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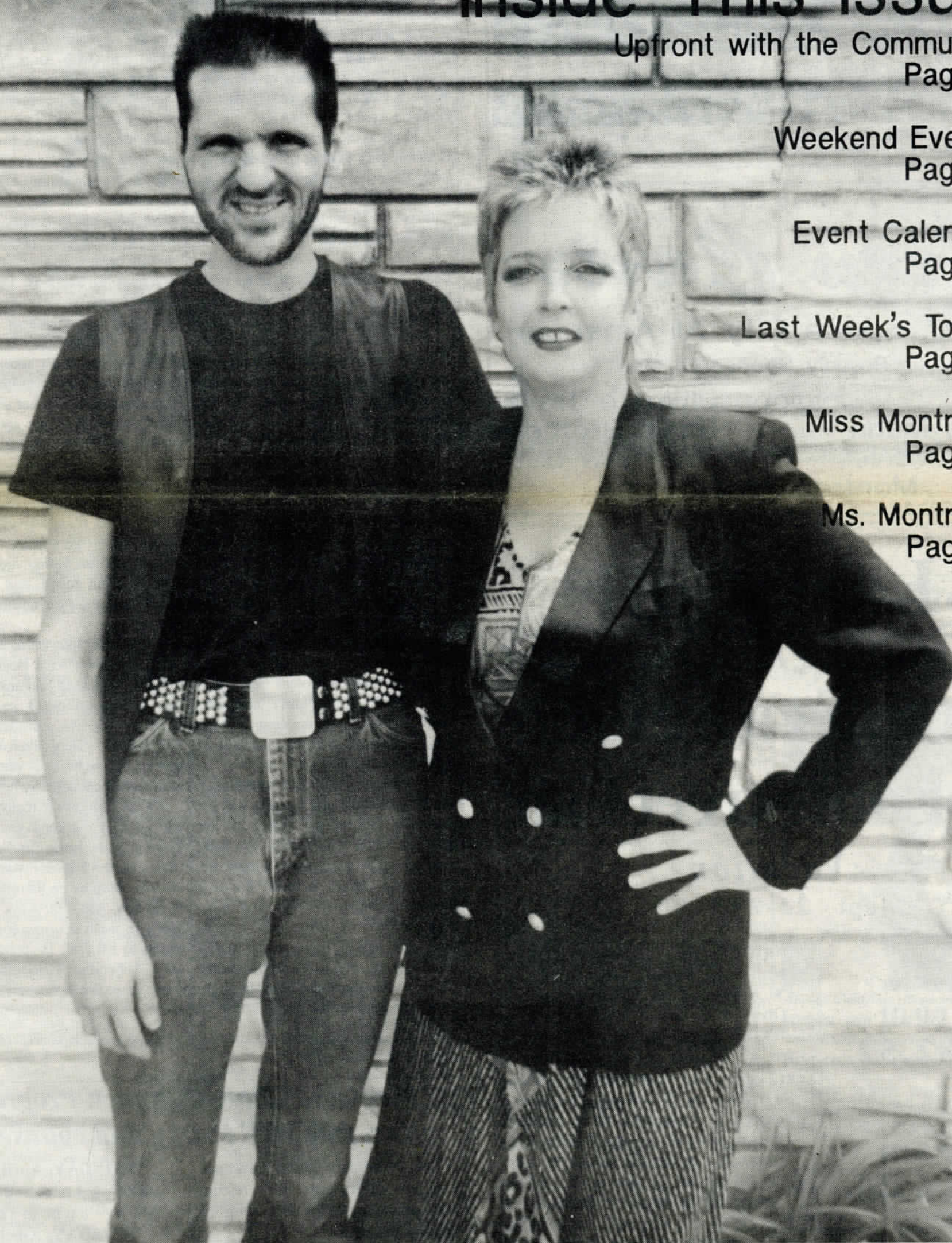
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Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Gay Houston All-American 1997

I'd like to start this issue's column with a hearty congratulations to NLA: Houston on a very successful anniversary run, Spring Iniquity VI. It was a non-stop festive weekend! Also, kudos to "Kneel" Thompson for Member of the Year and Brian Keever for the President's Award, it was a nice break from the "Jerel McNeil" awards. One group that was involved this weekend, as they usually are helping any group, was the Houston Area Bears (HAB).

