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The Garden Party History

Once upon a time, some two decades ago in the heart of Montrose, the Garden Party was formed by Tag Kowis.

Tag, along with six of his friends, found the long "summer daze" in Houston rather uneventful. In those days cross-dressing (Drag) was illegal. Therefore, Tag opened his home and the lusciously landscaped gardens of his backyard to his friends. It was there on that Sunday afternoon in August of 1975, the first Garden Party was born.

As the years passed Tag decided to take on additional hosts and found a space large enough to accommodate the ever increasing demand for attendance. In 1983, the host of the party realized that with the demand for attendance also came a flock of individuals wanting to help host the party, so the Bitch Auxiliary was formed in 1984. In 1986 the Garden Party was incorporated as "The Garden Party Non-Profit Corporation."

Over the years, the party has been held in many different locations, such as, The Masonic Lodge, Cockatoo, The Copa, The Magnolia Room, The Summit Club and Rich's. Since 1984 The Garden Party has donated in excess of \$77,000.00 to many organizations in the Montrose community, including the McDory House, the Montrose Counseling Center, Pet Patrol, the Names Project, Colt 45's Trouble and Stone Soup Funds, the Montrose Clinic and the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

Garden Party is a 501(c)3 charity and this year are proud

to announce that the 22nd Annual Garden Party benefactors are, PWA Holiday Charities (LVL), Colt 45's Stone Soup Fund and the Assistance Fund.

The Garden Party would like to thank everyone for their support and will see you at "Pajama Party."

The Garden Party's continuation of its long and rich history will emerge at the Pajama Party

This year's Garden Party hosts

that will be held Sunday, July 27, 1997, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. Tickets are available at Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer and Lobo, 3939-S Montrose as well as at the door pending availability. There will be a shuttle available from the Brazos River Bottom to enable you to return to the bar for the Demim Party immediately afterwards.



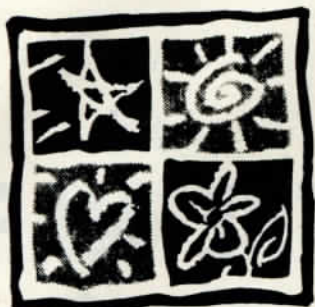
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Looking to the future...

By Barry Larson and Jim Cheek
Co-Publishers

Once again we want to thank all the fine supporters of our little paper. Many of you have suggested that we expand into more of the newsworthy items that occur both nationally as well as locally — so we're going to do it.

Please see 'FUTURE' on page 7.



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Prices quoted above include everything (airfare, transfers, hotel, passes, parties, taxes). However, guests will pay the hotels directly.



Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

This past Friday, along with the Imperial Court, I hosted a smaller version of February's Ever-Ready show. The same show was held in four different bars, benefiting the PWA Holiday Charities (LVL). Performers traveled to the various bars, starting the next show every hour from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The night began at E/J's. Starting at 8:00 p.m. on a Friday night usually draws an uninterested crowd, but the performers drew their attention. From there, we moved on to Chances, Brick's II, and closed at the Venture-N. It's amazing how some of these performers can keep up the amount of energy that they do, even going all over Montrose in one night!!

Emperor XIII, Jerel McNeil and Kerry Gossler of the Main Street Maniacs had a "flog-off" at the end of the show at the Venture-N. Ms. Gulf Coast Leather Tiffany Swanger had her flog ready to use on the one who raised the most money. Between the two, they raised over \$200 for LVL. They both were great sports about it, and they both ended up getting flogged.

The show had a great line-up consisting of Emperor XIII Jerel McNeil, Empress XIII Anita Mann, Emperor IX and Mr. Chances Giovanni, Empress VIII Pittypat Magnolia Sugarbaker, Lexy Bowen, Jennifer Ellsworth, Candidate for Mr. TGRA 1998 Xavier Luna, Chameleon (Linda, Tom, and Christopher), Miss Chances Renee Monroe, Emperor XI Jerry Morin, Emperor XII Jim Halbert, Emperor IX of Toronto Peter Sutton, and Ms. Gulf Coast Leather Tiffany Swanger.

