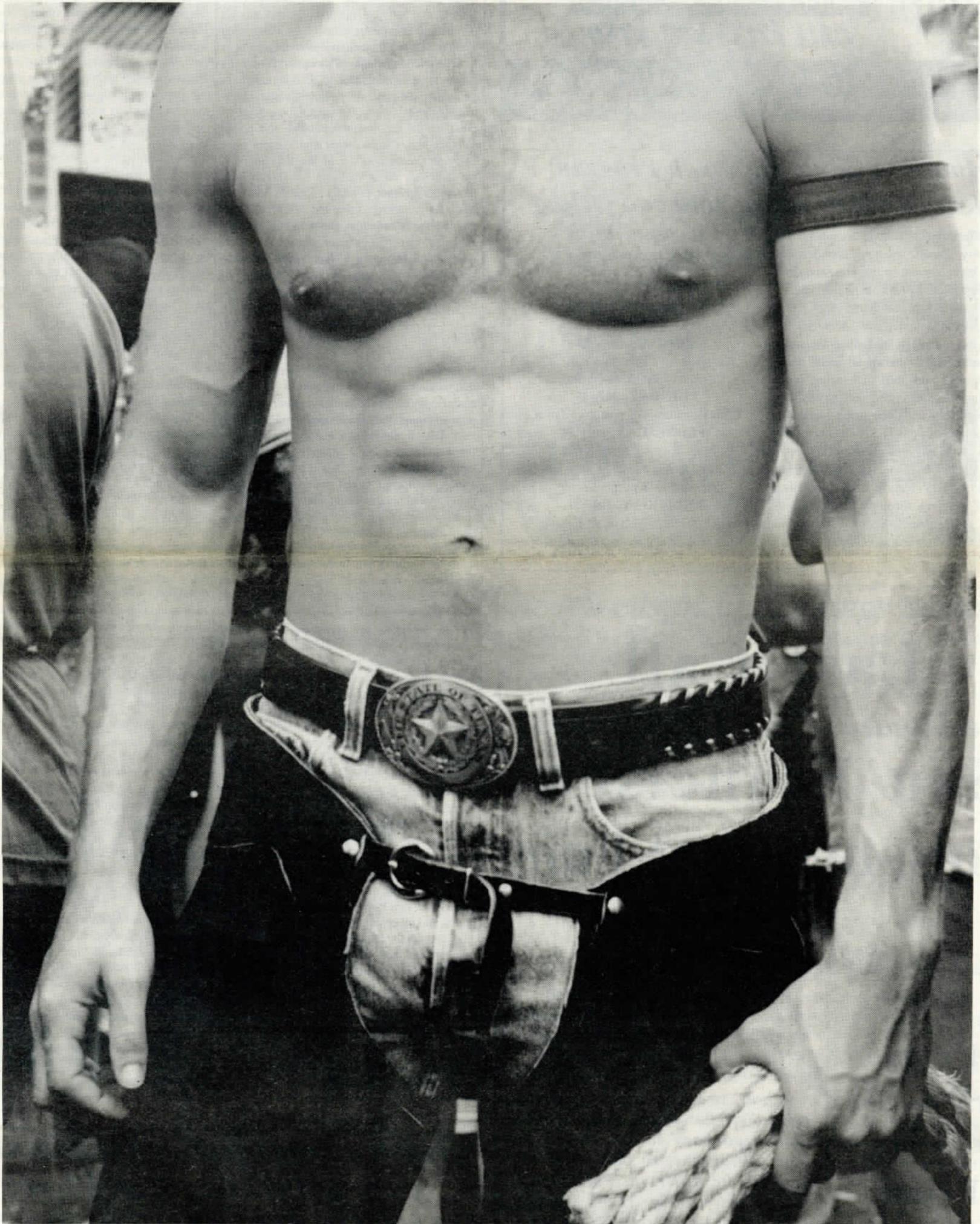


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The Guide to Gay Houston ★ Published for the Men and Women of the Houston Gay Community



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Garden Party and Denim Party on Sunday highlight this weekend's activities

Two of Houston's parties occur this Sunday afternoon and evening. At 3:00 p.m., the Garden Party begins its 22nd annual party at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. This year's theme is "Pajama Party." Tickets are available at Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer and Lobo, 3939-S Montrose. Pending availability, tickets will be on sale at the door. A shuttle bus will be available to the party crowd from the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. The return trip will put you at the correct position for entry into the Denim Party which runs from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the BRB. Your invitation to the 14th annual Denim Party is printed on the back page of this copy of the Montrose Area Pride.

