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Houston Council of Clubs planning huge party for 24th annual "Let Us Entertain You Weekend" on February 14 - 16

As Mardi Gras draws to a close next week, a large number of gay travelers will head toward the next party — "Let Us Entertain You Weekend" in Houston.

For the past 24 years, the Houston Council of Clubs has sponsored the event the weekend after Fat Tuesday. The Council has nine leather-levi clubs, seven auxiliary clubs and two organizations as its current membership.

Billed as one of the biggest annual party weekends in Houston, LUEY Weekend is set to open at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14th, at Venture-N, 2923 Main Street. Registration will last until midnight.

Venture-N, Mary's Naturally, Gentry, Brazos River Bottom and Pacific Street will be the bars holding the official functions of the event.

A complete list of events and parties will be printed in next week's "Let Us Entertain You Weekend" special edition.

Fun and food will be the bill of fare all weekend with special cocktail parties sponsored by the various Houston clubs and organizations. An Atlanta entertainer, Miss Edee King (singer-comedienne) has been booked for Friday night at Venture-N and again Sunday as a warm-up to the LUEY Show at Brazos River Bottom.

There is NO CHARGE to out-of-town guests and Houston area folks pay only \$10.00 to attend the entire three-day party.

Montrose fundraising frenzy continues

This past weekend proved, once again, what a busy fundraising community we have in Montrose.

The fundraising began on Friday, January 31, at Chances. Their flag football team, Da Girlz, put on a show to help raise money to attend a tournament in Key West, Florida.

On Saturday, February 1, it was back to Chances again, for "Burn Baby Burn," a fundraiser for the carpet in room 1909, put on by Laura Lee Love and The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. This fundraiser was to help replace the cigarette burned carpet in the hospitality suite of the hotel where Coronation was held.

That same evening Gentry hosted, "Divas of the Delta Queen," a Soiree Aubergine event benefiting Bering Care Center and Bering Dental Clinic. This Soiree event saw many of Montrose's titleholders and organizational celebrities performing to raise over \$1100.

Sunday, February 2, proved to be a very hectic evening with three shows on the fundraising circuit.

Show number one began at 7:00 p.m. at The Brazos River Bottom benefiting the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. Hosted by Jimmy O'Neil, "Naughty Nymphs" raised \$251. This fast moving production captivated the audience for an hour and a half as the six performers continued non-stop to keep the show rolling.

The second show began at 8:00 p.m. at the Venture-N. Also for the LVL PWA Holiday Fund, "From Our Heart To Yours, A Valentine's Day Show," raised \$257. Hosted by Shelby St. John and Tiffany Swanger, this show saw performers coming and going throughout the night as they stopped in to perform before or after their other engagements.

The final show of the evening found Sean Carter and Crystal Rae Lee Love hosting "Jukebox Jamboree 3," for Soiree Aubergine, at Jo's Outpost. Many of the performers had already done previous shows, but showed up for a fun filled finale to a long day.

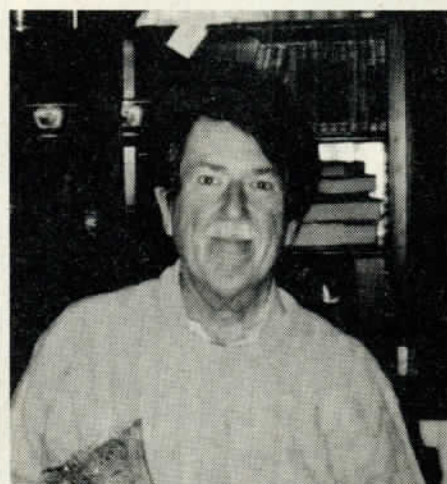
The idea behind jukebox shows is that nobody knows what number they are doing until it is played on the jukebox. So, it is all impromptu, and what an impromptu show it was.

Many of the community's male titleholders performed female songs (with the help of accessories from the female performers) and a good time was definitely had by all, as you can see from the pictures on page eight.

If you can identify any male titleholders in drag let us know. There may be a surprise in store for you. People who attended the show are ineligible.

The final tally for Jukebox Jamboree 3 was \$326. What a fabulous total for an impromptu show.

Antique dealer update; LVL estate recovers some more assets



Steven G. Buie, ex-owner of Southern Expressions as he appeared in December 1996

As the Montrose Area Pride went to press last week, the LVL PWA Holiday Fund was awaiting a Saturday morning court ordered occurrence that would allow them to enter Southern Expressions to recover its remaining assets. A portion of Marvin Davis' estate had been placed on consignment at the store to be sold "without commission fees." The owner has apparently left town with proceeds in hand.

We were notified Wednesday that the owner, Steven G. Buie had been arrested and jailed in Austin, Texas. We asked The Texas

Triangle (a gay newspaper based in Austin) to check on this story.