Thank you to all of the performers, the back stage helpers, money counters, DJ's,

bar owners and managers. Most of all thank you to all of the supporters in the community for always making us feel like we are doing the right thing.

The show was non-stop and very upbeat and raised over \$700 for the PWA Holiday Charities (LVL). If you missed this one, you must keep your eyes open when Soiree Aubergine hosts the "big one" next year. It is a lot of fun to see at one bar but even more fun to follow the show and see how the performers hold out till the end.

This weekend, I know all of those amateur and professional pool players will be out to try their luck at Bob Bouton's Pool Tournament at The New Barn. Saturday at noon, Bob will be hosting this new idea as a fundraiser for Coronation XIV benefiting the Loving Arms Foundation Learning Center. It is always interesting to see new ideas to raise money for charity, and I am sure this one will be a lot of fun. Even if you aren't that good of a player, it is all for a good cause. I'm sure everyone can get a good laugh as I try my luck.

Also, this weekend I am celebrating my birthday by what else, hosting a benefit. At the young age of 26, I still have the energy and plan to have it for quite some time. Many people have told me that one of these days, I am bound to just give out (give out not put out). But until that day comes, I can still go non-stop and have a lot of fun doing it. So the party's at 8:00 p.m. and the show is at 10:00 p.m. So, come on out and have some cake and watch some entertainment. It is a fundraiser for PR Ball IV benefiting Soiree Aubergine, a party with a cause!

So until next week...have fun Houston!

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Weekend events

R.S.I.C.S.S. Fund-raisers

This weekend the Imperial Court will be hosting three fundraisers. Friday, July 18, 1997, Sean Carter's birthday show will begin at 10:00 p.m. at the Venture-N, 2923 Main. The show will benefit PR Ball IV and there will be a cocktail party and food beginning at 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, July 19, 1997, Bob Bouton will host a pool tournament at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer, beginning at noon. Trophies will be given to top contenders.

Sunday, July 20, 1997, the Court will be at the Briarpatch, 2294 W. Holcombe, for the Dating Game. This is a fundraiser for the Montrose Counseling Center.

LVL

On Sunday, July 20, 1997, PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) will be

guest bartending on the patio at Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Brotherhood of Pain

The Brotherhood of Pain will be having their educational seminar this Saturday, July 19, 1997 on the patio of the Ripcord, 715 Fairview, beginning at 10:00 p.m.

These seminars are meant to explain and dispel misconceptions about the SM/BD lifestyle. The seminars are free and open to anyone with curiosity, questions or comments about the lifestyle.

Grin and Bear It

The monthly Grin and Bear It contest will be held Sunday, July 20, 1997, at the Venture-N, 2923 Main. For more information about the contest you can call the bar at (713) 522-0000.

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Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee votes to keep night parade next year

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee, armed with an overwhelming response to this year's first night time parade, voted to ask the City of Houston for a permit for Saturday night, June 27, 1998, at 9:00 p.m. for next year's parade.

Co-chairs Darren Armstrong and Susan Guerrero took control of the first general meeting since the parade. Several complaints were submitted including activities surrounding the staging area in which floats were not given the proper height around trees to get onto the parade route without damage.

