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The Guide to Gay Houston ★ Published for the Houston Gay and Lesbian Community



***Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1995 John Benevides (l),
and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1996 Don Woods***

Montrose Area Pride is six months old

By Jim Cheek and Barry Larson
Publishers

Our new baby, the Montrose Area Pride or as most of you know it, The Map, has reached the grand 'old' age of six months with the distribution of this issue. It seems like it has been a long time.

We began back on November 15, 1996, with our inaugural issue about the life and death of our friend Marvin Davis, also known as Lady Victoria Lust. Marvin's death was called the "wind beneath our

wings" in creating the inspiration for this publication. It was dedicated to publicizing the area's happenings and as an entertainment guide to Gay Houston.

We've worked hard to bring you advice about all of the events we could get information on, all the benefit shows and even those out of town events of interest to many of our readers.

At the request of some of our advertisers we started a classified section and the listing of last week's

benefit totals. Most weeks, we have room to publish a collage of pictures taken around town. A brief event calendar for the foreseeable future is included in each issue.

Two columns are currently running; Sean Carter's "Upfront With the Community" and in even numbered issues Christopher Roth's "The World of Gay Travel." Several more regular columns are being considered for the future.

Now it's your turn. We would love for you to help us increase the

distribution to the locations in town that for one reason or another do not allow us to distribute this paper in their businesses. We also need information about all the various groups working to help people in need.

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Last week's benefit totals

Last week's benefits raised a total of \$4731.75.

Sean Carter and R.S.I.C.S.S. raised \$635.00 for Coronation XIV at "It's Live Not Memorex" at The New Barn last Friday evening. Net proceeds from Coronation XIV will benefit The Loving Arms Learning Center.

Saturday night at the Venture-N saw the first investiture ceremony of The House of Glade. Billed as a night of camp, comedy and loving arms, it was that and more. A total of \$2265.00 was raised for The Bayou City Leather Alliance and The Loving Arms Learning Center.

Sunday afternoon at Mary's, Ouisa Gooch gave up her Mother of Montrose title to M.J. Summers on Mothers Day and Wendy Chicago received

the honorary title of Mother of Montrose Emeritus. Proceeds totaling \$518.00 will help purchase a printer and office supplies for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) office. Don Gill especially would like to acknowledge Craig Ashton for his generous donation of \$275.00.

Sunday night hosted a triad of benefit shows at BRB, Venture-N and Briar Patch.

Mr. and Miss BRB hosted Tropical Breeze at the Brazos River Bottom which brought in \$282.50 for AVES.

Over at the Venture-N, Houston Council of Clubs raised \$203.25 for the 25th anniversary of Let Us Entertain You Weekend 1998.

Fancy Pace-Lawrence hosted a benefit for AVES at the Briar Patch which raised \$828.00.



Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

OK, this past weekend Saturday became yet another rained out day for the Imperial Court's car wash. The next date (third time's a charm) is set for Saturday May 24th; same places (E/J's and The Houston Voice/TWT), same times (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Other than that it was a very eventful weekend. I would like to tell everybody that could not make it to the "It's Live Not Memorex" Show at The New Barn, you missed quite a show. This show proved that Houston has a great deal of live talent. As Bob Bouton stated, "This is probably an event that is going to continue to grow and grow." The next Live Show seems to be set for the middle of August. So keep watching the calendar updates because you won't want to miss this one.

This weekend I give up the title of Mr. Gay Houston All-American. It has been an exciting year and one that I won't forget. I have met so many people and learned so much. I have had the chance to represent our community and work for the betterment of our community at the same time. Many people ask why I compete, or they explain that they don't see the point in these contests or titles. Those who compete are involved in whatever contest or pageant system with varying outlooks on this exact line of questioning.

My reasons are like most. The competition itself is fun, and because of my enjoyment with performing it gives me the opportunity to use my talent in a setting where I can always learn more. But the one reason I compete like many others is because it gives me the chance to do something for my community. It gives me the chance help raise funds for those in need. Yes, anyone can perform or put on functions of this nature, but title-holders have a great deal of opportunities to be out in the community and even more of a chance to act as spokespersons and role-models.

I have been told by many that they just don't see this aspect of title-holders, and unfortunately for the most part they are right. As many of us know they are so many titles in

both drag and male competitions. So where are all of them? Many of them travel and perform in various shows in different cities. Many of them fund this line of work as a career. But there are many out there that constantly work for our brothers and sisters in need.

