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Miss Vacant Lot 1997 - 1998 Demanda Tension



Venture-N bartender Michael wins Mary's annual contest

Welcome to the 40th issue of The Montrose Area Pride! As you can see by our cover, there is yet, another title-holder among our community. Demanda Tension won the Miss Vacant Lot contest last weekend at Mary's. There is more about the contest on page 7 in one of our new columns, Honeysuckle. Another new column we have started is My, My, What Stars!, a weekly horoscope by Helga the Exalted and two cartoons, Speed Bump and Ballard Street. We can also be reached by e-mail now, Montrosepr@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you are enjoying the paper. We are continuing to make changes and national news is coming soon.

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New Montrose restaurant now open on Waugh Drive: Los Gordos Mexican Cafe

By Barry Larson
Co-Publisher

If you haven't been over on Waugh Drive lately, it's time to head over there and check out Los Gordos Mexican Cafe. The restaurant has only been open for about three months and is owned and operated by Manuel Atenco and family. They came from New York where they operated a restaurant outside of the Village and did not realize their location here was so close to the Montrose area.



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Los Gordos Mexican Cafe, located at 2100 Waugh Drive near at Drew Street in Montrose

They are located at 2100 Waugh Drive at the corner of Drew and Indiana. Parking is limited with only seven spaces in front of the restaurant, but street parking is available. The restaurant is quite spacious and the tables are brightly decorated with colorful Mexican table cloths. They have two televisions, one being a big screen, located at each end of the restaurant.

The menu is moderately priced, with only one item being above \$10.00, the Pa-ella (seafood plate), which should be ordered ahead of time if you are in a hurry, because it takes 30 minutes to prepare. Menu items range from appetizers to desserts of the Mexican flavor. Beef, chicken, pork and seafood varieties are available. Beverages consist of the usual soft drinks, an array of imported beers, domestic, or local beers, as they refer to them, are

Budweiser, Bud Light and Miller Lite. Sangria is listed on the menu, but you'll want to ask for one of their wine-based margaritas.

The food items are quite tasty, yet not too spicy, but Manuel will be happy to make any item as spicy as you like it. If there is something special you'd like, he'll make that too. You might want to call ahead for special items in case they take longer to prepare.

Their hours are 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. and the phone number is (713) 521-7789. They also have free delivery for the surrounding area, pick up one of their to go menus and check out the delivery map area. Take their ad from the paper in with you and receive a sangria or local beer free with your meal.

Hope everyone will go and visit Los Gordos and tell 'em The Map sent you!

Movie Reviews

By Barry Larson
Co-Publisher

Box of Moonlight

Tom DiCillo's ("Johnny Suede" and "Living in Oblivion") "Box of Moonlight" is a delightful film centering around Al Fountain (John Turturro) and The Kid (Sam Rockwell) over an Independence Day weekend. Two very differ-



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ent men who's lives are affected by each other due to an unexpected turn of events.

John Turturro (left) stars as Al Fountain and Sam Rockwell stars as Kid in Tom DiCillo's comedy "Box of Moonlight," from Trimark Pictures

Al Fountain is a very predictable man. An electrical engineer overseeing the construction of a small town manufacturing plant, Al starts to struggle with mid-life crisis after finding he has a gray hair. Taking off on an adventure to recapture memories of his childhood, after the project he was supervising is suddenly canceled, Al meets The Kid.

The Kid is the total opposite of Al, a free spirited, anti-establishment guy living in the middle of the woods in half of a run down trailer. Kid has no order in his life whatsoever and soon is taking Al on the ride of his life.

"Box of Moonlight" was shot in 34 days in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, Knoxville, Tennessee. This setting was perfect for the movie's theme of "responsibility versus independence." The countryside is absolutely spectacular as the fantastic cinematography shows right from the opening of the movie.

