

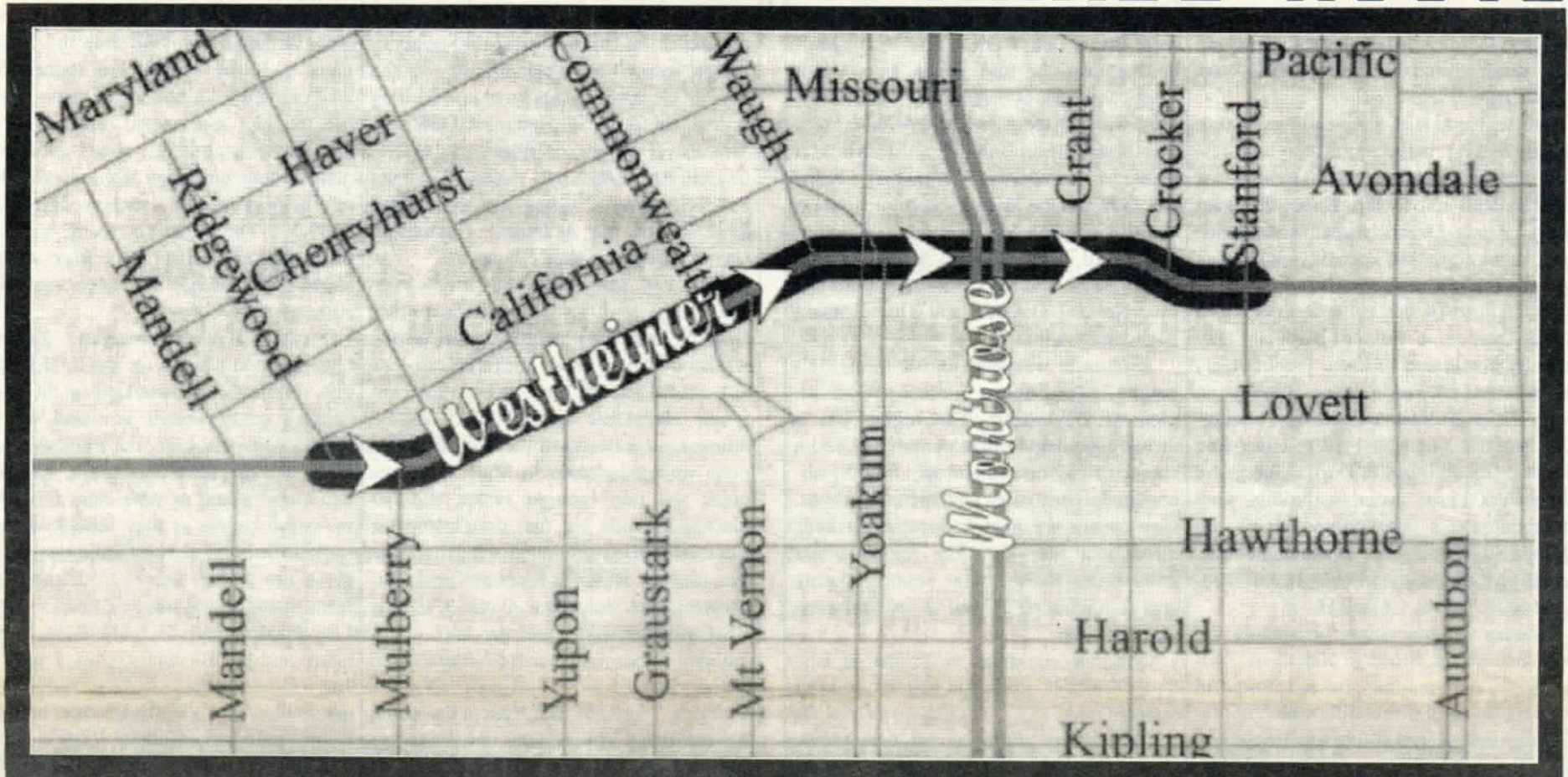
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# Montrose Area PRIDE™

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The Guide to Gay Houston ★ Published for the Men and Women of the Houston Gay Community

## 1997 GAY PRIDE PARADE ROUTE



Saturday night, June 28, at 9:00 p.m., the 1997 Houston Gay Pride Parade begins. It will be the first ever night-time Gay Pride parade in American history. The parade begins at Ridgewood Street and continues eastward along Westheimer to Stanford Street. When the parade ends at approximately 11:00 p.m., the party continues at almost every bar in the area and at the official Pride Blowout "Glowing With Pride" at Garden in the Heights (3926 Feagan near Heights), sponsored by Outrage and the Pride Committee of Houston. Please use caution walking away from the festivities.

