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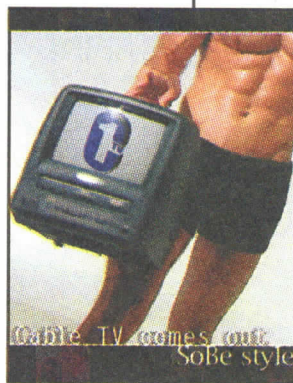
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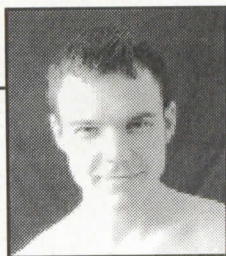
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scene and heard

houston

by mark goebel



DALTON DEHART

Rich's turned into a sea of swimsuit-clad men after a pool party went indoors.

Houston's 22nd annual **PRIDE PARADE** is scheduled for June 24. The parade kicks off at 9 p.m. at Westheimer and Woodhead, and ends at Whitney. The theme of the 2000 parade is **TAKE PRIDE, TAKE JOY, TAKE ACTION**. An estimated 100,000 people gathered to watch the largest parade ever last year, partly due to the hype over a big round disco ball, which will make a return this year over the intersection Westheimer and Montrose.

The 16-day pride celebration makes its debut June 9 at the **LOVETT INN**, 501 Lovett Blvd. The annual Kick-off Party will be followed up by **PRIDE WEEKEND IN THE PARK** at **ASTROWORLD** from June 10-11. This year's \$25 per person ticket will cover admission to AstroWorld on Saturday, a BBQ buffet, entertainment at AstroWorld's Showcase Theater, admission to **RICH'S** on Saturday, and admission to **WATERWORLD** on Sunday. Whew! For more information about **PRIDE 2000** events, call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or check out www.pridehouston.org.

Combining her blues talent with her comedy, **MARCY RAE** performs risqué parodies from the past and original tunes with a sense of humor that rivals "South Park." Covering most everything from love and life, to Chinese food, Marcy musically involves her audience with hilarious props and sing-alongs. She performs every Friday and Saturday evening at **HOLLYWOOD HOTEL IN GALVESTON**, where she recently recorded her second album. Marcy is also entertaining the troops at **BRIAR PATCH** every Tuesday night. Stop by and give your laugh muscles a good workout.

Another new gay-focused downtown event made its debut this month, as **METRO** ripped up 709 Franklin (formerly known as **POWERTOOLS**) on May 17. The incredible **MIKE SNOW** took the stand retro style, playing all the great dance tunes from the '80s. The best part is the \$1 cover; which was donated to **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON**. Don't worry if you missed out, Metro is going to be a staple, hitting every Wednesday night with a variety of hosts. Don't miss their fashion show scheduled with the ultra hip **BUFFALO EXCHANGE** for June 14.

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For more than a decade, free beach parties on Bolivar Island have been an underground Texas tradition. The idea sprung from Texas promoters and artists who wanted to send out a thank-you to the fans for their endless support throughout the year. This year All of Us Productions brings together a huge collage of talent, ranging from fire twirlers, art car exhibits, cutting-edge DJs and incredible special lighting effects, to reveal **SUMMER LOVEFEST 2000**.

This year marks the first time the festival boasts a full-blown food drive. St. Vincent de Paul, founder of St. Vincent's House, will be setting up at the entrance to the party and will accept non-perishable food items, as well as other basic human necessities for donation.

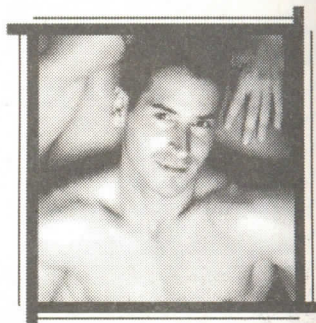
The best part of this June 3 party is that it is absolutely *free*. The festivities begin at 9 a.m. and will carry on into the next morning. For a list of talent, or driving directions, send an e-mail to alloveus@earthlink.net.

