

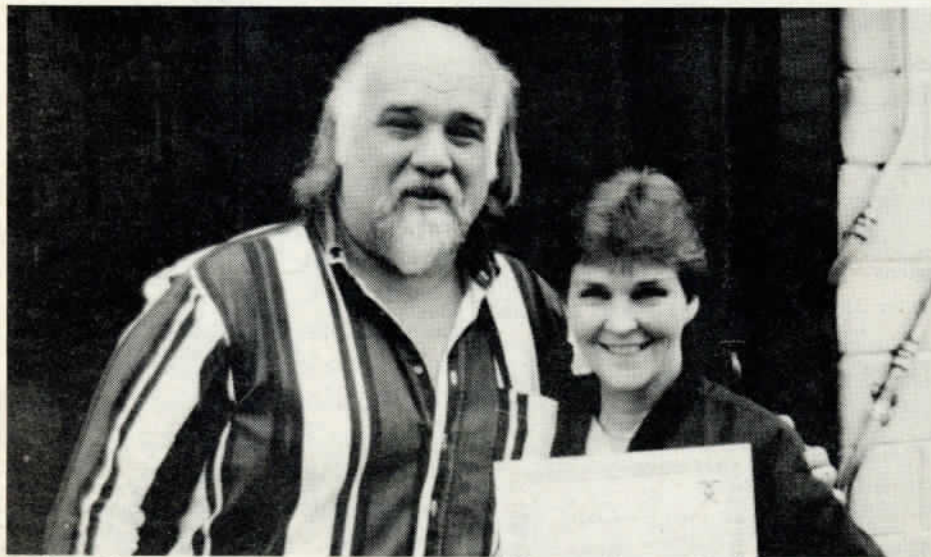
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Community businesses receive thanks from Montrose Clinic



Wiley Walters gave Gaye Yancy her certificate of appreciation



Marlene Beago received her certificate from Wiley

The Montrose Clinic recently gave out certificates of appreciation to community supporters and community HIV testing sites.

Those recognized were Mary's, Chances, Brazos River Bottom, Venture-N, QT's, Rich's, Club Body Center and Midtown Spa.

The Clinic does on-site anonymous HIV testing at the above locations and hands out safe-sex kits.

Brick's II will soon be among those bars doing on-site testing. Since the inception of the program, they have handed out over 35,000 condoms.

The program is peer based and they are always in need of volunteers. Anyone interested may call (713) 520-2083.

A complete list of dates, times and locations of test sites is printed weekly in the Montrose Area Pride.

Houston's annual 'Let Us Entertain You Weekend' sets attendance record



Record setting crowd fills Gentry's patio to overflowing

Once again, "Let Us Entertain You Weekend" came off without a hitch. Presented by the Houston Council of Clubs, this post-Mardi Gras extravaganza attracted a record setting 566 participants.

Beginning Friday, February 14, at the Venture-N, party goers were welcomed with a multitude of mouth watering food and four cocktail parties after registering and picking up their run packets. The food was provided by the Venture-N and the cocktail parties were sponsored by Lancers MC, Houston Area Bears, Texas Leather and Lace and Texas Riders.

Saturday, February 15, found the festivities beginning at Mary's Naturally. Mary's provided breakfast while the Sundance Cattle Company served eye-openers. Two more cocktail parties sponsored by Bayou City Leather Alliance and NLA: Houston got the crowd prepped for the afternoon games at Gentry.

Greeting the masses at Gentry, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star had prepared an array of finger foods for everyone to munch on before heading for the cocktails. The first cocktail party was given by The Gay and Lesbian

Switchboard while adorning very colorful Carmen Miranda head dresses. Next, it was "TFL TEA" hosted by area club first ladies, serving cocktails in various arrays of "semi-drag." Boy Toy Dancers entertained throughout the afternoon much to the delight of the audience as they hovered around the dancer boxes.