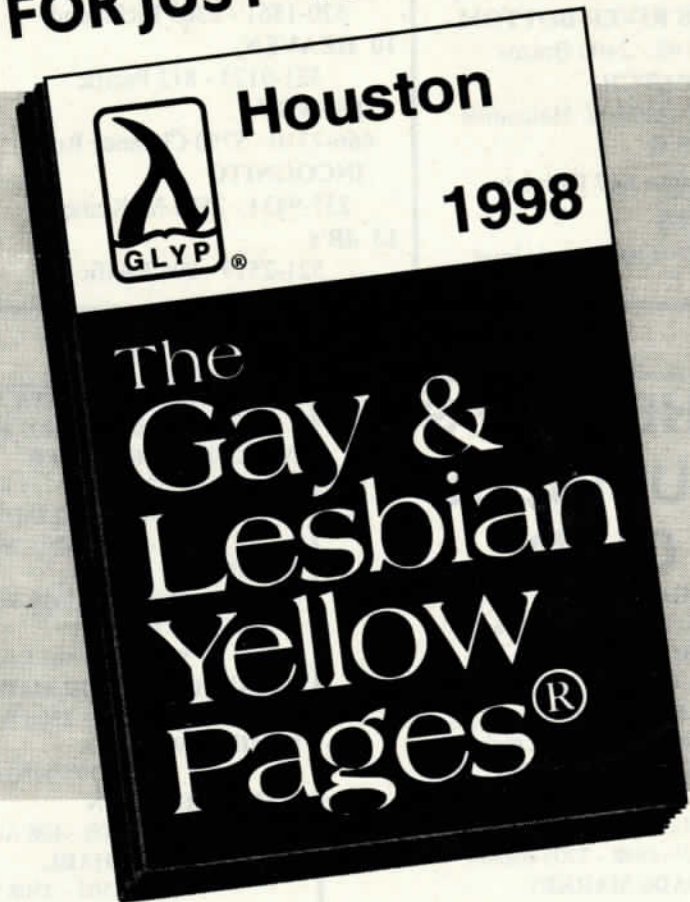
Other suggestions for next year included more after the parade Sunday

activities, drawing more of the older gay crowd, more area for the handicapped community, crowd control and a rule to prevent music before emerging on the parade route.

It was also noted that the sponsor's party will be held on July 31st at Lovett Inn. Invitations will be sent out soon.

The next general meeting of the Pride Committee of Houston will be on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, located at 1475 West Gray. This meeting will include the elections for male and female co-chairs, secretary and treasurer for next year.

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Last week's event totals

Imperial Court on Tour

Last Friday night the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star went on tour performing in four local clubs to raise money for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL). The total amount raised for the evening was \$716.00.

Garden Party

The Garden Party girls were out on the town last Saturday night promoting this year's Garden Party, "Pajama Party." Arriving at Chances around midnight, they put on show which raised \$209.00 for

their benefactors.

L.U.E.Y.

The Houston Council of Clubs guest bartended at Venture-N last Sunday night, while Thumper Knight-Liegh, Miss Mary's, hosted a fundraiser. Totals raised for Let Us Entertain You Weekend 1998, were \$263.00.

Brazos River Bottom

Last Sunday night, Nevada hosted a show at the Brazos River Bottom which raised \$1002.50 for the Colt 45's.

When the Cat's Away

Movie Review
By Chris Broadhurst

When the Cat's Away is a romantic comedy with some serious undertones. Chloe (Garance Clavel) boards her cat with Madam Renee (Renee Le Calm) while she is off for a three week vacation from a job she hates. Upon her return, Madam Renee informs her that her cat has disappeared. A search begins. Most involved are the old ladies of the neighborhood who are a little lonely and face eviction in the face of gentrification. There is also poor simpleminded Djamel (Zinedine Soualem) who is extremely dedicated to the search and develops a crush on Chloe.

The romance comes from Chloe's encounters during the search. There is the drummer (Romain Duris) who has cruised her, but insists he never noticed her after sex. Chloe is looking for love and only gets sex. Sound familiar?

Djamel is sweet and romantic, but is never seen by Chloe as an object of desire. Chloe rejects a lesbian advance, then goes on to try to entice her gay roommate. Yes, that fails too. All the time there has been Bel Canto (Joel Brisse) living just below her. He is not noticed until he is being evicted, but the spark is there. They seriously exchange telephone numbers.

The serious issues are the effects of gentrification on the community, the treatment of the mentally challenged, and French racism. All are handled with a deft touch.

The cinematography is excellent. Visual after visual, the cinematographer presents us with fine art. Framing and the use of lines is extremely well done.