John Turturro and Sam Rockwell both give strong performances as well as a supporting cast of "characters." The small town back woods characters bring insight to the movie and give it more dimension. Sam Rockwell is the one to keep your eye on. A great talent and a movie star in the making. He has a raw animal magnetism, yet is the care free go lucky boy next door. This writer is definitely going to try and find some of his previous work such as "Clown House," produced by Francis Ford Coppola, Richard Shepard's "Mercy," "Paul Schrader's "Light Sleeper," "Search for One-Eyed Jimmy," "Jack and His Friends," "Strictly Business," "In the Soup," and "Last Exit to Brooklyn." Soon-to-be released films include "Drunks," directed by Peter Cohen, and "Last Call," directed by Rich Wilkes.

"Box of Moonlight" opens Friday, August 22, 1997, at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. Call (713) 626-0402 for showtimes. This film is rated R and runs 107 minutes. Take a

friend and then go out for cookies and milk to discuss it.

Career Girls

Lynda Steadman, Katrin Cartlidge. Two former college roommates renew their friendship after a six year gap. R (language and some sexuality). 88 minutes. Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. (713) 626-0402.

In the Company of Men

Aaron Eckhart, Matt Molloy, Stacy Edwards. The emotional story of two men plotting to gain the heart of a hard of hearing woman only to dump her. R (language, nudity). 93 minutes. Landmark's River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. (713) 524-2175.

Kiss Me Guido

Nick Scotti, Anthony Barrile. A heterosexual man and a gay man room together while learning to be tolerant friends. R (language). 88 minutes. Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. (713) 626-0402.

Mrs. Brown

Billy Connolly, Judi Dench. The story of Queen Victoria's 'secret' relationship with John Brown after the death of her husband, Prince Albert. PG (violence, language, brief nudity). 103 Minutes. British. Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. (713) 626-0402.

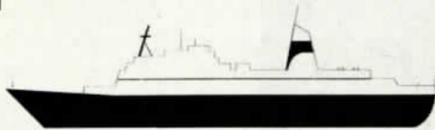
Shall We Dance

Koji Yakusho, Naoto Takenaka, Tamiyo. An edgy corporate accountant probes his frustration with the work place through his fascination with dancing (a Japanese rendition of "Saturday Night Fever"). In Japanese with English subtitles. PG. 118 minutes. Landmark's River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. (713) 524-2175.

The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

Looking for a tropical paradise that's gay friendly? Then Hawaii is the place! The Hawaiian Islands, located in the central Pacific Ocean, are the most remote chain of islands in the world. Honolulu is 2,398 miles southwest of San Francisco (the closest continental point), 3,818 miles from southeast of Tokyo, and 5,067 miles north of Sydney. Oahu, the third largest island in the chain, contains about 80% of the state's population and is considered the "main island." Honolulu (the state capitol and major city) and also the resort area of Waikiki are on Oahu. The other islands are referred to as the Neighbor Islands. The island of Hawaii, larger in land area than the other islands combined, is



called the "Big Island" so as to avoid confusion with Hawaii, the State.

Hawaii's unique and distinctive mix of peoples and cultures are the result of the co-existence and blending of people from all over the world who have settled in the islands over the years. Since no group represents an ethnic or religious majority, there is a fairly high tolerance of various lifestyles (including gay, lesbian and transgender). The largest population are people of mixed races (primarily part-Hawaiian) at 31% and Caucasians and Japanese at 23% each. Other ethnic groups include Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Samoan, Tongan, Portuguese, Puerto Rican, Thai, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and African-American. So the state is truly a

melting pot in every by every definition.

To start our tour of Hawaii, we begin in O'ahu or "The Gathering Place." Eighty percent of Hawaii's residents live on Oahu, where Honolulu is not only the capital city but also the business, financial, educational and tourism center of the State. Most residents of Oahu live in the urban area along the southern shore, with the rest of the island being rural or suburban. Towering green cliffs and lush tropical foliage dominate the scenic windward coast. World-famous surfing beaches dot the north shore. The majority of gay nightclubs and businesses are in the Waikiki area, Honolulu's urban beach resort famous for its stretch of reef-protected white sand beach and wide variety of hotels, restaurants, shops and nightlife.

