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Mardi Gras 2000

If you're joining the throng that flocks to New Orleans every year for Mardi Gras, we've got a quick and dirty guide to what's going on. PAGE 20

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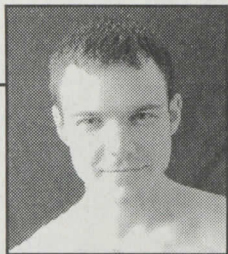
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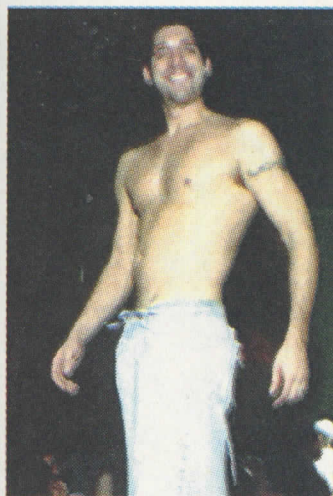
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by mark goebel



DALTON DEHART



Rich's was filled with prime beefcake during "Mardi Gras Madness Masquerade Ball 2000" on Feb. 20.

EJ's has transformed itself recently with meticulous work done to its interior, including a top-notch dance floor and a re-tile job that would make even Bob Vila take notice. Recently, EJ's installed an eight-foot drop screen, as well as a slew of new disco lights. EJ's also added a Sunday brunch to its revamped scheduling. **CHEF LUCY** is cooking up steak and eggs as well as other brunch stuff Sundays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Speaking of brunch, **MARY'S** has gourmet **CHEF JOEY** from Confederate House for its new Sunday feast. The \$5 spread features build-your-own omelets, hash browns, fresh rolls, tons of fresh fruit and more. Mary's recently completed a huge awning over the back patio and stage that provides even more covered space for eating and chatting. Throw in Mary's famous \$1 mimosas, and you've got yourself quite a dining experience.

SONOMA has also had tremendous feedback on its Sunday brunch. The swanky bar/restaurant combo has been garnishing huge kudos lately, partially due to the handy work of new manager **KIP GRANBERG**. Sonoma features a sultry live blues singer on weekends, and tons of ambiance to go with the mellow sounds.

Speaking of swanky, **SWANK LOUNGE**, upstairs from **SOLERO** in the downtown district, has been catering to the gay crowd lately. The small but cozy space has been packed with an eclectic mix of elite downtowners and crazy club-goers on Thursday nights when up and coming **DJ POPE** brings in shiny new techno music from around the world. The club is located at 910 Prairie, and can be reached at 713-227-0459.

Another after-hours spot joins the club scene as **GOTHAM CITY** opens its doors from 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. The club is really pushing its Friday night line up, **LUNA FRIDAYS** and boasts music sets enhanced with live spun music on three turntables, drum machines, synths and samplers, while DJs add a live flavor to your favorite tunes. The club is located on 6130 Richmond. For details, call 713-781-2323.

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The 27th Annual **LET US ENTERTAIN YOU** weekend kicks off March 10. This is a weekend-long celebration for the leather/levi crowd and sports a modest \$15 access fee for residents of Harris County. The money pays for snacks, brunch, dinner and cocktail parties all weekend long. The group of bars included on the run: **Mary's, RIPCORDER, PACIFIC STREET, Rich's, EJs, OUTPOST and BRB. LUEY** is a longtime tradition and attracts lots of out of town guests. Register on-line at <http://warhawk.com/luey>. (Preview, Page 28)

Pull out that day planner and warm up the highlighter, because there are several events planned for the month ahead. **THE MISS CAMP AMERICA FOUNDATION** will throw its annual **DEB-U-NOT BALL** on March 26 at **CLUB PICASSO** from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All monies will be given to their 2000 designated charities at the 32nd annual **MISS CAMP AMERICA PAGEANT** at Wortham Center on Sept. 16. For more details, contact MCAF at 713-267-STAR.

SPRING INIQUITY, an event sponsored by **NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION: HOUSTON**, is set for the weekend of April 14. This leather/levi bar run features tons of cool events. There are scavenger hunts, cocktail parties, food and pinning all planned for the contestants. Keep posted right here for more details.

On June 3, **THE SCOOPY DOO CREW** will be hosting a free beach gathering **SPRING LOVE 2000**. Consider this a Woodstock for local DJs—guests are encouraged to bring food, water and sleeping gear to enjoy the day and night celebration. This event will be hosted and promoted by hundreds of local businesses and talent. Many of the acts are still being booked, but plenty of circus freaks, fire jugglers, live bands, art carts and other various vendors will be on hand. Contact the crew at 713-935-2093; for a map to the event visit www.scoobydooocrew.org.

