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# Montrose Area PRIDE

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## Benefit to result in shaved heads for two of Houston's community fundraisers



Imperial Queen Mother for Life  
Jeanette Vaughn

### Unlocked

On Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Empress XII Ruby Stone and Imperial Queen Mother for Life Jeanette Vaughn of The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, present "Unlocked," a fundraiser for Reign XIII, at Chances.

The goal behind this fundraiser is to raise \$2000.00 by March 15. If this



Empress XII Ruby Stone

goal is reached, Ruby and Jeanette will have their heads shaved on stage.

If you would like to make a donation to see these two shaved completely bald, you may contact Ruby at (713) 520-8999. Regardless of how much is raised, all moneys will be given to Reign XIII of the Imperial Court to be distributed to their chosen beneficiary at PR Ball 4.

## Houston Council of Clubs presents a benefit show at Venture-N Sunday night

"Big Dicks and Bad Drag," is a benefit designed to raise funds for *Let Us Entertain You Weekend's 25th Anniversary*, that is set for February 27th through March 1, 1998. It will be presented by the Houston Council of Clubs at Venture-N on Sunday, March 9 with member and auxiliary clubs performing some rather outrageous routines. Showtime is 8:00 p.m.

The membership of the Misfits will be bartending from 5:00 p.m. on the Far-Side for your pleasure. Jeff Chapman of the Houston Area Bears will be your host for the evening and Bob Bouton will be lurking around in the shadows somewhere. Bouton is president of the Texas Renegades and chairman of the Houston Council of Clubs. He has been running LUEY for the last 4 years.

## Ms. Gulf Coast Leather '97 set for this weekend

The third annual Ms. Gulf Coast Leather '97 will be held this weekend, March 7 through March 9, 1997, at Venture-N, 2923 Main, Houston, Texas. There will also be seminars on Saturday afternoon at Mary's-Naturally, 1022 Westheimer, Houston, Texas.

Emcees for the event will be Ms. Jill Carter, International Ms. Leather 1996 and Mr. Chuck Higgins, Male Co-chair NLA - International 1992 - 1993. The event celebrates women in leather and is in its third year. For more information call Margo Grace at (713) 661-9829.

## Night In Black Leather raises over \$5500

On Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1, Don Gill Productions presented Night In Black Leather '97 at the Venture-N. This two night event of food and festivities raised over \$5500.00 for the Colt 45's.

This variety show featured a combination of entertainers from all

aspects of the very diverse gay community. Local, as well as out of town performers were there to help raise the funds our community, unfortunately, desperately needs.

Plans for next year's event are already well under way. The scheduled dates are March 14 and 15, 1998.

## PR Ball 3 to benefit Omega House

On Saturday, March 8, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. will present PR Ball 3, a benefit for Omega House.

The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sir Howard Ballroom of the Days Inn Hotel, located at 4640 Main St. Houston, Texas.

Admission to the event is \$15.00 and may be paid at the door the night of the event. All proceeds benefit Omega House and include a night of

dancing, entertainment, food and drink.

Formerly called Investiture, PR Ball is the night that Reign XII will announce the total moneys that will be presented to that reign's beneficiary, Colt 45's. It is also the night that Reign XIII will announce their line of succession and their beneficiary for the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend and cocktail attire and drag are encouraged.

## Major Event Calendar

- 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 9 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You Weekend '98 - HCC - Venture-N - Houston
- March 14 - Benefit Show for Montrose Counseling Center - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Chances - Houston
- March 15 - Benefit Show for Reign 13 - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Chances - Houston
- March 16 - Hams For Hams - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- March 21 - Mr., Ms., & Miss Chances '97 Contest - Chances - Houston
- March 30 - Benefit Show for Steven's House & Renegades 25th Anniversary - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - 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 18-20 - Texas Renegades 25th Anniversary - Houston
- April 25-27 - Fiesta UnChained Run (FUCR) - Chain of Command - San Antonio
- May 10-11 - Westheimer Street Festival - Houston
- May 11 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 (HCC) - Venture-N - Houston
- 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
- June 29 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - 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 13 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 (HCC) - Venture-N - Houston
- 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
- August 31 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
- September 12-14 - Moon Shiners - 14th Anniversary - Cowtown Leathermen - Buzzard's Peak
- September 14 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 - HCC - Venture-N - Houston
- 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
- February 27-March 1, 1998 - Let Us Entertain You Weekend '98 - Various locations - Houston Council of Clubs - Houston
- March 14-15, 1998 - Night in Black Leather '98 - Venture-N - 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. Deadline is Friday one week prior to publication date.*



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## Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

Well, I'm back. I apologize for missing last week's issue, but a lot was happening. The Ever-Ready Show was a great success, benefiting Soiree Aubergine. I would personally like to thank all the performers, drivers, coordinators, and the many bar owners and staff who helped to raise over \$1,700 for those in need. It was a fun filled night and the show was fabulous. If you had a chance to see one of the seven shows, I guarantee you won't see any of those performers do any of those numbers again for quite awhile. After seven times of seeing or hearing those songs, believe me those tapes are going into a drawer for some time. Also, other than moving into a new house, I also relocated jobs. I'm now slinging cocktails in The New Barn. If you haven't seen what Marlene has done to this place, you must stop by. If you get a chance, peak your head in while I'm behind the bar, Monday through Friday 12-7. Even more, get the latest dish during Power Hour - \$1.75 Beer and Well Drinks and \$1 Schnapps. It's country, country, and more country!