Hawaii or "The Big Island" is our second stop. Larger than all the other islands combined and also home of Kilauea, the world's most active volcano,

has been in a state of activity since 1983, and its fiery creation of hot, new land is often spectacular. The rich fertile soil left by Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire, produces orchids, coffee and macadamia nuts. There are black sand and white sand beaches, gorgeous waterfalls and hidden valleys. From the Ka'u desert to the Ola'a rain forest to the snow-capped peaks of Mauna Kea, the Big Island is a splendor of ecological diversity. The Big Island's gay and lesbian community gets together for socials and parties in private homes and occasional informal meetings.

Next is Kauai or "The Garden Isle" which is the most tropical of all the islands and also the most tranquil. The island's scenic beauty, which includes waterfalls, sea cliffs, arid canyons and scores of beautiful white sand beaches, has served as the back drop for many films. Waimea Canyon, "the Grand Canyon of the Pacific", is a must see. Helicopter tours

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The Montrose Clinic is a non-profit, community based agency founded in 1981 to serve people in the Houston area by providing low or no cost health, social, educational and research services. The Clinic provides extensive services to those living with HIV including access to experimental HIV therapies, case management, deaf and hard of hearing services, education and disease prevention. For more information about the Montrose Clinic, please call (713) 520-2000 or visit our web site at www.montrose-clinic.org.

The Montrose Clinic is scheduled to continue its HIV testing and counseling outreach program throughout the month of August. All persons will have access to **Free HIV Counseling and Testing** in the following establishments:

THURSDAY, Aug. 21

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, Aug. 22

The New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, Aug. 23

Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

MONDAY, Aug. 25

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TUESDAY, Aug. 26

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Mary's — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Midtown Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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THURSDAY, Aug. 28

Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

611 — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.

My, My, What Stars!

By HELGA THE EXALTED



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Seek Piscean friends to help you and your partner let each other know exactly what you want, need and desire. Those little arguments are short-lived. The making out after making up helps too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Give and get. Enjoy the reward that comes from your skills. Your influence can be tremendous if you don't just stand back. Step up to the opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Recent small worries are alleviated by a burst of power. While playing with this new intensity you should be making some long-range plans. You will, eventually, get what you want and what you need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Which friend should you spend a short time with? Do it with the one that's closest to you that you may have been neglecting without realizing it. Plus, there's a question that needs an answer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): While others walk on, you have the ability to fly. Plus, the chance to experience some deep down sensation will provide a beginning that you have yet to consider.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A fantasy has sprung to life. It will eventually pass and the important thing is that it should leave you with a hopeful glow. And a promise that it will return.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A little trick will get your attention for awhile. Just stand still and watch before you think about turning on your emotions. Once they are on, though, give it a hundred percent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Try making this time a time to share with a partner. It'll take a little effort (try using your own psychic ability) to make it nearly perfect. Your generous spirit will contribute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some of your friends want everything to stay the same even though you have new obligations to someone much older or younger than you. Treat your friends carefully but you must fulfill your new responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your mighty sense of the essential you and your purposes continue to change your life. Other Capricorns will be most understanding since they have been through this. Seek their counsel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are much more open than usual to the indefinitely large number of possibilities for intensifying your life. Minor disagreements can best be resolved by looking a bit deeper into the nature of the problem. And listen to your heart, of course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Is there a kind of therapy you've been considering? Now is a good time to get started. Plus, someone you've worked for gets good news about the past and some old secrets that now make a difference.