## Why are we celebrating our 'gay pride?'

By Barry Larson and Jim Cheek  
Co-Publishers

Twenty eight years ago, our brothers and sisters living and partying in New York City suffered through the humiliation of a police raid on a Greenwich Village bar known as the Stonewall Inn. The ensuing infamous battle will long be remembered in history by virtually every gay man and woman who 'celebrates' our pride each summer throughout the world.

The police, helmeted, with search warrant in hand, entered the small private bar and escorted the patrons outside. They were dressed to the hilt, in dresses, wigs and high-heels or whatever else they wished. The gathering crowd was jeering and cheering. Urged on by the crowd and each other, the 'girls' began to fight back by throwing whatever they could get their hands on.

They fought hard, but in the end, the jail populace was enriched by a much larger census count. The police knew they hadn't heard the last from the 'girls.'

A score and eight years have gone by and the 'girls' are still fightin'. They have been joined by their brothers and sisters still trying to put a peace pact in place for all humankind.

As we 'light up' the skies this weekend, let us all remember the ones that came before us. Let us vow to continue the fight to gain our freedom and our rights in this discriminating world.

Remember the student's, women's and civil rights' groups of the 60's that joined with us to help fight discrimination?

Remember when Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Human Immune Virus weren't part of our everyday vocabulary?

Remember when the blood supply was 'clean' and we weren't declared ineligible to donate?

Why do we read editorials every week describing the heavy duty crossfire between gay Democrats and gay Republicans?

Why is there so much internal infighting in our local and national organizations?

Is there some reason that we, as a community, can't seem to get along with each other?

Is there some compelling reason to let our rich, diverse gay history be lost in a tangled web of confusion?

Why aren't we all doing something to help each other get through this beautiful thing called life?

We would love to be able to answer

each of these questions to ease our own sense of 'pride.' Maybe, just maybe, one day we'll be able to help each other understand our own lifestyle so we can educate the people who discriminate against us.

But first we have to get our heads together for the community's sake. We must all participate in the quest to further demonstrate the pride we all wish we knew more about.

Each and everyone of us should strive to help the community accomplish the goals that have been set by our own peers. We can't change anything sittin' on our butts!

We have to get involved! There is a City of Houston election coming soon. We all must vote! We need to elect a gay councilman. We must follow the mayoral election closely and get behind a candidate that we all can support.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus was formed many years ago. Recently its membership has fallen dangerously low. It's time for us to revitalize the group with our support, membership and time.

The Houston Pride Committee needs volunteers and members to help put on the event we all take for granted every year—the Gay Pride Parade. A select few cannot perform with perfection what it

takes to put on a perfect Gay Pride Week. They need and must get help!

We must work together! We must document our rich local history! We must support those who can't support themselves! We must! We must!

Houston is blessed with many fine local organizations, both social and assistance minded. They are here because a few people got together to help a particular cause. Their memberships combined are not enough to use the fingers on one hand to calculate their percentage of our community. Where are the rest of us?

Are we all too tired? Too sick? Too busy? Or just too dedicated to ourselves to give a damn?

Why not work together? Let's be gay and love each other—for the good of our community! The Montrose Area Pride is here to help—we'll be here for us all!

—B/J

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## The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

This week we start our tour of Australia. Before we start though I want to wish every one a happy and safe PRIDE! As we enter the weekend for the parade and some of the major parties of the season, I just want to remind everyone that PRIDE is the time when we should be pulling together and becoming one as a community. So many times we forget what it has taken for the Gay and Lesbian community to get freedoms that we have today, but we still have a long road ahead. Be careful this weekend, be safe and most of all HAVE FUN! Look for me and my partner on the wagon with the Overland Trail Riders in the parade on Saturday night or stop by and say hi to us when we are partying with Marlene and her crew at The New Barn, Chances and Charlies.

