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A brief history of the Westheimer Street Festival

Twenty four years ago, Joyce Westmoreland implemented the idea of having an "art festival" on lower Westheimer. A group was formed to accept land space along the street for artists to display their work for a fee paid to the group. As the event prospered and the group changed over to "The Westheimer Colony Association" landowners wanted personal profit and would only donate a part of their land and finally little or none of their property to the Colony.

The Association eventually located the official Westheimer Art Festival in the fenced block occupied by Liberty Bank [now defunct] and subsequently across from Kroger in the Kwik Kopy parking lot [Kwik Kopy has moved; the location is now where Walgreens is on Montrose]. Twenty or thirty thousand people paid admission to the juried art show where the Colony provided security, sanitation and trash pickup, while donating profits to a variety of worthwhile projects.

Simultaneously, one or two or three hundred thousand people-watchers strolled up and down Westheimer from the eleven or twelve hundred block down, finally with the encouragement of Adopt-a-block, to the four hundred block. There was no organization, just a spontaneous gathering of people, vendors and fun. It

was a friendly group, with little trouble, but sometimes far more trash afterwards than the neighborhood was willing to accept.

Under pressure from some neighborhood activists, Jay Hollyfield contended that the Colony had separated from the street for the survival of the juried art show, and was not responsible for the larger street event. The Colony subsequently emphasized the separation of the events by moving the Official Westheimer Art Festival to Main Street, close to downtown Houston.

A small group had rallied civic association volunteers to provide the desired security, sanitation and trash pickup, but failed due to lack of communication with landowners and businesses on Westheimer. The mayor's office call to local businesses to form a group to organize the next festival was

doomed to failure, coming only a few weeks before the event.

Virtually that same group attempted to do the job for the next festival, but failed due to lack of funding and poor organization. During those festivals, local businesses in cooperation with the City had provided sanitation, trash pickup and security.

Immediately after the April 1994 festival, a group of business and

landowners and festival vendors began meeting to plan the funding of the sanitation, security and trash pickup of the fall festival. This group called together by John Flores, Gay Yancy, Cliff Owens

and Frank de la Salla was open to all property owners, business owners, vendors and civic association representatives who supported the street festival.

The group recognized that you need corporate sponsorship and charitable

association to be able to give back to this community proceeds from the festival. With the charitable affiliation and corporate sponsorship in place, sanitation, security and trash pickup are assured. Street closing and insurance are possible, promotion of a more art-oriented and quieter festival is achievable, and a tangible gift to the community is realistic.

We were dealing with a twice-a-year phenomenon where you had a living vibrant successful festival of people without formal organization, funding or planning. The challenge was to satisfy the legitimate concerns of the neighborhood and City, without destroying the spontaneity of the festival. Both the October 1994 and April 1995 festivals saw the street closed, security and sanitation provided and about \$5,000.00 cash donated to the Hyde Park and Avondale civic associations and the Neartown Police Community Center.

In 1995 the Westheimer Street Festival Corporation was comprised of local business and landowners John Flores, Bob Ryan, Cliff Owens, vendor representative Frank de la Salla, and civic association representatives Jay Allen and Bob Bagot. They brought the Budweiser CNN Volleyball TV tournament to the April 1995 festival along with two musical stages presented by the Houston Music Council.





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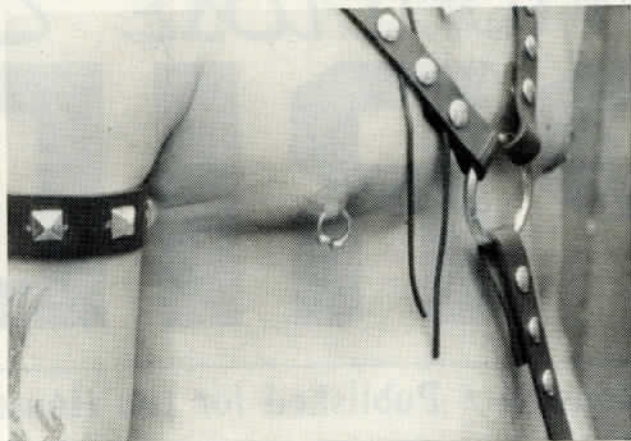


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That's Upp with 2 P's, all starts Friday, May 2, 1997, at 10:00 p.m. with co-host Don Gill at the Venture-N, 2923 Main. Also, that evening, the Imperial Court will be guest bartending upstairs.