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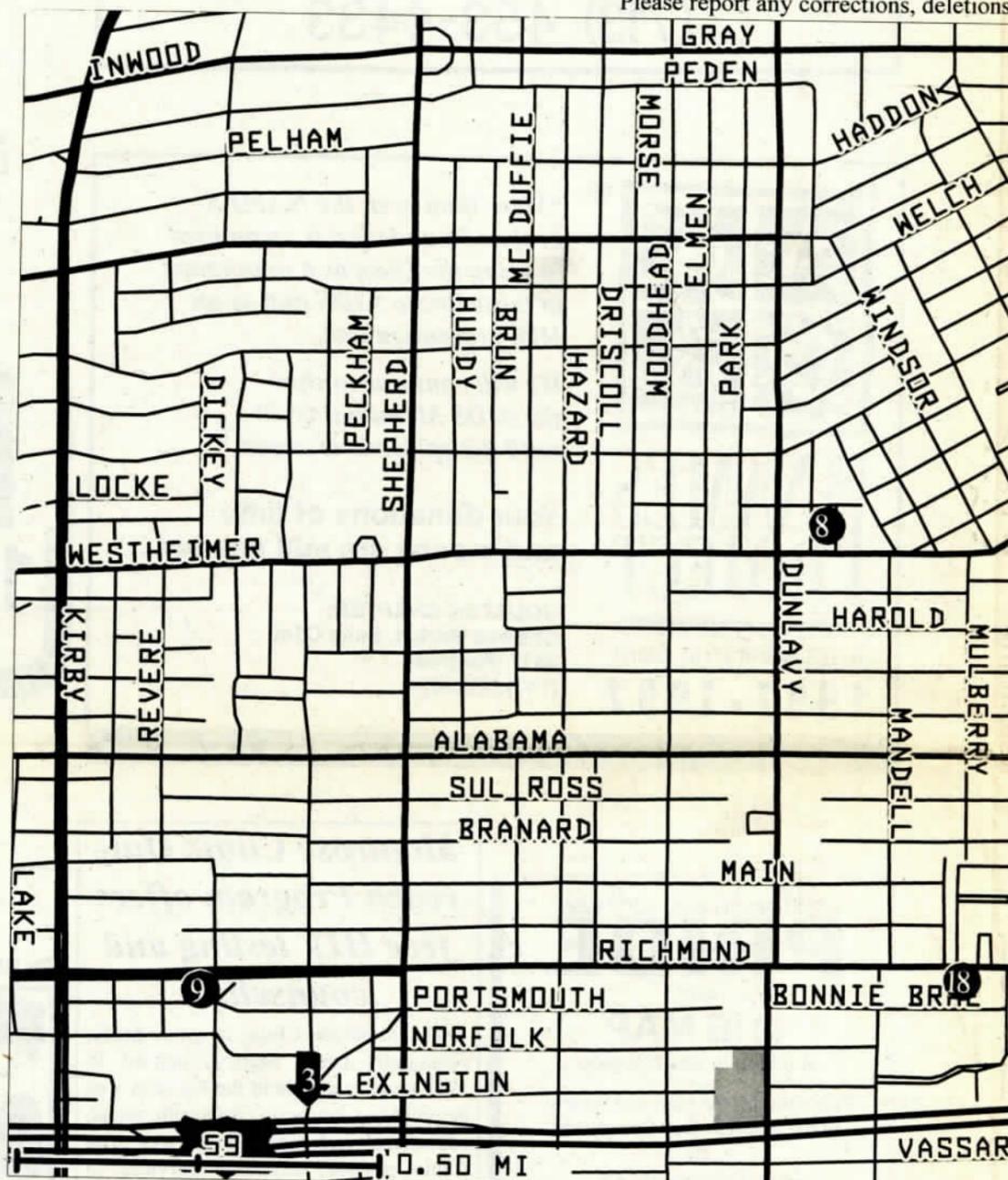
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