Here in Houston we have many title-holders that use their sash, medallion or tiara as a means of representing a need in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Regina Dane, Miss Gay Houston USofA At-Large, is a major leader in our community. She served as Empress IX of the Imperial Court and serves as the Co-Director on the Board of the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. Tiffany Swanger is Ms. Gulf Coast Leather and Ms. Texas Leather Pride, and she is always out there working to raise funds. She is also a member of FIST and the Imperial Court. CJ Brooks is Mr. Gay Capital City All-American. He has worked very hard to raise funds in Austin, and as soon as he moved to Houston he threw himself into our fundraising efforts. Xavier Luna is a former Mr. Baile, the current Mr. Gentry and candidate for Mr. TGRA 1998. Just last year he raised over \$18,000 for our community. Ken Claude, Mr. Prime Choice 1997 and this weekend competing for Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer, raised over \$5,700.00 this past year. Mr. and Miss BRB, Mr. and Miss Gentry, Mr. and Miss TGRA are titles that are always giving a helping hand when needed. These are just a few of the "title-holders" in our city, but these people have raised a great deal of awareness and a great amount of money for the people in Houston.

So remember these efforts the next time you see a contest going on or you read about one of these individuals. Remember this when you see someone who just received a title. It takes a lot of hard work to win a title and takes even more work to represent the title itself. Good luck to this weekends contestants competing for Miss Gay Houston USofA At-Large and Mr. Gay Houston All-American. And until next week...have fun Houston!

New Heights Theatre presents a special performance benefiting Montrose Clinic

The New Heights Theatre will present a special performance of "Virgins and Other Myths" by Colin Martin to benefit the Montrose Clinic. The performance will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 1997. Tickets are \$20.00 and all proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Montrose Clinic. For reservations, regular ticket prices and other information, please call (713) 869-8927. The theater is located at 339 West 19th near Yale Street.

The Montrose Clinic is a non-

profit, community based agency founded in 1981 to serve people in the Houston area by providing low or no cost health, social, educational and research services. The Clinic provides extensive services to those living with HIV including access to experimental HIV therapies, case management, deaf and hard of hearing services, education and disease prevention. For more information about the Montrose Clinic, please call (713) 520-2000 or visit our web site at www.montrose-clinic.org.

A brief history of Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer

Shades of Grey, Dallas, Texas created the title in 1989 when Drummer Magazine realigned the International Mr. Drummer regions. Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer includes the four-state region of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The contest has had many venues over its nine year history — the Creative Arts Building at Fair Park, the Arcadia Theater, a circus tent and a warehouse until last year when it was moved to the Dallas Eagle.

Johnny and Ken, the owners of Shades of Grey Leather, are very proud of the community event they have created, but the event could not happen without the leather community and many friends.

Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer has had many firsts. It is the first major men's contest to have a woman judge and also the first contest to have had two women judges. Our first contest winner, Larry Rigsby, was the first title holder to be open about his AIDS status. Also our contest is the longest running with the same sponsor. Shades of Grey was also the first non-bar business to sponsor a major contest.

The Texas support has been great especially Houston and San Antonio. This year there are a couple of contestants from Houston — Mr. Texas Drummer and Mr. Prime Choice. Houston has also had the honor of having the title for the past two years.