That is why this week I decided to highlight a group known for "country," the Rainbow Ranglers. This is Houston's premier Gay and Lesbian Country Western Dance Group. They are a 501(c)3 organization based on promoting country western dance activities, educating the public on country western dance as an art, and raising funds for the community. The Ranglers are a commercial member of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) and are also a member of the International Association of Gay/Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs. The group has attended and performed at all of the international conventions and semi-annual meetings including Louisville, Atlanta, Nashville and Los Angeles.

Because the International Gay Rodeo Association does not have a group category in its dance competition, the group has been unable to compete in any gay oriented contest. This past year, however, the group danced in two major competitions. They performed at the 3rd Annual Houston Scholarship Competition

and received first place. Also last year, the United Country Western Dance Council, which is the largest and most organized country western dance circuit in the country, hosted the Texas Classic. The Ranglers exhibited at this event, making them the first gay team to appear at one of the UCWDC events.

Paul Ross, Education Director and Performance Manager, explained more about the group. "We have a lot members, many of which do not dance. Our dance group is one committee in our entire organization. We are also a social group and once a month have outside activities. We also help with other events such as Halloween Magic where we help set up, do lights or whatever is needed."

He explained that on the 21st of this month the group will be performing at the Capital City Crawl in Austin, which is the Semi-Annual meeting for the International Association, and they will also be performing at the National Convention in Boston the weekend of July 4th.

About their fundraising efforts Paul said, "We held two major fundraisers last year. The first benefited the Bering Community Service Foundation and we raised over \$2,700. The second was for Steven's House at which we raised over \$2,100. Most of the time we are performing at benefits held by other groups, and helping out whenever we can."

Over the next couple of years, the International Conventions will be held in Miami, Toronto, and in the year 2000 during Memorial Day Weekend, The Rainbow Ranglers will be the hosts of the Convention here in Houston.

This group helps in making Houston's gay community shine all over the country, and they are well deserving of all of the awards and recognition they receive. You can catch the Ranglers teaching Country Western Dance every Thursday at the BRB at 9:00, and also performing at various functions around the city. If you would like more information about the group or would even like to join, call Paul at 880-0670.

So till next week (I won't miss it this time)...Have Fun Houston!!!

