

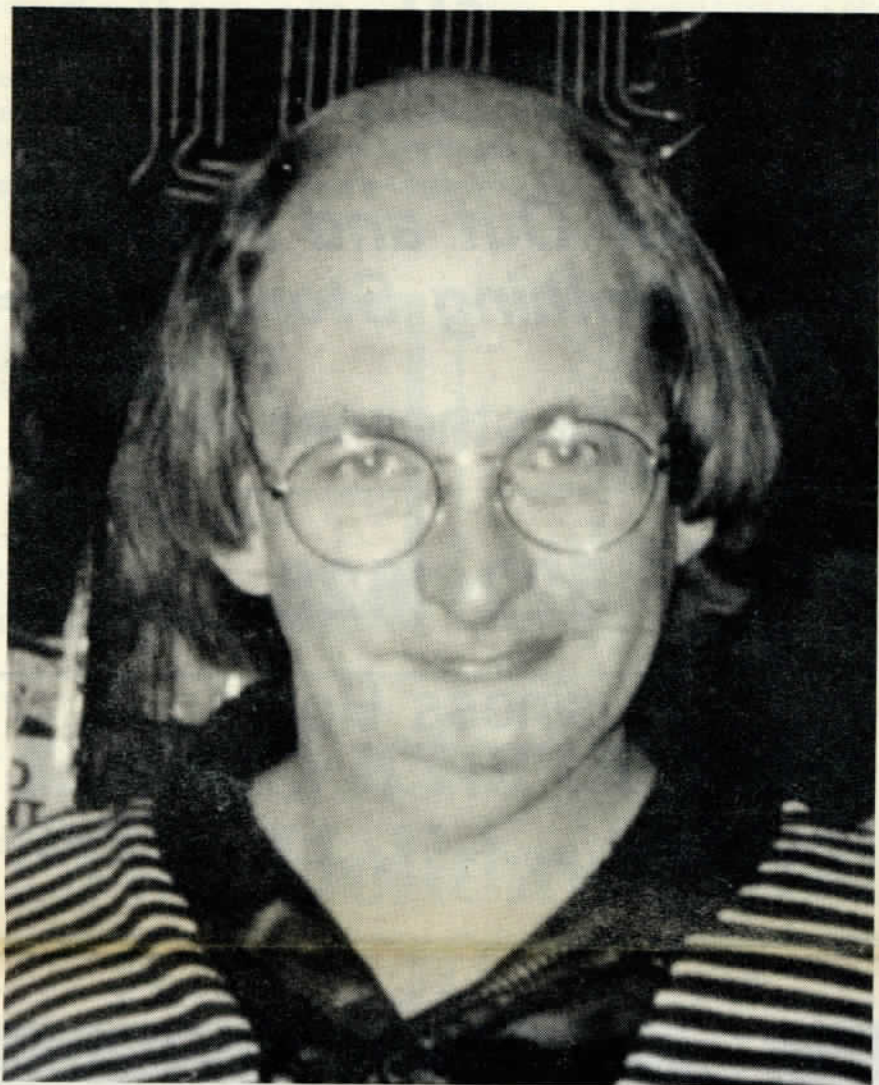
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November 15, 1996

# THE MAP

A Guide to  
Gay Houston

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## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE MAN,



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## TO THE LADY, AND TO THE INSPIRATION THAT WILL GUIDE US INTO THE FUTURE...

### A CELEBRATED MAN HAS PASSED — HIS INSPIRATION CONTINUES

By Barry Larson and Jim Cheek  
Publishers

For several months, we have discussed the possibilities of beginning a new publication in Houston concentrating on showing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons where they can go in Houston and be welcome. This planned inaugural issue was scheduled for mid December 1996.

On Monday, November 4, 1996, breakfast was interrupted with news of Marvin Davis' death. Appetites forgotten, appointments canceled, a new day was born. Visions of Lady Victoria rang throughout the land.

