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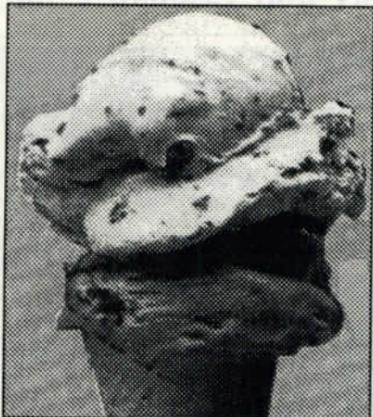
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Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

This past weekend was a long one! Many members of the Houston Court traveled to San Antonio for their annual coronation benefiting their local charities and came right back to town Sunday for meetings, bartending, and shows. It was a very festive weekend, but I'm sure there is going to be much recovery time needed for these folks. I must correct a statement made in last week's column highlighting the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. I wrote that LVL hosts an annual carnival for the PWA Coalition, when it should have stated that the carnival is hosted by the PWA Coalition and LVL assists with food. Sorry Don!

The past couple of weeks have seen benefits for AVES (Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services). And there will be many more on the way. So keep your eyes open.

AVES is a non-profit organization founded in 1988 of the purpose of providing HIV/AIDS prevention, education, outreach and direct client assistance services to the Houston Hispanic Community. The service philosophy of AVES is to acknowledge and eliminate barriers to appropriate care often caused by language and cultural differences. Although AVES places emphasis on serving the Hispanic Community, their services are open to all affected persons.

I spoke with Xavier Luna, Candidate for Mr. TGRA 1998 and Duke XIII of RSICSS, about some of the fundraisers coming up for this group; "I am very proud to announce that this year the Pride Committee has nominated Gala '97 as an official kick-off party for Pride Week. This year's theme is Caribbean Queen. The event will take place at Edwin Homberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.. This year the committee has set a goal of \$50,000 for AVES. This

year's Gala is scheduled for June 21st. I'd like to explain Gala for those who are not familiar. Last year during my candidacy for Mr. TGRA '97, I was a proud sponsor of the first Latino Pride Gala. This turned out to be one of my biggest fund-raisers, bringing in over \$18,000.

"This year as I did last year, I plan to have fund-raisers to raise money for Gala '97. On Sunday, April, 20, Gentry will welcome us to provide a variety show at 9:00 p.m. Hosting this event along with myself will be Miss Gentry 1997 Shelby St. John and Ms. Anna Farlas. Also, we are planning to have the first Gala Pageant. This event will take place at Chances on May 30th. This pageant is open to all interested. We will award a Mr., Miss, and Ms. Gala. These people will represent the Gala and will become official ambassadors."

Xavier also explained that there are other fundraisers planned including a car wash and shows to be announced at a later date, and that Jackie Doyal and Linda Valencia host Latin dance lessons every Thursday night from 7-8:00 p.m. at Suzanne Anderson Properties at 239 Westheimer.

I encourage everyone to help them meet this goal by attending this festive party. Tickets are \$30 for open bar and a night of entertainment and dancing. Tickets will be on sale soon so keep reading for the when and where.

The Pride Gala Committee meets on Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m., at the AVES office at Twelve Oaks Tower, 4126 Southwest Freeway, Suite 500. For more information call AVES at (713) 626-2837. Once again, this is a fun event and a great one to plan on starting out Gay Pride Week '97. Till next week...have fun Houston!

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Spring Iniquity-VI will begin Friday, April 18, 1997, at 9:00 p.m. with registration at the Venture-N, 2923 Main Street.

In six short years NLA: Houston has established itself as a respected member of the Texas and Houston leather/SMBD club and organizational communities.

One of the most successful and ongoing projects is the NLA: H Christmas Children's Toy Drive for kids affected by HIV/AIDS. Through this benefit, thousands of toys, diapers and money have been collected from Thanksgiving until Christmas via the many leather friendly clubs and businesses throughout Houston. This year, the fundraising kicks-off the first weekend in May due to the ever-increasing need and demand for NLA: H's help for these most deserving children. This past year's toy drive was the most successful, collecting over 1,400 toys and raising \$1,100.00 which was divided between the PWA Coalition and The Loving Arms Foundation.

NLA: Houston members support the many fundraising efforts of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star and participates in their benefit programs through-out the

year. NLA: H is a supporter of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week festivities and presents its "Houston's Hot" party, hosting upwards of 600 guests during Pride Week.