Dan Quinn, the managing editor of the Triangle reported back that Buie had been released after posting bond, charged with driving with expired license plates and driving without a valid driver's license.

Saturday morning the members of the LVL PWA Holiday Fund met with the new lessee of Buie's store to recover what was left. Other consignees were also there to make their own recoveries.

After waiting three hours the board was able to recover more of the estate's assets. A large amount of the cut glass was missing. Some pieces of furniture had been sold. Receipts were produced and the new owners were allowed to claim their purchases.

Attorneys for the estate explained that it is now a civil matter between the estate and Buie to recover any funds due. The filing of any criminal charges is in the hands of the Harris County District Attorney's office.

The Montrose Area Pride will continue to follow this story and keep you informed.

More on PR Ball 3

Preparations for The Royal Sovereign, and Imperial Court's PR Ball 3 are well under way, as was stated in last week's paper. This event is the follow up to Coronation's crowning of the new monarchs.

On this very special evening, the Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale host what used to be known as investiture.

This tradition began in Reign X as a way of transition for the new monarchs. The titles of Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale become perpetual, which means, as long as they remain a member in good standing in R.S.I.C.S.S., they retain these titles, unless they choose to venture upward to be elected to Emperor or Empress.

Each year the IPR's choose their own theme of PR Ball and their own beneficiary. This year's theme is High

Stepping into Spring and the beneficiary is Omega House.

It will be a night of dancing, drink, food and entertainment. It is also the night that the new monarchs will name their line of succession to Reign XIII.

To kick things off for this special evening (other events have already taken place earlier in Reign XII for this event) in honor of Reign XIII there will be a fundraiser on Friday, February 7, at Chances hosted by Sean Carter, Barbara Walker and Imperial Princess Royale XII, Vanna White Lee Love. Then, on Sunday, February 9, at Gentry is Vanna's Vantastic Voyage, also a fundraiser for PR Ball 3.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and all performers are welcome.

Keep reading Montrose Area Pride (THE MAP) for further PR Ball 3 updates.

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SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

This November, a number of cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country will descend upon Houston for yet another rodeo. No, this is not going to be a repeat of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I'm talking about the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. This statewide organization, which is a member of the International Gay Rodeo Association, hosts this event annually.

Robert Harris, Houston Chapter Treasurer and State Secretary, explained, "People from all over the world compete, including riders from Australia and Canada. The competition consists of riding events such as calf roping, pole bending, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and bull riding, just to name a few. And because we are a gay rodeo, we have our camp events such as goat dressing and drag events."

Robert gave some details about the plans for this year's rodeo. "The rodeo will begin November 6th and continue through the 9th. The royalty and dance competitions will be held Thursday night, with competition events on Friday and Saturday. The award's ceremony will close the festivities on Sunday.

"There will be vendors at the arena ranging from metal work, to jewelry and T-shirts. We also plan on having entertainment throughout the day, with different groups performing." The location for this year's rodeo has yet to be decided.

TGRA's royalty, Mr. and Miss TGRA, is selected through rigorous competition. Contestants from around the state compete in interview,

western wear, horsemanship, and talent. They also have a fundraising category, in which contestants receive a certain number of points for the amount of money they raise for the community.

The total amount raised from last year's competition exceeded \$60,000. Houston chapter member Xavier Luna set TGRA's record in the royalty competition for fundraising this past year, by raising over \$18,000 for Houston charities. This year's current reigning Miss TGRA is Houston's own Jaime Roberts.

TGRA is made up of five chapters located in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston. The rodeo is hosted by a different city each year. The net proceeds from each rodeo are distributed to local charities with each individual chapter designating where these funds go. This past year, the Houston chapter raised over \$40,000.

Robert thanked the many groups that helped this past year. "We received support from many organizations such as Soiree Aubergine, the Colt 45's, and the PWA Coalition just to name a few. We hope they continue their support this year, as we continue to support them in their endeavors.

TGRA will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday at Brick's II, 617 Fairview at Stanford. This is a very important meeting because members will be voting on the groups for which the money raised this past year will be distributed. Membership is open to anyone interested.

So until next week...have fun Houston!

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The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

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National stepped forward to change all of that. National's additional driver policy "recognizes same gender relationships," as their rainbow-decorated brochure states.

"This not only saves time, it saves embarrassment," said Rob Fyfe of National's Sales Office in San Francisco. "We are in the business to rent cars, not to make judgments." Rob is acting as the company's gay and lesbian market sales coordinator, making strategic alliances and getting out the good news.

Rob readily admits the policy is driven by the demographics of the gay market, and National's desire to capture a market share. But really, the bottom line perspective is what has lead to the market entry of several mainstream corporations, and it is a

good thing. Often economics drives acceptance and change.