Then, on Saturday, May 3, 1997, Bob Bouton will be co-hosting with Miss Ofeel ya Upp beginning at 9:00 p.m. at Chances, 1100 Westheimer.

That's Upp with 2 P's wraps up with co-host Mike Geinzer on Sunday, May 4, 1997, at 9:00 p.m. at Gentry, 2303 Richmond.

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On Sunday, May 4, 1997, Mr. Montrose Byron Norton presents Maydaze, a benefit for LVL PWA Holiday Fund beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

Co-hosting the show with Byron will be Day-Leigh Edwards, Shawna St. John and Shelby St. John. All entertainers are encouraged to perform only one number.

The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

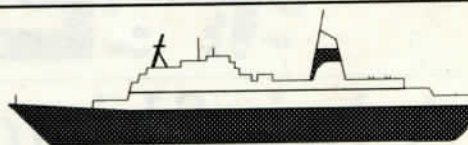
Next stop on our tour of Spain is Madrid. This city, the capital of Spain, is famous for its legendary nightlife, museums, gardens, and people. Cosmopolitan, fast, wild, and bewitching, in this city, anything and everything goes! Madrid is very accessible, with most everything either within a short walk or a quick ride on the subway. One can easily spend hours just marveling at what the city has to behold.

Madrid is also home of the Prado, one of the finest art museums the world has to offer. Works of Raphael, Rembrandt, Goya, Van Dyck, and many others can all be enjoyed here.

The Gay and Lesbian community is very visible here, with the majority of the clubs, restaurants, shops all within a few blocks of each other. Libreria Berkana, which is the only gay bookshop in Madrid, is a wonderful place to just wander around and find that perfect book. The shop sits on a beautiful square with several cafe's where you can sit back, relax and enjoy the sights.

If you like to enjoy a night (and morning) on the town, Madrid is the place to be! With it's more than 50 bars and clubs, there truly is something for everyone. Most of the clubs are open till 4:00 a.m. and just when things are winding down the after-hours clubs (which are open till 7:00 a.m.) are heating up. You can easily party the night away and see the sunrise as you are coming home.

There are so many wonderful restaurants and cafe's in Madrid. Each one with it's own



history and claim to fame. One restaurant I had the opportunity to visit was the Taberna De Antonio Sanchez, this beautiful example of Spanish history has been in existence since 1830 and has been passed from generation to generation, each of the owners has been a bull fighter. It's a great place for a quiet lunch or dinner.

A wonderful side trip from Madrid is the town of Segovia. Only about a hours drive from Madrid, this city is home of one the few remaining Roman aqueducts and the Alcazar castle. When you enter this city, it is literally like stepping back in time. With its many Cathedrals, shops and sights, you can see why this city has so much pride. If you want to try some of the local flavors, a wonderful place to stop is the Meson de Candido, which is literally in the shadow of the aqueduct.

Many days and nights can be spent enjoying Madrid and beyond. Everyone I met while I was there was very proud of their country and welcomed the opportunity to share it's beauty and history.

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The Montrose Clinic now offers chiropractic services every Tuesday and Thursday. This service is available to all persons by appointment only and fees are waived in lieu of a contribution to the Clinic. Dr. Stephanie McGhee has agreed to donate her time so that the Montrose Clinic may offer this service to the community.

McGhee, a native Houstonian, is a graduate of Texas Chiropractic College and has practiced in Houston for the past four years. She moved her practice to the Montrose area about a year ago and is very active in the community. McGhee has two children, ages 5 and 7, and is a member of the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as the Executive Women's Golf Association and still finds time for her work at Montrose Clinic.