The educational outreach of NLA: Houston is a continuing program that covers topics from hands-on demos to subjects regarding relationships and top/bottom issues and concerns. NLA: Houston routinely lectures and provides information to other SM/BD/Fetish organizations in Houston and throughout Texas, including NLA: Austin's "Texas Leather Pride and NLA: Dallas' "Beyond Vanilla."

NLA: Houston has been the recipient of The Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Service Award in 1992 and The Allan Ross Freedom Parade "Pride Trophy," also awarded in 1992.

NLA: Houston was the host chapter for "The Living in Leather" conference in 1993, which was the recipient of the Pantheon of Leather "Club Event of the Year" award, as well as the host of The Pantheon of Leather Awards conference in 1994.

NLA: H members and associates are active in many community outreach, political and charitable organizations including The Bering Community Service Foundation, The Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee, R.S.I.C.S.S., Houston Council of Clubs, Texas Conference of Clubs and many more.

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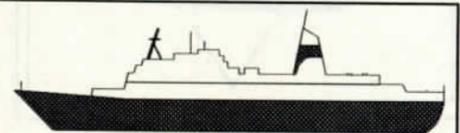


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The World of Gay Travel



By Christopher Roth

As promised, this week we begin our tour of Spain. Our first stop is Barcelona. This city seems to never sleep and everyone I met made me feel warm and welcome.

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is the second largest city in Spain. It has always been the most cosmopolitan and commercial city in the country. This is primarily due to the fact that it has always been open to foreign influences and ideas. Through Barcelona, Spain was exposed to the ideas of the Renaissance and the French Revolution. Catalonians have always been known for being on the forefront of all the cultural movements in Spain. Artist and singers like Dali, Miro, Gaudi and Montserrat Caballe are all natives of Catalonia. It is because of this entrepreneurial and artistic spirit that Barcelona has always had a very active and prosperous gay community.

Casa Lambda, which is the major gay organization in Barcelona has come up with a card, that you can purchase for a few dollars, gets you into the majority of the clubs with out cover (some clubs charge as much as \$15 cover charge) and also gets you

discounts at a variety of gay and gay friendly business in the city. You can purchase the cards from travel agents here in the U.S. or when you arrive in Barcelona from Casa Lambda.

Barcelona has changed drastically within the last 10 years, with it being an Olympic host as well as a host for a World's Fair, it has a fresh, clean look. New hotels, restaurants and clubs, all ready to be enjoyed! Some of the most beautiful architecture in the world can be viewed from any number of vantage points through the city. Also museums galore! One not to be missed is the Dali Museum, it's about 2 hours out of Barcelona and makes a wonderful day trip.

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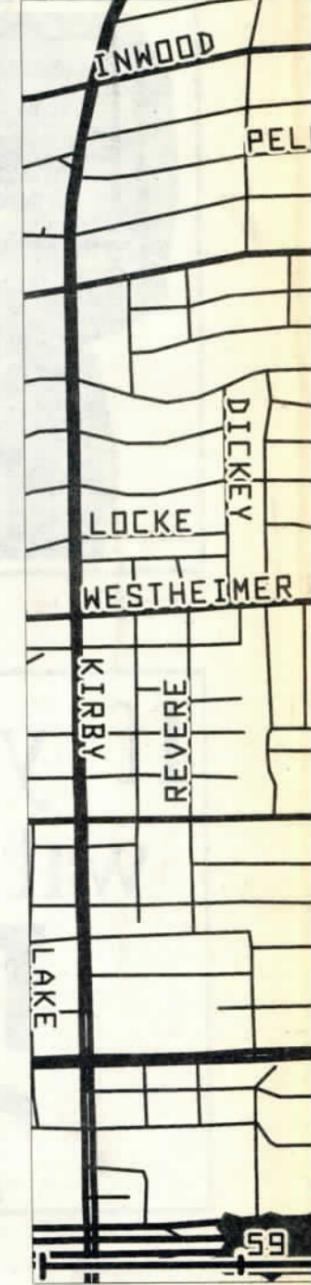
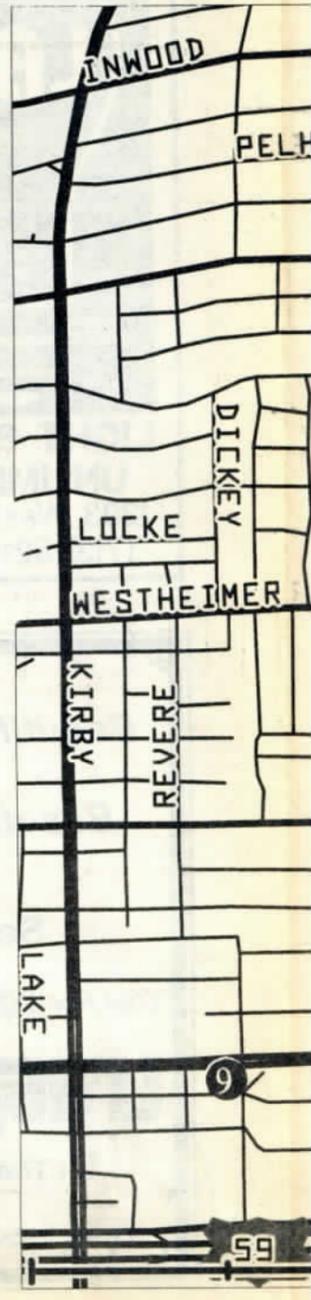
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Emperor XIII Jerel McNeil and Empress XIII Anita Mann with the Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. raised \$136.00 at the Venture-N to benefit Reign XIII's beneficiary, The Loving Arms Learning Center.

