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TGRA President to distribute money to beneficiaries



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TGRA Houston Board (left to right) Robert Harris, Treasurer; Dana Christian, State Representative; Sandi Oliphant, Secretary; Rick Ruble, Vice President; and Michael Gaitz, President. TGRA will present their beneficiaries for this year with their checks at the 3rd Annual TRGA President Awards Show at the Brazos River Bottom this Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. This awards will be followed immediately by a show entitled "The Wild-Wild West"



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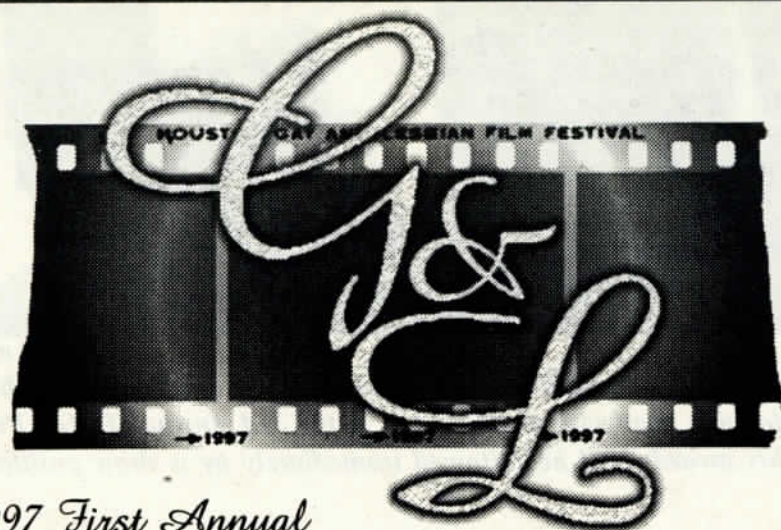
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June 8, 4:15 & 6:30 pm..... *All God's Children*
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June 13, 7:30 pm..... *Boys Life 2*
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Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

Well this past weekend we were able to finally have the Court's car wash. This was the fourth time to schedule this event due to the constant rain that Houston had during the months of April and May.

As one of the Court members, Larry Spriggs, had told me, "I'm always used to starting my tan in April, and then letting it fade in May. The old saying April showers usually ends up to be May showers in Houston." Well this seemed to be the case, but we were finally able to begin raising money for PR Ball IV, benefiting Soiree Aubergine.

The day started out cloudy, but the weather reports said that it was supposed to clear up by noon. The skies finally cleared up somewhere close to 2:00 p.m. So much for reliable weather forecasting! So we had at least two hours of bright skies. If you recall, this was a competition of the Court's male against the Court's female line.

The side who raised the most money would win a barbecue hosted by the opposite line. This gives a little competitive edge to the process of raising money for the community. Because of scheduling conflicts with rebooking this date, both lines ended up washing cars at Chances. The two lines worked together, and a few times worked separately. We decided to split the total from the day, and add the pre-sale totals to see who won. All in all we raised over \$300.

For those who don't know about PR Ball, it is event hosted by the Court usually within a month after Coronation which is held in January. PR Ball began in 1995 and took the place of what was formerly known as Investiture.

PR Ball is put on by the Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale of the Court. This title is immediately under that of Emperor and Empress. It is appointed by the monarchs, usually to someone whom they can work with well because of the close working relationship they will have throughout the year.

The first PR Ball was put on by Imperial Prince Royale X (now Emperor XIII) Jerel McNeil, and Imperial Princess Royale X (now Empress XIII) Anita Mann. The event has a designated beneficiary, the first being The Loving Arms

Foundation.

The second PR Ball was put on by Imperial Prince Royale XI Billy Bailey, and Imperial Princess Royale XI Renee Monroe. Their beneficiary was The LVL PWA Holiday Fund.

The third PR Ball which was held this past March, was organized by Imperial Prince Royale XII Rick Carter and Imperial Princess Royale XII Vanna White Lee Love. Their beneficiary was Omega House, for which they raised \$4,000.

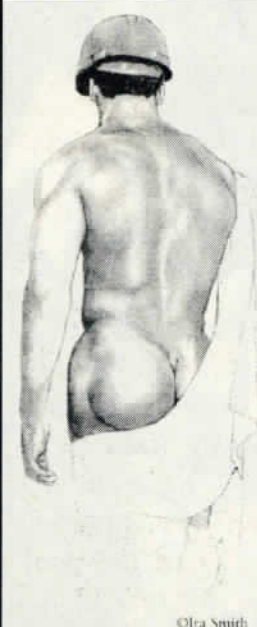
Every year, each PR Ball tries to raise more money than the last, just like each Coronation tries to do the same. This of course is not a competition, but it gives the people in charge something to strive for.

One day in a meeting, the illustrious Ruby Stone put this competitive edge into words to which everyone can relate. She said that, "this is not a competition, but we must continue raising more money than the previous year because the cost of medical treatment, doctor visits and living with this disease is going up every year. We must continue raising more funds because until we find a cure, the cost of HIV and AIDS is not getting any cheaper." Ruby was right on the money (no pun in intended)!

