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# Montrose Area PRIDE™

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## Mr., Miss, and Ms. Chances; a Dating Game; Cuervo; Nikki Nokkers; and some Sisters headline a full weekend of benefits

### Chances' Pageant Extravaganza

On Friday, March 21, Chances, 1100 Westheimer, will hold its second annual Mr., Miss and Ms. pageant beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Contestants will be judged on talent, evening wear and on stage interview.

Anyone interested in entering the contest should be at Chances no later than 7:30 p.m. There is a \$10.00 entry fee, which will be donated to The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program.

The current Mr., Miss and Ms. Chances that will be giving up their titles that evening are Sean Carter, Vanna White Lee Love and Barbara Walker.

### Dating Game

On Saturday, March 22, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star Houston Inc. will be at the Venture-N, 2923 Main Street at 9:00 p. m. hosting The Dating Game.

This monthly benefit will be for The Montrose Counseling Center.

Running on the same format as the original television show, the person asking the questions doesn't know who is on the other side of the screen.

This new idea for a fundraising event is a concept which started last year in the Court with 'Scrub a Stud.'

The recipient must be different than that of the reign's beneficiary.

### Have a Shot of Cuervo Nikki at Nite Especial

On Sunday, March 23, the Closet Ball Royalty is putting on a benefit which will help with expenses for the Imperial Court's float for the Gay Pride Parade.

"A Salute to Cuervo," will begin at 9:00 p. m. at Chances.

The Closet Ball Royalty are King Cora, Queen Baby Sinclair, Prince Sam and Princess Vicki.

Highlighting the evening will be seeing how many Cuervos it will take to get King Cora to fall off her throne. For every \$10.00 donated, King Cora will do a shot of Cuervo on stage to help the cause.

Sunday, March 23, at 8:00 p. m. Nikki Nokkers presents 'Nikki at Nite' at the Briar Patch, 2294 West Holcombe.

A benefit for Stone Soup Pantry, 'Nikki at Nite' is a musical comedy revue with lip synch, as well as, live vocal performances.

This three star production features the comedic talents of Bunny O' Hare, Miss Briar Patch 1996, Bill Sansom, the lead singer in a local country band and Briar Patch favorite, and Nikki Nokkers who has no claim to fame other than in her own mind.

With only three performers, costumes and hair will be flying backstage as quick changes will be required for this fast-paced, fun show.

### A Bunch of Sisters gittin' silly

Yet, another show will also be going on Sunday, March 23, as the Garden Party presents 'Sisters In Action' beginning at 7:00 p. m. at E/J's, 2517 Ralph.

Benefiting Garden Party 22, this is sure to be an entertaining evening, as we all know how twisted those Garden Party girls can get!

## Major Event Calendar

—March 21 - Mr., Ms., & Miss Chances '97 Contest - Chances - Houston  
—March 22 - Dating Game - Montrose Counseling Center - Venture-N - Houston  
—March 22-24 - March in March - Various locations - Austin  
—March 23 - Closet Ball Fundraiser - R.S.I.C.S.S. Reign XIII - Chances - Houston  
—March 23 - "Nikki at Nite" - Benefit show for Stone Soup Pantry - Briar Patch - Houston  
—March 23 - Sisters in Action - Benefiting Garden Party 22 - E/J's - Houston  
—March 24-25 - Gaylalalooza - Q-Patrol - Laff Stop - Houston  
—March 29 - Car Wash "Nearly Naked III" - Benefiting Colt 45's Stone Soup - Ripcord - Houston  
—March 30 - Benefit Show for Steven's House & Renegades 25th Anniversary - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston  
—March 30 - "Boys Night Out" - R.S.I.C.S.S. Reign XIII - The New Barn - Houston  
—April 3-6 - Texas Bear Round-Up II - Dallas  
—April 5-6 - Mr. Prime Choice '97 Contest - Various Organizations - Ripcord - Houston  
—April 6 - "Leather Lather" Benefit for L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Venture-N - Houston  
—April 12 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Denver  
—April 12 - Imperial Court System Coronation - San Antonio  
—April 13 - Mr. Gay Pride All-American Contest - Club Inergy - 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  
—April 26 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Buffalo, NY  
—April 27 - Miss Montrose Contest & Gulf Coast Boot Black '97 - Venture-N - Houston  
—May 4 - "Maydaze" - Benefit for L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston  
—May 10-11 - Westheimer Street Festival - Houston  
—May 11 - Mother of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston  
—May 11 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 (HCC) - Venture-N - Houston  
—May 16-18 - Texas Lesbian Conference - Houston Renaissance Hotel - 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 15 - Daddy of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston  
—June 29 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston  
—June 29 - Carnival Outback - P.W.A. Holiday Charities - Mary'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 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