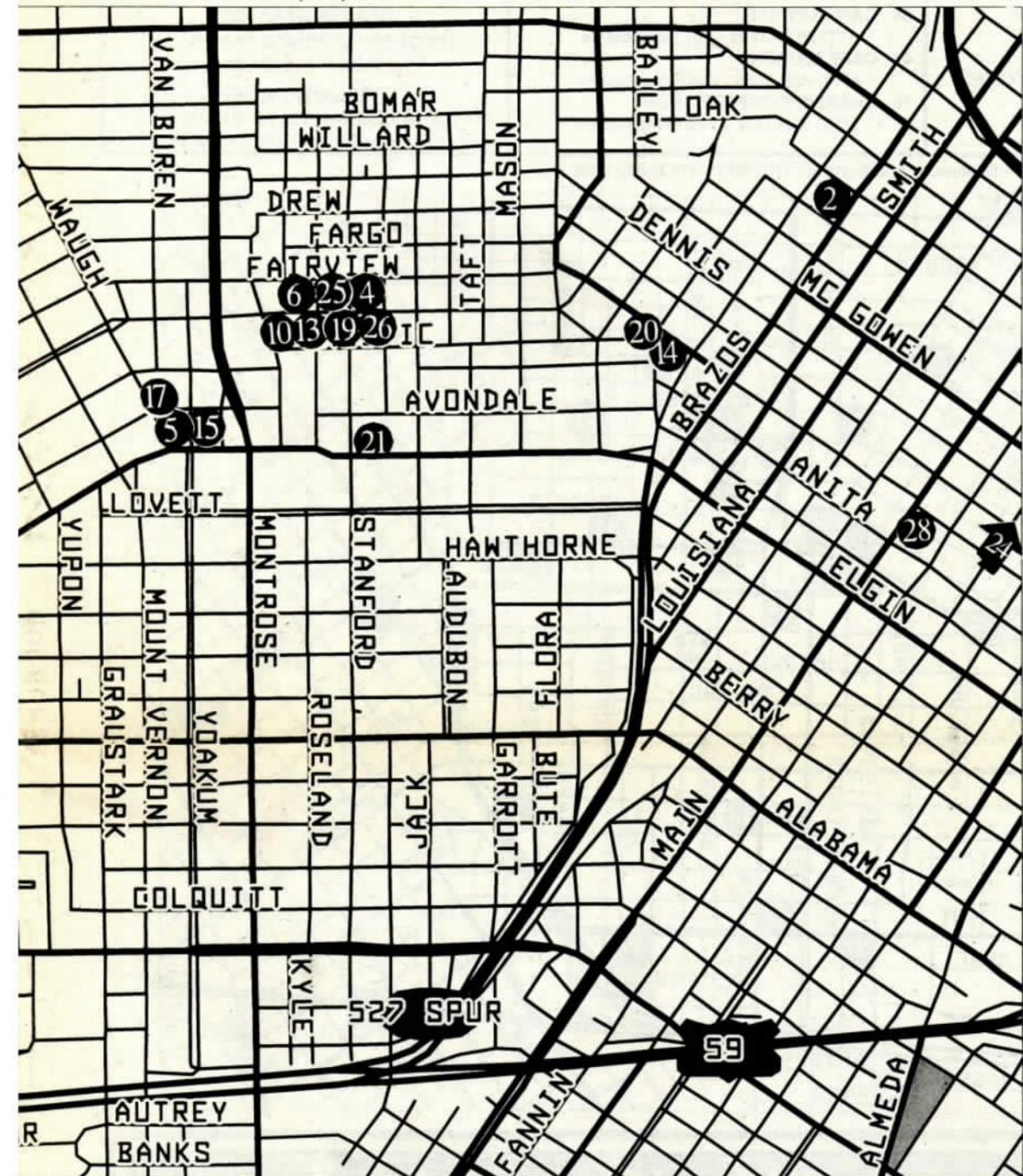
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Hey kids, Honeysuckle here!