The previous Saturday, both of us talked with Marvin during his (et al) birthday party at Chances. We discussed the coming birth of a paper and the need for a map of entertainment and business locations of gay and gay friendly businesses. Topics also included the determination of many folks to ease the struggle of AIDS and HIV-positive patients and more generally the need for a guide for visitors and tourists to

the great city of Montrose and the surrounding territory.

Marvin's continued encouragement and support of this endeavor made us both realize the time to do it was now. His passing has been the wind beneath our wings on this project.

This publication will include guide maps of Houston's gay clubs and businesses. It will have human interest stories about the people and organizations dealing with the AIDS/HIV epidemic and helping the victims with their struggle.

The response we have received from the community during the conception of this project, until the birth of this product, has been overwhelming. The final form is yet to emerge. Our many thanks to all that have helped make this dream a reality.

The design for The Map is essentially a guide to gay Houston. The layout of this, our first issue, differs from what you'll see in our next issue. Our next issue will be out Friday, November 29, the day after Thanksgiving.

We will focus on the entertainment district, including the clubs and food establishments. There will also be attention given to the local fundraising organizations' operations and activities.

There have been too many losses in our community over the past decades. There have been far too many gifted and talented people taken from us before we were ready to see them go. This has inspired us to try and make a difference. We hope this paper is one way of doing that.

The first paragraph in this editorial includes four little politically correct words that are unnecessary to infuse our meaning. You, the reader, will see very little of them, together, in this paper. This does not mean you will not see stories about each and every one of them.

Marvin's inspiration is with all that knew him, even though he has journeyed to a higher plateau. Thus arrives the beginning of The Map. That which does not kill us, makes us stronger.

B/J

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## READ IT!

In the picture on the left is the late Lady Victoria Lust escorted by local businessman Don Gill, while participating in the festivities at the Fantasy Ball held last month. Mr. Gill will be assuming the responsibilities of the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund. The Fund will soon be known as the PWA Holiday Charities.

Don is the owner of Studio911, a hair salon and a well-known fund-raiser in the Montrose area. Don has spent several years working side by side with Marvin in fundraising efforts in the community and is carrying out Lady V's wish that he continue on with the Fund.

## HIGHLY RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER, MARVIN DAVIS, DIES

Marvin Davis, AKA Lady Victoria Lust died unexpectedly of a pulmonary aneurysm on Monday, November 4, 1996. A resident of Houston for many years, Marvin was best known for his fundraising efforts in the gay community.

In 1986, he co-founded and was chairman of the board for the Miss Montrose Pageant. He also founded and was director of the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund.

As a member of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, Houston, Texas, Inc., he was elected Empress VII in 1991, an honor bestowed upon him by you, the gay community.

Lady V had a ladle in almost every pot in town. He was a member of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, Houston Gay Pride Week Committee and the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. He was the Pride Parade co-chair in 1990

and 1992 and was State Royalty Chairperson for TGRA in 1993.

Davis was an honorary member of the Texas Renegades, Sundance Cattle Company and the Texas Riders. He was a special member of the Colt 45's of Houston and an associate member of Texas Leather and Lace.

Many honors and rewards came Marvin's way with his timeless efforts. Lady Victoria was crowned Miss Cousin's in 1986 and Mother of Montrose in 1994.

In 1990, he received the Danny Villa Memorial Award from the Colt 45's, was honorary grand marshal in the 1991 Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and December 8, 1991, was proclaimed "Lady Victoria Lust Day" in Houston by Mayor Kathy Whitmire.

In 1992, Lady Victoria was given the Houston Pride Award for Service to the Community by a

Female Impersonator and he also received the Texas Riders Community Service Award. In 1993, Marvin received the Sundance Cattle Company Fanny Award for Community Service. The Founder's Award from the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star was awarded in 1994.

Not only was Marvin active in the Houston gay community, he was active before coming here as well. In 1972, Marvin co-founded the first gay rights organization in Arkansas, the Arkansas Gay Alliance.