HAB is a social group here in Houston very similar to other groups with this same interest around the country. The Bears are a social group with over 120 members and over 30 associate members.

The set-up of officers in the Bears is a little different than most. Instead of a board of directors or an executive committee, the Bears have what is called a Triad. This is a group of three men which have equal power and act as the governing body of the organization. Each person handles different aspects of the club, and they trade off duties when needed.

This year's Triad consists of Lyle Barrett, Stanley LaFleur, and Jeff Chapman. I spoke with second year Triad member, Jeff, who explained the history of the group. "The Houston Area Bears will be celebrating our third anniversary this year. In 1994, a group of people who were bears or who liked bears decided to take their loose knit social meetings and create an organization. They looked at many different bear clubs from around the country and after many changes and creating by-laws they considered themselves a club in September of 1994.

"We are geared as a social club. We do not have any agenda for any particular fundraising aspect but we help out whenever needed. We have assisted NLA with their annual toy drive; we have helped Steven's House, the Imperial Court, and many others. When we assist with a fundraiser the money goes to the designated charity, but if we are given the choice to decide where funds may go, the Triad goes to the membership to decide."

Jeff explained some of their activities, "We have our monthly social on the second Saturday of the month at the Venture-N. Our monthly meeting is always held the Sunday following the social at 4:00 p.m. at the BRB. Our home bar is the Venture-N. We guest bartend there on the third Sunday of every month from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. with Anita Mann's Bear Contest at 8:00 p.m..

We also guest bartend in the upstairs bar on the fourth Friday of every month. We have dine-outs, usually on a Wednesday night, where we meet and go to dinner at a restaurant of choice. This night can usually range from six to twenty people. We have a Memorial Day 'Bear'-BQ, various parties, and a group that usually goes to Southern Decadence in New Orleans."

HAB has members in Chicago and New Orleans, they're all over the place! So you don't necessarily have to reside in Houston to be a member. The group is a member of the Houston Council of Clubs and, as stated earlier, are always helping everyone out.

Jeff wanted to make sure that I reminded everyone that "Where there's bears there's food!!!" Finally he said that, "This group is made up of men who are young and old, pretty boys to plain Jane's, and as long as you've got the bear attitude - you're welcome."

If you'd like more information on the Houston Area Bears, you can call the voice mail and announcement line at 713-862-9123 or write PO BOX 66443 Houston, Tx 77266-6443. They even have their own web page at <http://members.aol.com/houbears>.

Don't forget the many things going on this weekend especially the Court's Male Line Car Wash at the Office of the Voice/TWT, 811 Westheimer. Stop by on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.. They'll be happy to wash your car for \$5.00 donation to PR Ball IV benefiting Soiree Aubergine. So until next week...have fun Houston.

Montrose Clinic Outreach Program offers free HIV testing and counseling

The Montrose Clinic Outreach Program offers free HIV testing and counseling at the following locations and times:

THURSDAY, April 24
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

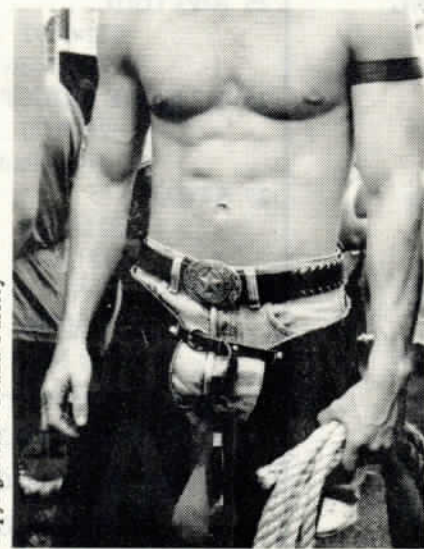
MONDAY, April 28
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
TUESDAY, April 29
Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
WEDNESDAY, April 30
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Ms. Montrose

The Ms. Montrose Contest will be Friday, April 25, 1997, at 9:00 p.m. at Chances, 1100 Westheimer. The contest will benefit the Montrose Women's Clinic and applications are available at Chances and The New Barn.

