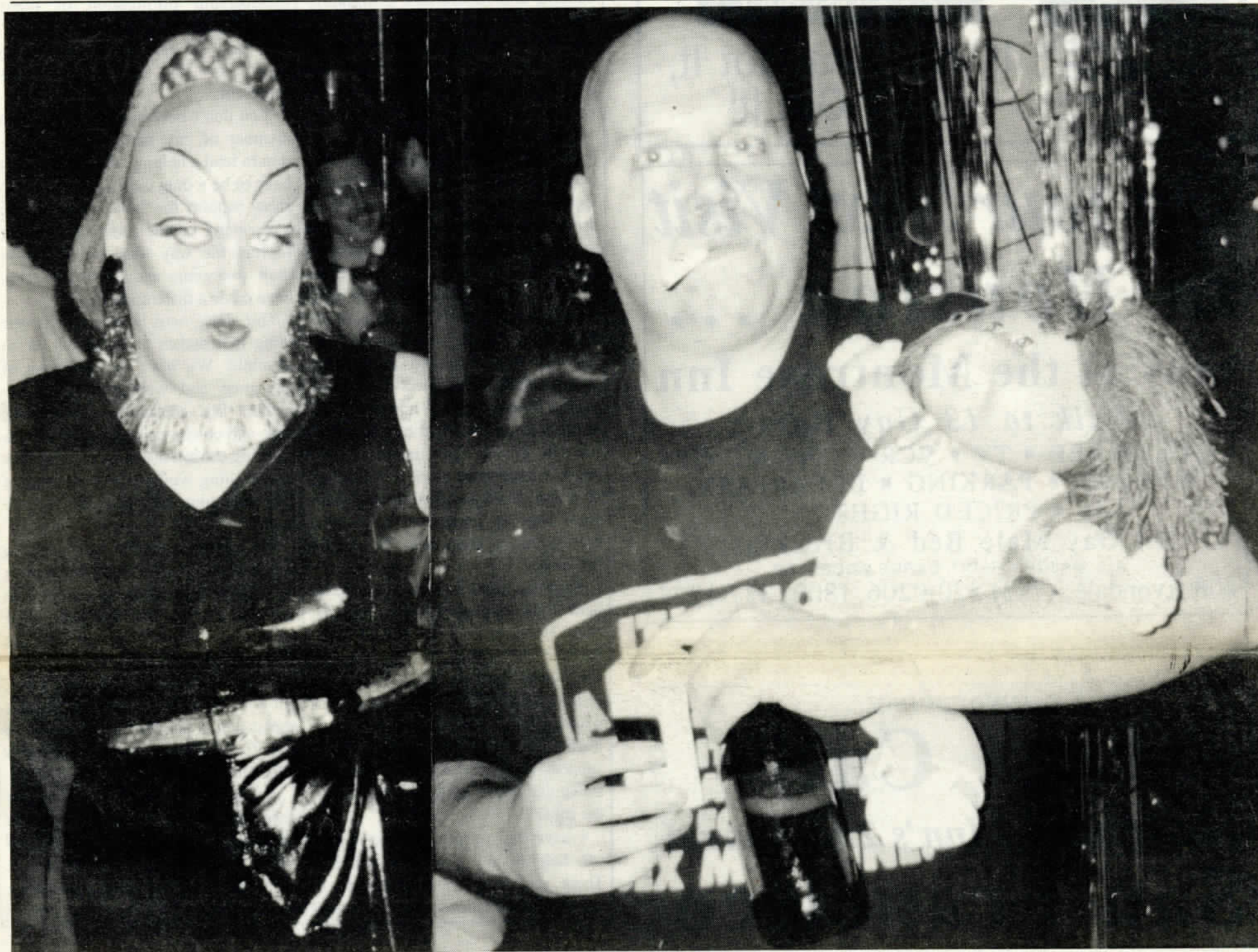


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Miss Gay Pride Houston(s) 1997 Crowned

Chances was host to the third Miss Gay Pride Houston pageant on Friday, May 23, 1997.

Six contestants battled it out for the title, competing in evening gown, on stage interview and talent competition in front of a capacity crowd.