Our first stop is Sydney and New South Wales. Sydney is the largest gay and lesbian city in Australia with Darlinghurst the heartland and Oxford Street the main artery. Along Oxford Street, restaurants, bars, night clubs and specialty shops stay open far into the night.

In the maze of streets bordering Oxford Street there is a host of gay and gay friendly hotels and bed and breakfast establishments: Governors on Fitzroy in Surry Hills; Sullivans Hotel in Paddington; Barracks, Pelican Private Hotel and Chelsea Guest House in Darlinghurst; and Hyde Park Plaza closer to the city. Gay entertainment is concentrated mainly on Oxford Street and some of the night clubs worth visiting are the Albury Hotel, Midnight Shift and the Oxford Hotel.

Another popular street, especially for lesbians, is King Street in Newtown. Sydney's gay communities are also found in Paddington and Surrey Hills which border Darlinghurst, Bondi, Elizabeth Bay, Double Bay, Redfern and Erskineville. Emerging areas are the inner west suburbs of Balmain, Leichhardt (especially for lesbians) and Glebe.

The spectacular Blue Mountains and the South Coast are popular country regions within an easy drive of Sydney Both offer a selection of delightful retreats. The South Coast has some of the most stunning bush scenery and beaches near Sydney as well as a good choice of antique

shops. Byron Bay nestled behind Cape Byron on the North Coast provides an interesting blend of cultures.

Next we visit Melbourne and Victoria. The gay community in Melbourne is more spread out than in Sydney, although the numbers are nearly the same. The main lesbian suburbs where women run businesses are Fitzroy, Clifton Hill and Northcote. Commercial Road in Prahran is the main gay thoroughfare with two long running gay venues, the city's only adult gay bookshop and a variety of gay cafes and specialty stores.

The most densely gay and lesbian populated suburbs on the north side are Abbotsford, Collingwood, Fitzroy, Northcote, Brunswick, Carlton and North Melbourne, and on the south side South Yarra, Prahran, Windsor, Armadale, South Melbourne, Albert Park and Middle Park. The beach resort suburb of St. Kilda is gaining in popularity with gays and lesbians. Gay and gay friendly accommodation houses include: Lygon Lodge, Carlton; The Laird, Collingwood; Hotel Saville, South Yarra; and the Cosmopolitan Motor Inn, Novotel Bayside and Home When Away in St. Kilda.

A favorite weekend retreat from Melbourne is the famous mineral springs region of Daylesford. The region has a thriving gay and lesbian community and a choice of gay owned and gay friendly accommodations, cafes and specialty shops. Gay dances are held in local town halls throughout the year. The region offers good bushwalking, horse riding, boating and gold panning as well as spa and massage facilities.

Our tour continues next time to Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and beyond, so keep watching!

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## Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

This past weekend was definitely non-stop as the community gathered for the First Annual Summer Sweat Fest. The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. hosted its first run. This was history in the making as this was a first in Texas, and most likely a first in the International Court System.

Friday night, the three day party began at Chances as Soiree Aubergine hosted a buffet spread to welcome all of the guests. Cocktail parties were provided by AVES, the RSICSS Board of Directors, The Royal House of Glade and FIST. Crystal Rae Lee Love hosted the "Not So" Newlywed Game which raised \$234.00 for the Montrose Counseling Center Direct Assistance Fund.

Saturday saw everyone bright-eyed and ready at E/J's at 10:00 a.m. It's amazing how early people appear on the weekend when free cocktails are involved! Ed and the gang at E/J's fed everyone breakfast as TGRA hosted mimosas to wash down the doughnuts. At noon we headed over to Mary's. At one point, the rain brought Jackie and her blackjack inside but that didn't stop us. Cocktail parties continued with the Wasies (former RSICSS Emperors and Emperesses), the Sundance Cattle Co., the RSICSS Male Line, and the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. With drinks ranging from "Moo Juice" to "Chocolate Covered Cherries," they put everyone in the mood for the many games that Larry Spriggs had planned. We watched "strip darts," as Giovanni and Byron Norton hoped that all of their balloons would not "get popped." Then everyone lined up to take a swing at Crystal. Yes, we just used water balloons even though it was pointed out that there were bricks available. The on again off again rain didn't even slow down the game as Bob Bouton even had to take a chance at the "Past Empress." The final game was a sight to see as even Mike Geinzer of NLA and Jerry Sherman of Bayou City Leather Alliance raced across the patio of Mary's in "flippers."