After a couple hours break, it was off to the Brazos River Bottom for dinner and cocktails. Dinner was prepared by Carter and Cooley and served by The Wolfpack. A true Texas barbecue was enjoyed by all the guests. Cocktail parties at the BRB were sponsored by Misfits and Texas Renegades.

The evening concluded at Pacific Street with a cocktail party by F.I.S.T.

On Sunday, February 16, it was back to the Brazos River Bottom for brunch and the Houston Council of Clubs "Let Us Entertain You '97" show. Cocktails were provided by Colt 45's, Lone Stars and Rainbow Ranglers throughout the totally hilarious and bizarre afternoon's entertainment.

Even though it was a very long and busy weekend, most everyone kept up and had another memorable L.U.E.Y. weekend.

'Positively All That' benefit at BRB Sunday evening

On Sunday, February 23, Ken Claude, candidate for Mr. Prime Choice 1997, presents "Positively All That", a variety show benefiting Body Positive Houston at the Brazos River Bottom beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The emcees of this event will be Ken Claude and Mr. Prime Choice 1996, Robert Harwood.

Featured entertainers are comedian Nancy Ford, Nevada, Mr. and

Miss BRB Jody Travis and Devon DeVasquez, Miss Camp America Ivanna Starr, Mr. BRB 1996 Armand Posas, The Texas Cowgurlz, Gerry Quioness, Chris Graham and Company, Thomas Conner and many more.

Table seating is available at \$10.00 a seat. Call Ken Claude at (713) 522-1626.

7% of Montrose electorate votes 87% for City Council winner, Chris Bell

A meager 7% of registered voters in the Montrose area of the City of Houston voted in last Saturday's runoff election for the unexpired term of John W. Peavy, Jr. Peavy recently resigned his City Council spot due to an ethics problem.

Attorney Chris Bell easily won the seat with 55 % of the total vote. Bell, a white man, polled more than 80%

of the white vote, while his opponent, Rev. James W.E. Dixon, II, a black man, amassed more than 90% of the black vote. Montrose's vote was an overwhelming 87% for Bell.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus backed Bell during the short runoff campaign. Bell ran as a "customer driven government" candidate.

L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund raised nearly \$2,500 L.U.E.Y Weekend

On Sunday, February 16, at Mary's, after the festivities of L.U.E.Y. weekend had begun to die down, a fundraiser for The L.V.L. PWA Holiday Fund began.

Don Gill, Ken Claude and Tiffany Swanger guest bartended on the patio bar while Kevin Bishop served barbecue and taco soup.

Selling Lady V's jewelry in the newly remodeled PWA Holiday Fund

offices adjoining Mary's patio bar were Michael Jones and Ouisa Gooch. All proceeds from this sale go to the estate of Marvin Davis.

Total bartending and food gratuities for the fund were \$534.00. Total jewelry sales going to the estate were \$1,501.00.

Other various fundraising activities over the weekend totaled \$457.00.

Support LADY VICTORIA LUST PWA HOLIDAY FUND

Soon to be known as PWA Holiday Charities
Sheltered under the Colt 45's Charities

The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

Be careful when you brag about the great deal you got on your airfare or tour because you may be forced to eat your words.

It's a given that airlines and tour companies who offer incredible fares attach a lot of strings that can end up costing you more than you expected or can afford. So if your going to gamble on cheap travel, you should know how you are limited by what's written into your ticket or tour package.

For example, don't change your travel plans once the initial booking transaction is complete, chances are you are locked in. If you are booked to Cancun for Wednesday on a special rate, don't expect to be able to bump your flight to Thursday when you get floor seats for Wednesday night's basketball game. That is, you may have to pay a penalty to change your ticket that could more than double your cost.

For some airlines and tour companies, cheap fares do not guarantee a seat on the flight that will fit your schedule. Many times the fares will only apply to certain flights, times of day or days of the week. Also "cheap seats" require that airline to increase passenger volumes, meaning that many flights are flying at capacity and you feel like a sardine because every seat is packed.