Everyone that is a part of these fundraising efforts has been touched by this disease in different ways. Each one of us may have a different reason for helping out our community, but no matter what the cause may be behind these fundraising efforts, as long as we are helping someone out, it all means the same.

PR Ball IV is the next reign's investiture and will be held February 21 of next year. The designated beneficiary as I stated earlier is Soiree Aubergine so we will be raising money all year for this event. I hope the fundraisers continue to be as fun as this past weekend's car wash, and hope they continue to be entertaining for all those involved.

By the way, I explained that the car wash raised over \$300 for PR Ball. The female line raised over \$100 of that total, and the male line raised over \$200. So congratulations male line!!! Have fun with that barbecue, and until next week...have fun Houston!



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A Chef in Love

Movie Review

By Chris Broadhurst

If you believe in great food, fine wine, hot sex, grand passion and deep secrets, you must see *A Chef in Love* at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza, opening Friday, June 6th.

There are two closely related stories, one present day and the other in the 20's, one Paris, and the other Republic of Georgia.

The modern story centers around Anton Gogoladze (Jean-Yves Gautier), a curator of a Georgian painter's work who encounters a French woman who was left manuscripts by her uncle. Because she cannot read Georgian, she asks Anton to translate them.

At first, uninterested, he becomes entranced because Pascal Ichac (Pierre Richard), her uncle, wrote a cookbook much loved by his Mother, Princess Cecelia (Nino Kirtadze). We flashback and forth as their story unwinds in passions, blood, survival and secrets.

Pascal meets Princess Cecelia on the train to Tbilisi, the capital of a newly independent Georgia. Pascal is a man of many women who has used those talents as a common gigolo. Cecelia is a woman ahead of her time. She works and lives alone. They are smitten with lust and later one of those grand passions that only death can solve.

Pascal falls in love with the Georgia that Cecelia offers him along with herself. One night at the opera, Pascal's perfect nose snoops a bomb under the President of Georgia. He is rewarded with a French restaurant. He finally has Cecelia and an eatery to pour his heart into.

There are glorious times in the kitchen and the bedroom. Pascal's restaurant becomes a world wide success. He and Cecelia romp in glory. But there is a fly in the soup — the Communists take over Georgia.



©1997 Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inc., Photo by Youri Metchitov
Pierre Richard (l) as Pascal Ichac and Nino Kirtadze as Cecelia Abachidze in *A Chef in Love*

The Georgian culture Pascal loved has a dark side. He is barred in turn from the dining room and kitchen and sent to live in an attic.

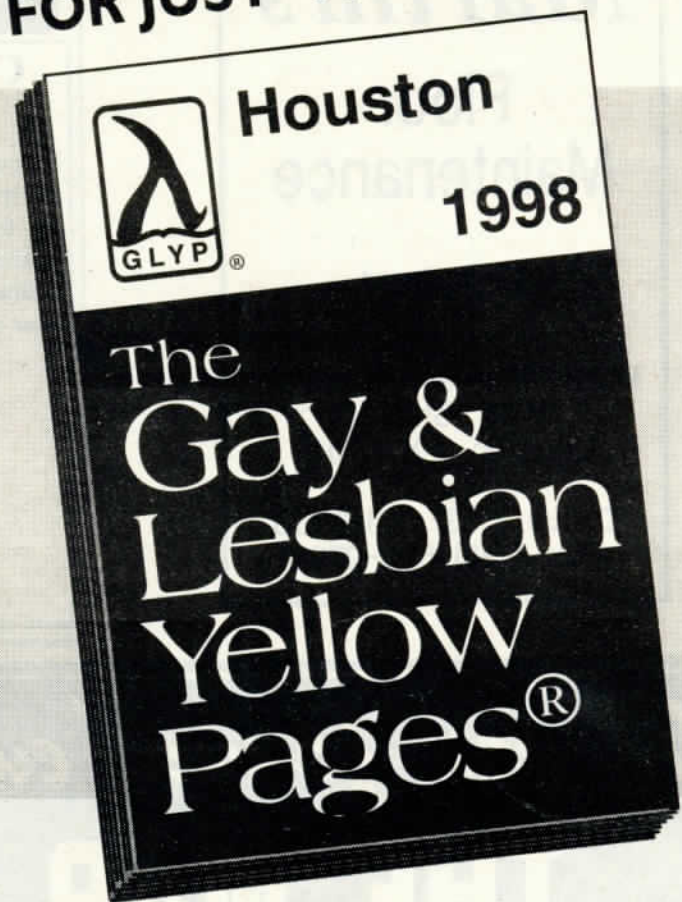
One of the top Reds has long been in love with Cecelia. To save Pascal she marries the Red. Cecelia continues to care for Pascal and they have one final evening of passion which will have many consequences in the present.

The story is not frightfully complex, so the subtitles are not bothersome. While the story is easily understood on the entertainment level, it is vastly complex in its nuances which may or may not interest you. The cinematography is excellent. Go see this movie some early evening then let the good times roll for you as they did for Pascal and Cecelia.