Marvin will be missed by many, but not forgotten. The last page of THE MAP is filled with memories of Marvin/Lady V from his many friends and supporters in the community. THE MAP would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt contributions.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the holiday  
printing load on our printer, we  
will not publish an issue next  
Friday, November 22, 1996.  
Our next issue will be Friday,  
November 29, 1996, with the  
advertising deadline on Friday,  
November 22, 1996 at 1:00  
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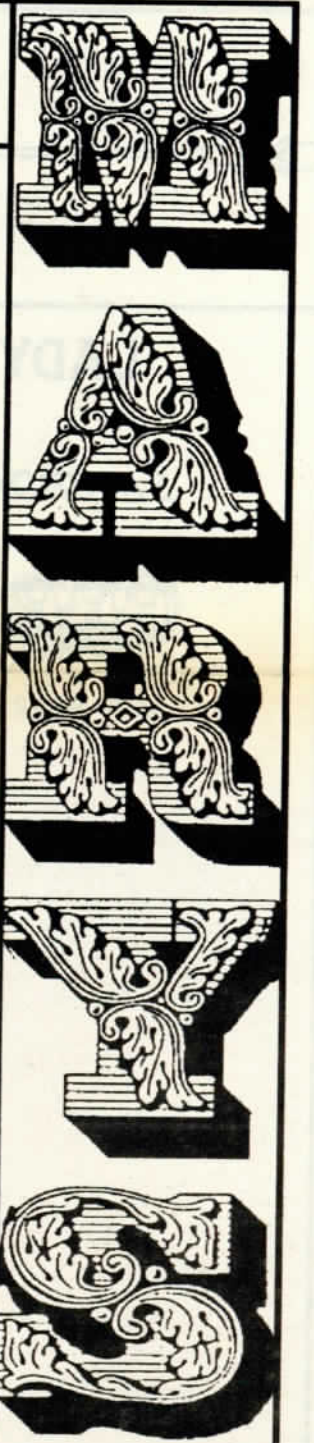
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**LADY  
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LUST**  
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**&**  
**Bus Tour**  
**STARTS**  
**BRB**  
**12:00PM**  
**ARRIVES**  
**MARY'S**  
**5:00PM**

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**GUEST  
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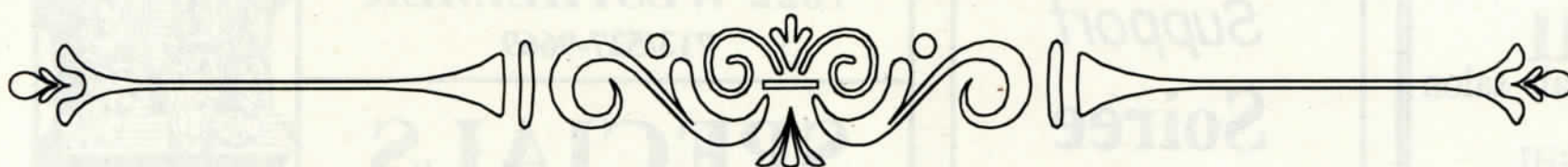