Cheap fares also mean no frills. That might mean no meals or even a snack on flights, a hotel that is ten miles from the beach or a thirty-dollar cab ride to and from town. As the old saying goes, "You get what you pay for." Sometimes there is such a thing as a good deal, just make sure you get what you paid for.

So how do you get a quality package or airfare at a good price? Follow these simple rules:

—Rule #1:

Sometimes certain fares or tours book up weeks or even months ahead of time. Plan ahead! If you want to get away next weekend, the rock bottom price you see advertised may not be available.

—Rule #2:

If you are going to travel over a major holiday, expect to spend extra time waiting to check in or going

through security. Don't arrive at the airport at the last minute. Many airlines and charter flights have a very strict cutoff time. If you aren't there ahead of time, you won't have a seat, not a good way to start a vacation or a visit with the family. The rule of thumb is 60 to 90 minutes for a domestic flight and 120 minutes for an international flight.

—Rule #3:

Anytime you travel, if possible, you should pay with a credit card. It will give you some recourse if the airline or tour company doesn't come through with what is promised.

—Rule #4:

Purchase the appropriate travel insurance when taking a tour or cruise. Last minute cancellation penalties can amount to 100% of the price you paid. For the investment of a few dollars you can get most of your money back in case of sickness or family emergency.

—Rule #5:

Cheapest price doesn't always mean the best value. Most of the time you save and scrimp to go on your trip and for the little bit extra you can assure yourself a quality vacation.

For many people, choosing the most inexpensive fare is the only way they can travel, and more times than not, airlines and tour companies fulfill their commitments to bargain-oriented customers. But be sure and find out exactly what limitations you agree to when you book an inexpensive fare or tour. The risks, you'll learn, may not make that cheap fare so attractive after all.

A good travel agent will review with you all the terms and conditions associated with your package. If they don't, ASK!

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Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

Soiree Aubergine's 'Ever-Ready Show' set for Friday night

Well, I hope everybody made it through this past weekend. Let Us Entertain You Weekend was fabulous and Bob Bouton is too amazing for words. To be able to put such an extravagant weekend together is a feat in itself. This Friday night, I get to try to put on something not quite as intricate but a new idea for Houston.

Friday night is the Ever-Ready Show for Soiree Aubergine. The show literally goes on, and on, and on... This concept originally came from Jim Cheek, Co-Publisher of the Montrose Area Pride (THE MAP). He handed the idea over to me, and I ran with it.

The plan is to put on the same show in seven different bars in the same night. Impossible, you might say? No, but we'll see. The same performers will do the same number in each bar. So for those drag queens who don't know the words... I guarantee they will know them by the end of the night. The only differing factor in each show will be the emcees.

The night begins at the Venture-N at 8:00 p.m. This show will be hosted by Emperor XIII Jerel McNeil and Empress XIII Anita Mann.

The show will begin at the BRB at 8:30 p.m., and will be hosted by the great Bob Bouton (BOB! BOB! BOB! BOB!...) Next on the agenda is the Ripcord at 9:00 p.m. Our hosts

will be L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund Chairman, Don Gill and Miss Texas Leather, Tiffany Swanger.

Then on to Chances at 9:30 p.m. where Jerel and Anita will catch back up with us and emcee once again. From there we move to E/J's at 10:00 p.m., where the "hostess with mostess" R.S.I.C.S.S. Empress XII Ruby Stone will keep the show going. C.J. Brooks, Mr. Gay Capitol City All-American, will be hosting us at Rascals at 10:30 p.m.

And finally the last stop on the show that never ends will be Gentry at 11:00 p.m. The final stop will be hosted by R.S.I.C.S.S. Empress XI and chairman of Soiree Aubergine, Crystal Rae Lee Love and myself.

The show line-up has a number of Houston's finest. You will see the beautiful talents of Renee Monroe, Jennifer Ellsworth, Day-Leigh Edwards and Nevada. We have Miss Chances - Vanna White Lee Love, Ms. Montrose - Barbara Walker, Miss Gay Houston USofA At-Large - Regina Dane, Mr. and Miss Gentry - Xavier Luna and Shelby St. John, Mr. Gay Southeast All-American - Byron Norton, and Mr. BRB - Jody Travis... just to name a few.