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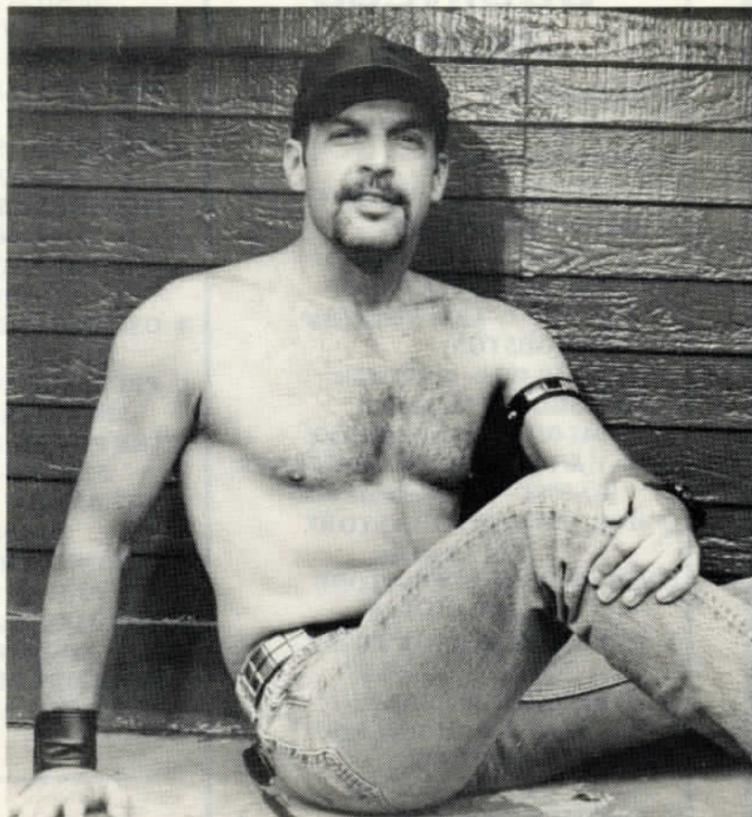
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WEDNESDAY, May 21
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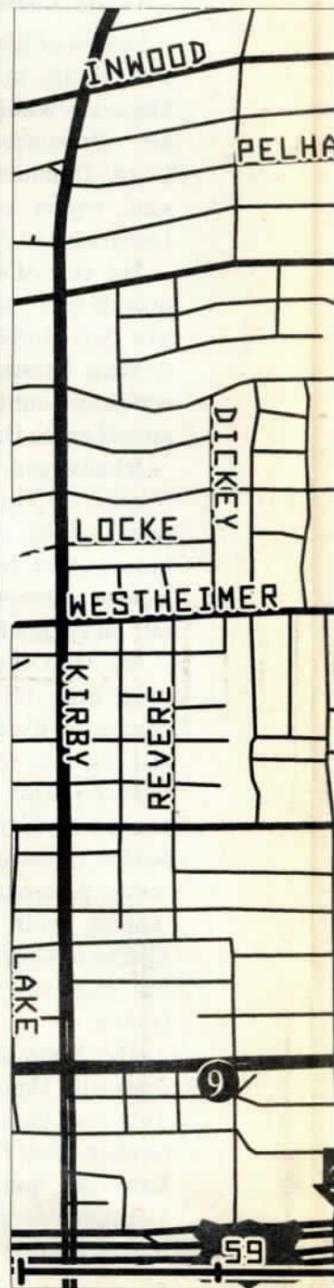
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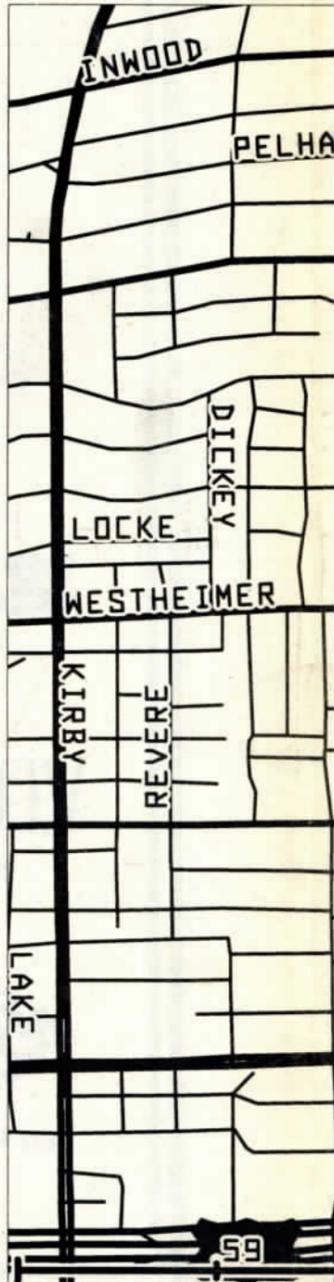
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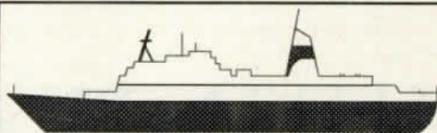
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The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

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The Norwegian Star is NCL's newest ship and has just undergone a major face-lift before arriving in Houston. This ship has many wonderful features like a fully-equipped health and fitness club, a casino, a sports bar, the Le Bistro restaurant, a nightclub, and a wide variety of entertainment options! My personal favorite is the Chocaholics Buffet. Also available to the community is a wonderful honeymoon program.

You can sail to such exotic ports as Cozumel with its lush vegetation, seductive beaches, and duty free shopping; Roatan, which is a diver's and snorkeler's paradise; Calica, with its easy proximity to Chichen Itza and Tulum, which are 2 of the finest examples of Mayan ruins in the world. So there will be something for almost everyone.

If you would like to tour the ship, the Norwegian Star will be open to the public on May 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. You must have an invitation to view the ship and can obtain these from me at UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel or from your local travel agent. We are also going to be having some special promotions just for the Gay & Lesbian Community. So keep watching the MAP for the details!