Contestants must register by 8:30 p.m. the night of the contest and will be judged in evening wear, on stage interview and talent.

The winner will be required to participate with Chances in the Gay Pride Parade and give up the title next year.

Carwash

It's a battle of the sexes on Saturday, April 26, 1997, when The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star will have two car washes running simultaneously.

The male line will be washing cars in the parking lot of the TWT/Voice, 811 Westheimer, while the female line washes cars in EJ's parking lot, 2517 Ralph. The battle takes place from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and is a fundraiser for PR Ball IV. Net proceeds from PR Ball IV will benefit Soiree Aubergine.

Day of Dance II

The Rainbow Ringers Dance Club will be having its Day of Dance II on Saturday, April 26, 1997, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

This charity fundraising event is a 3-hour country western dance workshop that will be taught by current world champion, Mr. Larry Sepulvado. The class will focus on the two step, beginning with the basics and move to intermediate turns and patternwork.

The cost is \$5.00 for each of the hour classes or \$15.00 for the entire workshop.

Rainbow Ringers Dance Club is a 501(c)(3) charity. Please contact (713) 880-0670 for more details.

The Ringers will also like to advise everyone that the regular Thursday dance class at the BRB will now start at 8:30 p.m.

Dating Game

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star will be hosting its

monthly benefit for the Montrose Counseling Center, The Dating Game, on Saturday, April 26, 1997, at 9:00 p.m. at Chances, 1100 Westheimer.

Based on the concept of the original television show, it is quite a different kind of show.

JUST DU-ET

On Sunday, April 27, 1997, Byron Norton, Shawna St. John, Xavier Luna and Day-Leigh Edwards present "JUST DU-ET" at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

This is a fundraiser for Reign XIII of The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star.

Miss Montrose

The 13th annual Miss Montrose Pageant (sic) will be on Sunday, April 27, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. at the Venture-N, 2923 Main.

A benefit for The Loving Arms Foundation, the pageant (sic) is camp in nature and all contestants must be employed by their sponsor as a bartender, barback, waiter or floorperson. They must also be a resident of Harris County and be 21 years of age.

Contestants are reminded that this is a camp pageant (sic) recognizing the efforts of those employees of community food and beverage industries who generously give of their time and talents by performing at charity events.

Contestants will be judged on creativity, originality, costume, talent, personality and audience response.

The winner will be expected to perform as Miss Montrose during the year and ride in the Pride Parade.

Toast of the Town

On Sunday, April 27, 1997, members of the Houston Music Co-op will be doing a benefit for Milam House at Briar Patch, 2294 W. Holcombe, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

"Toast of the Town" will feature live performances by Sean Clancy, Bill Harris and John Sandstrom. The three will be singing drinking songs to quench your thirst.

Ester V. Houser receives Bering Community Service Foundation award at 10th anniversary celebration

Esther V. Houser, one of the founders of the Bering Community Service Foundation (BCSF), was named the recipient of the 1997 Don Sinclair Leadership Award on April 15, as part of the foundation's 10th anniversary celebration. She continues her active, hands-on participation in the group.

"Her energy and compassion have consistently propelled the organization forward. With her drive leading the way, we've become an innovative leader in HIV/AIDS assistance programs over the past ten years," said Bill Kersten, the executive director of BCSF.

The awards ceremony was preceded by an emotional candlelight walk which moved along Harold Street past a series of milestone placards noting each year in the foundation's history. Each of approximately 250 participants joined the walk at the placard marking the year he or she was first introduced to the foundation and proceeded to the campus of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church at 1440 Harold, where they entered a large tent for the awards ceremony.

