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Mr. and Miss Gentry 1997 crowned



(l-r) Alan Gibson, Mr. Gentry '96; Zavier Luna, Mr. Gentry '97; Shelby St. John, Miss Gentry '97 and Renee Monroe, Miss Gentry '96

The fifth annual Mr. and Miss Gentry Pageant was held on Saturday, December 7, 1996. Competing in three categories for the coveted titles were, Byron Norton, Xavier Luna, Andrew Flores, Lori Love and Shelby St. John.

Each contestant competed in on stage interview, evening wear and talent in front of a packed house. The pageant was full of excitement and entertaining to all who attended.

of The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, Ruby Stone.

Guest performers that night included, Miss BRB 1996 Day-Leigh Edwards, Miss Gentry Emeritus Jacqueline Sterling, Miss Gay Pride 1996 Paivi Lee Love, Mr. Houston All American Sean Carter, Mr. Gentry 1993 Peter Houston, Empress XI Ruby Stone and Miss Chances 199 Vanna White Lee Love.

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# **Ripcord's anniversary** is another great party



The Ripcord's 14th Anniversary celebration on December 9, 1996, once again rang true to form of years past and was a huge success. Arriving early, people congre-Before the evenings' festivities gated around the back bar chatting

chicken wings. The Ripcord staff, all donning black tuxedos, greeted and served their patrons with gracious smiles and warm hellos all evening.

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Like a well-greased machine, everything ran smoothly as they roertaining to all who attended.

Master and Mistress of Ceremony, Mr. Gentry 1996 Alan Gibson and Miss Gentry 1996 Renee Monroe coordinated the show with the help of Sean Carter and Steve Simpson. Judges for the event were Laura Lee Love, founder of The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star Houston, Inc., Paivi Lee Love, Miss Gay Pride 1996 and Empress XII

Before the evenings' festivities concluded, Mr. and Miss Gentry 1996, Alan Gibson and Renee Monroe gave the main bar opened for the masses. their farewell salutations and performances. Then, after much anticipation tion, the pool table was graciously and stiff competition, they crowned decorated with an abundance of the new Mr. and Miss Gentry for 1997, Xavier Luna and Shelby St. John.

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True to the Ripcord's reputashrimp, crawfish and crab. The hot buffet hosted delectable items of assorted meatballs, cheeses and

Like a well-greased machine, everything ran smoothly as they rotated positions throughout the bar to assure that all their guests were taken care of. It was a grand and enjoyable evening of memories, friends and celebrating 14 years of the Ripcord.

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## **Rolling with the Power of Pride**

The Lambda Rollerskating Club was founded in 1991 by volunteers wishing to promote a healthy alternative activity to the gay and lesbian community, their family and friends. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate.

This fall the 100+ member club donated \$500 to P-Flag, PWA Coalition, Q-Patrol, Gay/Lesbian Switchboard and Montrose Clinic Women's Center. They also hold benefits to raise money for various organizations in our community. Some who have raised money this way include AIDS Foundation Houston, HIPPY, Team Houston, Q-Patrol, and Pride Committee Houston.

Every winter holiday season, LRC holds a toy drove. This year the beneficiaries are Casa de Esperanza and the Loving Arms Foundation. The drive lasts through the 18th of December.

Lambda Rollerskating Club holds skate nights every Wednesday night at the Starlite Skating Rink, located at 8075 Cook Road at Beechnut, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 or \$6.00 (if you rent skates at the rink) which includes a door prize raffle ticket. You may bring your own skates and inline skates are permitted. Be sure to call (713) 933-5818 to check for any differences for the particular Wednesday you may wish to participate in.

Other activities include outdoor skates, special birthday parties, Gay Pride Parade and Rally. Many members participate in fund-raisers for local organizations such as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Diabetes Society, Clean Air Foundation, American Lung Association, American Hart Association, and AIDS Foundation Houston - All Walks o Life. Some of the membership have competed in local and national races, including the Gay Games 1994. They are planning to join the 1998 Games.

Peters invite you to join the member ship. There is an annual fee of \$10.00 which includes a newsletter and a coupon for \$2.00 off the regular priced T shirt. Call (713) 933-5818 for more information about the Lambda Rollerskating Club.

## Jingle Balls benefit at Venture-N on Friday

Friday night December 13, 1996, at 10:00 p.m. at the Venture-N, Mark Dickmeyer and John (Marchino Cherry) Fitzgerald host 'Jingle Balls', a benefit for NLA: Houston's annual Christmas Toy

Drive. The show is sure to be packed full of entertainment with special appearances by many of the communities outrageous entertainers. Tips, as well as toys for the drive will be graciously accepted.