Judges for the event were Ms. Chances and Ms. Montrose Emeritus, Barbara Walker; former Miss BRB and Miss Gay Pride Houston Emeritus, Day-Liegh Edwards; former Mr. Prime Choice, Don Gill; International Make-up Artist for Estee Lauder, Mark Bradford; and President of Garden Party, Stella Link Seville.



Miss Gay Pride Houston(s) 1997 Laura Lee Love and Crystal Rae Lee Love

After vigorous competition emcee Ruby Stone announced the results of each category and the winners. Second runner-up went to Sierra West, first runner-up went to Felicia Flesheater and the winner of Miss Gay Pride Houston was a tie. Sharing the title of Miss Gay Pride Houston 1997-1998 are Laura Lee Love and Crystal Rae Lee Love who both had a total score of 476 points.

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Upfront With The Community

by

SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

The past couple of weeks have been quite busy with many events, benefits and fundraisers. Congratulations to the new Mr. Gay Houston, Will Smith. I hope you have as great a year as I had, and remember that your title can do a great deal for the betterment of our community.

As I watched the new Miss Gay Pride Houston(s) selected, and went over calendars and schedules before Houston's Gay Pride Celebration draws near, I realized how lucky we are in this city. Our community is constantly giving to those brothers and sisters who are definitely in need, and we have a close knit community that is very diverse yet very unified.

Every time I turned around this past weekend, this aspect of Houston shined. Friday night, I hosted a show at the Venture-N. I had two people in the bar donate their talents to the show to help raise money. As campy as it was, I had people donating items from caps to underwear to auction off. As one of them said, "It's all for the cause."

Saturday night, I sat with the President of the National Leather Association: Houston and the President of Bayou City Leather Alliance at a drag show benefiting the Montrose Counseling Center. Some other cities would think that insane to have leather men devoting their time to support drag queens. But like the statement made earlier, "It's all for the cause."

I have had people ask me if they can help in any way, just call me. There are many of us involved in various organizations. I have devoted

many of these columns in giving background information and general membership information of many fundraising groups in our community. But these groups are successful because of the community they represent.

You don't necessarily have to be a member of any particular organization to lend a helping hand. You don't have to be a drag queen or a singer to show support for those who are. We have many people out there waiting to find the way they can throw in their two cents and know that they have made a difference.

Our unity here in Houston is one thing that makes us stand out as an example. We have the harmony of gay men and women working together. We constantly see leather, drag and cowboys in the same groups working toward the same efforts. This is one thing we have to be proud of and one thing we have to work to keep.

We are the ones that want most to see an end to the suffering our friends and loved ones have gone through and many more that are still going through it. We are the ones who are going to make a difference. Don't sit back and let everything happen without you. Be a part of it. From smiling applause to a fabulous performance to a hefty donation, it all makes a difference.

As Houston's Gay Pride draws near this next month, remember Houston...we have a great deal of which to be proud, and we see it every day. So until next time...have fun Houston!

Montrose Clinic continues outreach in the community

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 June. All persons will have access to **Free HIV Counseling**

and Testing in the following establishments:

THURSDAY, May 29
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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SATURDAY, May 31
Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
MONDAY, June 2
BRB — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
QT's — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
TUESDAY, June 3
Club Houston — 8 p.m. to 12 m.n.
WEDNESDAY, June 4
Mary's — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Midtowne Spa — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
THURSDAY, June 5
Venture-N — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Last week's totals

A total of \$853.00 was raised in last week's events.

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star raised \$370.00 for Reign XIII at the Venture-N on Friday night and \$158.00 for the Montrose Clinic Direct Assistance Fund on during The Dating Game Saturday night at E/J's.

On Sunday night Garden Party's "Twisted Sisters" raised \$325.00 for their beneficiaries at the Brazos River Bottom.

Support the COLT 45's Troublefund

Brotherhood of Pain to sponsor Daddy/Master Auction at Ripcord

The Brotherhood of Pain will be holding a Daddy/Master Auction at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 1997, at the Ripcord, 715 Fairview, in Houston. Proceeds from the event will benefit Steven's House.