See it at a matinee, then go for an interesting lunch. Opens Friday, July 18 at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5



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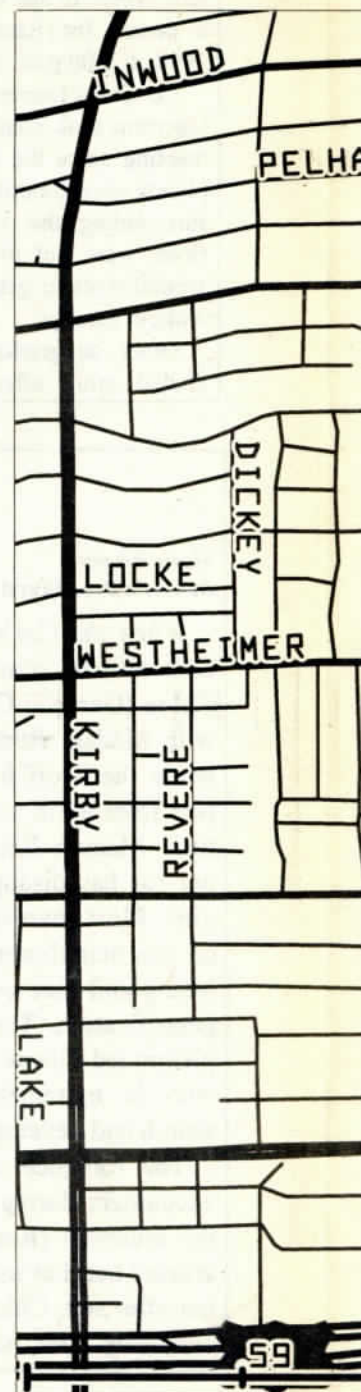
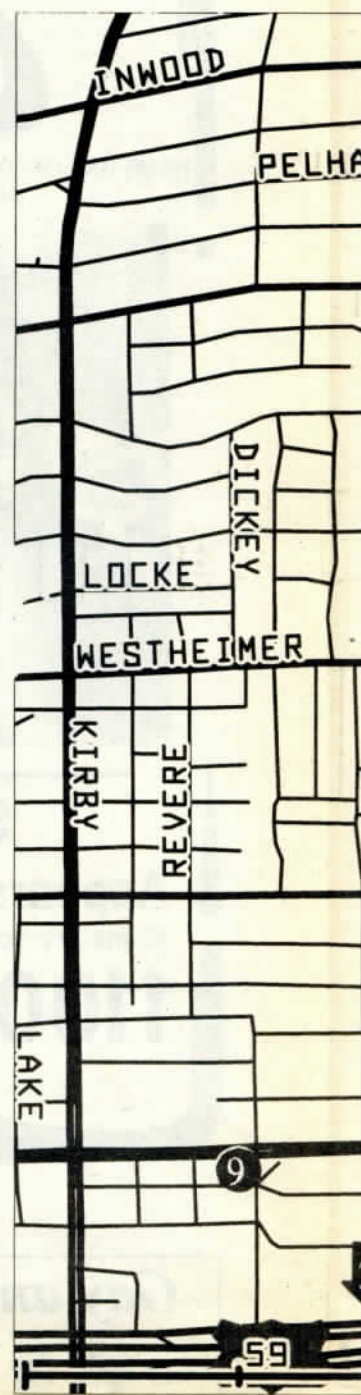
Garance Clavel (l) as Chloe in *When the Cat's Away*

