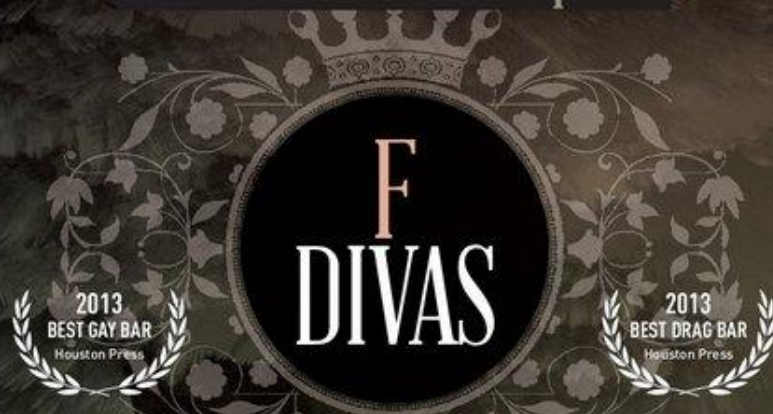


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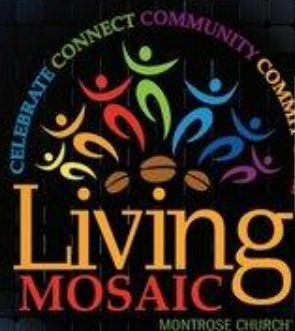
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What caught me as odd however is that at IKEA they have family parking? SERIOUSLY What the Hell is that? So now not only preppers get special parking for being knocked up now they still get to park in the front because they had a family? Last time I checked being pregnant is not a handicap it was just the result of creepy hetro sex. I would think walking a bit might help speed up the delivery process.

I felt punished for being gay. We don't get special parking not even at IKEA. Now the Sweeds want to take a side of the breeders. Actually this is not what upset me it was the diagram on the sign. Because it depicted what a family is supposed to look like.

What about the prescription parking. These sickly people should park as far away as possible. Have they not seen the commercial that says you have to sweat out a cold? The walk will make them sweat and they might not need those meds after walking an entire parking lot.

What really gives me the crimson ass is when I see someone with the handicap sticker gets out of their Jaguar smoking a cigarette and not even limping. Those people need to have Tonya Harding take out their knees give them a reason for that sticker.



I also hate to pay for parking. Whoever came up with this racket must have been in the mob.

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Beat My Day

Lighting the fire and igniting other passions along the way is how DJ Level thinks. Becoming one of Houston's most talented djs in the LGBT community within three years, and now taking on another role for the community, music writer for this publication.

Level has experience rocking the crowd from the club scene to live block party events, to the most recent FACE Awards. His love for music allows him to move forward bringing some of the most respected tracks of music around.

Outside of the night life, Dj Level strives to polish his skill everyday by challenging himself with his # 1 passion for house & electro music, a sound he hasn't let go since he's stepped into the Dj arena.

The year 2013 brought many new opportunities, for Level. From new club engagements to his first official mix cd titled "Beat The House Down" collaborated with a pinch of top 40 and other interesting sounds that invites a small sample of what to expect from his work as a Dj, and as a new writer.

"As a Dj it's a roller coaster of so many different thing's, but we remember to be ourselves" Level has said in the past.