The club has recruited some of the "hottest" known Daddy/Masters in our area. These gentlemen will be donating their time and efforts not only for charity but also to give all the "boys" a chance to get that "dream-fantasy" daddy/master.

Who knows, maybe you'll be able to spend the most memorable Father's Day Weekend ever! Drop by the Ripcord for more information about the auction. You can even pick up some Daddy Bucks with each



cocktail served Sundays through Thursdays.

Additional information on the auction and how to make your bids is available on the Auction Board and the Brotherhood of Pain fliers available in the bar.

Be there! It'll be a very fun night.

This weekend's events

Gala pageant

The first Mr., Miss and Ms. Gala Pageant will be held on Friday, May 30, 1997, beginning at 9:00 p.m. at Chances, 1100 Westheimer. The pageant will be hosted by Xavier Luna and benefits AVES.

Reaching for the Stars

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star will be doing a benefit for the Montrose Clinic Outreach Program on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at 10:00 p.m. at the Venture-N, 2923 Main.

Miss Mary's

The Miss Mary's pageant will be on Sunday, June 1, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. at Mary's, 1022 Westheimer. Miss Ova of The Texas Cowgirlz will be giving up the coveted title while benefiting PWA

Holiday Charities (LVL). Categories will be presentation, talent and question and answer. There is a \$10.00 entry fee and the pageant is camp in nature. The newly crowned Miss Montrose and Mother of Montrose will be the guest entertainers.

Light Up My Night

R.S.I.C.S.S. will be the hosts at a benefit for Houston Gay Pride on Sunday, June 1, 1997, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Brick's II, 617 Fairview @ Stanford.

Car Wash

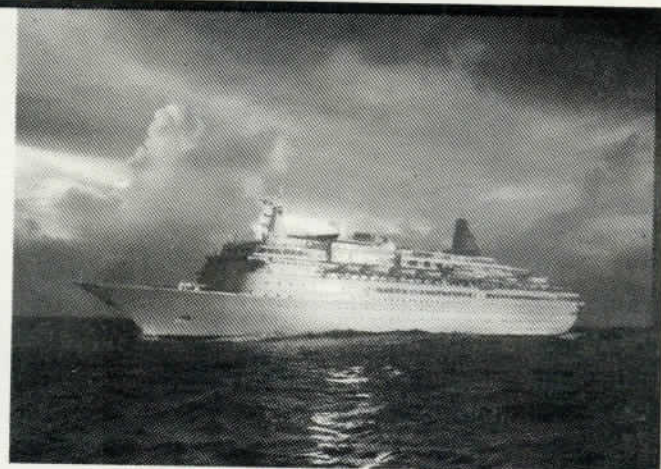
Hopefully, third time's a charm for R.S.I.C.S.S. as they once again try to hold their car wash. The male line will be washing cars at TWT/Voice parking lot, while the female line washes cars at E/J's. The competition begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 1997.

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The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

"To do one's best is the ultimate goal of all human achievement!"

This is the basic philosophy of the Gay Games. The Gay Games is a sporting and cultural event held every four years, with the goal of enhancing the world-wide emancipation of the Gay and Lesbian community. This is achieved through the organization of non-competitive cultural and sporting activities in which anyone can participate, indiscriminate of sex, sexual preference, ethnic background or religion and where the participation is more important than winning!

The Gay Games were founded by a former USA Olympic decathlete, Tom Waddell. There have been four prior Gay Games, the first two in San Francisco (1982 & 1986), then Vancouver (1990) and finally New York (1994) where 10,500 participants were counted! This makes the Gay Games one of the largest sporting and cultural events in the world! Up to 12,000 participants are expected to attend the 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games which will take place July 30- August 9.

Amsterdam was chosen for its tolerance and liberal gay policy in addition to the many things it has to offer as a fine European city. Almost all of the locations and venues to be used for the Gay Games are within the municipality of Amsterdam and can be reached within 30 minutes on public transportation. This is the first time that the Gay Games will be held outside of North America.