That's it for this week. If your favorite hangout has been overlooked, gimme a shout at markg@coolmail.net and let me know what's missing. I'll see you out!

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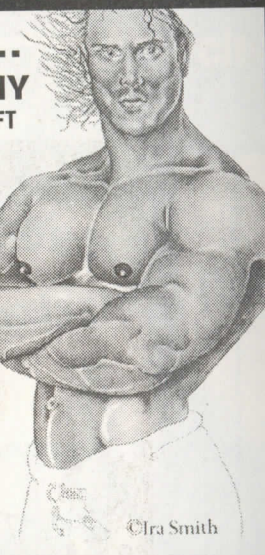
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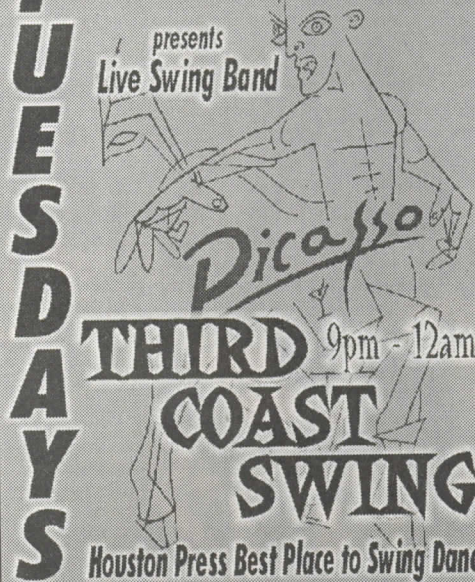
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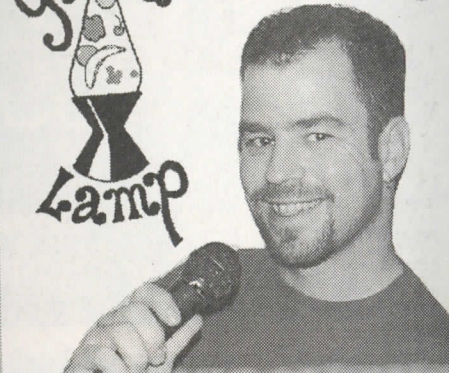


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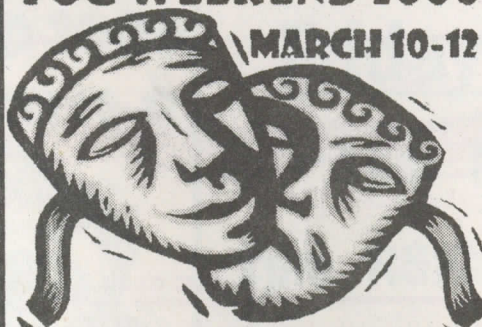
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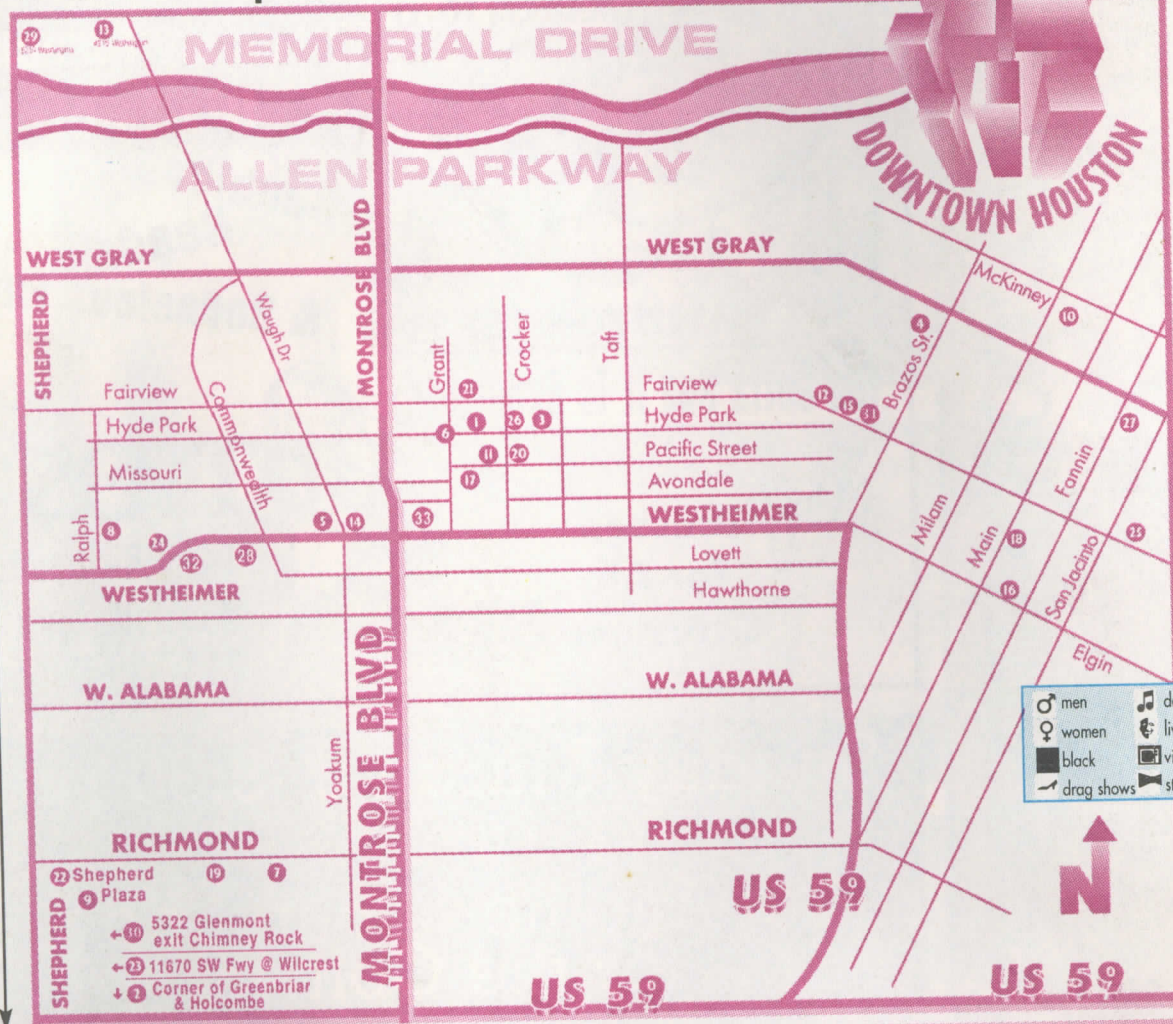
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- 7 Decades ♂ ♀
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- 9 Guava Lamp ♂ ♀
- 10 Incognito ♂ ♀
- 11 JR's ♂ ♀
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3pm Brotherhood of Pain