The newest columnist on the Montrose beat is back. This is the column to read to find out what's happening, what's happened, what's rumored to have happened, what to look for, what to watch out for, beware of and just things the way Honeysuckle sees them — (therefore, all disclaimers are in force).

Congrats to — Demanda Tension, the new Miss Vacant Lot 1997-1998. The contest took place last Sunday at Mary's and was a fundraiser for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL) with mistress of ceremonies **Thumper Knight-Leigh**. A total of \$154.00 was raised with tips from the show and guest bartenders. You can visit Demanda a.k.a. Michael, at the Venture-N, 2923 Main, where he is a bartender.

Keep up the good work — The Imperial Court was at it again this past weekend, Friday night the IPR's held "The Prom We Never Had" at The Mailbox and raised \$170.00 for PR Ball IV, which will benefit Soiree Aubergine. During the night's festivities a Prom King and Queen were announced, the two lucky winners were **Giovanni** (King) and **Jennifer Ellsworth** (Queen). Well Jennifer, you're not first runner-up anymore, at least not for awhile.

Saturday night found the Court at E/J's holding a fundraiser. Past and present monarchs performed, raising a total of \$166.00. Once again, our hats off to the Imperial Court for their community fundraising efforts.

Last Sunday night **Clymidia Flowers** and **Glory Hole** hosted "Lifestyles of the Bitch and Famous," or as we found out at the last minute through the grapevine, "Absolutely Glorious." Whatever the name of the show was at the Briar Patch, they raised \$410.00 for the Stone Soup Pantry. Remember guys and gals, and whatever you are at the time, the Mr. and Miss Briar Patch contest is coming September 7, 1997. Stay tuned to this column for further details.

Coming attractions — fasten your seat belts kids, it is a jammed packed weekend of events. Nobody should be without anything to do. Everything from shows, games, dancing and car washes are happening this weekend. It all begins Friday, August 22.

Barbara Walker, Queen Mother VIII of the Imperial Court is hosting a court fundraiser at Chances, 1100 Westheimer, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a balloon pop and silent auction, followed by an "almost" all female show starting at 9:00 p.m. "Double Nickel" is an annual event and if you've ever been to one of the balloon pops you know the dollars fly to get the best prizes. Auction items have been donated by various lifetime title holders and area businesses.

Next door at The New Barn, **Marina and the Guppies from Outer Space** will be rocking the night away from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. You don't want to miss this

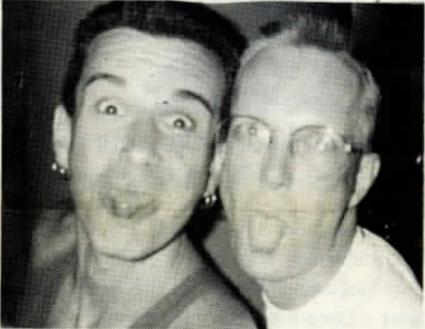
group, they know how to tear the roof off the sucka!

Over at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, it's the beginning of their anniversary celebration, Trash Disco at its best. The sounds and lights of this "Ball" will have you dancing the night away. You can tell how crowded they are by checking out the



Lulu us that you! parking lot!

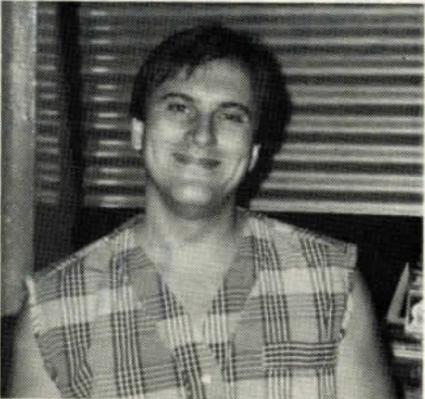
Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m., **Ken Claude** and friends will be having cocktails and hos d' oeuvres at the Venture-N, 2923 Main. Ken is currently Mr. Prime Choice, Mr. Fiesta Unchained and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer. Ken will be traveling to San Francisco the last weekend in September to represent Houston and the Gulf Coast Region at the International Mr. Drummer Contest. All well wishers are invited to join him and all friendly do-



How many times do we have to tell you... no tongues!

nations made to Ken personally would be appreciated. There will be other gatherings of this nature throughout this month and next at various locations in our community. Keep posted to this column for details.

The Palace Bowling Lanes, 4191 Bel-laire Blvd., is having Strikes Against AIDS: an evening of rock 'n roll, bowling and fifty's fun on Friday benefiting PWA Coalition. The fun begins at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00



Visit Howie at Rich's

at the door. For more information call (713) 522-5428.