"There is a definite need in the community for this type of service," says McGhee, "I am very excited

about working with Montrose Clinic and am certain we will be able to reach a number of people who would not normally have access to chiropractic services."

According to Katy Caldwell, Montrose Clinic President, "Montrose Clinic is very grateful to Dr. McGhee for making her services available to the community."

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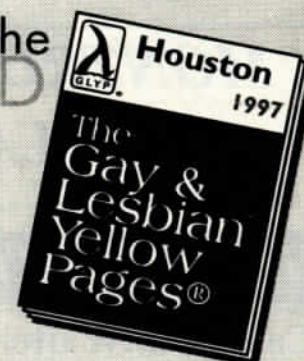
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The Montrose Clinic is scheduled to continue its HIV testing and counseling outreach program throughout the month of May. All persons will have access to **Free HIV Counseling**

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SATURDAY, May 3

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TUESDAY, May 6

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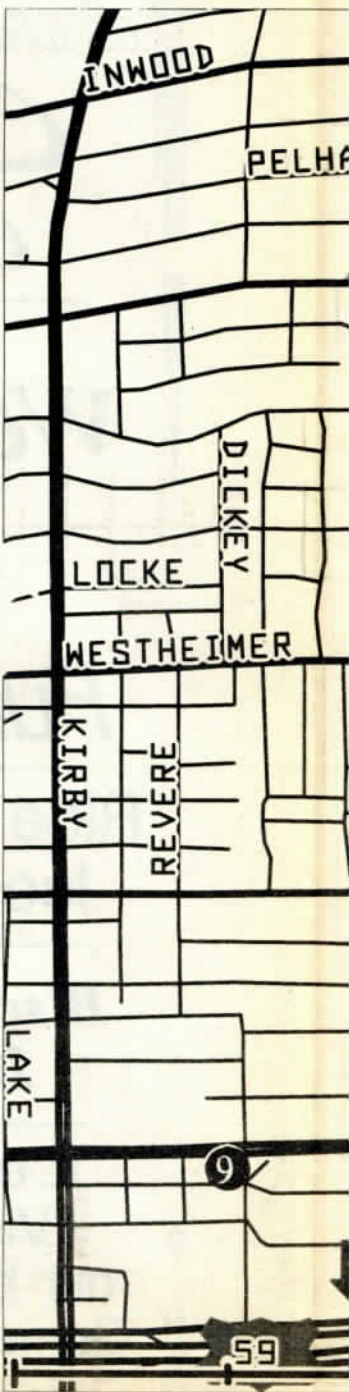
Mary's — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Midtowne Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY, May 8