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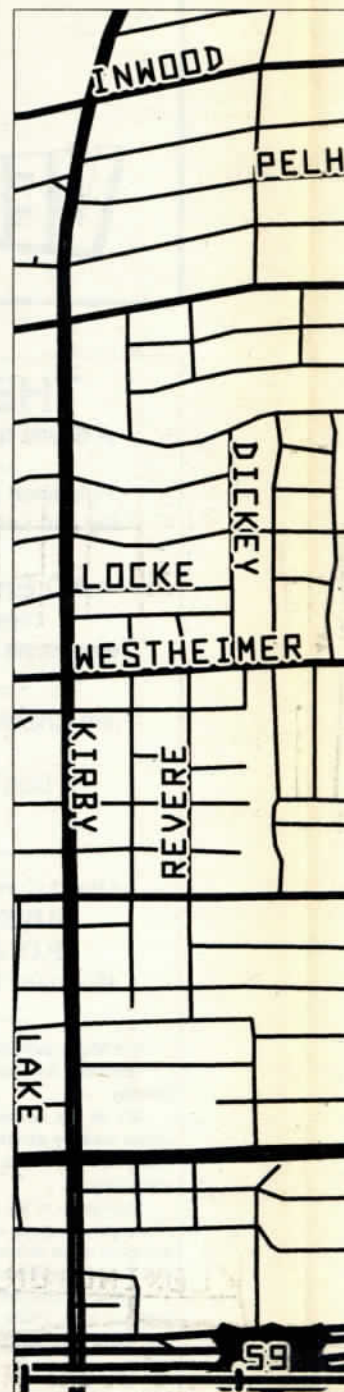
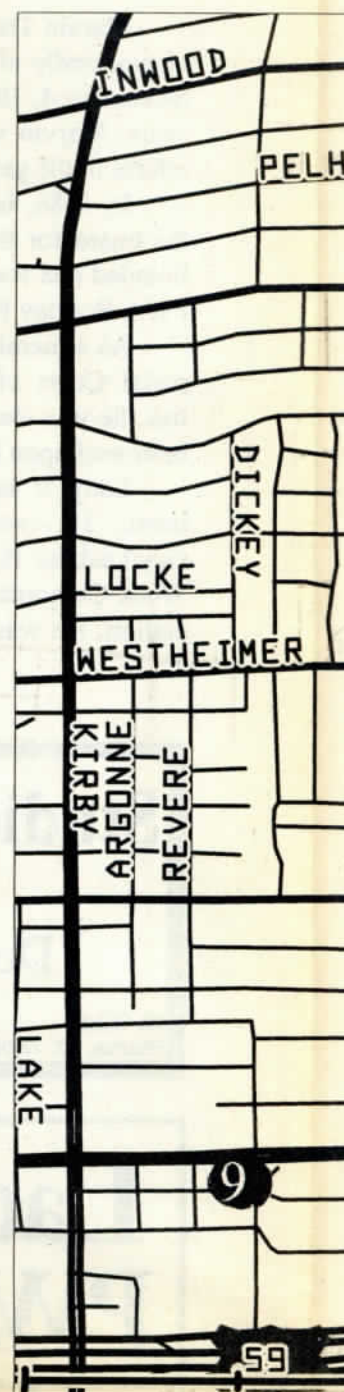
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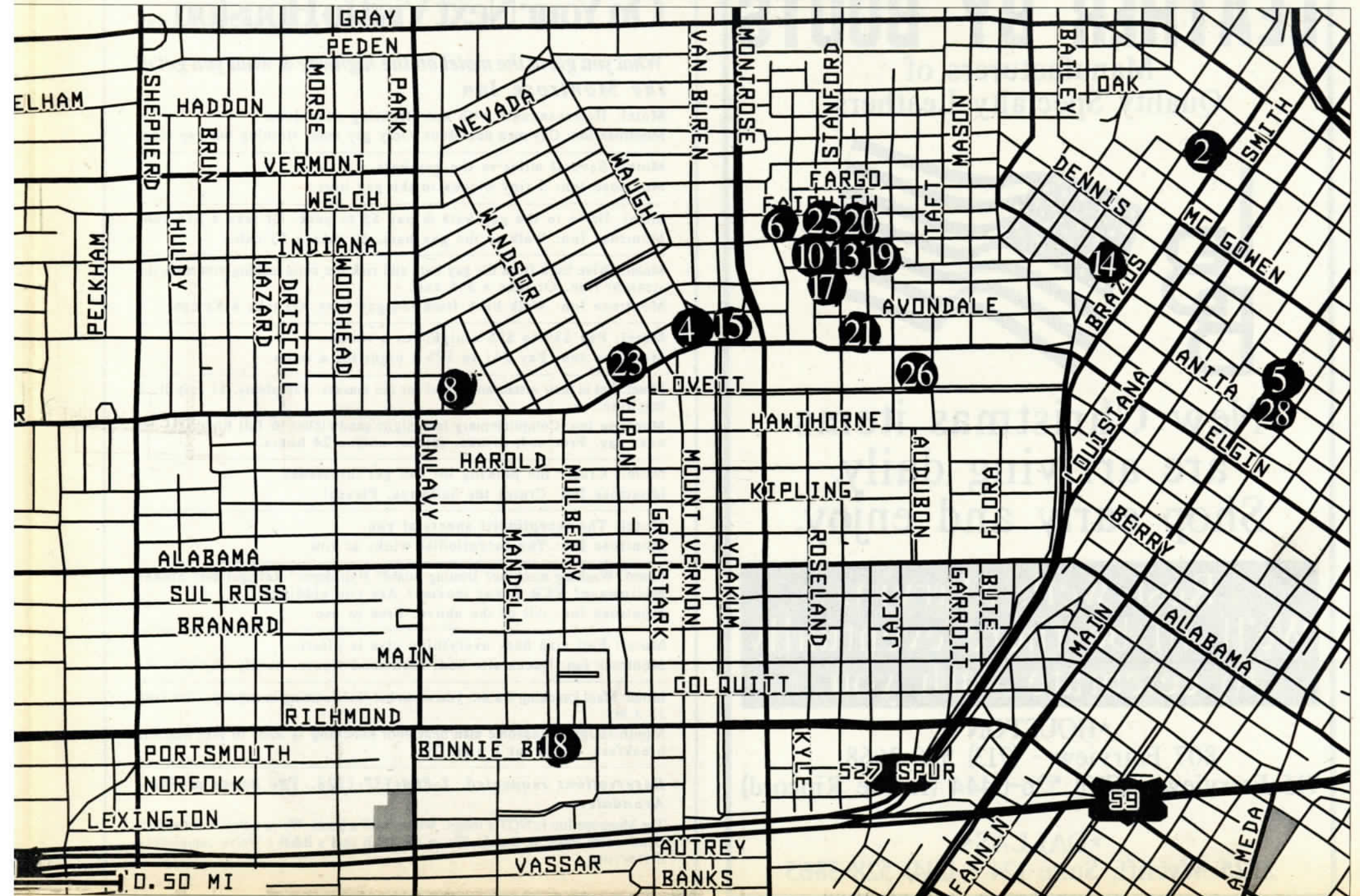
