But enough radio enthusiasts had started listening to these ship to shore transmissions that several transmitters started to "broadcast" to the general public.

James L. Autrey, Jr., was a teenager in 1916 living on Courtlandt Place (an

was not around for the development of broadcasting."

Courtlandt Place is now a privately owned, gated street and the Autrey home is one of several on the National Register of Historic Places. On the other side of the gates, Courtlandt Place becomes Lovett Boulevard, a street that has been the home to Houston radio stations KILT-AM and FM, KTRH-AM, KLOL-FM and KPFT-FM.

"In the early 1920's another local operator was teen-aged Howard Hughes, Jr., of 3921 Yoakum Blvd., who reportedly had a whole room of his house full of wireless equipment; he operated general amateur station 5CY with 500 watts, communicating with wireless operators all over the world. This is now Hughes House on the campus of the University of St. Thomas."

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