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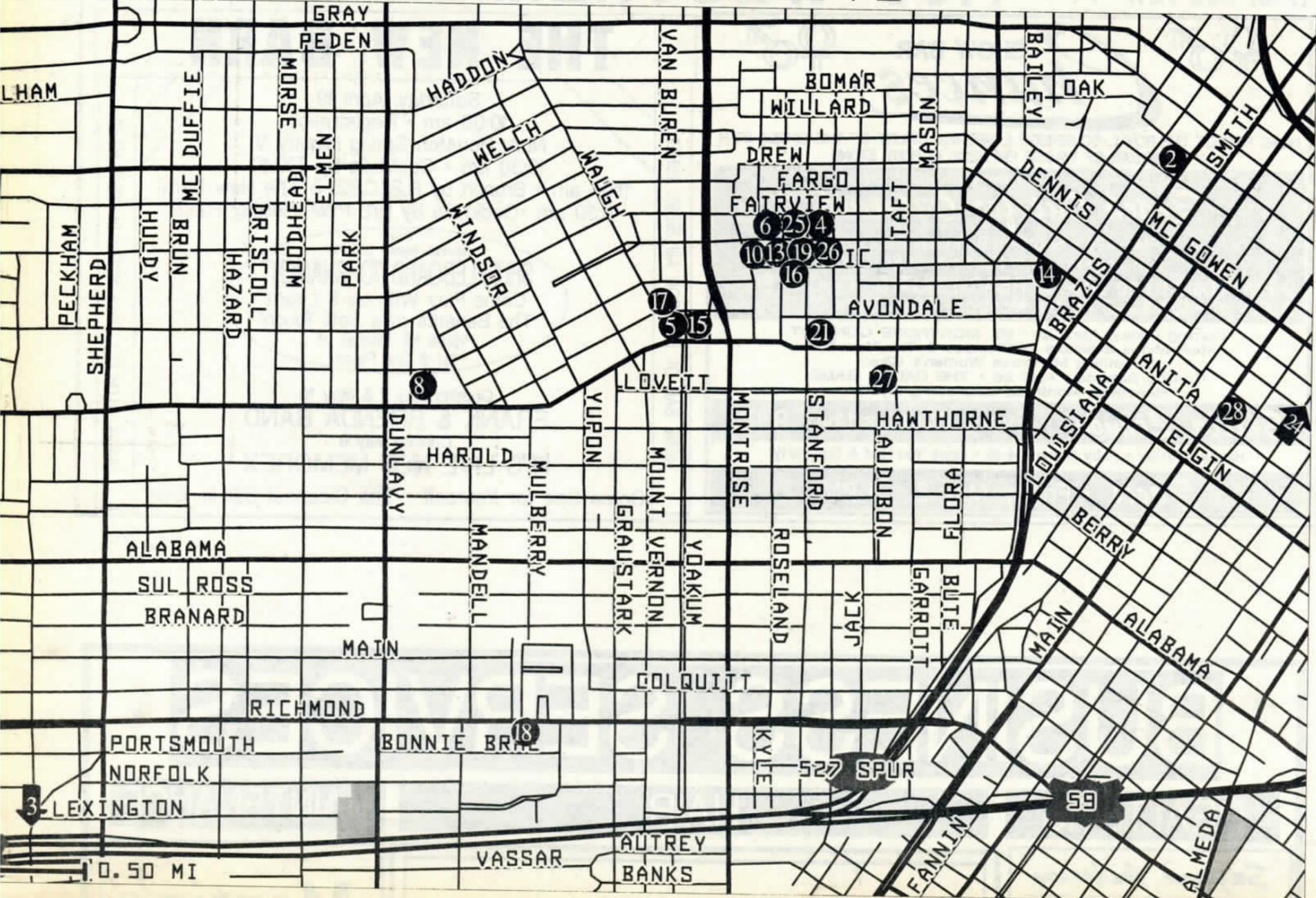
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