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NEWSLETTER

november 1993

Moving to Pride 1994

by Ray Ramirez & Julie Siska

HouStonwall 25 is the Slogan for Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994. With the momentum of the Gay Games and the Stonewall 25 activities in New York, we are spurred on to match this momentum. As a result, our Committee is issuing a call for new members, volunteers and more community involvement.

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activities. Jack and Carol continue to serve as Executive Board Members and will be a vital part of this committee and community in the next year. This will provide for the ongoing continuity and the growth and development of Pride Week.

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DATES & TIMES

November 16, 6:00 PM

Pride Committee of Houston, **Board Meeting**, discussion of Texas Conference, transision of 1994 Pride Committee, Cafe Express, 1422 West Gray

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Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, **Meeting**, Nominations and elections of Committee Chairs, discussion of dates for 1994 celebration because of Stonewall 25 in New York, The Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray

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Ray Ramirez and Julie Siska are newly elected Co-Chairs of HL&GPW Committee 1994.

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1994 Date Change

The year 1994 marks the 25th anniversary of the riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. A major celebration will take place on June 26, 1994, with the Gay Games preceding it. With this in mind many of the cities who have Pride celebrations have moved up their dates so that people in their cities will be able to go to New York. Houston had traditionally held our Pride Parade

on the last Sunday in June. We will decide at our November 16th meeting if we are going to move our celebration up two weeks so that Pride Week will be June 3rd to June 13th.

Anyone who shows up for the meeting and had been to one of the last two meetings is eligible to vote. Anyone who attends the meeting is eligible to participate in the discussion. ▼

HouStonewall 25

The official slogan for Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994. The slogan is to point out that 1994 will be the largest celebration of PRIDE to ever happen. We hope to have a big celebration first here in Houston and then in New York City

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December 1

Deadline for Resource Guide Update, PO Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071, FAX 529-1223

World AIDS Day many events sponsored by the AIDS Equity League, 871-0092

December 4, 5 7:30 PM

Boy's Shorts: The New Queer Cinema, six films that make up title are compelling sampler of gay cinema's "next Wave." Rice Media Center, Rice University

December 6, 5:00 PM

Deadline for all entries for Logo Contest, at Printex Plus, 1617 West Alabama

December 21, 7:00 PM

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, Meeting, final judging of Logo Contest, The Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 West Gray

June 3 to 11, 1994

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, tentative date to be approved by membership

June 26, 1994

World's Largest March of Gay and Lesbian Rights celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots of 1969

Texas Conference Looking Back

By Jack Valinski

This past October the Pride Committee of Houston hosted the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Co-Ordinators at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel at Greenway Plaza. The 1992 Conference was hosted by perhaps two of the best financed organizations, Christopher Street West/Los Angeles and Long Beach Lesbian gay Pride Committee, we were worried how we would do.

As it turns out Houston was able to pull off a very well organized and hospitable conference. With the help of the hotel giving us great accommodations. This included a hotel room suite for our operations. The workshops were held on the 20th floor overlooking our fair city.

We were fortunate to have Pery Jude Radichak, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force give a wonderful speech on what the organization is doing, Juan Palomo for the Houston Post gave a great speech. Juan spoke on how he was able to contribute much in getting the word out about our community using a major daily newspaper because he was an established communist before he came out.

The Gay Men's Chorus opened our dinner. Their first song got a standing ovation from people who in bigger cities have such great courses. I have never felt so good being part of the Houston Community by having such professional singers as the Gay Men's Chorus.

On Friday night Lady Victoria Lust with the help of the

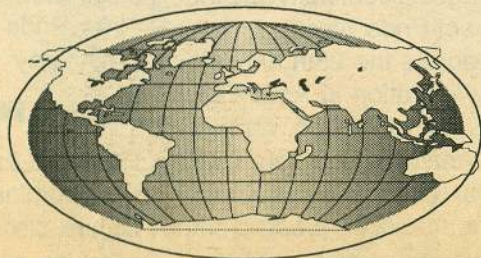
Brazos River Bottom and the Colts 45 hosted a Texas BBQ, at no charge to us. Many of the delegates commented on how friendly we Texas are.