Besides the sporting events, a great cultural program will be offered including performing arts productions, festivals (choir, storytelling, women's and film), exhibitions and community art. There is so much to see and do in the city, you won't find yourself with nothing to do. Museums, theater, culture and lot's of options for nightlife, the choice is yours!

It is highly recommended that you pre-register for the Gay Games. L'Arc en Ciel Voyages has been named as a preferred sales agent for North America and has already opened registration. So plan ahead to secure good accommodations and beat

the last minute crunch.

Paying can be almost painless, using L'Arc en Ciel Voyages' time payment plan. When the games roll around in 1998, time payers, whose trips will be paid for well ahead of their departure, will have the luxury of taking off for the Games with only their "mad money" in their pockets. Pre-registration has several other advantages, according to L'Arc en Ciel director Sue Ryder Scott: Comprehensive trip cancellation insurance is included free to all time payers who keep their accounts current; And pre-registered attendees will be at the top of the list for accommodations and other services, a real benefit since hotel rooms will be at a premium in crowded Amsterdam; During the games, L'Arc en Ciel will station a tour director in Amsterdam to handle all its clients' needs, from baggage handling to arranging optional tours to helping them in time of crisis (such as illness or lost passport), all with an eye to making the trip worry-free. Finally as a preferred agent and exclusive gay tour operator, L'Arc en Ciel Voyages will have first-hand, up to date information as plans for the games unfold. The tour company will also donate a portion of each package price to AIDS-related organizations. The packages are available through my agency or through your favorite travel agent.

Here in Houston, we can also assist teams with various fund-raising ideas to help meet their goal so they might go to the Gay Games. Give our office a call for details.

So plan ahead for this event of a lifetime!