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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 **Free HIV Counseling and Testing** in the following establishments:

- THURSDAY, July 24**
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- FRIDAY, July 25**
The New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY, July 26**
Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- MONDAY, July 28**
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
- TUESDAY, July 29**
Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
- WEDNESDAY, July 30**
Mary's — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Midtown Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Ripcord — 8 p.m. - 12 m.n.
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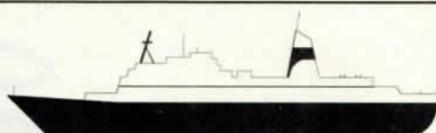
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Only 50 air tickets available. Reserve yours with \$100 deposit (cash or check) to Montrose Inn. Fully refundable until Aug. 1. Balance of \$191 for air/transfers/MUNI pass due Aug. 15.

Call Henry, (713) 520-0206, to reserve your seat.

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

The World of Gay Travel



By Christopher Roth

Mention Iceland to someone who's never been there and some may say, "Iceland - who would want to go there?" or possibly, "I've always wondered what it's like." Mention Iceland to someone who has been there and you're likely to hear, "I loved it - can't wait to go back! It's my favorite destination!"

Iceland is actually a misnomer — Greenland is truly a country of ice, while Iceland is a country of green, beautifully covered with in a white blanket during the winter months. (Icelanders will tell you the Vikings did this on purpose, to discourage others from emigrating to their beloved Iceland and encouraging trips to the barren ice fields of Greenland instead!) Never typically colder than 0° Fahrenheit in the winter and generally in the 60°s in the summer, Iceland is simply a treasure any time of the year. In the warmer months, the bright summer nights keep locals and visitors alike enjoying the outdoors until the wee hours of the morning. When the days get shorter with the colder weather, the dark morning hours are made festive with candles and twinkling lights until everyone can enjoy the delight of a rising sun!

If you're looking for a New York City vacation, don't come here. With a population of just over 250,000 in the country (about the size of Kentucky), half of whom live in the capital city of Reykjavik, this would never be considered a large city. But if you are looking for a unique, friendly and safe place to visit, Iceland is for you! City dwellers will gasp to realize that Iceland has had 39 murders — in the last century! As a rule, Icelanders are very friendly people, though they may seem a bit reserved at first. Take a minute and ask for directions, or for a suggestion on a menu — before long your new Icelandic friend will be drawing you a map, or offering to tell you everything there is to know about preparing a lamb dish.

Nowhere are the forces of nature more evident than on this island of glaciers, hot springs, geysers, active volcanoes, lava fields, waterfalls, craters and snowcapped peaks. In a world that we have tried hard to tame, visitors to Iceland stand in awe at the mammoth Gullfoss Falls, where the river Hvita drops 32 meters in two falls. Just down the road, others stand posed with their cameras, hoping their film is fast enough to catch the blue-rimmed bubble preceding the tremendous spouting of the Strokkur Geysir (sister to the Great Geysir for which all spouting hot springs were named). En route to these wonders of nature from Reykjavik, guests travel between vast deserts of the lava fields, left from the still-active volcanoes, and reminiscent of those seen on the big island of Hawaii. Here, however, you'll find any number of things built in and around the lava fields, from the town of Hafnarfjörður (where lava spikes peek up between the homes) to the incredible Blue Lagoon. Actually not a lagoon at all but a pale blue pool of hot water filled with silica mud, sulphur and an organic mix known to relieve psoriasis, arthritis and other ailments, the "lagoon" is actually the result of drilling for the Svartsengi power plant, and is now a popular spa site. A swim here can be truly an ethereal experience (especially in the winter months!) With clouds of steam rising from the delightfully hot water.