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New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**MONDAY, March 10**  
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.  
**TUESDAY, March 11**  
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**WEDNESDAY, March 12**  
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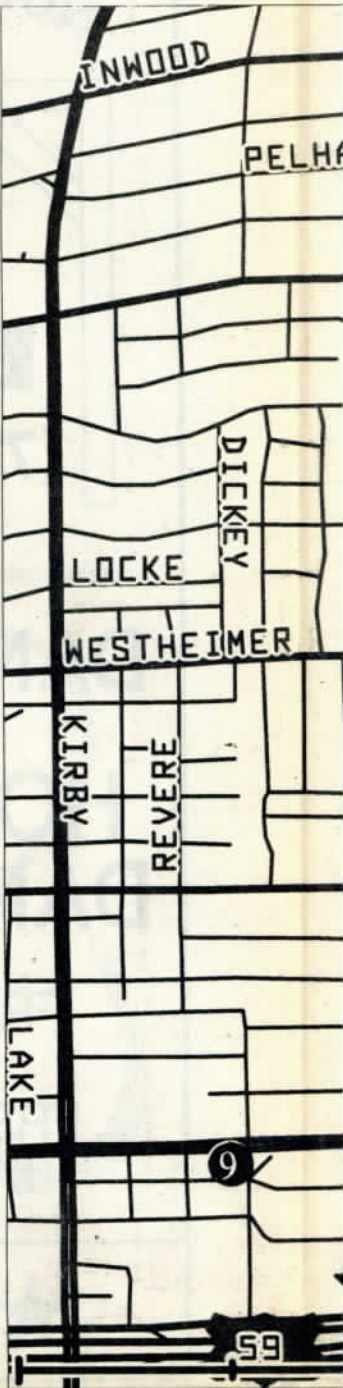
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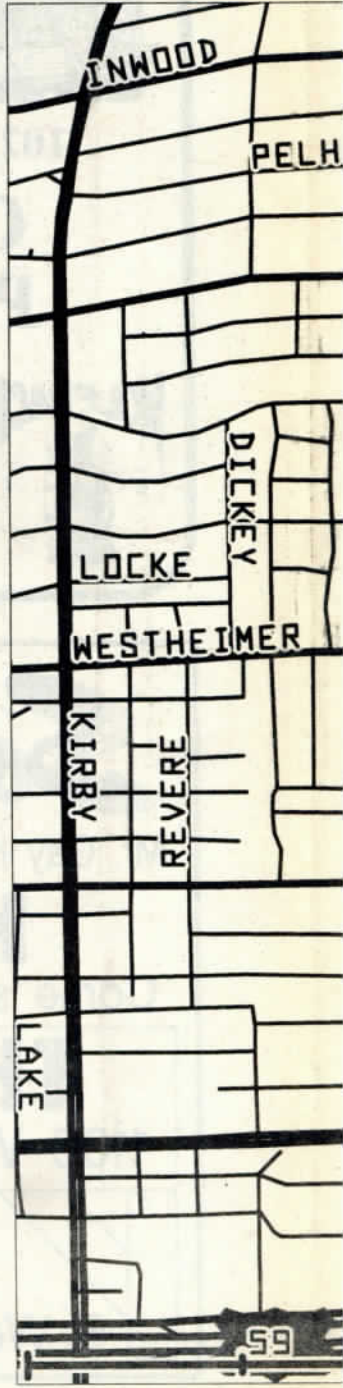
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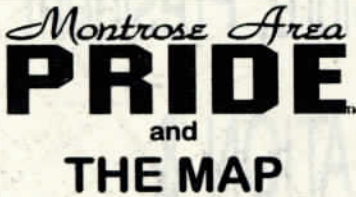
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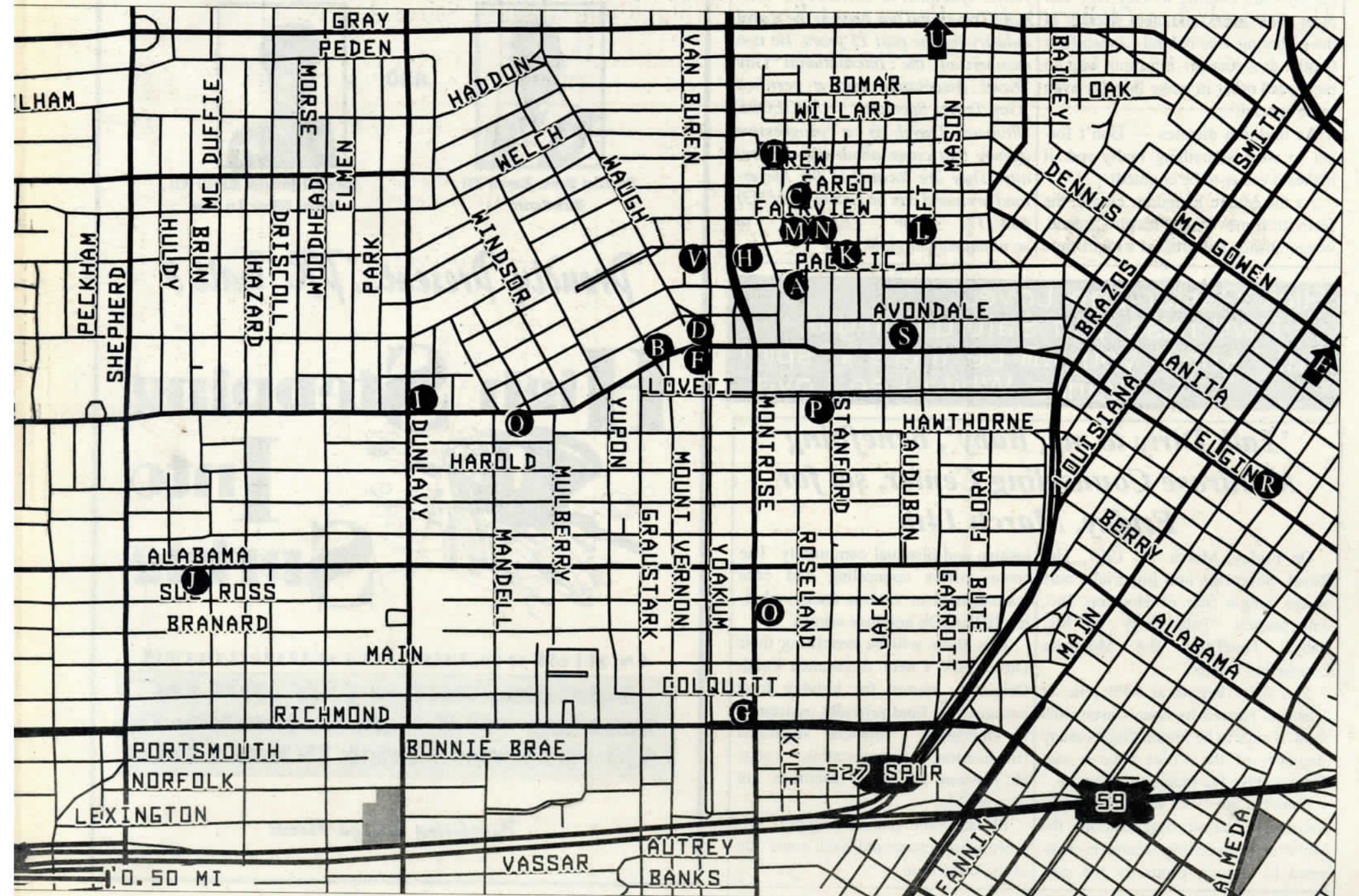
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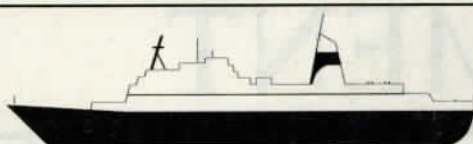
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## The World of Gay Travel