This show promises to be an entertaining event for a great cause. This is a Soiree Aubergine event that benefits the Bering Community Service Foundation Meals Program and Dental Clinic. So pick your spot, in fact pick a few and enjoy the evening. Once again, until next week... Have Fun Houston!

Support the COLT 45's TROUBLE FUND

'Next Step' classes offered to HIV positive patients by Montrose Clinic

Montrose Clinic, a private non-profit organization, offers "Next Step" classes bi-monthly to persons diagnosed with the HIV virus. The classes are anonymous. Class topics will include: health issues, nutrition, safer sex, legal issues and medications.

Clients will also receive an Immune System Panel, which is made up of a CD4 (T-Cell) count, RPR (Syphilis) test, CBC (Complete Blood Count), and a TB skin test. All of these services are **FREE** to the client. Class space is limited, so please contact (713) 529-2000 to make reservations for an up-coming class.

If you have questions concerning the class, please contact Gerald Ennis at (713) 520-2068.

—Class Schedule:

Feb. 19 & 20 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Mar. 4 & 6 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.

Mar 10 (Spanish) - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. one day only.

Mar. 25 & 27 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.

April 8 & 11 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.

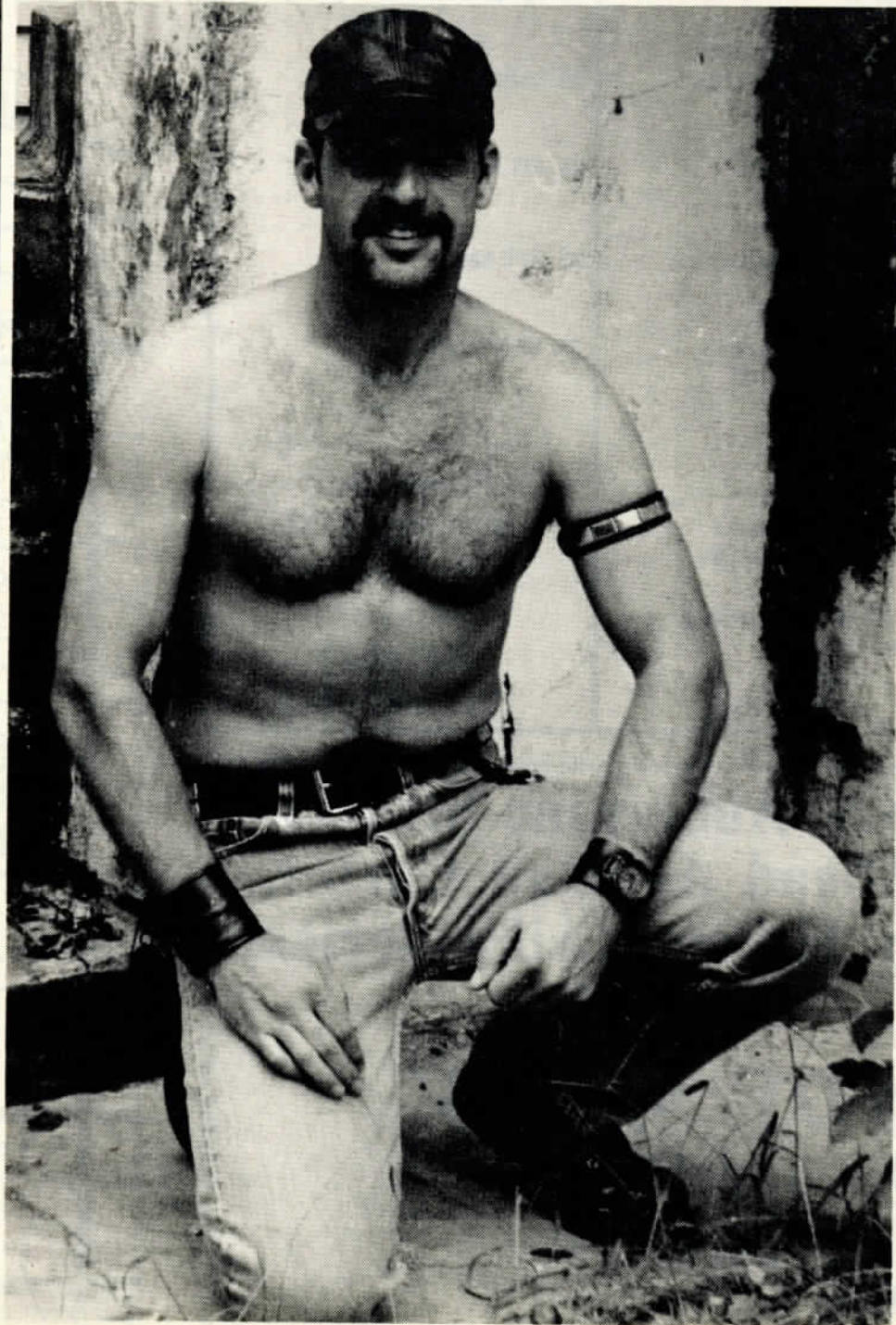
April 14 (Spanish) - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. one day only.