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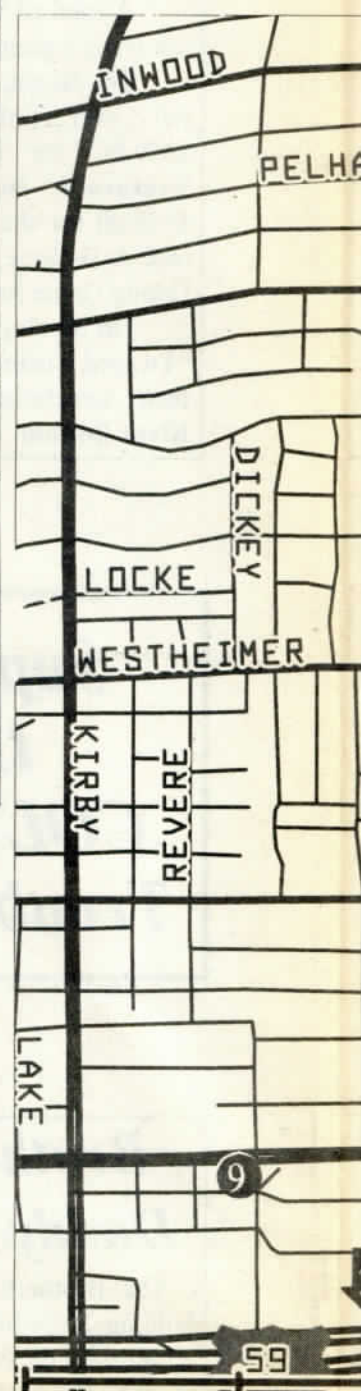
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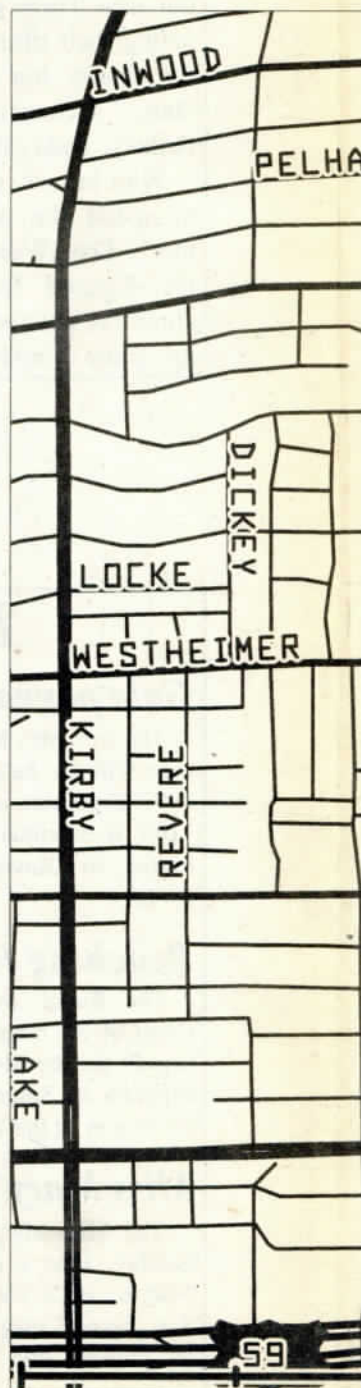
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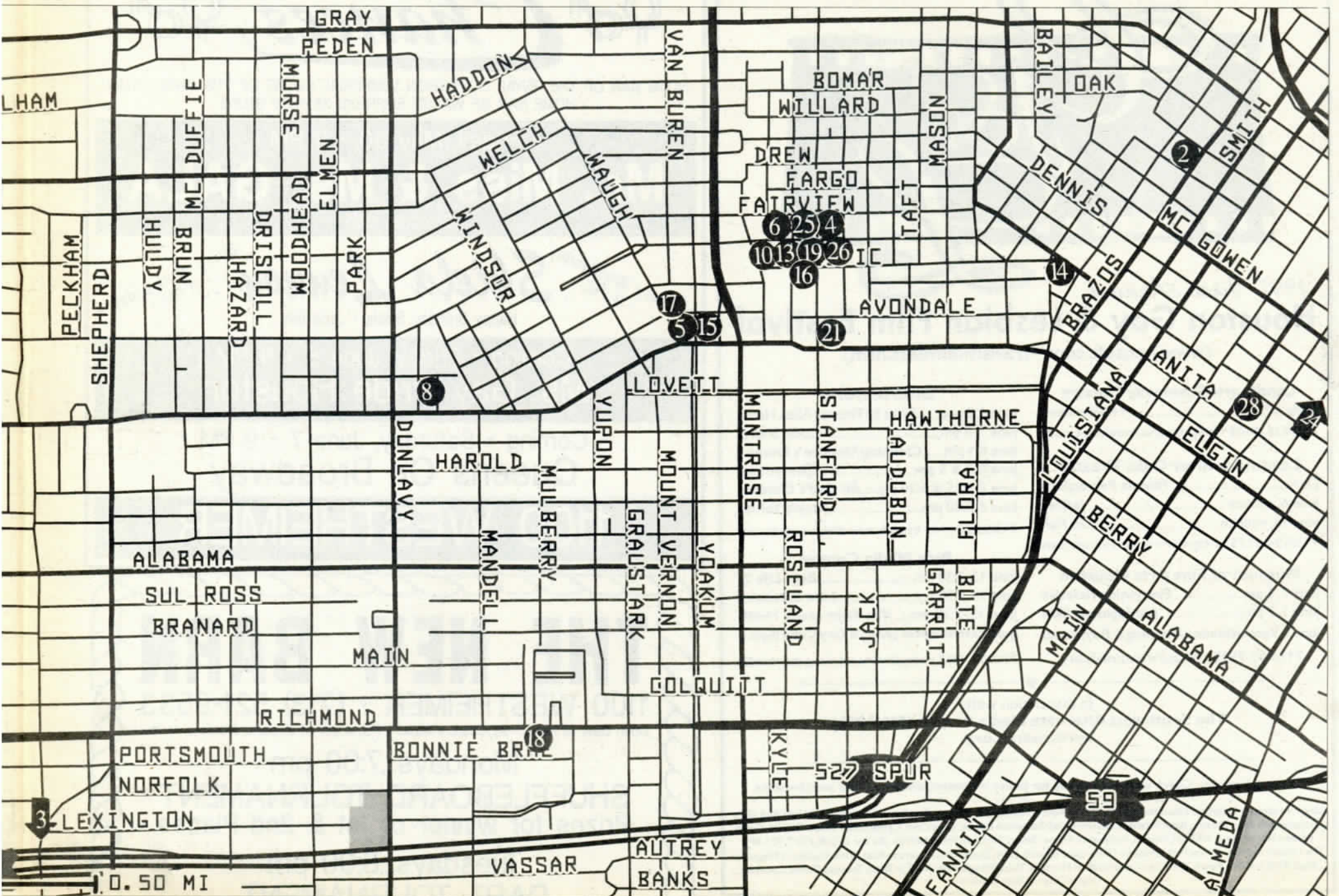
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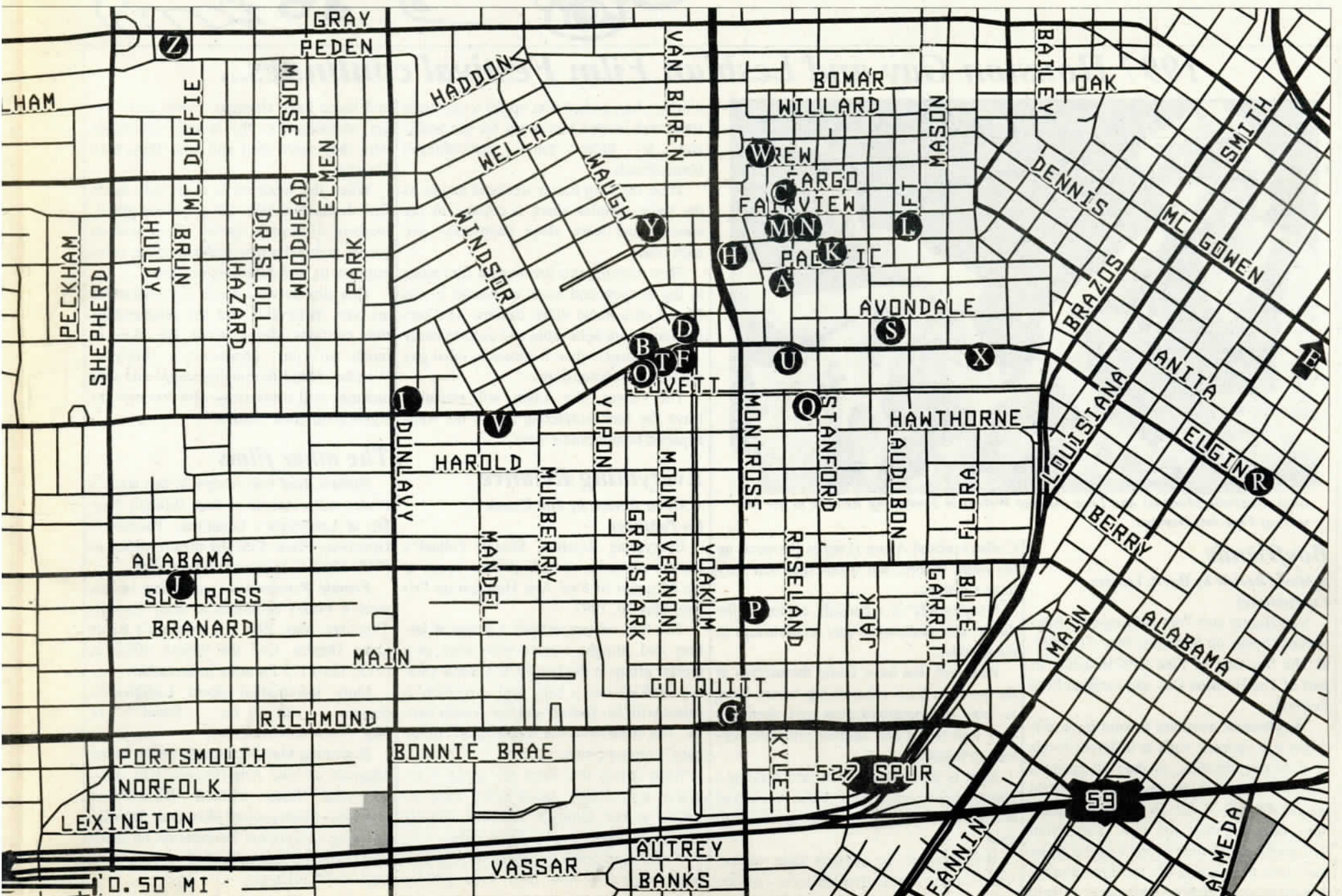
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Museum of Fine Arts Houston
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June 1, 7 pm..... *Madagascar Skin*
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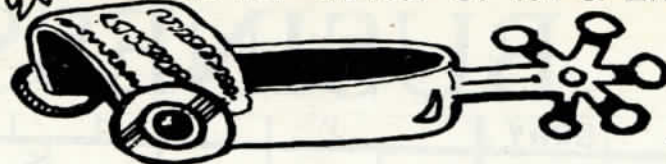
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1997 Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival continues...



