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The Guide to Gay Houston ★ Published for the Men and Women of the Houston Gay Community



Martha White

Sometimes great things come in small packages — like our covergirl this week, Martha White. Martha comes from a family of musicians — her father is a Bluegrass guitar player and singer, and her uncle was the famous country music artist

Jim Reeves. Singing with her Dad's Bluegrass band since the early age of nine, she began working with him playing various festivals, stage shows, etc.

Martha and her band won the Marlboro Talent Contest in Houston, Texas and then

went on to perform at the famous Bull Pen Lounge in Nashville, Tennessee and Rockefeller's in Houston.

Martha has gone on to receive several awards from the Country Music Association of Texas and in 1995 received the

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Upfront With The Community

by
SEAN CARTER

Mr. Space-City Texas All-American 1997

This week has been hectic preparing for Mr. Texas All-American, which is being held Friday night at Kolers in Dallas. With everything going on in Houston, everything has been non-stop.

Coming up in a week, though, is something a little different. Along with Lexy Bowen, I am hosting and organizing, "The Prom We Never Had."

This plans to be a fun evening off the beat and path of the normal "drag show." It is going to be held at The Malebox, 4215 Washington Ave., (713) 864-9277.

Just think back to your old high school prom and just think what kind of night you would have now!

The charge for the evening is \$5.00. The money raised at this event will be funding PR Ball IV, benefiting Soiree Aubergine.

This night will be a chance to stroll back down memory lane, but most likely with a different date.

There are not a lot of times or chances even in this size city to really slow dance with your partner, but here is one.

Of course there will be plenty of music — fast and slow — from many different

eras. This can help set the mood for some of our awards, including "Best Costume."

Pictures will be available — just like the good old days, and this time alcohol will be served. The Malebox is a beer and wine bar, so for the "hard stuff," you can bring your own. The bar does sell all the mixers you need.

One portion of the evening, though, has to be dedicated to the selection of the prom King and Queen. Anyone is eligible for this "esteemed honor." And being selected the first prom king or queen of Montrose, you will be emeritus — first and always.

The selection of King and Queen will be solely based on tips which go towards the funds helping the Bering Community Service Foundation through Soiree Aubergine.

If you need any information on running for prom King or Queen or information on ticket sales, call (713) 871-1619.

So pull out your old, (or newest) tux, gown or jeans; anything goes, from the 50's to the 90's. Grab a date or come stag. The night should be a fun one.

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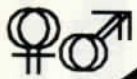
AWARE's next meeting will be on Sunday, August 17, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at The Hobbit Hole, 1715 S. Shepherd, (713) 528-3418.

AWARE, is an employee group open to both management and non-management lesbian and gay personnel with the goal to establish domestic partnership benefits and equal compensation within Southwestern Bell Corp. The group is open to current and retired employees and their partners, as well as, those lesbian and gay employees who are not partnered.

At the July meeting, president Lori Clark reported on the recent Communications Workers of America (CWA) annual convention and the progress made there on the domestic partner issue. The Women's Committee presented, and the convention passed a resolution in support of medical and

pension benefits for both same-sex and opposite sex domestic partnerships. Terry Schildt of AT&T is the first openly gay man to be elected to the National Equity Committee, Clark reported. Contacts were made with the AT&T gay & lesbian group and strategies for obtaining objectives were discussed. One idea is to develop an organization within the union for gay and lesbian members.

Future meetings of AWARE will be the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m., location to be announced. For information call (713) 235-7929. Callers interested in being on the mailing list to receive the newsletter should leave their name and address. Houston AWARE has established annual membership dues of \$15.00. A membership form and an informational brochure are available by request.



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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:

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FRIDAY, Aug. 8

The New Barn — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, Aug. 9

Rich's — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

MONDAY, Aug. 11

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My, My, What Stars!

By HELGA THE EXALTED



ARIES (March 21-April 19): If someone makes you an offer this weekend that you think you can't refuse, refuse it anyway. Be here now, as they say, but know where you're going. Sharing your brightness with your close one brings joy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The world is opening its arms to Taurus. You have enough strength and surety to control any or every thing. Now that you know where your heart is (your home), you're moved to make it as nice as can be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Nothing at all to fear, but something to be greatly intrigued by. The emphasis this week continues to be on getting things right. Who do you trust? You're progressing, while someone near is also.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your responsibility to yourself versus your responsibility to others is the underlying basis for conflict. That access to personal truth makes you see more clearly. Get organized! Get so organized that you actually keep a record or agenda of things to do.