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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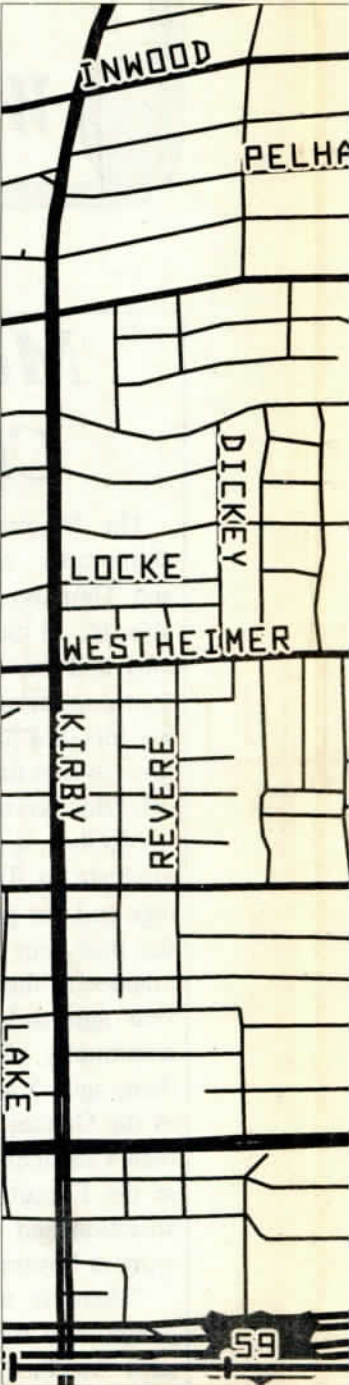
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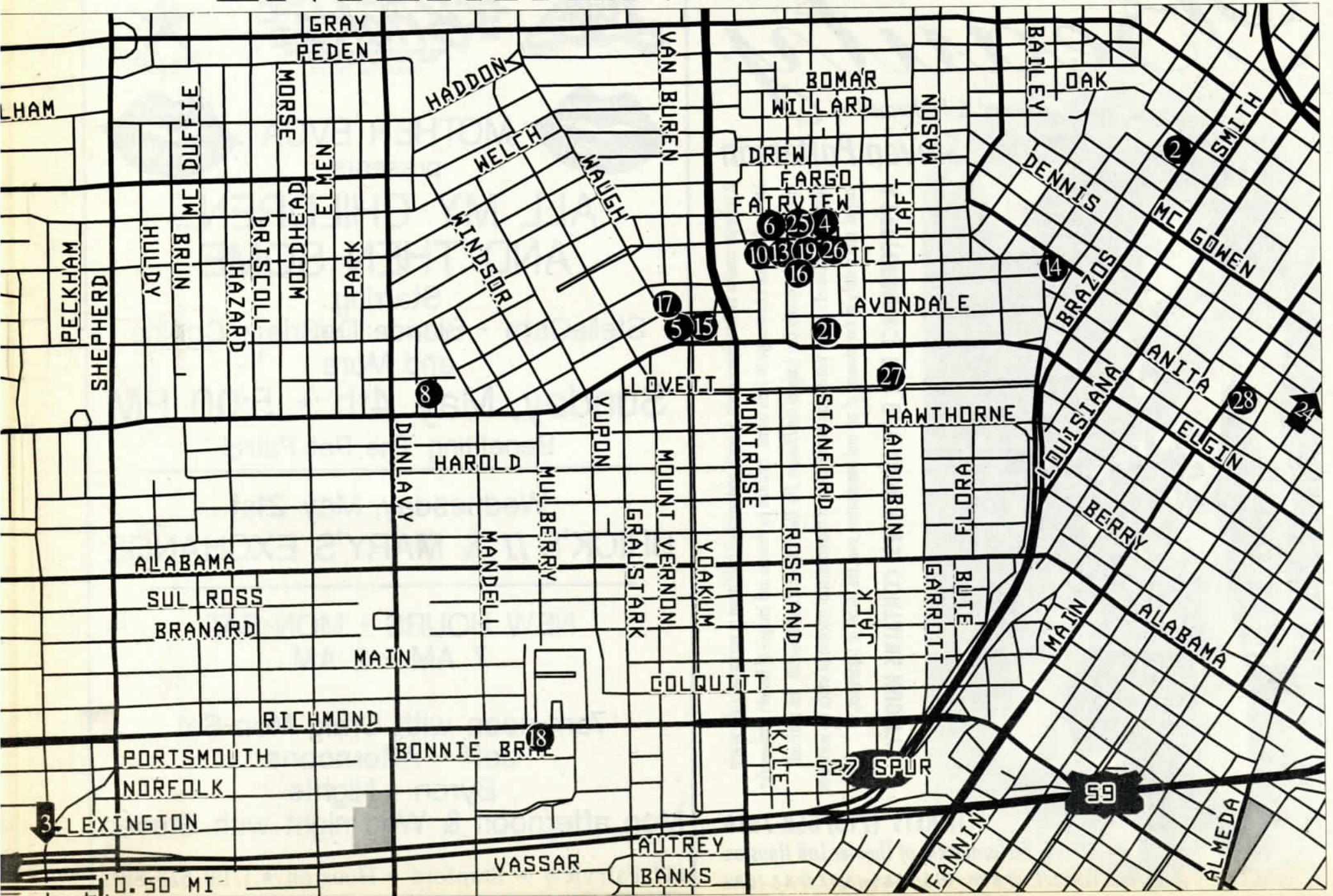
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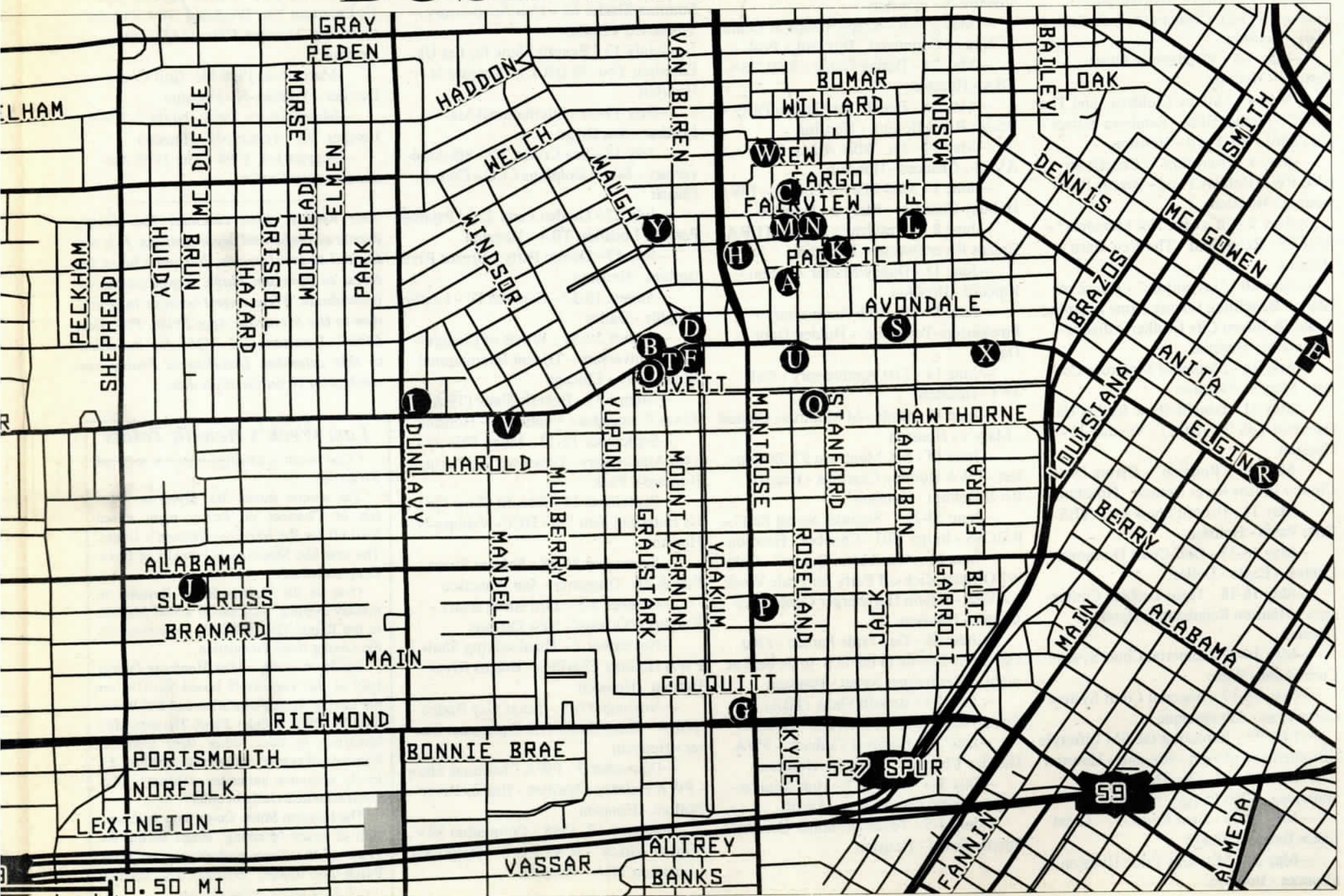
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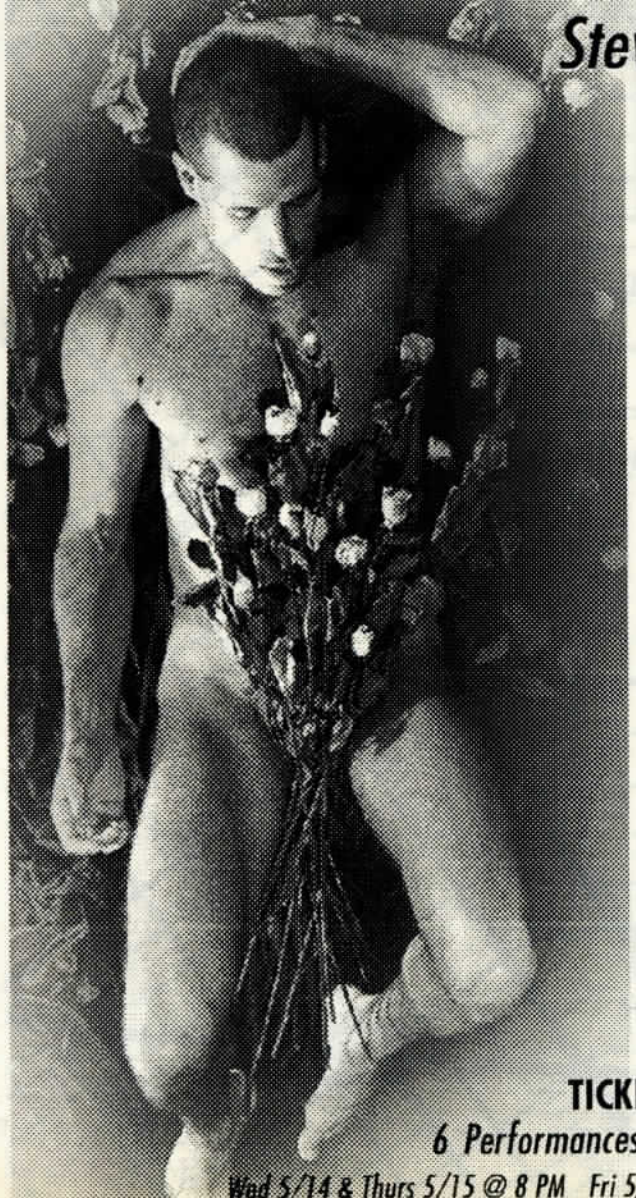
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- May 2-3-4 "That's Upp with 2 P's" - Children's Charities - NLA-Houston - Venture-N (5-2), Chances (5-3) & Gentry (5-4) - Houston
- May 3-4 - Westheimer Street Festival - Houston
- May 4 - "All my Children...and Then Some" - Mother BVCA - Sambvca Sisters - Pet Patrol - Brick's II - Houston
- May 4 - "Maydaze" - Benefit for LVL PWA Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 9 - "It's Live Not Memorex" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - The New Barn - Houston