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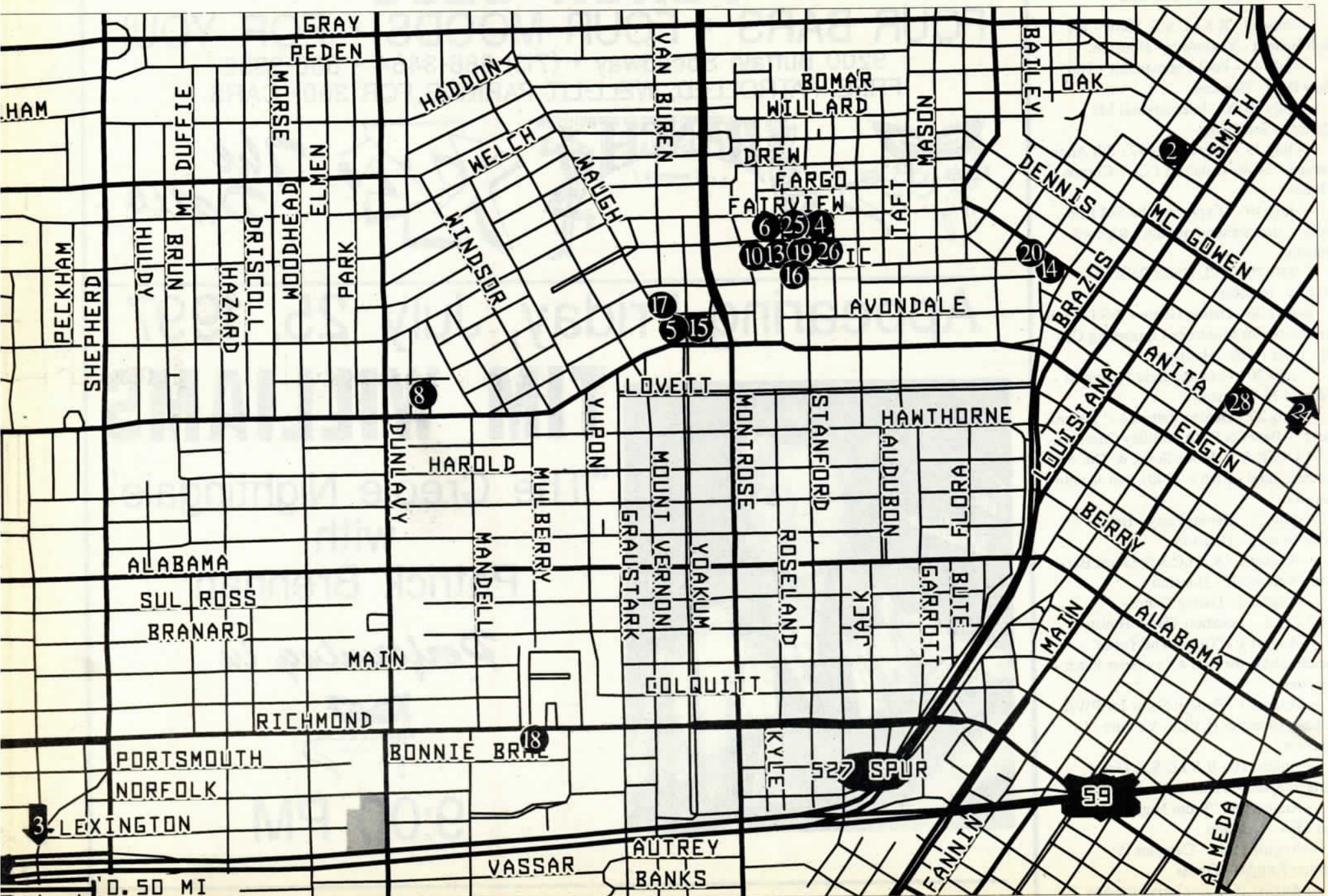


