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New Chances royalty named in benefit for Montrose Clinic



Mr. Giovanni Lamond



Miss Renee Monroe



Ms. Frankie Lee Love

The second annual Mr., Miss and Ms. Chances pageant took place on Friday, March 21, raising \$561.00 for The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program.

Eleven contestants competed in evening wear, on stage interview and talent competition to a capacity crowd.

Mistress of ceremonies Ruby Stone opened the show followed by a production number by Mr., Miss and Ms. Chances Emeritus Sean Carter, Vanna White Lee Love and Barbara Walker.

Judges for the event were Devon De Vasquez, Miss BRB 1997; Lisa Please see **Chances** on page 3

Nearly Naked III, Steven's House Benefit, Boy's Night Out and BRB2000 highlight Easter weekend's benefit shows

Nearly Naked III Car Wash

This is the third and final in this series of car washes hosted by Candidate for Mr. Prime Choice '97 Ken Claude. It will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th at the Ripcord.

Two previous car washes have netted \$675 for Steven's House and \$500 for L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund. This one will benefit the Colt 45's Stone Soup.

The Ripcord will open early at 10:00 a.m. for your refreshment while the nearly naked team cleans up your trusted buggy. Ken advises that you should come early for the best window seats for the show.

Steven's House benefit

On Sunday, March 30, the Texas Renegades and Lexy Bowen, Imperial Princess Royal XIII of R.S.I.C.S.S., will be getting together at the Venture-N, 2923 Main Street, to help raise funds for two purposes.

The majority of the funds will be going to help the efforts of Steven's House, an intermediate care community residence for people living with HIV/AIDS designed to assist residents with daily living activities.

In addition a small amount of the proceeds be going to the Texas Renegades to help pay for a portion of their 12th anniversary celebration to be held in conjunction with Spring Iniquity VI, NLA-Houston's anniversary the weekend of April 18-20.

The Renegades will take to your bartending pleasures beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Lexy Bowen and her cast will begin their show at 8:00 p.m. The Renegades would like for you to drop by after (or during) Bunnies on the Bayou and the other Easter celebrations.

Boy's Night Out

Sean Carter, Imperial Prince Royale XIII and Steve Simpson present "Boy's Night Out" at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 1997, at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer.

The show will benefit the new learning center of the Loving Arms Foundation, which is Reign XIII's announced beneficiary.

The "male line" members of R.S.I.C.S.S. will be the performers for this show, the first one at The New Barn.

BRB2000

Jody Travis, Mr. BRB; Devon DeVasquez, Miss BRB; and Nevada, Candidate for Ms. TGRA '98 will host BRB2000 at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 30, 1997, at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

This show is a benefit for TGRA - State.

Major Event Calendar

—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

—March 30 - BRB2000 - Hosted by Mr. & Miss BRB - BRB - 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 16-17 - Gulf Coast Drummer Contest - Eagle - Dallas

—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 13 - Daddy/Master Auction - Ripcord - Houston

—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.

Totals

Last weeks benefit totals were:
Nikki at Night - \$1822.00
Sisters in Action - \$800.00
Chances Pageant - \$561.00
Salute to Cuervo - \$475.00
Dating Game - \$177.00

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

THURSDAY, March 27
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY, March 31
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
TUESDAY, April 1
Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
WEDNESDAY, April 2
Mary's — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Brick's II — 8 p.m. - 12 m.n.
THURSDAY, April 3
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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'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) 520-2000 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:
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.
May 12 (Spanish) - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day.
May 28 & 30 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Chances

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Garrett; Don Dowden; Janice (Mom) Sickles; and Jerel McNeil, Emperor XIII of R.S.I.C.S.S.

After vigorous competition and the final tallies were in, the winners were announced. The 1997 Chances

Royalty are Mr. Giovanni Lamond, Miss Renee Monroe and Ms. Frankie Lee Love.

Congratulations to each one of them and may they have a successful year representing Chances. Look for these three fundraisers on the Chances float in the Gay Pride Parade in June.

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.