LEO (July 23-August 22): In either case, touching base with someone once important to you can have a significant effect on the future. All is right with the world. You get pleasure from giving; you just love to love.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your time and skills are needed and you're right there. If you've any reason to be suspicious about anyone concerning anything go ahead and follow your hunch. Now that you've mended some broken fences and given heed to your needs, you can begin to look to the future as a place to be together with your companion.

LIBRA (September 23-October 23): You're due for some recognition, and the best way to achieve it is to smile and let everyone think you breeze along with no sweat. By simply putting both the energies of you and your partner into a decision the results can't help but be advantageous. You've been feeling cautious and conservative.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 21): You'll treasure and value what is true and traditional and at the time something odd and original will greatly interest you. Don't let anything stop you from doing it. How about a good old-fashioned picnic or barbecue? The enjoyment that basic honest friendliness brings should feel mighty good.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Something that started last week has not abated, and your usual calm approach is simply not appropriate or effective. Don't allow a little tiff at home to get blown out of proportion, simply through its contrast.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Take two baby steps backward before you take two giant leaps forward. What comes of such a meeting is in your hands. And yet this is a very interesting time.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): It's a good thing you can enjoy challenges. Don't buy more than you need, avoid the big bargain; what was that about snakes and apples? You're experiencing the depths of your love. Sincerity and honesty are needed in your personal life.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): A project that had been stalled or put on the back burner comes once again to the forefront of your life. This may have to do with combining future travel with a new business venture. You know what you know.