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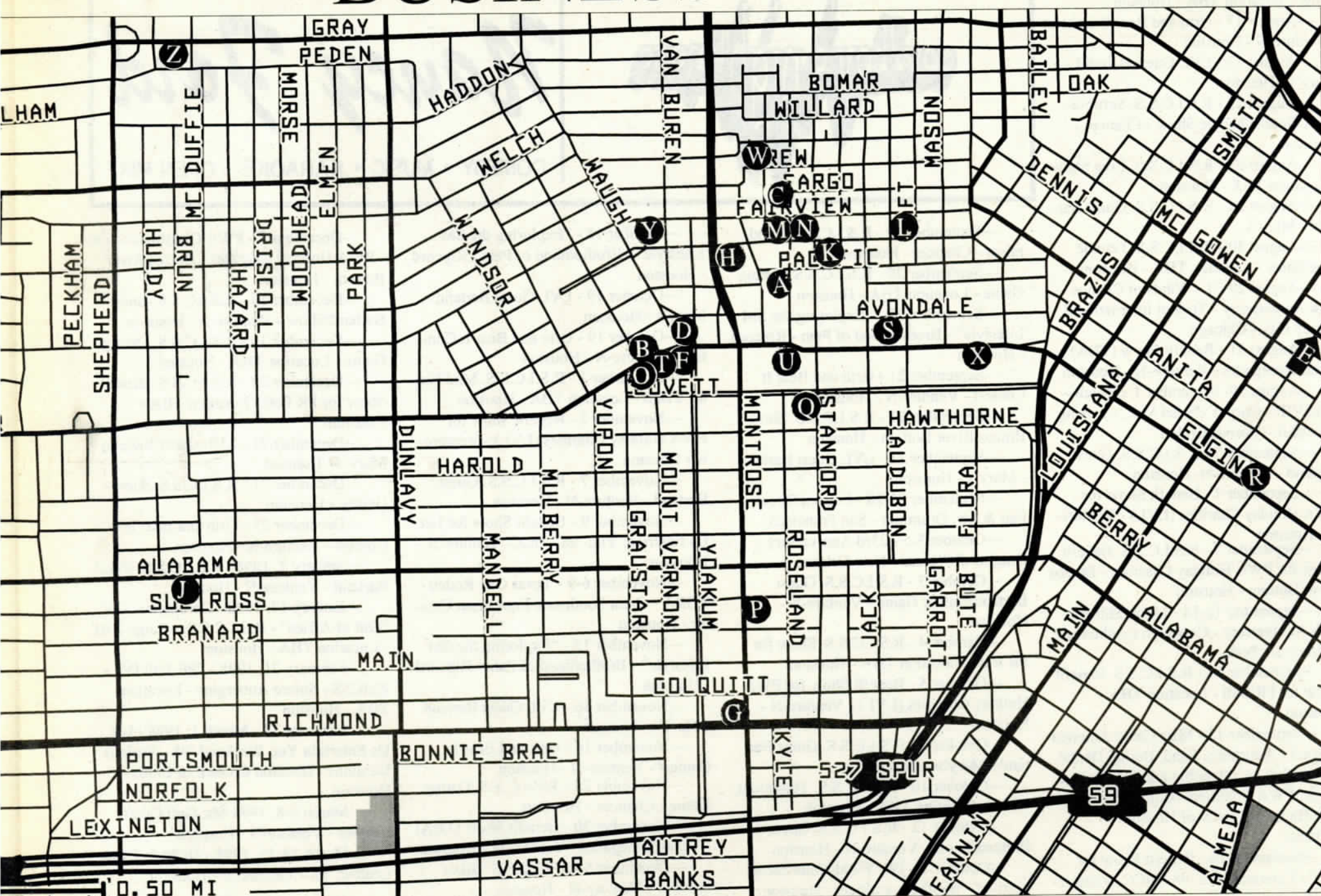
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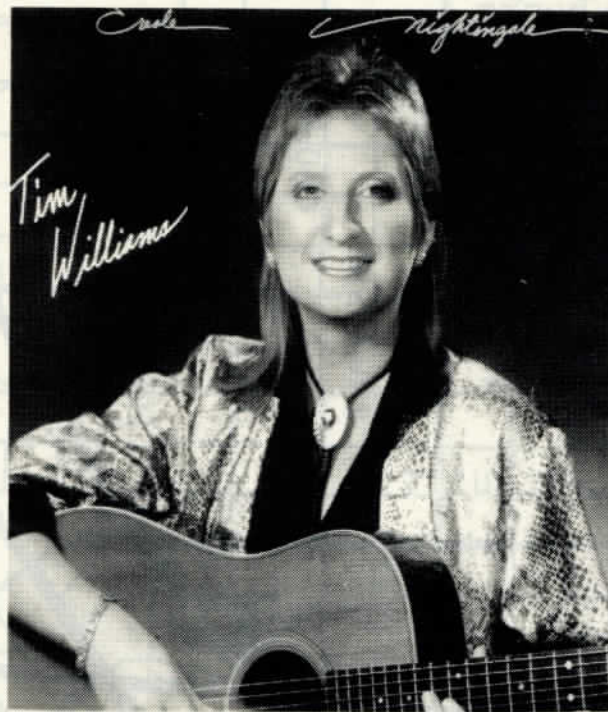
Major Event Calendar