The conference was a success in all areas. We are very likely to come out in the black which no other city has done. Everyone who I spoke to from other cities complements our committee on having a well organized conference.

The conference was a success because we focused on the basic tasks rather than trying to be fancy. I have to thank four special people for making this happen Ray Ramirez coordinated the volunteers which we had more than enough. Julie Siska handled all the registration money. Mike Stubbelfield camped out at the conference with his computer and was invaluable in keeping the registration smooth, helping out everyone who needed to get items printed on the computer and just being helpful.

There is one person who has been by my side and has worked tirelessly the past three years as Co-Chair of Pride Week and now as Co-Chair of the Texas Conference. Carol's dedication has been unmatched by anyone in this community, yet she is incredibly humble. As sometimes I have spoke in meetings or the press it has only been because Carol has made sure that the basis were covered. I can never thank Carol enough for the past three year in her unselfish dedication to our community. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks Carol. ▼

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Organization Name: _____

Description Purpose: _____

Membership (open to): _____

Dues: _____

Meeting Dates/Time: _____

Meeting Place: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing City/ZIP: _____

Phone/FAX: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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deadline December 1; use additional paper if needed, items will be edited to fit publication

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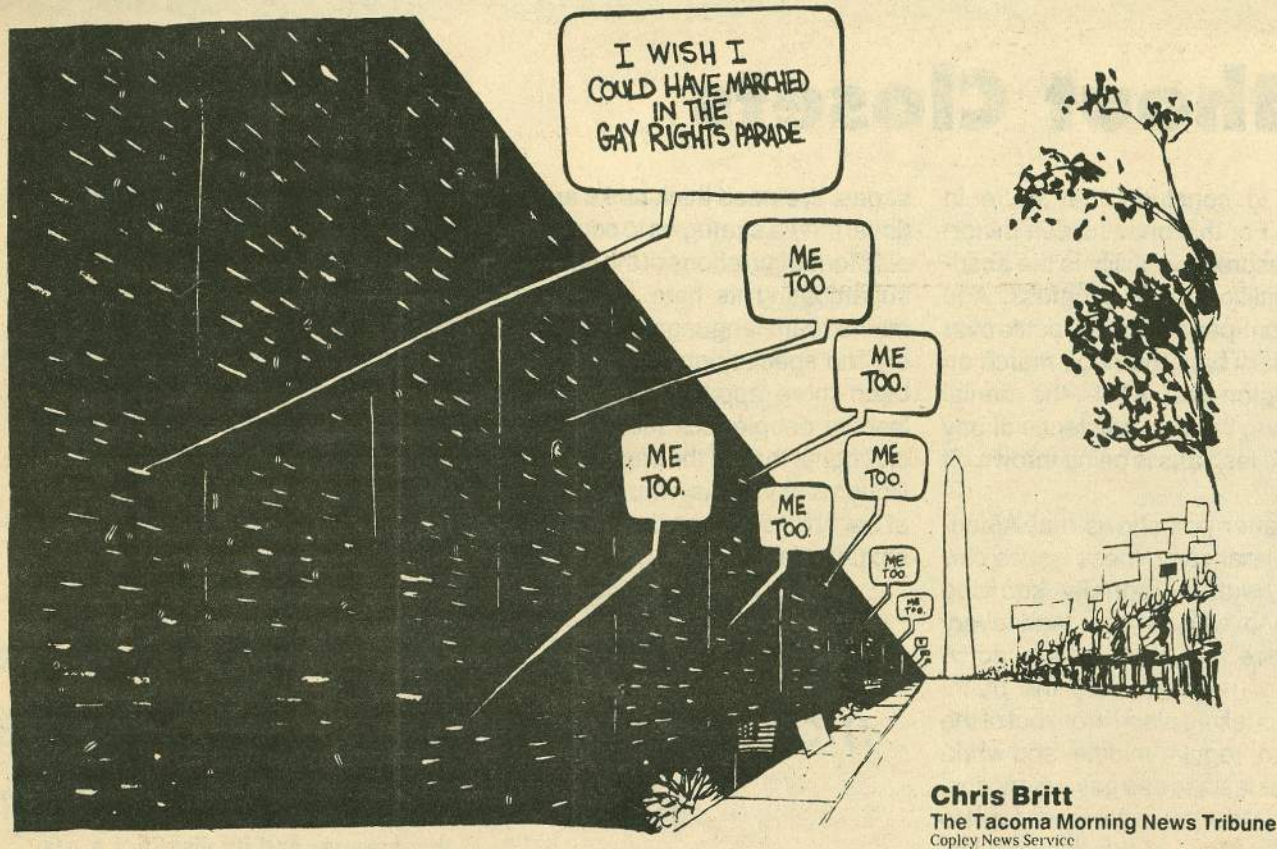
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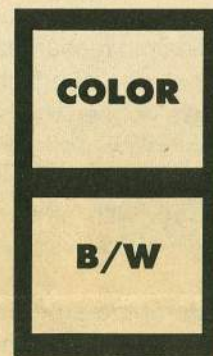
Official Logo Contest Rules and Specifications