April 22 & 24 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.

May 6 & 8 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.

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May 28 & 30 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day.



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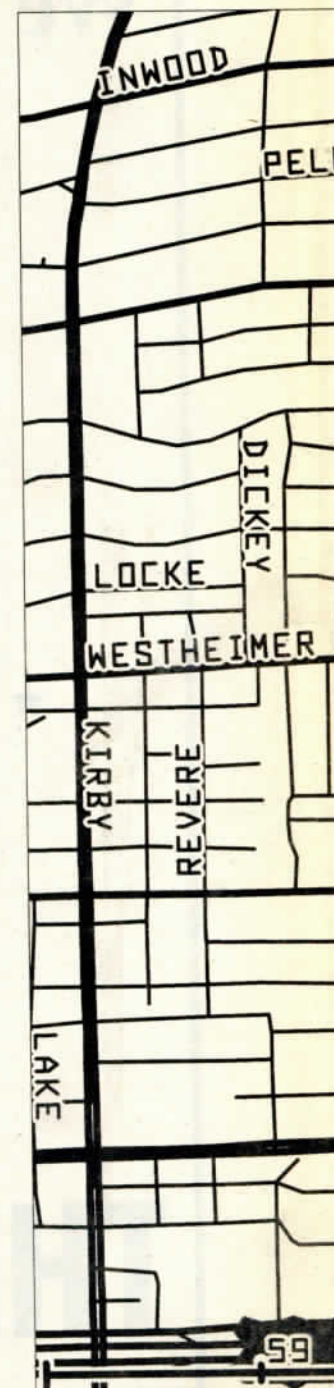
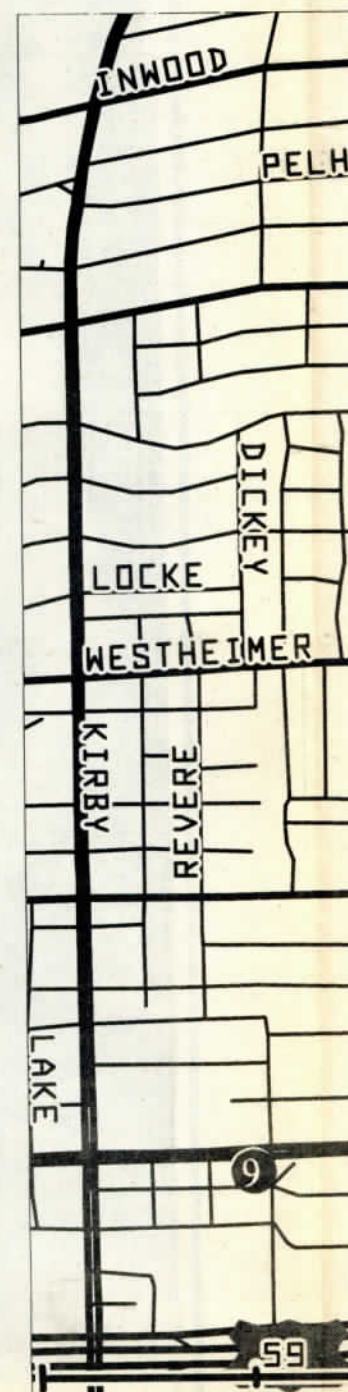
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8:00 PM - Venture-N • 8:30 PM - Brazos River Bottom • 9:00 PM - The Ripcord
9:30 PM - Chances • 10:00 PM - E/J's • 10:30 PM - Rascals • 11:00 PM - Gentry