—July 27 - Garden Party 22 - "Pajama Party" - Location TBA - Houston  
—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  
—January 17, 1998 - Coronation XIV - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Location TBA - Houston  
—February 27-March 1, 1998 - Let Us Entertain You Weekend '98 - Various locations - Houston Council of Clubs - Houston  
—March 6-8, 1998 Ms. Gulf Coast Leather - Venture-N - 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.*

**Last week's shows resulted in over \$1500.00 for local charities.**

**Story in Upfront With the Community on page 2.**

### Montrose Counseling Center offering 8-week Chemical Dependency Program

Are drugs or alcohol getting in the way of your life? Would you like a way out?

The Chemical Dependency Program of Montrose Counseling Center is beginning a new session. The program is primarily targeted toward the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and provides a safe place to get sober and rebuild your life.

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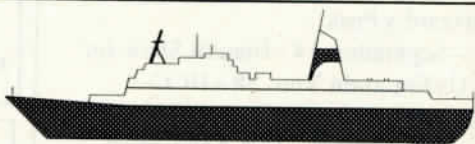
## The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

More gay men and lesbians are choosing Mexico because it's a tropical destination that's inexpensive. From Houston, it's a short flight of two to three hours and thanks to the dramatic increase in traffic, daily flights have been added to most of its popular cities. This means more and better gay travel packages are now available for both beach and colonial cities.

Several companies are working to provide a quality package for the community. One of them, Houston-based Mexico Wholesalers has been working with a local agency to create "Ultimate Mexico Vacations." Although the company is wholesale only, the packages are available through your favorite travel agent.

Ultimate Mexico Vacations has initially chosen four destinations and hotels for their gay-friendliness. The cities available are Cancun, Cozumel, Puerto Vallarta and Ixtapa, with more being added and also any special requests can be accommodated. We wanted to give



the community a quality vacation at an affordable price.

Of these four destinations, Puerto Vallarta has emerged in the last year as one of Mexico's fastest-growing and gayest destinations, with a gay beach, several clubs and a large variety of other types of gay and gay-friendly accommodations. The gay nightlife is also multiplying in Puerto Vallarta.

For a week or weekend, Mexico is a good choice for a vacation!

In my next several columns, I'll be featuring some ideas of some quick and not so quick summer get-aways. Some close to home and some across the world. So stay tuned!

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## Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

This past weekend was as hectic as always. Friday night at Chances the Court raised over \$400 for the Montrose Counseling Center. Saturday night they raised another \$800 and some more for Reign XIII ultimately benefiting the Loving Arms Learning Center. Yes, it was a little short of \$2,000 which was needed to see Ruby Stone and Jeannette Vaughn go bald. Don't worry though, I'm sure these two will come up with something else along the line (with the little help of some more "CC".)

Sunday night at the BRB, the "Hams From Hams" show raised another \$400+ for the LVL PWA Holiday Fund, and an impromptu show following at Chances added another \$100+ to that total. So it was another bountiful weekend for the cause seeing over \$1,500 go back to the community.

An announcement was made Sunday night at the "Hams From Hams" show. Elmer Shehane, President of the Garden Party announced the groups beneficiaries for this year. The net proceeds from this year's party will go to the LVL PWA Holiday Fund (soon to be known as PWA Holiday Charities), Colt 45's Stone Soup, and the Assistance Fund/Prescription Program. With the announcement this past Sunday, I figured I could highlight the Garden Party this week.

I spoke with Elmer aka Stella Link Seville about the group. He explained what the organization is all about. "Garden Party is a 501(c)3 dedicated to raising funds to help in the fight against AIDS in the form of direct assistance. We started in July of 1975 with a party hosted by Tag Cowis. It was a private backyard party with about six people in attendance because back then in Texas, "Drag" was illegal.

Well, the party grew and it eventually moved to different locations. In 1984 the group became a non-profit organization and later became 501(c)3. From 1986 to 1996, Garden Party has raised over \$70,000 for the community."

Some of Garden Parties beneficiaries over the years have been, The Montrose Counseling Center, The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, The NAMES Project, The Montrose Clinic, Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund, Pet Patrol, and Bering Dental Clinic.