A Chef in Love was an Academy Award nominee (Best Foreign Language Film) which involved work and financing of several countries. Nina Djordjadze tenderly directed the film written by Irakli Kvirikadze. Pascal Ichac is played with bluster and subtlety by French actor Pierre Richard. Cecelia Abachidze is portrayed with merriment and serious intent by Nino Kirtadze. The Red who marries Cecelia is intensely played by Teimour Kahmhadze. The adult curator is played by Jean-Yves Gautier with great sensitivity, and the niece of Pascal is very well done by Micheline Presle.

A Sony Pictures Classics Release, 100 minutes, France, Georgia.

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The Montrose Clinic is scheduled to continue its HIV testing and counseling outreach program throughout

the month of June. All persons will have access to **Free HIV Counseling and Testing** in the following establishments:

THURSDAY, June 5

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY, June 9

BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

TUESDAY, June 10

Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

WEDNESDAY, June 11

Mary's — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Brick's II — 8 p.m. - 12 m.n.

THURSDAY, June 12

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Walgreens joins Montrose Clinic in serving Houston health

On Thursday, May 15, 1997, Walgreens Co. presented Montrose Clinic with a \$5000.00 check to help underwrite this year's fundraising gala, "Hat's Off to Broadway" which will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at the Edwin Hornberger Center in the Texas Medical Center.



Pictured above (left to right) are Robert Brown, Walgreens pharmacist; Katy Caldwell, Montrose Clinic president; and Marshall Adams, Walgreens pharmacy supervisor

Supervisor, is very excited about this effort. "Montrose Clinic provides Houston with much needed services. We are proud to help in their fundraising efforts," says Adams.

"We are grateful for this generous donation," says Clinic President, Katy Caldwell. "It is through community leaders like Walgreens that we are able to continue serving the needs of our community."

Walgreens and Montrose Clinic have recently joined in an effort to educate Walgreens pharmacists on HIV consumer needs with a series of presentations from HIV specialists. "We hope to provide the Walgreens pharmacists with more

knowledgeable perspective that will enable them to better serve the HIV community," says Montrose Clinic Medical Director, Gordon Crofoot.

"Hat's Off" will begin at 6:00 p.m. where guests will be treated to the musical talents of the Todd Vullo Trio during a cocktail hour and silent auction. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Broadway-style entertainment featuring Jerry Atwood, Keith Caldwell, Clay Howell, Keira O'Keefe, Sharon Montgomery, Terry Pierce, Juliana Wathen and Ralph Sikes. The evening will continue with dance music provided by local talent. For ticket information, please call the Development Office at (713) 520-2000.