President Clinton, U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and Mayor Bob Lanier sent congratulatory



Stacie Cokinos, Director of Development and Outreach for BCSF and Ester Houser (r) during the anniversary celebration

messages, which were read at the ceremony. On Thursday, Congresswoman Jackson Lee read the foundation's many achievements into the Congressional Record.

This year alone, the Bering Community Service Foundation will serve more than 4,000 persons affected by HIV/AIDS through programs that include the Bering Care Center and Bering Dental Clinic. Services are provided by a professional staff of 27, with 145 active volunteers.

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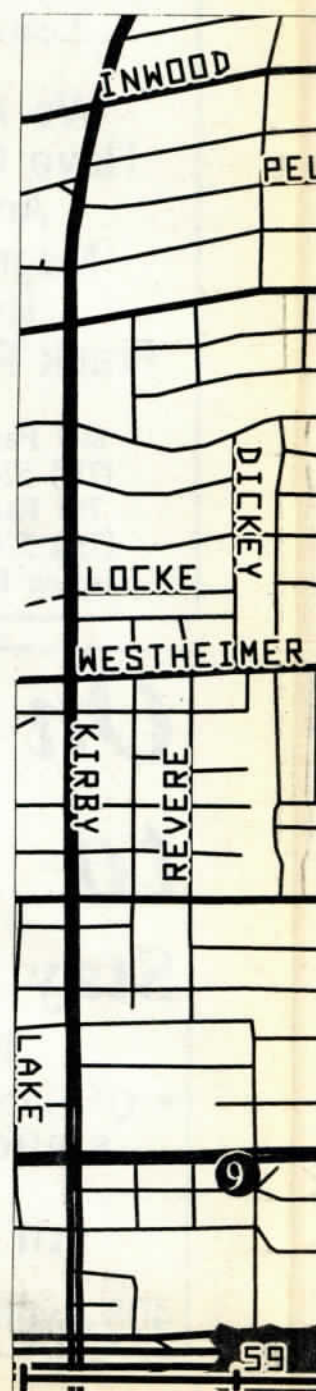