- May 10 - "Investiture" - House of Glade - Benefiting Loving Arms Learning Center & Bayou City Leather Alliance - Venture-N - 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 11 - "Reunion" - Bering Dental Clinic - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 11 - Benefit Show for AVES - Briar Patch - Houston
- May 16-17 - Gulf Coast Drummer Contest - Eagle - Dallas
- May 16-18 - Texas Lesbian Conference - Houston Renaissance Hotel - Houston
- May 16-17 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Waco
- May 16-17 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Albuquerque
- May 17 - Exploring the SM Lifestyle - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- May 18 - Mr. Gay Houston All-American - Club Inergy - Houston
- May 22-26 - Bear Pride '97 - Great Lakes Bears - Chicago
- May 23 - Miss Gay Pride Houston - Chances - Houston
- May 23 - Benefit for Reign XIII - Venture-N - Houston
- May 23-26 - Straps, Chaps & Chains - Chain of Command - Buzzard's Peak
- May 24 - Dating Game - RSICSS - TBA - Houston
- May 25 - Benefit for Garden Party - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 30 - Mr., Miss & Ms. Gala - AVES - Chances - Houston
- June 1 - Miss Mary's Contest - PWA Holiday Charities - Mary's - Houston
- June 8 - "President's Show" - TGRA - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- June 13 - Daddy/Master Auction - Ripcord - Houston
- June 13-15 - 10th Anniversary - Firedancers-Texas Inc. - Hidden Door - Dallas
- June 14 - 21st Anniversary - Colt 45's - Houston
- June 15 - Daddy of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston
- June 15 - Mr. Montrose 97-98 Contest - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- June 20-22 - "Summer Sweat Fest" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - Chances - Houston
- June 21 - "Caribbean Queen" - Gala '97 Official Kick-off Party for Pride Week - AVES - Edwin Hornberger Conference Center - Houston
- June 28 - Gay Pride Parade - First Gay Pride Parade in the U.S. to be held at night - Westheimer Street - Houston
- June 29 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
- June 29 - Carnival Outback - PWA Holiday Charities - Mary's - Houston
- July 3-6 - Mirage 7 - 10th Anniversary - Capital City Riders - Austin
- July 4-5 - Texas Drummer Contest - Pacific Street - Houston