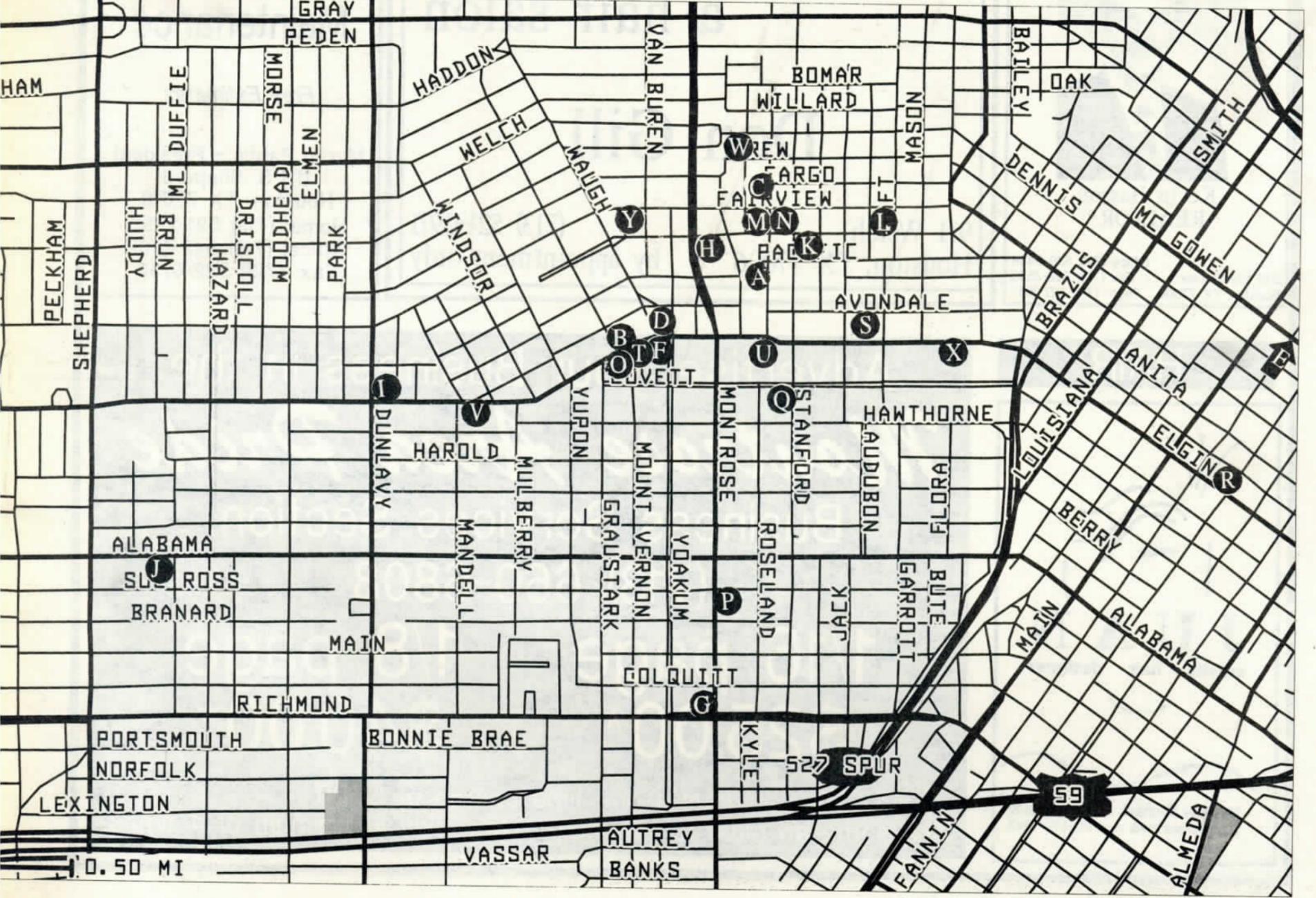
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NLA: Houston Spring Iniquity VI