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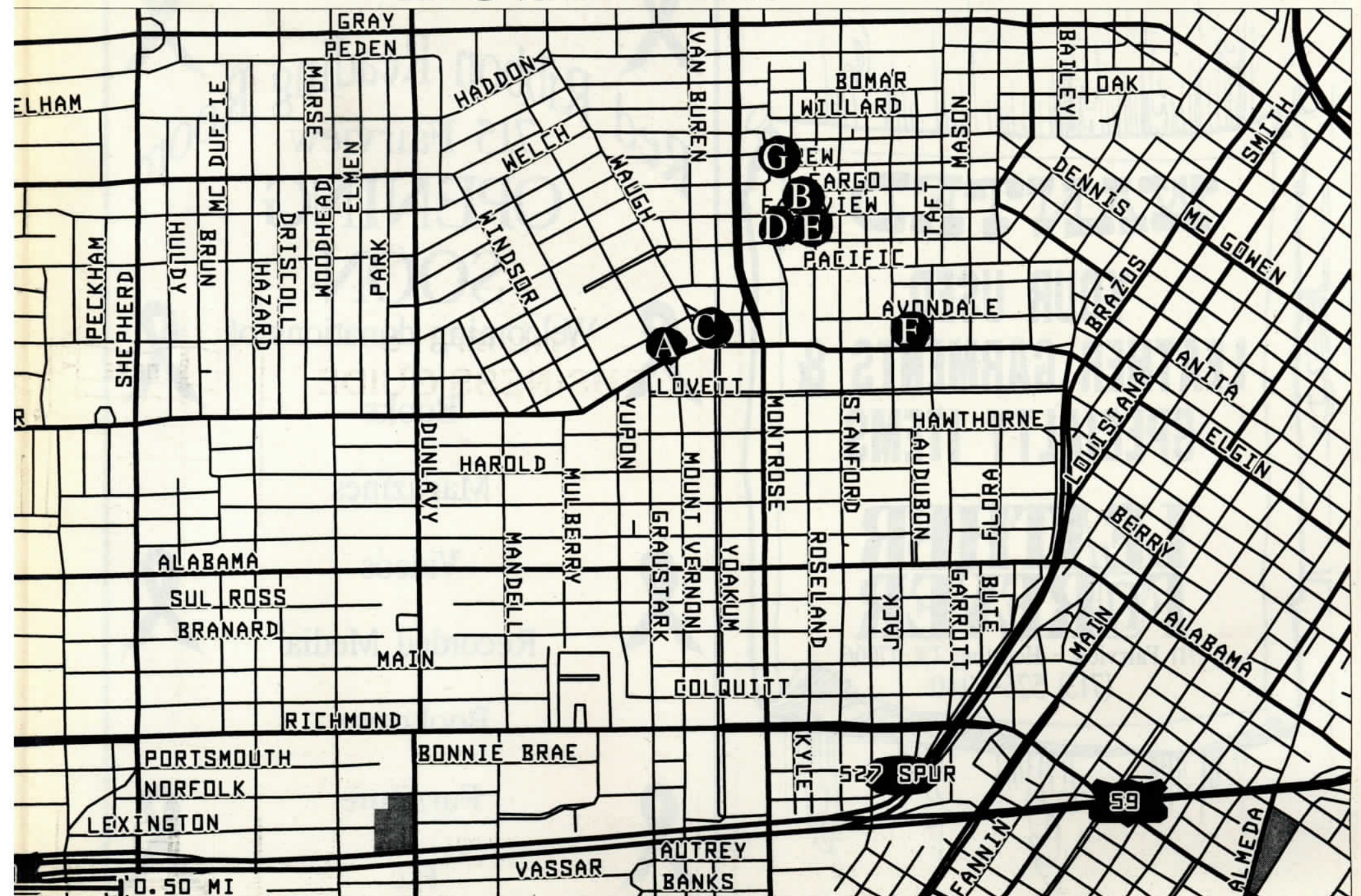
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Montrose Inn: Walk back from the gay bars. Or take a \$3 cab.

