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A map to LAVA House is at www.lavahouse.com.

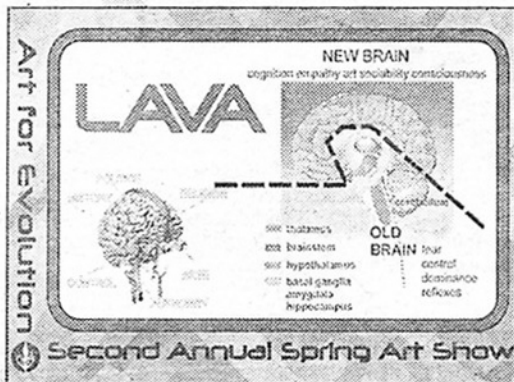
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