## Soiree Aubergine Host Committee meeting

There will be a meeting of the Soiree Aubergine Host Committee at Gentry, 2303 Richmond, on Sunday, December 15, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Soiree Aubergine is asking for assistance with their sixth annual effort to ensure that Bering Care Center can continue to provide nutritious meals for clients living with advanced HIV/AIDS. The Nutrition Program is one of many critical services provided free-of-charge by Bering Community Co-chairs April Lauper and Keith Service Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) taxexempt charitable organization, to enhance the quality and quantity of life for the increasingly diverse population affected by this health tragedy.

> During the five previous drives, Soiree Aubergine has raised over \$159,000 which has been used to fully fund all food costs for over 20,000

nutritionally balanced meals served annually to clients whose physical and financial resources have been diminished by HIV/AIDS.

Additionally Soiree was able to assist in funding Care Center renovations that were required to remain eligible for federal funding and purchase equipment for the newly renovated kitchen. They also helped to purchase equipment for the Bering Dental Clinic and helped establish a fund for a clinic expansion and renovation project that is currently in the planning stages.

The need for services and facilities continue to grow, and Soiree has accepted the challenge of keeping pace through a series of fundraising events that will take place in January, February and March 1997.



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## **R.S.I.C.S.S.' SANTA PICTURES CONTINUE...**

The Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. is hosting a series of photo sessions with Santa Claus at neighborhood clubs through Sunday, December 15, 1996. For a \$5.00 donation (to be used as a Court fundraiser) you will receive a picture of yourself on Santa's knee in a decorative folder.

The rest of the schedule for Santa's visit is as follows:

**MON-SAT 10-9** 

SUNDAY 12-6

Chances, 1100 Westheimer, Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. Ripcord, 715 Fairview, Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:00 p.m. Gentry, 2303 Richmond, Sunday. Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. Join the Court for a fun filled

time on Santa's knee. All funds raised by the Court during Reign XII will ultimately benefit the Colt 45's.

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## TAKE 20% OFF ALL Y.M.L.A **FASHION & FITNESS WEAR**

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### **Basic Brothers** — an out and proud clothing store

Y.M.L.A. brand on sale The entire line of Y.M.L.A. (Young Men of Los Angeles) clothing is on sale at 20% off this weekend at Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer. Ken Claude, manager, dressed model and employee Rod Murray (below) in

a sample of the forward fashions for the holidays. Included in the line is everything from workout wear to a slinky pullover.

The new underwear area in the store contains many brands including Body Body, Sauvage, P.B., 2(X)IST,

Calvin Klein and Magic Silk. There is underwear to push, pull, enhance or whatever matches your desire.

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Other brands include Greg Parry, Under Gear, After Dark by California Muscle, Super Shaper Briefs, Gazelle, and Floppy Thongs by Basic Bothers.

Basic Brothers a gay owned business operating at 1232 Westheimer and is billed as the out and proud clothing store. Ken and his employees are there to greet you and help you find what you desire from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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Motel: Pay \$39 to \$95 a night for a room. Montrose Inn: Pay \$41 to \$79 a night for a room.

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Montrose 1996 Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Mary's Sunday night, December 8, 1996, was the annual Montrose Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. For the last decade the tree has been atop Mary's bar at 1022 Westheimer. The pictures above tell their own stories of this year's events.

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Montrose Inn: Complimentary late night sandwiches & full breakfast the next day. Free soft drinks, juices, coffee 24 hours.

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# HOLIDAY ADVERTISING DEADLINES

For Issue 005 dated December 20, 1996 Ads are due, Monday, Dec. 16 at 5:00 pm Early Discount is 1:00 pm, Friday, Dec. 13

For Issue 006 dated December 27, 1996 Ads are due, Friday, Dec. 20 at 5:00 pm Early Discount is 1:00 pm, Thursday, Dec. 19

For Issue 007 dated January 3, 1997 Ads are due Friday, Dec. 27 at 5:00 pm Early Discount is 1:00 pm, Thursday, Dec. 26 Page 4 - THE MAP - December 13, 1996

