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PICNIC  
A 'Walk' in Austin

  
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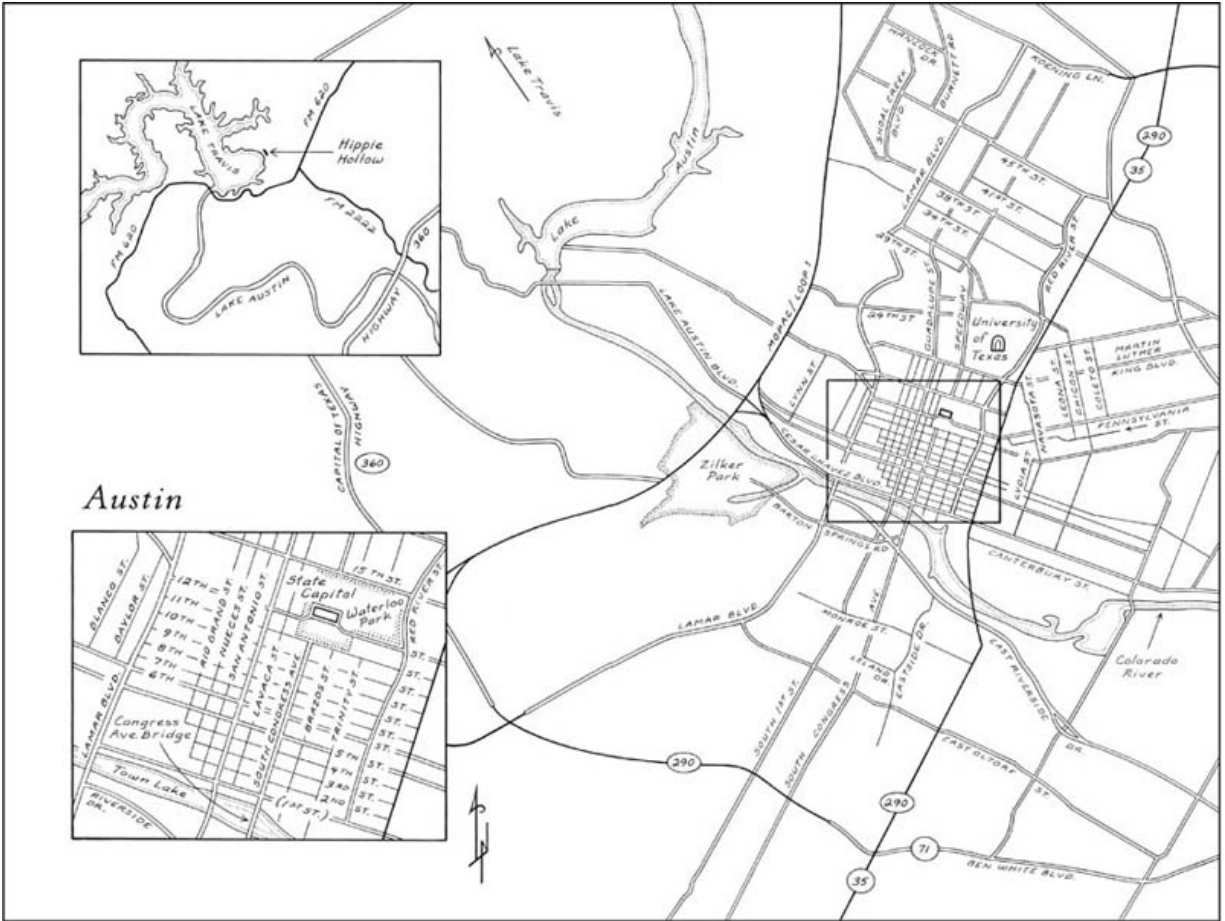
*Steppin' on a Rainbow*

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*Dedicated to all the people over the past forty years  
who told me I couldn't write this masterpiece.*



## INTRODUCTION

TIME, THEY SAY, CHANGES THE RIVER. TIME CHANGES the city, too. Over the years, many people have helped Austin to shine in the spotlight, bask in the limelight, and skinny-dip in the moonlight. There's Mirabeau B. Lamar, Sam Houston, and Stephen F. Austin. There's J. Frank Dobie, John Henry Faulk, and Doug Sahm. There's Liz Carpenter, Molly Ivins, and Ann Richards. There's George W., Lance Armstrong, and Barbara Jordan. Then there's the next governor of the state, yours truly, Kinky Friedman (if I'm elected the first Jewish governor of Texas, I'll reduce the speed limits to \$54.95!).

Austin is a city nurtured by generations of musicians, politicians, and beauticians. With her countless clubs, bars, and dance halls, Austin is a whore with a heart of gold flaunting her gaudy neon necklace in the Texas night. In Austin they say when you die, you go to Willie Nelson's house. I can't swear this is true but I do know if you come here you'll find that the music is great, the beer is cold, and the natives are friendly. If you're lucky enough to hang around awhile, you'll discover for yourself that the spirit of Austin is a puff of Willie, a riff of Stevie Ray, and a little piece of Janis's heart.