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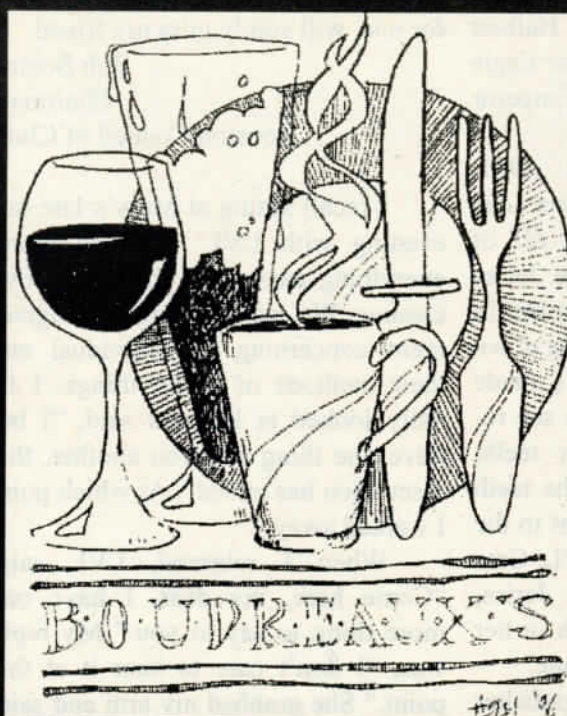
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# THE COMMUNITY REMEMBERS...