Gina (Gabriella Messina) and Luce (Andrea Weber) in *Everything Relative* at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston

Boyfriends

A Movie Review by Barry Larson
Co-Publisher

Neil Hunter and Tom Hunsinger's "Boyfriends" opens on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, as part of The Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

"Boyfriends" revolves around three different gay couples, each at different levels in their relationships, as they all spend a weekend together in the country. Paul (James Dreyfus) and Ben (Mark Sands) have been together for five years. Matt (Michael Urwin) and Owen (Andrew Ableson) have been going out for three months and Matt hears wedding bells. Will (David

Coffey) picked Adam (Darren Petrucci) up the night before...but it emerges that they have a history.

"Boyfriends" is a comedy exploring the depths and shallows of gay relationships in the nineties.

Paul and Ben have found themselves at the point in their relationship where there is lack of communication and therefore they lash out at one another until they decide to breakup.

Matt is pressuring Owen into making a commitment, but Owen feels smothered and is actually using Matt to get close to Paul.

Will used to be Adam's case worker when Adam was a troubled teen, ran into

him in a bar, picked him up for a one night stand and invited him away for the weekend to meet some well-adjusted homosexuals.

Thus, the long Easter weekend begins as the three couples share a cottage in the country and learn about themselves and each other.

Slow moving, this low budget film tends to lag in spots and looks as though it was filmed on a home video camera. The performances are believable and unfortunately right on target when it comes to most gay circles and relationships.

The viewer, like Adam, will probably leave the film wondering where the well-adjusted homosexuals were.

Everything Relative

A Movie Review by Jim Cheek
Co-Publisher

Everything Relative, Sharon Pollack's lesbian romantic comedy-drama, opens at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston on Friday, May 30, 1997.

The film centers around a group of lesbian and straight women who were in a theater group in the late 1970's. Katie (Stacey Nelkin) has a baby and a reunion is called with her friends and her Jewish family. The occasion is the "celebration" of the baby's circumcision.

Katie insists that since the group is together again, they spend some time together at her family's secluded country house where they used to brainstorm.

A weekend getaway proves to be a nostalgic review of how their lives, politics

and loved have changed. Loves and lives get rearranged as the women remember who they were then and who they have become.

When the weekend is over, they again find themselves with the garrulous grandmothers of Katie's family. Each woman carries with her a new understanding, commitment to, and definition of, family.

This film is well done. The characters are very believable and the relationships that continue development are akin to much of our community's lifestyle. Women should thoroughly enjoy this film and men will come away with few new insights about their "sisters."

The other films

Hollow Reed (see review in last week's Pride) will continue at least through June 5th at Landmark's Greenway Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza. Call the theatre office at (713) 626-0402 for more information

Female Perversions (see review in last week's Pride) continues at least through Thursday, May 29th at Landmark's River Oaks Theatre. Call the theatre office at (713) 524-2175 for more information.