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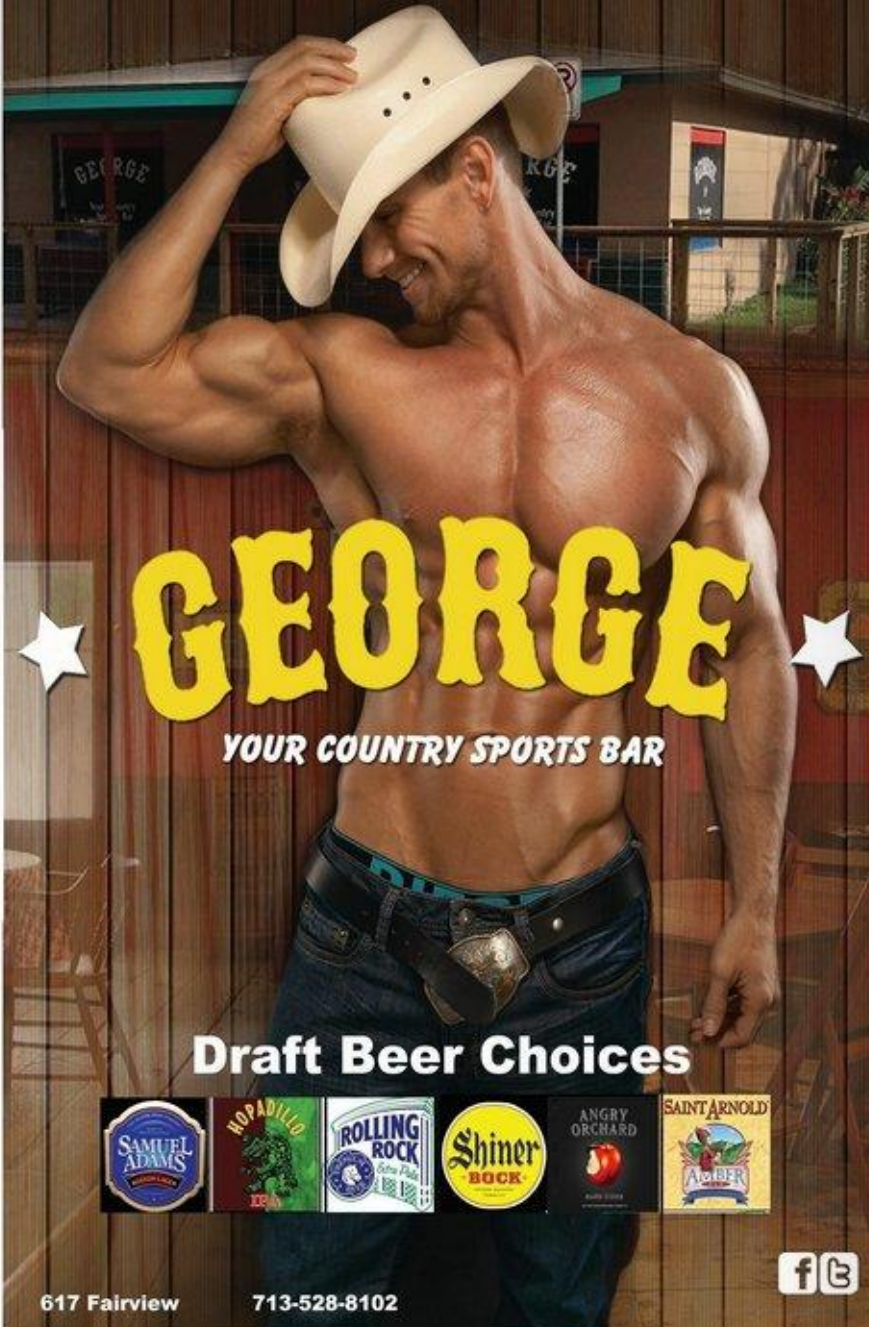
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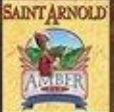
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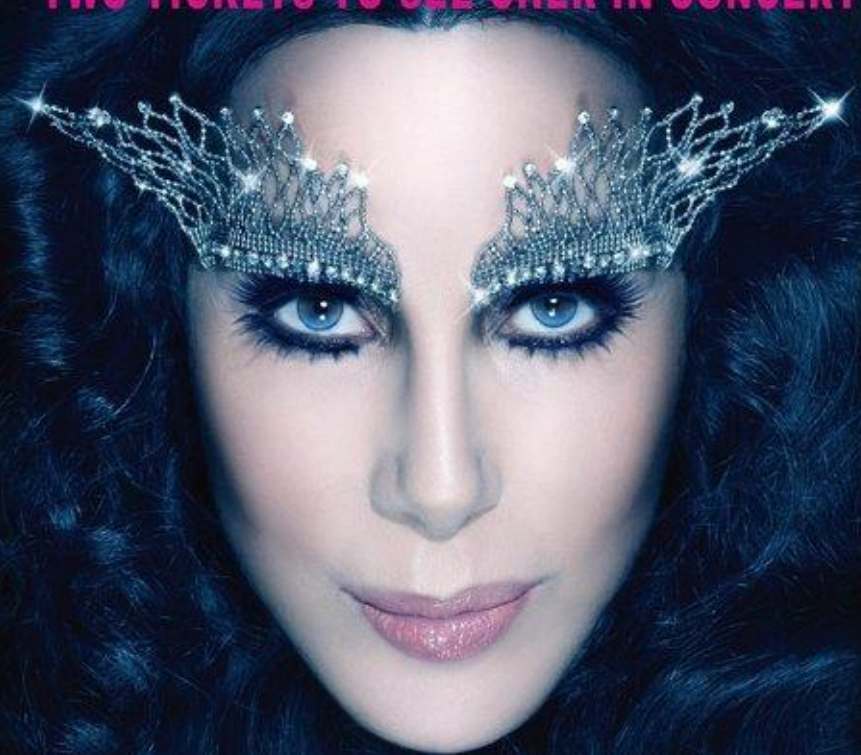
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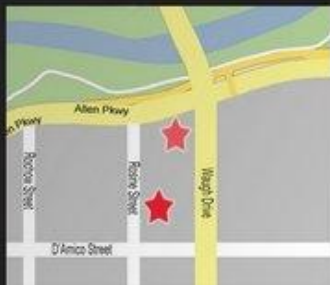
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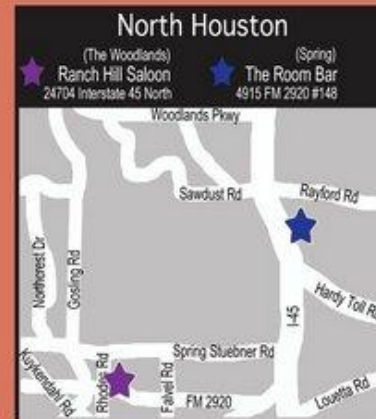
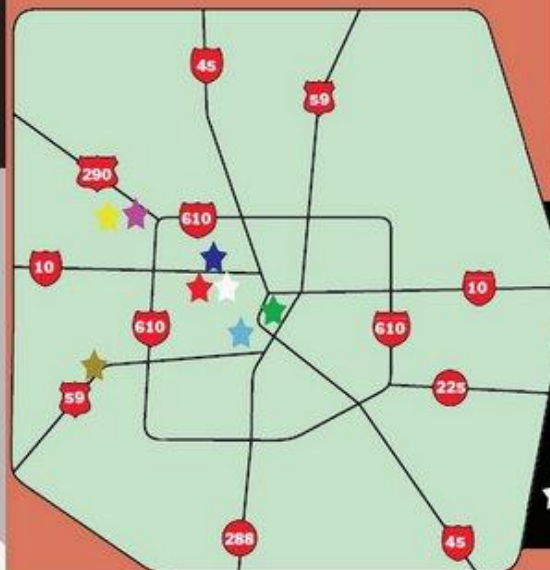
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Beer Budget *Champagne Taste*