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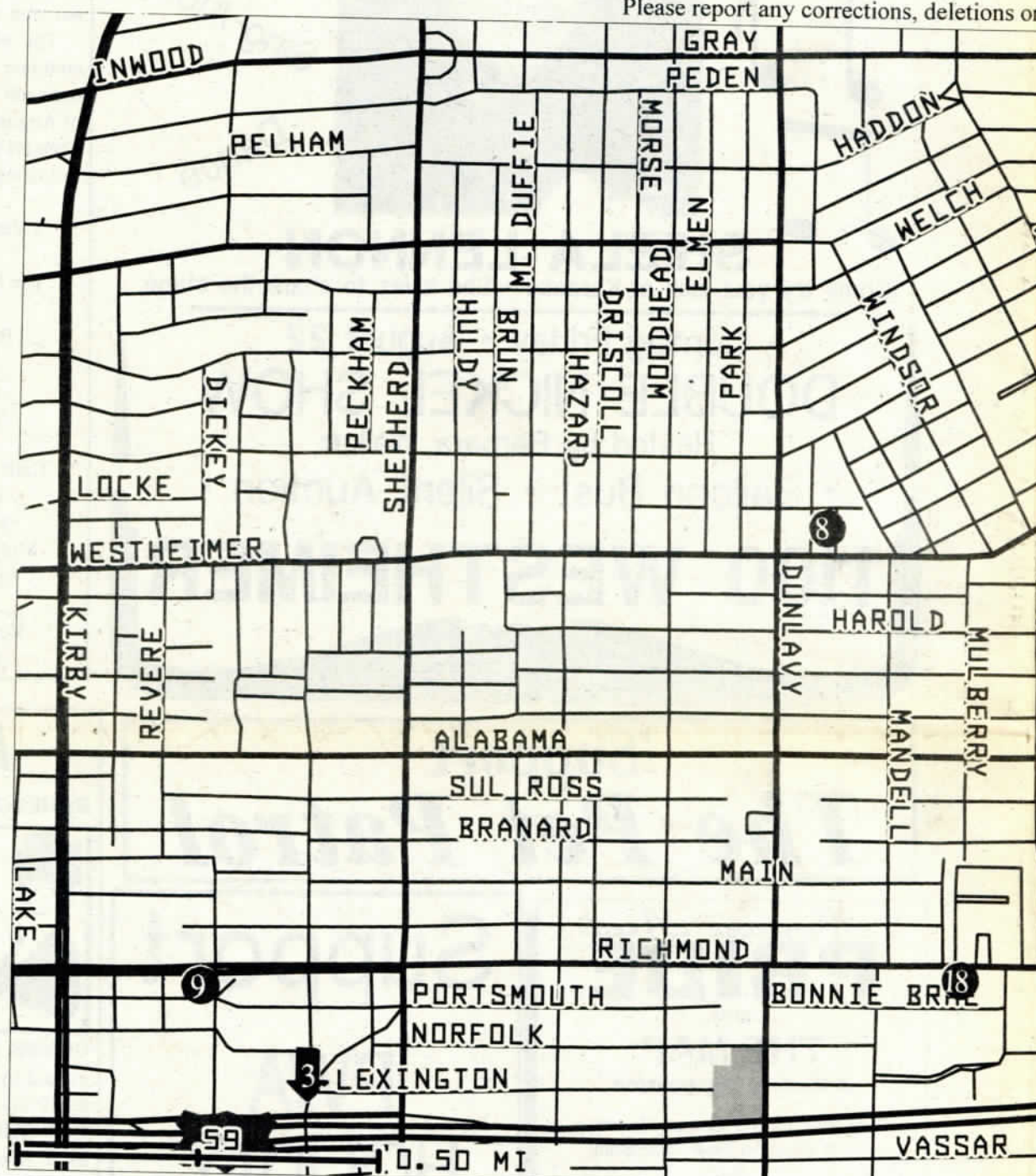
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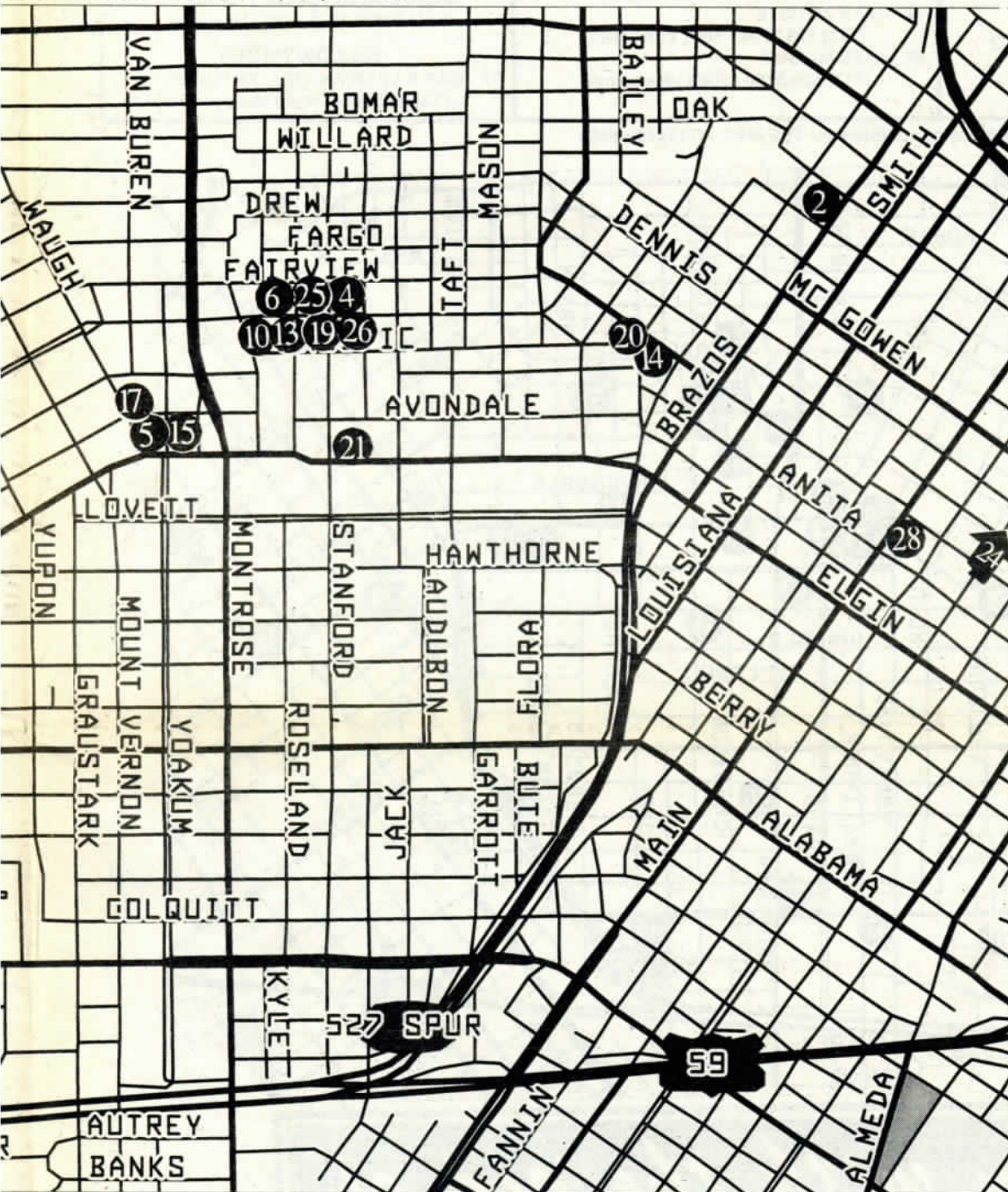
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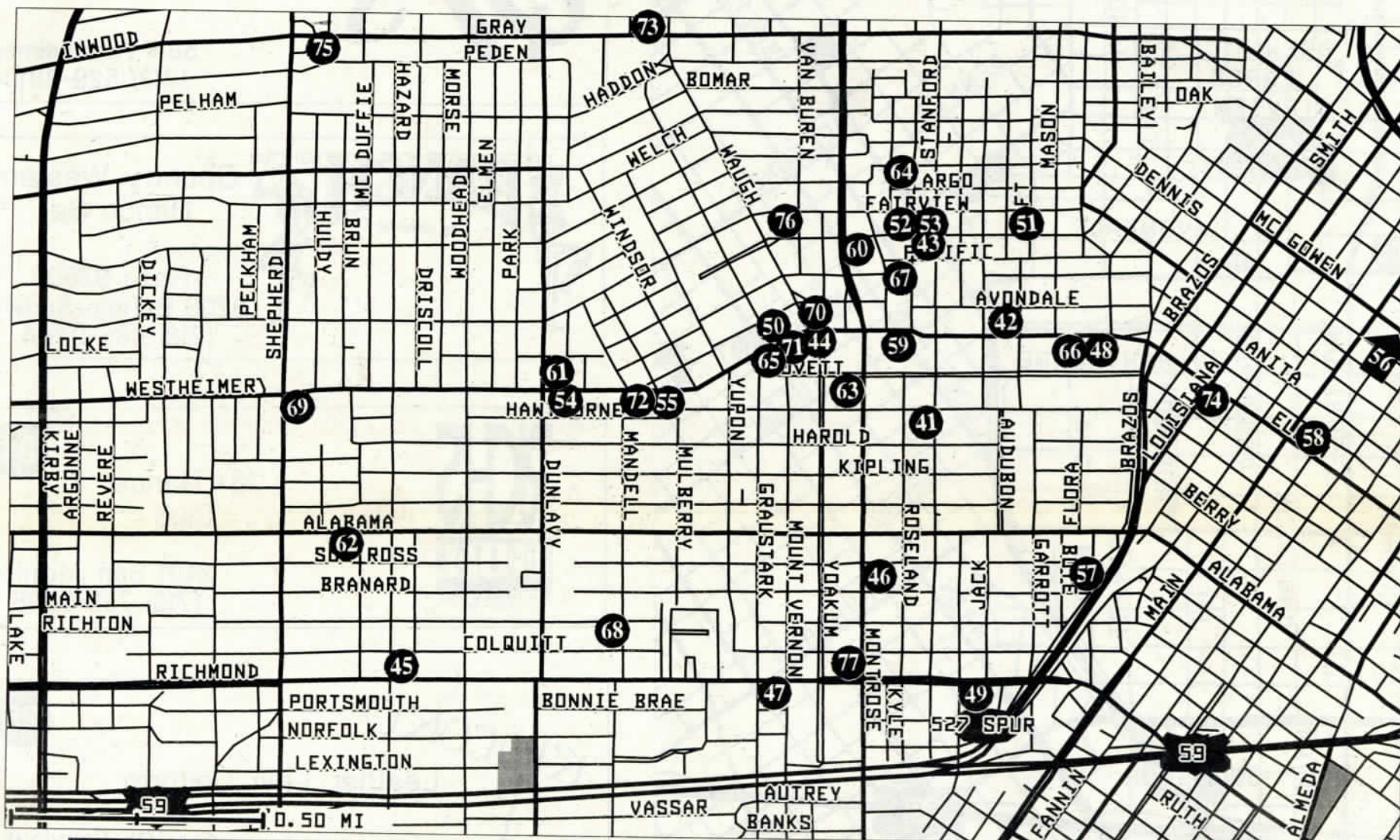