And don't forget, **TRADEWINDS ROLLER RINK**, 5006 West 34th, hosts **LAMBDA ROLLER SKATERS** every Tuesday night from 8-10 p.m. Lambda has a bunch of door prizes; festive music provided by **DJ DAVE**, and tons of cool skate games, including the ever popular couples skate. A measly \$5 covers the admission, and skate rental is free. For more information check out www.neosoft.com/~lrsc. Contact the group at lrsc@neosoft.com, or call 713-410-7215.

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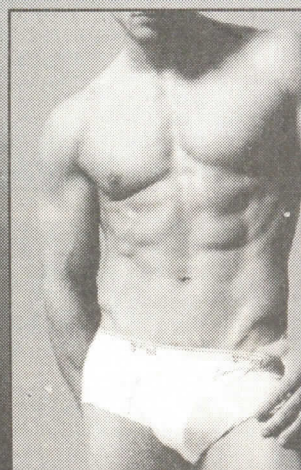
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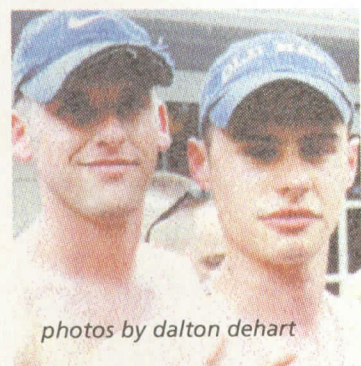
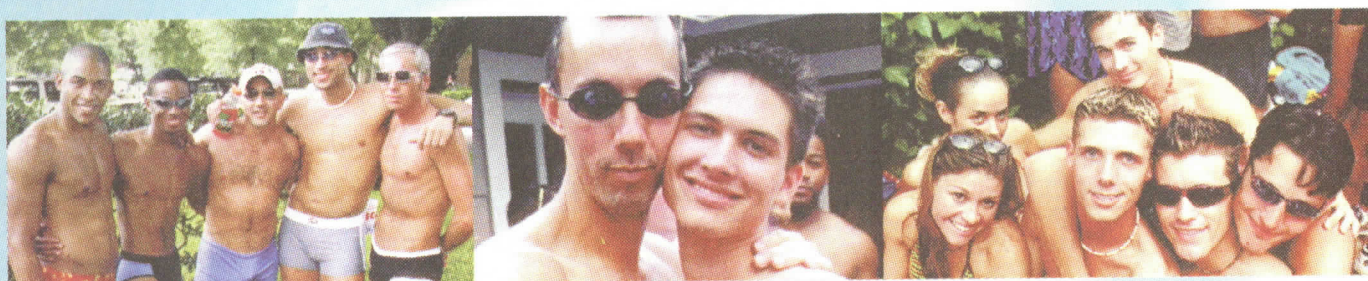
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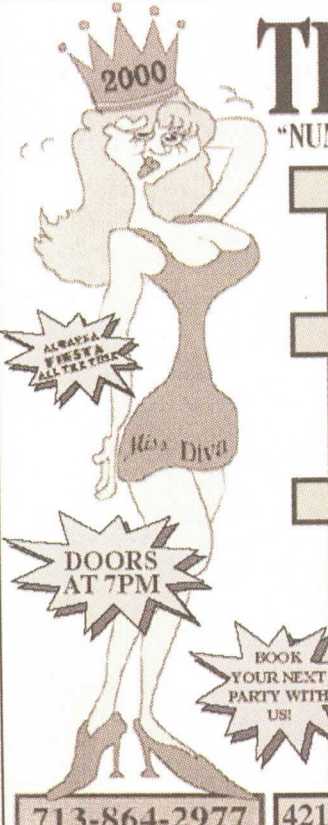