While one can swim comfortably year around, it is also possible to enjoy winter sports every month of the year. Hiking is also popular during the warmer months as is horseback riding. The Icelandic horse found here

are direct descendants of the horses brought to the island by the Vikings in the 9th century. (In fact, no other horses have ever been allowed in Iceland, and once a Viking horse leaves the country, it may not return.)

Gay and lesbian visitors to Iceland should feel remarkably comfortable from the moment they step off the plane and see the colorfully lit rainbow sculpture at Keflavik Airport (actually just a coincidence). Icelanders share the same laid-back attitude seen in most Scandinavian countries and the gay community here is considered just another part of the population. There is no "gay section" of Reykjavik, as it is deemed unnecessary. Even Reykjavik's gay bar "Bar 22" is generally hosting heterosexual clientele as well as homosexuals. The younger gay crowd typically spends their evenings at Tunglid, which is a more typical disco scene (including a hefty cover charge), but it's just as popular with the straight Icelandic youth. (Be forewarned in any event — pushing - to the bar, the dance floor or wherever you're going - is not only not considered rude here, but is just part of Icelandic behavior. So don't be too quick to think someone is trying to start a fight!) Alcohol is very expensive (a beer can be as much as \$10!) So most Icelanders begin their evenings with drinks at a friend's home. Subsequently, most people turn up late at the cafes, bars and discos, which are often deserted until 11 or 12:00 at night! These late evenings also make taxi hailing an Olympic-style sport when the bars close at 3:00 a.m., so your best bet may be to walk from the city center to the taxi stand at the east end of Laekjargata, to avoid taxi competition.

The gay community is so assimilated here that our sources could only think of one place that would be considered a "gay" restaurant - Jomfruinn. There is one gay bed and breakfast, "A Room With A View", aptly named as it sits on the 6th floor of a major shopping street, overlooking all of the buildings, giving it a gorgeous view of the city and the mountains behind it. The city does have a gay community center at Lindergata 49 which houses a library, cafe and an assortment of group meetings throughout the week. Gay Pride is celebrated each June 27th and an exciting Country Ball is always planned the weekend closest to that date. The gay community is very proud of the fact that partnership legislation has been passed in Iceland, and that the gala celebrating the legalization of the same-sex marriages was attended by the country's president! It is anticipated that anti-discrimination laws will be in place in the very near future.

So if you're looking for "something new" — if you want the chance to enjoy the bounties of nature — if you seek a place to vacation safely and comfortably — then set your sights on Iceland. You'll soon see for yourself why its guests return year after year, having discovered the "hidden treasure of the north!"

(A special thanks to Sue Ryder-Scott from l'Arc en Ciel Voyages for her contribution to this article.)

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

Houston Force seeking funds to send team to 1997 Gay World Series

The Houston Force, a softball team sponsored by the Briar Patch, will be representing Houston at the 1997 Gay World Series in San Diego, California. The series will be held August 11 through August 16, 1997.

In order to raise funds to send the team, the Houston Force will hold a Silent Auction at the Briar Patch, 2294 West Holcombe. Auction items will be on display beginning Friday, July 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Bidding will end at 12:01 a.m. on August 3rd and the winning bids will be announced at 12:30 a.m.

Some auction items, due to their age and value will only be displayed on August 2nd. Photographs will be displayed during the pre-auction period.

If you would like to donate auction items or gift certificates, please contact any team member or call (713) 862-8833.



Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

Congratulations to the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court once again, for another \$1,000 weekend. Friday night at the Venture-n the Court raised \$500 for PR Ball IV benefiting Soiree Aubergine. Saturday saw Bob Bouton at the New Barn hosting his first "slop shot" pool tournament and raising \$256 for Coronation XIV benefiting the Loving Arms Foundation Learning Center. Finally, Sunday night at the Briar Patch, the Court ended the weekend with its monthly dating game benefiting the Montrose Counseling Center Direct Assistance Fund, adding \$300 more to their total. This was a wonderful way to end a busy month.