We then headed over to The New Barn where Marlene greeted us with Red Beans and Rice. Everyone relaxed as the Colt 45's and the Texas Renegades hosted cocktails. Everyone then departed for a brief dinner/sobering break.

Later Saturday night, we gathered at the Venture-N. Throughout the evening The Bayou City Leather Alliance, The Seville Sisters, NLA, the Main Street Maniacs, and the Houston Area Bears hosted cocktail parties. The highlight of this night, though, was the Chinese Auction. This idea came to us from Donna Dumae of Fort Worth. At a Chinese Auction every bid is \$2.00, and it never goes up. Each bidder places their \$2.00 into the bucket on stage. Each item has a time limit in which no one knows the time

except the time keeper. When the time is called, the last person who placed the bid in the bucket wins the item. We had some competitive bidding for items ranging from a one hour massage to a \$100.00 gift certificate to Kroger. Another major item was any one of four Oriental statues. These four foot concrete statues weighed a ton, and it took two to three people each to carry them in. At the end of the evening, Stella Link Seville from the Garden Party had won one of the statues. She walked right up to the stage, threw it over her shoulder and walked right out of the bar—in heels no less!!! Never under estimate a drag queen on a mission! All in all, the auction was a success as it raised \$760.00. The proceeds from this run, with the exception of Friday night's show, go to PR Ball IV benefiting Soiree Aubergine.

Sunday at noon everyone gathered once again at Mary's for the final festivities. As the Court bartended on the patio, cocktail parties were provided by the RSICSS Female Line, the Rainbow Rangers, and the Texas Cowgurlz. The Garden Party hosted us with more food than we could handle as they brought a huge spread for brunch. The final awards were given for Poker Draws with the High Hand going to Crystal Rae Lee Love, the Low Hand going to Eydie Mae Sugarbaker and the Blackjack winner went to Jim Vokoun of the Colt 45's. The scavenger hunt was a cut throat race between Ruby Stone and Jeannette Vaughn. After tracking down items ranging from a Mister Potato Head Vibrator to a "BOB" sticker from LUEY '97, the winner with a difference of seven points was Jeanette (Ruby is trying to not to be too bitter).

The final event was the Sweathog show. Competing for the first annual three tiered golden pig trophy was AVES, Garden Party, the Houston Area Bears, NLA, the Texas Cowgurlz and the House of Glade. The winner was based solely on tips. Raising \$200.00 the Emeritus Sweathog Title went to the House of Glade. Other awards were given including Slut and Drunk of the Run. Ask one of the weekend's participants who took home those coveted titles. There is one award that I am very proud to announce again. For their continued support and non-stop involvement this past weekend, the run's Club Participation Award went to NLA. Thanks guys (and girls) you were great!

With about fifty registered participants, this was a great start to an annual tradition. Once again I would like to thank everyone who helped out this past weekend. All of the bar owners were wonderful as were the various clubs and organizations which made the event possible. Hope to see ya'll next year, and until next week...have a great Gay Pride Weekend Houston!

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## Weekend events

### Mr. Gay Pride

The first Mr. Gay Pride contest will be held Thursday, June 26, 1997, beginning at 9:00 p.m. at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer.

Contestants will be judged on their favorite bar outfit, talent and a two-minute biography on why they want to be Mr. Gay

Pride. The winner will ride on the float in the parade.

### IPR Show

R.S.I.C.S.S. Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale XIII will be hosting a benefit show for Coronation XIV at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, on Friday, June 27, 1997, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

### Carnival

PWA Holiday Charities(LVL) will be

sponsoring a carnival on Sunday, June 29, 1997, at Mary's, 1022 Westheimer.

The carnival will be on Mary's patio 'Outback' beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed by a show at 6:00 p.m.