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- July 6 - Christmas in July Show - PWA Holiday Charities - 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 19-20 - International Ms. Leather - San Diego
- July 19 - Sea Cruise '97 - 8th Anniversary - Silver Dolphins LLC - Corpus Christi
- July 27 - Garden Party 22 - "Pajama Party" - Location TBA - Houston
- July 27 - Denim Party - Brazos River Bottom - 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
- September 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & Mr. Drummer - San Francisco
- October 3-5 - 23rd Anniversary - Knights d'Orleans - New Orleans
- November 2 - Thanksgiving Show - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- November 6-9 - Texas Gay Rodeo - TGRA - Great Southwest Equestrian Center - Houston
- December 7 - PWA Christmas Show - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- January 17, 1998 - Coronation XIV "Out of Africa" - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Reign XIII - Location TBA - Houston
- February 21, 1998 - "PR Ball IV" - RSICSS - Soiree Aubergine - 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 Benefit Totals

Last week's benefits raised a total of \$1626.00.

The second annual *Ms. Montrose Contest* at *Chances* on Friday night raised \$761.00 for the Montrose Women's Clinic. The new *Ms. Montrose* is Franki Lee Love. Congratulations!

Over at the *Brazos River Bottom* on Sunday evening, *Just Du-It* added \$300.00 to the Reign XIII (RSICSS) collections for the Loving Arms Foundation.

Sunday evening's *Miss Montrose Pageant* (sic) at the *Venture-N* raised \$218.00 for the Loving Arms Foundation and \$45.00 for the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. The new *Miss Montrose* is none other than Conchita Romero otherwise recognized as Gus, the lovely afternoon bartender at *Mary's*. Are congratulations really in order?

The Houston Music Co-op sang their version of many 'drinking' songs during the *Toast of the Town* performance at *Briar Patch* last Sunday evening. The toasting raised \$171.00 for Milam House.

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**After A Hard Day's
Work It's Time To
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Cool Daily Drink Specials**

Monday \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks * 7AM-2AM
 \$1.75 Well Drinks * 7AM-2AM

Tuesday \$1.00 Domestic Longnecks * 7AM-2AM
 \$1.00 Well Drinks * 7AM-11PM
 \$1.00 Hamburgers on the Patio * 6PM-10PM
 Live Band "Jambeaux" * 8PM-MIDNITE

Wednesday \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks * 7AM-2AM
 Daily Drink Specials * 7AM-9PM

Thursday \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks * 7AM-11PM
 \$1.75 Well Drinks * 7AM-11PM
 Free Dance Lessons with Scott * 8:30PM

Friday Daily Drink Specials * 7AM-9PM
 Free BRB Buffet * 4PM
 Party & Dance * 9PM-2AM * With DJ Cody

Saturday Daily Drink Specials * 7AM-9PM
 Party & Dance * 9PM-2AM * With DJ Cody

Sunday Daily Drink Specials * NOON-7PM
 BRB Steak Nite * 6PM-10PM * On the Patio
 8PM * Showtime with some of Houston's
 Finest Entertainers...