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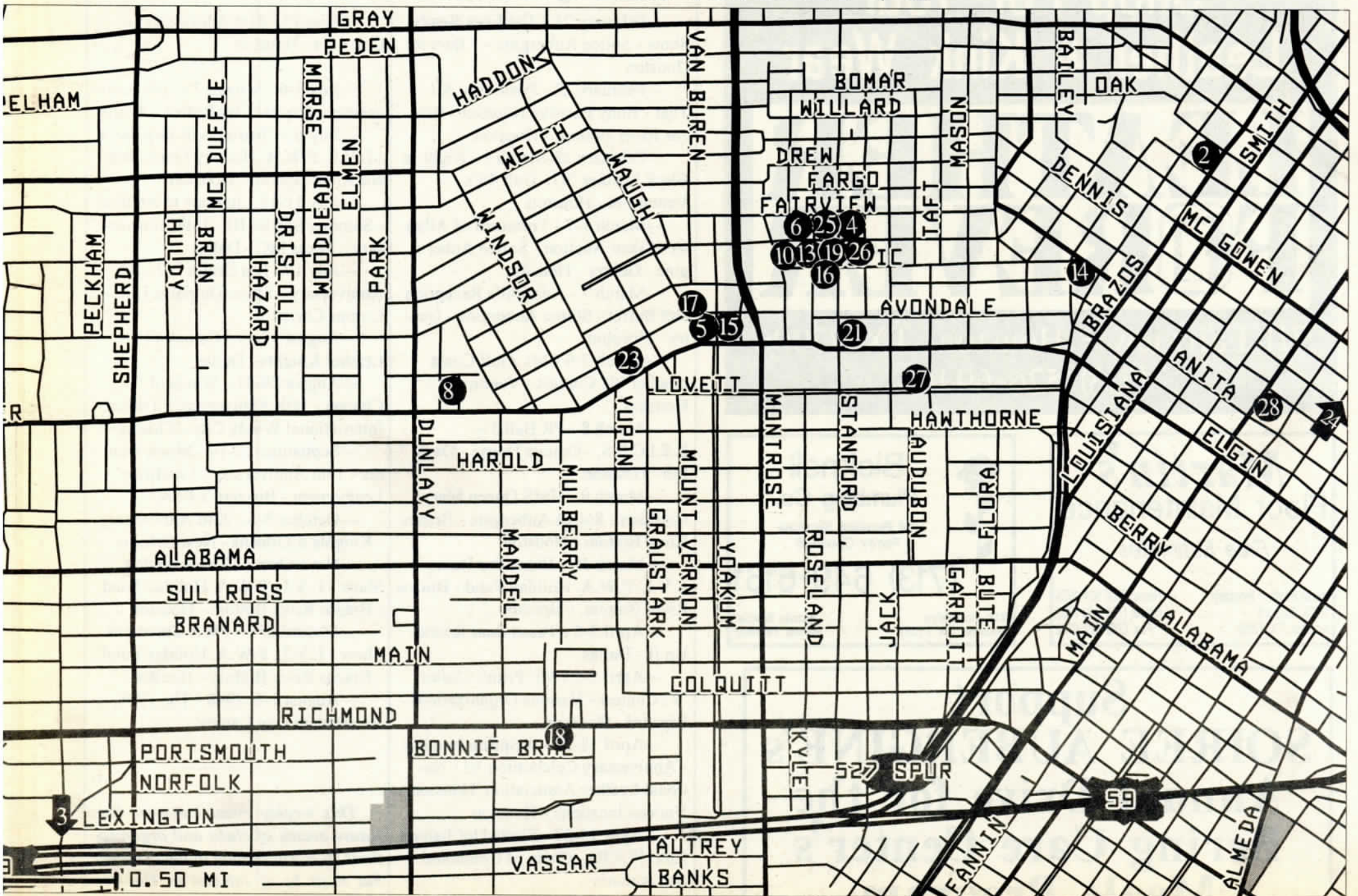
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