The carnival and show will benefit PWA Holiday Charities.

### Welcome To Rydell

On Sunday, June 29, 1997, Shawna St. John and Johnny Montgomery will host "Welcome To Rydell", a benefit show for

H.A.T.C.H.

The show starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

### Pride Events

As stated in last week's paper, there are a host of Pride Events and parties scheduled this weekend. For information and descriptions you can pick up The Pride Guide at local bars and businesses, or call (713) 529-6979 for information.

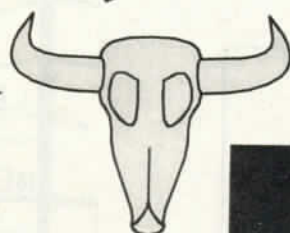


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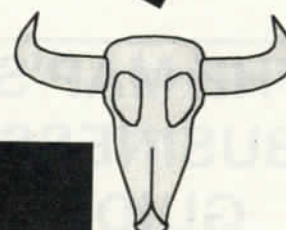
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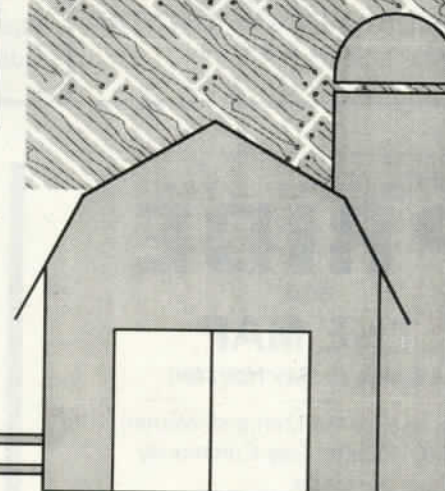