10:30 am • Cocktails by TXMC

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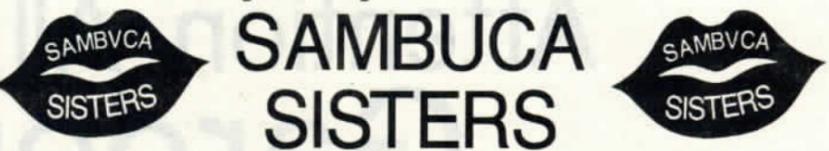
Major Event Calendar

- April 18-20 - A Spring Iniquity - Anniversary Celebration VI - National Leather Association: Houston - Various locations - Houston
- April 19 - Texas Renegades 12th Anniversary - Houston
- April 19 - Reach Out for Outreach - Bar-B-Q, Black Jack, Balloon Pop - Show - Montrose Clinic - Chances - Houston
- April 19 - Exploring the SM Lifestyle - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- April 20 - Miss HoneyBee Pageant - Garden Party - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- April 20 - Variety Show - Benefit for Gala '97 (AVES) - Gentry - Houston
- April 25-27 - Fiesta UnChained Run (FUCR) - Chain of Command - San Antonio
- April 25 - Ms. Montrose Contest - Montrose Women's Clinic - Chances - Houston
- April 25-26 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Buffalo, NY
- April 26 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Buffalo, NY
- April 26 - Dating Game - RSICSS - Montrose Counseling Center - Chances - Houston
- April 26 - Car Wash - RSICSS - PR Ball 4 - Male Line at TWT/Voice Parking Lot - Female Line at E.J.'s - Houston
- April 27 - Miss Montrose Contest - Venture-N - Houston
- April 27 - "Duet" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- April 27 - "Toast of the Town" - Houston Music Co-op - Milam House - Briar Patch - Houston
- May 2-3-4 "That's Upp with 2 P's" - NLA-Houston - Children's Charities - Venture-N (2), Chances (3) & Gentry (4) - Houston
- May 3-4 - Westheimer Street Festival - Houston
- May 4 - "Maydaze" - Benefit for L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 9 - "It's Live Not Memorex" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - The New Barn - Houston
- May 10 - "Investiture" - House of Glade - Benefiting Loving Arms Learning Center - Venture-N - Houston
- May 11 - Mother of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston
- May 11 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 (HCC) - Venture-N - Houston
- May 11 - "Reunion" - Bering Dental Clinic - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 11 - Benefit Show for AVES - Briar Patch - Houston
- May 16-17 - Gulf Coast Drummer Contest - Eagle - Dallas
- May 16-18 - Texas Lesbian Conference - Houston Renaissance Hotel - Houston
- May 16-17 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Waco
- May 16-17 - Imperial Court System Coronation - Albuquerque
- May 17 - Exploring the SM Lifestyle - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
- May 18 - M. Gay Houston - Club Inergy - Houston
- May 22-26 - Bear Pride '97 - Great Lakes Bears - Chicago
- May 23 - Benefit for Reign XIII - Venture-N - Houston
- May 23-26 - Straps, Chaps & Chains - Chain of Command - Buzzard's Peak
- May 24 - Dating Game - RSICSS - TBA - Houston
- May 25 - Miss Gay Pride Houston - Chances - Houston
- May 25 - Benefit for Garden Party - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- May 30 - Mr., Miss & Ms. Gala - AVES - Chances - Houston
- June 1 - Miss Mary's Contest - LVL PWA Holiday Fund - Mary's - Houston
- June 13 - Daddy/Master Auction - Ripcord - Houston
- June 14 - 21st Anniversary - Colt 45's - Houston
- June 15 - Daddy of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston
- June 15 - Mr. Montrose 97-98 Contest - LVL PWA Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - 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 - P.W.A. 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 - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- July 11-13 - Journey to Atlantis - Summer Sizzler III - 15th Anniversary - Texas MC - Dallas
- July 13 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 (HCC) - Venture-N - Houston
- July 19-20 - International Ms. Leather - San Diego
- July 19 - Sea Cruise '97 - 8th Anniversary - Silver Dolphins LLC - Corpus Christi
- July 27 - Garden Party 22 - "Pajama Party" - Location TBA - Houston
- July 27 - Denim Party - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- August 15-17 - Camelot IV - Leather Knights - Dallas
- August 29-31 - Winds of Change - 24th Anniversary - Trident International Windy City - Chicago
- August 31 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
- September 12-14 - Moon Shiners - 14th Anniversary - Cowtown Leathermen - Buzzard's Peak
- September 14 - Benefit Show for Let Us Entertain You '98 - HCC - Venture-N - Houston
- September 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & Mr. Drummer - San Francisco
- October 3-5 - 23rd Anniversary - Knights d'Orleans - New Orleans
- November 2 - Thanksgiving Show - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- November 6-9 - Texas Gay Rodeo - TGRA - Great Southwest Equestrian Center - Houston
- December 7 - PWA Christmas Show - L.V.L. P.W.A. Holiday Fund - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
- January 17, 1998 - Reign XIII - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Location TBA - Houston
- February 27 - March 1, 1998 - Let Us Entertain You Weekend '98 - Various locations - Houston Council of Clubs - Houston
- March 6-8, 1998 Ms. Gulf Coast Leather - Venture-N - Houston
- March 14-15, 1998 - Night in Black Leather '98 - Venture-N - Houston
- August 1-8, 1998 - The 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games