On Saturday, August 23, 1997, take your dirty cars over to the Ripcord, 715 Fairview, and let Ken Claude and friends wash them for you at **Nearly Naked Car-wash 4**. Even if you don't need your car washed you'll want to go check out the nearly naked men doing the work! The car wash is from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and benefits Steven's House. What better way to spend a Saturday than gazing at



I don't know where I am, but I'll have a drink anyhow...

gorgeous men.

Later on Saturday night, you can head over to Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, and help them continue to celebrate their 14th Anniversary weekend dancing with DJ's **JD Arnold** and **Chris Sill** until 5:00 a.m. at the classic Rich's "Homecoming." Then, on Sunday, after you've taken your "disco"



Pay backs are hell...

nap, the doors open again at 7:00 p.m. for their customer appreciation T-Dance. There is no cover until midnight and special drink prices are from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. You disco divas out there are going to be in hog heaven this weekend!

Don't try to go to Club Houston, 2205 Fannin, too early on Saturday night, be-

cause they will be closing the doors at 8:00 p.m. in preparation for "the **FOG** party." The doors will re-open at 10:00 p.m. though, with special event pricing in effect, complimentary buffet, beverages and door prize giveaway. Whatever could one do in all that fog?

If fog isn't your deal, Midtowne Spa, 3100 Fannin, will have "The **Garage**" open at 10:00 p.m. This is an evening of levi and leather with private "bunkhouse" keys available for rental. Let Honeysuckle know the difference between the garage and the bunkhouse if she doesn't see you there first!

How many remember - TV Land Flipped Out! Yes, that's right kids, Honeysuckle is a Nick at Nite fanatic fan. Give her the oldies anytime! The Flip Wilson Show is being added to TV Land's lineup this month and had a special night of his old shows on Monday. Flip Wilson was the first African-American to ever host a successful television variety show. Do you remember Geraldine Jones? Honeysuckle certainly does, such beautifully coordinated outfits, what was her famous one-liner?

20th Anniversary - was it death or disappearance? Whatever you believe no one went unscathed by Elvis remembered weekend. Every channel had a movie, a documentary, interview or news story, ok, more than one of each maybe, but hey, he was the king. There are more Elvis impersonators than Burger Kings, no pun intended. What can you say, the man was an icon. He was making girls pass out before the Beatles, for those of you who don't know, the group Paul McCartney was with before Wings. Anyway, what actress was in more Elvis movies than any other actress? Hint: she was in a sit-com that had its final season last year.

Keep an eye out - Ellen move over...gays on television are in this year. The fall line-up boasts 30 characters who are openly gay, lesbian or bisexual - a 23% increase from last year, and all in prime-time. Honeysuckle's nieces call it gay'y or lesbian these days. Kids know, so what time do we send them to bed now? Honeysuckle always had to go to bed before Laugh-In! Sock it to me baby!

On a final note - hope you've enjoyed the second installment of Honeysuckle, she's here every week. Sometimes the same, sometimes different...just the way Honeysuckle sees them. Now Honeysuckle would like to hear from you. As you read this column, you were sure to have seen several questions, well Honeysuckle can now be reached by fax: (713) 660-0119 or on the internet. Yes, kids, you can now e-mail Honeysuckle: tellhoney@aol.com

Look forward to hearing from ya...trip the lights fantastic kids...

Honeysuckle

Travel

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are popular, as the spectacular sea cliffs of the Na Pali coast and the crater of Mt. Waialeale (one of the wettest spots on earth), are not accessible by road. If you're looking for natural beauty and adventure, Kauai's the place to find it. The gay and lesbian community on Kauai, which is very friendly to visitors, mainly gets together for parties and socials in private homes.