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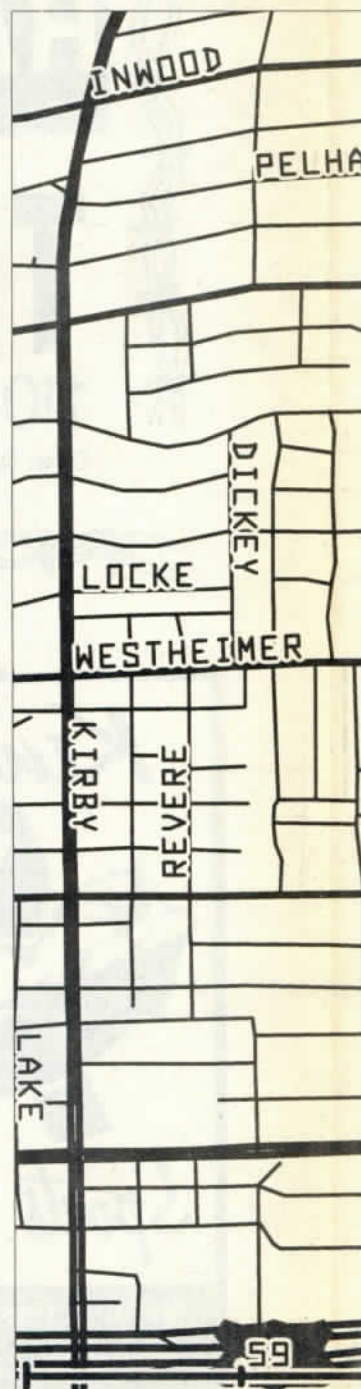
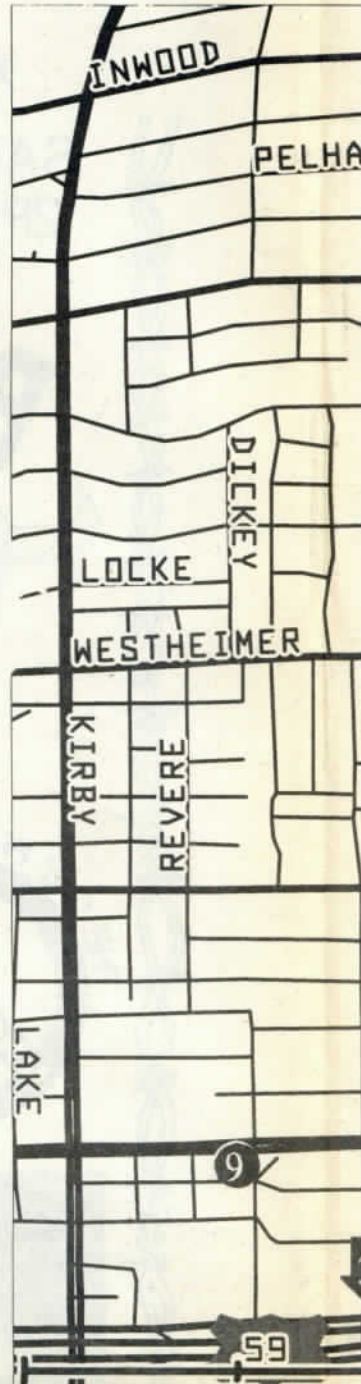
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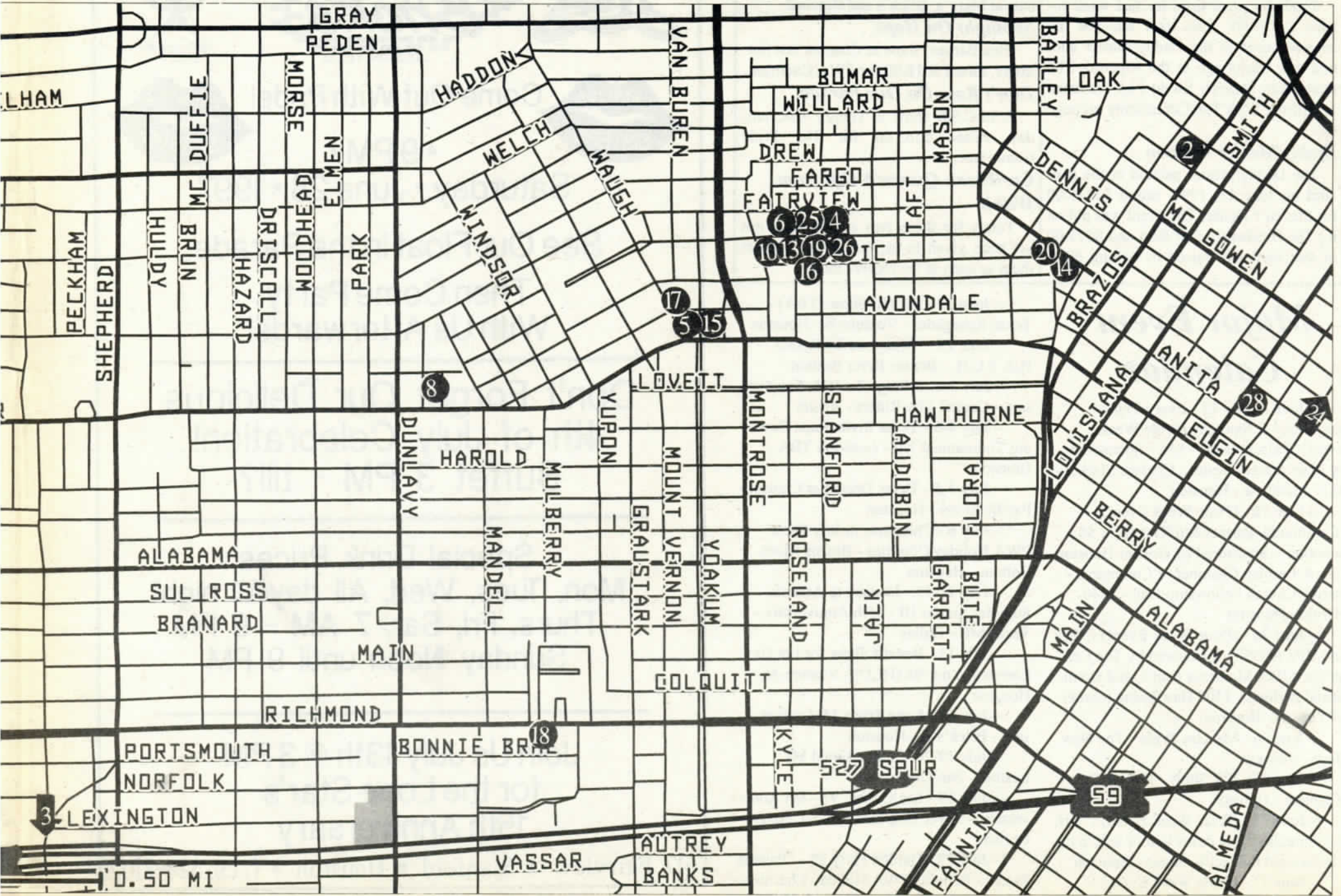
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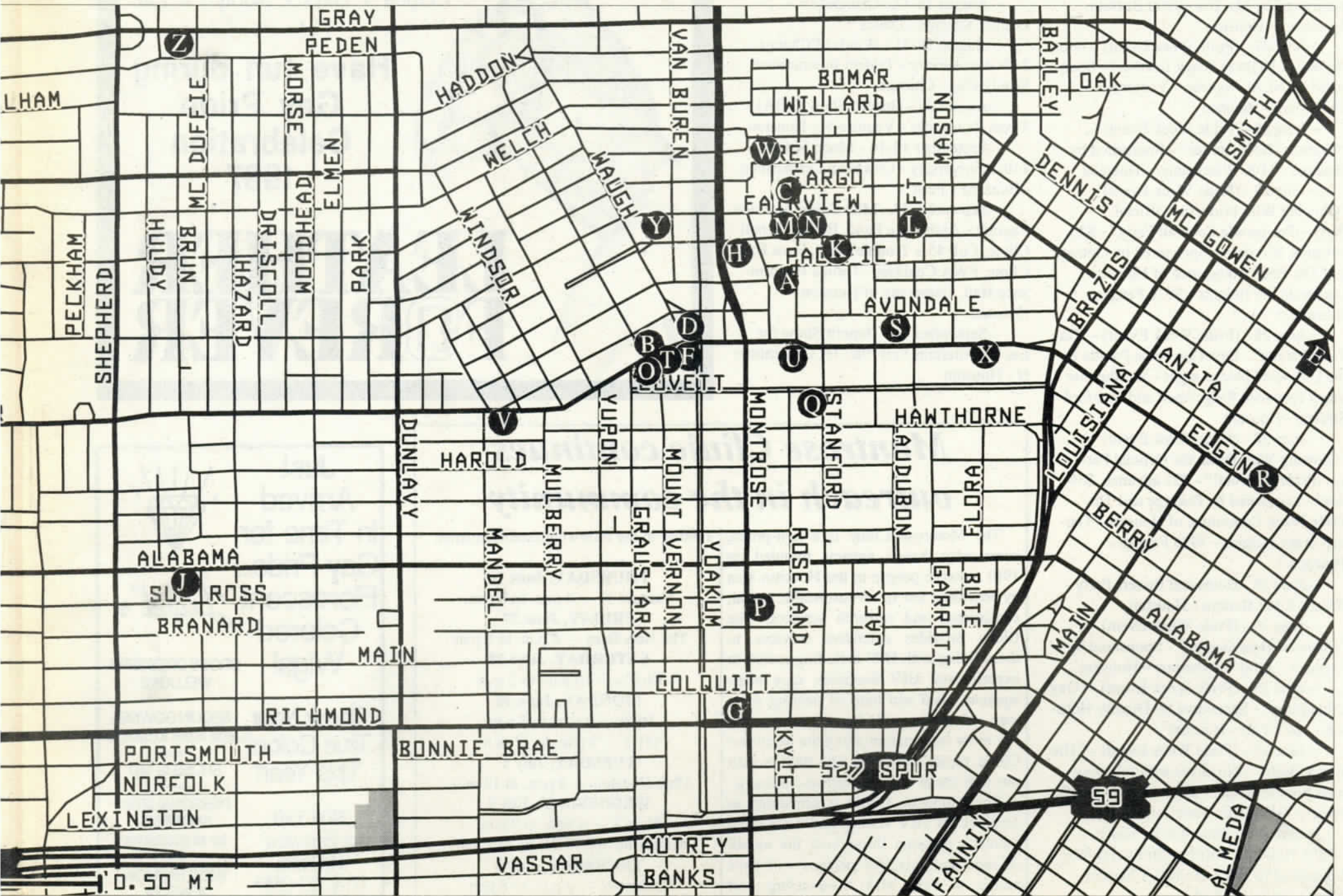