Garden Party is held every year on the last Sunday of July. This year it will fall on July 27th. Every year sees a different campy theme with some of the past being, "Fairies in the Garden," "Trailer Park Trash," "Space Cadets," and last year's ever popular theme "Hooker's Ball." This years theme will be announced at Garden Party's show at E/J's Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.

Another event that the group will be hosting is the Miss Honeybee Pageant at the BRB, April 20th. Winners and participants will be inducted into the organization. Garden Party membership consists of Hosts, which are the members that put on the party, and the Bitches Auxiliary, which are new members and assist throughout the year with the party. So they start you off as a Bitch and then eventually make you a host!

This years officers consist of Elmer (Stella) as President, 1st Vice President - Alvin Ledwig aka Barbara Seville, 2nd Vice President - Julian Glass aka Felicia Flesheater, Secretary - Thomas Coronado aka Tamika Lee, and Treasurer - Mickey Fradey aka Maxine.

Elmer also told me that one of his goals as President is to eventually hold various benefits for different groups throughout the year apart from their main party beneficiaries.

The group is a lot of fun and is another handful of wonderful people doing what they can to help our community and especially the people in need. You'll probably see this first hand on July 12th when they do their annual bar run, "Girl's Night Out," promoting this year's Garden Party. For more information on membership, Miss Honeybee, Garden Party '97 or anything... call Elmer at 932-9959. He'd love to talk to you. So until next week...Have Fun Houston!

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

—Class Schedule:

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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.

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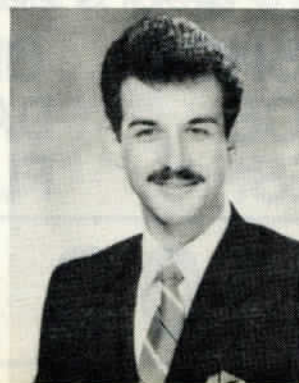