As I have said before, we need to support those who support us and NCL is welcoming the community for this and all of their other cruise itineraries. So if you are looking for worry free vacation, take a look at what they have to offer!

Christopher Roth is a Community Travel Specialist at UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel and has been in the travel industry for the past 13 years. He is a member of the International Gay Travel Association and a certified "Gay Travel Specialist." UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel is a progressive agency that cares about the community. They are located in the Meyerland area and can be reached at (713) 669-1171 or EMAIL at sc.ultimate@uniglobe.com

S&M by Kevin Kinser

Shine & Massage \$5.00 plus tip at the Ripcord, Fridays from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Kevin is visiting for the summer from New Orleans where he has been bootblack at the Phoenix bar for the past three years. Kevin has also been featured in American Bear issues #2 and #12, Mardi Gras Cowboy and was Mr. Knight d'Orleans 1993.

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This weekend's events

Lesbian Conference

The 1997 Texas Lesbian Conference will be held at the Houston Renaissance Hotel in the Greenway Plaza, Houston from May 16 through May 18, 1997.

Scheduled events for the weekend include dynamic workshops with Zwazzi Sowo's safe sex workshop, women venter booths, famous comedian Lea DeLaria and a dance Saturday evening with a live band.

Speakers at the conference will be Colonel Greta Cammermeyer, Deb Price and Linda Morales. For information call (713) 867-3934 or e-mail TXLES97@AOL.COM.

Gulf Coast Drummer

The Dallas Eagle in cooperation with Shades of Grey is pleased to announce the 9th annual Gulf Coast Drummer weekend May 16 through May 18, 1997. The regional contest for International Mr. Drummer covers Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Don Woods of Houston, Texas will relinquish his title to the new winner. Mc's

for the event will be Linda Blakesly from Dallas, Texas and Don Bastian from Calgary, Canada. Judges will include Kyle Brandon, '96 International Mr. Drummer from West Hollywood, CA; Keith Hunt, '94 International Mr. Drummer from Dallas, TX; Jill Carter, '96 International Ms. Leather from Philadelphia, PA; Don Woods, '96 Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer from Houston, TX; Don Gill, '94 Mr. Prime Choice from Houston, TX; Kevin Watson, '96 Mr. International Fantasy from Albuquerque, NM; and Jim Richards, '91 NLA International Co-Chair from Dallas, TX.

The meet and greet party will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 1997, at the Dallas Eagle. Judges and contestants will be introduced to the public at this time. The 9th annual Gulf Coast Drummer Contest will be on Saturday, May 17, 1997, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood Rd. #107, Dallas, Texas. Following the contest will be a blow out party at 10:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 and are available at the Dallas Eagle and Shades of Grey. Saturday's contest is scheduled

early so everyone can enjoy a night in the "BIG D".

Exploring the SM Lifestyle

On Saturday, May 17, 1997, The Brotherhood Of Pain presents Exploring The SM Lifestyle beginning at 10:00 p.m. on the patio of the Ripcord, 715 Fairview.

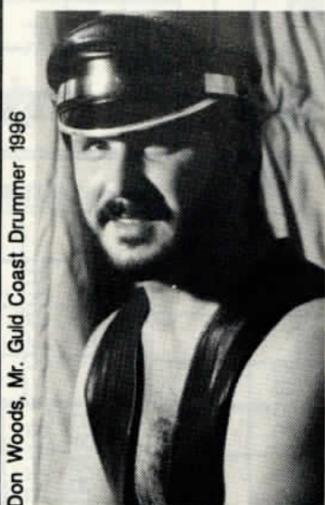
There will be discussions on SM fantasies, feelings and emotions between SM partners, how to make fantasies come true safely and erotically and how to use some of the latest erotic fantasy paraphernalia.

Mr. Gay Houston All-American

Sunday, May 18, 1997, Club Inergy, 5750 Chimney Rock, will host the Mr. Gay Houston All-American contest beginning at 10:00 p.m.

Registration is at 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Contestants will be judged in interview, formal wear, swimwear, talent and on stage question and answer.

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Major Event Calendar

—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 24 - Car Wash (Rain Date Reschedule) = RSICSS - PR Ball IV - Male line at TWT/Voice Parking Lot & Female line at E/J's - Houston
 —May 25 - Benefit for Garden Party - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
 —May 26 - Free Shrimp & Crawfish Boil - 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 8 - "Hat's Off to Broadway" and "A Roast of Montrose Clinic Honorary Chair, Dr. Scott Sawyer" - Montrose Clinic - Edwin Hornberger Center - 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
 —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
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