A State of Texas- licensed outpatient treatment program, it offers a combination of education, therapy and counseling to facilitate recovery from substance abuse. Rates are very affordable and a grant sponsorship is available. Participants attend group sessions five nights per week and a limited number of individual counseling sessions. Don't put it off another day.

For more information, contact Tom Strain, LMSWACP at (713) 529-0037

Texas Bear Round-Up II in Dallas next weekend

The Dallas Bears invite you to attend the second annual Texas Bear Round-Up, April 4th through 6th, 1997. This fur filled weekend of fun includes a Saturday brunch, pool party, Sunday Bear-B-Q in addition to all the Texas Bear Round-Up activities.

American Bear Magazine is sponsoring the second annual Mr. American Bear Contest. Titles to be awarded are Mr. American Bear, Mr. American Polar Bear, Mr. American Grizzly Bear and Mr. American Cub.

The event will be held at the Harvey Hotel, 7050 North Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. The hotel's phone number is (214) 630-8500.

For more information contact the Round-Up Info Line at (214) 757-4215.

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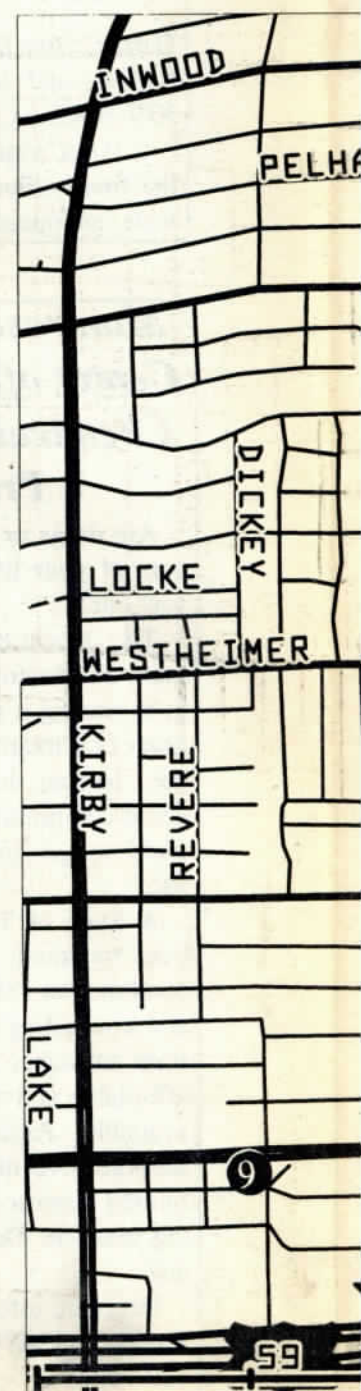
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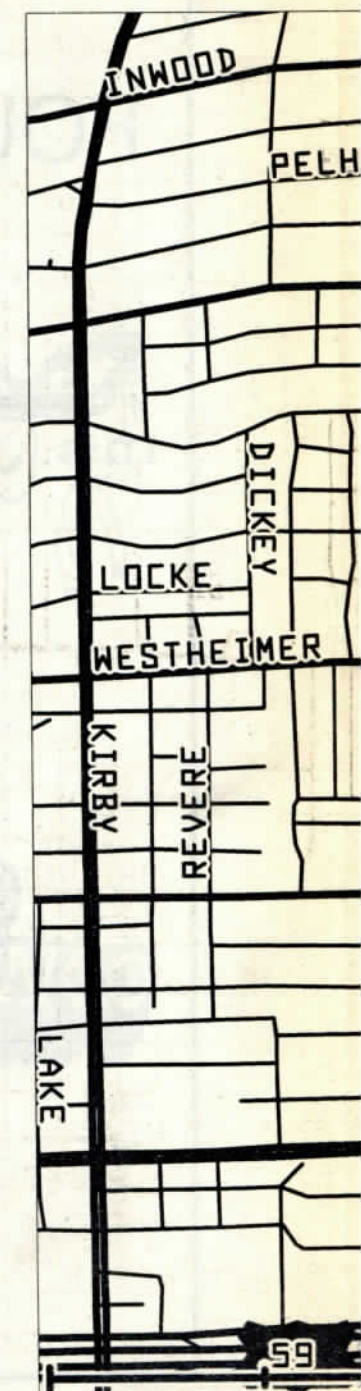
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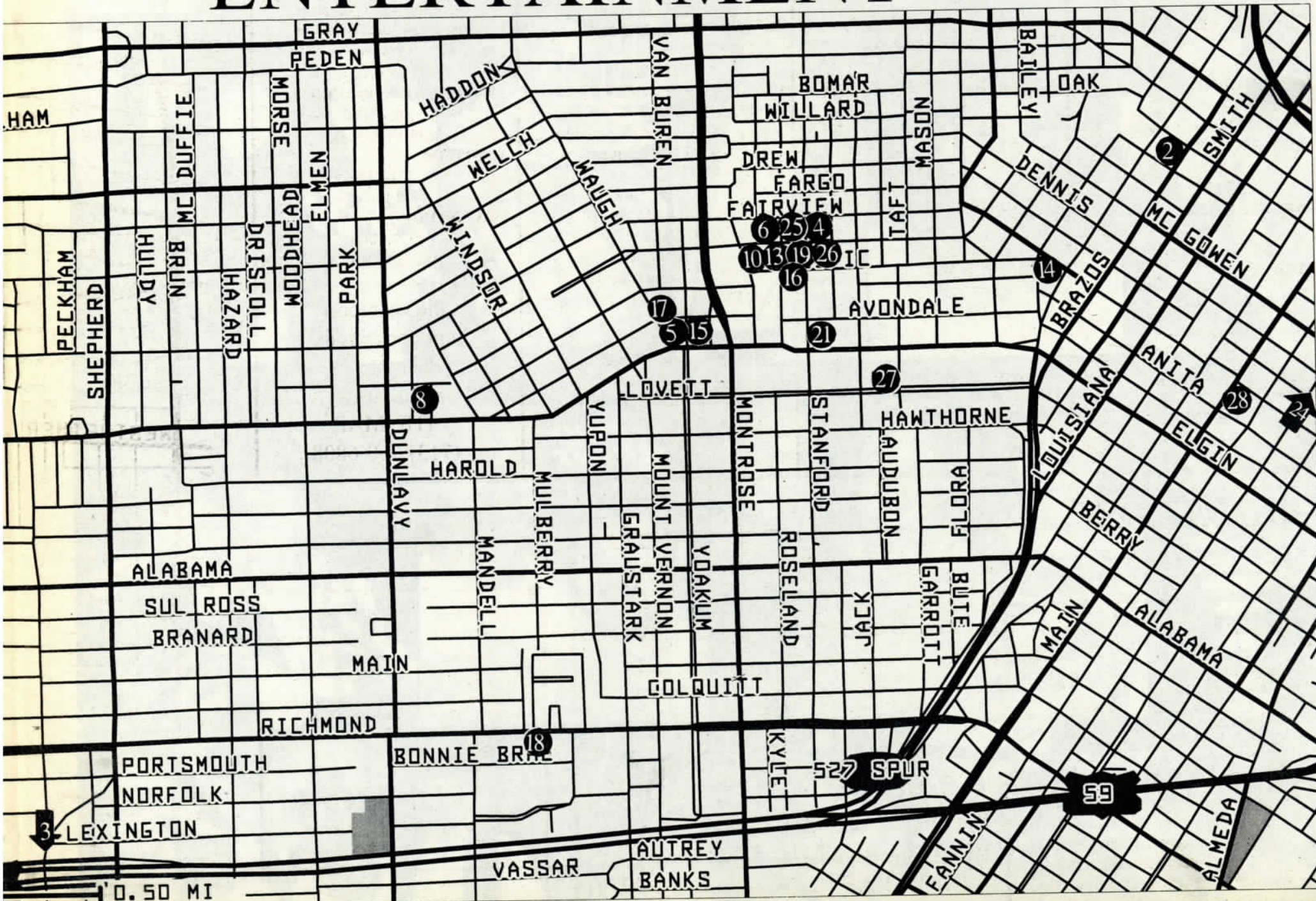
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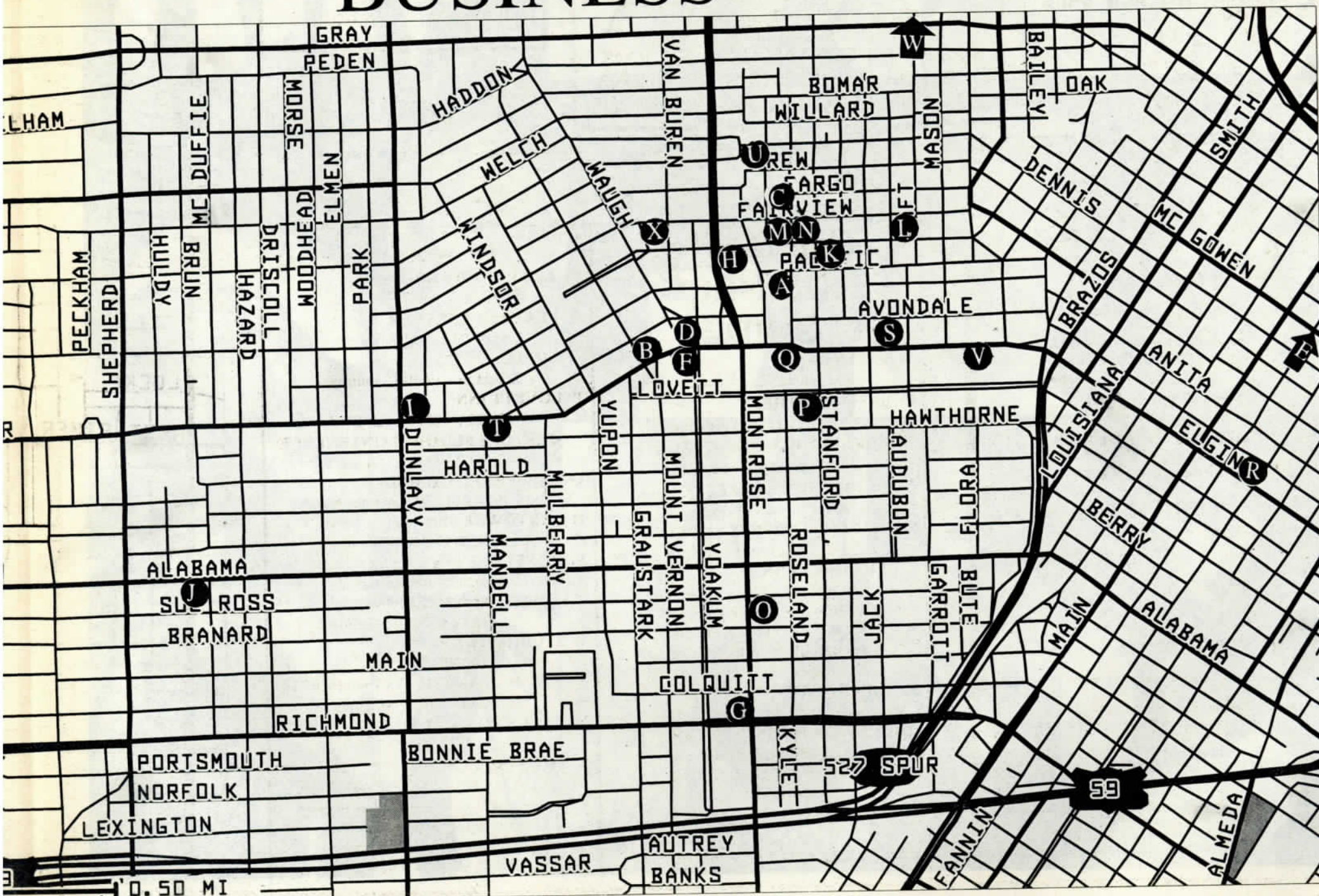
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