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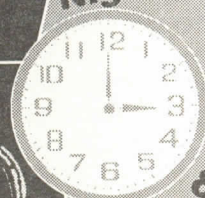
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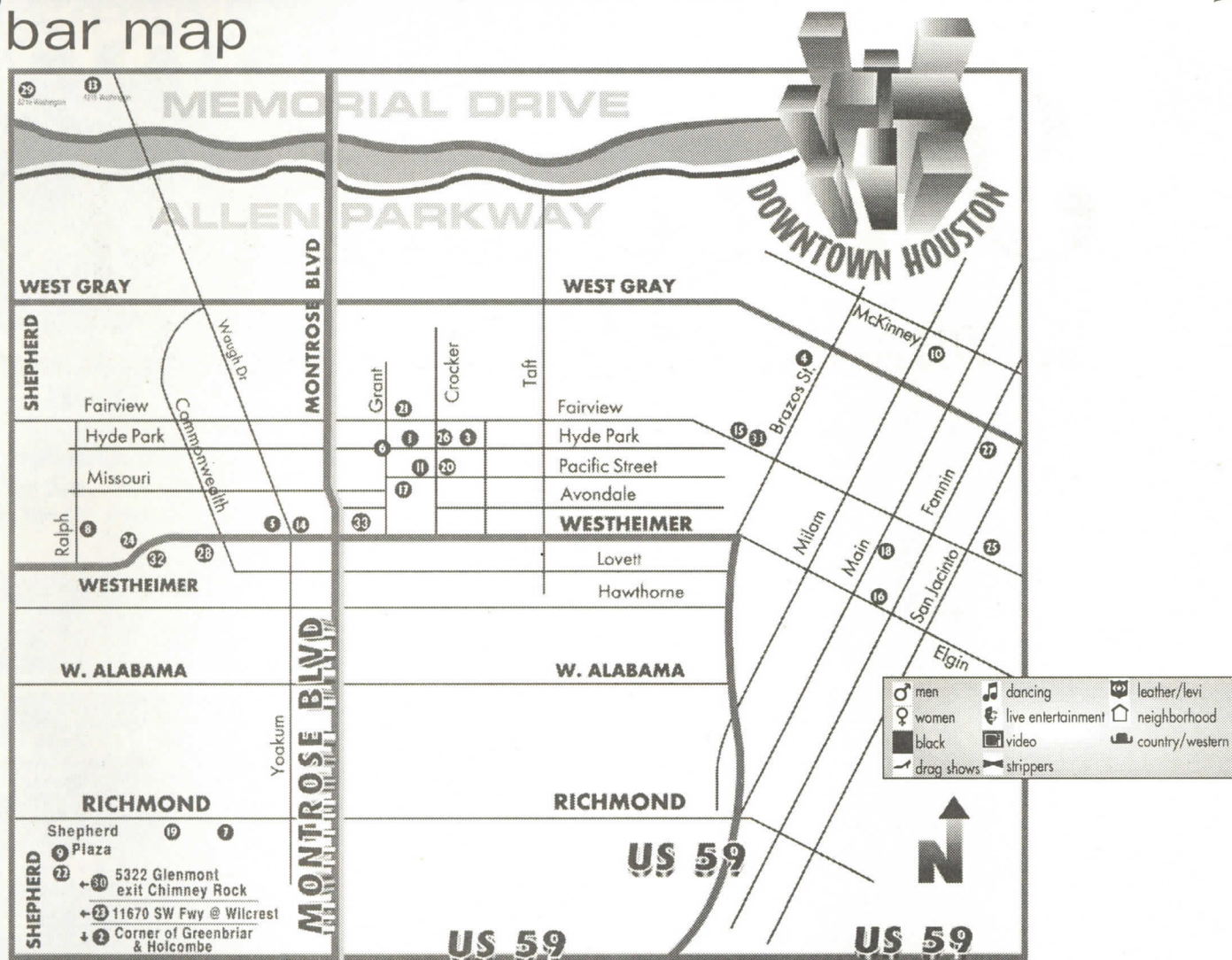
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