This weekend, many of the Court members will be traveling to Fort Worth for their Coronation to support their endeavors in raising funds for HIV and AIDS. They always have fun, and they always make sure that Houston leaves its mark wherever they travel. They may be going out of town, but I guarantee they will be back in time for two of Houston's biggest parties...Garden Party and Denim Party.

Heading into this weekend, I started to think about just how many parties our community puts together. One thing that the gay community knows how to do, and that is party!

From formal to laid back, we know how to do it right. We have events from the Black Tie Dinner to Bunnies on the Bayou. The Krewe always has a fabulous

ball, as well as the Imperial Court and its annual coronation weekend. The Houston Gay Community alone has a White Party, a Red Party, a Gray Party and so many other parties just based on colors! One of Houston's most respected fundraising organizations was founded with these parties in mind. Soiree Aubergine, for those of you who didn't know, could also be thought of as... "purple party!"

Out of all of these extravaganzas, the majority of them raise well needed money for charity in some form or fashion. If you sat back and counted all of the funds raised just with our parties alone, I'm sure you would be amazed.

These parties give all of us a chance to kick back, have a blast (and a few cocktails!) and raise money for those dealing with HIV and AIDS. These events are also another way in which it brings together far reaching aspects of our community. People who are not normally out and about, those who do not necessarily go to fundraising shows or events, and even people from around the country have this chance to help contribute to our community.

This is always a fabulous way of celebrating who we are and an even better way to give a helping hand to those who need it. With this in mind, try to have too much fun this weekend. I hope to see you at Rich's for Garden Party and at the Brazos River Bottom for Denim Party...so (I know you will) have fun Houston.

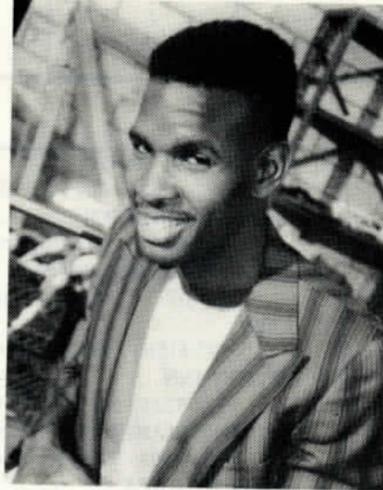


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Robert Clark and Coffee Oasis - River Oaks Plaza continue the new Wellspring Readings Series with Annise Parker reading her poetry on Thursday, August 21, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. at Coffee Oasis - River Oaks Plaza, 1528 West Gray, next to the Cineplex Odeon box office. For more information call Coffee Oasis at (713) 521-7775 or Robert Clark at (713) 521-3519.

Annise Parker is a former president of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, former president of the Neartown Association and a candidate for Houston City Council.

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This will be the first benefit which the cast has performed since being on the road and promises to be an event they will not forget. Cast member, Pat Harrington, (from *One Day at a Time*) will be hosting the event, which will be an evening of entertainment in which the cast will perform music from other stage hits, as well as popular music topped off by a silent auction of theatre memorabilia.

Tickets for *Show Boat Shows Off* are \$20.00 each with proceeds from this event benefiting *Loving Arms Foundation* and *Broadway Cares*. Tickets for *Show Boat Shows Off* are available at all TicketMaster locations, the Jones Hall Box Office, or by phoning (713) 629-3700.

Loving Arms Foundation is one of six

services of its kind in the United States. It provides free daycare to children diagnosed HIV+, or with AIDS. The center also provides free transportation to and from doctor's offices, school and home for these children.

Other services the center provides is education and counseling regarding living with HIV to the families of these children which are affected with this deadly disease in an attempt to provide the children as normal a life as possible. Loving Arms exists solely on public grants and private donations in an effort to keep as much money coming through the doors available to the children with minimal administration fees realized.

A portion of the proceeds will also benefit Broadway Cares (Equity Fights AIDS), one of the first AIDS assistance programs in the country, founded by members of the actors equity when a need was seen in their own profession for assistance to those stricken with HIV.