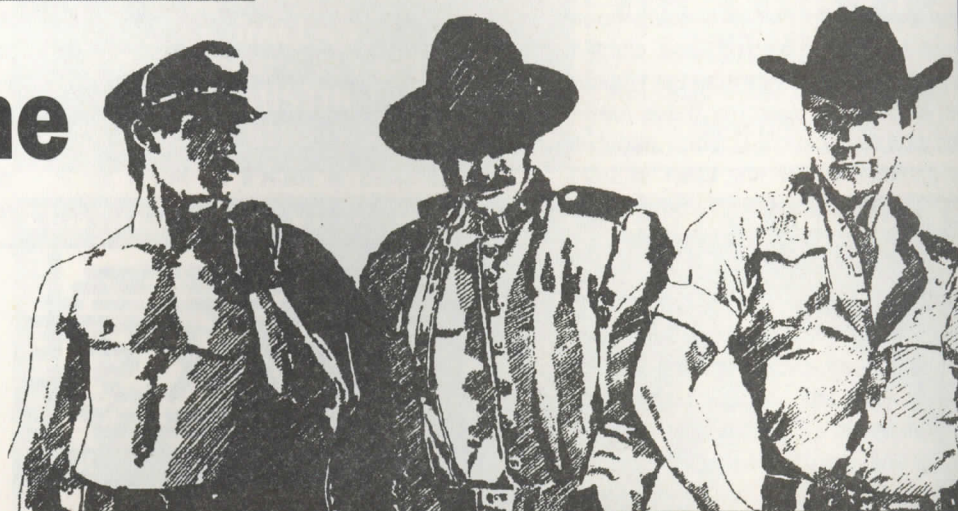
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RIPCORD



Legendary event draws big crowds in Houston

by mark goebel

Houston's notorious weekend of decadence, debauchery and drunkenness, known as **LET US ENTERTAIN YOU** weekend kicks off its amazing 27th year on March 9.

This leather/levi tradition originated with a small group of Mardi Gras party-goers who refused to go home after Fat Tuesday. Year after year, Houston clubs noticed the post-New Orleans bunch making a quick stop here for one last hoorah before heading home. Southern hospitality spurred local clubs to form an alliance, now known as the Houston Council of Clubs, to welcome these folks—and the **LUHEY** concept was born. About 40 people gathered for the first **LUHEY** in 1973, and the crowd last year was the largest ever, estimated at upwards of 1,000 people.