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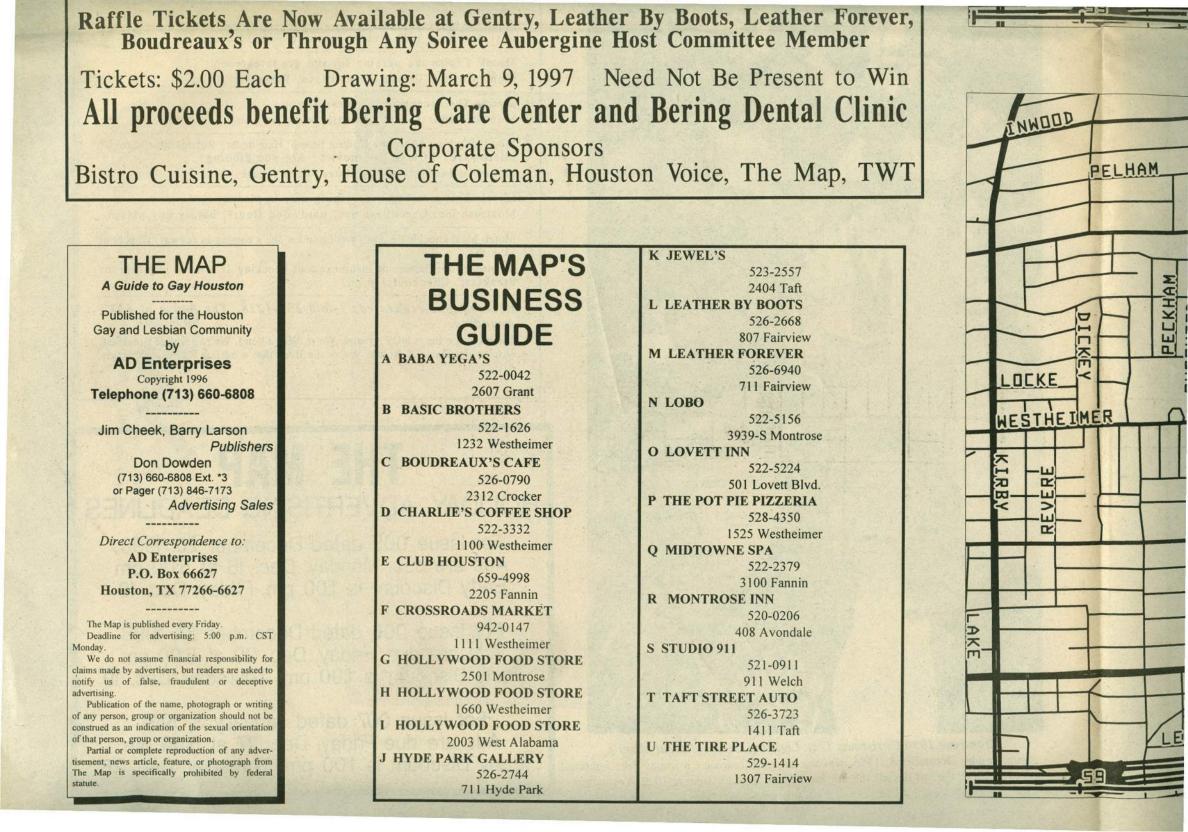
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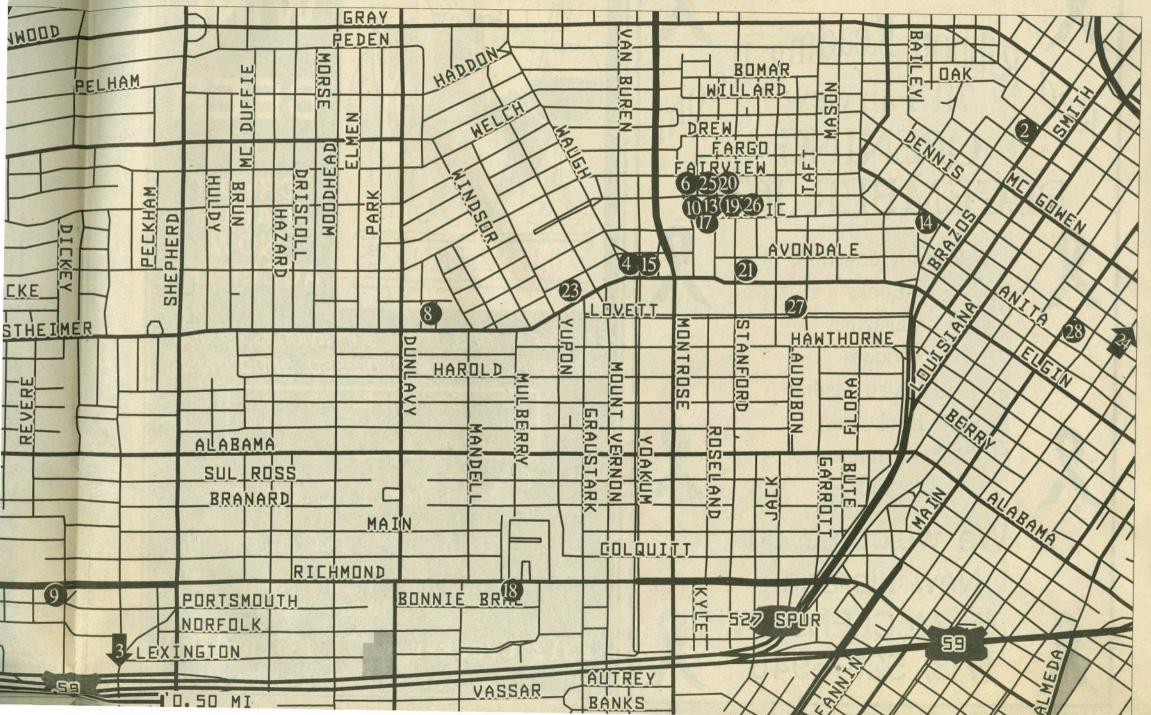
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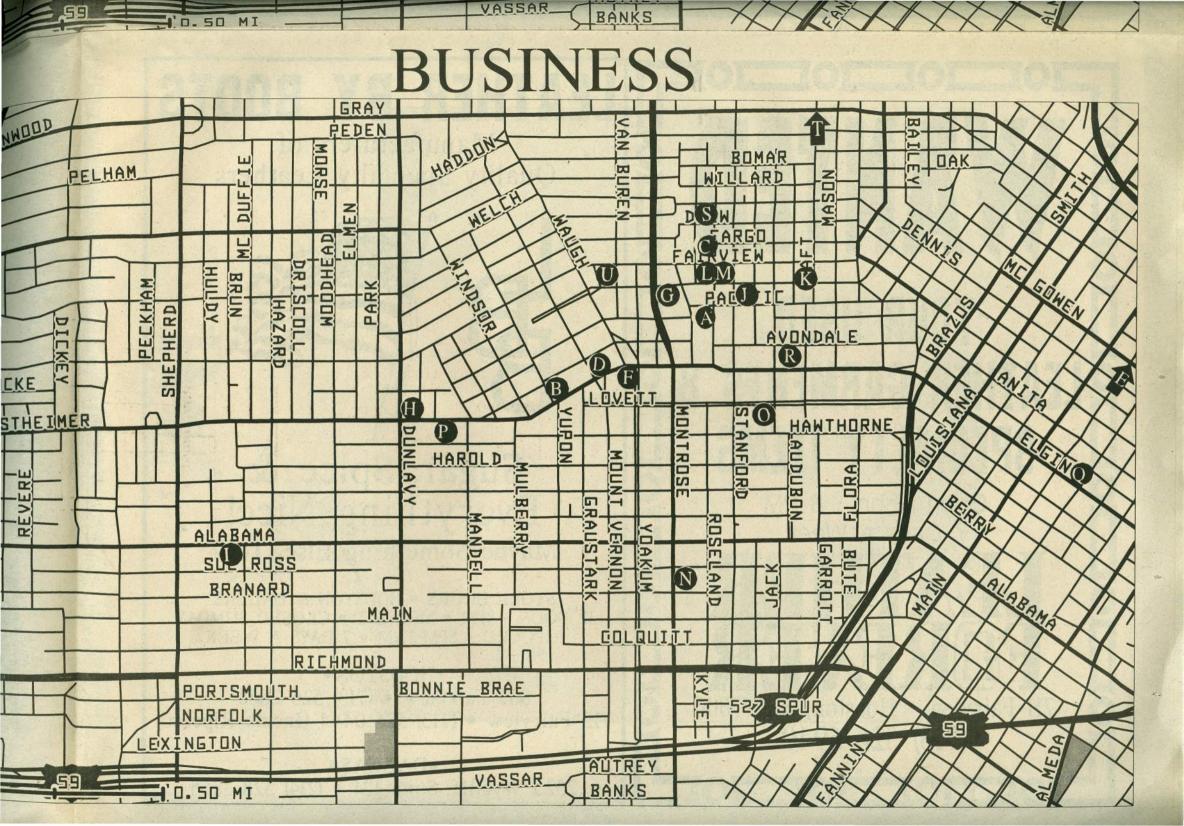
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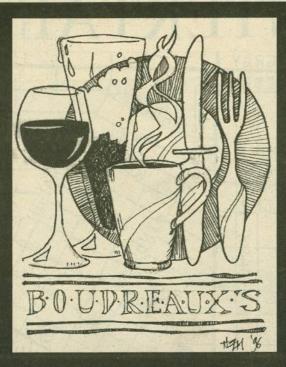
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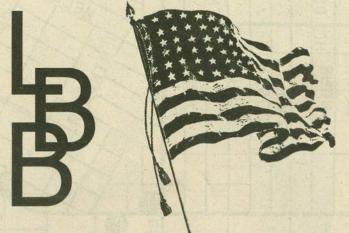
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## Chances — a neighborhood showbar