This weekly event calendar lists future events of clubs and organizations. It is not limited to local events, but must be of interest to Houston clubs, organizations or individuals. Please send written information to the Montrose Area Pride, P.O. Box 66627, Houston, TX 77266 for inclusion in this calendar. Deadline is Friday one week prior to publication date.



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NLA's & Renegade's anniversary plus three benefits fill out the weekend's time slots

"A Spring Iniquity"

NLA: Houston will be celebrating their sixth anniversary April 18, 19, and 20, 1997 at various locations in Houston and Montrose. Registration begins Friday, April 18, 1997, at 9:00 p.m. at the Venture-N, 2923 Main Street. Registration continues at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer.

Events include food, games, cocktail parties, Saturday play party, Sunday brunch and more. Plus, Houston style hospitality.

For more information on Spring Iniquity-VI, contact NLA: Houston, (713) 861-2598 or e-mail: nla.houston@juno.com.

Renegades

The Texas Renegades will be celebrating their 12th anniversary on April 19, 1997 in conjunction with NLA: Houston and Spring Iniquity.

The Renegades will be hosting a party during the run.

Reach Out

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star Reaches Out For Outreach at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, on Saturday, April 19, 1997 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

It is a day of food and fun for The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program.

They will be serving southern barbecue plates and have a balloon drop with hundreds of prizes to win during the day and a show that night.

Laura Lee Love will be hosting the show "Reach Out & Touch" beginning at 9:00 p.m.

This an all day event with all proceeds benefiting The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program.

Miss Honeybee

The Garden Party will be having the first Miss Honeybee Pageant at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, on Sunday, April 20, 1997, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The pageant is a benefit for the Garden Party beneficiaries, Colt 45's Stone Soup, LVL PWA Holiday Fund and the Assistance Fund Prescription Program.

For information on how to be the first to wear the Honeybee crown, contact Elmer at (713) 932-9959 or Alvin at (713) 862-1353.

Gala '97

On Sunday, April 20, 1997, Xavier Luna, Mr. Gentry 1997; Shelby St. John, Miss Gentry 1997; and Ms. Anna Farlas will be hosting a variety show at Gentry, 2303 Richmond, starting at 9:00 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit Gala '97.

TGRA - Houston funds to be distributed to local charities

Assist Hers - \$2,380.00
Bering Community Service Foundation/Soiree Aubergine - \$10,121.00
Colt 45's - \$7,866.00
Loving Arms Foundation - \$6,638.00
Omega House - \$3,382.00
Pet Patrol - \$2,868.00
Pride Committee of Houston - \$1,252.00
PWA Coalition - \$1,565.000
PWA Holiday Charities - \$4,008.00

The Houston Chapter of TGRA voted on the distribution of funds at the monthly meeting held April 13, 1997 at Gentry.

Chapter fundraising efforts raised the largest amount of funds ever by a TGRA Chapter, \$40,084.38. These efforts included concession stands operated during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Astros and Oilers games and other major events in the Astrodome, variety shows at local clubs, car washes and other activities.

Special thanks go out to all chapter members, local organizations

and individuals that have helped make this possible.

Local chapter members decide which charities receive TGRA funds through nominations and presentations to the membership by charities. Each member votes on which charities will receive funds and the amount. The above listed Houston charities will receive funds from the Houston chapter.

President Michael A. Gaitz will present checks to each of the receiving organizations at the Presidents Awards Show on June 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos Street.

Support the COLT 45's TROUBLE FUND