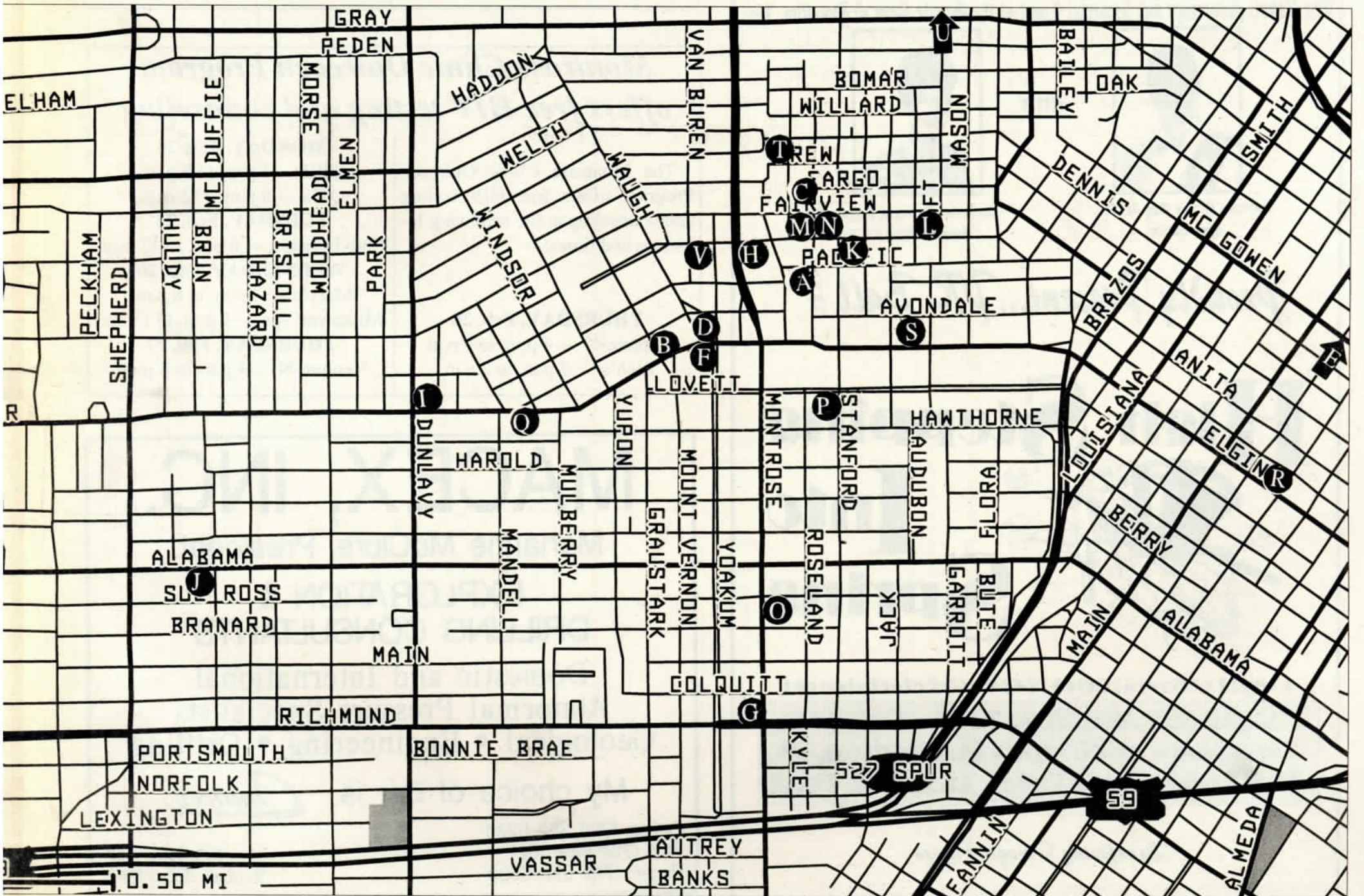
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—February 21 - The Ever-Ready Show - Soiree Aubergine - 7 Bars in Houston