Pictures with Santa Friday night, the Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. bring Santa Claus to the stage for pictures. Cost of the pictures is \$5.00 and includes a folder. Santa will be available from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A Christmas Show hosted by RSICSS Emperor Candidate



Jerel McNeil, Emperor XIII candidate for the Royal, Sovereign, Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston Inc., hosts his presentation of "In the Spirit of Life" at Chances Friday, December 13, 1996. Showtime

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is at 9:00 p.m. and Chances is located at 1100 Westheimer.

All proceeds from this benefit show will go to the Court's Coronation fund and ultimately to the Colt 45's charities.

### Faces Band

Faces Band, a rhythm and blues trio sets up shop on the stage this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Andre, vocalist, and friends have been entertaining at Chances several times a month.

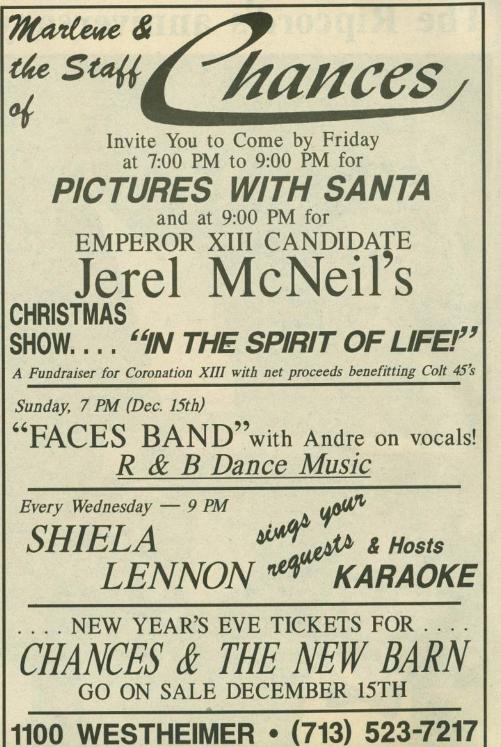
### Shiela Lennon

Every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m., Shiela Lennon sings all of your requests and even hosts Karaoke for those wishing to join her on stage.

### The New Barn

Grand Opening for The New Barn is set for New Year's Eve. It will be billed as "Natural Country," catering to the cowboy at heart.

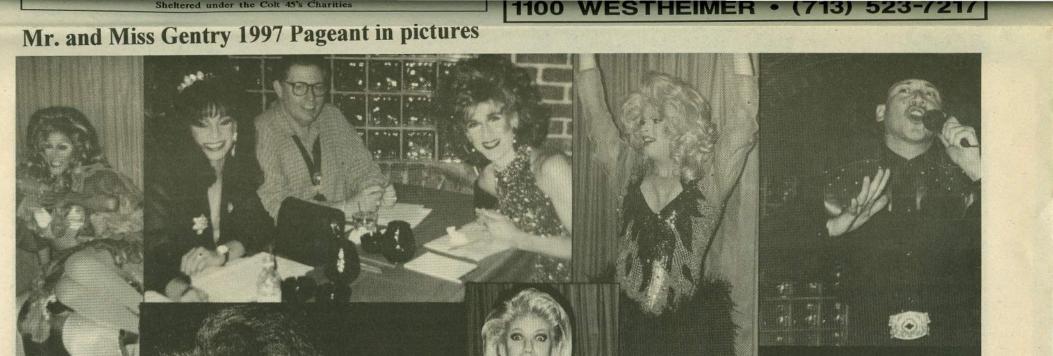
The completely redesigned interior was formerly Baccus II. Inside will be a "true blue—riding the range" decor including a set of 10 foot horns. Juke box, pool table, barb wire, rustic wooden interior and rustic unfinished flooring will serve as an intimate "meet new friends" kind of saloon.



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