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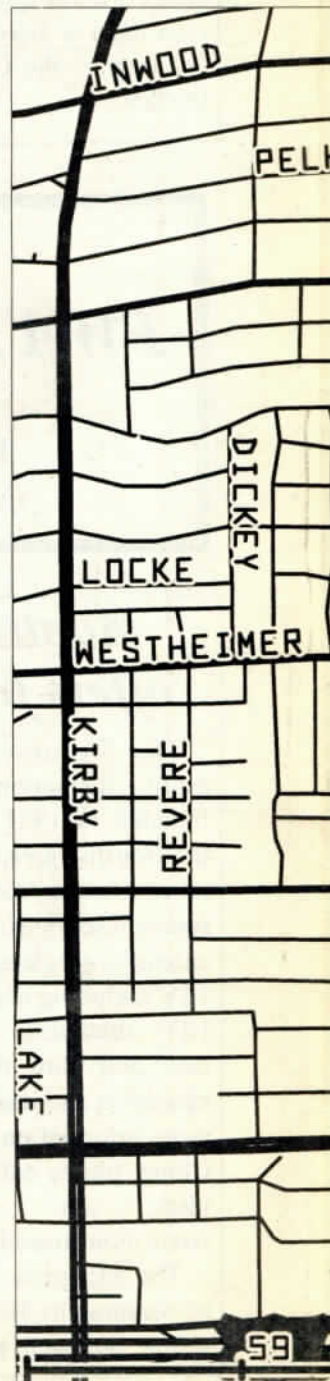
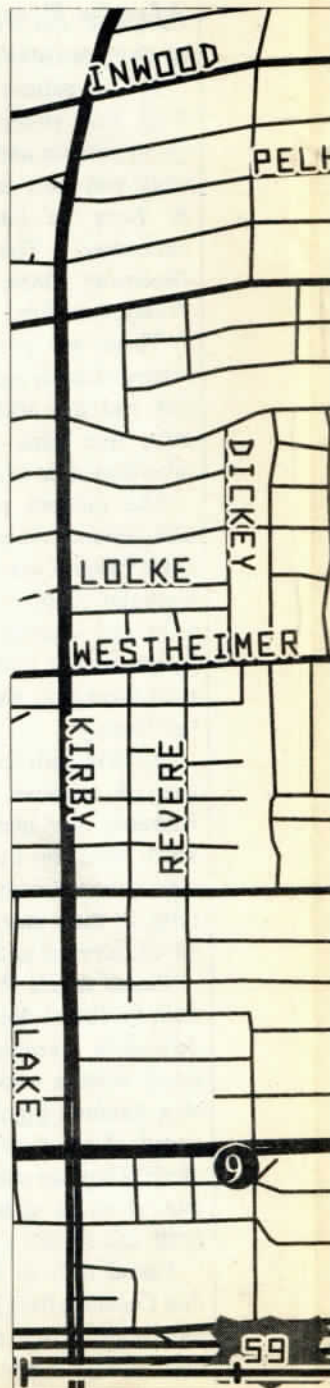
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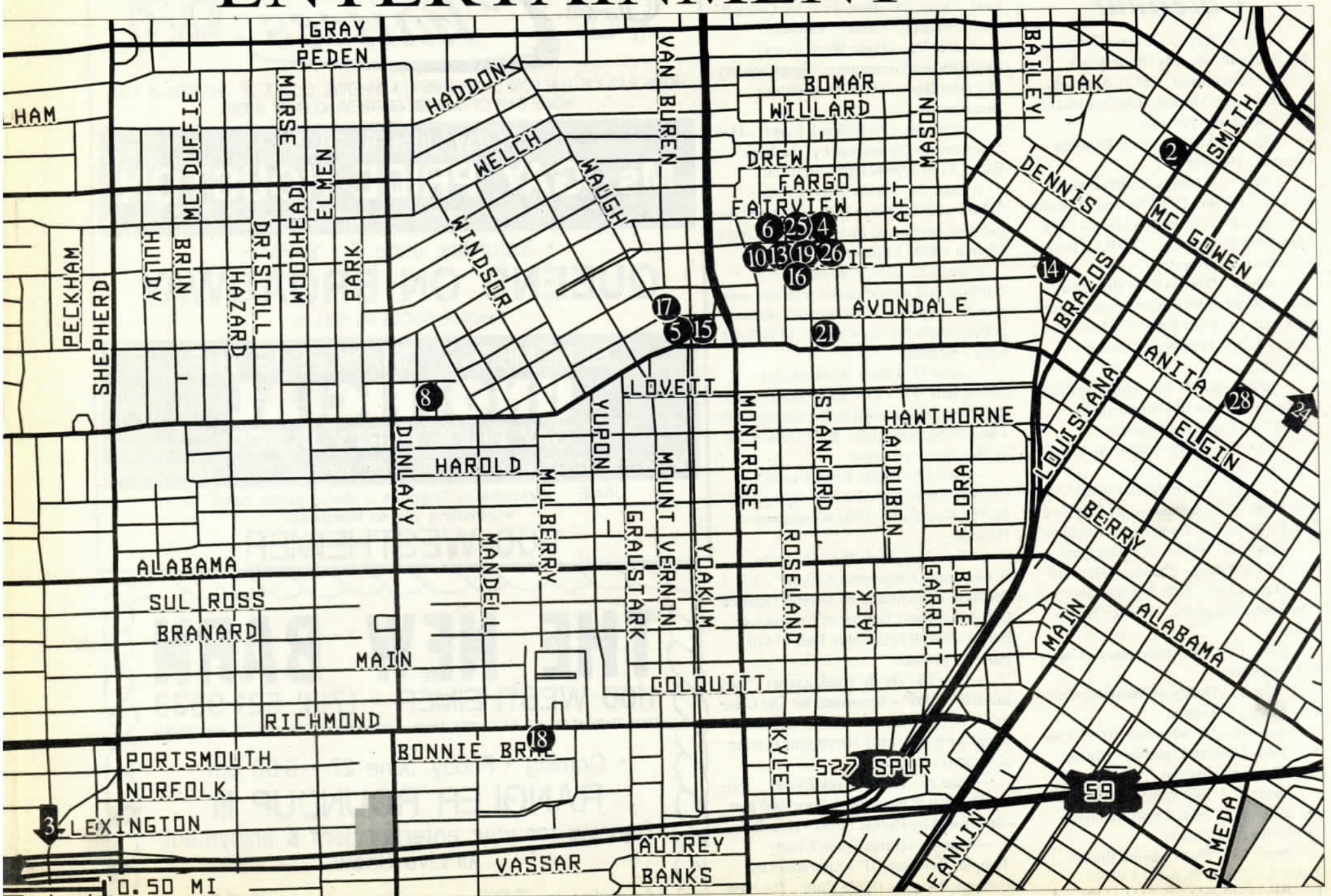
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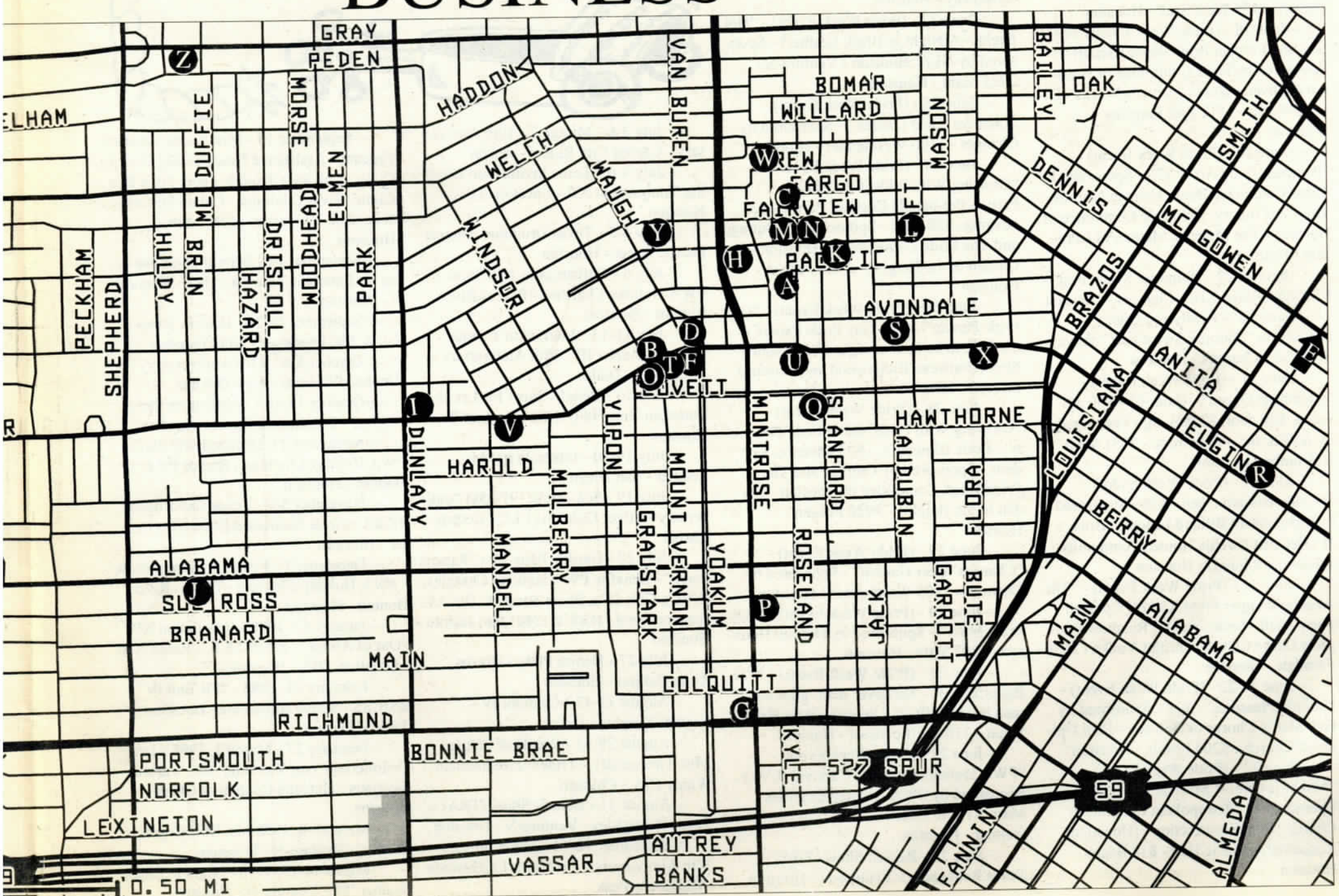
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- June 6 - Ms. Gay Pride Houston - Chances - Houston
- June 7 - "Queens on Broadway" - RSICSS - PR Ball IV - Chances - Houston
- June 8 - "President's Show" - "The Wild-Wild West Show" - TGRA - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- June 8 - "Hat's Off to Broadway" and "A Roast of Montrose Clinic Honorary Chair, Dr. Scott Sawyer" - Montrose Clinic - Edwin Hornberger Center - Houston
- June 8 - Car Wash - Houston Area Teenage Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) - Chances - Houston
- June 13 - Daddy/Master Auction - Ripcord - Houston
- June 13 (Pride Week Event) "Art with Pride '97" - Sponsored by The Hyde Park Gallery - 711 Hyde Park - Houston
- June 13 - "Brides of Effingstein" - RSICSS - Q-Patrol - Chances - 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 15 - "Red Party—A Celebration of Daddy" - Miss Camp America - Pacific Street - Houston
- June 15 - "Show Me the Booty-Daddy Auction & Show" - AVES - Gednry - Houston
- June 17 - (Pride Week Event) - 1997 Pride Parade Participant Mandatory Meeting - Sponsored by Pride Committee of Houston - Metropolitan Multi-Service Center - 1475 West Gray - Houston
- June 18 - (Pride Week Event) 1997 Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Kickoff - Sponsored by Pride Committee of Houston & DiverseWorks - DiverseWorks - 1117 East Freeway - Houston
- June 20 - (Pride Week Event) - "Pumped Up on Art" - \$30 - Sponsored by Texas Commerce Bank, Neiman Marcus Town & Country, and Pride Committee of Houston - The Majestic Metro - 911 Preston - Houston
- June 20-22 - "Summer Sweat Fest" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - Chances - Houston
- June 20 - "Newlywed Game" - (Kickoff to "Summer Sweat Fest" above) - RSICSS - Chances - Houston