General Information

The logo contest is open to anyone. You may submit one or more entries. All entries meeting the specifications will be accepted.

The contest consists of the preliminary and final judging. Local professionals with design, advertising, and/or marketing backgrounds will vote at the preliminary judging. During the judging, entries will be identified to the judges by number only. Entries selected from the preliminary judging will advance to the final judging. Final judging will be made by noting members of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee. Entrants to the contest are encouraged to attend receptions held during these judging

- For presentation, each logo must be shown on an 8" x 11" white back-ground. The two must be centered on an 18" x 24" black or grey matte board, separated from each other by one inch. Correct placement leaves a 3.5" border at the edges of the board. The color version must be on the top and the black and white version below.



The final judging will be made only by voting members of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee attending this meeting. Non-winning entries may be claimed after the final judging on December 21th.

Prizes/Awards

- The final winner will receive a cash prize of \$300 upon completion of the responsibilities of the winner (see below).
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Entries are not restricted to any style. They may be subtle or obvious. They may be graphic, abstract, pictorial, symbolic or typographic.

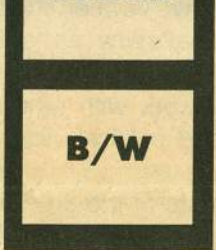
In designing your entry, take into consideration that the winning logo will be reproduced in various ways. It will be used on all publications and advertising, as well as on merchandising, i.e. T-shirts, buttons, letterhead, billboards, et cetra. Entries which will not transpose well into these formats are less likely to be chosen.

In producing the presentation versions of the logo, remember that well presented work is more likely to express the strength of the design. For the black and white version, ensure that the black is dark and the white is clean. For color, choose a medium which accurately represents how you would like the colors reproduced.

Specifications

1. The logo must be the artist's original work.
2. The logo must be based on the theme and on "Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994." This year's theme, "HouStonewall 25," and the words "Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994" must appear as copy in the design.
3. Two versions of each logo must be submitted. The first must be black and white. The second must be in color. The color version must be reproduced using standard two- or three-color printing methods.

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5. A copy of the entry form must be attached to the back of each entry in the lower, left-hand corner.

Deadlines

All entries must be received by 5:00 PM on December 6th, 1993 at Printex Plus, 1617 West Alabama.

Preliminary judging

December 10th-19th
Time and Location to be Announced

Final Judging

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Pride Week General Meeting
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray

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The winning logo becomes the sole property of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994 and will be copyrighted. The artist must sign a release form transferring all rights of and to the winning logo to Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994. The winner of the contest must, by December 27th, provide Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1994 with either of the following:

- A) Paper positive camera-ready art of the black and white logo, and paper positive camera-ready color separations of the color logo, or
- B) A 3.5" floppy disk (preferably Macintosh) with Postscript definitions of both black and white and color versions of the logo.