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# BUSINESS





## Last week's event totals

Totals by press time for last week totaled \$3411.00. This total includes the amount raised at the Daddy/Master auction two weeks ago at the Ripcord. The totals from Summer Sweat Fest are listed in Upfront With The Community on page two.

### Daddy/Master Auction

The Daddy/Master auction at the Ripcord on June 13, 1997, raised \$2230.00 for Steven's House. The event was put on by The Brotherhood of Pain and \$575.00 of that total was raised by selling NBA

hats at Mary's, Brick's and Ripcord.

### Spotlight On Hope

Glen Barnes' show at Chances last Saturday, raised \$618.00 for PWA Coalition.

### Don't Rain On Our Parade

R.S.I.C.S.S show at Gentry last Sunday, raised \$563.00 for The Pride Committee.

### Caribbean Queen/A Gift from Within

Totals for these two events have not yet been given to us, but we will report them as soon as we receive them.

## Major Event Calendar

—June 5- July 12 - Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday (Pride Week Event) "Falsettoland" - \$15 - Sponsored by Main Street Theater - Chelsea Market - 4617 Montrose - 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 26 - Mr. Gay Pride - The New Barn - Houston

—June 27 - IPR Show - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Chances - 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 28 - Boots and Boxers Party - Brazos River Bottom - 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'

—June 29 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston

—June 29 - "Welcome To Rydell" - H.A.T.C.H. - Brazos River Bottom

—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 13 - Lone Star's 15 Anniversary - Brick's II - 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



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## Montrose Clinic continues outreach in the community

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

Testing in the following establishments:

**THURSDAY, June 26**

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, June 27**

The New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, June 28**

Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**MONDAY, June 30**

BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

**TUESDAY, July 1**

Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

**WEDNESDAY, July 2**

Mary's — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Midtowne Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**THURSDAY, July 3**

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Talking about 'Late Bloomers'

MAP Interview  
by Chris Broadhurst

*Late Bloomers* is the story of a school secretary (Dee Hennigan) and a high school basketball coach (Connie Nelson) who fall in love and lose their jobs because of prejudice, but marry. They are responsible adults hit hard by society's mores.

I had the opportunity to sit and talk with Gretchen Dyer (Producer, Screenwriter and Editor) and Martha Little (Executive Producer).

Dyer got the idea for the story in the middle of the night, set to writing, called her sister, and *Late Bloomers* became their immediate project.

CB: Why is it set in a high school?

DYER & LITTLE: It is set in a high school because a high school is filled with potential for humor. The teacher and school secretary were in authority positions and suddenly they aren't because of absurd ideas that buffeted them.

Dyer wanted everyone to see the absurdity of good people who do a good job and suffer for what others believe in about the lesbian lifestyle.

What they produced is a movie they see as before its time—but soon to become mainstream. Thus they expect a crossover from the niche market (G&L) to mass audience. The crossover is possible even though the film is political (not militant) and accessible to a general public.

These attributes of the film led to raising money from other sources aside from supporting gay, lesbian and women's communities, but from the business community. The business community perceived the film as a stock in which their investment would increase at rates they felt were excellent. The money is a model of a diverse community, as the movie is accessible to one.

I believe I have expressed the heart of what was said by Dyer and White. I took notes, not quotes. Furthermore, their enthusiasm was so overwhelming, I had to force myself to take notes. I was afraid that I'd miss out on the conversation.

"*Late Bloomers*" opens June 27th, at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. Call (713) 626-0402 for more information. Not Rated. 104 minutes.



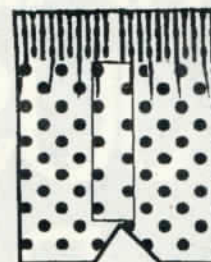
Dee Hennigan (l) and Connie Nelson star as Carly Lumpkin and Dinah Groshardt in "Late Bloomers"



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