- June 21 - (Pride Week Event) - "Caribbean Queen" - Gala '97 - \$30 advance, \$40 door, \$3 parking - Sponsored by AVES, Inc. - Shamrock - 2151 West Holcombe - Houston
- June 21 - (Pride Week Event) - Houston Billiard Open - \$10 - Sponsored by Independent Billiard League - Brick's II - Benefits Swehla House (Community Endowment Fund) - Houston
- June 21 - (Pride Week Event) - "The Absolut Rangler Pride Kickoff Cocktail Party" - \$10 - Sponsored by Rainbow Rangelers Dance Club & Absolut Vodka - 2930 Ferndale - Houston
- June 21-22 - (Pride Week Event) - "Simple Pleasures" - \$10 - Sponsored by Gay Men's Chorus of Houston - First Unitarian Church - 5200 Fannin - Houston
- June 22 - (Pride Week Event) - "Make Us One: A Musical Celebration" - Sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection - (Donations Requested) - Music Hall - 810 Bagby - Houston
- June 22 - "Grand Marshalls' Reception" - Gentry - Houston
- June 22 - "Don't Rain on Our Parade" - RSICSS - Benefits Pride Committee of Houston - Gentry - Houston
- June 23 - (Pride Week Event) - Shuffleboard Tournament - Sponsored by The New Barn - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 24 - (Pride Week Event) - Dart Tournament - Sponsored by The New Barn - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 24 - (Pride Week Event) - "Make a Joyful Noise III" - (Donation Requested) Sponsored by Community Gospel Church - 4305 Lillian Street - Houston
- June 25 - (Pride Week Event) - "How to find a good dental plan and save money" - Sponsored by Sonrie - Metropolitan Multi-Service Center - 1475 West Gray - Houston
- June 25 - (Pride Week Event) - "Rollerball '97" - \$5 + \$1.50 skate rental - Sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club - Starlite Skating Rink - 8075 Cook Road @ Beechnut - Houston
- June 25 - (Pride Week Event) - Chances Show/Karaoke Bar - Sponsored by The New Barn - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 26 - (Pride Week Event) - "Community Partnership Kickoff" - \$5 donation - Sponsored by Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce - Bering Church Fellowship Hall - 1440 Harold - Houston