—February 23 - Positively All That - Body Positive Houston - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—February 28-March 1 - Night in Black Leather '97 - Colt 45's - Venture-N - Houston

—March 1-7 - Treasures of Atlantis - Silent Auction - Soiree Aubergine - Gentry - Houston

—March 7 - Admiral's Reception and Buffet - Soiree Aubergine - Gentry - Houston

—March 7-9 - Ms. Gulf Coast Leather '97 Contest - Venture-N - Houston

—March 8 - PR Ball 3 - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Omega House - Days Inn - Houston

—March 9 - HMS Queen Mary Cotillion - Soiree Aubergine - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—March 16 - Hams For Hams - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—April 3-6 - Texas Bear Round-Up II - Dallas

—April 5-6 - Mr. Prime Choice '97 Contest - Various Organizations - Ripcord - Houston

—April 18-20 - A Spring Iniquity - Anniversary Celebration VI - National Leather Association: Houston - Various locations - Houston

—April 25-27 - Fiesta UnChained Run (FUCR) - Chain of Command - San Antonio

—May 22-26 - Bear Pride '97 - Great Lakes Bears - Chicago

—May 23-26 - Straps, Chaps & Chains - Chain of Command - Buzzard's Peak

—June 14 - 21st Anniversary - Colt 45's - Houston

—July 3-6 - Mirage 7 - 10th Anniversary - Capital City Riders - Austin

—July 6 - Christmas in July Show - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—July 11-13 - Journey to Atlantis - Summer Sizzler III - 15th Anniversary - Texas MC - Dallas

—July 19 - Sea Cruise '97 - 8th Anniversary - Silver Dolphins LLC - Corpus Christi

—August 15-17 - Camelot IV - Leather Knights - Dallas

—August 29-31 - Winds of Change - 24th Anniversary - Trident International Windy City - Chicago

—September 12-14 - Moon Shiners - 14th Anniversary - Cowtpwn Leathermen - Buzzard's Peak

—October 3-5 - 23rd Anniversary - Knights d'Orleans - New Orleans

—November 2 - Thanksgiving Show - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—December 7 - PWA Christmas Show - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—August 1-8, 1998 - The 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games

This weekly event calendar lists future events of clubs and organizations. It is not limited to local events, but must be of interest to Houston clubs, organizations or individuals. Please send written information to the Montrose Area Pride, P.O. Box 66627, Houston, TX 77266 for inclusion in this calendar.

Montrose Clinic Outreach Program offers free HIV testing and counseling

The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program offers free HIV testing and counseling at the following locations and times:

MONDAY, Feb. 24

BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

QT's — 8 p.m. - 12 m.n.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

Mary's — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Midtowne Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 27

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 20

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Rich's — 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Rustic antique "barn" decor abounds throughout the new club. A large dance floor and stage will be handy for your dancing pleasure. An occasional variety show is planned.

The New Barn will open at noon daily with drink specials and a down home atmosphere. There are



pool tables, pinball machines and shuffle board to enjoy while listening to country tunes on the jukebox.

Marlene and the staff look forward to welcoming everyone to The New Barn and hope to see you soon.

Their grand opening celebration will be announced in the Montrose Area Pride at a later date.

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