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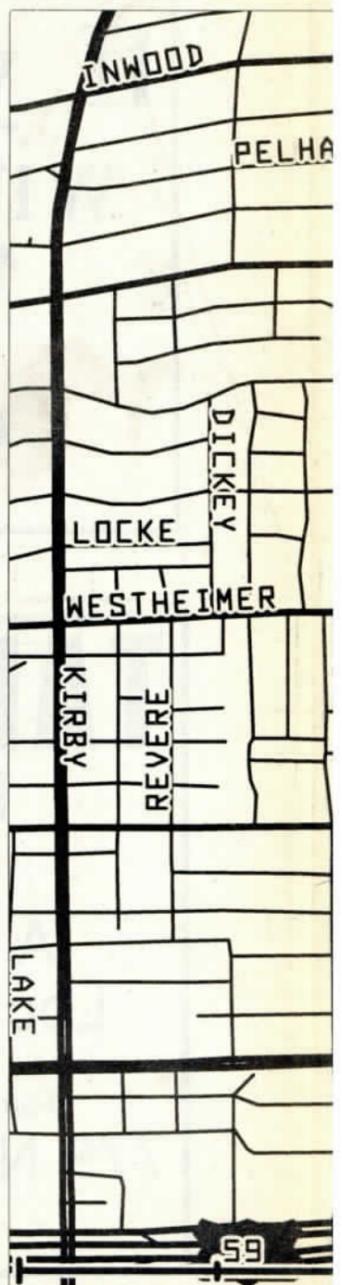
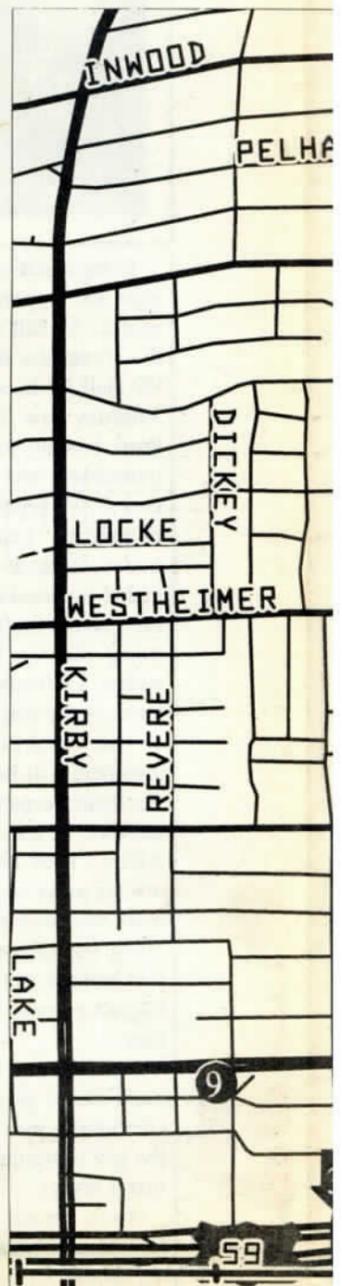
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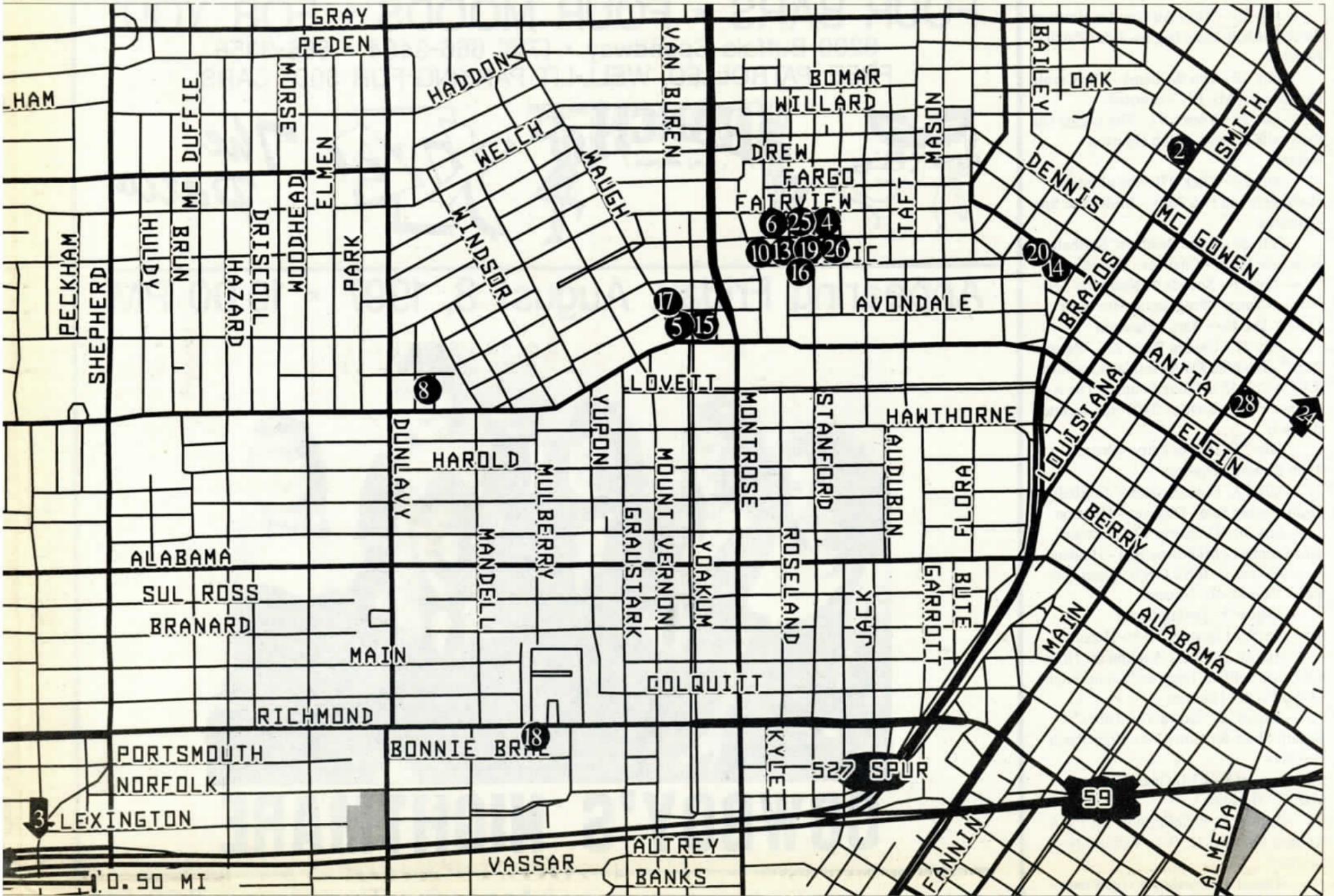
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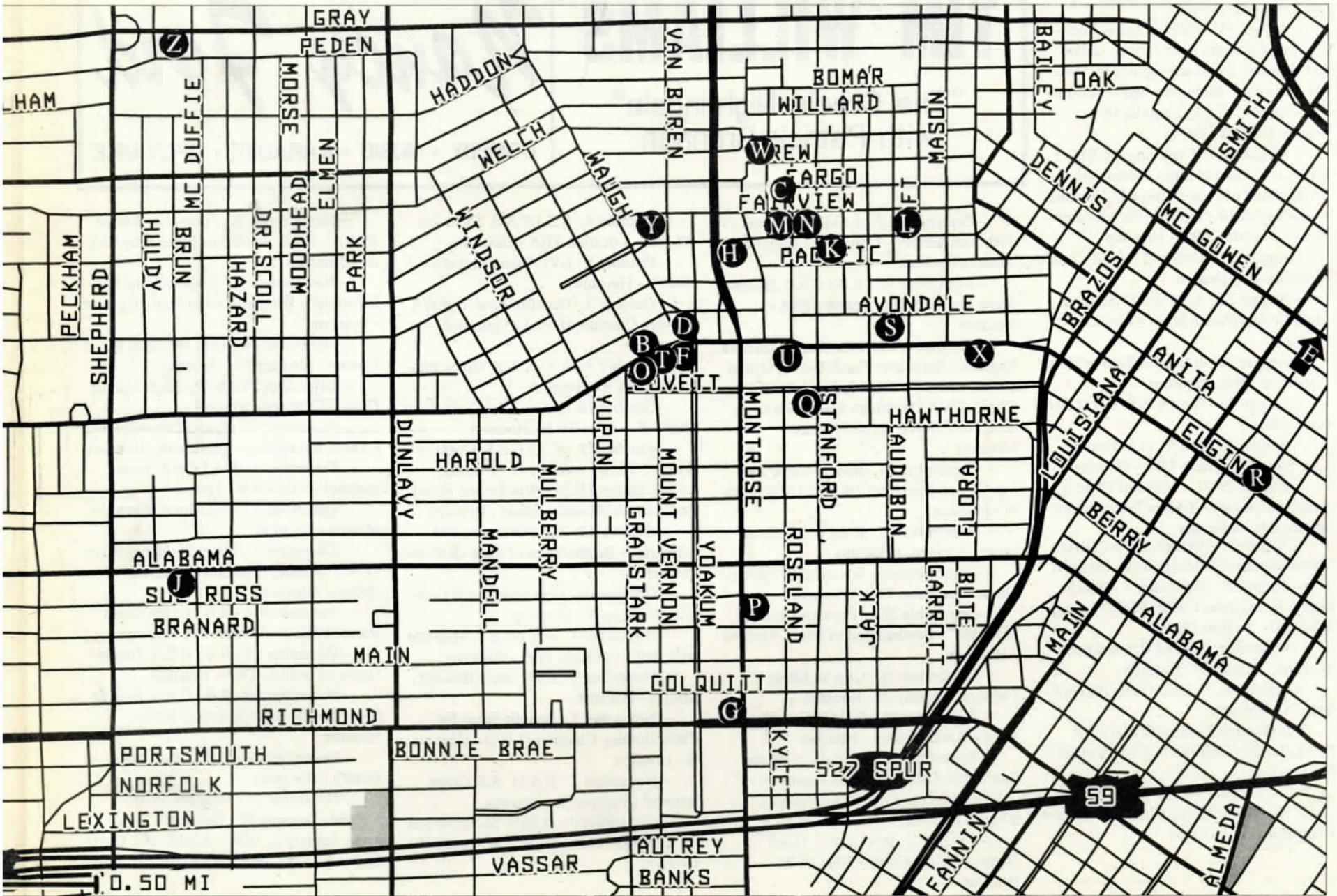
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 —July 25 - Tim Williams - The Creole Nightingale- Ms. B's - Houston
 —July 26 - Vortex 97 - The Lights Out Party with a Twist - Club Houston - Houston
 —July 26 - Click 97! - the ultimate Flashlights and Fog Party - Midtowne Spa - Houston
 —July 26 - Basic Brothers' Softball Team Car Wash - Chances - Houston
 —July 26 - Sounds of Nashville - Nevada - Women's Program at Montrose Clinic - The New Barn - 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
 —July 27 - Basic Brothers' Softball Team Garage Sale - Chances - Houston
 —July 30 - Dragstrip 97 - amateur dance contest - Midtowne Spa - 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 2 - Silent Auction for Houston Force Softball Team ends at midnight - Briar Patch - Houston
 —August 3 - "Down The Tubes" - Benefit Show for Colt 45's - Briar Patch - Houston
 —August 3 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
 —August 3 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 8 - Cowboy's Nightmare - Ranch - Houston
 —August 10 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 15 - "Prom Night" - Location TBA - Houston
 —August 15 - Taste of Texas Tour - with guest dancers from Austin, Dallas and Houston. Guest appearance by Howard Anderson - Midtowne Spa - 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 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 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - Houston
 —September 7 - Benefit Show for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) - Venture-N - Houston
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—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
 —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 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 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - 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 - 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 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - 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 - 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 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - 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 - 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