- July 18 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Show - PR Ball Benefit - Venture-N - Houston
- July 19 - Pool Tournament - The New Barn - Houston
- July 19-20 - International Ms. Leather - San Diego
- July 19 - Sea Cruise '97 - 8th Anniversary - Silver Dolphins LLC - Corpus Christi
- July 19 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- July 20 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- July 20 - Dating Game - R.S.I.C.S.S. Fundraiser for Montrose Counseling Center - Briar Patch - Houston
- July 20 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- 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 1 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N - Houston
- August 2 - Dating Game - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Location TBA - Houston
- August 3 - "Down The Tubes" - Benefit Show for Colt 45's - Briar Patch - Houston
- August 3 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
- August 10 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
- August 15 - "Prom Night" - Location TBA - Houston
- August 15-17 - Camelot IV - Leather Knights - Dallas
- August 16 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - 'Liquid Latex Demonstration' Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- August 16 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Monarch Show - Location TBA - Houston
- August 17 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- August 17 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- August 22 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Scrub-a-Muff/Double Nickle Show - Chances - Houston
- August 23 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Live Show - Location TBA - Houston
- August 24 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Mary's
- August 30 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Female Line Show - Location TBA - Houston
- August 29-31 - Winds of Change - 24th Anniversary - Trident International Windy City - Chicago
- August 31 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
- August 29- September 1 - Beachhead VIII - Corpus Christi M.C. - Loving Spoonful - Corpus Christi
- September 5 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N - Houston
- September 7 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
- September 7 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- September 12-14 - Moon Shiners - 14th Anniversary - Cowtown Leathermen - Buzzard's Peak
- September 12 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Benefit Show for PR Ball - Location TBA - Houston
- 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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- September 19 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Fund-raiser - Chances - Houston
- September 20 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Dating Game - Location TBA - Houston
- September 20 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- September 21 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- September 21 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Show - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- September 21 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- September 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & Mr. Drummer - San Francisco
- October 3-5 - 23rd Anniversary - Knights d'Orleans - New Orleans
- October 3 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Dating Game - Venture-N - Houston
- October 4 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Show for PR Ball - Location TBA - Houston
- October 5 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
- October 5 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- October 10 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Turnabout Show - Location TBA - Houston
- October 12 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
- October 18-19 - Westheimer Street Festival - Westheimer Street - Houston

- October 18 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- October 19 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- October 19 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- November 1 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Mad Hatter's Ball - Location TBA - Houston
- November 2 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
- November 7 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N - Houston
- November 9 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 - HCC - Venture-N - Houston
- November 6-9 - Texas Gay Rodeo - TGRA - Great Southwest Equestrian Center - Houston
- November 15 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- November 16 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- November 16 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- November 21 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Dating Game - Chances - Houston
- November 30 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
- December 5 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N - Houston

- December 7 - PWA Christmas Show - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- December 14 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
- December 19 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Dating Game - Location TBA - Houston
- December 20 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Benefit Show for PR Ball - Location TBA - Houston
- December 21 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
- December 21 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Show - Gentry - Houston
- December 21 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- January 2, 1998 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N - 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

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

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MONDAY, July 21
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.