For information or clarifications contact 713-444-0220. ▼

Entry Form Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day phone/Night phone: _____

If my design wins the logo contest, I will complete the requirements of the winner as specified in the Official Contest Rules and Specifications!

Signature: _____

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America Without Closets

By Torie Osborn
From *The New York Times*

To outward appearances, the gay and lesbian rights movement is in trouble. We suffered a bitter defeat in the White House and on Capitol Hill over the military ban on homosexuals; just this week, in a painful and ironic twist, the Administration asked the Supreme Court to block a lower-court order lifting the ban. The far right continues to step up local attacks: Three cities face anti-gay ballot measures next week and as many as 10 states are gearing up for Colorado style referendums next year to ban local gay rights laws.

And internal organizational ferment, including my own decision to step down next week as head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has been taken as a sign that the movement is in disarray.

But these widely publicized storm clouds conceal a much brighter outlook. Lesbian and gay Americans have never had a better chance to become a mainstream political movement—if we can come up with the right strategy.

The stage has been set by precisely those events that have led

Torie Osborn is a columnist for The Advocate, and author of the forthcoming "Coming Home to America"

people to conclude that we're in trouble. For this once hidden minority, widespread visibility is the absolute condition for all progress. And every front-page event the battle over the military ban, the huge march on Washington last April—the denial blanketing the very existence of gay men and lesbians is being thrown off forever.

Poll after poll shows that Americans' tolerance on these issues correlates with personally knowing someone who is gay. And every day, more and more people do. A vast new migration into the mainstream is taking place, from out of the closets of regular middle- and working-class lesbian and gay Americans.

How is the gay rights movement to take advantage of this growing visibility? For 20 years, the movement has been almost entirely reactive, careening from event to event—a court victory here, an electoral loss there. Now we need to unify as never before, working across organizational lines and consolidating resources to develop a national plan of action—that gay agenda we've been accused of promoting. That's why I am leaving the day-to-day management of the task force: to work with others to develop a broad political vision for the movement.

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sages. We need think tanks and national media strategies to counter the disinformation efforts of the right, now sugarcoating its hate agenda with mainstream language like the battle cry "no special rights." Never has it been more apparent that gay and lesbian people lack the most basic civil rights than in the case of Sharon Bottoms of Virginia, who lost custody of her child solely on the basis of her sexual orientation.

*The gay
movement can
join the
mainstream*

A powerful grass-roots political structure must be built to support local and national efforts, using voter-identification techniques borrowed from electoral campaigns and high tech communications tactics to organize, educate and mobilize the huge numbers of newly "out" gay men and lesbians, as well as the thousands of local organizations flourishing across the country.

Gay men and lesbians must also take the time to work on overcoming

our own activist culture's aversion to power, success and leadership. This fear, born of being marginalized and ostracized, diminishes our potential by promoting narrow, purist thinking as well as destructive attacks on leaders and organizations. The politics of protest must become the politics of taking power, or we will be outsiders forever.

Our journey through the agony of AIDS, and through the self-loathing of the closet and out the door, has forged a new and potent force—based on a belief in the courage of community, a rage at systemic injustice and a new spirit of hopefulness. When it is fully articulated, it can be a gift to mainstream America as well as ourselves. It can help reinvigorate this country and its vision of a truly pluralist democracy. ▼

*Drama is stronger than
politics. It always has
been, it always will be,
in whatever form it
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Would you like to add your name to our mailing list?

This newsletter is published irregularly each year we would like to expand it to be monthly if enough volunteer staff could be found.

There is a cost to provide you with this Newsletter, if you are able to make a donation to help support both this newsletter and Pride Week in general we would appreciate it!

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Organization (if any) _____

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