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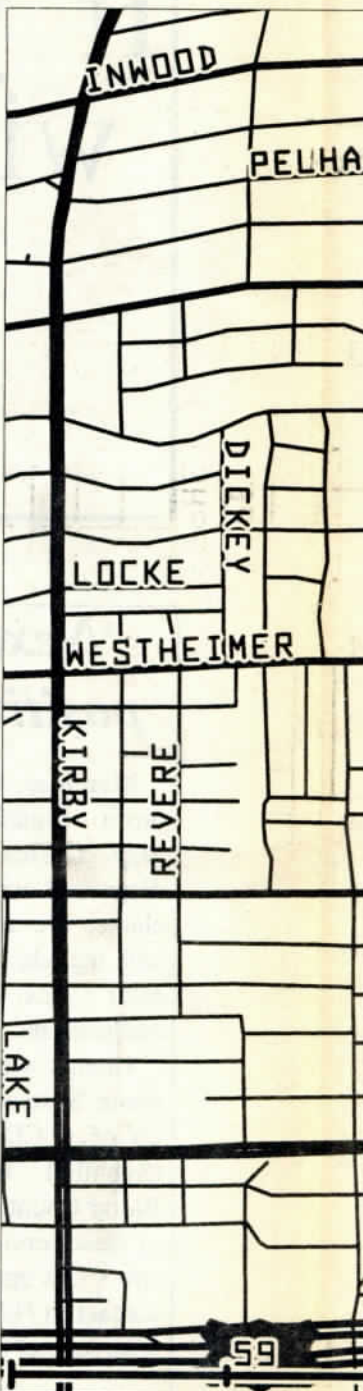
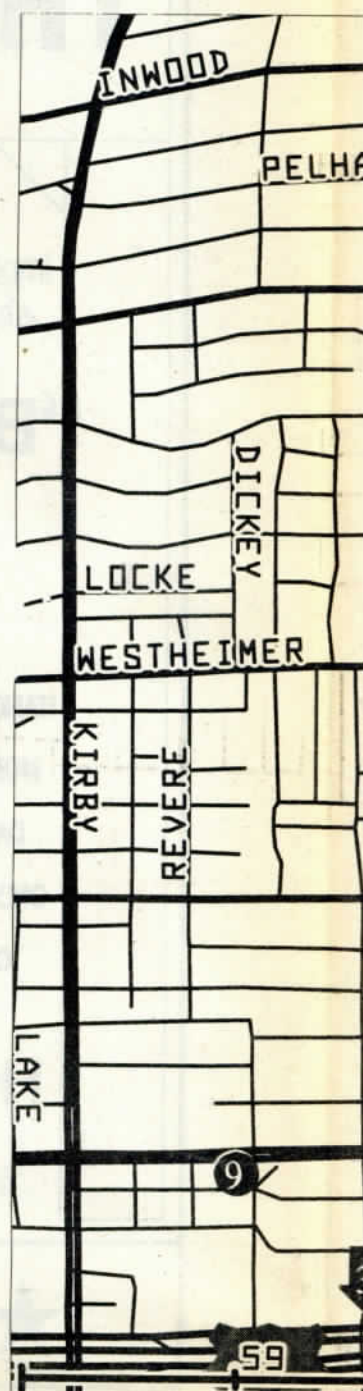
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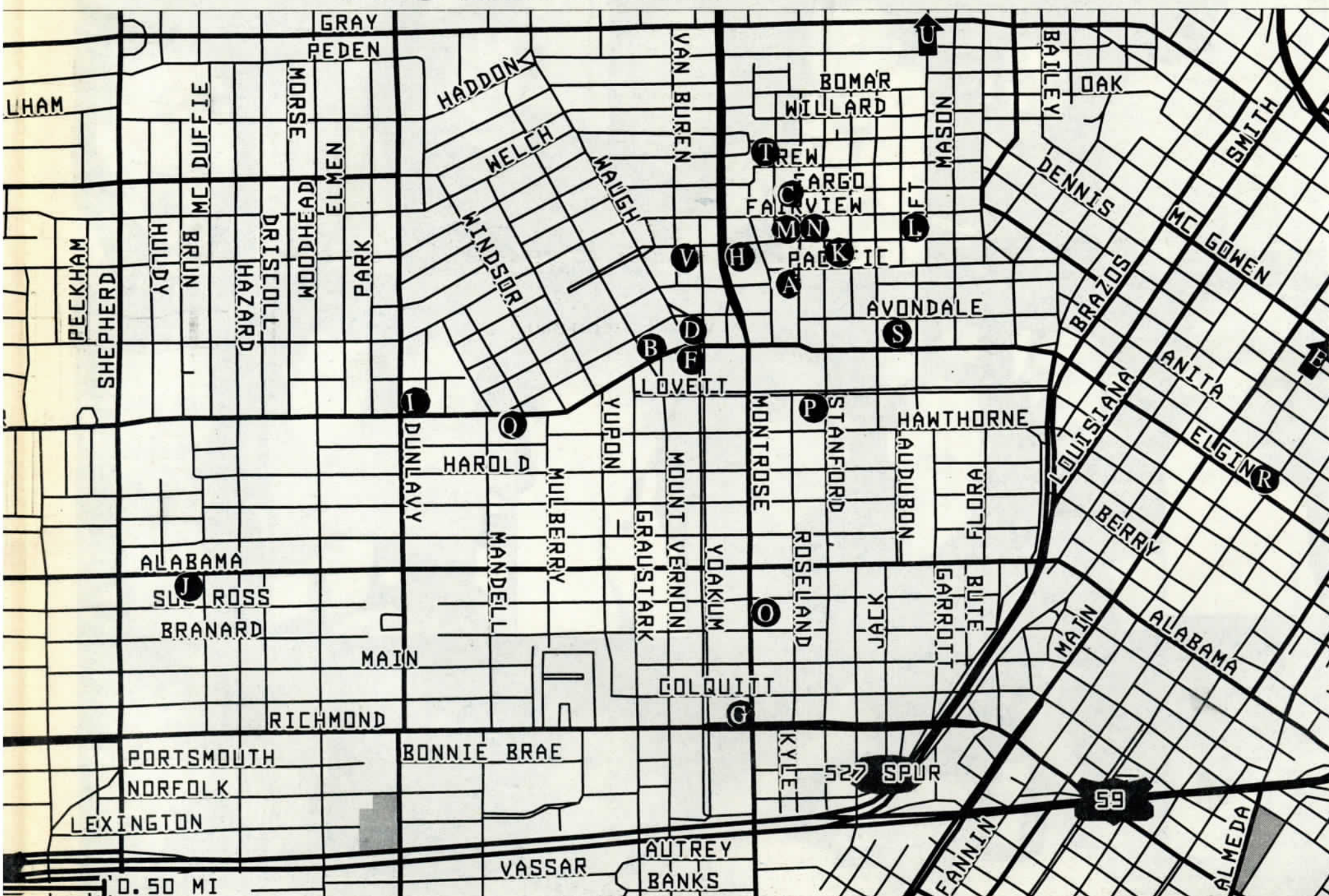
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**FRIDAY, March 21**