By Christopher Roth

"Gay & Lesbian Day at the Magical Kingdom That Walt Built" or more commonly known as Gay & Lesbian Day at Disney, began in 1991 when a group of Orlando-area gay and lesbian computer enthusiasts decided to publicize an informal gathering they had planned at The Magic Kingdom.

They always schedule the actual day at Walt Disney World for the first Saturday in June. This year that is Saturday, June 7, 1997. As Gay & Lesbian Day has grown in popularity, they have scheduled more events during the entire weekend (actually, from Thursday, June 5 through Monday, June 9, 1997).

What happens on Gay & Lesbian Day?

Tens of thousands of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and their friends and families converge to enjoy the #1 tourist destination in the world. Of course we try to watch the 3:00 p.m. parade together, but it's getting somewhat crowded these days. With more than 60,000 people attending in 1996, we're expecting greater than 80,000 to attend in 1997. Many attendees can also be found exploring Epcot Center, Disney Studios, or the other Disney-area attractions.

Get there early! Last year the parking lot was closed by 11:00 a.m. and the gates were closed by 1:00 p.m. because the park was filled. If you get caught unable to get in, make Disney Studios your second choice!

Many young gays and lesbians attend the event. This year, young people who are coming to Gay Day can meet their peers and new friends in the gathering area behind Cinderella's Castle. It's just an informal way to meet each other to make this day even more special!

As tradition dictates — Don't forget to wear something really red...it makes it easier to be counted!

As the Magic Kingdom closes, the festivities move to Pleasure Island, where Disney has created a night-time

entertainment complex with no equal. "A Night of Pleasure" at Pleasure Island. This spectacular night club and entertainment complex of 7 different night clubs, live entertainment, fireworks, and a New Year's Eve countdown turns into a mega-disco a-la-Fire-Island, as more than 7,000 men and women fill the Island to capacity. Mannequins Dance Palace and 8TRAX will be interconnected via an outdoor party area on the waterfront created exclusively for Gay & Lesbian Day!

Gays and lesbians wanting to attend the event do not need to purchase tickets in advance or from a tour operator. You can show up at Walt Disney World, and buy your ticket at the last minute. However, due to large crowds, this is not recommended. (Remember the park closed at capacity last year by 1:00 p.m.)

Also, during the weekend there are lots of outside activities organized by various businesses and organizations. So there will always be something to do!

It's not too late to start planning. Besides the Gay Day events, this is also the 25th Anniversary of the Magic Kingdom and the Silver Anniversary Celebrations festivities have many hotels already sold out till years' end.

So come on out and show your PRIDE at the Magic Kingdom and meet people from all over the world that come in for this one special weekend.

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**Rick Carter Lee Love,**  
I will miss you Saturday night,  
but I know you will be there in spirit.  
**Vanna White Lee Love**

### 'Talk Dirty to me, Baby', benefiting Montrose Counseling Center, set for Friday, March 14th

On Friday, March 14, 1997, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. will present "Talk Dirty To Me, Baby," benefiting the Montrose Counseling Center.

The show begins at 9:00 p.m. at Chances. Hosted by Sean Carter, this show is sure to be interesting as many members of the Court have a tendency to take the theme to extremes.

Founded in 1978 as a non-profit community based organization, the Montrose Counseling Center is dedicated to serving primarily the gay,

lesbian and bisexual community. The center offers counseling and case management in various areas including HIV/AIDS and hate crimes.

This show will be benefiting their Direct HIV Client Assistance Fund. Originally started for holiday food baskets, this fund provides assistance in emergency financial situations (medication, transportation costs, etc.) when all other resources are unavailable.

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