- June 26 - (Pride Week Event) - "Sex and HIV/AIDS" - Sponsored by The Center for AIDS, Montrose Clinic, and Continental Airlines - 1407 Hawthorne (corner of Yupon) - Houston
- June 27 - (Pride Week Event) - "Friday Foreplay!" No cover before 9:00 p.m. - Sponsored by Pacific Street - Houston
- June 27 - (Pride Week Event) - "Rangler Roundup III" - Sponsored by Rainbow Rangelers Dance Club - The New Barn - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 27 - (Pride Week Event) - "Pam Ross and Ten 'Til Six" - \$2 cover - Sponsored by Ms. B's - 9200 Buffalo Speedway - Houston
- June 27 - (Pride Week Event) - "Hot Night—A Night in Black Leather" - Sponsored by NLA: Houston - Venture-N - 2923 Main - Houston
- June 28 - (Pride Week Event) - "Chances' Beer Garden" - Sponsored by Chances - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 28 - (Pride Week Event) - "Glowing With Pride, the Official Party—Pre-parade Cocktail Party" - \$25 advance, \$30 door - Sponsored by Outrage and The Pride Committee of Houston - Garden in the Heights - 3926 Feagan - Houston
- June 28 - (Pride Week Event) - "Gay Pride Parade" - First Gay Pride Parade in the U.S. to be held at night - Westheimer Street (between Ridgewood and Stanford Streets) - Houston
- June 28 - (Pride Week Event) - "Glowing With Pride, the Official Party—Pride Blowout!" - \$25 advance, \$30 door - Sponsored by Outrage and The Pride Week Committee of Houston - Garden in the Heights - 3926 Feagan - Houston
- June 29 - (Pride Week Event) - "Chances' Beer Garden" - Sponsored by Chances - 1100 Westheimer - Houston
- June 29 - (Pride Week Event) - "Gay Pride Mass" - Sponsored by Dignity Houston - 1307 Yale - Houston
- June 29 - (Pride Week Event) - "The Boxer Bash!" - No cover with 'glowing pass from PS float' - Sponsored by Pacific Street - 710 Pacific Street - Houston
- June 29 - (Pride Week Event) - "PWA Holiday Charities Carnival (LVL) - Sponsored by PWA Holiday Charities - Mary's Patio 'Outback' - 1022 Westheimer - Houston
- June 29 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston



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- July 3-6 - Mirage 7 - 10th Anniversary - Capital City Riders - Austin
- July 4-6 - Texas Invitational Bowling Tournament XII - Location TBA - Houston
- 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" - Benefits PWA Holiday Charities (LVL), Colt 45's, Stone Soup, & The Assistance Fund - Rich's - 2401 San Jacinto - 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 13 - Miss Camp America Pageant - Assistance Fund, Bering Dental Clinic, Colt 45's Trouble Fund, Frost Eye Clinic, PWA Coalition - Cullen Performance Hall, University of Houston - Houston
- 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
- October 18-19 - Westheimer Street Festival - Westheimer Street - Houston
- 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

FALSETTOLAND

Opening June 5, 1997, Main Street Theater will present *FALSETTOLAND*, the final installment of William Finn's acclaimed musical trilogy. A life-affirming musical about the meaning of family and home, *FALSETTOLAND* will play at the theater's Chelsea Market location through July 19, 1997. With book by William Finn and James Lapine, and music and lyrics by William Finn, *FALSETTOLAND* will be directed by Rob Babbitt, with musical direction by Kim Hupp.

FALSETTOLAND is the third installment of William Finn's "Marvin Trilogy," which began in 1978 with *IN TROUSERS*, the play that told the story of young Marvin's search for self-discovery and his sexual awakening. In *MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS*, Marvin left his wife, Trina and his son, Jason, for a lover named Whizzer. Meanwhile, Trina took up with Marvin's psychiatrist, Mendel.

In *FALSETTOLAND*, set in New York in 1981, Marvin (played by Joel Sandel) is reunited with Whizzer (Jonathan McVay) on the eve of Jason's (Matthew Johns) bar mitzvah. Trina (Karen Ross) and Mendel (Robert Kislin) bicker with Marvin over the arrangements for the coming of age ceremony. Two new characters are introduced; Marvin's neighbors, "the lesbians next door," are Dr. Charlotte (Julia Kay), an internist, and her lover, Cordelia (Robin Smith), a kosher caterer. It is Dr. Charlotte who sings about a mysterious disease beginning to spread in the gay community, a disease which eventually strikes Whizzer. As *Time* magazine put it, *FALSETTOLAND* "explores the intricacies of love and family in the age of AIDS, without losing its sense of humor."

When it premiered in 1990, *FALSETTOLAND* was

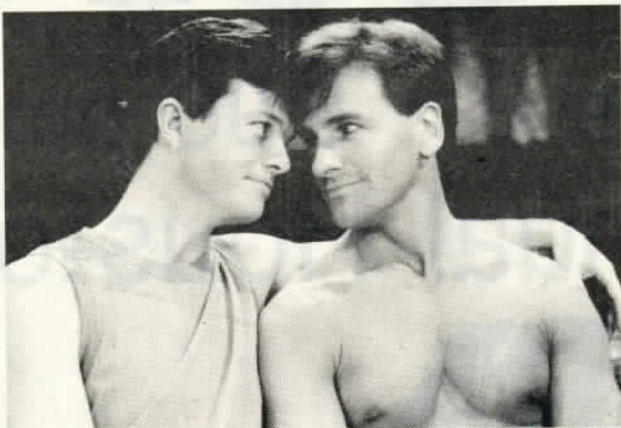


Photo by Leo Boucher

Joel Sandel (left) is Marvin and Jonathan McVay is Whizzer in Main Street Theater's production of *FALSETTOLAND*. For tickets call (713) 524-6707

enthusiastically received by the critics. *The New York Times*' Frank Rich wrote "*FALSETTOLAND* is a musical of jubilation and courage." *New York Newsday* called it "Engaging, funny, unassumingly beautiful." And *Time* said, "It is a burst of genius."

Director Rob Babbitt staged two highly successful concert musicals--*OF THEE I SING* and *OUT OF THIS WORLD*--for Main Street Theater earlier this season. Previously, he directed the theater's productions of *THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING*, *THE SECRET GARDEN*, and *SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE*.

FALSETTOLAND is an official event of Houston's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week.

FALSETTOLAND will play June 5 through July 19, 1997. There will be no performance Friday, July 4, 1997.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00, with discounts for students, senior citizens and groups of 10 or more. The performances will be held at Main Street Theater at Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose, in the Museum District. For advance tickets, call (713) 524-6706 or visit the box office at 2540 Times Blvd. Tickets are available at Chelsea Market one hour prior to the performance only.

Main Street Theater's productions are made possible in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Cultural Arts Council and Texas Commission on the Arts.

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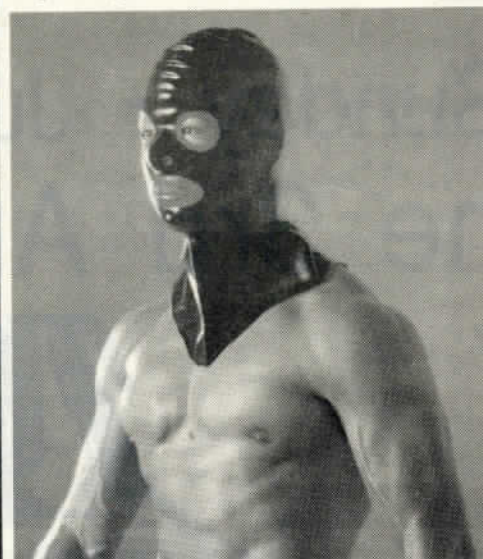
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Last weekend's totals

The total money raised last week in known benefits for the community was \$1,966.00.