TUESDAY, July 22
Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

WEDNESDAY, July 23
Mary's — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Brick's II — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

THURSDAY, July 24
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Support The Pet Patrol

Basic Brothers Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary with an Open House



Basic Brothers is pleased to announce its Open House on Sunday, July 20, 1997, to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Montrose Community's Out & Proud Clothing Store. The event is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the store, 1232 Westheimer.

There will be a drawing for a trip for two, to Southern Decadence Labor Day weekend in New Orleans, plus drawings for gift certificates and other fabulous prizes.

According to Richard Wiederholt, owner, Basic Brothers began as a resale shop on Richmond Avenue in 1982. Later that year, the store moved to 1220 Westheimer before finding its current space at 1232 Westheimer. "We sort of evolved into what we are today because we listened to what our customers wanted," says Wiederholt. In fact, one would be hard pressed to find such variety of electric fashion items and accessories inventoried at Basic Brothers.

In its 15 year history, Basic Brothers boasts a number of significant accomplishments. They are: a mail order business with more than 5,000 customers and more than 500 retailers across the USA, Japan, Europe and Mexico. In addition, Hot Line Manufacturing, Inc., Basic Brothers' own line of clothing, designed and produced swimwear, and other active wear to augment its reputation as an eclectic, avant garde presence in the world of fashion. At one time, Basic Brothers was even an important center of drag, carrying wigs, make-up and drag clothing.

This Sunday, July 20, 1997, put Basic Brothers' 15th Anniversary Open House on your list of things to do, whether you just want to drop in to say hello, register for the trip for two, to Southern Decadence, or just to shop. Chances are you'll see your old friends or make some new ones!

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FUTURE
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Beginning next week, we will be featuring more of the local activities that take place in and around metropolitan Houston. We will cover the local and national political events that concern our community.

Arts and Entertainment will be greatly expanded. Several national political columns are in the works as well as a local column by "Honeysuckle" and even a "local" horror-scope.

We are very open to suggestions from business owners and the general community. This paper was created for the community so we want to know what the community wants to see. Please call us at (713) 660-6808, fax (713) 660-0119, or write P.O. Box 66627, Houston, TX 77266 to let us know what you want. We are here to provide you with what you want to see...

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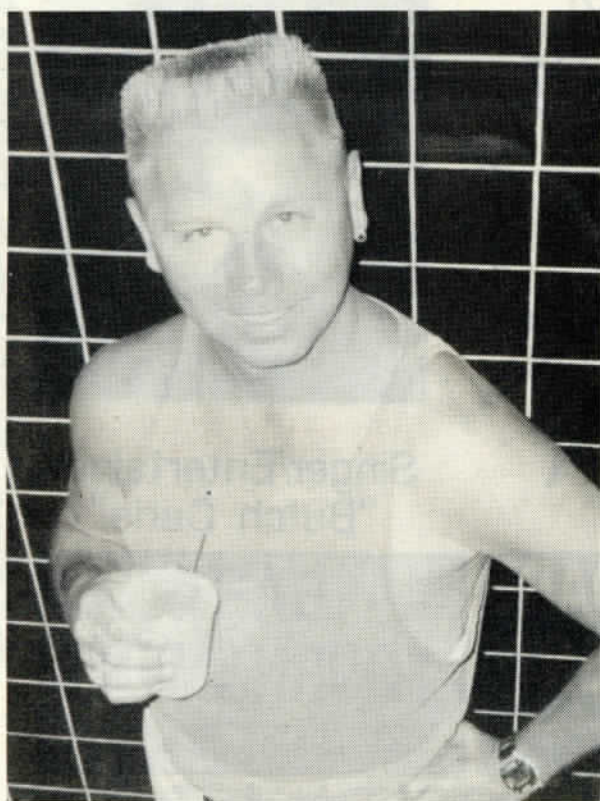
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Party pals at Rich's



C.J. does "Evita"



Simon and a date?



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