The **LUHEY** bar run kicks off at the **OUTPOST** on March 9 at 8 p.m. Pre-registration will be available, as well as cocktails, graciously provided by T.G.R.A. Next stop on the party bus is **MARY'S** on March 10, with snacks furnished by the bar and cocktails flowing all night long thanks to Sundance Cattle Co., Lancers, Texas Leather & Lace, and the Wolf Pack.

On March 11, festivities shift to **EJs** at 10 a.m., with brunch and cocktails until noon supplied by Houston Splash 2000, P.W.A., and Houston Area Bears. **RIPCORD** takes over at 1 p.m. with cocktails provided by NLA: Houston, Misfits, Brotherhood of Pain and snacks by R.S.I.C.S.S. Partying continues at **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM** at 7 p.m., where a Texas-style barbecue dinner awaits. The feast will be served by H.C.C., BRB, and Demeris BBQ. Cocktails to



wash down the food will be provided by Texas Renegades, Colt 45s, and Rainbow Ranglers. Then the party moves to **PACIFIC STREET** at 10 p.m., where cocktails will be served by Mr. Texas Drummer, the Garden Party bunch, along with a good dose of disco tunes.

LUHEY climaxes at **RICH'S** on March 12 at noon. The club will provide brunch for the crew

of folks, as well as the inevitable cocktails provided by Bears on the Bayou, Miss Camp America. Be sure to catch the culmination of talents, "Show of Shows" at 1 p.m., which includes various local talent pulled together by the Houston Council of Clubs. The collection of production numbers runs the gamut from singers to comedy sketches, and adds comic relief to the closure of the weekend.



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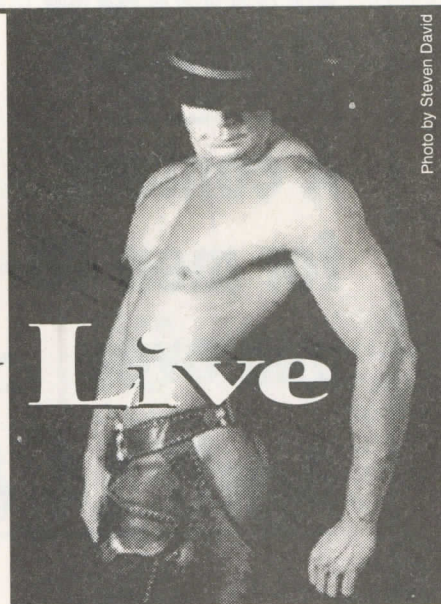


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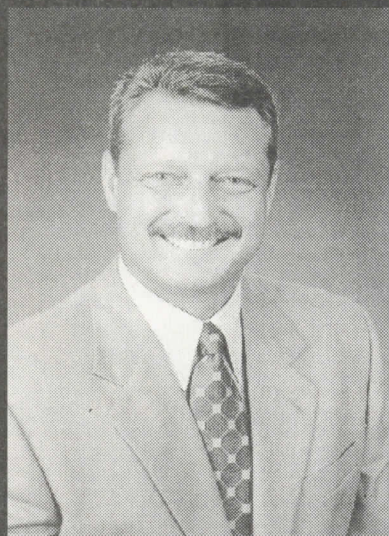
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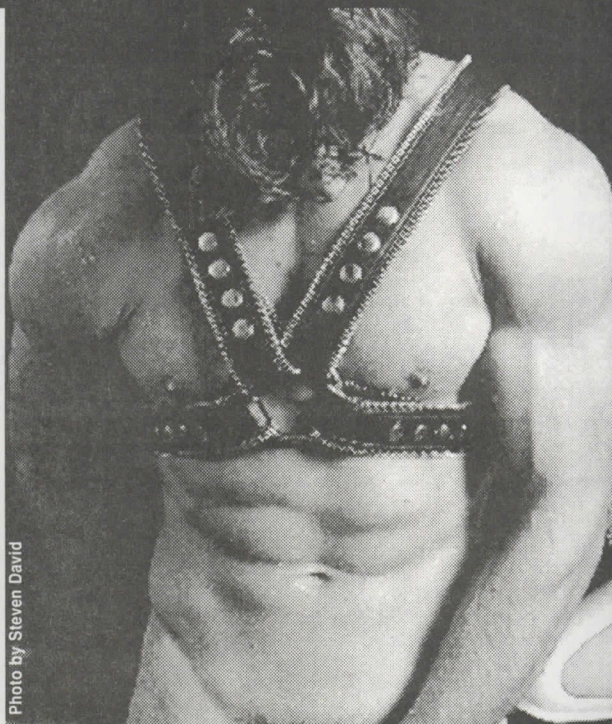
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