Gala Pageant

The first Mr., Miss, and Ms. Gala pageant was held at Chances last Friday night and raised \$407.00 for AVES.

Chances was packed to the rafters once again, as nine contestants competed for these new titles. Xavier Luna hosted the event with co-emcees Paivi Lee Love and Sean Carter. Judges for the evening were Eddie Taylor, Vanessa Hunter, Julio Asensio, Stephen Donato, Jerel McNeil, Shawna St. John and Day-Leigh Edwards.

After some very stiff competition and the tallies totaled, the winners were as follows: Mr. Gala Virgil Burke, Ms. Gala Stacy Gruemmer, and Miss Gala Shelby St. John. Congratulations to all the winners and look for them in the Gay Pride Parade.

Miss Mary's Contest

The Miss Mary's contest raised \$298.00 for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) last Sunday at Mary's ... Naturally.

Hosted by last year's winner Ova

Ewe, four contestants competed for the coveted title in the afternoon heat on Mary's patio. The sweltering judges were Wiley Walters of the Montrose Clinic, Steve Nally of TWT, Lee Davis of the Houston Voice, Richard Silva of Out-Smart Magazine and Barry Larson of the Montrose Area Pride.

After much campiness and comedy, the new Miss Mary's, Thumper Nightly, was crowned. Congratulations to Thumper and her new institution.

Reaching for the Stars, Light Up My Night, & Car Wash

The Imperial Court raised \$500.00 for the Montrose Clinic Outreach Program last Saturday night at the Venture-N and \$181.00 for Gay Pride on Sunday night at Brick's II. Finally, after four tries, the Court held their car wash last Saturday, at Chances, raising over \$300.00.

PWA Holiday Charities

Last Sunday night at the Venture-N, Mother of Montrose M.J. Summors, with the help of her friends raised \$280.00 for the PWA Holiday Charities (LVL).

Weekend events

Ms. Gay Pride Houston

On Friday, June 6, 1997, the first Ms. Gay Pride Houston contest will take place at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Applications are available at the bar and the contest will be a benefit for the Montrose Clinic Women's Program.

Queens on Broadway

On Saturday, June 7, 1997, The Imperial Court will be having a fundraiser at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, beginning at 9:00 p.m. The show "Queens on Broadway" will be hosted by Imperial Prince Royale XIII, Sean Carter and Imperial Princess Royale XIII, Lexy Bowen. The

fundraiser is for PR Ball IV, with net proceeds benefiting Soiree Aubergine.

President's Show/The Wild-Wild West

On Sunday June 8, 1997, TGRA will be dispersing their funds raised last year to their beneficiaries at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Following the President's Show will be "The Wild-Wild West", a fundraiser benefiting TGRA Houston Chapter, hosted by Armond Posas and company.

Car wash

On Sunday, June 8, 1997, (HATCH) Houston Area Teenage Coalition of Homosexuals, will be holding a car wash at Chances, 1100 Westheimer.

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival continues at DiverseWorks this weekend

Houston's first Gay and Lesbian Film Festival moves to a new venue this weekend—DiverseWorks, 1117 East Freeway near downtown.

Female Perversions continues its run at Landmark's River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray at least through June 12. *Jefrey* will be showing at midnight, Saturday, June 7 and *Go Fish* at midnight, Saturday, June 13.

Hollow Reed is still showing at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza at least through June 12.

On Friday, June 6, 8:00 p.m., DiverseWorks will show films by Allen Harris entitled *Heaven, Earth and Hell; Vintage*; and *Encounter at Intergalactic Cafe*.

Saturday's lesbian shorts *Jodie: An Icon*, *Shinjuku Boys*, and *Blood Sisters* will run at 8:00 p.m.

On Sunday, DiverseWorks has four films running. *Claiming America's Promise* at 1:00 p.m., *It's Elementary* plays at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. *Family Values* has one run at 3:30 p.m. At 4:15 p.m. and

at 6:30 p.m. *All God's Children* will be screened.

More information on the films at DiverseWorks can be found on <http://www.diverseworks.org> or by calling (713) 228-0914.

On the weekend of June 13 - June 15, the festival moves to Rice Media Center at Rice University for five more films or shorts: *Boys Life 2*, *Late Bloomers*, *The Flight*, *Harlequin Exterminator*, and *Gay Cuba*. Information on these films is available at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~media> or by calling (713) 527-4852.

Information on all of Landmark's films can be obtained at <http://www.movienet.com> or by calling (713) 524-2175 (River Oaks) or (713) 626-0402 (Greenway).

The Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is associated with The Southwest Alternate Media Project (SWAMP) and information from them may be obtained at <http://www.swamp.org>.

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