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I never had a problem spending other people's money. Having dudes buy you drinks, especially the silver daddies, was an everyday thing. I wasn't very good about pretending to find these older guys interesting, but I enjoyed the attention, and you already know I enjoyed the free drinks even more. But I've learned over the last couple of years that, it's no fun to have a broken heart, and like it or not, your actions affect other people. If you don't want your heart broken or your emotions toyed with, why do it to others?

Leading someone on, so they will shower you with gifts, when you have no intention of giving anything in return, is sewing a crop you will not be happy to reap later. Instead of waiting for someone to pay your way, man up, and find ways to do it yourself.

I've been going to club South Beach Houston since I was legal. I get a thrill out of being seen in public and making friends. I'm a queer, don't hate. Well the coolest place on earth just got cooler, because they managed to pimp out the patio very impressively and the drink prices are ridiculously low. Shit, now I can catch a good buzz without having to worry about running out of flow. Plus I get to enjoy young and hung gogo dancers, and a great night with great people.

Cheap drinks are a valuable find, but a FAME whore has to look good too. I figured out how to do high fashion for less than half price. As long as you look like you belong on a runway, who cares if you got the outfit at a thrift store. I found myself an awesome t-shirt and some badass converse, both of which I was able to purchase with my own flow for less than \$30. Say what you want but I was out and about looking fly, and thinking "This is fucking awesome!"

Beer budget with a champagne taste? There are ways to work around that. Just be sure you method preserves your dignity as well as the feelings of others. Don't use and abuse, instead drink cheap and reuse.

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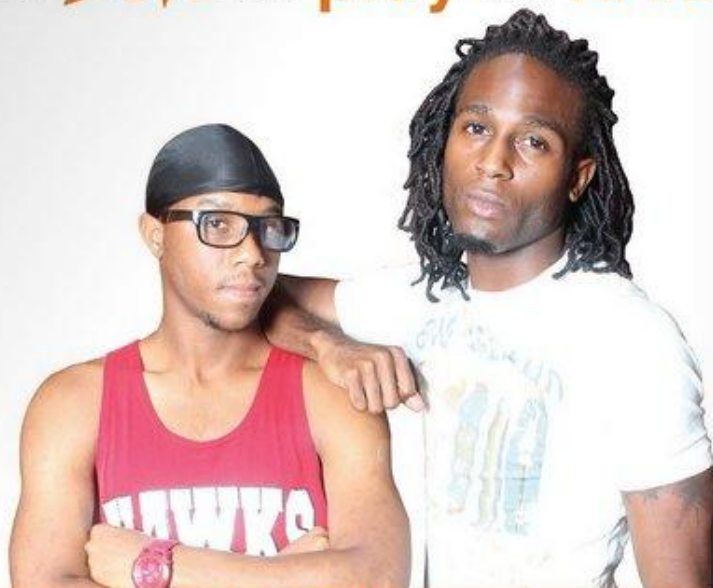
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