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Montrose Counseling Center Begins Domestic Violence Program

Thanks to a grant from the Office of the Governor's Victim's of Crime Act program, the Montrose Counseling Center is now providing a full range of services to survivors of same sex intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

"Gay men and lesbians are not immune to violence and abuse," says Kristina Friman, LMSW, a Staff Therapist/Educator at Montrose Counseling Center and staff of the program, "and it can have a major impact on your life. We offer a safe place for you to be heard, and to get help."

Services include individual counseling, group sessions, and case management that will help the individual cope with the aftereffects of abuse and get the resources

and support they need. Services are free of charge to those who meet grant eligibility requirements and confidentiality is strictly maintained.

Friman suggests that one of the hardest things about being a survivor of abuse is seeking help: "Even if you are unsure what you are experiencing is abuse, it is important to take that step and talk to someone about it. No one deserves to be hit or abused, either verbally or physically, and having someone listen will help give you the power to improve your life, or maybe to save it."

Anyone wanting more information can contact Kristina Friman, LMSW, at (713) 529-0037, extension 26.

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Tim Williams

On Friday, July 25, 1997, Tim Williams will be performing in Ms. B's (Plaza 9200, the Ranch), 9200 Buffalo Speedway at 9:00 p.m.

She is called "The Creole Nightingale" and will be performing with Patrick Brennan.

C. Three

At Chances, 1100 Westheimer, C. Three will be performing on Friday, July 25, 1997, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The C. Three Band consists of keyboard, trumpet and drums. They perform blues, jazz and live vocals.

Car wash

Basic Brothers' softball team will be holding a car wash on Saturday, July 26, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Chances, 1100 Westheimer. The money raised will help send the team to the Gay World Series in San Diego.

Sounds of Nashville

Nevada, candidate for Ms. TGRA 1998, will be hosting "Sounds of Nashville" at The New Barn, 1100

Westheimer beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 1997. This all-live musical show will benefit the women's program at the Montrose Clinic.

Click '97!

On Saturday, July 26, 1997, at Midtowne Spa, 3100 Fannin starting at 10:00 p.m. Click '97! begins. The spa is calling it the ultimate flashlights and fog party.

Vortex 97

The Club Houston presents Vortex 97, the Lights Out party with a twist, on Saturday, July 26, 1997, beginning at 10:00 p.m. There will be a catered buffet and free "glowie stuff" to the first 100 in the door. The doors will be closing at 8:00 p.m. in preparation for the party and special event pricing will be in effect. No passes will be accepted.

Garage sale

Basic Brothers' softball team will be holding a garage sale at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, on Sunday, July 27, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The money raised will help send the team to the Gay World Series in San Diego.

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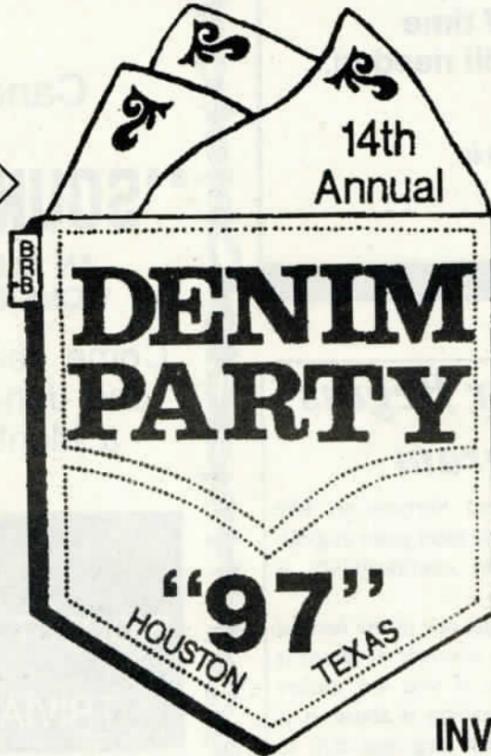
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