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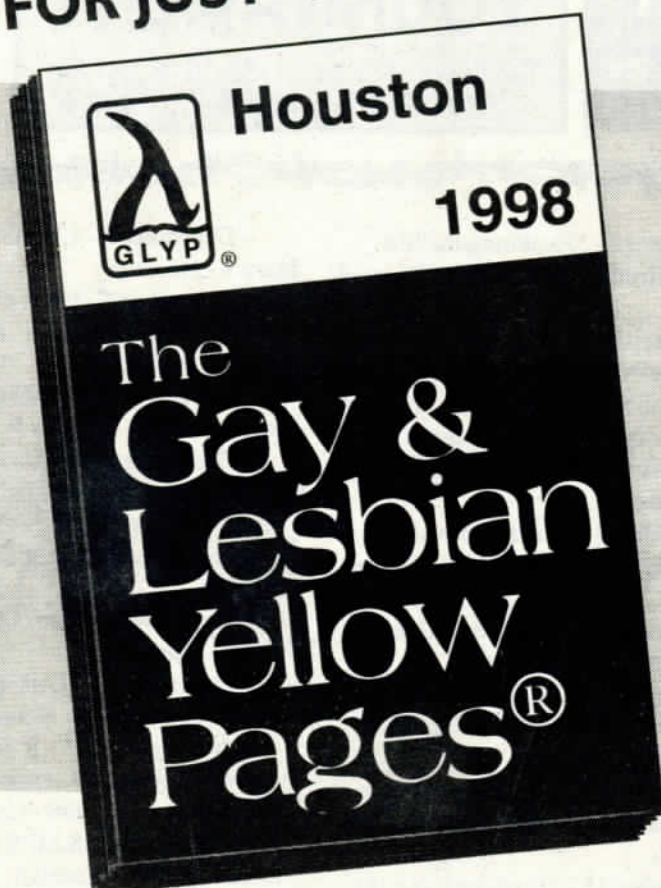
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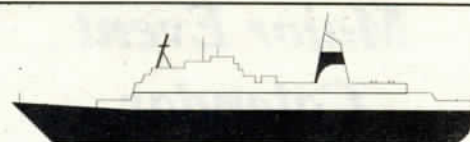
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The World of Gay Travel

