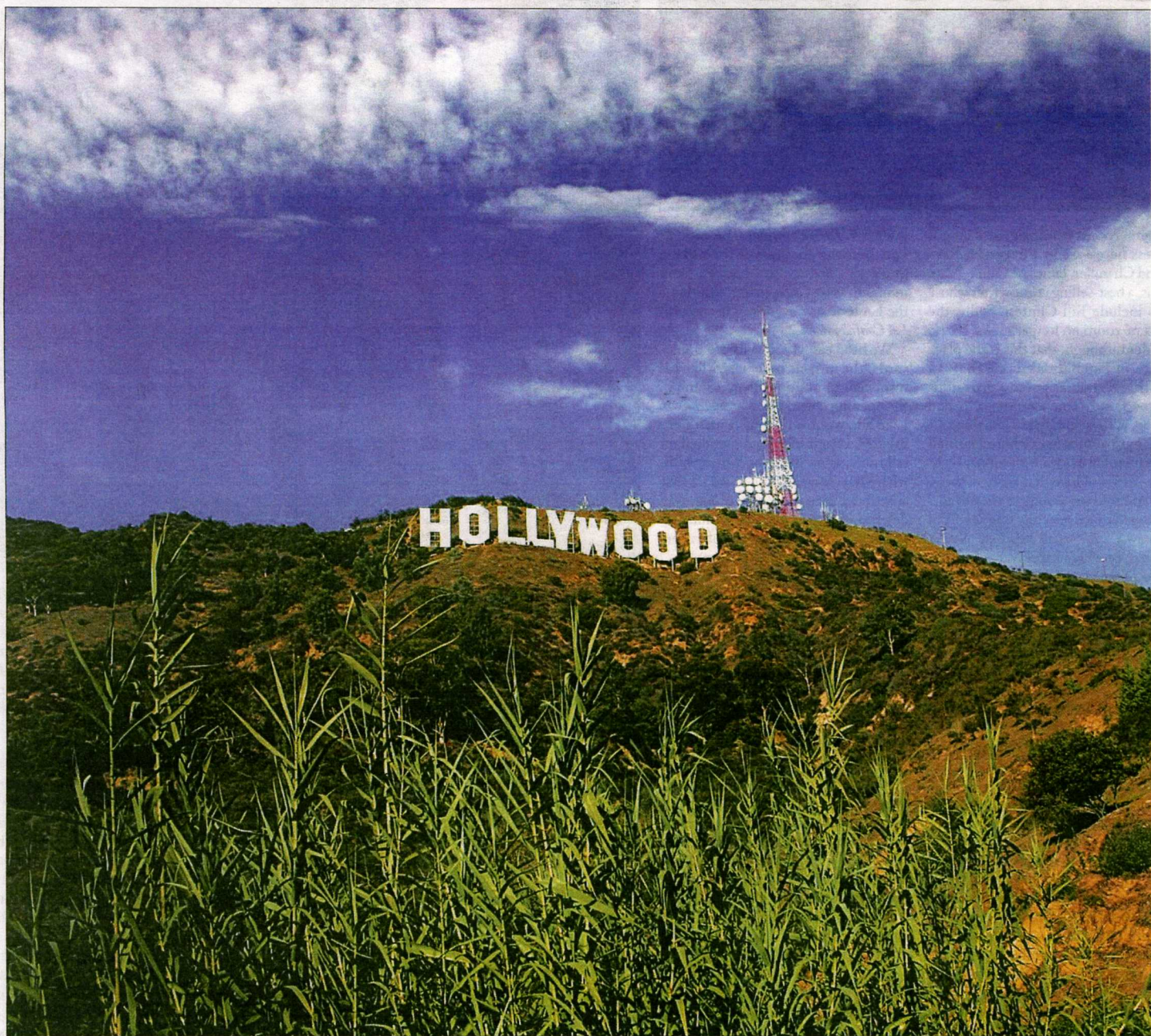


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Take a walk on the noirish side of the City of Angels, with best-selling crime writer Robert Crais as your guide

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ROBERT CRAIS AND I ARE sitting in his sleek black car in a parking lot off Hollywood Boulevard. We're inspecting the dingy grey backside of a restaurant that has seen better days.

For it was at Los Angeles' Musso & Frank Grill that writers, actors and studio bosses would meet (and still do, occasionally – strikes permitting) to slap backs, broker deals, and become legends in their own lunchtimes.

"This is perhaps the only restaurant in the world ever to have a dedicated

The iconic Hollywood sign on Mount Lee