At this point, National is the only major rental car company in the International Gay Travel Association (IGTA) and the Travel Alternative Group (TAG). Both organizations are trying to bring recognition and acceptance for gay travelers worldwide.

This is a mutually beneficial situation for travelers and the community alike. Travel agencies that are members of either TAD or IGTA can offer free National Emerald Club membership in addition to a discount for car rentals to travelers. Also each car rented from National using their special community discount, National will donate 1% of the rental charges to the AIDS/HIV Nightline.

As each day passes there are more doors opened to our community. To keep opening those doors, we have to support those who support us. Let's show the world the power of the "gay dollar" and that we only want what the "straight community" has always had.....Openness and Acceptance!

Christopher Roth is a Community Travel Specialist at UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel and has been in the travel industry for the past 13 years. He is a member of the International Gay Travel Association and a certified "Gay Travel Specialist." UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel is a progressive agency that cares about the community. They are located in the Meyerland area and can be reached at (713) 669-1171 or EMAIL at sc.ultimate@uniglobe.com

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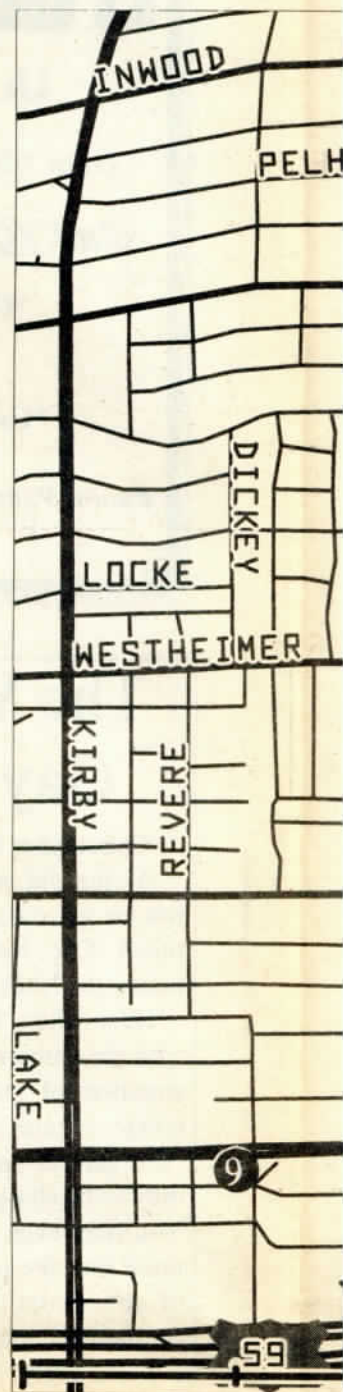
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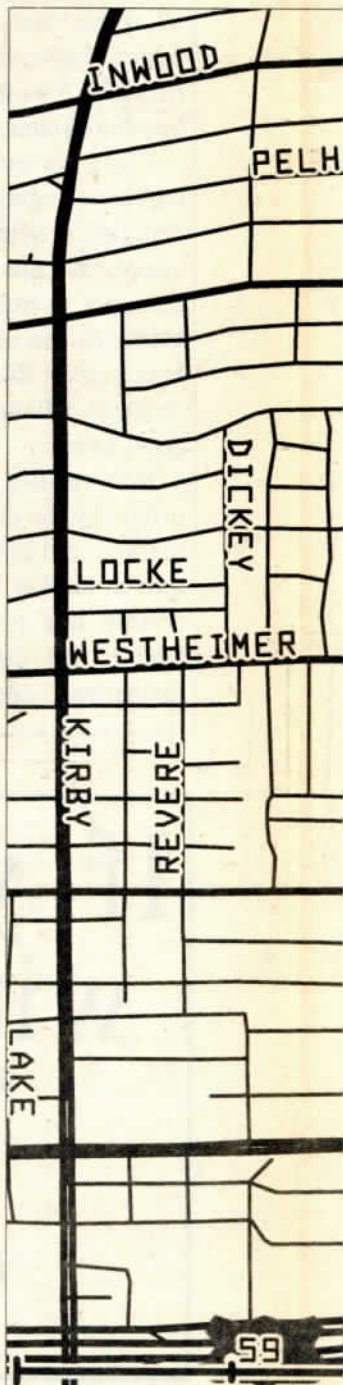