By Christopher Roth

This week we are going to do something a little different. Instead of me telling you about some of my favorite destinations, you are going to be telling me about yours! I want to hear about your most favorite destinations. Have you been someplace that was gay-friendly? Have you found a quaint bed and breakfast or restaurant that you would like to share with the community?

We are going to have a contest for the best of the best, the winners will receive a copy of the 1998 Ferrari Guide Gay Travel A to Z. Your entry should include as much info as you have on the destination, bed and breakfast, shop, restaurant, etc. and your name, address, phone number and EMAIL address if available. Over the next few weeks we will publish some of the entries we get and will name the winners at the end of September. You can either EMAIL me your submission to sc.ultimate@uniglobe.com or mail it to UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel - Attn.: Travel Contest, 4934 Beechnut Street,



Houston TX 77096. All entries need to be received by September 5, 1997 to qualify for the contest and the winners will be announced right here in the Montrose Area PRIDE.

I just wanted to thank everyone out there for your comments and recommendations that I have received on my column. It is so exciting to meet someone when I'm out and about that reads the paper. This is your column too, so let me hear what you would like to see in the future!

Till next time!!!!

Christopher Roth is a Community Travel Specialist at UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel and has been in the travel industry for the past 13 years. He is a member of the International Gay And Lesbian Travel Association and a certified "Gay Travel Specialist." UNIGLOBE Ultimate Travel is a progressive agency that cares about the community. They are located in the Meyerland area and can be reached at (713) 669-1171 or EMAIL at sc.ultimate@uniglobe.com

Weekend happenings

Cowboy's Nightmare

On Friday, August 8, 1997, Cowboy's Nightmare will be performing at the Ranch, 9200 Buffalo Speedway, beginning at 10:00 p.m. This all-girl band will play and sing their hearts out for your dancing pleasure.

Shiela Lennon

Over at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer, on Friday, August 8, 1997, Shiela Lennon will be performing beginning at 9:00 p.m. Shiela can belt 'em out and is one of the "best damn chick singers in Houston." Shiela also performs every Wednesday, at Chances, 1100 Westheimer.

The Martha White Band

On Saturday, August 9, 1997, the other "best damn chick singer in Houston" will be at The New Barn, 1100 Westheimer. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. The Martha White Band will be playing country music for

your dancing pleasure. Her strong vocals and rapport with the audience ensures an excellent performance. Martha is an all around entertainer who continues to please audiences everywhere. She thoroughly enjoys her music and strives to make sure that the audience enjoys it as much as she does. Martha is a true Texas musician.

1998 Miss Gay Texas U.S. of A.

On Sunday, August 10, 1997, Craig Henderson and Kevin Hull present the 1998 Miss Gay Texas U. S. of A. Pageant at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto beginning at 10:00 p.m.