There are many things I'll remember about Lady Victoria Lust.

Her Heart, Her Humor and Her Humanitarianism will always be an inspiration and an aspiration to me. As one Empress to Another Empress, I'll never forget the last thing she said to me on November 2, 1996, "You've done a good job honey!" She'll never know how much that statement has come to mean to me.

Empress XII Ruby Stone  
The Guardian Angel Empress of  
Heart, Humor and  
Humanitarianism

I did not know Victoria on a personal basis. Her years of starting and running her charities were before my time in Houston or my involvement with the Court. I know mostly of the Legend she was and of the work she did through others in the community. My short time involvement with the Court did bring me some insight to who she was and to the many accomplishments to her credit.

Every time I met Victoria, she was very gracious to me and never had an unkind word to me or ever spoke unkind of anyone — to me she only praised the work I was doing.

My one big moment, that I most cherish, of making an impression on Victoria was two weeks ago as I stepped out for my first time in drag at the Court's Turn About Show. The expression on her face told me that I had fooled her and the others in the room. I will treasure that moment forever. I'm glad I could help at her birthday show the following night.

God Bless You Victoria,  
Emperor XII Jim Halbert  
The Black Leather Eagle  
Emperor

At Dallas' Coronation 1991, reigning Empress Lady Victoria Lust zapped Empress Jerisa's wig off of her head in the hospitality suite. Jerisa vowed revenge in the near future. In January 1992 at LVL's stepping down Jerisa got her revenge. As LVL made her entrance into the ballroom she realized she had forgotten her teeth. Jerisa immediately wrapped the teeth in a napkin and rushed up front to the dais and presented them to LVL. Graciously accepting them from Jerisa, LVL preceded to put the teeth in her mouth while sitting on her throne.

Eydie May Sugarbaker

One of the worst parts of my job is spending time looking through the Houston Voice's photo file for obit photos. I spent hours looking for a photo of LVL. All I could find were photos of her surrounded by people. So many people loved Marvin, he was never alone. He will be missed by many.

Carolyn Roberts  
AKA Cuervolyn

I think Marvin's greatest contribution to the community was his insistence that all the clubs and organizations work together to form a support network. I believe the spirit of cooperation we see in the community today is a direct result of his efforts. I

knew Marvin for many years. We didn't always agree, but we didn't have to agree. Marvin didn't expect you to agree with him, but he did expect you to cooperate with others to keep the community acting together and meeting needs in the middle of this disaster.

Buddy Thompson

Marvin Davis was one of my heroes. His passion and his profession were helping others who were less fortunate than you and I. Even when his own health deteriorated, he always assumed someone was in worse condition than he and continued his fundraising efforts.

I met Marvin nine to ten years ago sitting on the back patio of Mary's. We were both doing fundraising work, he in the drag community and I in the leather community. We met halfway and proved to everyone that the leather and drag communities could work together (thus started Lust in Las Vegas). We just completed our 8th annual.

In addition to proving leather and drag can work together, Marvin eventually became an honorary member of many of the leather clubs: the Texas Renegades, Colt 45's, Sundance Cattle Company, Texas Riders and NLA-Houston. My fondest memory is the day I announced his being made an honorary member in the Texas Renegades. It was the only time I was ever to catch Marvin at a loss for words. In addition, he received many community service awards and honors from the leather community. He was widely respected and honored and I, for one, will sorely miss my friend.

Bob Bouton  
Chairman,  
Houston Council of Clubs

I recall sitting at Mary's late one evening with LVL. We had drunk everything except for the toilet bowl cleaner. We were having a disagreement concerning an individual and their methods of doing things. I finally looked at her and said, "I believe one thing and you another, this discussion has ended". At which point I walked away.

When I returned, LVL said, "Come here, my dear, I have one more thing to say to you." My reply was, "I don't care to hear it at this point." She grabbed my arm and said, "I only want to say thank you for arguing with me. I can't stand a person who has no mind or opinion of their own. And I now see that you have both. Now let's get drunk."

Michael Jones

"My dear, I absolutely hate you and Regina — I did all the work to get the Court and the leather community together and they love you two more than me!"

LVL to Emperor and Empress XI: "My dears, I don't mean to tell you how to rule..."

E & E XI reply: "Then don't!"

Crystal Rae Lee Love  
Empress XI, R.S.I.C.S.S.