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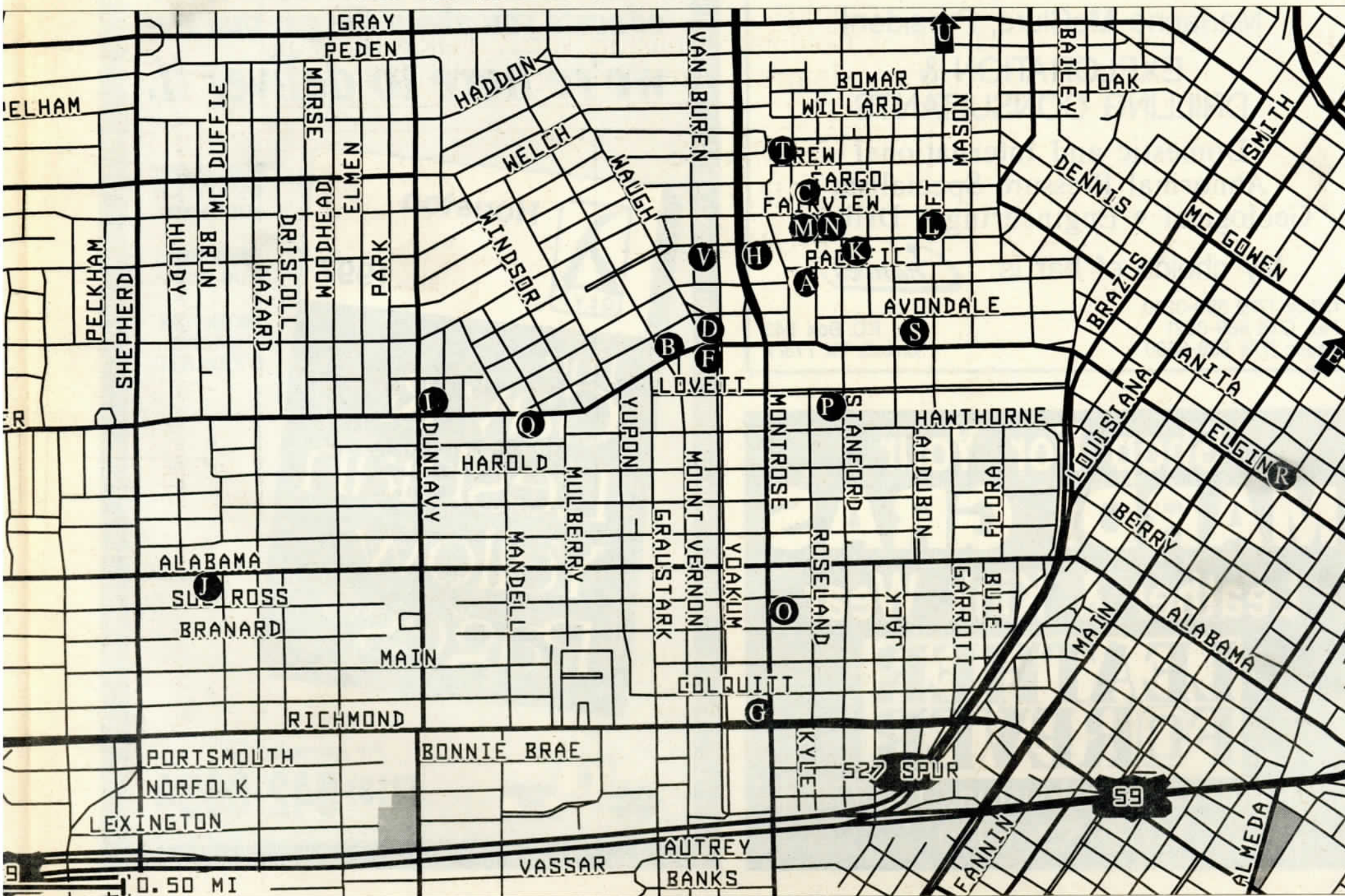
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Letter to the Editor

From Jimmy O'Neil
Master of Ceremonies
The Naughty Nymphos Show

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the many people who helped make "The Naughty Nymphos Show" at the Brazos River Bottom last Sunday night a great success. We raised \$251.00 from a very generous

community for the Lady Victoria Lust P.W.A. Holiday Fund. Thank you Houston and Vanna White Lee Love, Magnolia, Thumper Knight-Leigh, Ova Ewe, Maraschino Cherry, Don Gill, Jim Sorgini, Ken Claude, Greg Smith, the staff & management of the BRB, and the Montrose Area Pride.

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This is our way of thanking the Ripcord management and staff, all the men of the Ripcord, and everyone who has attended our educational events, slave auctions and demonstrations.

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Lady Victoria Lust's jewelry goes on sale on patio of Mary's
The L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund (soon to be known at P.W.A. Holiday Charities) has announced that Marvin (Lady Victoria Lust) Davis' jewelry will go on sale in the new P.W.A. Holiday Fund office beside Mary's patio on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.
Don Gill, co-chairman of the Fund will be guest bartender and will be serving Taco Soup. All proceeds will benefit the Fund.

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