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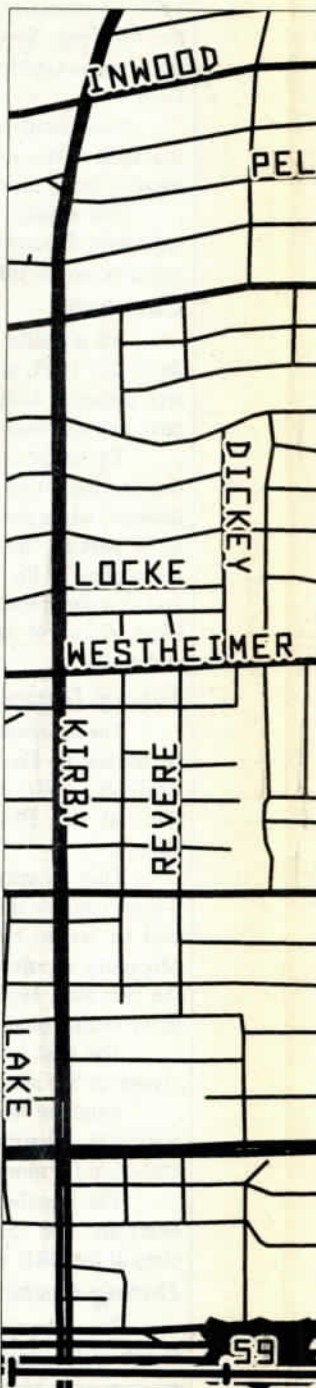
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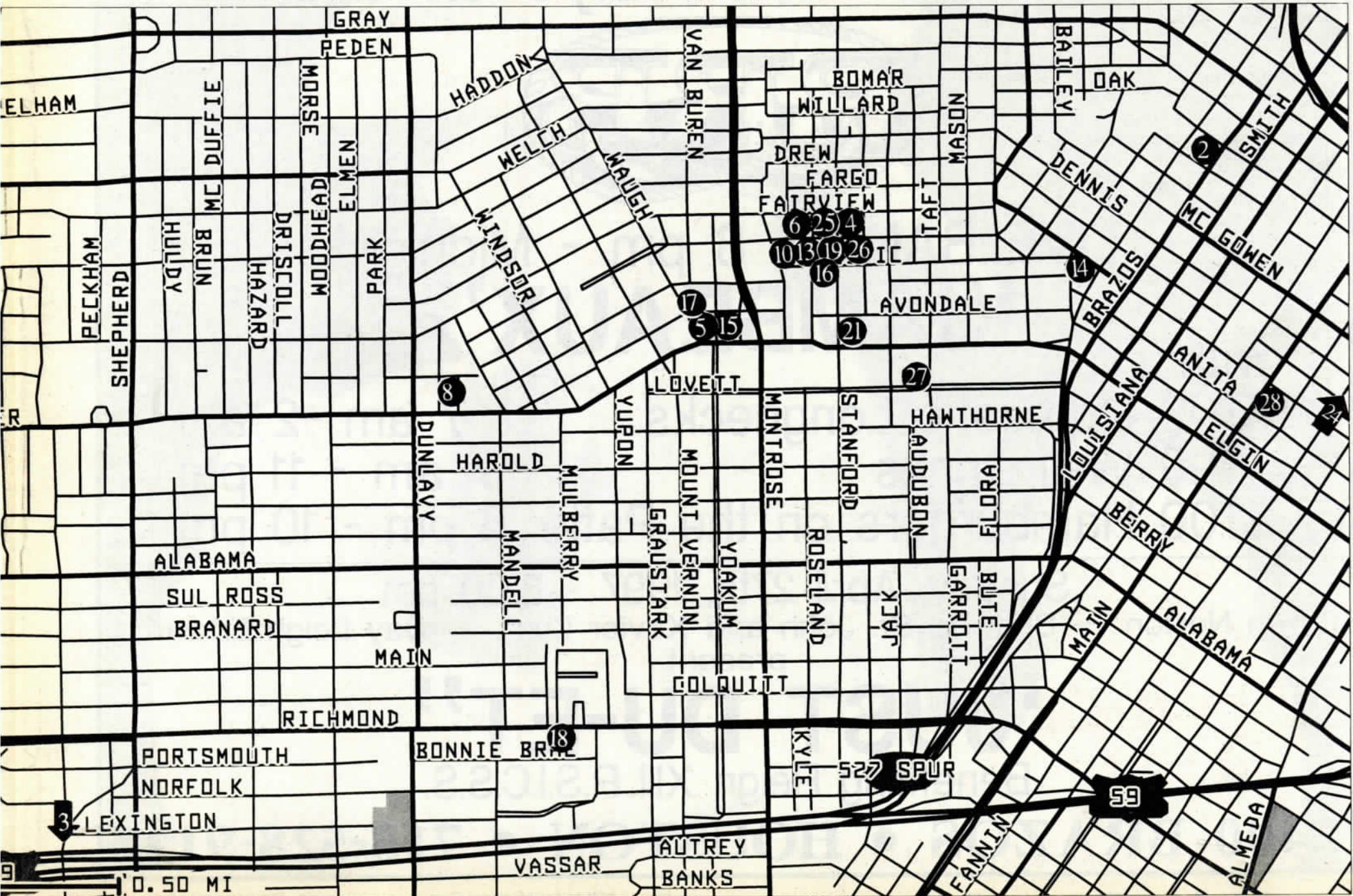
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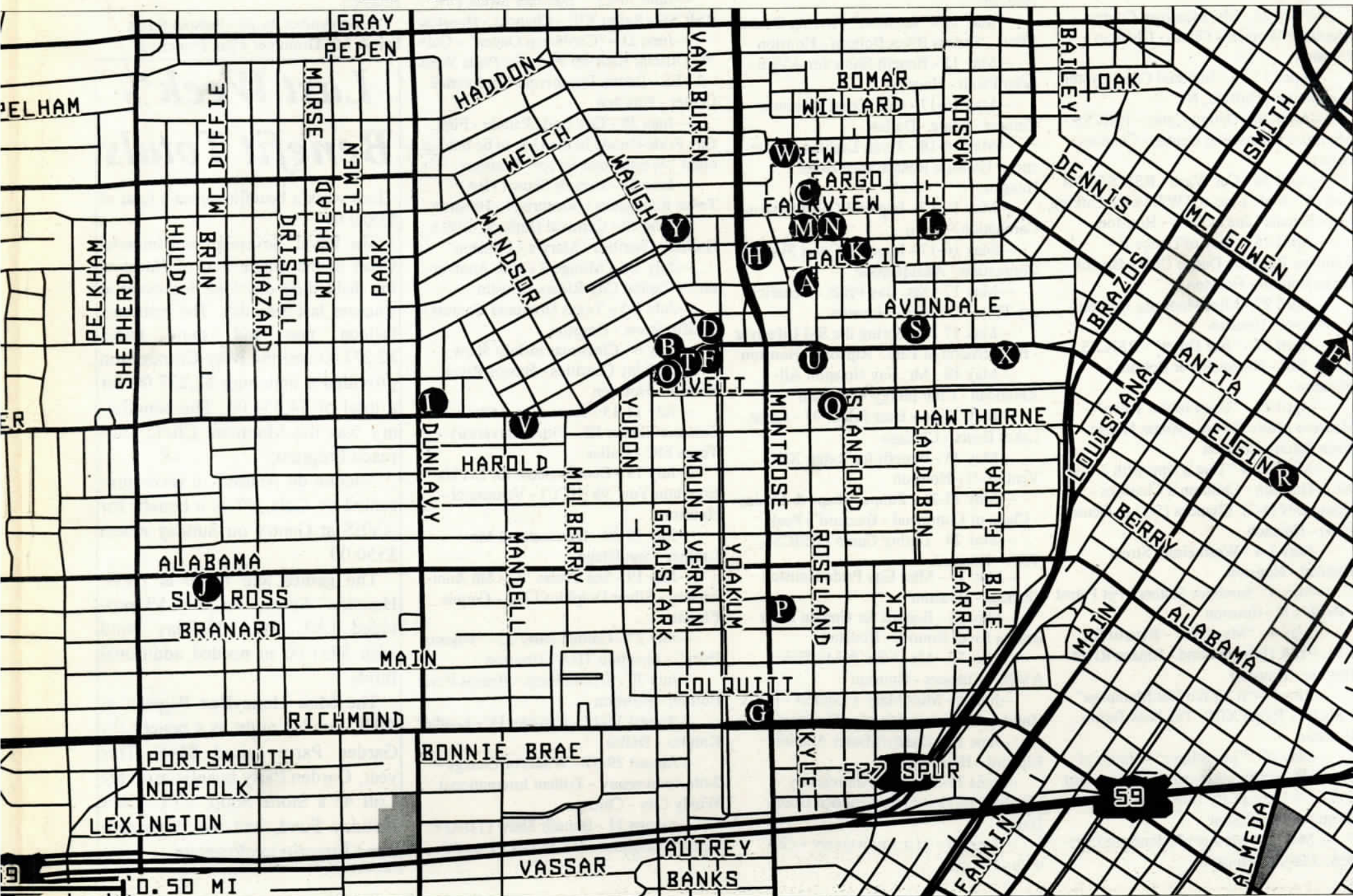
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Major Event Calendar