R.S.I.C.S.S.

The Imperial Court will be at the Venture-N, 2923 Main, on Sunday, August 10, 1997, guest bartending and doing a court fundraiser. They start bartending at 6:00 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. The show will be hosted by Grand Duke XIII, Jay Pecovich.

Last weekend's totals

Over \$700.00 raised for PWA Holiday Charities (LVL)

Last Sunday was a very busy day for the PWA Holiday Charities (LVL), but well worth the work. At Mary's Sunday afternoon, Larry Arbo guest bartended on the patio bringing in \$91.00. Larry came all the way from Dallas to lend a helping hand.

At the Venture-N later that evening, John Benevides and Don Woods guest bartended on the Far Side and brought in \$151.00. Also, that evening at the Venture-N, Don Dowden and Ova Ewe hosted a benefit show for the PWA Holiday Charities and with the help of some of Houston's entertainers raised \$234.00.

Sunday night over at the Brazos River Bottom, Byron Norton and Shawna St. John were also hosting a show for the PWA Holiday Charities and with the help of some of their friends raised \$237.00.

Don Gill would like to thank everyone for their help and support of the PWA Holiday Charities. He would also like to

thank all the bars that participated in the Holiday Thoughts and reported that 843 were sold. The top four bars were Brick's II selling 300, the 611 selling 128, Mary's selling 91 and the BRB selling 87.

The Imperial Court raises over \$1200.00 for various charities

The Imperial Court was out in full force this past weekend doing various benefit shows around town. Beginning last Friday they were at the Venture-N raising money for Milam House which brought in \$787.50. On Saturday night they were at the Venture-N once again doing The Dating Game, a monthly fundraiser for the Montrose Counseling Center Direct Assistance Fund, which raised \$162.00. Finally, on Sunday night, the Court was at the Briar Patch and raised \$350.00 for the Colt 45's Stone Soup Fund.

Congratulations to the Court and everyone who helped make last weekend a successful fundraising weekend.

Major Event Calendar

—August 8 - Cowboy's Nightmare - Ranch - Houston
 —August 8 - Shiela Lennon - The New Barn - Houston
 —August 8 - Pathfinder Provisions - Pacific Street - Houston
 —August 8 - Mr. Gay Texas All-American Pageant - Kolors - 2525 Wycliff - Dallas, Texas
 —August 9 - Martha White Band - The New Barn - Houston
 —August 10 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 10 - Miss Gay Texas U.S. of A. Pageant - Rich's - Houston
 —August 13 - Shiela Lennen - Chances - Houston
 —August 15 - "Prom Night" - R.S.I.C.S.S. - PR Ball IV - Male Box - 4215 Washington - Houston
 —August 15 - Taste of Texas Tour - with guest dancers from Austin, Dallas and Houston. Guest appearance by Howard Anderson - Midtowne Spa - Houston
 —August 15-17 - Camelot IV - Leather Knights - Dallas
 —August 16 - Houston Preliminary Dance Contest - TGRA - Brazos River Bottom - Houston
 —August 16 - "Exploring the SM Lifestyle" - "Liquid Latex Demonstration" Brotherhood of Pain - Ripcord - Houston
 —August 16 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Monarch Show - Court Fundraiser - E/J's - Houston
 —August 16 - Ball Busters III - Pacific Street - Houston
 —August 17 - Grin and Bear It Contest - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 20 - Shiela Lennen - Chances - Houston
 —August 22 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Scrub-a-Muff/Double Nickel Show - Chances - Houston
 —August 22 - The Trash Disco Ball - Rich's - Houston
 —August 23 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Live Show - Location TBA - Houston
 —August 24 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Mary's
 —August 27 - Shiela Lennen - Chances - Houston
 —August 30 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Female Line Show - Location TBA - Houston
 —August 29-31 - Winds of Change - 24th Anniversary - Trident International Windy City - Chicago
 —August 31 - Benefit Show (TBA) - Texas Renegades - Venture-N - Houston
 —August 29- September 1 - Beachhead VIII - Corpus Christi M.C. - Loving Spoonful - Corpus Christi
 —September 5 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend - Venture-N- 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 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 19 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Fund-raiser - Chances - 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 26-28 - Folsom Street Fair & Mr. Drummer - 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 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
 —December 14 - R.S.I.C.S.S. Guest Bartend/Show - Venture-N - Houston
 —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
 —March 14-15, 1998 - Night in Black Leather '98 - Venture-N - Houston

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