By whatever name we knew him, Marvin Davis was the kindest flower God could have given his garden called Montrose. Marvin, knowing in his heart of hearts that someday he would be called home by the God that created him, worked without seeking for himself but for the welfare and comfort of those around him suffering from a dreadful thing called AIDS. AIDS has touched all of us in some way, most of us in many ways. We have all dealt with this evil thing the way we could when it came our time to be touched closely by it. Victoria chose to put himself to task making sure that all suffering this monster had the feast of plenty each year during the Holiday Season. Never once did I hear Marvin complain about his own plight. When Marvin was crowned Empress of the Imperial Court of the Single Star, it was not considered proper to wear 'drag' in certain bars in the Montrose Community. Not wanting to go against the wishes of the Bar Owners and their customs, Empress Lust wore man drag and had a Crown Bearer walking behind her dressed in full leather carrying her crown. Miss Lust presented the community with a Celebration Bar Run commencing her Reign as Empress of the Imperial Court and Montrose that was talked about for years. I, Larry Hillman, was that Crown Bearer and I bore that crown with great pride. Tomorrow, November 16, 1996, again I bear that crown with great pride and heartfelt thanks to Lady Victoria Lust for the opportunity to serve my Empress. Vickey, I will always keep you in my heart.

Larry Hillman

It is incomprehensible that I will never again answer my phone to hear, "Jeanette, this is Marvin", spoken as if it were all one syllable.

The first — possibly the only — time Victoria really lectured Dot and me was several years ago when we questioned her about the rumor that she did not like women. We were told emphatically, "I like some women fine. I like you two. I just damn well don't want to sleep with any one of you." She made a big to-do about that conversation when she gave us the Outstanding Line Member Awards for Reign VII of R.S.I.C.S.S.

Now, before other thoughts of Victoria can emerge, there is the lasting one of November 2. After repeated assurance that she was feeling much better than she had in months, and multiple objections from friends, she took that last walk from Chances to Mary's insisting on and doing it alone.

Jeanette Vaughn

Marvin Davis was my idol, my mentor, my most ardent supporter and my most brutal critic. But, most importantly, he was my best friend.

Our thirteen-year friendship started one morning at a bar that was then known as the Outlaws. I walked in one morning after work and noticed this Ben Franklin-ish looking character seated across the bar. Nothing un-

usual, right? Well, pretty much, except for the fact that "Ben" was wearing a set of rhinestone-bedecked gold dragon lady eye glasses (yes, the ones that reach up onto the forehead). It was quite a sight. I knew immediately that this was a person I had to meet. I introduced myself and we proceeded to have a very lively conversation. This was when I met Lady Victoria Lust and, also, discovered that the glasses had prescription lenses. We continued to meet each other at various locations and events throughout the following months and became very fast friends.

My proudest moment in our relationship was when Lady Victoria Lust was crowned fifth anniversary monarch at Coronation XII during my stepping down as Emperor XI. As circumstances happened, I was privileged to be the person to pin on her crown and then escort her onto the dais to be seated at my left hand. This was a moment we both cherished and shared more than once since.

What else can I say? I am going to miss you, Marvin Davis. I will never forget you, Lady Victoria Lust. You will always be in my heart and in my life as long as there's breath to work to provide for those in need. You showed me your vision. It will not be forgotten. I will love you forever.

Jerry Morin  
Emperor XI R.S.I.C.S.S.

In each of our lives, there is that one person who, by their display of compassion for others inspires those around them to do likewise. Marvin/LVL was one of those people. His unending caring and benevolence remains in all those that he inspired. Although only recently did his life cross mine, I am a much richer person for knowing him. Although gone in the physical sense, his spirit lives on in all those that he helped, encouraged and loved.

Ken Claude  
Daddy of Montrose

About four nights a week I would join Lady V to be able to sit beside him and talk. A great teacher needs students and students need a great teacher. The teacher went on to another phase in the circle of life. The student remains trying to fill a portion of those great multi-colored high heeled shoes, but I can't and won't wear those rhinestone weird looking glasses.

Don Gill

Victoria once told me she knew exactly what I was doing. I, on the other hand, am not quite sure I ever know what I am doing. The only thing I am sure of though is Marvin's honesty. I will always remember it and keep it with me, and maybe someday understand what the hell it was he was talking about.

Vanna White Lee Love

Thank you, Marvin for your inspiration, push and love. I'll certainly miss you.

Good night, Lady V, wherever you may be.

Jim Cheek