—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 - Dating Game - RSICSS - Montrose Counseling Center - Chances - Houston

—April 26 - Car Wash - RSICSS - PR Ball IV - Male Line at TWT/Voice Parking Lot - Female Line at E.J.'s - Houston

—April 26 - "Day of Dance II" - Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—April 27 - Miss Montrose Contest - Venture-N - Houston

—April 27 - "Just Du-et" - 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 (5-2), Chances (5-3) & Gentry (5-4) - Houston

—May 3-4 - Westheimer Street Festival - Houston

—May 4 - Sambuca Sisters - Pet Patrol - Brick's II - Houston

—May 4 - "Maydaze" - Benefit for LVL PWA 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 & Bayou City Leather Alliance - 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 - Ms. Gay Pride - Beneficiary TBA - Chances - Houston

—May 17 - Exploring the SM Lifestyle - Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston

—May 18 - Mr. Gay Houston All-American - 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 - PWA Holiday Charities - Mary's - Houston

—June 13 - Daddy/Master Auction - Ripcord - Houston

—June 13-15 - 10th Anniversary - Firedancers-Texas Inc. - Hidden Door - Dallas

—June 14 - 21st Anniversary - Colt 45's - Houston

—June 15 - Daddy of Montrose Contest - Mary's - Houston

—June 15 - Mr. Montrose 97-98 Contest - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston

—June 20-22 - "Summer Sweat Fest" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - Chances - Houston

—June 21 - "Caribbean Queen" - Gala '97 Official Kick-off Party for Pride Week

- AVES - Edwin Homberger 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 - PWA 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 - PWA Holiday Charities - 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

Last Week's Benefit Totals

Last week's benefits raised a total of \$5880.00

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. held their day long fun event at Chances last Saturday. The barbecue, balloon pop and show raised \$2,277.00 and the May Corporation provided a matching \$2,277.00 for a total of \$4,554.00. The beneficiary was the Montrose Clinic Outreach Program.

"Noche de Amore", a show presented by Gala '97 as a benefit for AVES at Gentry on Sunday raised \$550.00.

The games and raffle at NLA: Houston's Spring Inequity VI provided LVL PWA Holiday Fund with \$431.00 in needed additional funds.

The Miss HoneyBee Pageant at BRB, Sunday night as a benefit for Garden Party raised \$345. This year, Garden Party beneficiaries are Colt 45's Stone Soup, LVL PWA Holiday Fund, and the Assistance Fund Prescription Program.

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Barbara Walker Ms. Montrose 1996-1997



Ms. Montrose 1996 Barbara Walker
will give up her title Friday

Barbara Walker is currently employed by the Montrose Clinic. She is a member and Queen Mother XIII of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. and is very active in raising money especially for the Montrose Women's Clinic program. This program offers a wellness program that provides a complete examination by a gynecologist, lab work, medication and referral if needed. The fee is

\$40.00, however no one will be turned away.

She is a native Houstonian and formerly worked for an insurance company for 25 years. She has been a member of the gay and lesbian community for 31 years. Past titles include 1995 Closet Ball Princess and 1996 Ms. Chances.

Barbara won the first time title of Ms. Montrose last year and will give up her title Friday, April 25, 1997, when the new Ms. Montrose begins her reign. The pageant will be held at Chances at 9:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Montrose Women's Clinic.

Judges for Friday's contest are Don Gill, Don Dowden, Lisa Garrett, Laura Lee Love and Julia Siska.

Applications can be obtained at Chances until 8:00 p.m., April 25th. The contestants will be judged on talent, evening wear and a question and answer response. The winner is also required to ride on Chances 1997 Gay Pride Float. The contest is limited to female gender.

Cherry Maraschino Miss Montrose 1996-1997



Miss Montrose 1996 Cherry Maraschino (aka John Fitzgerald) will give up her title Sunday

Last year, Tequila Rose (aka J.T.) won the title of Miss Montrose 1996. He soon moved to Utah and relinquished the title to Cherry Maraschino (aka John Fitzgerald) in a ceremony at the Venture-N.

John is currently a bartender at the Ripcord. He also has a sideline food catering business. He is a member of the Texas Cowgirlz and has been active in fundraising since moving to Houston two years ago from Ruidoso, New Mexico. He is 33 years old.

The Miss Montrose Pageant (sic) was founded 13 years ago by the late Marvin Davis (Lady Victoria Lust) as a camp pageant (sic) to recognize the efforts of those employees of the community food and beverage industries who generously give of their time and talents by performing at charity events.

This year's pageant (sic) will be held at Venture-N, 2923 Main Street on Sunday, April 27, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. Aspiring contestants may pick up an application at the Venture-N. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Loving Arms Foundation.