Our last stop is Maui or "The Valley Isle," which offers a variety of sights and experiences. The long winding road to the village of Hana is lined with waterfalls and lush tropical foliage. The views from atop 10,000-foot Mt. Haleakala (especially popular at sunrise and sunset) are well worth the winding drive past fields of protea and other exotic flowers. The quaint old towns of Lahaina and Wailuku are fun for exploring, shopping and dining. During the winter months, the waters surrounding Maui are ideal for whale-watching. Maui's gay and lesbian

community, while mellow and low-key, is fairly active in sponsoring a number of fund-raising and social events where visitors are welcome.

This is just a taste of Hawaii's islands. There is so much to see and do there one can always find something new. Also several companies offer "Holy Union" packages to celebrate a couples commitment to each other.

****1998 Gay Games Update**** Space is rapidly filling up for both contestants and for spectators. Make your plans now to avoid being disappointed!

Till next time!!!!

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Major Event Calendar

—August 22 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Double Nickel Show, Silent Auction and Balloon Pop - Chances - Houston

—August 22 - Marina and her Guppies From Outer Space - The New Barn - Houston

—August 22 - The Trash Disco Ball - Rich's - Houston

—August 22 - Ken Claude and Friends - Help send Ken to International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco - Venture-N, 2923 Main - 6:00 p.m. till ? - Houston

—August 22 - Gulf Coast Boot Black Contest - Venture-N - Houston

—August 22 - Strikes Against AIDS: An evening of rock 'n roll, bowling & fifty's fun - Benefiting PWA Coalition-Houston - Palace Bowling Lanes - 4191 Bellaire Blvd. - Houston

—August 23 - Nearly Naked Car Wash IV - Benefiting Steven's House - Ripcord - Houston

—August 23 - The Fog Party - The Club Houston

—August 23 - The Garage: An evening of levi and leather - Midtowne Spa - Houston

—August 23 - Homecoming Celebration - Rich's - Houston

—August 24 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Mary's

—August 24 - Customer Appreciation T-Dance - Rich's - Houston

—August 27 - Shiela Lennen - Chances - Houston

—August 27 - Dragship '97: Amateur strip contest - Midtowne Spa - Houston

—August 28 - Martha White Band - The New Barn - Houston

—August 29 - R.S.I.C.S.S. - Mailbox - Houston

—August 29-31 - Winds of Change - 24th Anniversary - Trident International Windy City - Chicago

—August 29- September 1 - Beachhead VIII - Corpus Christi M.C. - Loving Spoonful - Corpus Christi

—August 30 - J.J. & The Longshots Band - The New Barn - Houston

—August 30 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Live Show - Location TBA - Houston

—August 30 - Flashlight & Fog Party - Midtowne Spa - Houston

—August 31 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Female Line Show - Chances - Houston

—August 31 - Labor of Love - Colt 45's Stone Soup - Venture-N - Houston

—August 31 - Show Me the Booty II Stud Auction and Spectacular Show - Benefiting AVES - Gentry - Houston

—September 5 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N- Houston

—September 5 - Ken Claude and Friends - Help send Ken to International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco - Mary's, 1022 Westheimer - 5:30 p.m. till ? - Houston

—September 7 - Mr. & Miss Briar Patch Pageant - Briar Patch - Houston

—September 7 - LVL Guest Bartend - Mary's - 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 12 - Ken Claude and Friends - Help send Ken to International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco - Ripcord, 715 Fairview - 5:30 p.m. till ? - Houston

—September 13 - "Under the Big Top" - 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. Fundraiser - Chances - Houston

—September 19- Ken Claude and Friends - Help send Ken to International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco - Bricks II, 617 Stanford - 5:30 p.m. till ? - Houston

—September 19 - Anniversary Party - Midtowne Spa - Houston

—September 20 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Dating Game - Location TBA - Houston

—September 20 - Houston Women's Festival - Garden in the Heights - 3926 Feagan - 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 - Round Up - benefit fundraiser for the Texas Gay Rodeo Association - Midtowne Spa - Houston

—September 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & International Mr. Drummer Contest - 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 11 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Emperor and Empress Candidate Presentation - Chances - 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

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—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

—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

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