New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, March 22**

Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**MONDAY, March 24**

BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

**TUESDAY, March 25**

Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

**WEDNESDAY, March 26**

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**Sunday, March 23rd**  
**at**  
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### GAYLAPALOOZA at Laff Stop March 24 & 25

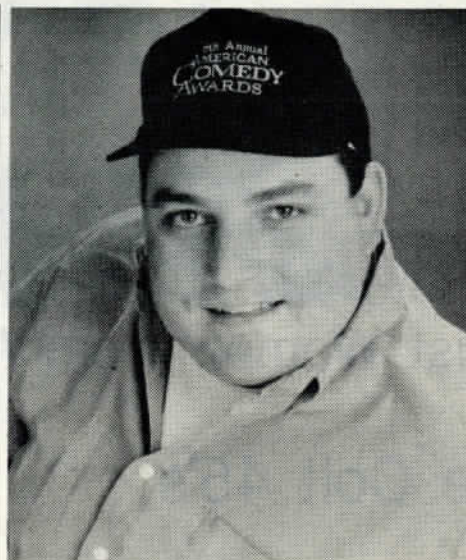


**Kevin Maye**

#### **Show to benefit Houston's Q-Patrol**

The biggest gay comedy event ever continues its world tour with a stop at The Houston Laff Stop. GAYLAPALOOZA comes to Houston for two nights only on March 24th and 25th. The stars are Scott Kennedy, Kevin Maye, Bob Smith and Georgia Ragsdale.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye are the co-stars of "The Gay Comedy Jam" which has sold-out over 150 shows and tours over 200 cities. Scott and Kevin have appeared on HBO's "Comedy Channel" and have made "The Gay Comedy Jam" the single most successful all gay, multi-act stand-up comedy show ever to tour the U.S. and Canada.

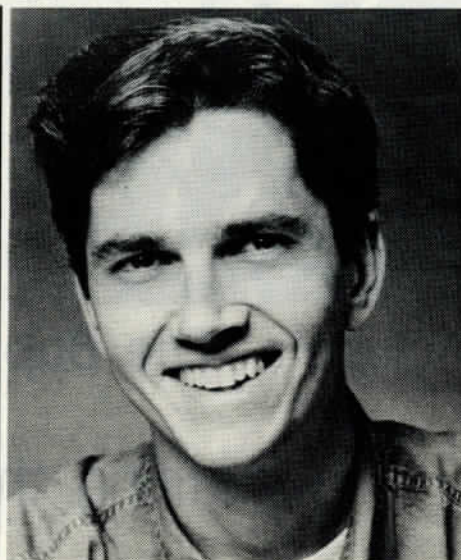


**Scott Kennedy**

Bob Smith made history in 1995 as the first gay comic to ever have his own HBO Special, he was also the first and only openly gay comic to appear on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. Georgia Ragsdale has been seen on HBO and PBS. She looks like Jackie O and is one of the most talented comedians in the world.

GAYLAPALOOZA is a one of a kind event, Kevin Maye says: "I know that 25 years ago to have an openly gay performer at a "mainstream" venue was unheard of, today we are selling out shows all over the nation!"

Maye continues, "Scott Kennedy and I are very excited to be a part of this history making event." To add a twist to the plot, Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye share not only the stage



**Bob Smith**

together but also their lives off stage as well. They are domestic partners and enjoy life in Houston, Texas when they are not on tour with the show. (They are on tour over 250 days each year!)

"This is the biggest show of it's kind and all the egos are gone, we are just coming together to have a great time," says Bob Smith. The show is structured for a gay audience but even widely enjoyed by the non-gay crowd as well. Funny is funny, whether it is gay or straight, people laugh. Gay comedy is really taking off across the country and this show is the Best of the Best, don't miss this one of a kind event!

The show will benefit the Q-Patrol while in Houston. Q-Patrol is a non-profit organization made up



**Georgia Ragsdale**

completely of volunteers. Q-Patrol is a citizen's watch group that has detoured hate crimes in the Montrose area for over 15 years. Q-Patrol takes to the streets each Friday and Saturday nights to walk the streets of Montrose and report any hate crimes to police. Q-Patrol is NOT a guardian angels type group but a neighborhood watch group, citizens on patrol. They have had a great relationship with the HPD since it began. GAYLAPALOOZA will be a big fundraiser for this group. If you would like more information on Q-Patrol, call (713) 528-SAFE.

GAYLAPALOOZA will be at 8:00 p.m. on March 24 and 25, 1997 at the Laff Stop, 1952A West Gray in Houston. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 the day of the show. More information at (713) 524-2333.



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