More information about Landmark's movies can be found at <http://www.movienet.com>

Beginning May 30 through June 1 at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston will show additional films entitled *Watermelon Woman*, *Madagascar Skin* and *Monday Morning*. Additional information on these films can be obtained at (713) 639-7515 or <http://www.mfah.org>

Major Event Calendar

—May 30 - Mr., Miss & Ms. Gala - AVES - Chances - Houston
 —May 31 - "Reaching For the Stars" - RSICSS - Montrose Clinic Outreach Program - Venture-N - Houston
 —June 1 - Miss Mary's Contest - PWA Holiday Charities - Mary's - Houston
 —June 1 - "Light Up My Night" - RSICSS - Houston Gay Pride - Brick's II - Houston
 —June 6 - Ms. Gay Pride Houston - Chances - Houston
 —June 7 - "Queens on Broadway" - RSICSS - PR Ball IV - Chances - Houston
 —June 8 - "President's Show - TGRA - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
 —June 8 - "Hat's Off to Broadway" and "A Roast of Montrose Clinic Honorary Chair, Dr. Scott Sawyer" - Montrose Clinic - Edwin Hornberger Center - Houston
 —June 8 - Car Wash - Houston Area Teenage Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) - Chances - 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 15 - "Red Party—A Celebration of Daddy" - Miss Camp America - Pacific Street - Houston
 —June 20-22 - "Summer Sweat Fest" - RSICSS - Reign XIII - Chances - Houston
 —June 20 - "Newlywed Game" - (Kickoff to "Summer Sweat Fest" above) - RSICSS - Chances - Houston
 —June 21 - "Caribbean Queen" - Gala '97 Official Kick-off Party for Pride Week - AVES - Edwin Hornberger 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 4-6 - Texas Invitational Bowling Tournament XII - Location TBA - Houston
 —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

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—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 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 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & Mr. Drummer - San Francisco
 —October 3-5 - 23rd Anniversary - Knights d'Orleans - New Orleans
 —November 2 - Thanksgiving Show - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
 —November 6-9 - Texas Gay Rodeo - TGRA - Great Southwest Equestrian Center - Houston
 —December 7 - PWA Christmas Show - PWA Holiday Charities - Brazos River Bottom - 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
 —March 14-15, 1998 - Night in Black Leather '98 - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 1-8, 1998 - The 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games

This weekly event calendar lists future events of clubs and organizations. It is not limited to local events, but must be of interest to Houston clubs, organizations or individuals. Please send written information to the Montrose Area Pride, P.O. Box 66627, Houston, TX 77266 for inclusion in this calendar. Deadline is Friday one week prior to publication date.

Montrose Counseling Center launches HIV+ group for Generation X'ers

Montrose Counseling Center is forming a special support group, called Generation X+, for men and women in their twenties who are HIV positive. "This is an opportunity for Generation X'ers, men and women, to get together for mutual support and to discuss common issues," said Daniel J. Garces, MA, LPC, co-facilitator of the group.

Recent studies indicate that one in four new infections by HIV in the U.S. occurred in people younger than 22. A study of young gay men in San Francisco found that 17.9% were HIV

positive and that annual infection rates may be as high as 2.6%. In light of this, Montrose Counseling Center is initiating this group to provide a safe, gay/lesbian affirming space for HIV positive young adults to obtain support and encouragement.

The day and time of the group is still to be determined. The cost of the group is free to those who qualify for grant funding, or on a sliding scale according to income. Those interested in participating in Generation X+ can contact Daniel J. Garces, MA, LPC, at (713) 529-0037.

Knowledge is Power

The Brotherhood of Pain holds educational events on the third Saturday of every month (weather permitting) through November. These "seminar" events are held at 10:00 p.m. on the Ripcord patio and are meant to explain and dispel misconceptions about the SM/BD lifestyle.

The seminars are free and open to



anyone with curiosity, questions or comments about the lifestyle. The Brotherhood is dedicated to educate and inform any interested individuals on the safe, sane and consensual aspects of their lifestyle.

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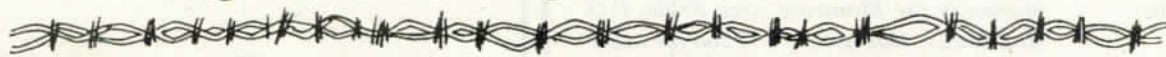
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